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**(E)-3-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one**Yoongho Lim<sup>a</sup> and Dongsoo Koh<sup>b\*</sup>

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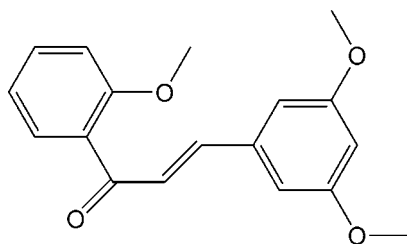
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 200$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.043;  $wR$  factor = 0.132; data-to-parameter ratio = 19.1.

In the title molecule,  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4$ , the dihedral angle between the benzene rings is  $52.52$  (7)°. The  $\text{C}=\text{C}$  bond of the central enone group adopts a *trans* conformation. The relative conformation of the two double bonds in the enone group is *s-transoid*. In the crystal, molecules are linked by pairs of weak  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds, forming inversion dimers.

## Related literature

For the synthesis and biological properties of chalcone derivatives, see: Shin *et al.* (2012); Hwang *et al.* (2011). For related structures, see: Fun *et al.* (2012); Lee *et al.* (2012); Prasath *et al.* (2010).



## Experimental

## Crystal data

 $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4$  $M_r = 298.32$ 

Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 12.0925$  (18) Å  
 $b = 8.4460$  (12) Å  
 $c = 15.109$  (2) Å  
 $\beta = 92.340$  (3)°  
 $V = 1541.9$  (4) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.09$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 200$  K  
 $0.24 \times 0.14 \times 0.10$  mm

## Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD  
 diffractometer  
 11328 measured reflections

3865 independent reflections  
 1544 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.053$

## Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.043$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.132$   
 $S = 0.81$   
 3865 reflections

202 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.21$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.27$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{C}2-\text{H}2\cdots\text{O}1^i$	0.95	2.51	3.457 (3)	172

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

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2009); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008).

Supplementary data and figures for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: LH5589).

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**(E)-3-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one****Yoongho Lim and Dongsoo Koh****S1. Comment**

Chalcones have an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl (enone) group which connects two aromatic rings at the 1,3-positions. Typically, the conformation of enone system is *s-cisoid*, in which the C=C and C=O double bonds are *cis* with respect to each other. Few examples of *s-transoid* conformations have been reported in the literature (Fun *et al.*, 2012; Prasath *et al.*, 2010). As a part of our studies on the substituent effects of chalcones on structures and biological activities (Shin *et al.*, 2012; Hwang *et al.*, 2011), the crystal structure of title compound has been determined.

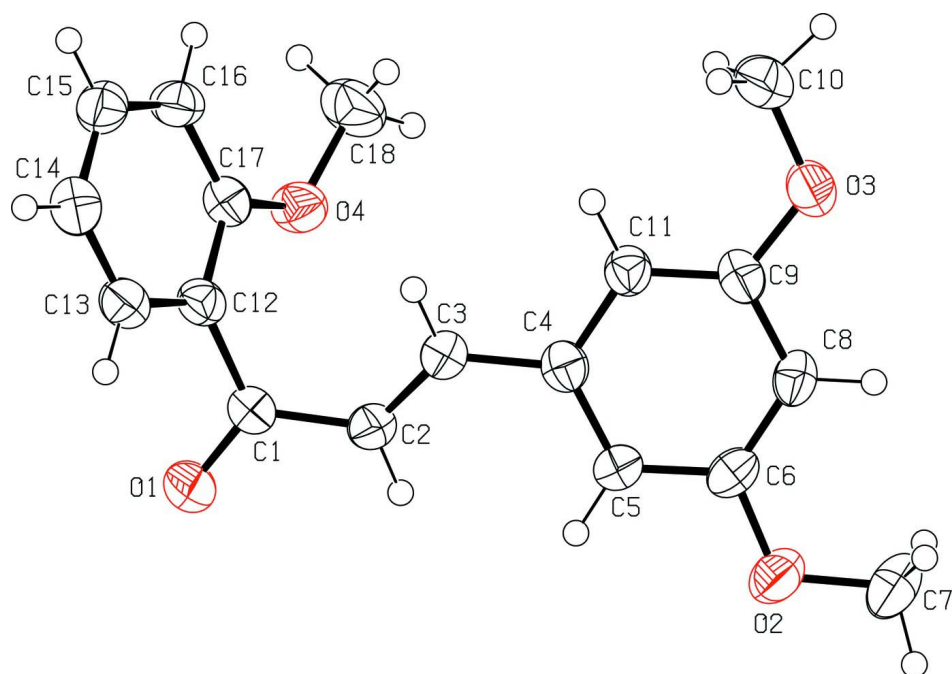
The molecular structure of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1. The relative conformation of two double bonds of the central enone group is *s-transoid*. The *trans* configuration at the C1=C2 bond is reflected in the O1-C1-C2-C3 torsion angle of  $-168.7(2)^\circ$  compared to the value of  $-1.1(5)^\circ$  in a structure with an *s-cisoid* configuration (Lee *et al.*, 2012). The dihedral angle between the benzene rings is  $52.52(7)^\circ$ . Two methoxy groups at *meta* positions of the C4-C6/C8/C9/C11 ring are essentially co-planar with the ring [C8—C6—O2—C7 =  $-2.4(3)^\circ$  and C11—C9—O3—C10 =  $-1.2(3)^\circ$ ]. However, the methoxy group at the *ortho* position of the C12-C17 ring is slightly twisted with respect to the benzene ring [C16—C17—O4—C18 =  $21.6(3)^\circ$ ]. In the crystal, molecules are linked by a pair of weak C—H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bonds to form inversion dimers (Table 1, Fig. 2).

