

# Crystal structure of 1,4:5,8-dimethano-1,1a,4,4a,5,5a,8,8a-octahydro-anthracene-9,10-dione, C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

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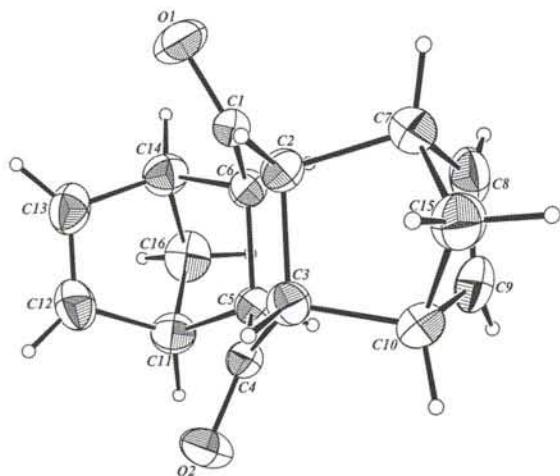
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**Abstract**

C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, monoclinic, P12<sub>1</sub>/n1 (No. 14),  $a = 12.0005(7)$  Å,  $b = 6.2388(9)$  Å,  $c = 16.973(2)$  Å,  $\beta = 110.609(6)$ °,  $V = 1189.5$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $R_{\text{g}}(F) = 0.047$ ,  $R_{\text{w}}(F^2) = 0.108$ ,  $T = 293$  K.

**Source of material**

The title compound is a Diels-Alder adduct of a [4+2] cycloaddition of 1,3-cyclopentadiene with *p*-benzoquinone. Cyclopentadiene freshly distilled (40.32 g, 0.6 mol) in methanol (20 ml) was added to a solution of *p*-benzoquinone (32.43 g, 0.3 mol) in methanol (100 ml) at 203 K. The resultant colorless solid was recrystallized from ethanol.

**Discussion**

The *p*-benzoquinone (PBQ) molecule used to obtain the title compound was found to be planar at room temperature [1], then, at 113 K, the significant deviations from planarity were observed, and the PBQ molecule was in the chair conformation [2]. In contrast to these results, it has been found that the 1,4-cyclohexadione, which is a chemically changed form of PBQ molecule, is not planar and has a boat conformation. The near zero torsion angles of this boat are -0.6(3)° and 0.7(3)°. The dihedral angles between 1,4-cyclohexadione ring and the planes formed by norbornenyl atoms of C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>7</sub>, C<sub>10</sub> and C<sub>5</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>, C<sub>11</sub>, C<sub>14</sub> are 70.68(9)° and 39.08(7)°, respectively. In the 1,4-cyclohexadione ring, the bond length of O=C is 1.215(2) Å, the C–C distance in

the range 1.499(3) Å – 1.562(3) Å. O=C–C, C(=O)–C–C and C–C(=O)–C angles in the range 120.0(2)° – 120.9(2)°, 115.8(2)° – 116.6(2)° and 119.1(2)°, respectively. For the norbornenyl atoms, the C–C and C=C distances in the range 1.501(3) Å – 1.579(3) Å and 1.317(3) Å – 1.318(3) Å, respectively. The bond lengths and angles are comparable with corresponding values observed in related molecules [3, 4]. The molecules are linked together by weak C–H…O hydrogen bonds. The bond lengths and angles are comparable with corresponding values observed in related molecules [3, 4].

**Table 1.** Data collection and handling.

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| Crystal:                                      | colorless, prismatic,<br>size 0.20 x 0.36 x 0.64 mm   |
| Wavelength:                                   | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation (0.71073 Å)                    |
| $\mu$ :                                       | 0.87 cm <sup>-1</sup>                                 |
| Diffractometer, scan mode:                    | Enraf-Nonius CAD4, $\omega/2\theta$                   |
| $2\theta_{\text{max}}$ :                      | 52.58°  |
| $N(hkl)$ measured, $N(hkl)$ unique:           | 2424, 2293  |
| Criterion for $I_{\text{obs}}$ , $N(hkl)$ gt: | $I_{\text{obs}} > 2 \sigma(I_{\text{obs}})$ , 1774    |
| $N(\text{param})$ refined:                    | 228   |
| Programs:                                     | MOLEN [5], SHELXS-86 [6], SHELXL-93<br>[7], ORTEP [8] |

**Table 2.** Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å<sup>2</sup>).

| Atom   | Site | x        | y         | z        | $U_{\text{iso}}$ |
|--------|------|----------|-----------|----------|------------------|
| H(2)   | 4e   | 1.125(1) | 0.596(4)  | 0.448(1) | 0.043(6)         |
| H(3)   | 4e   | 1.223(1) | 0.611(4)  | 0.362(1) | 0.044(6)         |
| H(5)   | 4e   | 0.987(1) | 0.280(3)  | 0.203(1) | 0.036(5)         |
| H(6)   | 4e   | 0.887(1) | 0.267(3)  | 0.291(1) | 0.033(5)         |
| H(7)   | 4e   | 1.203(2) | 0.346(4)  | 0.559(1) | 0.051(6)         |
| H(8)   | 4e   | 1.193(2) | -0.014(5) | 0.493(2) | 0.069(8)         |
| H(9)   | 4e   | 1.307(2) | 0.001(5)  | 0.393(2) | 0.075(8)         |
| H(10)  | 4e   | 1.388(2) | 0.377(4)  | 0.401(1) | 0.049(6)         |
| H(11)  | 4e   | 0.986(2) | 0.614(4)  | 0.144(1) | 0.050(6)         |
| H(12)  | 4e   | 1.075(2) | 0.868(4)  | 0.263(1) | 0.056(7)         |
| H(13)  | 4e   | 0.963(2) | 0.860(4)  | 0.360(1) | 0.060(7)         |
| H(14)  | 4e   | 0.800(2) | 0.590(3)  | 0.304(1) | 0.045(6)         |
| H(15A) | 4e   | 1.411(2) | 0.359(4)  | 0.553(2) | 0.066(8)         |
| H(15B) | 4e   | 1.347(2) | 0.587(5)  | 0.516(1) | 0.064(8)         |
| H(16A) | 4e   | 0.791(2) | 0.728(4)  | 0.159(1) | 0.063(7)         |
| H(16B) | 4e   | 0.793(2) | 0.468(4)  | 0.157(1) | 0.061(7)         |

