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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å R factor = 0.062 wR factor = 0.186 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.7

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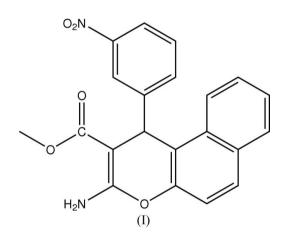
# Methyl 3-amino-1-(3-nitrophenyl)-1*H*naphtho[2,1-*b*]pyran-2-carboxylate

The title compound,  $C_{21}H_{16}N_2O_5$ , was synthesized by the reaction of 2-naphthol with methyl cyanoacetate and 3-nitrobenzaldehyde in ethanol under microwave irradiation. The pyran ring adopts a boat conformation.

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## Comment

Benzopyrans and their derivatives occupy an important place in the realm of natural and synthetic organic chemistry because of their biological and pharmacological properties (Morianka & Takahashi, 1977), such as antisterility (Brooks, 1988) and anticancer activities (Hyana & Saimoto, 1987). In addition, polyfunctionalized benzopyrans constitute the structural unit of a number of natural products and, because of the inherent reactivity of the in-built pyran ring, they may serve as versatile synthons (Hatakeyama *et al.*, 1988). We report here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



In the molecule of (I) (Fig. 1), all bond lengths and angles are normal. The pyran ring adopts a boat conformation. The dihedral angle between the C3–C14 and C16–C21 planes is 86.93 (7)°. An intramolecular N–H···O hydrogen bond (Table 2) influences the orientation of the carboxylate group. The crystal packing is stabilized by van der Waals forces.

## **Experimental**

Compound (I) was prepared by the reaction of 2-naphthol (5 mmol) with methyl cyanoacetate (5 mmol) and 3-nitrobenzaldehyde (5 mmol) in ethanol (2 ml) using piperidine (0.5 mmol) as catalyst under microwave irradiation for 8 min. Pure compound (I) was obtained by recrystallization from ethanol (m.p. 446–448 K). Crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution.

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### Crystal data

 $C_{21}H_{16}N_2O_5$   $M_r = 376.36$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$  a = 12.094 (2) Å b = 8.5620 (17) Å c = 18.186 (4) Å  $\beta = 108.92$  (3)° V = 1781.4 (7) Å<sup>3</sup>

## Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer ω/2θ scans Absorption correction: none 3659 measured reflections 3490 independent reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.09P)^2]$		
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.062$	+ 0.27P]		
$wR(F^2) = 0.186$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$		
S = 1.03	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$		
3490 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.23 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$		
254 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.19 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$		
H-atom parameters constrained	Extinction correction: SHELXL97		
	Extinction coefficient: 0.017 (3)		

Z = 4

 $D_x = 1.403 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

Block, colourless

 $0.40 \times 0.30 \times 0.20$  mm

3 standard reflections

every 200 reflections

intensity decay: none

2032 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 293 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int}=0.021$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 26.0^{\circ}$ 

#### Table 1

Selected torsion angles (°).

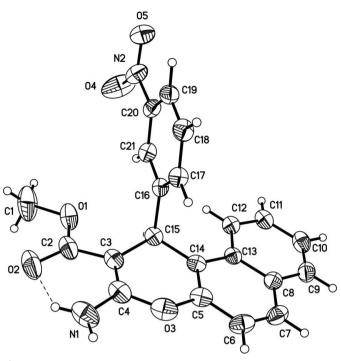
02-C2-C3-C4	-2.8(5)	O5-N2-C20-C19	6.3 (4)
O1-C2-C3-C15	0.1 (4)	O4-N2-C20-C21	5.7 (4)

#### Table 2

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$N1-H1A\cdots O2$	0.86	2.09	2.687 (5)	126

The amino H atoms were initially located in a difference Fourier map, and were then placed in idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with N-H = 0.86 Å and  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2U_{\rm eq}({\rm N})$ . The C-bound H atoms were placed in calculated positions (C-H = 0.93–0.98 Å) and refined as riding, with  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2-1.5U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$ .

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *XCAD4* (Harms & Wocadlo, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* 



#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and the intramolecular hydrogen bond is indicated by a dashed line.

(Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Siemens, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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