**S2. Experimental**

To a solution of 3,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (415 mg, 2.5 mmol) in 30 ml of ethanol was added 2-methoxyacetophenone (300 mg, 2 mmol) and the temperature was adjusted to around 276 K in an ice-bath. To the cooled reaction mixture was added 2 ml of 50% aqueous KOH solution, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h. This mixture was poured into iced water (50 ml) was acidified (pH = 3) with 3 N HCl solution to give a precipitate. Filtration and washing with water afforded crude solid of the title compound (560 mg, 94%). Recrystallization of the solid in ethanol gave single crystals (mp: 353–355 K).

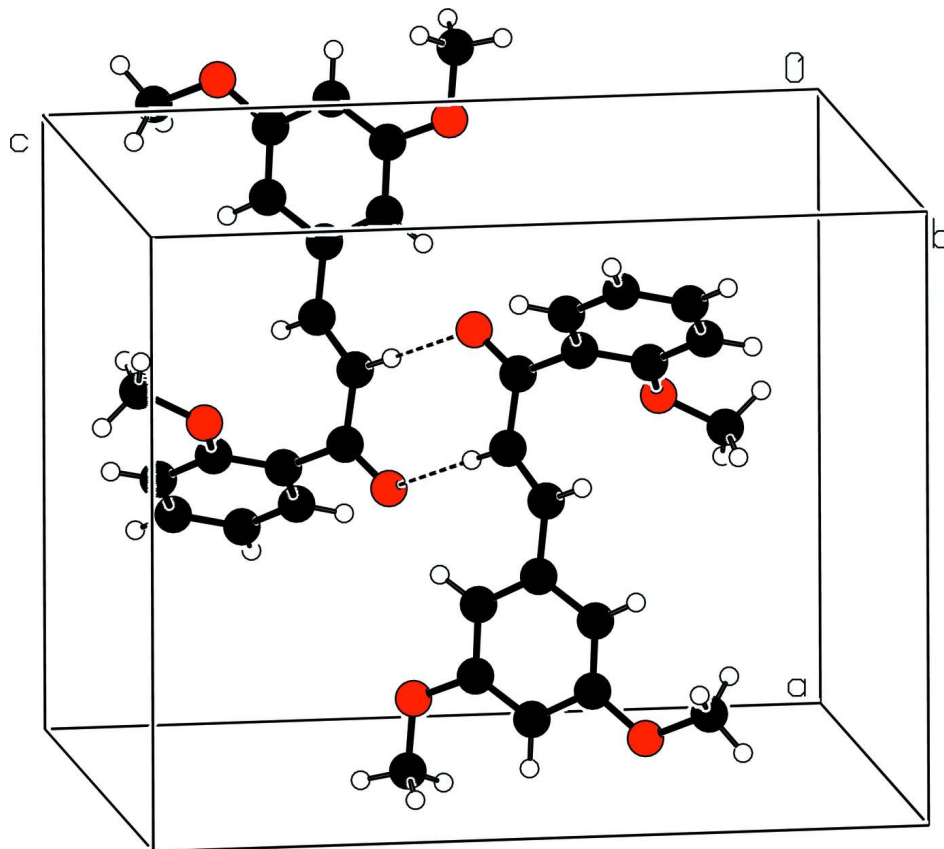
**S3. Refinement**

H atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined as riding with C—H = 0.95–0.98 Å, and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  or  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}_{\text{methyl}})$ .



