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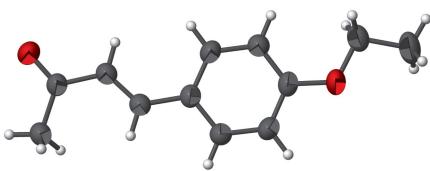
## (*E*)-4-(4-Ethoxyphenyl)but-3-en-2-one

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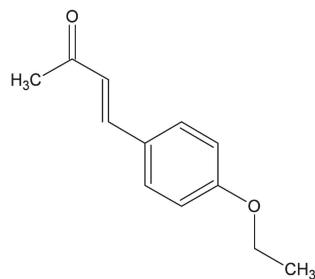
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In the title compound,  $C_{12}H_{14}O_2$ , the benzene ring makes dihedral angles of 5.03 (8) and 5.37 (15) $^\circ$  with the mean planes of the but-3-en-2-one group and the ethoxy group, respectively. In the crystal, molecules are linked by two pairs of C—H···O hydrogen bonds forming inversion dimers, which enclose an  $R_2^2(8)$  ring motif flanked by two  $R_2^1(7)$  loops.

### 3D view



### Chemical scheme



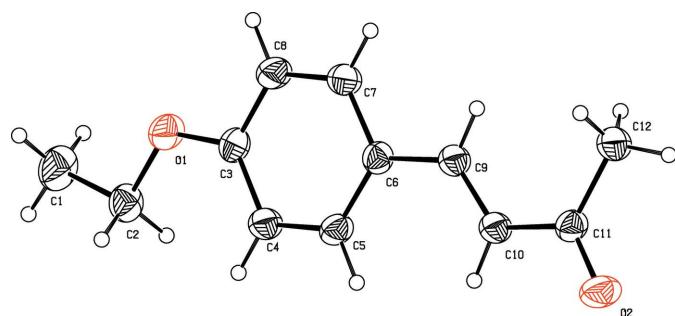
### Structure description

Chalcones belonging to the flavonoid family constitute an important group of natural products due to their unforeseen pharmacological potential. Chemically they consist of open-chain flavonoids in which the two aromatic rings are joined by a three-carbon  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl system. Chalcones have been reported to possess numerous biological activities such as antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, antimalarial, anti-leishmanial, antioxidant and antitubercular activities (Lin *et al.*, 2002; Sivakumar *et al.*, 2007). The reactive  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated keto group in chalcone derivatives was observed to be responsible for their antimicrobial activity.

In the title compound, Fig. 1, both the but-3-en-2-one group and the ethoxy group are  $\text{—antiperiplanar}$  ( $-ap$ ) with respect to the benzene ring, as indicated by the torsion angles  $C7—C6—C9—C10 = -179.84$  (14) $^\circ$  and  $C7—C8—C3—O1 = -178.41$  (13) $^\circ$ . The but-3-en-2-one group and the ethoxy group make dihedral angles of 5.03 (8) and 5.37 (15) $^\circ$ , respectively, with the benzene ring.

In the crystal, molecules are linked by two pairs of C—H···O hydrogen bonds forming inversion dimers, which enclose an  $R_2^2(8)$  ring motif flanked by two  $R_2^1(7)$  loops (Table 1 and Fig. 2).

