



# Crystal structures of butyl 2-amino-5-hydroxy-4-(4-nitrophenyl)benzofuran-3-carboxylate and 2-methoxyethyl 2-amino-5-hydroxy-4-(4-nitrophenyl)benzofuran-3-carboxylate

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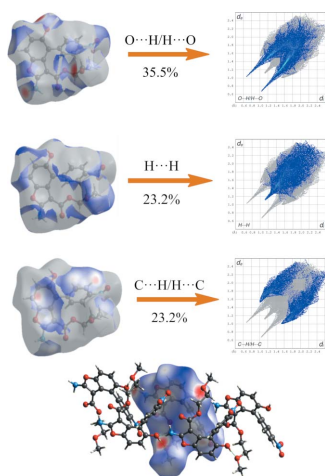
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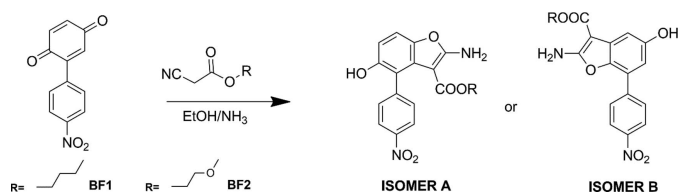
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The title benzofuran derivatives 2-amino-5-hydroxy-4-(4-nitrophenyl)benzofuran-3-carboxylate (BF1), C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, and 2-methoxyethyl 2-amino-5-hydroxy-4-(4-nitrophenyl)benzofuran-3-carboxylate (BF2), C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, recently attracted attention because of their promising antitumoral activity. BF1 crystallizes in the space group  $P\bar{1}$ . BF2 in the space group  $P21/c$ . The nitrophenyl group is inclined to benzofuran moiety with a dihedral angle between their mean planes of 69.2 (2)° in BF1 and 60.20 (6)° in BF2. A common feature in the molecular structures of BF1 and BF2 is the intramolecular N—H···O<sub>carbonyl</sub> hydrogen bond. In the crystal of BF1, the molecules are linked head-to-tail into a one-dimensional hydrogen-bonding pattern along the *a*-axis direction. In BF2, pairs of head-to-tail hydrogen-bonded chains of molecules along the *b*-axis direction are linked by O—H···O<sub>methoxy</sub> hydrogen bonds. In BF1, the butyl group is disordered over two orientations with occupancies of 0.557 (13) and 0.443 (13).

## 1. Chemical context

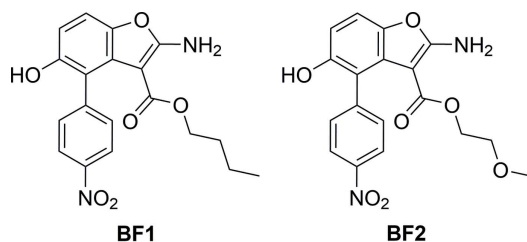
Organic heterocyclic materials play a very important role in the field of synthetic chemistry because of their relevant biological activity: the great majority of marketed drugs contain at least one heterocycle in their molecular structure (Wu, 2012; Gomtsyan, 2012). At the same time, the high polarizability of heterocycles results in particular optical and electronic properties that make these systems key elements in materials chemistry, fundamental for the rapid development of new advanced materials. Heterocyclic-based novel materials have been investigated in the fields of organic photovoltaics (Maglione *et al.*, 2017; Maglione, Carella, Centore *et al.*, 2016; Maglione, Carella, Carbonara *et al.*, 2016; Holliday *et al.*, 2016; Jin & Irfan, 2017; Bruno *et al.*, 2014; Morvillo *et al.*, 2016), luminescent materials (Caruso *et al.*, 2013; Borbone *et al.*, 2016) non-linear optics (Carella *et al.*, 2005; Caruso *et al.*, 2006). Among compounds containing oxygen heterocycles, benzofuran derivatives have proven to be powerful systems displaying a wide range of biological properties including antimicrobial (Alper-Hayta *et al.*, 2008; Piotto *et al.*, 2017; Soni & Soman, 2014), antitumor (Xie *et al.*, 2015; Hayakawa *et al.*, 2004), anti-parasitic (Thévenin *et al.*, 2013) and analgesic activities (Wang *et al.*, 2017). In the field of materials chemistry, benzofuran derivatives have found applications in the





**Figure 1**  
Reaction scheme for the preparation of benzofuran derivatives BF1 and BF2: the reaction could afford two different isomers.

area of industrial dyes as optical whiteners or disperse dyes characterized by high fastness properties. Moreover, interesting applications of benzofuran-based organic sensitizers for dye-sensitized solar cells (Justin Thomas & Baheti, 2013) have been recently discovered. Different synthetic strategies are reported for the synthesis of benzofurans, the majority of which are associated with transition-metal-catalysed annulation reactions of pre-functionalized substrates that are typically synthesized by Heck or Sonogashira coupling reactions (Anderson *et al.*, 2006; Guo *et al.*, 2009; Li *et al.*, 2011; Yue *et al.*, 2005). In a recent paper, inspired by a previous work (Obushak, 2002), we managed to fine-tune a synthetic procedure for the synthesis of two benzofuran derivatives and their antiproliferative activity and ability to bind telomeric DNA was proved (Carella *et al.*, 2019). This synthesis was realized by using a cheap and simple reaction known as the Craven reaction, which does not need either a precious transition metal as catalyst or an inert gas environment to be carried on. The Craven reaction is a well-known procedure for the synthesis of benzodifuran derivatives that consists of the reaction of 1,4-benzoquinone with various cyanoacetic esters in alcoholic ammonia (King & Newall, 1965; Caruso *et al.*, 2009; Carella *et al.*, 2012). While the Craven reaction typically affords benzodifuran derivatives almost exclusively, we observed (Carella *et al.*, 2019) that, by properly optimizing the reaction conditions, it is possible to isolate benzofuran derivatives as the main product and in significant yields (up to 38%). The formation of benzofuran derivatives was confirmed by elemental CHN analysis.



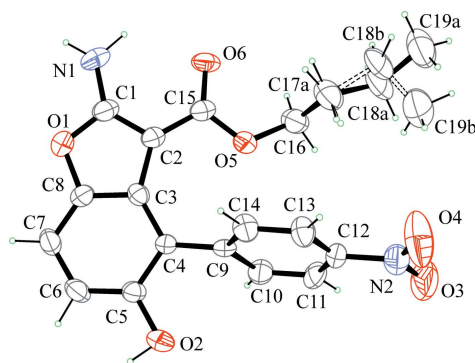
As shown in Fig. 1, two different constitutional isomers can in principle form during the reaction, with the *p*-nitrophenyl group functionalizing the benzofuran ring in position 4 (isomer A) or 7 (isomer B). The NMR analysis and the differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) analysis performed suggested that only one of the two possible isomers was recovered for both of the benzofuran derivatives. In particular, following the results of NMR analysis, in the previous paper we proposed that type A isomers were obtained, namely

the title compounds. The determination of the real molecular structure of the isomer actually formed during the reaction is undoubtedly also interesting in consideration of the antitumoral properties shown by this class of compounds (Carella *et al.*, 2019). In this context, to ultimately confirm that the A isomer forms, we report here the structural investigation of the previously synthesized benzofuran derivatives BF1 and BF2.

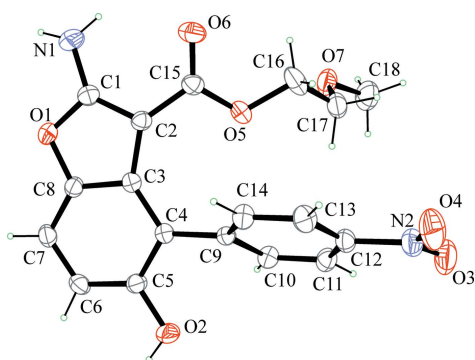
## 2. Structural commentary

XRD analysis of single crystals grown as described in the experimental section confirmed that the benzofuran derivatives previously reported (Carella *et al.*, 2019) are the isomers A indicated in Fig. 1. The molecular structures of BF1 and BF2 are shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The obtained isomers are characterized by a *cisoid* configuration of the two substituents at C2 and C4, with a higher steric hindrance as compared to isomer B: in this case, the *ortho*-orientating effect of the electron-acceptor nitrophenyl group drives the path of the reaction, prevailing over steric considerations.

No unusual geometric features were found in either structure, all bond lengths and angles being in expected ranges and in agreement with analogous benzofuran derivatives reported in the *Database survey* section of this paper. A common structural feature in BF1 and BF2 is the intramolecular N—H...O hydrogen bond between the amine group and the



**Figure 2**  
Molecular structure of BF1, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. The minor component of the disordered butyl group is drawn with open bonds.



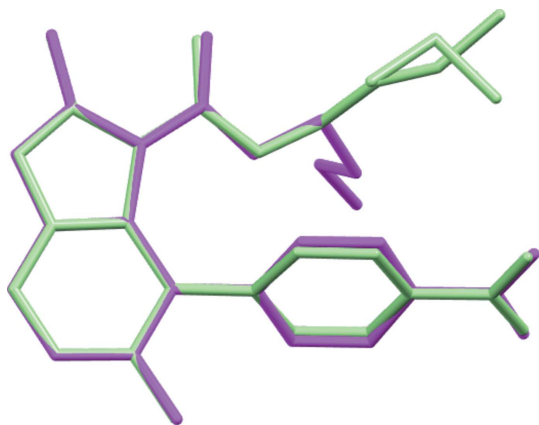
**Figure 3**  
Molecular structure of BF2 with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level.

