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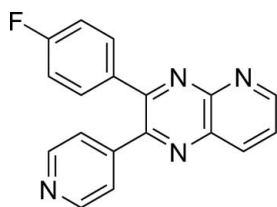
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 193$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$ Å; R factor = 0.047; wR factor = 0.149; data-to-parameter ratio = 13.2.

In the crystal structure of the title compound, $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}_4$, the pyridopyrazine ring makes dihedral angles of 34.67 (7) and 52.24 (7)° with the 4-fluorophenyl and pyridine rings, respectively. The 4-fluorophenyl ring makes a dihedral angle of 59.56 (9)° with the pyridine ring.

Related literature

For preparation of pyridopyrazines under microwave conditions, see: Zhao *et al.* (2004).



Experimental

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}_4$
 $M_r = 302.31$
 Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
 $a = 9.7163$ (9) Å
 $b = 13.7937$ (6) Å
 $c = 10.8164$ (10) Å
 $\beta = 90.994$ (5)°
 $V = 1449.4$ (2) Å³
 $Z = 4$
 Cu $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.78$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 193$ K
 $0.30 \times 0.25 \times 0.22$ mm

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer
 Absorption correction: none
 2906 measured reflections
 2753 independent reflections
 2654 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.023$
 3 standard reflections
 frequency: 60 min
 intensity decay: 2%

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.047$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.149$
 $S = 1.20$
 2753 reflections
 209 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.31$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.24$ e Å⁻³

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *CORINC* (Dräger & Gattow, 1971); program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR97* (Altomare *et al.*, 1999); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2009); software used to prepare material for publication: *PLATON*.

Supplementary data and figures for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: BT5066).

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S1. Comment

The title compound, 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(pyridin-4-yl)pyrido[2,3-*b*]pyrazine (**I**), was prepared in the course of our studies on pyridin-4-yl-substituted pyridopyrazines as p38 mitogen-activated protein (MAP) kinase inhibitors.

The microwave-assisted reaction of 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(pyridin-4-yl)ethane-1,2-dione and 2,3-diaminopyridine yields two regioisomers, 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(pyridin-4-yl)pyrido[2,3-*b*]pyrazine (**I**) and 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(pyridin-4-yl)pyrido[3,2-*b*]pyrazine (**II**) (Figure 1). The isomers were separated by flash-chromatography. To identify the two regioisomers *x*-ray analysis was used. In this article we present the X-ray data of the first eluted isomer **I**.

As might be expected the 4-fluorophenyl, the pyridine ring as well as the pyridopyrazine ring are planar (Figure 2). The pyridopyrazine ring makes dihedral angles of 34.67 (7)° and 52.24 (7)° to the 4-fluorophenyl ring and the pyridine ring, respectively. The 4-fluorophenyl ring makes a dihedral angle of 59.56 (9)° to the pyridine ring.

S2. Experimental

1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-(pyridin-4-yl)ethane-1,2-dione (113 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 2,3-diaminopyridine (54 mg, 0.5 mmol), and methanol/glacial acetic acid (2 ml, 9:1, V:V) were combined in a reaction vial. The reaction vessel was heated in a microwave reactor for 5 min at 433 K (initial power 250 W), after which a stream of compressed air cooled the reaction vessel to r.t. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash-chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1–4 to 0–1) to yield 67 mg (44%) of **I** as a colorless solid. Suitable crystals of compound **I** for X-ray were obtained by slow evaporation at 298 K of a solution of *n*-hexane - diethyl ether (2–1).

S3. Refinement

Hydrogen atoms were placed at calculated positions with C—H = 0.95 Å. They were refined in the riding-model approximation with isotropic displacement parameters set at 1.2 times of the U_{eq} of the parent atom.

