

**Ethyl 2-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-3,2'-[1,3]dioxolan]-9-yl)acetate****Philipp M. G. Löffler, Trond Ulven and Andrew D. Bond\***

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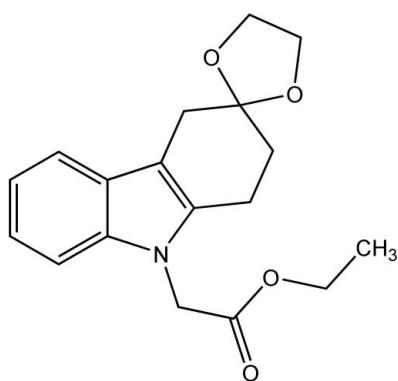
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 180\text{ K}$ ; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002\text{ \AA}$ ;  $R$  factor = 0.040;  $wR$  factor = 0.112; data-to-parameter ratio = 18.5.

In the title compound,  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4$ , the hydrogenated six-membered ring of the carbazole unit adopts a half-chair conformation. The dioxolane ring and ethylacetate substituent point to opposite sides of the carbazole plane. The ethylacetate substituent adopts an essentially fully extended conformation, and its mean plane forms a dihedral angle of  $83.8(1)^\circ$  with respect to the carbazole mean plane. The molecules are arranged into stacks in which the carbazole planes form a dihedral angle of  $4.4(1)^\circ$  and have an approximate interplanar separation of  $3.6\text{ \AA}$ .

**Related literature**

For background literature and synthesis details, see: Ulven & Kostenis (2005, 2006). For a related structure, see: Bjerrum *et al.* (2009).

**Experimental***Crystal data*

$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4$   
 $M_r = 315.36$   
Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 10.5533(4)\text{ \AA}$   
 $b = 17.3773(6)\text{ \AA}$   
 $c = 8.9637(3)\text{ \AA}$   
 $\beta = 105.629(1)^\circ$

$V = 1583.05(10)\text{ \AA}^3$   
 $Z = 4$   
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.09\text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 180\text{ K}$   
 $0.50 \times 0.50 \times 0.10\text{ mm}$

*Data collection*

Bruker-Nonius X8 APEXII CCD diffractometer  
Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 2003)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.847$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.991$

25055 measured reflections  
3851 independent reflections  
3174 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.025$

*Refinement*

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.112$   
 $S = 1.04$   
3851 reflections

208 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.28\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.25\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2003); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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### S1. Comment

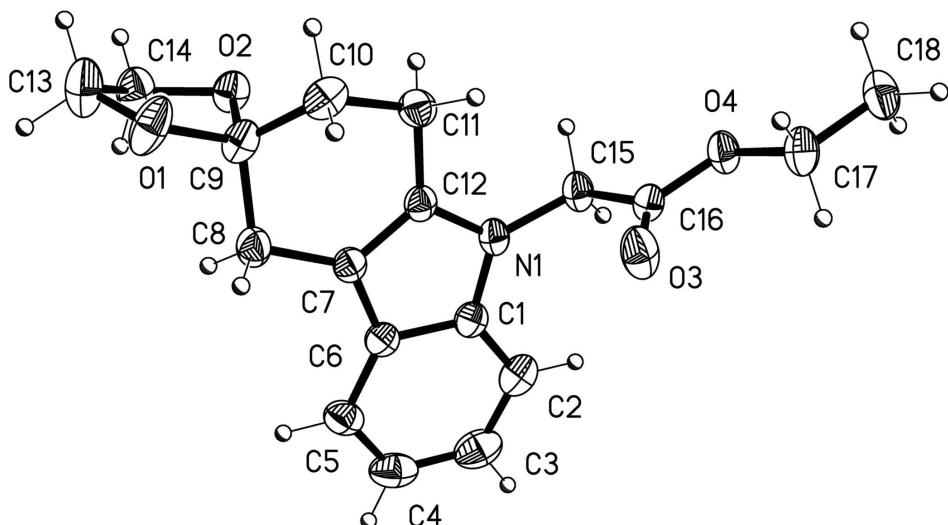
The title compound is useful as an intermediate in the synthesis of antagonists of the prostaglandin D<sub>2</sub> receptor CRTH2 (DP<sub>2</sub>) (Ulven & Kostenis, 2006).

### S2. Experimental

The compound was synthesized as described in Ulven & Kostenis (2005).

