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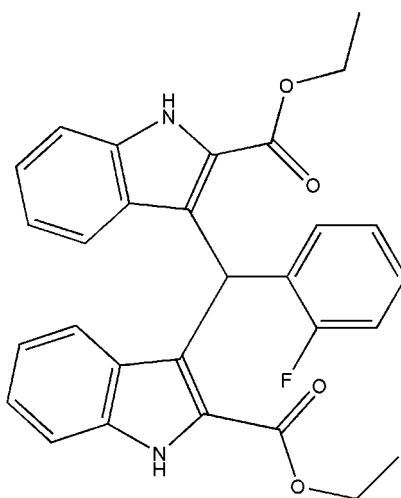
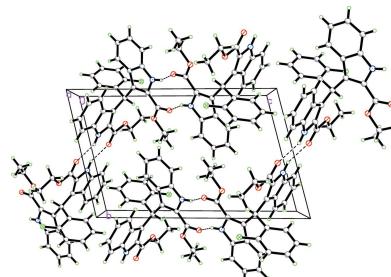
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In the title compound, $C_{29}H_{25}FN_2O_4$, the mean planes of the two indole ring systems (r.m.s. deviations = 0.1392 and 0.0115 Å) are approximately perpendicular to one another, subtending a dihedral angle of 86.0 (5)°; the benzene ring is twisted with respect to the mean planes of the two indole ring systems by 83.3 (2) and 88.1 (4)°, respectively. In the crystal, pairs of N—H···O hydrogen bonds link the molecules into centrosymmetric dimers, which are further linked by N—H···O hydrogen bonds into supramolecular chains propagating along the [101] direction.

1. Chemical context

Bis(indolyl)methane derivatives are abundantly present in various terrestrial and marine natural resources (Poter *et al.*, 1977; Sundberg, 1996). They are important antibiotics in the field of pharmaceuticals with diverse activities, such as anti-cancer, antileishmanial and antihyperlipidemic (Chang *et al.*, 1999; Ge *et al.*, 1999). On the other hand, bis(indolyl)methane derivatives can also be used as precursors for MRI necrosis avid contrast agents (Ni, 2008). In recent years, we have reported the synthesis and crystal structures of some similar bis(indolyl)methane compounds (Sun *et al.*, 2012, 2015; Li *et al.*, 2014; Lu *et al.*, 2014). Now we report herein another bis(indolyl)methane compound.



2. Structural commentary

The molecular structure of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1. The two indole ring systems are nearly perpendicular to

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obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution, yield 90%.

6. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2. H atoms were positioned geometrically with N—H = 0.86 Å and C—H = 0.93–0.98 Å, and constrained to ride on their parent atoms with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = xU_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}, \text{N})$, where x = 1.5 for methyl H atoms and 1.2 for all others.

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Computing details

Data collection: CAD-4 EXPRESS (Enraf–Nonius, 1994); cell refinement: CAD-4 EXPRESS (Enraf–Nonius, 1994); data reduction: XCAD4 (Harms & Wocadlo, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008).

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Crystal data

C ₂₉ H ₂₅ FN ₂ O ₄	Z = 2
M _r = 484.51	F(000) = 508
Triclinic, P [−] 1	D _x = 1.281 Mg m ^{−3}
Hall symbol: -P 1	Mo K α radiation, λ = 0.71073 Å
a = 8.8000 (18) Å	Cell parameters from 25 reflections
b = 9.6610 (19) Å	θ = 9–12°
c = 15.369 (3) Å	μ = 0.09 mm ^{−1}
α = 75.68 (3)°	T = 293 K
β = 85.44 (3)°	Block, colorless
γ = 83.68 (3)°	0.30 × 0.20 × 0.10 mm
V = 1256.5 (4) Å ³	

Data collection

Nonius CAD-4	4621 independent reflections
diffractometer	2648 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.037$
Graphite monochromator	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.4^\circ$, $\theta_{\text{min}} = 1.4^\circ$
$\omega/2\theta$ scans	$h = 0 \rightarrow 10$
Absorption correction: ψ scan	$k = -11 \rightarrow 11$
(North <i>et al.</i> , 1968)	$l = -18 \rightarrow 18$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.973$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.991$	3 standard reflections every 200 reflections
4947 measured reflections	intensity decay: 1%