**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of the title compound, showing displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level.

**Figure 2**

Part of the crystal structure showing an inversion dimer formed *via* a pair of weak intermolecular C—H...O hydrogen bonds shown as dashed lines.

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$h = -16 \rightarrow 14$

$k = -11 \rightarrow 10$

$l = -20 \rightarrow 19$

Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 Least-squares matrix: full  
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 $S = 0.81$   
 3865 reflections  
 202 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  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0575P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.27 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

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.** 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  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  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	0.40664 (18)	0.2012 (2)	0.41632 (14)	0.0370 (5)
O1	0.35034 (13)	0.11209 (19)	0.46017 (11)	0.0569 (5)
C2	0.52596 (18)	0.2050 (2)	0.43027 (13)	0.0366 (5)
H2	0.5597	0.1242	0.4658	0.044*
C3	0.59125 (17)	0.3144 (2)	0.39646 (13)	0.0359 (5)
H3	0.5557	0.3937	0.3609	0.043*
C4	0.71093 (17)	0.3259 (2)	0.40791 (14)	0.0352 (5)
C5	0.77006 (18)	0.2441 (2)	0.47412 (14)	0.0371 (5)
H5	0.7322	0.1807	0.5151	0.045*
C6	0.88426 (18)	0.2553 (2)	0.48006 (14)	0.0378 (5)
O2	0.93429 (13)	0.17546 (17)	0.54903 (10)	0.0498 (4)
C7	1.05199 (19)	0.1787 (3)	0.55712 (17)	0.0562 (7)
H7A	1.0827	0.1313	0.5043	0.084*
H7B	1.0770	0.1186	0.6097	0.084*
H7C	1.0773	0.2886	0.5630	0.084*
C8	0.94020 (17)	0.3433 (2)	0.41983 (14)	0.0384 (5)
H8	1.0187	0.3496	0.4239	0.046*
C9	0.88069 (18)	0.4234 (2)	0.35258 (15)	0.0379 (5)
O3	0.94471 (12)	0.50354 (18)	0.29569 (11)	0.0518 (5)
C10	0.8906 (2)	0.5865 (3)	0.22476 (16)	0.0587 (7)
H10A	0.8456	0.5124	0.1887	0.088*
H10B	0.9459	0.6359	0.1880	0.088*
H10C	0.8427	0.6685	0.2485	0.088*
C11	0.76750 (17)	0.4184 (2)	0.34780 (14)	0.0359 (5)
H11	0.7275	0.4778	0.3037	0.043*

