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The structures of only two 3,3,6,6-tetramethoxy-cyclohexa-1,4-dienes have been reported, the unsubstituted parent compound (IV) (Liebich, Yvon & Margaretha, 1976) and the tetramethyl derivative (V) (Nørskov-Lauritsen, Larsen, Ettlinger & Jaroszewski, 1982). These two compounds and the derivatives (I), (II) and (III) (Fig. 1) lie on a crystallographic centre of symmetry.

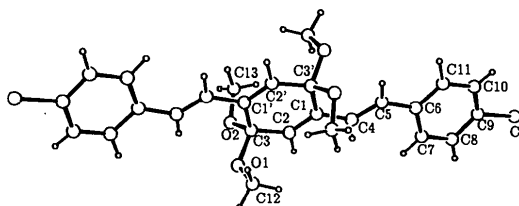


Fig. 1. View of (II) showing the atom labelling.

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Three Tetramethylketals of 2,5-Distyryl-[1,4]benzoquinones

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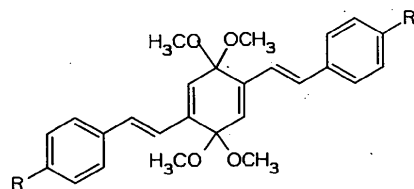
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Abstract

The methoxy groups of the title compounds 3,3,6,6-tetramethoxy-1,4-distyrylcyclohexa-1,4-diene, C₂₆H₂₈O₄ (I), 1,4-bis[2-(4-chlorophenyl)vinyl]-3,3,6,6-tetramethoxycyclohexa-1,4-diene, C₂₆H₂₆Cl₂O₄ (II), and 3,3,6,6-tetramethoxy-1,4-bis[2-(4-methylphenyl)vinyl]cyclohexa-1,4-diene, C₂₈H₃₂O₄ (III), adopt either an *anti-anti* or a *gauche-anti* orientation. In the *anti-anti* conformation the O—C—O bond angle is reduced to 99.2–99.3° because of intramolecular repulsive interactions between the methyl groups. The stacking of the molecules in the crystal is defined by an interlocking pattern.

Comment

In the course of topochemical studies of 2,5-distyryl-[1,4]benzoquinones we synthesized their corresponding ketals 3,3,6,6-tetramethoxy-1,4-distyrylcyclohexa-1,4-diene (I), 1,4-bis[2-(4-chlorophenyl)vinyl]-3,3,6,6-tetramethoxycyclohexa-1,4-diene (II) and 3,3,6,6-tetramethoxy-1,4-bis[2-(4-methylphenyl)vinyl]cyclohexa-1,4-diene (III) (Irgartinger, Lichtenthäler, Fenske & Baum, 1993).



- (I) R = H
(II) R = Cl
(III) R = CH₃

The cyclohexadiene rings are planar. The methoxy groups show two kinds of conformation. In the derivatives (I), (II) and (V) the methoxy groups adopt an *anti-anti* orientation and in compounds (III) and (IV) a *gauche-anti* conformation (Fig. 2). The *gauche* orientation is defined by the torsion angle O2—C3—O1—C12 of -63.1° in (III). For the *anti* orientation the corresponding torsion angles are in the region of 180° [177.4° (1) in (I), 173.9° (2)° in (II)].

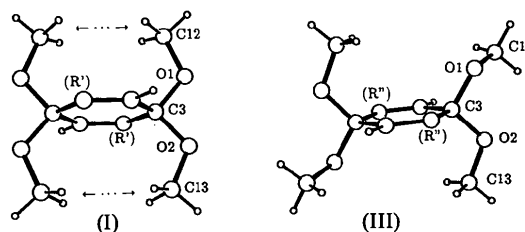


Fig. 2. The orientation of the methoxy groups [*R*' = styryl, *R*' = 2-(4-methylphenyl)vinyl].