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	2 restraints
Least-squares matrix: full	Primary atom site location: structure-invariant
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.069$	direct methods
$wR(F^2) = 0.186$	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier
$S = 1.00$	map
4621 reflections	Hydrogen site location: inferred from
325 parameters	neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.090P)^2]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.37 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.29 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Special details

Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

Refinement. Refinement of F^2 against ALL reflections. The weighted R-factor wR and goodness of fit S are based on F^2 , conventional R-factors R are based on F, with F set to zero for negative F^2 . The threshold expression of $F^2 > 2\text{sigma}(F^2)$ is used only for calculating R-factors(gt) etc. and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. R-factors based on F^2 are statistically about twice as large as those based on F, and R-factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
F	0.1008 (3)	1.1359 (3)	0.64799 (15)	0.0892 (8)
N1	-0.4074 (3)	1.1149 (3)	0.58021 (16)	0.0475 (7)
H1A	-0.4582	1.1074	0.5363	0.057*
O1	-0.3400 (3)	0.8585 (3)	0.53292 (16)	0.0649 (7)
C1	-0.1205 (3)	0.9767 (3)	0.75362 (18)	0.0355 (7)
H1B	-0.0473	0.9276	0.7172	0.043*
N2	-0.1865 (3)	0.6560 (3)	0.93763 (16)	0.0444 (7)
H2A	-0.1563	0.5744	0.9718	0.053*
O2	-0.1486 (3)	0.7970 (3)	0.62507 (17)	0.0638 (7)
C2	-0.2422 (3)	1.0600 (3)	0.69080 (18)	0.0380 (7)
O3	0.1216 (3)	0.5759 (2)	0.90831 (16)	0.0634 (7)
C3	-0.3183 (4)	1.1998 (3)	0.68783 (19)	0.0417 (8)
O4	0.1394 (2)	0.7613 (2)	0.79087 (14)	0.0507 (6)
C4	-0.3137 (4)	1.3049 (3)	0.7359 (2)	0.0529 (9)
H4A	-0.2488	1.2893	0.7830	0.064*
C5	-0.4062 (4)	1.4314 (4)	0.7129 (2)	0.0606 (10)
H5A	-0.4018	1.5015	0.7443	0.073*
C6	-0.5063 (4)	1.4570 (4)	0.6435 (2)	0.0605 (10)
H6A	-0.5680	1.5433	0.6299	0.073*
C7	-0.5152 (4)	1.3575 (4)	0.5952 (2)	0.0551 (9)
H7A	-0.5813	1.3751	0.5486	0.066*
C8	-0.4223 (4)	1.2284 (4)	0.6177 (2)	0.0467 (8)
C9	-0.2988 (3)	1.0132 (3)	0.62295 (19)	0.0393 (7)
C10	-0.2664 (4)	0.8840 (4)	0.5891 (2)	0.0467 (8)
C11	-0.1055 (5)	0.6707 (4)	0.5897 (3)	0.0861 (14)
H11A	-0.1634	0.5930	0.6234	0.103*
H11B	-0.1327	0.6921	0.5275	0.103*
C12	0.0510 (7)	0.6258 (8)	0.5943 (5)	0.178 (3)
H12A	0.0736	0.5438	0.5691	0.267*
H12B	0.0778	0.6005	0.6559	0.267*
H12C	0.1089	0.7021	0.5609	0.267*
C13	-0.1830 (3)	0.8604 (3)	0.82871 (18)	0.0353 (7)

