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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.002 Å R factor = 0.040 wR factor = 0.124 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.2

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# 4-[(*Z*)-(4-Methoxyanilino)phenylmethylene]-5-methyl-2-phenyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3(4*H*)-one

The crystal structure of the title compound,  $C_{24}H_{21}N_3O_2$ , features a central pyrazole ring; the NH unit interacts with the C==O unit through an intramolecular hydrogen bond [N···O = 2.714 (1) Å].

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#### Comment

This study is a continuation of our study of 4-[(Z)-(2-aryl-amino)phenylmethylene]-5-methyl-2-phenyl-2H-pyrazol-3ones, which are readily synthesized by condensing 4-benzoyl-3-methyl-1-phenyl-5-pyrazolone with a primary amine (Bao,Lü, Wu, Kang & Ng, 2004; Bao, Lü, Wu, & Ng, 2004; Jiang*et al.*, 2004). A characteristic of such pyrazolones is the shortintramolecular hydrogen bond between the amino NH unitand the carbonyl C==O unit; the nature of the organic groupconnected to the amino group does not appear to have asignificant effect on the bond unless the group itself possessessites that are capable of other interactions. The 4-methoxyphenyl derivative, (I) (Fig. 1), similarly exists as a monomericmolecule that features an intramolecular hydrogen bond[2.714 (1) Å].



### **Experimental**

4-Benzoyl-3-methyl-1-phenyl-5-pyrazolone (2.20 g, 7.9 mmol) and *p*methoxyaniline (0.99 g, 8.0 mmol) were dissolved in formic acid (35 ml). The solution was heated under reflux for 8 h. The solvent was removed and the pure product obtained upon recrystallization from a 1:1 ethanol/*n*-heptane mixture (45 ml) in about 80% yield. Crystals were grown from ethanol. Analysis calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C 75.20, H 5.48, N 10.97%; found: C 75.30, H 5.39, N 10.68%.

Crystal data

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$C_{24}H_{21}N_3O_2$	Z = 2
$M_r = 383.44$	$D_x = 1.261 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Triclinic, $P\overline{1}$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
a = 6.8262 (9)  Å	Cell parameters from 904
$b = 10.951 (1) \text{\AA}$	reflections
c = 14.761 (1)  Å	$\theta = 2.0-27.1^{\circ}$
$\alpha = 97.259 \ (2)^{\circ}$	$\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 103.386 \ (2)^{\circ}$	T = 298 (2)  K
$\gamma = 106.018 \ (2)^{\circ}$	Block, yellow
V = 1010.2 (2) Å <sup>3</sup>	$0.50 \times 0.50 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$

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Data collection

Bruker SMART area-detector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: none 8643 measured reflections 4350 independent reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$   $wR(F^2) = 0.124$  S = 1.014350 reflections 268 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement 3303 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   $R_{int} = 0.013$   $\theta_{max} = 27.1^{\circ}$   $h = -8 \rightarrow 8$   $k = -13 \rightarrow 13$  $l = -18 \rightarrow 18$ 

$$\begin{split} &w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0692P)^2 \\ &+ 0.1202P] \\ &where \ P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ &(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001 \\ &\Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.15 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ &\Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.19 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \end{split}$$

Table	1
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Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1-C7	1.244 (2)	C7-C8	1.444 (2)
N1-N2	1.397 (2)	C8-C11	1.391 (2)
N1-C7	1.376 (2)	C8-C9	1.433 (2)
N1-C1	1.414 (2)	C9-C10	1.490 (2)
N2-C9	1.303 (2)		
N2-N1-C1	118.7 (1)	C7-C8-C9	105.2 (1)
N2-N1-C7	112.2 (1)	C7-C8-C11	122.2 (1)
C1-N1-C7	128.5 (1)	C9-C8-C11	132.2 (1)
C9-N2-N1	106.4 (1)	N2-C9-C8	111.7 (1)
O1-C7-N1	126.2 (1)	N2-C9-C10	118.5 (1)
N1-C7-C8	104.4 (1)	C8-C9-C10	129.8 (1)
O1-C7-C8	129.3 (1)		

#### Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
N3−H3 <i>n</i> ···O1	0.87 (1)	1.96 (1)	2.714 (1)	145 (2)

The H atoms were placed at calculated positions [C-H = 0.93 Å]and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  for the aromatic H atoms and C-H = 0.96 Å]and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$  for the methyl H atoms] and included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation. The amino H atom was located and refined with an N-H distance restraint of 0.85 (1) Å.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine





ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) plot of (I), with ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii.

structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97.

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