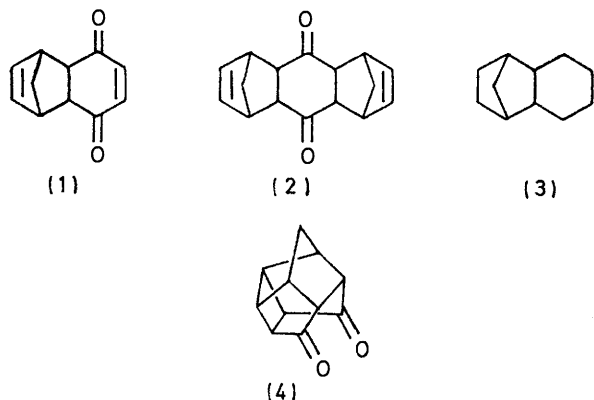


## Benzoquinones and Related Compounds. Part I. Crystal and Molecular Structure of 1,4,4a,5,8,8a,9a,10a-Octahydro-1,4:5,8-dimethano-9,10-anthraquinone, a Diels–Alder Adduct from 1,4-Benzoquinone and Cyclopentadiene

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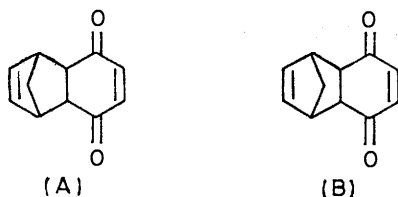
X-Ray crystallography of the Diels–Alder adduct from 1,4-benzoquinone and two equivalents of cyclopentadiene confirms that its stereochemistry is *endo,cis,anti,cis,endo*. Crystals are monoclinic, space group  $P2_1/c$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $a = 11.992(8)$ ,  $b = 6.236(4)$ ,  $c = 16.977(9)$  Å,  $\beta = 110.63(9)^\circ$ . The structure was solved from diffractometer data by symbolic addition methods and refined by least-squares techniques to  $R$  6.6 for 1294 independent reflexions.

THE Diels–Alder reaction between equimolar quantities of 1,4-benzoquinone and cyclopentadiene gives<sup>1</sup> the adduct (1), which with further cyclopentadiene affords<sup>2</sup> 1,4,4a,5,8,8a,9a,10a-octahydro-1,4:5,8-dimethano-9,10-anthraquinone (2). Support for the structure of the mono-adduct (1) has been obtained<sup>3</sup> from the identity of its reduction product with the hydrocarbon (3) prepared by other routes. The *endo,cis*-stereochemistry<sup>4</sup> of compound (1) is indicated by the <sup>1</sup>H n.m.r. spectra of its 2,3-epoxide and related compounds,<sup>5</sup> and by formation of the cage-like isomer (4) when a solution in ethyl acetate is irradiated<sup>6</sup> with u.v. light; *exo* to *endo* isomerisation during irradiation is unlikely, but its possibility has not been excluded.



The structure of part of the bis-adduct (2) follows

† There is no generally accepted convention for representation of *endo*- and *exo*-adducts in the 1,4-quinone–cyclopentadiene series, and it has been suggested<sup>11</sup> that *endo*- and *exo*-adducts should be represented as (A) and (B) respectively. This notation

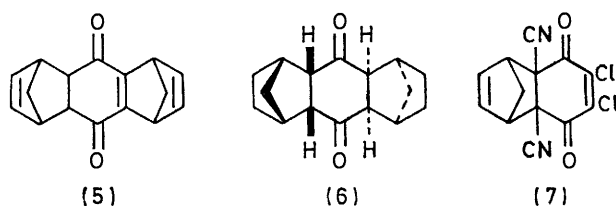


is used in this paper, and will be used in subsequent papers in the series; formula (2) therefore denotes an *endo,endo*-system, each 'methylene bridge' pointing away from the quinone residue.

<sup>1</sup> O. Diels and K. Alder, *Annalen*, 1928, **460**, 98, and references therein.

