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# [2-Methyl-4-(3-oxo-1,3-dihydroisobenzofuran-1-ylamino)phenyl]isobenzofuran-1(3*H*)-one

The crystal structure of the title compound,  $C_{23}H_{17}NO_4$ , is stabilized by intermolecular  $N-H\cdots O$  and  $C-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds and  $C-H\cdots \pi$  interactions. The  $C-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds link the molecules into ladders whose uprights form C(7) chains and whose rungs enclose  $R_2^2(28)$ rings. These motifs generate a three-dimensional network by  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds and  $C-H\cdots \pi$  interactions. The phthalide ring systems of the molecule are almost planar and form dihedral angles of 64.1 (3) and 88.3 (3)° with the benzene ring.

### Comment

The present work is part of a structural study of compounds of 3-substituted phthalides (Büyükgüngör & Odabaşoğlu, 2006*a*,*b*,*c*; Odabaşoğlu & Büyükgüngör, 2006*a*,*b*,*c*,*d*,*e*,*f*,*g*,*h*,*i*,*j*,*k*,*l*,*m*,*n*,*o*,*p*,*q*,*r*) and we report here the structure of the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1).



The phthalide groups (A = C1-C8/O2; B = C9-C14; C = C16-C23/O4) are essentially planar, with the largest deviations from the mean plane being 0.048 (6) and 0.020 (6) Å for atoms C8 and C17, respectively. The dihedral angles between the A/B, A/C and B/C planes are 64.1 (3), 55.2 (2) and 88.3 (3)°, respectively (Fig. 1).



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# **Figure 1** The molecular structure of (I), showing the atomic numbering scheme with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level.

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3-Substituted phthalides, Part XX. The crystal packing is stabilized by one  $N-H\cdots O$  and two  $C-H\cdots O$  intermolecular hydrogen bonds and two  $C-H\cdots \pi$  interactions (Table 1). The  $C-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds link the molecules into ladders whose uprights form C(7) chains (Fig. 2) and whose rungs enclose  $R_2^2$  (28) rings (Etter, 1990). The molecular ladders generate a three-dimensional network by  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds and  $C-H\cdots \pi$  interactions (Fig. 3).

## Experimental

Compound (I) was prepared as described (Odabaşoğlu & Büyükgüngör, 2006*a*), using phthalaldehydic acid and 3-methylaniline as starting materials (yield 65%; m.p. 405–406 K). Crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a DMF solution at room temperature.

Z = 2

 $D_x = 1.370 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $\mu = 0.09 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

Prism, light brown

 $0.54 \times 0.30 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$ 

8708 measured reflections

1592 independent reflections

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_{\rm o}{}^2) + (0.1066P)^2$ 

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

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Extinction correction: SHELXL97

Extinction coefficient: 0.055 (13)

+ 0.2251P]

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

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.27 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.19 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

1251 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

T = 296 K

 $R_{\rm int}=0.102$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.1^{\circ}$ 

Crystal data

C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>  $M_r = 371.38$ Monoclinic, Pc a = 5.1039 (3) Å b = 6.1761 (6) Å c = 28.5758 (18) Å  $\beta = 92.444$  (5)° V = 899.95 (12) Å<sup>3</sup>

#### Data collection

Stoe IPDS-2 diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: integration (X-RED32; Stoe & Cie, 2002)  $T_{\min} = 0.963, T_{\max} = 0.990$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.061$   $wR(F^2) = 0.185$  S = 1.091592 reflections 258 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

#### Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$	
N1-H1···O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.86 (7)	2.26 (6)	3.118 (7)	164 (7)	
C5-H5···O1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.62	3.256 (9)	126	
C19−H19···O3 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.44	3.147 (9)	133	
$C15-H15b\cdots Cg1^{iii}$	0.96	3.00	3.861 (8)	150	
$C4-H4\cdots Cg2^{iv}$	0.93	3.18	3.912 (9)	137	

Symmetry codes: (i) x, y+1, z; (ii) x-1, y+1, z; (iii) x+1, y, z; (iv)  $x-1, -y+1, z+\frac{1}{2}$ . Cg1 and Cg2 are the centroids of the C9–C14 and C17–C22 rings, respectively

All H atoms attached to C atoms were treated as riding on their parent atoms, with C–H = 0.93 Å for aromatic H, 0.98 Å for methine H and 0.96 Å for methyl H, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . The H atom of the amino group was located in a Fourier difference map and freely refined, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(N)$ . In the absence of significant anomalous scattering effects, Friedel pairs were merged.



### Figure 2

Part of the crystal structure of (I), showing the formation of a hydrogenbonded molecular ladder and  $R_2^2(28)$  rings. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonds have been omitted for clarity.



#### Figure 3

A packing diagram for (I), showing the N-H···O, C-H···O and C-H··· $\pi$  interactions represented as dashed lines. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonds have been omitted for clarity.

Data collection: X-AREA (Stoe & Cie, 2002); cell refinement: X-AREA; data reduction: X-RED32 (Stoe & Cie, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 for Windows (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: WinGX (Farrugia, 1999).

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