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## 5-Nitro-1-benzofuran-2(3H)-one

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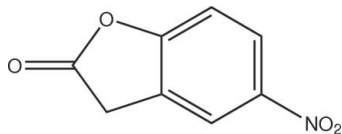
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 293$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.046;  $wR$  factor = 0.146; data-to-parameter ratio = 11.4.

In the crystal structure of the title compound,  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_5\text{NO}_4$ , essentially planar molecules [largest deviation from the least-squares plane =  $0.030$  (2) Å] form stacks along the  $a$ -axis direction. Intercentroid separations between overlapping benzene rings within the stack are  $3.6594$  (12) Å and  $3.8131$  (12) Å. Molecules from neighboring stacks are linked by weak  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds into inversion dimers.

## Related literature

The title compound is an intermediate in the synthesis of the drug dronedarone [systematic (name):  $N$ -(2-butyl-3-( $p$ -(3-dibutylamino)propoxy)benzoyl)-5-benzofuranyl)methanesulfonamide, which has been used in the treatment of atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter. For applications of the title compound in drug discovery, see: Katritzky *et al.* (1992). For the synthetic procedure, see: Munoz-Muniz & Juaristi (2003). For standard bond-length data, see: Allen *et al.* (1987).



## Experimental

## Crystal data

 $\text{C}_8\text{H}_5\text{NO}_4$ 
 $M_r = 179.13$ 

Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 7.4510$  (15) Å  
 $b = 8.9150$  (18) Å  
 $c = 11.249$  (2) Å  
 $\beta = 93.45$  (3)°  
 $V = 745.9$  (3) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.13$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  K  
 $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.10$  mm

## Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer  
 Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan (North *et al.*, 1968)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.962$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.987$   
 2234 measured reflections

1362 independent reflections  
 1063 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.039$   
 3 standard reflections every 200 reflections  
 intensity decay: 1%

## Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.046$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.146$   
 $S = 1.00$   
 1362 reflections

119 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.22$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.20$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{C3}-\text{H3A}\cdots\text{O2}^i$	0.97	2.56	3.334 (3)	137

 Symmetry code: (i)  $-x + 1, -y, -z + 2$ .

Data collection: *CAD-4 EXPRESS* (Enraf–Nonius, 1993); cell refinement: *CAD-4 EXPRESS*; data reduction: *XCAD4* (Harms & Wocadlo, 1996); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *PLATON* (Spek, 2009).

Supplementary data and figures for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: YK2051).

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## supporting information

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#### S1. Comment

The title compound, C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> (Fig. 1), is an important pharmaceutical intermediate (Munoz-Muniz & Juaristi, 2003). We report here its crystal structure. All bond lengths and angles lie within the expected ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987). In the crystal structure, the molecules are joined by  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions and weak C-H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2).

#### S2. Experimental

The title compound, 5-nitro-1-benzofuran-2(3H)-one, was prepared by the literature method (Munoz-Muniz & Juaristi, 2003). To a 100 mL flask provided with Dean–Stark trap and magnetic stirrer was added 2-hydroxyphenyl- acetic acid (4.4 g, 29 mmol) in 60 mL of toluene and catalytic amounts of p-TsOH. The mixture was refluxed for 4 h with removal of water and then the residual solvent was removed at reduced pressure to give 3H-benzofuran-2-one in quantitative yield (3.9 g), mp 325K. Then, a mixture of 65% nitric acid (4 ml) and glacial acetic acid (4 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of 3H-benzofuran-2-one (3.9 g) in acetic anhydride (25 ml) while the temperature was maintained below 293K. The mixture was stirred and refluxed for 1 hour and decomposed with ice and sulfuric acid. The precipitate was filtered off. Pure 5-nitro-1-benzofuran-2(3H)-one was obtained by recrystallisation from ethyl acetate, yield 70%. Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a methanol solution.