<sup>2</sup> K. Alder and G. Stein, *Annalen*, 1933, **501**, 247, and references therein.

from this, but the *endo*- or *exo*-stereochemistry of the newly added bridged ring system, and its *syn* or *anti* relation to the one previously present, does not. Evidence that the stereochemistry of (2) is



*endo,cis,anti,cis,endo* has been obtained<sup>7</sup> by photocyclisation of the derived conjugated enedione (5) to a cage-like molecule analogous to (4), and by optical resolution<sup>8</sup> of a number of compounds prepared from the 2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-derivative of (2), which establishes the *endo,cis,anti,cis,endo* structure (6), subsequently confirmed<sup>9</sup> by X-ray crystallography for an unspecified member of the series of isomeric tetrahydro-compounds derived from (2), but presumably that obtained directly from the hydrogenation.

An X-ray analysis<sup>10</sup> of a mono-adduct obtained from 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone and cyclopentadiene has shown that it has the *exo*-configuration † (7), but since this adduct is known<sup>12</sup> to result from thermal isomerisation of the *endo*-isomer formed initially, it follows that configurations assigned to adducts such as (1) and (2) on the basis of chemical transformations, particularly those involving relatively drastic conditions,

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<sup>5</sup> D. F. O'Brien and J. W. Gates, jun., *J. Org. Chem.*, 1965, **30**, 2593; see also M. J. Youngquist, D. F. O'Brien, and J. W. Gates, jun., *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1966, **88**, 4960.

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<sup>10</sup> D. J. Pointer, J. B. Wilford, and O. J. R. Hodder, *J. Chem. Soc. (B)*, 1971, 2009.

<sup>11</sup> J. M. Bruce, in 'Rodd's Chemistry of Carbon Compounds,' 2nd edn., vol. IIIB, ed. S. Coffey, ch 8, in the press, and refs. therein.

<sup>12</sup> R. Al-Hamdany, J. M. Bruce, M. W. Coville, F. Heatley, and R. F. Warren, unpublished work.

must be treated with caution.\* In view of this, and to provide bond-length and -angle data required for other studies<sup>15</sup> of Diels–Alder reactions of 1,4-quinones, an X-ray crystallographic examination of the bis-adduct (2) was undertaken. The results of this are now described.

#### EXPERIMENTAL

**1,4,4a,5,8,8a,9a,10a-Octahydro-1,4:5,8-dimethano-9,10-anthraquinone.**—A mixture of 1,4-benzoquinone (1.0 g; sublimed) and cyclopentadiene (5 ml; freshly prepared) was kept in the dark at room temperature for 24 h. Volatile materials were removed at 20°, finally at 0.1 mmHg, and the residue was crystallised from ethanol to give the bis-adduct (2.0 g, 90%), m.p. 159–160 °C (lit.,<sup>16</sup> 157–158 °C). It had  $\nu_{\max}$  (CCl<sub>4</sub>) 3060w, 2990m, 2940m, 2860m, 1690s, 1455w, 1338m, and 1302m cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\tau$  (15% CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) 3.88 (m, H-2 + H-3 + H-6 + H-7), 6.72 (m, H-1 + H-4 + H-5 + H-8), 7.72 (m, H-4a + H-8a + H-9a + H-10a), and 8.7 (m, 2 × H-11 + 2 × H-12), these assignments being confirmed by spin decoupling;  $m/e$  240 ( $M^+$ , 15%), 212 (25), 174 (100), 146 (40), 117 (32), 108 (40), 91 (100), 82 (40), and 80 (20). Monitoring of the addition, in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, in the cavity of a <sup>1</sup>H n.m.r. spectrometer showed that the only detectable intermediate was the mono-adduct, and that the sole final product was the octahydrodimethanoanthraquinone, further shown to be homogeneous by t.l.c. on silica gel using 9:1 benzene–ethanol, 2:1 ether–cyclohexane, and methanol as eluants.

**Crystal Data.**—1,4,4a,5,8,8a,9a,10a-Octahydro-1,4:5,8-dimethano-9,10-anthraquinone, C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>,  $M = 240.3$ . Monoclinic,  $a = 11.992(8)$ ,  $b = 6.236(4)$ ,  $c = 16.977(9)$  Å,  $\beta = 110.63(9)^\circ$ ,  $U = 1188$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $D_m = ca. 1.31$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $D_c = 1.34$ ,  $F(000) = 512$ . Space group  $P2_1/c$  ( $C_{2h}^5$ , No. 14) by systematic absences. Mo- $K_\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.7107$  Å;  $\mu(\text{Mo-}K_\alpha) = 0.94$  cm<sup>-1</sup>.