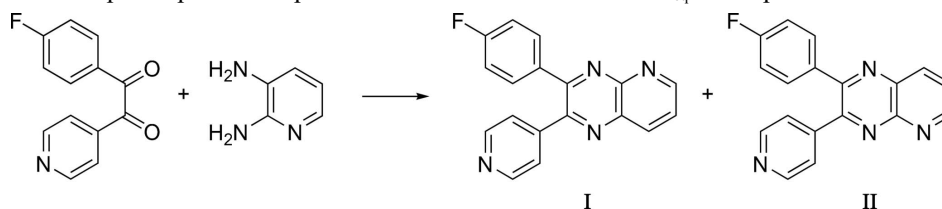
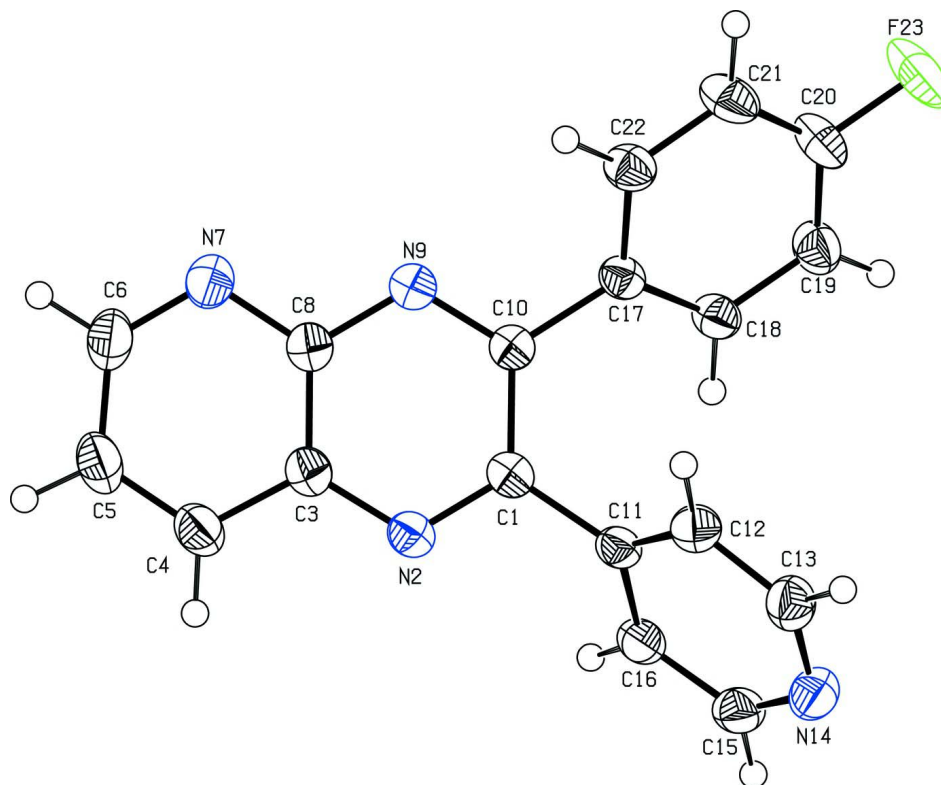


Figure 1

Synthesis of **I** and **II**.

**Figure 2**

View of compound I. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

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*Refinement*Refinement on F^2

Least-squares matrix: full

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2753 reflections

209 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant
direct methodsSecondary atom site location: difference Fourier
mapHydrogen site location: inferred from
neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.073P)^2 + 0.6448P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$ $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.31 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.24 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ Extinction correction: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick,
2008), $F_c^* = kF_c[1 + 0.001x F_c^2 \lambda^3 / \sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$

Extinction coefficient: 0.0079 (9)

