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5-Hydroxy-1,2-*O*-isopropylidene- α -D-xylo-hexofuranurono-6,3-lactone, C₉H₁₂O₇

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Abstract. $M_r = 232.19$, orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$, $a = 5.621$ (1), $b = 11.826$ (2), $c = 15.598$ (2) Å, $V = 1036.86$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $D_x = 1.49$ Mg m⁻³, $\lambda(\text{Cu } K\alpha) = 1.5418$ Å, $\mu(\text{Cu } K\alpha) = 1.024$ mm⁻¹, $F(000) = 488$, $T = 293$ K, final $R = 0.0683$ for 841 unique observed reflections. Both hydroxyl groups of the *gem* diol show characteristic short O–H bond lengths, and both appear to be involved in hydrogen bonding.

Introduction. The title compound was prepared by Mackie & Perlin (1965) and NMR studies indicated the probable structure to be a *gem* diol. This investigation confirms the structure.

Experimental. Material prepared as described by Mackie & Perlin (1965), recrystallized from water/2-propanol, rectangular prism 0.24 × 0.15 × 0.12 mm, Enraf–Nonius CAD-4F diffractometer, Ni-filtered Cu $K\alpha$; cell parameters from 73 θ measurements; reflections measured for four octants to $2\theta = 140^\circ$ for the ranges of h, k and l of 0 to 6, –14 to 14 and –19 to 19 respectively, 4262 reflections measured; 015 used as intensity control (74 measurements): average count of 10297 distributed with a standard deviation of 342.6 (= 3.3%) and no systematic trend; no absorption correction; data merged using *SHELX* (Sheldrick, 1976) to give 1021 unique reflections with a merging $R_{\text{int}} = 0.06$; 8 reflections with high F_c/F_o ratios, possibly due to extinction, removed and 172 reflections eliminated with $F < 3\sigma(F)$; structure solved with *MULTAN80* (Main *et al.*, 1980), non-H atoms refined by least squares, first with isotropic thermal parameters,

then anisotropic; H atoms of the methyl groups calculated at each stage, the remaining six H atoms found from a difference Fourier synthesis and refined with thermal-vibration parameters set at the equivalent U_{iso} of the attached atom; for final cycle, maximum shift/error 0.021, average 0.003; unit weights; difference Fourier synthesis showed a maximum value of 0.23 e Å⁻³ and a minimum of –0.26 e Å⁻³; atomic scattering factors from *MULTAN80* and *SHELX*.

Discussion. Fig. 1 shows the molecule and numbering scheme and Fig. 2 is an a -axis projection of the unit cell. Table 1* lists the atom coordinates and equivalent U_{iso} 's; Table 2 gives bond distances and angles.

The structure shows that the compound is a *gem* diol and not some form of hydrate. Both hydroxyl groups have short O–H bond distances [0.634 (77) and 0.694 (75) Å], as do most *gem* diols, *e.g.* 5,5-dihydroxybarbituric acid (Singh, 1965), ninhydrin (Medrud, 1969) and tetrahydrofuran-3,3,4,4-tetrol (Mighell & Jacobson, 1964). Both form hydrogen bonds, O(6) to O(4')(2– x , $\frac{1}{2} + y$, $\frac{1}{2} - z$) and O(7) to O(5')($x + 1$, y , z), with distances of 2.897 (13) and 2.791 (13) Å.

There are small differences in the obtuse angles between the two outer *trans* rings and the central ring,

* Lists of structure amplitudes, anisotropic thermal parameters, H-atom parameters and least-squares-planes' details have been deposited with the British Library Lending Division as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 38618 (11 pp.). Copies may be obtained through The Executive Secretary, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

112.1 (0.86)° [O(2)—C(3)—C(7)—C(6) to O(1)—C(7)—C(3)—C(2)] and 116.0 (1.06)° [O(2)—C(4)—C(6)—C(7) to O(3)—C(4)—C(6)—O(4)], compared with 110.5 and 114.2° respectively for 1,2-*O*-isopropylidene- α -D-glucufuranurono-6,3-lactone (Sheldrick, Mackie & Akrigg, 1983).

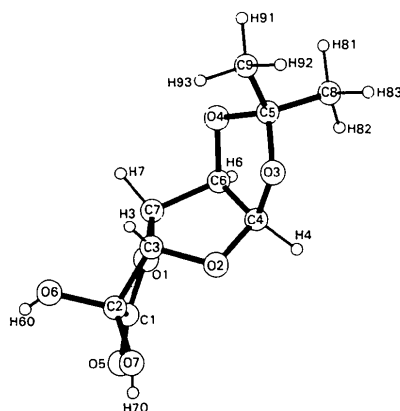


Fig. 1. View of the title compound with atom labels, drawn by the program *PLUTO78* (Motherwell, 1978).

