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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 = 0.049
 wR factor = 0.146
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.9For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.2,3,10,11-Tetramethoxy-15,16-diazapentaphene
trihydrate

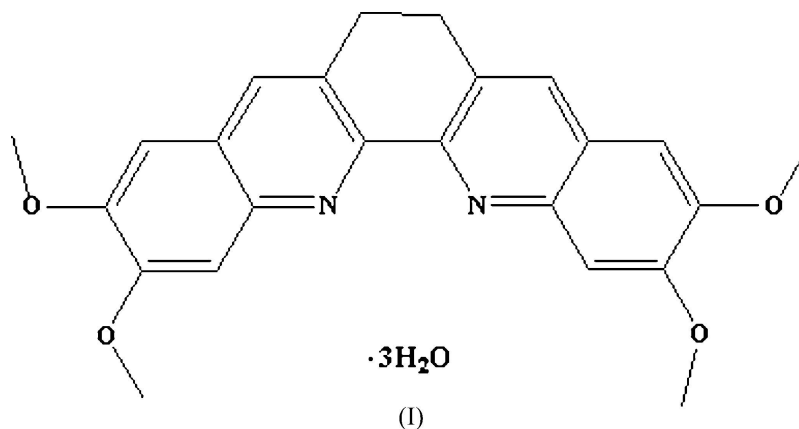
In the title compound, $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$, the two quinoline ring systems are twisted with respect to each other; the dihedral angle is $31.9(2)^\circ$. Adjacent heterocyclic molecules are linked *via* weak $\text{C}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ hydrogen bonds.

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Comment

Friedlander annulation, an acid- or base-catalysed condensation followed by a cyclodehydration between an aromatic 2-aminoaldehyde or ketone and a carbonyl compound containing a reactive α -methylene group, is one of the most simple and straightforward approaches for the synthesis of polysubstituted quinolines (Arisawa *et al.*, 2001; Cho *et al.*, 2000; Theoclitou & Robinson, 2002). Here we report the crystal structure of the title compound, (I), which was synthesized *via* Friedlander condensation.



The asymmetric unit of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The title molecule is non-planar. The C17-containing ring adopts a half-chair conformation. The two quinoline ring systems are twisted with respect to each other; the dihedral angle is $31.9(2)^\circ$. Adjacent molecules are linked *via* weak $\text{C}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ hydrogen bonds (Table 1).

Experimental

To a mixture of 2-amino-4,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (0.88 mmol, 0.159 g) and 1,2-cyclohexanedione (0.44 mmol, 0.049 g) in absolute ethanol (5 ml) under N_2 , sodium ethoxide (0.06 g, 0.88 mmol) in ethanol (5 ml) was added dropwise, and the mixture was refluxed for 7 h. After filtration, the filtrate was purified by chromatography on silica gel, eluting with ethanol–ethyl acetate (1:6 *v/v*). Recrystallization from an ethanol–ethyl acetate solution (1:6 *v/v*) gave single crystals of (I) (yield 0.108 g, 61%).

Crystal data

$C_{24}H_{22}N_2O_4 \cdot 3H_2O$
 $M_r = 456.48$
 Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$
 $a = 7.9814$ (8) Å
 $b = 11.3775$ (11) Å
 $c = 13.1359$ (12) Å
 $\alpha = 74.362$ (7)°
 $\beta = 81.933$ (7)°
 $\gamma = 77.998$ (7)°

$V = 1119.08$ (19) Å³
 $Z = 2$
 $D_x = 1.355$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.10$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 298$ (2) K
 Prism, brown
 $0.12 \times 0.10 \times 0.07$ mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector
 diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: none
 9347 measured reflections

5092 independent reflections
 3217 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{int} = 0.026$
 $\theta_{max} = 27.5^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.049$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.146$
 $S = 1.05$
 5092 reflections
 302 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0734P)^2]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.29$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.20$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
$O5-H5A \cdots O6$	0.83	2.05	2.872 (2)	169
$O5-H5B \cdots O7^i$	0.84	2.08	2.877 (3)	159
$O6-H6B \cdots N1$	0.84	2.16	2.987 (3)	167
$O7-H7A \cdots O1^{ii}$	0.85	2.34	3.113 (2)	152
$O7-H7A \cdots O2^{ii}$	0.85	2.24	2.944 (2)	140
$O7-H7B \cdots N2$	0.85	2.12	2.938 (2)	161
$C18-H18A \cdots O4^{iii}$	0.97	2.42	3.282 (2)	147

Symmetry codes: (i) $x + 1, y, z$; (ii) $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z$; (iii) $-x, -y, -z + 1$.

Water H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined as riding in their as-found relative positions, with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O)$. Methyl H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with $C-H = 0.96$ Å and $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$. Other H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with $C-H = 0.93$ (aromatic) or 0.97 Å (methylene), and refined in riding mode with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine

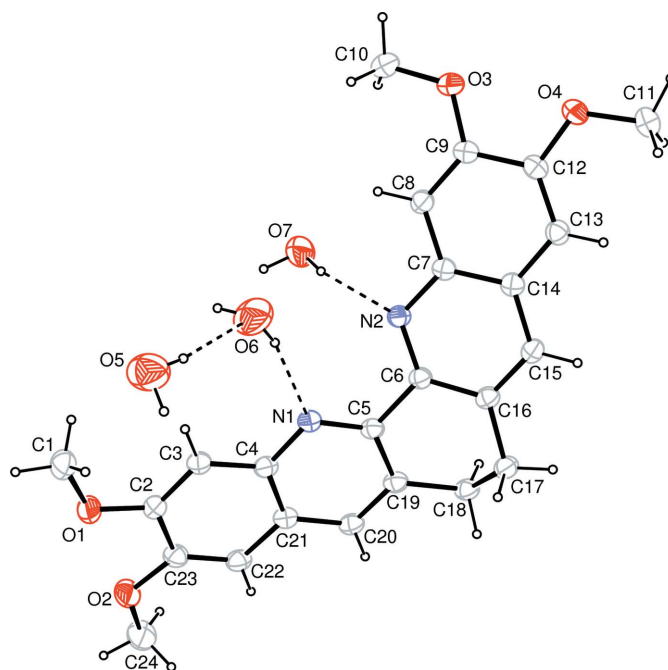


Figure 1

The asymmetric unit of (I), shown with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for H atoms). Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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