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# Crystal structure and Hirshfeld analysis of 3'-bromo-4-methylchalcone and 3'-cyano-4-methylchalcone

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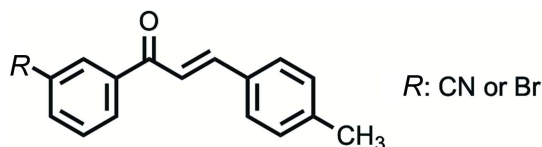
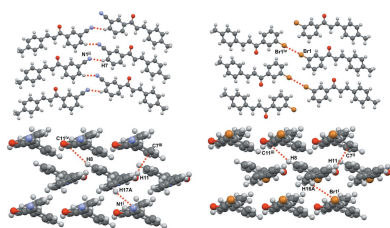
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Two crystal structures of chalcones, or 1,3-diarylprop-2-en-1-ones, are presented; both contain a methyl substitution on the 3-Ring, but differ on the 1-Ring, bromo *versus* cyano. The compounds are 3'-bromo-4-methylchalcone [systematic name: 1-(2-bromophenyl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one], C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrO, and 3'-cyano-4-methylchalcone {systematic name: 2-[3-(4-methylphenyl)prop-2-enoyl]benzonitrile}, C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO. Both chalcones meaningfully add to the large dataset of chalcone structures. The crystal structure of 3'-cyano-4-methylchalcone exhibits close contacts with the cyano nitrogen that do not appear in previously reported disubstituted cyanochalcones, namely interactions between the cyano nitrogen atom and a ring hydrogen atom as well as a methyl hydrogen atom. The structure of 3'-bromo-4-methylchalcone exhibits a type I halogen bond, similar to that found in a previously reported structure for 4-bromo-3'-methylchalcone.

## 1. Chemical context

Chalcones are organic molecules commonly found in nature consisting of two phenyl rings connected by an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketone, or enone. Interest in chalcone molecules has risen because of their potential pharmaceutical properties, electronic properties, and straightforward synthesis *via* a Claisen–Schmidt condensation between a benzaldehyde and acetophenone (Zhuang *et al.*, 2017). Pharmaceutical attributes shown by some chalcones include antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer, and cytotoxic properties (Sahu *et al.*, 2012). Additionally, some chalcones have been shown to be fluorescent, making them potential probes for mechanistic investigations and imaging (Lee *et al.*, 2012).



This paper compares the structure and packing of two newly crystallized chalcone molecules, 3'-cyano-4-methylchalcone [Sm6p] or *m'*CNpCH<sub>3</sub> and 3'-bromo-4-methylchalcone [Dm6p] or *m'*BrpCH<sub>3</sub>, where Sm6p and Dm6p are internal codes tied to a large, long-term project. Each chalcone



**Table 1**  
Selected angles ( $^{\circ}$ ).

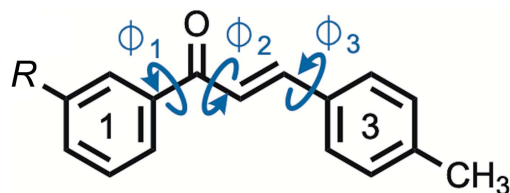
The  $\Phi_1$ ,  $\Phi_2$ , and  $\Phi_3$  dihedrals are defined by C5–C4–C1–C2, C4–C1–C2–C3, and C2–C3–C10–C11, respectively.

| Chalcone                     | $\Phi_1$     | $\Phi_2$     | $\Phi_3$     | 1-Ring 3-Ring Twist | 1-Ring 3-Ring Fold |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <i>m'</i> CNpCH <sub>3</sub> | –154.58 (10) | –169.15 (10) | –163.34 (10) | 49.11 (4)           | 0.67 (4)           |
| <i>m'</i> BrpCH <sub>3</sub> | –153.51 (16) | –169.73 (17) | –161.99 (18) | 49.15 (6)           | 1.55 (6)           |

examined consists of a variable *meta* substitution at C6 of the 1-Ring, and methyl substitution at C13 of the 3-Ring, see Figs. 1 and 2. Substitution on the 1-Ring has been utilized to further understand the packing and structure of chalcone crystals based upon their ring substituents.

## 2. Structural commentary

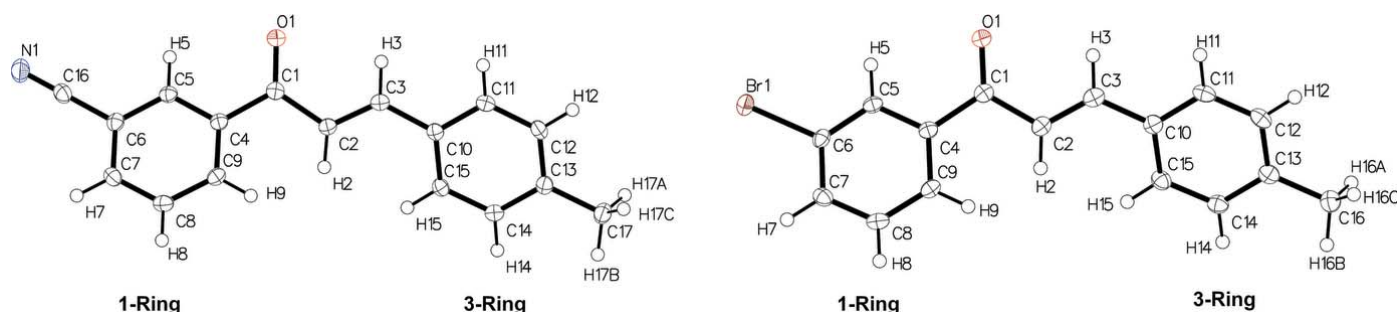
The chalcones under observation, *m'*CNpCH<sub>3</sub> and *m'*BrpCH<sub>3</sub>, differ at the *meta* position on the 1-Ring, cyano and bromo respectively, Figs. 1 and 2. Note that the following summary of dihedrals, which represents the planarity of the chalcones, references data in Table 1 where non-rounded angles and errors can be found. The enone core exhibits small (10–11 $^{\circ}$ ) deviations from planarity ( $\Phi_2$ ) for *m'*CNpCH<sub>3</sub> and *m'*BrpCH<sub>3</sub>. The 1-Ring/carbonyl twists ( $\Phi_1$ ) show similar deviations from planarity (25–27 $^{\circ}$ ) for *m'*CNpCH<sub>3</sub> and *m'*BrpCH<sub>3</sub>. The 3-Ring/alkene twists ( $\Phi_3$ ) also show similar deviations from planarity (16–18 $^{\circ}$ ) for *m'*CNpCH<sub>3</sub> and *m'*BrpCH<sub>3</sub>. *m'*CNpCH<sub>3</sub> and



**Figure 1**

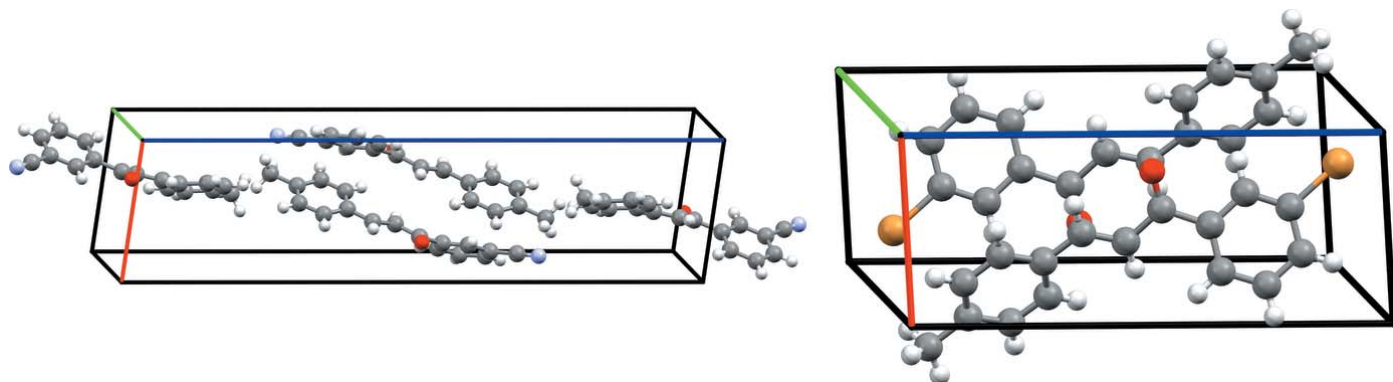
Three key dihedrals describing the chalcone planarity for 3'-cyano-4-methylchalcone (*m'*CNpCH<sub>3</sub>) and 3'-bromo-4-methylchalcone (*m'*BrpCH<sub>3</sub>); the 1-Ring and 3-Ring are labelled, where R = CN, Br.

