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# Synthesis spectral characterization of chalcone: Structural elucidation through single-crystal XRD, Hirshfeld surface analysis, and DFT calculations

### ABSTRACT

Organic compound (E)-6-(3-(p-tolyl)acryloyl)-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-3(4H)-one [6TABO] with molecular formula  $C_{18}H_{15}NO_3$  was synthesized using Claisen–Schmidt condensation reaction method. FT-IR and  $^1H$  NMR spectra were recorded to identify the various functional groups present in the compound and confirm the chemical structure. The UV–Visible spectrum study reveals that the crystal is transparent in the entire visible region and the absorption is observed at 325.40 nm. Single-crystal XRD studies show that the compound crystallizes in the monoclinic system with a space group  $P 1 2_1/c 1$ . The corresponding lattice parameters of the crystal are  $a = 13.0723$  (7) Å,  $b = 7.1789$  (4) Å,  $c = 16.1812$  (9) Å,  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 109.148$  (2) $^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 90^\circ$ . The Hirshfeld surface and 2-D fingerprint analysis were performed to study the nature of interactions and their quantitative contributions towards the crystal packing. Structure determination was optimized by Density Functional Theory (DFT) using B3LYP/6-311G++(d, p) method in the ground state.

**Keywords:** Chalcones, Single crystals, Hirshfeld surface, Fingerprint plots, DFT studies.

### INTRODUCTION

Chalcone compounds are unsaturated ketone involving the reactive keto-ethylenic group (CO-CH=CH-) which gave colored compounds due to the presence of (CO-CH=CH) the chromophore group [1-5]. Molecular Hirshfeld surface [6, 7] analysis in the crystal depicts a method to study the nature of the intermolecular interactions using a partitioning of crystal space in an innovative visual manner. The associated fingerprint plots [8] represent the intermolecular interaction in a convenient color plot.

## Experimental section

### Instruments

The IR spectrum was recorded in AVATAR-330 FT-IR spectrophotometer and only noteworthy absorption levels (reciprocal centimeters) were listed.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded at 300 and 400 MHz on Bruker AMX 300 and 400 MHz spectrophotometers using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent and TMS as internal standard. The reactions and the purity of the products were assessed by performing TLC. All the reported melting points were taken in open capillaries and were uncorrected.

### Synthesis

The ethanolic solution of 6-Acetyl-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-(4H)-3-one (0.4716g) and p-methylbenzaldehyde (0.7642g) was stirred with a small quantity of N/10 sodium hydroxide solution for 4 hours. The resulting solution was poured into ice-water and the formed precipitate was filtered. The crude Chalcone was recrystallized from ethanol.

### Reaction

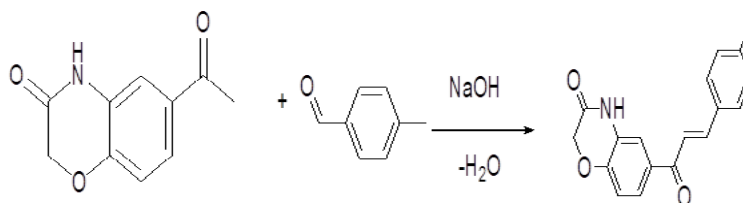


Table 1

| Compound | Molecular formula                       | Molecular weight | Melting point( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) |
|----------|---|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 6TABO    | $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3$ | 295.3            | 148.9                               |

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

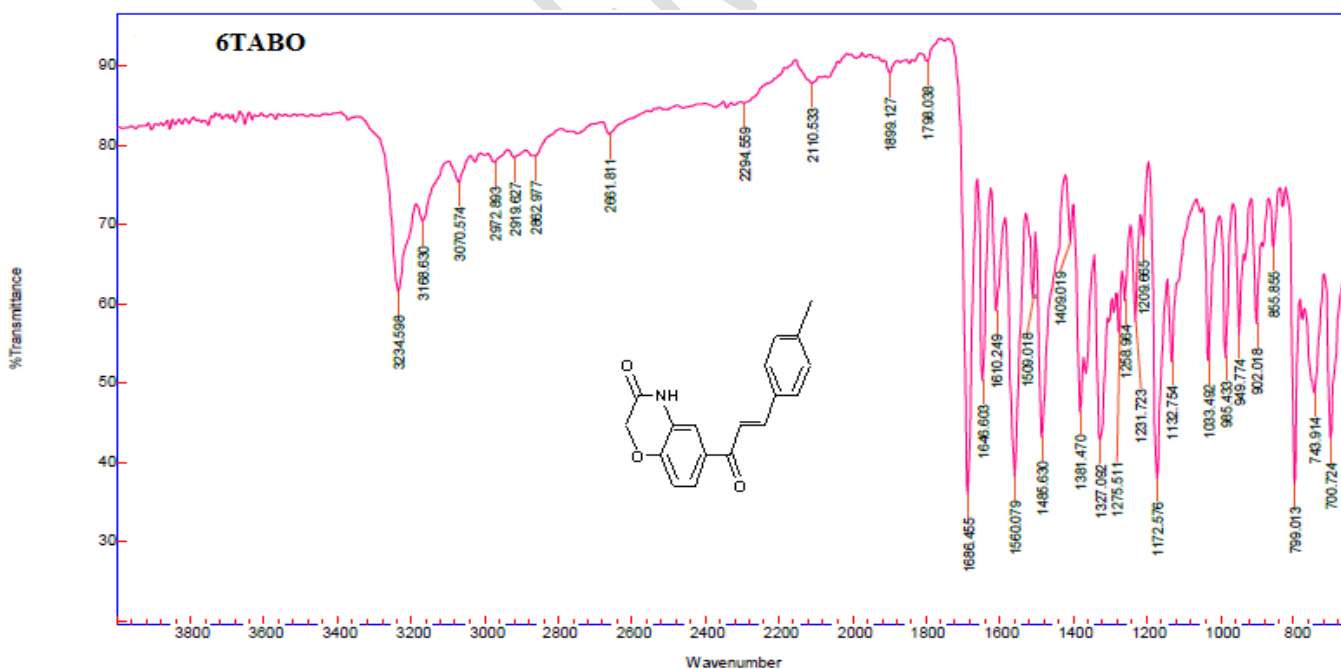
### ANALYSIS OF FT-IR SPECTRUM

Infrared Spectroscopy gives information on molecular vibration or more precisely on transitions between vibrational and rotational energy levels in molecules.

