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1-Methoxy-4-methyl-9,10-anthraquinone

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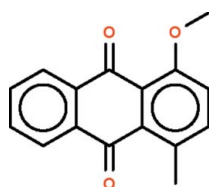
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 100$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$ Å; R factor = 0.036; wR factor = 0.108; data-to-parameter ratio = 7.9.

The non-H atoms of the title compound, $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3$, lie approximately in a common plane (r.m.s. deviation = 0.032 Å). The methyl C atom is forced away from the carbonyl O atom which can be seen by the widened $\text{C}_{\text{fused ring}}-\text{C}_{\text{benzene}}-\text{C}_{\text{methyl}}$ angle of 125.8 (2)°.

Related literature

For the synthesis, see: Bentley *et al.* (1907); Fischer & Ziegler (1913).



Experimental

Crystal data

 $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3$
 $M_r = 252.26$

Monoclinic, $P2_1$
 $a = 8.8808$ (4) Å
 $b = 4.8940$ (2) Å
 $c = 13.7792$ (5) Å
 $\beta = 96.136$ (4)°
 $V = 595.45$ (4) Å³

$Z = 2$
 Cu $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.79$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 100$ K
 $0.30 \times 0.10 \times 0.02$ mm

Data collection

Agilent SuperNova Dual diffractometer with an Atlas detector
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (*CrysAlis PRO*; Agilent, 2010)

$T_{\text{min}} = 0.797$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.984$
 2343 measured reflections
 1367 independent reflections
 1317 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.014$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.036$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.108$
 $S = 1.16$
 1367 reflections
 173 parameters

1 restraint
 H-atom parameters constrained
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.19$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.18$ e Å⁻³

Data collection: *CrysAlis PRO* (Agilent, 2010); cell refinement: *CrysAlis PRO*; data reduction: *CrysAlis PRO*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *X-SEED* (Barbour, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: *publCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

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S1. Comment

1-Methoxy-4-methyl-9,10-anthraquinone was reported more than a century ago (Bentley *et al.*, 1907; Fischer & Ziegler, 1913). We have used a modification of the synthesis to prepare 1-hydroxy-4-methyl-9,10-anthraquinone, which was then methylated to yield the title compound (Scheme). The non-hydrogen atoms of 1-methyl-4-methoxy-9,10-anthraquinone lie on a plane (r.m.s. deviation 0.032 Å). The methyl C atom is forced away from the by the carbonyl O atom that is four bonds removed ($C_{\text{fused ring}}-C_{\text{benzene}}-C_{\text{methyl}}$ 125.8 (2) °).

Its isolation from plants has not been reported yet.

S2. Experimental

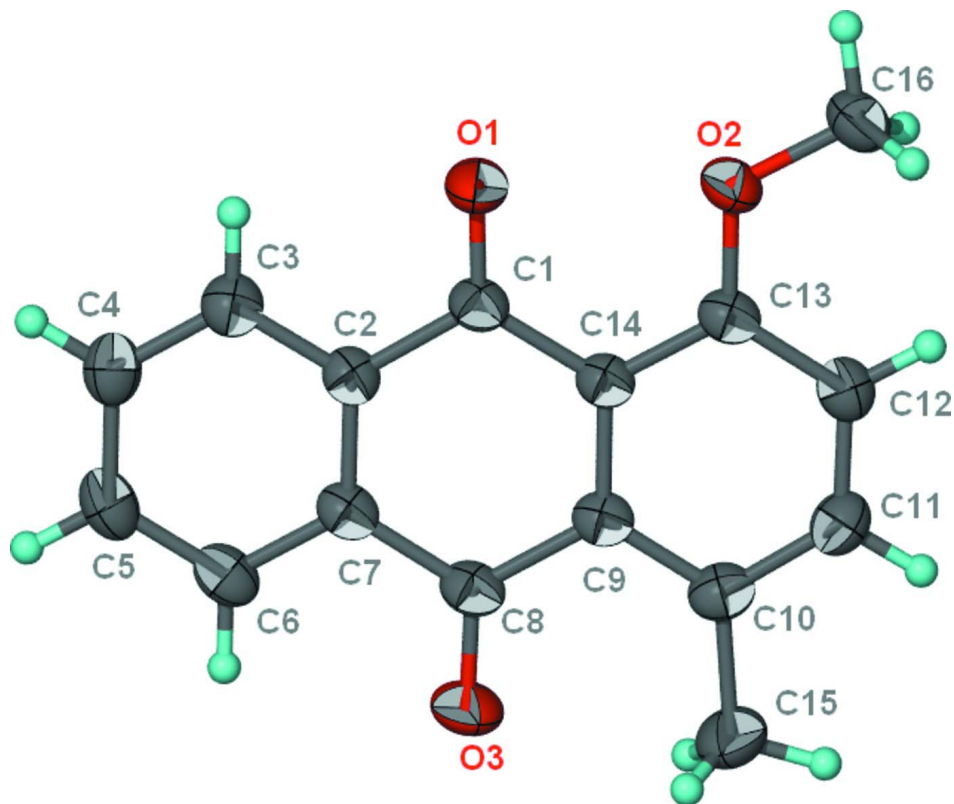
Phthalic anhydride (1.00 g, 0.67 mmol) and *p*-cresol (1.63 g, 1.50 mmol) were heated in a mixture of aluminium chloride (45 g) and sodium chloride (9 g) heated to 423–443 K for an hour. The reaction mixture turned deep red. Water (500 ml) containing concentrated hydrochloric acid (15 ml) was added. The product was collected and washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate, and was next purified by medium-pressure liquid chromatography (hexane: ethyl acetate) to give 1-hydroxy-4-methyl-9,10-anthroquinone (60% yield).

