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### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 KMean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.003 \text{ Å}$ R factor = 0.049wR factor = 0.129 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.2

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# 4-Methyl-1-(3-nitrophenacyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-2(1H)-one

In the pyridone ring of the title compound,  $C_{18}H_{18}N_2O_4$ , single and double bonds alternate, showing some degree of conjugation.

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## Comment

In the course of our systematic study of the effect of the size of cycloalkane fragments on the reactivity of pyridine-based heterocycles, we have previously described the crystal structure of 2-methoxy-4-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline, (1) (Alboy et al., 2004a). We report here the crystal structure of 4methyl-1-(3-nitrophenacyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-2(1*H*)one, (2) (Fig. 1).

$$\begin{array}{c} CH_3 \\ N \\ OCH_3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 3\text{-NO}_2\text{PhCOCH}_2\text{Br} \\ CH_3\text{CN} \\ O \\ N \\ O \end{array}$$

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In the planar pyridone ring N1-C10 of (2), the single and double bonds alternate, showing some degree of delocalization. Atoms C6, C7 and C8 are displaced from this plane by -0.144 (4), 0.258 (4) and 0.332 (5) Å, respectively. Atoms C12, C13, O13, N2 and O21 lie in the plane of the benzene ring; only atom O22 is displaced from the plane by 0.136 (3) Å, and the torsion angle O13-C13-C14-C15 is 0.0 (2)°. It is evident that the 3-nitrobenzoyl fragment is completely conjugated. The dihedral angle between the benzene and pyridone rings is 85.45 (6)°. These angles are almost the same as in the 4-chlorophenacyl relative, but do not agree with cycloheptene and cyclooctene derivatives (Albov et al., 2004b,c).

# **Experimental**

Compound (1) (4.00 g) and 3-nitrophenacyl bromide (4.10 g) were boiled in acetonitrile for 6 h. When thin-layer chromatography showed only traces of the source compounds in the solution, the solvent was evaporated and the product washed with acetone (yield 3.83 g, 52%). The product was recrystallized from acetone (m.p. 441– 443 K). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, p.p.m.): 1.73 (*m*, 4H, 7-CH<sub>2</sub> + 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.12 (s, 3H, 11-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.48 (m, 4H, 6-CH<sub>2</sub> + 9-CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.56 (s, 2H, 12-CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.13 (s, 1H, 3-CH), 7.84 (t, 1H, 16-CH), 8.49 (m, 2H, 15-CH + 17-CH), 8.80 (s, 1H, 19-CH).

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Crystal	data
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 $C_{18}H_{18}N_2O_4$ Z = 2 $D_x = 1.373 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  $M_r = 326.34$ Triclinic,  $P\overline{1}$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation a = 9.115 (3) Å Cell parameters from 25 b = 9.271 (3) Å reflections c = 11.248 (3) Å  $\theta = 12-14^{\circ}$  $\mu = 0.10 \ {\rm mm}^{-1}$  $\alpha = 92.00 (2)^{\circ}$  $\beta = 105.09 (2)^{\circ}$ T = 293 (2) K $\gamma = 118.82 (2)^{\circ}$ Prism, light yellow  $V = 789.5 (5) \text{ Å}^3$  $0.25 \times 0.24 \times 0.22 \text{ mm}$ 

### Data collection

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Enraf-Nonius CAD-4} & \theta_{\text{max}} = 26.0^{\circ} \\ \text{diffractometer} & h = -11 \rightarrow 10 \\ \text{Non-profiled $\omega$ scans} & k = -11 \rightarrow 11 \\ \text{Absorption correction: none} & l = 0 \rightarrow 13 \\ 3103 \text{ measured reflections} & 1 \text{ standard reflection} \\ 3103 \text{ independent reflections} & \text{every 200 reflections} \\ 1936 \text{ reflections with } I > 2\sigma(I) & \text{intensity decay: } 8\% \\ \end{array}$ 

## Refinement

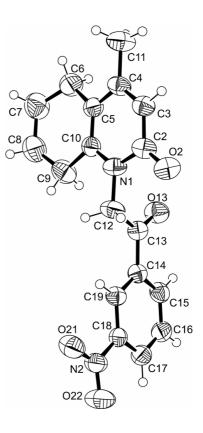
 $\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{Refinement on } F^2 & \mbox{H-atom parameters constrained} \\ R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.050 & \mbox{$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0704P)^2]$} \\ \mbox{$w = R(F^2) = 0.129$} & \mbox{where } P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ \\ \mbox{$S = 1.06$} & (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ \\ \mbox{$3103$ reflections} & \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.13 \ {\rm e \ \mathring{A}^{-3}} \\ \mbox{$218$ parameters} & \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.15 \ {\rm e \ \mathring{A}^{-3}} \end{array}$ 

**Table 1** Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

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124.37 (18)
115.50 (16)
114.26 (15)
121.47 (15)
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3 120.14 (18)
3 118.20 (14)

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding (C—H = 0.93–0.97 Å), with  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H})$  = 1.2 or 1.5 $U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$ . The methyl group was allowed to rotate but not to tip.

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* 



**Figure 1** *ORTEP*-3 view (Farrugia, 1997) of (2) with the atom-numbering scheme. Atomic displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

(Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* for Windows (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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