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## 2,6-Bis(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-methylpiperidin-4-one

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 290 K; mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å; R factor = 0.063; wR factor = 0.154; data-to-parameter ratio = 14.1.

In the molecule of the title compound,  $C_{20}H_{23}NO_3$ , the bulky methoxyphenyl substituents at the equatorial 2,6-positions crowd the vicinity of the equatorial amino H atom and prevent it from forming intermolecular hydrogen bonds. The piperidine ring adopts a distorted chair conformation.

#### **Related literature**

For the crystal structure of a related piperidinone compound, see: Nithya et al. (2009).



### **Experimental**

#### Crystal data

C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>23</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	V = 3573.3 (7) Å <sup>3</sup>
$M_r = 325.39$	Z = 8
Monoclinic, $C2/c$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
a = 28.695 (3) Å	$\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
b = 10.9717 (12)  Å	$T = 290 { m K}$
c = 11.3946 (13)  Å	$0.35 \times 0.12 \times 0.08 \text{ mm}$
$\beta = 95.078 \ (2)^{\circ}$	

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector
diffractometer
Absorption correction: none
12581 measured reflections

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.063$	H atoms treated by a mixture of
$wR(F^2) = 0.154$	independent and constrained
S = 1.04	refinement
3148 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.18 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
224 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.14 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

3148 independent reflections

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.058$ 

1751 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2004); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: X-SEED (Barbour, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: publCIF (Westrip, 2009).

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### **Experimental**

Ammonium acetate (1 mmol), *m*-methoxybenzaldehyde (2 mmol) and ethylmethyl ketone (1 mmol) was heated until the colour of the solution turned yellow. After the completion of the reaction (as monitored by TLC), the product was dissolved in ether (10 ml). The solution was treated with aqueous hydrochloric acid [20 ml, 1:1 ( $\nu/\nu$ )]. The hydrochloride salt of the piperidin-4-one was collected and washed with ether. The base was liberated from an alcohol solution of the hydrochloride by the addition of a slight excess of aqueous ammonia at 273 K. The product was collected and recrystallized from ethanol.

#### Refinement

C-bound H-atoms were placed in calculated positions (C-H = 0.93-0.98 Å) and were included in the refinement in the riding model approximation, with  $U_{iso}$ (H) set to  $1.2-1.5U_{eq}$ (C).

#### **Figures**



Fig. 1. Displacement ellipsoid plot (Barbour, 2001) of  $C_{20}H_{23}NO_3$  at the 50% probability level. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radius.

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Crystal data	
C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>23</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	$F_{000} = 1392$
$M_r = 325.39$	$D_{\rm x} = 1.210 {\rm ~Mg~m}^{-3}$
Monoclinic, C2/c	Mo <i>K</i> $\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å
Hall symbol: -C 2yc	Cell parameters from 1065 reflections
a = 28.695 (3) Å	$\theta = 2.0 - 20.8^{\circ}$
<i>b</i> = 10.9717 (12) Å	$\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
c = 11.3946 (13)  Å	T = 290  K
$\beta = 95.078 \ (2)^{\circ}$	Plate, colourless
V = 3573.3 (7) Å <sup>3</sup>	$0.35\times0.12\times0.08~mm$
Z = 8	

Data collection Bruker SMART CCD area-detector

1751 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube	$R_{\rm int} = 0.058$
Monochromator: graphite	$\theta_{max} = 25.0^{\circ}$
T = 290  K	$\theta_{\min} = 1.4^{\circ}$
$\phi$ and $\omega$ scans	$h = -33 \rightarrow 34$
Absorption correction: none	$k = -13 \rightarrow 11$
12581 measured reflections	$l = -13 \rightarrow 13$
3148 independent reflections	