**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °) for BF1.

<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>
C7—H7···O4 <sup>i</sup>	0.93	2.64	3.444 (8)	146
C11—H11···O3 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.53	3.237 (8)	133
C17B—H17D···O6	0.97	2.74	3.226 (8)	112
N1—H1A···O6	0.95 (7)	2.15 (7)	2.747 (8)	120 (6)
O2—H2···O6 <sup>iii</sup>	0.88 (2)	1.94 (3)	2.755 (6)	154 (6)

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

carbonyl oxygen (Tables 1 and 2) that leads to near coplanarity of the  $-\text{COO}-$  group and the benzofuran ring [ $15.71 (18)^\circ$  in BF1 and  $23.85 (2)^\circ$  in BF2]. The geometry at N1 amine atom is almost planar [deviation of N1 from least square plane of attached atoms is  $0.01 (4) \text{ \AA}$  in BF1 and  $0.16 (2) \text{ \AA}$  in BF2]. A shortening of the N1—C1 bond distance [ $1.318 (7) \text{ \AA}$  in BF1 and  $1.335 (3) \text{ \AA}$  in BF2] is observed, compared with a mean value for a  $\text{Csp}^2-\text{NH}_2$  bond of  $1.336 (17) \text{ \AA}$  (Allen *et al.*, 1987). Such geometric features suggest a partial conjugation of the N atom with benzofuran that is more marked in BF1, where a shorter N1—C1 bond distance and a more evident planar geometry at N1 are found. The benzofuran group is planar within  $0.049 (4) \text{ \AA}$  in BF1 and  $0.040 (2) \text{ \AA}$  in BF2; the nitrobenzene group is planar within  $0.027 (5) \text{ \AA}$  in BF1 and  $0.074 (2) \text{ \AA}$  in BF2. The dihedral angle between benzofuran and nitrophenyl mean planes is  $69.26 (16)^\circ$  in BF1 and  $60.20 (6)^\circ$  in BF2. The orientation of the nitrophenyl group clearly minimizes interactions with the adjacent ester group. Small differences (Fig. 4) are found between the molecular geometries of BF1 and BF2, apart from the different orientation of the methoxyethyl or butyl groups resulting from a different torsion angle around C16—C17 [mean value of  $172.9 (11)^\circ$  in BF1 and  $83.6 (2)^\circ$  in BF2]. In BF1, the butyl group is disordered over two orientations that differ in the torsion angle around C17—C18 bond [C16—C17A—C18A—C19A =  $171.5 (17)^\circ$  and C16—C17B—C18B—C19B =  $-81 (2)^\circ$ ].



**Figure 4**  
Superimposition of BF1 (light green) with BF2 (magenta) molecules showing the different orientation of the ester groups. H atoms are not included for clarity. The two positions of the disordered butyl group are shown for BF1.

**Table 2**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °) for BF2.

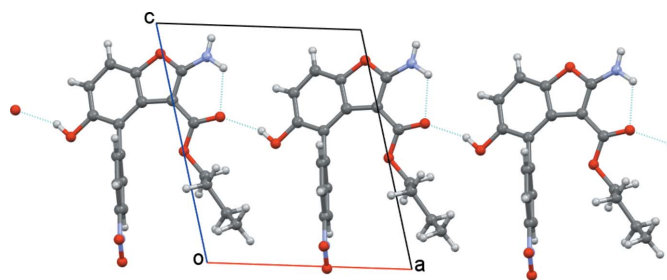
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C17—H17A···O3 <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.49	3.366 (3)	150
N1—H1A···O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.89 (3)	2.14 (3)	3.013 (3)	165 (3)
N1—H1B···O6	0.83 (3)	2.22 (3)	2.819 (3)	129 (3)
O2—H2O···O7 <sup>iii</sup>	0.88 (3)	1.81 (3)	2.691 (2)	176 (3)
C10—H10···Cg1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.93	2.76	3.521 (3)	139
C11—H11···Cg2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.93	2.80	3.601 (3)	145

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

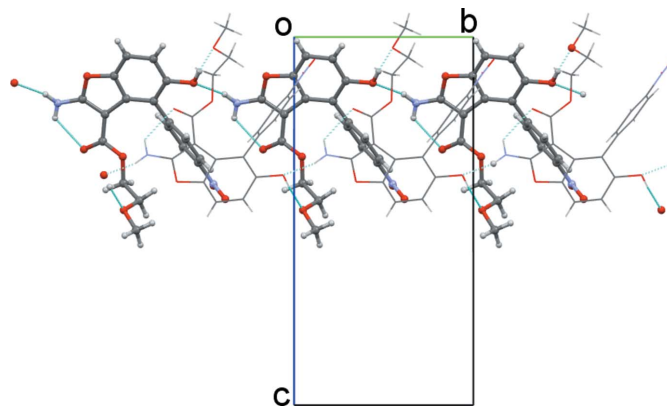
### 3. Supramolecular features

In BF1 and BF2, the crystal packing is dominated by strong N—H···O and O—H···O hydrogen bonds and weak C—H···O interactions (Tables 1 and 2). Weak intermolecular C—H··· $\pi$  interactions are also present in BF2 due to the edge-to-face contacts between nitrobenzene and furan ring systems.

In BF1, the amine group is involved only in one intramolecular hydrogen bond, acting as donor towards the close



**Figure 5**  
Partial crystal packing of BF1 showing a chain of head-to-tail hydrogen-bonded molecules (intra- and intermolecular hydrogen bonds are indicated by cyan dashed lines). Only the major component of the disordered butyl group is shown.



**Figure 6**  
Partial crystal packing of BF2 showing two head-to-tail hydrogen-bonded chains connected by O—H···O<sub>methoxy</sub> hydrogen bonds (the deeper chain is drawn in capped stick style; intra- and intermolecular hydrogen bonds are indicated by cyan dashed lines).

**Table 3**

Interaction energies for BF1-molA (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>).

*R* is the distance between molecular centroids (mean atomic position) in Å and *N* is the number of molecules at that distance. Total energies are the sum of the four energy components, scaled according to the appropriate scale factor<sup>(a)</sup>.

<i>N</i>	symop	<i>R</i>	<i>E</i> <sub>elec</sub>	<i>E</i> <sub>pol</sub>	<i>E</i> <sub>energy-dispersive</sub>	<i>E</i> <sub>rep</sub>	<i>E</i> <sub>total</sub>	interaction
2	<i>x, y, z</i>	12.04	-9.1	-2.5	-14.1	9.1	-18.1	C7-H7...O4 <sup>i</sup>
1	- <i>x, -y, -z</i>	10.51	-8.2	-3.0	-11.7	13.1	-12.9	C11-H11...O3 <sup>ii</sup>
1	- <i>x, -y, -z</i>	11.10	-3.2	-1.9	-12.2	2.8	-13.6	
2	<i>x, y, z</i>	12.43	-3.3	-1.4	-5.4	1.0	-8.6	
1	- <i>x, -y, -z</i>	12.97	8.5	-1.0	-2.3	0.5	6.5	N2-O4...O4 <sup>iii</sup>
1	- <i>x, -y, -z</i>	5.99	-27.6	-3.7	-67.7	35.8	-68.8	N1-H1A...O4 <sup>iv</sup>
1	- <i>x, -y, -z</i>	6.67	-8.0	-3.0	-43.4	22.8	-34.4	
2	<i>x, y, z</i>	9.44	-42.2	-10.7	-27.7	52.0	-44.5	O2-H2...O6 <sup>v</sup>
1	- <i>x, -y, -z</i>	5.08	-13.2	-1.5	-76.1	36.5	-58.7	C10-H10...O6 <sup>vi</sup>
1	- <i>x, -y, -z</i>	9.63	1.5	-1.2	-14.8	3.4	-10.1	
1	- <i>x, -y, -z</i>	11.07	-0.5	-1.9	-14.6	4.5	-11.9	

Notes: (a) Energy Model: CE\_B3LYP...B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) electron densities. Scale factors for benchmarked energy model (Mackenzie *et al.* 2017): *k*<sub>elec</sub> = 1.057; *k*<sub>pol</sub> = 0.740; *k*<sub>energy-dispersive</sub> = 0.871; *k*<sub>rep</sub> = 0.61. Symmetry codes: (i) *x, 1 + y, 1 + z*; (ii) *1 - x, -y, -z*; (iii) *1 - x, -1 - y, -z*; (iv) *2 - x, -y, 1 - z*; (v) *-1 + x, y, z*; (vi) *2 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z*.

**Table 4**

Interaction energies for BF2 (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>).

*R* is the distance between molecular centroids (mean atomic position) in Å and *N* is the number of molecules at that distance. Total energies are the sum of the four energy components, scaled according to the appropriate scale factor<sup>(a)</sup>.

