

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)
$$B_{\text{eq}} = (8\pi^2/3)\sum_i\sum_j U_{ij}a_i^*a_j^*a_i \cdot a_j$$

|       | x           | y           | z           | B <sub>eq</sub> |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| C(1)  | -0.7484 (1) | 0.4269 (2)  | -0.3402 (1) | 4.7 (1)         |
| C(11) | -0.7706 (1) | 0.5256 (2)  | -0.4123 (2) | 5.6 (1)         |
| C(12) | -0.8001 (1) | 0.3248 (3)  | -0.3881 (2) | 6.8 (2)         |
| C(2)  | -0.6730 (1) | 0.3861 (2)  | -0.2962 (1) | 4.8 (1)         |
| C(21) | -0.6679 (2) | 0.2891 (4)  | -0.3538 (2) | 9.8 (2)         |
| C(22) | -0.6304 (2) | 0.4922 (4)  | -0.2858 (3) | 9.2 (2)         |
| C(3)  | -0.6501 (1) | 0.3388 (2)  | -0.1977 (2) | 4.3 (1)         |
| C(31) | -0.5742 (1) | 0.3175 (2)  | -0.1278 (2) | 4.2 (1)         |
| C(32) | -0.5454 (1) | 0.2011 (2)  | -0.1293 (1) | 4.0 (1)         |
| C(33) | -0.4878 (1) | 0.1941 (2)  | -0.1294 (2) | 4.8 (1)         |
| C(34) | -0.4622 (1) | 0.0851 (2)  | -0.1304 (2) | 5.3 (1)         |
| C(35) | -0.4915 (1) | -0.0197 (2) | -0.1288 (1) | 4.6 (1)         |
| C(36) | -0.5487 (1) | -0.0145 (2) | -0.1283 (1) | 5.0 (1)         |
| C(37) | -0.5750 (1) | 0.0953 (2)  | -0.1286 (1) | 4.8 (1)         |
| C(38) | -0.4872 (1) | -0.2329 (2) | -0.1218 (2) | 6.3 (2)         |
| C(39) | -0.4400 (2) | -0.3292 (3) | -0.1101 (2) | 7.6 (2)         |
| C(4)  | -0.6823 (1) | 0.4236 (3)  | -0.1655 (1) | 6.9 (1)         |
| C(41) | -0.7948 (2) | 0.5745 (4)  | -0.5622 (2) | 8.5 (2)         |
| C(5)  | -0.7460 (1) | 0.4711 (3)  | -0.2542 (2) | 7.0 (1)         |
| N     | -0.5392 (1) | 0.4027 (2)  | -0.0707 (1) | 4.7 (1)         |
| O(1)  | -0.4607 (1) | -0.1223 (1) | -0.1269 (1) | 6.0 (1)         |
| O(2)  | -0.4687 (1) | 0.3777 (1)  | -0.0067 (1) | 5.8 (1)         |
| O(3)  | -0.7808 (1) | 0.6272 (2)  | -0.4026 (2) | 9.4 (1)         |
| O(4)  | -0.7777 (1) | 0.4869 (2)  | -0.4909 (1) | 6.2 (1)         |

