

3,4-Dimethoxy-4'-methylbiphenyl

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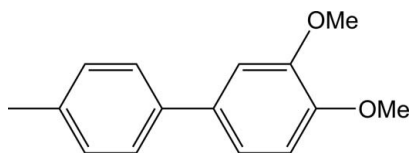
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 Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 123$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$ Å; R factor = 0.052; wR factor = 0.143; data-to-parameter ratio = 14.5.

In the title compound, $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$, the dihedral angle between the planes of the aromatic rings is $30.5(2)^\circ$. In the crystal, molecules are linked *via* $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds and $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$ interactions, forming a two-dimensional network lying parallel to (100).

Related literature

For structural studies of related biphenyl derivatives, see Lahtinen *et al.* (2013*a,b,c*); Li *et al.* (2012*a,b*). For details of the synthesis, see: Percec *et al.* (2004, 2006); Wolfe *et al.* (1999). For details of various cross-coupling reactions, see: Corbet & Mignani (2006); Miyaura *et al.* (1981); Miyaura & Suzuki (1995); Percec *et al.* (2004); Wolfe *et al.* (1999). For self-assembling supramolecular dendrons based on 3,4-branched biphenyls, see: Percec *et al.* (2006, 2007). For hollow supramolecular dendrimers, see Peterca *et al.* (2006); Percec *et al.* (2008). For dendritic polyaryl esters, see Nummelin *et al.* (2000).



Experimental

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$
 $M_r = 228.28$
 Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
 $a = 17.7430(9)$ Å
 $b = 8.7581(3)$ Å
 $c = 8.1135(3)$ Å
 $\beta = 101.795(5)^\circ$

$V = 1234.17(9)$ Å³
 $Z = 4$
 Cu $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.64$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 123$ K
 $0.36 \times 0.26 \times 0.04$ mm

Data collection

Agilent SuperNova (Dual, Cu at zero, Atlas) diffractometer

Absorption correction: analytical (*CrysAlis PRO*; Agilent, 2010)
 $T_{\min} = 0.880$, $T_{\max} = 0.977$

4273 measured reflections
 2282 independent reflections

1844 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.038$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.052$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.143$
 $S = 1.07$
 2282 reflections

157 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.23$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.31$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

Cg2 is the centroid of the C8–C13 ring.

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{C15}-\text{H15A}\cdots\text{O16}^{\text{i}}$	0.98	2.57	3.389 (2)	141
$\text{C15}-\text{H15C}\cdots\text{O16}^{\text{ii}}$	0.98	2.42	3.356 (2)	160
$\text{C4}-\text{H4}\cdots\text{Cg2}^{\text{iii}}$	0.95	2.96	3.7807 (18)	145
$\text{C17}-\text{H17B}\cdots\text{Cg2}^{\text{iii}}$	0.98	2.83	3.7119 (19)	150

 Symmetry codes: (i) $-x + 2, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$; (ii) $x, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$; (iii) $x, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$.

Data collection: *CrysAlis PRO* (Agilent, 2010); cell refinement: *CrysAlis PRO*; data reduction: *CrysAlis PRO*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *OLEX2* (Dolomanov *et al.*, 2009) and *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2006); software used to prepare material for publication: *OLEX2*.

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S1. Comment

Percec-type biphenyl dendrons (Percec *et al.* 2006, 2007) are synthesized in a multi-step reaction sequence wherein the key synthetic step is the formation of sp^2 – sp^2 carbon–carbon bonds. This is achieved using various cross-coupling reactions (Corbet & Mignani 2006). The title compound is synthesized in a gram-scale using the Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction (Miyaura & Suzuki 1995), catalyzed by either palladium (Miyaura *et al.* 1981; Wolfe *et al.* 1999) or nickel (Percec *et al.* 2004, 2006). Biphenyl derivatives expand the scope and limitations of aryl ethers and esters (Nummelin *et al.* 2000) that serve as tectons for the construction of amphiphilic dendrons. Percec-type dendrons self-assemble into hollow and non-hollow cylindrical and spherical supramolecular dendrimers that further self-organize into hexagonal and cubic lattices (Percec *et al.* 2006, 2007, 2008; Peterca *et al.* 2006). As a contribution to a structural study of biphenyl derivatives (Lahtinen *et al.* 2013*a,b,c*; Li *et al.* 2012*a,b*) we report here the title compound 3,4-dimethoxy-4'-methyl biphenyl (I).

