# syn-1,6:8,13-Bismethano[14]annulene 

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#### Abstract

C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{14}, M_{r}=206 \cdot 3\), monoclinic, $C 2 / c, a=$ 18.779 (4), $b=6.246(1), c=19.399$ (4) Ă, $\beta=$ $100 \cdot 27(2)^{\circ}, V=2239 \AA^{3} ; D_{o}=1.22$ (1) (flotation in dilute $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{HgI}_{4}$ solution), $D_{c}=1.224 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}, Z=8$. Computer-controlled four-circle diffractometer data (Mo Kor radiation, $\lambda=0.71069 \AA$, graphite monochromator), $F(000)=880, \mu($ Mo $K \alpha)=0.75 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, $t=18 \pm 2^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Final $R=0.042$ for 1390 reflexions with $I>2 \sigma(I)$ (counting statistics). The aromatic character of the molecule is achieved at the expense of a relevant steric compression of the two inner bridge H atoms, the distance between them amounting to 1.78 (2) $\AA$.


Introduction. The title compound (here onwards SBM) is the first bridged annulene with two methano groups in the syn position to be synthetized (Vogel, Sombroek \& Wagemann, 1975). Spectral data have stressed the necessity of an accurate molecular-geometry determination to evaluate the degree of steric compression of the two inner bridge H atoms and the consequence of this interference on the conformation of the annulene ring. In order to answer this problem the study of the crystal structure of this compound was undertaken.

Accurate cell dimensions were obtained by the fitting of $\sin ^{2} \theta$ values of 58 reflexions. Systematic absences $h k l, h+k \neq 2 n$ and $h 0 l, l \neq 2 n$ indicate the space groups $C 2 / c$ or $C c$; intensity statistics and successful structure determination confirm $C 2 / c$. Intensities were collected on a Syntex $P \overline{1}$ diffractometer to a maximum $2 \theta$ value of $50^{\circ}$ using a variable rate $\theta-2 \theta$ scan technique. Background measurements were taken at both ends of the scan range, each for a time equal to onehalf of the scan time. Three standard reflexions were checked after each 40 intensity measurements; they showed no appreciable trend.
Intensity measurements were obtained for 1991 unique reflexions of which 1390 were treated as observed with $I>2 \sigma(I)$ (counting statistics). Each reflexion was assigned a variance of $\sigma^{2}(I)=\sigma^{2}\left(I_{\mathrm{c} . \mathrm{s}}+(0.03 S)^{2}\right.$, where $S$ is the scan count. Lorentz and polarization effects were corrected for, but no correction for absorption was deemed necessary.

The structure was solved by direct methods; the positions of all C atoms were recovered from an $E$ map and those of the H atoms from a difference syn-
thesis. Refinement was by full-matrix least-squares minimization of the quantity $\Sigma w\left(\left|F_{o}\right|-\left|F_{c}\right|\right)^{2}$, with weights $w$ equal to $4 F_{o}^{2} / \sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}^{2}\right)$. In the final cycles, 201 parameters were simultaneously adjusted: coordinates and anisotropic temperature coefficients $b_{i j}$ for the 16 C atoms, coordinates and isotropic $B$ s for the 14 H atoms, and a scale factor. The resulting atomic parameters are given in Table 1.* The final $R, \Sigma \| F_{o} \mid-$ $\left|F_{c}\right||/ \Sigma| F_{o} \mid$, was 0.042 ; the weighted $R\left\{R_{w}=\mid \Sigma w\left(\left|F_{o}\right|\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.-\mid F_{\mathrm{c}}\right)^{2} /\left.\Sigma \omega F_{o}^{2}\right|^{1 / 2}\right\}$ was 0.035 : and the goodness-of-fit. based on 1390 weighted reflexions and 201 parameters, was 1.27 . Atomic form factors for C were from Cromer \& Waber (1965), and for H from Stewart, Davidson \& Simpson (1965).

Discussion. The atom numbering is shown in Fig. 1. Bond distances and angles are reported in Tables 2 and

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(a)

(b)

Fig. 1. The molecule of SBM viewed along two principal axes of inertia. (a) Numbering scheme, torsional angles along the annulene perimeter, and the distance $\mathrm{H}\left(15^{\prime}\right) \cdots \mathrm{H}\left(16^{\prime \prime}\right)$. (b) Dihedral angles.