<i>N</i>	symop	<i>R</i>	<i>E</i> <sub>elec</sub>	<i>E</i> <sub>pol</sub>	<i>E</i> <sub>energy-dispersive</sub>	<i>E</i> <sub>rep</sub>	<i>E</i> <sub>total</sub>	interaction
1	- <i>x, -y, -z</i>	10.65	-2.1	-0.6	-21.2	12.0	-13.7	
2	- <i>x, y + 1/2, -z + 1/2</i>	6.41	-70.6	-16.2	-59.8	98.4	-77.9	O2-H2O...O7 <sup>i</sup>
2	<i>x, -y + 1/2, z + 1/2</i>	11.49	-4.5	-1.4	-6.2	4.1	-8.6	
2	<i>x, y, z</i>	9.09	-23.5	-7.2	-29.9	35.7	-34.2	N1-H1A...O2 <sup>ii</sup>
1	- <i>x, -y, -z</i>	12.21	-1.4	-0.1	-2.2	0.2	-3.3	
2	<i>x, -y + 1/2, z + 1/2</i>	10.11	-1.4	-0.4	-13.6	5.3	-10.4	
2	- <i>x, y + 1/2, -z + 1/2</i>	7.42	-8.0	-2.5	-26.4	13.6	-25.0	
1	- <i>x, -y, -z</i>	9.34	-6.5	-0.8	-22.8	12.2	-19.9	
2	<i>x, -y + 1/2, z + 1/2</i>	12.67	2.2	-0.3	-3.1	0.6	-0.2	
1	- <i>x, -y, -z</i>	10.57	-17.3	-6.8	-22.2	26.4	-26.3	C17-H17A...O3 <sup>iii</sup>

Notes: (a) Energy Model: CE\_B3LYP...B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) electron densities. Scale factors for benchmarked energy model (Mackenzie *et al.* 2017): *k*<sub>elec</sub> = 1.057; *k*<sub>pol</sub> = 0.740; *k*<sub>energy-dispersive</sub> = 0.871; *k*<sub>rep</sub> = 0.61. Symmetry codes: (i) *-x, 1/2 + y, 1/2 - z*; (ii) *x, -1 + y, z*; (iii) *1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z*.

carbonyl O atom. The hydroxy group is involved only in one intermolecular hydrogen bond, acting as donor towards the carbonyl O atom of an adjacent molecule. In the crystal packing, chains of strong O-H...O head-to-tail hydrogen-bonded molecules are formed along *a*-axis direction (Fig. 5). The chains are connected into a three-dimensional network by weak intermolecular interactions involving the nitro group as acceptor from C<sub>ar</sub>-H atoms (Table 1). In particular, the C11 atom acts as a hydrogen-bond donor to the nitro O3 atom, forming centrosymmetric dimers.

In BF2, one more O acceptor atom is present compared to BF1. The amine group is involved both in intra- and intermolecular hydrogen bonds. Similarly to BF1, an intramolecular N-H...O hydrogen bond is formed with the carbonyl oxygen atom. An intermolecular N-H...O hydrogen bond is formed with the hydroxy oxygen atom of an adjacent molecule as acceptor. The hydroxy group is also involved as donor in O-H...O hydrogen bonds with the methoxy O atom of an adjacent molecule. In the crystal packing, neighbouring head-to-tail hydrogen-bonded chains of molecules are linked through O-H...O<sub>methoxy</sub> hydrogen bonds and weak intermolecular C-H...π(benzofuran) interactions, wrapping around the 2<sub>1</sub> screw axis (Fig. 6).

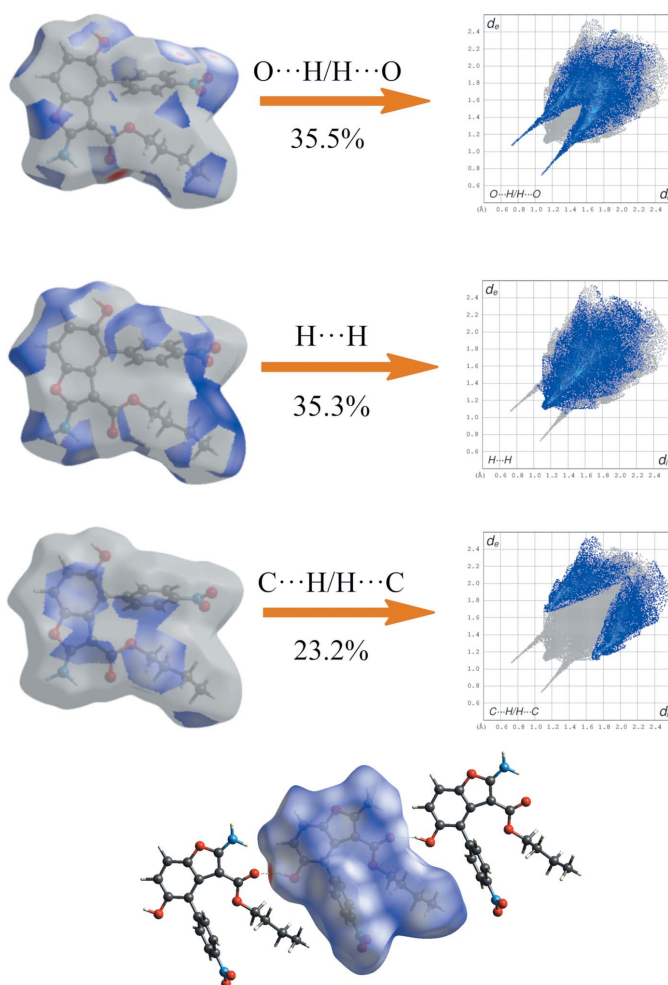
#### 4. Database survey

A search of the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD, Version 5.40, November 2018 with February 2019 updates; Groom *et al.*, 2016) found 25 structures that match the fragment made of benzofuran substituted at the 2-position with -NX<sub>2</sub> (X = C, H). The hits found are crystal structures determined at temperatures in the range 103–298 K. Among these, 11 structures match the 2-amino-benzofurane fragment present in BF1 and BF2: DOZYIB (Caruso *et al.*, 2009), FERXEG (Otsuka *et al.*, 2004), FUFBEO (Murai *et al.*, 2004), GOWHEF (Tandel *et al.*, 1998), GUYXEE (Yi *et al.*, 2010), QINXUI (Roviello *et al.*, 2013), RAMZAH and RAMZEL (Ishikawa *et al.*, 2005), RISSAP and RISSSET (Li *et al.*, 2014) and SECDUZ (Becker *et al.*, 1989). Of these, two are similar to the title compounds: 2-amino-3-(*p*-tolyl)benzofuran-4-yl acetate and 2-amino-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)benzofuran-4-yl acetate (RAMZEL and RAMZAH) in which the aryl ring is inclined to the benzofuran ring system by 61.9 (5)° and 52.1 (6)°, respectively [69.26 (16)° in BF1 and 60.20 (6)° in BF2]. The acetate group is inclined to the benzofuran ring system by 68.8 (6)° in RAMZAH and 75.68 (5)° in RAMZEL, while in the title compounds near co-planarity of the -COO-

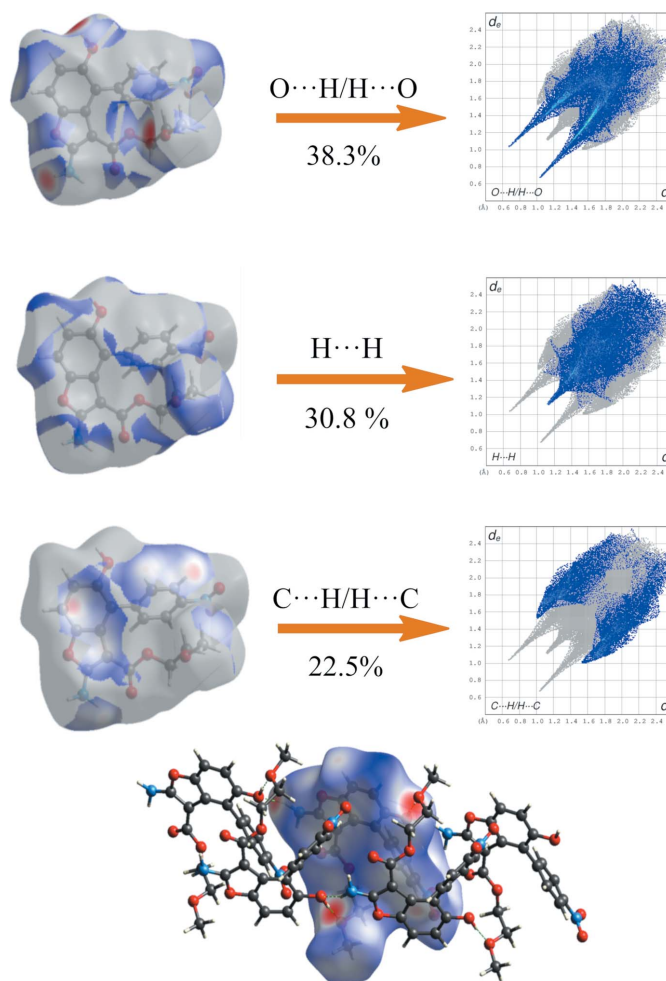
group with benzofuran is observed [15.71 (18)° in BF1 and 23.85 (2)° in BF2]. In the 11 hits, the C–N<sub>amine</sub> bond distance ranges between 1.305 and 1.408 Å with an average value of 1.34 (2) Å, compared to 1.318 (7) Å in BF1 and 1.335 (3) Å in BF2.

### 5. Analysis of Hirshfeld surfaces and interaction energies

In order to detect additional packing features and to analyse close intermolecular contacts in BF1 and BF2, we have examined the Hirshfeld surfaces and two-dimensional fingerprint plots using *CrystalExplorer17.5* (Turner *et al.* 2017). The electrostatic potentials were calculated using *TONTO*, integrated within *CrystalExplorer*. The interaction energies between the molecules were obtained using wavefunctions at the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level. The total interaction energy was calculated for a 3.8 Å radius cluster of molecules around the selected molecule. The scale factors used in the CE-B3LYP



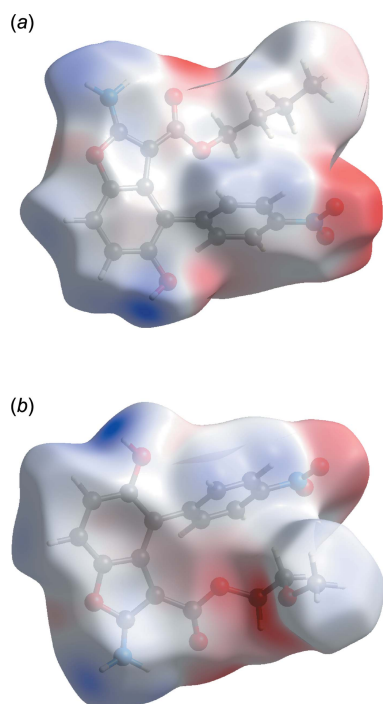
**Figure 7**  
Two-dimensional fingerprint plots of significant intermolecular contacts for BF1 (major disorder component) with the  $d_{\text{norm}}$  surfaces indicating the relevant surface patch associated with the specific contact. The Hirshfeld surface mapped over  $d_{\text{norm}}$  with strong hydrogen bonded molecules outside is also shown.