#### S3. Refinement

All H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C—H = 0.93, 0.98 and 0.96 Å for aromatic, methine and methyl H, respectively, and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = xU_{\text{eq}}(\text{C},\text{N})$ , where  $x = 1.5$  for methyl H and  $x = 1.2$  for all other H atoms.

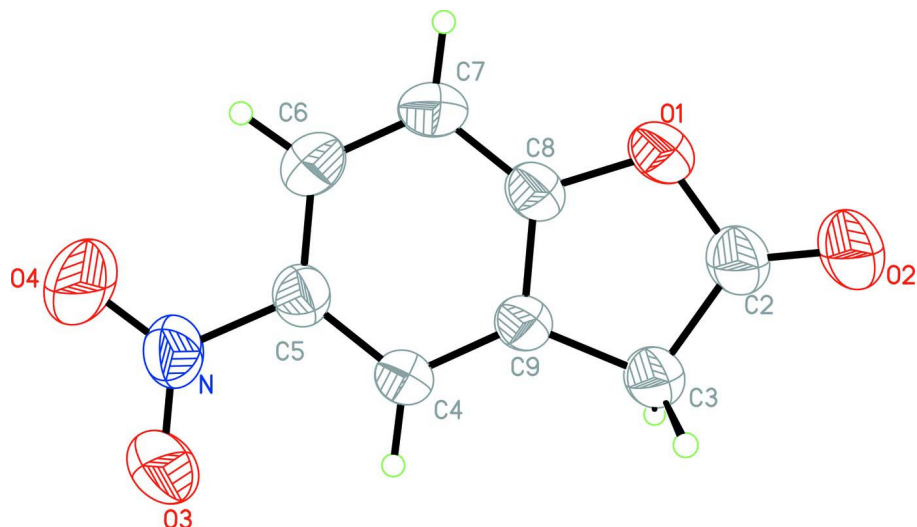


Figure 1

The molecular structure of the title compound, with the atom-numbering scheme and displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level.

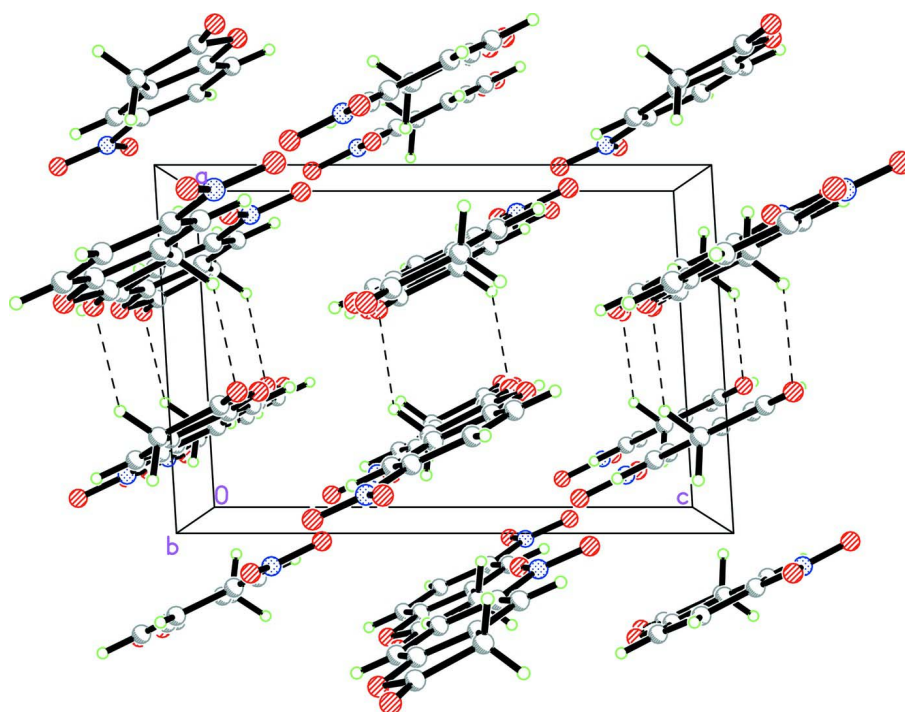


Figure 2

Packing diagram of the title compound. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

