

CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF (1,4-DIHYDROXYNAPHTHALEN-2-YL) (4'-METHOXYPHENYL) METHANONE

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ABSTRACT

Solar photoacylation of 1,4-naphthoquinone with 4-methoxybenzaldehyde to give (1,4-dihydroxynaphthalen-2-yl)(4'-methoxyphenyl) methanone is one representative example of a general procedure to prepare highly functionalized 1,4-dihydroxynaphthalen-2-yl(phenyl) methanone derivatives. The structure of the title compound was confirmed by x-ray diffraction analysis of a suitable single crystal.

Keywords: Solar light; quinones; diaryl methanones; X-ray diffraction.

INTRODUCTION

The Friedel-Crafts aromatic acylation is the most important route for the synthesis of aromatic ketones that are intermediates in manufacturing fine and speciality chemicals as well as pharmaceutical [1]. Photochemical reactions carried out with sunlight are particularly interesting in the context of green chemistry due to substrate activation often occurs without additional reagents, which diminishes formation of by products, and the renewable nature of the energy source [2,3]. Over the last few decades, the growing demand for environmentally friendly technologies has attracted rising attention in synthetic organic photochemistry [4]. Solar photoacylation of 1,4-naphthoquinone with 4-methoxybenzaldehyde to give (1,4-dihydroxynaphthalen-2-yl)(4'-methoxyphenyl) methanone is one representative example of solar light-mediated synthesis in the field of 1,4-dihydroxynaphthalen-2-yl(phenyl) methanone derivatives. The structure of the new compound was elucidated by 1D and 2D NMR experiment and was confirmed by X-ray diffraction analysis of a single crystal obtained by slow evaporation of an ethyl acetate solution.

EXPERIMENTAL

1,4-Naphthoquinone (1 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (7.5 mmol) were placed into a pyrex glass tube, nitrogen was bubbled through the solution for 2 min and then sealed with a septum. The mixture was irradiated for six days (total illumination time of 30 h), under solar radiation conditions in the range 800–1100 Watts/m² (December–March) [5]. The mixture reaction was chromatographed on silica gel (3:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to give pure (1,4-dihydroxynaphthalen-2-yl)(4'-methoxyphenyl)methanone as yellow crystals in 69% yield. Analysis: Solid crystalline **m.p.** 150–151 °C. **IR** (KBr) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3470 (O-H), 1631 (C=O). **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.86 (s, 3H, OMe), 6.97 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2'-H + 3'-H or 5'-H + 6'-H), 7.02 (s, 1H, 3-H), 7.56 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6-H or 7-H), 7.65 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 7-H or 6-H), 7.75 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 6'-H + 5'-H or 3'-H + 2'-H), 8.20 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 5-H or 8-H), 8.47 (m, 2H, 8-H or 5-H + 4-OH), 13.43 (s, 1H, 1-OH); **¹³C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 55.5, 107.8, 111.9, 113.5, 122.3, 124.2, 125.9, 126.1, 129.3 (2 × C), 129.8, 130.9, 131.6 (2 × C), 144.1, 157.2, 162.4, 199.6; HRMS (APCI): [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₄O₄: 295.08921; found: 295.08059. Single crystal structural X-ray diffraction was carried out on a Enraf Nonius CAD4 diffractometer with graphite-monochromated MoK α radiation (0.71073 Å). The structure was solved by direct method, and was refined against F² by full-matrix least-squares methods using SHELXL [6]. All of the non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The hydrogen atoms attached to C and O atoms were located from a difference Fourier map and included at calculated positions and refined using a riding model. The final Fourier maps, the electron-density residuals were not significant. Crystallographic data, details of data collection and structure refinement parameters for the title compound is summarized in Table 1. Program used to solve structure: SHELXS-2013,⁶ program used to refine structure: SHELXL-2013[6] molecular graphics [7].

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The structure of the title compound was confirmed by x-ray diffraction analysis of a suitable single crystal (Fig.1). Yellow block crystals of (1,4-dihydroxynaphthalen-2-yl)(4'-methoxyphenyl) methanone approximate dimensions 0.048 x 0.123 x 0.164 mm were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethyl acetate solution. The fragment 1,4-dihydroxynaphthalen-2-yl is planar (rms deviations 0.017 Å) and make a dihedral angle of 41.37(15)° with the methoxy phenyl fragment. All OH groups are involved in hydrogen bonding interactions with the average H...O distance of 1.94 Å and O—H...O angles of 146.5°, so in the crystal packing the molecules are associated by one strong intermolecular hydrogen bonds forming chain with graph-set motif C(11) along b axis. One strong intramolecular hydrogen bond is observed between hydroxyl and carbonyl groups, which stabilized the molecular conformation, Table 2. The packing also features and π - π stacking interactions between the fragment [Cg1-Cg2] 3.698(2) Å; symmetry code (i) -1+x, y, z; Cg1 = C4A/C5/C6/C7/C8/C8A; Cg2 = C1/C2/C3/C4/C4A/C8A], Fig.3. All bond distances and angles are normal.

Table 1. Crystallographic data, details of data collection and structure refinement parameters for the title compound.