**Figure 8**  
Two-dimensional fingerprint plots of significant intermolecular contacts for BF2 with the  $d_{\text{norm}}$  surfaces indicating the relevant surface patch associated with the specific contact. The Hirshfeld surface mapped over  $d_{\text{norm}}$  with strongly hydrogen-bonded molecules outside is shown.

benchmarked energy model (Mackenzie *et al.* 2017) are given in footnote of Tables 3 and 4. Calculations were made for both disorder components of BF1; results for the major disordered component (named BF1-molA) are reported since very small differences were found between them.

The two-dimensional fingerprint plots of BF1-molA (Fig. 7) and BF2 (Fig. 8) show the significant intermolecular interactions. In both compounds, the greatest contribution arises from O··H/H··O interactions (35.5% in BF1-molA and 38.3% in BF2) that correspond to strong hydrogen bonds (see Tables 1 and 2). These interactions are displayed as a pair of sharp spikes at about  $d_i + d_e = 2.0$  Å, symmetrically disposed with respect to the diagonal in Fig. 7 and 8 (top). The large number of H··H interactions (35.3% in BF1-molA and 30.8% in BF2) are shown as a diagonal blue strip that ends, with a more evident sting in BF2, at about  $d_i = d_e = 1.08$  Å (Figs. 7 and 8, middle). The C··H/H··C plot (23.2% in BF1-molA and 22.5% in BF2, Figs. 7 and 8, bottom) shows two broad symmetrical wings at about  $d_i + d_e = 3.0$  Å in BF2, typical of C–H·· $\pi$  interactions. No significant C··C

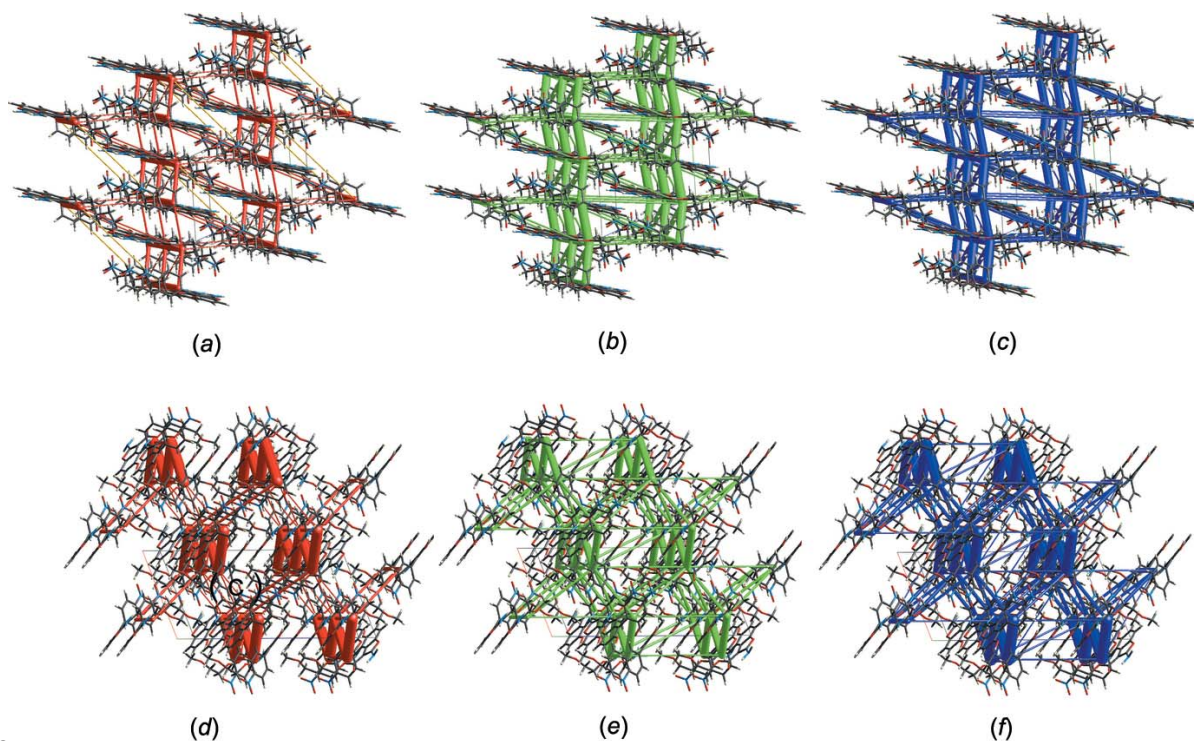


**Figure 9**  
Hirshfeld surface mapped over the electrostatic potential energy for (a) the major disorder component of BF1 and (b) BF2.

contacts were found in BF1 and BF2, confirming the absence of  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions. Other contacts are  $N \cdots H/H \cdots N$  (2.9% in BF1-molA and 2.3% in BF2);  $C \cdots O/O \cdots C$  (1.5% in

BF1-molA and 1.8% in BF2);  $O \cdots O$  (1.7% in BF1-molA and 2.6% in BF2). In the Hirshfeld surfaces of BF1 and BF2 mapped over  $d_{\text{norm}}$  (Figs. 7 and 8), the strong intermolecular hydrogen bonds are observed as red spots. These interactions can be also identified in the Hirshfeld surfaces mapped over the electrostatic potential (Fig. 9) where the negative potential around oxygen appear as bright red and positive potential around hydrogen as bright blue.

The energies of interaction between molecules in the crystal structures of BF1-molA and BF2 were explored using *CrystalExplorer* to perform energy calculations for a 3.8 Å cluster of molecules around the selected molecule. The data reported in Tables 3 and 4 show that the crystal packing in both compounds is mostly stabilized by electrostatic and dispersion energy and that the major contribution to the electrostatic energy originates from strong hydrogen bonds. Some interaction energies were analysed and their possible interaction energies and geometry are reported. In Table 3, the lowest  $E_{\text{ele}}$  interaction energies correspond to pairs of molecules involved in the intermolecular hydrogen bonds reported in Table 1 and to weak  $N-H \cdots O-N$  and  $C-H \cdots O=C$  interactions (not included in Table 1 because the donor-H...acceptor geometry is out of the normal range). One destabilizing positive interaction energy ( $E_{\text{ele}} = 8.5 \text{ KJ mol}^{-1}$ ) can be associated with a pair of molecules where the nitro groups point to each other with repulsive  $N-O \cdots O-N$  interactions. In Table 4, the analysed interactions with low  $E_{\text{ele}}$  interaction energies can be associated with pairs of hydrogen-bonded molecules (Table 2).



**Figure 10**  
Framework interactions in BF1-molA (a, b, c) and in BF2 (d, e, f) with the electrostatic energy (red cylinders), dispersion energy (green cylinders) and total energy (blue cylinders). Yellow cylinders in (a) depict destabilizing positive interaction energies. Scale for tube/cylinder size is 80, cutoff of  $8.00 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  used.

**Table 5**  
Experimental details.

	BF1	BF2
Crystal data		
Chemical formula	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>
<i>M<sub>r</sub></i>	370.35	372.33
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, <i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	Monoclinic, <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>
Temperature (K)	298	298
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	9.4420 (16), 9.558 (3), 11.419 (2)	10.263 (2), 9.0860 (8), 20.049 (4)
$\alpha$ , $\beta$ , $\gamma$ (°)	110.58 (2), 95.669 (19), 108.863 (19)	90, 111.577 (16), 90
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	886.3 (4)	1738.6 (6)
<i>Z</i>	2	4
Radiation type	Mo <i>K</i> $\alpha$	Mo <i>K</i> $\alpha$
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.11	0.11
Crystal size (mm)	0.48 × 0.08 × 0.01	0.48 × 0.22 × 0.02
Data collection		
Diffractometer	Bruker-Nonius KappaCCD	Bruker-Nonius KappaCCD
Absorption correction	Multi-scan ( <i>SADABS</i> ; Bruker, 2001)	Multi-scan ( <i>SADABS</i> ; Bruker, 2001)
<i>T<sub>min</sub></i> , <i>T<sub>max</sub></i>	0.925, 0.987	0.825, 0.927
No. of measured, independent and observed [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )] reflections	5854, 3006, 1212	9595, 3784, 2408
<i>R<sub>int</sub></i>	0.105	0.036
( <i>sin</i> $\theta$ / $\lambda$ ) <sub>max</sub> (Å <sup>-1</sup> )	0.595	0.650
Refinement		
<i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )], <i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ), <i>S</i>	0.093, 0.236, 1.21	0.052, 0.139, 1.03
No. of reflections	3006	3784
No. of parameters	274	254
No. of restraints	41	0
H-atom treatment	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$\Delta\rho_{\max}$ , $\Delta\rho_{\min}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.23, -0.33	0.21, -0.18

Computer programs: *Collect* (Nonius, 1999), *DIRAX/LSQ* (Duisenberg *et al.*, 2000), *EVALCCD* (Duisenberg *et al.*, 2003), *SIR97* (Altomare *et al.*, 1999), *SHELXL2018* (Sheldrick, 2015), *ORTEP-3 for Windows* and *WinGX* (Farrugia, 2012), *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2006) and *pubCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

The supramolecular architectures for the crystal structures of BF1 and BF2 (Fig. 10) were visualized by energy framework calculations (Turner *et al.*, 2015; Mackenzie *et al.*, 2017) that were performed using CE-B3LYP energy model for a 2 × 2 × 2 (BF1-molA) and a 2 × 2 × 1 (BF2) block of unit cells. Energies between molecular pairs are represented as cylinders joining the centroids of pairs of molecules, with the cylinder radius proportional to the magnitude of the interaction energy. Frameworks were constructed for *E<sub>ele</sub>* (red cylinders), *E<sub>dis</sub>* (green) and *E<sub>tot</sub>* (blue), the scale for tube/cylinder size is 80 and cutoff of 8.00 KJ mol<sup>-1</sup> was used. Yellow cylinders in Fig. 10*a* depicts poor destabilizing positive interactions energies in the crystal packing of BF1.

