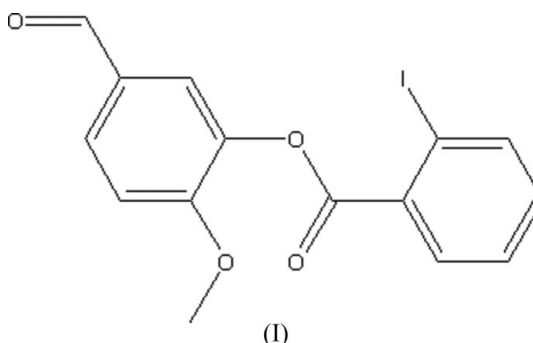
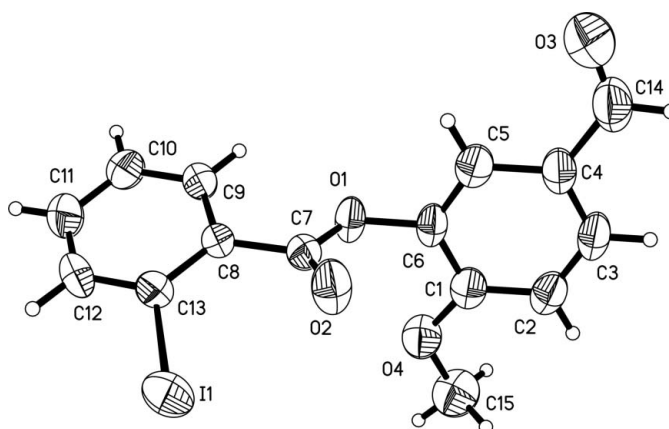


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huqingping@sdu.edu.cn**Key indicators**Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 294$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.007$ Å
 R factor = 0.036
 wR factor = 0.089
Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.4For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**5-Formyl-2-methoxyphenyl 2-iodobenzoate**The title compound, $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{IO}_4$, was synthesized by the N,N' -dicyclohexylcarbodiimide- and 4-dimethylaminopyridine-catalyzed reaction of 3-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde and 2-iodobenzoic acid. In the molecule, the dihedral angle between the two benzene rings is 70.6 (1)°.

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Comment N,N' -Dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) are effective catalysts for esterification reactions (Litvin & Kirichenko, 1967; Steglich & Hofle, 1969). We have recently focused on the preparation of benzoic acid phenyl ester derivatives using these catalysts. The title compound, (I), was synthesized by the reaction of 3-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde and 2-iodobenzoic acid in the presence of DCC and DMAP.The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The dihedral angle between the atoms of the central ester group (atoms C7/O1/O2) and the C1–C6 benzene ring is 88.2 (1)°.**Figure 1**

A view of (I), showing displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii.

while the dihedral angle between the central ester group and the C8–C13 benzene ring is 21.4 (2)°. The dihedral angle between the two benzene rings is 70.6 (1)°.

In the crystal structure, molecules are linked into centrosymmetric dimers *via* weak C–H···O hydrogen bonds. These dimers are further linked by weak intermolecular C–H···O hydrogen bonds into one-dimensional chains along [110] (Table 1 and Fig. 2).

Experimental

To a solution of 3-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde (2 g, 13 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (25 ml, 13 mmol), 2-iodobenzoic acid (3.26 g, 13 mmol) was added in an N₂ atmosphere. *N,N'*-Dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (3 g, 14.5 mmol) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.32 g, 2.6 mmol) were then added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 h. The mixture was then filtered. The insoluble material was washed with dry dichloromethane and the combined filtrates were evaporated. Flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, 1:5 *v/v*) of the residue gave a white solid, (I) (4.1 g). Colourless crystals were obtained by recrystallization of the title compound from ethyl acetate.

Crystal data

C ₁₅ H ₁₁ O ₄	Z = 2
M _r = 382.14	D _x = 1.812 Mg m ⁻³
Triclinic, P $\bar{1}$	Mo K α radiation
a = 7.4730 (15) Å	Cell parameters from 2008 reflections
b = 8.1841 (17) Å	θ = 2.4–22.3°
c = 11.956 (3) Å	μ = 2.30 mm ⁻¹
α = 74.517 (3)°	T = 294 (2) K
β = 86.831 (4)°	Block, colourless
γ = 84.019 (3)°	0.40 × 0.30 × 0.22 mm
V = 700.6 (3) Å ³	

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer	2630 independent reflections
φ and ω scans	2089 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	R _{int} = 0.019
T _{min} = 0.382, T _{max} = 0.604	θ_{\max} = 25.8°
3709 measured reflections	h = -6 → 9
	k = -9 → 9
	l = -14 → 14

Refinement

Refinement on F ²	w = 1/[$\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0338P)^2 + 1.0404P$]
R[F ² > 2 $\sigma(F^2)$] = 0.036	where P = (F _o ² + 2F _c ²)/3
wR(F ²) = 0.089	(Δ/σ) _{max} = 0.004
S = 1.04	$\Delta\rho_{\max}$ = 1.05 e Å ⁻³
2630 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\min}$ = -1.00 e Å ⁻³
183 parameters	Extinction correction: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997)
H-atom parameters constrained	Extinction coefficient: 0.0335 (19)

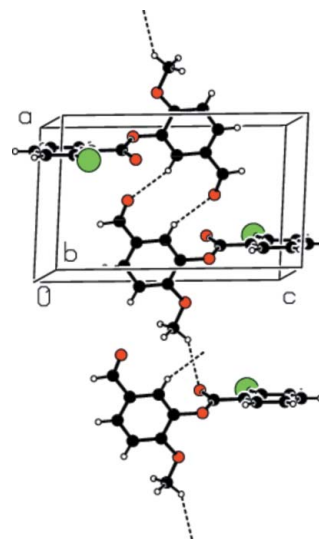


Figure 2
Part of a hydrogen-bonded chain of (I). Hydrogen bonds are drawn as dashed lines.

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

D–H···A	D–H	H···A	D···A	D–H···A
C5–H5···O3 ⁱ	0.93	2.52	3.391 (7)	156
C15–H15B···O2 ⁱⁱ	0.96	2.52	3.322 (6)	141

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$; (ii) $x - 1, y, z$.

All H atoms were included in calculated positions and refined using a riding-model approximation, with C–H = 0.93–0.96 Å and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ or $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{methyl C})$. The highest peak in the final difference Fourier map is 0.87 Å from atom I1. The deepest hole in the difference map is 0.83 Å from atom I1.

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; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL (Bruker, 1997).

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