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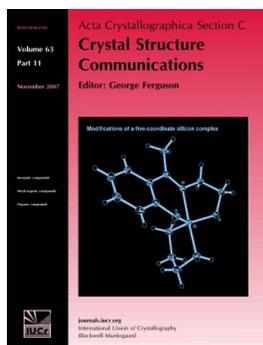
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The solid-state structures of a series of seven substituted 3-methylidene-1*H*-indol-2(3*H*)-one derivatives have been determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction and are compared in detail. Six of the structures {(3*Z*)-3-(1*H*-pyrrol-2-ylmethylidene)-1*H*-indol-2(3*H*)-one, C₁₃H₁₀N₂O, (2*a*); (3*Z*)-3-(2-thienylmethylidene)-1*H*-indol-2(3*H*)-one, C₁₃H₉NOS, (2*b*); (3*E*)-3-(2-furymethylidene)-1*H*-indol-2(3*H*)-one monohydrate, C₁₃H₉NO₂·H₂O, (3*a*); 3-(1-methylethylidene)-1*H*-indol-2(3*H*)-one, C₁₁H₁₁NO, (4*a*); 3-cyclohexylidene-1*H*-indol-2(3*H*)-one, C₁₄H₁₅NO, (4*c*); and spiro[1,3-dioxane-2,3'-indolin]-2'-one, C₁₁H₁₁NO₃, (5)} display, as expected, intermolecular hydrogen bonding (N—H···O=C) between the 1*H*-indol-2(3*H*)-one units. However, methyl 3-(1-methylethylidene)-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate, C₁₃H₁₃N—O₃, (4*b*), a carbamate analogue of (4*a*) lacking an N—H bond, displays no intermolecular hydrogen bonding. The structure of (4*a*) contains three molecules in the asymmetric unit, while (4*b*) and (4*c*) both contain two independent molecules.

Comment

Conformational restriction is a useful tactic employed in medicinal chemistry, which often leads to an improvement in the biological properties of a molecule by reducing entropy and contributing to enhanced binding to a receptor or enzyme. This extends to the presence of a conformational blocker, such as an *ortho*-substituent in biphenyl derivatives, which hinders free rotation, or a strong hydrogen bond to 'lock' two groups together into a favourable binding orientation. A strategically placed double bond (*E* or *Z* isomer) in the molecule also falls within this category, since it can drastically affect the activity

or affinity of ligands binding to enzymes or receptors (Patrick, 2009; King, 2002). Sunitinib, (1), is a conformationally restricted clinically approved MRTKI (multi-receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitor) anticancer drug, combining a 1*H*-indol-2(3*H*)-one (oxindole) core with a *Z*-substituted 3-(1*H*-pyrrol-2-ylmethylidene) side chain (Fig. 1; Atkins *et al.*, 2006). The pyrrole NH group in (1) forms an intramolecular hydrogen bond with the oxindole carbonyl group, evidenced in solution, by ¹H NMR spectroscopy, and in the cocrystal structure of (1) bound to an RTK (receptor tyrosine kinase) (Mohammadi *et al.*, 1997). Compound (2*a*), a lead molecule in the design of (1), exhibits biological activity towards kinases [IC₅₀ = 0.39 mM, PDGF (platelet-derived growth factor)], whereas the 1-methylpyrrole analogue (*E*)-(3*b*) exhibits drastically reduced biological activity (IC₅₀ > 100 mM) towards PDGF (Sun *et al.*, 1998; Boiadjev & Lightner, 2003).

Given the strong correlation between stereochemistry and kinase inhibitory action within this series of molecules, we have undertaken a structural study of oxindole analogues in the solid phase to complement the extensive prior studies undertaken in solution (Sun *et al.*, 1998). Our investigation of compounds (2)–(4) by Raman and FT–IR spectroscopy (Spencer *et al.*, 2010), supported by theoretical calculations (Kausar *et al.*, 2009; Bell *et al.*, 2007), has been facilitated by structure determinations from single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis, reported here. The molecules selected for this study can be subdivided into several categories:

- (i) heterocycle-substituted analogues (2), found to exist exclusively as the *Z* isomer in solution;
- (ii) heterocycle-substituted analogues (3), found to exist exclusively as the *E* isomer in solution;
- (iii) simple symmetrically substituted analogues (4) and (5), obtained in order to provide a fingerprint region for the FT–IR and Raman studies, especially (4*a*), given that the parent methylidene compound (4*d*) is reported to be unstable in solution (Rossiter, 2002).

Analogues (2)–(4) were synthesized by a standard Knoevenagel condensation of oxindole with a variety of aldehydes

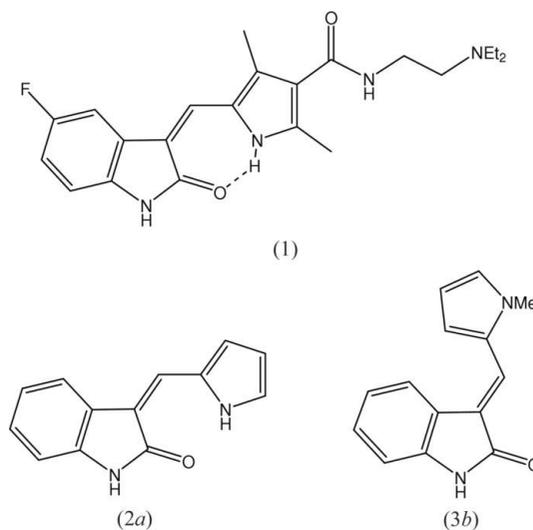
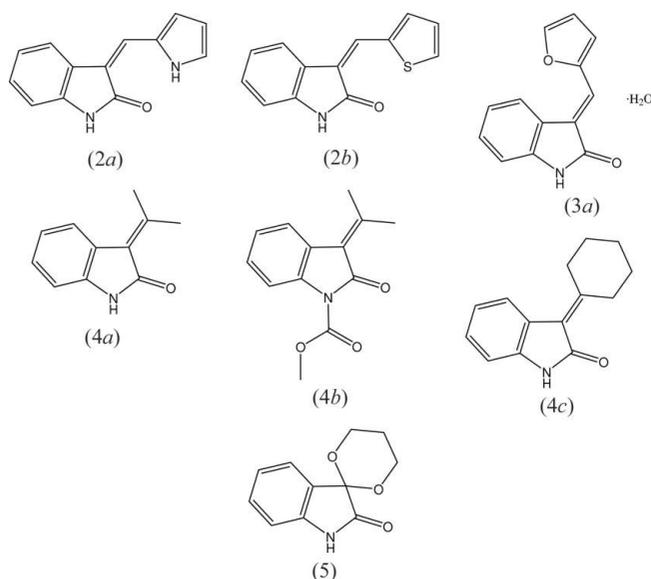