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

|                   |           |                  |           |
|-------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| C(34)—C(35)       | 1.380 (3) | C(1)—C(5)        | 1.537 (3) |
| C(36)—C(35)       | 1.388 (3) | C(2)—C(1)        | 1.580 (2) |
| O(1)—C(35)        | 1.359 (3) | C(12)—C(1)       | 1.533 (3) |
| C(33)—C(34)       | 1.374 (3) | C(11)—C(1)       | 1.512 (3) |
| C(32)—C(33)       | 1.396 (3) | C(21)—C(2)       | 1.525 (3) |
| C(37)—C(32)       | 1.388 (3) | C(22)—C(2)       | 1.513 (4) |
| C(31)—C(32)       | 1.484 (3) | C(39)—C(38)      | 1.496 (3) |
| C(36)—C(37)       | 1.384 (3) | O(1)—C(38)       | 1.421 (3) |
| C(3)—C(31)        | 1.518 (2) | O(3)—C(11)       | 1.197 (3) |
| N—C(31)           | 1.274 (2) | O(4)—C(11)       | 1.338 (3) |
| C(4)—C(3)         | 1.522 (3) | O(4)—C(41)       | 1.435 (3) |
| C(2)—C(3)         | 1.547 (3) | O(2)—N           | 1.417 (2) |
| C(5)—C(4)         | 1.502 (3) |                  |           |
| C(36)—C(35)—C(34) | 119.3 (2) | C(12)—C(1)—C(5)  | 108.8 (2) |
| O(1)—C(35)—C(34)  | 116.1 (2) | C(12)—C(1)—C(2)  | 113.2 (2) |
| O(1)—C(35)—C(36)  | 124.7 (2) | C(11)—C(1)—C(5)  | 110.9 (2) |
| C(33)—C(34)—C(35) | 121.1 (2) | C(11)—C(1)—C(2)  | 111.4 (2) |
| C(32)—C(33)—C(34) | 120.5 (2) | C(11)—C(1)—C(12) | 108.3 (2) |
| C(37)—C(32)—C(33) | 118.1 (2) | C(1)—C(2)—C(3)   | 101.6 (1) |
| C(31)—C(32)—C(33) | 121.8 (2) | C(21)—C(2)—C(3)  | 111.2 (2) |
| C(31)—C(32)—C(37) | 120.1 (2) | C(21)—C(2)—C(1)  | 113.6 (2) |
| C(36)—C(37)—C(32) | 121.4 (2) | C(22)—C(2)—C(3)  | 110.9 (2) |
| C(37)—C(36)—C(35) | 119.7 (2) | C(22)—C(2)—C(1)  | 110.2 (2) |
| C(3)—C(31)—C(32)  | 119.1 (2) | C(22)—C(2)—C(21) | 109.2 (3) |
| N—C(31)—C(32)     | 124.3 (2) | O(1)—C(38)—C(39) | 107.5 (2) |
| N—C(31)—C(3)      | 116.6 (2) | O(3)—C(11)—C(1)  | 125.6 (2) |
| C(4)—C(3)—C(31)   | 116.5 (2) | O(4)—C(11)—C(1)  | 111.9 (2) |
| C(2)—C(3)—C(31)   | 114.9 (2) | O(4)—C(11)—O(3)  | 122.5 (3) |
| C(2)—C(3)—C(4)    | 104.9 (2) | O(2)—N—C(31)     | 114.2 (2) |
| C(5)—C(4)—C(3)    | 106.7 (2) | C(38)—O(1)—C(35) | 118.5 (2) |
| C(1)—C(5)—C(4)    | 108.1 (2) | C(41)—O(4)—C(11) | 116.9 (2) |
| C(2)—C(1)—C(5)    | 104.2 (2) |                  |           |

Program used to solve structure: *MULTAN80* (Main *et al.*, 1980). Molecular graphics: *PLUTO* (Motherwell & Clegg, 1978). Refinement was by full-matrix least-squares methods (*SHELX76*; Sheldrick, 1976). Program used for calculation of dihedral angles: *XANADU* (Roberts & Sheldrick, 1975).

Lists of structure factors, anisotropic displacement parameters, H-atom coordinates and complete geometry have been deposited with the IUCr (Reference: PA1101). Copies may be obtained through The Managing Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

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## 6'-Diethylamino-2'-nitrospiro[isobenzofuran-1(3H),9'-[9H]xanthen]-3-one

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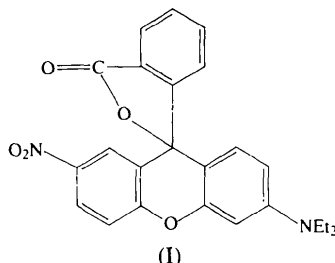
## Abstract

The title molecule, C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, is composed of two parts, namely, a butterfly-like xanthen moiety and an almost planar isobenzofuran fragment. The isobenzofuran plane is almost perpendicular to the two xanthen planes. The C—O bond length in the five-membered lactone ring is 1.487 (5) Å, which is longer than the usual lactone C—O single-bond length.

## Comment

Since Meyer & Hoffmeyer (1892) first synthesized fluoran, several derivatives have been prepared and

studies of their spectral properties undertaken (Kramer, Klapper & Miller, 1968; Gronowska, Dabkowska & Walerys, 1979; Matsuoka, Uedam & Kitao, 1982; Wang, Ren, Yun, He & Wang, 1990). We have synthesized the title compound (I) and determined its crystal structure as, up to now, only a few structures of fluoran derivatives have been reported.



In the title molecule, the xanthenone group has a butterfly-like conformation in which the two planar parts form a dihedral angle of  $6.6(5)^\circ$ . The isobenzofuran moiety is almost planar and is perpendicular to each of the xanthenone planes, the dihedral angles being  $87.97(11)$  and  $93.86(14)^\circ$ . The structural characteristics of the present molecule are in good agreement with the results reported by Wang *et al.* (1989) and Osborn & Rogers (1975).