Absorption of radiation in the infrared region results in the excitation of bond deformations, either stretching or bending, various stretching and bending vibrations occur at certain quantized frequencies. When infrared light of that frequency is incident on the molecule, energy is absorbed and the amplitude of that vibration is increased. The infrared spectrum is obtained when the frequency of molecular vibration corresponds to the frequency of the infrared radiation absorbed. The vibrational frequency depends on the force constant and reduced mass of the atom. The influence of small changes in molecular structure on vibrational frequencies is a mesomeric effect, inductive effect, field-effect, steric effect and hydrogen bonding, etc. The carbonyl group in conjugation with the double bond /aromatic ring results in the delocalization of the  $\pi$  electrons of both unsaturated groups and reduces the double bond character of carbonyl frequency. The lowering of absorption frequencies of both  $>C=C<$  and  $>C=O$  groups are attributed to the resonance as shown below:

The introduction of the double bond in conjugation with carbonyl group also lowers the vibrational frequency to  $1646\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $C=C$  stretching frequency observed at  $1610\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The presence of absorption bands at  $1560$ ,  $1509$ , and  $1485\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is due to the aromatic skeletal stretching.

The structure frequency at  $3234\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is due to the oxazinyl  $>N-H$ . The amide  $>C=O$  group of benzooxazinyl moiety appears at  $1686\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (**Fig-1**).



**Fig-1. FT-IR Spectrum of compound 6TABO**

## <sup>1</sup>H NMR SPECTRA

There has been considerable interest in the literature in recent days to correlate chemical shifts of protons with substituent constants in various systems. Dhama and Stothers[9,10] have extensively studied the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of a large number of acetophenones and styrenes with a view to establish the validity of the additivity of substituent effects on aromatic shieldings. Leterbur[11] measured the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compounds of the type  $RC_6H_4-CH=CH-CO-CMe_3$  and sought Hammett correlations for the ethylenic protons. In general, the signals for aromatic protons present in a molecule appear in the downfield region of around 7 ppm due to magnetic anisotropic effect. In most of the cases, since the absorption of the olefinic protons in the chalcones are also in the aromatic region, it is quite difficult to differentiate the olefinic proton signals from that of the aryl protons.

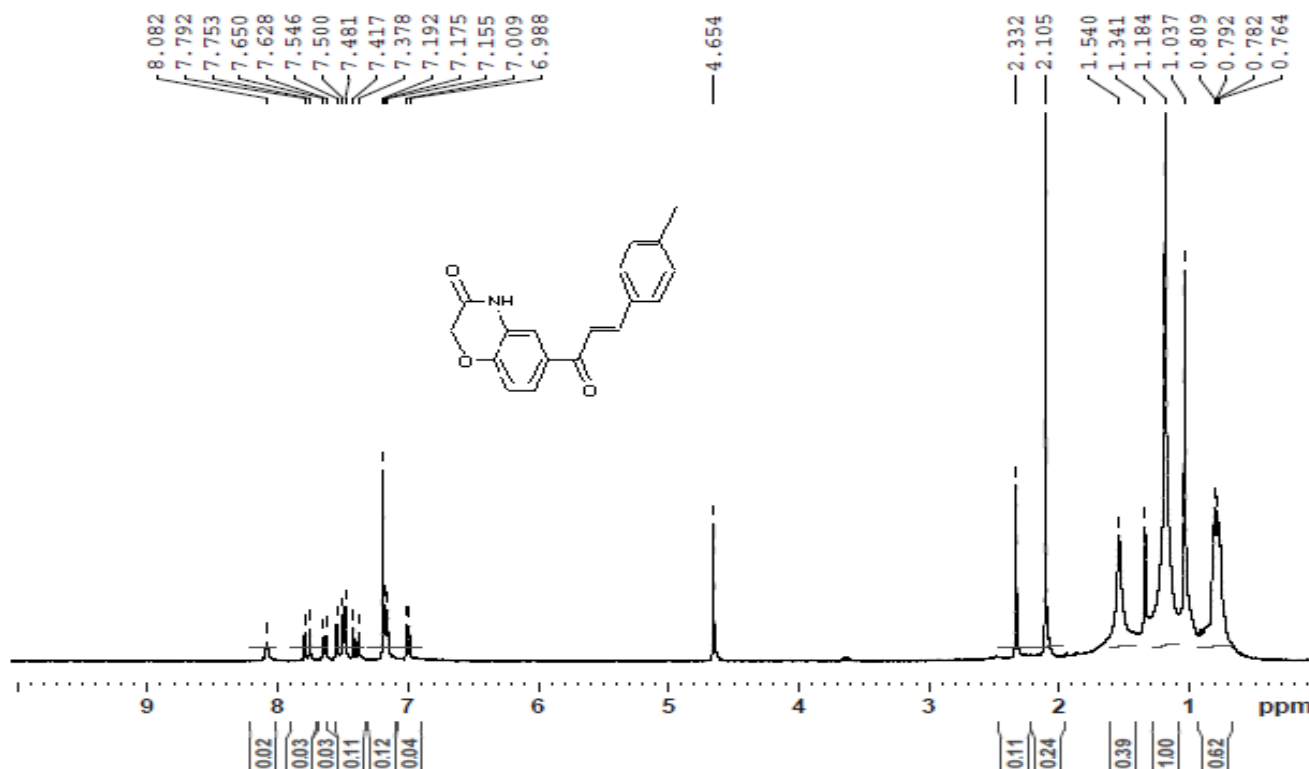
Generally of the two olefinic protons in chalcones, the one nearest to the aromatic ring ( $H_\beta$  proton) resonates in the deshielding region compared to that of  $\alpha$ -proton ( $H_\alpha$ ) because this will experience a magnetic field from the induced circulation of  $\pi$  electrons in the aromatic ring, which will augment the applied field and hence lead to a higher  $\delta$  value.

The signals of the ethylenic proton in the compound investigated in the study are assigned. The ethylenic proton ( $H_\alpha$  and  $H_\beta$ ) signal appears as doublet and are well separated from the signals of the aromatic protons.

$H_\beta$  proton shift for the compound 6TABO lies in 7.753 ppm and the  $H_\alpha$  proton resonates at 6.988 ppm.

The peak at 4.654 ppm is due to the protons of oxazinyl methane group.