## 6. Synthesis and crystallization

BF1 and BF2 were synthesised as described in a previous report (Carella *et al.*, 2019). For both compounds, single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of THF–heptane (**v:v** = **?:?**) solutions at room temperature.

## 7. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details for BF1 and BF2 are summarized in Table 5. In both struc-

tures, hydroxy and amine H atoms were found in difference electron-density maps and then freely refined. All the other H atoms were positioned geometrically (C–H = 0.93–0.96 Å) and were refined using a riding model with *U<sub>iso</sub>*(H) = 1.2*U<sub>eq</sub>*(C) or 1.5*U<sub>eq</sub>*(C-methyl). In BF1, the butyl group bound to O5 is disordered over two positions with refined occupancy factors of 0.557 (13) and 0.443 (13). As a result of the brittleness of the crystals, which broke under the cold stream nitrogen flow, it was not possible to collect data at low temperature. This could explain the rather high *R* values for BF1, where disorder is present.

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## Crystal structures of butyl 2-amino-5-hydroxy-4-(4-nitrophenyl)benzofuran-3-carboxylate and 2-methoxyethyl 2-amino-5-hydroxy-4-(4-nitrophenyl)benzofuran-3-carboxylate

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### Computing details

For both structures, data collection: *Collect* (Nonius, 1999); cell refinement: *DIRAX/LSQ* (Duisenberg *et al.*, 2000); data reduction: *EVALCCD* (Duisenberg *et al.*, 2003); program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR97* (Altomare *et al.*, 1999); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL2018* (Sheldrick, 2015); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 2012) and *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2006); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 2012) and *pubCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

### Butyl 2-amino-5-hydroxy-4-(4-nitrophenyl)benzofuran-3-carboxylate (BF1)

#### Crystal data

$C_{19}H_{18}N_2O_6$	$Z = 2$
$M_r = 370.35$	$F(000) = 388$
Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$	$D_x = 1.388 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$a = 9.4420 (16) \text{ \AA}$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$
$b = 9.558 (3) \text{ \AA}$	Cell parameters from 134 reflections
$c = 11.419 (2) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 4.3\text{--}18.7^\circ$
$\alpha = 110.58 (2)^\circ$	$\mu = 0.11 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 95.669 (19)^\circ$	$T = 298 \text{ K}$
$\gamma = 108.863 (19)^\circ$	Needle, yellow
$V = 886.3 (4) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.48 \times 0.08 \times 0.01 \text{ mm}$

#### Data collection

Bruker-Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer	5854 measured reflections
Radiation source: normal-focus sealed tube	3006 independent reflections
Graphite monochromator	1212 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Detector resolution: 9 pixels $\text{mm}^{-1}$	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.105$
CCD rotation images, thick slices scans	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ$ , $\theta_{\text{min}} = 3.0^\circ$
Absorption correction: multi-scan ( <i>SADABS</i> ; Bruker, 2001)	$h = -11 \rightarrow 11$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.925$ , $T_{\text{max}} = 0.987$	$k = -11 \rightarrow 11$
	$l = -13 \rightarrow 13$

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	3006 reflections
Least-squares matrix: full	274 parameters
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.093$	41 restraints
$wR(F^2) = 0.236$	Primary atom site location: structure-invariant
$S = 1.21$	direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map  
 Hydrogen site location: mixed  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0652P)^2]$$

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.23 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.33 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

### 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.** The alkyl group at O5 is disordered over two orientations. The two split positions were refined by applying DFIX and SIMU restraints on bond lengths and displacement parameters.

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

	x	y	z	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$	Occ. (<1)
C1	1.0745 (7)	0.4807 (8)	0.8031 (6)	0.0708 (17)	
C2	0.9991 (6)	0.3911 (6)	0.6776 (6)	0.0601 (15)	
C3	0.8466 (6)	0.3990 (6)	0.6666 (5)	0.0500 (13)	
C4	0.7108 (6)	0.3317 (5)	0.5697 (5)	0.0478 (13)	
C5	0.5923 (6)	0.3826 (6)	0.6031 (6)	0.0546 (14)	
C6	0.6039 (7)	0.4895 (6)	0.7249 (6)	0.0697 (17)	
H6	0.522787	0.522558	0.741744	0.084*	
C7	0.7321 (7)	0.5481 (6)	0.8216 (6)	0.0671 (17)	
H7	0.740213	0.617845	0.905105	0.081*	
C8	0.8479 (6)	0.4976 (6)	0.7879 (5)	0.0599 (15)	
C9	0.6832 (5)	0.2043 (6)	0.4439 (5)	0.0514 (14)	
C10	0.6654 (7)	0.2268 (7)	0.3306 (6)	0.0727 (18)	
H10	0.671548	0.327540	0.334700	0.087*	
C11	0.6393 (7)	0.1055 (8)	0.2139 (6)	0.0787 (19)	
H11	0.630450	0.122599	0.138677	0.094*	
C12	0.6266 (6)	-0.0422 (7)	0.2106 (6)	0.0657 (16)	
C13	0.6403 (7)	-0.0701 (6)	0.3180 (6)	0.0711 (17)	
H13	0.630802	-0.172387	0.312089	0.085*	
C14	0.6680 (6)	0.0516 (6)	0.4354 (6)	0.0634 (16)	
H14	0.676691	0.032325	0.509609	0.076*	
C15	1.0806 (7)	0.3308 (6)	0.5863 (6)	0.0588 (15)	
C16	1.0804 (7)	0.2212 (8)	0.3631 (6)	0.0825 (19)	
H16A	1.030642	0.226635	0.287168	0.099*	
H16B	1.186378	0.298045	0.390155	0.099*	
C17A	1.0790 (8)	0.0602 (8)	0.3295 (7)	0.103 (2)	0.557 (13)
H17A	0.975065	-0.019365	0.308210	0.123*	0.557 (13)
H17B	1.142348	0.054603	0.398655	0.123*	0.557 (13)
C18A	1.148 (3)	0.036 (2)	0.2114 (16)	0.133 (5)	0.557 (13)
H18A	1.075824	0.031654	0.141926	0.160*	0.557 (13)
H18B	1.241883	0.129730	0.232273	0.160*	0.557 (13)
C19A	1.183 (2)	-0.1118 (16)	0.1655 (16)	0.136 (6)	0.557 (13)
H19A	1.247458	-0.112461	0.235361	0.204*	0.557 (13)

H19B	1.234537	-0.113113	0.097225	0.204*	0.557 (13)
H19C	1.088185	-0.205753	0.134145	0.204*	0.557 (13)
C17B	1.0790 (8)	0.0602 (8)	0.3295 (7)	0.103 (2)	0.443 (13)
H17C	0.972300	-0.014526	0.293379	0.123*	0.443 (13)
H17D	1.112223	0.052835	0.409518	0.123*	0.443 (13)
C18B	1.171 (3)	-0.004 (4)	0.2383 (17)	0.141 (6)	0.443 (13)
H18C	1.270102	0.079386	0.250798	0.169*	0.443 (13)
H18D	1.187648	-0.095011	0.248124	0.169*	0.443 (13)
C19B	1.068 (3)	-0.055 (3)	0.111 (2)	0.162 (7)	0.443 (13)
H19D	0.970732	-0.136990	0.102475	0.244*	0.443 (13)
H19E	1.114365	-0.098113	0.043673	0.244*	0.443 (13)
H19F	1.050918	0.036411	0.105986	0.244*	0.443 (13)
N1	1.2139 (7)	0.5123 (8)	0.8657 (6)	0.094 (2)	
H1A	1.283 (8)	0.475 (8)	0.821 (7)	0.112*	
H1B	1.255 (8)	0.560 (8)	0.944 (7)	0.112*	
N2	0.5962 (7)	-0.1744 (8)	0.0885 (6)	0.0949 (19)	
O1	0.9885 (5)	0.5479 (5)	0.8716 (4)	0.0757 (12)	
O2	0.4613 (5)	0.3189 (5)	0.5099 (4)	0.0776 (13)	
H2	0.406 (6)	0.356 (7)	0.561 (5)	0.093*	
O3	0.5829 (9)	-0.1520 (9)	-0.0083 (6)	0.172 (3)	
O4	0.5908 (9)	-0.3032 (7)	0.0850 (6)	0.164 (3)	
O5	1.0027 (4)	0.2678 (5)	0.4653 (4)	0.0728 (12)	
O6	1.2162 (4)	0.3471 (5)	0.6150 (4)	0.0753 (12)	

