



# supporting information

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## 1,3-Dihydroxy-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-carbaldehyde

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### S1. Comment

*Morinda citrifolia* Linn. (Noni), has been one of the most used traditional folk medicinal plants in Polynesia for over 2000 years (Whistler, 1985). It has been reported to have a broad range of therapeutic and nutritional properties (Chan-Blanco *et al.*, 2006) including antibacterial, antiviral, antifungal, antitumor, analgesic, hypotensive, anti-inflammatory and immune enhancing effects (Singh *et al.*, 1984). Nordamnacanthal, damnacanthal and morindone (Ismail, 1998; Wijnsma & Verpoorte, 1986) have been isolated from the Malaysian *Morinda citrifolia* Linn. The crystal structure of damnacanthal having been reported by Ohsawa & Ohba (1993), we present in this communication the crystal structure of nordamnacanthal (I). (Fig. 1) shows its molecular structure. The C—C bond lengths in the anthraquinone ring range from 1.377 (3) Å to 1.484 (3) Å, the carbonyl bond distances from 1.220 (2) Å to 1.237 (2) Å and the two hydroxyl bond distances are 1.326 (2) Å and 1.349 (2) Å; all are comparable to those observed in similar structures (Ohsawa & Ohba, 1993; Zhu *et al.*, 2008). All 20 non-H atoms of (I) are essentially coplanar, their mean deviation from the least-squares molecular plane being 0.028 Å and the dihedral angle between the two benzene rings being 1.27 (10)°. The molecule features two intramolecular O—H···O hydrogen bonds, with O3···O2 distance of 2.590 (3) Å and O1···O5 distance of 2.577 (2) Å. Additionally, atom O1 is also engaged into an intermolecular hydrogen bond with atom O5, *viz.* O1—H1···O5<sup>i</sup> [symmetry code:(i) -*x*, 1 - *y*, -*z*] leading to the formation of a coplanar centrosymmetric dimer *via* the key {H—O1—C1—C14—C13—O5}2 synthon,  $R_2^2(12)$ . Adjacent dimers extend through synthon  $R_2^2(10)$  of weak C4—H4···O4<sup>ii</sup> [symmetry code:(ii) 1 - *x*, 3 - *y*, -*z*] hydrogen bond to form molecular tapes running parallel to the [120] and [12̄0] directions (Fig. 2). The dihedral angle between the two molecular tape orientations is 66.03° and an additional weak C10—H10···O4<sup>iii</sup> [symmetry code:(ii) -1 + *x*, 3/2 - *y*, -1/2 + *z*] hydrogen bond links the tapes along the *c* axis. The tapes are stacked along the *a* axis, forming two kinds of layers in which molecules related by an inversion center stack with an interplanar spacing of 3.255 (4) Å and a centroid offset of *ca* 3.5 Å (Fig. 3).

### S2. Experimental

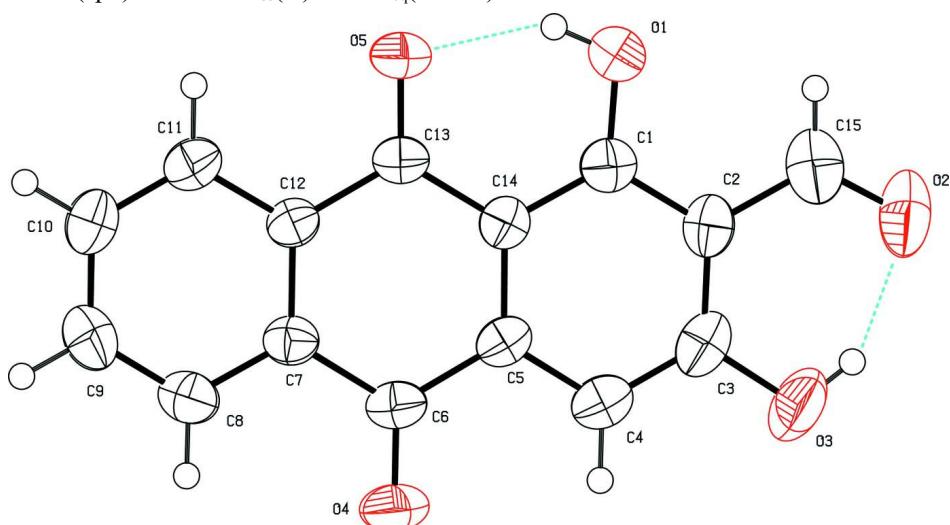
*Morinda citrifolia* used in this study was collected from kg. Tanjung Keramat, Langkap, Perak. The roots were harvested, washed, chopped into small pieces and then dried at room temperature for one week. The dried sample was then ground to small size using grinder. The ground roots (1.5 kg) were soaked at room temperature in dichloromethane for 48 h. The solvent was then removed by filtration and fresh solvent added to the plant material. The extraction was repeated three times. The combined filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to give brown coloured residue (35.6 g). The crude extract was fractionated using Medium Pressure Liquid Chromatography (MPLC) system fitted with Buchi Pump Module C-601. The sample (10 g) was introduced dry after being pre-absorbed onto acid-washed silica gel (10 g) in two portions. The column (150 mm x 40 mm) was packed with 90 g acid-washed silica gel (Merck 7734) and eluted gradiently with petroleum ether, chloroform and chloroform enriched with increasing percentages of methanol (1%, 2% and 5%). Seven combined fractions were collected based on thin layer chromatography (TLC) pattern (labeled A, B, C,

D, E, F, and G).