The singlet at 8.082 ppm is assigned to the  $>NH$  proton. The singlet in the up field region (2.332 ppm) is due to methyl protons in the p-position of the phenyl ring. **(Fig-2).**

**6TABO**

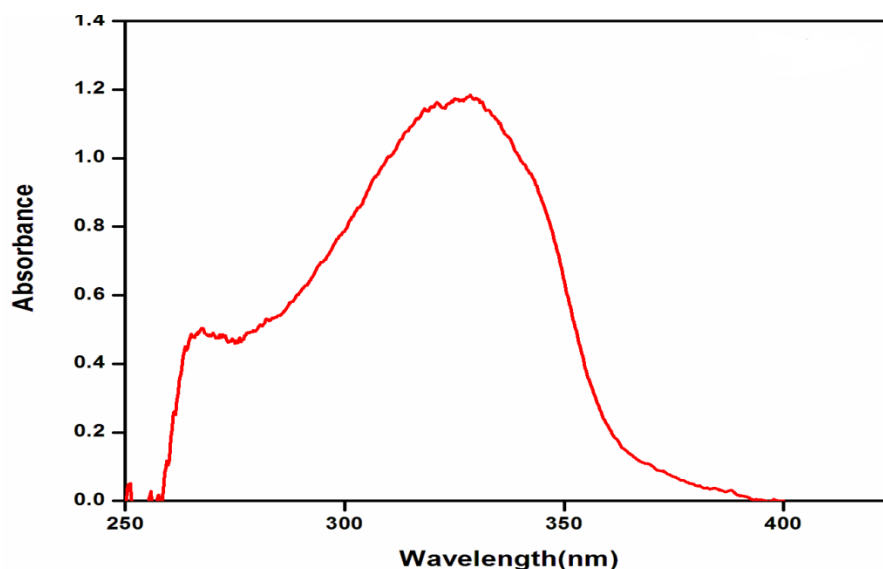
**Fig-2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of compound 6TABO**

### UV ABSORPTION SPECTRUM

The recorded UV spectrum for the new compound is shown in Fig. 3. Most of the absorption spectroscopy of organic compounds is based on transitions of n or  $\pi$  electrons to the  $\pi^*$  excited state which takes place in the range 200–700 nm. In this point of view, the max absorption peak observed at 325.40 nm (Fig. 3) can be assigned to  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition and may be attributed to the excitation in the aromatic ring and C=O group [29].

**Table 2**  
**UV spectral data of compound 6TABO**

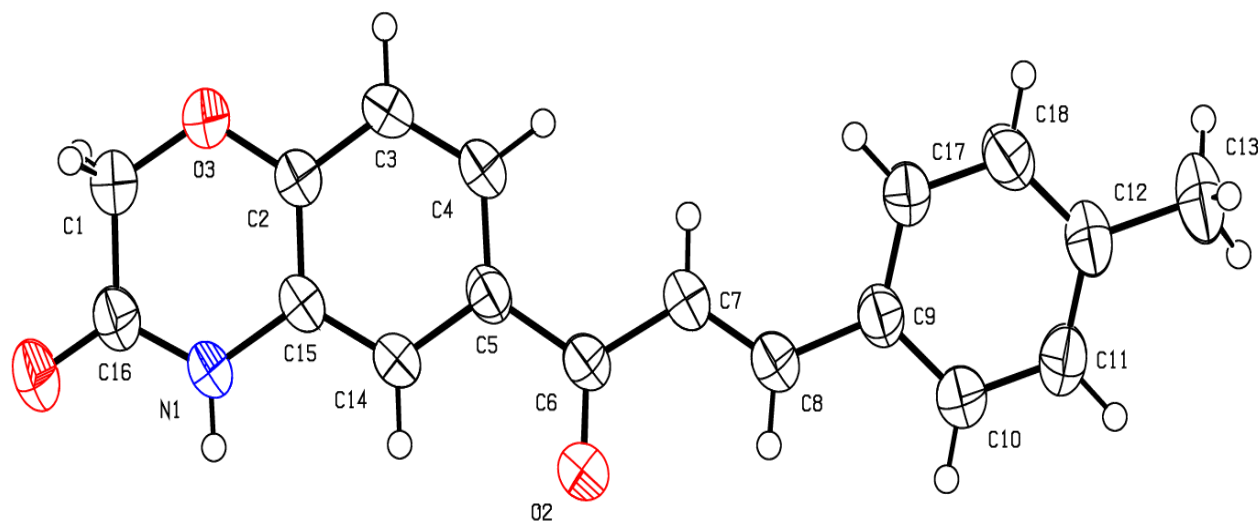
| Solvent          | $\lambda_{\max}$ | $\gamma_{\text{abs}} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ |
|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| CCl <sub>4</sub> | 325.40           | 1.196                                 |



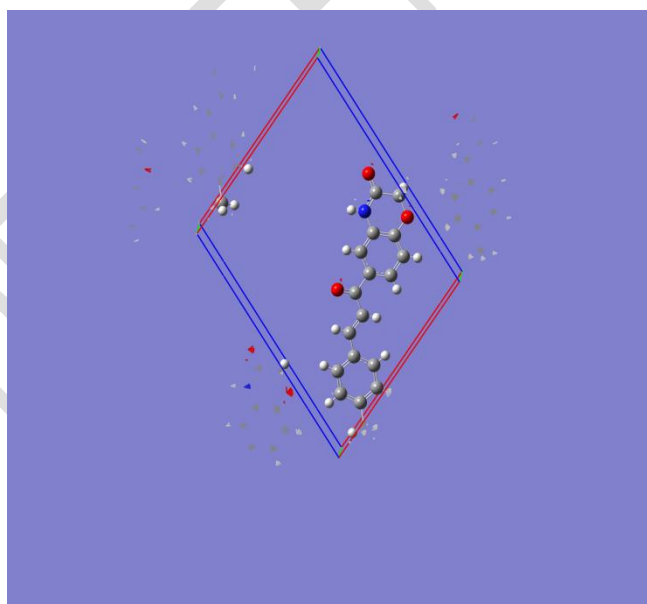
**Fig-3.**The UV absorption spectrum of compound 6TABO in CCl<sub>4</sub>

### **X-ray crystallographic analysis of compound 6TABO**

The compound (**6TABO**) is characterized by spectral studies and single-crystal X-ray analysis. The compound crystallizes in the monoclinic space group  $P 1 21/c 1$  with the following unit cell parameters:  $a = 13.0723 (7) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 7.1789 (4) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 16.1812 (9) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 109.148 (2)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 90^\circ$ . The crystal structure was solved by direct methods using single-crystal X-ray diffraction data collected at  $302 (2) \text{ K}$  and refined by full-matrix least-squares procedures to a final R-value of 0.0645 for 0.1794 observed reflections. The crystal ORTEP structure and packing diagram Figs. **4** and **5**. Crystal data and details of the structure determination of the compound **6TABO** shows in **Table-3**, selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ), bond angles ( $^\circ$ ), Torsion angles ( $^\circ$ ), of the compound **39** are shown in Table **4-6**.