Table 1. Final atomic parameters and standard deviations (in parentheses)
The anisotropic temperature coefficients are in the form: $T=\exp \left[-\left(b_{11} h^{2}+b_{22} k^{2}+b_{33} l^{2}+2 b_{12} h k+2 b_{13} h l+2 b_{23} k l\right)\right]$. Fractional coordinates are $\times 10^{5}$ for $\mathrm{C}, \times 10^{4}$ for H . Anisotropic temperature coefficients are $\times 10^{4}$, isotropic $B \prime s \times 10$.

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $b_{11}$ | $b_{22}$ | $b_{33}$ | $b_{12}$ | $b_{13}$ | $b_{23}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C(1) | 14705 (12) | 46804 (30) | 6071 (8) | 43 (1) | 251 (6) | 20 (1) | 1 (2) | 0 (1) | -4 (1) |
| C (2) | 9052 (15) | 32035 (41) | 6456 (11) | 52 (1) | 283 (7) | 32 (1) | -12(3) | -3(1) | -3(2) |
| C(3) | 3069 (14) | 36143 (44) | 9333 (12) | 37 (1) | 422 (9) | 39 (1) | -25 (3) | -5 (1) | 19 (2) |
| C(4) | 2144 (13) | 52580 (44) | 14057 (13) | 31 (1) | 463 (9) | 44 (1) | 8 (3) | 3 (1) | 19 (2) |
| C(5) | 7000 (11) | 67989 (39) | 16828 (13) | 31 (1) | 394 (8) | 38 (1) | 25 (2) | 4 (1) | -3(2) |
| C(6) | 13085 (11) | 74208 (27) | 14018 (9) | 33 (1) | 223 (5) | 32 (1) | 23 (2) | 4 (1) | 0 (1) |
| C(7) | 19484 (11) | 80445 (28) | 18351 (10) | 39 (1) | 213 (5) | 26 (1) | 14 (2) | 7 (1) | -12(1) |
| C(8) | 26430 (10) | 79847 (26) | 16785 (9) | 36 (1) | 181 (5) | 27 (1) | -1(2) | 7 (1) | -8(1) |
| C(9) | 32612 (11) | 78599 (32) | 22117 (11) | 38 (1) | 290 (6) | 29 (1) | -22 (2) | 6 (1) | -12(2) |
| C(10) | 38903 (12) | 68160 (37) | 21438 (12) | 32 (1) | 391 (8) | 37 (1) | -15 (2) | 5 (1) | 13 (2) |
| C(11) | 39916 (13) | 52382 (38) | 16590(12) | 34 (1) | 384 (8) | 42 (1) | 17 (2) | 14 (1) | 26 (2) |
| C(12) | 34845 (13) | 43303 (39) | 11473 (11) | 46 (1) | 295 (7) | 36 (1) | 28 (2) | 19 (1) | 9 (2) |
| C(13) | 28086 (12) | 52718 (28) | 8748 (8) | 44 (1) | 234 (6) | 21 (1) | 14 (2) | 13 (1) | 1 (1) |
| C(14) | 21885 (13) | 40389 (33) | 6648 (9) | 53 (1) | 199 (6) | 22 (1) | 10 (2) | 10 (1) | -6(1) |
| C(15) | 12379 (14) | 69671 (33) | 6292 (10) | 37 (1) | 274 (6) | 30 (1) | 9 (2) | -1 (1) | 17 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 28005 (13) | 76533 (31) | 9580 (10) | 39 (1) | 238 (6) | 27 (1) | 3 (2) | 8 (1) | 14 (1) |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $B$ |  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $B$ |
| H(2) | 984 (11) | 1856 (34) | 494 (10) | 70 (5) | H(11) | 4463 (12) | 4460 (33) | 1754 (10) | 80 (6) |
| H(3) | -52(12) | 2531 (34) | 874 (11) | 80 (6) | H(12) | 3582 (11) | 2964 (33) | 974 (10) | 69 (5) |
| H(4) | -206(12) | 5068 (35) | 1634 (11) | 81 (6) | H(14) | 2257 (10) | 2540 (30) | 657 (9) | 57 (5) |
| H(5) | 651 (10) | 7443 (28) | 2138 (10) | 64 (5) | $\mathrm{H}\left(15{ }^{\prime}\right)$ | 1516(10) | 7959 (29) | 376 (9) | 57 (4) |
| H(7) | 1908 (9) | 8205 (25) | 2339 (9) | 50 (4) | $\mathrm{H}\left(15^{\prime \prime}\right)$ | 739 (11) | 7089 (29) | 430 (10) | 64 (5) |
| H(9) | 3223 (10) | 8443 (29) | 2661 (10) | 67 (5) | H(16') | 3277 (10) | 8240 (27) | 943 (9) | 53 (4) |
| H(10) | 4285 (11) | 6996 (33) | 2543 (11) | 77 (6) | $\mathrm{H}\left(16^{\prime \prime}\right)$ | 2463 (9) | 8387 (25) | 611 (8) | 46 (4) |

