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5,5'-Di-tert-butyl-2,2'-dihydroxy-3,3'-methanediyldibenzaldehyde and its allyl-protected dialcohol and dialdehyde precursors

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5,5'-Di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-dihydroxy-3,3'-methanediyldibenzaldehyde, $C_{23}H_{28}O_4$, (IV), has been structurally characterized in two polymorphic forms. The tetragonal form, (in $I4_1/a$) has been reported previously but is redetermined and reinterpreted here, while the monoclinic form, (in C2/c) is reported for the first time. In both polymorphs, the molecule lies on a crystallographic twofold axis. Two precursors in the synthesis of (IV), namely 2,2'-bis(allyloxy)-5,5'-di-*tert*-butyl-3,3'-methanediyldibenzenemethanol ($C_{29}H_{40}O_4$) and 2,2'-bis(allyloxy)-5,5'-di-*tert*-butyl-3,3'-methanediyldibenzaldehyde ($C_{29}H_{36}O_4$) have also been characterized.

Comment

The diphenolic dialdehyde 5,5'-di-tert-butyl-2,2'-dihydroxy-3,3'-methanediyldibenzaldehyde, (IV), has been used to synthesize new polynucleating macrocycles by Schiff base condensation with diamines (Barreira Fontecha et al., 2002). Compound (IV) was prepared in three steps from the known dialcohol analogue 5,5'-di-tert-butyl-2,2'-dihydroxy-3,3'-methanediyldibenzenemethanol, (I) (Dhawan & Gutsche, 1983).

The structure of 2,2'-bis(allyloxy)-5,5'-di-tert-butyl-3,3'-methanediyldibenzenemethanol, (II), is shown in Fig. 1. The molecule is non-planar, with the two aryl rings inclined at $78.84 (9)^{\circ}$ with respect to one another and the tert-butyl groups lying on opposite sides of the molecule. The apparent folding of the molecule is actually due to rotation about the C12-C4 and C12-C13 bonds, and the conformation adopted is probably a consequence of the hydrogen-bonding network throughout the lattice. Hydrogen bonding between alcohol groups generates eight-membered rings [graph-set notation $R_4^4(8)$] and links the molecules into a double chain running parallel to the a axis (Fig. 2 and Table 1). The H atoms on the hydroxy groups are disordered, and these atoms were modelled with 50% occupancy of two equivalent positions. As a result there are two self-consistent hydrogen-bonding

patterns, which have O-H···O directions running either anticlockwise (as in Fig. 2) or clockwise around the same ring. The highest residual electron-density peak is 1.26 Å from atom C28 and 1.39 Å from atom C27, and may indicate a minor disorder of that allyl group.

The dialcohol was oxidized using MnO_2 to form the analogous dialdehyde, 2,2'-bis(allyloxy)-5,5'-di-tert-butyl-3,3'-methanediyldibenzaldehyde, (III). As Fig. 3 shows, the phenyl planes are inclined at $74.17~(5)^\circ$ and the tert-butyl groups are on the same side of the molecule. One of the allyl groups is disordered, and this disorder was modelled as a 70:30 occupancy of two conformations. Again, the molecules are linked by hydrogen bonding into a double chain, in this case running

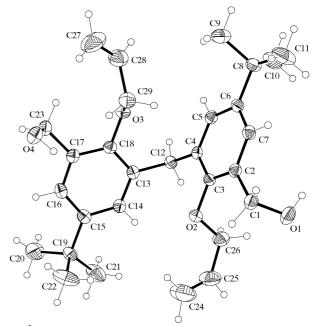


Figure 1 A view of the structure of (II). The H atoms on the two alcohol functions are disordered and only one position is shown for each. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

parallel to c (Fig. 4); however, the interactions are all of the type $C-H\cdots O=C$ (Table 2). There is also some $\pi-\pi$ stacking across the hydrogen-bonded chain involving the benzaldehyde groups. The section incorporating atoms O1/C1/C2/C3/C7 overlaps the O4/C23/C16–C18 section of a neighbouring molecule at $(x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z)$. The planes of the interacting benzaldehyde rings are inclined at 12.33 (7)°, while atoms O1 and C1 are 3.274 (2) and 3.357 (2) Å, respectively, from the mean plane of the interacting phenyl ring (Fig. 4).

