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5-Nitroisophthalic acid hydrate

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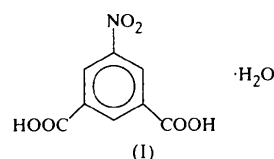
Abstract

In the title compound, C₈H₅NO₆·H₂O, the carboxylic acid groups are coplanar with the phenyl ring, whereas the nitro group is twisted from it by 26.1 (3)°. In the crystal, the molecules are linked by O—H···O hydrogen bonds through the water molecules and by weak C—H···O hydrogen bonds involving the nitro groups, to form infinite zigzag sheets.

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Comment

Crystal engineering (Desiraju, 1989) offers the opportunity to design and construct solids with a defined architecture (Goswami *et al.*, 1999) from relatively simple starting components. Co-operative non-covalent bonding interactions control the nucleation of supramolecular assemblies which grow into well defined supramolecular arrays (Duchamp & Marsh, 1969) and finally into a macroscopic aggregate, namely, a crystal. Thus, hydrogen-bonding units comprising a sequence of acceptor (—NO₂ or —C=O) and donor (—NH₂ or —OH) sites have been used to direct the formation of a variety of organic supramolecular entities (Whitesides *et al.*, 1991). The basic motif is an open network comprising rings of three molecules of 5AIPA (5AIPA is 5-aminoisophthalic acid) and three molecules of 5NIPA (5NIPA is 5-nitroaminoisophthalic acid) hydrogen bonded together through pairs of O—H···O and N—H···O hydrogen bonds between two carbonyl groups and between amine nitro groups. In a continuation of this general line of study, the title compound, (I), was studied by X-ray crystallography and the results are presented here.



The X-ray structure of a water-free pseudo-polymorph of 5NIPA and angular parameters for several substituents of benzene rings, including NO₂ and COOH, were calculated using regression by Colapietro *et al.* (1984). In addition, Domenicano *et al.* (1990) have performed extensive work on substituted benzene derivatives using *ab initio* molecular-orbital calculations,

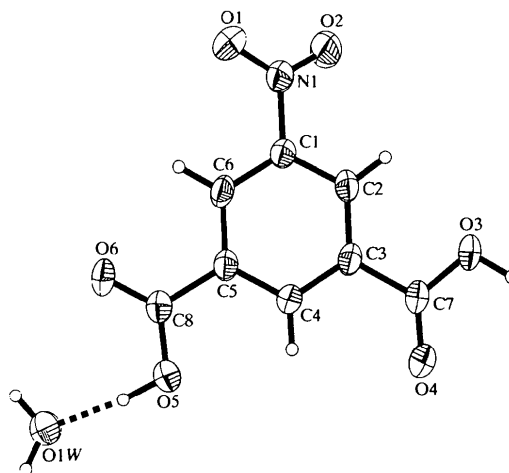


Fig. 1. The structure of (I) showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme. H atoms are drawn as circles of arbitrary radii.

All H atoms were located from the difference Fourier map and were refined isotropically; C—H distances are in the range 0.93 (2)–0.96 (2) Å.

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996). Cell refinement: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1996). Data reduction: *SAINT*. Program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997). Program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*. Molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*. Software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL* and *PLATON* (Spek, 1990).

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(E)-1,2-Bis(3,4-dihydro-1-methoxy-naphthalen-2-yl)ethylene

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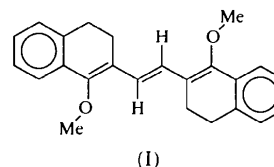
Abstract

In the structure of the title compound, C₂₄H₂₄O₂, one of the two types of six-membered rings is planar and

the other is in a skew-boat conformation. The ethylene C=C bond distance is 1.345 (3) Å. The substituents at the ethylene are in an *E* configuration. The crystal structure consists of discrete molecules lying about inversion centres, held together by van der Waals contacts.

Comment

Reductive dimerization of carbonyl compounds with the low-valent titanium reagents developed by McMurry & Flaming (1974) has been utilized by synthetic organic chemists. Recently, we have developed a highly stereoselective method for the formation of 1,6-disubstituted 1,3,5-hexatriene derivatives. Use of the technique of reductive dimerization of carbonyl compounds with low-valent titanium reagents to produce stereoselective alkenes is of great use in the synthesis of bioactive molecules, *viz.* retinals and carotenes (Dams & Malinowski, 1982; McMurry *et al.*, 1978). The diastereomeric nature of the new double bond formed during the reaction is dependent on the reagents and reaction conditions. The stereochemistry (*i.e.* whether C1=C10 is *cis* or *trans*) of the title compound, (I), was difficult to assign from ¹H NMR data and so determination of the structure by X-ray crystallography was essential.



The ethylene C=C [C12=C12ⁱ; symmetry code: (i) 2 - x, -y, 2 - z] bond distance of 1.345 (3) Å is slightly longer than the reported values of 1.314 (6) Å in unsubstituted ethylene (van Nes & Vos, 1977) and 1.312 Å for a C_{sp}²—C_{sp}² distance of the *trans* type reported in the Cambridge Structural Database (Allen *et al.*, 1987), and is comparable with the value of 1.342 (3) Å for 1,1-bis(*p*-ethoxyphenyl)ethylene reported by Banerjee *et al.* (1985). In the case of polarized ethylenes, an appreciable lengthening of this bond has been reported by Adhikesavalu & Venkatesan (1981, 1982, 1983). The average C—C distance of 1.390 (3) Å within the aromatic ring (A) is in agreement with the value of 1.397 Å for C_{aryl}—C_{aryl} distances (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The widening of the angle at C12 [125.9 (2)°] may be due to the weak intramolecular C—H...O interaction between H12A and O1 [C12...O1 2.809 (2) Å]. The symmetry-related molecule is in an antiperiplanar orientation, with a torsion angle of 180° through the ethylene bond.

The aromatic ring A is essentially planar. The total puckering amplitude *Q*_T (Cremer & Pople, 1975) of 0.439 (2) shows that the non-aromatic ring (B) adopts a skew-boat conformation, with O1 and C12 deviating