Table 1. Selected geometric parameters ( $\AA \mathrm{A}^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ )

| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $1.353(2)$ | $\mathrm{O} 5-\mathrm{Cl6}$ | $1.433(3)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $1.414(2)$ | $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $1.352(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $1.219(2)$ | $\mathrm{O} 7-\mathrm{C} 18$ | $1.212(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{Cl} 3$ | $1.355(2)$ | $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{C} 18$ | $1.343(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 11$ | $1.369(2)$ | $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{C} 19$ | $1.456(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 15$ | $1.431(3)$ | $\mathrm{O} 9-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $1.362(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 5-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $1.360(2)$ |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{OI}-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $-82.2(2)$ | $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 13$ | $-11.1(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{Ol}-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $179.5(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{O} 7$ | $2.6(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $-12.8(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{O} 8$ | $2.7(3)$ |

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Table 2. Hydrogen-bonding geometry ( $\left({ }^{\circ},^{\circ}\right)$

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{A}$ | D-H | H...A | D..A | D-H. . A |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| O3-H1O3 $\cdots$. 22 | 0.94 (3) | 1.69 (3) | 2.554 (2) | 151 (3) |
| O6-H1O6...O7 | 0.94 (4) | 1.71 (4) | 2.579 (3) | 153 (4) |
| O9-H1O9...O8 | 0.88 (5) | 1.76 (4) | 2.570 (3) | 152 (4) |
| C5-H5 . . O4 $4^{\text {i }}$ | 0.91 (3) | 2.57 (3) | 3.409 (3) | 154 (3) |

The data collection covered over a hemisphere of reciprocal space by a combination of three sets of exposures; each set had a different $\varphi$ angle ( 0,88 and $180^{\circ}$ ) for the crystal and each exposure of 30 s covered $0.3^{\circ}$ in $\omega$. The crystal-todetector distance was 4.023 cm and the detector swing angle was $-35^{\circ}$. Coverage of the unique set is over $91 \%$ complete to at least $25^{\circ}$ in $\theta$. Crystal decay was monitored by repeating 30 initial frames at the end of data collection and analysing the duplicate reflections, and was found to be negligible. The structure was solved by direct methods and refined by fullmatrix least-squares techniques. All H atoms were located from a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically.

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# 2-Crotonoyl-5,8-dihydro-1-naphthol, (I), and 4-(1-Naphthoyl)-5,8-dihydro- <br> 1-naphthol, (II) $\dagger$ 

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## Abstract

In (I), $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{O}_{2}$, the dihydrobenzene ring adopts a flattened boat conformation and the hydroxyl group is involved in an $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ intramolecular hydrogen bond. In (II), $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{2}$, the dihydronaphthalene ring system is planar and makes a dihedral angle of $70.06(7)^{\circ}$ with the naphthalene ring system; the hydroxyl group forms $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ intermolecular hydrogen bonds.

## Comment

The hydroxyketone derivatives of naphthalene are useful in the synthesis of the subunits of daunomycinone and adriamycin anticancer drugs (Crouse et al., 1981). The dihydronaphthalene derivatives are useful intermediates in the synthesis of cyclic polymethylene phenols, which are useful antifibrillatory agents, disinfectants and water softeners (Hauck et al., 1977). The crystal structure determinations of the title compounds, (I) and (II), were carried out in order to elucidate the molecular conformation and packing arrangements.

[^0]
(I)

(II)

In both structures, the $\mathrm{C}_{s p^{2}}-\mathrm{C}_{s p^{3}}$ distances, $\mathrm{C} 5-$ C 10 and C8-C9, are longer than the C5-C6 and C7-C8 distances, due to steric interactions, as also observed in related structures (Chinnakali et al., 1998a, b). The C6-C7 bond shows double-bond nature. In the dihydronaphthalene moiety of (I), the mean planes through the benzene and dihydrobenzene rings form a dihedral angle of $3.30(8)^{\circ}$, and the dihydrobenzene ring adopts a flattened boat conformation, with both $\alpha$ values equal to $6.3(3)^{\circ}$ (Marshall et al., 1977). In (II), the dihydronaphthalene ring system is planar to within $\pm 0.021$ (4) $\AA$ and the naphthalene ring system is planar, with C16 deviating by a maximum of 0.029 (5) $\AA$; the dihedral angle between these two ring systems is


Fig. 1. The structure of (I), showing $50 \%$ probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme. H atoms are displayed as small circles of arbitrary radii.


