

Refinement

Refinement on F $R = 0.032$ $wR = 0.048$ $S = 3.513$

2219 reflections

194 parameters

All H-atom parameters

refined

 $w = 4F_o^2/[\sigma^2(I) + (0.02F_o^2)^2]$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.03$ $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.22 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.19 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Extinction correction:

 $(1 + gI_c)^{-1}$ applied to F_c

Extinction coefficient:

 $1.22(4) \times 10^{-5}$

Atomic scattering factors

from *International Tables*for *X-ray Crystallogra-**phy* (1974, Vol. IV, Tables

2.2B and 2.3.1)

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)
$$B_{\text{eq}} = (8\pi^2/3)\sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* a_i \cdot a_j$$

	x	y	z	B_{eq}
O1	0.8821 (2)	0.4411 (1)	0.61592 (3)	4.78 (2)
O2	0.5904 (2)	0.4696 (1)	0.32018 (3)	4.53 (2)
O3	0.8189 (3)	0.2979 (2)	0.27142 (5)	7.97 (3)
C1	0.9240 (2)	0.4735 (1)	0.56055 (4)	3.68 (2)
C2	1.1318 (2)	0.5605 (2)	0.55015 (5)	4.07 (2)
C3	1.1936 (2)	0.6025 (1)	0.49715 (5)	3.94 (2)
C4	1.0500 (2)	0.5637 (1)	0.45061 (4)	3.42 (2)
C5	1.1020 (2)	0.6157 (1)	0.39506 (5)	4.05 (2)
C6	0.9572 (2)	0.5820 (1)	0.35143 (5)	4.13 (2)
C7	0.7536 (2)	0.4933 (1)	0.36270 (5)	3.75 (2)
C8	0.6963 (2)	0.4398 (1)	0.41525 (4)	3.49 (2)
C9	0.8428 (2)	0.4751 (1)	0.46109 (4)	3.21 (4)
C10	0.7835 (2)	0.4291 (1)	0.51684 (4)	3.47 (2)
C11	0.6402 (2)	0.3708 (2)	0.27583 (5)	4.61 (2)
C12	0.6694 (3)	0.3677 (2)	0.63046 (6)	5.36 (3)
C13	0.4466 (3)	0.3680 (2)	0.23515 (5)	5.66 (3)

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$)

O1—C1	1.363 (1)	C4—C5	1.417 (2)
O1—C12	1.415 (2)	C4—C9	1.421 (1)
O2—C7	1.402 (1)	C5—C6	1.365 (2)
O2—C11	1.346 (2)	C6—C7	1.407 (2)
O3—C11	1.198 (2)	C7—C8	1.362 (1)
C1—C2	1.418 (2)	C8—C9	1.414 (1)
C1—C10	1.370 (1)	C9—C10	1.418 (1)
C2—C3	1.353 (2)	C11—C13	1.488 (2)
C3—C4	1.422 (2)		
C1—O1—C12	118.1 (1)	O2—C7—C6	120.3 (1)
C7—O2—C11	119.7 (1)	O2—C7—C8	116.91 (9)
O1—C1—C2	114.4 (1)	C6—C7—C8	122.6 (1)
O1—C1—C10	125.2 (1)	C7—C8—C9	119.78 (9)
C2—C1—C10	120.4 (1)	C4—C9—C8	118.58 (9)
C1—C2—C3	120.7 (1)	C4—C9—C10	119.94 (9)
C2—C3—C4	121.0 (1)	C8—C9—C10	121.45 (9)
C3—C4—C5	122.42 (9)	C1—C10—C9	119.78 (9)
C3—C4—C9	118.22 (9)	O2—C11—O3	122.5 (1)
C5—C4—C9	119.31 (9)	O2—C11—C13	110.7 (1)
C4—C5—C6	121.3 (1)	O3—C11—C13	126.7 (1)
C5—C6—C7	118.5 (1)		
C10—C1—O1—C12	-5.2 (2)	C7—O2—C11—O3	1.6 (2)
C6—C7—O2—C11	67.2 (2)		

Programs used include *MULTAN11/82* (Main, Fiske, Hull, Lessinger, Germain, Declercq & Woolfson, 1982), *MolEN* (Fair, 1990) and *ORTEP* (Johnson, 1965). The two octants, inequivalent in point group 222, were not averaged. Refinement of the inversion-related structure led to slightly worse agreement, $wR = 0.04803$ versus 0.04786.