**Fig-4. ORTEP structure of compound 6TABO**



**Fig-5. Packing diagram of compound 6TABO**

**Table-3: Crystal data and details of the structure determination of the compound 6TABO**

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Empirical Formula        | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>15</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> |
| Formula weight           | 293.31 g/mol                                    |
| Crystal system           | monoclinic                                      |
| Space group              | P 1 21/c 1                                      |
| Cell constant            | -   |
| a (Å)                    | 13.0723(7)                                      |
| b (Å)                    | 7.1789(4)                                       |
| c (Å)                    | 16.1812(9)                                      |
| α (°)                    | 90°   |
| β (°)                    | 109.148(2)°                                     |
| γ (°)                    | 90°   |
| Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> ) | 1434.51(14)                                     |
| z                        | 4   |
| Crystal size (mm)        | 0.210x 0.290x 0.350                             |
| Radiation                | <b>Mo Ka</b> λ = 0.71073 Å                      |
| Temperature              | 302(2) K  |
| Θ limits (°)             | 2.67 to 30.11°                                  |
| Index range              | -18 ≤ h ≤ 18,<br>-10 ≤ k ≤ 10,<br>-22 ≤ l ≤ 22, |
| Reflections collected    | 21206   |
| Goodness-of-fit          | 1.222   |
| Completeness             | 99.2%   |



**Table-4: Selected bond lengths (Å) of the compound 6TABO**

| <b>Bond Lengths</b> |          |         |            |
|---------------------|----------|---------|------------|
| O1-C16              | 1.223(2) | O2-C6   | 1.233(2)   |
| O3-C2               | 1.362(2) | O3-C1   | 1.390(2)   |
| N1-C16              | 1.334(2) | N1-C15  | 1.4005(19) |
| N1-H1A              | 0.86     | C1-C16  | 1.501(3)   |
| C1-H3               | 0.97     | C1-H1   | 0.97       |
| C2-C3               | 1.376(2) | C2-C15  | 1.385(2)   |
| C3-C4               | 1.382(3) | C3-H4   | 0.93       |
| C4-C5               | 1.387(3) | C4-H5   | 0.93       |
| C5-C14              | 1.398(2) | C5-C6   | 1.475(2)   |
| C6-C7               | 1.467(2) | C7-C8   | 1.328(3)   |
| C7-H7               | 0.93     | C8-C9   | 1.458(2)   |
| C8-H8               | 0.93     | C9-C10  | 1.384(3)   |
| C9-C17              | 1.389(3) | C10-C11 | 1.374(2)   |
| C10-H11             | 0.93     | C11-C12 | 1.381(3)   |
| C11-H10             | 0.93     | C12-C18 | 1.38493    |
| C12-C13             | 1.504(2) | C13-H12 | 0.96       |
| C13-H2              | 0.96     | C13-H13 | 0.96       |
| C14-C15             | 1.37892) | C14-H6  | 0.93       |
| C17-C18             | 1.374(2) | C17-H14 | 0.93       |
| C18-H9              | 0.93     |         |            |

**Table-5: Selected bond Angles (°) of the compound 6TABO**

| <b>Bond Angles</b> |             |             |            |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| C2-O3-C1           | 120.12(15)  | C16-N1-C15  | 123.35(16) |
| C16-N1-H1A         | 118.3       | C15-N1-H1A  | 118.3      |
| O3-C1-C16          | 119.58(16)  | O3-C1-H3    | 107.4      |
| C16-C1-H3          | 107.4       | O3-C1-H1    | 107.4      |
| C16-C1-H1          | 107.4       | H3-C1-H1    | 107        |
| O3-C2-C3           | 118.29(17)  | O3-C2-C15   | 121.10(15) |
| C3-C2-C15          | 120.61(17)  | C2-C3-C4    | 119.81(17) |
| C2-C3-H4           | 120.1       | C4-C3-H4    | 120.1      |
| C3-C4-C5           | 120.88(16)  | C3-C4-H5    | 119.6      |
| C5-C4-H5           | 119.6       | C4-C5-C14   | 118.26(16) |
| C4-C5-C6           | 123.90(15)  | C14-C5-C6   | 117.82(16) |
| O2-C6-C7           | 120.439(16) | O2-C6-C5    | 119.11(15) |
| C7-C6-C5           | 120.46(16)  | C8-C7-C6    | 121.13(18) |
| C8-C7-H7           | 119.4       | C6-C7-H7    | 119.4      |
| C7-C8-C9           | 128.62(19)  | C7-C8-H8    | 115.7      |
| C9-C8-H8           | 115.7       | C10-C9-C17  | 116.96(17) |
| C10-C9-C8          | 119.10(17)  | C17-C9-C8   | 123.94(18) |
| C11-C10-C9         | 121.97(18)  | C17-C10-H11 | 119        |
| C9-C10-H11         | 119         | C10-C11-C12 | 120.98(19) |
| C10-C11-H10        | 119.5       | C12-C11-H10 | 119.5      |
| C11-C12-C18        | 117.309(17) | C11-C12-C13 | 120.9(2)   |
| C18-C12-C13        | 121.84(19)  | C12-C13-H12 | 109.5      |
| C12-C13-H2         | 109.5       | H12-C13-H2  | 109.5      |
| C12-C13-H13        | 109.5       | H12-C13-H13 | 109.5      |
| H2-C13-H13         | 109.5       | C15-C14-C5  | 121.19(16) |
| C15-C14-H6         | 119.4       | C5-C14-H6   | 119.4      |
| C14-C15-C2         | 119.23(15)  | C14-C15-N1  | 121.28(16) |
| C2-C15-N1          | 119.49(16)  | O1-C16-N1   | 123.91(18) |
| O1-C16-C1          | 119.76(17)  | N1-C16-C1   | 116.32(16) |
| C18-C17-C9         | 120.94(18)  | O18-C17-H14 | 119.5      |
| C9-C17-H14         | 119.5       | C17-C18-C12 | 121.82(18) |
| C17-C18-H9         | 119.1       | C12-C18-H9  | 119.1      |

