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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 294\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004\text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.058  
 $wR$  factor = 0.138  
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## 4a-Hydroxy-9-(3-nitrophenyl)-3,4,4a,5,6,7,9,9a-octahydro-2H-xanthene-1,8-dione

The title compound,  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_6$ , has been synthesized by the reaction of 3-nitrobenzaldehyde with 1,3-cyclohexanedione in glycol under microwave irradiation. The compound is an intermediate of the target product 9-(3-nitrophenyl)-3,4,6,7-tetrahydro-2H-xanthene-1,8(5H,9H)-dione. X-ray crystal-structure analysis reveals that the central hydropyran ring adopts a half-chair conformation.

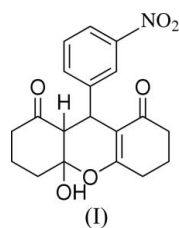
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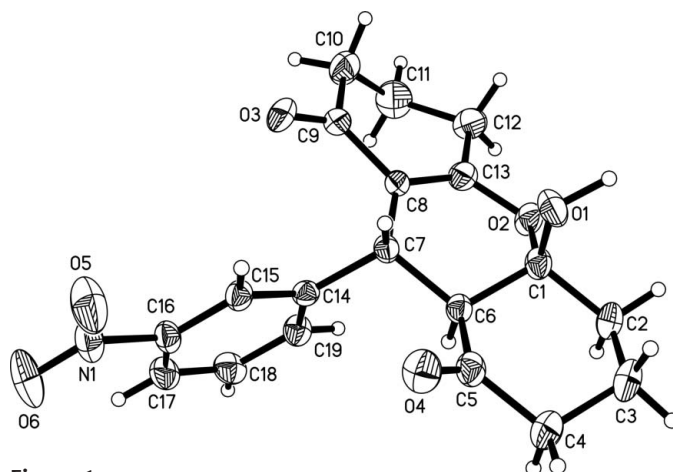
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## Comment

Pyrans and fused pyrans are biologically interesting compounds with antibacterial activity (El-Agrody *et al.*, 2000), antifungal activity (Ohira & Yatagai, 1993), antitumor activity (Mohr *et al.*, 1975) and hypotensive effects (Tandon *et al.*, 1991). Polyfunctionalized 4H-pyrans are the structural units of a number of natural products and are used as versatile synthons because of the inherent reactivity of the inbuilt pyran ring. 4H-Pyran rings can be transformed to pyridine systems related to pharmacologically important calcium antagonists of the DHP type (Ciller *et al.*, 1985; Marugan *et al.*, 1989; Gonzalez *et al.*, 1992).



In the course of our studies aimed at developing new approaches for the synthesis of xanthone derivatives, we



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

synthesized the title compound, (I), as an intermediate reaction product. Its structure is reported here.

The central O2/C1/C6/C7/C8/C13 hydropyran ring in (I) displays a half-chair conformation, with atoms C1 and C6 displaced from the mean plane by  $-0.374(3)$  and  $0.283(3)$  Å, respectively (Fig. 1). The C1–C6 ring is in a chair conformation, with atoms C1 and C4 deviating from the C2/C3/C5/C6 plane by  $-0.659(3)$  and  $0.614(4)$  Å, respectively. The C8–C13 ring adopts a boat conformation, with atoms C8 and C11 displaced from the C9/C10/C12/C13 plane by  $0.143(3)$  and  $0.628(4)$  Å, respectively.

In the crystal structure, there is a strong O–H...O intermolecular hydrogen-bond interaction, stabilizing the structure (Table 1, Fig. 2).

## Experimental

The title compound was prepared by the reaction of 3-nitrobenzaldehyde (1 mmol) with 1,3-cyclohexanedione (2 mmol) in glycol under microwave irradiation. The reaction was completed in 4 min. Single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution (m.p. 492 K).

### Crystal data

$C_{19}H_{19}NO_6$	$D_x = 1.355 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 357.35$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Cell parameters from 1499 reflections
$a = 6.2983(11) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 2.5\text{--}24.3^\circ$
$b = 12.869(2) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 21.619(4) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 294(2) \text{ K}$
$\beta = 90.960(4)^\circ$	Prism, colourless
$V = 1752.1(5) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.22 \times 0.18 \times 0.06 \text{ mm}$
$Z = 4$	

### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer	3530 independent reflections
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	1536 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.082$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.970$ , $T_{\text{max}} = 0.994$	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.3^\circ$
9539 measured reflections	$h = -7 \rightarrow 5$
	$k = -14 \rightarrow 16$
	$l = -24 \rightarrow 26$

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.058$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0535P)^2]$
$wR(F^2) = 0.138$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$S = 0.94$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
3530 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.18 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
239 parameters	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.19 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

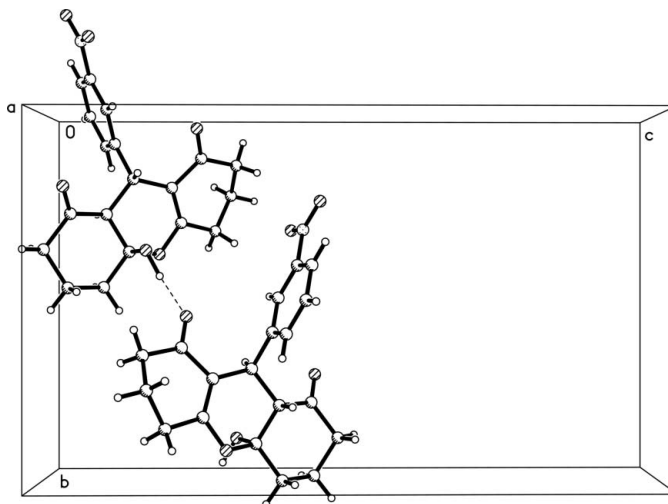
**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$O1-H1\cdots O3^i$	1.00 (4)	1.66 (4)	2.661 (3)	175 (4)

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

The H atom bonded to O1 was located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically. All other H atoms were placed in geometri-



**Figure 2**

Partial packing diagram for (I), viewed along the  $a$  axis. The dashed line indicates a hydrogen bond.

trically idealized positions ( $C-H = 0.93\text{--}0.98 \text{ \AA}$ ) and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(H)$  values set equal to  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(C)$  for the methyl H atoms and  $1.2U_{\text{eq}}(C)$  for other H atoms.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1999); 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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