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)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.71724 (16)	0.38396 (12)	0.46833 (15)	0.0271 (4)
N2	0.82823 (14)	0.41887 (10)	0.52355 (13)	0.0300 (4)
C3	0.81675 (18)	0.44950 (12)	0.64285 (16)	0.0294 (4)
C4	0.9322 (2)	0.48632 (15)	0.70813 (17)	0.0383 (4)
H4	1.0203	0.4880	0.6715	0.046*
C5	0.9135 (2)	0.51935 (15)	0.82524 (18)	0.0430 (5)
H5	0.9892	0.5436	0.8727	0.052*
C6	0.7806 (2)	0.51712 (15)	0.87511 (18)	0.0422 (5)
H6	0.7698	0.5425	0.9560	0.051*
N7	0.67047 (17)	0.48270 (12)	0.81831 (14)	0.0385 (4)
C8	0.68851 (18)	0.44723 (12)	0.70263 (15)	0.0289 (4)
N9	0.57616 (14)	0.40774 (11)	0.64607 (13)	0.0297 (4)
C10	0.58915 (16)	0.37376 (11)	0.53266 (15)	0.0263 (4)
C11	0.73166 (16)	0.36165 (12)	0.33454 (15)	0.0277 (4)
C12	0.64457 (18)	0.40275 (13)	0.24579 (16)	0.0324 (4)
H12	0.5701	0.4429	0.2695	0.039*
C13	0.6681 (2)	0.38414 (14)	0.12271 (17)	0.0377 (4)
H13	0.6082	0.4129	0.0629	0.045*
N14	0.77022 (17)	0.32808 (12)	0.08247 (15)	0.0406 (4)
C15	0.85276 (19)	0.28932 (14)	0.16925 (18)	0.0370 (4)
H15	0.9263	0.2494	0.1428	0.044*
C16	0.83866 (17)	0.30326 (13)	0.29441 (17)	0.0322 (4)
H16	0.9005	0.2737	0.3520	0.039*

C17	0.46722 (16)	0.32309 (12)	0.47894 (15)	0.0270 (4)
C18	0.48092 (17)	0.24153 (13)	0.40375 (16)	0.0307 (4)
H18	0.5702	0.2194	0.3830	0.037*
C19	0.36587 (19)	0.19234 (14)	0.35891 (18)	0.0363 (4)
H19	0.3750	0.1363	0.3086	0.044*
C20	0.23859 (18)	0.22707 (15)	0.3895 (2)	0.0405 (5)
C21	0.21958 (18)	0.30696 (14)	0.4637 (2)	0.0404 (5)
H21	0.1298	0.3289	0.4831	0.049*
C22	0.33549 (17)	0.35415 (13)	0.50905 (17)	0.0329 (4)
H22	0.3251	0.4087	0.5617	0.039*
F23	0.12564 (12)	0.17883 (11)	0.34584 (16)	0.0658 (5)

Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
C1	0.0255 (8)	0.0238 (8)	0.0320 (9)	0.0011 (6)	-0.0009 (6)	0.0019 (6)
N2	0.0273 (7)	0.0305 (7)	0.0322 (7)	-0.0026 (6)	0.0003 (6)	0.0008 (6)
C3	0.0308 (9)	0.0265 (8)	0.0307 (8)	-0.0022 (6)	-0.0022 (7)	0.0029 (6)
C4	0.0338 (9)	0.0418 (10)	0.0390 (10)	-0.0094 (8)	-0.0035 (7)	0.0022 (8)
C5	0.0460 (11)	0.0450 (11)	0.0375 (10)	-0.0158 (9)	-0.0105 (8)	0.0024 (8)
C6	0.0540 (12)	0.0420 (11)	0.0304 (9)	-0.0102 (9)	-0.0038 (8)	-0.0039 (8)
N7	0.0420 (9)	0.0417 (9)	0.0320 (8)	-0.0044 (7)	0.0009 (6)	-0.0040 (6)
C8	0.0314 (8)	0.0258 (8)	0.0295 (8)	-0.0006 (6)	-0.0011 (6)	0.0018 (6)
N9	0.0283 (7)	0.0307 (8)	0.0303 (7)	-0.0004 (6)	0.0007 (5)	-0.0001 (6)
C10	0.0263 (8)	0.0236 (8)	0.0290 (8)	0.0019 (6)	-0.0001 (6)	0.0008 (6)
C11	0.0243 (8)	0.0273 (8)	0.0315 (9)	-0.0045 (6)	0.0026 (6)	-0.0010 (6)
C12	0.0319 (9)	0.0315 (9)	0.0338 (9)	0.0008 (7)	0.0023 (7)	0.0009 (7)
C13	0.0413 (10)	0.0387 (10)	0.0329 (9)	-0.0040 (8)	-0.0023 (7)	0.0012 (7)
N14	0.0454 (9)	0.0425 (9)	0.0341 (8)	-0.0067 (7)	0.0062 (7)	-0.0070 (7)
C15	0.0324 (9)	0.0349 (9)	0.0441 (10)	-0.0043 (7)	0.0090 (8)	-0.0096 (8)
C16	0.0254 (8)	0.0327 (9)	0.0384 (9)	-0.0022 (7)	0.0012 (7)	-0.0041 (7)
C17	0.0246 (8)	0.0279 (8)	0.0283 (8)	-0.0010 (6)	0.0000 (6)	0.0035 (6)
C18	0.0251 (8)	0.0315 (9)	0.0356 (9)	-0.0002 (7)	0.0010 (6)	-0.0007 (7)
C19	0.0341 (9)	0.0330 (9)	0.0418 (10)	-0.0029 (7)	-0.0028 (7)	-0.0063 (7)
C20	0.0263 (9)	0.0387 (10)	0.0561 (12)	-0.0063 (7)	-0.0085 (8)	-0.0023 (9)
C21	0.0235 (9)	0.0386 (10)	0.0593 (12)	0.0021 (7)	0.0004 (8)	-0.0008 (9)
C22	0.0285 (9)	0.0295 (9)	0.0407 (9)	0.0020 (7)	0.0024 (7)	-0.0014 (7)
F23	0.0305 (6)	0.0594 (9)	0.1070 (12)	-0.0084 (6)	-0.0157 (7)	-0.0256 (8)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

C1—N2	1.315 (2)	C12—H12	0.9500
C1—C10	1.443 (2)	C13—N14	1.336 (3)
C1—C11	1.488 (2)	C13—H13	0.9500
N2—C3	1.364 (2)	N14—C15	1.336 (3)
C3—C4	1.410 (2)	C15—C16	1.377 (3)
C3—C8	1.414 (2)	C15—H15	0.9500
C4—C5	1.361 (3)	C16—H16	0.9500