The repulsion between the methyl groups [along the double arrow in Fig. 2; 1···8 (C12···C13') distances 3.718 (2) in (I), 3.731 (4) Å in (II)] generates a reduction of the angle O1—C3—O2 [99.2° (1) in (I), 99.3° (1)° in (II)]. Similar molecular geometry was found in (V) (Nørskov-Lauritsen *et al.*, 1982). In the case of the *gauche-anti* conformation, however, this angle is not affected [106.1° (2)° in (III)], as was also found for (IV) (Liebich *et al.*, 1976). The remaining molecular dimensions (Table 2) are similar to those of related molecules. The stacking and interlocking of the molecules in the packing arrangement are comparable for all the three compounds and are illustrated in Fig. 3 for compound (I).

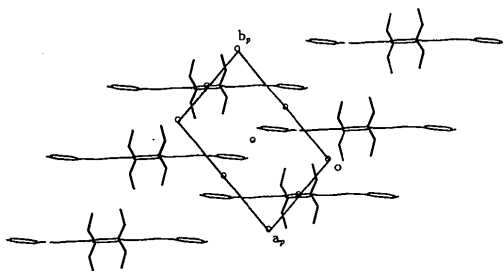


Fig. 3. A view of the molecular packing of (I).

Experimental Compound (I)

Crystal data

$C_{26}H_{28}O_4$
 $M_r = 404.4$
 Triclinic
 $P\bar{1}$
 $a = 7.657 (1) \text{ \AA}$
 $b = 11.535 (2) \text{ \AA}$
 $c = 6.460 (1) \text{ \AA}$
 $\alpha = 95.08 (1)^\circ$
 $\beta = 101.03 (2)^\circ$
 $\gamma = 98.18 (1)^\circ$
 $V = 550.3 (3) \text{ \AA}^3$
 $Z = 1$

$D_x = 1.22 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\lambda = 0.7107 \text{ \AA}$
 Cell parameters from 75 reflections
 $\theta = 9.99\text{--}20.07^\circ$
 $\mu = 0.076 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
 $T = 293 \text{ K}$
 Platelets
 $0.5 \times 0.45 \times 0.15 \text{ mm}$
 Colourless

Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer
 $\omega/2\theta$ scans
 Absorption correction: none
 2964 measured reflections
 2637 independent reflections
 1743 observed reflections
 $[I > 2.5\sigma(I)]$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.017$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 28^\circ$
 $h = -10 \rightarrow 10$
 $k = -15 \rightarrow 15$
 $l = 0 \rightarrow 8$
 3 standard reflections
 frequency: 60 min
 intensity variation: 1.7%

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R = 0.039$
 $wR = 0.050$
 $S = 2.11$
 1743 reflections
 192 parameters
 All H-atom parameters refined
 $w = 1/\sigma^2(F)$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.01$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.14 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.23 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 Extinction correction: none
 Atomic scattering factors from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974, Vol. IV)

Compound (II)

Crystal data

$C_{26}H_{26}Cl_2O_4$
 $M_r = 473.4$
 Monoclinic
 $P2_1/c$
 $a = 12.732 (2) \text{ \AA}$
 $b = 10.318 (1) \text{ \AA}$
 $c = 9.014 (1) \text{ \AA}$
 $\beta = 94.52 (4)^\circ$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\lambda = 0.7107 \text{ \AA}$
 Cell parameters from 48 reflections
 $\theta = 9\text{--}18^\circ$
 $\mu = 0.303 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
 $T = 293 \text{ K}$
 Platelets

$V = 1180.5 (4) \text{ \AA}^3$
 $Z = 2$
 $D_x = 1.33 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

$0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.4 \text{ mm}$
 Colourless

Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer
 $\omega/2\theta$ scans
 Absorption correction: analytical by integration from crystal shape
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.90$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.92$
 3105 measured reflections
 2818 independent reflections
 1774 observed reflections
 $[I > 2.5\sigma(I)]$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.076$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 28^\circ$
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 16$
 $k = 0 \rightarrow 13$
 $l = -11 \rightarrow 11$
 3 standard reflections
 frequency: 60 min
 intensity variation: 1.6%