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 $V = 745.9 (3) \text{ \AA}^3$   
 $Z = 4$   
 $F(000) = 368$   
 $D_x = 1.595 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   
 Melting point: 453 K

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$   
 Cell parameters from 25 reflections  
 $\theta = 10\text{--}14^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.13 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
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 Block, yellow  
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 2234 measured reflections

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 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.039$   
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 $h = 0 \rightarrow 8$   
 $k = -4 \rightarrow 10$   
 $l = -13 \rightarrow 13$   
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*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 Least-squares matrix: full  
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 $wR(F^2) = 0.146$   
 $S = 1.00$   
 1362 reflections  
 119 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  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1P)^2 + 0.045P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.22 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.20 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL*,  
 $F_c^* = kF_c[1 + 0.001x F_c^2 \lambda^3 / \sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$   
 Extinction coefficient: 0.032 (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  $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$  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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
N	0.8821 (2)	0.70812 (19)	1.15062 (16)	0.0546 (5)
O2	0.6163 (2)	0.01034 (17)	0.87673 (13)	0.0722 (5)
C2	0.6559 (3)	0.1292 (2)	0.91761 (18)	0.0539 (5)
O1	0.62020 (18)	0.25817 (15)	0.85172 (12)	0.0545 (4)
C8	0.6802 (2)	0.3797 (2)	0.91898 (15)	0.0433 (5)
O3	0.9499 (2)	0.67114 (19)	1.24720 (15)	0.0811 (6)
C9	0.7562 (2)	0.33732 (19)	1.02933 (14)	0.0404 (5)

O4	0.8753 (3)	0.83771 (18)	1.11869 (17)	0.1003 (7)
C3	0.7447 (3)	0.1713 (2)	1.03692 (16)	0.0535 (5)
H3A	0.6724	0.1404	1.1015	0.064*
H3B	0.8632	0.1266	1.0482	0.064*
C7	0.6656 (3)	0.5261 (2)	0.88133 (16)	0.0510 (5)
H7A	0.6133	0.5509	0.8068	0.061*
C6	0.7322 (2)	0.6344 (2)	0.95957 (16)	0.0499 (5)
H6A	0.7259	0.7352	0.9385	0.060*
C5	0.8087 (2)	0.59213 (19)	1.06991 (15)	0.0426 (5)
C4	0.8230 (2)	0.4451 (2)	1.10729 (15)	0.0417 (5)
H4A	0.8755	0.4201	1.1818	0.050*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
N	0.0607 (10)	0.0423 (10)	0.0606 (11)	-0.0029 (7)	0.0005 (8)	-0.0091 (8)
O2	0.0933 (12)	0.0518 (10)	0.0695 (9)	-0.0181 (8)	-0.0122 (8)	-0.0149 (8)
C2	0.0595 (11)	0.0472 (11)	0.0541 (11)	-0.0113 (9)	-0.0035 (9)	-0.0039 (9)
O1	0.0621 (8)	0.0549 (9)	0.0445 (8)	-0.0074 (6)	-0.0134 (6)	-0.0041 (6)
C8	0.0433 (9)	0.0457 (11)	0.0401 (9)	-0.0042 (8)	-0.0045 (7)	-0.0030 (7)
O3	0.1034 (13)	0.0622 (10)	0.0728 (10)	-0.0035 (9)	-0.0338 (9)	-0.0167 (8)
C9	0.0400 (9)	0.0397 (9)	0.0405 (9)	-0.0032 (7)	-0.0051 (7)	0.0012 (7)
O4	0.170 (2)	0.0362 (9)	0.0916 (13)	-0.0105 (10)	-0.0194 (12)	-0.0042 (9)
C3	0.0669 (12)	0.0421 (10)	0.0495 (10)	-0.0091 (9)	-0.0121 (9)	0.0013 (8)
C7	0.0555 (11)	0.0544 (12)	0.0418 (9)	0.0021 (9)	-0.0089 (8)	0.0076 (8)
C6	0.0540 (11)	0.0416 (10)	0.0540 (11)	0.0044 (8)	0.0021 (8)	0.0069 (8)
C5	0.0394 (9)	0.0399 (10)	0.0483 (10)	0.0002 (7)	-0.0004 (7)	-0.0032 (8)
C4	0.0419 (9)	0.0421 (10)	0.0402 (9)	-0.0017 (7)	-0.0060 (7)	0.0005 (7)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