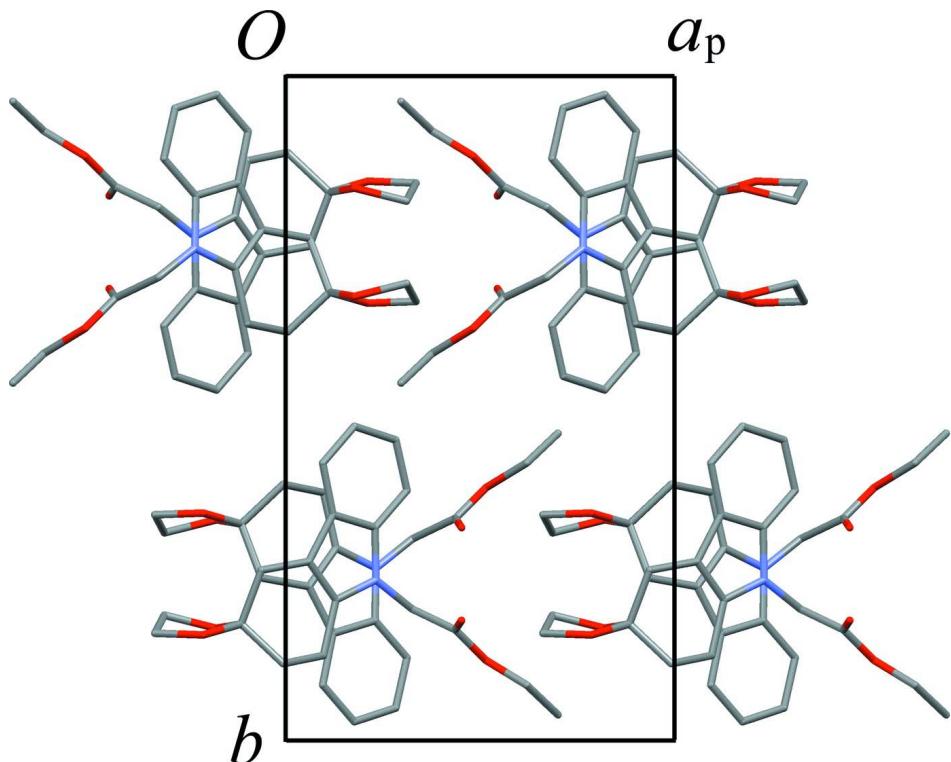
### S3. Refinement

H atoms bound to C atoms were placed in idealized positions with C—H = 0.95–0.99 Å and refined as riding with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$  = 1.2 or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ . The methyl group was allowed to rotate about its local threefold axis.



**Figure 1**

Molecular structure of the title compound with displacement ellipsoids shown at 50% probability for non-H atoms.

**Figure 2**

Packing diagram viewed along the  $c$  axis, showing stacked carbazole units. H atoms are omitted.

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 $h = -13 \rightarrow 13$   
 $k = -23 \rightarrow 21$   
 $l = -11 \rightarrow 11$

*Refinement*Refinement on  $F^2$ 

Least-squares matrix: full

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0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
direct methodsSecondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
mapHydrogen site location: inferred from  
neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0568P)^2 + 0.4296P]$$
$$\text{where } P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$$

$$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$$

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*Special details*

**Geometry.** All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement.** Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted  $R$ -factor  $wR$  and goodness of fit  $S$  are based on  $F^2$ , conventional  $R$ -factors  $R$  are based on  $F$ , with  $F$  set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating  $R$ -factors(gt) etc. and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement.  $R$ -factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on  $F$ , and  $R$ -factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	1.21234 (9)	0.15818 (7)	1.12008 (10)	0.0460 (3)
O2	1.17774 (8)	0.16828 (5)	0.85930 (9)	0.0310 (2)
O3	0.54620 (9)	0.18009 (6)	0.72948 (11)	0.0431 (2)
O4	0.48419 (8)	0.12028 (5)	0.50032 (10)	0.0319 (2)
N1	0.76683 (9)	0.24098 (6)	0.66065 (11)	0.0269 (2)
C1	0.76918 (11)	0.32014 (7)	0.67550 (13)	0.0271 (2)
C2	0.68683 (13)	0.37599 (8)	0.58858 (16)	0.0375 (3)
H2A	0.6137	0.3624	0.5048	0.045*
C3	0.71574 (15)	0.45191 (8)	0.62915 (18)	0.0459 (3)
H3A	0.6611	0.4912	0.5719	0.055*
C4	0.82262 (15)	0.47257 (8)	0.75148 (18)	0.0428 (3)
H4A	0.8399	0.5254	0.7756	0.051*
C5	0.90393 (13)	0.41716 (7)	0.83833 (15)	0.0339 (3)
H5A	0.9766	0.4316	0.9219	0.041*
C6	0.87768 (11)	0.33951 (6)	0.80135 (13)	0.0263 (2)
C7	0.93961 (10)	0.26886 (6)	0.86264 (13)	0.0256 (2)
C8	1.06186 (12)	0.25587 (8)	0.99027 (14)	0.0324 (3)
H8A	1.0427	0.2630	1.0916	0.039*
H8B	1.1296	0.2940	0.9825	0.039*
C9	1.11382 (11)	0.17469 (7)	0.98003 (13)	0.0305 (3)
C10	1.00563 (12)	0.11489 (7)	0.95185 (14)	0.0334 (3)
H10A	0.9625	0.1170	1.0371	0.040*
H10B	1.0448	0.0631	0.9526	0.040*
C11	0.90183 (12)	0.12724 (7)	0.79701 (14)	0.0311 (3)
H11A	0.9359	0.1086	0.7109	0.037*

