

# 1,4-Dihydroxy-2-methoxy-7-methylantracene-9,10-dione

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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293$  K  
 Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.048  
 $wR$  factor = 0.154  
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.1

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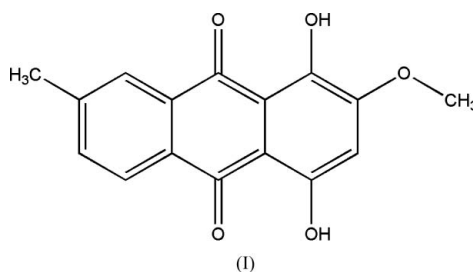
The title compound,  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_5$ , was isolated from extracts of cultures of the estuarine fungus. The planar molecule shows normal bond distances and angles. Intramolecular hydrogen bonding occurs between the hydroxy and carbonyl groups.

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## Comment

The title compound, (I), was previously isolated from the genus *Cortinarius* (Archard *et al.*, 1985), and its structure was elucidated on the basis of spectroscopic analysis. We recently isolated (I) from extracts of cultures of the estuarine fungus (No. 1403) and obtained single crystals. Here we report the crystal structure of (I).



The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. It confirms the previously proposed molecular structure based on spectroscopic data. The non-H atoms of the molecule are coplanar; bond distances and angles are normal. The hydroxy groups form intramolecular hydrogen bonds with adjacent carbonyl groups (Table 1).

## Experimental

The title compound, (I), was isolated from extracts of cultures of the estuarine fungus (No. 1403). The cultures (100 l) of the strain of fungus were filtered through cheesecloth. The filtrate was concentrated to 5 l below 323 K, then extracted three times by shaking with an equal volume of ethyl acetate. The extract was evaporated under reduced pressure. The combined organic extracts were subjected to silica-gel column chromatography, eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (1:4), to yield (I). Single crystals of (I) were obtained from a methanol solution.

### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_5$   
 $M_r = 284.26$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 8.637$  (3) Å  
 $b = 7.899$  (3) Å  
 $c = 18.622$  (6) Å  
 $\beta = 97.081$  (6)°  
 $V = 1260.8$  (8) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$   
 $D_x = 1.498$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.11$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
 Plate, red  
 $0.48 \times 0.42 \times 0.16$  mm

Data collection

Bruker AXS SMART 1000 CCD diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.932, T_{\max} = 0.980$

10150 measured reflections  
 2728 independent reflections  
 1551 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.024$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.0^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.048$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.154$   
 $S = 1.03$   
 2728 reflections  
 194 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0745P)^2 + 0.221P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.30 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.15 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}, ^\circ$ ).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
$O4-H4 \cdots O3$	0.82	1.81	2.536 (2)	147
$O1-H1 \cdots O2$	0.82	1.82	2.542 (2)	146

H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with  $C-H = 0.96$  (methyl) or  $0.93 \text{ \AA}$  (aromatic) and  $O-H = 0.82 \text{ \AA}$ . Torsion angles of methyl groups were refined to fit the electron density, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ . Other H atoms were refined in riding mode, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}, \text{O})$ .

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: SAINT-Plus (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: SAINT-Plus; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Bruker, 1998); program(s) used to refine

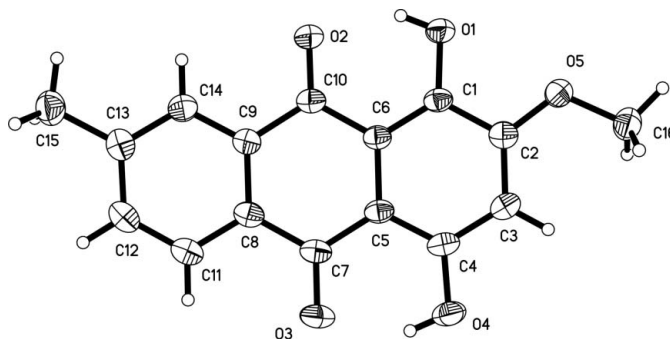


Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I) shown with 50% probability displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for H atoms).

structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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