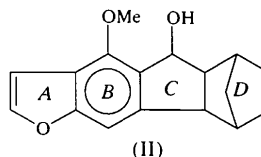
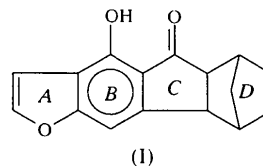


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of generating new analogues of photodynamic drugs, *i.e.* psoralens (Shim, 1984). Both the title intermediates have been successfully transformed into their respective psoralens (Mal *et al.*, 1998). The X-ray structure determinations were carried out in order to establish the relative stereochemistries.



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5a,6,9,9a-Tetrahydro-4-hydroxy-6,9-methano-5H-fluoreno[2,3-b]furan-5-one and 5a,6,9,9a-tetrahydro-6,9-methano-4-methoxy-5H-fluoreno[2,3-b]furan-5-ol

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Abstract

In the title compounds, C₁₆H₁₂O₃ and C₁₇H₁₆O₃, the six-membered ring of the norbornene moiety adopts a boat conformation and the five-membered rings formed by the methylene bridge adopt envelope conformations; the other rings in the molecules are nearly coplanar. In the solid state, both compounds exhibit O—H···O and C—H···O hydrogen bonds.

Comment

The title compounds, 5a,6,9,9a-tetrahydro-4-hydroxy-6,9-methano-5H-fluoreno[2,3-b]furan-5-one, (I), and 5a,6,9,9a-tetrahydro-6,9-methano-4-methoxy-5H-fluoreno[2,3-b]furan-5-ol, (II), were prepared for the purpose

The bond lengths and angles observed in fused rings A, B and C of compounds (I) and (II) agree with each other, and those in the norbornene ring system are comparable with reported values (Beddoes *et al.*, 1993; Chinnakali *et al.*, 1999). The asymmetric unit of (II) consists of two independent molecules [(IIA) and (IIB)] which have different orientations of the methoxy group [C3A—C4A—O2A—C17A 49.8(4) and C3B—C4B—O2B—C17B –54.9(4)°].

In the molecules of (I) and (II), the fused rings A, B and C are nearly coplanar. The fused five-membered ring C in (IIA) adopts a flattened envelope conformation, and in (IIB) it is in the half-chair conformation; asymmetry parameters $\Delta C_s(C6A) = 0.004(1)$ and $\Delta C_2(C13B) = 0.005(1)$ (Nardelli, 1983).

In both compounds, the six-membered ring (D) of the norbornene ring system is a fairly symmetrical boat, with asymmetry parameters $\Delta C_s(C7—C12) = 0.001(1)$ (I), 0.025(1) (IIA) and 0.021(1) (IIB), and $\Delta C_s(C8) = 0.012(1)$ (I), 0.030(1) (IIA) and 0.025(1) (IIB); the five-membered rings in the norbornene moiety formed by the methylene bridge adopt envelope conformations. The C7/C9/C10/C12 plane is nearly perpendicular to the five-membered ring C, with a dihedral angle of 87.50(7)° in (I), 89.7(1)° in (IIA) and 89.08(8)° in (IIB). In both compounds, the C/D ring junction is *cis*.

In (I), the hydroxyl- and carbonyl-O atoms are involved in a weak O—H···O intramolecular hydrogen bond. In the crystal, the screw-related molecules are linked by weak C1—H1A···O3(1+x, $\frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$) hydrogen bonds along the *a* direction (Table 2). In (II), the two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit are linked by O3B—H3BA···O2A and O3A—H3AA···O2B intermolecular hydrogen bonds. In the solid state, weak C—H···O contacts are observed for (IIA) along the *b* direction and for (IIB) along the *a* direction (Table 4).

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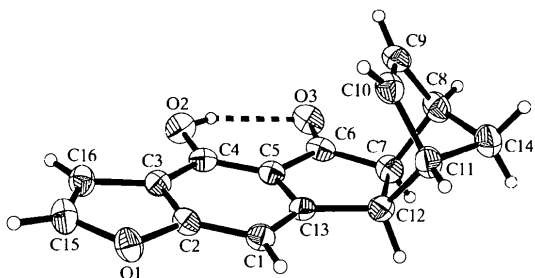


Fig. 1. The structure of (I) showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme.