N—O4	1.210 (2)	C9—C3	1.485 (2)
N—O3	1.216 (2)	C3—H3A	0.9700
N—C5	1.460 (2)	C3—H3B	0.9700
O2—C2	1.185 (2)	C7—C6	1.379 (3)
C2—O1	1.385 (2)	C7—H7A	0.9300
C2—C3	1.508 (3)	C6—C5	1.387 (2)
O1—C8	1.380 (2)	C6—H6A	0.9300
C8—C7	1.374 (2)	C5—C4	1.378 (3)
C8—C9	1.385 (2)	C4—H4A	0.9300
C9—C4	1.374 (2)		
O4—N—O3	122.14 (18)	C9—C3—H3B	111.2
O4—N—C5	118.95 (17)	C2—C3—H3B	111.2
O3—N—C5	118.91 (17)	H3A—C3—H3B	109.1
O2—C2—O1	119.93 (17)	C8—C7—C6	116.70 (17)
O2—C2—C3	130.8 (2)	C8—C7—H7A	121.6
O1—C2—C3	109.23 (15)	C6—C7—H7A	121.6

C8—O1—C2	108.23 (13)	C7—C6—C5	119.61 (17)
C7—C8—O1	124.00 (15)	C7—C6—H6A	120.2
C7—C8—C9	123.75 (17)	C5—C6—H6A	120.2
O1—C8—C9	112.24 (15)	C4—C5—C6	123.47 (16)
C4—C9—C8	119.60 (16)	C4—C5—N	117.66 (16)
C4—C9—C3	132.86 (15)	C6—C5—N	118.85 (16)
C8—C9—C3	107.55 (15)	C9—C4—C5	116.86 (16)
C9—C3—C2	102.75 (15)	C9—C4—H4A	121.6
C9—C3—H3A	111.2	C5—C4—H4A	121.6
C2—C3—H3A	111.2		
O2—C2—O1—C8	-179.61 (18)	C9—C8—C7—C6	0.3 (3)
C3—C2—O1—C8	0.4 (2)	C8—C7—C6—C5	-0.1 (3)
C2—O1—C8—C7	-179.64 (16)	C7—C6—C5—C4	0.1 (3)
C2—O1—C8—C9	0.0 (2)	C7—C6—C5—N	178.69 (16)
C7—C8—C9—C4	-0.5 (3)	O4—N—C5—C4	178.15 (17)
O1—C8—C9—C4	179.89 (14)	O3—N—C5—C4	-1.0 (2)
C7—C8—C9—C3	179.23 (17)	O4—N—C5—C6	-0.5 (3)
O1—C8—C9—C3	-0.40 (19)	O3—N—C5—C6	-179.70 (17)
C4—C9—C3—C2	-179.74 (18)	C8—C9—C4—C5	0.4 (2)
C8—C9—C3—C2	0.61 (18)	C3—C9—C4—C5	-179.21 (17)
O2—C2—C3—C9	179.4 (2)	C6—C5—C4—C9	-0.2 (3)
O1—C2—C3—C9	-0.6 (2)	N—C5—C4—C9	-178.85 (14)
O1—C8—C7—C6	179.91 (16)		

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>
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