The compound (I) crystallizes in monoclinic $P2_1/c$ (No. 14) spacegroup having a single molecule in an asymmetric unit (Figure 1). The intramolecular dihedral angle between the phenyl rings is $30.5(2)^\circ$ [C(4)–C(5)–C(8)–C(9)] thereby being analogous to those found in similar biphenyls reported earlier (Lahtinen *et al.* 2013*a,b,c*). The methoxy groups at 3- and 4-positions are co-planar in relation to the phenyl ring [C8>C13] with dihedral angles of $-5.0(2)^\circ$ and $1.4(2)^\circ$, respectively. Molecules are packed in head-to-head (methoxy-phenyl part) and tail-to-tail (methyl-phenyl part) formation (Figure 2) in zigzagged rows running parallel to (201) plane. By this, a columnar packing is formed in which methoxy and methyl layers alternate along a -axis (Figures 3 and 4). Network of C–H $\cdots\pi$ interactions occur between methoxy H atoms and phenyl groups with distance of $4.218(2)$ Å. Infinite network of edge-to-face π – π interactions occur between phenyl rings (Figure 5) throughout the lattice along with (011) plane with distance of $5.047(1)$ Å. Also weak C–H \cdots O hydrogen bond network exist between the adjacent methoxy groups with D \cdots A distances varying from $3.356(2)$ to $3.694(2)$ Å.

S2. Experimental

A dry Schlenk-tube was charged with 4-methylphenylboronic acid (6.0 g, 44.1 mmol), potassium fluoride (5.1 g, 88.3 mmol), 1-bromo-3,4-dimethoxybenzene (6.4 g, 29.4 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (66 mg, 0.29 mmol, 1.0 mol%) and 2-(di-*tert*-butylphosphino)biphenyl (176 mg, 0.59 mmol, 2.0 mol%). The flask was sealed with a teflon screwcap, evacuated/backfilled with argon five times. Dry, degassed THF (40 ml) was added *via* syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature until the aryl chloride had been completely consumed as judged by TLC analysis. The mixture was diluted with ether, filtered, and washed with 1M NaOH. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether, the combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried with Na₂SO₄. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography: silica gel/CH₂Cl₂. Yield: 6.2 g (92%) of a white crystalline solid. Crystals suitable for a single-crystal structure determination were obtained from a slow evaporation of ethanol.

S3. Refinement

Hydrogen atoms were placed to their ideal positions as riding atoms (C host) using isotropic displacement parameters that were fixed to be 1.2 or 1.5 times larger than those of the attached non-hydrogen atom.

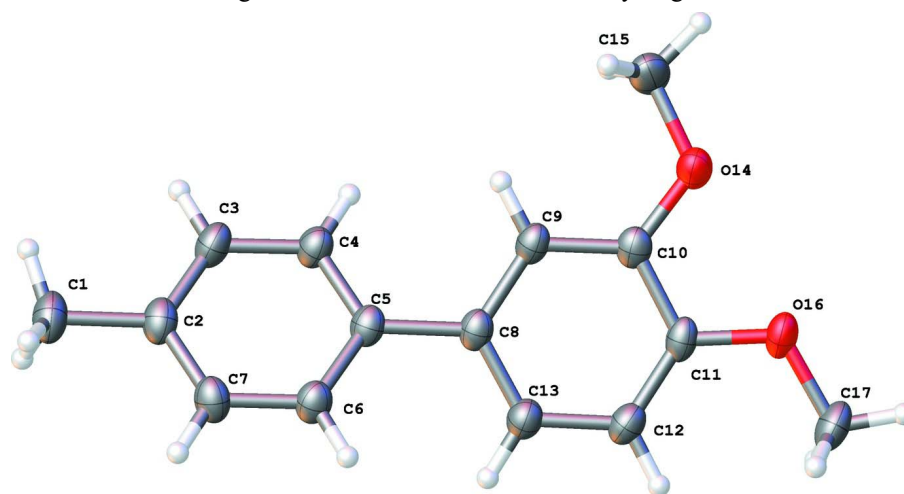


Figure 1

The molecular structure and atomic labeling of the title compound showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids.

