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Piperazine-2,3,5,6-tetraone

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 293 K; mean σ (C–C) = 0.003 Å; R factor = 0.048; wR factor = 0.092; data-to-parameter ratio = 9.5.

The molecule of the title compound, $C_4H_2N_2O_4$, is located around an inversion center and the four O atoms are in the 2,3,5,6-positions of the piperazine ring. In the crystal, bifurcated N-H···O hydrogen bonds link the molecules into a corrugated layer parallel to (101).

Related literature

For the synthesis of tetraone, see: Norcross *et al.* (2008). For related structures, see Sletten *et al.* (1970, 1980); Sarangarajan *et al.* (2005); Norcross *et al.* (2008); Jin *et al.* (1998); Sanner *et al.* (1992); Ongania *et al.* (1985).



Experimental

Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_4 H_2 N_2 O_4 \\ M_r = 142.08 \\ \text{Monoclinic, } P_{2_1}/n \\ a = 5.163 \ (1) \\ \text{\AA} \\ b = 8.6220 \ (17) \\ \text{\AA} \\ c = 5.6540 \ (11) \\ \text{\AA} \\ \beta = 105.25 \ (3)^\circ \end{array}$

V = 242.83 (8) Å³ Z = 2Mo K α radiation $\mu = 0.18 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 K $0.42 \times 0.32 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

Siemens P4 diffractometer Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996) $T_{min} = 0.930, T_{max} = 0.978$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.048$	46 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.092$	H-atom parameters constrained
S = 1.23	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.20 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
438 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Table 1 Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$	
$N1-H1\cdotsO1^{i}$ $N1-H1\cdotsO2^{ii}$	0.86 0.86	2.48 2.23	3.060 (2) 3.035 (2)	125 157	
Symmetry codes: (i) $-x + \frac{1}{2}$, $y - \frac{1}{2}$, $-z + \frac{3}{2}$; (ii) $x - \frac{1}{2}$, $-y + \frac{1}{2}$, $z + \frac{1}{2}$.					

Data collection: XSCANS (Siemens, 1994); cell refinement: XSCANS; data reduction: XSCANS; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: ORTEPIII (Burnett & Johnson, 1996), ORTEP-3 for Windows (Farrugia, 1997) and PLATON (Spek, 2009); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008).

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Comment

The synthesis and antitumor activity of some tetraone compounds have been widely studied (Jin *et al.*, 1998; Sanner *et al.*, 1992). Most tetraone compounds were found from a naturally occurring alkaloid in a variety of leguminous plant and tree species, including broom, lupin, gorse, and laburnum(Norcross *et al.*, 2008). As part of our interest in the synthesis of tetraone derivatives, we report here the structure of the title compound.

The molecule of the title compound is located around inversion center and the four O atoms are in the 2,3,5,6 position on the piperazine ring (Fig. 1). The molecule is planar with rms deviation of 0.013Å. The bond distances and angles are similar to those found in related piperazine derivatives (Sletten *et al.*, 1970; Sarangarajan *et al.*, 2005; Sletten *et al.*, 1980; Ongania *et al.*, 1985).

The N—H donor and the C—O acceptor groups participate in the hydrogen bonding forming corrugated layers parallel to the (1 0 1) plane through bifurcated N-H…O hydrogen bonds (Table 1, Fig. 2).

Experimental

For the preparation of the title compound, the 2-mercaptopyrazine (10 mmol, 1.1200 g) was dissolved in ethanol (50 ml) at 358 K and a solution of $30\% \text{ H}_20_2$ (10 ml) was added. The resulting solution was stirred at 358 K for 4 h, then concentrating at 388 K, until 3 ml solution remained. Colourless-block crystal suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation at room temperature after several days in 55% yield.

Refinement

H atom attached to N atom was positioned geometrically and treated as riding on the parent atom with N-H= 0.86 Å and $U_{iso}(H)=1.2U_{eq}(N)$.

