

(E)-2-[1-(4-Fluorophenyl)pent-1-en-3-ylidene]malononitrile

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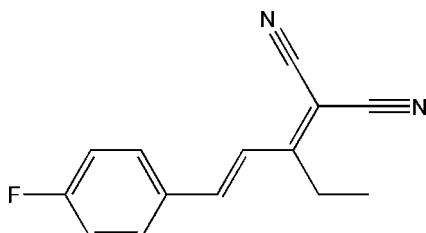
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 291\text{ K}$; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002\text{ \AA}$; R factor = 0.041; wR factor = 0.117; data-to-parameter ratio = 13.9.

The title molecule, $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}_2$, is approximately planar except the ethyl group, the maximum atomic deviation being $0.105(5)\text{ \AA}$. The fluorophenyl ring and 2-propylidene-malononitrile unit are located on the opposite sides of the $\text{C}=\text{C}$ double bond, showing an *E* configuration.

Related literature

The title compound is a diene reagent in Diels–Alder reactions. For the use of malononitrile-containing compounds as building blocks in organic synthesis, see: Liu *et al.* (2002); Sepiol & Milart (1985); Zhang *et al.* (2003). For related structures, see: Kang & Chen (2009).



Experimental

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}_2$
 $M_r = 226.25$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$
 $a = 7.6504(2)\text{ \AA}$
 $b = 12.4989(3)\text{ \AA}$
 $c = 12.7787(3)\text{ \AA}$
 $\beta = 98.375(2)^\circ$

$V = 1208.89(5)\text{ \AA}^3$
 $Z = 4$
 $\text{Cu }K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.70\text{ mm}^{-1}$
 $T = 291\text{ K}$
 $0.42 \times 0.38 \times 0.32\text{ mm}$

Data collection

Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur Sapphire3 Gemini ultra diffractometer
Absorption correction: multi-scan (*CrysAlis PRO*; Oxford)

Diffractometer, 2009)
 $T_{\min} = 0.758$, $T_{\max} = 0.808$
5033 measured reflections
2148 independent reflections
1956 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.014$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.041$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.117$
 $S = 1.06$
2148 reflections

155 parameters
H-atom parameters constrained
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.10\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.14\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Data collection: *CrysAlis PRO* (Oxford Diffraction, 2009); cell refinement: *CrysAlis PRO*; data reduction: *CrysAlis PRO*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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S1. Comment

The chemistry of ylidene malononitrile have been studied extensively. From the ring closure reactions, the compounds containing newly formed five or six-membered rings, such as indans (Zhang *et al.*, 2003), naphthalenes (Liu *et al.*, 2002), benzenes (Sepiol & Milart, 1985) were obtained. Some crystal structures involving ylidene malononitrile groups have been published, including a recent report from our laboratory (Kang & Chen, 2009). As a part of our interest in the synthesis of some complex ring systems, we investigated the title compound (I), which is a diene reagent in Diels-Alder reaction. We report herein the crystal structure of the title compound.

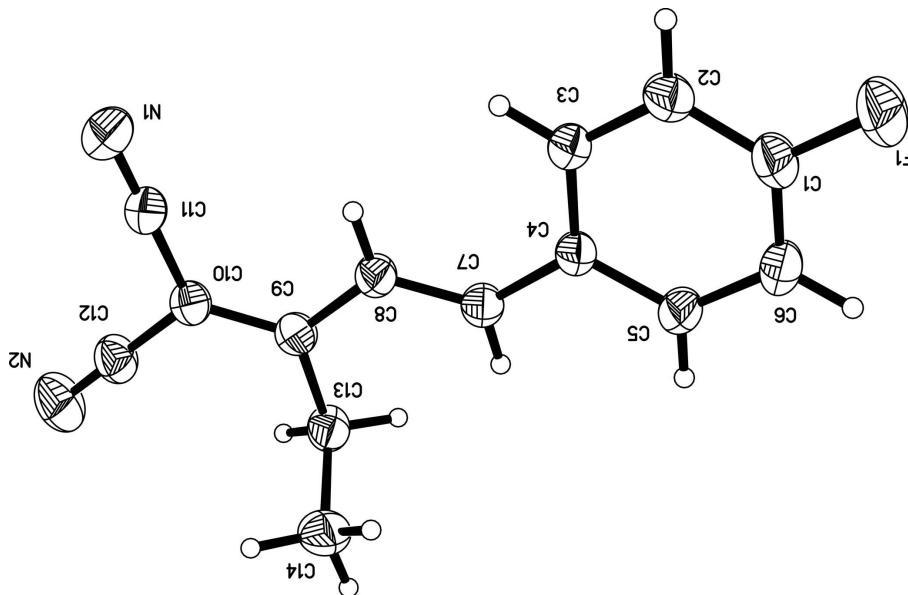
The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. Bond lengths and angles in (I) are normal. The phenyl ring with two double bond and triple bond is copolar. The fluorophenyl ring and 2-propylidenemalononitrile groups are located on opposite sides of the double bond, showing an E configuration.

