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Structure of an Oxepino[2,3-*b*]indolizine Derivative

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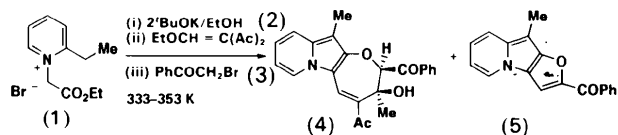
Abstract

The pyrrole and pyridine rings in the indolizine skeleton of 4-acetyl-2-benzoyl-3-hydroxy-3,11-dimethyl-2,3-dihydrooxepino[2,3-*b*]indolizine, C₂₃H₂₁NO₄ (4), are planar, with mean deviations 0.007 (2) and 0.004 (3) Å, respectively, and are almost coplanar to one another with a dihedral angle of 2.2 (2)°. The seven-membered ring attached to positions 2 and 3 of the indolizine ring is slightly inclined

to the indolizine ring by 6.1 (2)°. The phenyl ring in the benzoyl group at the 2 position of the oxepine ring is almost perpendicular to the indolizine ring with a dihedral angle of 91.8 (2)°. O4 of the acetyl group attached at the 4 position is hydrogen bonded to the 3-hydroxyl group in the same molecule [O4...O3 2.567 (3) Å].

Comment

An ethanolic solution (30 ml) of 2-ethyl-1-(ethoxycarbonylmethyl)pyridinium bromide (1) (3 mmol) was treated with potassium *tert*-butoxide (6 mmol) at 333–353 K in a water bath for 5 min. To the resulting solution, including 1-methyl-2(3*H*)-indolizinone (Takehi, Ito, Watanabe, Kitagawa, Takeuchi & Hashimoto, 1980), ethoxymethyleneacetylacetone (2) (3 mmol) and phenacyl bromide (3) (3 mmol) were added and the mixture was then kept under the same conditions for 2 h. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was separated by column chromatography on alumina using ether and then chloroform to give (4) [27%, m.p. 472–474 K (from ethanol)] as orange prisms, together with 2-benzoyl-9-methylfuro[2,3-*b*]indolizine (5) (63%) (Takehi, Ito, Ohizumi & Ito, 1983; Takehi, Ito, Furuta & Todoroki, 1985). The acid-catalysed dehydration of (4) did not afford the corresponding fully conjugated oxepino[2,3-*b*]indolizine, rather its 3-methylene derivative.



The present study has been undertaken to confirm the chemical structure of the title compound (4) and to compare its structural features with those of some indolizines, especially those fused with oxygen-containing rings at the 2 and 3 positions. Comparative values of the selected bond lengths and angles for the indolizine moieties in the title compound (4) and other indolizine derivatives are summarized in Table 3. The bond distances and angles for the indolizine skeleton in (4) are similar to those in the non-fused ethyl 1-trifluoromethylindolizine-3-carboxylate (Pritchard, 1988), except the C5—C12 bond, which is more similar to the analogous bond in 3-acetyl-6-methyl-2*H*-pyrano[2,3-*b*]indolizin-2-one (Takehi, Kitajima, Ito & Takusagawa, 1993) than that in 2-benzoyl-9-methylfuro[2,3-*b*]indolizine and 8-benzoyl-5,6-dihydro-4*H*-furo[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo-[3,2,1-*ij*]quinoline (Takehi, Kitajima, Ito & Takusagawa, 1994). These deviations are relatively small, but a slight extension of the N1—C10 bond of the

indolizine ring by ring fusion, and the C5—C12 bond by fusion of a non-aromatic ring such as an oxepine or 2-pyrone, can be seen. On the other hand, the considerably shortened distance between O3 and O4 indicates that the 3-hydroxyl group is hydrogen bonded to the carbonyl O atom in the 4-acetyl group but not with that in the 2-benzoyl group. The O3—H12...O4 angle is 153 (3)°.

