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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 298$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$ Å
 R factor = 0.039
 wR factor = 0.089
Data-to-parameter ratio = 6.7For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.7-(4-Fluorophenyl)-8*H*-benzo[*h*]indeno-
[1,2-*b*]quinolin-8-one

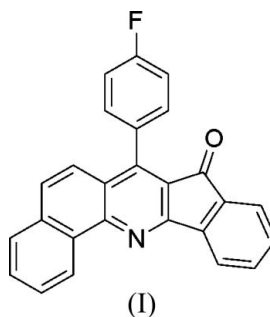
The title compound, $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{14}\text{FNO}$, was synthesized by the reaction of 4-fluorobenzaldehyde, 1-naphthylamine and 1,3-indanedione in glycol under microwave irradiation. The fused ring system is approximately planar and the attached fluorophenyl ring forms a dihedral angle of $65.21(8)^\circ$. The molecules are linked by intermolecular $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds and $\pi-\pi$ interactions, forming a chain structure

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Comment

Indenoquinoline derivatives show a wide range of biological properties, such as 5-HT-receptor binding activity and anti-inflammatory activity (Lu *et al.*, 2003). They also act as anti-tumor agents, inhibitors for steroid reductase (Deady *et al.*, 2000), acetylcholinesterase inhibitors and anti-malarial agents (Rampa *et al.*, 2000). We report here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



The fused ring system containing the naphthalene, pyridine and indene rings is approximately planar with an r.m.s. deviation of 0.045 Å (Fig. 1). The dihedral angle between the $\text{N1/O1/C1}-\text{C20}$ and $\text{C21}-\text{C26}$ planes is $65.21(8)^\circ$.

The crystal structure of (I) is stabilized by intermolecular $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds (Table 1), and $\pi-\pi$ stacking interactions involving the $\text{C1/C2/C7}-\text{C9}$ (centroid Cg1) and $\text{C11}-\text{C14/C19/C20}$ (centroid Cg2) rings, with a $\text{Cg1}\cdots\text{Cg2}^{\text{iv}}$ distance of $3.542(3)$ Å [symmetry code: (iv) $x, 1 + y, z$], resulting in the formation of a chain structure along the b axis. In addition, a $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$ interaction involving the $\text{C14}-\text{C19}$ benzene ring (centroid Cg3) is observed.

Experimental

Compound (I) was prepared by the reaction of 4-fluorobenzaldehyde (1 mmol), 1-naphthylamine (1 mmol) and 1,3-indanedione (1 mmol) in glycol (2 ml) under microwave irradiation for 3 min. Single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of a 95% aqueous ethanol solution (yield 93%; m.p. 573 K).

Crystal data

$C_{26}H_{14}FNO$
 $M_r = 375.38$
 Monoclinic, $P2_1$
 $a = 10.971$ (4) Å
 $b = 6.274$ (2) Å
 $c = 13.540$ (4) Å
 $\beta = 103.115$ (5)°
 $V = 907.7$ (5) Å³

$Z = 2$
 $D_x = 1.373$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.09$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 298$ (2) K
 Block, yellow
 $0.50 \times 0.23 \times 0.12$ mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
 $T_{\min} = 0.956$, $T_{\max} = 0.989$

4768 measured reflections
 1751 independent reflections
 1130 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.044$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.039$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.089$
 $S = 1.00$
 1751 reflections
 262 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.039P)^2]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.15$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.12$ e Å⁻³

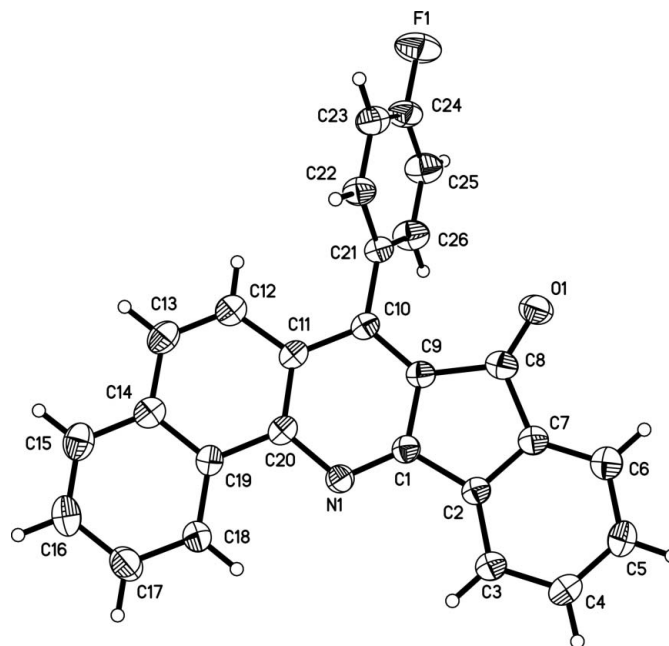


Figure 1
 The structure of (I), showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids.

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$C6-H6\cdots O1^i$	0.93	2.44	3.365 (5)	173
$C22-H22\cdots O1^{ii}$	0.93	2.34	3.237 (5)	163
$C15-H15\cdots Cg3^{iii}$	0.93	2.88	3.685 (4)	146

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + 1$; (ii) $x, y - 1, z$; (iii) $-x + 1, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + 2$. $Cg3$ is the centroid of the C14–C19 benzene ring.

H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding, with $C-H = 0.93$ Å and $U_{\text{iso}}(H) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(C)$. In the absence of significant anomalous dispersion effects, Friedel pairs were merged before the final refinement.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1999); 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, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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