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## Key indicators

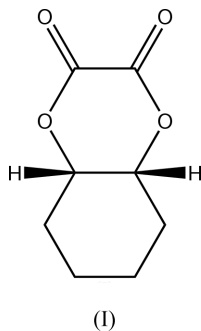
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 110$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.061  
 $wR$  factor = 0.141  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 8.9For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.*cis*-Perhydro-1,4-benzodioxin-2,3-dione

The title compound,  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4$ , crystallizes in the non-centrosymmetric space group  $Pna2_1$  with two molecules in the asymmetric unit. The structure is characterized by fused cyclohexyl and cyclic diester rings. There is a twist of  $60^\circ$  about the ring fusion. The molecules are characterized by an average  $\text{C}=\text{O}$  bond of  $1.199$  (8) Å, an average  $sp^2$   $\text{C}-\text{O}$  bond of  $1.328$  (8) Å, and an average  $sp^3$   $\text{C}-\text{O}$  bond of  $1.469$  (8) Å.

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## Comment

The title compound, (I), is the major product of the reaction of oxalyl chloride and *cis*-1,2-cyclohexanediol in the presence of triethylamine; the corresponding cyclic carbonate forms as the minor product (Itaya & Iida, 1994; Itaya *et al.*, 2002). Despite significant study in the literature (Lloyd *et al.*, 1975; Kim *et al.*, 1991; Itaya & Iida, 1994; Itaya *et al.*, 2002), a crystallographic study has never been published. We report the structure of (I) here.



The structure of (I) contains two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit. Each comprises two fused six-membered rings: a cyclohexyl ring and a cyclic diester. The average  $\text{C}_{sp^3}-\text{C}_{sp^3}$  bond distance is  $1.524$  (10) Å within both molecules *A* and *B*. All  $\text{C}=\text{O}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{O}$  bonds are in close agreement both within each molecule and between molecules *A* and *B*. Both cyclic diesters are twisted by about  $60^\circ$  about the ring fusion ( $\text{C}2-\text{C}7$ ) as indicated by their respective torsion angles [ $\text{O}3-\text{C}2-\text{C}7-\text{O}4 = -60.0$  (3) $^\circ$  and  $-60.7$  (3) $^\circ$  for *A* and *B*, respectively]. In the crystal structure, there are three types of weak intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  interactions (see Table 2).

## Experimental

The title compound was prepared according to literature methods (Itaya *et al.*, 2002). X-ray quality crystals were grown by diffusion of hexanes into a concentrated benzene solution at 283 K.

## Crystal data

$C_8H_{10}O_4$   
 $M_r = 170.16$   
 Orthorhombic,  $Pna2_1$   
 $a = 12.088$  (5) Å  
 $b = 20.492$  (9) Å  
 $c = 6.289$  (3) Å  
 $V = 1557.8$  (12) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 8$   
 $D_x = 1.451$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

## Data collection

Bruker SMART 1000 CCD  
 diffractometer  
 $\omega$  and  $\varphi$  scans  
 Absorption correction: none  
 9120 measured reflections  
 1930 independent reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.061$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.141$   
 $S = 1.11$   
 1930 reflections  
 217 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 54  
 reflections  
 $\theta = 5.2$ – $46.1^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.12$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 110$  (2) K  
 Needle, colorless  
 $0.65 \times 0.25 \times 0.05$  mm

1657 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{int} = 0.033$   
 $\theta_{max} = 27.5^\circ$   
 $h = -15 \rightarrow 14$   
 $k = -23 \rightarrow 26$   
 $l = -8 \rightarrow 6$

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0926P)^2 + 0.117P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.50$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.25$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

