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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.002 Å R factor = 0.056 wR factor = 0.168 Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.4

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# Ethyl 5-hydroxy-3-(3-methoxybenzoyl)-1',5-dimethyl-2'-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1'*H*-spiro[furan-2(3*H*),3'(2'*H*)-indole]-4-carboxylate

The furan ring in the title compound,  $C_{24}H_{25}NO_7$ , adopts a twisted conformation. The molecular structure is stabilized by an O-H···O intramolecular hydrogen bonding interaction which generates an S(7) ring motif. The crystal packing is stabilized by C-H···O intermolecular interactions generating C(10) and C(6) chains and centrosymmetric  $R_2^2(14)$  motifs.

## Comment

2-Hydroxytetrahydrofuran derivatives have calplain-inhibiting activity and are used in the preparation of medicaments for the treatment of inflammatory and immunological diseases, cardiovascular and cerebro-vascular diseases, disorders of the central or peripheral nervous system, cachexia, osteoporosis, muscular dystrophy, proliferative diseases, cataracts, rejection reactions following organ transplants and auto-immune and viral diseases (Auvin *et al.*, 2005). In view of the high medicinal value, we have undertaken the X-ray crystal structure determination of the title compound, (I).



The bond lengths and angles in (I) are within normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987), except those at the spiro junctions which reflect the presence of the bulky substituents. The sum of the bond angles around atom N1 ( $360^{\circ}$ ) indicates  $sp^2$ -hybridiza-

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#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of the title compound, showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids.



#### Figure 2

The packing of (I), viewed approximately down the a axis. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted.

tion. The five- (C4/C17/C22/N1/C23) and six-membered (C17-C22) rings in the indole group are planar, with a dihedral angle of  $1.8(1)^{\circ}$  between them. Atoms C24 and O7 deviate by 0.004 (3) and 0.055 (2) Å, respectively, from the C4/C17/C22/ N1/C23 plane. The dihedral angle between the two benzene rings (C10–C15 and C17–C22) is 22.5 (1)°. The methoxy group at C14 is twisted slightly away from the C10-C15 benzene ring [torsion angle C15-C14-O6-C16 =  $-8.7 (3)^{\circ}$ ]

The furan ring in the structure adopts a twisted conformation with a pseudo-twofold axis passing through C4 and the C1-C2 bond. The puckering parameters (Cremer & Pople, 1975) and the smallest displacement asymmetry parameters (Nardelli, 1983) for the furan ring are  $q_2 = 0.392$  (2) Å,  $\varphi =$ 234.6 (2)° and  $\Delta_2(C4) = 2.7 (2)^\circ$ .

The molecule of (I) is stabilized by an  $O-H \cdots O$  intramolecular hydrogen bond, which generates an S(7) ring motif. The crystal structure is stabilized by  $C-H \cdots O$  intermolecular interactions (Table 2). Atoms C13 and C21 at (x, y, z) act as donors to atoms O3 and O7 at  $(\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z)$ , generating C(10) and C(6) chains, respectively. Also, atom C18 acts as a donor to O5 at (2 - x, -y, 2 - z), generating a centrosymmetric dimer of  $R_2^2(14)$  motif (Fig. 2)

# **Experimental**

To a solution of 3-[(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethylidene]-1-methyloxindole (1.02 mmol, 0.3 g, 1 equivalent), ethyl acetoacetate (1.02 mmol, 0.133 g, 1 equivalent) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3.07 mmol, 0.258 g, 3 equivalents) in acetonitrile (10 ml), ceric ammonium nitrate (2.56 mmol, 1.4 g, 2.5 equivalents) dissolved in acetonitrile (5 ml) was added dropwise at 273 K under an N2 atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred until the reaction was complete, as monitored by thin-layer chromatography. Water was added to the mixture and the product was extracted into ethyl acetate  $(2 \times 20 \text{ ml})$ ; it was then dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure gave a crude product, which was further purified by column chromatography on silica gel, with ethyl acetate-hexane (4:6) as eluent, to afford the pure product (0.322 g, 72%) as a white crystalline solid. Single crystals of the product were obtained by recrystalliztion from ethyl acetate.

Z = 4

 $D_x = 1.329 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

 $0.24 \times 0.23 \times 0.21 \text{ mm}$ 

5057 independent reflections

3819 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $(0.1007P)^2$ 

 $^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$ 

Mo Ka radiation

 $\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 293 (2) K

Block, white

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.031$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 28.1^{\circ}$ 

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C24H25NO7  $M_r = 439.45$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$ a = 8.4860 (12) Åb = 22.446 (3) Å c = 11.5348 (16) Å  $\beta = 90.305 \ (2)^{\circ}$ V = 2197.1 (5) Å<sup>3</sup>

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD areadetector diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: none 18459 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) +$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.056$	+ 0.2499P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.168$	where $P = (F$
S = 1.03	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
5057 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.33 \ {\rm e}$
290 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.26$ e
H-atom parameters constrained	

Table 1		
Selected geometric parameters	(Å,	°).

C1-O2	1.411 (2)	C6-O3	1.198 (2)
C1-O1	1.429 (2)	C6-O4	1.334 (2)
C1-C5	1.501 (3)	C7-O4	1.456 (2)
C1-C2	1.545 (2)	C9-O5	1.208 (2)
C2-C6	1.509 (2)	C14-O6	1.370 (2)
C2-C3	1.521 (2)	C16-O6	1.407 (3)
C3-C9	1.521 (2)	C22-N1	1.409 (2)
C3-C4	1.563 (2)	C23-O7	1.217 (2)
C4-O1	1.435 (2)	C23-N1	1.348 (2)
C4-C17	1.504 (2)	C24-N1	1.452 (2)
C4-C23	1.552 (2)		
C23-N1-C22	111.1 (1)	C22-N1-C24	125.0 (2)
C23-N1-C24	123.9 (2)		

Table 2Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$O2-H2A\cdots O7$	0.82	2.17	2.959 (2)	163
$C13-H13\cdots O3^{i}$	0.93	2.53	3.359 (3)	149
C18−H18···O5 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.55	3.319 (2)	141
$C21 - H21 \cdots O7^i$	0.93	2.60	3.230 (2)	126

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

H atoms were positioned geometrically and were treated as riding on their parent C atoms, with C-H = 0.93–0.98 Å, and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$  for methyl and  $1.2U_{eq}(C)$  for other H atoms.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: *SAINT*; 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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