Figure 1
Examples of oxindoles tested for anticancer activity.

or ketones under both thermal (oil bath; Sun *et al.*, 1998, 2003; Maskell *et al.*, 2007) and microwave conditions (Villemin & Martin, 1998; Zhang & Go, 2009) (see *Experimental* and supplementary information for details of synthetic optimization studies and extraction and purification procedures). Compound (4b) was synthesized from (4a) by reaction with dimethyl carbonate (Trost *et al.*, 2007). Compound (5) was purchased from Maybridge Chemicals. Crystals of (2a), (2b), (3a), (4a)–(4c) and (5), of suitable quality for analysis by single-crystal X-ray diffraction, were grown from dichloromethane/hexane. The molecular structures are shown in Figs. 2–8, while selected bond lengths and angles are given in Table 1. The structure of (5) determined at room temperature has been published previously (De & Kitagawa, 1991). The geometry of the structure reported here, determined at 120 K, corresponds very closely with that of the previously reported structure.



In the following discussion, atom Xy refers also to $X100+y$ and $X200+y$ in structures where Z' is greater than 1 [(4a)–(4c)].

The geometry of the oxindole portion of the molecules is generally very similar for all seven structures, and compares

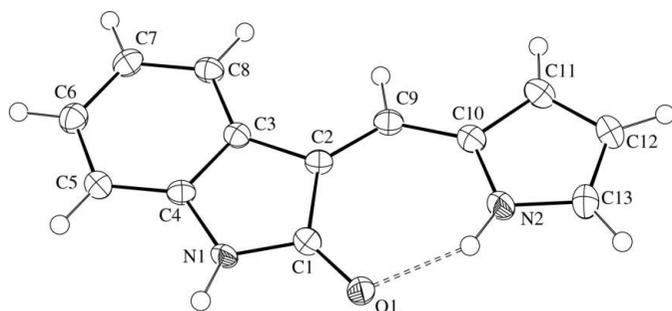


Figure 2
The molecular structure of (2a), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii. The dashed line indicates the intramolecular hydrogen bond.

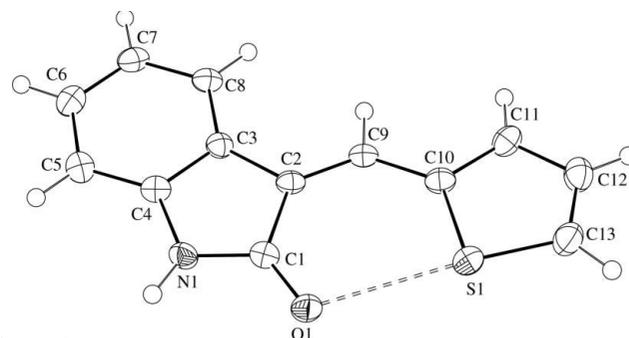


Figure 3
The molecular structure of (2b), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii. The dashed line indicates the intramolecular hydrogen bond.

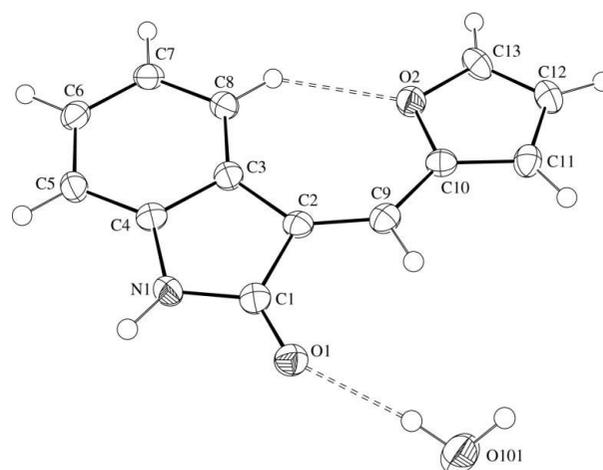
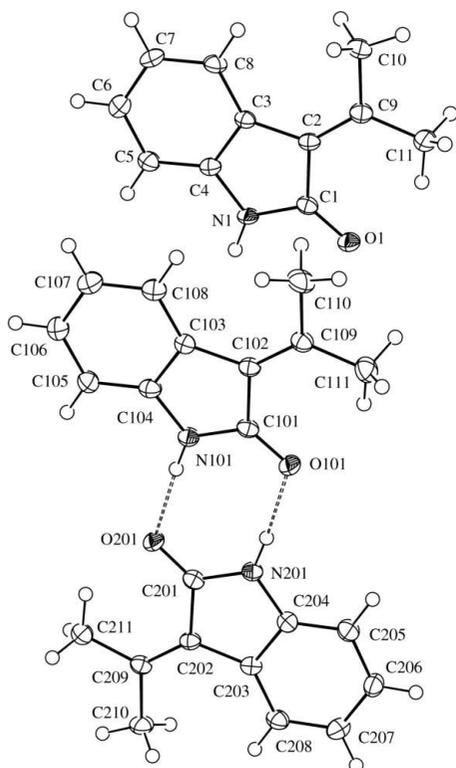


Figure 4
The molecular structure of (3a), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

closely with oxindole fragments found in a search of the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD, Version 5.30 with November 2008 and February 2009 updates; Allen, 2002). However, the only structure in which atom N1 is substituted, (4b), displays significantly longer N1–C1 and N1–C4 distances, a shorter O1–C1 distance and a smaller C1–N1–C4 angle compared with the other six structures (Table 1). Also, the only structure in which atom C2 is sp^3 hybridized, (5), displays significantly longer C1–C2 and C2–C3 bond lengths compared with the other six structures.

