

# Synthesis, Spectroscopic Investigations, Quantum Chemical Studies (*Ab-initio* & DFT) and Antimicrobial Activities of 3-(3-Chloro-4,5-dimethoxy-phenyl)-1-(4,5-dimethoxy-2-methyl-Phenyl) prop-2-en-1-one

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## ABSTRACT

The chalcones (1,3-diaryl-2-propenones) and their derivatives are important intermediates in organic synthesis and have widespread applications in medicinal industry. The title choloro chalcone derivative, 3-(3-chloro-4,5-dimethoxy-phenyl)-1-(4,5-dimethoxy-2-methyl phenyl) prop-2-en-1-one, has been synthesized. It is characterized by FTIR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and single crystal X-ray diffraction. Title compound crystallizes in monoclinic space group C2/c with  $a = 23.540(11)$  Å,  $b = 9.738(4)$  Å,  $c = 17.305(7)$  Å,  $\beta = 106.37(3)^\circ$ ,  $V = 3806(3)$  Å<sup>3</sup> and  $Z = 8$ . The mean plane of the two substituted benzene rings is twisted by  $66.29(12)^\circ$  with respect to each other. *Ab-initio* and density functional Theory (DFT) calculations have been carried out for the title molecule using RHF/6-311G and B3LYP/6-311G basis set respectively. The calculated results show that the predicted geometry can well reproduce structural parameters. In addition, frontier molecular orbitals and Mullikan charge distributions are carried out by using RHF and B3LYP methods. The calculated HOMO and LUMO energies show that charge transfer occurs in the molecule. Numbers of weak but significant interactions like C-H $\cdots$ O, C-H $\cdots$  $\pi$  and  $\pi$ - $\pi$  are involved in the stability of the structure. The weak  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacked interaction involves the centroids of the methyl phenyl rings with Cg-Cg separation distance of  $3.857(2)$  Å. Synthesized compound has been screened for its antimicrobial activity against different panels of organisms.

**Keywords:** Chalcones; FTIR; NMR; Single Crystal X-Ray Diffraction; Hydrogen Bond Interactions; Quantum Chemical Calculations; Antimicrobial Activities

## 1. Introduction

In chalcones, two aromatic rings are linked by an aliphatic three-carbon chain. The synthesis of chalcone derivative has generated vast interest to organics as well as for medicinal chemists. Chalcones are also key precursors in the synthesis of many biologically important heterocycles such as benzothiazepine, pyrazolines, 1,4-diketones and flavones. Chalcones, belonging to flavonoid family, synthesized or the natural one, displayed many interesting properties including antimalarial [1,2], anticancer [3,4], antiviral [5], antibacterial [6], antifungal [7], antihyperglycemic [8] and photocytotoxicity [9] activities. In the chemical structure, three-carbon  $\alpha - \beta$  unsaturated carbonyl system, the back bone of the open

chain flavonoids, joins two aromatic rings. The *ab-initio* and density functional theory (DFT) are applied for the investigation of the optimized molecular structure and few significant spectroscopy properties. As part of our ongoing research on X-ray Crystallographic investigations of drug molecules and theoretical quantum computational studies of synthesized drugs [10,11], we have synthesized and investigated molecular structure of a novel methoxy-chloro substituted chalcone derivative by IR, NMR and X-ray diffraction techniques and optimized the structure by quantum chemistry.

## 2. Experimental

### 2.1. Materials and Instrumentations

General chemicals are purchased from Merck, SD Fine

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and commercial source. All non-aqueous reactions are performed in dry glass ware. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) is performed on pre-coated plates, silica gel 60-F254 (Merck 1.16834, layer thickness 0.25 mm) using toluene/methanol mixtures (8:2) as developing system. The detection of the products on TLC is carried out in iodine vapor. Melting points are determined on a Polmon Instrument Model: M.P.: 96, Range: 25°C to 350°C, Resolution: 0.1°C fitted with a microscope.

## 2.2. Synthesis

A mixture of 1-(2-methyl-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl) ethanone (0.01 mole) and 3-chloro-4,5-dimethoxy benzaldehyde (0.01 mole) in ethanol (30 ml) are added to a solution of potassium hydroxide (40 ml, 40%) with constant shaking of the reaction flask. The reaction mixture is stirred for a 24 hours on a magnetic stirrer and poured in to crushed ice and acidified with diluted HCl (2N). The solid mass which separated out is filtered, washed with water, dried and crystallized from methanol to give light yellow needles. The reaction scheme of the title molecule is shown in **Figure 1**.

