

(1*R,4*R**,5*S**,12*S**,13*R**)-9-Acetoxycembra-8(*E*),15(17)-dien-16,4-olide monohydrate**Cui-Xian Zhang,^a Cheng-Zhu Liao,^b Wei-Gang Lu^a and Long-Mei Zeng^{a*}^aThe School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Sun Yat-Sen (Zhongshan) University, Guangzhou 510275, People's Republic of China, and ^bInstrumentation Analysis and Research Center, Sun Yat-Sen (Zhongshan) University, Guangzhou 510275, People's Republic of China

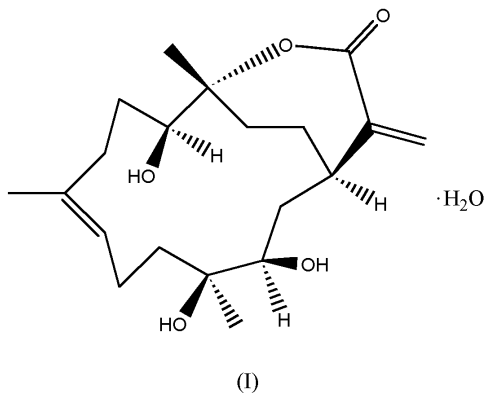
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The title compound, C₂₀H₃₂O₅·H₂O, crystallizes in the non-centrosymmetric space group *C*2. The molecular skeleton consists of an irregular 14-membered ring and a nearly twist-boat seven-membered γ -lactone ring with a *trans* connection. In the solid-state structure, cembradienolide and water molecules form an *R*₂²(7) motif through O—H···OW and OW—H···O hydrogen bonds, while adjacent molecules form an infinite chain, described by graph-set motif *C*₂²(12), along the *c* axis via O—H···O hydrogen bonds.

Comment

(1*R**,4*R**,5*S**,12*S**,13*R**)-9-Acetoxycembra-8(*E*),15(17)-dien-16,4-olide monohydrate, (I), was isolated from the soft coral of *Sinularia microclavata* Tix-Dur, which was collected off the Bay of Sanya, Hainan Island, China. The Cembranolide diterpene has been previously isolated from the soft coral *Sinularia capillosa* Tix-Dux (Lin *et al.*, 2002) and *sinularia tenella* (Su *et al.*, 2000). Some cembranolide diterpenes from *Sinularia* genuses exhibit bio-activity (Anjaneylu *et al.*, 1996; Su *et al.*, 2001), while (I) exhibits cytotoxicity against P388 and L1210 cell lines, with ED₅₀ values of 15.0 and 18.5 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ respectively. Its structure has been elucidated on the basis of spectroscopic methods and the single-crystal X-ray structure of the methanol solvate of (I) (Lin *et al.*, 2002). We report here the crystal structure of monohydrate (I).



This X-ray study of (I) confirms the structure previously proposed on the basis of spectroscopic data. There is one molecule of (I) and one solvent molecule of water in the asymmetric unit. In the crystal structure, cembradienolide and water molecules form an *R*₂²(7) motif (Etter, 1990) through O2—H2···O1W and O1W—H2C···O3 hydrogen bonds (Fig. 1 and Table 2), while adjacent cembradienolide molecules extend in an infinite chain along the *c* axis, described as *C*₂²(12), via O1—H1···O2 and O3—H3···O4 hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2 and Table 1)

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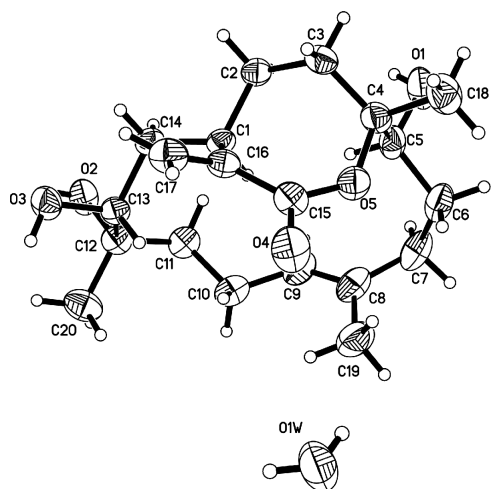


Figure 1
View of the title compound, showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms are drawn as small spheres of arbitrary radii.

