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Acenaphthene-2-spiro-5'-perhydrodipyrrolo[1,2-a;-2',1'-c]pyrazine-6'-spiro-2''-acenaphthene-1,1''-dione

The five-membered ring in the acenaphthene ring system of the title compound, $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$, slightly deviates from planarity. The two pyrrolidine rings adopt half-chair conformations and the piperazine ring adopts a chair conformation. The molecular structure is stabilized by weak $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ intramolecular interactions and the crystal packing is stabilized by $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ intermolecular interactions forming a chain running along (011).

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Comment

Acenaphthene, a polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon consisting of naphthalene with an olefin bridge, is used to make dyes, plastics and pesticides. Derivatives of acenaphthene are used as conformationally restricted ligands for melatonin receptors (Jellimann *et al.*, 2000), liver regeneration (Gershbein, 1975) and antitumoral agents (Boido *et al.*, 1994). Pyrrolidine has gained much attention in the pharmacological industry for its medicinal value. Pyrrolidine compounds have antifungal and antimicrobial activity (Amal Raj *et al.*, 2003). Owing to the high medicinal importance of pyrrolidine and acenaphthene derivatives we have undertaken the X-ray structure determination of the title compound, (I), containing both acenaphthene and pyrrolidine.

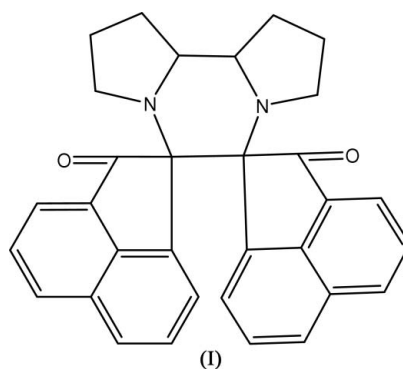


Fig. 1 shows the molecular structure of the title compound. The sums of the bond angles at N1 and N2 of the pyrrolidine rings are 338.9 and 338.3°, respectively, indicating sp^3 -hybridization. The bond lengths and bond angles of the acenaphthene ring system are comparable to reported values (Edwards *et al.*, 1980; Selvanayagam *et al.*, 2004).

The two pyrrolidine rings adopt half-chair conformations; the piperazine ring adopts a chair conformation. The puckering parameters (q_2 and φ ; Cremer & Pople, 1975) and the smallest displacement asymmetry parameters (Δ ; Nardelli, 1983) are, for the pyrrolidine ring (N1/C25–C28), $q_2 = 0.418$ (2) Å, $\varphi = 346.1$ (3)° and $\Delta_2(\text{C26}) = 6.0$ (2); for the pyrrolidine

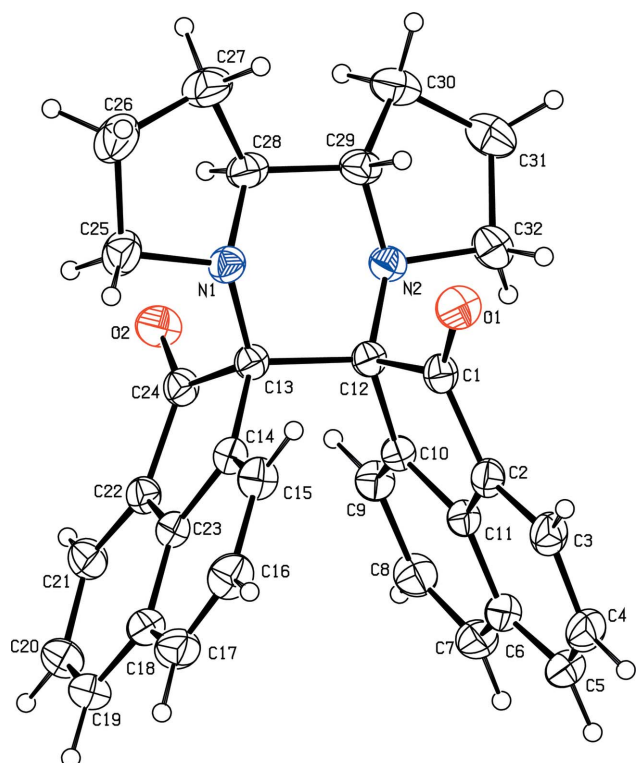


Figure 1
The structure of (I), showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids.