C1A—O1A	1.196 (4)	O1B—C1B	1.197 (4)
C1A—O3A	1.327 (4)	O2B—C8B	1.205 (4)
O2A—C8A	1.197 (4)	C1B—O3B	1.331 (4)
O3A—C2A	1.468 (4)	O3B—C2B	1.467 (4)
C7A—O4A	1.464 (4)	C7B—O4B	1.475 (4)
O4A—C8A	1.323 (4)	O4B—C8B	1.331 (4)
O1A—C1A—O3A	122.1 (3)	O1B—C1B—O3B	122.1 (3)
O1A—C1A—C8A	120.3 (3)	O1B—C1B—C8B	120.1 (3)
O3A—C1A—C8A	117.5 (3)	O3B—C1B—C8B	117.6 (3)
C1A—O3A—C2A	116.8 (2)	C1B—O3B—C2B	116.2 (3)
O3A—C2A—C7A	109.1 (3)	O3B—C2B—C7B	108.6 (3)
O3A—C2A—C3A	106.6 (2)	O3B—C2B—C3B	107.1 (3)
O4A—C7A—C2A	109.3 (3)	O4B—C7B—C2B	108.8 (3)
O4A—C7A—C6A	110.4 (3)	O4B—C7B—C6B	111.2 (3)
C8A—O4A—C7A	119.2 (2)	C8B—O4B—C7B	119.8 (3)
O2A—C8A—O4A	121.5 (3)	O2B—C8B—O4B	121.0 (3)
O2A—C8A—C1A	119.3 (3)	O2B—C8B—C1B	120.2 (3)
O4A—C8A—C1A	119.2 (3)	O4B—C8B—C1B	118.7 (3)
C1A—O3A—C2A—C3A	170.9 (3)	C1B—O3B—C2B—C3B	174.9 (3)
O3A—C2A—C7A—O4A	-60.0 (3)	O3B—C2B—C7B—O4B	-60.3 (3)
C6A—C7A—O4A—C8A	-91.9 (4)	C6B—C7B—O4B—C8B	-93.3 (4)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
$C2B-H2B \cdots O4A^i$	1.00	2.53	3.355 (4)	139
$C2B-H2B \cdots O1A^{ii}$	1.00	2.43	3.136 (4)	127
$C5A-H511 \cdots O2A^{iii}$	0.99	2.45	3.195 (4)	131

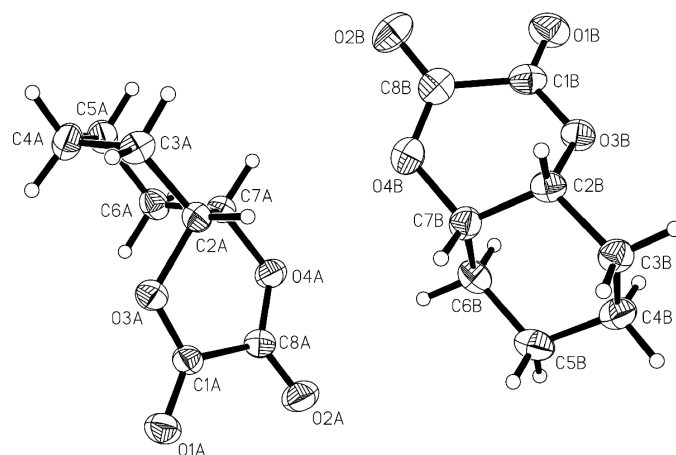
Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, y, 1+z$ ; (ii)  $x - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} - y, 1+z$ ; (iii)  $x - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} - y, z$ .

Figure 1

The asymmetric unit of (I) (50% probability displacement ellipsoids), with the atomic numbering scheme.

All H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C—H distances fixed at 0.99–1.00 Å and  $U_{iso}$  values at  $1.2U_{eq}$  of the carrier C atom. In the absence of anomalous dispersion effects, all Friedel pairs were merged for the final refinement. We are, however, certain of the reported stereochemistry as we began from *cis*-1,2-cyclohexanediol as described in the literature (Itaya *et al.*, 2002).

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1999); cell refinement: *SAINTE-Plus* (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: *SAINTE-Plus*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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