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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
T = 296 K  
Mean  $\sigma(C-C)$  = 0.002 Å  
R factor = 0.038  
wR factor = 0.102  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.4

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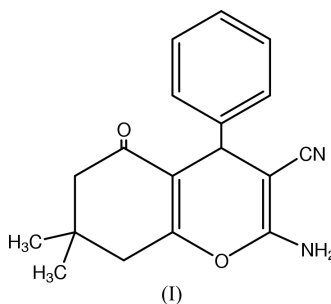
## 2-Amino-7,7-dimethyl-5-oxo-4-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-4H-chromene-3-carbonitrile

In the molecule of the title compound,  $C_{18}H_{18}N_2O_2$ , the C7/C8/C9/O1/C10/C11 plane forms an angle of  $92.5(4)^\circ$  with the phenyl plane. The most striking feature of the title compound is the formation of a three-dimensional network through  $N-H \cdots N$  and  $N-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds.

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#### Comment

Polyfunctionalized benzo-4H-pyrans are structural units of a number of natural products (Hatakeyama *et al.*, 1988) and, because of their inherent reactivity, the pyran rings are versatile synthons (Singh *et al.*, 1996). On the other hand, substituted benzo-4H-pyrans possess varied biological activity (Hassanien *et al.*, 1999). Since the stereochemistry is so important in the rational design of new functional molecules, we report herein the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



In the structure (Fig. 1) of the neutral molecule (I), the C7/C8/C9/O1/C10/C11 plane forms an angle of  $92.5(4)^\circ$  with the phenyl plane. The nitrile group is typical [ $N\equiv C$  1.1448 (19) Å].

A notable feature of (I) is the formation of a three-dimensional network through hydrogen bonds, as shown in Fig. 2. These are in the normal range of weak interactions (Sasada, 1984). The amino N2 atom of one molecule links through H2B to the nitrile N1 atom of another molecule, creating a dimer. The amino N2 atom of one molecule also links through H2A to the keto O2 atom of another molecule to form the three-dimensional framework.

#### Experimental

The title compound was prepared by the reaction of 2-cyanocinnamitrile with 5,5'-dimethyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione in ethylene under reflux for 4 h. The colorless solid was purified by recrystallization from ethanol to obtain single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction. The product was characterized by NMR, IR and elemental analyses, giving results consistent with those in the literature (Singh *et al.*, 1996).

## Crystal data

$C_{18}H_{18}N_2O_2$   
 $M_r = 294.34$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 11.307$  (1) Å  
 $b = 9.475$  (1) Å  
 $c = 14.919$  (2) Å  
 $\beta = 99.34$  (1)°  
 $V = 1577.1$  (3) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.240$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 25 reflections  
 $\theta = 3.3$ – $15.1$ °  
 $\mu = 0.08$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 296$  (2) K  
 Prism, colorless  
 $0.56 \times 0.50 \times 0.40$  mm

## Data collection

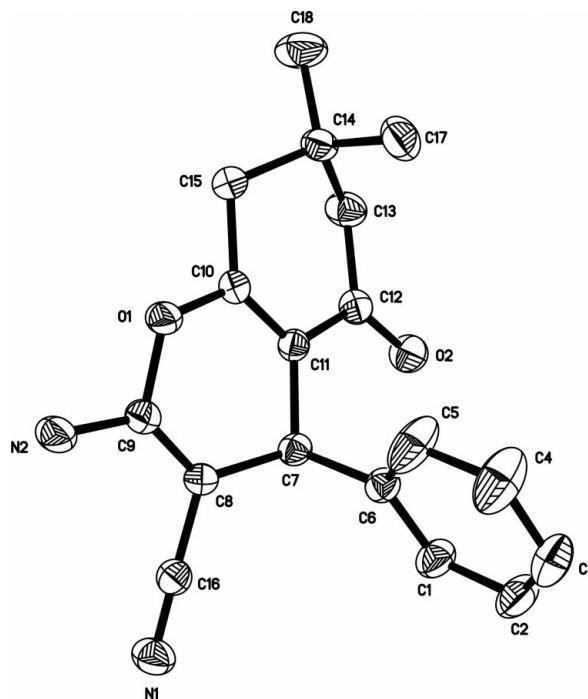
Bruker SMART 1000 diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 3252 measured reflections  
 2783 independent reflections  
 1942 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{int} = 0.013$

$\theta_{max} = 25.0$ °  
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 13$   
 $k = 0 \rightarrow 11$   
 $l = -17 \rightarrow 17$   
 3 standard reflections every 97 reflections  
 intensity decay: 2.7%

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.102$   
 $S = 1.02$   
 2783 reflections  
 208 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0561P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.19$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.14$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Extinction correction: SHELXL97  
 Extinction coefficient: 0.044 (3)



**Figure 1**  
 ORTEP view (Johnson, 1976) of the title complex with displacement ellipsoids at the 30% probability level

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1—C9	1.3746 (17)	N2—C9	1.335 (2)
O1—C10	1.3767 (17)	C8—C9	1.351 (2)
O2—C12	1.2219 (18)	C10—C11	1.333 (2)
N1—C16	1.1448 (19)		
C9—O1—C10	118.41 (11)	O2—C12—C11	121.14 (15)
N2—C9—C8	129.01 (15)	O2—C12—C13	121.42 (15)
N2—C9—O1	109.64 (14)	N1—C16—C8	178.11 (17)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
N2—H2B $\cdots$ N1 <sup>i</sup>	0.875 (17)	2.156 (18)	3.021 (2)	169.8 (15)
N2—H2A $\cdots$ O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.88 (2)	2.13 (2)	3.006 (2)	171.6 (18)

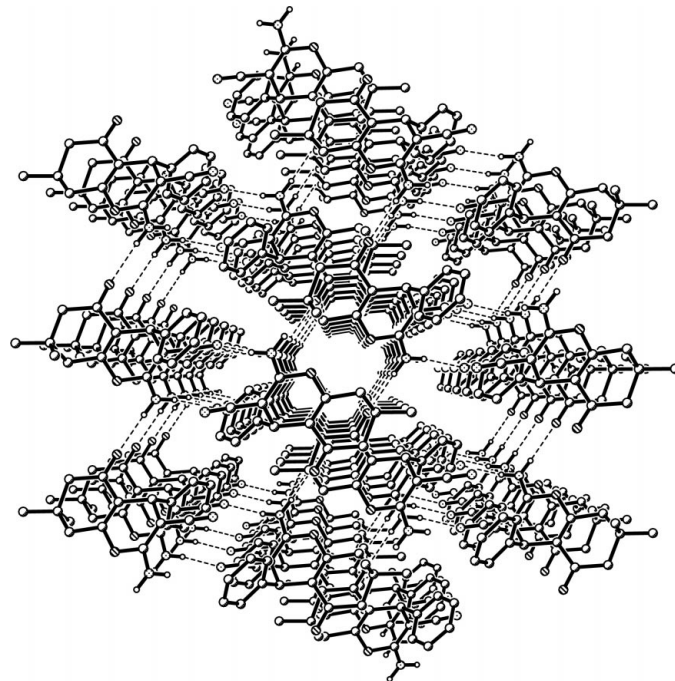
Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, -y, 1-z$ ; (ii)  $x, \frac{1}{2}-y, z-\frac{1}{2}$ .

The H atoms of the amino group were located in difference Fourier syntheses. The other H atoms were located by geometry and included in the structure-factor calculations.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: SMART; data reduction: SAINT (Bruker, 1998); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEP II (Johnson, 1976).

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**Figure 2**  
 The molecular packing diagram of the title complex.

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