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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.055  
 $wR$  factor = 0.170  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.4

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## 2,5-Dibenzoylterephthalic acid ethanol disolvate

The title compound,  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_6 \cdot 2\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O}$ , was synthesized by the reaction of benzene and pyromellitic acid dianhydride. The acid molecule is centrosymmetric. There are intermolecular  $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bonds and  $\text{C}-\text{H} \cdots \pi$  interactions in the crystal structure.

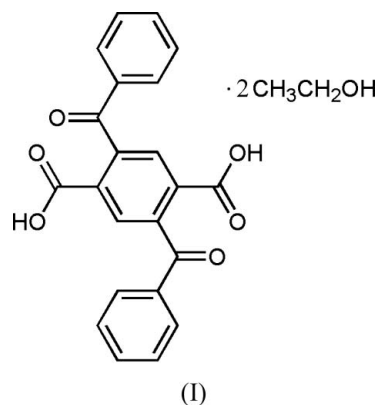
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#### Comment

The synthesis of 2,5-dibenzoylterephthalic acid has been reported (Imai *et al.*, 1975). This paper presents the results of the single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis of 2,5-dibenzoylterephthalic acid, (I).



The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1, and selected bond lengths and angles are given in Table 1. The asymmetric unit consists of one half of the molecule of (I), the molecule being centrosymmetric. An ethanol solvent molecule is also present. In the crystal structure, molecules are link by  $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{H} \cdots \pi$  intermolecular hydrogen bonds (Table 2), forming a two-dimensional layer structure (Fig. 2).

#### Experimental

A mixture of pyromellitic acid dianhydride (6.9 g, 32 mmol), powdered  $\text{AlCl}_3$  (15 g, 120 mmol) and benzene (100 ml) was heated with stirring at 338–343 K for 4 h, and was then poured into water (150 ml) containing concentrated hydrochloric acid (14:1). After removing the benzene by steam distillation, the crude mixture was dissolved in dilute potassium hydroxide solution. After filtration to remove a small amount of insoluble matter, the acids were reprecipitated with hydrochloric acid. The precipitate which formed was filtered off and dried under reduced pressure. The crude product was then crystallized twice from boiling glacial acetic acid to give (I) (yield 70%). Crystals of (I) suitable for diffraction measurements were grown by slow evaporation of a solution in ethanol at room temperature.

Crystal data

C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>6</sub>·2C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 466.47  
 Triclinic, *P*1̄  
*a* = 6.101 (1) Å  
*b* = 8.598 (2) Å  
*c* = 11.479 (2) Å  
 α = 94.88 (3)°  
 β = 98.56 (3)°  
 γ = 92.42 (3)°  
*V* = 592.4 (2) Å<sup>3</sup>

*Z* = 1  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.308 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo *K*α radiation  
 Cell parameters from 25 reflections  
 θ = 10–13°  
 μ = 0.10 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 293 (2) K  
 Block, colorless  
 0.3 × 0.2 × 0.2 mm

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer  
 ω/2θ scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2002)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.977, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.981  
 2555 measured reflections  
 2327 independent reflections  
 1573 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)

*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.024  
 θ<sub>max</sub> = 26.1°  
*h* = 0 → 7  
*k* = -10 → 10  
*l* = -13 → 14  
 3 standard reflections every 200 reflections  
 intensity decay: none

Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R*[*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.055  
*wR*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.170  
*S* = 1.05  
 2327 reflections  
 162 parameters

