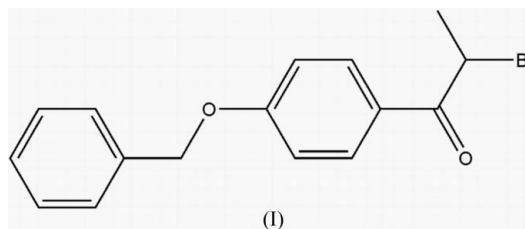
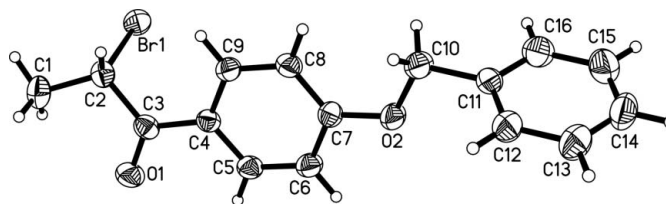


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hmzhao81@yahoo.com.cn**Key indicators**Single-crystal X-ray study  
*T* = 293 K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005 \text{ \AA}$   
*R* factor = 0.057  
*wR* factor = 0.140  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 19.2For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**1-(4-Benzyloxyphenyl)-2-bromopropan-1-one**In the title compound,  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrO}_2$ , a key intermediate for the  
synthesis of possible selective estrogen receptor modulators,  
the dihedral angle between the benzene rings is  $74.2(2)^\circ$ .Received 28 November 2006  
Accepted 30 November 2006**Comment**Bazedoxifene is a selective estrogen receptor modulator under  
investigation for the prevention and treatment of post-  
menopausal osteoporosis. It is also being studied in combi-  
nation with estrogen replacement therapy for the treatment of  
the menopause and its associated symptoms. The title  
compound, (I) (Fig. 1), is an intermediate in the synthesis of  
bazedoxifene, and its structure is reported here. The dihedral  
angle between the two benzene-ring best planes (C4–C9 and  
C11–C16) is  $74.2(2)^\circ$ .A weak C–H···O interaction (Table 1) connects adjacent  
molecules into a zigzag chain along the [010] direction (Fig. 2).  
Within this one-dimensional motif, a short O2···Br1 inter-  
action of  $3.399(3) \text{ \AA}$  also occurs.**Experimental**The title compound was prepared following a procedure described by  
Bockmuhl & Stein (1932). Colourless prismatic single crystals of (I)  
were obtained by recrystallization from chloroform (m.p. 353 K).  
Analysis calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrO}_2$ : C 60.21, H 4.74%; found: C  
60.36, H 4.36%.**Figure 1**The molecular structure of (I), showing 30% probability displacement  
ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for the H atoms).

Crystal data

$C_{16}H_{15}BrO_2$   
 $M_r = 319.19$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$   
 $a = 4.9306$  (10) Å  
 $b = 9.7622$  (14) Å  
 $c = 29.912$  (6) Å  
 $\beta = 90.861$  (8)°  
 $V = 1439.6$  (5) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$   
 $D_x = 1.473$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 2.85$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
 Prism, colourless  
 0.24 × 0.20 × 0.18 mm

Data collection

Rigaku Saturn diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (*CrystalClear*; Rigaku/MS, 2005)  
 $T_{min} = 0.548$ ,  $T_{max} = 0.628$

11828 measured reflections  
 3359 independent reflections  
 2354 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{int} = 0.048$   
 $\theta_{max} = 27.8^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.057$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.140$   
 $S = 1.09$   
 3359 reflections  
 175 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.063P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.30$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.51$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL97*  
 Extinction coefficient: 0.0138 (18)

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

| $D-H\cdots A$        | $D-H$ | $H\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-H\cdots A$ |
|----------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| $C16-H16\cdots O1^1$ | 0.93  | 2.53        | 3.417 (5)   | 160           |

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

H atoms attached to C were positioned geometrically ( $C-H = 0.93-0.98$  Å) and allowed to ride during subsequent refinement with an isotropic displacement parameter fixed at 1.2 times  $U_{eq}(C)$  or 1.5 times  $U_{eq}(\text{methyl C})$  of the parent atom.

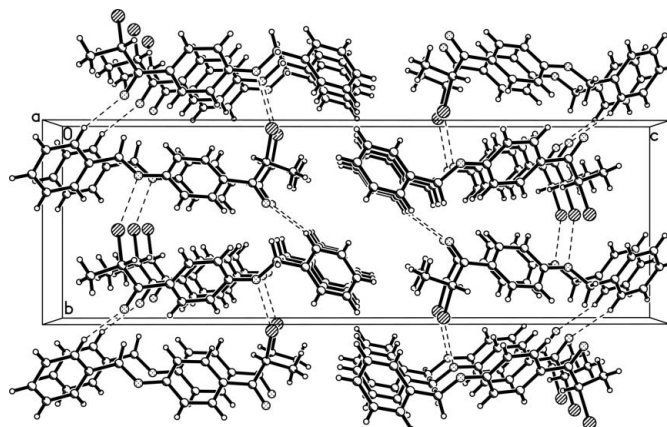


Figure 2

Packing diagram for (I), with  $C-H\cdots O$  interactions and short  $O\cdots Br$  contacts shown as dashed lines.

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku/MS, 2005); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalClear*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MS, 2005).

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