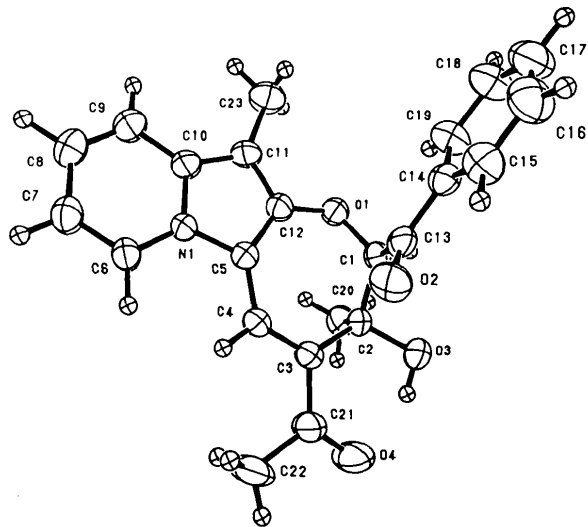


Fig. 1. ORTEP (Johnson, 1965) drawing of (4) showing the atom-numbering system.

Experimental

Crystal data

C₂₃H₂₁NO₄
M_r = 375.42
 Monoclinic
 C2/c
a = 23.204 (3) Å
b = 11.220 (2) Å
c = 16.139 (3) Å
 β = 110.95 (1)°
V = 3924 (1) Å³
Z = 8
D_x = 1.271 Mg m⁻³

Data collection

Rigaku AFC-5S diffractometer
 $\omega/2\theta$ scans
 Absorption correction: none
 4848 measured reflections
 4729 independent reflections
 2435 observed reflections
 [*I* > 3.00σ(*I*)]
R_{int} = 0.033

Mo Kα radiation
 λ = 0.71069 Å
 Cell parameters from 25 reflections
 θ = 19.65–19.95°
 μ = 0.081 mm⁻¹
T = 297 K
 Prism
 0.80 × 0.38 × 0.36 mm
 Orange

θ_{\max} = 27.5°
h = 0 → 29
k = 0 → 14
l = -20 → 18
 3 standard reflections monitored every 150 reflections
 intensity variation: average 0%

Refinement

Refinement on *F*
R = 0.048
wR = 0.054
S = 1.77
 2435 reflections
 338 parameters
 H atoms refined isotropically
 $w = 4F_o^2/\sigma^2(F_o^2)$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.18$

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.28 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.20 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 Extinction correction: analytical
 Extinction coefficient: 0.31341×10^{-6}
 Atomic scattering factors from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974, Vol. IV)

Azimuthal scans of several reflections indicated no need for an absorption correction. The H atoms were located from a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically. The structure was solved by direct methods (MITHRIL; Gilmore, 1984) utilizing the TEXSAN (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1985) system.

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters (Å²)

$$B_{\text{eq}} = (8\pi^2/3)\sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* a_i \cdot a_j$$

