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3a,8a-Dihydroxy-1,3,3a,8a-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*d*]imidazole-2,8-dione

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 296 K; mean σ (C–C) = 0.002 Å; R factor = 0.040; wR factor = 0.110; data-to-parameter ratio = 11.8.

In the title molecule, $C_{10}H_8N_2O_4$, the imidazolidine ring adopts a twisted conformation. In the crystal, the molecules are linked *via* a pair of bifurcated intermolecular $O-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds, forming an inversion dimer. The dimers are further linked *via* $N-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds into a tape along the *b* axis.

Related literature

For general background to and the properties of ninhydrinurea derivatives, see: Caputo *et al.* (1987); Kaupp *et al.* (2002); Sarra & Stephani (2000). For standard bond-length data, see: Allen *et al.* (1987). For ring conformations, see: Cremer & Pople (1975).



Experimental

b = 7.3201 (2) Å
c = 9.5006 (3) Å
$\alpha = 94.258 \ (1)^{\circ}$
$\beta = 102.773 \ (1)^{\circ}$

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEXII CCD area-detector diffractometer Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2009) $T_{\rm min} = 0.952, T_{\rm max} = 0.994$

Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$ $wR(F^2) = 0.110$ S = 1.052081 reflections 177 parameters T = 296 K $0.39 \times 0.15 \times 0.05 \text{ mm}$

 $\mu = 0.13 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

organic compounds

6684 measured reflections 2081 independent reflections 1634 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.022$

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement $\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.25 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ $\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.23 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Table 1 Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
O3-H1O3···O1 ⁱ	0.89 (3)	2.02 (3)	2.8653 (17)	158 (2)
$O2-H1O2\cdotsO1^{i}$	0.95 (3)	1.89 (3)	2.8103 (17)	163 (2)
$N2-H1N2\cdots O4^{ii}$	0.83 (2)	2.454 (19)	3.1282 (19)	139.3 (18)
$N1 - H1N1 \cdot \cdot \cdot O4^{iii}$	0.86 (2)	2.06 (2)	2.8841 (18)	159.4 (19)
Symmetry codes: (i) -	x + 2, -y + 1,	-z + 2; (ii) $-x + 2$	-2, -y, -z + 2; (ii	i) $x, y + 1, z$.

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2009); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2009); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL* and *PLATON* (Spek, 2009).

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 $[\]gamma = 93.725 (1)^{\circ}$ $V = 457.74 (2) \text{ Å}^3$ Z = 2Mo *K* α radiation

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S1. Comment

The title compound ninhydrinurea (Caputo *et al.*, 1987; Kaupp *et al.*, 2002; Sarra & Stephani, 2000) has been synthesized by a new route.

In the title compound, Fig. 1, the imidazolidine ring (N1/N2/C1/C2/C10) is twisted about the N2—C10 bond with puckering parameters (Cremer & Pople, 1975) Q = 0.1107 (16) Å and Θ = 271.8 (8)° and its least-squares plane makes a dihedral angle of 62.18 (9)° with the benzene ring (C3–C8). Bond lengths (Allen *et al.*, 1987) and angles are within normal ranges.

In the crystal packing, Fig. 2, the molecules are linked *via* intermolecular O3—H1O3···O1ⁱ, O2—H1O2···O1ⁱ, N2—H1N2···O4ⁱⁱ and N1—H1N1···O4ⁱⁱⁱ hydrogen bonds (Table 1) into one-dimensional chains along the [010] direction.

S2. Experimental

A mixture of ninhydrin (1.78 g) and urea (0.60 g) in molar ratio 1:1 were well dissolved in acetic acid and then heated over a water bath for 15 minutes. The reaction mixture was dried on rotavapor at low pressure to give the solid product which was then crystallized with alcohol-chloroform (1:1 v/v) mixture to give the colourless crystals of title compound (yield 100%, *m.p.* 490-493 K). IR (KBr): v_{max} 3556, 3500 (N-H), 3312 (OH), 3175, 1727, 1682, 1605, 1429, 1340, 1296, 1218, 1179, 1113, 933, 742, 659. IR spectrum was taken on Shimadzu IR-408 Perkin Elmer 1800 (FTIR). The melting point was taken on Thermo Fisher digital melting point apparatus of IA9000 series and is uncorrected.

S3. Refinement

All H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined freely [O-H = 0.89 (3)-0.94 (3) Å, N-H = 0.83 (2)-0.86 (2) Å, C-H = 0.96 (2)-1.01 (2) Å]. The highest residual electron density peak is located at 0.77 Å from C9 and the deepest hole is located at 0.68 Å from C1.



Figure 1

The molecular structure of the title compound, showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids for non-H atoms.



