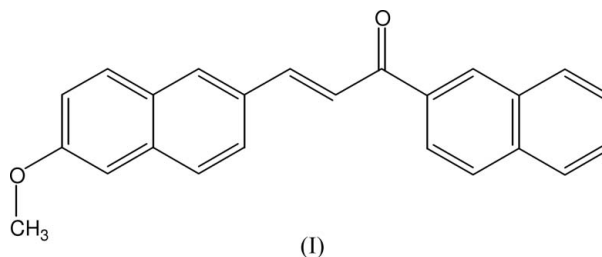
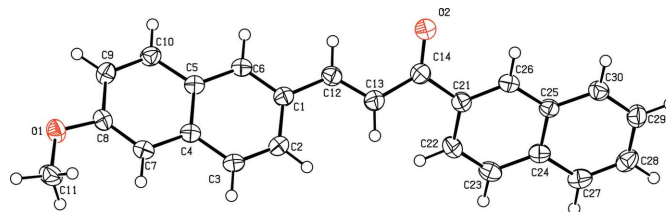


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bolte@chemie.uni-frankfurt.de**Key indicators**Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 173\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002\text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.036  
 $wR$  factor = 0.102  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.4For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**3-(6-Methoxy-2-naphthyl)-1-(2-naphthyl)prop-2-en-1-one**The title compound,  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$ , is a chalcone derivative. The torsion angle between the mean planes of the two naphthalene groups is  $54.41(2)^\circ$ .Received 21 August 2006  
Accepted 21 August 2006**Comment**Substituted chalcones have many applications in medicine and physics. (see *e.g.* Xu *et al.*, 2005). The crystal structures of 1-(2-naphthyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (Raj *et al.*, 1996) and 3-(4-methylphenyl)-1-(2-naphthyl)prop-2-en-1-one (Moorthi *et al.*, 2005) have been reported. In continuation of our work on chalcones (Yathirajan *et al.*, 2006*a,b*) the present work reports the crystal structure of the title compound, (I). (Fig. 1).The bond lengths and angles in (I) can be regarded as normal (Cambridge Crystallographic Database, Version 5.27, November 2005 updated August 2006; *MOGUL* Version 1.1; Allen, 2002). The atoms of the C12/C13 double bond and the C14/O2 carbonyl group are almost coplanar with the C1–C10 naphthalene ring system (r.m.s. deviation from the mean plane =  $0.173\text{ \AA}$ ), but the C21–C30 naphthalene ring system is twisted substantially with respect to C12–C14/O2: the dihedral angle between the two naphthalene system ring planes is  $54.41(2)^\circ$ . There are no  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking interactions in (I).**Experimental**

Compound (I) was synthesized according to the method reported in the literature (Vogel, 1989) in a yield of 85%. The compound was

**Figure 1**  
View of (I) showing 50% displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for the H atoms).

purified by recrystallization from ethanol and crystals of (I) were grown by slow evaporation of an acetone–toluene (50:50 v/v) solution (m.p. 448–450 K). Analysis found (calc.) (%) for  $C_{24}H_{18}O_2$ : C: 85.20 (85.18); H: 5.30 (5.36).

#### Crystal data

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| $C_{24}H_{18}O_2$               | $Z = 4$                                   |
| $M_r = 338.38$                  | $D_x = 1.339 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$           |
| Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$            | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation                    |
| $a = 7.5270$ (8) Å              | $\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$              |
| $b = 5.9364$ (4) Å              | $T = 173$ (2) K                           |
| $c = 37.576$ (4) Å              | Plate, light yellow                       |
| $\beta = 92.046$ (8)°           | $0.42 \times 0.37 \times 0.13 \text{ mm}$ |
| $V = 1677.9$ (3) Å <sup>3</sup> |   |

#### Data collection

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| STOE IPDS II two-circle diffractometer | 2940 independent reflections           |
| $\omega$ scans                         | 2455 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
| Absorption correction: none            | $R_{\text{int}} = 0.035$               |
| 9309 measured reflections              | $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ$     |

#### Refinement

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Refinement on $F^2$             | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0683P)^2 + 0.0701P]$    |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.036$ | where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$                       |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.102$               | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$               |
| $S = 1.05$                      | $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.21 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$  |
| 2940 reflections                | $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.15 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$ |
| 237 parameters                  | Extinction correction: <i>SHELXL97</i>               |
| H-atom parameters constrained   | Extinction coefficient: 0.028 (3)                    |

H atoms were found in a difference map, but were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent C atoms at

distances of 0.95 and 0.98 Å for  $sp^2$  and methyl groups, respectively, and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  or  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}_{\text{methyl}})$ . The methyl groups were allowed to rotate but not to tip.

Data collection: *X-AREA* (Stoe & Cie, 2001); cell refinement: *X-AREA*; data reduction: *X-AREA*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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