X-Ray intensities from a crystal with dimensions 0.6 × 0.4 × 0.2 mm were collected on a Hilger and Watts computer-controlled four-circle diffractometer<sup>17</sup> as far as  $\theta$  24° with zirconium-filtered Mo- $K_\alpha$  radiation by the  $\omega$ – $2\theta$  scan method with background measurements at both ends of a one-degree scan. Of the 2172 independent reflexions so measured, 1294 had  $F^2 > 3\sigma(F^2)$  and were used in the analysis. Corrections were applied for Lorentz and polarisation factors.

**Solution and Refinement.**—The structure was solved by a symbolic addition procedure based on the direct phase-

\* Irradiation of an ethyl acetate solution of the *endo*-mono-adduct of 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone and cyclopentadiene with either visible or u.v. (Pyrex filter) light gives the corresponding cage-compound [as (4)]; the *exo*-adduct is unchanged by visible light, but affords unidentified non-olefinic material with u.v. (Pyrex filter) light.<sup>13</sup> The most definitive photochemical test of configuration in this series is therefore that using visible light (tungsten filament lamp); the adduct (1) and all its derivatives which have been examined are smoothly cyclised to the corresponding cage-compounds under these conditions.<sup>14</sup>

† It is interesting that a solution was obtained in spite of a sign contradiction introduced at a very early stage in sign development which corresponded to the sign of 316 being sometimes positive and sometimes negative. The  $E$ -map revealed only twelve atoms, and phases calculated from these twelve led to poor agreement between  $F_o$  and  $F_c$  for the reflexions whose signs were directly related to the ambiguously defined initial reflexion. The phases were accepted for a Fourier synthesis of electron density and the structure which corresponded to the negative sign emerged. Although a satisfactory conclusion was arrived at, this procedure is not to be recommended.

determination approach.<sup>18</sup> 335 Reflexions had values of  $E > 1.4$  and the three reflexions (a) 316,  $|E|$  3.38, (b) 6,2,13,  $|E|$  2.91, and (c) 123,  $|E|$  2.89 were given positive signs and a further three (d) 7,3,12,  $|E|$  3.09, (e) 6,2,11,  $|E|$  3.07, and (f) 10,0,2,  $|E|$  2.63 assigned symbols. A reiterative procedure<sup>19</sup> resulted in 178 signs determined in terms of the three symbols with an internally consistent set of (d) negative, (e) negative, and (f) positive. An  $E$  map computed with these 178 signed reflexions revealed probable sites for 12 of the 18 non-hydrogen atoms. The complete structure was revealed by a Fourier synthesis of electron density with phases based on the 12 positions.† The initial structure ( $R$  44%) was refined by least-squares methods in which the function minimised was  $\sum w(|F_o| - k|F_c|)^2$ . The 164 parameters were partitioned into three large blocks each of 54 and one of 2 parameters. At  $R$  13.4, a difference-Fourier synthesis indicated somewhat diffuse maxima (*ca.* 0.3–0.6 eÅ<sup>-3</sup>) at likely hydrogen atom positions. The parameters for the final structure yielded  $R$  6.6%. The hydrogen atoms were placed 1.06 Å from, and given isotropic temperature factors equal to, the appropriate carbon atoms and their parameters were not refined. The final weighting scheme was  $w^{-1} = 2.29 - 0.2215 F_o + 0.00583 F_o^2$  if  $F_o < 64$ , else  $w^{-1} = 0.8 F_o$ . The scattering factors of ref. 20 were used throughout. All programmes used in this analysis were written by members of our laboratory.