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C1	0.060 (4)	0.093 (4)	0.064 (5)	0.033 (4)	0.005 (3)	0.035 (3)
C2	0.056 (4)	0.075 (4)	0.055 (4)	0.031 (3)	0.009 (3)	0.029 (3)
C3	0.055 (3)	0.049 (3)	0.054 (4)	0.025 (3)	0.018 (3)	0.023 (3)
C4	0.047 (3)	0.053 (3)	0.047 (3)	0.025 (3)	0.008 (3)	0.018 (3)
C5	0.048 (3)	0.049 (3)	0.063 (4)	0.021 (3)	0.007 (3)	0.018 (3)
C6	0.059 (4)	0.069 (4)	0.082 (5)	0.036 (3)	0.024 (3)	0.019 (3)
C7	0.077 (5)	0.071 (4)	0.059 (4)	0.039 (3)	0.028 (3)	0.020 (3)
C8	0.055 (4)	0.064 (3)	0.053 (4)	0.023 (3)	0.002 (3)	0.018 (3)
C9	0.044 (3)	0.064 (3)	0.054 (4)	0.031 (3)	0.005 (2)	0.024 (3)
C10	0.095 (5)	0.075 (4)	0.064 (5)	0.053 (3)	0.009 (3)	0.030 (3)
C11	0.104 (5)	0.095 (4)	0.042 (4)	0.054 (4)	0.003 (3)	0.025 (3)
C12	0.071 (4)	0.070 (4)	0.046 (4)	0.035 (3)	0.004 (3)	0.007 (3)
C13	0.092 (5)	0.060 (3)	0.065 (5)	0.035 (3)	0.025 (3)	0.023 (3)
C14	0.085 (4)	0.060 (3)	0.063 (4)	0.036 (3)	0.025 (3)	0.036 (3)
C15	0.053 (4)	0.057 (3)	0.066 (4)	0.021 (3)	0.004 (3)	0.027 (3)
C16	0.083 (5)	0.109 (5)	0.082 (5)	0.055 (4)	0.031 (4)	0.049 (4)
C17A	0.110 (6)	0.092 (5)	0.113 (7)	0.059 (4)	0.034 (5)	0.030 (4)
C18A	0.191 (12)	0.135 (11)	0.116 (11)	0.133 (8)	0.046 (9)	0.032 (7)
C19A	0.197 (13)	0.123 (9)	0.116 (11)	0.100 (9)	0.062 (9)	0.039 (8)
C17B	0.110 (6)	0.092 (5)	0.113 (7)	0.059 (4)	0.034 (5)	0.030 (4)
C18B	0.195 (13)	0.137 (12)	0.126 (11)	0.137 (9)	0.038 (10)	0.025 (9)

C19B	0.206 (14)	0.155 (13)	0.127 (13)	0.108 (10)	0.037 (11)	0.023 (10)
N1	0.068 (4)	0.129 (5)	0.071 (4)	0.041 (3)	-0.011 (3)	0.031 (4)
N2	0.118 (5)	0.103 (5)	0.066 (5)	0.064 (4)	0.013 (4)	0.020 (4)
O1	0.080 (3)	0.091 (3)	0.050 (3)	0.040 (2)	0.008 (2)	0.018 (2)
O2	0.063 (3)	0.091 (3)	0.086 (3)	0.049 (2)	0.016 (2)	0.027 (2)
O3	0.267 (8)	0.201 (6)	0.065 (4)	0.165 (6)	-0.002 (5)	0.016 (4)
O4	0.294 (9)	0.092 (3)	0.119 (5)	0.086 (5)	0.094 (5)	0.033 (4)
O5	0.062 (3)	0.102 (3)	0.061 (3)	0.046 (2)	0.019 (2)	0.027 (2)
O6	0.050 (2)	0.100 (3)	0.087 (3)	0.041 (2)	0.013 (2)	0.041 (2)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

C1—N1	1.318 (7)	C16—C17B	1.445 (8)
C1—O1	1.339 (7)	C16—C17A	1.445 (8)
C1—C2	1.355 (8)	C16—O5	1.454 (7)
C2—C15	1.427 (8)	C16—H16A	0.9700
C2—C3	1.462 (7)	C16—H16B	0.9700
C3—C8	1.370 (7)	C17A—C18A	1.530 (9)
C3—C4	1.403 (7)	C17A—H17A	0.9700
C4—C5	1.393 (7)	C17A—H17B	0.9700
C4—C9	1.451 (7)	C18A—C19A	1.484 (9)
C5—O2	1.353 (6)	C18A—H18A	0.9700
C5—C6	1.375 (8)	C18A—H18B	0.9700
C6—C7	1.364 (8)	C19A—H19A	0.9600
C6—H6	0.9300	C19A—H19B	0.9600
C7—C8	1.368 (7)	C19A—H19C	0.9600
C7—H7	0.9300	C17B—C18B	1.516 (10)
C8—O1	1.386 (6)	C17B—H17C	0.9700
C9—C14	1.386 (7)	C17B—H17D	0.9700
C9—C10	1.387 (7)	C18B—C19B	1.487 (10)
C10—C11	1.359 (8)	C18B—H18C	0.9700
C10—H10	0.9300	C18B—H18D	0.9700
C11—C12	1.364 (8)	C19B—H19D	0.9600
C11—H11	0.9300	C19B—H19E	0.9600
C12—C13	1.346 (8)	C19B—H19F	0.9600
C12—N2	1.439 (8)	N1—H1A	0.95 (7)
C13—C14	1.362 (7)	N1—H1B	0.83 (7)
C13—H13	0.9300	N2—O3	1.199 (8)
C14—H14	0.9300	N2—O4	1.202 (7)
C15—O6	1.235 (6)	O2—H2	0.88 (2)
C15—O5	1.319 (6)		
N1—C1—O1	116.9 (6)	C17A—C16—H16B	109.0
N1—C1—C2	131.4 (7)	O5—C16—H16B	109.0
O1—C1—C2	111.7 (5)	H16A—C16—H16B	107.8
C1—C2—C15	119.5 (5)	C16—C17A—C18A	101.6 (7)
C1—C2—C3	106.0 (5)	C16—C17A—H17A	111.5
C15—C2—C3	133.8 (5)	C18A—C17A—H17A	111.5

C8—C3—C4	118.1 (5)	C16—C17A—H17B	111.5
C8—C3—C2	105.0 (5)	C18A—C17A—H17B	111.5
C4—C3—C2	136.9 (5)	H17A—C17A—H17B	109.3
C5—C4—C3	116.4 (5)	C19A—C18A—C17A	114.2 (11)
C5—C4—C9	119.3 (4)	C19A—C18A—H18A	108.7
C3—C4—C9	124.0 (5)	C17A—C18A—H18A	108.7
O2—C5—C6	120.6 (5)	C19A—C18A—H18B	108.7
O2—C5—C4	116.7 (5)	C17A—C18A—H18B	108.7
C6—C5—C4	122.7 (5)	H18A—C18A—H18B	107.6
C7—C6—C5	121.2 (5)	C18A—C19A—H19A	109.5
C7—C6—H6	119.4	C18A—C19A—H19B	109.5
C5—C6—H6	119.4	H19A—C19A—H19B	109.5
C6—C7—C8	115.7 (5)	C18A—C19A—H19C	109.5
C6—C7—H7	122.2	H19A—C19A—H19C	109.5
C8—C7—H7	122.2	H19B—C19A—H19C	109.5
C3—C8—C7	125.7 (5)	C16—C17B—C18B	121.7 (13)
C3—C8—O1	110.1 (5)	C16—C17B—H17C	106.9
C7—C8—O1	124.1 (5)	C18B—C17B—H17C	106.9
C14—C9—C10	118.2 (5)	C16—C17B—H17D	106.9
C14—C9—C4	119.0 (5)	C18B—C17B—H17D	106.9
C10—C9—C4	122.8 (5)	H17C—C17B—H17D	106.7
C11—C10—C9	121.7 (5)	C19B—C18B—C17B	101.0 (15)
C11—C10—H10	119.1	C19B—C18B—H18C	111.6
C9—C10—H10	119.1	C17B—C18B—H18C	111.6
C10—C11—C12	117.8 (6)	C19B—C18B—H18D	111.6
C10—C11—H11	121.1	C17B—C18B—H18D	111.6
C12—C11—H11	121.1	H18C—C18B—H18D	109.4
C13—C12—C11	122.4 (5)	C18B—C19B—H19D	109.5
C13—C12—N2	118.2 (6)	C18B—C19B—H19E	109.5
C11—C12—N2	119.4 (6)	H19D—C19B—H19E	109.5
C12—C13—C14	120.0 (5)	C18B—C19B—H19F	109.5
C12—C13—H13	120.0	H19D—C19B—H19F	109.5
C14—C13—H13	120.0	H19E—C19B—H19F	109.5
C13—C14—C9	119.8 (6)	C1—N1—H1A	121 (4)
C13—C14—H14	120.1	C1—N1—H1B	130 (5)
C9—C14—H14	120.1	H1A—N1—H1B	109 (7)
O6—C15—O5	121.8 (5)	O3—N2—O4	120.9 (7)
O6—C15—C2	124.0 (6)	O3—N2—C12	119.1 (7)
O5—C15—C2	114.0 (5)	O4—N2—C12	119.9 (7)
C17B—C16—O5	113.0 (6)	C1—O1—C8	107.1 (5)
C17A—C16—O5	113.0 (6)	C5—O2—H2	96 (4)
C17A—C16—H16A	109.0	C15—O5—C16	119.0 (5)
O5—C16—H16A	109.0		
N1—C1—C2—C15	-8.7 (10)	C4—C9—C10—C11	-179.9 (5)
O1—C1—C2—C15	170.4 (5)	C9—C10—C11—C12	1.8 (9)
N1—C1—C2—C3	179.1 (7)	C10—C11—C12—C13	-0.6 (9)
O1—C1—C2—C3	-1.9 (7)	C10—C11—C12—N2	178.9 (6)