Compound (IV) has been characterized in two polymorphic forms. We obtained the tetragonal form, (IVa) (space group $I4_1/a$), by recrystallization of the crude material from diethyl ether, while Masci *et al.* (2004) obtained the same polymorph by recrystallization from methanol. A second polymorph was formed as a side product in the synthesis of a macrocyclic complex; crystals of (IVb) in the monoclinic space group C2/c were obtained from a methanol solution containing 1,5-diaminopentan-3-ol and nickel(II) nitrate.

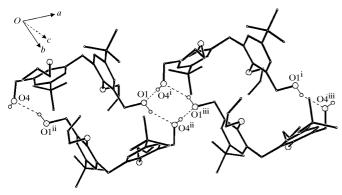


Figure 2 The hydrogen bonding in (II), producing a double chain parallel to a. Only one of the two orientations of the hydrogen bonding within the $R_4^4(8)$ ring is shown. [Symmetry codes: (i) 1+x, y, z; (ii) -x, 2-y, -z; (iii) 1-x, 2-y, -z.]

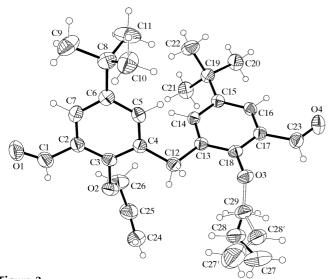


Figure 3
A view of the structure of (III), showing the disorder in one allyl group. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

In the tetragonal form, (IVa), the asymmetric unit contains half of the molecule, with a twofold axis passing through atom C12 (Fig. 5), while in the monoclinic form, (IVb), the asymmetric unit contains two independent half molecules, each having twofold symmetry (Fig. 6). The molecular conformation and bond lengths are similar in the two polymorphs; the tert-butyl groups are on opposite sides of the linked aryl rings and the phenol H atoms are involved in intramolecular hydrogen bonds with the adjacent carbonyl groups (Tables 3 and 4). In (IVb), there is additional intermolecular hydrogen bonding involving one of the carbonyl groups (C13=O3). Atom C13 forms a C−H···O=C hydrogen bond to atom O3 of a neighbouring molecule at (-x, 2-y, 1-z), resulting in zigzag chains parallel to c. The second molecule does not show a corresponding interaction. As in the precursors, the phenyl rings are inclined with respect to one another: in the tetragonal form, the phenyl rings are inclined at 61.48 (5)°, whereas in the monoclinic polymorph, the values are 73.58 (5) and 75.04 (5)°.

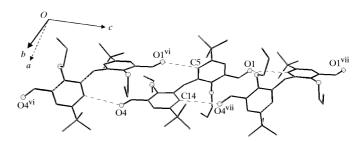
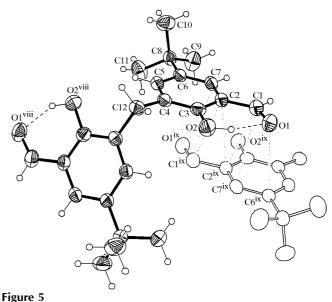


Figure 4
The C-H···O=C hydrogen-bonded chain parallel to b in (III). [Symmetry codes: (vi) $x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$; (vii) $x, \frac{1}{2} - y, -\frac{1}{2} + z$.]



A view of the structure of polymorph (IVa); intramolecular hydrogenbonding interactions between the phenol and aldehyde functions are shown as dashed lines. Dotted lines show interatomic distances in the range 3.42–3.47 Å in the π - π overlap region. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. [Symmetry codes: (viii) $2-x, \frac{3}{2}-y,$ z; (ix) 2-x, 1-y, -z.]

