

7-Methoxy-4,6-dimethyl-3*H*-isobenzofuran-1-one

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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

$T = 298$  K

Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.006$  Å

$R$  factor = 0.060

$wR$  factor = 0.156

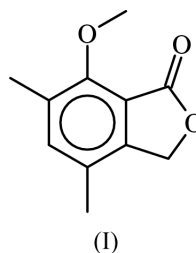
Data-to-parameter ratio = 7.0

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## Comment

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## Experimental

The title compound was crystallized from the ethyl acetate extract of the liquid culture of an unidentified marine fungus isolated from the leaves of the sea lotus found in Fujian Province, China.

## Crystal data

$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3$   
 $M_r = 192.21$   
Orthorhombic,  $Pna2_1$   
 $a = 7.5508(7)$  Å  
 $b = 12.616(1)$  Å  
 $c = 10.1223(9)$  Å  
 $V = 964.27(15)$  Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$   
 $D_x = 1.324$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
Cell parameters from 1595  
reflections  
 $\theta = 2.6\text{--}21.8^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.10$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 298(2)$  K  
Needle, colorless  
 $0.45 \times 0.12 \times 0.09$  mm

## Data collection

Bruker APEX area-detector  
diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
Absorption correction: none  
12924 measured reflections  
897 independent reflections

840 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.070$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ$   
 $h = -8 \rightarrow 8$   
 $k = -15 \rightarrow 14$   
 $l = -11 \rightarrow 12$

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.060$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.156$   
 $S = 1.13$   
897 reflections  
129 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1P)^2 + 0.1111P]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.15$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.26$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

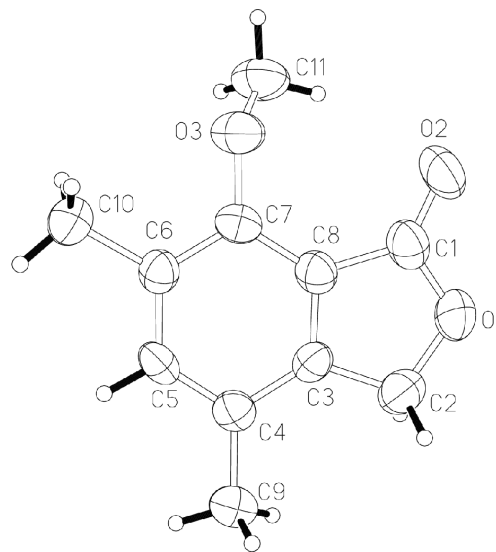
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1—C1	1.342 (6)	C3—C4	1.400 (7)
O1—C2	1.434 (7)	C4—C5	1.381 (7)
O2—C1	1.205 (6)	C4—C9	1.489 (7)
O3—C7	1.361 (6)	C5—C6	1.385 (6)
O3—C11	1.418 (7)	C6—C7	1.381 (6)
C1—C8	1.462 (6)	C6—C10	1.515 (6)
C2—C3	1.480 (7)	C7—C8	1.409 (6)
C3—C8	1.377 (7)		
C1—O1—C2	110.3 (4)	C3—C4—C9	121.1 (4)
C7—O3—C11	117.7 (3)	C4—C5—C6	123.7 (4)
O2—C1—O1	120.4 (5)	C7—C6—C5	120.3 (4)
O2—C1—C8	130.7 (5)	C7—C6—C10	119.3 (4)
O1—C1—C8	108.8 (4)	C5—C6—C10	120.4 (4)
O1—C2—C3	105.2 (4)	O3—C7—C6	118.8 (4)
C8—C3—C4	122.4 (4)	O3—C7—C8	123.5 (4)
C8—C3—C2	108.0 (4)	C6—C7—C8	117.5 (4)
C4—C3—C2	129.6 (5)	C3—C8—C7	120.7 (4)
C5—C4—C3	115.3 (4)	C3—C8—C1	107.7 (4)
C5—C4—C9	123.6 (5)	C7—C8—C1	131.5 (4)

The H atoms were positioned geometrically and were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation. C—H distances were set to 0.93–0.97 Å, with  $U_{\text{iso}}$  values for H atoms of 1.2 or 1.5 (methyl H) times  $U_{\text{eq}}$  of the parent atom. The methyl groups bonded to the aromatic ring were allowed to rotate but not to tip. In the absence of significant anomalous scattering effects, Friedel pairs were merged.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 2001); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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**Figure 1**

*ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976) plot of (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii.

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