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11-Ketoprogesterone

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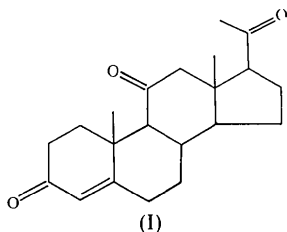
Abstract

In the title compound, 4-pregnen-3,11,20-trione, C₂₁H₂₈O₃, ring A exists in a sofa conformation.

Rings *B* and *C* adopt chair conformations and ring *D* has a $13\beta,14\alpha$ half-chair conformation. The *A/B* ring junction is *quasi-trans*, while ring systems *B/C* and *C/D* are *trans* fused about the C(8)—C(9) and C(13)—C(14) bonds, respectively.

Comment

As part of our crystallographic investigation of a series of progesterone steroids, the crystal structure of the title compound (**I**) is reported. The isolation of this compound was reported originally by Peterson *et al.* (1952) and it has been re-isolated by the CrO_3 oxidation of 11α -hydroxyprogesterone (Bhutani, 1989).



A general view of the molecule indicating the numbering scheme is shown in Fig. 1, and the unit-cell packing of 11-ketoprogesterone is shown in Fig. 2.

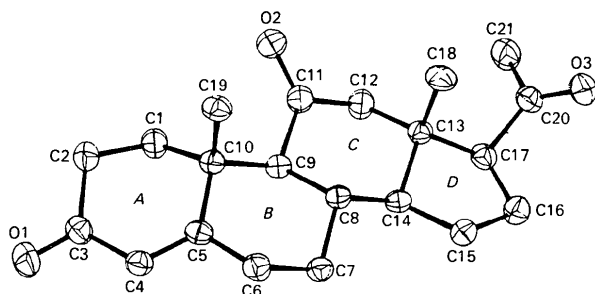


Fig. 1. ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) view of the molecule with displacement ellipsoids at 50% probability.

The mean value of the $\text{C}(sp^3)\text{—C}(sp^3)$ bonds [1.535 (4) Å] is the same as that commonly observed [1.533 Å (Sutton, 1965)], although the bond lengths C(9)—C(10), C(8)—C(14), C(13)—C(17) and C(8)—C(9) show some significant deviations. The bond angles C(8)—C(14)—C(15), C(10)—C(9)—C(11), C(12)—C(13)—C(17), C(14)—C(13)—C(17) and C(13)—C(17)—C(20) show significant deviations from the ideal tetrahedral value of 109.4° (Table 2). These deviations are common in steroids as a result of the strain induced by ring junctions, side chains and unsaturated bonds. The C(4)—C(5) bond length indicates double-bond nature.

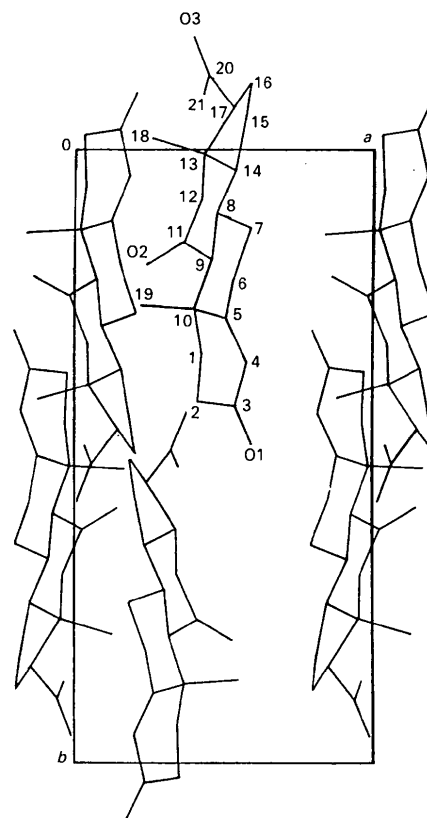


Fig. 2. Packing diagram viewed down the *c* axis.

Ring *A* has a distorted sofa conformation with asymmetry parameters $\Delta C_s[\text{C}(1)\text{—C}(4)] = 9.6^\circ$, $\Delta C_2[\text{C}(1)\text{—C}(2)] = 16.0^\circ$ (Duax & Norton, 1975). Ring *B* has a normal chair conformation with the best rotational axis bisecting C(5)—C(10) and C(7)—C(8) and asymmetry parameter $\Delta C_2[\text{C}(5)\text{—C}(10)] = 3.1^\circ$. The best mirror plane passes through C(5) and C(8), with $\Delta C_s[\text{C}(5)\text{—C}(8)] = 1.7^\circ$. Ring *C* is also in a chair conformation with the best rotational axis bisecting C(8)—C(9) and C(12)—C(13); $\Delta C_2[\text{C}(8)\text{—C}(9)] = 4.3^\circ$. The best mirror plane passes through C(9) and C(13), with $\Delta C_s[\text{C}(9)\text{—C}(13)] = 2.9^\circ$.