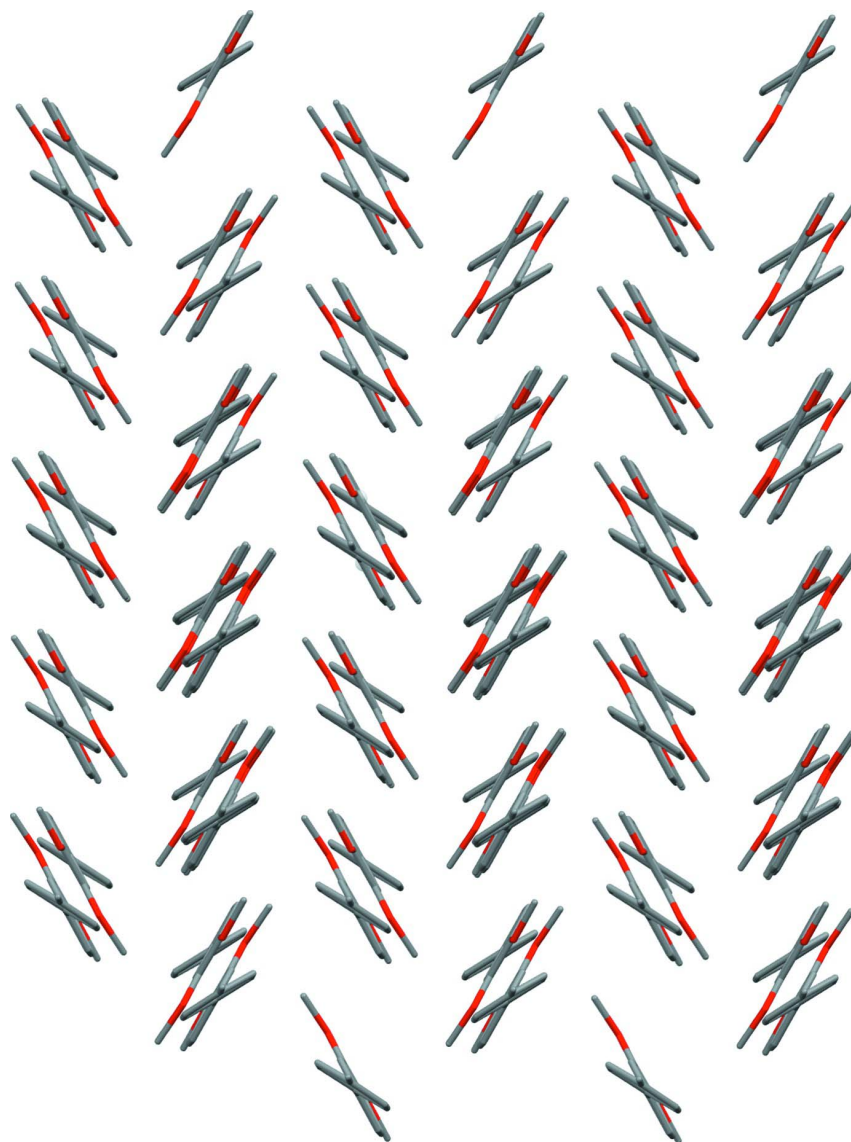


Figure 2

In zigzag formation packed molecule rows along (201)-plane. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

