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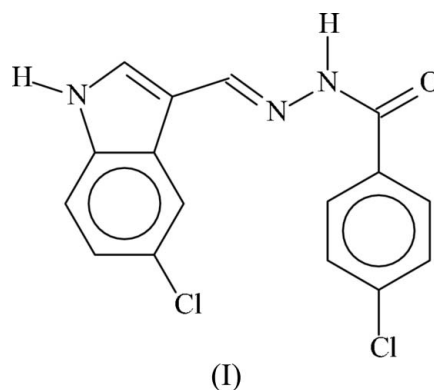
Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 295$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$ Å
 R factor = 0.051
 wR factor = 0.155
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.5For 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 4-chloro-
benzoylhydrazoneThe amido O atom in the title molecule, $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}$, is the hydrogen-bond acceptor for the amide group and amine groups of two adjacent molecules; the hydrogen-bonding interactions result in a layer motif.

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Comment

The preceding study (Ali *et al.*, 2006) describes the Schiff base derived by condensing 5-chloro-1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde with benzoylhydrazine. The present compound, (I) (Fig. 1), has a chloro substituent in the benzoylhydrazine unit, but it shows only minor differences in bond dimensions compared with the unsubstituted derivative.The zigzag $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{NH}-\text{N}=\text{CH}-$ chain is coplanar with the chloroindolyl unit [dihedral angle = $10.0(2)^\circ$], but the 4-chlorophenyl unit is twisted away from it [dihedral angle = $47.6(1)^\circ$]. The crystal structure is stabilized by hydrogen bonding; the amide O atom is an acceptor for two donor atoms (Table 1).

Experimental

5-Chloroindole-3-carbaldehyde (0.63 g, 4.0 mmol) and 4-chloro-benzhydrazide (0.68 g, 4.0 mmol) were heated in ethanol (100 ml) for 2 h. The solvent was removed and the product recrystallized from acetonitrile.

Crystal data

 $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}$
 $M_r = 332.18$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$
 $a = 8.7172(8)$ Å
 $b = 8.6686(8)$ Å
 $c = 19.960(2)$ Å
 $\beta = 93.202(1)^\circ$
 $V = 1505.9(2)$ Å³ $Z = 4$
 $D_x = 1.465$ Mg m⁻³
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.44$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 295(2)$ K
Irregular fragment, yellow
 $0.49 \times 0.47 \times 0.23$ mm

Data collection

Bruker APEX-II area-detector diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: none
 13557 measured reflections

3423 independent reflections
 2181 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.025$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.051$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.155$
 $S = 1.03$
 3423 reflections
 207 parameters
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0675P)^2 + 0.7475P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.46 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.63 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

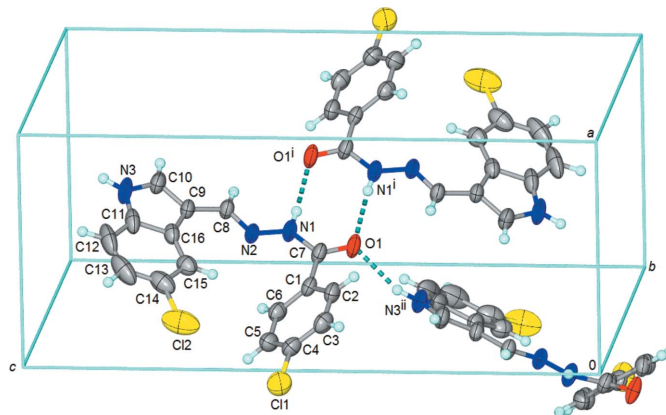


Figure 1

A partial packing diagram of (I), showing displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radii. Dashed lines represent hydrogen bonds.

Table 1

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

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$N1-H1n\cdots O1^i$	0.86 (1)	2.10 (1)	2.941 (3)	167 (3)
$N3-H3n\cdots O1^{ii}$	0.85 (1)	2.13 (2)	2.935 (3)	157 (4)

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

The carbon-bound H atoms were placed at calculated positions ($C-H = 0.93 \text{ \AA}$) and they were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$ values set at $1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$. The amide and amine H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and were refined with a distance restraint [$N-H = 0.85 (1) \text{ \AA}$]; their displacement parameters 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

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