By comparing the six structures in which atom C2 is sp^2 hybridized, we have observed differences in the heterocycle-substituted analogues (2a), (2b) and (3a), where atom C10 is sp^2 hybridized, compared with structures (4a), (4b) and (4c), where atom C10 is sp^3 hybridized. It is interesting to note that, while structures (2a), (2b) and (3a) are all in the orthorhombic crystal system and have just one molecule in the asymmetric unit ($Z' = 1$), the remaining structures all occupy lower-symmetry crystal systems and have $Z' > 1$ [$Z' = 3$ for (4a), and $Z' = 2$ for (4b) and (4c)]. The heterocycle-substituted oxindoles determined by Boiadjev & Lightner (2003), namely (3*Z*)-[(4,5-dimethylpyrrol-2-yl)methylidene]indolin-2-one and (3*E*)-

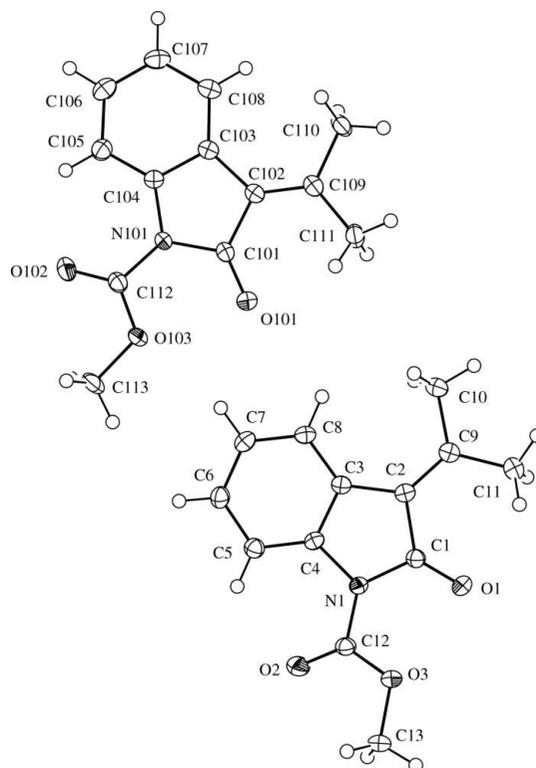
**Figure 5**

The independent molecules of (4a), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

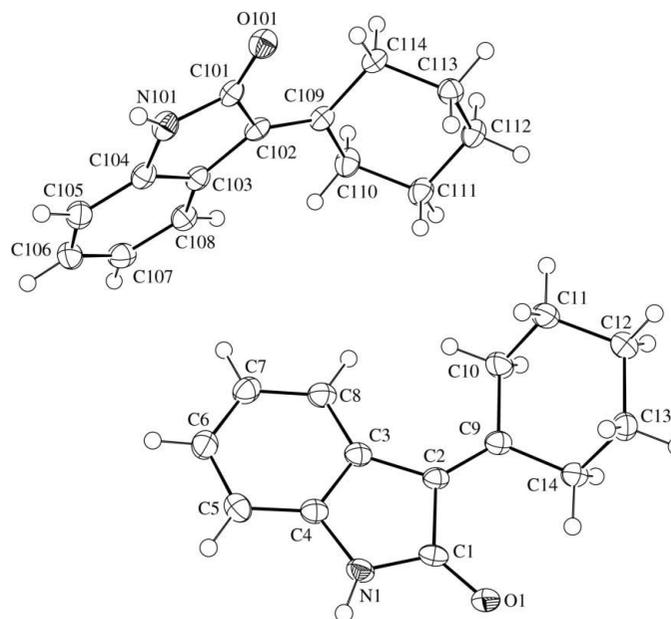
[[1-methylpyrrol-2-yl)methylidene]indolin-2-one, also have $Z' = 1$. However, a search of the CSD revealed that this trend is not observed in all substituted oxindoles and we must thus conclude that the fact that (4a)–(4c) have $Z' > 1$ is based on a number of different factors.

In addition to the more obvious geometric differences between the heterocycle-substituted analogues and structures (4a), (4b) and (4c), it is found that the average C1–C2 bond distance in (4a) and (4c) [1.509 (2) Å] is significantly longer than that in (2a), (2b) and (3a) [1.488 (2) Å], while in (4b) (in which atom N1 is substituted) it is only slightly longer at 1.490 (8) Å. In the heterocycle-substituted oxindoles determined by Boiadjev & Lightner (2003), the average of the equivalent of the C1–C2 bond distance is 1.474 (3) Å, shorter than in any of the seven structures reported here. In turn, the average of the equivalent distance to N1–C1 reported by Boiadjev & Lightner is somewhat longer [1.372 (3) Å] than the average for (2a), (2b), (3a), (4a), (4c) and (5) [1.359 (5) Å]. It is postulated that these differences arise from the differing temperatures at which the single-crystal X-ray data sets were collected, 298 K for the Boiadjev & Lightner structures and 120 K for those reported here.