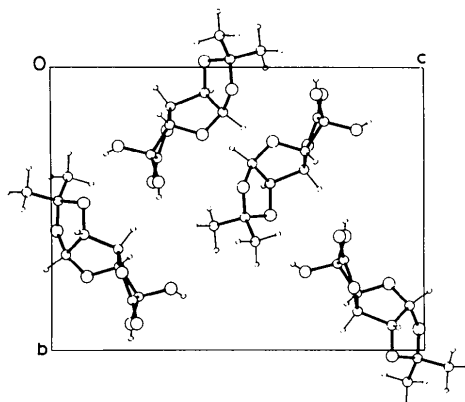


Fig. 2. Projection of the crystal structure along *a* (*PLUTO78*).

Table 1. Atom coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic temperature factors ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^4$)

$$U_{eq} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} \rho_i^* \rho_j^* a_i^* a_j^*$$

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> _{eq}
O(1)	7546 (9)	2244 (4)	3117 (4)	595
O(2)	12138 (10)	2380 (4)	4052 (3)	601
O(3)	12874 (11)	772 (5)	4856 (4)	701
O(4)	10119 (11)	-218 (4)	4122 (3)	590
O(5)	7223 (10)	4050 (5)	2729 (4)	634
O(6)	11398 (11)	2788 (5)	1808 (4)	649
O(7)	12274 (12)	4058 (5)	2870 (4)	629
C(1)	8429 (14)	3215 (7)	2845 (5)	523
C(2)	11118 (13)	3083 (6)	2677 (6)	494
C(3)	11716 (14)	2041 (7)	3191 (5)	531
C(4)	11111 (14)	1597 (6)	4615 (5)	544
C(5)	11842 (17)	-293 (7)	4812 (5)	614
C(6)	9267 (14)	901 (7)	4123 (5)	541
C(7)	9353 (14)	1386 (7)	3218 (5)	557
C(8)	10563 (22)	-598 (7)	5641 (5)	855
C(9)	13703 (20)	-1121 (10)	4538 (7)	1056

Table 2. Bond distances (\AA) and angles ($^\circ$)

C(1)—C(2)	1.542 (11)	C(2)—O(6)	1.409 (10)
C(2)—C(3)	1.508 (11)	C(2)—O(7)	1.358 (9)
C(3)—C(7)	1.538 (11)	C(3)—O(2)	1.422 (9)
C(4)—C(6)	1.530 (10)	C(4)—O(2)	1.401 (9)
C(6)—C(7)	1.525 (11)	C(4)—O(3)	1.441 (9)
C(5)—C(8)	1.523 (12)	C(5)—O(3)	1.388 (10)
C(5)—C(9)	1.495 (13)	C(5)—O(4)	1.450 (9)
C(1)—O(1)	1.321 (9)	C(6)—O(4)	1.407 (10)
C(1)—O(5)	1.211 (9)	C(7)—O(1)	1.444 (9)
O(1)—C(1)—C(2)	109.6 (7)	O(3)—C(5)—O(4)	105.1 (6)
O(1)—C(1)—O(5)	123.1 (7)	O(3)—C(5)—C(8)	111.7 (7)
C(2)—C(1)—O(5)	127.3 (8)	O(3)—C(5)—C(9)	108.5 (8)
C(1)—C(2)—C(3)	102.2 (7)	C(8)—C(5)—C(9)	114.7 (8)
C(1)—C(2)—O(6)	107.3 (7)	C(8)—C(5)—O(4)	109.2 (7)
C(1)—C(2)—O(7)	110.3 (6)	C(9)—C(5)—O(4)	107.2 (7)
O(6)—C(2)—C(3)	106.5 (6)	O(4)—C(6)—C(7)	110.1 (7)
O(6)—C(2)—O(7)	111.7 (7)	C(4)—C(6)—O(4)	106.0 (6)
O(7)—C(2)—C(3)	118.0 (7)	C(4)—C(6)—C(7)	103.9 (7)
C(2)—C(3)—O(2)	107.9 (6)	C(6)—C(7)—C(3)	104.0 (7)
C(2)—C(3)—C(7)	103.5 (6)	C(6)—C(7)—O(1)	110.1 (7)
C(7)—C(3)—O(2)	105.1 (7)	C(3)—C(7)—O(1)	104.5 (6)
O(2)—C(4)—O(3)	109.2 (6)	C(1)—O(1)—C(7)	112.4 (6)
O(2)—C(4)—C(6)	108.8 (6)	C(3)—O(2)—C(4)	109.6 (6)
C(6)—C(4)—O(3)	103.5 (6)	C(4)—O(3)—C(5)	108.3 (6)
		C(5)—O(4)—C(6)	106.5 (6)

The most pronounced change is shown by the bonds between O(3) and the attached C atoms, C(4) and C(5). Bond O(3)—C(4) has increased from 1.382 (7) to 1.441 (9) \AA while O(3)—C(5) has dropped from 1.486 (8) to 1.388 (10) \AA and the ring angles at O(3) and O(4) have decreased by 2.4 (5) and 3.9 (5)° respectively. Comparison with similar structures where an isopropylidene ring is fused to a furanose ring, using data extracted from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data File (Kennard, Watson, Allen, Motherwell, Town & Rogers, 1975), shows that, of 21 fragments published, 15 have the bond distance O(3)—C(5) > O(3)—C(4) and the remaining 6 have the reverse. In addition, the bond distance C(4)—O(2) resembles O(3)—C(5) in that it too is shorter than O(3)—C(4) in the same 6 structures and longer in the other 15. It is difficult to establish if this effect is due to ring substituents but, for the present case, the *gem* diol group, in which the O atoms have a strong attraction for their connected H atoms, may affect the electron distribution along the chain of atoms C(2)—C(3)—O(2)—C(4)—O(3)—C(5).

