

2-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-1-benzofuran

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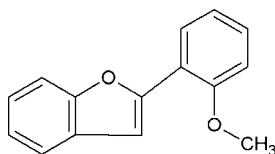
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 120$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$ Å; R factor = 0.033; wR factor = 0.088; data-to-parameter ratio = 12.9.

In the title compound, $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$, the dihedral angle between the aromatic ring systems is $16.67(6)^\circ$. The methyl C atom is almost coplanar with its attached benzene ring [displacement = $0.020(2)$ Å]. In the crystal, the molecules are connected by weak $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ bonds and face-to-edge $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$ interactions between the 2-methoxyphenyl rings.

Related literature

For the biological activity of related compounds, see: Akgul & Anil (2003); Aslam *et al.* (2006); Galal *et al.* (2009); Khan *et al.* (2005); Soekamto *et al.* (2003). For the synthesis, see: Takeda *et al.* (2007).



Experimental

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$
 $M_r = 224.25$
Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$
 $a = 6.9419(1)$ Å
 $b = 11.4409(2)$ Å
 $c = 14.1703(3)$ Å
 $V = 1125.43(3)$ Å³
 $Z = 4$
Cu $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.70$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 120$ K
 $0.27 \times 0.25 \times 0.12$ mm

Data collection

Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur Atlas
Gemini Ultra diffractometer
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(*CrysAlis PRO*; Oxford
Diffraction, 2010)
 $T_{\min} = 0.683$, $T_{\max} = 1.000$
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 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.050$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.033$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.088$
 $S = 1.09$
2006 reflections
155 parameters
H-atom parameters constrained
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.20$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.14$ e Å⁻³
Absolute structure: Flack (1983),
822 Friedel pairs
Flack parameter: $-0.2(2)$

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

Cg1 is the centroid of the C2–C7 ring.

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{C1}-\text{H1B}\cdots\text{O2}^{\text{i}}$	0.96	2.57	3.272(2)	131
$\text{C3}-\text{H3}\cdots\text{Cg1}^{\text{ii}}$	0.93	2.78	3.604(2)	149

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

Data collection: *CrysAlis PRO* (Oxford Diffraction, 2010); cell refinement: *CrysAlis PRO*; data reduction: *CrysAlis PRO*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2006); software used to prepare material for publication: *publCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

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S1. Comment

A wide range of natural products with diverse pharmaceutical properties, such as antifungal, antitumor, antiviral, and antimicrobial (Aslam *et al.*, 2006; Galal *et al.*, 2009; Khan *et al.*, 2005), contain a benzofuran ring (Akgul & Anil, 2003; Soekamto *et al.*, 2003). In this paper, we present a crystal structure of the title compound, (I).

The benzofuran unit is essentially planar, with a mean deviation of 0.019 (2) Å from the least-square plane defined by the nine atoms in benzofuran ring. The methoxy group forms intermolecular hydrogen bond to the oxygen in benzofuran ring (Table 1). Another weak interactions found in the crystal is the C—H $\cdots$ π interaction between the 2-methoxyphenyl rings [C3—H3 $\cdots$ Cg1 (C2 $\rightarrow$ C7)] which is responsible for their edge-to-face orientation (Fig. 2).

S2. Experimental

2-(2'-methoxyphenyl)-benzo[*b*]furan was synthesized by the method described by Takeda (Takeda *et al.*, 2007). Crystals were prepared by slow evaporation from acetonitrile.

S3. Refinement

The hydrogen atoms were localized from the difference Fourier map. Despite of that, all hydrogen atoms connected to C were constrained to ideal positions. The isotropic temperature parameters of hydrogen atoms were calculated as 1.2* U_{eq} of the parent atom.

