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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 294 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å Disorder in main residue R factor = 0.055 wR factor = 0.140 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.8

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## 10"-(4-Methoxybenzylidene)-5",4'-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-2,3,2",3",7",8",9",10"-octahydro-1H,5"H,6"H-indole-3-spiro-2'-pyrrolidine-3'-spiro-2"-cyclohepteno[1,2-d]thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidine-2,3"-dione

The title compound,  $C_{44}H_{42}N_4O_5S$ , was synthesized by the intermolecular [3+2] cycloaddition of an azomethine ylide, derived from isatin and sarcosine by a decarboxylative route, and 5-(4-methoxy)henyl-10-(4-methoxy)benzylidene-2-(4-methoxy)benzylidene-2,3,6,7,8,9-hexahydro-5*H*,10*H*-cyclohepta[1,2-*d*]thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidin-3-one. In the molecule, the two spiro junctions link a planar 2-oxindole ring, a pyrrolidine ring in an envelope conformation and a 10-(arylmethylene)hexahydrocyclohepta[1,2-*d*]thiazolo-[3,2-*a*]pyrimidin-3-one ring. The packing of the molecules in the crystal structure is mainly governed by N-H···N hydrogen bonds.

#### Comment

Spiro compounds represent an important class of naturally occurring substances, characterized by highly pronounced biological properties (Kobayashi *et al.*, 1991; James *et al.*, 1991). 1,3-Dipolar cycloaddition reactions are important processes for the construction of spiro-compounds (Raj *et al.*, 2003; Mishriky *et al.*, 1997). In this paper, the structure of the title compound, (I), is reported.



Compound (I) was synthesized by the intermolecular [3+2] cycloaddition of an azomethine ylide, derived from isatin and sarcosine by a decarboxylative route, and 5-(4-methoxy)phenyl-10-(4-methoxy)benzylidene-2-(4-methoxy)benzylidene-2,3,6,7,8,9-hexahydro-5*H*,10*H*-cyclohepta[1,2-*d*]-thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidin-3-one.

The molecular structure of (I) is illustrated in Fig. 1. In the molecule, there is a dispiro ring system, which consists of a 2-oxindole ring, a pyrrolidine ring and a 10-(arylmethylene)-hexahydrocyclohepta[1,2-d]thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-3-one ring. The pyrrolidine ring is not planar, having an envelope conformation.

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The molecular structure of (I), drawn with 20% probability ellipsoids. Only the major disorder component is shown.

The bond lengths and angles in (I) agree with those reported for the similar structure 10"-(4-chlorobenzylidene)-5"-(4-chlorophenyl)-4'-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1'-methyl-2,3,2",3",7",8",9",10"-octahydro-1H,5"H,6"H-indole-3-spiro-2'-pyrrolidine-3'-spiro-2"-cyclohepteno[1,2-d]thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidine-2,3"-dione (Hu et al., 2005).

Pairs of molecules are connected by N-H···N hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2, Table 1).

### **Experimental**

A mixture of 5-(4-methoxyl)phenyl-10-(4-methoxyl)benzylidene-2-(4-methoxyl)benzylidene-2,3,6,7,8,9-hexahydro-5H,10H-cyclohepta[1,2-*d*]thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidin-3-one (1 mmol), isatin (1.2 mmol) and sarcosine (1.2 mmol) was refluxed in acetonitrile (80 ml) until the disappearance of the starting materials, as evidenced by thin-layer chromatography. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue separated by column chromatography [silica gel, petroleum ether-ethyl acetate 5:1 (v/v)] to give the title compound, (I) (m.p. 475 K). The compound was recrystallized by the dissolution of 20 mg of (I) in acetone (15 ml); the solution was kept at room temperature for 6 d allowing natural evaporation, to give colourless single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray analysis. Spectroscopic analysis: IR (KBr,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3168 (–NH), 1727, 1720 (C=O), 1378 (-CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, p.p.m.): 1.48-2.51 (*m*, 8H, cycloheptyl), 2.20 (*s*, 3H, N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.42 (*dd*, J = 7.5 and 8.7 Hz, 1H, -CH), 3.78 (s, 3H, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.80 (s, 3H, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.86 (s, 3H, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.99 (dd, J = 8.7 and 9.9 Hz, 1H, -CH), 4.10 (dd, J = 7.5 and 9.9 Hz, 1H, -CH), 5.15 (s, 1H, -CH), 6.73-7.54 (m, 17H, Ar-H and -CH), 8.16 (bs, 1H, -NH).

#### Crystal data

 $C_{44}H_{42}N_4O_5S$ Z = 2 $M_r = 738.88$  $D_x = 1.320 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Triclinic,  $P\overline{1}$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation a = 10.6294 (19) Å Cell parameters from 2110 b = 13.299 (2) Å reflections c = 13.702 (2) Å  $\theta = 2.3 - 23.1^{\circ}$  $\mu = 0.14~\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$  $\alpha = 104.778 \ (3)^{\circ}$  $\beta = 95.840 \ (3)^{\circ}$ T = 294 (2) K  $\gamma = 91.828 (3)^{\circ}$ Block, colourless V = 1859.8 (5) Å<sup>3</sup>  $0.28 \times 0.24 \times 0.20 \ \mathrm{mm}$ 





The crystal structure of (I), viewed along the *a* axis. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer	7546 independent reflections 4011 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.031$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 26.5^{\circ}$
(SADABS; Bruker, 1997)	$h = -13 \rightarrow 11$
$T_{\min} = 0.958, T_{\max} = 0.972$	$k = -16 \rightarrow 15$
10666 measured reflections	$l = -17 \rightarrow 16$
Refinement	
Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0505P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.055$	+ 0.3384P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.140$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

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S = 1.01
7546 reflections
505 parameters
H atoms treated by a mixture of
  independent and constrained
  refinement
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Table 1

Hydrogen-bond	geometry	(Å,	°).
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$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots \mathbf{A}$	
$N4-H4\cdots N2^{i}$	0.86 (1)	2.16 (1)	3.014 (3)	173 (3)	
Symmetry code: (i) $-r \pm 1 - v - z$					

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

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.29 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.21 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

Symmetry code: (i) -x + 1, -y, -z.

Atom C20 of the cycloheptene ring is orientationally disordered over two sites (C20 and C20'), the ratio of the occupancies being 0.526 (8):0.474 (8). The H atom bound to atom N4 was refined freely. All other H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C-H = 0.93-0.98 Å, and refined in a riding model, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ .

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:

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SHELXTL (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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