Ring *D* has a $13\beta,14\alpha$ half-chair conformation with pseudorotation parameters (Altona, Geise & Romers, 1968) $\Delta = 6.9^\circ$ and $\varphi_m = 46.3^\circ$ $\{\Delta C_2[\text{C}(13)\text{—C}(14)] = 4.7^\circ$, $\Delta C_s[\text{C}(13)] = 14.3^\circ\}$. The atoms C(13) and C(14) are 0.446 (3) and -0.300 (3) Å, respectively, from the plane formed by atoms C(15), C(16) and C(17). The dihedral angle between the least-squares planes of rings *A* and *D* [29.49 (12) $^\circ$] indicates a slight folding of the molecule probably due to steric interactions.

Newman projections along the bonds involved in ring fusion are shown in Fig. 3. Atoms H(81) and H(91), as well as C(18) and H(141), have antiperiplanar configurations.

The intra- and intermolecular hydrogen bonds which contribute to the stabilization of the molecular structure are summarized in Table 2.

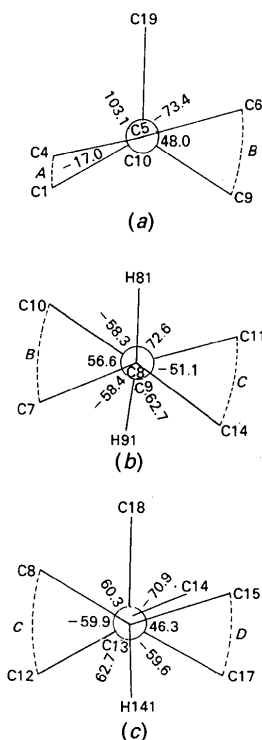


Fig. 3. Newman projections along (a) C(5)—C(10), (b) C(8)—C(9) and (c) C(13)—C(14) (angles given in °).

Experimental

Crystals of the title compound [m.p. 447–449 K, rotation +274° (1% CHCl₃)] were grown from acetone by slow evaporation.

Crystal data

C ₂₁ H ₂₈ O ₃	$D_x = 1.220 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 328.45$	Cu $K\alpha$ radiation
Orthorhombic	$\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$
$P2_12_12_1$	$\theta = 16\text{--}28^\circ$
$a = 6.2525 (4) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.596 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 12.7576 (3) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 293 \text{ K}$
$c = 22.4174 (5) \text{ \AA}$	Rectangular
$V = 1788.17 \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.45 \times 0.35 \times 0.22 \text{ mm}$
$Z = 4$	Colourless

Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 70^\circ$
ω - 2θ scans	$h = 0 \rightarrow 7$
Absorption correction: none	$k = 0 \rightarrow 15$
2116 measured reflections	$l = 0 \rightarrow 27$
1953 independent reflections	2 standard reflections monitored every 98 reflections
1810 observed reflections	intensity variation: none
$[I \geq 2.5\sigma(I)]$	

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R = 0.064$
 $wR = 0.074$
 $S = 0.98$
 1810 reflections
 329 parameters
 All H-atom parameters refined

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o) + 0.020(F_o)^2]$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.71$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.215 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.247 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 Atomic scattering factors from SHELX76 (Sheldrick, 1976)

