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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 KMean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.005 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.049 wR factor = 0.113 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.0

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# 4-Chloro-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-formyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline

The dihydropyridine ring of the title molecule,  $C_{16}H_{11}Cl_2NO$ , adopts a half-chair conformation. The chlorophenyl ring is perpendicular to the mean plane through the dihydroquinoline moiety. The CHO group is involved in  $C-H\cdots O$  intermolecular hydrogen bonds. Received 21 May 2002 Accepted 15 July 2002 Online 19 July 2002

## Comment

Quinoline-containing compounds are present in a large number of natural products and they are found in numerous commercial products including pharmaceuticals, fragrances and dyes (Padwa et al., 1999). Aminoquinoline-based ligands possess a strong fluorescent property which could be used as a probe for DNA binding (Fahrni & O'Halloran, 1999; Nasir et al., 1999). Synthetic tetrahydroquinoline derivatives possess high antibacterial, anti-arrhythmic and antihypertensive activities (Jones, 1977; Yates, 1984). They also act as potent virucides and analgesics. Tetrahydroquinoline derivatives exhibit antitumour activities (Jaton et al., 1997) and also act as potent antipsychotic agents (Norman et al., 1996) and a compound containing the tetrahydroquinoline moiety acts as an antischistosomal drug (Billings & Heidelberger, 1982). They also possess anti-inflammatory (Ohnishi et al., 1981), anti-amoebic (Bailey et al., 1979), anti-ulcer (Uchida et al., 1989) and analgesic (Shaaban et al., 1977) activities. Norfloxacin is a broad (spectrum of 4) fluoroquinolone antibiotic used in the treatment of urinary tract infections. Alkynylquinolines comprise an important class of biologically active compounds which have been considered as bactericides, fungicides and analgesics (Smith, 1950; Blumenthal, 1959; Burckhardt & Zimmermann, 1972).



Fig. 1 shows a displacement ellipsoid plot of the title molecule. The dihydropyridine ring adopts a half-chair conformation, with asymmetry parameter  $\Delta C_2(N1-C1) = 0.005$  (1) (Nardelli, 1983); atoms N1 and C1 deviate from the plane containing the other four atoms constituting the ring by -0.272 (3) and 0.317 (3) Å, respectively. The mean plane through the dihydropyridine ring makes a dihedral angle of 12.1 (1)° with that through the fused benzene ring. The mean

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#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of the title compound, showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme.

plane through the dihydroquinoline moiety is perpendicular to the plane of the chlorophenyl ring [89.32 (8) $^{\circ}$ ]. The sum of the bond angles around N1 is 359.7 (3)°, an indication of the  $sp^2$ hybridization. The orientation of the substituents at C1 and N1 is better described by the torsion angles C2-C1-C11-C16  $[10.4 (4)^{\circ}]$  and C9-N1-C10-O1  $[-179.2 (3)^{\circ}]$ , respectively. The bond angles C8-C9-N1 [121.8 (3)°] and C5-C4–C3 [125.1 (3)°] are larger than the normal value of  $120^{\circ}$ . This is due to the steric interactions imposed by the substituents. The C-N and C-C bond lengths show normal values (Allen et al., 1987). The C10–O1 [1.208 (3) Å] and N1–C10 [1.359 (4) Å] bond distances compare well with the literature values (Simonsen et al., 1996). The bond angles C9-N1-C1  $[117.5 (2)^{\circ}]$  and N1-C10-O1  $[124.9 (3)^{\circ}]$  agree well with the values observed for similar quinoline derivatives (Simonsen et al., 1996; Henao-Martínez et al., 1999). The molecular packing in the crystal is stabilized by weak intermolecular  $C-H \cdots O$ hydrogen bonds, involving the CHO groups (Table 2), and van der Waals interactions.

## **Experimental**

To a stirred solution of 2'-amino-4-chlorochalcone (1.29 g, 5 mmol) in 10 ml DMF at 273 K, POCl<sub>3</sub> (3 ml) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and heated at 363 K over a water bath for 4 h. The reaction mixture was poured over 250 g of crushed ice and neutralized with 10% NaOH, followed by extraction with ethyl acetate. Distillation of the solvent, followed by column chromotography, afforded the pure compound in 80% yield, with m.p. = 383 K. Single crystals were grown by slow evaporation from a methanol solution.

#### Crystal data

C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>11</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO	$D_{\rm r} = 1.410 {\rm Mg} {\rm m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 304.16$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $C2/c$	Cell parameters from 25
a = 13.5899 (14)  Å	reflections
b = 14.344 (4) Å	$\theta = 2.1 - 25.0^{\circ}$
c = 15.667 (3)  Å	$\mu = 0.45 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 110.174 \ (13)^{\circ}$	T = 293 (2) K
$V = 2866.6 (10) \text{ Å}^3$	Slab, colourless
Z = 8	$0.19 \times 0.13 \times 0.11 \text{ mm}$

### Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer	$ heta_{\max} = 25.0^{\circ}$ $h = -16 \rightarrow 15$
$\omega$ scans	$k = 0 \rightarrow 17$
Absorption correction: none	$l = 0 \rightarrow 18$
2630 measured reflections	3 standard reflections
2528 independent reflections	every 100 reflections
1512 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	intensity decay: none
$R_{\rm int} = 0.028$	
Refinement	
Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.043P)^2]$

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.049$  $wR(F^2) = 0.114$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ S = 1.03 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.23 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ 2528 reflections  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 181 parameters H-atom parameters constrained

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

N1-C10	1.359 (4)	O1-C10	1.208 (3)
C9-N1-C1 C5-C4-C3	117.5 (2) 125.1 (3)	C8-C9-N1 O1-C10-N1	121.8 (3) 124.9 (3)
C9-N1-C10-O1	-179.2 (3)	C2-C1-C11-C16	10.4 (4)

+ 0.9418P]

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

# Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$C1-H1\cdots O1$	0.98	2.38	2.806 (4)	105
$C5-H5\cdots Cl1$	0.93	2.75	3.118 (3)	104
$C7 - H7 \cdots O1^{i}$	0.93	2.52	3.192 (4)	129
$C10-H10\cdots O1^{ii}$	0.93	2.52	3.278 (4)	139

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

Data collection: CAD-4 EXPRESS (Enraf-Nonius, 1994); cell refinement: CAD-4 EXPRESS; data reduction: XCAD4 (Harms & Wocadlo, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ZORTEP (Zsolnai, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97 and PARST (Nardelli, 1995).

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