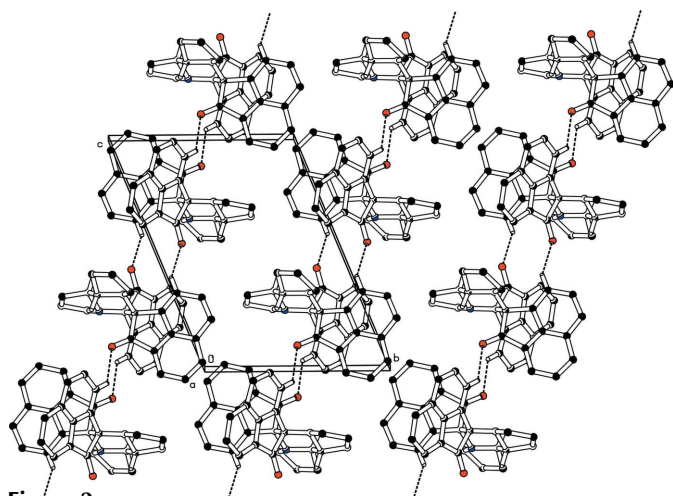


Figure 2
The crystal packing of (I), viewed down the *a* axis. For clarity, H atoms not involved in intermolecular hydrogen bonds have been omitted. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

ring (N2/C29–C32), $q_2 = 0.427(2) \text{ \AA}$, $\varphi = 193.6(3)^\circ$ and $\Delta_2(\text{C31}) = 6.8(2)$; and for the piperazine ring, $q_2 = 0.024(1) \text{ \AA}$, $q_3 = -0.552(1) \text{ \AA}$, $Q_T = 0.552(1) \text{ \AA}$ and $\theta = 177.5(2)^\circ$.

The molecular structure is stabilized by a weak C–H...O intramolecular interaction and the crystal packing is stabilized by two C–H...O intermolecular interactions (Table 2). The interactions involving C9 and C15 generate centrosymmetric $R_2^2(14)$ rings. As a result, a chain is formed running along [011].

Experimental

A mixture of acenaphthenequinone (1 mmol) and L-proline (1 mmol) in methanol (20 ml) was refluxed on a water bath until the disappearance of the starting materials. The excess solvent was removed in vacuum and the crude product was recrystallized from methanol.

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$
 $M_r = 470.55$
Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$
 $a = 8.8721(7) \text{ \AA}$
 $b = 10.7042(8) \text{ \AA}$
 $c = 14.2846(11) \text{ \AA}$
 $\alpha = 109.418(1)^\circ$
 $\beta = 100.584(1)^\circ$
 $\gamma = 102.447(1)^\circ$

$V = 1200.37(16) \text{ \AA}^3$
 $Z = 2$
 $D_x = 1.302 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
 $T = 293(2) \text{ K}$
Block, colorless
 $0.24 \times 0.23 \times 0.21 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD area detector diffractometer
 ω scans
Absorption correction: none
13844 measured reflections

5468 independent reflections
4621 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.018$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 28.0^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.128$
 $S = 1.02$
5468 reflections
325 parameters
H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.068P)^2 + 0.217P]$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.30 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.19 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$).

N1–C13	1.454 (1)	O2–C24	1.206 (2)
N1–C25	1.464 (2)	C1–C12	1.586 (2)
N1–C28	1.471 (2)	C10–C12	1.522 (2)
N2–C12	1.453 (2)	C12–C13	1.578 (2)
N2–C32	1.461 (2)	C13–C14	1.526 (2)
N2–C29	1.470 (2)	C13–C24	1.586 (2)
O1–C1	1.207 (2)	C28–C29	1.5019 (19)
C13–N1–C25	117.0 (1)	C12–N2–C32	116.8 (1)
C13–N1–C28	116.0 (1)	C12–N2–C29	116.3 (1)
C25–N1–C28	105.9 (1)	C32–N2–C29	105.2 (1)
C29–N2–C12–C13	55.2 (1)	C13–N1–C28–C29	−59.1 (1)
C28–N1–C13–C12	55.7 (1)	C12–N2–C29–C28	−58.3 (1)
N2–C12–C13–N1	−50.3 (1)	N1–C28–C29–N2	55.1 (1)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$).

$D\text{--}H\cdots A$	$D\text{--}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{--}H\cdots A$
C28–H28...O2	0.98	2.41	3.058 (2)	124
C29–H29...O1	0.98	2.43	3.075 (2)	123
C9–H9...O2 ⁱ	0.93	2.48	3.217 (2)	136
C15–H15...O1 ⁱⁱ	0.93	2.51	3.261 (2)	138

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x + 2, -y + 1, -z$; (ii) $-x + 2, -y + 2, -z + 1$.

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent C atoms, with C–H distances in the range 0.93–0.98 Å and with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: *SAINTE*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97* and *PARST* (Nardelli, 1995).

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