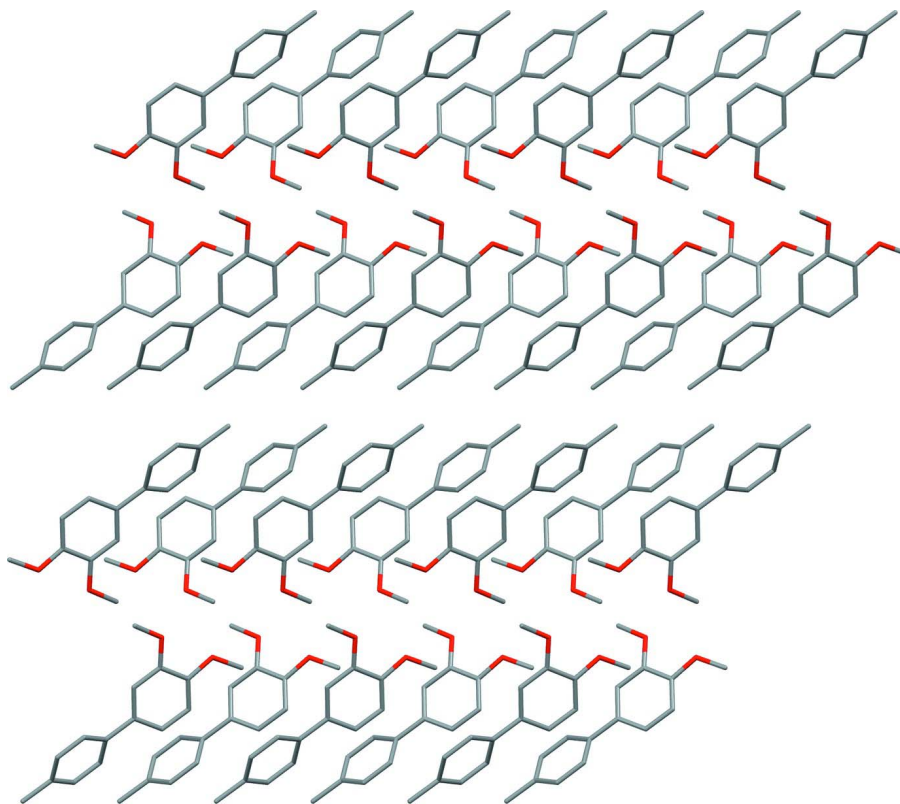


Figure 3

Packing of molecules along *b*-axis. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

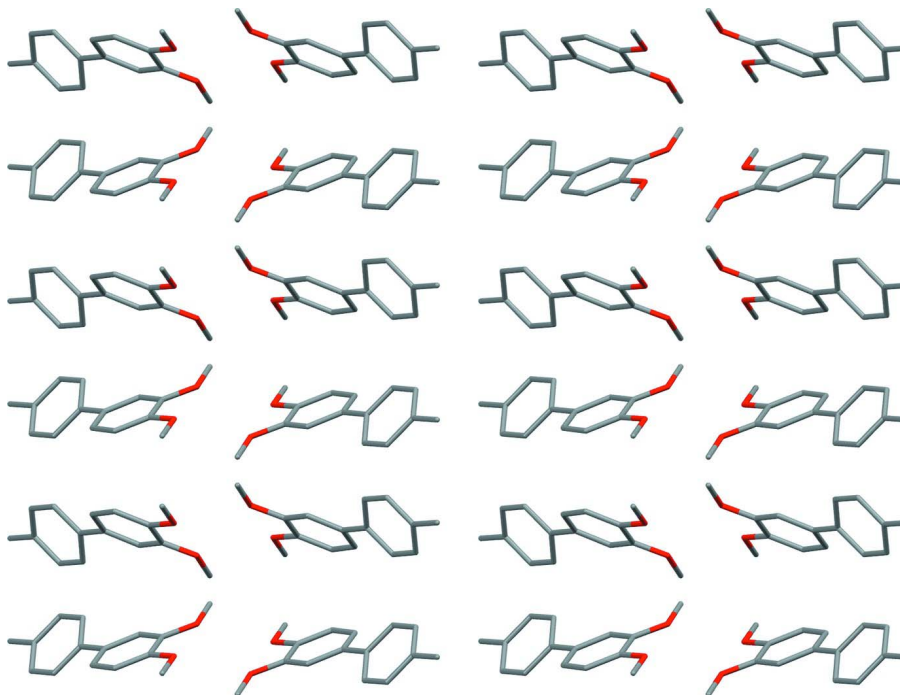


Figure 4

Packing of molecules along c axis. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

