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Single-crystal X-ray study

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2,7-Diacetylxanthene

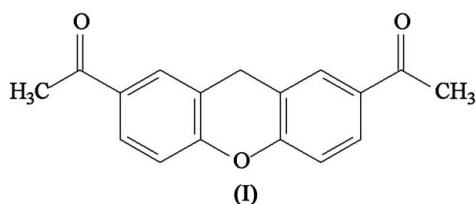
In the crystal structure of the title compound, $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$, the asymmetric unit comprises one half-molecule; a mirror plane passes through the pyran O atom and the *para*-carbon atom.

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Comment

The title compound, (I), was synthesized from xanthene and acetyl chloride (Ng & Ng, 1952). Recently, we found that it exhibits anti-xanthine oxidase activity with an inhibition ratio of 71.28% at a concentration of 10^{-6} g ml $^{-1}$. In the light of this, we have synthesized this compound and determined its structure by X-ray analysis.



Compound (I) crystallizes in the space group $Cmc2_1$ with one half-molecule in the asymmetric unit (Fig. 1). The dihedral angle between the two benzene rings is $11.1(1)^\circ$, and the pyran ring adopts a boat conformation, in which atoms C4, C5, C4ⁱ and C5ⁱ form the bottom of the boat, O2 the prow and C9 the stern [deviations from the C4/C5/C4ⁱ/C5ⁱ mean plane = 0.132(2) and 0.1921(17) Å for O2 and C9, respectively; symmetry code: (i) $-x, y, z$]. Atoms O2 and C9 are located on a mirror plane. No hydrogen-bond interactions are observed between molecules (Fig. 2)

Experimental

The title compound was prepared according to the procedure of Ng & Ng (1952). A single crystal was obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated methanol–hexane(1:1) solution at 283 K.

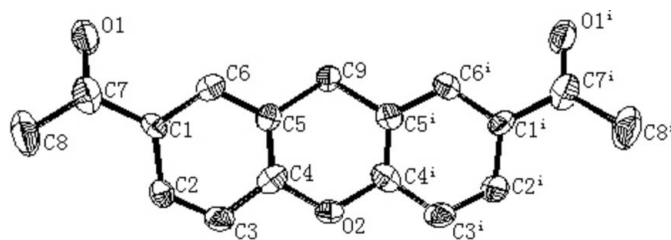


Figure 1

View of the molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms have been omitted. [Symmetry code: (i) $-x, y, z$.]

Crystal data

$C_{17}H_{14}O_3$	$Z = 4$
$M_r = 266.28$	$D_x = 1.354 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Orthorhombic, $Cmc2_1$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 29.875 (6) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.09 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 6.0270 (12) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 296 (1) \text{ K}$
$c = 7.2560 (15) \text{ \AA}$	Block, pale yellow
$V = 1306.5 (5) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

MAC DIP 2030K diffractometer	785 independent reflections
ω scans	782 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: none	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.023$
1899 measured reflections	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.3^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0667P)^2 + 0.4024P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.048$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.128$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
$S = 1.11$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.11 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
785 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.11 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
95 parameters	Extinction correction: <i>SHELXL97</i>
H-atom parameters constrained	Extinction coefficient: 0.010 (3)

Table 1

Selected bond and torsion angles ($^\circ$).

$C4-O2-C4^i$	118.6 (2)	$C5-C9-C5^i$	112.0 (2)
$C4^i-O2-C4-C3$	-168.35 (15)	$C3-C4-C5-C9$	-176.8 (3)
$C4^i-O2-C4-C5$	12.8 (4)	$O2-C4-C5-C9$	2.0 (3)
$C3-C4-C5-C6$	0.2 (3)	$C6-C5-C9-C5^i$	167.84 (16)
$O2-C4-C5-C6$	179.0 (2)	$C4-C5-C9-C5^i$	-15.3 (4)

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

In the absence of significant anomalous scattering, Friedel pairs were merged. Methyl H atoms were constrained to an ideal geometry, with $C-H = 0.96 \text{ \AA}$ and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$. All other H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with $C-H = 0.93 \text{ \AA}$ and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$.

Data collection: *DENZO* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); cell refinement: *SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *SCALEPACK*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

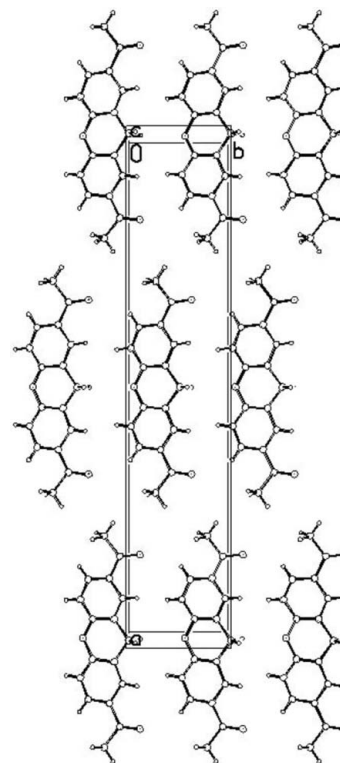


Figure 2

The molecular packing of (I), viewed along the c axis.

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