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

$$U_{\text{eq}} = (1/3)\sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$$

	x	y	z	U_{eq}
O(1)	0.2692 (8)	-0.1252 (2)	0.6995 (2)	0.1063 (14)
O(2)	-0.1857 (8)	0.2594 (3)	0.5466 (2)	0.1167 (15)
O(3)	0.0074 (7)	0.7498 (2)	0.5280 (2)	0.0993 (11)
C(1)	0.0479 (8)	0.0778 (3)	0.6068 (2)	0.0748 (11)
C(2)	0.0368 (8)	-0.0306 (3)	0.6349 (2)	0.0795 (12)
C(3)	0.1936 (6)	-0.0413 (3)	0.6856 (2)	0.0766 (11)
C(4)	0.2409 (6)	0.0554 (3)	0.7183 (2)	0.0708 (10)
C(5)	0.1595 (5)	0.1484 (3)	0.7054 (1)	0.0633 (9)
C(6)	0.1935 (8)	0.2385 (3)	0.7471 (1)	0.0747 (12)
C(7)	0.2646 (6)	0.3383 (3)	0.7156 (1)	0.0680 (10)
C(8)	0.1141 (5)	0.3667 (2)	0.6640 (1)	0.0554 (8)
C(9)	0.0960 (5)	0.2718 (2)	0.6211 (1)	0.0584 (8)
C(10)	0.0191 (5)	0.1685 (3)	0.6508 (1)	0.0610 (9)
C(11)	-0.0290 (7)	0.3053 (3)	0.5656 (2)	0.0747 (10)
C(12)	0.0535 (8)	0.4017 (3)	0.5338 (1)	0.0780 (13)
C(13)	0.0613 (5)	0.4954 (2)	0.5767 (1)	0.0564 (7)
C(14)	0.1985 (4)	0.4612 (2)	0.6301 (1)	0.0569 (8)
C(15)	0.2374 (7)	0.5631 (3)	0.6639 (2)	0.0720 (11)
C(16)	0.2606 (8)	0.6455 (3)	0.6146 (2)	0.0784 (13)
C(17)	0.1898 (5)	0.5934 (2)	0.5563 (1)	0.0632 (8)
C(18)	-0.1680 (5)	0.5264 (4)	0.5952 (2)	0.0774 (12)
C(19)	-0.2150 (6)	0.1753 (3)	0.6730 (2)	0.0778 (11)
C(20)	0.0743 (6)	0.6647 (3)	0.5134 (2)	0.0723 (10)
C(21)	0.0474 (10)	0.6273 (3)	0.4505 (2)	0.0917 (15)

Table 2. Bond lengths (\AA), angles ($^\circ$), endocyclic torsion angles ($^\circ$) and hydrogen-bonding geometry ($\text{\AA}, ^\circ$)

C(1)—C(2)	1.521 (5)	C(10)—C(19)	1.548 (4)
C(1)—C(10)	1.531 (5)	C(11)—C(12)	1.512 (5)
C(2)—C(3)	1.507 (6)	C(11)—O(2)	1.218 (6)
C(3)—O(1)	1.210 (5)	C(12)—C(13)	1.535 (4)
C(3)—C(4)	1.465 (5)	C(13)—C(14)	1.536 (3)
C(4)—C(5)	1.323 (5)	C(13)—C(17)	1.554 (3)
C(5)—C(6)	1.496 (4)	C(13)—C(18)	1.544 (4)
C(5)—C(10)	1.527 (3)	C(14)—C(15)	1.524 (4)
C(6)—C(7)	1.522 (5)	C(15)—C(16)	1.532 (5)
C(7)—C(8)	1.534 (4)	C(16)—C(17)	1.531 (5)
C(8)—C(9)	1.550 (3)	C(17)—C(20)	1.507 (4)
C(8)—C(14)	1.519 (3)	C(20)—C(21)	1.498 (6)
C(9)—C(10)	1.552 (4)	C(20)—O(3)	1.208 (4)
C(9)—C(11)	1.530 (5)		
C(2)—C(1)—C(10)	114.5 (3)	C(9)—C(10)—C(19)	112.5 (2)
C(1)—C(2)—C(3)	111.4 (3)	C(9)—C(11)—C(12)	115.8 (3)
C(2)—C(3)—C(4)	115.6 (3)	C(9)—C(11)—O(2)	124.1 (3)
C(2)—C(3)—O(1)	121.8 (4)	C(12)—C(11)—O(2)	120.0 (3)
C(4)—C(3)—O(1)	122.4 (4)	C(11)—C(12)—C(13)	110.4 (2)
C(3)—C(4)—C(5)	124.6 (3)	C(12)—C(13)—C(14)	106.5 (2)
C(4)—C(5)—C(6)	119.8 (2)	C(12)—C(13)—C(17)	117.2 (2)
C(4)—C(5)—C(10)	123.1 (3)	C(12)—C(13)—C(18)	109.7 (2)
C(6)—C(5)—C(10)	116.9 (2)	C(14)—C(13)—C(17)	99.7 (2)
C(5)—C(6)—C(7)	113.2 (2)	C(14)—C(13)—C(18)	112.4 (2)
C(6)—C(7)—C(8)	111.6 (2)	C(17)—C(13)—C(18)	110.6 (2)
C(7)—C(8)—C(9)	109.1 (2)	C(8)—C(14)—C(13)	114.9 (2)
C(7)—C(8)—C(14)	110.5 (2)	C(8)—C(14)—C(15)	118.9 (2)
C(9)—C(8)—C(14)	109.5 (1)	C(13)—C(14)—C(15)	103.5 (2)
C(8)—C(9)—C(10)	114.8 (2)	C(14)—C(15)—C(16)	103.9 (3)