In the subsequent methylation reaction, 1-hydroxy-4-methyl-9,10-anthraquinone (1 mmol) and methyl iodide (1.5 mmol) along with potassium carbonate (1 mmol) were heated in acetone (30 ml) for 24 h. The solvent was removed and the product dissolved in dichloromethane. The solution was extracted with water. The organic layer was purified by medium-pressure liquid chromatography (hexane: ethyl acetate) to give the pure title compound (80% yield). Crystals were obtained by using methanol as solvent for recrystallization. The formulation was established by proton and carbon-13 NMR spectroscopy.

S3. Refinement

H-atoms were placed in calculated positions [$C-H$ 0.95 to 0.98 Å, $U_{\text{iso}}(H)$ 1.2 to 1.5 $U_{\text{eq}}(C)$] and were included in the refinement in the riding model approximation.

As the Friedel pair coverage was only 37%, 412 Friedel pairs were merged.

**Figure 1**

Anisotropic displacement ellipsoid plot (Barbour, 2001) of $C_{16}H_{12}O_3$ at the 70% probability level; hydrogen atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radius.

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 $\theta_{\max} = 76.3$ °, $\theta_{\min} = 3.2$ °
 $h = -7 \rightarrow 11$
 $k = -5 \rightarrow 6$
 $l = -17 \rightarrow 17$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 Least-squares matrix: full
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 $wR(F^2) = 0.108$
 $S = 1.16$
 1367 reflections
 173 parameters
 1 restraint
 Primary atom site location: structure-invariant
 direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier
 map
 Hydrogen site location: inferred from
 neighbouring sites
 H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0706P)^2 + 0.0361P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.19 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.18 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	x	y	z	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	0.55994 (14)	0.5010 (4)	0.81572 (9)	0.0371 (4)
O2	0.66956 (14)	0.8795 (3)	0.93147 (9)	0.0317 (3)
O3	1.07132 (15)	0.4573 (4)	0.64116 (10)	0.0390 (4)
C1	0.67730 (18)	0.5016 (4)	0.77647 (11)	0.0248 (4)
C2	0.69140 (19)	0.3128 (4)	0.69352 (11)	0.0240 (4)
C3	0.5701 (2)	0.1401 (5)	0.66264 (12)	0.0291 (4)
H3	0.4802	0.1455	0.6943	0.035*
C4	0.5813 (2)	-0.0384 (5)	0.58604 (13)	0.0323 (4)
H4	0.4992	-0.1568	0.5655	0.039*
C5	0.7123 (2)	-0.0457 (5)	0.53870 (13)	0.0324 (4)
H5	0.7185	-0.1666	0.4853	0.039*
C6	0.8330 (2)	0.1223 (5)	0.56916 (11)	0.0300 (4)
H6	0.9226	0.1160	0.5372	0.036*
C7	0.82303 (19)	0.3018 (4)	0.64715 (11)	0.0247 (4)
C8	0.95447 (19)	0.4775 (4)	0.68049 (12)	0.0264 (4)
C9	0.94200 (19)	0.6767 (4)	0.76192 (11)	0.0235 (4)
C10	1.06468 (19)	0.8520 (4)	0.79051 (12)	0.0285 (4)
C11	1.0481 (2)	1.0335 (4)	0.86625 (13)	0.0304 (4)
H11	1.1295	1.1535	0.8865	0.037*
C12	0.9187 (2)	1.0470 (4)	0.91328 (13)	0.0280 (4)
H12	0.9124	1.1755	0.9643	0.034*
C13	0.79734 (18)	0.8729 (4)	0.88619 (11)	0.0250 (4)
C14	0.80695 (18)	0.6854 (4)	0.80882 (11)	0.0233 (4)
C15	1.2125 (2)	0.8622 (6)	0.74564 (15)	0.0400 (5)
H15A	1.1927	0.9088	0.6763	0.060*
H15B	1.2622	0.6833	0.7524	0.060*
H15C	1.2786	1.0010	0.7791	0.060*
C16	0.6594 (2)	1.0809 (5)	1.00589 (13)	0.0334 (4)
H16A	0.5623	1.0618	1.0330	0.050*
H16B	0.6663	1.2637	0.9777	0.050*
H16C	0.7425	1.0549	1.0578	0.050*

