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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
T = 296 K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003 \text{ \AA}$   
R factor = 0.047  
wR factor = 0.182  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.3

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## (E)-1-Benzyl-2-(p-methoxystyryl)-3-(p-tolyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinazolin-4-one

The title molecule,  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ , consisting of a quinazoline moiety with benzyl, (*p*-methoxy)styryl and *p*-tolyl substituents at the 1, 2 and 3 positions, respectively, assumes an *E* configuration about the vinyl  $\text{C}=\text{C}$  bond. The six-membered heterocyclic ring adopts a distorted sofa conformation.

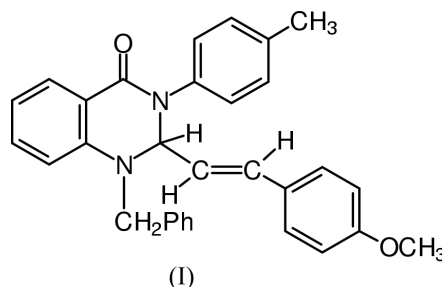
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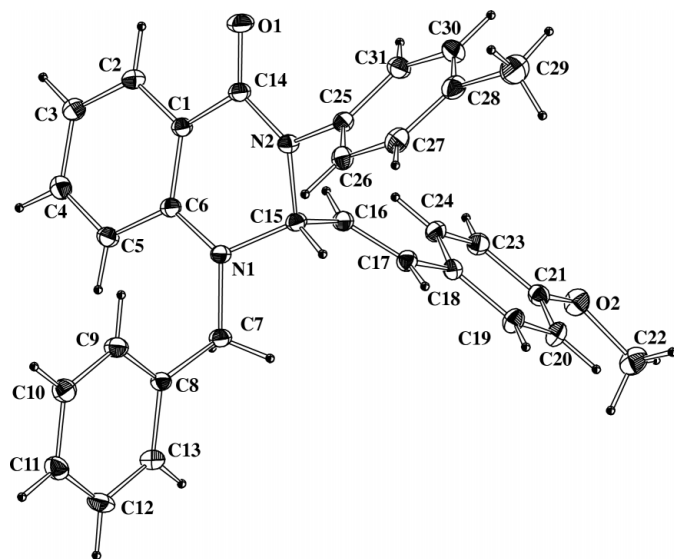
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#### Comment

Substituted quinazolines display therapeutic activity and specific inhibitory effects on tyrosine kinase and dihydrofolate reductase (Jackman *et al.*, 1997; Bridges *et al.*, 1996; Rewcastle *et al.*, 1995). As part of our ongoing studies on the synthesis and characterization of new nitrogen-containing heterocyclic systems of biological importance (Maiti *et al.*, 2000; Mukherjee *et al.*, 1999) and to build up a hierarchy for such systems, the structure determination of 1-benzyl-2-[(*p*-methoxy)styryl]-3-(*p*-tolyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinazolin-4-one, (I) (Fig. 1), was undertaken.



In (I), the vinyl  $\text{C}=\text{C}$  bond is in the *E* configuration [ $\text{C}15-\text{C}16-\text{C}17-\text{C}18$   $174.3(2)^\circ$ ]. The six-membered heterocyclic ring ( $\text{C}1/\text{C}6/\text{N}1/\text{C}15/\text{N}2/\text{C}14$ ) adopts a distorted sofa conformation with  $\text{C}15$  deviating by  $-0.609(2) \text{ \AA}$  from the least-squares plane (r.m.s deviation  $0.038 \text{ \AA}$ ) defined by the remaining endocyclic atoms. The benzyl and (*p*-methoxy)styryl substituents are nearly perpendicular to the planar part of the quinazoline moiety with dihedral angles of  $83.03(4)^\circ$  and  $83.14(3)^\circ$ , respectively. The *p*-tolyl group is oriented at an angle of  $46.64(6)^\circ$ . The sum of the bond angles around  $\text{N}1$  [ $349.1(2)^\circ$ ] indicates a pyramidal configuration, whereas  $\text{N}2$  [ $359.0(2)^\circ$ ] is in the planar trigonal geometry. The bond lengths and angles in (I) are similar to those reported for substituted quinazoline structures (Kubicki *et al.*, 1997; Lindeman *et al.*, 1995). The *cis* orientation of  $\text{C}22-\text{O}2$  with respect to  $\text{C}20-\text{C}21$  about the  $\text{O}2-\text{C}21$  bond [ $\text{C}22-\text{O}2-\text{C}21-\text{C}20$   $7.6(3)^\circ$ ] results in repulsion between  $\text{C}20$  and  $\text{C}22$  and this causes the widening of  $\text{C}20-\text{C}21-\text{O}2$  and narrowing



**Figure 1**  
ZORTEP (Zsolnai, 1995) view (50% probability level) of the molecule (I).

of C23—C21—O2 from 120°. A similar observation has been reported for heterocyclic compounds with methoxyphenyl substituents (Mukherjee *et al.*, 2000).