The C—O bond length in the five-membered lactone ring is  $1.487(5)$  Å, which is longer than the normal lactone C—O single-bond value, *e.g.*  $1.463(7)$  Å (Cameron, Jochem & Linden, 1989) and shorter than the value of  $1.525(3)$  Å found in fluorescein (Osborn & Rogers, 1975). When reacted with acidic material such as acetic acid the C—O

bond in the lactone ring ruptures to give the fluorescent form of the molecule and its colour simultaneously changes to red.

## Experimental

A mixture of 2'-carboxy-4-diethylamino-2-hydroxybenzophenone and 4-nitrophenol (molar ratio 1:1) was heated in concentrated sulfuric acid for 3 h at 403 K to yield the title compound. The product was recrystallized from ethanol.

### Crystal data

|                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| $C_{24}H_{20}N_2O_5$       | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation              |
| $M_r = 416.44$             | $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å               |
| Triclinic                  | Cell parameters from 25 reflections |
| $P\bar{1}$                 | $\theta = 10\text{--}15^\circ$      |
| $a = 8.342(3)$ Å           | $\mu = 0.091$ mm $^{-1}$            |
| $b = 9.861(2)$ Å           | $T = 295$ K                         |
| $c = 12.735(2)$ Å          | Prism                               |
| $\alpha = 80.41(2)^\circ$  | $0.4 \times 0.3 \times 0.3$ mm      |
| $\beta = 79.91(2)^\circ$   | Light yellow                        |
| $\gamma = 80.96(2)^\circ$  |                                     |
| $V = 1008.1(5)$ Å $^3$     |                                     |
| $Z = 2$                    |                                     |
| $D_x = 1.372$ Mg m $^{-3}$ |                                     |

### Data collection

|                                   |                           |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer | $R_{int} = 0.012$         |
| $\omega/2\theta$ scans            | $\theta_{max} = 25^\circ$ |
| Absorption correction: none       | $h = -9 \rightarrow 9$    |
| 2022 measured reflections         | $k = -10 \rightarrow 10$  |
| 1728 independent reflections      | $l = 0 \rightarrow 14$    |
| 1262 observed reflections         | 2 standard reflections    |
| $[ F_o  > 3.0\sigma( F_o )]$      | frequency: 60 min         |
|                                   | intensity decay: 0.1%     |

### Refinement

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Refinement on $F$             | Unit weights applied                                       |
| $R = 0.035$                   | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.01$                             |
| $wR = 0.034$                  | $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.141$ e Å $^{-3}$                     |
| $S = 0.721$                   | $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.120$ e Å $^{-3}$                    |
| 1262 reflections              | Atomic scattering factors                                  |
| 280 parameters                | from <i>International Tables for X-ray Crystallography</i> |
| All H-atom parameters refined | (1974, Vol. IV)  |

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å $^2$ )

|    | $B_{eq} = (4/3)\sum_i \sum_j \beta_{ij} a_i \cdot a_j$ |            |             |          |
|----|--|------------|-------------|----------|
|    | $x$  | $y$        | $z$         | $B_{eq}$ |
| O1 | 0.6912 (3)   | 0.4355 (2) | 0.1180 (2)  | 3.58 (8) |
| O2 | 0.9686 (3)   | 0.7396 (2) | 0.1105 (3)  | 3.69 (8) |
| O3 | 1.0858 (3)   | 0.9290 (3) | 0.1116 (3)  | 4.62 (9) |
| O4 | 0.9293 (5)   | 0.8466 (4) | -0.2853 (4) | 8.5 (3)  |
| O5 | 0.8371 (6)   | 0.6974 (4) | -0.3576 (3) | 9.4 (2)  |
| N1 | 0.6553 (5)   | 0.3107 (4) | 0.4952 (3)  | 5.0 (1)  |
| N2 | 0.8688 (5)   | 0.7414 (4) | -0.2812 (4) | 6.3 (1)  |
| C1 | 0.9622 (4)   | 0.8780 (4) | 0.1164 (4)  | 3.4 (1)  |
| C2 | 0.8009 (4)   | 0.7010 (4) | 0.1196 (4)  | 2.9 (1)  |
| C3 | 0.6807 (6)   | 0.3298 (5) | 0.6017 (5)  | 5.7 (2)  |
| C4 | 0.8439 (7)   | 0.2726 (7) | 0.6266 (5)  | 8.8 (2)  |
| C5 | 0.5944 (6)   | 0.1815 (5) | 0.4879 (5)  | 6.6 (2)  |

