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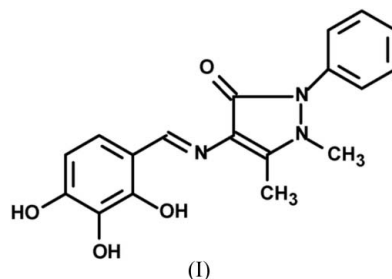
1,5-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-4-[(1E)-(2,3,4-trihydroxybenzylidene)amino]-1H-pyrazol-3(2H)-one

The title compound, $C_{18}H_{17}N_3O_4$, was synthesized by the condensation of 2,3,4-trihydroxybenzaldehyde with 4-aminoantipyrene. The molecule adopts a *trans* configuration about the central $C=N$ double bond and exists in the phenol-imine form. Molecules are linked into a two-dimensional framework by intermolecular $O-H \cdots O$ hydrogen bonds.

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Comment

Antipyrene (2,3-dimethyl-1-phenylpyrazol-5-one) and its derivatives are well known for their wide range of biological activities and applications (Yadav *et al.*, 2003). Moreover, antipyrene is also a multifunctional marker drug extensively used in studies on the capacity of hepatic oxidative metabolism (Marques *et al.*, 2002). As part of our continuing study of antipyrene derivatives, the title compound, (I), was synthesized and its crystal structure determined.



The molecule adopts a *trans* configuration about the central $C=N$ double bond and exists in the phenol-imine form (Fig. 1). The bond distances and angles agree with the corresponding values found in similar compounds, namely, 4-salicylaldehydaminoantipyrene, (II) (Liu *et al.*, 2002), and 4-[(1E)-(2,3-dihydroxybenzylidene)amino]-1,5-dimethyl-2-

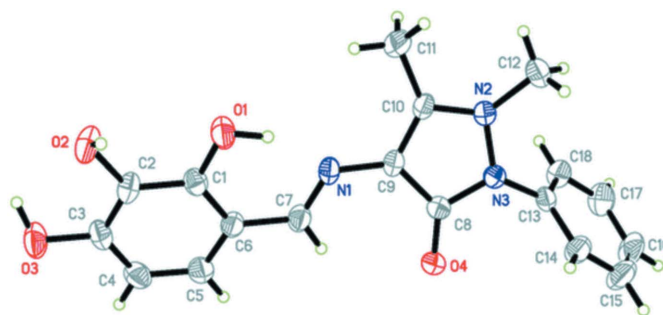


Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radius.

phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-3-one, (III) (Sun *et al.*, 2007). The dihedral angle between the pyrazolone ring and substituted benzene ring (atoms C1–C6) is 25.3 (2)°, close to the value of 26.9° found in (II) but different from the almost coplanar arrangement in (III).

A strong intramolecular O1–H1···N1 hydrogen bond is observed in the molecular structure of (I). In the crystal structure, molecules are linked by a pair of O3–H3···O2 hydrogen bonds into a centrosymmetric dimer (Fig. 2), and the dimers are cross-linked into a two-dimensional framework by intermolecular O2–H2···O4 hydrogen bonds (Fig. 3). In the crystal structure of (III) (Sun *et al.*, 2007), molecules are connected *via* intermolecular O–H···O hydrogen bonds into a zigzag chain structure.

Experimental

A mixture of 4-aminoantipyrine (2 mmol) and 2,3,4-trihydroxybenzaldehyde (2 mmol) in anhydrous ethanol (25 ml) was heated under reflux for 3 h. After cooling, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the solid residue was recrystallized from ethanol to yield the pure product. Single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution at room temperature. Analysis calculated for C₁₈H₁₇N₃O₄: C 63.71, H 5.05, N 12.38%; found: C 63.75, H 5.16, N 12.33%.

Crystal data

C ₁₈ H ₁₇ N ₃ O ₄	$V = 1601.7 (6) \text{ \AA}^3$
$M_r = 339.35$	$Z = 4$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 12.916 (3) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 7.3123 (15) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 291 (2) \text{ K}$
$c = 17.328 (4) \text{ \AA}$	$0.20 \times 0.17 \times 0.17 \text{ mm}$
$\beta = 101.85 (3)^\circ$	

Data collection

Rigaku-R-Axis-IV diffractometer	4561 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	2633 independent reflections
$T_{\min} = 0.980, T_{\max} = 0.983$	1994 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.045$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.060$	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$wR(F^2) = 0.138$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.23 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
$S = 1.00$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.26 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
2633 reflections	
240 parameters	

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
O3–H3···O2 ⁱ	0.92 (4)	2.13 (4)	2.931 (3)	144 (3)
O2–H2···O4 ⁱⁱ	0.93 (5)	1.76 (5)	2.673 (3)	170 (4)
O1–H1···N1	0.93 (4)	1.77 (4)	2.596 (3)	147 (3)

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$; (ii) $-x + \frac{3}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$.

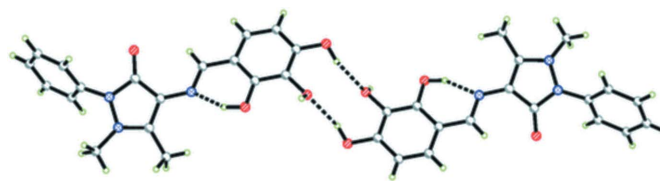


Figure 2

View of the O–H···O hydrogen-bonded (dashed lines) dimer in (I).

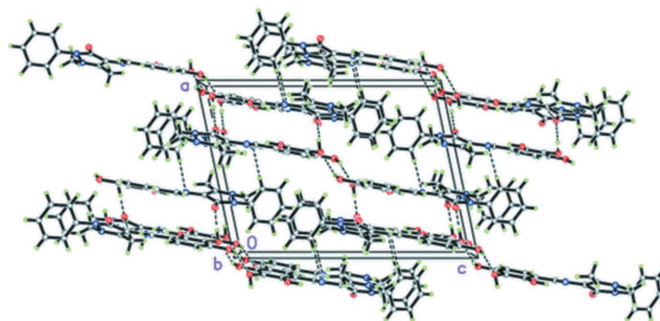


Figure 3

A packing diagram of (I), viewed down the b axis. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

All H atoms were initially located in a difference Fourier map. The methyl H atoms were then constrained to an ideal geometry, with C–H distances of 0.96 Å and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$. The hydroxyl H atoms were refined freely along with an isotropic displacement parameter. All other H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C–H = 0.93 Å and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$.

Data collection: *R-Axis* (Rigaku, 1996); cell refinement: *R-Axis*; data reduction: *R-Axis*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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