**Table-6: Torsion angles (°) of the compound 6TABO**

|                 |             |                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| C2-O3-C1-C16    | -0.6(3)     | C1-O3-C2-C3     | 178.0(2)    |
| C1-O3-C2-C15    | -1.1(3)     | O3-C2-C3-C4     | 179.60(18)  |
| C15-C2-C3-C4    | -1.3(3)     | C2-C3-C4-C5     | -0.3(3)     |
| C3-C4-C5-C14    | 1.2(3)      | C3-C4-C5-C6     | -177.22(18) |
| C4-C5-C6-O2     | 167.02(19)  | C14-C5-C6-O2    | -11.4(3)    |
| C4-C5-C6-C7     | -12.9(3)    | C14-C5-C6-C7    | 168.72(15)  |
| O2-C6-C7-C8     | 6.8(3)      | C5-C6-C7-C8     | -173.29(16) |
| C6-C7-C8-C9     | -179.58(16) | C7-C8-C9-C10    | -170.64(19) |
| C7-C8-C9-C17    | 9.5(3)      | C17-C9-C10-C11  | 0.7(3)      |
| C8-C9-C10-C11   | -179.12(18) | C9-C10-C11-C12  | 0.9(3)      |
| C10-C11-C12-C18 | -1.4(3)     | C10-C11-C12-C13 | 178.52(18)  |
| C4-C5-C14-C15   | -0.6(3)     | C6-C5-C14-C15   | 177.95(16)  |
| C5-C14-C15-C2   | -1.0(3)     | C5-C14-C15-N1   | 178.83(15)  |
| O3-C2-C15-C14   | -179.00(17) | C3-C2-C15-C14   | 1.9(3)      |
| O3-C2-C15-N1    | 1.2(3)      | C3-C2-C15-N1    | -177.92(17) |
| C16-N1-C15-C14  | -179.22(17) | C16-N1-C15-C2   | 0.6(3)      |
| C15-N1-C16-O1   | 178.83(16)  | C15-N1-C16-C1   | -2.1(3)     |
| O3-C1-C16-O1    | -178.8(2)   | O3-C1-C16-N1    | 2.1(3)      |
| C10-C9-C17-C18  | -1.7(3)     | C8-C9-C17-C18   | 178.10(17)  |
| C9-C17-C18-C12  | 1.2(3)      | C11-C12-C18-C17 | 0.4(3)      |
| C13-C12-C18-C17 | -179.55(18) |                 |             |

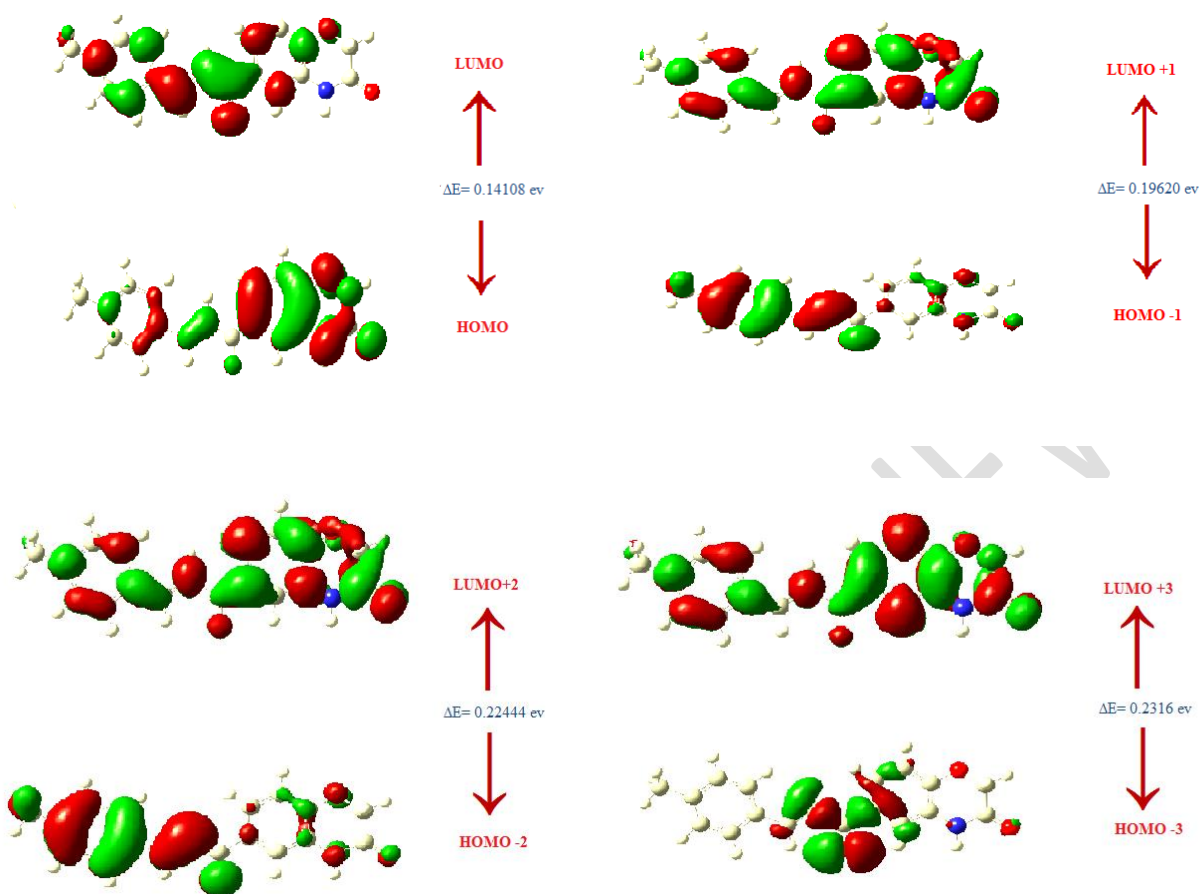
### Frontier molecular orbitals and molecular electrostatic potential

FMO analyses have been considered excellent in predicting the chemical stability of the molecules under investigation [12]. The lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) and highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) is very important quantum orbitals. Usually, the LUMO expresses the capacity of accepting an electron while HOMO denotes the electron donation ability [13]. The HOMO-LUMO energy gap is an important parameter for predicting the chemical reactivity and dynamic stability of molecules [14]. Furthermore, the prediction of the energy difference between FMOs is a wonderful sign for a lot of important variables such as

chemical hardness ( $\eta$ ), global softness ( $S$ ), and polarizability ( $\alpha$ ). It is well known that low energy gap of the FMO, as well as high polarizability, is better characteristics for good NLO compounds [15]. Fig. 6 illustrates the calculated energies difference and the ground state isodensity surface plots for the FMOs of 6TABO was shown in Table 7, the FMO energy gap and the global softness ( $S$ ) were affecting by the length and the conformation of the alkoxy chain. As the length of terminal wings increase, the global softness and the polarizability increase. Consequently, it is predicted that as the length of the alkoxy chains increases, their characteristics improve to be more proper candidates in nonlinear optical applications, Table 7.