S2. Experimental

2-(Butan-2-ylidene)malononitrile (0.24 g, 2 mmol) and 4-fluorobenzaldehyde (0.248 g, 2 mmol) were dissolved in 2-propanol (2 ml). To the solution was added piperidine (0.017 g, 0.2 mmol), the solution was stirred for 24 h at 343 K. Then the reaction was cooled to room temperature, and the solution was filtered to obtain a white solid. Recrystallization from hot ethanol afforded the pure compound. Single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation ethanol solvent.

S3. Refinement

The carbon-bound H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C—H = 0.93–0.97 Å, and refined using a riding model, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for methyl H atoms and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for the others.

**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of (I) with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for H atoms).

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 $k = -14 \rightarrow 11$
 $l = -15 \rightarrow 13$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
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155 parameters
0 restraints
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0672P)^2 + 0.0976P]$$

$$\text{where } P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$$

$$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.005$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.10 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.14 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$$

Special details

Geometry. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s 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 (\AA^2)

	x	y	z	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C11	0.29662 (18)	-0.17966 (10)	0.91075 (11)	0.0583 (3)
F1	0.17654 (14)	0.52071 (7)	0.95680 (10)	0.0992 (4)
C9	0.49407 (15)	-0.06063 (10)	0.82906 (9)	0.0500 (3)
C4	0.36822 (15)	0.23270 (9)	0.86946 (9)	0.0483 (3)
N1	0.18077 (18)	-0.19553 (12)	0.95555 (12)	0.0819 (4)
C5	0.45722 (17)	0.32820 (10)	0.85718 (11)	0.0595 (3)
H5	0.5624	0.3264	0.8288	0.071*
C13	0.65462 (17)	-0.04859 (10)	0.77465 (10)	0.0571 (3)
H13A	0.6384	0.0122	0.7270	0.069*
H13B	0.6677	-0.1120	0.7327	0.069*
C3	0.21017 (16)	0.23790 (10)	0.91178 (9)	0.0515 (3)
H3	0.1477	0.1754	0.9201	0.062*
C14	0.82131 (18)	-0.03252 (13)	0.85331 (12)	0.0704 (4)
H14A	0.8075	0.0290	0.8964	0.106*
H14B	0.9199	-0.0217	0.8158	0.106*
H14C	0.8420	-0.0947	0.8975	0.106*
C12	0.53656 (19)	-0.25427 (10)	0.83029 (11)	0.0611 (4)
C7	0.44770 (16)	0.13350 (9)	0.83921 (10)	0.0520 (3)
H7	0.5433	0.1410	0.8024	0.062*
C10	0.44336 (16)	-0.16038 (9)	0.85528 (10)	0.0523 (3)
C2	0.14552 (18)	0.33429 (10)	0.94140 (11)	0.0593 (3)
H2	0.0406	0.3374	0.9700	0.071*
C1	0.23896 (19)	0.42570 (10)	0.92788 (12)	0.0633 (4)
C8	0.40019 (15)	0.03307 (9)	0.85783 (9)	0.0509 (3)
H8	0.3012	0.0228	0.8912	0.061*
C6	0.39336 (19)	0.42521 (10)	0.88608 (12)	0.0658 (4)
H6	0.4536	0.4885	0.8774	0.079*
N2	0.6121 (2)	-0.32851 (10)	0.81089 (12)	0.0867 (5)

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
C11	0.0574 (7)	0.0436 (6)	0.0741 (8)	-0.0017 (5)	0.0100 (6)	0.0036 (5)
F1	0.1059 (7)	0.0510 (5)	0.1490 (10)	0.0130 (5)	0.0465 (7)	-0.0189 (5)
C9	0.0499 (6)	0.0461 (6)	0.0545 (6)	0.0027 (5)	0.0096 (5)	-0.0024 (5)
C4	0.0484 (6)	0.0419 (6)	0.0560 (6)	0.0011 (5)	0.0119 (5)	0.0056 (5)
N1	0.0709 (8)	0.0697 (8)	0.1101 (10)	-0.0068 (6)	0.0300 (7)	0.0134 (7)
C5	0.0540 (7)	0.0479 (7)	0.0808 (9)	-0.0026 (5)	0.0244 (6)	0.0060 (6)
C13	0.0607 (7)	0.0498 (7)	0.0650 (7)	0.0045 (5)	0.0232 (6)	-0.0012 (5)
C3	0.0504 (6)	0.0452 (6)	0.0602 (7)	-0.0003 (5)	0.0131 (5)	0.0067 (5)
C14	0.0541 (7)	0.0799 (10)	0.0803 (9)	0.0043 (6)	0.0203 (6)	0.0063 (7)
C12	0.0687 (8)	0.0465 (7)	0.0672 (8)	0.0053 (6)	0.0064 (6)	-0.0044 (6)
C7	0.0501 (6)	0.0472 (7)	0.0617 (7)	0.0028 (5)	0.0179 (5)	0.0031 (5)
C10	0.0539 (7)	0.0426 (6)	0.0606 (7)	0.0020 (5)	0.0091 (5)	-0.0019 (5)
C2	0.0557 (7)	0.0562 (8)	0.0694 (8)	0.0066 (5)	0.0203 (6)	0.0020 (6)
C1	0.0691 (8)	0.0453 (7)	0.0774 (8)	0.0094 (6)	0.0166 (6)	-0.0048 (6)
C8	0.0503 (6)	0.0436 (6)	0.0615 (7)	0.0018 (5)	0.0170 (5)	0.0013 (5)
C6	0.0701 (8)	0.0417 (7)	0.0878 (9)	-0.0069 (6)	0.0190 (7)	0.0015 (6)
N2	0.1048 (11)	0.0568 (8)	0.0969 (10)	0.0233 (7)	0.0096 (8)	-0.0131 (6)

Geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$)

C11—N1	1.1404 (18)	C3—C2	1.3762 (17)
C11—C10	1.4326 (19)	C3—H3	0.9300
F1—C1	1.3514 (15)	C14—H14A	0.9600
C9—C10	1.3620 (17)	C14—H14B	0.9600
C9—C8	1.4489 (16)	C14—H14C	0.9600
C9—C13	1.5045 (17)	C12—N2	1.1393 (18)
C4—C5	1.3943 (16)	C12—C10	1.4331 (17)
C4—C3	1.3961 (16)	C7—C8	1.3378 (16)
C4—C7	1.4577 (16)	C7—H7	0.9300
C5—C6	1.3777 (18)	C2—C1	1.372 (2)
C5—H5	0.9300	C2—H2	0.9300
C13—C14	1.518 (2)	C1—C6	1.365 (2)
C13—H13A	0.9700	C8—H8	0.9300
C13—H13B	0.9700	C6—H6	0.9300
N1—C11—C10	179.39 (16)	C13—C14—H14C	109.5
C10—C9—C8	120.53 (11)	H14A—C14—H14C	109.5
C10—C9—C13	119.09 (11)	H14B—C14—H14C	109.5
C8—C9—C13	120.31 (10)	N2—C12—C10	179.37 (16)
C5—C4—C3	117.93 (11)	C8—C7—C4	128.05 (11)
C5—C4—C7	117.97 (11)	C8—C7—H7	116.0
C3—C4—C7	124.09 (10)	C4—C7—H7	116.0
C6—C5—C4	121.68 (12)	C9—C10—C11	123.19 (11)
C6—C5—H5	119.2	C9—C10—C12	121.73 (12)
C4—C5—H5	119.2	C11—C10—C12	115.07 (11)

C9—C13—C14	111.77 (11)	C1—C2—C3	118.66 (12)
C9—C13—H13A	109.3	C1—C2—H2	120.7
C14—C13—H13A	109.3	C3—C2—H2	120.7
C9—C13—H13B	109.3	F1—C1—C6	118.11 (12)
C14—C13—H13B	109.3	F1—C1—C2	119.08 (12)
H13A—C13—H13B	107.9	C6—C1—C2	122.81 (11)
C2—C3—C4	120.90 (11)	C7—C8—C9	123.76 (11)
C2—C3—H3	119.5	C7—C8—H8	118.1
C4—C3—H3	119.5	C9—C8—H8	118.1
C13—C14—H14A	109.5	C1—C6—C5	118.00 (12)
C13—C14—H14B	109.5	C1—C6—H6	121.0
H14A—C14—H14B	109.5	C5—C6—H6	121.0
C3—C4—C5—C6	0.4 (2)	C13—C9—C10—C12	-1.42 (19)
C7—C4—C5—C6	-178.49 (13)	C4—C3—C2—C1	0.4 (2)
C10—C9—C13—C14	-91.40 (14)	C3—C2—C1—F1	-179.96 (13)
C8—C9—C13—C14	85.53 (14)	C3—C2—C1—C6	0.1 (2)
C5—C4—C3—C2	-0.66 (19)	C4—C7—C8—C9	-176.65 (12)
C7—C4—C3—C2	178.11 (12)	C10—C9—C8—C7	176.67 (12)
C5—C4—C7—C8	169.58 (13)	C13—C9—C8—C7	-0.22 (19)
C3—C4—C7—C8	-9.2 (2)	F1—C1—C6—C5	179.66 (14)
C8—C9—C10—C11	0.61 (19)	C2—C1—C6—C5	-0.4 (2)
C13—C9—C10—C11	177.53 (12)	C4—C5—C6—C1	0.2 (2)
C8—C9—C10—C12	-178.34 (11)		