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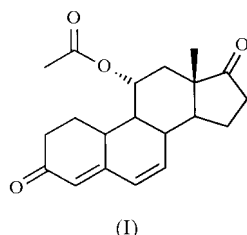
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The synthesis and crystal structure analysis *via* X-ray diffraction of the title compound, C₂₀H₂₄O₄, (I), are described. The title compound is an androstadiene bearing a diene in the A and B rings [Krause & Thorand (1999). *Inorg. Chim. Acta*, **296**, 1–11]. The diene conjugates with the carbonyl group. Intermolecular H···O contacts (2.53 and 2.64 Å; C–H···O angles 161 and 158°) indicate hydrogen bonds.



Experimental

The title compound was obtained in 80–90% yield through bromination and dehydrobromination of 3,11-diacetylandrosta-4,6-diene-17-one (Vettel, 1998). It was dissolved in a small amount of dichloromethane and cyclohexane, and crystals were obtained by vapor diffusion.

Crystal data

C₂₀H₂₄O₄
M_r = 328.39
 Orthorhombic, *P*2₁2₁2₁
a = 9.7567 (3) Å
b = 10.3440 (3) Å
c = 17.0684 (6) Å
V = 1722.60 (9) Å³
Z = 4
D_x = 1.266 Mg m⁻³

Mo *K*α radiation
 Cell parameters from 10 662
 reflections
 θ = 3.11–27.48°
 μ = 0.087 mm⁻¹
T = 291 (1) K
 Block, colourless
 0.20 × 0.12 × 0.12 mm

Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer
 Method: 208 frames *via* ω -rotation
 ($\Delta\omega$ = 1°) at different κ values
 and two times 30 s per frame
 10 662 measured reflections
 2205 independent reflections

1217 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)
 R_{int} = 0.024
 θ_{max} = 27.48°
 h = −12 → 12
 k = −13 → 13
 l = −22 → 22

Refinement

Refinement on *F*²
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$ = 0.035
 $wR(F^2)$ = 0.078
 S = 0.933
 2205 reflections
 220 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0400P)^2]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

(Δ/σ)_{max} = 0.001
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$ = 0.10 e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ = −0.11 e Å⁻³
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL97*
 Extinction coefficient: 0.0064 (13)
 Absolute structure: Flack (1983)
 Flack parameter = 0.4 (14)

Table 1

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

<i>D</i> –H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> –H	H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> –H··· <i>A</i>
C6–H6···O2 ⁱ	0.93	2.64	3.526 (3)	158
C10–H10···O4 ⁱⁱ	0.98	2.53	3.472 (2)	161

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

H atoms were placed in calculated positions with *U*_{iso} constrained to be 1.5*U*_{eq} of the carrier atom for the methyl groups and with *U*_{iso} constrained to be 1.2*U*_{eq} of the carrier atom for the remaining positions. The absolute configuration was assumed from the synthesis. Friedel pairs were merged in the data set.

Data collection: Nonius KappaCCD software; cell refinement: *DENZO* and *SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *DENZO* and *SCALEPACK*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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