C(8)—C(9)—C(11)	108.8 (2)	C(15)—C(16)—C(17)	106.8 (3)
C(10)—C(9)—C(11)	115.3 (2)	C(13)—C(17)—C(16)	104.3 (2)
C(1)—C(10)—C(5)	108.7 (2)	C(13)—C(17)—C(20)	115.1 (2)
C(1)—C(10)—C(9)	109.1 (2)	C(16)—C(17)—C(20)	114.8 (2)
C(1)—C(10)—C(19)	111.1 (2)	C(17)—C(20)—C(21)	117.5 (3)
C(5)—C(10)—C(9)	107.9 (2)	C(17)—C(20)—O(3)	122.3 (3)
C(5)—C(10)—C(19)	107.1 (2)	C(21)—C(20)—O(3)	120.1 (3)
C(10)—C(1)—C(2)—C(3)	−54.4 (4)		
C(1)—C(2)—C(3)—C(4)	30.2 (5)		
C(2)—C(3)—C(4)—C(5)	−1.3 (5)		
C(3)—C(4)—C(5)—C(10)	−5.4 (5)		
C(4)—C(5)—C(10)—C(1)	−17.0 (4)		
C(5)—C(10)—C(1)—C(2)	46.6 (4)		
C(10)—C(5)—C(6)—C(7)	−50.3 (4)		
C(5)—C(6)—C(7)—C(8)	52.3 (3)		
C(6)—C(7)—C(8)—C(9)	−54.7 (3)		
C(7)—C(8)—C(9)—C(10)	56.6 (3)		
C(8)—C(9)—C(10)—C(5)	−51.5 (3)		
C(9)—C(10)—C(5)—C(6)	48.0 (3)		
C(14)—C(8)—C(9)—C(11)	−51.1 (3)		
C(8)—C(9)—C(11)—C(12)	53.3 (3)		
C(9)—C(11)—C(12)—C(13)	−56.9 (4)		
C(11)—C(12)—C(13)—C(14)	55.6 (3)		
C(12)—C(13)—C(14)—C(8)	−59.9 (2)		
C(13)—C(14)—C(8)—C(9)	58.7 (2)		
C(17)—C(13)—C(14)—C(15)	46.3 (2)		
C(13)—C(14)—C(15)—C(16)	−36.2 (3)		
C(14)—C(15)—C(16)—C(17)	11.2 (3)		
C(15)—C(16)—C(17)—C(13)	17.4 (3)		
C(16)—C(17)—C(13)—C(14)	−38.7 (2)		

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
C(1)—H(12)...O(2)	2.40 (6)	3.053 (6)	130 (5)
C(19)—H(192)...O(2)	2.43 (4)	3.035 (6)	135 (4)
C(16)—H(161)...O(1)	2.76 (4)	3.490 (5)	129 (3)
C(12)—H(121)...O(2 ⁱⁱ)	2.44 (4)	3.183 (6)	124 (3)

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

Table 3. Puckering parameters

Puckering parameters from Cremer & Pople (1975).

Ring A		Ring C	
$q_2 = 0.364 \text{ \AA}$	$q_3 = 0.251 \text{ \AA}$	$q_2 = 0.044 \text{ \AA}$	$q_3 = 0.573 \text{ \AA}$
$Q = 0.442 \text{ \AA}$	$\varphi = 11.6^\circ$	$Q = 0.574 \text{ \AA}$	$\varphi = 260.2^\circ$
$\theta = 55.3^\circ$		$\theta = 4.4^\circ$	
Ring B		Ring D	
$q_2 = 0.062 \text{ \AA}$	$q_3 = -0.530 \text{ \AA}$	$q_2 = 0.456 \text{ \AA}$	$\varphi = 193.9^\circ$
$Q = 0.534 \text{ \AA}$	$\varphi = 64.2^\circ$		
$\theta = 173.3^\circ$			

Data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. The structure was solved by direct methods using *SHELXS86* (Sheldrick, 1985). Isotropic refinement of the structure by least-squares methods using *SHELX76* (Sheldrick, 1976) was followed by anisotropic refinement of all the non-H atoms. All H atoms except H(213) were located from a difference Fourier map and their positions and isotropic displacement parameters were refined. H(213) was fixed geometrically.

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2-(2-Hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-5-chlorobenzotriazole, C₁₃H₁₀ClN₃O

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Abstract

Preliminary results of an X-ray crystal structure analysis show that the title molecule [2-(5-chloro-2-benzotriazolyl)-4-methylphenol] is practically planar in the crystalline state. There is an intramolecular hydrogen bond in which the hydroxyl group serves as a donor to the N3 atom of the benzotriazole moiety. Such systems, which undergo intramolecular proton transfer, are widely used as UV stabilizers.

Comment

The 2-(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-5-chlorobenzotriazole (Cltin) molecule belongs to a class of