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
Least-squares matrix: full	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.063$	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$wR(F^2) = 0.154$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0658P)^2 + 0.6442P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
<i>S</i> = 1.04	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
3148 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.18 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
224 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.14 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct	

methods Extinction correction: none

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Fractional	atomic	coordinates	and isotro	nic or	eauivalent	isotropic	displacement	narameters (	$(\mathring{A}^2)$
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	x	у	Ζ	$U_{\rm iso}*/U_{\rm eq}$
01	0.58419 (9)	0.8518 (2)	0.9145 (2)	0.1002 (10)
O2	0.76371 (8)	0.5426 (2)	0.51929 (18)	0.0750 (7)
O3	0.57121 (8)	0.17943 (18)	1.10361 (17)	0.0647 (6)
N1	0.65515 (8)	0.5548 (2)	0.83450 (19)	0.0438 (6)
H1N	0.6737 (9)	0.493 (2)	0.850 (2)	0.042 (8)*
C1	0.68070 (10)	0.6693 (3)	0.8526 (2)	0.0460 (7)
H1	0.6910	0.6772	0.9366	0.055*
C2	0.64767 (11)	0.7743 (3)	0.8172 (3)	0.0585 (9)
H2A	0.6627	0.8505	0.8419	0.070*
H2B	0.6420	0.7760	0.7320	0.070*
C3	0.60185 (12)	0.7651 (3)	0.8696 (3)	0.0588 (9)
C4	0.57864 (10)	0.6416 (3)	0.8627 (2)	0.0488 (8)
H4	0.5697	0.6251	0.7792	0.059*
C5	0.61533 (9)	0.5452 (2)	0.9056 (2)	0.0405 (7)
Н5	0.6262	0.5630	0.9878	0.049*
C6	0.59593 (9)	0.4172 (2)	0.8989 (2)	0.0392 (7)
C7	0.59208 (9)	0.3507 (2)	1.0002 (2)	0.0429 (7)
H7	0.6019	0.3850	1.0729	0.051*
C8	0.57388 (10)	0.2338 (3)	0.9957 (2)	0.0456 (7)
C9	0.56020 (11)	0.1801 (3)	0.8898 (3)	0.0573 (8)
Н9	0.5487	0.1009	0.8864	0.069*

C10	0.56400 (11)	0.2471 (3)	0.7879 (3)	0.0646 (9)
H10	0.5544	0.2123	0.7153	0.078*
C11	0.58152 (10)	0.3632 (3)	0.7912 (2)	0.0525 (8)
H11	0.5838	0.4061	0.7216	0.063*
C12	0.72330 (10)	0.6733 (3)	0.7837 (2)	0.0445 (7)
C13	0.72600 (10)	0.6065 (3)	0.6817 (2)	0.0500 (8)
H13	0.7013	0.5558	0.6550	0.060*
C14	0.76509 (11)	0.6143 (3)	0.6189 (3)	0.0549 (8)
C15	0.80184 (12)	0.6882 (3)	0.6568 (3)	0.0686 (10)
H15	0.8284	0.6922	0.6155	0.082*
C16	0.79871 (12)	0.7568 (3)	0.7577 (3)	0.0716 (10)
H16	0.8232	0.8085	0.7834	0.086*
C17	0.76009 (11)	0.7498 (3)	0.8206 (3)	0.0597 (9)
H17	0.7587	0.7967	0.8882	0.072*
C18	0.80099 (13)	0.5566 (3)	0.4451 (3)	0.0848 (12)
H18A	0.8021	0.6396	0.4189	0.127*
H18B	0.7958	0.5036	0.3782	0.127*
H18C	0.8301	0.5359	0.4885	0.127*
C19	0.55104 (15)	0.0625 (3)	1.1084 (3)	0.0877 (12)
H19A	0.5192	0.0654	1.0746	0.132*
H19B	0.5518	0.0365	1.1890	0.132*
H19C	0.5684	0.0060	1.0650	0.132*
C20	0.53454 (12)	0.6374 (3)	0.9252 (3)	0.0826 (11)
H20A	0.5421	0.6511	1.0079	0.124*
H20B	0.5201	0.5589	0.9136	0.124*
H20C	0.5134	0.6994	0.8939	0.124*