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R = 0.045$
 $wR = 0.056$
 $S = 2.32$
 1774 reflections
 197 parameters
 All H-atom parameters refined
 $w = 1/\sigma^2(F)$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.03$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.28 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.09 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 Extinction correction: none
 Atomic scattering factors from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974, Vol. IV)

Compound (III)

Crystal data

$C_{28}H_{32}O_4$
 $M_r = 432$
 Monoclinic
 $P2_1/n$
 $a = 11.529 (2) \text{ \AA}$
 $b = 11.867 (2) \text{ \AA}$
 $c = 9.592 (2) \text{ \AA}$
 $\beta = 112.18 (2)^\circ$
 $V = 1215.2 (8) \text{ \AA}^3$
 $Z = 2$
 $D_x = 1.18 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\lambda = 0.7107 \text{ \AA}$
 Cell parameters from 49 reflections
 $\theta = 9.98\text{--}18.04^\circ$
 $\mu = 0.076 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
 $T = 293 \text{ K}$
 Platelets
 $0.5 \times 0.45 \times 0.2 \text{ mm}$
 Colourless

Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer
 $\omega/2\theta$ scans
 Absorption correction: none
 3136 measured reflections
 2919 independent reflections
 1192 observed reflections
 $[I > 2.5\sigma(I)]$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.11$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 28^\circ$
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 15$
 $k = 0 \rightarrow 15$
 $l = -12 \rightarrow 12$
 3 standard reflections
 frequency: 60 min
 intensity variation: 17.7%

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R = 0.051$
 $wR = 0.059$
 $S = 2.30$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.01$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.28 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.10 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 Extinction correction: none

1192 reflections
173 parameters
All H-atom parameters
refined
 $w = 1/\sigma^2(F)$

Atomic scattering factors
from *International Tables*
for *X-ray Crystallography*
(1974, Vol. IV)

O2—C3	1.423 (2)	1.422 (2)	1.426 (3)
O1—C12	1.411 (2)	1.419 (3)	1.402 (4)
O2—C13	1.408 (2)	1.413 (3)	1.418 (4)

The structure solutions of (I)–(III) were carried out with *MULTAN* (Main, Fiske, Hull, Lessinger, Germain, Declercq & Woolfson, 1982) and refinements were performed by full-matrix least-squares techniques. The positions of the H atoms were calculated and refined isotropically. All calculations were performed with the *MolEN* package (Fair, 1990). The figures were plotted using *ORTEP* (Johnson, 1976).

