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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 193$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.067  
 $wR$  factor = 0.140  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.7For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.4-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-6-(2-pyridyl)pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine

The title compound,  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_4\text{Cl}$ , was synthesized by the reaction of 5-amino-3-methyl-1-phenylpyrazole with 3-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-(2-pyridyl)prop-2-en-1-one in glycol under microwave irradiation. X-ray crystal structure analysis reveals that the substituted pyridine ring is almost coplanar with the pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine moiety.

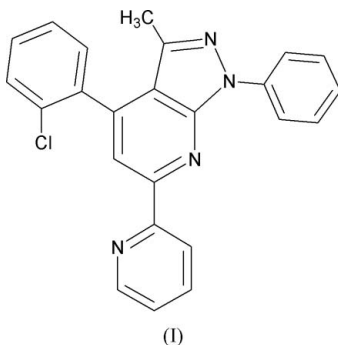
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## Comment

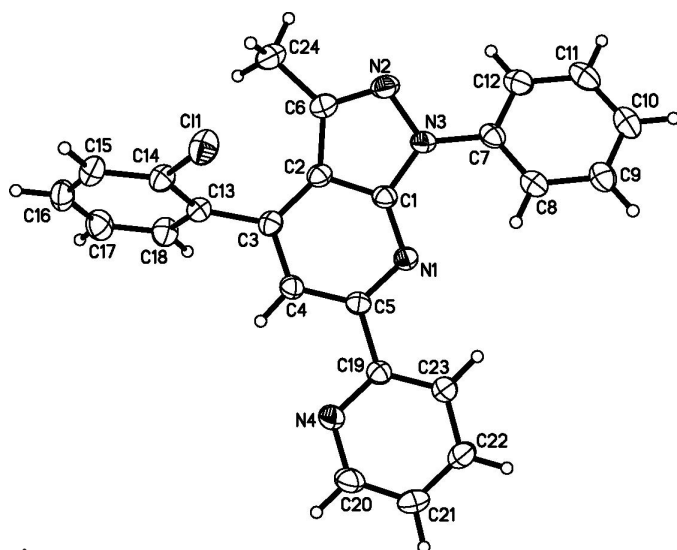
The pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine system has many interesting biological and pharmacological properties, such as active antitubercular action and action against Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria, and is used in the treatment of a wide variety of stress-related illnesses (Sekikawa *et al.*, 1973; Kuczynski *et al.*, 1979; El-Dean *et al.*, 1991; Chen, 1995). As part of our programme aimed at employing microwave irradiation for the preparation of heterocyclic compounds (Tu *et al.*, 2004), we have recently synthesized pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine derivatives under microwave irradiation. We report here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



The dihedral angle between the pyrazole plane and N1/C1–C5 pyridine ring is  $2.6(1)^\circ$ , indicating that they are almost coplanar (Fig. 1). The N4/C19–C23 pyridine ring and C13–C18 benzene ring form dihedral angles of  $4.4(1)$  and  $63.0(1)^\circ$ , respectively, with the attached pyridine ring. The C7–C12 phenyl ring forms a dihedral angle of  $24.2(1)^\circ$  with the pyrazole ring. In the crystal structure, the molecules pack as layers parallel to the *ac* plane.

## Experimental

Compound (I) was prepared by the reaction of 5-amino-3-methyl-1-phenylpyrazole (2 mmol) with 3-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-(2-pyridyl)prop-2-en-1-one (2 mmol) in glycol (1 ml) under microwave irradiation (yield 77%, m.p. 437 K). Single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution (95%).



**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of (I), showing 40% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme.

#### Crystal data

$C_{24}H_{17}ClN_4$   
 $M_r = 396.87$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 11.545$  (2) Å  
 $b = 20.694$  (3) Å  
 $c = 8.5970$  (15) Å  
 $\beta = 110.147$  (4)°  
 $V = 1928.3$  (6) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.367$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 6741 reflections  
 $\theta = 3.2$ – $27.5^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.22$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 193$  (2) K  
 Plate, light yellow  
 $0.38 \times 0.30 \times 0.10$  mm

#### Data collection

Rigaku Mercury CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (Jacobson, 1998)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.922$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.979$   
 21 550 measured reflections

4401 independent reflections  
 3457 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.048$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$   
 $h = -14 \rightarrow 14$   
 $k = -21 \rightarrow 26$   
 $l = -11 \rightarrow 10$

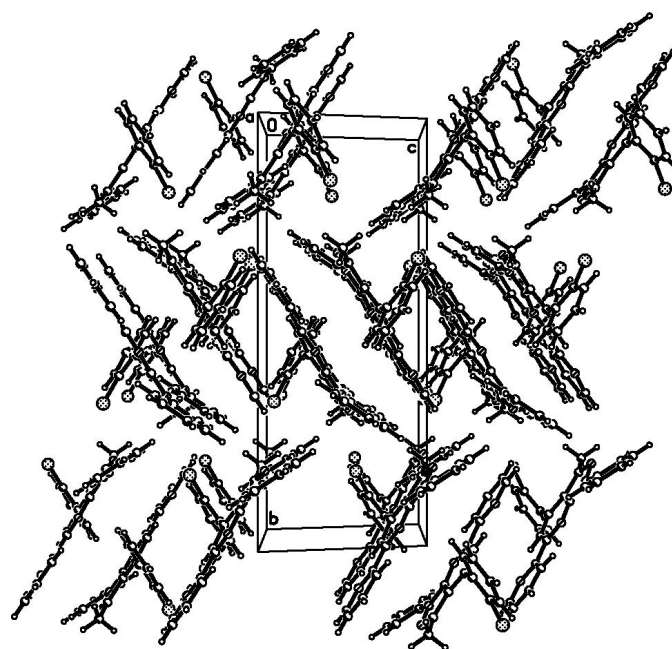
#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.067$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.140$   
 $S = 1.16$   
 4401 reflections  
 263 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0443P)^2 + 1.016P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.22$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.34$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

H atoms were placed in idealized positions and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with C–H distances in the range 0.95–0.98 Å, and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  for methyl H atoms and 1.2  $U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  for other H atoms.

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku, 1999); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MSC, 2003);



**Figure 2**

The molecular packing of (I), viewed along the  $a$  axis.

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

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