*m'*BrpCH<sub>3</sub> exhibit similar 1-Ring/3-Ring twist angles (approximately 49 $^{\circ}$ ) and fold angles (1–2 $^{\circ}$ ). Based on the angle values, *m'*CNpCH<sub>3</sub> and *m'*BrpCH<sub>3</sub> do not vary greatly in torsions despite their different substituents. Both chalcones are similarly twisted and show a pairwise antiparallel arrangement of the enone core (Fig. 3), which are related by inversion symmetry. A closer look at the supramolecular properties (see below) reveals similarities and differences for the crystal structures.



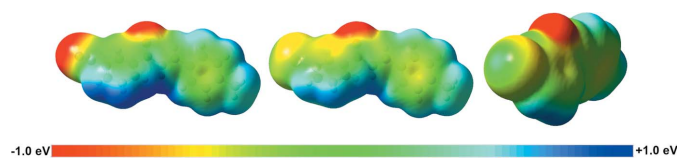
**Figure 2**

The asymmetric units of *m'*CNpCH<sub>3</sub> (left) and *m'*BrpCH<sub>3</sub> (right) showing the atom labeling with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level.



**Figure 3**

The unit cells of *m'*CNpCH<sub>3</sub> (*P*<sub>2</sub><sub>1</sub>/*c* space group, left) and *m'*BrpCH<sub>3</sub> (*P*<sub>1</sub> space group, right), with the *a*, *b*, and *c* axes indicated in red, green, and blue, respectively.

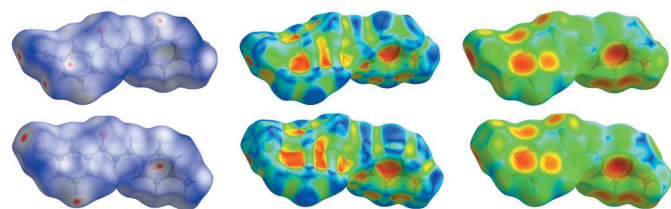


**Figure 4**  
Electrostatic potentials at the wB97XD/6-311++G(d,p) level of theory for  $m'\text{CNpCH}_3$  (left) and  $m'\text{BrpCH}_3$  (middle and right). The range for all three plots is from  $-1.0$  eV (red) to  $+1.0$  eV (blue); electrostatic potential maps were plotted on the 0.0004 SCF density surface. Single point energy calculations were performed on the geometric coordinates of the asymmetric unit (Frisch *et al.*, 2009).

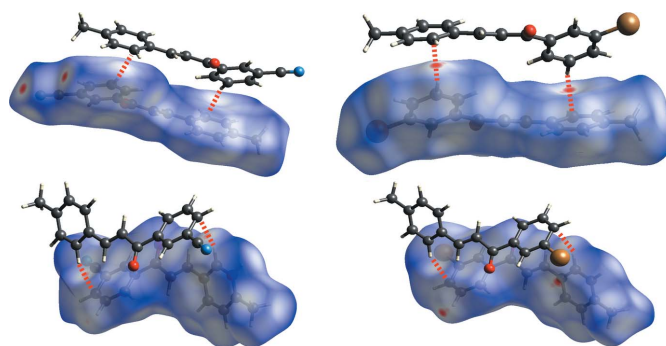
### 3. Supramolecular features

Electrostatic potentials are shown in Fig. 4, and Hirshfeld analyses are presented in Figs. 5–7 for  $m'\text{CNpCH}_3$  and  $m'\text{BrpCH}_3$ . The electrostatic potentials show a greater polarization for  $m'\text{CNpCH}_3$  than for  $m'\text{BrpCH}_3$ , which is expected because the cyano functional group is a stronger electron-withdrawing group than bromine. Consequently, the 1-Ring hydrogen atoms of  $m'\text{CNpCH}_3$  exhibit greater partial positive character; nonetheless, the 1-Rings for both  $m'\text{CNpCH}_3$  and  $m'\text{BrpCH}_3$  show  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$  interactions, see discussion below. Additionally, the small and slightly positive region on Br1 (Fig. 4, right) hints toward a  $\sigma$ -hole and an opportunity for a halogen bond in  $m'\text{BrpCH}_3$ . The Hirshfeld analyses below highlight the main intermolecular interactions found in  $m'\text{CNpCH}_3$  and  $m'\text{BrpCH}_3$  (Spackman & Jayatilaka, 2009); see the supporting information for fingerprint plots showing the percentage distribution of the intermolecular interactions represented by the  $d_{\text{norm}}$  surface in Fig. 5.

From a Hirshfeld analysis, the  $d_{\text{norm}}$  surfaces indicate close contacts (red regions) near H7, H8, H11, H17A, C7, C11, and N1 for  $m'\text{CNpCH}_3$  and H8, C11, and Br1 for  $m'\text{BrpCH}_3$ . Upon closer inspection of these atoms,  $m'\text{CNpCH}_3$  and  $m'\text{BrpCH}_3$  contain multiple  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$  interactions, which can be seen in Fig. 6 as red regions. Note that the following summary of short contacts between two atoms, which have distances less than the sum of their van der Waals (vdW) radii, references data found in Table 2 where non-rounded distances and errors can also be found. Notable hydrogen–carbon short contacts for  $m'\text{CNpCH}_3$  are  $\text{C8}-\text{H8}\cdots\text{C11}^{\text{iv}}$  (2.88 Å) and  $\text{C11}-\text{H11}\cdots\text{C7}^{\text{iii}}$  (2.82 Å). In comparison, similar short contacts for



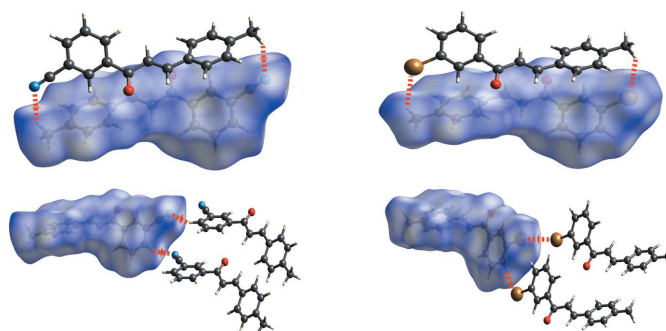
**Figure 5**  
Hirshfeld surfaces of  $m'\text{CNpCH}_3$  (top) and  $m'\text{BrpCH}_3$  (bottom). Surfaces are mapped with  $d_{\text{norm}}$  (left), the shape-index (middle), and  $d_c$  (right). Note that close contacts involving the aromatic rings visualized in  $d_{\text{norm}}$  are also supported in both the shape-index and  $d_c$ , as indicated by the red regions over the rings.



**Figure 6**  
Hirshfeld short contact ( $d_{\text{norm}}$ ) plots of  $m'\text{CNpCH}_3$  (left) and  $m'\text{BrpCH}_3$  (right) showing the  $\text{C8}-\text{H8}\cdots\text{C11}$  (top) and  $\text{C11}-\text{H11}\cdots\text{C7}$  (bottom) interactions. Red, white, and blue surface colors indicate contacts less than the sum of the van der Waals radii, close to, or greater than, respectively. For  $m'\text{CNpCH}_3$  and  $m'\text{BrpCH}_3$ , the interacting chalcone molecules are antiparallel to one another with the carbonyl groups facing opposite each other.

$m'\text{BrpCH}_3$  are  $\text{C8}-\text{H8}\cdots\text{C11}^{\text{iii}}$  (2.80 Å) and  $\text{C11}-\text{H11}\cdots\text{C7}^{\text{ii}}$  (2.89 Å).  $m'\text{CNpCH}_3$  contains some notable  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  interactions, which can be seen in Fig. 7 as red regions. The hydrogen–nitrogen short contacts for  $m'\text{CNpCH}_3$  are  $\text{C7}-\text{H7}\cdots\text{N1}^{\text{ii}}$  (2.60 Å) and  $\text{C17}-\text{H17A}\cdots\text{N1}^{\text{i}}$  (2.62 Å). For the sake of comparison to  $m'\text{CNpCH}_3$ ,  $\text{C7}-\text{H7}\cdots\text{Br1}^{\text{v}}$  (3.24 Å) and  $\text{C16}-\text{H16A}\cdots\text{Br1}^{\text{i}}$  (3.10 Å) in  $m'\text{BrpCH}_3$ , which can be seen in Fig. 7 as white regions, have distances that are greater than the sum of bromine and hydrogen vdW radii (3.05 Å). Nonetheless,  $m'\text{BrpCH}_3$  contains a  $\text{Br}\cdots\text{Br}$  interaction, see the red region associated with Br1 in Fig. 7. This type I halogen bond exhibits a short contact for  $\text{Br1}\cdots\text{Br1}^{\text{iv}}$  of 3.5565 (5) Å (Cavallo *et al.*, 2016).