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

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

	x	y	z	U_{eq}
(I)				
O1	0.4181 (1)	-0.1493 (1)	-0.3534 (1)	0.0436 (4)
O2	0.2388 (1)	-0.0199 (1)	-0.3441 (1)	0.0460 (4)
C1	0.6516 (2)	0.0938 (1)	0.0093 (2)	0.0353 (5)
C2	0.5501 (2)	0.0440 (1)	-0.1777 (2)	0.0391 (5)
C3	0.3909 (2)	-0.0535 (1)	-0.2140 (2)	0.0372 (5)
C4	0.8025 (2)	0.1888 (1)	0.0145 (2)	0.0402 (5)
C5	0.9131 (2)	0.2502 (1)	0.1855 (2)	0.0426 (5)
C6	1.0584 (2)	0.3485 (1)	0.1857 (2)	0.0405 (5)
C7	1.1205 (2)	0.3768 (1)	0.0048 (2)	0.0487 (6)
C8	1.2530 (2)	0.4731 (2)	0.0142 (3)	0.0573 (7)
C9	1.3258 (2)	0.5432 (1)	0.2035 (3)	0.0611 (7)
C10	1.2673 (2)	0.5166 (2)	0.3843 (3)	0.0634 (8)
C11	1.1361 (2)	0.4194 (1)	0.3758 (2)	0.0526 (6)
C12	0.5679 (2)	-0.2039 (1)	-0.2794 (3)	0.0641 (7)
C13	0.1666 (2)	0.0734 (2)	-0.2545 (3)	0.0692 (8)
(II)				
C1	0.0727 (1)	0.1876 (1)	0.6947 (1)	0.0821 (4)
O1	-0.5052 (1)	0.4140 (1)	-0.2780 (1)	0.0495 (7)
O2	-0.6274 (1)	0.3338 (1)	-0.1512 (2)	0.0490 (7)
C1	-0.4200 (2)	0.4393 (2)	0.1022 (2)	0.0362 (9)
C2	-0.4605 (2)	0.3756 (2)	-0.0181 (2)	0.0402 (9)
C3	-0.5425 (2)	0.4235 (2)	-0.1340 (2)	0.0392 (9)
C4	-0.3390 (2)	0.3769 (2)	0.2037 (2)	0.0406 (10)
C5	-0.2871 (2)	0.4285 (2)	0.3226 (2)	0.0428 (10)
C6	-0.2034 (2)	0.3641 (2)	0.4177 (2)	0.0405 (10)
C7	-0.1800 (2)	0.2323 (2)	0.4086 (3)	0.0524 (12)
C8	-0.0971 (2)	0.1773 (2)	0.4948 (3)	0.0580 (12)
C9	-0.0357 (2)	0.2541 (2)	0.5912 (2)	0.0511 (11)
C10	-0.0575 (2)	0.3830 (2)	0.6061 (3)	0.0600 (13)
C11	-0.1418 (2)	0.4369 (2)	0.5211 (2)	0.0559 (12)
C12	-0.4242 (2)	0.5021 (3)	-0.3089 (3)	0.0608 (13)
C13	-0.6876 (2)	0.3191 (3)	-0.0271 (3)	0.0689 (14)
(III)				
O1	0.0120 (2)	-0.2094 (2)	1.0715 (2)	0.074 (1)
O2	0.1189 (2)	-0.0920 (2)	1.2647 (2)	0.068 (1)
C1	0.0795 (2)	0.0367 (2)	0.9226 (3)	0.052 (1)
C2	0.1165 (2)	-0.0472 (3)	1.0209 (3)	0.059 (1)
C3	0.0440 (2)	-0.0946 (2)	1.1077 (3)	0.056 (1)
C4	0.1530 (2)	0.0823 (3)	0.8381 (3)	0.059 (1)
C5	0.2536 (2)	0.0379 (3)	0.8305 (3)	0.060 (1)
C6	0.3325 (2)	0.0831 (2)	0.7524 (3)	0.052 (1)
C7	0.3049 (2)	0.1814 (2)	0.6680 (3)	0.060 (1)
C8	0.3829 (2)	0.2204 (2)	0.5995 (3)	0.059 (1)
C9	0.4901 (2)	0.1632 (2)	0.6105 (3)	0.052 (1)
C10	0.5168 (2)	0.0658 (3)	0.6939 (3)	0.066 (1)
C11	0.4395 (2)	0.0260 (3)	0.7636 (3)	0.066 (1)
C12	0.1097 (3)	-0.2854 (3)	1.0896 (4)	0.102 (2)
C13	0.1500 (3)	0.0178 (3)	1.3261 (4)	0.084 (2)
C14	0.5738 (3)	0.2063 (3)	0.5322 (3)	0.075 (2)

Table 2. Selected bond lengths (\AA)

	(I)	(II)	(III)
C1—C2	1.336 (2)	1.336 (3)	1.326 (4)
C1—C3'	1.517 (2)	1.528 (3)	1.507 (4)
C2—C3	1.503 (2)	1.501 (3)	1.495 (5)
C1—C4	1.468 (2)	1.472 (3)	1.479 (4)
C4—C5	1.331 (2)	1.325 (3)	1.300 (4)
C5—C6	1.471 (2)	1.472 (3)	1.480 (4)
O1—C3	1.427 (2)	1.420 (2)	1.419 (4)

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A Spiro-Indole Derivative, C₁₆H₁₀ClF₂N₂O₂S

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Abstract

The spiro-indole derivative, 5-chloro-3'-(4-fluorophenyl)spiro[3*H*-indole-3,2'-thiazolidine]-2,4'(1*H*)-dione, has been synthesized by the reaction of mer-