C1—C2—C3—C8	1.6 (6)	C11—C12—C13—C14	-0.1 (9)
C15—C2—C3—C8	-169.1 (6)	N2—C12—C13—C14	-179.6 (5)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-176.7 (6)	C12—C13—C14—C9	-0.5 (8)
C15—C2—C3—C4	12.7 (11)	C10—C9—C14—C13	1.7 (8)
C8—C3—C4—C5	5.3 (7)	C4—C9—C14—C13	179.3 (5)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-176.6 (6)	C1—C2—C15—O6	4.2 (9)
C8—C3—C4—C9	-168.8 (5)	C3—C2—C15—O6	173.9 (5)
C2—C3—C4—C9	9.4 (10)	C1—C2—C15—O5	-169.9 (5)
C3—C4—C5—O2	179.7 (5)	C3—C2—C15—O5	-0.2 (9)
C9—C4—C5—O2	-6.0 (7)	O5—C16—C17A—C18A	173.0 (11)
C3—C4—C5—C6	-1.7 (8)	C16—C17A—C18A—C19A	171.5 (17)
C9—C4—C5—C6	172.7 (5)	O5—C16—C17B—C18B	-171.7 (11)
O2—C5—C6—C7	176.5 (5)	C16—C17B—C18B—C19B	-81 (2)
C4—C5—C6—C7	-2.1 (9)	C13—C12—N2—O3	179.7 (7)
C5—C6—C7—C8	2.0 (9)	C11—C12—N2—O3	0.1 (10)
C4—C3—C8—C7	-5.8 (9)	C13—C12—N2—O4	-3.4 (10)
C2—C3—C8—C7	175.6 (6)	C11—C12—N2—O4	177.1 (7)
C4—C3—C8—O1	177.8 (4)	N1—C1—O1—C8	-179.4 (6)
C2—C3—C8—O1	-0.9 (6)	C2—C1—O1—C8	1.3 (7)
C6—C7—C8—C3	2.0 (9)	C3—C8—O1—C1	-0.2 (6)
C6—C7—C8—O1	177.9 (5)	C7—C8—O1—C1	-176.7 (6)
C5—C4—C9—C14	-106.8 (6)	O6—C15—O5—C16	-2.1 (8)
C3—C4—C9—C14	67.1 (7)	C2—C15—O5—C16	172.2 (5)
C5—C4—C9—C10	70.6 (7)	C17B—C16—O5—C15	85.4 (7)
C3—C4—C9—C10	-115.4 (6)	C17A—C16—O5—C15	85.4 (7)
C14—C9—C10—C11	-2.4 (8)		

*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>
C7—H7...O4 <sup>i</sup>	0.93	2.64	3.444 (8)	146
C11—H11...O3 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.53	3.237 (8)	133
C17B—H17D...O6	0.97	2.74	3.226 (8)	112
N1—H1A...O6	0.95 (7)	2.15 (7)	2.747 (8)	120 (6)
O2—H2...O6 <sup>iii</sup>	0.88 (2)	1.94 (3)	2.755 (6)	154 (6)

Symmetry codes: (i) *x*, *y*+1, *z*+1; (ii) *-x*+1, *-y*, *-z*; (iii) *x*-1, *y*, *z*.**2-Methoxyethyl 2-amino-5-hydroxy-4-(4-nitrophenyl)benzofuran-3-carboxylate (BF2)***Crystal data*C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>*M<sub>r</sub>* = 372.33Monoclinic, *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*c**a* = 10.263 (2) Å*b* = 9.0860 (8) Å*c* = 20.049 (4) Å $\beta$  = 111.577 (16)°*V* = 1738.6 (6) Å<sup>3</sup>*Z* = 4*F*(000) = 776*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.422 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>Mo *K*α radiation,  $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å

Cell parameters from 72 reflections

 $\theta$  = 3.0–20.3° $\mu$  = 0.11 mm<sup>-1</sup>*T* = 298 K

Plate, yellow

0.48 × 0.22 × 0.02 mm

*Data collection*

Bruker-Nonius KappaCCD  
diffractometer

Radiation source: normal-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

Detector resolution: 9 pixels mm<sup>-1</sup>

CCD rotation images, thick slices scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(*SADABS*; Bruker, 2001)

$T_{\min} = 0.825$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.927$

9595 measured reflections

3784 independent reflections

2408 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.036$

$\theta_{\max} = 27.5^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\min} = 3.0^\circ$

$h = -8 \rightarrow 13$

$k = -11 \rightarrow 10$

$l = -26 \rightarrow 23$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$

Least-squares matrix: full

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

$wR(F^2) = 0.139$

$S = 1.03$

3784 reflections

254 parameters

0 restraints

Hydrogen site location: mixed

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent  
and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.058P)^2 + 0.521P]$

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

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

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.18 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

*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.

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

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.1522 (2)	-0.1808 (2)	0.16883 (11)	0.0445 (5)
C2	0.1956 (2)	-0.0554 (2)	0.20982 (10)	0.0373 (5)
C3	0.1095 (2)	0.0632 (2)	0.16748 (10)	0.0341 (4)
C4	0.1002 (2)	0.2168 (2)	0.17400 (10)	0.0344 (4)
C5	-0.0070 (2)	0.2886 (2)	0.11922 (11)	0.0406 (5)
C6	-0.0987 (2)	0.2149 (2)	0.05940 (11)	0.0461 (5)
H6	-0.169033	0.267025	0.024435	0.055*
C7	-0.0860 (2)	0.0655 (2)	0.05158 (11)	0.0450 (5)
H7	-0.145055	0.015044	0.011512	0.054*
C8	0.0173 (2)	-0.0043 (2)	0.10548 (10)	0.0390 (5)
C9	0.2033 (2)	0.3040 (2)	0.23255 (10)	0.0340 (4)
C10	0.1601 (2)	0.3939 (2)	0.27675 (11)	0.0420 (5)
H10	0.065367	0.399616	0.269523	0.050*
C11	0.2554 (2)	0.4745 (2)	0.33092 (11)	0.0467 (5)
H11	0.225981	0.534073	0.360395	0.056*
C12	0.3945 (2)	0.4653 (2)	0.34070 (11)	0.0444 (5)
C13	0.4412 (2)	0.3798 (2)	0.29739 (12)	0.0503 (6)
H13	0.535893	0.376423	0.304353	0.060*
C14	0.3444 (2)	0.2992 (2)	0.24337 (11)	0.0440 (5)
H14	0.374444	0.240694	0.213767	0.053*
C15	0.2933 (2)	-0.0684 (2)	0.28310 (11)	0.0424 (5)

C16	0.3911 (3)	0.0471 (3)	0.39702 (12)	0.0675 (7)
H15A	0.476930	0.089810	0.395981	0.081*
H15B	0.411377	-0.052314	0.415599	0.081*
C17	0.3393 (3)	0.1360 (3)	0.44439 (12)	0.0639 (7)
H17A	0.418292	0.173723	0.484457	0.077*
H17B	0.285814	0.219097	0.417820	0.077*
C18	0.2178 (3)	0.1191 (3)	0.52447 (15)	0.0807 (9)
H18A	0.301484	0.142483	0.564594	0.121*
H18B	0.160476	0.054063	0.539727	0.121*
H18C	0.166857	0.207917	0.505670	0.121*
N1	0.1990 (3)	-0.3192 (2)	0.17972 (13)	0.0662 (7)
H1A	0.137 (3)	-0.388 (3)	0.1558 (15)	0.079*
H1B	0.258 (3)	-0.334 (3)	0.2202 (16)	0.079*
N2	0.4964 (3)	0.5494 (2)	0.39927 (11)	0.0620 (6)
O1	0.04482 (16)	-0.15477 (14)	0.10650 (8)	0.0487 (4)
O2	-0.01457 (18)	0.43883 (16)	0.12485 (9)	0.0579 (5)
H2O	-0.094 (3)	0.471 (3)	0.0929 (14)	0.069*
O3	0.4543 (2)	0.6155 (2)	0.44027 (10)	0.0856 (6)
O4	0.6174 (2)	0.5507 (3)	0.40383 (12)	0.0956 (7)
O5	0.28607 (16)	0.04351 (16)	0.32517 (7)	0.0519 (4)
O6	0.37098 (18)	-0.17310 (18)	0.30529 (9)	0.0630 (5)
O7	0.25432 (19)	0.04923 (17)	0.47021 (8)	0.0628 (5)

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C1	0.0499 (13)	0.0369 (11)	0.0459 (12)	-0.0015 (9)	0.0168 (11)	0.0021 (9)
C2	0.0385 (12)	0.0333 (10)	0.0406 (11)	-0.0025 (8)	0.0150 (9)	0.0018 (8)
C3	0.0328 (11)	0.0374 (11)	0.0341 (10)	-0.0029 (8)	0.0144 (8)	0.0005 (8)
C4	0.0327 (11)	0.0378 (11)	0.0334 (10)	-0.0007 (8)	0.0130 (8)	-0.0013 (8)
C5	0.0406 (12)	0.0346 (11)	0.0448 (12)	0.0016 (8)	0.0135 (10)	0.0010 (9)
C6	0.0425 (13)	0.0489 (13)	0.0385 (11)	0.0023 (9)	0.0051 (10)	0.0056 (9)
C7	0.0481 (13)	0.0488 (13)	0.0334 (11)	-0.0085 (9)	0.0095 (9)	-0.0038 (9)
C8	0.0459 (12)	0.0353 (11)	0.0369 (11)	-0.0046 (8)	0.0165 (9)	-0.0030 (8)
C9	0.0346 (11)	0.0314 (10)	0.0344 (10)	-0.0002 (7)	0.0109 (8)	0.0015 (8)
C10	0.0382 (12)	0.0436 (12)	0.0459 (12)	-0.0009 (9)	0.0177 (10)	-0.0042 (9)
C11	0.0574 (15)	0.0434 (12)	0.0426 (12)	-0.0045 (10)	0.0221 (11)	-0.0073 (9)
C12	0.0489 (14)	0.0439 (12)	0.0357 (11)	-0.0119 (9)	0.0099 (10)	-0.0002 (9)
C13	0.0348 (12)	0.0612 (14)	0.0528 (14)	-0.0076 (10)	0.0137 (11)	-0.0026 (11)
C14	0.0367 (12)	0.0501 (12)	0.0463 (12)	-0.0006 (9)	0.0165 (10)	-0.0078 (9)
C15	0.0418 (12)	0.0391 (12)	0.0447 (12)	-0.0043 (9)	0.0142 (10)	0.0069 (9)
C16	0.0584 (17)	0.089 (2)	0.0386 (13)	-0.0056 (13)	-0.0011 (11)	0.0059 (12)
C17	0.0819 (19)	0.0544 (15)	0.0396 (13)	-0.0198 (12)	0.0039 (12)	-0.0003 (11)
C18	0.097 (2)	0.082 (2)	0.0644 (18)	-0.0044 (16)	0.0318 (17)	-0.0191 (15)
N1	0.0802 (17)	0.0332 (11)	0.0703 (15)	-0.0010 (10)	0.0100 (12)	0.0010 (10)
N2	0.0671 (16)	0.0586 (13)	0.0475 (12)	-0.0200 (11)	0.0061 (11)	-0.0018 (10)
O1	0.0610 (10)	0.0359 (8)	0.0435 (8)	-0.0051 (7)	0.0126 (7)	-0.0066 (6)
O2	0.0537 (10)	0.0383 (9)	0.0629 (11)	0.0095 (7)	-0.0005 (8)	0.0010 (7)