Nordamnacanthal (1.65 g) were isolated from fraction A after column chromatography. The fraction was re-chromatographed using small column (400 mm x 20 mm) packed with 2% acid-washed silica gel (Merck 9385) eluted gradiently with petroleum ether and chloroform. The first orange band eluted out from the column was collected in small vials and inspected using analytical TLC developed in PE:CHCl<sub>3</sub> (4:6) showing a single spot of a purified compound. Recrystallization from hot CHCl<sub>3</sub> gave bright orange crystals.

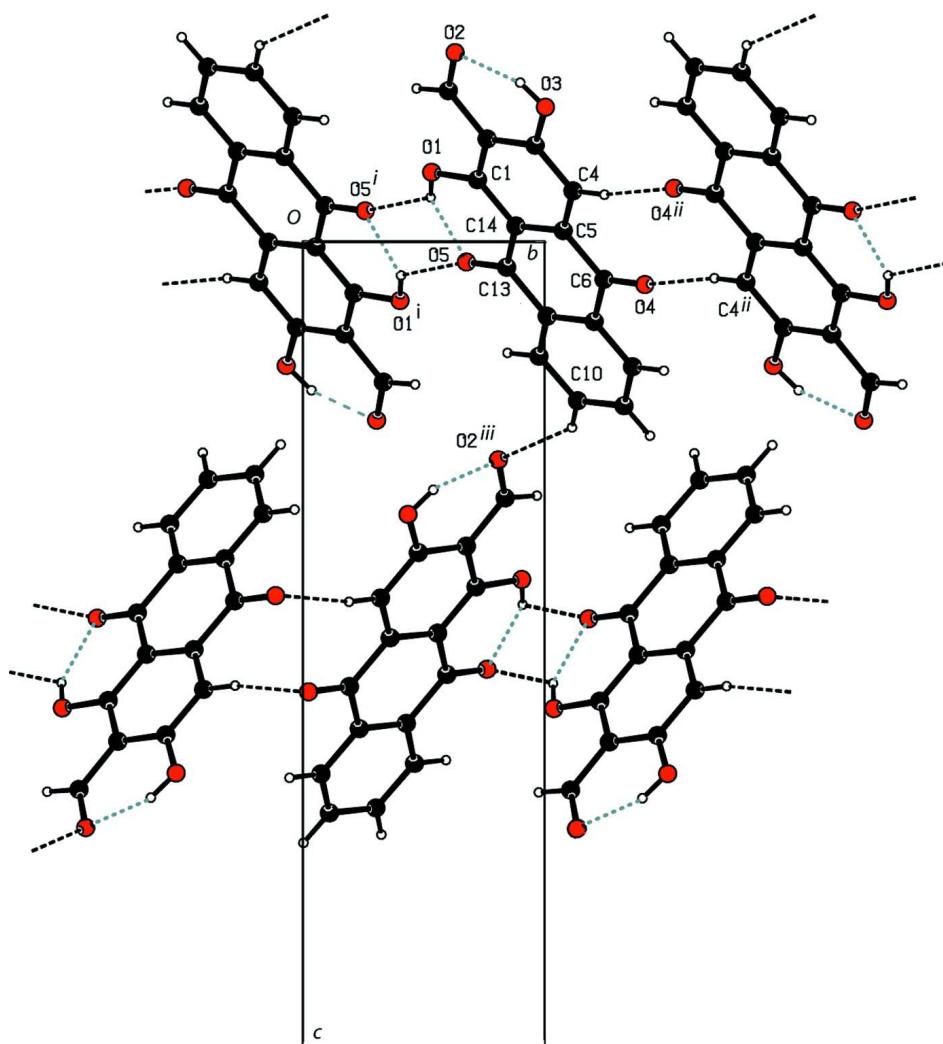
### S3. Refinement

All H atoms were located in difference maps but then were treated as riding in geometrically positions, with O—H = 0.82 Å, and C—H = 0.93 Å (sp<sup>2</sup>) and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{carrier})$ .