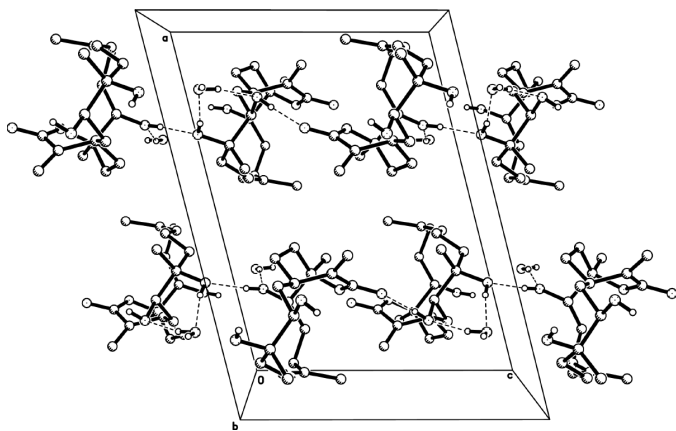


Figure 2
The molecular packing of the title compound, viewed along the *b* axis. All H atoms attached to C atoms have been omitted for clarity.

The molecular skeleton is a bicyclic system with a *trans* connection. The relative molecular configuration was determined as 1*R**,4*R**,5*S**,12*S**,13*R**, as shown in Table 1. The 14-membered ring has an irregular conformation, as illustrated in Table 1, which is similar to the previously published results (Lin *et al.*, 2002). The conformation of the seven-membered γ -lactone ring is a near twist-boat with a C15–O5–C4–C3 torsion angle of 2.1 (4)° (Table 2). The conjugation of the exocyclic methylene and the carbonyl group is somewhat perturbed by the O5–C15–C16–C17 torsion angle of –150.8 (3)°, with the result that this compound exhibits bioactivity (Su *et al.*, 2000).

Experimental

Compound (I) was isolated from the soft coral of *Simularia microclavata* Tix-Dur, which was collected off the Bay of Sanya, Hainan Island, China. The soft coral was extracted with EtOH at room temperature to give a light brown gum. The brown gum was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The EtOAc extract was

chromatographed on silica-gel column by elution with EtOAc and petroleum. A fraction eluted with EtOAc–petroleum ether (volume ratio 4:1) containing cembranolide diterpene (I) was obtained. Crystals of the title compound were obtained by slow evaporation from EtOAc–petroleum ether (4:1).

Crystal data

C₂₀H₃₂O₅·H₂O
M_r = 370.47
 Monoclinic, *C*2
a = 15.6359 (17) Å
b = 12.1299 (17) Å
c = 11.5236 (14) Å
 β = 104.111 (3)°
V = 2119.6 (5) Å³
Z = 4

D_x = 1.161 Mg m^{–3}
 Mo *K* α radiation
 Cell parameters from 990 reflections
 θ = 2.6–26.9°
 μ = 0.08 mm^{–1}
T = 293 (2) K
 Block, colorless
 0.50 × 0.50 × 0.48 mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD diffractometer
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
T_{min} = 0.959, *T_{max}* = 0.961
 9058 measured reflections

2451 independent reflections
 2072 reflections with *I* > 2 σ (*I*)
R_{int} = 0.039
 θ_{max} = 27.2°
h = –20 → 19
k = –15 → 15
l = –14 → 14

Refinement

Refinement on *F*²
R [*F*² > 2 σ (*F*²)] = 0.039
wR(*F*²) = 0.111
S = 1.07
 2451 reflections
 243 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0547P)^2 + 0.3649P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.16 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.12 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected torsion angles (°).

C16–C1–C2–C3	37.0 (3)	C10–C11–C12–C13	68.8 (3)
C14–C1–C2–C3	163.2 (2)	C11–C12–C13–C14	54.2 (2)
C1–C2–C3–C4	48.3 (3)	C16–C1–C14–C13	–63.2 (2)
C2–C3–C4–C5	50.2 (3)	C2–C1–C14–C13	172.63 (19)
C3–C4–C5–C6	–173.9 (2)	C4–O5–C15–O4	–157.9 (3)
C4–C5–C6–C7	138.2 (3)	C4–O5–C15–C16	26.2 (4)
C5–C6–C7–C8	–67.5 (4)	O5–C15–C16–C17	–150.8 (3)
C6–C7–C8–C9	106.0 (3)	O5–C15–C16–C1	31.0 (3)
C7–C8–C9–C10	–171.9 (3)		

Table 2

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>
O1–H1...O2 ⁱ	0.82	1.86	2.673 (3)	173
O2–H2...O1W ⁱⁱ	0.82	1.95	2.755 (4)	167
O3–H3...O4 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.82	1.96	2.774 (3)	175
O1W–H1B...O1 ⁱⁱ	0.83	1.99	2.769 (3)	156
O1W–H2C...O3 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.86	1.99	2.834 (3)	168

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

H atoms were positioned geometrically and were treated as riding on their parent C and O atoms, with C–H distances in the range of 0.93–0.98 Å with $U_{iso}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{eq}(\text{C})$, and O–H distances of 0.82 Å with $U_{iso}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{eq}(\text{O})$. Water H atoms were positioned and fixed during the refinement. In the absence of significant anomalous scattering, the Friedel opposites were merged during the refinement. The crystal packing allows a solvent-accessible void of 48 Å³.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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