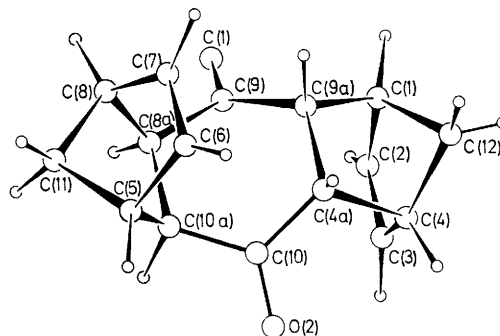


FIGURE 1 View of (2), showing the atom numbering scheme used in the analysis

#### RESULTS

Table 1 contains the final atomic parameters and a view of the molecule is given in Figure 1. Details of the molecular geometry are given in Tables 2–4. There were no intermolecular contacts  $< 3$  Å (hydrogen atoms excluded) (Figure 2). Observed and calculated structure factors are listed in Supplementary Publication No. SUP 20869 (13 pp., 1 microfiche).‡

‡ See Notice to Authors No. 7 in *J.C.S. Dalton*, 1972, Index issue.

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<sup>17</sup> D. B. G. Edwards, K. F. Bowden, J. Standeven, and O. S. Mills, *Computer Bulletin*, 1966, **10**, 54.

<sup>18</sup> J. Karle and I. L. Karle, *Acta Cryst.*, 1966, **21**, 849.

<sup>19</sup> D. Sayre, *Acta Cryst.*, 1952, **5**, 60.

<sup>20</sup> H. P. Hanson, F. Herman, J. D. Lea, and S. Skillman, *Acta Cryst.*, 1964, **17**, 1040.

TABLE 1

Atomic and thermal \* parameters (all  $\times 10^4$  except  $B$ ), with estimated standard deviations in parentheses

| Atom   | $x/a$   | $y/b$    | $z/c$   | $b_{11}$ | $b_{22}$ | $b_{33}$ | $b_{12}$ | $b_{13}$ | $b_{23}$ |
|--------|---------|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| C(1)   | 7723(3) | -1087(6) | 8036(2) | 59(3)    | 269(11)  | 39(1)    | -11(5)   | 11(2)    | 26(4)    |
| C(2)   | 7526(3) | -2897(6) | 7408(2) | 91(3)    | 176(11)  | 56(2)    | 16(5)    | 32(2)    | 32(4)    |
| C(3)   | 6399(3) | -2815(6) | 6891(2) | 89(4)    | 186(10)  | 45(2)    | -34(5)   | 23(2)    | -1(4)    |
| C(4)   | 5830(3) | -952(6)  | 7167(2) | 53(3)    | 267(11)  | 36(1)    | -10(5)   | 12(2)    | 0(4)     |
| C(5)   | 7143(3) | 1676(6)  | 4908(2) | 76(3)    | 296(13)  | 28(1)    | -2(5)    | 9(2)     | -3(3)    |
| C(6)   | 7540(3) | 3933(6)  | 5201(2) | 106(4)   | 258(12)  | 34(1)    | 0(6)     | 26(2)    | 20(4)    |
| C(7)   | 8662(3) | 3832(6)  | 5715(2) | 99(4)    | 266(12)  | 38(2)    | -42(6)   | 22(2)    | 8(4)     |
| C(8)   | 9045(3) | 1508(6)  | 5776(2) | 64(3)    | 332(14)  | 38(2)    | 0(5)     | 18(2)    | 0(4)     |
| C(9)   | 8615(3) | 1283(5)  | 7155(2) | 53(3)    | 160(9)   | 32(1)    | -4(4)    | 3(2)     | 0(3)     |
| C(10)  | 6165(3) | 1438(5)  | 6025(2) | 51(3)    | 145(9)   | 36(2)    | -15(4)   | 6(2)     | -5(3)    |
| C(11)  | 8315(3) | 722(7)   | 4886(2) | 97(4)    | 343(14)  | 37(2)    | -11(6)   | 28(2)    | -19(4)   |
| C(12)  | 6494(3) | -998(6)  | 8120(2) | 77(3)    | 294(12)  | 35(2)    | -7(6)    | 15(2)    | 12(4)    |
| C(4a)  | 6363(3) | 1179(5)  | 6948(2) | 55(3)    | 189(10)  | 33(1)    | 12(5)    | 13(2)    | -2(3)    |
| C(8a)  | 8368(3) | 358(5)   | 6284(2) | 51(3)    | 182(10)  | 34(1)    | -4(4)    | 11(2)    | 1(3)     |
| C(9a)  | 7679(3) | 1073(5)  | 7554(2) | 61(3)    | 194(10)  | 29(1)    | -21(5)   | 11(2)    | -14(3)   |
| C(10a) | 7042(3) | 463(5)   | 5677(2) | 55(3)    | 190(10)  | 27(1)    | -11(4)   | 5(2)     | -9(3)    |
| O(1)   | 9564(2) | 2129(4)  | 7538(1) | 64(2)    | 350(9)   | 41(1)    | -50(4)   | 7(1)     | -6(3)    |
| O(2)   | 5280(2) | 2364(4)  | 5568(1) | 64(2)    | 313(9)   | 43(1)    | 40(4)    | 4(1)     | 22(3)    |