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In form (IVa), the molecules are packed as shown in Figs. 5 and 7. In contrast to the previous report of this structure (Masci *et al.*, 2004), we have identified π – π interactions (the most direct overlap being between the sections containing atoms O1/C1/C2/C7/C6; see Fig. 5) linking the molecules into sets of zigzag ribbons running parallel to either the a or the b axis. As can be seen in Fig. 5, π -stacked pairs of rings are parallel and related by inversion; the distance between the mean plane of the benzaldehyde ring containing atoms O1 and C7 and the centroid of the neighbouring phenyl ring at (2-x, 1-y, -z) is 3.361 (4) Å.

In polymorph (IVb), the two independent molecules form ABAB π -stacked columns parallel to the b axis (Fig. 8). The relative rotation between adjacent layers prevents steric

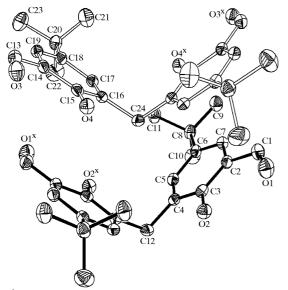


Figure 6 A view of the two independent molecules in polymorph (IV*b*). A twofold axis passes through atoms C12 and C24. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. [Symmetry code: (x) - x, y, $\frac{1}{2} - z$.]

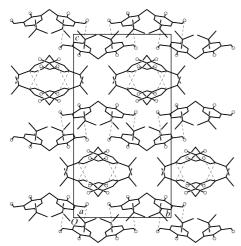


Figure 7 A unit-cell plot for polymorph (IVa), viewed down the a axis, showing the π - π -stacked ribbons running parallel to a and parallel to b. O atoms are shown as shaded circles. Dashed lines indicate the π - π overlapped sections.

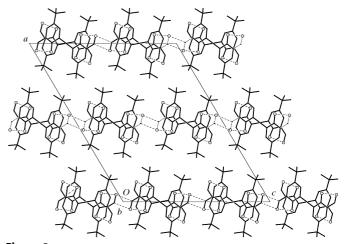


Figure 8 A unit-cell plot for polymorph (IVb), projected down b, showing π -stacked columns parallel to b and inter- and intramolecular hydrogen bonding (dashed lines). O atoms are shown as shaded circles.

interference between successive *tert*-butyl groups (Fig. 6). The benzaldehyde rings are almost parallel [interplanar angle = $6.34~(10)^{\circ}$], with average interplanar separations of 3.48 and 3.32 Å between the ring containing atoms O1 and C7 and that containing O3 and C19 at $(-x, y, \frac{1}{2} - z)$ and $(-x, 1 + y, \frac{1}{2} - z)$, respectively. Again, the shortest $\pi - \pi$ interactions are between the carbonyl groups and the phenyl rings of neighbouring molecules in the stack.

Experimental

Compound (I) was synthesized according to the procedure of Dhawan & Gutsche (1983). For the synthesis of (II), compound (I) (10 g, 27 mmol), allyl bromide (7 g, 58 mmol), anhydrous K₂CO₃ (7.42 g) and acetone (100 ml) were placed in a 250 ml three-necked round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser and a sealed stirrer unit, and were refluxed for 20 h with stirring. The reaction mixture was then poured into water (200 ml) and the aqueous layer was extracted three times with diethyl ether. The organic layer was washed with a 2 M sodium hydroxide solution and dried over anhydrous K₂CO₃. The solvent was removed under vacuum, leaving a white solid, which was recrystallized from dichloromethane/ n-hexane; the yield was 9.0 g (74%). Colourless crystals suitable for X-ray studies were obtained by slow evaporation of a solution of dichloromethane/pentane (1:5). Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on silica gel (diethyl ether/petroleum ether 40/60, 45:55): $R_{\rm F} = 0.68$. Analysis calculated for (II)·0.5H₂O: C 75.45, H 8.95%; found: C 75.64, H 9.06%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, p.p.m.): 7.24 (*d*, 2H, ArH), 7.01 (*d*, 2H, ArH), 6.07 (m, 2H, allyl = CH), 5.34 $(dd, 2H, \text{ allyl} = \text{CH}_2)$, 5.30 $(dd, 2H, \text{ allyl} = \text{CH}_2)$ 2H, allyl =CH₂), 4.73 (d, 4H, CH₂OH), 4.34 (d, 4H, allyl CH₂), 4.70 (s, 4H, CH₂OH), 4.07 (s, 2H, ArCH₂Ar), 1.26 [s, 18H, C(CH₃)₃]. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3272 [s, ν (OH)], 3081 [w, ν (allyl=CH₂)], 883 (m, 1,2,3,5 tetrasubstitution of Ar).