Table 2. Bond lengths ( $\AA$ )

| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $1.418(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $1.398(3)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $1.365(4)$ | $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $1.370(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $1.407(4)$ | $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $1.413(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $1.368(4)$ | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $1.395(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $1.406(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $1.392(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | $1.394(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $1.496(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $1.392(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $1.508(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | $1.413(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | $1.494(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | $1.376(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $1.497(3)$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{H}(2)$ | $0.91(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{H}(11)$ | $1.00(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{H}(3)$ | $0.95(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{H}(12)$ | $0.95(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{H}(4)$ | $0.98(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{H}(14)$ | $0.95(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{H}(5)$ | $0.99(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{H}\left(15^{\prime}\right)$ | $1.00(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{H}(7)$ | $1.00(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{H}\left(15{ }^{\prime \prime}\right)$ | $0.95(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{H}(9)$ | $0.96(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{H}\left(6^{\prime}\right)$ | $0.97(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{H}(10)$ | $0.98(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{H}\left(16^{\prime \prime}\right)$ | $0.95(2)$ |
|  |  |  |  |

3 respectively. As already found in other syn-bridged annulene derivatives (Ganis \& Dunitz, 1967; Casalone, Gavezzotti, Mugnoli \& Simonetta, 1970), the symmetry of the molecule is nearly mm 2 . In contrast to its anti-isomer, which is a cyclopolyolefin (Barrow \& Mills, 1971; Gramaccioli, Mimun, Mugnoli \& Simonetta, 1973), SBM has aromatic character, as demonstrated by the values of the bond lengths along the annulene perimeter.

Bond distances and angles of SBM along the ring, as well as dihedral and torsional angles, are virtually identical with the corresponding ones in 1,6:8,13-butane-

Table 3. Bond angles $\left(^{\circ}\right)$

| (1)-C(2)-C(3) | 125.3 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 122.1 (2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 127.6 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 123.8 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 128.2 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 113.2 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 125;0(2) | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 121.1 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 127.0(2) | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 124.5 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 124.3 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 113.6 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 128.3 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 121.4 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 128.2 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 123.9 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | 124.1 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 113.8 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 127.7 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | 121.8 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 103.5 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 123.8 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | 104.3 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 113.5 (2) |
| (1)-C(2)-H(2) | 115 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{H}(11)$ | 114 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{H}(2)$ | 120 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(1 \mathrm{I})-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{H}(12)$ | 118 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{H}(3)$ | 116 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{H}(12)$ | 117 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{H}(3)$ | 116(1) | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{H}(14)$ | 116 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{H}(4)$ | 114 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{H}(14)$ | 115 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{H}(4)$ | 116 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{H}\left(15^{\prime}\right)$ | 113 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{H}(5)$ | 118(1) | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{H}\left(15^{\prime \prime}\right)$ | 110 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{H}(5)$ | 116 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{H}\left(15^{\prime}\right)$ | 114 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{H}(7)$ | 114 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{H}\left(15^{\prime \prime}\right)$ | 107 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{H}(7)$ | 117 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{H}\left(16^{\prime}\right)$ | 108 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{H}(9)$ | 117 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{H}\left(16^{\prime \prime}\right)$ | 112 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{H}(9)$ | 118 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{H}\left(16^{\prime}\right)$ | 110 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{H}(10)$ | 114 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{H}\left(16^{\prime \prime}\right)$ | 115 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{H}(10)$ | 116(1) | $\mathrm{H}\left(15^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{H}\left(15^{\prime \prime}\right)$ | 108 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{H}(11)$ | 116 (1) | $\mathrm{H}\left(16^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{H}\left(16^{\prime \prime}\right)$ | 107 (1) |