## 2.3. FTIR and NMR Analysis

The FTIR spectrum of the compound is recorded in the KBr phase in the frequency region of 400 - 4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  using Bruker FTIR spectrometer.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra are recorded with a Fourier transform instrument at 400 MHz (Bruker AVANCE 400). The details of FTIR and NMR analysis are given below.

**IR (KBr):**  $\nu$  1447 (C-H def (asym) alkyl), 1375 (C-H def (sym) alkyl), (C-H str. arom.), 1565 (C=C str. arom.), 1113 (C-H i.p.def arom.), 820 (C-H o.o.p.def. arom.), 1217 (C-O-C (sym) ether), 1077 (C-O-C (asym) ether), 1641 (C=O str., chalcone), 1565 (C=C, chalcone), 3273 (OH, phenol), 978 (CH=CH def. chalcone), 3087 (CH=CH str. chalcone), 1641 (C=C str. chalcone), 694 (C-Clstr.)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  ppm:** 2.44 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.91 (s, 6H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.93 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.754 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, 1H,  $J = 1.8$  Hz), 7.05 (m, 1H + 1H chalcone), 7.22 (d, 1H,  $J = 1.6$  Hz), 7.38 (d, 1H,  $J = 16$  Hz, chalcone).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  ppm:** 56.01 (C-1), 56.04 (C-2),

55.09 (C-3), 55.04 (C-4), 15.38 (C-5), 194.56 (C-6), 122.75 (C-7), 141.03 (C-8), 150.75 (C-9), 146.25 (C-10), 155.27 (C-11), 144.89 (C-12), 114.05 (C-13), 131.39 (C-14), 112.21 (C-15), 110.51 (C-16), 130.68 (C-17), 130.20 (C-18), 127.08 (C-19), 126.31 (C-20). (mp: 142°C - 148°C; Yield: 80%. Analysis:  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClO}_5$ , Found: C: 63.74%, H: 5.61%, O: 21.24%, Cl: 9.41%, Calculated: C: 63.75%, H: 5.62%, O: 21.23%, Cl: 9.42%).

## 2.4. X-Ray Diffraction Study

A suitable sample of single crystal of size (0.6 × 0.4 × 0.1)  $\text{mm}^3$  is selected for the crystallographic study. All diffraction measurements are performed at room temperature (296 K) using graphite monochromated  $\text{MoK}\alpha$  radiation of wavelength 0.71073 Å. The crystal structure is solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least square technique on  $F^2$ , using SHELX-97 set of program [12]. All non-hydrogen atoms are refined anisotropically. The structure is refined to  $R = 0.0612$  for the observed reflections 4383 and Goodness of fit  $S = 1.048$  by using the intensity ( $I$ ) values of 3132 reflections satisfying the  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  criterion and 4383 reflections in refinement for 235 crystallographic parameters. Highest and lowest electron density peaks " $\Delta\rho$ " are 0.758 and  $-0.546 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$  respectively. The crystallographic data and details of the data collection and structure refinements are listed in **Table 1**.

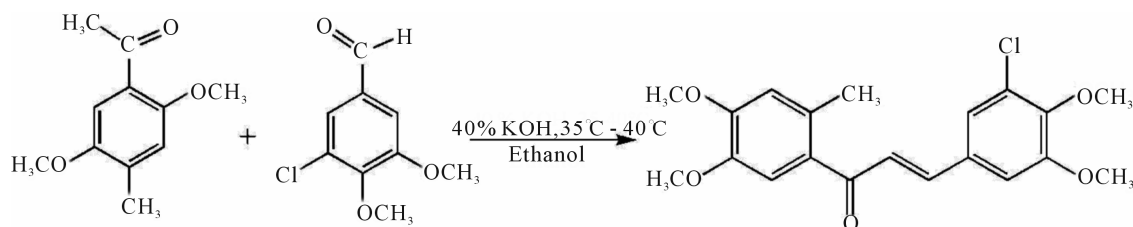
## 2.5. Computational Details

The quantum chemical study of the title compound has been performed within the framework of Hartree Fock [13] and the density functional theory with Becke's three-parameter hybrid exchange functional with Lee-Yang-Parr correlation functional (B3LYP) employing 6-311G basis set [14,15]. All quantum chemical calculations are performed using computer software Gaussian-09 [16] and Gauss-View molecular visualization program [17].