C4—H4	0.9500	C17—C22	1.394 (2)
C5—C6	1.409 (3)	C17—C18	1.396 (2)
C5—H5	0.9500	C18—C19	1.388 (2)
C6—N7	1.313 (2)	C18—H18	0.9500
C6—H6	0.9500	C19—C20	1.372 (3)
N7—C8	1.358 (2)	C19—H19	0.9500
C8—N9	1.356 (2)	C20—F23	1.361 (2)
N9—C10	1.321 (2)	C20—C21	1.378 (3)
C10—C17	1.485 (2)	C21—C22	1.383 (3)
C11—C12	1.389 (2)	C21—H21	0.9500
C11—C16	1.391 (2)	C22—H22	0.9500
C12—C13	1.379 (3)		
N2—C1—C10	121.60 (15)	C11—C12—H12	120.6
N2—C1—C11	115.28 (14)	N14—C13—C12	123.97 (18)
C10—C1—C11	123.03 (14)	N14—C13—H13	118.0
C1—N2—C3	117.59 (14)	C12—C13—H13	118.0
N2—C3—C4	120.53 (16)	C15—N14—C13	116.28 (16)
N2—C3—C8	120.86 (15)	N14—C15—C16	124.50 (17)
C4—C3—C8	118.60 (16)	N14—C15—H15	117.7
C5—C4—C3	117.99 (17)	C16—C15—H15	117.7
C5—C4—H4	121.0	C15—C16—C11	118.40 (17)
C3—C4—H4	121.0	C15—C16—H16	120.8
C4—C5—C6	119.12 (17)	C11—C16—H16	120.8
C4—C5—H5	120.4	C22—C17—C18	118.76 (15)
C6—C5—H5	120.4	C22—C17—C10	119.57 (15)
N7—C6—C5	125.01 (18)	C18—C17—C10	121.58 (15)
N7—C6—H6	117.5	C19—C18—C17	120.87 (16)
C5—C6—H6	117.5	C19—C18—H18	119.6
C6—N7—C8	116.37 (16)	C17—C18—H18	119.6
N9—C8—N7	116.40 (15)	C20—C19—C18	117.97 (17)
N9—C8—C3	120.75 (15)	C20—C19—H19	121.0
N7—C8—C3	122.84 (16)	C18—C19—H19	121.0
C10—N9—C8	118.18 (14)	F23—C20—C19	118.07 (18)
N9—C10—C1	120.67 (15)	F23—C20—C21	118.54 (17)
N9—C10—C17	116.22 (14)	C19—C20—C21	123.38 (17)
C1—C10—C17	123.09 (14)	C20—C21—C22	117.80 (17)
C12—C11—C16	118.06 (16)	C20—C21—H21	121.1
C12—C11—C1	121.39 (15)	C22—C21—H21	121.1
C16—C11—C1	120.45 (15)	C21—C22—C17	121.19 (17)
C13—C12—C11	118.80 (17)	C21—C22—H22	119.4
C13—C12—H12	120.6	C17—C22—H22	119.4
C10—C1—N2—C3	-2.9 (2)	N2—C1—C11—C16	52.5 (2)
C11—C1—N2—C3	173.66 (14)	C10—C1—C11—C16	-130.92 (17)
C1—N2—C3—C4	179.03 (16)	C16—C11—C12—C13	-0.2 (2)
C1—N2—C3—C8	-2.5 (2)	C1—C11—C12—C13	176.03 (16)
N2—C3—C4—C5	177.47 (17)	C11—C12—C13—N14	0.3 (3)

C8—C3—C4—C5	-1.0 (3)	C12—C13—N14—C15	-0.3 (3)
C3—C4—C5—C6	-1.2 (3)	C13—N14—C15—C16	0.2 (3)
C4—C5—C6—N7	1.9 (3)	N14—C15—C16—C11	-0.1 (3)
C5—C6—N7—C8	-0.2 (3)	C12—C11—C16—C15	0.1 (2)
C6—N7—C8—N9	177.15 (16)	C1—C11—C16—C15	-176.17 (15)
C6—N7—C8—C3	-2.2 (3)	N9—C10—C17—C22	34.0 (2)
N2—C3—C8—N9	5.1 (2)	C1—C10—C17—C22	-147.77 (17)
C4—C3—C8—N9	-176.46 (16)	N9—C10—C17—C18	-142.59 (16)
N2—C3—C8—N7	-175.65 (16)	C1—C10—C17—C18	35.6 (2)
C4—C3—C8—N7	2.8 (3)	C22—C17—C18—C19	0.4 (3)
N7—C8—N9—C10	179.00 (15)	C10—C17—C18—C19	177.00 (16)
C3—C8—N9—C10	-1.7 (2)	C17—C18—C19—C20	0.8 (3)
C8—N9—C10—C1	-3.8 (2)	C18—C19—C20—F23	-179.86 (17)
C8—N9—C10—C17	174.53 (14)	C18—C19—C20—C21	-1.1 (3)
N2—C1—C10—N9	6.4 (2)	F23—C20—C21—C22	178.90 (18)
C11—C1—C10—N9	-169.95 (15)	C19—C20—C21—C22	0.1 (3)
N2—C1—C10—C17	-171.78 (15)	C20—C21—C22—C17	1.1 (3)
C11—C1—C10—C17	11.9 (2)	C18—C17—C22—C21	-1.4 (3)
N2—C1—C11—C12	-123.57 (17)	C10—C17—C22—C21	-178.07 (16)
C10—C1—C11—C12	53.0 (2)		
