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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 294 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.005 Å R factor = 0.042 wR factor = 0.110 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.3

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# 2-(3-Bromo-4-butoxyphenyl)-3,4-dimethyl-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)furan

The title compound,  $C_{25}H_{29}BrO_5$ , was synthesized by the cyclization of 1-(3-bromo-4-butoxyphenyl)-2,3-dimethyl-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)butane-1,4-dione with a 5% solution of hydrogen chloride in dried methanol. The aromatic rings make dihedral angles of 4.8 (3) and 7.1 (3)° with the furan ring. The bond lengths are unexceptional.

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## Comment

Much attention has been paid to diaryl-substituted heterocycles (Khanna *et al.*, 1997; Penning *et al.*, 1997; Wu-Wong *et al.*, 2001), since research findings indicate that the diarylheterocycle system is associated with high biological activities, *e.g.* as selective COX-2 inhibitors (Portevin *et al.*, 2000) and antitumor agents (Szczepankiewicz *et al.*, 2001). In view of this, we have recently focused on the preparation of diaryl-substituted furans. A new compound, *viz.* 2-(3-bromo-4-butoxyphenyl)-3,4-dimethyl-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)furan, (I), has been synthesized by the reaction of 1-(3-bromo-4-butoxyphenyl)-2,3-dimethyl-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)butane-1,4dione in the presence of hydrogen chloride in dried methanol (Perry *et al.*, 1972). An X-ray crystal structure determination of (I) was carried out and the results are presented here.



The molecular structure of (I) is illustrated in Fig. 1. The aromatic rings C5–C10 (A) and C13–C18 (B) make dihedral angles of 4.8 (3) and 7.1 (3)°, respectively, with the furan ring; rings A and B are inclined to each other at an angle of 7.1 (3)°. The bond lengths are unexceptional.

### **Experimental**

A 5% solution of hydrogen chloride in dried methanol (15 ml) was added dropwise to a boiling solution of 1-(3-bromo-4-butoxyphenyl)-2,3-dimethyl-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)butane-1,4-dione (1.48 mmol) in dichloromethane (7.0 ml). After about 15 min, the solution was cooled, producing crude crystals (yield 85.2%). Single crystals suitable for crystallographic analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a dichloromethane–methanol solution (m.p. 375 K). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO):  $\delta$  7.85–6.88 (*m*, 5H), 4.06 (*t*, 2H), 3.93 (*s*, 6H), 3.90 (*s*, 3H), 2.22 (*s*, 3H), 2.20 (*s*, 3H), 1.81–1.87 (*m*, 2H), 1.53–1.59 (*m*, 2H), 1.01 (*t*, 3H).

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### Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{25}H_{29}BrO_5 \\ M_r = 489.39 \\ Triclinic, P\overline{1} \\ a = 8.9854 \ (17) \ \mathring{A} \\ b = 11.955 \ (2) \ \mathring{A} \\ c = 12.210 \ (2) \ \mathring{A} \\ \alpha = 71.179 \ (3)^{\circ} \\ \beta = 70.188 \ (3)^{\circ} \\ \gamma = 84.085 \ (3)^{\circ} \\ V = 1168.0 \ (4) \ \mathring{A}^3 \end{array}$ 

### Data collection

Bruker SMART 1000 CCD areadetector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{min} = 0.438$ ,  $T_{max} = 0.674$ 5993 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	w
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.042$	
$wR(F^2) = 0.110$	
S = 1.02	(2
4100 reflections	Δ
287 parameters	Δ
H-atom parameters constrained	E

Z = 2  $D_x = 1.392 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K $\alpha$  radiation Cell parameters from 1888 reflections  $\theta = 2.4-23.7^{\circ}$   $\mu = 1.79 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 294 (2) K Block, colorless 0.42 × 0.38 × 0.22 mm

4100 independent reflections 2555 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   $R_{int} = 0.026$   $\theta_{max} = 25.0^{\circ}$   $h = -10 \rightarrow 9$   $k = -13 \rightarrow 14$  $l = -14 \rightarrow 9$ 

$$\begin{split} w &= 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0479P)^2 \\ &+ 0.1271P] \\ \text{where } P &= (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} &= 0.001 \\ \Delta\rho_{\text{max}} &= 0.35 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\text{min}} &= -0.42 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3} \\ \text{Extinction correction: } SHELXL97 \\ \text{Extinction coefficient: } 0.0140 (15) \end{split}$$

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding (C-H = 0.93-0.97 Å). For CH and CH<sub>2</sub> groups,  $U_{iso}(H)$  values were set equal to  $1.2U_{eq}(\text{carrier atom})$  and for the methyl groups they were set equal to  $1.5U_{eq}(\text{carrier atom})$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1997); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.



Figure 1

View of the molecule of (I) showing the atom-labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

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