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  
*w* = 1/[σ<sup>2</sup>(*F<sub>o</sub>*<sup>2</sup>) + (0.1*P*)<sup>2</sup>]  
 where *P* = (*F<sub>o</sub>*<sup>2</sup> + 2*F<sub>c</sub>*<sup>2</sup>)/3  
 (Δ/σ)<sub>max</sub> < 0.001  
 Δρ<sub>max</sub> = 0.29 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Δρ<sub>min</sub> = -0.24 e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1 Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1–C4	1.302 (3)	C1–C3 <sup>i</sup>	1.394 (3)
O2–C4	1.207 (3)	C3–C1 <sup>i</sup>	1.394 (3)
O3–C5	1.209 (3)	C5–C6	1.473 (3)
O2–C4–O1	124.6 (2)	O3–C5–C6	122.6 (2)
O2–C4–C3	121.4 (2)	O3–C5–C2	118.70 (19)
O1–C4–C3	114.02 (18)	C6–C5–C2	118.58 (19)

Symmetry code: (i) -x + 1, -y, -z.

Table 2 Hydrogen-bond 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...O4	1.08 (4)	1.51 (4)	2.563 (3)	165 (3)
O4–H4...O2 <sup>i</sup>	1.01 (4)	1.80 (4)	2.777 (3)	161 (4)

Symmetry code: (ii) -x + 1, -y, -z + 1.

H atoms attached to O atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined, with *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) values of 1.5*U*<sub>eq</sub>(O). H atoms bonded to C atoms were placed in calculated positions (C–H = 0.93–0.97 Å) and refined as riding, with *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) values of 1.2*U*<sub>eq</sub>(C).

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *XCAD4* (Harms, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2000); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

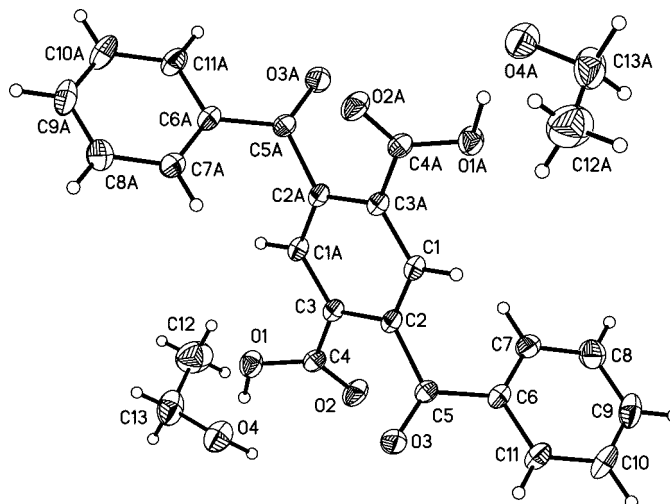


Figure 1 The molecular structure of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. [Symmetry code: (A) 1 - x, -y, -z.]

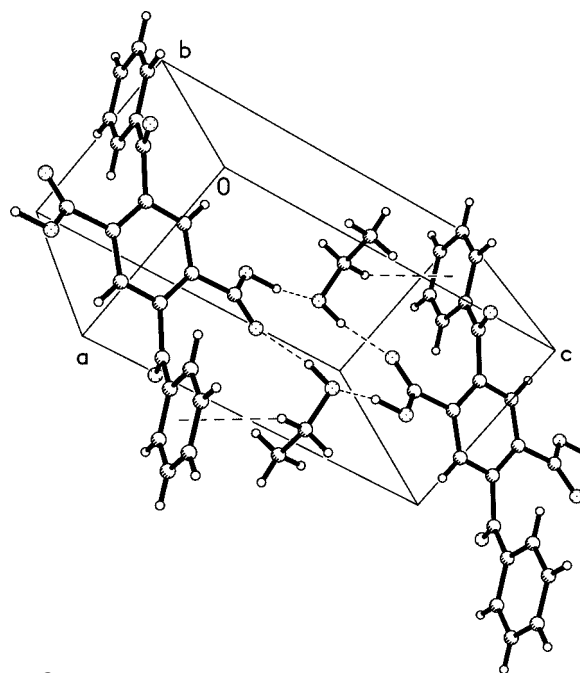


Figure 2 The crystal structure of (I). Dashed lines indicate O–H...O hydrogen bonds and C–H...π interactions.

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