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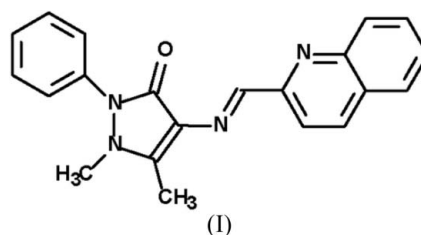
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**Key indicators**Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 291\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004\text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.059  
 $wR$  factor = 0.165  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.5For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**1,5-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-4-[(1E)-(2-quinolyl)-  
methylideneamino]-1H-pyrazol-3(2H)-one**

The title compound,  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{O}$ , was synthesized by condensation of quinoline-2-carbaldehyde and 4-aminoantipyrine. The mean planes of the pyrazole and phenyl rings make a dihedral angle of  $55.7(3)^\circ$ . The crystal packing is stabilized by weak intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds and  $\pi-\pi$  interactions.

**Comment**

Schiff bases often demonstrate antitumor, antimicrobial and antiviral properties (Siddiqui *et al.*, 2006). Antipyrine (2,3-dimethyl-1-phenylpyrazol-5-one) and its derivatives exhibit a wide range of biological activities (Yadav *et al.*, 2003). Antipyrine is also a multifunctional marker drug extensively used in the study of hepatic oxidative metabolism (Marques *et al.*, 2002). In a continuation of our studies of antipyrine Schiff base derivatives, we report the synthesis and crystal structure of the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1).



The bond lengths and angles in (I) are normal (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The mean planes of the pyrazole and phenyl rings make a dihedral angle of  $55.7(3)^\circ$ . The molecule adopts an *E* configuration about the central  $\text{C}=\text{N}$  double bond, as observed in 4-(4-chlorobenzylideneamino)-1,5-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-3(2*H*)-one (Sun *et al.*, 2006) and 4-[(1*E*)-(2-hydroxy-5-nitrophenyl)methylideneamino]-1,5-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-3(2*H*)-one (Chen & Huang, 2007), but not in the related antipyrine Schiff base analogues reported by Sun *et al.* (2007).

The short  $\text{Cg1}\cdots\text{Cg2}^{\text{ii}}$  distance [ $3.629(3)\text{ \AA}$ ;  $\text{Cg1}$  and  $\text{Cg2}$  are the centroids of rings  $\text{C16}-\text{C21}$  and  $\text{N1}/\text{N2}/\text{C1}-\text{C3}$ , respectively; symmetry code: (ii)  $2 - x, 2 - y, -z$ ] indicates the presence of  $\pi-\pi$  interactions, which contribute to the crystal-packing stabilization, along with weak intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds (Table 1).

**Experimental**

A mixture of 4-aminoantipyrine (1 mmol) and quinoline-2-carbaldehyde (1 mmol) in anhydrous ethanol (30 ml) was refluxed for 2 h, and then cooled to room temperature. The precipitate was filtered off

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and dried. The crude product was recrystallized from ethanol in 73% yield. Single crystals of X-ray quality were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution at room temperature.

#### Crystal data

$C_{21}H_{18}N_4O$	$V = 1813.4 (6) \text{ \AA}^3$
$M_r = 342.39$	$Z = 4$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 12.935 (3) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 7.1220 (14) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 291 (2) \text{ K}$
$c = 20.465 (4) \text{ \AA}$	$0.20 \times 0.18 \times 0.17 \text{ mm}$
$\beta = 105.88 (3)^\circ$	

#### Data collection

Rigaku R-Axis-IV diffractometer	5958 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	3655 independent reflections
$T_{\min} = 0.984$ , $T_{\max} = 0.987$	2472 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.037$

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.059$	236 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.165$	H-atom parameters constrained
$S = 1.06$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.28 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
3655 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.24 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

**Table 1**

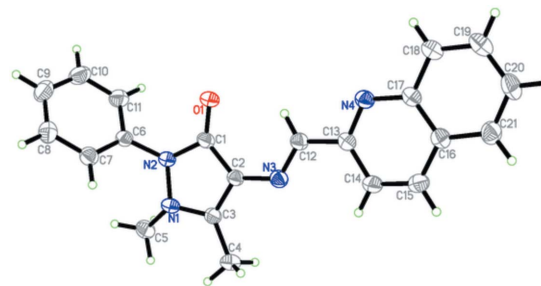
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$C19-H19A\cdots O1^i$	0.93	2.44	3.318 (3)	159

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x + 2, -y + 1, -z$ .

All H atoms were initially located in a difference Fourier map. The methyl H atoms were then constrained to an ideal geometry, with  $C-H = 0.96 \text{ \AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ . All other H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions ( $C-H = 0.93 \text{ \AA}$ ) and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

Data collection: *RAXIS* (Rigaku, 1996); cell refinement: *RAXIS*; data reduction: *RAXIS*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure:



**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radius.

*SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: *TEXSAN*.

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