## Atomic displacement parameters $(\text{\AA}^2)$

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
01	0.119 (2)	0.0536 (16)	0.135 (2)	0.0140 (15)	0.0511 (19)	-0.0246 (15)
O2	0.0798 (17)	0.0788 (16)	0.0713 (14)	-0.0245 (13)	0.0343 (13)	-0.0180 (13)
O3	0.0959 (17)	0.0445 (13)	0.0538 (13)	-0.0223 (12)	0.0074 (11)	0.0049 (10)
N1	0.0422 (15)	0.0342 (15)	0.0560 (15)	0.0009 (13)	0.0100 (12)	0.0041 (12)
C1	0.0515 (19)	0.0455 (18)	0.0403 (15)	-0.0075 (16)	0.0001 (14)	-0.0005 (13)
C2	0.069 (2)	0.0394 (19)	0.068 (2)	-0.0052 (16)	0.0137 (17)	-0.0052 (15)
C3	0.071 (2)	0.042 (2)	0.064 (2)	0.0102 (18)	0.0113 (17)	-0.0019 (15)
C4	0.0485 (19)	0.051 (2)	0.0485 (17)	0.0065 (16)	0.0123 (14)	-0.0005 (14)
C5	0.0421 (17)	0.0418 (17)	0.0381 (14)	-0.0016 (14)	0.0074 (12)	-0.0017 (12)
C6	0.0373 (16)	0.0382 (17)	0.0431 (16)	0.0028 (13)	0.0092 (13)	-0.0022 (13)
C7	0.0485 (18)	0.0393 (18)	0.0410 (16)	-0.0024 (14)	0.0049 (13)	-0.0036 (13)
C8	0.0482 (19)	0.0446 (19)	0.0447 (16)	-0.0016 (15)	0.0075 (13)	-0.0012 (14)
C9	0.068 (2)	0.0440 (19)	0.060 (2)	-0.0164 (16)	0.0096 (16)	-0.0051 (15)
C10	0.086 (3)	0.060 (2)	0.0469 (18)	-0.019 (2)	0.0026 (16)	-0.0138 (16)
C11	0.063 (2)	0.055 (2)	0.0407 (17)	-0.0082 (17)	0.0069 (14)	-0.0025 (14)
C12	0.0453 (18)	0.0438 (17)	0.0438 (16)	-0.0059 (15)	0.0006 (14)	0.0074 (13)
C13	0.0480 (19)	0.0487 (19)	0.0536 (18)	-0.0162 (15)	0.0067 (15)	-0.0026 (14)
C14	0.057 (2)	0.053 (2)	0.0560 (19)	-0.0118 (17)	0.0130 (16)	0.0019 (16)