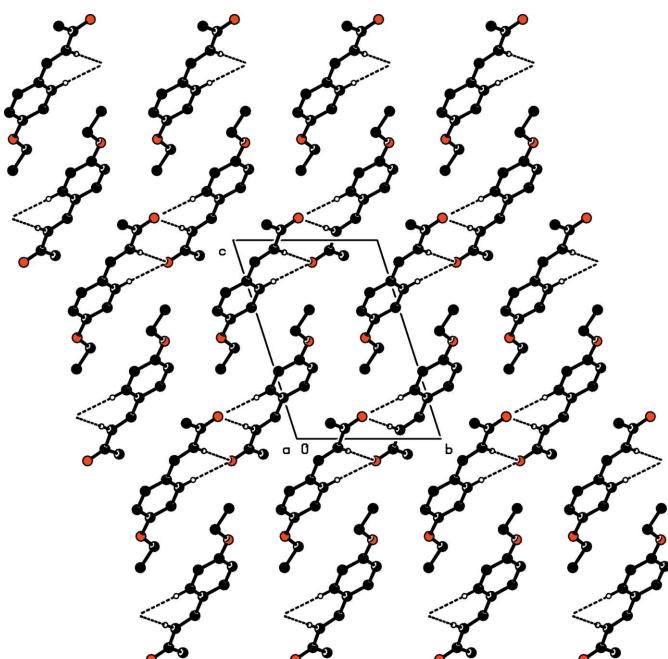
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**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of the title compound, showing the atom labelling. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

### Synthesis and crystallization

In a 250 ml round-bottom flask acetone (0.5 mmol) and 4-ethoxybenzaldehyde (0.5 mmol) were taken and 120 ml of absolute alcohol was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 min, then 10% sodium hydroxide solution was added and the mixture was stirred for 2 h. The yellow-coloured precipitate generated by adding a sufficient amount of ice-cold water was filtered, washed with distilled water and then dried. The crude product was recrystallized twice from absolute alcohol yielding colourless block-like crystals (yield 78%).

**Figure 2**

The crystal packing of the title compound, viewed along the  $a$  axis. The  $C-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines (see Table 1).

**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

| $D-H \cdots A$        | $D-H$ | $H \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-H \cdots A$ |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| $C5-H5 \cdots O2^i$   | 0.93  | 2.50         | 3.4298 (17)  | 178            |
| $C10-H10 \cdots O2^i$ | 0.93  | 2.57         | 3.5006 (17)  | 179            |

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x, -y - 1, -z$ .

**Table 2**  
Experimental details.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Crystal data   |  |
| Chemical formula   | $C_{12}H_{14}O_2$                          |
| $M_r$  | 190.23                                     |
| Crystal system, space group  | Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$                      |
| Temperature (K)  | 296  |
| $a, b, c$ (Å)  | 5.7634 (2), 8.2218 (2), 12.0915 (3)        |
| $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ ( $^\circ$ )                                       | 105.5413 (14), 102.5395 (16), 97.4291 (14) |
| $V$ (Å $^3$ )  | 528.03 (3)                                 |
| $Z$  | 2  |
| Radiation type   | Mo $K\alpha$                               |
| $\mu$ (mm $^{-1}$ )  | 0.08                                       |
| Crystal size (mm)  | 0.30 $\times$ 0.25 $\times$ 0.25           |
| Data collection  |  |
| Diffractometer   | Bruker Kappa APEXII CCD                    |
| Absorption correction  | Multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2004)          |
| $T_{\min}, T_{\max}$   | 0.976, 0.980                               |
| No. of measured, independent and observed [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ] reflections | 7360, 1858, 1589                           |
| $R_{\text{int}}$   | 0.020                                      |
| (sin $\theta/\lambda$ ) $_{\text{max}}$ (Å $^{-1}$ )                       | 0.595                                      |
| Refinement   |  |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$  | 0.039, 0.121, 1.03                         |
| No. of reflections   | 1842                                       |
| No. of parameters  | 130  |
| H-atom treatment   | H-atom parameters constrained              |
| $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e Å $^{-3}$ )          | 0.17, -0.13                                |

Computer programs: APEX2, SAINT, XPREP (Bruker, 2004), SHELXS97 and SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008) and ORTEP-3 for Windows (Farrugia, 2012).

### Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2.