Fig. 2. The structure of (II), showing $50 \%$ probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme. H atoms are displayed as small circles of arbitrary radii.
$70.06(7)^{\circ}$. The small $\alpha$ values [1.6(3) and $1.9(3)^{\circ}$ ] for the dihydrobenzene ring of (II) indicate that this ring is slightly distorted from planarity.
In the structure of (I), the hydroxyl group is involved in an $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ intramolecular hydrogen bond: within the crystal, centrosymmetrically related molecules lie in parallel planes at a distance of $3.496(5) \AA$. The gliderelated pairs lie at an angle of $72.0(1)^{\circ}$, with a minimum non-bonding distance of 3.760 (6) $\AA$ between C 2 and $\mathrm{C} 6\left(\frac{3}{2}-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z\right)$. This geometry indicates the possible $\pi-\pi$ stacking interactions in the sets of parallel planes, and the side-on interactions in the glide-related pairs. These pairs extend to form layers parallel to the (111) plane (Fig. 3). As well as participating in the intramolecular hydrogen bond, the carbonyl O 2 atom is also involved in $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ intermolecular hydrogen bonds, which link the glide-related molecules in different layers along the [101] direction (Fig. 3).


Fig. 3. Packing of the molecules of (I), viewed normal to the (111) plane. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds. As the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ contacts involve molecules in different layers, only one pair of molecules from the layers above and below is shown. [Symmetry code: (i) $x-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}-y, z-\frac{1}{2}$.]

In the crystal of (II), the hydroxyl groups form O$\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ intermolecular hydrogen bonds, to give a linear chain of dihydronaphthalene rings, which pack as layers parallel to the ( 202 ) planes. In the adjacent layers, the benzene ring of the dihydronaphthalene moiety is separated by a minimum non-bonding distance of 3.596 (5) Å between C 2 and $\mathrm{C} 10\left(x, \frac{3}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z\right)$.

## Experimental

Compound (I) was prepared as follows: 5,8 -dihydro-1-naphthyl crotonate was prepared from 5,8 -dihydro-1-naphthol and
crotonyl chloride in the presence of pyridine, using dry benzene as solvent. Irradiation of 5,8-dihydro-1-naphthyl crotonate at 254 nm in dry ethyl acetate furnished two rearranged products. The major product was found to be the ortho rearranged compound, while the para rearranged compound was the minor product. Structures of both isomers have been confirmed by the spectroscopic data (Sriraghavan, 1998). Single crystals of (I), the major isomer, were obtained by slow evaporation of the compound in methanol. Compound (II) was prepared according to the method of Chinnakali et al. (1998b). Single crystals of (II) were grown by slow evaporation of the compound in a methanol-chloroform (1:1) solvent system. Spectroscopic data for (I): m.p. 399-341 K; IR (KBr): 3400, 2950, 2900, 2800, 2750, 1640, $1580 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ), p.p.m.: $13.27(s, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OH}$, exchanged with $\left.\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 7.57[d, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}(\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H}) \mathrm{J}=8.31 \mathrm{~Hz}]$, $6.2[d, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H}) J=8.34 \mathrm{~Hz}], 7.20-7.00(m, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{H}), 5.92-5.83(m, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H}), 3.37(d, 2 \mathrm{H}$ $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H}, J=2.67 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.30(d, 2 \mathrm{H} \mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{H}, J=2.70 \mathrm{~Hz})$ and 2.02 $\left(d d, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cl} 4, J=6.15\right.$ and 1.02 Hz ) ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 22.5 MHz ), p.p.m.: 193.5, 161.6, 144.9, 143.1, 126.6, 125.7, 112.4, 122.8, 118.6, 30.1, 23.7 and 18.5; MS ( $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{e}$ ): 214 (18), 199 (100), $173(25), 115(20), 91$ (7); analytical data for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{O}_{2}=$ 214.266: calculated C 78.48 , H $6.58 \%$; found C $78.10, \mathrm{H}$ $6.54 \%$. Spectroscopic data for (II): m.p. 479-481 K; IR (KBr): 3390, 3000, 2900, 2850, 1620, 1560, $1450 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 300 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ), p.p.m.: $10.43(s, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OH}$ exchanged with $\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ), 8.09-7.96 ( $m, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}-\mathrm{H}$ ), 7.55-7.51 ( $m, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}-$ $\mathrm{H}), 7.06-7.2(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}-\mathrm{H}), 6.68-6.45(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}-\mathrm{H}), 5.91-$ $5.85(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H}), 3.72-3.70(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{H}), 3.26-$ 3.23 ( $m, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 100 MHz , DMSO- $d_{6}$ ): p.p.m. $158.4,138.3,137.1,137.0,133.1,132.5,130.6,130.1,128.4$, 128.1, 127.3, 127.1, 126.3, 125.2, 124.1, 122.2, 122.1, 111.0, 28.2, 23.9; MS (m/e): 300 (100), 281 (13), 171 (90), 155 (77), $127(82), 115(37), 77(16)$; analytical data for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{2}=$ 300.359: calculated C 83.97, H $5.36 \%$; found C $83.90, \mathrm{H}$ 5.25\%.