## 3. Results and Discussion

### 3.1. X-Ray Crystallography

The ORTEP diagram of the title compound, 3-(3-chloro-4,



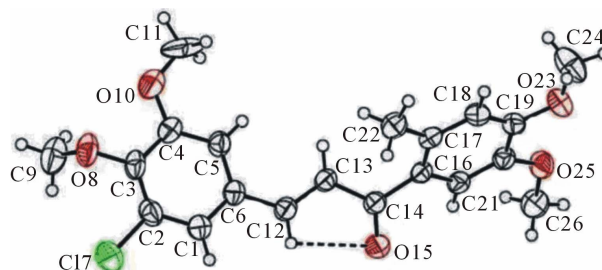
**Figure 1.** Chemical reaction scheme of the title compound.

**Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters of the title compound.**

Empirical formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>21</sub> ClO <sub>5</sub>
Formula weight	376.82
Temperature (K)	296(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.6 × 0.4 × 0.1
a (Å)	23.540(11)
b (Å)	9.738(4)
c (Å)	17.305(7)
β (°)	106.37(3)
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	3806(3)
Z	8
Calculated density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.315
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.228
F(000)	1584
θ range for data collection (°)	1.80 to 27.72
Limiting indices	-30 ≤ h ≤ 30 -12 ≤ k ≤ 9 -22 ≤ l ≤ 22
Reflections collected/unique [R(int)]	15634/4383 [0.0311]
Completeness to θ = 27.72 (%)	0.978
Absorption correction	N. A.
Refinement method	Full Matrix Least Square of  F  <sup>2</sup>
Data/restraints/parameters	4383/0/235
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.048
Final R indices	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0612, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1670
R indices (all data)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0855, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1852
Largest diff. peak and hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.758 and -0.546

5-dimethoxy-phenyl)-1-(4,5-dimethoxy-2-methyl phenyl) prop-2-en-1-one with thermal ellipsoids drawn at a 50% probability is shown in **Figure 2**.

Single crystal X-ray diffractions confirms the molecular structure of the title molecule, C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>ClO<sub>5</sub>, 2-methoxy, 1-methyl substituted phenyl ring is joined by a prop-2-en-1-one group to 3-chloro-4,5-dimethoxy substituted phenyl ring. Both the phenyl rings (C1-C6) and (C16-C21) are planar. The mean plane of two phenyl rings are twisted by 66.30(12)° with respect to each other. The

**Figure 2. The ORTEP view of the title molecule shows atomic labelling scheme and 50% probability level displacement ellipsoids.**

dihedral angle between the mean plane of prop-2-en-1-one group (C12-C14\O15) with the mean plane of the chloro phenyl ring (C1-C6) and methyl phenyl ring (C16-C21) are 29.85 (11)° and 38.46 (9)° respectively. Molecular conformation about C6-C12, C12-C13, C13-C14 and C14-C16 bonds described by the torsional angles C5-C6-C12-C13, C6-C12-C13-C14, C12-C13-C14-C16 and C13-C14-C16-C21 are 18.1 (4)°, -176.6 (2)°, -166.0 (2)° and -142.3 (2)° respectively and the geometry of the molecule about these bonds are very well comparable with other reported structure [10]. Intra molecular interaction involving C12-H12 with carbonyl oxygen O15 in C12-H12...O15 generates a pseudo ring of S(5) graph set motif [18] (**Figure 2**). Molecular packing is due to C-H...O, C-H...π and π-π intramolecular hydrogen bond interactions in the structure (**Table 2**).

In the crystal structure, the Chloro phenyl ring of methoxy group carbon C11 via H113 acts as potential donor to the prop-2-en-1-one group of oxygen O15 of  $x, -1-y, -\frac{1}{2}+z$  molecule and other phenyl ring of methoxy group carbon C26 via H261 link to the oxygen O15 ( $\frac{1}{2}-x, -\frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{5}{2}-z$ ) forming a chain parallel to the ac plane (**Figure 3**). The C-H...π interaction of type-I [19] involves chloro phenyl ring carbon C1 via H1 to the centroid (Cg(2)) of the symmetry ( $\frac{1}{2}-x, -\frac{1}{2}+y, 2-z$ ) related methoxy phenyl ring (C16-C21) where C1-H1...Cg(2) = 3.6613(3) Å.

Face to face π-π stacked interaction observed between the centroids of symmetry related [ $\frac{1}{2}-x, -\frac{3}{2}-y, 2-z$ ] methyl phenyl ring (C16-C21), with Cg-Cg separation distance of 3.857(2) Å ( $\alpha = 0^\circ$ ), further contributes to the molecular packing (**Figure 4**).

