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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 203 KMean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.006 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.045 wR factor = 0.122 Data-to-parameter ratio = 11.8

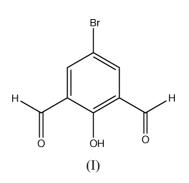
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# 5-Bromo-2-hydroxybenzene-1,3-dicarbaldehyde

In the crystal structure of the title compound,  $C_8H_5BrO_3$ , two molecules are linked about inversion centres by  $C-H\cdots Br$  hydrogen bonds. The structure is also characterized by intraand intermolecular hydrogen bonds between hydroxyl and aldehyde O atoms.

# Comment

5-Bromo-2-hydroxybenzene-1,3-dicarbaldehyde, (I), is a precursor in the synthesis of Robson-type ligands (Pilkington & Robson, 1970; Fenton, 1999). Bond lengths and angles are in the usual ranges. The molecule is planar with only minor distortions from the mean plane formed by non-H atoms; the deviations range from 0.004 (4) (for C6) to 0.126 (3) Å (O7). The crystal structure is also characterized by intra- and intermolecular hydrogen bonds (Table 1).



## **Experimental**

The title compound was synthesized according to previously reported methods (Taniguchi, 1984; Xie *et al.*, 1994). To a solution of 4-bromo-2,6-dihydroxymethylphenol (40 g, 0.17 mol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1 l), MnO<sub>2</sub> (232 g, 2.66 mol) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred under reflux for 48 h and cooled to room temperature. Then the solution was filtered and the solid was washed twice with 100 ml of CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The washings were added to the original filtrate and the combined solution was evaporated to yield a yellow solid (22 g, 55% yield). Crystals were obtained by the slow evaporation of a CHCl<sub>3</sub> solution. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, p.p.m.): 11.55 (*s*, 1H), 10.20 (*s*, 2H), 8.07 (*s*, 2H).

Crystal data

C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>5</sub> BrO <sub>3</sub>	$D_x = 2.000 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 229.03$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Cell parameters from 3595
$a = 7.5206 (15) \text{\AA}$	reflections
b = 3.9367 (8)  Å	$\theta = 1.6-26.8^{\circ}$
c = 25.881 (5)  Å	$\mu = 5.36 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 96.84 \ (3)^{\circ}$	T = 203 (2)  K
V = 760.8 (3) Å <sup>3</sup>	Needle, yellow
Z = 4	$0.15$ $\times$ 0.06 $\times$ 0.04 mm

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## Data collection

1476 reflections

125 parameters

Siemens SMART CCD diffractometer $\omega$ scans (1271 frames, 0.30°, 10 s, detector distance 5.5 cm, detector angle 23.0°) Absorption correction: multi-scan (Blessing, 1995) $T_{min} = 0.528$ , $T_{max} = 0.807$	3595 measured reflections 1476 independent reflections 1280 reflections with $l > 2\sigma(l)$ $R_{int} = 0.108$ $\theta_{max} = 26.8^{\circ}$ $h = -7 \rightarrow 9$ $k = -4 \rightarrow 4$ $l = -31 \rightarrow 31$
Refinement	
Refinement on $F^2$ $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$ $wR(F^2) = 0.122$ S = 1.15	$w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (0.0504P)^{2} + 1.1160P]$ where $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3 (\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.021$

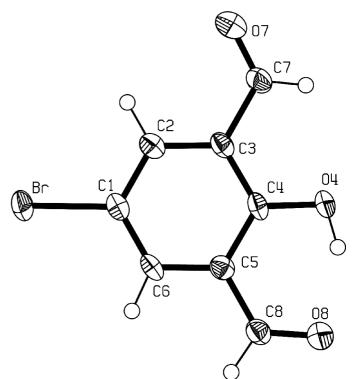


Table 1Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

All H-atom parameters refined

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
O4−H4···O8	0.89	1.79	2.608 (7)	151
$O4-H4\cdots O4^{i}$	0.89	2.47	2.935 (7)	113
C2−H2···Br <sup>ii</sup>	1.00	2.93	3.921 (5)	173
C6−H6···O7 <sup>iii</sup>	0.95	2.57	3.495 (9)	164
С7−Н7…О4	0.94	2.40	2.779 (8)	104

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.62 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\min} = -0.77 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

Symmetry codes: (i)  $\frac{3}{2} - x$ ,  $y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ; (ii) 1 - x, 1 - y, -z; (iii) x - 1, y - 1, z.

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1994–1996); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1994–1996); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Siemens, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97.

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#### Figure 1

*ORTEP* view (*SHELXTL*; Siemens, 1996) of 5-bromo-2-hydroxybenzene-1,3-dicarbaldehyde showing displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level.

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