Figures



Fig. 1. Molecular view of compound I with the atom labeling scheme. Ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms are represented as small spheres of arbitrary radii. [Symmetry code: (i) -x+1, -y+1, -z+1]



Fig. 2. Partial packing view showing the corrugated layer parallel to the (1 0 1) plane. H bonds are shown as dashed lines. [Symmetry codes: (ii) -x+1/2, y-1/2, -z+3/2; (iii) x-1/2, -y+1/2, z+1/2]

Piperazine-2,3,5,6-tetraone

$C_4H_2N_2O_4$
$M_r = 142.08$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$
Hall symbol: -P 2yn
<i>a</i> = 5.163 (1) Å
b = 8.6220 (17) Å
c = 5.6540 (11) Å
$\beta = 105.25 (3)^{\circ}$
$V = 242.83 (8) \text{ Å}^3$
Z = 2

Data collection

Siemens P4 diffractometer	438 independent reflections
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube	383 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
graphite	$R_{\rm int} = 0.024$
ω scans	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.3^{\circ}, \ \theta_{\text{min}} = 4.4^{\circ}$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (<i>SADABS</i> ; Sheldrick, 1996)	$h = -6 \rightarrow 6$
$T_{\min} = 0.930, \ T_{\max} = 0.978$	$k = -10 \rightarrow 10$
1357 measured reflections	$l = -6 \rightarrow 6$

F(000) = 144 $D_{\rm x} = 1.943 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

 $\theta = 4.4-25.3^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.18 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 KBlock, colourless $0.42 \times 0.32 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å Cell parameters from 438 reflections

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods
Least-squares matrix: full	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.048$	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
$wR(F^2) = 0.092$	H-atom parameters constrained
<i>S</i> = 1.23	$w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (0.0355P)^{2} + 0.1147P]$ where $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$
438 reflections	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$
46 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.20 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
0 restraints	$\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Special details

Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

Refinement. Refinement of F^2 against ALL reflections. The weighted *R*-factor *wR* and goodness of fit *S* are based on F^2 , conventional *R*-factors *R* are based on *F*, with *F* set to zero for negative F^2 . The threshold expression of $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$ is used only for calculating *R*-factors(gt) *etc.* and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. *R*-factors based on F^2 are statistically about twice as large as those based on *F*, and *R*- factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (A^2)

	x	У	Ζ	$U_{\rm iso}*/U_{\rm eq}$
01	0.1613 (3)	0.55814 (19)	0.7646 (3)	0.0343 (5)
O2	0.8069 (3)	0.25100 (19)	0.6060 (3)	0.0342 (5)
N1	0.4775 (4)	0.3995 (2)	0.6856 (3)	0.0261 (5)
H1	0.4603	0.3362	0.7981	0.031*
C1	0.6621 (5)	0.3635 (2)	0.5614 (4)	0.0233 (5)
C2	0.3169 (4)	0.5281 (2)	0.6461 (4)	0.0233 (5)

Atomic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$

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	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
01	0.0357 (10)	0.0355 (10)	0.0373 (10)	0.0010 (8)	0.0197 (9)	-0.0034 (8)
O2	0.0348 (10)	0.0268 (9)	0.0402 (10)	0.0099 (8)	0.0086 (8)	0.0048 (7)
N1	0.0330 (11)	0.0229 (10)	0.0248 (11)	0.0004 (9)	0.0120 (9)	0.0053 (8)
C1	0.0221 (12)	0.0205 (11)	0.0256 (12)	-0.0019 (10)	0.0034 (10)	-0.0017 (9)
C2	0.0224 (12)	0.0225 (11)	0.0239 (12)	-0.0027 (10)	0.0042 (10)	-0.0038 (9)

Geometric parameters (A, \circ)			
O1—C2	1.202 (3)	N1—C2	1.368 (3)
O2—C1	1.210 (3)	N1—H1	0.8600
N1-C1	1.360 (3)	C1-C2 ⁱ	1.526 (3)
C1—N1—C2	125.31 (19)	N1—C1—C2 ⁱ	117.28 (19)
C1—N1—H1	117.3	O1—C2—N1	123.3 (2)
C2—N1—H1	117.3	$O1$ — $C2$ — $C1^i$	119.3 (2)
02—C1—N1	123.6 (2)	$N1-C2-C1^{i}$	117.35 (18)
O2—C1—C2 ⁱ	119.10 (19)		
Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+1$, $-y+1$, $-z+1$			

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

D—H···A	<i>D</i> —Н	H···A	$D \cdots A$	D—H··· A

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N1—H1···O1 ⁱⁱ	0.86	2.48	3.060 (2)	125
N1—H1···O2 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.86	2.23	3.035 (2)	157
Symmetry ender (ii) $w + \frac{1}{2} + $				

Symmetry codes: (ii) -x+1/2, y-1/2, -z+3/2; (iii) x-1/2, -y+1/2, z+1/2.



Fig. 1



