(Johnson, 1976) shows the structure of (I) and the atom-numbering scheme used.

Related literature. The structure of (I) was determined during the course of developing efficient synthetic approaches to all stereoisomers of 2-(hydroxymethyl)pyrrolidine-3,4-diols, which have important biological properties, especially in the stimulation of the immune response (Meng & Hesse, 1991).

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Structure of 3,4-Diethylcanthine-5,6-dione

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Abstract. 3.4-Diethylindolo[3,2,1-de][1,5]naphthyridine-5,6-dione, $C_{18}H_{16}N_2O_2$, $M_r = 292.34$, triclinic, $P\overline{1}$, a = 8.4118 (2), b = 11.9934 (4), c = 7.9901 (4) Å, $\alpha = 83.493$ (3), $\beta = 114.946$ (3), $\gamma =$ 101.598 (3)°, V = 715.61 (5) Å³, Z = 2, $D_x = 1.356$ g cm⁻³, λ (Cu K α) = 1.54178 Å, $\mu = 6.8$ cm⁻¹, F(000) = 308, T = 293 K, R = 0.039 and wR = 0.045for 2690 unique observed reflections. The canthine-5,6-dione skeleton is planar (r.m.s. = 0.031 Å and χ^2 = 1.06 for 16 atoms). The side chains are oriented so that the terminal C—C bonds of the ethyl groups are perpendicular to the plane of the canthine-5,6-dione with one group above and the other below the plane [the torsion angles are $\tau_1 = C(5) - C(4) - C(19)$ -C(20) = 89.2 (2) and $\tau_2 = C(16) - N(3) - C(21) - C(21)$ $C(22) = -88.6 (2)^{\circ}$]. In the crystal, the molecules that are related by the center of symmetry stack in head-to-tail pairs with a distance between the planes of the aromatic rings of adjacent molecules of 3.384 Å. Owing to the lack of hydrogen-bond donors in the crystal, there are no hydrogen-bond interactions.

Experimental. The title compound was provided by Dr Janos Fischer of Gedeon Richten Ltd, Budapest, Hungary. A single crystal of dimensions $0.36 \times 0.37 \times 0.14$ mm was obtained by slow evaporation from dichloromethane. X-ray intensity data were collected at room temperature on an Enraf-Nonius CAD-4F automated diffractometer with Ni-filtered Cu K α radiation, using an $\omega/2\theta$ scan mode. The cell param-

eters and orientation matrix were determined by least-squares refinement of the angular positions of 25 reflections with $35 < \theta < 50^{\circ}$. During the data collection the intensities of three reflections (116, 045, 132) were measured every 2000 s of X-ray exposure time; these reflections showed no significant variation in intensity. Intensities for 3073 reflections were collected $[h-10\rightarrow10, k\ 0\rightarrow15, l-10\rightarrow10,$ maximum $(\sin\theta/\lambda) = 0.6265\ \text{Å}^{-1}]$, of which 2928 reflections were unique $(R_{\text{int}} = 0.044)$ and 2690 reflections with $I \ge 2.5\sigma(I)$ were regarded as observed and included in the refinement. Lorentz and polarization corrections were applied and absorption correction was not necessary.



The structure was solved by direct methods with SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 1986) and refined on F by full-matrix least-squares techniques with XRAY76 (Stewart, 1976). Most of the H atoms were located in difference Fourier syntheses and the remaining H atoms were placed in calculated idealized positions. The parameters varied in the final refinement cycles consisted of the coordinates of all the atoms, the

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	$U_{eq} = (1/3) \sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j.$				
	x	у	z	U_{eq}	
C(1)	4946 (2)	4475 (1)	2535 (2)	501 (5)	
C(2)	5210 (2)	3397 (1)	2556 (2)	491 (5)	
N(3)	4106 (1)	2626 (1)	1214 (1)	425 (4)	
C(4)	1348 (2)	2194 (1)	- 1748 (2)	397 (5)	
ĈĠ	- 102 (2)	2676 (1)	- 3141 (2)	440 (5)	
Cíú	- 263 (2)	3914 (1)	- 3123 (2)	440 (5)	
N(7)	1063 (1)	4521 (1)	- 1670 (1)	397 (4)	
Cit	244 (2)	6489 (1)	- 2157 (2)	521 (6)	
C(9)	768 (2)	7536 (1)	- 1338 (3)	613 (8)	
C(10)	2219 (2)	7744 (1)	341 (3)	631 (8)	
ĉań	3225 (2)	6915 (1)	1267 (2)	556 (7)	
chi	2745 (2)	5855 (1)	474 (2)	432 (5)	
C(13)	1254 (2)	5658 (1)	- 1210 (2)	421 (5)	
C(14)	3481 (2)	4816 (1)	1034 (2)	416 (5)	
C(15)	2421 (1)	4034 (1)	- 297 (2)	376 (4)	
CUÓ	2618 (2)	2894 (1)	- 308 (2)	373 (4)	
$\dot{0}\dot{1}\dot{1}$	- 1473 (1)	4346 (1)	- 4283 (1)	623 (4)	
0(18)	- 1331 (1)	2127 (1)	- 4434 (1)	617 (4)	
C(19)	1267 (2)	959 (1)	- 2053 (2)	514 (6)	
C(20)	2205 (3)	791 (2)	- 3242 (3)	689 (9)	
C(21)	4589 (2)	1477 (1)	1633 (2)	526 (6)	
C(22)	3709 (4)	785 (2)	2795 (3)	756 (10	