The solid-state structures agree with the results from solution NMR studies (see supplementary information) in that structures (2a) and (2b) exist as *Z* isomers [average C1–C2–C9 bond angle = 128.6 (2)°], while (3a) exists as the *E* isomer [C1–C2–C9 = 118.9 (2)°]. These angles compare well with

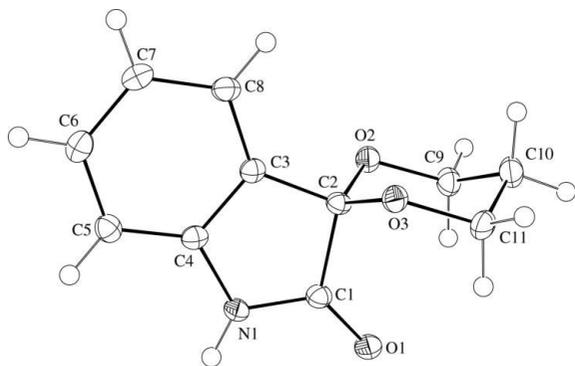
**Figure 6**

The independent molecules of (4b), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.

**Figure 7**

The independent molecules of (4c), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.

the equivalent angles in the *Z* and *E* isomers reported by Boiadjev & Lightner (2003), 128.3 (3) and 117.5 (5)°, respectively. The formation of the *Z* isomers in (2a) and (2b) can be attributed to intramolecular N–H···O [in 2a] and

**Figure 8**

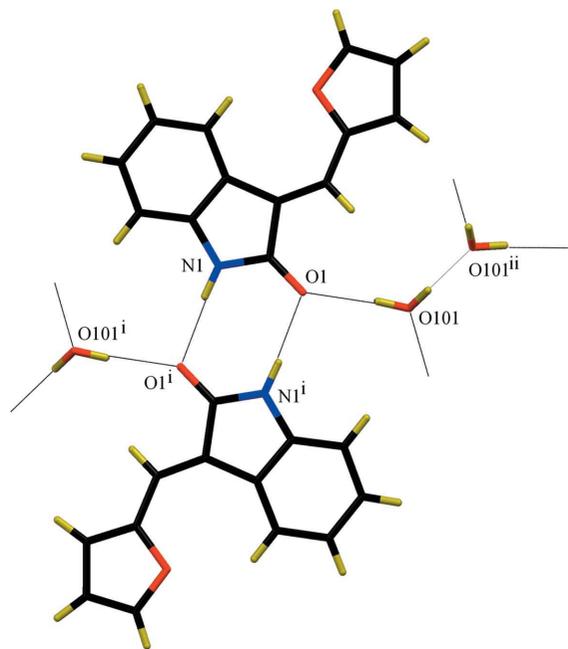
The molecular structure of (5), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.

O...S (Réthoré *et al.*, 2007) [in (2*b*)] interactions, while in (3*a*) the lack of a suitable group to form an intramolecular interaction with atom O1, combined with the formation of a weak C—H...O contact (C8—H8...O2), makes the adoption of the *E* isomer more favourable (Table 3).

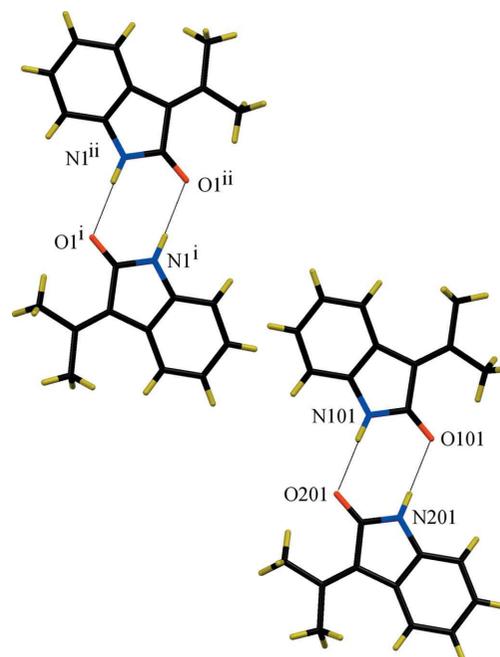
The oxindole portion of all seven structures is highly planar, while the entire molecule does not generally deviate far from planarity for (2*a*), (2*b*), (3*a*), (4*a*) and (4*b*), and this seems to be related to the formation of intramolecular interactions between groups in the oxindole and substituent portions of the molecules (Tables 1 and 3, and Table S3 in the supplementary information). By contrast, the *E* isomer reported by Boiadjiev & Lightner (2003) has no suitable groups with which to form intramolecular interactions and the molecule is much more twisted than in the structures reported here, with the angle between the planes through the oxindole and substituent portions being approximately 30° (*cf.* Table S3). In (4*c*), the formation of weak intramolecular C—H...O interactions involving atoms C14 and C114 (Table 3) corresponds with an average C1—C2—C9—C10 torsion angle which is relatively close to 180° (Table 1). It seems that the formation of even weak C—H...O interactions has a significant effect on the conformation of these molecules in the solid state.

Structures (2*a*), (2*b*), (3*a*), (4*a*), (4*c*) and (5) are also affected by the formation of intermolecular hydrogen bonds involving the oxindole N—H and C=O units, which leads to the formation of molecular dimers in every case (Fig. 9–11, Figs. S1–S4 in the supplementary information, and Table 2). The hydrogen-bonding motif leading to the formation of the molecular dimers can be described as an $R_2^2(8)$ ring (Etter *et al.*, 1990). Analysis of Fig. 11 shows that, while the dimers formed in (3*a*), (4*a*) and (4*c*) are fairly planar [not taking into account the conformation of the cyclohexyl rings in (4*c*)], the molecules forming the dimers in (2*a*), (2*b*) and (5) are quite staggered with respect to one another. This is borne out by analysis of the N—H...O hydrogen-bond angles (Table 2). While the average for the interactions in (2*a*), (2*b*) and (5) is 163(3)°, the average for those in (3*a*), (4*a*) and (4*c*) is significantly larger at 172(3)°.

Structure (3*a*) is the only one of the seven to incorporate a molecule of solvent in the crystal structure. This water mol-

**Figure 9**

A view of the hydrogen-bonded dimer and hydrogen bonding (thin lines) involving the solvent water molecule in the structure of (3*a*). [Symmetry codes: (i) $1 - x, -1 - y, -z$; (ii) $\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, z$.]