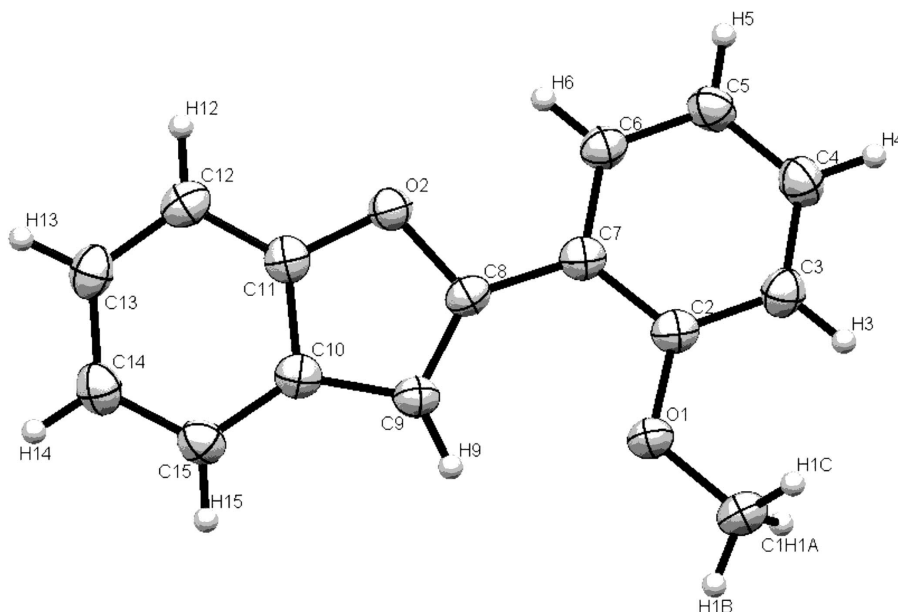
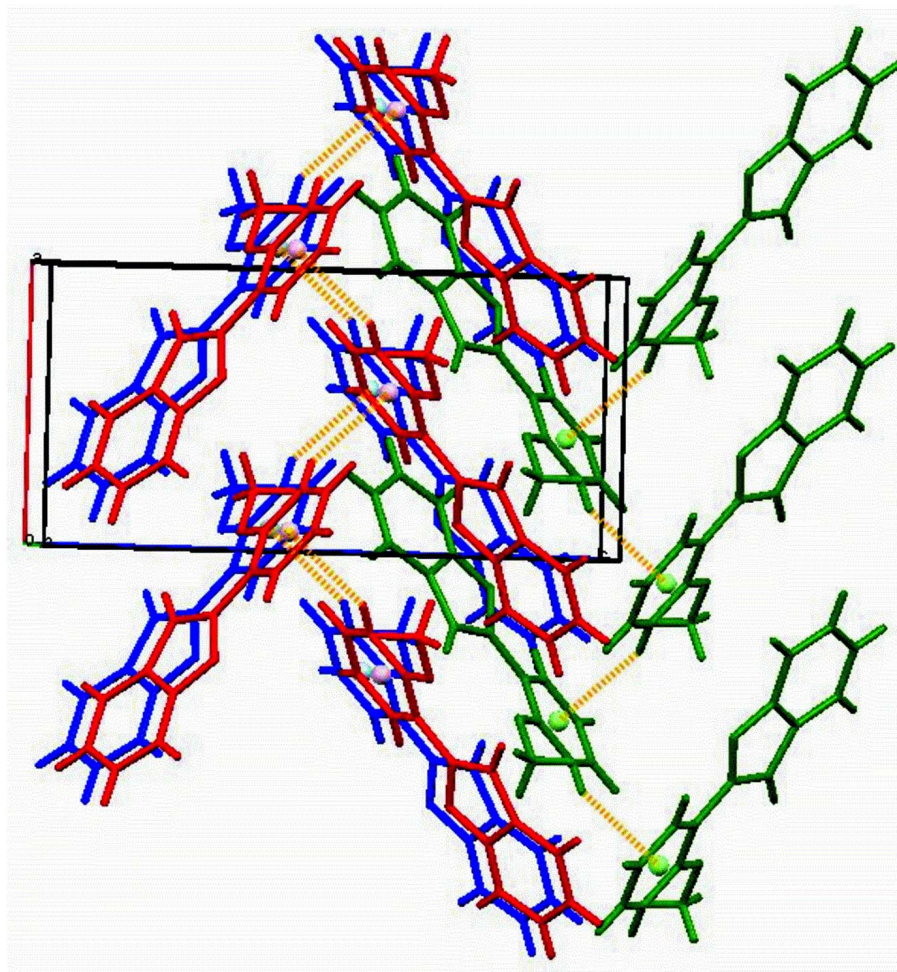


Figure 1

View of (I) with displacement ellipsoids shown at the 50% probability level.

**Figure 2**

Projection along the *b* axis with highlighted face-to-edge CH- π interactions between methoxyphenyl rings.