 Table 2. Bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for the non-H atoms with e.s.d.'s in parentheses

C(1) - C(2) = 1.3	52 (2)	N(7)-C(15)	1.384 (1)
C(1) - C(14) 1.4	03 (2)	C(8)-C(9)	1.385 (1)
C(2)—N(3) 1.3	81 (2)	C(8)-C(13)	1.383 (2)
N(3)-C(16) 1.3	193 (1)	C(9)-C(10)	1.387 (2)
N(3)-C(21) 1.4	76 (2)	C(10) - C(11)	1.376 (2)
C(4) - C(5) 1.4	33 (2)	C(11) - C(12)	1.394 (2)
C(4) - C(16) 1.4	11 (2)	C(12)-C(13)	1.403 (2)
C(4) - C(19) 1.5	511 (2)	C(12)-C(14)	1.444 (2)
C(5)-C(6) 1.5	520 (2)	C(14)-C(15)	1.377 (2)
C(5)—O(18) 1.2	244 (1)	C(15)—C(16)	1.411 (2)
C(6)—O(17) 1.2	212 (2)	C(19)-C(20)	1.519 (3)
N(7)—C(6) 1.3	376 (1)	C(21)—C(22)	1.502 (3)
N(7)—C(13) 1.4	413 (2)		
N(3)-C(16)-C(15)	111.6 (1)	C(1)-C(14)-C(1	2) 135.0 (1
N(3)-C(16)-C(4)	129.2 (1)	C(15)—C(14)—C	(12) 107.0 (1
C(15)-C(16)-C(4)	119.2 (1)	C(11)—C(12)—C	(14) 133.1 (1
C(16)—N(3)—C(2)	122.8 (1)	C(11)—C(12)—C	(13) 119.6 (1
C(16)—N(3)—C(21)	123.8 (1)	C(14)—C(12)—C	(13) 107.3 (1
C(2)—N(3)—C(21)	113.2 (1)	C(8)—C(13)—N(7) 129.9 (1
N(3) - C(2) - C(1)	123.6 (1)	C(8) - C(13) - C(13)	2) 122.6 (1
C(2)—C(1)—C(14)	117.1 (1)	N(7) - C(13) - C(13)	12) 107.5 (1
C(10) - C(11) - C(12)	118.2 (1)	N(7) - C(6) - C(5)) 115.1 (1
C(11)—C(10)—C(9)	121.2 (2)	N(7)—C(6)—O(1	7) 121.7 (1
C(10)—C(9)—C(8)	122.1 (2)	C(5) - C(6) - O(1)	7) 123.2 (1
C(9)—C(8)—C(13)	116.3 (1)	C(6) - C(5) - C(4)	121.7 (1
C(15)—N(7)—C(13)	108.2 (1)	C(6) - C(5) - O(1)	3) 114.7 (1
C(15)—N(7)—C(6)	122.6 (1)	C(4) - C(5) - O(1)	8) 123.6 (1
C(13) - N(7) - C(6)	129.1 (1)	C(16)—C(4)—C(3	5) 118.2 (1
C(16) - C(15) - N(7)	123.2 (1)	C(16) - C(4) - C(1)	(9) 128.9 (1)) 112.0 (1
C(16) - C(15) - C(14)	126.9 (1)	C(5) - C(4) - C(1)	<i>J</i>) 112.9 (1
N(7) - C(15) - C(14)	109.9 (1)	C(4) - C(19) - C(19)	20) 113.8 (1
C(1) - C(14) - C(15)	118.0(1)	N(3)—C(21)—C(22) 110.8 (2

anisotropic thermal parameters of non-H atoms and the isotropic thermal parameters of H atoms.