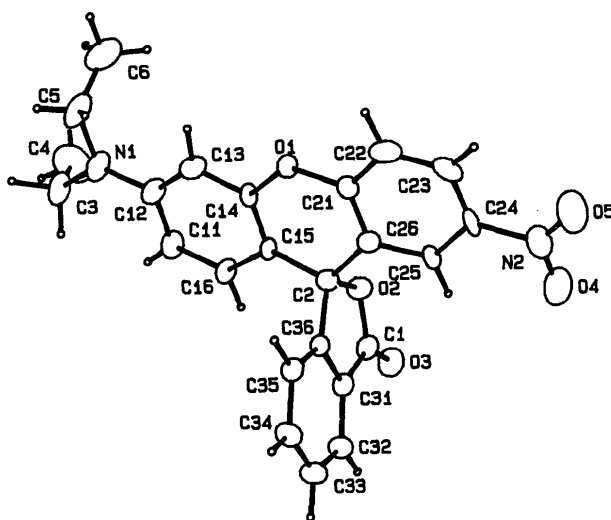


Fig. 1. Perspective drawing of the title compound with the atomic numbering scheme. The displacement ellipsoids have been scaled to 30% probability.

|     |            |            |             |         |
|-----|------------|------------|-------------|---------|
| C6  | 0.7247 (7) | 0.0684 (5) | 0.4574 (6)  | 8.4 (2) |
| C11 | 0.7541 (5) | 0.5274 (4) | 0.4101 (4)  | 4.2 (1) |
| C12 | 0.6955 (5) | 0.4011 (4) | 0.4035 (4)  | 4.0 (1) |
| C13 | 0.6772 (5) | 0.3772 (4) | 0.3037 (4)  | 3.8 (1) |
| C14 | 0.7136 (4) | 0.4712 (4) | 0.2146 (4)  | 2.7 (1) |
| C15 | 0.7696 (4) | 0.5973 (4) | 0.2162 (4)  | 2.5 (1) |
| C16 | 0.7844 (5) | 0.6190 (4) | 0.3190 (4)  | 3.4 (1) |
| C21 | 0.7351 (5) | 0.5168 (4) | 0.0224 (4)  | 3.4 (1) |
| C22 | 0.7178 (5) | 0.4660 (4) | -0.0686 (4) | 5.1 (1) |
| C23 | 0.7610 (6) | 0.5395 (4) | -0.1661 (4) | 5.1 (1) |
| C24 | 0.8232 (5) | 0.6625 (4) | -0.1748 (4) | 3.8 (1) |
| C25 | 0.8397 (5) | 0.7120 (4) | -0.0827 (4) | 3.1 (1) |
| C26 | 0.7940 (4) | 0.6424 (4) | 0.0193 (4)  | 3.2 (1) |
| C31 | 0.7887 (4) | 0.9397 (4) | 0.1275 (4)  | 2.9 (1) |
| C32 | 0.7218 (5) | 1.0746 (4) | 0.1372 (4)  | 3.6 (1) |
| C33 | 0.5532 (5) | 1.1042 (4) | 0.1469 (4)  | 4.1 (1) |
| C34 | 0.4564 (4) | 1.0016 (4) | 0.1482 (4)  | 3.7 (1) |
| C35 | 0.5250 (4) | 0.8678 (4) | 0.1372 (4)  | 3.0 (1) |
| C36 | 0.6935 (4) | 0.8383 (3) | 0.1275 (4)  | 2.5 (1) |