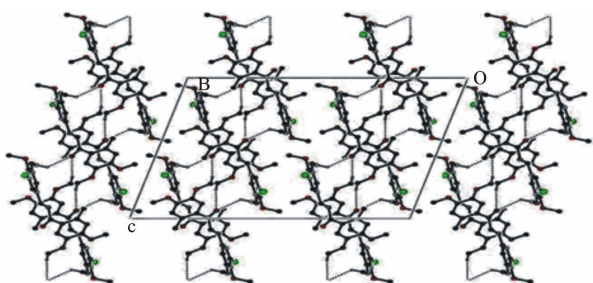
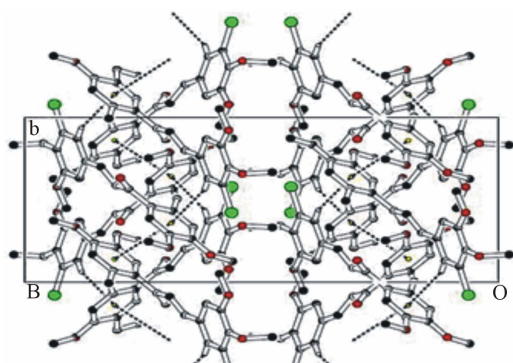
### 3.2. Ab-Initio and DFT Studies

The *ab-initio* and Density Functional Theory (DFT) with Gaussian-09 program package employing B3LYP (Becke

**Table 2.** Intra and intermolecular interactions (distances in Å, angles in °).

A. $\pi \cdots \pi$ interaction					
Cg(I)–Cg(J)	Cg(I)–Cg(J) Å	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	Cg(I)–P Å
2-2(ii)	3.857(2)	0.0	12.3	12.3	3.768
B. C–H $\cdots\pi$ interactions					
C–H(I) $\cdots$ Cg(J)	d(H–Cg) Å	d(C–Cg) Å	Y–X $\cdots$ Cg°	$\gamma^\circ$	H $\cdots$ P Å
C1–H11 $\cdots$ Cg(2)(iii)	2.80	3.661(3)	154	1.08	2.80
C. Hydrogen bond interactions					
D–H $\cdots$ A	d(D–H) Å	d(D–A) Å	d(H–A) Å	(D–H $\cdots$ A)°	
C12–H12 $\cdots$ O15(i)	0.93	2.783(3)	2.455(2)	100.74(16)	
C11–H113 $\cdots$ O15(iv)	0.96	3.272(5)	2.569(2)	130.24(26)	
C22–H222 $\cdots$ O15(v)	0.96	3.589(4)	2.683(2)	157.52(19)	
C26–H261 $\cdots$ O15(vi)	0.96	3.443(4)	2.563(2)	152.38(19)	

**Symmetry code:** (i)  $x, y, z$ ; (ii)  $\frac{1}{2}-x, -\frac{3}{2}-y, 2-z$ ; (iii)  $\frac{1}{2}-x, -\frac{1}{2}-y, 2-z$ ; (iv)  $x, -1-y, -\frac{1}{2}+z$ ; (v)  $\frac{1}{2}-x, -\frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{3}{2}-z$ ; (vi)  $\frac{1}{2}-x, -\frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{5}{2}-z$ ; *Note:* Cg(1) and Cg(2) represents the centroid of the rings (C1–C6) and (C16–C21) respectively.

**Figure 3.** Molecular packing showing C–H $\cdots$ O interactions along ac plane, for a shake of celerity some hydrogen atoms removed.**Figure 4.** Molecular packing depicting  $\pi$ – $\pi$  and C–H $\cdots\pi$  interactions along ab plane, for shake of clarity some hydrogen atoms are removed.

three parameter Lee–Yang–Parr) method with 6-311G\* basis set is used to determine optimized bond lengths and angles. **Table 3** compares the experimental data with

those obtained by theoretical study which reveals that all optimized bond lengths and bond angles are slightly larger than the experimental values. The highest bond length difference is 0.0979 Å and 0.1238 Å for the C11–O10 bond at RHF and B3LYP respectively, where the biggest bond angle deviation occurred in the C3–O8–C9 angle 4.0313° in RHF method and 4.1322° in B3LYP method. The root mean square error (RMSE) and the correlation coefficient are calculated and the results are presented graphically as shown in **Figure 5**. The RMSE is found to be about 0.022 Å for RHF and 0.038 Å for B3LYP, indicating that the bond lengths obtained by the HF method shows the strongest correlations with the experimental values. The correlation coefficient in bond lengths by RHF and B3LYP are 0.9699 and 0.9277 respectively. For bond angles, the root mean square error is found 1.361° and 1.232° for RHF and B3LYP respectively. The correlation coefficient in bond angles by RHF and B3LYP are 0.8966 and 0.9157 respectively, which reveals that the correlation coefficient for bond angles obtained by RHF method are smaller than those determined by B3LYP method as observed in reported research paper [20].