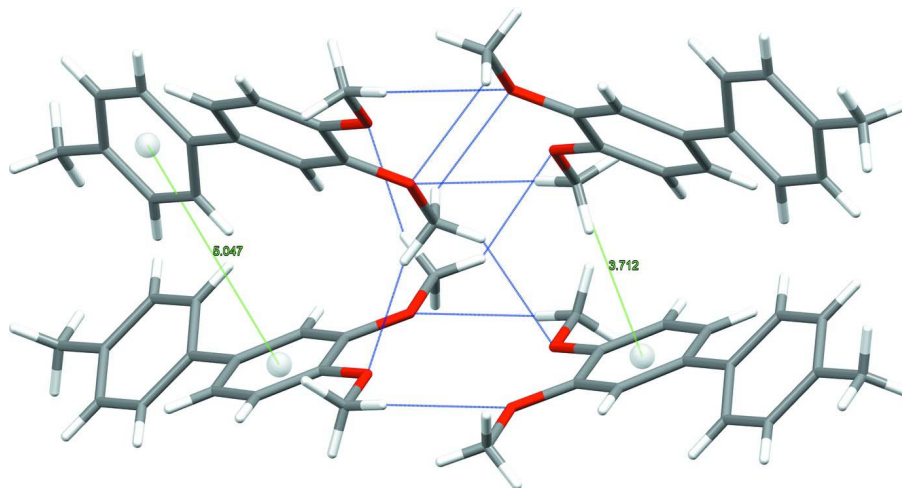


Figure 5

Weak hydrogen bond C–H \cdots O (blue dashed lines), C–H \cdots π and edge-to-face π – π contacts shown between the molecules.

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$V = 1234.17$ (9) Å³

$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 488$

$D_x = 1.229$ Mg m⁻³

Cu $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 1.5418$ Å

Cell parameters from 1622 reflections

$\theta = 5.1$ – 76.7 °

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$0.36 \times 0.26 \times 0.04$ mm

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Radiation source: SuperNova (Cu) X-ray Source

Mirror monochromator

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4273 measured reflections

2282 independent reflections

1844 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.038$

$\theta_{\max} = 69.0$ °, $\theta_{\min} = 5.1$ °

$h = -18 \rightarrow 21$

$k = -10 \rightarrow 7$

$l = -9 \rightarrow 9$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.052$

$wR(F^2) = 0.143$

$S = 1.07$

2282 reflections

157 parameters

0 restraints

0 constraints

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

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0735P)^2 + 0.0799P]$$

where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.23 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.31 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

Special details

Geometry. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s 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 (\AA^2)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O16	0.89457 (7)	0.46978 (13)	0.00350 (15)	0.0335 (3)
O14	0.94276 (7)	0.60539 (14)	0.28726 (15)	0.0353 (3)
C9	0.82177 (9)	0.56204 (18)	0.37788 (19)	0.0282 (3)
H9	0.8400	0.6111	0.4829	0.034*
C11	0.84258 (10)	0.47747 (17)	0.10680 (19)	0.0283 (4)
C10	0.86951 (10)	0.55131 (17)	0.2626 (2)	0.0284 (3)
C8	0.74672 (9)	0.50130 (17)	0.34160 (19)	0.0278 (3)
C12	0.76904 (10)	0.41966 (19)	0.0695 (2)	0.0317 (4)
H12	0.7506	0.3713	-0.0358	0.038*
C13	0.72128 (10)	0.43187 (19)	0.1867 (2)	0.0310 (4)
H13	0.6705	0.3918	0.1594	0.037*
C4	0.70104 (10)	0.63163 (19)	0.58078 (19)	0.0312 (4)
H4	0.7379	0.7101	0.5799	0.037*
C3	0.65286 (10)	0.6385 (2)	0.6963 (2)	0.0344 (4)
H3	0.6577	0.7212	0.7734	0.041*
C6	0.64005 (10)	0.39913 (18)	0.4706 (2)	0.0317 (4)
H6	0.6349	0.3161	0.3937	0.038*
C7	0.59199 (10)	0.40748 (19)	0.5854 (2)	0.0340 (4)
H7	0.5543	0.3303	0.5851	0.041*
C5	0.69597 (9)	0.51097 (18)	0.46610 (19)	0.0281 (4)
C2	0.59771 (10)	0.5262 (2)	0.7009 (2)	0.0331 (4)
C1	0.54666 (11)	0.5331 (2)	0.8280 (2)	0.0418 (4)
H1A	0.5696	0.6014	0.9203	0.063*
H1B	0.5413	0.4305	0.8726	0.063*
H1C	0.4958	0.5717	0.7737	0.063*
C17	0.86955 (12)	0.3987 (2)	-0.1569 (2)	0.0401 (4)
H17A	0.8250	0.4540	-0.2208	0.060*
H17B	0.8551	0.2926	-0.1409	0.060*
H17C	0.9114	0.4009	-0.2191	0.060*
C15	0.97056 (11)	0.6901 (2)	0.4385 (2)	0.0429 (5)
H15A	1.0228	0.7267	0.4391	0.064*