| Atom  | $x/a$ | $y/b$ | $z/c$ | $B/\text{\AA}^2$ | Atom   | $x/a$ | $y/b$ | $z/c$ | $B/\text{\AA}^2$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|
| H(1)  | 8499  | -1279 | 8574  | 4.79             | H(8)   | 9980  | 1281  | 6010  | 5.07             |
| H(2)  | 8171  | -4028 | 7385  | 5.21             | H(8a)  | 8651  | -1239 | 6646  | 4.04             |
| H(3)  | 5981  | -3862 | 6383  | 4.99             | H(9a)  | 7908  | 2423  | 7955  | 4.09             |
| H(4)  | 4888  | -1019 | 6924  | 4.57             | H(10a) | 6666  | -1086 | 5536  | 3.97             |
| H(4a) | 5935  | 2589  | 7039  | 4.05             | H(11)  | 8591  | 1408  | 4414  | 5.57             |
| H(5)  | 6369  | 1600  | 4362  | 4.87             | Hx(11) | 8295  | -967  | 4830  | 5.57             |
| H(6)  | 7016  | 5337  | 5026  | 5.18             | H(12)  | 6361  | 395   | 8428  | 5.06             |
| H(7)  | 9196  | 5140  | 6027  | 5.32             | Hx(12) | 6300  | -2377 | 8412  | 5.06             |

\* Anisotropic temperature coefficients:  $T = \exp[-(b_{11}h^2 + b_{22}k^2 + b_{33}l^2 + 2b_{12}hk + 2b_{13}hl + 2b_{23}kl)]$ .

TABLE 2

(a) Intramolecular distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) with estimated standard deviations in parentheses

|             |          |              |          |
|-------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| C(1)-C(2)   | 1.513(5) | C(5)-C(11)   | 1.538(5) |
| C(1)-C(9a)  | 1.568(4) | C(6)-C(7)    | 1.323(5) |
| C(1)-C(12)  | 1.530(5) | C(7)-C(8)    | 1.513(5) |
| C(2)-C(3)   | 1.328(5) | C(8)-C(8a)   | 1.554(5) |
| C(3)-C(4)   | 1.504(5) | C(8)-C(11)   | 1.536(5) |
| C(4)-C(4a)  | 1.576(5) | C(8a)-C(9)   | 1.516(4) |
| C(4)-C(12)  | 1.531(4) | C(8a)-C(10a) | 1.562(4) |
| C(4a)-C(9a) | 1.552(4) | C(9)-C(9a)   | 1.507(4) |
| C(4a)-C(10) | 1.508(4) | C(9)-O(1)    | 1.215(4) |
| C(5)-C(6)   | 1.514(5) | C(10)-C(10a) | 1.505(4) |
| C(5)-C(10a) | 1.551(5) | C(10)-O(2)   | 1.217(3) |

