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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 120 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.030 wR factor = 0.083 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.7

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## 5-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-methylsulfanyl-2-phenyl-1-benzofuran

The title compound,  $C_{21}H_{15}BrOS$ , was prepared by the Lewis acid-catalysed reaction of 4'-bromo-1,1'-biphenyl-4-ol with 2-chloro-2-(methylsulfanyl)acetophenone. The structure is stabilized by intermolecular (benzofuran)C-H···O(furan) hydrogen bonds and by aromatic  $\pi$ (benzene ring of benzofuran)···H-C(4-bromophenyl) interactions.

#### Comment

This work is related to the previous communication on the isomeric benzofuran analogue, 5-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methyl-3-(methylsulfanyl)-1-benzofuran (Choi *et al.*, 2006). The title compound, (I), was prepared by the one-pot reaction of 4'bromo-1,1'-biphenyl-4-ol with 2-chloro-2-(methylsulfanyl)acetophenone in the presence of zinc chloride. In order to determine the overall molecular conformation in the crystal structure, an X-ray crystallographic analysis of this isomer has been carried out and the results are reported here (Fig. 1). The dihedral angles between the mean plane of the 1-benzofuran group and the 4-bromophenyl ring and the phenyl ring are 38.49 (6) and 21.22 (7)°, respectively.



Fig. 2 shows the packing and intermolecular interactions. An effective  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interaction was not found because of the large dihedral angles between the mean planes of the benzofuran group and the 4-bromophenyl and phenyl rings. The packing is stabilized by intermolecular C9–H9····O<sup>i</sup> hydrogen bonds (2.61 Å), and by a Cg···H2<sup>ii</sup>–C2<sup>ii</sup>  $\pi$  interaction (2.97 Å) (symmetry code as in Fig. 2; Cg is the centroid of the C7–C10/C13–C14 ring).

### **Experimental**

Compound (I) was prepared according to the method described previously for the benzofuran analogue 5-(4-bromophenyl)-2methyl-3-(methylsulfanyl)-1-benzofuran (Choi *et al.*, 2006), but utilizing 2-chloro-2-(methylsulfanyl)acetophenone in place of  $\alpha$ chloro- $\alpha$ -(methylsulfanyl)acetone. Crystals suitable for an X-ray analysis were grown by slow evaporation of a tetrahydrofuran solution [yield 51%, m.p. 412–413 K;  $R_{\rm F} = 0.72$  (CCl<sub>4</sub>)].

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#### Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{21}H_{15}BrOS\\ M_r = 395.30\\ Triclinic, P\overline{1}\\ a = 7.7452 \ (5) \ \mathring{A}\\ b = 9.2404 \ (6) \ \mathring{A}\\ c = 12.6789 \ (9) \ \mathring{A}\\ \alpha = 101.476 \ (1)^{\circ}\\ \beta = 107.091 \ (1)^{\circ}\\ \gamma = 90.929 \ (1)^{\circ} \end{array}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1999)  $T_{\min} = 0.198, T_{\max} = 0.357$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.030$   $wR(F^2) = 0.083$  S = 0.98 3629 reflections 217 parameters H-atom parameters constrained

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model, with C-H = 0.93 Å for aromatic and 0.96 Å for methyl H atoms, and with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  for aromatic H atoms and  $1.5U_{eq}(C)$  for methyl H atoms.

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: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997) and *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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 $V = 847.3 (1) Å^{3}$  Z = 2  $D_{x} = 1.549 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\$\alpha\$ radiation \$\mu\$ = 2.55 mm^{-1}\$ \$T\$ = 120 (2) K Block, colorless 0.64 \times 0.60 \times 0.40 mm

7306 measured reflections 3629 independent reflections 3270 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.045$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.0^{\circ}$ 

$$\begin{split} &w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0537P)^2 \\ &+ 0.2432P] \\ &where \ P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001 \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.46 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.55 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \end{split}$$









#### Figure 2

A partial packing diagram for (I), with the C9–H9···O<sup>i</sup> hydrogen bond and the C2<sup>ii</sup>–H2<sup>ii</sup>···Cg  $\pi$  interactions drawn as dotted lines. Cg is the centroid of the C7–C10/C13–C14 benzene ring. [Symmetry codes: (i) –x, -y, -z; (ii) x – 1, y, z.]

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