| Compound 6TABO                         |                                       |   |   |                              |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|
| Dipole Moment                          |                                       | 5.9703  |   |                              |
| HOMO                                   | LUMO                                  | $\Delta E$<br>( $E_{\text{LUMO}} - E_{\text{HOMO}}$ ) | $\eta =$<br>$\Delta E(E_{\text{LUMO}} - E_{\text{HOMO}})/2$ | $S = 1/\Delta E = (1/2\eta)$ |
| $E_{\text{HOMO}}$ (a.u)<br>-0.23701    | $E_{\text{LUMO}}$ (a.u)<br>-0.09593   | 0.14108   | 0.07054   | 7.088177                     |
| $E_{\text{HOMO}-1}$ (a.u)<br>-0.24516  | $E_{\text{LUMO}+1}$ (a.u)<br>-0.04890 | 0.19626   | 0.09813   | 5.095282                     |
| $E_{\text{HOMO}-2}$ (a.u)<br>-0.026224 | $E_{\text{LUMO}+2}$ (a.u)<br>-0.03780 | 0.22444   | 0.11222   | 4.455534                     |
| $E_{\text{HOMO}-3}$ (a.u)<br>-0.26304  | $E_{\text{LUMO}+3}$ (a.u)<br>-0.3144  | 0.2316  | 0.1158  | 4.317789                     |

Table-7. Molecular orbital energies, hardness ( $\eta$ ), and global softness ( $S$ ) of 6TABO



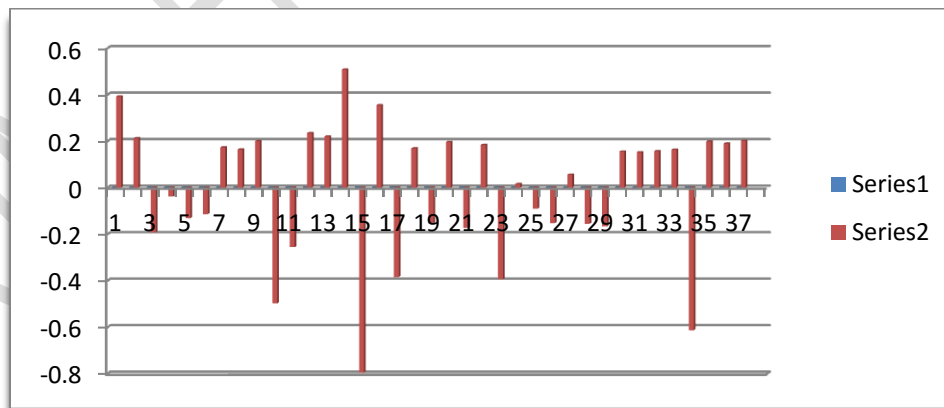
**Fig. 6. The calculated ground state isodensity surface plots for frontier molecular orbitals of 6TABO**

### Mulliken charges distribution

The natural population analysis of the chalcone derivative is obtained by Mulliken. It describes the distribution of charges in the various sub-shells (core, valance, Rydberg) in the molecular orbital. The accumulation of natural charges on individual atom of the title molecule is given in the Table 8. Mulliken atomic charge calculation has an important role for the application of quantum chemical calculation of the molecular system. Atomic charge affects dipole moment, polarizability, electronic structure and other molecular properties of the system. Atoms represented by colours according to its Mulliken charges and graphical representation was shown in Fig.7

| Atoms           | Mulliken Charges | Atoms           | Mulliken Charges | Atoms           | Mulliken Charges |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| C <sub>1</sub>  | 0.392829         | H <sub>13</sub> | 0.220595         | C <sub>25</sub> | -0.090027        |
| C <sub>2</sub>  | 0.212872         | C <sub>14</sub> | 0.508612         | C <sub>26</sub> | -0.152129        |
| C <sub>3</sub>  | -0.192027        | N <sub>15</sub> | -0.794911        | C <sub>27</sub> | 0.055655         |
| C <sub>4</sub>  | -0.037183        | H <sub>16</sub> | 0.355994         | C <sub>28</sub> | -0.155310        |
| C <sub>5</sub>  | -0.130909        | O <sub>17</sub> | -0.384455        | C <sub>29</sub> | -0.166850        |
| C <sub>6</sub>  | -0.114917        | C <sub>18</sub> | 0.169208         | H <sub>30</sub> | 0.155414         |
| H <sub>7</sub>  | 0.173574         | C <sub>19</sub> | -0.153641        | H <sub>31</sub> | 0.152237         |
| H <sub>8</sub>  | 0.164291         | H <sub>20</sub> | 0.196551         | H <sub>32</sub> | 0.157437         |
| H <sub>9</sub>  | 0.200460         | C <sub>21</sub> | -0.173340        | H <sub>33</sub> | 0.163726         |
| O <sub>10</sub> | -0.497500        | H <sub>22</sub> | 0.183777         | C <sub>34</sub> | -0.612695        |
| C <sub>11</sub> | -0.255711        | O <sub>23</sub> | -0.393198        | H <sub>35</sub> | 0.198738         |
| H <sub>12</sub> | 0.234452         | C <sub>24</sub> | 0.016589         | H <sub>36</sub> | 0.189962         |
|                 |                  |                 |                  | H <sub>37</sub> | 0.201829         |

**Table 8. Mulliken Atomic Charges at B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)**

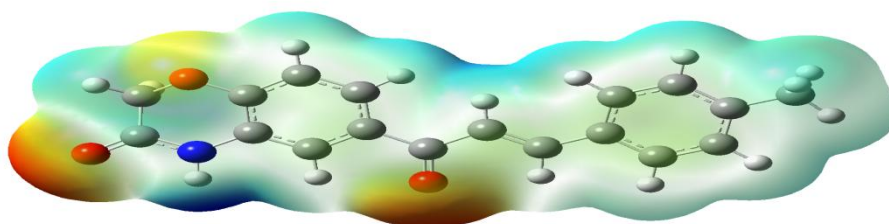


**Fig.7. Mulliken Charges and graphical representation at B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)**

## Molecular Electrostatic Potential (MEP)

The electrostatic potential that is made in the space around a particle by its cores and electrons (treated as static conveyances of charge) is an exceptionally valuable property for breaking down and foreseeing sub-atomic responsive conduct.

The potential has been especially valuable as a marker of the destinations or areas of a particle to which an drawing nearer electrophile and nucleophile is at first drawn in. The atomic electrostatic potential (MEP) is connected to the electronic thickness and is extremely helpful descriptor for deciding destinations for electrophilic assault and nucleophilic responses just as hydrogen-holding associations. The responsive locales for electrophilic and nucleophilic assault for HMHP-I, is displayed in Fig.8. With MEP investigation, the responsive destinations can be situated by various shading codes. The Red tone in the MEP realistic demonstrates an Electron-rich site which is a negative locale showing Electrophilic reactivity. The Blue tone in the MEP realistic shows an Electron-lacking site, which is a positive locale showing Nucleophilic reactivity. Furthermore, the Green tone in the MEP realistic shows the impartial, zero electrostatic potential locale showing Hydrogen-holding connections.



