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**Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 295$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.039  
 $wR$  factor = 0.086  
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# 7-(Benzyloxy)spiro[2H-1,3-benzoxazine-2,1'-cyclohexan]-4(3H)-one

In the title compound,  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3$ , the dihedral angle between the two benzene rings is  $8.79(7)^\circ$  and the cyclohexane ring adopts a chair conformation. The molecules are linked by paired  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds into centrosymmetric  $R_2^2(8)$  dimers.

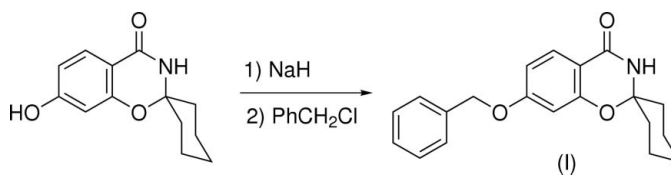
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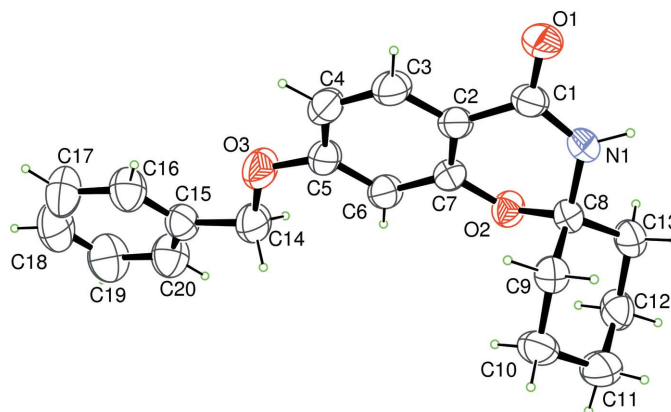
The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The dihedral angle between the benzene ring of the 2H-benzoxazine system and the phenyl ring is  $8.79(7)^\circ$ . The bulky, six-membered cyclohexane chair ring in the compound could be used in asymmetric induction, as we have reported previously (Jian *et al.*, 2005).



In the crystal structure, atom N1 acts as a hydrogen donor to atom O1 of a symmetry-related molecule (Table 1), leading to the formation of centrosymmetric  $R_2^2(8)$  dimers (Fig. 2).

**Experimental**

To a mixture of 7-hydroxy-[2H-1,3-benzoxazine-2,1'-cyclohexan]-4(3H)-one (2.0 g, 8.6 mmol) and NaH (0.40 g, 11.7 mmol, 70%) in dimethylformamide (30 ml), benzyl chloride (0.9 ml, 8 mmol) was added dropwise. This mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min and then at 333 K overnight.  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (30 ml) and water



**Figure 1**  
The molecule of compound (I) in the crystal. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

(10 ml) were then added to the reaction mixture. The organic layer was washed successively with water ( $3 \times 10$  ml), dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and evaporated *in vacuo*. Recrystallization of the resulting white solid from MeOH gave colourless crystals of (I) (m.p. 470–471 K). Spectroscopic analysis:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , p.p.m.): 1.39–2.11 (*m*, 10H), 5.08 (*s*, 2H), 6.52 (*s*, 1H), 6.66 (*brs*, 1H), 6.67 (*dd*, 1H), 7.35–7.44 (*m*, 5H), 7.83 (*d*, 1H).

#### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3$   
 $M_r = 323.38$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 6.0904$  (2) Å  
 $b = 8.9171$  (3) Å  
 $c = 30.8699$  (8) Å  
 $\beta = 93.1470$  (10)°  
 $V = 1673.98$  (9) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.283$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 6953 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.6$ – $27.5$ °  
 $\mu = 0.09$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 295$  (2) K  
 Prism, colourless  
 $0.26 \times 0.25 \times 0.2$  mm

#### Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.976$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.983$   
 7297 measured reflections

3819 independent reflections  
 2271 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.026$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 27.5$ °  
 $h = -7 \rightarrow 7$   
 $k = -11 \rightarrow 11$   
 $l = -39 \rightarrow 40$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.039$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.086$   
 $S = 1$   
 3819 reflections  
 222 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.037P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.14$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.13$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Extinction correction: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997)  
 Extinction coefficient: 0.0164 (11)

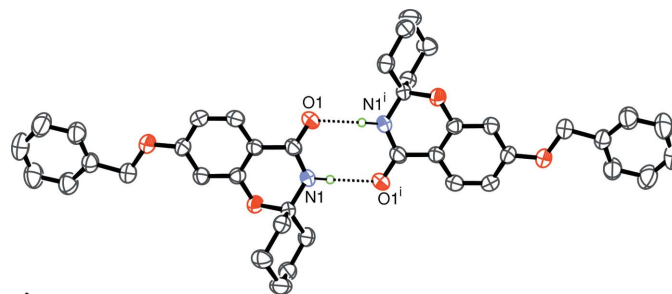
**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{N1}-\text{H1}\cdots\text{O1}^i$	0.87 (1)	1.98 (1)	2.8541 (15)	177 (1)

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x + 2, -y + 1, -z + 1$ .

Atom H1 was found in a difference Fourier map and refined freely. The H atoms of the methylene groups and of the aromatic ring were



**Figure 2**

A view of the dimer formed by paired  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds (dashed lines) in the crystal structure of (I). H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonds have been omitted for clarity. [Symmetry code: (i)  $2 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$ .]

placed in calculated positions, with C–H distances of 0.97 and 0.93 Å, respectively, and were included in the final cycles of the least-squares refinement as riding on their carrier atoms, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}$  of the corresponding carrier atom.

Data collection: *PROCESS-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *PROCESS-AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MS, 2004); program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR97* (Altomare *et al.*, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003).

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