For aromatic rings,  $\pi$ -stacking can exhibit multiple orientations, *e.g.* sandwich, parallel-displaced, and edge-to-face (Wheeler, 2011), arising largely from dispersion and/or electrostatic interactions. The  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$  interactions of  $m'\text{CNpCH}_3$  and  $m'\text{BrpCH}_3$  resemble the edge-to-face orien-



**Figure 7**  
Hirshfeld short contact ( $d_{\text{norm}}$ ) plots of  $m'\text{CNpCH}_3$  (left) and  $m'\text{BrpCH}_3$  (right) showing the  $\text{C17}-\text{H17A}\cdots\text{N1}$  and  $\text{C16}-\text{H16A}\cdots\text{Br1}$  (top), as well as  $\text{C7}-\text{H7}\cdots\text{N1}$ ,  $\text{C7}-\text{H7}\cdots\text{Br1}$ , and  $\text{C6}-\text{Br1}\cdots\text{Br1}$  (bottom) interactions. Red, white, and blue surface colors indicate contacts less than the sum of the van der Waals radii, equal to, or greater than, respectively. Note that the  $\text{C7}-\text{H7}\cdots\text{N1}$  interaction for  $m'\text{CNpCH}_3$  involves three molecules, while for  $m'\text{BrpCH}_3$  both  $\text{C7}-\text{H7}\cdots\text{Br1}$  and  $\text{Br}\cdots\text{Br1}$  interactions are needed to support a similar three-molecule arrangement.

**Table 2**  
Distances (Å) for close contacts.

Distances to the 1-Ring and 3-Ring reflect the distances to the centroids of those rings. The sums of the van der Waals radii (Å) for hydrogen plus carbon, nitrogen, or bromine are 2.9, 2.75, and 3.05, respectively, while the sum for bromine plus bromine is 3.7. The symmetry codes apply to those molecules interacting with the asymmetric unit. Estimated standard deviations are listed in parentheses.

| $m'$ CNpCH <sub>3</sub>         | Distance    | $m'$ BrpCH <sub>3</sub>        | Distance    |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| C8—H8···C11 <sup>iv</sup>       | 2.8835 (11) | C8—H8···C11 <sup>iii</sup>     | 2.8019 (16) |
| C8—H8···3-Ring <sup>iv</sup>    | 2.7391 (4)  | C8—H8···3-Ring <sup>iii</sup>  | 2.709 (2)   |
| C11—H11···C7 <sup>iii</sup>     | 2.8187 (11) | C11—H11···C7 <sup>ii</sup>     | 2.8936 (17) |
| C11—H11···1-Ring <sup>iii</sup> | 2.8866 (4)  | C11—H11···1-Ring <sup>ii</sup> | 3.061 (2)   |
| 1-Ring···3-Ring <sup>iv</sup>   | 4.6036 (6)  | 1-Ring···3-Ring <sup>iii</sup> | 4.5176 (10) |
| 3-Ring···1-Ring <sup>iii</sup>  | 4.7132 (6)  | 3-Ring···1-Ring <sup>ii</sup>  | 4.8989 (11) |
| C7—H7···N1 <sup>ii</sup>        | 2.5999 (9)  | C7—H7···Br1 <sup>v</sup>       | 3.2379 (4)  |
| C17—H17A···N1 <sup>i</sup>      | 2.6168 (11) | C16—H16A···Br1 <sup>i</sup>    | 3.0962 (3)  |
|                                 |             | Br1···Br1 <sup>iv</sup>        | 3.5556 (5)  |

Symmetry codes for  $m'$ CNpCH<sub>3</sub>: (i)  $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ; (ii)  $-x, -\frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z$ ; (iii)  $-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ; (iv)  $-x, -y, 1-z$ . Symmetry codes for  $m'$ BrpCH<sub>3</sub>: (i)  $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ; (ii)  $1-x, 2-y, 1-z$ ; (iii)  $-x, 2-y, 1-z$ ; (iv)  $2-x, 2-y, -z$ ; (v)  $1-x, 2-y, -z$ .

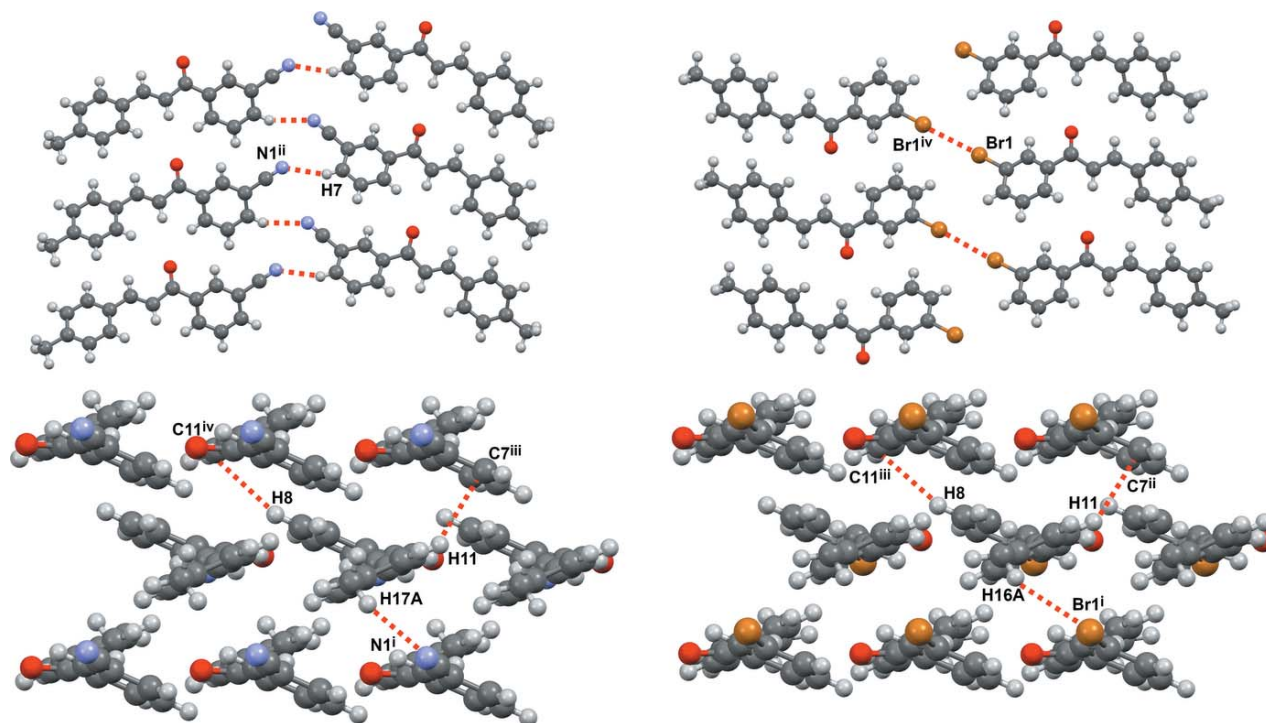
tation, which is also referred to as a T-shaped orientation. More specifically, the H8···3-Ring and H11···1-Ring interactions of  $m'$ CNpCH<sub>3</sub> and  $m'$ BrpCH<sub>3</sub> resemble a bent T-shaped orientation, or the so-called B-T1 orientation as defined by Dinadayalane & Leszczynski (2009). A computationally derived centroid-to-centroid distance for the B-T1 orientation is 4.63 Å (Dinadayalane & Leszczynski, 2009), which is close to the centroid distances for the 1-Ring···3-

Ring<sup>iv</sup> of  $m'$ CNpCH<sub>3</sub> (4.60 Å), the 1-Ring···3-Ring<sup>iii</sup> of  $m'$ BrpCH<sub>3</sub> (4.52 Å), the 3-Ring···1-Ring<sup>iii</sup> of  $m'$ CNpCH<sub>3</sub> (4.71 Å), and the 3-Ring···1-Ring<sup>ii</sup> of  $m'$ BrpCH<sub>3</sub> (4.90 Å). See Table 2 for non-rounded distances and errors.