Compound (III) was synthesized by a method similar to that reported by Taniguchi (1984). Activated MnO₂ (50 g) was added to a solution of (II) (9 g, 20 mmol) in chloroform (200 ml). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 19–20 h, after which time MnO₂ was filtered off and the organic layer dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under vacuum, leaving a pale-yellow oil that crystallized under vacuum over a period of one week. The solid was then washed with cold methanol to remove the yellow impurities. Colourless

crystals suitable for X-ray studies were obtained by slow evaporation of a diethyl ether solution of the product. The yield was 7.0 g (78%). TLC on silica gel (diethyl ether/petroleum ether 40/60, 30:70): $R_{\rm F}=0.50$. Analysis calculated for (III)·0.5H₂O: C 76.11, H 8.15%; found: C 76.08, H 8.15%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, p.p.m.): 10.4 (s, 2H, CHO), 7.75 (d, 2H, ArH), 7.30 (d, 2H, ArH), 6.06 (m, 2H, allyl =CH), 4.40 (dd, 2H, allyl =CH₂), 4.44 (dd, 2H, allyl =CH₂), 4.13 (s, 2H, ArCH₂Ar), 1.26 [s, 18H, C(CH₃)₃]. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1660 [ν (C=O)], 3081 [w, ν (allyl =CH₂)], 885 (m, 1,2,3,5 tetrasubstitution of Ar).

Compound (IV) was obtained using the method described by Boss & Scheffold (1976). To a solution of (III) (7 g, 15.6 mmol) in ethanol (150 ml) were added 10% Pd on activated charcoal (1.5 g) and p-toluenesulfonic acid (0.7 g) in water (5 ml). The stirred suspension was refluxed for 2 d, after which time the reaction mixture was filtered hot. On cooling, the product precipitated out as a pale-yellow powder, which was filtered off (yield 1 g). An additional portion of (IV) (3 g) was obtained on concentration of the resulting filtrate. Pale-yellow crystals of (IVa) suitable for X-ray studies were obtained by slow evaporation from a solution of the product in diethyl ether. The yield was 4 g (70%). TLC on silica gel (diethyl ether/petroleum ether 40/60, 30:70): $R_F = 0.64$. Analysis calculated: C 74.97, H 7.66%; found: C 74.51, H 7.86%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, p.p.m.): 11.19 (s, 2H, Ar-OH), 9.86 (s, 2H, CHO), 7.64 (d, 2H, ArH), 7.37 (d, 2H, ArH), 4.03 $(s, 2H, ArCH_2Ar), 1.26 [s, 18H, C(CH_3)_3]. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 1658$ $[\nu(C=O)]$, 1270 [s, $\nu(ArOH)$], 1216 (s).

Compound (II)

Crystal data

| $C_{29}H_{40}O_4$ | Z = 2 |
|---------------------------------|---|
| $M_r = 452.61$ | $D_x = 1.159 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ |
| Triclinic, $P\overline{1}$ | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation |
| a = 10.6025 (11) Å | Cell parameters from 2476 |
| b = 11.9199 (12) Å | reflections |
| c = 12.4180 (13) Å | $\theta = 2.3 – 27.2^{\circ}$ |
| $\alpha = 64.611 \ (2)^{\circ}$ | $\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ |
| $\beta = 82.672 (2)^{\circ}$ | T = 150 (2) K |
| $\gamma = 66.330 \ (2)^{\circ}$ | Block, colourless |
| $V = 1296.7 (2) \text{ Å}^3$ | $0.29 \times 0.17 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$ |

Data collection

| Bruker SMART 1000 CCD area- | 4565 independent reflections |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| detector diffractometer | 3085 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
| φ and ω scans | $R_{\rm int} = 0.025$ |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan | $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$ |
| (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2001) | $h = -12 \rightarrow 12$ |
| $T_{\min} = 0.938, T_{\max} = 1.000$ | $k = -14 \rightarrow 14$ |
| 9408 measured reflections | $l = -14 \rightarrow 14$ |

