

## 9-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1,8-dioxo-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-decahydroacridine-10-acetic acid

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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 193$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.077  
 $wR$  factor = 0.175  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.7For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.

The title compound,  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{ClNO}_4$ , was synthesized by the reaction of dimedone with 4-chlorobenzaldehyde and glycine in glycol under microwave irradiation. X-ray analysis reveals that the dihydropyridine ring is in a boat conformation and both cyclohexenone rings adopt envelope conformations.

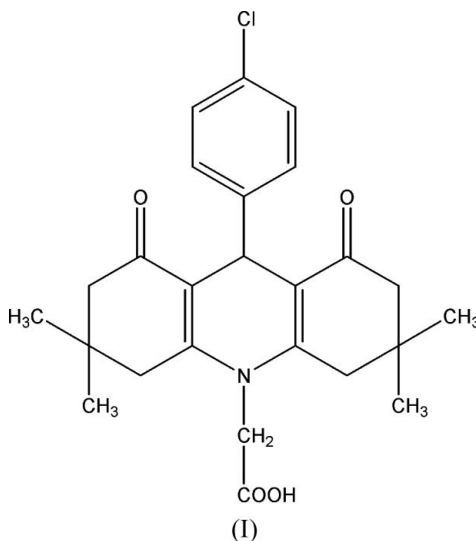
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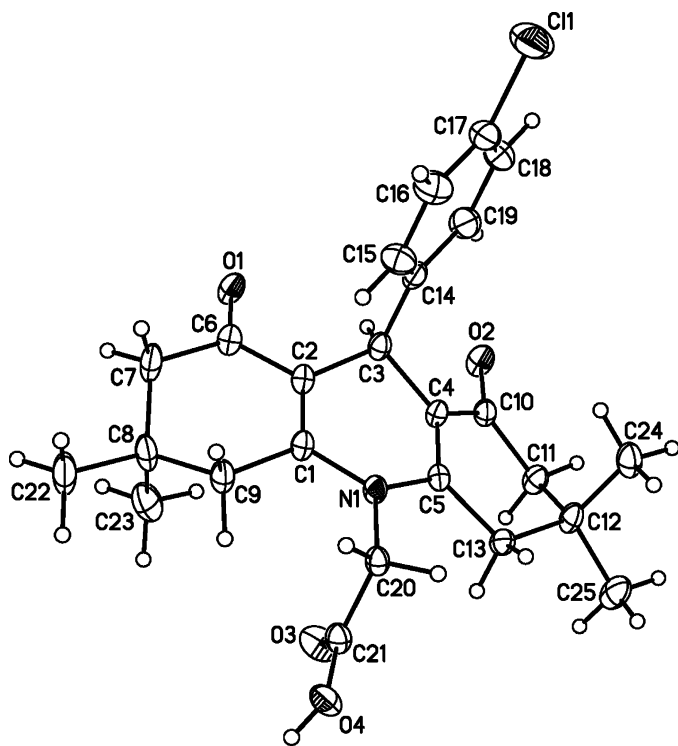
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## Comment

Many natural and synthetic compounds containing the acridine skeleton display interesting biological and physical activities (Wysocka-Skrzela & Ledochowski, 1976). Acridinedione, for example, has been identified as an anti-malarial and antitumour agent (Khurana *et al.*, 1990). Decahydroacridine-1,8-dione derivatives have been reported to have high fluorescence efficiency and can be used as fluorescent molecular probes for monitoring polymerization processes (Popielarz *et al.*, 1997). Furthermore, acridinedione dyes have already been reported as a class of laser dyes operating in the blue–green region (Prabakar *et al.*, 1991). By virtue of their bichromophoric structure, incorporating both a heterocyclic N atom and carbonyl groups, these dyes have been revealed to act not only as electron donors but also as electron acceptors (Timpe *et al.*, 1991). Previously, we have reported the crystal structures of acridindione derivatives (Tu *et al.*, 2004). In this paper, we report the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



The dihydropyridine ring in (I) has a boat conformation, with atoms C3 and N1 deviating from the C1/C2/C4/C5 mean plane by 0.396 (5) and 0.187 (5) Å, respectively (Fig. 1). Both cyclohexenone rings adopt envelope conformations. The



**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of (I), showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme.

dihedral angle between the C14–C19 benzene ring and the C1/C2/C4/C5 plane is 80.8 (1)°. The carboxymethyl substituent at atom N1 is planar, and it is oriented orthogonal to the C1/C2/C4/C5 plane [dihedral angle 90.0 (1)°].