(b) Intramolecular angles (deg.) with estimated standard deviations in parentheses

|                   |          |                    |          |
|-------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| C(2)-C(1)-C(9a)   | 107.8(2) | C(8a)-C(8)-C(11)   | 99.9(3)  |
| C(2)-C(1)-C(12)   | 100.2(3) | C(8)-C(8a)-C(9)    | 113.9(3) |
| C(9a)-C(1)-C(12)  | 99.3(3)  | C(8)-C(8a)-C(10a)  | 102.9(3) |
| C(1)-C(2)-C(3)    | 107.9(3) | C(9)-C(8a)-C(10a)  | 115.6(3) |
| C(2)-C(3)-C(4)    | 107.0(3) | C(8a)-C(9)-C(9a)   | 119.0(3) |
| C(3)-C(4)-C(4a)   | 108.2(2) | C(8a)-C(9)-O(1)    | 120.8(3) |
| C(3)-C(4)-C(12)   | 101.0(3) | C(9a)-C(9)-O(1)    | 120.2(3) |
| C(4a)-C(4)-C(12)  | 99.4(3)  | C(1)-C(9a)-C(4a)   | 102.8(3) |
| C(4)-C(4a)-C(9a)  | 102.1(3) | C(1)-C(9a)-C(9)    | 114.6(3) |
| C(4)-C(4a)-C(10)  | 114.1(3) | C(4a)-C(9a)-C(9)   | 116.3(3) |
| C(9a)-C(4a)-C(10) | 116.5(3) | C(4a)-C(10)-C(10a) | 119.2(3) |
| C(6)-C(5)-C(10a)  | 106.6(3) | C(4a)-C(10)-O(2)   | 119.8(3) |
| C(6)-C(5)-C(11)   | 100.6(3) | C(10a)-C(10)-O(2)  | 120.9(3) |
| C(10a)-C(5)-C(11) | 100.1(3) | C(5)-C(10a)-C(8a)  | 102.3(3) |
| C(5)-C(6)-C(7)    | 107.6(3) | C(5)-C(10a)-C(10)  | 114.0(3) |
| C(6)-C(7)-C(8)    | 107.7(3) | C(8a)-C(10a)-C(10) | 116.6(3) |
| C(7)-C(8)-C(8a)   | 106.0(3) | C(5)-C(11)-C(8)    | 93.5(3)  |
| C(7)-C(8)-C(11)   | 100.7(3) | C(1)-C(12)-C(4)    | 93.5(2)  |

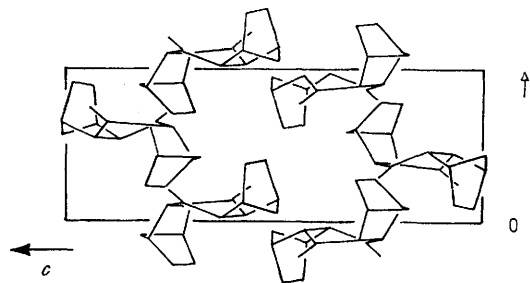
## DISCUSSION

The analysis confirms that the bis-adduct has the *endo,cis,anti,cis,endo* structure (2) and provides therefore the first structural information on such compounds.

Our analysis shows that the central cyclohexanedione

<sup>21</sup> J. Heller, A. S. Dreiding, R. Grieb, and A. Niggli, *Angew. Chem.*, 1972, **84**, 170; *Angew. Chem. Internat. Edn.*, 1972, **11**, 366.

ring is non-planar in the solid and that the distortion is towards the boat conformer. A similar, but smaller, distortion from planarity has been reported<sup>21</sup> in the case of *anti*-1-bromotricyclo[5.1.0.0<sup>3,5</sup>]octane-2,6-dione (8). Thus whereas the recorded deviations of the atoms corresponding to C(9) and C(10) from the mean plane of C(4a), C(8a), C(9a), and C(10a) is 0.06  $\text{\AA}$ , in the present

FIGURE 2 Packing diagram as viewed along the  $a$  axis

analysis we find 0.37  $\text{\AA}$ . This latter is, even so, less than that to be expected in an idealised boat structure. X-Ray analyses of both (7) and *endo*-2,3-dichloro-4a,8a-dicyano-4a,5,8,8a-tetrahydro-5,7-dimethyl-5,8-(2,2-dimethylethano)-1,4-naphthoquinone (9)<sup>10</sup> likewise show distortions towards boat conformers but in these cases the carbonyl groups are unsymmetrically arranged and the displacements are less than in (2); a contributory factor here may well be the conjugation in the enedione system.