The lack of  $\pi$ -bonding in the segments between phenyl rings precludes any possible  $\pi$  conjugation across the whole molecule. The aromatic nature of the rings is therefore localized within the rings and their direct substituents. Except for a weak C—H $\cdots$ O intermolecular interaction involving the carbonyl O atom (Table 2) the crystal packing is essentially stabilized by the van der Waals forces.

## Experimental

A mixture of 2-[[*N*-benzyl-*N*-(prop-2'-ynyl)]amino]benzamide, *p*-methoxyiodobenzene, (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>2</sub>, CuI and triethylamine in acetonitrile was stirred for about 16 h at room temperature. After the usual work-up, the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60–120 mesh) to yield a disubstituted alkyne which was then refluxed with NaOEt in ethanol for about 48 h. The crude product on chromatography through silica gel yielded the title compound, (I), on elution with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The m.p. of the title compound is 458 K. Single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow crystallization from a dilute solution of (I) in a light petroleum (333–353 K)—chloroform mixture (3:1).

### Crystal data

C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 460.55  
 Monoclinic, *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*c*  
*a* = 13.281 (3) Å  
*b* = 11.161 (2) Å  
*c* = 17.756 (3) Å  
 $\beta$  = 107.49 (1)°  
*V* = 2510.3 (8) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 4

*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.219 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Cu *K* $\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 21 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 38.7–39.8°  
 $\mu$  = 0.60 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 296 (2) K  
 Prismatic, colourless  
 0.50 × 0.37 × 0.25 mm

### Data collection

Rigaku AFC-5R diffractometer  
 $\omega$ -2 $\theta$  scans  
 Absorption correction: empirical  
 (North *et al.*, 1968)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.754, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.865  
 5062 measured reflections  
 4847 independent reflections  
 3442 reflections with *I* > 2 $\sigma$ (*I*)

*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.017  
 $\theta_{\max}$  = 77.3°  
*h* = -16 → 16  
*k* = 0 → 14  
*l* = 0 → 21  
 3 standard reflections  
 every 150 reflections  
 intensity decay: 0.1%

### Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R*[*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2 $\sigma$ (*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.047  
*wR*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.182  
*S* = 1.04  
 4847 reflections  
 316 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.12P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.16 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.17 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1—C14	1.224 (2)	N2—C14	1.369 (2)
O2—C21	1.367 (2)	N2—C25	1.437 (3)
O2—C22	1.429 (3)	N2—C15	1.475 (2)
N1—C6	1.397 (2)	C15—C16	1.517 (3)
N1—C15	1.457 (3)	C16—C17	1.330 (3)
N1—C7	1.468 (2)	C17—C18	1.466 (3)
C6—N1—C15	115.5 (2)	C25—N2—C15	116.4 (2)
C6—N1—C7	119.4 (2)	C17—C16—C15	123.5 (2)
C15—N1—C7	114.2 (1)	C16—C17—C18	127.8 (2)
C14—N2—C25	122.8 (2)	O2—C21—C23	115.3 (2)
C14—N2—C15	119.8 (2)	O2—C21—C20	125.4 (2)
C6—N1—C7—C8	-84.1 (2)	C14—N2—C25—C31	-59.0 (3)
N1—C7—C8—C9	-6.6 (3)		

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>
C22—H22A $\cdots$ O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.96	2.53	3.409 (3)	152

Symmetry code: (i) 1 + *x*,  $\frac{1}{2}$  - *y*,  $\frac{1}{2}$  + *z*.

H atoms were refined using a riding model and their isotropic displacement parameters were set to 1.2 times (1.5 times for CH<sub>3</sub> groups) the equivalent displacement parameters of their parent atoms.

Data collection: *MSC/AF*C Diffractometer Control Software (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1994); cell refinement: *MSC/AF*C Diffractometer Control Software; data reduction: *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *MULTAN88* (Debaerdemaeker *et al.*, 1988); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ZORTEP* (Zsolnai, 1995); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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