Inspection of packing diagrams indicate that the  $m'$ CNpCH<sub>3</sub> molecules form antiparallel sheets, Fig. 8. The interactions that contribute the most to this stacking are the C—H··· $\pi$  interactions (C8—H8···C11<sup>iv</sup> or 1-Ring···3-Ring<sup>iv</sup> and C11—H11···C7<sup>iii</sup> or 3-Ring···1-Ring<sup>iii</sup>) and C—H···N interactions (C17—H17A···N1<sup>i</sup>), Figs. 6 and 7. All of these short contacts are less than their respective sum of vdW radii and are expected to contribute to the packing structure. Packing diagrams for  $m'$ BrpCH<sub>3</sub> also show antiparallel sheets, Fig. 8. Similar to  $m'$ CNpCH<sub>3</sub>, the C—H··· $\pi$  interactions (C8—H8···C11<sup>iii</sup> or 1-Ring···3-Ring<sup>iii</sup> and C11—H11···C7<sup>ii</sup> or 3-Ring···1-Ring<sup>ii</sup>) are also contributors to this stacking arrangement. Both chalcones have strong interactions that contribute to the lateral arrangement of molecules in the packing diagrams. For  $m'$ CNpCH<sub>3</sub> this interaction is the C7—H7···N1<sup>i</sup> interaction visualized in Fig. 7. For  $m'$ BrpCH<sub>3</sub>, the Br1···Br1<sup>iv</sup> interaction, or type 1 halogen bond, contributes to the lateral arrangement.

#### 4. Database survey

A survey of the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD version 5.41, November 2019; Groom *et al.*, 2016), which excluded



**Figure 8**  
Selected packing displays for  $m'$ CNpCH<sub>3</sub> (left) and  $m'$ BrpCH<sub>3</sub> (right) showing identical lateral interactions for C16—N1···H7 and the Br1···Br1 type I halogen bond (top), as well as the stacking interactions N1···H17A, C11···H8, C7···H11, and Br1···H16A (bottom). The symmetry codes apply to those molecules interacting with the asymmetric unit. Additional N1···H7 and Br1···Br1 interactions are included to serve as a visual aid. Symmetry codes for  $m'$ CNpCH<sub>3</sub>: (i)  $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ; (ii)  $-x, -\frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z$ ; (iii)  $-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ; (iv)  $-x, -y, 1-z$ . Symmetry codes for  $m'$ BrpCH<sub>3</sub>: (i)  $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ; (ii)  $1-x, 2-y, 1-z$ ; (iii)  $-x, 2-y, 1-z$ ; (iv)  $2-x, 2-y, -z$ .

chalcones substituted with additional rings, did not yield any mono-substituted cyanochalcone structures. The only disubstituted cyanochalcones found contained a *p*CN group on the 3-Ring; 4-cyano-2'-fluorochalcone [Bo19p] (LERXOW;  $P\bar{1}$ ; Braun *et al.*, 2006a) and 4-cyano-4'-diethylaminochalcone [Qp19p] (NAWCEU;  $P2_1/c$ ; Braun *et al.*, 2006b). Two of the CN structures, NAWCEU and  $m'$ CNpCH<sub>3</sub> [Sm6p], share the same space group,  $P2_1/c$ , while LERXOW belongs to the  $P\bar{1}$  space group.  $m'$ CNpCH<sub>3</sub> is the first cyanochalcone crystal structure with a *meta*-cyano substituent and is the first disubstituted cyano-methyl-chalcone structure. Analysis of the close contacts for LERXOW and NAWCEU reveals different interactions than for  $m'$ CNpCH<sub>3</sub>. Both structures display no strong interactions involving the cyano substituent, and instead both have strong interactions involving the carbonyl oxygen and the aromatic hydrogen atoms. LERXOW has a strong interaction between O1 and H3 and H11, while the oxygen interaction of note for NAWCEU is between O1 and H14. Additionally, C–H... $\pi$  interactions have a lesser impact on the packing structure, as indicated by Hirshfeld analysis. More data are required to assess whether these differences are a function of *meta* versus *para* cyano substitution.

The same survey, again excluding molecules containing additional rings, showed multiple chalcones containing a bromo substitution, nine of which are substituted in the *meta* position of the 1-Ring, and two of which are disubstituted with a bromo and a methyl group. 3'-Bromochalcone [Dm-1] (CICLUW;  $P\bar{1}$ ; Rosli *et al.*, 2007) and  $m'$ BrpCH<sub>3</sub> [Dm6p] belong to the same space group,  $P\bar{1}$ . The two disubstituted chalcones most similar to  $m'$ BrpCH<sub>3</sub>, 4'-bromo-4-methylchalcone [Dp6p] (IZEFOI;  $P2_1/c$ ; Wang *et al.*, 2004) and 3-bromo-4'-methylchalcone [Fp4m] (IGAPAI;  $P\bar{1}$ ; Li *et al.*, 2008), are the only disubstituted Br/CH<sub>3</sub> chalcones. Of the two disubstituted chalcones, only IGAPAI shares the same space group as  $m'$ BrpCH<sub>3</sub>, and IGAPAI also exhibits a type I halogen bond (Cavallo *et al.*, 2016), similar to  $m'$ BrpCH<sub>3</sub>. IZEFOI does display C–H... $\pi$  interactions, but these support a parallel arrangement, with the 3-Ring forming close contacts with the 3-Ring of a neighboring molecule, as opposed to the antiparallel nature of the C–H... $\pi$  interactions for  $m'$ BrpCH<sub>3</sub>.  $m'$ BrpCH<sub>3</sub> is the first methyl-substituted chalcone structure with an *m'*Br atom. Note that the codes Bo19p, Dm-1, Dm6p, Dp6p, Fp4m, Qp19p, and Sm6p are internal codes tied to a large, long-term project.

## 5. Synthesis and crystallization

**Synthesis.** The preparations of  $m'$ CNpCH<sub>3</sub> [Sm6p] (Merchant *et al.*, 1965) and  $m'$ BrpCH<sub>3</sub> [Dm6p] have previously been reported (Budakoti *et al.*, 2008; Ellsworth *et al.*, 2008; Rangarajan *et al.*, 2016; Soni & Patel, 2017; Zhang *et al.*, 2017). Ethanol (1.5 mL, 95%) and a magnetic stir bar were added to two separate Biotage microwave vials (2–5 mL); one contained 4-methylbenzaldehyde (3 mmol) and the other contained 3'-acetophenone (3 mmol). Each vial was heated gently over a hot plate until complete dissolution and then cooled to room temperature; solids may precipitate upon

cooling depending on the solubility of the starting material. Once cooled, NaOH (aq) (0.4 mL, 50% by wgt) was added to a benzaldehyde–acetophenone mixture. The resulting reaction mixture was vigorously agitated with a microspatula until a slurry formed. Water (2 mL) was added to the vial and its contents were agitated. The vial was capped, centrifuged for one minute, and decanted. This trituration was repeated three times. Methanol (2 mL) was added to the vessel and sealed; the microwave-safe vials are safe at high pressures, up to 30 bar. Over a hot plate while stirring, the contents were heated until complete dissolution. Once removed from the heat, the vial was allowed to cool, and crystal growth was observed. Crystals were isolated and dried using vacuum filtration. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, referenced to TMS):  $\delta$  (ppm) for  $m'$ BrpCH<sub>3</sub> are 8.13 (*t*, 1H,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz), 7.93 (*ddd*, 1H,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.4, 1.0 Hz), 7.80 (*d*, 1H,  $J$  = 15.6 Hz), 7.70 (*ddd*, 1H,  $J$  = 8.0, 2.0, 1.0 Hz), 7.55 (*d*, 2H,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz), 7.40 (*m*, 2H), 7.23 (*d*, 2H,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 2.40 (*s*, 3H); and for  $m'$ CNpCH<sub>3</sub> are 8.28 (*t*, 1H,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz), 8.23 (*ddd*, 1H,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.7, 1.2 Hz), 7.84 (*m*, 2H), 7.64 (*t*, 1H,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz), 7.56 (*d*, 2H,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz), 7.43 (*d*, 1H,  $J$  = 15.6 Hz), 7.25 (*d*, 2H,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz), 2.41 (*s*, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, referenced to solvent, 77.16 ppm):  $\delta$  (ppm) for  $m'$ BrpCH<sub>3</sub> are 189.25, 145.97, 141.63, 140.29, 135.63, 132.01, 131.60, 130.32, 129.91, 128.77, 127.10, 123.07, 120.51, 21.72; and for  $m'$ CNpCH<sub>3</sub> are 188.48, 146.82, 142.01, 139.29, 135.65, 132.53, 132.20, 131.73, 129.98, 129.77, 128.87, 119.83, 118.21, 113.20, 21.74.