The molecular conformation described by the torsional angles obtained from X-ray data are C6–C12–C13–C14, C12–C13–C14–C16 and C13–C14–C16–C21 as  $-176.6(2)^\circ$  [ $-178.2701^\circ$  &  $-177.5469^\circ$ ],  $-166.0(2)^\circ$  [ $-172.7265^\circ$  &  $-174.4626^\circ$ ] and  $-142.3(2)^\circ$  [ $-140.9733^\circ$  &  $-147.4643^\circ$ ] respectively. The values in the square bracket are those obtained by RHF and B3LYP method respectively. The angle between the mean plane of prop-2-en 1-one group

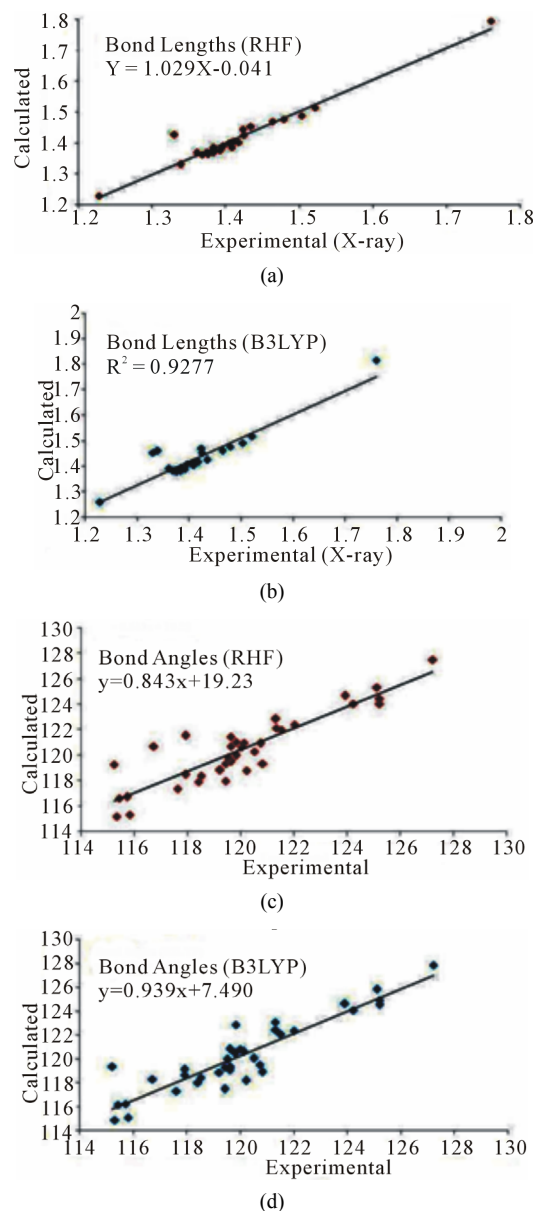
**Table 3. Bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) by X-ray and theoretical calculations for title compound at the RHF/6-311G and B3LYP/6-311G levels of theory.**

Bond lengths (Å)	X-ray	RHF	B3LYP
C1-C2	1.383 (4)	1.3840	1.3890
C1-C6	1.408 (4)	1.3854	1.4046
C2-C3	1.385 (4)	1.3751	1.3943
C2-Cl7	1.760 (3)	1.7962	1.8178
C3-O8	1.376 (3)	1.3629	1.3788
C3-C4	1.417 (4)	1.4014	1.4175
C4-O10	1.361 (3)	1.3683	1.3911
C4-C5	1.392 (3)	1.3763	1.3890
C5-C6	1.404 (4)	1.4000	1.4121
C6-C12	1.464 (3)	1.4701	1.4610
C9-O8	1.423 (4)	1.4441	1.4717
C11-O10	1.330 (5)	1.4284	1.4543
C12-C13	1.339 (3)	1.3300	1.4610
C13-C14	1.479 (3)	1.4773	1.4770
C14-O15	1.228 (3)	1.2281	1.2593
C14-C16	1.503 (3)	1.4895	1.4921
C16-C17	1.396 (3)	1.3889	1.4099
C16-C21	1.411 (3)	1.4045	1.4145
C17-C18	1.407 (4)	1.4012	1.4083
C17-C22	1.521 (3)	1.5142	1.5175
C18-C19	1.384 (3)	1.3764	1.3915
C19-O23	1.368 (3)	1.3620	1.3822
C19-C20	1.408 (3)	1.4022	1.4148
C20-C21	1.383 (3)	1.3691	1.3826
C20-O25	1.374 (3)	1.3681	1.3867
C24-O23	1.424 (4)	1.4258	1.4525
C26-O25	1.434 (3)	1.4534	1.4263
Bond Angles (°)	X-ray	RHF	B3LYP
C2-C1-C6	119.5 (3)	119.8049	119.9677
C3-C2-C1	121.3 (3)	122.1467	122.4271
C3-C2-Cl7	120.8 (2)	119.3574	118.9016
C1-C2-Cl7	117.9 (2)	118.4939	118.6711
O8-C3-C2	120.7 (3)	120.9275	199.5017
O8-C3-C4	119.8 (3)	121.0446	122.8734
C2-C3-C4	119.4 (2)	117.9624	117.4753