1,4-diylidene[14]annulene (here onwards BUT) (Gramaccioli, Mugnoli, Pilati, Raimondi \& Simonetta, 1972), the greatest differences being $0.015 \AA, 1 \cdot 4,1 \cdot 3$
and $1.5^{\circ}$ respectively. The four H atoms of the methano groups and the two C atoms to which they are bonded are coplanar within experimental uncertainty [maximum deviation 0.03 (2) $\AA$ ]. The contact between the two inner bridge H atoms $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(15^{\prime}\right) \cdots \mathrm{H}\left(16^{\prime \prime}\right)\right.$ distance $=1.78 \AA$ ] is partly relieved by slight rotation and deformation of the $-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-$ groups: the bisectors of the $\mathrm{H} \hat{\mathrm{C}} \mathrm{H}$ angles deviate by about $5^{\circ}$ from the bisectors of the related bridgehead $\mathrm{C} \hat{\mathrm{C}} \mathrm{C}$ angles, and the $\mathrm{H} \hat{\mathrm{C}} \mathrm{H}$ angles are both less than the tetrahedral angle, notwithstanding the small values of the C $\hat{C} C$ bridgehead angles $\left(104^{\circ}\right)$. The dihedral angle between the two bridges is increased from the $0.6^{\circ}$ value found in 1,6:8,13-propane-1,3-diylidenel 14 lannulene (Gavezzotti et al., 1972) to $26 \cdot 6^{\circ}$ (to be compared with $26 \cdot 0^{\circ}$ in the butane analogue BUT).

The mm 2 -averaged $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bond distance involving the bridge C atoms is $1.498 \AA$ in SBM, only slightly less than the corresponding length in BUT ( $1.505 \AA$ ); the $\mathrm{C} \hat{C} \mathrm{C}$ angles at the bridge C atoms are $103.9^{\circ}$ (average value) in SBM and $102.9^{\circ}$ in BUT; and the distances between these two C atoms are 2.921 and $2.914 \AA$ respectively. It can therefore be stated that the two internal H atoms affect the position of the bridge C atoms, and hence the conformation of the annulene perimeter, in much the same way as the $-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-$ group does in BUT.

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# 4-( $p$-Chlorophenyl)-4-hydroxy- $N, N$-dimethyl- $\alpha, \alpha$-diphenylpiperidine-1-butyramide (Loperamide) Hydrate 

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#### Abstract

C}_{29} \mathrm{H}_{33} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Cl} . \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\), F.W. $495 \cdot 0$; orthorhombic, $P b c a ; a=15 \cdot 160(3), b=20.715$ (5), $c=$ 16.803 (3) $\AA ; t=25^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ; Z=8$. The molecules are connected by direct hydrogen bonds and through the water molecules.

Introduction. Loperamide is a specific, long-acting antidiarrhoeal drug. Slow evaporation of a solution in etha-


[^1]nol yielded transparent colourless crystals. The space group was determined from Weissenberg photographs; final cell dimensions and intensities were measured on a Picker four-circle diffractometer. The experimental conditions are given in Table 1. The structure was solved with MULTAN (Germain, Main \& Woolfson, 1971) and refined by block-diagonal least squares (Ahmed, Hall, Pippy \& Huber, 1966). The final $R=$ $\Sigma\left|\left|F_{o}\right|-\left|F_{c} \| / \Sigma\right| F_{o}\right|$ is 0.09 for all observed reflexions. The scattering factors used are those given in


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