Figure 2

The crystal structure of the title compound, viewed along the c axis. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonds (dashed lines) have been omitted for clarity.

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Crystal data	
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Triclinic, P1	$\gamma = 93.725 \ (1)^{\circ}$
Hall symbol: -P 1	V = 457.74 (2) Å ³
a = 6.7914 (2) Å	Z = 2
b = 7.3201 (2) Å	F(000) = 228
c = 9.5006 (3) Å	$D_{\rm x} = 1.598 {\rm ~Mg} {\rm ~m}^{-3}$

Mo *Ka* radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å Cell parameters from 2749 reflections $\theta = 3.1-27.6^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.13 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEXII CCD area-detector diffractometer Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube Graphite monochromator φ and ω scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2009) $T_{\min} = 0.952, T_{\max} = 0.994$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier
Least-squares matrix: full	map
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$	Hydrogen site location: inferred from
$wR(F^2) = 0.110$	neighbouring sites
<i>S</i> = 1.05	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent
2081 reflections	and constrained refinement
177 parameters	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0511P)^2 + 0.1396P]$
0 restraints	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
direct methods	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.25 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.23 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

T = 296 K

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.022$

 $h = -8 \rightarrow 8$

 $k = -9 \rightarrow 9$ $l = -12 \rightarrow 12$

Plate, colourless

 $0.39 \times 0.15 \times 0.05$ mm

6684 measured reflections

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}, \ \theta_{\rm min} = 2.2^{\circ}$

2081 independent reflections

1634 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Special details

Experimental. The crystal was placed in the cold stream of an Oxford Cryosystems Cobra open-flow nitrogen cryostat (Cosier & Glazer, 1986) operating at 100.0 (1) K.

Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds 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 F², conventional R-factors R are based on F, with F set to zero for negative F^2 . The threshold expression of $F^2 > 2$ 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 F² are statistically about twice as large as those based on F, and R- factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

	X	У	Ζ	$U_{ m iso}*/U_{ m eq}$	
01	1.26218 (17)	0.50614 (16)	0.93570 (12)	0.0382 (3)	
O2	0.73914 (19)	0.13075 (18)	0.94567 (13)	0.0394 (3)	
O3	0.59082 (18)	0.39814 (17)	0.75936 (14)	0.0376 (3)	
O4	0.8536 (2)	-0.15340 (16)	0.77260 (14)	0.0464 (4)	
N1	0.9431 (2)	0.46753 (19)	0.78463 (15)	0.0345 (3)	
N2	1.0569 (2)	0.23428 (18)	0.90164 (15)	0.0323 (3)	
C1	1.1014 (2)	0.4122 (2)	0.87930 (16)	0.0294 (3)	
C2	0.7722 (2)	0.3301 (2)	0.74365 (16)	0.0284 (3)	
C3	0.7435 (2)	0.2416 (2)	0.59059 (16)	0.0279 (3)	
C4	0.6895 (3)	0.3254 (3)	0.46259 (18)	0.0371 (4)	

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$

C5	0.6634 (3)	0.2169 (3)	0.33296 (19)	0.0431 (5)
C6	0.6904 (3)	0.0303 (3)	0.32948 (19)	0.0424 (4)
C7	0.7470 (3)	-0.0527 (2)	0.45616 (18)	0.0358 (4)
C8	0.7735 (2)	0.0553 (2)	0.58705 (17)	0.0290 (3)
C9	0.8272 (2)	-0.0003 (2)	0.73466 (17)	0.0303 (4)
C10	0.8466 (2)	0.1716 (2)	0.84121 (16)	0.0286 (3)
H4A	0.672 (3)	0.461 (3)	0.467 (2)	0.048 (5)*
H5A	0.617 (3)	0.274 (3)	0.245 (2)	0.056 (6)*
H6A	0.670 (3)	-0.043 (3)	0.237 (2)	0.059 (6)*
H7A	0.764 (3)	-0.183 (3)	0.455 (2)	0.048 (6)*
H1O3	0.605 (4)	0.440 (3)	0.852 (3)	0.070 (7)*
H1O2	0.735 (4)	0.242 (4)	1.002 (3)	0.089 (9)*
H1N2	1.128 (3)	0.188 (3)	0.970 (2)	0.041 (5)*
H1N1	0.935 (3)	0.580 (3)	0.765 (2)	0.049 (6)*