Refinement

| Refinement on F^2 | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0843P)^2]$ |
|---------------------------------|--|
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.057$ | + 0.7234P] |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.173$ | where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ |
| S = 1.04 | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ |
| 4565 reflections | $\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 0.69 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$ |
| 310 parameters | $\Delta \rho_{\min} = -0.22 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$ |
| H-atom parameters constrained | |

Table 1 Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °) for (II).

| D $ H$ $\cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | $D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}\cdots A$ |
|---|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| $O1-H1OA\cdots O4^{i}$ $O1-H1OB\cdots O4^{iv}$ | 0.83 0.82 | 1.93 1.99 | 2.744 (3) 2.749 (2) | 166 155 |
| $O4-H4OB\cdots O1^{iv}$ $O4-H4OB\cdots O1^{v}$ | 0.91 | 1.85 | 2.749 (2) | 167 177 |
| 04-H40 <i>B</i> ···01 | 0.84 | 1.90 | 2.744 (3) | 1// |

Symmetry codes: (i) 1 + x, y, z; (iv) -x, 1 - y, -z; (v) x - 1, y, z.

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

| $D-H\cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | $D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | D $ H$ \cdots A |
|--|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| $C5-H5\cdots O1^{vii}\\ C14-H14\cdots O4^{vi}$ | 0.95 | 2.46 | 3.406 (2) | 171 |
| | 0.95 | 2.62 | 3.560 (2) | 170 |

Symmetry codes: (vi) $x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$; (vii) $x, \frac{1}{2} - y, -\frac{1}{2} + z$.

Compound (III)

Crystal data

| C29H36O4 | $D_x = 1.150 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ |
|-------------------------------|---|
| $M_r = 448.58$ | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation |
| Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$ | Cell parameters from 7890 |
| a = 16.2931 (10) Å | reflections |
| b = 10.1951 (6) Å | $\theta = 2.4 - 23.3^{\circ}$ |
| c = 16.4318 (10) Å | $\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ |
| $\beta = 108.367 (1)^{\circ}$ | T = 150 (2) K |
| $V = 2590.4 (3) \text{ Å}^3$ | Block, colourless |
| Z = 4 | $0.26 \times 0.16 \times 0.14 \text{ mm}$ |

Data collection

| Bruker SMART 1000 CCD area- | 3620 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
|--|--|
| detector diffractometer | $R_{\rm int} = 0.020$ |
| ω scans | $\theta_{ m max} = 25.0^{\circ}$ |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan | $h = -19 \rightarrow 19$ |
| (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2001) | $k = -12 \rightarrow 12$ |
| $T_{\min} = 0.900, \ T_{\max} = 1.000$ | $l = -19 \rightarrow 19$ |
| 17 928 measured reflections | |
| 4559 independent reflections | |
| | |

Refinement

| Refinement on F^2 | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_a^2) + (0.058P)^2]$ |
|---------------------------------|--|
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.043$ | + 1.0861P] |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.123$ | where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ |
| S = 1.02 | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$ |
| 4559 reflections | $\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 0.29 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$ |
| 317 parameters | $\Delta \rho_{\min} = -0.18 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$ |
| H-atom parameters constrained | |

Polymorph (IVa)

Crystal data

| Mo $K\alpha$ radiation |
|---|
| Cell parameters from 3205 |
| reflections |
| $\theta = 2.8-22.8^{\circ}$ |
| $\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ |
| T = 150 (2) K |
| Tablet, yellow |
| $0.28 \times 0.20 \times 0.05 \text{ mm}$ |
| |

Data collection

| Bruker SMART 1000 CCD area- | 1736 independent reflections |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| detector diffractometer | 1203 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
| ω and ω scans | $R_{\rm int} = 0.056$ |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan | $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$ |
| (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2001) | $h = -15 \rightarrow 15$ |
| $T_{\min} = 0.931, T_{\max} = 1.000$ | $k = -15 \rightarrow 15$ |
| 9 093 measured reflections | $I = -28 \rightarrow 28$ |

