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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=296 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.002 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.048$
$w R$ factor $=0.138$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=15.8$
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## 1,4,11,12-Tetrahydro-9,10-anthraquinone

In the title compound, $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{2}$, the cyclohexene ring adopts an envelope conformation, while the remaining fragment of the anthraquinone skeleton is planar.

## Comment

The title compound, (I), is an important precursor for the generation of the 1,4-dihydro-9,10-anthrasemiquinone radical, (II), as observed by electron paramagnetic resonance spectroscopy (Mattar \& Stephens, 1999). The proposed planar structure of (II) is in stark contrast to the conformation observed in (I).

(I)

The molecular structure of (I) is illustrated in Fig. 1. To our knowledge it is the only example of a crystallographically characterized, partially hydrogenated, unsubstituted anthraquinone. The cyclohexene ring in (I) adopts an envelope conformation, resulting in a planar C5-C9 fragment [maximum deviation $=0.0802$ (2) $\AA$ ], with atom C 10 , as the flap of the envelope, displaced by 0.633 (2) $\AA$ from this plane. The remaining carbon skeleton is planar to within 0.0145 (7) $\AA$. The C5-C10 bond is twisted with respect to this plane, such that atom C5 is 0.353 (2) $\AA$ above and atom C10 is 0.339 (2) A below this plane.

## Experimental

Compound (I) was purchased from Aldrich and was recrystallized from methanol.

Crystal data

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\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{2} \\
& M_{r}=2212.24 \\
& \text { Triclinic, } P \overline{1} \\
& a=5.0708(3) \AA \\
& b=9.6094(6) \AA \\
& c=11.9258(8) \AA \\
& \alpha=6.468(1)^{\circ} \\
& \beta=86.081(1)^{\circ} \\
& \gamma=80.935(2)^{\circ} \\
& V=525.64(6) \AA^{3}
\end{aligned}
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Data collection
Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: none
5145 measured reflections
3052 independent reflections
2143 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.013$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=30.0^{\circ}$
$h=-6 \rightarrow 7$
$k=-13 \rightarrow 13$
$l=-16 \rightarrow 15$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.048$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.138$
$S=0.98$
3052 reflections
193 parameters

All H -atom parameters refined $w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0864 P)^{2}\right]$
where $P=\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}{ }^{2}\right) / 3$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.002$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.29 \mathrm{e}^{\AA^{-3}}$
$\Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.13 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$

H atoms were located in difference Fourier maps and refined with isotropic displacement parameters; $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ distances are in the range 0.945 (18)-1.029 (18) Å.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1999); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2003); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1997b); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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Figure 1
A view of the title compound, (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the $30 \%$ probability level.

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