C5—H5A	0.9300	C25—C26	1.383 (5)
C6—C7	1.364 (5)	C25—H25A	0.9300
C6—H6A	0.9300	C26—C27	1.347 (5)
C7—C8	1.396 (4)	C26—H26A	0.9300
C7—H7A	0.9300	C27—C28	1.363 (6)
C9—C10	1.460 (4)	C27—H27A	0.9300
C11—C12	1.400 (6)	C28—C29	1.372 (5)
C11—H11A	0.9700	C28—H28A	0.9300
C11—H11B	0.9700		
C8—N1—C9	109.5 (3)	C14—C13—C1	129.9 (3)
C8—N1—H1A	125.2	C19—C14—C15	117.5 (3)
C9—N1—H1A	125.2	C19—C14—C13	107.3 (3)
C24—C1—C13	111.8 (2)	C15—C14—C13	135.1 (3)
C24—C1—C2	112.5 (2)	C16—C15—C14	119.2 (3)
C13—C1—C2	113.1 (2)	C16—C15—H15A	120.4
C24—C1—H1B	106.3	C14—C15—H15A	120.4
C13—C1—H1B	106.3	C15—C16—C17	122.1 (3)
C2—C1—H1B	106.3	C15—C16—H16A	119.0
C20—N2—C19	109.8 (2)	C17—C16—H16A	119.0
C20—N2—H2A	125.1	C18—C17—C16	120.7 (3)
C19—N2—H2A	125.1	C18—C17—H17A	119.7
C10—O2—C11	116.5 (3)	C16—C17—H17A	119.7
C9—C2—C3	106.3 (3)	C17—C18—C19	118.4 (3)
C9—C2—C1	125.3 (3)	C17—C18—H18A	120.8
C3—C2—C1	128.4 (3)	C19—C18—H18A	120.8
C4—C3—C8	117.8 (3)	N2—C19—C18	130.4 (3)
C4—C3—C2	135.7 (3)	N2—C19—C14	107.4 (3)
C8—C3—C2	106.4 (3)	C18—C19—C14	122.2 (3)
C21—O4—C22	116.5 (2)	N2—C20—C13	110.1 (3)
C5—C4—C3	119.3 (3)	N2—C20—C21	117.4 (3)
C5—C4—H4A	120.3	C13—C20—C21	132.3 (3)
C3—C4—H4A	120.3	O3—C21—O4	122.5 (3)
C4—C5—C6	121.6 (4)	O3—C21—C20	123.4 (3)
C4—C5—H5A	119.2	O4—C21—C20	114.0 (3)
C6—C5—H5A	119.2	O4—C22—C23	107.0 (3)
C7—C6—C5	121.0 (3)	O4—C22—H22A	110.3
C7—C6—H6A	119.5	C23—C22—H22A	110.3
C5—C6—H6A	119.5	O4—C22—H22B	110.3
C6—C7—C8	118.2 (3)	C23—C22—H22B	110.3
C6—C7—H7A	120.9	H22A—C22—H22B	108.6
C8—C7—H7A	120.9	C22—C23—H23A	109.5
N1—C8—C7	129.9 (3)	C22—C23—H23B	109.5
N1—C8—C3	108.1 (3)	H23A—C23—H23B	109.5
C7—C8—C3	122.0 (3)	C22—C23—H23C	109.5
N1—C9—C2	109.7 (3)	H23A—C23—H23C	109.5
N1—C9—C10	116.5 (3)	H23B—C23—H23C	109.5
C2—C9—C10	133.9 (3)	C29—C24—C25	115.3 (3)