C12	0.34924 (17)	0.3117 (2)	0.35221 (13)	0.0341 (5)
C13	0.26908 (18)	0.4123 (2)	0.38312 (14)	0.0392 (5)
H13	0.2521	0.4093	0.4439	0.047*
C14	0.21334 (18)	0.5168 (2)	0.32693 (15)	0.0427 (6)
H14	0.1595	0.5868	0.3490	0.051*
C15	0.23697 (18)	0.5181 (2)	0.23841 (15)	0.0426 (6)
H15	0.1986	0.5893	0.1994	0.051*
C16	0.31528 (18)	0.4178 (2)	0.20554 (14)	0.0399 (6)
H16	0.3303	0.4193	0.1443	0.048*
C17	0.37188 (17)	0.3148 (2)	0.26260 (14)	0.0351 (5)
O4	0.44767 (12)	0.20606 (17)	0.23581 (9)	0.0440 (4)
C18	0.4977 (2)	0.2339 (3)	0.15387 (16)	0.0613 (8)
H18A	0.4430	0.2171	0.1051	0.092*
H18B	0.5597	0.1605	0.1477	0.092*
H18C	0.5249	0.3431	0.1522	0.092*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C1	0.0341 (13)	0.0409 (13)	0.0364 (12)	−0.0028 (10)	0.0042 (10)	0.0045 (10)
O1	0.0405 (10)	0.0666 (11)	0.0637 (11)	−0.0077 (8)	0.0019 (8)	0.0290 (9)
C2	0.0336 (13)	0.0404 (13)	0.0357 (12)	0.0040 (10)	0.0005 (10)	0.0056 (10)
C3	0.0343 (13)	0.0366 (12)	0.0369 (12)	0.0016 (9)	0.0009 (10)	0.0009 (10)
C4	0.0357 (13)	0.0331 (11)	0.0371 (12)	0.0008 (10)	0.0051 (10)	−0.0023 (10)
C5	0.0377 (14)	0.0385 (12)	0.0350 (12)	0.0012 (10)	−0.0012 (10)	0.0049 (10)
C6	0.0405 (14)	0.0335 (12)	0.0388 (13)	0.0078 (10)	−0.0064 (11)	0.0005 (10)
O2	0.0446 (10)	0.0522 (10)	0.0517 (10)	0.0050 (8)	−0.0108 (8)	0.0071 (8)
C7	0.0429 (16)	0.0523 (15)	0.0717 (18)	0.0036 (12)	−0.0198 (13)	0.0017 (13)
C8	0.0283 (12)	0.0369 (12)	0.0497 (14)	0.0034 (10)	−0.0019 (10)	−0.0016 (11)
C9	0.0355 (13)	0.0327 (12)	0.0460 (14)	−0.0014 (10)	0.0087 (11)	0.0003 (10)
O3	0.0360 (10)	0.0558 (10)	0.0642 (11)	0.0011 (8)	0.0085 (8)	0.0177 (9)
C10	0.0510 (17)	0.0658 (17)	0.0600 (17)	0.0020 (13)	0.0098 (14)	0.0228 (14)
C11	0.0307 (13)	0.0341 (12)	0.0428 (13)	0.0019 (9)	0.0014 (10)	0.0018 (10)
C12	0.0317 (12)	0.0335 (11)	0.0374 (12)	−0.0039 (9)	0.0030 (10)	0.0025 (10)
C13	0.0375 (13)	0.0433 (13)	0.0370 (12)	−0.0041 (10)	0.0044 (10)	0.0006 (11)
C14	0.0348 (13)	0.0378 (13)	0.0555 (16)	0.0000 (10)	0.0036 (11)	−0.0028 (12)
C15	0.0350 (13)	0.0393 (13)	0.0530 (15)	−0.0023 (10)	−0.0050 (11)	0.0091 (11)
C16	0.0413 (14)	0.0417 (13)	0.0364 (13)	−0.0043 (11)	0.0002 (11)	0.0060 (11)
C17	0.0318 (12)	0.0348 (12)	0.0389 (13)	−0.0020 (10)	0.0040 (10)	−0.0005 (10)
O4	0.0471 (10)	0.0489 (9)	0.0363 (9)	0.0096 (7)	0.0061 (7)	0.0007 (7)
C18	0.0630 (19)	0.0699 (17)	0.0529 (16)	0.0118 (14)	0.0248 (14)	0.0074 (14)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

C1—O1	1.227 (2)	O3—C10	1.418 (3)
C1—C2	1.450 (3)	C10—H10A	0.9800
C1—C12	1.496 (3)	C10—H10B	0.9800
C2—C3	1.331 (3)	C10—H10C	0.9800