The final agreement factors were R = 0.039, $wR = 0.045 \ [w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F) + 0.00002F^2]$ and S = 1.062 for 264 variables and 2690 observed reflections. An empirical isotropic extinction parameter (g) converged at 3.85 (8) × 10⁻³ (Zachariasen, 1967; Larson, 1967). The maximum Δ/σ in the last refinement cycle was 0.0019 and the final difference Fourier map showed residual densities from 0.21 to $-0.17 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$. The scattering factors for non-H atoms were taken

from Cromer & Mann (1968) and for H atoms from Stewart, Davidson & Simpson (1965).

The fractional coordinates and B_{eq} values for the non-H atoms are given in Table 1.* Bond lengths and angles are listed in Table 2. The atomic labeling scheme (*ORTEPII*; Johnson, 1976) and the crystal-packing diagram (*PLUTO*; Motherwell, 1979) are shown in Figs. 1 and 2, respectively.

Related literature. Bond lengths and angles are in good accord with expected values. The differences between the angles around the equivalent atoms C(14) and C(12), namely $C(1)-C(14)-C(15)/C(11)-C(12)-C(13) = 118.0 (1)/119.6 (1)^{\circ}$ and C(1)-C(14)-C(12)/C(11)-C(12)-C(14)=135.0(1)/2(11)-C(12)-C(14)=135.0(1)/2(11)-C(12)-C(14)=135.0(1)/2(11)-C(12)-C(14)=135.0(1)/2(11)-C(12)-C(14)=135.0(1)/2(11)-C(12)-C(14)=135.0(1)/2(11)-C(12)-C(14)=135.0(1)/2(11)-C(12)-C(14)=135.0(1)/2(11)-C(12)-C(14)=135.0(1)/2(11)-C(12)-C(14)=135.0(1)/2(11)-C(12)-C(14)=135.0(1)/2(11)-C(12)-C(14)=135.0(1)/2(11)-C(12)-C(14)=135.0(1)/2(11)-C(12)-C(14)=135.0(1)/2(11)-C(12)-C(14)=135.0(1)/2(11)-C(12)-C(14)=135.0(1)/2(12)-C(14)-C(1

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Fig. 1. A view of the title molecule showing the labeling of the non-H atoms. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.



Fig. 2. A portion of the molecular packing in the unit cell, showing the stacking of aromatic units.

133.1 (1)°, are smaller than those in similar structures found in the Cambridge Structural Database (Clarke, Jewers & Jones 1980; Codding, Szkaradzinska & Roszak 1988; Fukamiya, Okano & Aratani 1986).

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Structure of N,N'-Bis(2-hydroxyethyl)piperazine

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Abstract. 1,4-Piperazinediethanol, $C_8H_{18}N_2O_2$, $M_r = 174.24$, orthorhombic, *Pbca*, a = 9.328 (1), b = 12.106 (2), c = 8.253 (1) Å, V = 931.9 (4) Å³, Z = 4, $D_m = 1.236$, $D_x = 1.239$ g cm⁻³, λ (Cu K α) = 1.5418 Å, $\mu = 7.32$ cm⁻¹, F(000) = 384, T = 293 K, final R = 0.052 for 911 independent reflections. The molecule is centrosymmetric with the piperazine ring in a chair form. In the ring the mean N—C length is 1.471 Å and the C—N—C angle is 108.2°. The hydroxyethyl groups are in equatorial positions.

Experimental. Colorless prisms from an ethyl acetate solution. Crystal $0.4 \times 0.35 \times 0.6$ mm (m.p. 408.3–409.1 K). D_m measured by flotation. Rigaku AFC-5 four-circle diffractometer, graphite-monochromated Cu $K\alpha$ radiation. Intensity data collected in ω -2 θ scan mode ($2\theta_{max} = 120^\circ$). Unit-cell dimensions by least-squares procedure based on 2θ values ($29 < 2\theta < 56^\circ$) of 48 reflections. Total of 95 reflections measured of which 911 independent ($0 \le h \le 10$, $-13 \le k \le 0$, $0 \le l \le 9$). No systematic fluctuation in

333, 400 and 004 standard reflections, monitored every 200 reflections. No absorption correction.

Structure determined using SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 1986). Block-diagonal and full-matrix least-squares refinement (HBLS-V; Ashida, 1979). $\sum w(|F_o| - k|F_c|)^2$ minimized. Weighting scheme: w = 0.0 for $F_o = 0.0$, w = 1 for $|F_o| < 10.0$, $w = (10.0/|F_o|)^2$ for $|F_o| > 10.0$. Subsequent difference Fourier maps revealed positions for all H atoms. Non-H atoms refined with anisotropic temperature factors, and H atoms with isotropic ones. Final R = 0.052, wR = 0.065, S = 0.25, using 704 observations with $|F_o| \ge$



Fig. 1. Numbering scheme and the thermal ellipsoids. Thermal vibration ellipsoids are set to 50% probability (Johnson, 1965).

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