C15	0.060 (2)	0 077 (2)	0 072 (2)	-0.019(2)	0.0216 (18)	0 0035 (19)
C16	0.062(2)	0.077(2)	0.072(2)	-0.032(2)	0.0088 (19)	-0.002(2)
C17	0.061 (2)	0.064 (2)	0.0535 (18)	-0.0187(19)	0.0034 (16)	-0.0029 (16)
C18	0.089 (3)	0.094 (3)	0.077 (2)	-0.020(2)	0.042 (2)	-0.012(2)
C19	0.140 (4)	0.054 (2)	0.071 (2)	-0.031(2)	0.021 (2)	0.0032 (18)
C20	0.074 (3)	0.076 (3)	0.103 (3)	0.017 (2)	0.039 (2)	0.011 (2)
020	0.071(0)		0.100 (0)	0.017 (2)	0.0037 (2)	0.011 (2)
Geometric paran	neters (Å, °)					
O1—C3		1.212 (3)	C9—C1	0	1.388	(4)
O2—C14		1.379 (3)	С9—Н9	)	0.93	
O2—C18		1.429 (3)	C10—0	211	1.368	(4)
03		1.375 (3)	C10—H	110	0.93	
O3—C19		1.411 (3)	C11—H	[11]	0.93	
N1-C1		1.460 (3)	C12—C	213	1.382	(4)
N1—C5		1.462 (3)	C12—C	217	1.384	(4)
N1—H1N		0.87 (3)	C13—C	214	1.385	(4)
C1-C12		1.511 (4)	C13—H	113	0.93	
C1—C2		1.524 (4)	C14—0	215	1.369	(4)
C1—H1		0.98	C15—C	216	1.384	(4)
C2—C3		1.495 (4)	C15—H	115	0.93	
C2—H2A		0.97	C16—0	217	1.374	(4)
C2—H2B		0.97	C16—H	116	0.93	
C3—C4		1.509 (4)	C17—F	117	0.93	
C4—C20		1.507 (4)	C18—H	I18A	0.96	
C4—C5		1.541 (4)	C18—H	I18B	0.96	
C4—H4		0.98	C18—H	118C	0.96	
C5—C6		1.511 (3)	C19—H	I19A	0.96	
С5—Н5		0.98	C19—H	I19B	0.96	
С6—С7		1.379 (3)	C19—H	119C	0.96	
C6—C11		1.392 (3)	C20—H	120A	0.96	
С7—С8		1.384 (4)	C20—H	I20B	0.96	
С7—Н7		0.93	C20—H	120C	0.96	
C8—C9		1.368 (4)				
C14—O2—C18		117.2 (2)	C10—C	С9—Н9	120.9	
C8—O3—C19		119.0 (2)	C11—C	С10—С9	121.7	(3)
C1—N1—C5		113.0 (2)	C11—C	С10—Н10	119.2	
C1—N1—H1N		110.2 (17)	C9—C1	0—H10	119.2	
C5—N1—H1N		109.0 (16)	C10—C	С11—С6	120.0	(3)
N1—C1—C12		111.8 (2)	C10—C	—С11—Н11 120.0		
N1—C1—C2		108.7 (2)	C6—C1	5—С11—Н11 120.0		
C12—C1—C2		110.7 (2)	C13—C	C12—C17	7 118.6 (3)	
N1—C1—H1		108.5	C13—C	C12—C1	122.0 (3)	
С12—С1—Н1		108.5	C17—C	C12—C1	119.4	(3)
С2—С1—Н1		108.5	C12—C	C13—C14	120.6	(3)
C3—C2—C1		113.0 (2)	C12—C	С13—Н13	119.7	
С3—С2—Н2А		109.0	C14—C	С13—Н13	119.7	
C1—C2—H2A		109.0	C15—C	C14—O2	124.2	(3)
С3—С2—Н2В		109.0	C15-C14-C13		120.7	(3)