O1—C10—O2	122.7 (3)	C29—C24—C1	120.1 (3)
O1—C10—C9	123.0 (3)	C25—C24—C1	124.6 (3)
O2—C10—C9	114.3 (3)	C24—C25—C26	121.9 (3)
C12—C11—O2	112.8 (4)	C24—C25—H25A	119.1
C12—C11—H11A	109.0	C26—C25—H25A	119.1
O2—C11—H11A	109.0	C27—C26—C25	120.3 (4)
C12—C11—H11B	109.0	C27—C26—H26A	119.8
O2—C11—H11B	109.0	C25—C26—H26A	119.8
H11A—C11—H11B	107.8	C26—C27—C28	120.0 (4)
C11—C12—H12A	109.5	C26—C27—H27A	120.0
C11—C12—H12B	109.5	C28—C27—H27A	120.0
H12A—C12—H12B	109.5	C27—C28—C29	118.9 (4)
C11—C12—H12C	109.5	C27—C28—H28A	120.5
H12A—C12—H12C	109.5	C29—C28—H28A	120.5
H12B—C12—H12C	109.5	F—C29—C28	118.1 (4)
C20—C13—C14	105.4 (2)	F—C29—C24	118.3 (3)
C20—C13—C1	124.6 (3)	C28—C29—C24	123.6 (4)
C24—C1—C2—C9	153.2 (3)	C19—C14—C15—C16	0.0 (5)
C13—C1—C2—C9	-79.0 (4)	C13—C14—C15—C16	-178.2 (3)
C24—C1—C2—C3	-25.5 (4)	C14—C15—C16—C17	0.0 (6)
C13—C1—C2—C3	102.3 (3)	C15—C16—C17—C18	-0.3 (6)
C9—C2—C3—C4	-179.3 (4)	C16—C17—C18—C19	0.6 (5)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-0.4 (6)	C20—N2—C19—C18	-178.6 (3)
C9—C2—C3—C8	1.5 (3)	C20—N2—C19—C14	-0.1 (3)
C1—C2—C3—C8	-179.6 (3)	C17—C18—C19—N2	177.7 (3)
C8—C3—C4—C5	-1.3 (5)	C17—C18—C19—C14	-0.6 (5)
C2—C3—C4—C5	179.5 (3)	C15—C14—C19—N2	-178.3 (3)
C3—C4—C5—C6	0.9 (5)	C13—C14—C19—N2	0.3 (3)
C4—C5—C6—C7	-0.6 (6)	C15—C14—C19—C18	0.3 (5)
C5—C6—C7—C8	0.6 (5)	C13—C14—C19—C18	178.9 (3)
C9—N1—C8—C7	178.2 (3)	C19—N2—C20—C13	-0.1 (4)
C9—N1—C8—C3	0.2 (4)	C19—N2—C20—C21	175.6 (3)
C6—C7—C8—N1	-178.8 (3)	C14—C13—C20—N2	0.3 (3)
C6—C7—C8—C3	-1.1 (5)	C1—C13—C20—N2	177.5 (3)
C4—C3—C8—N1	179.6 (3)	C14—C13—C20—C21	-174.5 (3)
C2—C3—C8—N1	-1.1 (4)	C1—C13—C20—C21	2.7 (5)
C4—C3—C8—C7	1.4 (5)	C22—O4—C21—O3	0.8 (5)
C2—C3—C8—C7	-179.2 (3)	C22—O4—C21—C20	-179.8 (3)
C8—N1—C9—C2	0.7 (4)	N2—C20—C21—O3	-2.8 (5)
C8—N1—C9—C10	-178.8 (3)	C13—C20—C21—O3	171.7 (3)
C3—C2—C9—N1	-1.4 (3)	N2—C20—C21—O4	177.8 (3)
C1—C2—C9—N1	179.7 (3)	C13—C20—C21—O4	-7.8 (5)
C3—C2—C9—C10	178.0 (3)	C21—O4—C22—C23	-179.5 (3)
C1—C2—C9—C10	-0.9 (5)	C13—C1—C24—C29	157.1 (3)
C11—O2—C10—O1	3.4 (5)	C2—C1—C24—C29	-74.4 (4)
C11—O2—C10—C9	-176.4 (3)	C13—C1—C24—C25	-22.3 (4)
N1—C9—C10—O1	-7.4 (5)	C2—C1—C24—C25	106.2 (3)

C2—C9—C10—O1	173.2 (3)	C29—C24—C25—C26	2.0 (5)
N1—C9—C10—O2	172.4 (3)	C1—C24—C25—C26	−178.5 (3)
C2—C9—C10—O2	−7.0 (5)	C24—C25—C26—C27	−1.8 (5)
C10—O2—C11—C12	150.0 (5)	C25—C26—C27—C28	−0.2 (6)
C24—C1—C13—C20	−80.3 (4)	C26—C27—C28—C29	1.8 (6)
C2—C1—C13—C20	151.4 (3)	C27—C28—C29—F	179.1 (3)
C24—C1—C13—C14	96.1 (3)	C27—C28—C29—C24	−1.5 (6)
C2—C1—C13—C14	−32.1 (4)	C25—C24—C29—F	179.0 (3)
C20—C13—C14—C19	−0.4 (3)	C1—C24—C29—F	−0.5 (5)
C1—C13—C14—C19	−177.3 (3)	C25—C24—C29—C28	−0.4 (5)
C20—C13—C14—C15	177.9 (3)	C1—C24—C29—C28	−179.8 (3)
C1—C13—C14—C15	1.0 (6)		

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
N1—H1A···O1 ⁱ	0.86	2.10	2.881 (4)	151
N2—H2A···O3 ⁱⁱ	0.86	2.07	2.874 (3)	157

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