**Fig.8. MEP Reactive Sites Calculated at B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)**

## Hirshfeld surface analysis

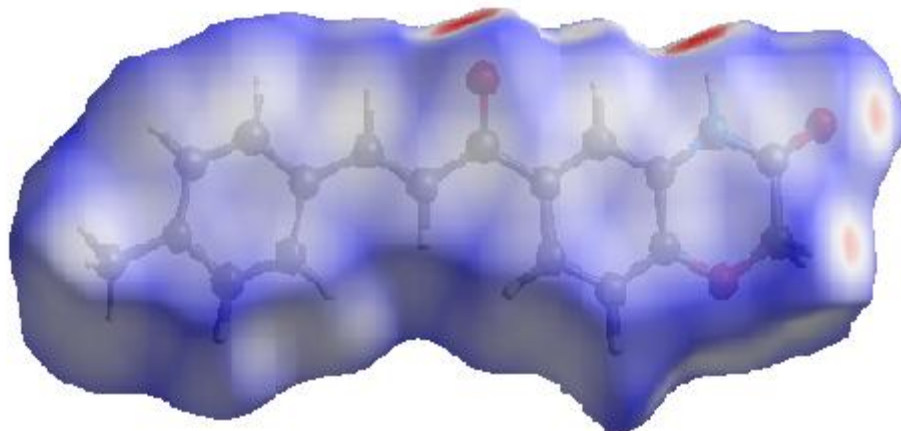
The Hirshfeld surface has become a valuable tool for analyzing intermolecular interactions in a novel visual manner [16]. Hirshfeld surfaces of molecules are generated by partitioning space in the crystal into regions where the electron distribution of a sum of spherical atoms for the molecule (promolecule) dominates the corresponding sum over the crystal (procrystal). The Hirshfeld surface is the 0.5 isosurface for the normalized weighted electron density (or weight function  $w(r) = 0.5$ ), a density that is defined as the ratio of the electron density for the promolecule to the electron density for the procrystal [17, 18].

$$w(r) = \frac{\sum_{a \in \text{molecule}} [\rho_a(r)]}{\sum_{a \in \text{crystal}} [\rho_a(r)]} = \frac{\rho_{\text{promolecule}}(r)}{\rho_{\text{procrystal}}(r)} \quad \text{-----(1)}$$

Hirshfeld surfaces and their related fingerprint plots are generated using the program Crystal Explorer 3.0 [19]. The Crystallographic Information File (.cif) file of single-crystal X-ray diffraction is used as input to the Crystal Explorer program. The Hirshfeld surface is unique for a given crystal structure and a set of spherical atomic electron densities. For each point on that 3D Hirshfeld surface, two distances are specified: the distance from the Hirshfeld surface to the nearest nucleus inside the surface  $d_i$  and the distance from the surface to the nearest nucleus outside the surface  $d_e$ . Then  $d_{\text{norm}}$  is a normalized contact distance, which is defined in terms of  $d_i$ ,  $d_e$ , and the van der Waals (vdW) radii of the atoms [20, 21].

$$d_{\text{norm}} = \frac{d_i - r_i^{\text{vdw}}}{r_i^{\text{vdw}}} + \frac{d_e - r_e^{\text{vdw}}}{r_e^{\text{vdw}}} \quad \text{-----}(2)$$

The-Fig. 9 is obtained by mapping  $d_{\text{norm}}$  over the Hirshfeld surface. It also displays intermolecular interactions with the neighboring molecules. The surfaces are shown as transparent to allow visualization of the orientation and conformation of the functional groups inside the surface. The C–H...O hydrogen bonds are shown by green dotted lines. The  $d_{\text{norm}}$  values [22, 30, 31] are mapped over the Hirshfeld surface by using a red–white–blue color scheme where red regions represent closer contacts with a negative  $d_{\text{norm}}$  value, white regions represent the distance of contacts exactly comparable to the Van der Waals separation with a  $d_{\text{norm}}$  value of zero and blue regions represent longer contacts with a positive  $d_{\text{norm}}$  value. In  $d_{\text{norm}}$  surfaces, the large circular deep red colored depressions indicate hydrogen-bonding contacts and other spots are due to H–H contacts.