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# full crystallographic data

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 $\gamma = 97.4291$  (14)°  
 $V = 528.03$  (3) Å<sup>3</sup>

Z = 2  
 $F(000) = 204$   
 $D_x = 1.196$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å  
Cell parameters from 1858 reflections  
 $\theta = 1.8\text{--}25.0^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.08$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
T = 296 K  
Block, colorless  
0.30 × 0.25 × 0.25 mm

#### Data collection

Bruker Kappa APEXII CCD  
diffractometer  
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube  
Graphite monochromator  
 $\omega$  and  $\varphi$  scans  
Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(SADABS; Bruker, 2004)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.976$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.980$

7360 measured reflections  
1858 independent reflections  
1589 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.020$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 25.0^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\min} = 1.8^\circ$   
 $h = -6 \rightarrow 6$   
 $k = -9 \rightarrow 9$   
 $l = -14 \rightarrow 14$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
Least-squares matrix: full  
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.039$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.121$   
 $S = 1.03$   
1842 reflections  
130 parameters  
0 restraints  
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
direct methods  
Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from  
neighbouring sites  
H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0652P)^2 + 0.0923P]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.17$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.13$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
Extinction correction: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick,  
2008),  $F_c^* = kFc[1 + 0.001xFc^2\lambda^3/\sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$   
Extinction coefficient: 0.029 (7)

*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.** Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted R-factor wR and goodness of fit S are based on  $F^2$ , conventional R-factors R are based on F, with F set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > 2\text{sigma}(F^2)$  is used only for calculating R-factors(gt) etc. and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. R-factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on F, and R-factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

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

|      | x            | y             | z             | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| C1   | 1.0703 (4)   | 0.3733 (2)    | 0.64921 (17)  | 0.0787 (6)                       |
| H1A  | 1.1266       | 0.4691        | 0.6242        | 0.118*                           |
| H1B  | 1.2069       | 0.3329        | 0.6860        | 0.118*                           |
| H1C  | 0.9777       | 0.4089        | 0.7053        | 0.118*                           |
| C2   | 0.9134 (3)   | 0.2306 (2)    | 0.54296 (13)  | 0.0568 (4)                       |
| H2A  | 1.0055       | 0.1920        | 0.4860        | 0.068*                           |
| H2B  | 0.8529       | 0.1336        | 0.5671        | 0.068*                           |
| C3   | 0.5377 (3)   | 0.19381 (18)  | 0.39674 (12)  | 0.0474 (4)                       |
| C4   | 0.5370 (3)   | 0.02313 (18)  | 0.33933 (13)  | 0.0504 (4)                       |
| H4   | 0.6675       | -0.0263       | 0.3639        | 0.060*                           |
| C5   | 0.3417 (3)   | -0.07347 (17) | 0.24538 (12)  | 0.0485 (4)                       |
| H5   | 0.3427       | -0.1878       | 0.2076        | 0.058*                           |
| C6   | 0.1442 (2)   | -0.00352 (17) | 0.20622 (11)  | 0.0439 (3)                       |
| C7   | 0.1524 (3)   | 0.16901 (19)  | 0.26405 (13)  | 0.0526 (4)                       |
| H7   | 0.0239       | 0.2197        | 0.2389        | 0.063*                           |
| C8   | 0.3449 (3)   | 0.26628 (19)  | 0.35711 (13)  | 0.0552 (4)                       |
| H8   | 0.3457       | 0.3814        | 0.3937        | 0.066*                           |
| C9   | -0.0692 (2)  | -0.10142 (18) | 0.10940 (12)  | 0.0458 (4)                       |
| H9   | -0.1907      | -0.0412       | 0.0912        | 0.055*                           |
| C10  | -0.1105 (2)  | -0.26480 (17) | 0.04465 (12)  | 0.0476 (4)                       |
| H10  | 0.0082       | -0.3277       | 0.0617        | 0.057*                           |
| C11  | -0.3285 (3)  | -0.35470 (17) | -0.05185 (12) | 0.0468 (4)                       |
| C12  | -0.5374 (3)  | -0.26762 (19) | -0.07783 (14) | 0.0553 (4)                       |
| H12A | -0.4946      | -0.1819       | -0.1143       | 0.083*                           |
| H12B | -0.5756      | -0.2137       | -0.0050       | 0.083*                           |
| H12C | -0.6759      | -0.3514       | -0.1308       | 0.083*                           |
| O1   | 0.71689 (19) | 0.29938 (13)  | 0.49135 (9)   | 0.0613 (3)                       |
| O2   | -0.3390 (2)  | -0.50178 (14) | -0.11143 (10) | 0.0720 (4)                       |