C2—H2	0.9500	C11—H11	0.9500
C3—C4	1.454 (3)	C12—C13	1.384 (3)
C3—H3	0.9500	C12—C17	1.392 (3)
C4—C5	1.390 (3)	C13—C14	1.381 (3)
C4—C11	1.398 (3)	C13—H13	0.9500
C5—C6	1.384 (3)	C14—C15	1.379 (3)
C5—H5	0.9500	C14—H14	0.9500
C6—O2	1.362 (2)	C15—C16	1.378 (3)
C6—C8	1.374 (3)	C15—H15	0.9500
O2—C7	1.424 (3)	C16—C17	1.386 (3)
C7—H7A	0.9800	C16—H16	0.9500
C7—H7B	0.9800	C17—O4	1.370 (2)
C7—H7C	0.9800	O4—C18	1.420 (2)
C8—C9	1.396 (3)	C18—H18A	0.9800
C8—H8	0.9500	C18—H18B	0.9800
C9—O3	1.361 (2)	C18—H18C	0.9800
C9—C11	1.368 (3)		
O1—C1—C2	120.4 (2)	O3—C10—H10B	109.5
O1—C1—C12	118.7 (2)	H10A—C10—H10B	109.5
C2—C1—C12	120.86 (18)	O3—C10—H10C	109.5
C3—C2—C1	124.2 (2)	H10A—C10—H10C	109.5
C3—C2—H2	117.9	H10B—C10—H10C	109.5
C1—C2—H2	117.9	C9—C11—C4	119.8 (2)
C2—C3—C4	127.2 (2)	C9—C11—H11	120.1
C2—C3—H3	116.4	C4—C11—H11	120.1
C4—C3—H3	116.4	C13—C12—C17	119.01 (19)
C5—C4—C11	119.6 (2)	C13—C12—C1	118.51 (18)
C5—C4—C3	122.21 (19)	C17—C12—C1	122.46 (18)
C11—C4—C3	118.11 (19)	C14—C13—C12	121.0 (2)
C6—C5—C4	119.7 (2)	C14—C13—H13	119.5
C6—C5—H5	120.1	C12—C13—H13	119.5
C4—C5—H5	120.1	C15—C14—C13	119.1 (2)
O2—C6—C8	124.0 (2)	C15—C14—H14	120.5
O2—C6—C5	115.25 (19)	C13—C14—H14	120.5
C8—C6—C5	120.7 (2)	C16—C15—C14	121.1 (2)
C6—O2—C7	117.86 (18)	C16—C15—H15	119.4
O2—C7—H7A	109.5	C14—C15—H15	119.4
O2—C7—H7B	109.5	C15—C16—C17	119.4 (2)
H7A—C7—H7B	109.5	C15—C16—H16	120.3
O2—C7—H7C	109.5	C17—C16—H16	120.3
H7A—C7—H7C	109.5	O4—C17—C16	123.80 (18)
H7B—C7—H7C	109.5	O4—C17—C12	115.80 (18)
C6—C8—C9	119.4 (2)	C16—C17—C12	120.32 (19)
C6—C8—H8	120.3	C17—O4—C18	117.45 (17)
C9—C8—H8	120.3	O4—C18—H18A	109.5
O3—C9—C11	125.1 (2)	O4—C18—H18B	109.5
O3—C9—C8	114.3 (2)	H18A—C18—H18B	109.5

C11—C9—C8	120.6 (2)	O4—C18—H18C	109.5
C9—O3—C10	117.80 (18)	H18A—C18—H18C	109.5
O3—C10—H10A	109.5	H18B—C18—H18C	109.5
O1—C1—C2—C3	-168.7 (2)	C5—C4—C11—C9	2.3 (3)
C12—C1—C2—C3	7.7 (3)	C3—C4—C11—C9	-175.44 (19)
C1—C2—C3—C4	179.76 (19)	O1—C1—C12—C13	54.6 (3)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-16.2 (3)	C2—C1—C12—C13	-121.9 (2)
C2—C3—C4—C11	161.5 (2)	O1—C1—C12—C17	-124.0 (2)
C11—C4—C5—C6	0.2 (3)	C2—C1—C12—C17	59.4 (3)
C3—C4—C5—C6	177.85 (19)	C17—C12—C13—C14	-1.3 (3)
C4—C5—C6—O2	177.74 (18)	C1—C12—C13—C14	-180.0 (2)
C4—C5—C6—C8	-1.7 (3)	C12—C13—C14—C15	1.2 (3)
C8—C6—O2—C7	-2.4 (3)	C13—C14—C15—C16	-0.3 (3)
C5—C6—O2—C7	178.19 (18)	C14—C15—C16—C17	-0.5 (3)
O2—C6—C8—C9	-178.67 (19)	C15—C16—C17—O4	177.12 (19)
C5—C6—C8—C9	0.7 (3)	C15—C16—C17—C12	0.5 (3)
C6—C8—C9—O3	-178.56 (18)	C13—C12—C17—O4	-176.49 (17)
C6—C8—C9—C11	1.9 (3)	C1—C12—C17—O4	2.1 (3)
C11—C9—O3—C10	-1.2 (3)	C13—C12—C17—C16	0.4 (3)
C8—C9—O3—C10	179.24 (19)	C1—C12—C17—C16	179.03 (19)
O3—C9—C11—C4	177.11 (18)	C16—C17—O4—C18	21.6 (3)
C8—C9—C11—C4	-3.4 (3)	C12—C17—O4—C18	-161.6 (2)

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
C2—H2...O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.95	2.51	3.457 (3)	172

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