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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 294 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.005 Å R factor = 0.048 wR factor = 0.150 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.6

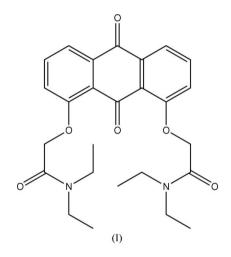
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# 2,2'-(9,10-Dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-1,8-diyldioxy)bis(*N*,*N*-diethylacetamide)

In the title compound,  $C_{26}H_{30}N_2O_6$ , the anthraquinone ring system is not planar, the dihedral angle between the two benzene rings being 11.18 (13)°. The crystal structure is stabilized by  $C-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds.

# Comment

Anthraquinone derivatives have attracted much attention because of their optical and photosemiconducting properties (Mahajan *et al.*, 2001a,b). We report here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1).



The dihedral angle between the acetamide C15/C16/N1/O1 plane and the benzene C1–C4/C11/C12 ring is 83.60 (10)° and that between the C21/C22/N2/O2 and C5–C8/C13/C14 planes is 78.19 (12)°. The two benzene rings are not coplanar, the dihedral angle between them being 11.18 (13)°; this is comparable with the value of 10° in 1-(2-tosyloxyethoxy)-8-tosyloxy-9,10-anthraquinone (Bott *et al.*, 1996). The carbonyl atoms O3 and O4 deviate from the anthraquinone mean plane; the dihedral angle between the planes of the C12/C9/C13/O3 and C11/C10/C14/O4 fragments is 17.59 (14)°. Similar deviations from planarity have been reported for several other anthraquinone derivatives (Weber *et al.*, 2004). The crystal packing is stabilized by C–H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 1).

# **Experimental**

To a solution of 1,8-dihydroxyanthraquinone (0.50 g, 2.08 mmol) in dry DMF (10 ml) was added anhydrous  $Cs_2CO_3$  (3.00 g, 9.32 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min. To this mixture was added 2-chloro-*N*,*N*-diethylacetamide (2.326 g, 15.5 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred at 353 K for 3 h. Most of the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure at 353 K

© 2007 International Union of Crystallography All rights reserved and the remaining solution was then cooled to ambient temperature to give (I) as a yellow solid. The crude product (m.p. 405–407 K) was purified by column chromatography with silica gel using methanol-dichloromethane (50:1  $\nu/\nu$ ) as eluent. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by recrystallization from ethyl acetate.

V = 1200.9 (8) Å<sup>3</sup>

 $D_x = 1.290 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

 $0.26 \times 0.24 \times 0.20$  mm

6149 measured reflections

4215 independent reflections

2143 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

 $\mu = 0.09 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 294 (2) K

Block, yellow

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.027$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$ 

Z = 2

#### Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{26}H_{30}N_2O_6\\ M_r=466.52\\ \text{Triclinic, $P\overline{1}$}\\ a=10.313~(4)~\text{\AA}\\ b=11.462~(4)~\text{\AA}\\ c=11.668~(4)~\text{\AA}\\ \alpha=82.418~(7)^\circ\\ \beta=74.330~(7)^\circ\\ \gamma=64.749~(7)^\circ \end{array}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 1997)  $T_{\rm min} = 0.977, T_{\rm max} = 0.982$ 

### Refinement

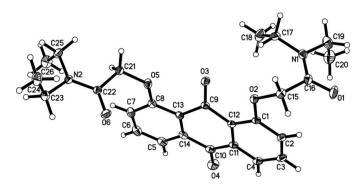
Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0699P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.048$	+ 0.0022P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.150$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.00	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
4215 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.16 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
311 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.14 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

#### Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$\begin{array}{c} C3-H3\cdots O6^{i}\\ C15-H15B\cdots O3^{ii}\\ C21-H21B\cdots O1^{ii} \end{array}$	0.93	2.46	3.349 (3)	161
	0.97	2.45	3.380 (3)	162
	0.97	2.46	3.311 (4)	147

Symmetry codes: (i) -x + 2, -y + 1, -z + 1; (ii) -x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1.



#### Figure 1

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

H atoms were placed in calculated positions (C-H = 0.93–0.97 Å) and refined as riding, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  or  $1.5U_{eq}(methyl C)$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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