**Figure 10**

A view of the two hydrogen-bonded dimers (thin lines) formed in the structure of (4*a*). [Symmetry codes: (i) $1 - x, -y, 1 - z$; (ii) $-1 + x, y, z$.]

ecule is involved in hydrogen bonding both to the oxindole C=O group and to other water molecules (Fig. 9 and Table 2). The molecular dimers in this structure are connected with one another *via* π – π stacking interactions (Hunter & Sanders, 1990), the parallel dimer planes being separated by 3.3 Å, while atom O1 and the N1/C1–C4 ring form a lone-pair– π interaction (Mooibroek *et al.*, 2008) (O1...ring centroid =

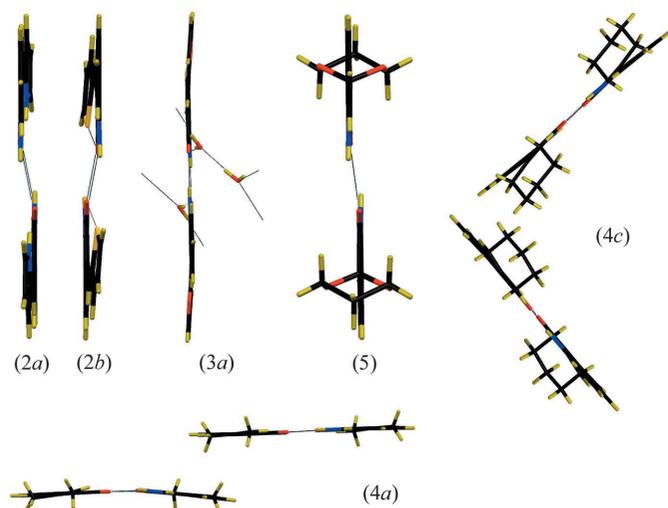


Figure 11
Side views of the hydrogen-bonded dimers (thin lines) formed in the structures of (2a), (2b), (3a), (4a), (4c) and (5).

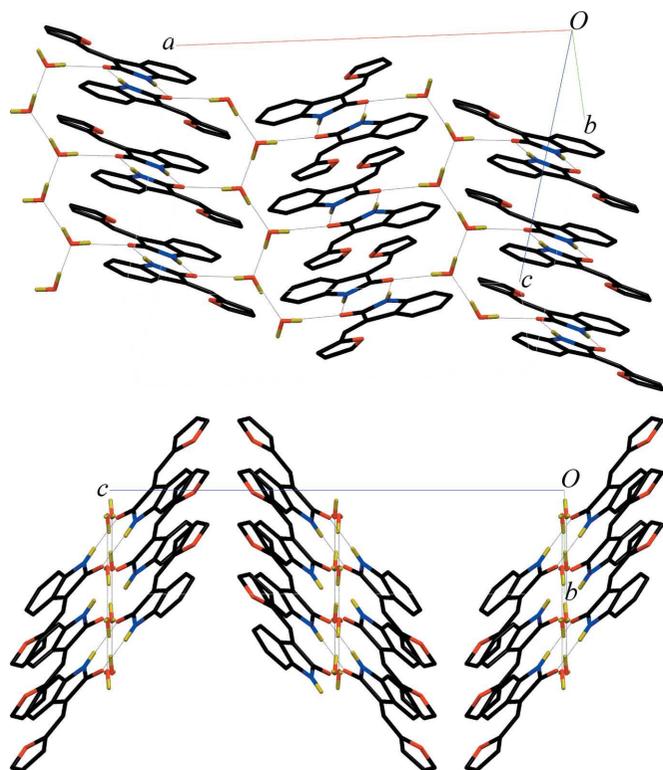


Figure 12
The packing of the hydrogen-bonded dimers (thin lines) in (3a). Only those H atoms involved in hydrogen bonding are shown.

3.2 Å and C1—O1...ring centroid = 92°). This stacking of dimers leads to the formation of columns along the (010) direction which are connected to one another in the (100) direction *via* hydrogen bonding with the water molecules (Fig. 12).

The delocalized bonding and planar nature of these molecules mean that the other six structures also exhibit varying degrees of π - π stacking interactions, with interplanar

distances ranging from 3.1 Å in (4c) to approximately 3.6 Å in (2b) (Figs. S5–S10 in the supplementary information).

In conclusion, the X-ray single-crystal structure determinations described here have brought to light a number of interesting properties in oxindoles in the solid phase, including high Z' values and inter- and intramolecular hydrogen bonding. This offers the potential for synthesizing oxindoles with extended molecular architectures and biological properties (Spencer *et al.*, 2009) and will be of continuing invaluable assistance to theoretical calculations (Kausar *et al.*, 2009).

Experimental

The starting materials for the syntheses of the title compounds were purchased from commercial sources (Sigma–Aldrich, Fisher, Fluorochem and Frontier Scientific) and were used without further purification. All reactions were carried out in air, and commercial grade solvents and materials were used except where specified. Elemental analyses were performed on a CE Instruments Eager 300 apparatus. Crystals of each of compounds (2a)–(5) of sufficient quality for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by the diffusion of hexane into a CH_2Cl_2 solution.

Synthetic and purification procedure for (2a). 1,3-Dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (oxindole) (0.319 g, 2.40 mmol) and 1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (0.190 g, 2.00 mmol) were added to EtOH (5 ml) with 2–3 drops of piperidine as a catalyst. The reaction mixture was refluxed until complete according to thin-layer chromatographic (TLC) monitoring, which equates to approximately 3 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and, on further cooling with ice, afforded a precipitate. The crude product was obtained by filtration and washed with cold EtOH. Product (2a) was purified by column chromatography on silica with chloroform–methanol (90:10 *v/v*) as eluant. Crystals of (2a) were obtained as a yellow solid (yield 0.420 g, 84%; m.p. 483–486 K). Analysis found: C 73.0, H 4.9, N 13.6%; $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O} \cdot 0.05\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ requires: C 73.1, H 4.7, N 13.1%. While the empirical formula was found to contain a very small amount of CH_2Cl_2 by elemental analysis and NMR, no dichloromethane was found in the crystal structure.

