

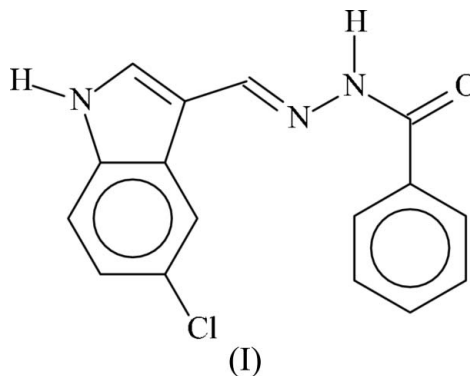
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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 295$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.037  
 $wR$  factor = 0.106  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.8For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.5-Chloro-1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde benzoyl-  
hydrazoneIn the title compound,  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}$ , the amide O atom serves  
as an  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen-bond acceptor to the amide and  
amine groups of two adjacent molecules, resulting in a layered  
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## Comment

Previous studies on the Schiff bases derived by condensing 5-  
bromo-1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde with aroylhydrazines have  
described the 2-thienoylhydrazone (Ali *et al.*, 2005), the 2-  
nitrobenzoylhydrazone (Ali *et al.*, 2005*a*) and the 3-  
methoxybenzoylhydrazone (Ali *et al.*, 2005*b*) derivatives.Here, these studies are extended to 5-chloro-1*H*-indole-3-  
carboxaldehyde, which has been condensed with benz-  
hydrazine to give the title hydrazone, (I), (Fig. 1). Such  
compounds have long been known to have biological prop-  
erties, e.g. *in vivo* monoamine oxidase-inhibiting activity  
(Alemany *et al.*, 1967).The zigzag  $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{NH}-\text{N}=\text{CH}-$  fragment in (I) has  
the attached 5-chloroindolyl portion of the molecule in a  
nearly coplanar conformation [dihedral angle =  $9.4(2)^\circ$ ].  
However, the benzene ring attached to C10 is oriented away  
from it [dihedral angle =  $53.2(1)^\circ$ ], the twist being a  
compromise between crowding by H atoms and conjugation of  
the aromatic system along the length of the fragment. The  
moleculecrystal structurebonding; the amide O atom is an  
acceptor in two  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds (Table 1).

## Experimental

The title compound was synthesized by condensing 5-chloroindole-3-  
carbaldehyde (0.64 g, 3.5 mmol) with benzhydrazide (0.48 g,  
3.5 mmol) in ethanol (100 ml). The solution was refluxed for 2 h. The  
solvent was removed and crystals of (I) were recrystallized from  
dimethylformamide.

Crystal data

$C_{16}H_{12}ClN_3O$   
 $M_r = 297.74$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 11.0860$  (9) Å  
 $b = 5.9337$  (5) Å  
 $c = 21.625$  (2) Å  
 $\beta = 95.336$  (1)°  
 $V = 1416.3$  (2) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$   
 $D_x = 1.396$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.27$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 295$  (2) K  
 Block, yellow  
 $0.34 \times 0.30 \times 0.24$  mm

Data collection

Bruker APEX-II CCD  
 diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: none  
 12576 measured reflections

3131 independent reflections  
 2404 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{int} = 0.023$   
 $\theta_{max} = 27.1^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.106$   
 $S = 1.04$   
 3131 reflections  
 198 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of  
 independent and constrained  
 refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0525P)^2 + 0.2701P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.20$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.25$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

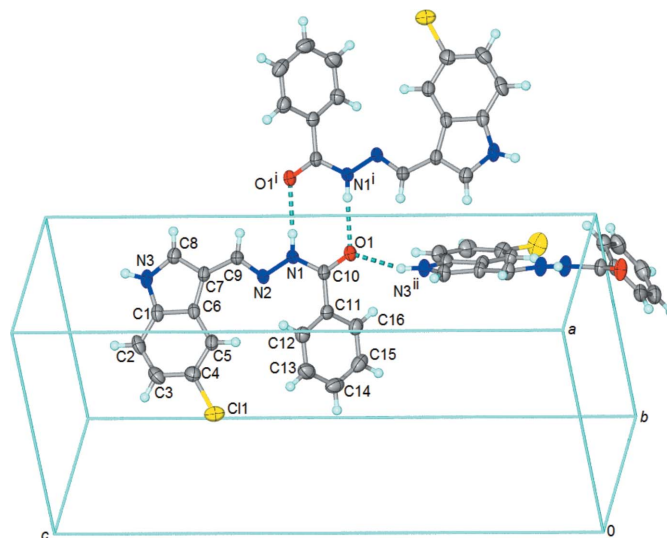


Figure 1

View of part of the packing of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radii. The dashed lines represent hydrogen bonds. [Symmetry codes: (i)  $2 - x, 2 - y, 1 - z$ ; (ii)  $x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$ .]

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$N1-H1N\cdots O1^i$	0.86 (1)	2.10 (1)	2.950 (2)	172 (2)
$N3-H3N\cdots O1^{ii}$	0.86 (1)	2.06 (1)	2.880 (2)	159 (2)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x + 2, -y + 2, -z + 1$ ; (ii)  $x, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

The carbon-bound H atoms were placed at calculated positions ( $C-H = 0.93$  Å) and refined as riding, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . The amide and amine H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and were refined with the distance restraint  $N-H = 0.85$  (1) Å; their  $U_{iso}$  values were refined.

Data collection: *APEXII* (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2004); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *X-SEED* (Barbour, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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