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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 292 KMean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.061 wR factor = 0.164 Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.3

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# 1-(4-*tert*-Butylphenyl)-3-hydroxy-3-(2-naphthyl)prop-2-en-1-one

The crystal structure of the title compound,  $C_{23}H_{22}O_2$ , which exists in the enol form, is stabilized by an intramolecular hydrogen bond. The dihedral angle between the naphthyl ring system and the aromatic ring of the *t*-BuC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> group is 23.50 (10)°.

### Comment

1,3-Diketones have long been widely employed as effective chelating reagents for a large number of metallic systems (Melby *et al.*, 1964; Liang *et al.*, 2003). Molecular crystals of 1,3-diketones are found to comprise enol tautomers stabilized by a strong intramolecular hydrogen bond (Vila *et al.*, 1991). The structure of the title 1,3-diketone derivative, (I), is presented here (Fig. 1).



The geometric data (Table 1) are in agreement with reported literature values (Bertolasi *et al.*, 1991; Gilli *et al.*, 2004). The dihedral angle between the naphthyl ring system and the aromatic ring of the *t*-BuC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> group is 23.50 (10)°. The enol form found in (I) is stabilized by an intramolecular hydrogen bond; details are presented in Table 2.

## **Experimental**

2-Acetylnaphthalene (6.80 g, 0.04 mol), methyl 4-*tert*-butylbenzoate (7.68 g, 0.04 mol), NaNH<sub>2</sub> (1.95 g, 0.05 mol) and toluene (50 ml) were placed in a three-necked, round-bottom flask. The mixture was heated with stirring to 353 K and maintained there for 6 h under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature and acidified with dilute hydrochloric acid; stirring was continued until all solids had dissolved. The toluene layer was separated and washed with a saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent removed by evaporation. The residual oil solidified on standing and was recrystallized from an ethanol solution to give the title compound (I) (yield 8.58 g, 65.0%; m.p. 395 K). Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown by slow evaporation of a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-EtOH (2:1) solution at room

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temperature. Calculated for  $C_{23}H_{22}O_2$ : C 83.64, H 6.67%; found: C 83.70, H 6.69%. IR (KBr,  $\nu$  cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1598 (C=O), 1525 (C=C), 2961 (C-H, alkyl).

Z = 8

 $D_{\rm v} = 1.233 {\rm Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

 $\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 292 (2) K

Block, colorless

refinement

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} \Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.22 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.25 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \end{array}$ 

 $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.20$  mm

H atoms treated by a mixture of

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0858P)^2]$ 

where  $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

independent and constrained

#### Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{23}H_{22}O_2\\ M_r = 330.41\\ \text{Monoclinic, } C2/c\\ a = 32.490 (4) \text{ Å}\\ b = 6.2231 (8) \text{ Å}\\ c = 22.533 (3) \text{ Å}\\ \beta = 128.605 (2)^\circ\\ V = 3560.2 (8) \text{ Å}^3 \end{array}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector<br/>diffractometer15619 measured reflections<br/>4055 independent reflections<br/>2810 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ <br/> $R_{int} = 0.101$ <br/> $\theta_{max} = 27.5^{\circ}$ <br/> $T_{min} = 0.977, T_{max} = 0.982$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.061$   $wR(F^2) = 0.164$  S = 1.024055 reflections 234 parameters

### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1-C11 O2-C13	1.2881 (19) 1.2908 (18)	C11-C12 C12-C13	1.397 (2) 1.393 (2)	
O1-C11-C12 C11-C12-C13	119.92 (14) 120.70 (14)	O2-C13-C12	120.04 (15)	
01-C11-C12-C13	4.6 (2)	C11-C12-C13-O2	-5.6 (2)	

#### Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$\overline{D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A}$	$D-{\rm H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
O2−H1…O1	1.14 (3)	1.36 (3)	2.4441 (17)	156 (2)

The C-bound H atoms were included in the riding-model approximation, with C–H = 0.93–0.97 Å and  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H})$  = 1.2 (1.5 for



#### Figure 1

View of (I), showing the atom-labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. The dashed line indicates a hydrogen bond.

methyl) times  $U_{eq}(C)$ . The O-bound H atom was refined freely; see Table 2 for geometrical data.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1999); 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, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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