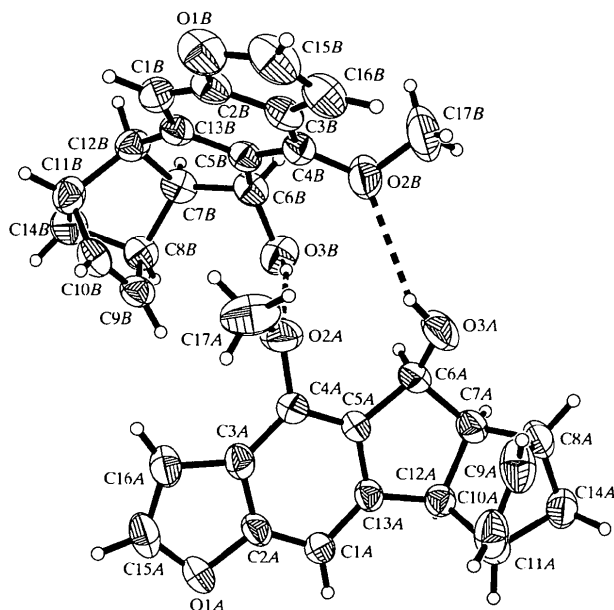


Fig. 2. The structure of (II) showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme. One of the two H atoms attached to the C14A and C14B atoms are hidden.

Experimental

Compound (I) was prepared in good yield by condensation of methyl phenylsulfonylfuran-3-carboxylate with bicyclopentadiene in the presence of *t*-BuOLi (*tert*-butyloxylithium) (Mal *et al.*, 1998). It was recrystallized from a 1:2 mixture of dichloromethane and acetone by slow evaporation; m.p. 401 K. Compound (II) was prepared in two steps from (I) by *o*-methylation followed by sodium borohydride reduction in methanol. Recrystallization of (II) was performed in the manner described for (I); m.p. 391 K.

Compound (I)

Crystal data

C₁₆H₁₂O₃
M_r = 252.26

Mo *K*α radiation
 λ = 0.71073 Å

Monoclinic

*P*2₁/*c*

a = 6.3760 (1) Å
b = 18.1210 (2) Å
c = 10.6546 (1) Å
 β = 107.4075 (1)°
V = 1174.65 (3) Å³
Z = 4
D_x = 1.426 Mg m⁻³
D_m not measured

Cell parameters from 4438 reflections

θ = 2.25–28.31°
 μ = 0.098 mm⁻¹
T = 293 (2) K
 Plate
 0.44 × 0.32 × 0.08 mm
 Colourless

Data collection

Siemens SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: none
 7571 measured reflections
 2875 independent reflections

1750 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
*R*_{int} = 0.066
 θ_{max} = 28.31°
h = -8 → 8
k = 0 → 24
l = 0 → 14

Refinement

Refinement on *F*²
R [*F*² > 2σ(*F*²)] = 0.059
 $wR(F^2)$ = 0.159
S = 0.913
 2875 reflections
 174 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0859P)^2]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$

$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.27 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.27 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 Extinction correction: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1997)
 Extinction coefficient: 0.019 (5)
 Scattering factors from *International Tables for Crystallography* (Vol. C)

Table 1. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °) for (I)

O1—C2	1.375 (2)	O3—C6	1.232 (2)
O1—C15	1.383 (2)	C9—C10	1.315 (3)
O2—C4	1.353 (2)	C15—C16	1.329 (3)
C8—C14—C11	94.01 (16)		

Table 2. Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °) for (I)

D—H...A	D—H	H...A	D...A	D—H...A
O2—H2A...O3	0.82	2.09	2.795 (2)	144
C1—H1A...O3'	0.93	2.48	3.288 (2)	146

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

Compound (II)

