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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.002 Å R factor = 0.042 wR factor = 0.115 Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.0

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# 3-(1*H*-1,2,3-Benzotriazol-1-yl)-1-(4-methoxy-phenyl)propan-1-one

In the title compound,  $C_{16}H_{15}N_3O_2$ , the dihedral angle between the benzotriazole moiety and the other benzene ring is 74.40 (7)°. The short distance [3.488 (3) Å] between the centroids of benzene rings of neighbouring molecules may indicate a  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interaction, forming centrosymmetric dimers. The packing is further stabilized by van der Waals forces.

# Comment

In the framework of our study of triazole compounds, the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), was obtained in the reaction of benzotriazole and 3-(dimethylamino)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-propan-1-one. We report here its crystal structure.



All bond lengths and angles in (I) (Table 1) are within normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987) and comparable with those in 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)propan-1-one (Wan *et al.*, 2005). The benzotriazole moiety is essentially planar; the dihedral angle between the C1–C6 and triazole rings is 0.62 (1)°. The mean plane of benzotriazole and the C10–C15 benzene ring make a dihedral angle of 74.40 (7)°. The short distance between the centroids (*Cg*) of neighbouring C10–C15 benzene rings [ $Cg \cdots Cg^i = 3.488$  (3) Å; symmetry code: (i) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z] may indicate a  $\pi - \pi$ 



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**Figure 1** View of (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-labelling scheme.

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# **Experimental**

To a solution of Mannich base 3-(dimethylamino)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (20.7 g, 0.1 mol) in water (100 ml) was added benzotriazole (11.9 g, 0.1 mol). The mixture was heated under reflux for 4 h, yielding quantities of precipitate. Colourless single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction study were obtained by slow evaporation of a dichloromethane and cyclohexane (2:1  $\nu/\nu$ ) solution over a period of one week.

## Crystal data

$C_{16}H_{15}N_{2}O_{2}$	$D_{\rm x} = 1.289 {\rm Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 281.31$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Cell parameters from 3374
$a = 8.6112 (9) \text{\AA}^{17}$	reflections
b = 21.669(2) Å	$\theta = 2.5 - 25.9^{\circ}$
c = 8.1152 (8) Å	$\mu = 0.09 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 106.820 \ (2)^{\circ}$	T = 293 (2)  K
V = 1449.5 (3) Å <sup>3</sup>	Block, colourless
Z = 4	$0.47 \times 0.28 \times 0.26 \text{ mm}$
Data collection	
Bruker SMART 1000 CCD area-	2858 independent reflections
detector diffractometer	2304 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\omega$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.018$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 26.0^{\circ}$
(SADABS: Sheldrick, 1996)	$h = -10 \rightarrow 10$
$T_{\rm min} = 0.960, T_{\rm max} = 0.978$	$k = -26 \rightarrow 26$

 $-9 \rightarrow 8$ 

(SADABS, Shellnick, 1996) $T_{min} = 0.960, T_{max} = 0.978$ 8048 measured reflections

## Refinement

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Refinement on } F^2 & w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0529P)^2 \\ R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.042 & + 0.2149P] \\ wR(F^2) = 0.115 & where \ P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ S = 1.05 & (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001 \\ 2858 \ reflections & \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.15 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ 190 \ {\rm parameters} & \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.14 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \end{array}$ 

## Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1-C9	1.2148 (17)	N1-C5	1.372 (2)
O2-C13	1.3613 (17)	N2-N3	1.3511 (17)
O2-C16	1.4271 (18)	N3-C6	1.3555 (19)
N1-N2	1.301 (2)	N3-C7	1.4535 (19)
C13-O2-C16	117.31 (11)	O1-C9-C8	119.20 (14)
O1-C9-C10	121.80 (13)	C10-C9-C8	119.01 (12)

All H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C-H distances in the



**Figure 2** The crystal packing, viewed down the *c* axis.

range 0.93–0.97 Å, and with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$  for methyl H atoms and  $1.2U_{eq}(C)$  for other H atoms.

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*, *PARST* (Nardelli, 1995) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003).

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