

## 4-Benzyloxy-2-nitroaniline

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## Key indicators

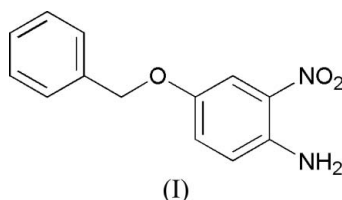
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 297$  K  
 Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.054  
 $wR$  factor = 0.132  
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.0

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In the title compound,  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ , the dihedral angle between the benzene rings is  $65.8(2)^\circ$ . The crystal structure is stabilized by  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds and  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$  interactions.

## Comment

The benzothiazole system is a common component of many compounds with a wide range of biological activities (Huang & Yang, 2006). Substituted amines are important intermediates in the synthesis of benzothiazole derivatives. We present here the structure of one such amine derivative, the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1).



The aromatic ring C1–C6 of the nitrophenylamine group is twisted with respect to the benzyl ring system, with a dihedral angle of  $65.8(2)^\circ$  between the ring planes.

The crystal packing is consolidated by  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds and intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$  stacking interactions (Table 1 and Fig. 2).  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds link the molecules into rows along the  $a$  axis. Additional  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$  interactions link adjacent rows to give a network structure.

## Experimental

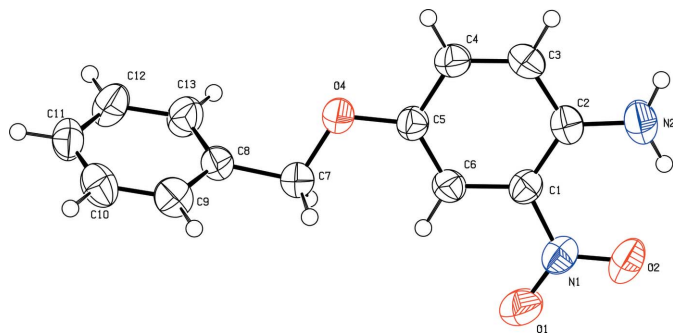
The title compound was synthesized according to a literature procedure (Garcia & Schultz, 2006). Crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray analysis were grown from acetone at 277 K.

## Crystal data

$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$	$Z = 4$
$M_r = 244.25$	$D_x = 1.391$ Mg m $^{-3}$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 5.7578(12)$ Å	$\mu = 0.10$ mm $^{-1}$
$b = 26.192(6)$ Å	$T = 297(2)$ K
$c = 7.7338(16)$ Å	Plate, red
$\beta = 90.159(4)^\circ$	$0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.06$ mm
$V = 1166.3(4)$ Å $^3$	

## Data collection

Bruker SMART 4K CCD area-detector diffractometer	2532 independent reflections
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	2065 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: none	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.025$
8532 measured reflections	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.0^\circ$



**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are represented by circles of arbitrary size.

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.132$   
 $S = 1.14$   
 2532 reflections  
 169 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0522P)^2 + 0.2514P]$$

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.20 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.20 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

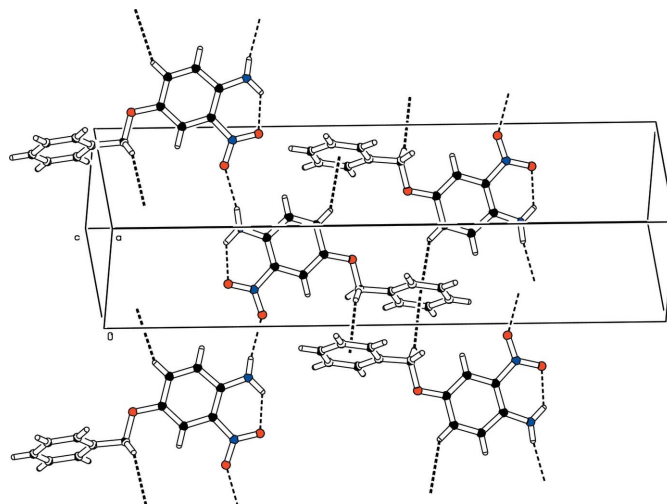
**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$N2-H2B\cdots O2$	0.92 (2)	1.94 (3)	2.636 (3)	130 (2)
$N2-H2A\cdots O1^i$	0.88 (3)	2.11 (3)	2.983 (3)	171 (2)
$C4-H4\cdots C_8^{ii}$	0.93	2.94	3.751 (3)	141 (2)
$C7-H7B\cdots C_8^{iii}$	0.97	2.74	3.573 (3)	144 (2)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x+1, -y+\frac{1}{2}, z+\frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ ; (iii)  $-x, -y+1, -z$ .  $C_8$  is the centroid of the C8–C13 benzene ring.

The H atoms on N2 were located in a difference Fourier map and refined freely with isotropic displacement parameters. All other H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model, with  $C-H = 0.93 \text{ \AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(H) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(C)$  for aromatic H, and  $C-H = 0.97 \text{ \AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(H) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(C)$  for  $\text{CH}_2$  atoms.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: *SAINTE*; program(s) used to solve



**Figure 2**  
The packing of (I), with hydrogen bonds and  $C-H\cdots\pi$  interactions drawn as dashed lines.

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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