H11B	0.8213	0.0977	0.7958	0.037*
C12	0.86989 (10)	0.21090 (6)	0.77637 (13)	0.0255 (2)
C13	1.33628 (14)	0.16069 (11)	1.09153 (17)	0.0486 (4)
H13A	1.3774	0.1090	1.1043	0.058*
H13B	1.3950	0.1968	1.1636	0.058*
C14	1.31189 (12)	0.18790 (9)	0.92705 (15)	0.0398 (3)
H14A	1.3257	0.2441	0.9228	0.048*
H14B	1.3704	0.1612	0.8740	0.048*
C15	0.67326 (11)	0.19717 (7)	0.54503 (13)	0.0290 (2)
H15A	0.7192	0.1537	0.5107	0.035*
H15B	0.6361	0.2304	0.4540	0.035*
C16	0.56219 (11)	0.16596 (6)	0.60498 (13)	0.0264 (2)
C17	0.37837 (12)	0.08256 (8)	0.54942 (15)	0.0373 (3)
H17A	0.3230	0.1215	0.5826	0.045*
H17B	0.4156	0.0477	0.6377	0.045*
C18	0.29786 (13)	0.03789 (8)	0.41509 (16)	0.0407 (3)
H18A	0.2259	0.0120	0.4450	0.061*
H18B	0.3534	-0.0006	0.3835	0.061*
H18C	0.2613	0.0729	0.3285	0.061*

*Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
O1	0.0307 (5)	0.0794 (7)	0.0284 (5)	0.0149 (5)	0.0090 (4)	0.0144 (4)
O2	0.0270 (4)	0.0428 (5)	0.0261 (4)	0.0009 (3)	0.0119 (3)	0.0002 (3)
O3	0.0339 (5)	0.0658 (6)	0.0338 (5)	-0.0159 (4)	0.0163 (4)	-0.0132 (4)
O4	0.0255 (4)	0.0388 (5)	0.0317 (4)	-0.0088 (3)	0.0081 (3)	-0.0039 (3)
N1	0.0220 (5)	0.0306 (5)	0.0275 (5)	-0.0043 (4)	0.0057 (4)	-0.0010 (4)
C1	0.0241 (5)	0.0308 (6)	0.0295 (5)	-0.0023 (4)	0.0126 (4)	0.0011 (4)
C2	0.0323 (6)	0.0439 (7)	0.0371 (6)	0.0055 (5)	0.0106 (5)	0.0077 (5)
C3	0.0507 (8)	0.0371 (7)	0.0540 (8)	0.0124 (6)	0.0211 (7)	0.0119 (6)
C4	0.0532 (8)	0.0284 (6)	0.0553 (8)	0.0005 (6)	0.0294 (7)	-0.0007 (6)
C5	0.0356 (6)	0.0329 (6)	0.0385 (6)	-0.0058 (5)	0.0193 (5)	-0.0072 (5)
C6	0.0247 (5)	0.0302 (6)	0.0280 (5)	-0.0022 (4)	0.0138 (4)	-0.0017 (4)
C7	0.0227 (5)	0.0307 (6)	0.0256 (5)	-0.0016 (4)	0.0100 (4)	-0.0027 (4)
C8	0.0264 (6)	0.0425 (7)	0.0270 (6)	0.0004 (5)	0.0051 (4)	-0.0068 (5)
C9	0.0264 (6)	0.0444 (7)	0.0221 (5)	0.0054 (5)	0.0092 (4)	0.0046 (5)
C10	0.0331 (6)	0.0362 (6)	0.0350 (6)	0.0046 (5)	0.0160 (5)	0.0083 (5)
C11	0.0299 (6)	0.0284 (6)	0.0361 (6)	-0.0026 (4)	0.0109 (5)	-0.0010 (5)
C12	0.0216 (5)	0.0300 (6)	0.0263 (5)	-0.0019 (4)	0.0088 (4)	-0.0005 (4)
C13	0.0301 (7)	0.0766 (11)	0.0369 (7)	-0.0055 (7)	0.0054 (5)	-0.0011 (7)
C14	0.0288 (6)	0.0552 (8)	0.0383 (7)	-0.0054 (6)	0.0142 (5)	-0.0041 (6)
C15	0.0241 (5)	0.0381 (6)	0.0252 (5)	-0.0066 (5)	0.0073 (4)	-0.0031 (5)
C16	0.0204 (5)	0.0315 (6)	0.0265 (5)	-0.0005 (4)	0.0050 (4)	0.0002 (4)
C17	0.0277 (6)	0.0442 (7)	0.0404 (7)	-0.0096 (5)	0.0099 (5)	0.0018 (6)
C18	0.0340 (7)	0.0403 (7)	0.0445 (7)	-0.0114 (5)	0.0049 (5)	0.0023 (6)

Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $\text{^{\circ}}$ )

O1—C13	1.3995 (17)	C8—H8A	0.990
O1—C9	1.4268 (14)	C8—H8B	0.990
O2—C14	1.4233 (15)	C9—C10	1.5140 (18)
O2—C9	1.4254 (13)	C10—C11	1.5340 (17)
O3—C16	1.1982 (14)	C10—H10A	0.990
O4—C16	1.3311 (14)	C10—H10B	0.990
O4—C17	1.4613 (14)	C11—C12	1.4926 (16)
N1—C1	1.3817 (15)	C11—H11A	0.990
N1—C12	1.3872 (14)	C11—H11B	0.990
N1—C15	1.4412 (14)	C13—C14	1.503 (2)
C1—C2	1.3926 (17)	C13—H13A	0.990
C1—C6	1.4146 (16)	C13—H13B	0.990
C2—C3	1.381 (2)	C14—H14A	0.990
C2—H2A	0.950	C14—H14B	0.990
C3—C4	1.392 (2)	C15—C16	1.5154 (15)
C3—H3A	0.950	C15—H15A	0.990
C4—C5	1.382 (2)	C15—H15B	0.990
C4—H4A	0.950	C17—C18	1.4910 (18)
C5—C6	1.3993 (16)	C17—H17A	0.990
C5—H5A	0.950	C17—H17B	0.990
C6—C7	1.4293 (16)	C18—H18A	0.980
C7—C12	1.3591 (16)	C18—H18B	0.980
C7—C8	1.4929 (15)	C18—H18C	0.980
C8—C9	1.5252 (18)		
C13—O1—C9	109.16 (9)	H10A—C10—H10B	107.9
C14—O2—C9	106.09 (9)	C12—C11—C10	109.32 (10)
C16—O4—C17	115.65 (9)	C12—C11—H11A	109.8
C1—N1—C12	108.24 (9)	C10—C11—H11A	109.8
C1—N1—C15	125.89 (10)	C12—C11—H11B	109.8
C12—N1—C15	125.87 (10)	C10—C11—H11B	109.8
N1—C1—C2	130.37 (11)	H11A—C11—H11B	108.3
N1—C1—C6	107.66 (10)	C7—C12—N1	109.97 (10)
C2—C1—C6	121.97 (11)	C7—C12—C11	125.57 (10)
C3—C2—C1	117.28 (13)	N1—C12—C11	124.41 (10)
C3—C2—H2A	121.4	O1—C13—C14	105.53 (11)
C1—C2—H2A	121.4	O1—C13—H13A	110.6
C2—C3—C4	121.92 (13)	C14—C13—H13A	110.6
C2—C3—H3A	119.0	O1—C13—H13B	110.6
C4—C3—H3A	119.0	C14—C13—H13B	110.6
C5—C4—C3	120.83 (13)	H13A—C13—H13B	108.8
C5—C4—H4A	119.6	O2—C14—C13	103.35 (10)
C3—C4—H4A	119.6	O2—C14—H14A	111.1
C4—C5—C6	119.03 (12)	C13—C14—H14A	111.1
C4—C5—H5A	120.5	O2—C14—H14B	111.1
C6—C5—H5A	120.5	C13—C14—H14B	111.1