H15B	0.9713	0.6241	0.5363	0.064*
H15C	0.9366	0.7775	0.4435	0.064*

Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
O16	0.0440 (7)	0.0297 (6)	0.0324 (6)	−0.0001 (5)	0.0209 (5)	−0.0024 (4)
O14	0.0392 (7)	0.0340 (6)	0.0368 (6)	−0.0065 (5)	0.0173 (5)	−0.0074 (5)
C9	0.0380 (8)	0.0238 (7)	0.0255 (7)	0.0008 (6)	0.0128 (6)	0.0006 (5)
C11	0.0389 (8)	0.0230 (7)	0.0268 (7)	0.0044 (6)	0.0159 (6)	0.0036 (5)
C10	0.0362 (8)	0.0208 (7)	0.0307 (8)	0.0001 (6)	0.0129 (6)	0.0023 (6)
C8	0.0351 (8)	0.0235 (7)	0.0273 (7)	0.0017 (6)	0.0122 (6)	0.0024 (6)
C12	0.0406 (9)	0.0304 (8)	0.0256 (7)	0.0018 (6)	0.0101 (6)	−0.0017 (6)
C13	0.0351 (8)	0.0311 (8)	0.0285 (8)	−0.0003 (6)	0.0108 (6)	−0.0009 (6)
C4	0.0396 (9)	0.0286 (8)	0.0278 (7)	−0.0017 (6)	0.0124 (6)	−0.0003 (6)
C3	0.0448 (10)	0.0336 (9)	0.0278 (8)	0.0034 (7)	0.0146 (7)	−0.0020 (6)
C6	0.0391 (9)	0.0266 (8)	0.0318 (8)	0.0004 (6)	0.0131 (6)	−0.0003 (6)
C7	0.0360 (9)	0.0315 (8)	0.0382 (9)	0.0005 (6)	0.0166 (7)	0.0048 (6)
C5	0.0344 (8)	0.0263 (8)	0.0252 (7)	0.0030 (6)	0.0101 (6)	0.0036 (6)
C2	0.0365 (8)	0.0370 (9)	0.0285 (8)	0.0065 (7)	0.0130 (6)	0.0059 (6)
C1	0.0417 (10)	0.0537 (11)	0.0347 (9)	0.0078 (8)	0.0186 (7)	0.0044 (8)
C17	0.0522 (11)	0.0454 (10)	0.0264 (8)	0.0081 (8)	0.0165 (7)	−0.0011 (7)
C15	0.0435 (10)	0.0394 (9)	0.0497 (10)	−0.0106 (7)	0.0188 (8)	−0.0172 (8)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

O16—C11	1.3689 (19)	C3—H3	0.9500
O16—C17	1.429 (2)	C3—C2	1.393 (3)
O14—C10	1.359 (2)	C6—H6	0.9500
O14—C15	1.432 (2)	C6—C7	1.388 (2)
C9—H9	0.9500	C6—C5	1.400 (2)
C9—C10	1.388 (2)	C7—H7	0.9500
C9—C8	1.408 (2)	C7—C2	1.389 (3)
C11—C10	1.413 (2)	C2—C1	1.507 (2)
C11—C12	1.375 (3)	C1—H1A	0.9800
C8—C13	1.386 (2)	C1—H1B	0.9800
C8—C5	1.487 (2)	C1—H1C	0.9800
C12—H12	0.9500	C17—H17A	0.9800
C12—C13	1.401 (2)	C17—H17B	0.9800
C13—H13	0.9500	C17—H17C	0.9800
C4—H4	0.9500	C15—H15A	0.9800
C4—C3	1.393 (2)	C15—H15B	0.9800
C4—C5	1.399 (2)	C15—H15C	0.9800
C11—O16—C17	117.15 (14)	C5—C6—H6	119.5
C10—O14—C15	117.27 (13)	C6—C7—H7	119.3
C10—C9—H9	119.5	C6—C7—C2	121.46 (16)
C10—C9—C8	121.00 (15)	C2—C7—H7	119.3