O10-C4-C5	124.2 (3)	124.0375	124.1057
O10-C4-C3	115.8 (2)	115.3365	115.0927
C5-C4-C3	120.0 (2)	120.6199	120.8002
C4-C5-C6	119.6 (2)	120.6892	120.8309
C5-C6-C1	120.2 (2)	118.7710	118.1946
C5-C6-C12	121.3 (2)	122.8415	123.0725
C1-C6-C12	118.5 (2)	118.3867	118.4328
C3-O8-C9	115.2 (2)	119.2513	119.3522
C11-O10-C4	119.6 (2)	121.4489	119.0727
C13-C12-C6	127.2 (2)	127.4876	127.8938
C12-C13-C14	120.1 (2)	120.965	120.6154
O15-C14-C13	119.8 (2)	119.9883	120.4770
O15-C14-C16	119.6 (2)	119.5906	119.3448
C13-C14-C16	120.5 (2)	120.2911	120.0407
C17-C16-C21	119.6 (2)	119.4958	119.2563
C17-C16-C14	125.1 (2)	125.3151	125.8395
C21-C16-C14	115.3 (2)	115.1763	114.8788
C16-C17-C18	118.4 (2)	117.9234	118.0205
C16-C17-C22	123.9 (2)	124.6705	124.6250
C18-C17-C22	117.6 (2)	117.3577	117.2814
C19-C18-C17	122.0 (2)	122.4108	122.3825
O23-C19-C18	125.2 (2)	124.0269	124.5580
O23-C19-C20	115.4 (2)	116.6251	116.1281
C18-C19-C20	119.4 (2)	119.3440	119.3085
C21-C20-O25	125.2 (2)	124.4546	124.9457
C21-C20-C19	119.2 (2)	118.8226	118.8493
O25-C20-C19	115.7 (2)	116.7227	116.2050
C20-C21-C16	121.5 (2)	121.9925	122.1012
C19-O23-C24	117.9 (2)	121.5507	119.1203
C20-O25-C26	116.7 (2)	120.7125	118.2971

(C12-C14/O15) and the mean plane of the chloro phenyl ring (C1-C6) and methyl phenyl ring (C16-C21) are 29.85 (11)° and 38.46 (9)° respectively. The calculated data are collected in gas phase and no molecular interactions are considered, whereas the experimental data are acquired in the solid state and crystal field interactions, e.g. Van der Waals forces, crystal packing force and hydrogen bond interactions. The observed discrepancies between the theoretical and experimental results may be attributed to different environments of the molecule, being isolated state in gas phase for theoretical study,