Crystal data

C₁₇H₁₆O₃
M_r = 268.30
 Triclinic
*P*1
a = 9.8318 (1) Å
b = 9.9472 (2) Å
c = 14.2471 (3) Å
 α = 73.852 (8)°
 β = 86.554 (9)°
 γ = 78.916 (1)°
V = 1313.38 (4) Å³
Z = 4
D_x = 1.357 Mg m⁻³
D_m not measured

Mo *K*α radiation

λ = 0.71073 Å
 Cell parameters from 4108 reflections
 θ = 1.49–28.30°
 μ = 0.092 mm⁻¹
T = 293 (2) K
 Parallelepiped
 0.36 × 0.22 × 0.18 mm
 Colourless

Data collection

Siemens SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer	2899 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
ω scans	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.054$
Absorption correction: none	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 28.30^\circ$
10 634 measured reflections	$h = -12 \rightarrow 12$
6190 independent reflections	$k = -12 \rightarrow 12$
	$l = 0 \rightarrow 18$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.33 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.058$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.25 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
$wR(F^2) = 0.159$	Extinction correction:
$S = 0.906$	<i>SHELXTL</i> (Sheldrick, 1997)
6190 reflections	Extinction coefficient:
366 parameters	0.018 (2)
H-atom parameters constrained	Scattering factors from
$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0678P)^2]$	<i>International Tables for Crystallography</i> (Vol. C)
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$	
$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$	

Table 3. Selected geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$) for (II)

O1A—C15A	1.372 (3)	O1B—C15B	1.371 (4)
O1A—C2A	1.378 (3)	O1B—C2B	1.382 (3)
O2A—C4A	1.386 (3)	O2B—C17B	1.363 (3)
O2A—C17A	1.393 (3)	O2B—C4B	1.388 (3)
O3A—C6A	1.423 (3)	O3B—C6B	1.423 (3)
C9A—C10A	1.324 (4)	C9B—C10B	1.324 (3)
C15A—C16A	1.330 (3)	C15B—C16B	1.331 (4)
C8A—C14A—C11A	93.23 (18)	C11B—C14B—C8B	94.0 (2)
C17A—O2A—C4A—C3A	49.8 (4)		
C17B—O2B—C4B—C3B	-54.9 (4)		

Table 4. Hydrogen-bonding geometry (\AA , $^\circ$) for (II)

D—H...A	D—H	H...A	D...A	D—H...A
O3B—H3BA...O2A	0.82	2.20	2.990 (3)	163
O3A—H3AA...O2A	0.82	2.48	2.978 (3)	120
O3A—H3AA...O2B	0.82	2.48	3.215 (3)	149
C8A—H8AA...O1A ⁱ	0.98	2.52	3.481 (3)	168
C15A—H15A...O3A ⁱⁱ	0.93	2.54	3.349 (4)	146
C15B—H15B...O3B ⁱⁱⁱ	0.93	2.49	3.386 (4)	161

Symmetry codes: (i) $x, y - 1, z$; (ii) $x, 1 + y, z$; (iii) $x - 1, y, z$.

For both crystals, the data collection covered a hemisphere of reciprocal space by a combination of three sets of exposures, each with a different φ angle (0, 88 and 180 $^\circ$) for the crystal; the crystal-to-detector distance was 3 cm and the detector swing angle was -20 $^\circ$. The frame exposure time was 30 s for (I) and 10 s for (II). Crystal decay was monitored by repeating 30 initial frames at the end of data collection and analysing the intensity of duplicate reflections; it was found to be negligible. Both structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques. After checking their presence in a difference map, all the H atoms were placed in geometrically calculated positions and a riding model was used for their refinement; rotating-group refinement was used for the methyl and OH groups.

For both compounds, data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINTE* (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: *SAINTE*; program(s) used to solve structures: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997); 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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6,11-Dihydroxy-1,4-methano-1,4,4a,12a-tetrahydronaphthacene-5,12-dione

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The title compound, C₁₉H₁₄O₄, exists in the quinol form. The six-membered and five-membered rings of the norbornene moiety adopt boat and envelope conformations, respectively. The hydroxyl groups are involved in O—H...O intramolecular hydrogen bonds.

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