**Crystallization.**  $m'$ BrpCH<sub>3</sub> and  $m'$ CNpCH<sub>3</sub> were crystallized through slow cooling in a Dewar hemispherical low-form flask. Chalcone (20 mg), methanol (0.5 mL), and a magnetic spin vane were added to a conical Biotage microwave vial (0.5–2 mL) and sealed. The tube was placed in boiling water for 1–5 minutes until complete dissolution. While the tube was submerged, two Dewar hemispherical low-form flasks were filled with boiling water and allowed to sit. When the chalcone had nearly dissolved, the Dewar flasks were emptied, and one was placed in a Styrofoam cooler. The Biotage microwave vial was removed from boiling water and placed in the Dewar inside the cooler. The Dewar was filled with boiling water to completely submerge the microwave vial. A round silicone gasket was placed to cover the rim of this Dewar flask before inverting the second Dewar and placing it on top to create a chamber. The cooler was closed with a Styrofoam lid on a low-vibration table in a temperature-regulated room. After 24 h, the vials were removed from the Dewar and crystals were collected using vacuum filtration.

## 6. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 3. The X-ray intensity data for each chalcone derivative was measured at 100 K on a Bruker Photon II D8 Venture diffractometer equipped with both I $\mu$ S-Cu and I $\mu$ S-Mo microfocus X-ray sources. The Cu  $K\alpha$  ( $\lambda$  = 1.54178 Å) source was used for all crystallographic investigations. Data sets were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects as well as absorption. The criterion for observed

**Table 3**  
Experimental details.

|   | <i>m'</i> CNpCH <sub>3</sub>                              | <i>m'</i> BrpCH <sub>3</sub>                              |
|---|---|---|
| Crystal data  |   |   |
| Chemical formula  | C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>13</sub> NO                        | C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>13</sub> BrO                       |
| <i>M<sub>r</sub></i>  | 247.28  | 301.17  |
| Crystal system, space group   | Monoclinic, <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>            | Triclinic, <i>P</i> $\bar{1}$                             |
| Temperature (K)   | 100   | 100   |
| <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)  | 7.2986 (1), 5.8504 (1), 29.7783 (5)                       | 5.9282 (6), 7.3614 (8), 14.6747 (16)                      |
| $\alpha$ , $\beta$ , $\gamma$ (°)   | 90, 94.525 (1), 90  | 88.532 (3), 82.199 (3), 87.457 (3)                        |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )  | 1267.56 (4)   | 633.73 (12)   |
| <i>Z</i>  | 4   | 2   |
| <i>D<sub>x</sub></i> (Mg m <sup>-3</sup> )  | 1.296   | 1.578   |
| Radiation type  | Cu <i>K</i> $\alpha$                                      | Cu <i>K</i> $\alpha$                                      |
| $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )   | 0.64  | 4.28  |
| Crystal shape   | Transparent plate   | Transparent plate   |
| Colour  | Colourless  | Colorless   |
| Crystal size (mm)   | 0.35 × 0.21 × 0.09  | 0.39 × 0.25 × 0.11  |
| Data collection   |   |   |
| Diffractometer  | Bruker D8 Venture   | Bruker D8 Venture   |
| Absorption correction   | Multi-scan ( <i>SADABS</i> ; Krause <i>et al.</i> , 2015) | Multi-scan ( <i>SADABS</i> ; Krause <i>et al.</i> , 2015) |
| <i>T<sub>min</sub></i> , <i>T<sub>max</sub></i>   | 0.676, 0.754  | 0.531, 0.754  |
| No. of measured, independent and observed [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )] reflections                             | 13801, 2494, 2213   | 8397, 2461, 2440  |
| <i>R<sub>int</sub></i>  | 0.028   | 0.023   |
| ( <i>sin</i> $\theta$ / $\lambda$ ) <sub>max</sub> (Å <sup>-1</sup> )   | 0.617   | 0.617   |
| Refinement  |   |   |
| <i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )], <i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ), <i>S</i> | 0.033, 0.087, 1.03  | 0.026, 0.065, 1.09  |
| No. of reflections  | 2494  | 2461  |
| No. of parameters   | 173   | 164   |
| H-atom treatment  | H-atom parameters constrained                             | H-atom parameters constrained                             |
| $\Delta\rho_{\max}$ , $\Delta\rho_{\min}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )  | 0.21, -0.18   | 0.63, -0.40   |

Computer programs: *APEX3* (Bruker, 2018), *SAINT* (Bruker, 2017), *SHELXT2018/2* (Sheldrick, 2015a), *SHELXL2018/3* (Sheldrick, 2015b) and *X-SEED* (Barbour, 2001).

reflections is  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ . Lattice parameters were determined from least-squares analysis of reflection data. Empirical absorption corrections were applied using *SADABS* (Krause *et al.*, 2015). Structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares analysis on  $F^2$  using *X-SEED* equipped with *SHELXT* (Barbour, 2001 and Sheldrick, 2015a). All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically by full-matrix least-squares on  $F^2$  using the *SHELXL* program (Sheldrick, 2015b). H atoms (for OH and NH) were located in a difference-Fourier synthesis and refined isotropically with independent O/N–H distances or restrained to 0.85 (2) Å. The remaining H atoms were included in idealized geometric positions with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{parent atom})$  or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C-methyl})$ .

Unit cells were visualized with *Mercury 2020.1* (Macrae *et al.*, 2020), Hirshfeld analyses were executed with *Crystal Explorer 17.5* (Turner *et al.*, 2017), while distance/angle measurements as well as *ORTEP* images were captured using *OLEX2* (Dolomanov *et al.*, 2009).

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## Crystal structure and Hirshfeld analysis of 3'-bromo-4-methylchalcone and 3'-cyano-4-methylchalcone

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### Computing details

For both structures, data collection: *APEX3* (Bruker, 2018); cell refinement: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 2017); data reduction: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 2017); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXT2018/2* (Sheldrick, 2015a); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL2018/3* (Sheldrick, 2015b); molecular graphics: *X-SEED* (Barbour, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: *X-SEED* (Barbour, 2001).

### 2-[3-(4-Methylphenyl)prop-2-enoyl]benzotrile (I)

#### Crystal data

$C_{17}H_{13}NO$

$M_r = 247.28$

Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$

$a = 7.2986$  (1) Å

$b = 5.8504$  (1) Å

$c = 29.7783$  (5) Å

$\beta = 94.525$  (1)°

$V = 1267.56$  (4) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 520$

$D_x = 1.296$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 1.54178$  Å

Cell parameters from 7537 reflections

$\theta = 3.0$ – $72.1$ °

$\mu = 0.64$  mm<sup>-1</sup>

$T = 100$  K

Transparent plate, colourless

$0.35 \times 0.21 \times 0.09$  mm

#### Data collection

Bruker D8 Venture  
diffractometer

Radiation source: Microsource IuS Incoatec 3.0

Double Bounce Multilayer Mirrors  
monochromator

Detector resolution: 7.9 pixels mm<sup>-1</sup>

$\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(SADABS; Krause *et al.*, 2015)

$T_{\min} = 0.676$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.754$

13801 measured reflections

2494 independent reflections

2213 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.028$

$\theta_{\max} = 72.1$ °,  $\theta_{\min} = 3.0$ °

$h = -9 \rightarrow 8$

$k = -7 \rightarrow 7$

$l = -36 \rightarrow 36$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.033$

$wR(F^2) = 0.087$

$S = 1.03$

2494 reflections

173 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
direct methods

Hydrogen site location: inferred from  
neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.045P)^2 + 0.4265P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.18 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

#### Special details

**Geometry.** All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement.** All nonhydrogen atoms were located in a single difference Fourier electron density map and refined using anisotropic displacement parameters. All C-H hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions with  $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.2xU_{\text{eqiv}}$  of the connected C atoms ( $1.5xU_{\text{eqiv}}$  for methyl groups).

#### Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

|      | <i>x</i>     | <i>y</i>      | <i>z</i>    | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|------|--------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| O1   | 0.22192 (11) | 0.72690 (13)  | 0.47783 (2) | 0.02168 (19)                     |
| N1   | 0.13188 (15) | 0.75910 (19)  | 0.27529 (3) | 0.0286 (2)                       |
| C1   | 0.21471 (14) | 0.52052 (18)  | 0.47083 (3) | 0.0165 (2)                       |
| C2   | 0.26906 (14) | 0.35011 (18)  | 0.50599 (3) | 0.0174 (2)                       |
| H2   | 0.282576     | 0.194303      | 0.497894    | 0.021*                           |
| C3   | 0.29943 (14) | 0.41308 (18)  | 0.54913 (3) | 0.0160 (2)                       |
| H3   | 0.282067     | 0.570173      | 0.555670    | 0.019*                           |
| C4   | 0.14995 (14) | 0.43210 (18)  | 0.42488 (3) | 0.0159 (2)                       |
| C5   | 0.16826 (14) | 0.57332 (18)  | 0.38769 (3) | 0.0163 (2)                       |
| H5   | 0.221501     | 0.720872      | 0.391577    | 0.020*                           |
| C6   | 0.10757 (14) | 0.49562 (19)  | 0.34474 (3) | 0.0171 (2)                       |
| C7   | 0.02732 (14) | 0.27968 (19)  | 0.33848 (4) | 0.0187 (2)                       |
| H7   | -0.013000    | 0.227830      | 0.309115    | 0.022*                           |
| C8   | 0.00746 (14) | 0.14251 (19)  | 0.37570 (4) | 0.0189 (2)                       |
| H8   | -0.049184    | -0.003134     | 0.371874    | 0.023*                           |
| C9   | 0.06980 (14) | 0.21624 (18)  | 0.41866 (4) | 0.0176 (2)                       |
| H9   | 0.057822     | 0.119396      | 0.443864    | 0.021*                           |
| C10  | 0.35662 (14) | 0.26495 (18)  | 0.58726 (3) | 0.0152 (2)                       |
| C11  | 0.33577 (14) | 0.34331 (19)  | 0.63106 (3) | 0.0173 (2)                       |
| H11  | 0.287002     | 0.491628      | 0.635291    | 0.021*                           |
| C12  | 0.38509 (15) | 0.20805 (19)  | 0.66834 (3) | 0.0186 (2)                       |
| H12  | 0.366765     | 0.263493      | 0.697639    | 0.022*                           |
| C13  | 0.46133 (14) | -0.00854 (19) | 0.66336 (3) | 0.0173 (2)                       |
| C14  | 0.48597 (14) | -0.08447 (18) | 0.61969 (4) | 0.0171 (2)                       |
| H14  | 0.540026     | -0.229971     | 0.615618    | 0.021*                           |
| C15  | 0.43333 (14) | 0.04771 (18)  | 0.58221 (3) | 0.0164 (2)                       |
| H15  | 0.449373     | -0.009384     | 0.552915    | 0.020*                           |
| C16  | 0.12291 (15) | 0.6427 (2)    | 0.30610 (4) | 0.0206 (2)                       |
| C17  | 0.51598 (16) | -0.1542 (2)   | 0.70393 (4) | 0.0227 (2)                       |
| H17A | 0.627558     | -0.091602     | 0.719826    | 0.034*                           |
| H17B | 0.539551     | -0.310760     | 0.694210    | 0.034*                           |
| H17C | 0.416382     | -0.154959     | 0.724164    | 0.034*                           |

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

|     | $U^{11}$   | $U^{22}$   | $U^{33}$   | $U^{12}$    | $U^{13}$    | $U^{23}$    |
|-----|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| O1  | 0.0290 (4) | 0.0159 (4) | 0.0197 (4) | 0.0010 (3)  | -0.0009 (3) | -0.0006 (3) |
| N1  | 0.0352 (6) | 0.0302 (6) | 0.0197 (5) | -0.0055 (5) | -0.0016 (4) | 0.0035 (4)  |
| C1  | 0.0144 (5) | 0.0176 (5) | 0.0178 (5) | 0.0007 (4)  | 0.0024 (4)  | -0.0003 (4) |
| C2  | 0.0185 (5) | 0.0157 (5) | 0.0179 (5) | 0.0019 (4)  | 0.0012 (4)  | 0.0001 (4)  |
| C3  | 0.0137 (5) | 0.0149 (5) | 0.0196 (5) | -0.0004 (4) | 0.0019 (4)  | -0.0003 (4) |
| C4  | 0.0139 (5) | 0.0163 (5) | 0.0174 (5) | 0.0035 (4)  | 0.0011 (4)  | 0.0000 (4)  |
| C5  | 0.0146 (5) | 0.0149 (5) | 0.0192 (5) | 0.0016 (4)  | 0.0007 (4)  | 0.0000 (4)  |
| C6  | 0.0155 (5) | 0.0186 (5) | 0.0172 (5) | 0.0031 (4)  | 0.0010 (4)  | 0.0015 (4)  |
| C7  | 0.0171 (5) | 0.0205 (5) | 0.0182 (5) | 0.0033 (4)  | -0.0013 (4) | -0.0039 (4) |
| C8  | 0.0168 (5) | 0.0152 (5) | 0.0244 (5) | 0.0006 (4)  | -0.0003 (4) | -0.0013 (4) |
| C9  | 0.0164 (5) | 0.0162 (5) | 0.0202 (5) | 0.0022 (4)  | 0.0014 (4)  | 0.0023 (4)  |
| C10 | 0.0128 (5) | 0.0164 (5) | 0.0161 (5) | -0.0023 (4) | 0.0005 (4)  | -0.0005 (4) |
| C11 | 0.0167 (5) | 0.0156 (5) | 0.0195 (5) | -0.0010 (4) | 0.0018 (4)  | -0.0023 (4) |
| C12 | 0.0205 (5) | 0.0209 (5) | 0.0146 (5) | -0.0024 (4) | 0.0017 (4)  | -0.0034 (4) |
| C13 | 0.0160 (5) | 0.0193 (5) | 0.0164 (5) | -0.0036 (4) | -0.0004 (4) | 0.0015 (4)  |
| C14 | 0.0162 (5) | 0.0148 (5) | 0.0205 (5) | -0.0001 (4) | 0.0020 (4)  | -0.0004 (4) |
| C15 | 0.0158 (5) | 0.0185 (5) | 0.0150 (5) | -0.0010 (4) | 0.0021 (4)  | -0.0014 (4) |
| C16 | 0.0210 (5) | 0.0222 (6) | 0.0182 (5) | -0.0011 (4) | -0.0013 (4) | -0.0024 (5) |
| C17 | 0.0260 (6) | 0.0230 (6) | 0.0188 (5) | -0.0008 (5) | -0.0001 (4) | 0.0039 (4)  |

Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )

|          |             |             |             |
|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| O1—C1    | 1.2257 (13) | C8—H8       | 0.9500      |
| N1—C16   | 1.1487 (15) | C9—H9       | 0.9500      |
| C1—C2    | 1.4771 (15) | C10—C15     | 1.4017 (15) |
| C1—C4    | 1.5038 (14) | C10—C11     | 1.4021 (14) |
| C2—C3    | 1.3380 (15) | C11—C12     | 1.3875 (15) |
| C2—H2    | 0.9500      | C11—H11     | 0.9500      |
| C3—C10   | 1.4629 (14) | C12—C13     | 1.3965 (16) |
| C3—H3    | 0.9500      | C12—H12     | 0.9500      |
| C4—C5    | 1.3966 (15) | C13—C14     | 1.3992 (15) |
| C4—C9    | 1.3980 (15) | C13—C17     | 1.5062 (14) |
| C5—C6    | 1.3961 (14) | C14—C15     | 1.3869 (15) |
| C5—H5    | 0.9500      | C14—H14     | 0.9500      |
| C6—C7    | 1.3988 (16) | C15—H15     | 0.9500      |
| C6—C16   | 1.4482 (15) | C17—H17A    | 0.9800      |
| C7—C8    | 1.3852 (16) | C17—H17B    | 0.9800      |
| C7—H7    | 0.9500      | C17—H17C    | 0.9800      |
| C8—C9    | 1.3920 (15) |             |             |
| O1—C1—C2 | 122.61 (10) | C4—C9—H9    | 119.8       |
| O1—C1—C4 | 119.98 (9)  | C15—C10—C11 | 118.03 (9)  |
| C2—C1—C4 | 117.41 (9)  | C15—C10—C3  | 123.08 (9)  |
| C3—C2—C1 | 120.63 (10) | C11—C10—C3  | 118.89 (10) |
| C3—C2—H2 | 119.7       | C12—C11—C10 | 121.16 (10) |