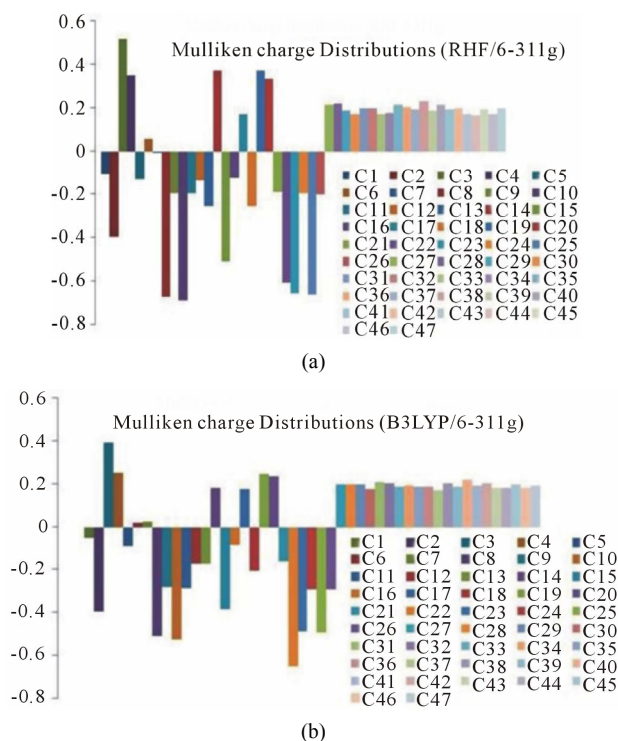


**Figure 5.** Correlation studies of calculated and experimental bond lengths and bond angles.

whereas the experimental values are of the molecule in solid state there by subjected to the intermolecular forces, which are present into  $\pi$ - $\pi$ , C-H $\cdots$  $\pi$  and C-H $\cdots$ O interactions.

### 3.3. Mulliken Charge Distributions

The Mulliken charge distributions of the title compound have been calculated using RHF and B3LYP methods with 6-311G level (Table 4) and graphically shown in Figure 6. It may be noted that the all oxygen atoms have negative charge and all hydrogen atoms have positive charge. The oxygen O10 (−0.691300 and −0.531309 from RHF and B3LYP respectively) atom has more



**Figure 6.** Graphical reorientations of Mulliken charge distributions of title compound.

negative charge than other oxygen atoms, whereas the hydrogen atom H21 (0.230926 and 0.204517 from RHF and B3LYP respectively) has more positive charge than the other hydrogen atoms. The results suggest that the oxygen atoms are electron acceptor and charge transfer takes place from H to O. The carbon atom C3 (0.519465 and 0.393703 from RHF and B3LYP respectively) is more positive than the other positive carbon atoms and C22 (−0.611291 and −0.655711 from RHF and B3LYP respectively) is the more negative than the other negative carbons in the title molecule, due to electron-donating substituent at that position. The presence of donor and acceptor atoms suggests the existence of both intra and inter-molecular hydrogen bonding in the crystalline phase.

### 3.4. Total Energies, Dipole Moments and Molecular Orbitals Analysis

The RHF/6-311G and B3LYP/6-311G methods are used to predict the dipole moment of the title molecule 6.1795 and 6.8948 (Table 5) at a total energy of −1602.7509 (RHF) and −1610.6173 (B3LYP) respectively. The high value of the dipole moments suggests that the title compound is reactive and attractive for further interactions with other system. The HOMO and LUMO plots by B3LYP method of the title compound are shown in Figure 7. HOMO of the title compound presents a charge density localized mainly on both the phenyl rings and all

oxygen atoms where as LUMO is mostly on plane of prop-2-en-1-one group and few carbon atoms of both the phenyl rings. The energy value of HOMO and LUMO is computed at  $-0.30717$  and  $0.04286$  by RHF method and  $-0.21689$  eV and  $-0.08978$  eV by B3LYP method respectively. The HOMO and its orbital play role of electron donors, and the LUMO and its orbital play role of electron acceptors. The energy gap of HOMO-LUMO explains the charge transfer interaction within the molecule.

#### 4. Study of Antimicrobial Activities

The Minimum Inhibition Concentrations (MICs) of the title compound are determined by the microdilution method as described by the National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standard (NCCLS-1992) [21]. The antimicrobial activities tested against the different panel

of organisms like *S. aureus* MTCC 96, *S. pyogenus* MTCC 443, *E. coli* MTCC 442 and *P. aeruginosa* MTCC 441 and antifungal strains *C. albicans* MTCC 227 using Gentamycin and *K. nystatin* as reference standards respectively. Each test organism with title compound is run in duplicate. The test plates are incubated at  $35^{\circ}\text{C}$  -  $37^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 24 h. The MIC is taken as the minimum concentration of the dilutions that inhibited the growth of the test microorganism. The concentration of the solvents used in the following assays is maintained at less than 2% so that no inhibition of organisms or interference occurred. The Serial dilution technique is followed by micro method as per NCCLS-1992 manual [21]. The observed MIC values, for bacterial and fungal strains of the title compound are presented in **Table 6**. The data reveals that the response of the drug is significant in *S. aureus* compare to other panel of organisms.