C8—C9—H9	119.5	C4—C5—C8	121.97 (15)
O16—C11—C10	115.04 (14)	C4—C5—C6	117.45 (15)
O16—C11—C12	125.13 (15)	C6—C5—C8	120.57 (14)
C12—C11—C10	119.83 (14)	C3—C2—C1	120.94 (16)
O14—C10—C9	125.05 (15)	C7—C2—C3	117.72 (15)
O14—C10—C11	115.43 (14)	C7—C2—C1	121.33 (17)
C9—C10—C11	119.51 (15)	C2—C1—H1A	109.5
C9—C8—C5	120.98 (14)	C2—C1—H1B	109.5
C13—C8—C9	118.30 (14)	C2—C1—H1C	109.5
C13—C8—C5	120.72 (15)	H1A—C1—H1B	109.5
C11—C12—H12	120.0	H1A—C1—H1C	109.5
C11—C12—C13	120.10 (15)	H1B—C1—H1C	109.5
C13—C12—H12	120.0	O16—C17—H17A	109.5
C8—C13—C12	121.24 (15)	O16—C17—H17B	109.5
C8—C13—H13	119.4	O16—C17—H17C	109.5
C12—C13—H13	119.4	H17A—C17—H17B	109.5
C3—C4—H4	119.5	H17A—C17—H17C	109.5
C3—C4—C5	121.00 (16)	H17B—C17—H17C	109.5
C5—C4—H4	119.5	O14—C15—H15A	109.5
C4—C3—H3	119.4	O14—C15—H15B	109.5
C4—C3—C2	121.26 (15)	O14—C15—H15C	109.5
C2—C3—H3	119.4	H15A—C15—H15B	109.5
C7—C6—H6	119.5	H15A—C15—H15C	109.5
C7—C6—C5	121.10 (15)	H15B—C15—H15C	109.5
O16—C11—C10—O14	0.6 (2)	C4—C3—C2—C7	-0.4 (3)
O16—C11—C10—C9	-178.57 (13)	C4—C3—C2—C1	179.02 (16)
O16—C11—C12—C13	178.85 (14)	C3—C4—C5—C8	179.95 (14)
C9—C8—C13—C12	1.1 (2)	C3—C4—C5—C6	0.9 (2)
C9—C8—C5—C4	30.5 (2)	C6—C7—C2—C3	0.8 (3)
C9—C8—C5—C6	-150.44 (16)	C6—C7—C2—C1	-178.60 (16)
C11—C12—C13—C8	-0.2 (2)	C7—C6—C5—C8	-179.55 (15)
C10—C9—C8—C13	-0.7 (2)	C7—C6—C5—C4	-0.5 (2)
C10—C9—C8—C5	179.17 (14)	C5—C8—C13—C12	-178.85 (15)
C10—C11—C12—C13	-0.9 (2)	C5—C4—C3—C2	-0.4 (3)
C8—C9—C10—O14	-179.46 (15)	C5—C6—C7—C2	-0.4 (3)
C8—C9—C10—C11	-0.4 (2)	C17—O16—C11—C10	-178.82 (14)
C12—C11—C10—O14	-179.61 (14)	C17—O16—C11—C12	1.4 (2)
C12—C11—C10—C9	1.2 (2)	C15—O14—C10—C9	-5.0 (2)
C13—C8—C5—C4	-149.58 (16)	C15—O14—C10—C11	175.86 (15)
C13—C8—C5—C6	29.5 (2)		

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Cg2 is the centroid of the C8—C13 ring.

<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>
C15—H15A \cdots O16 ⁱ	0.98	2.57	3.389 (2)	141
C15—H15C \cdots O16 ⁱⁱ	0.98	2.42	3.356 (2)	160

C4—H4 \cdots Cg2 ⁱⁱ	0.95	2.96	3.7807 (18)	145
C17—H17B \cdots Cg2 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.98	2.83	3.7119 (19)	150

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+2, y+1/2, -z+1/2$; (ii) $x, -y+3/2, z+1/2$; (iii) $x, -y+1/2, z-1/2$.