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
O1	0.0319 (6)	0.0462 (9)	0.0358 (7)	-0.0103 (7)	0.0162 (5)	-0.0114 (7)
O2	0.0325 (6)	0.0349 (8)	0.0297 (6)	-0.0025 (6)	0.0130 (5)	-0.0066 (6)
O3	0.0362 (7)	0.0443 (9)	0.0403 (7)	-0.0043 (7)	0.0218 (6)	-0.0053 (7)
C1	0.0282 (7)	0.0262 (9)	0.0213 (7)	-0.0011 (8)	0.0086 (6)	0.0027 (8)
C2	0.0290 (8)	0.0234 (9)	0.0198 (7)	0.0005 (8)	0.0039 (6)	0.0035 (7)
C3	0.0328 (8)	0.0297 (10)	0.0249 (7)	-0.0020 (9)	0.0040 (6)	0.0031 (8)
C4	0.0390 (9)	0.0294 (10)	0.0274 (8)	-0.0019 (9)	-0.0019 (7)	-0.0005 (9)
C5	0.0439 (10)	0.0288 (10)	0.0241 (8)	0.0043 (10)	0.0019 (7)	-0.0019 (9)
C6	0.0377 (9)	0.0304 (10)	0.0226 (7)	0.0059 (9)	0.0070 (6)	0.0019 (8)
C7	0.0311 (8)	0.0240 (9)	0.0197 (7)	0.0029 (8)	0.0065 (6)	0.0051 (7)
C8	0.0310 (8)	0.0261 (9)	0.0239 (7)	0.0013 (9)	0.0107 (6)	0.0050 (9)
C9	0.0271 (7)	0.0222 (9)	0.0220 (7)	0.0009 (8)	0.0064 (6)	0.0064 (8)
C10	0.0273 (8)	0.0301 (10)	0.0286 (8)	-0.0005 (8)	0.0055 (6)	0.0064 (8)
C11	0.0300 (8)	0.0294 (11)	0.0316 (9)	-0.0050 (8)	0.0018 (7)	0.0021 (8)
C12	0.0333 (8)	0.0260 (10)	0.0245 (7)	0.0011 (8)	0.0018 (6)	0.0003 (8)
C13	0.0276 (8)	0.0258 (9)	0.0222 (7)	0.0029 (8)	0.0060 (6)	0.0042 (8)
C14	0.0262 (7)	0.0232 (9)	0.0212 (7)	0.0007 (7)	0.0056 (6)	0.0036 (7)
C15	0.0322 (9)	0.0474 (13)	0.0420 (10)	-0.0088 (10)	0.0107 (8)	-0.0021 (11)
C16	0.0387 (9)	0.0321 (11)	0.0309 (8)	0.0016 (9)	0.0105 (7)	-0.0045 (8)

Geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$)

O1—C1	1.224 (2)	C8—C9	1.499 (3)
O2—C13	1.3526 (18)	C9—C10	1.409 (3)
O2—C16	1.432 (2)	C9—C14	1.422 (2)
O3—C8	1.225 (2)	C10—C11	1.390 (3)
C1—C2	1.485 (2)	C10—C15	1.511 (2)
C1—C14	1.491 (3)	C11—C12	1.380 (2)
C2—C7	1.392 (2)	C11—H11	0.9500
C2—C3	1.399 (3)	C12—C13	1.393 (3)
C3—C4	1.382 (3)	C12—H12	0.9500
C3—H3	0.9500	C13—C14	1.416 (2)
C4—C5	1.394 (3)	C15—H15A	0.9800
C4—H4	0.9500	C15—H15B	0.9800
C5—C6	1.380 (3)	C15—H15C	0.9800
C5—H5	0.9500	C16—H16A	0.9800
C6—C7	1.398 (3)	C16—H16B	0.9800
C6—H6	0.9500	C16—H16C	0.9800
C7—C8	1.483 (3)		
C13—O2—C16	117.84 (15)	C11—C10—C9	117.28 (16)
O1—C1—C2	118.97 (17)	C11—C10—C15	116.89 (18)
O1—C1—C14	122.39 (16)	C9—C10—C15	125.83 (18)
C2—C1—C14	118.64 (14)	C12—C11—C10	122.90 (18)
C7—C2—C3	119.60 (17)	C12—C11—H11	118.6

