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Key indicators

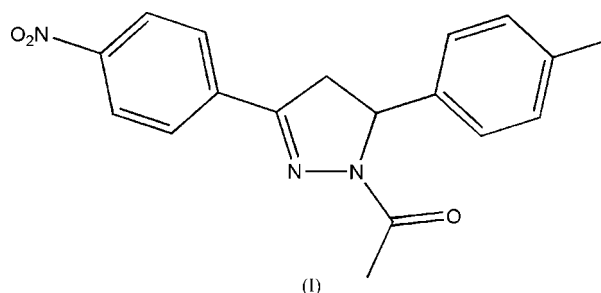
Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$ Å
 R factor = 0.052
 wR factor = 0.156
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.3For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.1-Acetyl-5-(4-methylphenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-
2-pyrazoline

In the title molecule, $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$, all bond lengths and angles show normal values. The two benzene rings make a dihedral angle of $87.27(2)^\circ$. Weak intermolecular $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds stabilize the crystal packing.

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Comment

Pyrazoline and some of its derivatives demonstrate antiviral (Rawal *et al.*, 1963), antifungal (Dhal *et al.*, 1975), and immunosuppressive (Lombardino & Ottemes, 1981) activities. 1-Acetyl-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazolines have been found to inhibit monoamine oxidases (Manna *et al.*, 2002). As part of our ongoing investigation of pyrazolines and their metal complexes, we report here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



In (I) (Fig. 1), all bond lengths and angles are normal (Fahrni *et al.*, 2003; Kimura *et al.*, 1977). The mean plane of pyrazoline ring $\text{N}2/\text{N}3/\text{C}7-\text{C}8$ makes dihedral angles of $9.36(1)$ and $78.49(2)^\circ$ with benzene rings $\text{C}1-\text{C}6$ and $\text{C}13-\text{C}17$, respectively. The dihedral angle between the two benzene rings is $87.27(2)^\circ$.

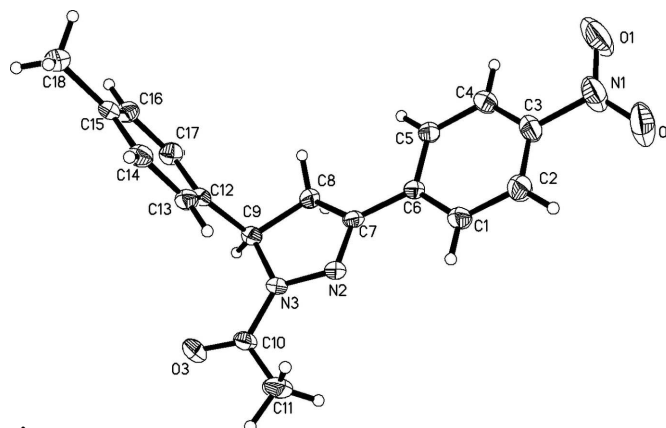


Figure 1
The molecular structure of (I), showing the atomic labelling and displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level.

The crystal packing is stabilized by weak intermolecular C—H...O hydrogen bonds (Table 1).

Experimental

3-(4-Methylphenyl)-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-propen-1-one (0.02 mol) and phenylhydrazine (0.02 mol) were mixed in acetic acid (40 ml), stirred and refluxed for 6 h. The mixture was then poured into ice–water, affording red solids. The solids were filtered and washed with water until the pH of the solution was about 7.0. The crystals were dried at room temperature. Single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray measurements were obtained by recrystallization from EtOH at room temperature.

Crystal data

$C_{18}H_{17}N_3O_3$	$V = 3260.3$ (11) Å ³
$M_r = 323.35$	$Z = 8$
Monoclinic, $C2/c$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 24.072$ (5) Å	$\mu = 0.09$ mm ⁻¹
$b = 11.905$ (2) Å	$T = 293$ (2) K
$c = 11.759$ (2) Å	$0.4 \times 0.4 \times 0.2$ mm
$\beta = 104.65$ (3)°	

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer	2473 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: none	$R_{int} = 0.073$
7239 measured reflections	3 standard reflections
3545 independent reflections	every 100 reflections
	intensity decay: none

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.052$	218 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.156$	H-atom parameters constrained
$S = 1.05$	$\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.32$ e Å ⁻³
3545 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.18$ e Å ⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$C1-H1A\cdots O3^i$	0.93	2.54	3.419 (5)	159
$C8-H8A\cdots O3^{ii}$	0.97	2.57	3.357 (3)	138

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

H atoms were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with C—H distances of 0.93–0.97 Å and with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2$ or 1.5 times U_{eq} of the parent atom.

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *NRCVAX* (Gabe *et al.*, 1989); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL-PC* (Sheldrick, 1990); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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