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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 298$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.052  
 $wR$  factor = 0.136  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.4

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## 2-Diethylamino-3-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one

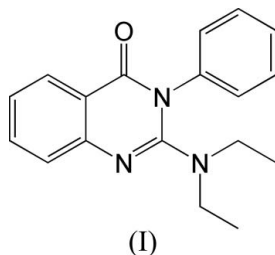
In the title compound,  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ , the quinazoline system is approximately planar. The plane of the substituent phenyl ring forms a dihedral angle of  $63.9(2)^\circ$  with respect to the mean plane of the quinazolinone ring system.

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## Comment

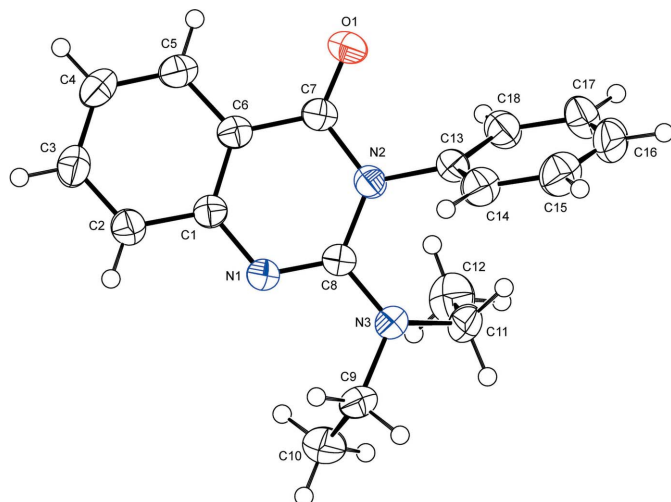
Quinazolinones are important heterocyclic compounds which exhibit good biological and pharmaceutical activity, including anti-inflammatory, antifungal, anticancer and AMPA-receptor antagonistic properties (Shiba *et al.*, 1997). As part of our work on the preparation of potentially active heterocycles (Ding *et al.*, 2000), we have obtained the title compound, (I).



In (I), the quinazoline system is approximately planar (Fig. 1). The plane of the phenyl ring bound to N2 forms a dihedral angle of  $63.9(2)^\circ$  with respect to the mean plane of the quinazolinone ring system, and the N2–C13 bond is twisted out of the quinazolinone plane [C14–C13–N2–C8 torsion angle =  $-60.28(19)^\circ$ ]. The C8–N3, C8–N2, C13–N2 and C7–N2 bond lengths [1.3677 (18), 1.4072 (17), 1.4499 (18) and 1.4139 (19) Å, respectively] indicate some degree of delocalization around the heterocyclic six-membered ring (Yuan & Ding, 2006).

## Experimental

Phenyl isocyanate (0.36 g, 3 mmol) was added to a solution of *N*-(2-ethoxycarbonylphenyl)iminophosphorane (1.45 g, 3 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (15 ml) under dry nitrogen at room temperature. The reaction mixture was left unstirred for 8 h at room temperature and the solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and diethyl ether–petroleum ether (1:2 *v/v*, 20 ml) was added to precipitate triphenylphosphine oxide. After filtration, a solution of the carbodiimide was added to a solution of diethylamine in anhydrous dichloromethane (5 ml). After stirring the reaction mixture for 8 h, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was recrystallized from ethanol to give the title compound (yield 88%; m.p. 388 K). Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by recrystallization from a hexane–dichloromethane (1:3 *v/v*) solution at room temperature.



**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of (I), showing displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radius.

#### Crystal data

$C_{18}H_{19}N_3O$   
 $M_r = 293.36$   
 Orthorhombic, *Pbca*  
 $a = 8.4259$  (7) Å  
 $b = 10.9029$  (9) Å  
 $c = 33.263$  (3) Å  
 $V = 3055.7$  (4) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 8$   
 $D_x = 1.275$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.08$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 298$  (2) K  
 Block, white  
 $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.10$  mm

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD  
 diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.976$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.992$

17133 measured reflections  
 3493 independent reflections  
 2931 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.029$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.052$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.136$   
 $S = 1.05$   
 3493 reflections  
 201 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0701P)^2 + 0.7969P]$$

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.27$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.22$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

H atoms were placed at calculated positions, with C–H = 0.93, 0.96 and 0.97 Å for aromatic, methylene and methyl H atoms, respectively. They were refined using a riding model, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ , or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  for the methyl groups. The methyl groups were allowed to rotate about their local threefold axes.

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

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