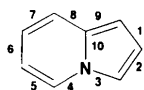
	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>B_{eq}</i>
O1	0.33006 (7)	0.0160 (1)	0.0455 (1)	3.55 (7)
O2	0.37511 (8)	0.1838 (2)	0.2289 (1)	4.58 (8)
O3	0.32513 (8)	0.3364 (2)	0.0618 (1)	3.85 (8)
O4	0.4242 (1)	0.4487 (2)	0.0737 (2)	9.2 (1)
N1	0.48768 (9)	-0.0709 (2)	0.1368 (1)	3.18 (8)
C1	0.3227 (1)	0.1334 (2)	0.0761 (2)	3.2 (1)
C2	0.3560 (1)	0.2329 (2)	0.0459 (2)	3.2 (1)
C3	0.4259 (1)	0.2411 (2)	0.0926 (2)	3.9 (1)
C4	0.4622 (1)	0.1430 (2)	0.1181 (2)	3.8 (1)
C5	0.4443 (1)	0.0222 (2)	0.1121 (2)	3.2 (1)
C6	0.5510 (1)	-0.0647 (2)	0.1769 (2)	3.5 (1)
C7	0.5844 (1)	-0.1657 (3)	0.1977 (2)	4.1 (1)
C8	0.5553 (1)	-0.2772 (3)	0.1769 (2)	4.9 (1)
C9	0.4931 (1)	-0.2846 (3)	0.1366 (2)	3.6 (1)
C10	0.4571 (1)	-0.1797 (2)	0.1158 (2)	3.6 (1)
C11	0.3939 (1)	-0.1581 (2)	0.0792 (2)	3.6 (1)
C12	0.3869 (1)	-0.0361 (2)	0.0782 (2)	3.2 (1)
C13	0.3323 (1)	0.1316 (2)	0.1747 (2)	3.3 (1)
C14	0.2861 (1)	0.0669 (2)	0.2028 (2)	3.4 (1)
C15	0.2891 (1)	0.0790 (3)	0.2899 (2)	4.6 (1)
C16	0.2456 (2)	0.0246 (3)	0.3174 (2)	5.7 (2)
C17	0.1992 (2)	-0.0434 (3)	0.2592 (3)	5.9 (2)
C18	0.1959 (2)	-0.0564 (3)	0.1736 (3)	5.6 (2)
C19	0.2391 (1)	-0.0015 (3)	0.1449 (2)	4.6 (1)
C20	0.3420 (2)	0.2201 (3)	-0.0535 (2)	4.4 (1)
C21	0.4549 (1)	0.3571 (3)	0.0982 (3)	6.3 (2)
C22	0.5240 (2)	0.3717 (4)	0.1312 (6)	11.4 (3)
C23	0.3436 (2)	-0.2497 (3)	0.0516 (3)	5.4 (2)

Table 2. Geometric parameters (Å, °)

O1—C1	1.438 (3)	C3—C21	1.452 (4)
O1—C12	1.364 (3)	C4—C5	1.410 (3)
O2—C13	1.214 (3)	C5—C12	1.409 (3)
O3—C2	1.435 (3)	C6—C7	1.346 (4)
O4—C21	1.233 (3)	C7—C8	1.406 (4)
N1—C5	1.406 (3)	C8—C9	1.356 (4)
N1—C6	1.379 (3)	C9—C10	1.413 (4)
N1—C10	1.391 (3)	C10—C11	1.392 (3)
C1—C2	1.534 (3)	C11—C12	1.378 (3)
C2—C3	1.528 (3)	C11—C23	1.500 (4)
C2—C20	1.526 (4)	C13—C14	1.493 (3)
C3—C4	1.357 (3)	C21—C22	1.506 (5)
C1—O1—C12	118.5 (2)	N1—C6—C7	119.7 (2)
C5—N1—C6	129.0 (2)	C6—C7—C8	120.3 (3)
C5—N1—C10	109.4 (2)	C7—C8—C9	120.5 (3)
C6—N1—C10	121.6 (2)	C8—C9—C10	120.0 (3)
O1—C1—C2	114.9 (2)	N1—C10—C9	117.7 (2)
O1—C1—C13	110.8 (2)	N1—C10—C11	108.6 (2)

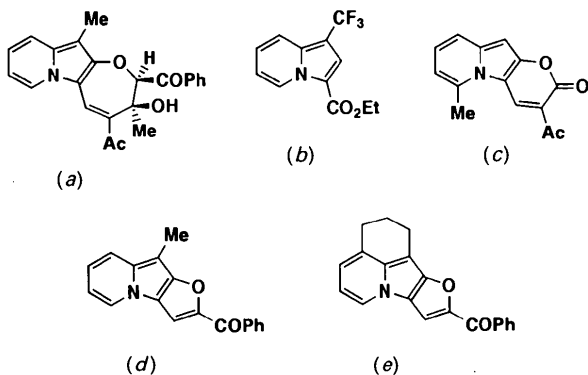
C2—C1—C13	116.0 (2)	C9—C10—C11	133.6 (2)
O3—C2—C1	101.0 (2)	C10—C11—C12	106.3 (2)
O3—C2—C3	111.9 (2)	C10—C11—C23	126.7 (3)
O3—C2—C20	109.4 (2)	C12—C11—C23	126.9 (3)
C1—C2—C3	117.1 (2)	O1—C12—C5	126.9 (2)
C1—C2—C20	108.8 (2)	O1—C12—C11	121.7 (2)
C2—C3—C4	122.3 (2)	C5—C12—C11	111.4 (2)
C2—C3—C21	118.1 (2)	O2—C13—C1	121.5 (2)
C4—C3—C21	119.1 (2)	O2—C13—C14	120.5 (2)
C3—C4—C5	128.7 (2)	C1—C13—C14	118.0 (2)
N1—C5—C4	122.2 (2)	O4—C21—C3	121.7 (3)
N1—C5—C12	104.3 (2)	O4—C21—C22	116.3 (3)
C4—C5—C12	133.4 (2)	C3—C21—C22	122.0 (3)