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

|             |           |             |           |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| O1—C14      | 1.385 (7) | C11—C16     | 1.358 (7) |
| O1—C21      | 1.367 (8) | C12—C13     | 1.369 (9) |
| O2—C1       | 1.372 (5) | C13—C14     | 1.363 (8) |
| O2—C2       | 1.487 (5) | C14—C15     | 1.400 (8) |
| O3—C1       | 1.204 (4) | C15—C16     | 1.390 (7) |
| O4—N2       | 1.213 (8) | C21—C22     | 1.37 (1)  |
| O5—N2       | 1.213 (9) | C21—C26     | 1.395 (8) |
| N1—C3       | 1.456 (7) | C22—C23     | 1.350 (9) |
| N1—C5       | 1.465 (7) | C23—C24     | 1.374 (9) |
| N1—C12      | 1.372 (8) | C24—C25     | 1.379 (9) |
| N2—C24      | 1.466 (9) | C25—C26     | 1.385 (8) |
| C1—C31      | 1.471 (5) | C31—C32     | 1.376 (5) |
| C2—C15      | 1.476 (7) | C31—C36     | 1.371 (5) |
| C2—C26      | 1.499 (8) | C32—C33     | 1.379 (6) |
| C2—C36      | 1.510 (6) | C33—C34     | 1.386 (6) |
| C3—C4       | 1.456 (7) | C34—C35     | 1.372 (5) |
| C5—C6       | 1.481 (8) | C35—C36     | 1.378 (5) |
| C11—C12     | 1.427 (8) |             |           |
| C14—O1—C21  | 120.9 (8) | C2—C15—C14  | 123.5 (7) |
| C1—O2—C2    | 111.0 (3) | C2—C15—C16  | 123.1 (7) |
| C3—N1—C5    | 116.3 (6) | C14—C15—C16 | 113.3 (7) |
| C3—N1—C12   | 123.5 (7) | C11—C16—C15 | 124.9 (7) |
| C5—N1—C12   | 120.0 (7) | O1—C21—C22  | 115.6 (7) |
| O4—N2—O5    | 125.7 (5) | O1—C21—C26  | 121.2 (9) |
| O4—N2—C24   | 117.7 (9) | C22—C21—C26 | 123.1 (4) |
| O5—N2—C24   | 116.5 (4) | C21—C22—C23 | 119.1 (9) |
| O2—C1—O3    | 121.0 (4) | C22—C23—C24 | 120.7 (8) |
| O2—C1—C31   | 107.9 (3) | N2—C24—C23  | 120.0 (9) |
| O3—C1—C31   | 131.1 (4) | N2—C24—C25  | 120.5 (9) |
| O2—C2—C15   | 109.5 (5) | C23—C24—C25 | 119.5 (4) |
| O2—C2—C26   | 107.3 (4) | C24—C25—C26 | 122.2 (9) |
| O2—C2—C36   | 102.4 (3) | C2—C26—C21  | 122.4 (8) |
| C15—C2—C26  | 110.9 (5) | C2—C26—C25  | 122.2 (7) |
| C15—C2—C36  | 113.1 (5) | C21—C26—C25 | 115.4 (9) |
| C26—C2—C36  | 113.1 (5) | C1—C31—C32  | 129.1 (4) |
| N1—C3—C4    | 113.7 (6) | C1—C31—C36  | 108.8 (3) |
| N1—C5—C6    | 114.3 (5) | C32—C31—C36 | 122.1 (4) |
| C12—C11—C16 | 119.2 (7) | C31—C32—C33 | 117.0 (4) |
| N1—C12—C11  | 120.2 (8) | C32—C33—C34 | 121.1 (4) |
| N1—C12—C13  | 122.2 (8) | C33—C34—C35 | 121.3 (4) |
| C11—C12—C13 | 117.5 (9) | C34—C35—C36 | 117.5 (4) |
| C12—C13—C14 | 120.8 (8) | C2—C36—C31  | 109.8 (3) |
| O1—C14—C13  | 115.7 (7) | C2—C36—C35  | 129.2 (3) |
| O1—C14—C15  | 120.1 (8) | C31—C36—C35 | 121.0 (3) |
| C13—C14—C15 | 124.3 (7) |             |           |

The structure was solved by direct methods using *MULTAN11/82* (Main, Fiske, Hull, Lessinger, Germain, Declercq & Woolfson, 1982). All H atoms were found in  $\Delta\rho$  maps. The structure was refined by full-matrix least-squares calculations with anisotropic displacement factors for non-H atoms and isotropic displacement factors for H atoms. Calculations were carried out on a VAX 3100 computer using *MolEN* (Fair, 1990).

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## Phenyl 2-Fluorobenzoate, Phenyl 4-Fluorobenzoate and Phenyl Benzoate

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## Abstract

On comparing the crystal structures of the title compounds, two isomers of C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>FO<sub>2</sub>, and C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, it becomes clear that the differences in the molecular arrangements and conformations of the fluorinated phenyl benzoates compared with phenyl benzoate (PB) depend on the position of the F atom pendent on the aromatic nucleus of PB, as an F atom at C(2) does not affect either the molecular arrangement or conformation as much as an F atom at C(4).