It is debatable whether the non-planarity of (2) persists in solution or not. On the one hand it is recorded<sup>22</sup> that in  $\text{CCl}_4$  'the central ring is quite flat

<sup>22</sup> B. A. Arbutov, L. A. Grazina, and A. N. Vereshchagin, *Izvest. Akad. Nauk S.S.S.R., Ser. khim.*, 1969, 2370 (*Chem. Abs.*, 1970, **72**, 66,226w).

and the bond angle associated with the principal dipole moment is  $25^\circ$ , whilst elsewhere,<sup>23</sup> when considering the

TABLE 3

Equations of least-squares planes in terms of  $X, Y, Z$  which refer to orthogonal co-ordinates obtained by the transformation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & c \cos \beta \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \sin \beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x/a \\ y/b \\ z/c \end{bmatrix}$$

Distances (Å) of some relevant atoms from the plane are given in square brackets

Plane (1): C(1)–(4)

$$-0.5115X - 0.6034Y + 0.6118Z - 5.9430 = 0$$

[C(1) 0.060, C(2) 0.000, C(3) 0.000, C(4) 0.000, C(4a) -1.410, C(9a) -1.402, C(12) 0.827]

Plane (2): C(5)–(8)

$$-0.6169X - 0.1273Y + 0.7767Z - 2.4496 = 0$$

[C(5) 0.001, C(6) -0.001, C(7) 0.001, C(8) -0.001, C(8a) 1.406, C(10a) 1.406, C(11) -0.825]

Plane (3): C(1), C(4), C(12)

$$0.0376X + 0.9992Y + 0.0134Z + 0.3392 = 0$$

Plane (4): C(5), C(8), C(11)

$$-0.3496X - 0.8557Y + 0.3816Z - 1.1264 = 0$$

Plane (5): C(1), C(4), C(4a), C(9a)

$$-0.5259X + 0.4877Y + 0.6968Z - 6.2240 = 0$$

[C(1) 0.000, C(4) 0.000, C(4a) 0.000, C(9a) 0.000]

Plane 6: C(5), C(8), C(8a), C(10a)

$$0.2699X - 0.8723Y - 0.4077Z + 2.5699 = 0$$

[C(5) -0.002, C(8) 0.002, C(8a) -0.003, C(10a) 0.003]

Plane (7): C(4a), C(8a), C(9), C(9a), C(10), C(10a)

$$-0.1352X - 0.9844Y + 0.1123Z + 0.0751 = 0$$

[C(4a) 0.121, C(8a) 0.128, C(9) -0.254, C(9a) 0.130, C(10) -0.246, C(10a) 0.121, O(1) -0.829, O(2) -0.789]

Plane (8): C(8a), C(9), C(9a), O(1)

$$0.2602X - 0.8794Y + 0.3987Z - 5.4164 = 0$$

[C(8a) 0.003, C(9) -0.011, C(9a) 0.003, O(1) 0.004]

Plane (9): C(4a), C(10), C(10a), O(2)

$$-0.4813X - 0.8567Y - 0.1855Z + 4.3569 = 0$$

[C(4a) 0.004, C(10) -0.014, C(10a) 0.004, O(2) 0.005]

Plane (10): C(4a), C(8a), C(9a), C(10a)

$$0.1390X + 0.9842Y - 0.1090Z - 0.0032 = 0$$

[C(4a) 0.001, C(8a) 0.001, C(9a) -0.001, C(10a) -0.001]

Angles between planes (deg.)

|          |       |          |       |
|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| (1)–(2)  | 29.8  | (3)–(5)  | 61.5  |
| (1)–(3)  | 127.9 | (3)–(10) | 9.2   |
| (1)–(5)  | 66.4  | (4)–(6)  | 60.2  |
| (1)–(10) | 137.0 | (4)–(10) | 158.8 |
| (2)–(4)  | 51.6  | (8)–(9)  | 56.3  |
| (2)–(6)  | 111.9 | (8)–(10) | 150.8 |
| (2)–(10) | 107.2 | (9)–(10) | 152.9 |

unchanged  $^1\text{H}$  n.m.r. spectrum of (2) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at room temperature and at  $-100^\circ$ , the cyclohexanedione ring could therefore be planar. . . . However the evidence would also be consistent with a boat-shaped cyclohexanedione ring which was undergoing a degenerate conformational change still rapid at  $-100^\circ$ .