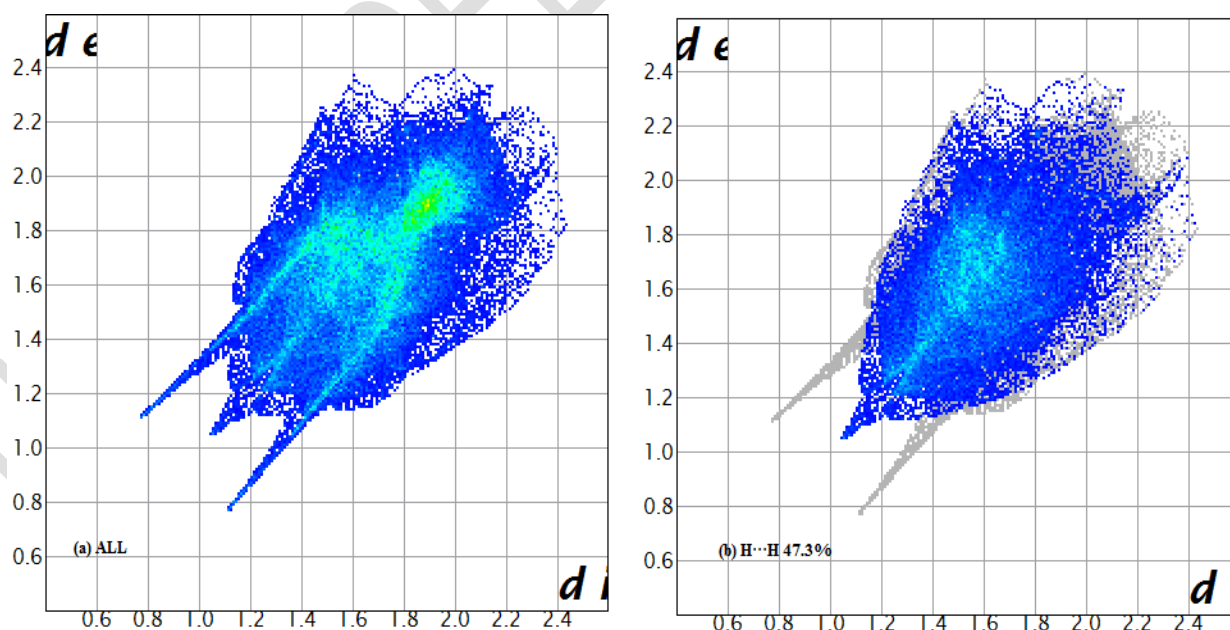


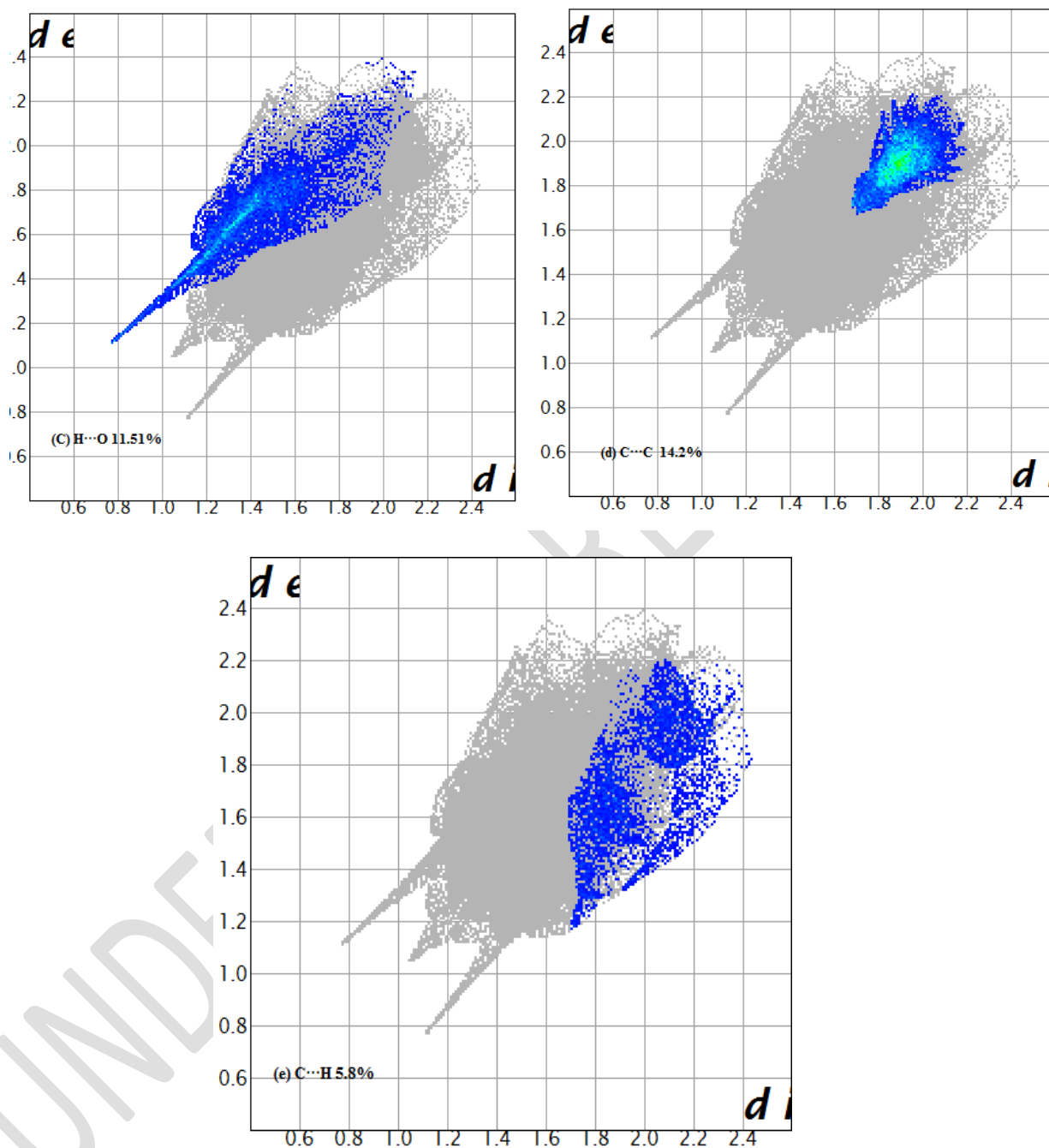
**Fig.9- Hirshfeld surface of compound 6TABO**



The 2-D fingerprint plots quantitatively give the nature and type of intermolecular contacts experienced by the molecules in the crystal. It plots the distance ( $d_i$ ) from the nearest atom inside the surface against the distance ( $d_e$ ) to the nearest atom external to the surface. The two-dimensional fingerprint plots are constructed by binning ( $d_i$ ,  $d_e$ ) pairs and coloring each bin as a function of the fraction of surface points in that bin, ranging from blue (few points) through green (moderate fraction) to red (many points). The outline of the full fingerprint is shown in grey color [23- 31].

In this analysis the different interactions can be separated from each other that would commonly overlap in full fingerprint plots. The 2-D fingerprint plots of the compound for all major intermolecular interactions with their percentage of contribution to the total Hirshfeld surface area for the molecule is shown in Fig. 10. The 2-D fingerprint plot for all the intermolecular interactions are shown in Fig. 10a. The  $H\cdots H$  interactions which are reflected in the middle of scattered points and cover most of the area in the 2-D fingerprint plots is shown in Fig. 10b, exhibit the most significant contribution of 47.31% to the total Hirshfeld surfaces. The  $H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonding intermolecular interactions in the 2D fingerprint plots, contributes 11.51% to the total Hirshfeld surfaces is shown in Fig. 10c. The  $C\cdots C$  (Fig.10d.) and  $C\cdots H$  interactions (Fig.10e.) in the 2D fingerprint plots contributes 14.2% and 5.8% to the total Hirshfeld surfaces. Hence both Hirshfeld surfaces and fingerprint plots facilitate the comparison of intermolecular interactions in building supramolecular motifs in the crystal structure.





**Fig. 10. Fingerprint plots of the compound where  $d_i$  and  $d_e$  are in Å**

(a) The total contribution from all the interactions (b)  $H \cdots H$ , (c)  $H \cdots O$ , (d)  $C \cdots C$ , (e)  $C \cdots H$ , showing the percentage of contacts contributed to the total Hirshfeld surface area for the molecule. Blue color represents a low percentage of contacts and green a moderate percentage of contacts and outline of the full fingerprint is shown in grey.

## Conclusion

A new chalcone derivative (E)-6-(3-(p-tolyl)acryloyl)-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-3(4H)-one [6TABO] has been synthesized using the Claisen–Schmidt condensation reaction method. The structure is confirmed with the help of FT-IR spectra and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum. Crystal parameters are determined by single-crystal XRD study. The UV–visible study of MMPP indicates that the crystal is transparent in the entire visible range.

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