|              |              |                 |              |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| C1—C2—H2     | 119.7        | C12—C11—H11     | 119.4        |
| C2—C3—C10    | 126.70 (10)  | C10—C11—H11     | 119.4        |
| C2—C3—H3     | 116.6        | C11—C12—C13     | 120.86 (10)  |
| C10—C3—H3    | 116.6        | C11—C12—H12     | 119.6        |
| C5—C4—C9     | 119.63 (10)  | C13—C12—H12     | 119.6        |
| C5—C4—C1     | 118.38 (10)  | C12—C13—C14     | 117.92 (9)   |
| C9—C4—C1     | 121.98 (9)   | C12—C13—C17     | 120.70 (9)   |
| C6—C5—C4     | 119.38 (10)  | C14—C13—C17     | 121.37 (10)  |
| C6—C5—H5     | 120.3        | C15—C14—C13     | 121.54 (10)  |
| C4—C5—H5     | 120.3        | C15—C14—H14     | 119.2        |
| C5—C6—C7     | 121.03 (10)  | C13—C14—H14     | 119.2        |
| C5—C6—C16    | 119.71 (10)  | C14—C15—C10     | 120.45 (10)  |
| C7—C6—C16    | 119.24 (9)   | C14—C15—H15     | 119.8        |
| C8—C7—C6     | 119.06 (10)  | C10—C15—H15     | 119.8        |
| C8—C7—H7     | 120.5        | N1—C16—C6       | 178.83 (12)  |
| C6—C7—H7     | 120.5        | C13—C17—H17A    | 109.5        |
| C7—C8—C9     | 120.57 (10)  | C13—C17—H17B    | 109.5        |
| C7—C8—H8     | 119.7        | H17A—C17—H17B   | 109.5        |
| C9—C8—H8     | 119.7        | C13—C17—H17C    | 109.5        |
| C8—C9—C4     | 120.32 (10)  | H17A—C17—H17C   | 109.5        |
| C8—C9—H9     | 119.8        | H17B—C17—H17C   | 109.5        |
|              |              |                 |              |
| O1—C1—C2—C3  | 11.34 (17)   | C5—C4—C9—C8     | -0.38 (15)   |
| C4—C1—C2—C3  | -169.15 (10) | C1—C4—C9—C8     | 178.43 (9)   |
| C1—C2—C3—C10 | -178.91 (9)  | C2—C3—C10—C15   | 17.24 (17)   |
| O1—C1—C4—C5  | 24.95 (15)   | C2—C3—C10—C11   | -163.34 (10) |
| C2—C1—C4—C5  | -154.58 (10) | C15—C10—C11—C12 | -1.61 (15)   |
| O1—C1—C4—C9  | -153.88 (10) | C3—C10—C11—C12  | 178.95 (9)   |
| C2—C1—C4—C9  | 26.59 (14)   | C10—C11—C12—C13 | 1.57 (16)    |
| C9—C4—C5—C6  | -0.58 (15)   | C11—C12—C13—C14 | -0.10 (16)   |
| C1—C4—C5—C6  | -179.43 (9)  | C11—C12—C13—C17 | 179.55 (10)  |
| C4—C5—C6—C7  | 0.60 (16)    | C12—C13—C14—C15 | -1.32 (16)   |
| C4—C5—C6—C16 | 178.85 (9)   | C17—C13—C14—C15 | 179.03 (10)  |
| C5—C6—C7—C8  | 0.34 (16)    | C13—C14—C15—C10 | 1.28 (16)    |
| C16—C6—C7—C8 | -177.92 (10) | C11—C10—C15—C14 | 0.19 (15)    |
| C6—C7—C8—C9  | -1.30 (16)   | C3—C10—C15—C14  | 179.62 (10)  |
| C7—C8—C9—C4  | 1.34 (16)    |                 |              |

### 1-(2-Bromophenyl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (II)

#### Crystal data

$C_{16}H_{13}BrO$

$M_r = 301.17$

Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$

$a = 5.9282$  (6) Å

$b = 7.3614$  (8) Å

$c = 14.6747$  (16) Å

$\alpha = 88.532$  (3)°

$\beta = 82.199$  (3)°

$\gamma = 87.457$  (3)°

$V = 633.73$  (12) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 2$

$F(000) = 304$

$D_x = 1.578$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 1.54178$  Å

Cell parameters from 1318 reflections

$\theta = 6.0\text{--}71.7^\circ$

$\mu = 4.28 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 100 \text{ K}$

Transparent plate, colorless  
 $0.39 \times 0.25 \times 0.11 \text{ mm}$

*Data collection*

Bruker D8 Venture  
 diffractometer  
 Radiation source: Microsource IuS Incoatec 3.0  
 Double Bounce Multilayer Mirrors  
 monochromator  
 Detector resolution:  $7.9 \text{ pixels mm}^{-1}$   
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (SADABS; Krause *et al.*, 2015)

$T_{\min} = 0.531$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.754$   
 8397 measured reflections  
 2461 independent reflections  
 2440 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.023$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 72.2^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\min} = 3.0^\circ$   
 $h = -6 \rightarrow 7$   
 $k = -9 \rightarrow 9$   
 $l = -18 \rightarrow 18$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 Least-squares matrix: full  
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.026$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.065$   
 $S = 1.09$   
 2461 reflections  
 164 parameters  
 0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
 direct methods  
 Hydrogen site location: inferred from  
 neighbouring sites  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0313P)^2 + 0.5783P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.63 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.40 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

*Special details*

**Geometry.** All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement.** All nonhydrogen atoms were located in a single difference Fourier electron density map and refined using anisotropic displacement parameters. All C-H hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions with  $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.2xU_{\text{eqiv}}$  of the connected C atoms ( $1.5xU_{\text{eqiv}}$  for methyl groups).

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

|     | x           | y           | z            | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|-----|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Br1 | 0.80035 (3) | 0.89029 (3) | 0.08237 (2)  | 0.02192 (9)                      |
| O1  | 0.7329 (2)  | 0.7890 (2)  | 0.45698 (9)  | 0.0223 (3)                       |
| C1  | 0.5354 (3)  | 0.7917 (2)  | 0.44225 (13) | 0.0170 (4)                       |
| C2  | 0.3466 (3)  | 0.7319 (3)  | 0.51279 (13) | 0.0192 (4)                       |
| H2  | 0.199245    | 0.718770    | 0.495759     | 0.023*                           |
| C3  | 0.3817 (3)  | 0.6965 (2)  | 0.59951 (13) | 0.0186 (4)                       |
| H3  | 0.530796    | 0.713033    | 0.613915     | 0.022*                           |
| C4  | 0.4726 (3)  | 0.8590 (2)  | 0.35130 (13) | 0.0155 (3)                       |
| C5  | 0.6366 (3)  | 0.8439 (2)  | 0.27330 (13) | 0.0161 (3)                       |
| H5  | 0.783980    | 0.791310    | 0.277957     | 0.019*                           |
| C6  | 0.5803 (3)  | 0.9069 (2)  | 0.18959 (12) | 0.0167 (3)                       |
| C7  | 0.3658 (3)  | 0.9867 (2)  | 0.18070 (13) | 0.0189 (4)                       |
| H7  | 0.330243    | 1.029208    | 0.122449     | 0.023*                           |
| C8  | 0.2067 (3)  | 1.0024 (2)  | 0.25840 (14) | 0.0192 (4)                       |

|      |             |            |              |            |
|------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| H8   | 0.061052    | 1.058189   | 0.253582     | 0.023*     |
| C9   | 0.2567 (3)  | 0.9378 (2) | 0.34359 (13) | 0.0175 (4) |
| H9   | 0.144730    | 0.947060   | 0.396286     | 0.021*     |
| C10  | 0.2121 (3)  | 0.6346 (2) | 0.67464 (13) | 0.0180 (4) |
| C11  | 0.2535 (3)  | 0.6525 (2) | 0.76554 (14) | 0.0197 (4) |
| H11  | 0.393474    | 0.699115   | 0.777189     | 0.024*     |
| C12  | 0.0940 (3)  | 0.6036 (3) | 0.83870 (13) | 0.0204 (4) |
| H12  | 0.124142    | 0.620360   | 0.899810     | 0.025*     |
| C13  | -0.1104 (3) | 0.5301 (2) | 0.82409 (13) | 0.0188 (4) |
| C14  | -0.1492 (3) | 0.5068 (2) | 0.73322 (13) | 0.0191 (4) |
| H14  | -0.285712   | 0.453991   | 0.721786     | 0.023*     |
| C15  | 0.0076 (3)  | 0.5594 (3) | 0.65972 (13) | 0.0195 (4) |
| H15  | -0.023652   | 0.544247   | 0.598635     | 0.023*     |
| C16  | -0.2846 (4) | 0.4761 (3) | 0.90371 (14) | 0.0243 (4) |
| H16A | -0.238535   | 0.357702   | 0.928866     | 0.036*     |
| H16B | -0.433393   | 0.467934   | 0.882360     | 0.036*     |
| H16C | -0.295102   | 0.567581   | 0.951623     | 0.036*     |