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

|    | $U^{11}$    | $U^{22}$    | $U^{33}$    | $U^{12}$    | $U^{13}$    | $U^{23}$   |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| C1 | 0.0714 (12) | 0.0707 (12) | 0.0673 (11) | -0.0023 (9) | -0.0184 (9) | 0.0142 (9) |
| C2 | 0.0512 (9)  | 0.0588 (9)  | 0.0510 (8)  | 0.0044 (7)  | 0.0005 (7)  | 0.0147 (7) |
| C3 | 0.0465 (8)  | 0.0436 (8)  | 0.0425 (7)  | 0.0015 (6)  | 0.0051 (6)  | 0.0061 (6) |
| C4 | 0.0476 (8)  | 0.0454 (8)  | 0.0509 (8)  | 0.0119 (6)  | 0.0038 (6)  | 0.0090 (6) |

|     |            |            |            |            |             |             |
|-----|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| C5  | 0.0524 (8) | 0.0375 (7) | 0.0469 (7) | 0.0077 (6) | 0.0066 (6)  | 0.0043 (6)  |
| C6  | 0.0429 (7) | 0.0427 (7) | 0.0415 (7) | 0.0052 (6) | 0.0082 (6)  | 0.0089 (6)  |
| C7  | 0.0472 (8) | 0.0467 (8) | 0.0545 (8) | 0.0132 (6) | 0.0038 (6)  | 0.0058 (6)  |
| C8  | 0.0546 (9) | 0.0416 (8) | 0.0556 (8) | 0.0102 (7) | 0.0038 (7)  | 0.0005 (6)  |
| C9  | 0.0427 (7) | 0.0443 (8) | 0.0462 (7) | 0.0100 (6) | 0.0064 (6)  | 0.0107 (6)  |
| C10 | 0.0431 (8) | 0.0443 (8) | 0.0492 (8) | 0.0109 (6) | 0.0032 (6)  | 0.0104 (6)  |
| C11 | 0.0471 (8) | 0.0408 (8) | 0.0455 (7) | 0.0069 (6) | 0.0040 (6)  | 0.0093 (6)  |
| C12 | 0.0475 (8) | 0.0515 (9) | 0.0555 (8) | 0.0108 (7) | 0.0000 (6)  | 0.0080 (7)  |
| O1  | 0.0563 (7) | 0.0474 (6) | 0.0569 (6) | 0.0046 (5) | -0.0103 (5) | 0.0007 (5)  |
| O2  | 0.0704 (8) | 0.0453 (6) | 0.0747 (8) | 0.0177 (5) | -0.0096 (6) | -0.0035 (5) |