The crystal packing, shown in Fig. 2, reveals that intermolecular O–H···O and C–H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 1) form a three-dimensional network.

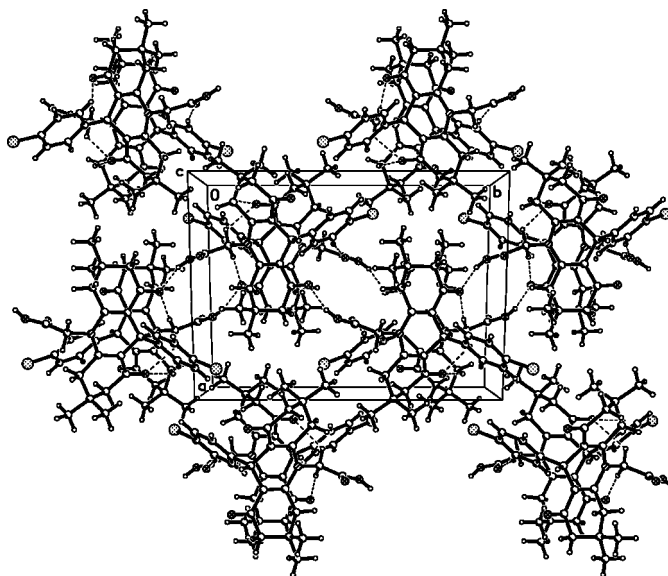
## Experimental

Compound (I) was prepared by the reaction of 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (1 mmol) with glycine (1.5 mmol) and dimedone (2 mmol) in glycol (1 ml) under microwave irradiation (yield 86%; m.p. 563–564 K). Single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution. Spectroscopic analysis: IR (KBr,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3421 (OH), 1738 (CO), 1643 (CO);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$ , p.p.m.): 0.89 (6H, s, 2CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.00 (6H, s, 2CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.05–2.80 (8H, m, 4CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.62 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.98 (H, s, CH), 7.09–7.38 (4H, m, ArH), 13.36 (1H, s, COOH).

### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{ClNO}_4$   
 $M_r = 441.93$   
Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 12.655$  (3) Å  
 $b = 16.582$  (3) Å  
 $c = 11.500$  (3) Å  
 $\beta = 107.708$  (6)°  
 $V = 2298.9$  (9) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.277$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
Cell parameters from 5995 reflections  
 $\theta = 3.1$ – $25.3$ °  
 $\mu = 0.20$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 193$  (2) K  
Block, light yellow  
0.25 × 0.18 × 0.15 mm



**Figure 2**  
A molecular packing diagram for (I), projected along the  $c$  axis. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

### Data collection

Rigaku MERCURY CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
Absorption correction: multi-scan (Jacobson, 1998)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.952$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.971$   
11302 measured reflections

4190 independent reflections  
2642 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.060$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.4$ °  
 $h = -14 \rightarrow 15$   
 $k = -19 \rightarrow 19$   
 $l = -12 \rightarrow 13$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.077$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.175$   
 $S = 1.12$   
4190 reflections  
286 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0583P)^2 + 0.99P]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.20$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.21$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D\text{—}H\cdots A$	$D\text{—}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{—}H\cdots A$
O4—H4···O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.84	1.75	2.565 (4)	163
C13—H13B···O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.99	2.57	3.339 (4)	134
C16—H16···O3 <sup>ii</sup>	0.95	2.41	3.339 (5)	166
C20—H20A···O1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.99	2.41	3.397 (4)	175
C20—H20B···O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.99	2.52	3.229 (4)	128

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

H atoms were placed in idealized positions, with O–H = 0.84 Å and C–H = 0.95–1.00 Å, and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{carrier})$  for methyl and carboxyl H atoms and  $1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  for others.

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku, 1999); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MSK, 2003); 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: *SHELXL97*.

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