*Atomic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)*

|     | $U^{11}$     | $U^{22}$     | $U^{33}$     | $U^{12}$     | $U^{13}$    | $U^{23}$    |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Br1 | 0.02062 (13) | 0.02741 (13) | 0.01669 (12) | -0.00258 (8) | 0.00161 (8) | 0.00044 (8) |
| O1  | 0.0152 (7)   | 0.0321 (7)   | 0.0196 (7)   | -0.0023 (5)  | -0.0024 (5) | 0.0007 (5)  |
| C1  | 0.0174 (9)   | 0.0142 (8)   | 0.0194 (9)   | -0.0018 (7)  | -0.0019 (7) | -0.0021 (6) |
| C2  | 0.0175 (9)   | 0.0191 (9)   | 0.0206 (9)   | -0.0019 (7)  | -0.0008 (7) | -0.0013 (7) |
| C3  | 0.0176 (9)   | 0.0142 (8)   | 0.0237 (9)   | 0.0005 (7)   | -0.0015 (7) | -0.0026 (7) |
| C4  | 0.0150 (8)   | 0.0131 (8)   | 0.0188 (9)   | -0.0030 (6)  | -0.0025 (7) | -0.0012 (6) |
| C5  | 0.0136 (8)   | 0.0143 (8)   | 0.0205 (9)   | -0.0026 (6)  | -0.0024 (7) | -0.0016 (7) |
| C6  | 0.0163 (9)   | 0.0167 (8)   | 0.0168 (8)   | -0.0043 (7)  | 0.0005 (7)  | -0.0012 (6) |
| C7  | 0.0198 (9)   | 0.0174 (8)   | 0.0208 (9)   | -0.0042 (7)  | -0.0070 (7) | 0.0020 (7)  |
| C8  | 0.0140 (9)   | 0.0167 (8)   | 0.0275 (10)  | -0.0003 (7)  | -0.0048 (7) | -0.0008 (7) |
| C9  | 0.0147 (9)   | 0.0157 (8)   | 0.0215 (9)   | -0.0018 (7)  | 0.0001 (7)  | -0.0021 (7) |
| C10 | 0.0183 (9)   | 0.0148 (8)   | 0.0209 (9)   | 0.0002 (7)   | -0.0026 (7) | 0.0011 (7)  |
| C11 | 0.0196 (9)   | 0.0155 (8)   | 0.0259 (10)  | -0.0007 (7)  | -0.0099 (8) | 0.0010 (7)  |
| C12 | 0.0245 (10)  | 0.0175 (9)   | 0.0207 (9)   | 0.0020 (7)   | -0.0092 (8) | 0.0001 (7)  |
| C13 | 0.0206 (9)   | 0.0142 (8)   | 0.0218 (9)   | 0.0030 (7)   | -0.0045 (7) | 0.0000 (7)  |
| C14 | 0.0187 (9)   | 0.0167 (8)   | 0.0230 (9)   | -0.0025 (7)  | -0.0058 (7) | -0.0003 (7) |
| C15 | 0.0217 (10)  | 0.0189 (9)   | 0.0189 (9)   | -0.0027 (7)  | -0.0054 (7) | -0.0012 (7) |
| C16 | 0.0244 (10)  | 0.0272 (10)  | 0.0211 (9)   | 0.0001 (8)   | -0.0027 (8) | -0.0006 (8) |

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

|        |             |         |           |
|--------|-------------|---------|-----------|
| Br1—C6 | 1.9053 (18) | C8—H8   | 0.9500    |
| O1—C1  | 1.219 (2)   | C9—H9   | 0.9500    |
| C1—C2  | 1.491 (3)   | C10—C11 | 1.399 (3) |
| C1—C4  | 1.500 (3)   | C10—C15 | 1.401 (3) |
| C2—C3  | 1.334 (3)   | C11—C12 | 1.382 (3) |
| C2—H2  | 0.9500      | C11—H11 | 0.9500    |

|              |              |                 |              |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| C3—C10       | 1.465 (3)    | C12—C13         | 1.393 (3)    |
| C3—H3        | 0.9500       | C12—H12         | 0.9500       |
| C4—C9        | 1.399 (3)    | C13—C14         | 1.400 (3)    |
| C4—C5        | 1.401 (3)    | C13—C16         | 1.508 (3)    |
| C5—C6        | 1.380 (3)    | C14—C15         | 1.384 (3)    |
| C5—H5        | 0.9500       | C14—H14         | 0.9500       |
| C6—C7        | 1.398 (3)    | C15—H15         | 0.9500       |
| C7—C8        | 1.382 (3)    | C16—H16A        | 0.9800       |
| C7—H7        | 0.9500       | C16—H16B        | 0.9800       |
| C8—C9        | 1.391 (3)    | C16—H16C        | 0.9800       |
| O1—C1—C2     | 122.32 (17)  | C4—C9—H9        | 120.2        |
| O1—C1—C4     | 120.48 (17)  | C11—C10—C15     | 118.05 (18)  |
| C2—C1—C4     | 117.20 (16)  | C11—C10—C3      | 119.08 (17)  |
| C3—C2—C1     | 120.92 (17)  | C15—C10—C3      | 122.87 (17)  |
| C3—C2—H2     | 119.5        | C12—C11—C10     | 121.11 (18)  |
| C1—C2—H2     | 119.5        | C12—C11—H11     | 119.4        |
| C2—C3—C10    | 126.21 (18)  | C10—C11—H11     | 119.4        |
| C2—C3—H3     | 116.9        | C11—C12—C13     | 120.94 (18)  |
| C10—C3—H3    | 116.9        | C11—C12—H12     | 119.5        |
| C9—C4—C5     | 120.03 (17)  | C13—C12—H12     | 119.5        |
| C9—C4—C1     | 121.39 (17)  | C12—C13—C14     | 118.08 (18)  |
| C5—C4—C1     | 118.57 (16)  | C12—C13—C16     | 121.12 (18)  |
| C6—C5—C4     | 118.80 (17)  | C14—C13—C16     | 120.80 (18)  |
| C6—C5—H5     | 120.6        | C15—C14—C13     | 121.21 (18)  |
| C4—C5—H5     | 120.6        | C15—C14—H14     | 119.4        |
| C5—C6—C7     | 121.94 (17)  | C13—C14—H14     | 119.4        |
| C5—C6—Br1    | 119.84 (14)  | C14—C15—C10     | 120.57 (18)  |
| C7—C6—Br1    | 118.21 (14)  | C14—C15—H15     | 119.7        |
| C8—C7—C6     | 118.60 (17)  | C10—C15—H15     | 119.7        |
| C8—C7—H7     | 120.7        | C13—C16—H16A    | 109.5        |
| C6—C7—H7     | 120.7        | C13—C16—H16B    | 109.5        |
| C7—C8—C9     | 120.93 (17)  | H16A—C16—H16B   | 109.5        |
| C7—C8—H8     | 119.5        | C13—C16—H16C    | 109.5        |
| C9—C8—H8     | 119.5        | H16A—C16—H16C   | 109.5        |
| C8—C9—C4     | 119.69 (17)  | H16B—C16—H16C   | 109.5        |
| C8—C9—H9     | 120.2        |                 |              |
| O1—C1—C2—C3  | 9.4 (3)      | C5—C4—C9—C8     | -0.6 (3)     |
| C4—C1—C2—C3  | -169.73 (17) | C1—C4—C9—C8     | 178.53 (16)  |
| C1—C2—C3—C10 | -179.08 (17) | C2—C3—C10—C11   | -161.99 (18) |
| O1—C1—C4—C9  | -151.81 (18) | C2—C3—C10—C15   | 17.3 (3)     |
| C2—C1—C4—C9  | 27.3 (2)     | C15—C10—C11—C12 | -2.3 (3)     |
| O1—C1—C4—C5  | 27.4 (3)     | C3—C10—C11—C12  | 177.07 (16)  |
| C2—C1—C4—C5  | -153.51 (16) | C10—C11—C12—C13 | 1.8 (3)      |
| C9—C4—C5—C6  | -0.4 (3)     | C11—C12—C13—C14 | 0.2 (3)      |
| C1—C4—C5—C6  | -179.54 (16) | C11—C12—C13—C16 | 179.84 (17)  |
| C4—C5—C6—C7  | 0.7 (3)      | C12—C13—C14—C15 | -1.6 (3)     |

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| C4—C5—C6—Br1 | 179.46 (13)  | C16—C13—C14—C15 | 178.69 (17)  |
| C5—C6—C7—C8  | 0.0 (3)      | C13—C14—C15—C10 | 1.1 (3)      |
| Br1—C6—C7—C8 | -178.79 (13) | C11—C10—C15—C14 | 0.8 (3)      |
| C6—C7—C8—C9  | -1.0 (3)     | C3—C10—C15—C14  | -178.51 (17) |
| C7—C8—C9—C4  | 1.3 (3)      |                 |              |

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