**Table 3.** Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å<sup>2</sup>)

| Atom  | Site | <i>x</i>  | <i>y</i>  | <i>z</i>   | <i>U</i> <sub>11</sub> | <i>U</i> <sub>22</sub> | <i>U</i> <sub>33</sub> | <i>U</i> <sub>12</sub> | <i>U</i> <sub>13</sub> | <i>U</i> <sub>23</sub> |
|-------|------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| O(1)  | 4e   | 0.9709(1) | 0.2632(3) | 0.4431(1)  | 0.063(1)               | 0.056(1)               | 0.0544(9)              | -0.0062(9)             | 0.0353(8)              | 0.0083(8)              |
| O(2)  | 4e   | 1.2023(1) | 0.2869(3) | 0.24604(9) | 0.060(1)               | 0.063(1)               | 0.0520(9)              | 0.0151(9)              | 0.0329(8)              | -0.0043(8)             |
| C(1)  | 4e   | 1.0134(2) | 0.3560(3) | 0.3974(1)  | 0.046(1)               | 0.027(1)               | 0.043(1)               | 0.0023(9)              | 0.025(1)               | -0.0012(9)             |
| C(2)  | 4e   | 1.1358(2) | 0.4531(3) | 0.4320(1)  | 0.048(1)               | 0.031(1)               | 0.037(1)               | -0.0003(9)             | 0.0203(9)              | -0.0042(9)             |
| C(3)  | 4e   | 1.2075(2) | 0.4633(3) | 0.3712(1)  | 0.039(1)               | 0.031(1)               | 0.044(1)               | -0.0013(9)             | 0.0198(9)              | 0.0004(9)              |
| C(4)  | 4e   | 1.1457(2) | 0.3720(3) | 0.2843(1)  | 0.048(1)               | 0.029(1)               | 0.039(1)               | 0.0044(9)              | 0.0245(9)              | 0.0034(9)              |
| C(5)  | 4e   | 1.0130(2) | 0.3913(3) | 0.2448(1)  | 0.047(1)               | 0.032(1)               | 0.034(1)               | 0.0002(9)              | 0.0177(9)              | -0.0059(9)             |
| C(6)  | 4e   | 0.9418(2) | 0.3813(3) | 0.3053(1)  | 0.039(1)               | 0.031(1)               | 0.043(1)               | -0.0075(9)             | 0.0181(9)              | -0.0046(9)             |
| C(7)  | 4e   | 1.2233(2) | 0.3314(4) | 0.5092(1)  | 0.060(1)               | 0.053(1)               | 0.033(1)               | 0.002(1)               | 0.016(1)               | -0.002(1)              |
| C(8)  | 4e   | 1.2339(2) | 0.1066(4) | 0.4797(1)  | 0.063(2)               | 0.043(1)               | 0.047(1)               | 0.005(1)               | 0.011(1)               | 0.009(1)               |
| C(9)  | 4e   | 1.2946(2) | 0.1166(4) | 0.4286(2)  | 0.060(1)               | 0.047(1)               | 0.049(1)               | 0.014(1)               | 0.013(1)               | 0.002(1)               |
| C(10) | 4e   | 1.3258(2) | 0.3484(4) | 0.4222(1)  | 0.041(1)               | 0.056(1)               | 0.052(1)               | 0.002(1)               | 0.018(1)               | 0.000(1)               |
| C(11) | 4e   | 0.9690(2) | 0.6087(4) | 0.1963(1)  | 0.052(1)               | 0.048(1)               | 0.044(1)               | 0.009(1)               | 0.024(1)               | 0.009(1)               |
| C(12) | 4e   | 1.0114(2) | 0.7886(4) | 0.2591(2)  | 0.050(1)               | 0.030(1)               | 0.076(2)               | 0.004(1)               | 0.021(1)               | 0.012(1)               |
| C(13) | 4e   | 0.9504(2) | 0.7805(4) | 0.3102(2)  | 0.055(1)               | 0.030(1)               | 0.060(1)               | 0.010(1)               | 0.018(1)               | -0.002(1)              |
| C(14) | 4e   | 0.8661(2) | 0.5943(4) | 0.2832(1)  | 0.039(1)               | 0.044(1)               | 0.049(1)               | 0.006(1)               | 0.021(1)               | 0.002(1)               |
| C(15) | 4e   | 1.3421(2) | 0.4256(5) | 0.5113(2)  | 0.053(1)               | 0.062(2)               | 0.051(1)               | -0.004(1)              | 0.005(1)               | -0.009(1)              |
| C(16) | 4e   | 0.8377(2) | 0.5996(5) | 0.1879(1)  | 0.046(1)               | 0.055(2)               | 0.046(1)               | 0.007(1)               | 0.014(1)               | 0.004(1)               |

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