## Compound (I)

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{O}_{2}$
$M_{r}=214.25$
Monoclinic
$P 21 / n$
$a=9.735$ (3) $\AA$
$b=12.7753(8) \AA$
$c=9.735(3) \AA$
$\beta=110.580(2)^{\circ}$
$V=1133.50(12) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$
$D_{x}=1.255 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
$D_{m}$ not measured

## Data collection

Siemens SMART CCD areadetector diffractometer
$\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: none 5477 measured reflections 1986 independent reflections

Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$\lambda=0.71073 \AA$
Cell parameters from 2829 reflections
$\theta=3-25^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.083 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=293$ (2) K
Parallepiped
$0.30 \times 0.28 \times 0.16 \mathrm{~mm}$ Yellow

1517 reflections with

$$
I>2 \sigma(I)
$$

$R_{\text {int }}=0.034$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=25^{\circ}$
$h=-11 \rightarrow 10$
$k=0 \rightarrow 15$
$l=0 \rightarrow 11$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& u^{\prime}=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}^{2}\right)+(0.0603 P)^{2}\right. \\
& +0.2366 P \text { ] } \\
& \text { where } P=\left(F_{0}^{2}+2 F_{c}^{2}\right) / 3 \\
& (\Delta / \sigma)_{\text {max }}<0.001 \\
& \Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.23 \mathrm{e}^{\AA^{-3}} \\
& \Delta \rho_{\text {min }}=-0.17 \mathrm{e}^{-3} \\
& \text { Extinction correction: none } \\
& \text { Scattering factors from } \\
& \text { International Tables for } \\
& \text { Cristallography (Vol. C) }
\end{aligned}
$$

Table 1. Selected geometric parameters $\left(\AA^{\circ},^{\circ}\right)$ for (I)

| $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $1.476(5)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $1.478(5)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $1.500(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $1.513(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $1.305(5)$ |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $114.2(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $113.1(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 0-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $-7.6(6)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $7.4(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $-0.1(7)$ | $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Cl}(1) \mathrm{C} 5$ | $0.0(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $7.6(6)$ | $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 1(-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $7.4(4)$ |

Table 2. Hydrogen-bonding geometry $\left(\AA^{\circ},{ }^{\circ}\right)$ for (I)

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} 101 \cdots \mathrm{O} 2$ | $0.9+(5)$ | $1.66(5)$ | $2.540(3)$ | $1.54(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H} 3 \cdots 2^{2}$ | $1.11(3)$ | $2.39(4)$ | $3.422(3)$ | $155(.3)$ |

Symmetry code: (i) $x-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}-y, z-\frac{1}{2}$.

