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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=296 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.003 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.051$
$w R$ factor $=0.153$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=15.1$

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## 2-(1H-1,2,3-Benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)-1-benzoylethyl 4-ethylbenzoate

In the title compound, $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3}$, the relative orientation of the three rings is determined by the $s p^{3}$-hybridization character of the chiral atom. The molecules are linked into ribbons along the $b$ axis by intermolecular $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ interactions.

## Comment

In order to search for new benzotriazole compounds with higher bioactivity, the title compound, (I), including benzotriazole, was synthesized and its structure is presented here.

(I)

The bond lengths and angles (Table 1) in (I) are within normal ranges (Allen et al., 1987). The bonds in the benzotriazole ring system show a character intermediate between single and double bonds.

In (I), the benzotriazole system is almost planar, with a dihedral angle of $1.21(13)^{\circ}$ between the triazole ring $A(\mathrm{~N} 1-$ $\mathrm{N} 3 / \mathrm{C} 10 / \mathrm{C} 15)$ and benzene ring $B(\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 15)$. The dihedral angles between the mean planes of the benzotriazole system and rings $C(\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 6)$ and $D(\mathrm{C} 17-\mathrm{C} 22)$ are 17.22 (10) and $60.54(10)^{\circ}$, respectively. The dihedral angle between rings $C$ and $D$ is $76.33(11)^{\circ}$. The relative orientation of the three rings is determined by the $s p^{3}$-hybridization character of the chiral atom C8.

In the crystal structure, molecules of (I) are linked into ribbons along the $b$ axis by $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ interactions (Table 2, Fig. 2).

## Experimental

The title compound was prepared according to the literature method of Wan et al. (2005). Single crystal suitable for X-ray measurements was obtained by slow evaporation of an ethyl acetate-petroleum ether $(2: 1 \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})$ at room temperature over a period of one week.

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Figure 1
The molecular structure of (I), with the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level.

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3}$
$M_{r}=399.44$
Monoclinic, $P 2_{1} / c$
$a=13.964(9) \AA$
$b=8.7793(6) \AA$
$c=17.4342(12) \AA$
$\beta=101.143(1)^{\circ}$
$V=2088.4(2) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$

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D_{x}=1.270 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{~m}^{-3}
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Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 3695 reflections
$\theta=2.4-24.5^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.09 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=296$ (2) K
Block, colourless
$0.41 \times 0.13 \times 0.13 \mathrm{~mm}$

## Data collection

Siemens SMART 1000 CCD areadetector diffractometer
$\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.966, T_{\text {max }}=0.989$
4102 independent reflections 2989 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.019$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=26.0^{\circ}$
$h=-17 \rightarrow 16$
$k=-10 \rightarrow 10$

12007 measured reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$

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\begin{aligned}
& w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}\right)+(0.0757 P)^{2}\right. \\
& \quad+0.418 P] \\
& \text { where } P=\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}^{2}\right) / 3 \\
& (\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }<0.001 \\
& \Delta \rho_{\max }=0.31 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3} \\
& \Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.27 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}
\end{aligned}
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$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.153$
$S=1.03$
4102 reflections
271 parameters
H -atom parameters constrained
$l=-19 \rightarrow 21$

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters ( $\left(\AA,^{\circ}\right)$.

| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $1.208(2)$ | $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $1.429(2)$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 16$ | $1.359(2)$ | $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{C} 16$ | $1.200(2)$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $106.40(13)$ | $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $111.98(14)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $110.54(14)$ |  |  |

Table 2
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\mathrm{A},{ }^{\circ}$ ).

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 A \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 0.93 | 2.45 | $3.362(2)$ | 166 |

Symmetry code: (i) $-x, y-\frac{1}{2},-z+\frac{1}{2}$.


Figure 2
Packing diagram of (I). Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

H atoms were located in a difference map and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ distances of 0.93 and $0.98(\mathrm{CH})$, $0.97\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$ and $0.96 \AA\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, and with $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$, or $1.5 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$ for methyl H .

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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