C7—C2—C1	121.43 (15)	C10—C11—H11	118.6
C3—C2—C1	118.96 (15)	C11—C12—C13	120.28 (18)
C4—C3—C2	119.89 (17)	C11—C12—H12	119.9
C4—C3—H3	120.1	C13—C12—H12	119.9
C2—C3—H3	120.1	O2—C13—C12	121.67 (16)
C3—C4—C5	120.35 (18)	O2—C13—C14	118.93 (15)
C3—C4—H4	119.8	C12—C13—C14	119.39 (15)
C5—C4—H4	119.8	C13—C14—C9	118.89 (15)
C6—C5—C4	120.18 (18)	C13—C14—C1	120.61 (14)
C6—C5—H5	119.9	C9—C14—C1	120.49 (15)
C4—C5—H5	119.9	C10—C15—H15A	109.5
C5—C6—C7	119.78 (17)	C10—C15—H15B	109.5
C5—C6—H6	120.1	H15A—C15—H15B	109.5
C7—C6—H6	120.1	C10—C15—H15C	109.5
C2—C7—C6	120.19 (17)	H15A—C15—H15C	109.5
C2—C7—C8	120.47 (16)	H15B—C15—H15C	109.5
C6—C7—C8	119.34 (15)	O2—C16—H16A	109.5
O3—C8—C7	119.47 (18)	O2—C16—H16B	109.5
O3—C8—C9	121.16 (18)	H16A—C16—H16B	109.5
C7—C8—C9	119.36 (14)	O2—C16—H16C	109.5
C10—C9—C14	121.24 (16)	H16A—C16—H16C	109.5
C10—C9—C8	119.22 (15)	H16B—C16—H16C	109.5
C14—C9—C8	119.54 (15)		
O1—C1—C2—C7	-179.01 (17)	C14—C9—C10—C11	0.0 (3)
C14—C1—C2—C7	1.1 (2)	C8—C9—C10—C11	179.94 (16)
O1—C1—C2—C3	0.0 (3)	C14—C9—C10—C15	-179.51 (18)
C14—C1—C2—C3	-179.87 (16)	C8—C9—C10—C15	0.5 (3)
C7—C2—C3—C4	-0.5 (3)	C9—C10—C11—C12	0.1 (3)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-179.55 (17)	C15—C10—C11—C12	179.60 (18)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-0.6 (3)	C10—C11—C12—C13	0.5 (3)
C3—C4—C5—C6	1.1 (3)	C16—O2—C13—C12	2.8 (3)
C4—C5—C6—C7	-0.6 (3)	C16—O2—C13—C14	-176.68 (15)
C3—C2—C7—C6	1.0 (3)	C11—C12—C13—O2	179.38 (16)
C1—C2—C7—C6	-179.92 (16)	C11—C12—C13—C14	-1.1 (3)
C3—C2—C7—C8	-178.30 (16)	O2—C13—C14—C9	-179.34 (15)
C1—C2—C7—C8	0.7 (3)	C12—C13—C14—C9	1.1 (2)
C5—C6—C7—C2	-0.5 (3)	O2—C13—C14—C1	1.1 (2)
C5—C6—C7—C8	178.84 (17)	C12—C13—C14—C1	-178.41 (16)
C2—C7—C8—O3	177.22 (17)	C10—C9—C14—C13	-0.6 (2)
C6—C7—C8—O3	-2.1 (3)	C8—C9—C14—C13	179.45 (16)
C2—C7—C8—C9	-2.7 (3)	C10—C9—C14—C1	178.98 (16)
C6—C7—C8—C9	177.98 (16)	C8—C9—C14—C1	-1.0 (2)
O3—C8—C9—C10	2.9 (3)	O1—C1—C14—C13	-1.3 (3)
C7—C8—C9—C10	-177.18 (16)	C2—C1—C14—C13	178.62 (15)
O3—C8—C9—C14	-177.11 (16)	O1—C1—C14—C9	179.17 (18)
C7—C8—C9—C14	2.8 (2)	C2—C1—C14—C9	-0.9 (2)