## Compound (II)

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{2}$
$M_{r}=300.34$
Monoclinic
$P 2_{1} / c$
$a=12.2964$ (2) $\AA$
$b=16.2109(3) \AA$
$c=7.8517$ (2) $\AA$
$\beta=103.197$ (2) ${ }^{\circ}$
$V=1523.79(5) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$
$D_{x}=1.309 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
$D_{m}$ not measured

## Data collection

Siemens SMART CCD area-
detector diffractometer
$\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: none 7933 measured reflections 2681 independent reflections

Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$\lambda=0.71073 \AA$
Cell parameters from 1837 reflections
$\theta=3-25^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.083 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=293$ (2) K
Thin plate
$0.26 \times 0.18 \times 0.02 \mathrm{~mm}$
Light yellow

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.059$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.134$
$S=1.005$
2679 reflections
272 parameters
All H -atom parameters refined

1275 reflections with

$$
I>2 \sigma(I)
$$

$R_{\text {int }}=0.082$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=25^{\circ}$
$h=-14 \rightarrow 14$
$k=0 \rightarrow 19$
$l=0 \rightarrow 9$

$$
w^{\prime}=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}^{2}\right)+(0.0450 P)^{2}\right]
$$

$$
\text { where } P=\left(F_{o}^{2}+2 F_{c}^{2}\right) / 3
$$

$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\text {max }}<0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.14 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.16 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
Extinction correction: none
Scattering factors from International Tables for Crystallography (Vol. C)

Table 3. Selected geometric parameters ( $\mathrm{A}^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ ) for (II)

| $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $1.477(5)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $1.476(4)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $1.512(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $1.504(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $1.302(5)$ |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $115.2(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $114.2(3)$ |

Table 4. Hydrogen-bonding geometry $\left({ }^{\circ},^{\circ}\right)$ for (II)

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OI-HIO1 $\cdots 2^{2}$ | $1.00(4)$ | $1.75(5)$ | $2.740(3)$ | $173(4)$ |
| Symmetry code: (i) | $1-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{3}{2}-z$. |  |  |  |

The data collection covered over a hemisphere of reciprocal space by a combination of three sets of exposures; each set had a different $\varphi$ angle ( 0,88 and $180^{\circ}$ ) for the crystal and each exposure of 30 s covered $0.3^{\circ}$ in $\omega$. The crystal-to-detector distance was 4.95 cm for (I) and 3.99 cm for (II); the detector swing angle was $-30^{\circ}$. Coverage of the unique set is over $99 \%$ complete. Crystal decay was monitored by repeating 30 initial frames at the end of the data collection and analysing the duplicate reflections, and was found to be negligible. Both structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques; all H atoms were located from successive difference Fourier maps and refined isotropically. Though all the atoms in the structure of (I) had been located, the refinement did not converge and showed an $R$ value of 0.174 ( $w R=0.507$ ). Nearly equal lengths for the $a[9.7322(6) \AA]$ and $c[9.7382$ (6) $A]$ axes suggested the possibility of a rotational twin, with the $a$ and $c$ axes interchanged. Accordingly, the structure was refined with TWIN 001, 010,100 and BASF instructions, with equal values for $a$ and $c$ lengths, and it converged to the present $R$ value with twin components of 0.720 (2) and 0.280 (2). The slightly low reflection-to-parameter ratios of 9.8 are due to the fact that the H -atom parameters were refined.
For both compounds, data collection: SMART (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: SAINT (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structures: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1994); program(s) used to refine structures: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL and PARST (Nardelli, 1995).

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# The 3,3,6,6-Tetramethyl cis-transoid-cisPhotocyclodimer of tert-Butyl 2,5-Dihydro-5,5-dimethyl-2-oxo-1 H -pyrrole-1-carboxylate 

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## Abstract

The X-ray structure of di-tert-butyl cis-transoid-cis-perhydro-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1,4-dioxocyclobuta[1,2$c: 3,4-c^{\prime}$ ]dipyrrole-2,5-dicarboxylate, $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{34} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}$, which is the major photocyclodimer obtained on hexa-deuterioacetone-sensitized irradiation of the monomeric tert-butyl 2,5-dihydro-5,5-dimethyl-2-oxo-1 H -pyrrole-1carboxylate, was determined in order to establish its constitution and configuration unambiguously.

## Comment

The photochemical behaviour of 5,5 -dimethyl 1 H -pyrrol-2(5H)-one (Ihlefeld \& Margaretha, 1992) parallels that of the pyrimidine bases of DNA, such as uracil or thymine. Direct irradiation (Ihlefeld \& Margaretha, 1992) or hexadeuterioacetone-sensitized irradiation (Wrobel \& Margaretha, 1997) affords a mixture of two dimers, $(A)$ (major) and $(B)$ (minor), whose structures were previously assigned on the basis of their ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra only, because suitable single crystals could not be obtained. We have prepared the title compound,


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