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Structure of 9-Annulene Derivatives. 1. 5,13-Diphenyl-8*H*-cyclonona[*b*]naphthalene, $C_{29}H_{22}$

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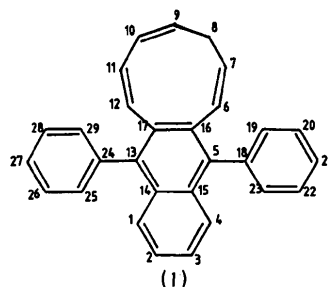
Abstract. $M_r = 370.5$, monoclinic, space group $C2/c$,
 $a = 13.468$ (17), $b = 22.137$ (5), $c = 13.859$ (2) Å,
 $\beta = 92.22$ (4)°, $U = 4128.8$ Å³, $Z = 8$, $D_x =$
 1.19 Mg m⁻³, $\lambda(\text{Mo } K\alpha) = 0.71073$ Å, $\mu =$
 0.073 mm⁻¹, $F(000) = 1568$, $T = 295$ K. Final $R =$
 0.047 for 2120 observed reflections. The nine-
 membered ring adopts a distorted tub conformation.
 There is evidence of steric overcrowding. The molecules
 are packed by van der Waals interactions.

Introduction. Cyclononatetraene, the parent 9-
 annulene, is an unstable, non-planar, anti-aromatic
 molecule which readily undergoes valence isomerization
 to *cis*-8,9-dihydroindene at temperatures above 200 K
 (Anastassiou, Orfanos & Gebrian, 1969; Baldwin,
 1972). Several subsequent investigations have demon-
 strated that benzene or naphthalene annelation of
 cyclononatetraene inhibits the isomerization reaction to
 the extent that solid derivatives stable at room
 temperature have been prepared (Anastassiou, Libsch
 & Griffith, 1973; Anastassiou, Kasmai & Sabahi,
 1979).

Until now, no solid-state structural studies have been
 published on these benzene- and naphthalene-annelated
 cyclononatetraenes; indeed, the only 9-annulene
 derivative to have been previously investigated, 4-
 (diethylamino)-1,10-ethano-5-methylcyclopentacyclo-
 nonene (Lindner, Kitschke, Hafner & Ude, 1980,
 involves a fused tricyclic ring system with stereo-
 chemical constraints markedly different from those of
 the parent annulene.

The present paper reports results obtained by an
 X-ray study on a representative naphthalene-annelated
 cyclononatetraene (I).

Experimental. Suitable crystals prepared by isothermal
 concentration of an ether solution of (I). Crystal



dimensions $0.30 \times 0.35 \times 0.90$ mm. Enraf–Nonius
 CAD-4 diffractometer, take-off angle 5°, graphite-
 crystal-monochromatized Mo $K\alpha$ radiation. Cell dimen-
 sions obtained by least-squares refinement of setting
 angles of 25 accurately centred large-angle reflections.
 3543 independent reflections (to $\theta < 25^\circ$) measured
 using ω - 2θ scans, background scans being taken on
 each side of peaks. Range of hkl : -15 – 16 , 0 – 22 , 0 – 16 .
 Intensities of three standard reflections showed no
 significant variation during data collection. Automatic
 multiresolution routine of *SHELX76* (Sheldrick, 1976)
 used to generate a series of E maps, one of which
 correctly located all non-H atomic positions. 2120
 reflections considered observed, having $I \geq 3 \sigma(I)$, only
 these used in subsequent steps. $R_{\text{int}} = 0.004$. Three
 cycles of full-matrix least-squares refinement with
 isotropic temperature factors gave $R = 0.127$, incor-
 poration of anisotropic temperature factors reduced R
 to 0.093. All H atoms located at this stage from a
 difference map and further refinement of non-H atoms
 anisotropically and H atoms isotropically reduced R
 to 0.047. Weighting scheme based on counting statistics
 was used, $w = 3.0/[\sigma^2 |F_o| + 0.0003 F_o^2]$, minimizing
 $\sum w \Delta F^2$; $R_w = 0.050$, $S = 3.9$, $\Delta/\sigma = 0.12$. Final
 difference map showed no peaks or depressions larger
 than $0.27 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$. Atomic scattering factors from
International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1974).

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