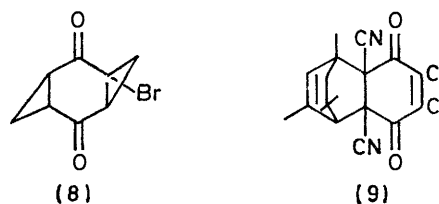
<sup>23</sup> D. M. Bratby and G. I. Fray, *J.C.S. Perkin I*, 1972, 195.

In the analyses of (7) and (9), comment is made on the usually long bond-lengths which correspond to C(4a)–C(9a) and recorded as 1.59(1) and 1.63(2) Å. Our values [1.552(4) and 1.562(4) Å], though shorter are nevertheless longer than the standard value (1.54 Å),

TABLE 4  
Torsion angles (deg.)

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| C(10a)–C(8a)–C(9)–C(9a)  | 33.9   |
| C(8a)–C(9)–C(9a)–C(4a)   | -28.5  |
| C(9)–C(9a)–C(4a)–C(10)   | 1.1    |
| C(9a)–C(4a)–C(10)–C(10a) | 32.1   |
| C(4a)–C(10)–C(10a)–C(8a) | -32.3  |
| C(10)–C(10a)–C(8a)–C(9)  | -0.7   |
| C(10a)–C(8a)–C(9)–O(1)   | -148.1 |
| C(4a)–C(9a)–C(9)–O(1)    | 147.8  |
| C(9a)–C(4a)–C(4)–C(12)   | 37.6   |
| C(4a)–C(4)–C(12)–C(1)    | -60.5  |
| C(4)–C(12)–C(1)–C(9a)    | 60.4   |
| C(12)–C(1)–C(9a)–C(4a)   | -37.6  |
| O(1)–C(9a)–C(4a)–C(4)    | 0.0    |
| C(1)–C(12)–C(4)–C(3)     | 50.3   |
| C(12)–C(4)–C(3)–C(2)     | -33.4  |
| C(4)–C(3)–C(2)–C(1)      | 0.0    |
| C(3)–C(2)–C(1)–C(12)     | 33.3   |
| C(2)–C(1)–C(12)–C(4)     | -49.7  |
| C(8a)–C(10a)–C(10)–O(2)  | 150.3  |
| C(9a)–C(4a)–C(10)–O(2)   | -150.4 |
| C(5)–C(6)–C(7)–C(8)      | 0.2    |
| C(6)–C(7)–C(8)–C(11)     | 32.9   |
| C(7)–C(8)–C(11)–C(5)     | -49.4  |
| C(8)–C(11)–C(5)–C(6)     | 49.6   |
| C(11)–C(5)–C(6)–C(7)     | -33.3  |
| C(10a)–C(5)–C(11)–C(8)   | -59.6  |
| C(5)–C(11)–C(8)–C(8a)    | 59.1   |
| C(11)–C(8)–C(8a)–C(10a)  | -36.8  |
| C(8)–C(8a)–C(10a)–C(5)   | -0.4   |
| C(8a)–C(10a)–C(5)–C(11)  | 37.5   |
| C(6)–C(7)–C(8)–C(8a)     | -70.7  |
| C(7)–C(8)–C(8a)–C(10a)   | 67.4   |
| C(8a)–C(10a)–C(5)–C(6)   | -66.9  |
| C(10a)–C(5)–C(6)–C(7)    | 70.7   |

which suggests that influences additional to those of the cyano-groups in (7) and (9) are operative. Similarly, the bonds C(1)–C(9a), C(4)–C(4a), C(5)–C(10a), and C(8)–C(8a), formed by the addition reactions, of length



1.55–1.58 Å are somewhat long and reflect, with greater precision, the findings in structures (7) and (9) (range 1.54–1.61 Å). The angles at the bridging methylene groups C(11) and C(12) are both  $93.5(3)^\circ$ , in close agreement with the value ( $94^\circ$ ) reported<sup>10</sup> for (7) and somewhat less than the  $96.5^\circ$  reported<sup>9</sup> for the tetrahydro-compound (6), perhaps reflecting the constraining influence of the olefinic double bond.

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