

***N*-(3,4-Dibenzoyl-2,5-dimethylpyrrol-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzamide**Shan Gao,<sup>a</sup> Li-Hua Huo,<sup>a</sup> Hui Zhao<sup>a</sup> and Seik Weng Ng<sup>b\*</sup><sup>a</sup>College of Chemistry and Chemical Technology, Heilongjiang University, Harbin 150080, People's Republic of China, and<sup>b</sup>Department of Chemistry, University of Malaya, 50603 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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**Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study

 $T = 295$  KMean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å $R$  factor = 0.062 $wR$  factor = 0.167

Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.6

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4-Methoxybenzoylhydrazine condenses with benzoylacetone to form the title compound,  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ , a pyrrole that is substituted at all five positions of the five-membered ring. The  $-\text{N}-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{C}$  fragment of the benzoylamide unit is twisted by  $80.0(1)^\circ$  with respect to the pyrrole ring; two molecules are linked across a centre of inversion by a pair of amide–carbonyl hydrogen bonds [ $\text{N}\cdots\text{O} = 2.876(3)$  Å].

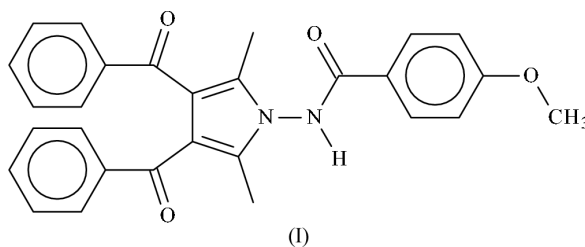
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**Comment**

Benzoylhydrazine,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NHNH}_2$ , condenses with an  $\alpha,\beta$ -diketone, such as acetylacetone, to form the expected Schiff base, which can be used to bind to metal atoms in the  $O,N,O$ -chelating mode (Bansse *et al.*, 1994; Ghosh *et al.*, 2004; Liu & Gao, 1998). The reagent reacts with benzoylacetone to furnish the analogous Schiff base, which binds in an identical manner (Chakravarty *et al.*, 1994; Yusupov *et al.*, 1992). In our experiment, the reaction of benzoylacetone with the 4-methoxy-substituted benzoylhydrazine yielded the anticipated condensation product; however, it reacted with an additional molar equivalent of the diketone to give the title  $N$ -substituted pyrrole (Fig. 1). A search of the Cambridge Structural Database (Version 5.25; Allen, 2002) found only one example of a pyrrole linked to  $-\text{NH}-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{R}$ , *viz.* methyl 1-(3-chlorobenzoylamino)-4-diethylaminocarbonyl-2,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (Giuseppetti *et al.*, 1985); details of diethyl 1-benzoylamino-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-methylpyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate (Attanasi *et al.*, 1987) were not published.



The title pyrrole is extremely crowded as all five positions of the ring are substituted. The planar benzoylamide substituent is twisted by  $80.0(1)^\circ$  with respect to the pyrrole ring; two molecules are linked across a centre of inversion by a pair of amide–carbonyl hydrogen bonds [ $\text{N}\cdots\text{O} = 2.876(3)$  Å; Fig. 1].

**Experimental**

Glacial acetic acid (3 ml) was added to a methanol solution (3 ml) of benzoylacetone (21.1 g, 0.13 mol) and 4-methoxybenzoylhydrazine (16.2 g, 0.10 mol) in the condensation of the  $\alpha,\beta$ -diketone with the hydrazine. The mixture was refluxed for 2.5 h. The pale-yellow title compound was isolated as crystals when the filtered solution was set

aside for several days. Analysis calculated for  $C_{28}H_{24}N_2O_4$ : C 74.32, H 5.35, N 6.19%; found: C 74.58, H 5.29, N 5.09%.

Crystal data

$C_{28}H_{24}N_2O_4$   
 $M_r = 452.49$   
 Orthorhombic, *Pbca*  
 $a = 16.603(3) \text{ \AA}$   
 $b = 16.565(3) \text{ \AA}$   
 $c = 17.483(4) \text{ \AA}$   
 $V = 4808(2) \text{ \AA}^3$   
 $Z = 8$   
 $D_x = 1.250 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 28 613 reflections  
 $\theta = 3.4\text{--}27.5^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 295(2) \text{ K}$   
 Prism, yellow  
 $0.35 \times 0.22 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (*ABSCOR*; Higashi, 1995)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.405$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.983$   
 29 843 measured reflections

4844 independent reflections  
 2726 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.097$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 26.3^\circ$   
 $h = -20 \rightarrow 20$   
 $k = -20 \rightarrow 19$   
 $l = -21 \rightarrow 21$

Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.062$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.167$   
 $S = 1.01$   
 4844 reflections  
 310 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0684P)^2 + 1.5206P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.16 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.16 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

O1—C6	1.232 (3)	C1—C5	1.496 (4)
O2—C7	1.233 (3)	C2—C3	1.443 (4)
O3—C21	1.220 (3)	C2—C6	1.479 (4)
O4—C25	1.364 (3)	C3—C4	1.374 (3)
O4—C28	1.414 (4)	C3—C7	1.472 (4)
N1—N2	1.384 (3)	C4—C8	1.487 (4)
N1—C1	1.375 (3)	C6—C9	1.482 (4)
N1—C4	1.380 (3)	C7—C15	1.486 (3)
N2—C21	1.385 (3)	C21—C22	1.477 (4)
C1—C2	1.375 (4)	C22—C23	1.382 (4)
C25—O4—C28	117.5 (2)	O1—C6—C2	119.5 (3)
N2—N1—C1	123.7 (2)	O1—C6—C9	120.4 (2)
N2—N1—C4	124.4 (2)	C2—C6—C9	120.1 (2)
C1—N1—C4	111.8 (2)	O2—C7—C3	119.8 (2)
N1—N2—C21	118.6 (2)	O2—C7—C15	119.4 (2)
N1—C1—C2	106.6 (2)	C3—C7—C15	120.8 (2)
N1—C1—C5	121.4 (2)	C6—C9—C10	119.3 (3)
C2—C1—C5	131.6 (3)	C6—C9—C14	121.9 (2)
C1—C2—C3	107.3 (2)	C7—C15—C16	121.8 (3)
C1—C2—C6	123.5 (2)	C7—C15—C20	118.3 (3)
C3—C2—C6	129.1 (2)	O3—C21—N2	120.6 (3)
C2—C3—C4	108.2 (2)	O3—C21—C22	123.8 (3)
C2—C3—C7	129.4 (2)	N2—C21—C22	115.6 (2)
C4—C3—C7	122.4 (2)	C21—C22—C23	124.3 (3)
N1—C4—C3	106.0 (2)	C21—C22—C27	117.2 (2)
N1—C4—C8	121.3 (2)	O4—C25—C26	115.7 (3)
C3—C4—C8	132.5 (2)	O4—C25—C24	124.0 (3)

H atoms were placed in calculated positions [ $C-H_{\text{aromatic}} = 0.93 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $N-H_{\text{aliphatic}} = 0.86 \text{ \AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C,N})$ ], and the methyl groups were rotated so as to fit the electron density [ $C-H = 0.96 \text{ \AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ ]. All H atoms were included in the refinement in the riding model approximation.

Data collection: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku Corporation, 1998); cell refinement: *RAPID-AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MSK & Rigaku Corporation, 2002); program(s) used to

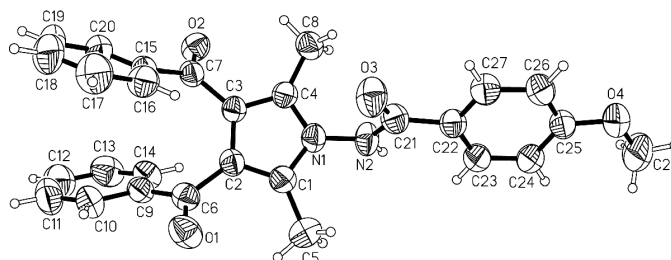


Figure 1  
 ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) plot of the molecule of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level and H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii.

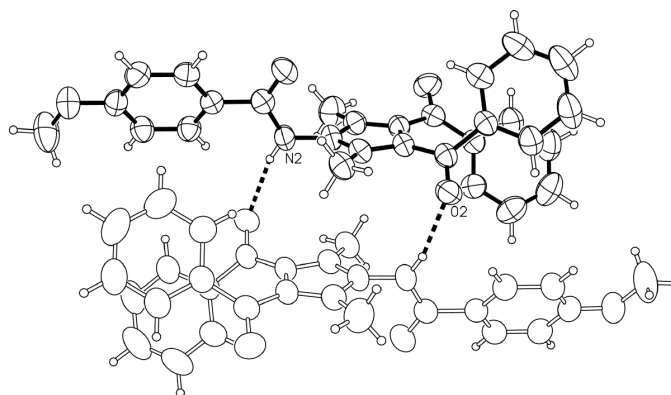


Figure 2  
 ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) plot of the dimer of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level and H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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