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

|            |             |               |             |
|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| C1—C2      | 1.502 (2)   | C6—C7         | 1.393 (2)   |
| C1—H1A     | 0.9600      | C6—C9         | 1.4648 (19) |
| C1—H1B     | 0.9600      | C7—C8         | 1.372 (2)   |
| C1—H1C     | 0.9600      | C7—H7         | 0.9300      |
| C2—O1      | 1.4281 (18) | C8—H8         | 0.9300      |
| C2—H2A     | 0.9700      | C9—C10        | 1.322 (2)   |
| C2—H2B     | 0.9700      | C9—H9         | 0.9300      |
| C3—O1      | 1.3608 (17) | C10—C11       | 1.4653 (19) |
| C3—C8      | 1.383 (2)   | C10—H10       | 0.9300      |
| C3—C4      | 1.388 (2)   | C11—O2        | 1.2166 (17) |
| C4—C5      | 1.385 (2)   | C11—C12       | 1.4966 (19) |
| C4—H4      | 0.9300      | C12—H12A      | 0.9600      |
| C5—C6      | 1.3897 (19) | C12—H12B      | 0.9600      |
| C5—H5      | 0.9300      | C12—H12C      | 0.9600      |
| <br>       |             |               |             |
| C2—C1—H1A  | 109.5       | C7—C6—C9      | 119.14 (13) |
| C2—C1—H1B  | 109.5       | C8—C7—C6      | 121.84 (14) |
| H1A—C1—H1B | 109.5       | C8—C7—H7      | 119.1       |
| C2—C1—H1C  | 109.5       | C6—C7—H7      | 119.1       |
| H1A—C1—H1C | 109.5       | C7—C8—C3      | 120.25 (13) |
| H1B—C1—H1C | 109.5       | C7—C8—H8      | 119.9       |
| O1—C2—C1   | 106.73 (13) | C3—C8—H8      | 119.9       |
| O1—C2—H2A  | 110.4       | C10—C9—C6     | 128.01 (13) |
| C1—C2—H2A  | 110.4       | C10—C9—H9     | 116.0       |
| O1—C2—H2B  | 110.4       | C6—C9—H9      | 116.0       |
| C1—C2—H2B  | 110.4       | C9—C10—C11    | 125.16 (13) |
| H2A—C2—H2B | 108.6       | C9—C10—H10    | 117.4       |
| O1—C3—C8   | 115.88 (13) | C11—C10—H10   | 117.4       |
| O1—C3—C4   | 124.88 (13) | O2—C11—C10    | 119.43 (13) |
| C8—C3—C4   | 119.25 (13) | O2—C11—C12    | 119.80 (13) |
| C5—C4—C3   | 119.86 (13) | C10—C11—C12   | 120.77 (12) |
| C5—C4—H4   | 120.1       | C11—C12—H12A  | 109.5       |
| C3—C4—H4   | 120.1       | C11—C12—H12B  | 109.5       |
| C4—C5—C6   | 121.55 (13) | H12A—C12—H12B | 109.5       |
| C4—C5—H5   | 119.2       | C11—C12—H12C  | 109.5       |

|             |              |                |              |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| C6—C5—H5    | 119.2        | H12A—C12—H12C  | 109.5        |
| C5—C6—C7    | 117.24 (13)  | H12B—C12—H12C  | 109.5        |
| C5—C6—C9    | 123.62 (13)  | C3—O1—C2       | 119.21 (12)  |
|             |              |                |              |
| O1—C3—C4—C5 | 178.51 (13)  | C4—C3—C8—C7    | 1.7 (2)      |
| C8—C3—C4—C5 | -1.6 (2)     | C5—C6—C9—C10   | -0.4 (2)     |
| C3—C4—C5—C6 | 0.2 (2)      | C7—C6—C9—C10   | -179.84 (14) |
| C4—C5—C6—C7 | 1.1 (2)      | C6—C9—C10—C11  | -179.57 (12) |
| C4—C5—C6—C9 | -178.37 (12) | C9—C10—C11—O2  | 174.48 (14)  |
| C5—C6—C7—C8 | -1.0 (2)     | C9—C10—C11—C12 | -5.5 (2)     |
| C9—C6—C7—C8 | 178.49 (13)  | C8—C3—O1—C2    | 175.46 (13)  |
| C6—C7—C8—C3 | -0.4 (2)     | C4—C3—O1—C2    | -4.6 (2)     |
| O1—C3—C8—C7 | -178.41 (13) | C1—C2—O1—C3    | -176.21 (13) |

*Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)*

| D—H···A                   | D—H  | H···A | D···A       | D—H···A |
|---------------------------|------|-------|-------------|---------|
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