Synthetic and purification procedure for (2b). Oxindole (0.133 g, 1.00 mmol) and thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (0.159 g, 1.20 mmol) were reacted, and purification was achieved as for (2a), except that hexane–ethyl acetate (50:50 *v/v*) was used as eluant during chromatographic purification. Crystals of (2b) were obtained as a yellow solid (yield 0.178 g, 79%; m.p. 463–466 K). Analysis found: C 68.9, H 4.2, N 6.2%; $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{NOS}$ requires: C 68.7, H 4.0, N 6.2%.

Synthetic and purification procedure for (3a). Oxindole (0.133 g, 1.00 mmol) and 2-furaldehyde (0.115 g, 1.20 mmol) were reacted, and purification was achieved as for (2a), except that hexane–ethyl acetate (50:50 *v/v*) was used as eluant for chromatographic purification. Crystals of (3a) were obtained as a yellow solid [yield 0.166 g, 79%; m.p. 443–446 K (literature value 451 K; Villemain & Martin, 1998)]. Analysis found: C 67.9, H 4.7, N 6.8%; $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ requires: C 68.1, H 4.8, N 6.1%.

Synthetic and purification procedure for (4a). Oxindole (0.133 g, 1.00 mmol) and acetone (7.90 g, 136 mmol) were reacted, and purification was achieved as for (2a), except that chloroform–ethyl acetate (50:50 *v/v*) was used as eluant. Crystals of (4a) were obtained as an orange solid (yield 0.158 g, 92%; m.p. 459–461 K). Analysis found: C 76.2, H 6.5, N 8.3%; $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}$ requires: C 76.3, H 6.4, N 8.1%.

Synthetic and purification procedure for (4b). Compound (4b) was made according to a published method (Trost *et al.*, 2007) [m.p. 341–342 K (literature value 341–343 K)]. Analysis found: C 76.4, H 5.7, N 5.9%; C₁₃H₁₃NO₃ requires: C 76.2, H 5.7, N 6.0%.

Synthetic and purification procedure for (4c). Oxindole (0.319 g, 2.40 mmol) and cyclohexanone (0.196 g, 2.00 mmol) were reacted, and purification was achieved as for (2a), except that chloroform–ethyl acetate (50:50 *v/v*) was used as eluant. Crystals of (4c) were obtained as a brown solid [yield 0.450 g, 88%; m.p. 458–460 K [literature value 464 K (Villemin & Martin, 1998)]. Analysis found: C 75.8, H 6.9, N 6.3%; C₁₄H₁₅NO·0.1CH₂Cl₂ requires: C 76.3, H 6.9, N 6.3%. While the empirical formula was found to contain a very small amount of CH₂Cl₂ by elemental analysis and NMR, no dichloromethane was found in the crystal structure.

Synthetic and purification procedure for (5). Compound (5) was purchased from Maybridge Chemicals.

Microwave-mediated syntheses of analogues (2)–(4) (Spencer, 2007, 2008). Oxindole (1 mmol), the aldehyde or ketone (1.5 equivalents), ethanol (5 ml) and piperidine (2 drops) were placed in a sealable microwave tube and heated to 423 K for 30 min using continuous cooling (*P*_{max}) in a CEM Discover unit. After cooling the reaction mixture, the crude product was subjected to the same work-up as for the thermal-mediated route.

Compound (2a)

Crystal data

C ₁₃ H ₁₀ N ₂ O	<i>V</i> = 2079.25 (17) Å ³
<i>M</i> _r = 210.23	<i>Z</i> = 8
Orthorhombic, <i>Pbca</i>	Mo <i>K</i> α radiation
<i>a</i> = 14.6031 (6) Å	<i>μ</i> = 0.09 mm ⁻¹
<i>b</i> = 6.2725 (3) Å	<i>T</i> = 120 K
<i>c</i> = 22.6997 (12) Å	0.28 × 0.10 × 0.01 mm

Data collection

Bruker–Nonius Roper CCD camera on <i>κ</i> -goniostat diffractometer	15759 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2007)	1828 independent reflections
<i>T</i> _{min} = 0.976, <i>T</i> _{max} = 0.999	1412 reflections with <i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)
	<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.085

Refinement

<i>R</i> [<i>F</i> ² > 2σ(<i>F</i> ²)] = 0.053	145 parameters
<i>wR</i> (<i>F</i> ²) = 0.110	H-atom parameters constrained
<i>S</i> = 1.05	Δ <i>ρ</i> _{max} = 0.18 e Å ⁻³
1828 reflections	Δ <i>ρ</i> _{min} = -0.22 e Å ⁻³

Compound (2b)

Crystal data

C ₁₃ H ₉ NOS	<i>V</i> = 2157.32 (19) Å ³
<i>M</i> _r = 227.27	<i>Z</i> = 8
Orthorhombic, <i>Pbcn</i>	Mo <i>K</i> α radiation
<i>a</i> = 11.9297 (5) Å	<i>μ</i> = 0.27 mm ⁻¹
<i>b</i> = 10.8294 (6) Å	<i>T</i> = 120 K
<i>c</i> = 16.6986 (9) Å	0.16 × 0.08 × 0.04 mm

Data collection

Bruker–Nonius APEXII CCD camera on <i>κ</i> -goniostat diffractometer	18202 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2007)	2463 independent reflections
<i>T</i> _{min} = 0.958, <i>T</i> _{max} = 0.989	2024 reflections with <i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)
	<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.052

Refinement

<i>R</i> [<i>F</i> ² > 2σ(<i>F</i> ²)] = 0.054	145 parameters
<i>wR</i> (<i>F</i> ²) = 0.125	H-atom parameters constrained
<i>S</i> = 1.09	Δ <i>ρ</i> _{max} = 0.34 e Å ⁻³
2463 reflections	Δ <i>ρ</i> _{min} = -0.42 e Å ⁻³

