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Single-crystal X-ray study T = 150 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.058 wR factor = 0.139 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.3

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The synthesis of the title compound, C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, proceeds through a [4+2]-cycloaddition reaction. 4-(4-Methoxybenzoyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)furan-2,3-dione was reacted with phenyl isocyanate to synthesize this new derivative of pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine in a low-temperature reaction. The molecule is composed of a pyrrolopyrimidine moiety with three phenyl and two p-methoxyphenyl substituents.

2,3,5,6,7,7a-hexahydro-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]-

pyrimidine-2,5,6-trione

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## Comment

Some pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidines are known to possess considerable antitumor, antiallergic, antiviral and antiinflammatory activities (Hutzenlaub et al., 1972; Smith et al., 1972). As part of our interest in such compounds, we have synthesized and studied the single-crystal X-ray structure of the title compound, (I).



The molecular structure of (I) is illustrated in Fig. 1. Its structure is similar to that of 7,7a-dihydro-1,3-bis(4-methylphenyl)-4,7,7a-triphenyl-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidin-2,5,6-(3H)-trione, (II) (Kollenz et al., 1984). However, the substitution on the pyrrolopyrimidine moiety differs. In (I), the substituents on atoms N1 and N2 are phenyl, whereas in (II) they are *p*-tolyl. The substituents on atoms C1 and C6 in (I) are *p*-methoxyphenyl, whereas in (II) these substituents are phenyl. The bond lengths and angles for the pyrrolopyrimidine skeleton of (I) and (II) are comparable.

In the crystal structure of (I), there are intermolecular C- $H \cdots O$  hydrogen-bonding interactions (Table 1).

# **Experimental**

A mixture of 4-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)furan-2,3dione (1 g, 2.96 mmol) and phenyl isocyanate (1.05 g, 8.88 mmol) was heated at 333-338 K for 24 h without any solvent in a 25 ml roundbottomed flask equipped with a calcium chloride guard tube. After cooling to room temperature, the residue was treated with anhydrous diethyl ether and the crude product recrystallized from acetic acid and ethanol to give yellow crystals of (I) (yield: 1.26 g, 70%; m.p. 474 K). IR (KBr):  $\nu$  1730, 1686, 674 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O), 1579 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.67–6.20 (m, 23H, Ph), 3.89, 3.76 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>O); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 178.35, 165.37, 164.59 (C=O), 162.469-115.58 (C=C, aromatic and aliphatic), 81.36 (N-C-N), 57.53, 57.28

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(CH<sub>3</sub>O). Analysis calculated for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C 75.12, H 4.77, N 6.91%; found: C 74.75, H 4.83, N 7.01%.

 $D_{\rm r} = 1.348 {\rm Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Cell parameters from 2924

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0494P)^2]$ 

+ 0.2194P] where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 0.22 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\text{min}} = -0.25 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

reflections  $\theta = 4.5 - 50.6^{\circ}$ 

 $\mu=0.09~\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ T = 150 (2) K

Block, yellow  $0.47 \times 0.29 \times 0.29$  mm

# Crystal data

$C_{38}H_{29}N_3O_5$
$M_r = 607.64$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
a = 13.196(2) Å
b = 19.853 (3)  Å
c = 11.9850 (19)  Å
$\beta = 107.470 \ (3)^{\circ}$
$V = 2995.0 (8) \text{ Å}^3$
Z = 4

### Data collection

Bruker SMART1000 diffractometer	3696 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\omega$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.092$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}$
(SADABS; Bruker, 1997)	$h = -16 \rightarrow 17$
$T_{\min} = 0.959, \ T_{\max} = 0.974$	$k = -25 \rightarrow 24$
25141 measured reflections	$l = -15 \rightarrow 15$
6764 independent reflections	

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.058$ wR(F<sup>2</sup>) = 0.139 S = 1.016764 reflections 415 parameters H-atom parameters constrained

# Table 1

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$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$C12-H12A\cdots O2^{i}$	0.95	2.32	3.163 (3)	148
C20−H20A···O4 <sup>ii</sup>	0.95	2.43	3.366 (3)	169

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

H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined with a riding model (including torsional freedom for methyl groups), with C-H =0.95–0.98 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  [1.5 $U_{eq}(C)$  for methyl groups].

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1997); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.



#### Figure 1

A view of the molecular structure of (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

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