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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 KMean $\sigma(\text{C-C}) = 0.002 \text{ Å}$ R factor = 0.038 wR factor = 0.085Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.1

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4-(2-Benzoyl-5-methoxyphenoxy)benzene-1,2-dicarbonitrile

The title compound, $C_{22}H_{14}N_2O_3$, contains three benzene rings, pairs of which form dihedral angles of 55.37 (5), 68.47 (4) and 82.82 (4)°. The average C-O-C angle is 119.0 (1)°.

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Comment

The title compound, (I), is a precursor in the synthesis of peripherally tetrasubstituted phthalocyanines (Leznoff & Lever, 1989–1996). For many years, phthalocyanines have attracted continued interest in various research fields, such as chemical sensors, electrochromism, batteries, photodynamic therapy, semiconductor materials, liquid crystals and nonlinear optics (Leznoff & Lever, 1989–1996; McKeown, 1998).

The molecular structure of (I) and a packing diagram are shown in Figs. 1 and 2, respectively. Some selected bond lengths and angles are listed in Table 1. The C≡N, C≔O and C—O bond lengths agree with literature values (Ocak *et al.*, 2004; Iskeleli & Ağar, 2005; Erdem, Atalay, Akdemir, Ağar & Kantar, 2004; Erdem, Atalay, Akdemir, Ağar & Özil, 2004; Atalay *et al.*, 2003, 2004).

Compound (I) consists of one benzene rings, A (C1–C6), B (C8–C13) and C (C14–C19). The dihedral angles between the least-squares planes of the rings are A/B = 55.37 (5), A/C = 68.47 (4) and B/C = 82.82 (4)°.

Experimental

2-Hydroxy-4-methoxybenzophenone (1.58 g, 6.92 mmol) and 4-nitrophthalonitrile (1.00 g, 5.78 mmol) were dissolved in dry dimethylformamide (40 ml) with stirring under N_2 at 313 K. Dry fine-

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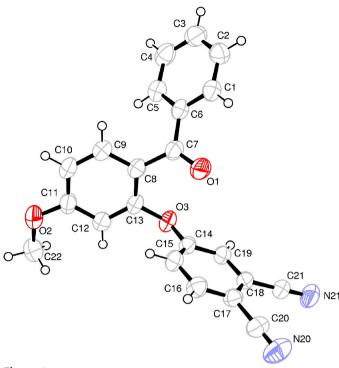


Figure 1
A view of (I), with the atom-numbering scheme and 50% probability displacement ellipsoids.

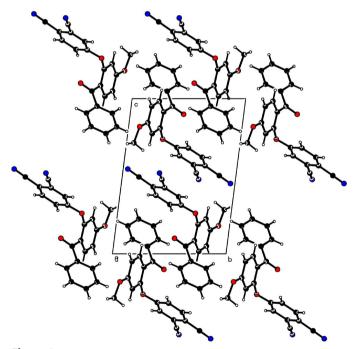


Figure 2 A plot of the crystal packing of (I), projected on the bc plane.

powdered potassium carbonate (1.2 g, 8.69 mmol) was added in portions (10×1 mmol) every 10 min. The reaction mixture was stirred for 48 h at 313 K and poured into ice-water (150 g). The product was filtered off and washed with 10% (w/w) NaOH solution and water until the filtrate was neutral. Recrystallization from ethanol gave a white product. Yield 0.60 g (29.33%). Single crystals of (I) were obtained from absolute ethanol at room temperature by slow

evaporation (m.p. 393 K). Elemental analysis, calculated for $C_{22}H_{14}N_2O_3$: C 74.57, H 3.98, N 7.91%; found: C 74.56, H 3.96, N 7.88%.

Crystal data

$C_{22}H_{14}N_2O_3$	Z = 2		
$M_r = 354.35$	$D_x = 1.343 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$		
Triclinic, $P\overline{1}$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation		
a = 7.3142 (9) Å	Cell parameters from 9968		
b = 9.6929 (11) Å	reflections		
c = 12.9986 (16) Å	$\theta = 2.2 - 27.5^{\circ}$		
$\alpha = 81.233 \ (9)^{\circ}$	$\mu = 0.09 \text{ mm}^{-1}$		
$\beta = 83.004 \ (10)^{\circ}$	T = 293 (2) K		
$\gamma = 74.967 (9)^{\circ}$	Prism, light yellow		
$V = 876.34 (18) \text{ Å}^3$	$0.42 \times 0.26 \times 0.11 \text{ mm}$		

Data collection

Stoe IPDS-II diffractometer	2453 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
ω scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.046$
Absorption correction: integration	$\theta_{\rm max} = 27.1^{\circ}$
(X-RED32; Stoe & Cie, 2002)	$h = -9 \rightarrow 9$
$T_{\min} = 0.963, T_{\max} = 0.990$	$k = -12 \rightarrow 12$
10 703 measured reflections	$l = -16 \rightarrow 16$
3726 independent reflections	

Refinement

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Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0395P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.085$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
S = 0.97	$\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 0.10 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$
3726 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\min} = -0.11 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$
246 parameters	Extinction correction: SHELXL97
H-atom parameters constrained	Extinction coefficient: 0.034 (4)

Table 1 Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

C7-O1	1.2149 (17)	C14-O3	1.3583 (15)
C11-O2	1.3610 (17)	C20-N1	1.134(2)
C13-O3	1.3996 (15)	C21-N2	1.1406 (18)
O1 - C7 - C8	120.06 (14)	C11-O2-C22	118.01 (12)
O1 - C7 - C6	119.81 (13)	C14-O3-C13	119.99 (10)

All H atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined using a riding model. C—H distances were set to 0.93 (aromatic H) or 0.96 Å (methyl H). $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H})$ values were constrained to be 1.2 (1.5 for methyl H) times $U_{\rm eq}$ of the carrier atom.

Data collection: *X-AREA* (Stoe & Cie,2002); cell refinement: *X-AREA*; data reduction: *X-RED32* (Stoe & Cie, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPIII* (Burnett & Johnson, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999), *PARST* (Nardelli, 1995) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003).

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