Compound (3a)

Crystal data

C ₁₃ H ₉ NO ₂ ·H ₂ O	<i>V</i> = 2154.3 (2) Å ³
<i>M</i> _r = 229.23	<i>Z</i> = 8
Orthorhombic, <i>Pbcn</i>	Mo <i>K</i> α radiation
<i>a</i> = 19.2250 (7) Å	<i>μ</i> = 0.10 mm ⁻¹
<i>b</i> = 5.0503 (3) Å	<i>T</i> = 120 K
<i>c</i> = 22.1886 (14) Å	0.30 × 0.06 × 0.04 mm

Data collection

Bruker–Nonius Roper CCD camera on <i>κ</i> -goniostat diffractometer	13065 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2007)	1881 independent reflections
<i>T</i> _{min} = 0.970, <i>T</i> _{max} = 0.996	1355 reflections with <i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)
	<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.085

Refinement

<i>R</i> [<i>F</i> ² > 2σ(<i>F</i> ²)] = 0.052	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
<i>wR</i> (<i>F</i> ²) = 0.118	Δ <i>ρ</i> _{max} = 0.24 e Å ⁻³
<i>S</i> = 1.06	Δ <i>ρ</i> _{min} = -0.25 e Å ⁻³
1881 reflections	
160 parameters	
3 restraints	

Compound (4a)

Crystal data

C ₁₁ H ₁₁ NO	<i>γ</i> = 96.617 (2)°
<i>M</i> _r = 173.21	<i>V</i> = 1311.45 (7) Å ³
Triclinic, <i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>Z</i> = 6
<i>a</i> = 9.7504 (3) Å	Mo <i>K</i> α radiation
<i>b</i> = 10.2281 (3) Å	<i>μ</i> = 0.09 mm ⁻¹
<i>c</i> = 14.0530 (5) Å	<i>T</i> = 120 K
<i>α</i> = 95.766 (2)°	0.30 × 0.08 × 0.04 mm
<i>β</i> = 107.842 (2)°	

Data collection

Bruker–Nonius APEXII CCD camera on <i>κ</i> -goniostat diffractometer	21390 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2007)	5972 independent reflections
<i>T</i> _{min} = 0.975, <i>T</i> _{max} = 0.997	4122 reflections with <i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)
	<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.059

Refinement

<i>R</i> [<i>F</i> ² > 2σ(<i>F</i> ²)] = 0.079	358 parameters
<i>wR</i> (<i>F</i> ²) = 0.168	H-atom parameters constrained
<i>S</i> = 1.08	Δ <i>ρ</i> _{max} = 0.36 e Å ⁻³
5972 reflections	Δ <i>ρ</i> _{min} = -0.31 e Å ⁻³

Compound (4b)

Crystal data

C ₁₃ H ₁₃ NO ₃	<i>V</i> = 2237.73 (8) Å ³
<i>M</i> _r = 231.24	<i>Z</i> = 8
Monoclinic, <i>P</i> ₂ ₁ / <i>n</i>	Mo <i>K</i> α radiation
<i>a</i> = 10.6939 (2) Å	<i>μ</i> = 0.10 mm ⁻¹
<i>b</i> = 17.2595 (4) Å	<i>T</i> = 120 K
<i>c</i> = 12.7714 (3) Å	0.36 × 0.30 × 0.18 mm
<i>β</i> = 108.3220 (10)°	

Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å), angles (°) and torsion angles (°) from structures (2a), (2b), (3a), (4a)–(4c) and (5).

	(2a)	(2b)	(3a)	(4a)†	(4b)†	(4c)†	(5)
N1–C1	1.358 (3)	1.366 (3)	1.352 (3)	1.360 (3)	1.4335 (7)	1.3605 (7)	1.3519 (16)
N1–C4	1.396 (3)	1.405 (3)	1.406 (3)	1.393 (3)	1.426 (3)	1.398 (2)	1.4082 (16)
O1–C1	1.250 (2)	1.240 (3)	1.246 (3)	1.2337 (15)	1.2114 (14)	1.2350 (14)	1.2298 (15)
C1–C2	1.486 (3)	1.488 (3)	1.489 (3)	1.510 (2)	1.490 (8)	1.5075 (7)	1.5670 (16)
C2–C3	1.467 (3)	1.463 (3)	1.477 (3)	1.4730 (10)	1.464 (3)	1.485 (2)	1.5053 (16)
C3–C4	1.401 (3)	1.401 (3)	1.408 (3)	1.406 (2)	1.4070 (14)	1.4075 (7)	1.3935 (17)
C2–C9/C2–O2‡	1.360 (3)	1.352 (3)	1.353 (3)	1.352 (2)	1.3560 (14)	1.3535 (7)	1.4093 (15)
C9–C10/C2–O3‡	1.424 (3)	1.432 (3)	1.414 (3)	1.503 (4)	1.5045 (7)	1.510 (6)	1.4096 (14)
C1–N1–C4	111.60 (17)	111.20 (19)	111.0 (2)	111.90 (17)	109.7 (3)	111.8 (3)	111.91 (10)
C1–C2–C9/C1–C2–O2‡	128.77 (19)	128.5 (2)	118.9 (2)	124.9 (4)	123.1 (3)	124.3 (4)	111.85 (9)
C2–C9–C10/C2–O2–C9‡	131.5 (2)	134.1 (2)	133.2 (2)	122.03 (15)	121.325 (7)	123.2 (2)	113.62 (9)
C1–C2–C9–C10/C1–C2–O2–C9‡	–2.6 (4)	–2.6 (4)	176.8 (2)	–177 (3)	179.57 (7)	170.4 (19)	–72.13 (12)
C2–C9–C10–X/C2–O2–C9–C10§	0.3 (4)	–3.3 (4)	–0.4 (4)				–54.98 (13)

† The reported values are averages of the parameters from the different crystallographically independent molecules in the asymmetric unit. ‡ For structure (5), the second parameter is reported, while for the remaining six structures the first parameter is given. § In (2a), X = N2, in (2b) X = S1 and in (3a) X = O2, and the second parameter is reported for structure (5).