**Table 4. Mulliken Charge Distributions of the title molecule.**

Atom	Calculated (RHF)	Calculated (B3LYP)	Atom	Calculated (RHF)	Calculated (B3LYP)
C1	-0.103226	-0.049916	O25	-0.665620	-0.498394
C2	-0.399245	-0.399631	C26	-0.203277	-0.296524
C3	0.519465	0.393703	H1	0.214960	0.195785
C4	0.350752	0.253271	H5	0.221216	0.198783
C5	-0.131900	-0.089510	H91	0.188574	0.197300
C6	0.056783	0.020931	H92	0.170305	0.176870
C17	-0.003376	0.024023	H93	0.198286	0.208452
O8	-0.677883	-0.510176	H111	0.200044	0.206051
C9	-0.196740	-0.283942	H112	0.173804	0.188522
O10	-0.691300	-0.531309	H113	0.176376	0.190885
C11	-0.197878	-0.291166	H12	0.212435	0.186499
C12	-0.139627	-0.177316	H13	0.201376	0.185665
C13	-0.257158	-0.173867	H18	0.194099	0.173904
C14	0.369580	0.181689	H21	0.230926	0.204517
O15	-0.510804	-0.388171	H221	0.187837	0.187791
C16	-0.126648	-0.082901	H222	0.212743	0.217696
C17	0.172482	0.176513	H223	0.191130	0.191394
C18	-0.258029	-0.210631	H241	0.198432	0.205636
C19	0.374323	0.249912	H242	0.170576	0.184132
C20	0.332634	0.234297	H243	0.168574	0.182609
C21	-0.191313	-0.166480	H261	0.192961	0.199629
C22	-0.611291	-0.655711	H262	0.168619	0.183848
O23	-0.660700	-0.490695	H263	0.196699	0.190735
C24	-0.199975	-0.294656			

Table 5. HOMO-LUMO, total energies and dipole moments of the title compound.

Methods	HOMO (eV)	LUMO (eV)	Energy Band Gap	Total Energy (Hartree)	Dipole Moment (Debye)
RHF	-0.30717	0.04286	0.35003	-1602.7509	6.1795
B3LYP	-0.21689	-0.08978	0.12711	-1610.6173	6.8948

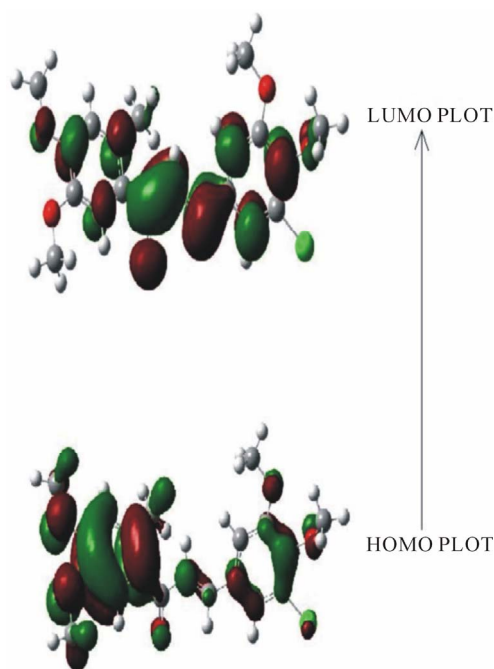


Figure 7. The HOMO and LUMO plots by B3LYP method of the title compound.

Table 6. Minimal inhibition concentrations of bacterial and fungle strains (MIC) in µg/ml.

Bacteria	<i>S. aureus</i> MTCC 96	<i>S. pyogenus</i> MTCC 443	<i>E. coli</i> MTCC 442	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> MTCC 441
Std. Drug Gentamycin	0.05	1.0	0.25	0.5
Present study	6.25	25	100	250
Fungal	<i>C. albicans</i> MTCC 227			
Std. Drug K. Nystatin	1000			
Present study	500			

## 5. Conclusion

A novel chalcone derivative, 3-(3-chloro-4,5-dimethoxy-phenyl)-1-(4,5-dimethoxy-2-methyl phenyl) prop-2-en-1-one,  $C_{20}H_{21}ClO_5$ , has been synthesized. The synthesized product has been confirmed by chemical analysis, IR,  $^1H$  NMR and  $^{13}C$  NMR, also its three-dimensional structure has been investigated by single crystal X-ray

diffraction technique. The predicted optimized molecular conformation is in a good agreement with experimental results. The results of RMSE and correlation coefficient predict the best matching of experimental and theoretical data. The analysis of Milliken charge distributions supports the presence of intra and intermolecular interactions involving the specific atoms. HOMO-LUMO energy band gap further supports the presents of molecular interactions, showing the charge transfer within the molecule. MIC reports reveal that the synthesized drugs are good responses against *S. aureus* bacteria compared to other panel of organisms.

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