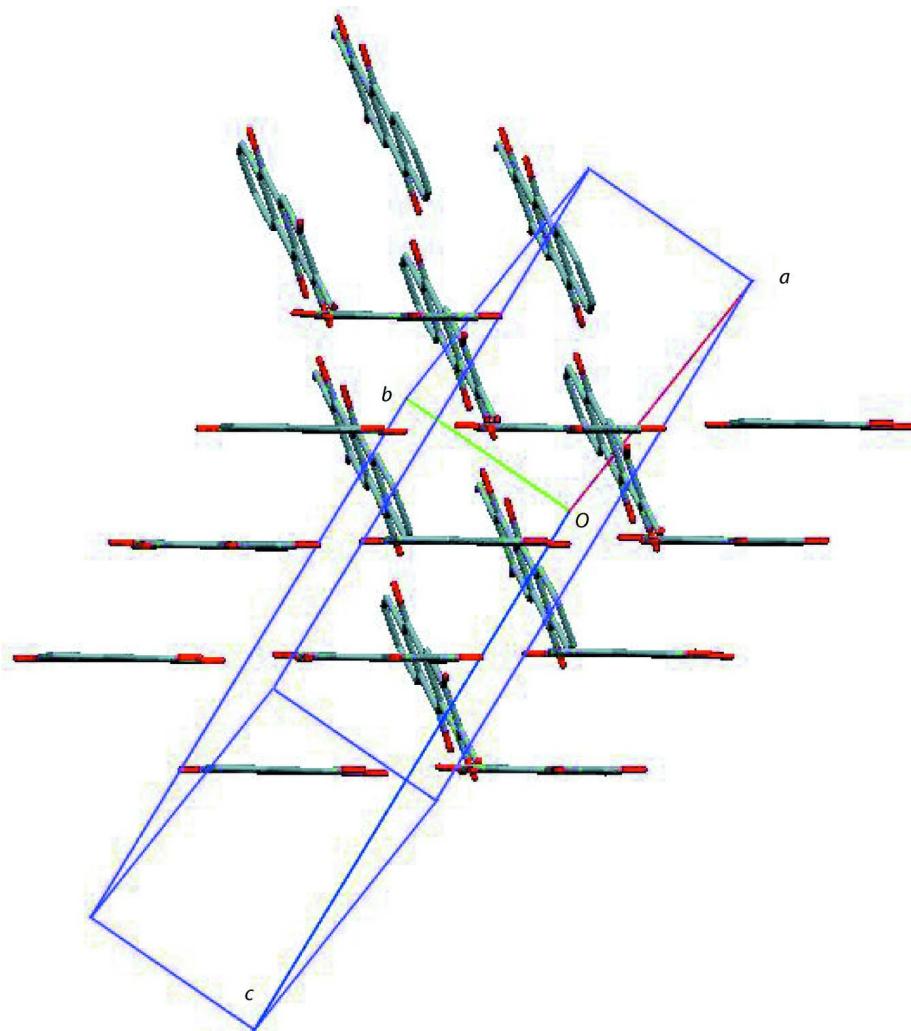


**Figure 1**

Perspective view of the title compound with the atom numbering; displacement ellipsoids are at the 50% probability level. The intramolecular O—H···O interactions are shown as dotted lines.

**Figure 2**

Part of the crystal structure showing non-parallel molecular slabs forming herringbone pattern along  $a$ . (Intra-)Inter-molecular hydrogen bonds are indicated by (dotted) dashed lines. Symmetry codes: as in Table 1.

**Figure 3**

The crystal packing showing the two orientations taken by the stacking of molecular tapes. Note the offset between successive layers.

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#### *Crystal data*

$C_{15}H_8O_5$   
 $M_r = 268.21$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 Hall symbol: -P 2ybc  
 $a = 10.547 (2) \text{ \AA}$   
 $b = 5.669 (1) \text{ \AA}$   
 $c = 20.231 (3) \text{ \AA}$   
 $\beta = 110.62 (4)^\circ$   
 $V = 1132.1 (5) \text{ \AA}^3$   
 $Z = 4$

$F(000) = 552$   
 $D_x = 1.574 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71070 \text{ \AA}$   
 Cell parameters from 10451 reflections  
 $\theta = 0.4\text{--}26.4^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.12 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 293 \text{ K}$   
 Prism, orange  
 $0.60 \times 0.39 \times 0.14 \text{ mm}$







C1—C14—C5—C4	−0.4 (3)	C1—C2—C15—O2	−177.7 (2)
C13—C14—C5—C4	178.95 (17)	C7—C12—C11—C10	−0.4 (3)
C1—C14—C5—C6	178.98 (16)	C13—C12—C11—C10	178.07 (17)
C13—C14—C5—C6	−1.7 (3)	C12—C11—C10—C9	0.0 (3)
O4—C6—C5—C4	0.6 (3)	C11—C10—C9—C8	0.4 (3)
C7—C6—C5—C4	−179.34 (17)	C10—C9—C8—C7	−0.5 (3)
O4—C6—C5—C14	−178.84 (19)	C12—C7—C8—C9	0.2 (3)
C7—C6—C5—C14	1.3 (3)	C6—C7—C8—C9	−179.14 (18)
C14—C5—C4—C3	−0.2 (3)		

*Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)*

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
O3—H3···O2	0.82	1.86	2.590 (3)	148
O1—H1···O5	0.82	1.86	2.577 (2)	146
O1—H1···O5 <sup>i</sup>	0.82	2.34	2.933 (2)	130
C4—H4···O4 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.45	3.358 (2)	166
C10—H10···O2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.93	2.53	3.312 (3)	142

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, -y+1, -z$ ; (ii)  $-x+1, -y+3, -z$ ; (iii)  $x-1, -y+3/2, z-1/2$ .