Refinement

| Refinement on F^2 | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0446P)^2]$ |
|---------------------------------|--|
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.043$ | + 4.6694P] |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.120$ | where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ |
| S = 1.04 | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ |
| 1736 reflections | $\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 0.19 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$ |
| 125 parameters | $\Delta \rho_{\min} = -0.21 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$ |
| H-atom parameters constrained | |

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Polymorph (IVb)

Crystal data

| $C_{23}H_{28}O_4$ | $D_x = 1.174 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ |
|-------------------------------|---|
| $M_r = 368.45$ | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation |
| Monoclinic, $C2/c$ | Cell parameters from 3051 |
| a = 26.809 (2) Å | reflections |
| b = 8.4543 (7) Å | $\theta = 2.6-25.6^{\circ}$ |
| c = 21.3720 (18) Å | $\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ |
| $\beta = 120.618 (1)^{\circ}$ | T = 153 (2) K |
| $V = 4168.7 \ (6) \ A^3$ | Tablet, light brown |
| Z = 8 | $0.48 \times 0.38 \times 0.16 \text{ mm}$ |

Data collection

Bruker SMART 1000 CCD areadetector diffractometer 2235 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ φ and ω scans $R_{\rm int} = 0.049$ Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2001) $h = -31 \rightarrow 31$ $T_{\rm min} = 0.919, T_{\rm max} = 1.000$ $k = -10 \rightarrow 10$ 14 739 measured reflections $l = -25 \rightarrow 25$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2>2\sigma(F^2)]=0.047$ $w(F^2)=0.132$ $w=1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2)+(0.0393P)^2+4.8718P]$ $w(F^2)=0.132$ $where <math>P=(F_o^2+2F_c^2)/3$ $\Delta\rho_{\max}<0.001$ $\Delta\rho_{\max}<0.001$ $\Delta\rho_{\max}=0.20 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$ $\Delta\rho_{\min}=-0.18 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$ H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

Table 3 Hydrogen-bonding geometry (\mathring{A} , $^{\circ}$) for (IV*a*).

| $D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | D-H | $H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | $D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | $D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| O2-H2···O1 | 0.92 (2) | 1.80 (2) | 2.645 (2) | 151 (2) |

Table 4 Hydrogen-bonding geometry (\mathring{A} , $^{\circ}$) for (IVb).

| D $ H$ \cdots A | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | $D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | D $ H$ \cdots A |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| O2−H2···O1 | 0.94 (2) | 1.81 (2) | 2.625 (3) | 144 (2) |
| O4−H4···O3 | 0.88 (2) | 1.85 (2) | 2.631 (2) | 147 (2) |
| C13−H13···O3 ⁱⁱ | 0.95 | 2.57 | 3.454 (3) | 156 |

Symmetry code: (ii) -x, 2 - y, 1 - z.

Except as described below, H atoms bonded to C atoms were placed at calculated positions and refined using a riding model. The constrained C-H distances were 0.95, 0.98, 0.99 and 0.99 Å for aryl, methyl, methylene and ethylene H atoms, respectively. The $U_{iso}(H)$ values were set at $1.2U_{eq}(C)$ for methylene and aryl H atoms, and at $1.5U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$ for tert-butyl H atoms. For (II), the disordered H atoms bonded to atoms O1 and O4 were located from difference maps and were not further refined; their $U_{iso}(H)$ values were fixed at 0.04 Å². The $U_{iso}(H)$ values of the *tert*-butyl H atoms were fixed at 0.05 Å², and those of the H atoms on atoms C27 and C24 at 0.04 Å^2 . For (IVa), H atoms bonded to O atoms were placed at calculated positions, with a constrained O-H distance of 0.84 Å and with $U_{iso}(H)$ set at 1.5 U_{eq} of the carrier O atom. In (IVb), the $U_{\rm iso}$ values for the tert-butyl H atoms were fixed at 0.05 Å², while the phenol H atoms were located from difference maps and their positions refined, with $U_{\rm iso}(H)$ values fixed at 0.05 Å^2 .

For all determinations, data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2001); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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