C1—C2—H2B	109.0	O2—C14—C13	115.1 (3)
H2A—C2—H2B	107.8	C14—C15—C16	118.6 (3)
O1—C3—C2	122.1 (3)	C14—C15—H15	120.7
O1—C3—C4	121.8 (3)	С16—С15—Н15	120.7
C2—C3—C4	116.1 (3)	C17—C16—C15	121.2 (3)
C20—C4—C3	112.9 (3)	С17—С16—Н16	119.4
C20—C4—C5	114.0 (2)	C15—C16—H16	119.4
C3—C4—C5	108.3 (2)	C16—C17—C12	120.3 (3)
C20—C4—H4	107.1	С16—С17—Н17	119.9
C3—C4—H4	107.1	С12—С17—Н17	119.9
С5—С4—Н4	107.1	O2—C18—H18A	109.5
N1—C5—C6	110.0 (2)	O2—C18—H18B	109.5
N1—C5—C4	108.7 (2)	H18A—C18—H18B	109.5
C6—C5—C4	112.6 (2)	O2—C18—H18C	109.5
N1—C5—H5	108.5	H18A—C18—H18C	109.5
С6—С5—Н5	108.5	H18B-C18-H18C	109.5
С4—С5—Н5	108.5	O3—C19—H19A	109.5
C7—C6—C11	118.3 (3)	O3—C19—H19B	109.5
C7—C6—C5	120.4 (2)	H19A—C19—H19B	109.5
C11—C6—C5	121.3 (2)	O3—C19—H19C	109.5
C6—C7—C8	121.1 (3)	H19A—C19—H19C	109.5
С6—С7—Н7	119.4	H19B—C19—H19C	109.5
С8—С7—Н7	119.4	C4—C20—H20A	109.5
C9—C8—O3	124.5 (3)	C4—C20—H20B	109.5
C9—C8—C7	120.7 (3)	H20A—C20—H20B	109.5
O3—C8—C7	114.8 (2)	C4—C20—H20C	109.5
C8—C9—C10	118.2 (3)	H20A—C20—H20C	109.5
С8—С9—Н9	120.9	H20B-C20-H20C	109.5
C5—N1—C1—C12	176.5 (2)	C6—C7—C8—C9	1.5 (4)
C5—N1—C1—C2	-61.0 (3)	C6—C7—C8—O3	-178.7 (2)
N1—C1—C2—C3	48.7 (3)	O3—C8—C9—C10	178.6 (3)
C12—C1—C2—C3	171.8 (2)	C7—C8—C9—C10	-1.6 (4)
C1—C2—C3—O1	134.6 (3)	C8—C9—C10—C11	1.0 (5)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-45.8 (4)	C9—C10—C11—C6	-0.2 (5)
O1—C3—C4—C20	-4.6 (4)	C7—C6—C11—C10	0.1 (4)
C2—C3—C4—C20	175.7 (3)	C5-C6-C11-C10	-179.9 (3)
O1—C3—C4—C5	-131.9 (3)	N1—C1—C12—C13	26.1 (4)
C2—C3—C4—C5	48.5 (3)	C2-C1-C12-C13	-95.1 (3)
C1—N1—C5—C6	-170.0 (2)	N1—C1—C12—C17	-156.6 (3)
C1—N1—C5—C4	66.3 (3)	C2-C1-C12-C17	82.1 (3)
C20—C4—C5—N1	177.2 (3)	C17—C12—C13—C14	1.2 (4)
C3—C4—C5—N1	-56.3 (3)	C1—C12—C13—C14	178.5 (3)
C20—C4—C5—C6	55.1 (3)	C18—O2—C14—C15	-6.7 (5)
C3—C4—C5—C6	-178.3 (2)	C18—O2—C14—C13	173.8 (3)
N1—C5—C6—C7	124.1 (3)	C12—C13—C14—C15	0.1 (5)
C4—C5—C6—C7	-114.6 (3)	C12—C13—C14—O2	179.5 (3)
N1C5C6C11	-56.0 (3)	O2-C14-C15-C16	179.3 (3)
C4—C5—C6—C11	65.4 (3)	C13—C14—C15—C16	-1.3 (5)
C11—C6—C7—C8	-0.7 (4)	C14—C15—C16—C17	1.2 (5)

C5—C6—C7—C8 C19—O3—C8—C9 C19—O3—C8—C7	179.2 (2) -3.2 (4) 177.0 (3)	C15—C16—C17— C13—C12—C17— C1—C12—C17—C	C12 C16 216	0.0 (5) -1.2 (4) -178.6 (3)
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)				
D—H···A	<i>D</i> —H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	D—H··· $A$
C2—H2B···O3 <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.45	3.170 (4)	131
C19—H19C…O1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.96	2.48	3.392 (4)	159
Symmetry codes: (i) $x$ , $-y+1$ , $z-1/2$ ; (ii)	<i>x</i> , <i>y</i> –1, <i>z</i> .			



Fig. 1