C5—C6—C1	118.98 (11)	H14A—C14—H14B	109.1
C5—C6—C7	134.14 (11)	N1—C15—C16	112.31 (9)
C1—C6—C7	106.87 (10)	N1—C15—H15A	109.1
C12—C7—C6	107.24 (10)	C16—C15—H15A	109.1
C12—C7—C8	123.20 (11)	N1—C15—H15B	109.1
C6—C7—C8	129.47 (10)	C16—C15—H15B	109.1
C7—C8—C9	110.13 (10)	H15A—C15—H15B	107.9
C7—C8—H8A	109.6	O3—C16—O4	124.27 (10)
C9—C8—H8A	109.6	O3—C16—C15	124.99 (10)
C7—C8—H8B	109.6	O4—C16—C15	110.74 (9)
C9—C8—H8B	109.6	O4—C17—C18	107.80 (10)
H8A—C8—H8B	108.1	O4—C17—H17A	110.1
O2—C9—O1	105.70 (9)	C18—C17—H17A	110.1
O2—C9—C10	108.03 (10)	O4—C17—H17B	110.1
O1—C9—C10	110.29 (10)	C18—C17—H17B	110.1
O2—C9—C8	111.67 (10)	H17A—C17—H17B	108.5
O1—C9—C8	108.76 (10)	C17—C18—H18A	109.5
C10—C9—C8	112.19 (10)	C17—C18—H18B	109.5
C9—C10—C11	112.18 (10)	H18A—C18—H18B	109.5
C9—C10—H10A	109.2	C17—C18—H18C	109.5
C11—C10—H10A	109.2	H18A—C18—H18C	109.5
C9—C10—H10B	109.2	H18B—C18—H18C	109.5
C11—C10—H10B	109.2		
C12—N1—C1—C2	-179.74 (11)	C7—C8—C9—O2	76.13 (12)
C15—N1—C1—C2	0.15 (19)	C7—C8—C9—O1	-167.60 (9)
C12—N1—C1—C6	1.15 (12)	C7—C8—C9—C10	-45.32 (13)
C15—N1—C1—C6	-178.96 (9)	O2—C9—C10—C11	-61.20 (12)
N1—C1—C2—C3	-178.46 (12)	O1—C9—C10—C11	-176.27 (9)
C6—C1—C2—C3	0.54 (18)	C8—C9—C10—C11	62.32 (13)
C1—C2—C3—C4	0.1 (2)	C9—C10—C11—C12	-43.12 (13)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-0.5 (2)	C6—C7—C12—N1	0.87 (12)
C3—C4—C5—C6	0.20 (19)	C8—C7—C12—N1	-176.05 (9)
C4—C5—C6—C1	0.41 (16)	C6—C7—C12—C11	178.28 (10)
C4—C5—C6—C7	179.11 (12)	C8—C7—C12—C11	1.36 (17)
N1—C1—C6—C5	178.40 (10)	C1—N1—C12—C7	-1.28 (12)
C2—C1—C6—C5	-0.80 (16)	C15—N1—C12—C7	178.83 (10)
N1—C1—C6—C7	-0.62 (11)	C1—N1—C12—C11	-178.72 (10)
C2—C1—C6—C7	-179.82 (10)	C15—N1—C12—C11	1.39 (16)
C5—C6—C7—C12	-178.95 (12)	C10—C11—C12—C7	12.73 (15)
C1—C6—C7—C12	-0.15 (12)	C10—C11—C12—N1	-170.22 (10)
C5—C6—C7—C8	-2.3 (2)	C9—O1—C13—C14	5.60 (16)
C1—C6—C7—C8	176.51 (11)	C9—O2—C14—C13	31.96 (14)
C12—C7—C8—C9	14.73 (15)	O1—C13—C14—O2	-23.07 (16)
C6—C7—C8—C9	-161.45 (11)	C1—N1—C15—C16	-97.30 (13)
C14—O2—C9—O1	-29.21 (13)	C12—N1—C15—C16	82.58 (13)
C14—O2—C9—C10	-147.26 (10)	C17—O4—C16—O3	-3.87 (17)
C14—O2—C9—C8	88.91 (12)	C17—O4—C16—C15	176.02 (10)

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C13—O1—C9—O2	14.11 (14)	N1—C15—C16—O3	5.41 (17)
C13—O1—C9—C10	130.64 (12)	N1—C15—C16—O4	−174.47 (9)
C13—O1—C9—C8	−105.93 (13)	C16—O4—C17—C18	176.84 (10)

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