Table 2

Intermolecular hydrogen-bonding interactions (Å, °) in (2a), (2b), (3a), (4a), (4c) and (5).

Structure	Interaction	D–H	H···A	D···A	D–H···A
(2a)	N1–H1···O1 ⁱ	0.88	1.99	2.841 (2)	162
(2b)	N1–H1···O1 ⁱⁱ	0.88	1.99	2.835 (2)	160
(3a)	N1–H1···O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.88	1.95	2.828 (3)	174
	O101–H1W···O101 ^{iv}	0.87 (2)	1.90 (2)	2.763 (2)	172 (3)
	O101–H2W···O1	0.86 (2)	2.00 (2)	2.852 (2)	173 (3)
(4a)	N1–H1···O1 ^v	0.88	1.98	2.859 (3)	174
	N101–H101···O201	0.88	1.96	2.837 (3)	176
	N201–H201···O101	0.88	1.98	2.848 (3)	170
(4c)	N1–H1···O1 ^{vi}	0.88	1.97	2.846 (2)	171
	N101–H101···O101 ^v	0.88	1.98	2.850 (2)	169
(5)	N1–H1···O1 ^v	0.88	1.98	2.844 (1)	165

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+1, -y, -z+1$; (ii) $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$; (iii) $-x+1, -y-1, -z$; (iv) $-x+\frac{1}{2}, y+\frac{1}{2}, z$; (v) $-x+2, -y, -z+1$; (vi) $-x+3, -y+1, -z$.

Data collection

Bruker–Nonius Roper CCD camera on κ -goniostat diffractometer
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2007)
 $T_{\min} = 0.966, T_{\max} = 0.983$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.049$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.134$
 $S = 1.04$
5129 reflections

313 parameters
H-atom parameters constrained
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.31 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.35 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

Compound (4c)**Crystal data**

$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$
 $M_r = 213.27$
Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$
 $a = 5.3732 (1) \text{ Å}$
 $b = 13.4962 (4) \text{ Å}$
 $c = 15.8088 (5) \text{ Å}$
 $\alpha = 95.3890 (10)^\circ$
 $\beta = 98.498 (2)^\circ$
 $\gamma = 101.201 (2)^\circ$
 $V = 1103.32 (5) \text{ Å}^3$
 $Z = 4$
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
 $T = 120 \text{ K}$
 $0.85 \times 0.08 \times 0.06 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

Bruker–Nonius APEXII CCD camera on κ -goniostat diffractometer
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2007)
 $T_{\min} = 0.935, T_{\max} = 0.995$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.066$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.135$
 $S = 1.07$
4997 reflections

289 parameters
H-atom parameters constrained
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.33 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.24 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

Compound (5)**Crystal data**

$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_3$
 $M_r = 205.21$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
 $a = 9.5406 (2) \text{ Å}$
 $b = 8.4295 (2) \text{ Å}$
 $c = 12.4103 (3) \text{ Å}$
 $\beta = 101.956 (2)^\circ$
 $V = 976.42 (4) \text{ Å}^3$
 $Z = 4$
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
 $T = 120 \text{ K}$
 $0.50 \times 0.40 \times 0.36 \text{ mm}$

Table 3

Intramolecular hydrogen-bonding and weak interactions (Å, °) in (2a), (2b), (3a) and (4a)–(4c).

Structure	Interaction	D–H	H···A	D···A	D–H···A
(2a)	N2–H2···O1	0.88	1.89	2.668 (2)	147
(2b)	S1···O1			2.792 (2)	
(3a)	C8–H8···O2	0.95	2.29	3.035 (3)	135
(4a)	C11–H11A···O1	0.98	2.18	2.970 (3)	137
	C111–H11G···O101	0.98	2.19	2.953 (3)	134
	C211–H21D···O201	0.98	2.16	2.961 (3)	137
(4b)	C5–H5···O2	0.95	2.27	2.845 (2)	118
	C105–H105···O102	0.95	2.28	2.847 (2)	118
	C11–H11A···O1	0.98	2.27	2.879 (2)	119
	C111–H11D···O101	0.98	2.32	2.869 (2)	115
(4c)	C14–H14B···O1	0.99	2.16	2.957 (3)	136
	C114–H11K···O101	0.99	2.15	2.953 (3)	137

Data collection

Bruker Nonius Roper CCD camera on κ -goniostat diffractometer	12504 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2007)	2227 independent reflections
$T_{\min} = 0.951$, $T_{\max} = 0.964$	1885 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.032$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.039$	136 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.103$	H-atom parameters constrained
$S = 1.03$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.25 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
2227 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.26 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

The water H atoms in (3a) were located in an electron-density map and their positions refined subject to O–H [0.85 (2) Å] and H···H [1.37 (2) Å] distance restraints, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$. All other H atoms were added at calculated positions and refined using a riding model, with C–H = 0.95 Å for aromatic, 0.99 Å for methylene or 0.98 Å for methyl H atoms and N–H = 0.88 Å, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for methyl H atoms and $1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for aromatic, methylene and N-bound H atoms. In structure (4a), the *R* factor is a little high (7.9%). All other indicators of structural quality are good and there is no indication of any twinning or disorder in the structure. It is thought that the explanation may lie in the fact that the variation in the intensities of the diffraction peaks seems to be larger than usual, although the authors cannot be sure that this is the cause.

For all seven compounds, data collection: COLLECT (Nonius, 1998); cell refinement: DENZO (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997) and COLLECT; data reduction: DENZO and COLLECT; program(s) used to solve structure: SIR2004 (Burla *et al.*, 2005); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 for Windows (Version 2.01; Farrugia, 1997) and Mercury [Version 1.4.2 (Macrae *et al.*, 2006) and Version 2.2 (Macrae *et al.*, 2008)]; software used to prepare material for publication: WinGX (Farrugia, 1999).

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