O3	0.1101 (17)	0.0828 (14)	0.0548 (12)	-0.0276 (12)	0.0195 (12)	-0.0262 (10)
O4	0.0596 (14)	0.1190 (18)	0.0861 (15)	-0.0335 (12)	0.0009 (11)	-0.0229 (12)
O5	0.0540 (10)	0.0558 (10)	0.0352 (8)	0.0042 (7)	0.0040 (7)	0.0019 (7)
O6	0.0615 (11)	0.0517 (10)	0.0639 (11)	0.0120 (8)	0.0091 (9)	0.0131 (8)
O7	0.0778 (12)	0.0530 (10)	0.0515 (10)	-0.0191 (8)	0.0165 (9)	-0.0113 (8)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

C1—N1	1.335 (3)	C12—N2	1.468 (3)
C1—O1	1.349 (3)	C13—C14	1.380 (3)
C1—C2	1.380 (3)	C13—H13	0.9300
C2—C15	1.447 (3)	C14—H14	0.9300
C2—C3	1.453 (3)	C15—O6	1.216 (2)
C3—C8	1.397 (3)	C15—O5	1.341 (2)
C3—C4	1.409 (3)	C16—O5	1.448 (3)
C4—C5	1.397 (3)	C16—C17	1.486 (4)
C4—C9	1.487 (3)	C16—H15A	0.9700
C5—O2	1.375 (2)	C16—H15B	0.9700
C5—C6	1.393 (3)	C17—O7	1.408 (3)
C6—C7	1.378 (3)	C17—H17A	0.9700
C6—H6	0.9300	C17—H17B	0.9700
C7—C8	1.361 (3)	C18—O7	1.424 (3)
C7—H7	0.9300	C18—H18A	0.9600
C8—O1	1.394 (2)	C18—H18B	0.9600
C9—C14	1.384 (3)	C18—H18C	0.9600
C9—C10	1.392 (3)	N1—H1A	0.89 (3)
C10—C11	1.375 (3)	N1—H1B	0.83 (3)
C10—H10	0.9300	N2—O4	1.212 (3)
C11—C12	1.370 (3)	N2—O3	1.218 (3)
C11—H11	0.9300	O2—H2O	0.88 (3)
C12—C13	1.376 (3)		
N1—C1—O1	116.06 (19)	C12—C13—H13	120.8
N1—C1—C2	131.5 (2)	C14—C13—H13	120.8
O1—C1—C2	112.45 (17)	C13—C14—C9	121.09 (19)
C1—C2—C15	119.26 (18)	C13—C14—H14	119.5
C1—C2—C3	105.70 (17)	C9—C14—H14	119.5
C15—C2—C3	134.37 (17)	O6—C15—O5	122.9 (2)
C8—C3—C4	118.08 (17)	O6—C15—C2	123.5 (2)
C8—C3—C2	105.17 (16)	O5—C15—C2	113.51 (17)
C4—C3—C2	136.74 (17)	O5—C16—C17	109.8 (2)
C5—C4—C3	116.75 (17)	O5—C16—H15A	109.7
C5—C4—C9	119.87 (17)	C17—C16—H15A	109.7
C3—C4—C9	123.23 (17)	O5—C16—H15B	109.7
O2—C5—C6	120.48 (18)	C17—C16—H15B	109.7
O2—C5—C4	116.78 (18)	H15A—C16—H15B	108.2
C6—C5—C4	122.66 (18)	O7—C17—C16	110.3 (2)
C7—C6—C5	120.60 (19)	O7—C17—H17A	109.6

C7—C6—H6	119.7	C16—C17—H17A	109.6
C5—C6—H6	119.7	O7—C17—H17B	109.6
C8—C7—C6	116.59 (19)	C16—C17—H17B	109.6
C8—C7—H7	121.7	H17A—C17—H17B	108.1
C6—C7—H7	121.7	O7—C18—H18A	109.5
C7—C8—O1	124.28 (18)	O7—C18—H18B	109.5
C7—C8—C3	125.21 (18)	H18A—C18—H18B	109.5
O1—C8—C3	110.50 (17)	O7—C18—H18C	109.5
C14—C9—C10	118.59 (18)	H18A—C18—H18C	109.5
C14—C9—C4	120.45 (17)	H18B—C18—H18C	109.5
C10—C9—C4	120.95 (17)	C1—N1—H1A	115.4 (19)
C11—C10—C9	120.97 (19)	C1—N1—H1B	114 (2)
C11—C10—H10	119.5	H1A—N1—H1B	122 (3)
C9—C10—H10	119.5	O4—N2—O3	123.5 (2)
C12—C11—C10	118.8 (2)	O4—N2—C12	118.3 (2)
C12—C11—H11	120.6	O3—N2—C12	118.1 (2)
C10—C11—H11	120.6	C1—O1—C8	106.12 (15)
C11—C12—C13	122.05 (19)	C5—O2—H2O	109.6 (17)
C11—C12—N2	118.8 (2)	C15—O5—C16	116.75 (18)
C13—C12—N2	119.2 (2)	C17—O7—C18	113.83 (19)
C12—C13—C14	118.5 (2)		
N1—C1—C2—C15	-11.7 (4)	C3—C4—C9—C10	-124.6 (2)
O1—C1—C2—C15	169.66 (17)	C14—C9—C10—C11	-1.2 (3)
N1—C1—C2—C3	176.4 (2)	C4—C9—C10—C11	179.96 (18)
O1—C1—C2—C3	-2.2 (2)	C9—C10—C11—C12	0.2 (3)
C1—C2—C3—C8	2.4 (2)	C10—C11—C12—C13	1.0 (3)
C15—C2—C3—C8	-167.7 (2)	C10—C11—C12—N2	-179.02 (19)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-176.8 (2)	C11—C12—C13—C14	-1.2 (3)
C15—C2—C3—C4	13.2 (4)	N2—C12—C13—C14	178.81 (19)
C8—C3—C4—C5	3.6 (3)	C12—C13—C14—C9	0.2 (3)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-177.3 (2)	C10—C9—C14—C13	0.9 (3)
C8—C3—C4—C9	-171.97 (18)	C4—C9—C14—C13	179.83 (19)
C2—C3—C4—C9	7.1 (3)	C1—C2—C15—O6	22.3 (3)
C3—C4—C5—O2	-178.79 (17)	C3—C2—C15—O6	-168.7 (2)
C9—C4—C5—O2	-3.0 (3)	C1—C2—C15—O5	-155.14 (19)
C3—C4—C5—C6	-2.0 (3)	C3—C2—C15—O5	13.9 (3)
C9—C4—C5—C6	173.74 (19)	O5—C16—C17—O7	83.6 (2)
O2—C5—C6—C7	176.1 (2)	C11—C12—N2—O4	-173.8 (2)
C4—C5—C6—C7	-0.5 (3)	C13—C12—N2—O4	6.2 (3)
C5—C6—C7—C8	1.4 (3)	C11—C12—N2—O3	5.4 (3)
C6—C7—C8—O1	179.86 (19)	C13—C12—N2—O3	-174.5 (2)
C6—C7—C8—C3	0.5 (3)	N1—C1—O1—C8	-177.8 (2)
C4—C3—C8—C7	-3.0 (3)	C2—C1—O1—C8	1.1 (2)
C2—C3—C8—C7	177.62 (19)	C7—C8—O1—C1	-178.9 (2)
C4—C3—C8—O1	177.49 (16)	C3—C8—O1—C1	0.6 (2)
C2—C3—C8—O1	-1.8 (2)	O6—C15—O5—C16	9.3 (3)
C5—C4—C9—C14	-118.9 (2)	C2—C15—O5—C16	-173.19 (18)

C3—C4—C9—C14	56.5 (3)	C17—C16—O5—C15	-157.75 (19)
C5—C4—C9—C10	59.9 (3)	C16—C17—O7—C18	170.9 (2)

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*Cg*1 and *Cg*2 are the centroids of the O1/C1/C2/C3/C8 and C3—C8 rings, respectively.

<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>
C17—H17 <i>A</i> ...O3 <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.49	3.366 (3)	150
N1—H1 <i>A</i> ...O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.89 (3)	2.14 (3)	3.013 (3)	165 (3)
N1—H1 <i>B</i> ...O6	0.83 (3)	2.22 (3)	2.819 (3)	129 (3)
O2—H2 <i>O</i> ...O7 <sup>iii</sup>	0.88 (3)	1.81 (3)	2.691 (2)	176 (3)
C10—H10... <i>Cg</i> 1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.93	2.76	3.521 (3)	139
C11—H11... <i>Cg</i> 2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.93	2.80	3.601 (3)	145

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