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 $Z = 4$

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 Mirror monochromator

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 Rotation method data acquisition using ω scans
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$\theta_{\text{max}} = 67.1^\circ$, $\theta_{\text{min}} = 5.0^\circ$
 $h = -8 \rightarrow 7$
 $k = -13 \rightarrow 13$
 $l = -16 \rightarrow 14$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 Least-squares matrix: full
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.033$
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 $S = 1.09$
 2006 reflections
 155 parameters
 0 restraints
 Primary atom site location: structure-invariant
 direct methods
 Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier
 map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from
 neighbouring sites
 H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0543P)^2 + 0.153P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
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 Absolute structure: Flack (1983), 822 Friedel
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Special details

Geometry. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s 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 $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$ 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. The hydrogen atoms were localized from the difference Fourier map. Despite of that, all hydrogen atoms connected to C were constrained to ideal positions. The isotropic temperature parameters of hydrogen atoms were calculated as $1.2 \cdot U_{\text{eq}}$ of the parent atom.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2$)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	1.06771 (15)	0.13587 (9)	0.33592 (7)	0.0323 (3)
O2	0.61359 (14)	0.36286 (9)	0.28934 (7)	0.0293 (3)
C2	1.0779 (2)	0.24444 (13)	0.37522 (10)	0.0282 (3)
C11	0.4903 (2)	0.32298 (13)	0.22083 (10)	0.0281 (3)
C6	0.9320 (2)	0.43475 (13)	0.38967 (10)	0.0301 (3)
H6	0.8355	0.4875	0.3737	0.036*
C7	0.9277 (2)	0.32219 (13)	0.35139 (10)	0.0275 (3)
C3	1.2221 (2)	0.27897 (14)	0.43667 (11)	0.0319 (3)
H3	1.3202	0.2272	0.4525	0.038*
C15	0.4610 (2)	0.17104 (13)	0.10446 (11)	0.0322 (3)
H15	0.5069	0.1044	0.0743	0.039*
C9	0.7486 (2)	0.20323 (12)	0.22207 (11)	0.0295 (3)
H9	0.8343	0.1430	0.2087	0.035*
C14	0.2874 (2)	0.22039 (14)	0.07865 (11)	0.0344 (4)
H14	0.2165	0.1869	0.0300	0.041*
C5	1.0769 (2)	0.46960 (13)	0.45085 (11)	0.0333 (3)
H5	1.0774	0.5449	0.4755	0.040*

C10	0.5664 (2)	0.22374 (13)	0.17718 (10)	0.0283 (3)
C8	0.7723 (2)	0.28854 (12)	0.28798 (10)	0.0268 (3)
C13	0.2159 (2)	0.31977 (14)	0.12430 (11)	0.0346 (4)
H13	0.0980	0.3505	0.1055	0.041*
C12	0.3160 (2)	0.37352 (14)	0.19675 (11)	0.0333 (3)
H12	0.2690	0.4395	0.2274	0.040*
C1	1.2147 (3)	0.05403 (14)	0.36035 (12)	0.0382 (4)
H1A	1.3373	0.0828	0.3394	0.046*
H1B	1.1884	−0.0196	0.3305	0.046*
H1C	1.2171	0.0438	0.4276	0.046*
C4	1.2206 (2)	0.39125 (14)	0.47490 (11)	0.0352 (4)
H4	1.3168	0.4136	0.5168	0.042*

Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
O1	0.0364 (5)	0.0258 (5)	0.0348 (5)	0.0044 (5)	−0.0035 (5)	−0.0030 (4)
O2	0.0288 (5)	0.0280 (5)	0.0311 (5)	0.0011 (4)	0.0007 (4)	−0.0013 (4)
C2	0.0321 (7)	0.0253 (7)	0.0272 (7)	−0.0002 (6)	0.0043 (6)	0.0028 (5)
C11	0.0276 (6)	0.0282 (7)	0.0284 (7)	−0.0049 (6)	0.0025 (6)	0.0041 (6)
C6	0.0328 (8)	0.0259 (7)	0.0317 (7)	0.0009 (6)	0.0005 (6)	0.0025 (6)
C7	0.0300 (7)	0.0253 (7)	0.0271 (7)	−0.0013 (6)	0.0031 (6)	0.0029 (6)
C3	0.0322 (7)	0.0303 (7)	0.0331 (8)	0.0005 (7)	−0.0021 (6)	0.0049 (6)
C15	0.0370 (8)	0.0273 (7)	0.0324 (7)	−0.0031 (6)	−0.0008 (6)	0.0006 (6)
C9	0.0320 (7)	0.0251 (7)	0.0314 (8)	0.0011 (6)	0.0007 (6)	−0.0008 (6)
C14	0.0351 (8)	0.0332 (8)	0.0349 (8)	−0.0076 (7)	−0.0039 (7)	0.0039 (6)
C5	0.0388 (8)	0.0257 (7)	0.0352 (8)	−0.0034 (7)	−0.0023 (7)	−0.0010 (6)
C10	0.0307 (7)	0.0251 (7)	0.0291 (7)	−0.0032 (6)	0.0026 (6)	0.0033 (6)
C8	0.0279 (6)	0.0235 (7)	0.0289 (7)	0.0008 (6)	0.0030 (6)	0.0033 (6)
C13	0.0276 (7)	0.0372 (8)	0.0389 (8)	−0.0024 (7)	−0.0013 (6)	0.0072 (7)
C12	0.0318 (7)	0.0309 (8)	0.0373 (8)	0.0014 (7)	0.0046 (6)	0.0029 (6)
C1	0.0394 (8)	0.0316 (8)	0.0437 (9)	0.0092 (7)	−0.0027 (7)	−0.0036 (7)
C4	0.0382 (8)	0.0326 (8)	0.0348 (8)	−0.0048 (7)	−0.0059 (7)	0.0015 (6)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

O1—C2	1.3630 (18)	C15—H15	0.9300
O1—C1	1.4273 (18)	C9—C8	1.361 (2)
O2—C11	1.3723 (18)	C9—C10	1.435 (2)
O2—C8	1.3921 (17)	C9—H9	0.9300
C2—C3	1.384 (2)	C14—C13	1.399 (2)
C2—C7	1.411 (2)	C14—H14	0.9300
C11—C12	1.384 (2)	C5—C4	1.384 (2)
C11—C10	1.397 (2)	C5—H5	0.9300
C6—C5	1.386 (2)	C13—C12	1.384 (2)
C6—C7	1.398 (2)	C13—H13	0.9300
C6—H6	0.9300	C12—H12	0.9300
C7—C8	1.456 (2)	C1—H1A	0.9600

C3—C4	1.394 (2)	C1—H1B	0.9600
C3—H3	0.9300	C1—H1C	0.9600
C15—C14	1.380 (2)	C4—H4	0.9300
C15—C10	1.400 (2)		
C2—O1—C1	117.50 (12)	C13—C14—H14	119.3
C11—O2—C8	106.31 (11)	C4—C5—C6	119.38 (14)
O1—C2—C3	123.68 (14)	C4—C5—H5	120.3
O1—C2—C7	116.00 (14)	C6—C5—H5	120.3
C3—C2—C7	120.31 (13)	C11—C10—C15	118.58 (14)
O2—C11—C12	125.51 (14)	C11—C10—C9	105.67 (13)
O2—C11—C10	110.34 (13)	C15—C10—C9	135.74 (15)
C12—C11—C10	124.14 (14)	C9—C8—O2	110.60 (12)
C5—C6—C7	121.56 (14)	C9—C8—C7	134.67 (14)
C5—C6—H6	119.2	O2—C8—C7	114.61 (11)
C7—C6—H6	119.2	C12—C13—C14	121.74 (15)
C6—C7—C2	118.17 (14)	C12—C13—H13	119.1
C6—C7—C8	119.94 (13)	C14—C13—H13	119.1
C2—C7—C8	121.89 (13)	C11—C12—C13	115.87 (15)
C2—C3—C4	120.13 (15)	C11—C12—H12	122.1
C2—C3—H3	119.9	C13—C12—H12	122.1
C4—C3—H3	119.9	O1—C1—H1A	109.5
C14—C15—C10	118.36 (15)	O1—C1—H1B	109.5
C14—C15—H15	120.8	H1A—C1—H1B	109.5
C10—C15—H15	120.8	O1—C1—H1C	109.5
C8—C9—C10	107.07 (13)	H1A—C1—H1C	109.5
C8—C9—H9	126.5	H1B—C1—H1C	109.5
C10—C9—H9	126.5	C5—C4—C3	120.42 (15)
C15—C14—C13	121.31 (15)	C5—C4—H4	119.8
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