Table 3. Comparison of indolizine ring geometry



Compound	Fused ring	Bond length (Å)				
		1	2	3	4	5
(a)	7	1.378 (3)	1.409 (3)	1.406 (3)	1.379 (3)	1.346 (3)
(b)	None	1.382 (5)	1.370 (5)	1.407 (5)	1.372 (5)	1.362 (6)
(c)	6	1.368 (3)	1.411 (3)	1.403 (2)	1.386 (3)	1.367 (3)
(d)	5	1.388 (5)	1.373 (5)	1.379 (5)	1.381 (5)	1.335 (6)
(e)	5	1.394 (3)	1.384 (3)	1.379 (3)	1.377 (3)	1.350 (4)

Compound	Fused ring	Bond length (Å)				
		6	7	8	9	10
(a)	7	1.406 (4)	1.356 (4)	1.413 (4)	1.392 (3)	1.391 (3)
(b)	None	1.398 (6)	1.344 (5)	1.418 (5)	1.392 (5)	1.385 (5)
(c)	6	1.398 (4)	1.358 (4)	1.400 (3)	1.400 (3)	1.406 (3)
(d)	5	1.421 (6)	1.356 (6)	1.402 (6)	1.408 (5)	1.436 (5)
(e)	5	1.414 (4)	1.357 (4)	1.410 (3)	1.389 (3)	1.402 (3)



(a) 4-Acetyl-2-benzoyl-3-hydroxy-3,11-dimethyl-2,3-dihydrooxepino[2,3-*b*]indolizine (this work); (b) ethyl 1-(trifluoromethyl)indolizine-3-carboxylate (Pritcher, 1988); (c) 3-acetyl-6-methyl-2*H*-pyrano[2,3-*b*]indolizine-2-one (Kakehi *et al.*, 1993); (d) 2-benzoyl-9-methylfuro[2,3-*b*]indolizine (Kakehi *et al.*, 1994); (e) 8-benzoyl-5,6-dihydro-4*H*-furo[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[3,2,1-*ij*]quinoline (Kakehi *et al.*, 1994).

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Structure of [1 α (*E*),5 α ,6 β ,7 α]-4-Methyl-7-(3-methyl-4-nitro-5-isoxazolyl)-5-nitro-6-phenyl-1-styryl-2-oxa-3-azabicyclo-[3.2.0]hept-3-ene

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Abstract

The title compound, C₂₄H₂₀N₄O₆, is a dimer obtained by irradiation of 3-methyl-4-nitro-5-styrylisoxazole. The relative configuration of the stereocentres and the conformation of the 2-oxa-3-azabicycloheptene ring is established.

Comment

During a study on the photoreactivity of 3-methyl-4-nitro-5-styrylisoxazole, as well as the expected photodimers deriving from 2 + 2 cycloaddition of two styryl moieties, the title dimer, obtained from 2 + 2 photocycloaddition of the double bond of the styryl moiety on the 4,5 positions of the isoxazole ring, was observed (Donati, Fiorenza & Sarti-Fantoni, 1979). To date, this case is the unique example of such unexpected photocycloaddition of isoxazoles. The latter photoreaction is highly stereo-