Crystal data	
C ₁₈ H ₁₄ O ₄	V = 1371.1(5) Å ³
Mr=294.29	Z = 4
Monoclinic, P 21/n (N° 14)	MoK α radiation
a = 4.5160 (9) Å α = 90°	μ = 0.101 mm ⁻¹
b = 10.949(2) Å β = 93.09(3)°	T = 293(2) K
c = 27.769(6) Å γ = 90°	yellow block 0.048 x 0.123 x 0.164 mm
Density (calculated)/Mg/m ³ 1.426	F(000) = 616
Data Collection	
Enraf Nonius CAD4 diffractometer	905 reflections with I > 2 σ (I)
10472 measured reflections	R _{int} = 0.2475
2702 independent reflections	Theta range for data collection (θ)
Theta range for data collection (θ)	1.469 to 25.991°
Index ranges	-5 <= h <= 5, -13 <= k <= 13, -34 <= l <= 34
Refinement	
R[F ² > 2 σ (F ²)] = 0.0483	200 parameters
wR[F ²] = 0.0853	S = 0.944
	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$ = 0.180 e·Å ⁻³
	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ = -0.216 e·Å ⁻³

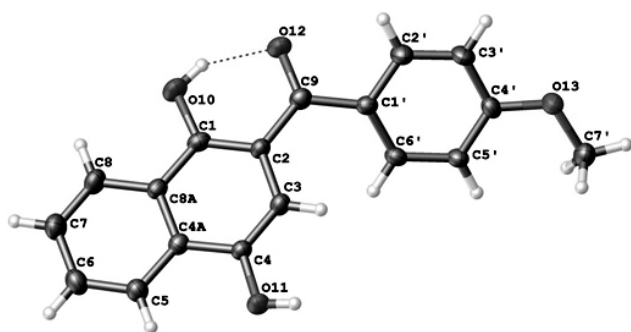


Fig. 1: ORTEP drawing of the molecular structure of the title compound.

Table 2: Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

D—H...A	D—H	H...A	D...A	D—H...A
O10—H10...O12	0.82	1.79	2.507(4)	146
O11—H11...O13 ⁱ	0.82	2.08	2.800(4)	147

Symmetry codes: (i) 1/2-x, -1/2+y, 1/2-z

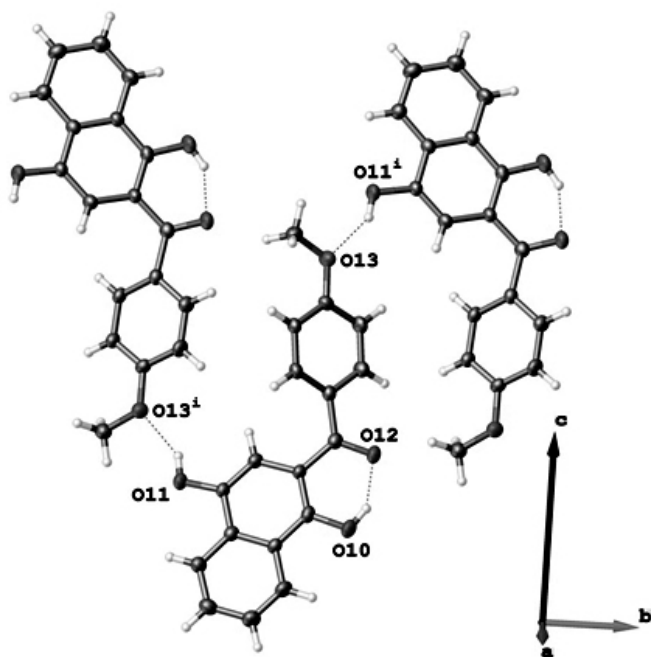


Fig. 2. A view of the one-dimensional supramolecular aggregate, showing the formation of chain with set-graph motif C(11) [Symmetry code: (i) 1/2-x, -1/2+y, 1/2-z.]

CONCLUSIONS

All OH groups are involved in hydrogen bonding interactions with the average H...O distance of 1.94 Å and O—H...O angles of 146.5°, so in the crystal packing the molecules are associated by one strong intermolecular hydrogen bond forming chain with graph-set motif C(11) along b axis. One strong intramolecular hydrogen bond is observed between hydroxyl and carbonyl groups, which stabilized the molecular conformation.

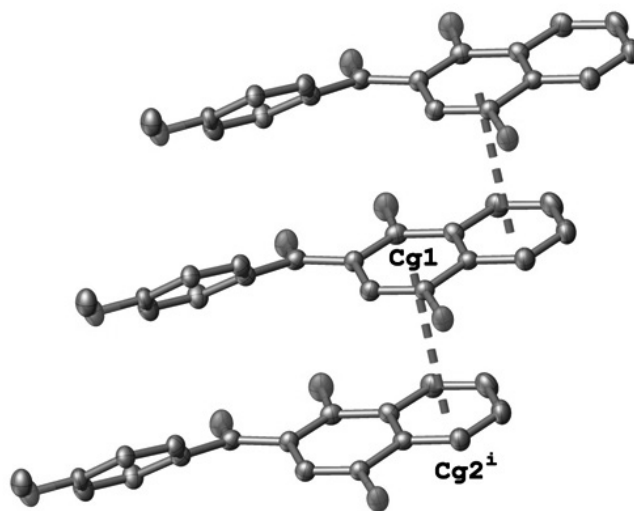


Fig.3 Part of the crystal structure of the title compound, showing the π - π stacking interactions. Cg1-Cg2ⁱ 3.698(2)Å; symmetry code (i) -1+x, y, z; Cg1 = C4A/C5/C6/C7/C8/C8A; Cg2ⁱ = C1/C2/C3/C4/C4A/C8A].

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Supplementary material

CCDC- 1480801 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this article. These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

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