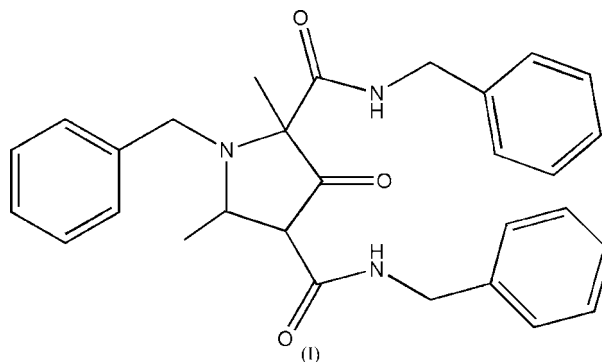


***N*<sup>2</sup>,*N*<sup>4</sup>,1-Tribenzyl-2,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-  
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neering, Weifang University, Weifang 261061,  
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zupeiliang@yahoo.com.cn**Key indicators**Single-crystal X-ray study  
*T* = 294 K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004 \text{ \AA}$   
*R* factor = 0.044  
*wR* factor = 0.119  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.3For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.The crystal structure of the title compound,  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ , is stabilized by weak  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds. In the title compound, the dihedral angles between the pyrrolidine ring and the phenyl rings are  $75.2(2)$ ,  $76.6(2)$  and  $77.2(2)^\circ$ , respectively.Received 23 February 2007  
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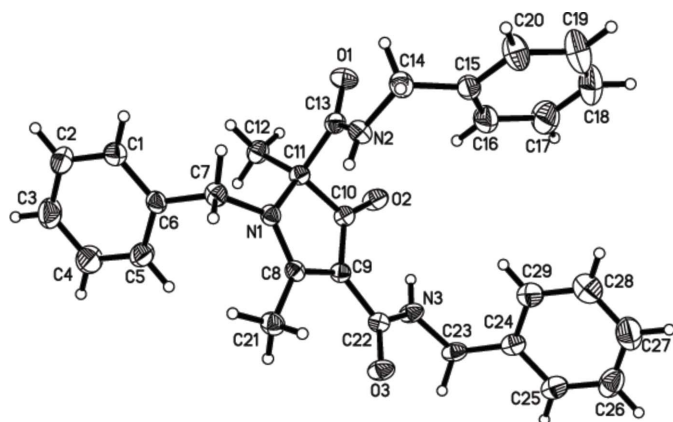
Pyrrolidine and its derivatives and their complexes are widely used in the fields of biology, catalysis and materials.

In this paper, the structure of the title compound, (I), is reported. The molecular structure of (I) is illustrated in Fig. 1. The pyrrolidine ring is planar to within  $0.006(2) \text{ \AA}$ . The dihedral angles between the pyrrolidine ring system and the phenyl ring systems are  $75.2(2)$ ,  $76.6(2)$  and  $77.2(2)^\circ$ , respectively. The crystal structure of the title compound is stabilized by weak  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds (Table 1).**Experimental**

A mixture of 1-benzyl-2,5-dimethyl-3-oxopyrrolidine-2,4-dicarboxylic acid (0.01 mol) and phenylmethanamine (0.02 mol) in toluene (12 ml) was refluxed for 6 h. After cooling, filtration and drying, the title compound was obtained. 10 mg of (I) were dissolved in 15 ml of acetone, and the solution was kept at room temperature for 7 d. Natural evaporation gave colourless single crystals of the title compound suitable for X-ray analysis.

*Crystal data*

$\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$	$\gamma = 93.651(4)^\circ$
$M_r = 467.55$	$V = 1240.0(5) \text{ \AA}^3$
Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$	$Z = 2$
$a = 10.527(2) \text{ \AA}$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$b = 11.611(3) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 11.872(3) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 294(2) \text{ K}$
$\alpha = 105.096(4)^\circ$	$0.24 \times 0.22 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$
$\beta = 115.367(4)^\circ$	



**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of (I), with the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

*Data collection*

Bruker SMART CCD area detector diffractometer	6416 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 1997)	4339 independent reflections
$T_{\min} = 0.981$ , $T_{\max} = 0.984$	2904 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.020$

*Refinement*

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.044$	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$wR(F^2) = 0.119$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.19 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
$S = 1.03$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.17 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
4339 reflections	
326 parameters	

**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$N3-H3A\cdots O2^i$	0.87 (2)	2.38 (2)	3.041 (2)	132.7 (17)
$N3-H3A\cdots O2$	0.87 (2)	2.09 (2)	2.797 (2)	138.3 (19)
$N2-H2A\cdots O3^{ii}$	0.87 (2)	2.12 (2)	2.919 (2)	152.4 (18)

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

H atoms were initially located in difference maps and then refined in a riding model with  $C-H = 0.93-0.96 \text{ \AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(H) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(C)$  or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(C)$  (methyl), with the exception of H2A and H3A, the two NH atoms involved in hydrogen bonding, which were refined isotropically, with  $N-H = 0.87 (2) \text{ \AA}$ .

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

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