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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=293 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.002 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.042$
$w R$ factor $=0.115$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=15.0$
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## 3-(1H-1,2,3-Benzotriazol-1-yl)-1-(4-methoxy-phenyl)propan-1-one

In the title compound, $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}$, the dihedral angle between the benzotriazole moiety and the other benzene ring is $74.40(7)^{\circ}$. The short distance [3.488 (3) $\AA$ ] 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.

(I)

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-(1H-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 $0.62(1)^{\circ}$. The mean plane of benzotriazole and the $\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 15$ benzene ring make a dihedral angle of $74.40(7)^{\circ}$. The short distance between the centroids $(C g)$ of neighbouring C10-C15 benzene rings $\left[C g \cdots C g^{i}=3.488\right.$ (3) $\AA$; symmetry code: (i) $1-x, 1-y, 1-z]$ may indicate a $\pi-\pi$


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-methoxy-phenyl)propan-1-one $(20.7 \mathrm{~g}, 0.1 \mathrm{~mol})$ in water $(100 \mathrm{ml})$ was added benzotriazole ( $11.9 \mathrm{~g}, 0.1 \mathrm{~mol}$ ). 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 $(2: 1 \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})$ solution over a period of one week.

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}$
$M_{r}=281.31$
Monoclinic, $P 2_{1} / c$
$a=8.6112(9) \AA$
$b=21.669(2) \AA$
$c=8.1152(8) \AA$
$\beta=106.820(2)^{\circ}$
$V=1449.5(3) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$

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\begin{aligned}
& D_{x}=1.289 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{~m}^{-3} \\
& \text { Mo } K \alpha \text { radiation } \\
& \text { Cell parameters from } 3374 \\
& \quad \text { reflections } \\
& \theta=2.5-25.9^{\circ} \\
& \mu=0.09 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1} \\
& T=293(2) \mathrm{K} \\
& \text { Block, colourless } \\
& 0.47 \times 0.28 \times 0.26 \mathrm{~mm}
\end{aligned}
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## Data collection

Bruker SMART 1000 CCD areadetector diffractometer $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.960, T_{\text {max }}=0.978$
8048 measured reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
2858 independent reflections
2304 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.018$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=26.0^{\circ}$
$h=-10 \rightarrow 10$
$k=-26 \rightarrow 26$
$l=-9 \rightarrow 8$

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\begin{aligned}
& w= 1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0529 P)^{2}\right. \\
&+0.2149 P] \\
& \text { where } P=\left(F_{o}{ }^{2}+2 F_{c}{ }^{2}\right) / 3 \\
&(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }<0.001 \\
& \Delta \rho_{\max }=0.15 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3} \\
& \Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.14 \mathrm{e}^{-3}
\end{aligned}
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$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.042$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.115$
$S=1.05$
2858 reflections
190 parameters
H -atom parameters constrained


Figure 2
The crystal packing, viewed down the $c$ axis.
range $0.93-0.97 \AA$, and with $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.5 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$ for methyl H atoms and $1.2 U_{\mathrm{eq}}(\mathrm{C})$ 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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