Atomic displacement parameters (\mathring{A}^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
01	0.0395 (7)	0.0379 (7)	0.0335 (6)	-0.0069 (5)	0.0049 (5)	-0.0023 (5)
O2	0.0501 (8)	0.0369 (7)	0.0315 (6)	-0.0046(5)	0.0115 (5)	0.0064 (5)
O3	0.0399 (7)	0.0384 (7)	0.0335 (7)	0.0137 (5)	0.0045 (5)	-0.0005(5)
O4	0.0613 (9)	0.0239 (6)	0.0474 (8)	0.0061 (5)	-0.0038 (6)	0.0071 (5)
N1	0.0422 (8)	0.0218 (7)	0.0354 (8)	0.0001 (6)	-0.0006 (6)	0.0058 (6)
N2	0.0358 (8)	0.0279 (7)	0.0283 (7)	0.0019 (6)	-0.0040 (6)	0.0056 (5)
C1	0.0363 (8)	0.0285 (8)	0.0225 (7)	0.0006 (6)	0.0066 (6)	-0.0014 (6)
C2	0.0340 (8)	0.0225 (7)	0.0272 (8)	0.0045 (6)	0.0028 (6)	0.0037 (6)
C3	0.0291 (8)	0.0284 (8)	0.0257 (7)	0.0028 (6)	0.0040 (6)	0.0045 (6)
C4	0.0429 (10)	0.0378 (9)	0.0313 (9)	0.0058 (7)	0.0063 (7)	0.0108 (7)
C5	0.0442 (10)	0.0599 (12)	0.0259 (9)	0.0052 (9)	0.0068 (7)	0.0112 (8)
C6	0.0365 (10)	0.0602 (12)	0.0286 (9)	0.0014 (8)	0.0073 (7)	-0.0056 (8)
C7	0.0327 (9)	0.0353 (9)	0.0367 (9)	0.0032 (7)	0.0056 (7)	-0.0060 (7)
C8	0.0283 (8)	0.0277 (8)	0.0290 (8)	0.0018 (6)	0.0027 (6)	0.0021 (6)
C9	0.0317 (8)	0.0230 (7)	0.0329 (8)	0.0018 (6)	-0.0001 (6)	0.0036 (6)
C10	0.0341 (8)	0.0246 (7)	0.0250 (7)	0.0021 (6)	0.0015 (6)	0.0050 (6)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

01—C1	1.2415 (18)	C2—C10	1.578 (2)	
O2—C10	1.3939 (19)	C3—C4	1.390 (2)	
O2—H1O2	0.94 (3)	C3—C8	1.391 (2)	
O3—C2	1.392 (2)	C4—C5	1.385 (3)	
O3—H1O3	0.89 (3)	C4—H4A	1.01 (2)	
O4—C9	1.2145 (18)	C5—C6	1.388 (3)	
N1—C1	1.346 (2)	C5—H5A	0.96 (2)	
N1—C2	1.4496 (19)	C6—C7	1.378 (3)	
N1—H1N1	0.86 (2)	С6—Н6А	0.97 (2)	
N2—C1	1.360 (2)	C7—C8	1.393 (2)	
N2-C10	1.447 (2)	С7—Н7А	0.96 (2)	

N2—H1N2	0.83 (2)	С8—С9	1.464 (2)
С2—С3	1.513 (2)	C9—C10	1.535 (2)
C10—O2—H1O2	107.1 (16)	C3—C4—H4A	119.6 (11)
C2—O3—H1O3	108.0 (16)	C4—C5—C6	121.62 (16)
C1—N1—C2	113.31 (13)	С4—С5—Н5А	117.3 (13)
C1—N1—H1N1	122.8 (14)	С6—С5—Н5А	120.9 (13)
C2—N1—H1N1	122.7 (14)	C7—C6—C5	120.68 (17)
C1—N2—C10	112.65 (13)	С7—С6—Н6А	119.2 (13)
C1—N2—H1N2	119.6 (13)	С5—С6—Н6А	120.1 (13)
C10—N2—H1N2	122.8 (13)	C6—C7—C8	118.12 (17)
01—C1—N1	126.05 (15)	С6—С7—Н7А	121.2 (12)
O1—C1—N2	125.48 (15)	С8—С7—Н7А	120.6 (12)
N1—C1—N2	108.47 (14)	C3—C8—C7	121.22 (15)
O3—C2—N1	112.93 (13)	C3—C8—C9	110.13 (14)
O3—C2—C3	108.64 (12)	C7—C8—C9	128.63 (15)
N1—C2—C3	113.22 (13)	O4—C9—C8	128.27 (15)
O3—C2—C10	115.83 (12)	O4—C9—C10	123.41 (14)
N1-C2-C10	102.17 (12)	C8—C9—C10	108.32 (12)
C3—C2—C10	103.71 (12)	O2—C10—N2	113.44 (12)
C4—C3—C8	120.46 (15)	02-C10-C9	107.94 (12)
C4—C3—C2	127.23 (15)	N2—C10—C9	111.16 (13)
C8—C3—C2	112.30 (13)	O2—C10—C2	116.95 (13)
C5—C4—C3	117.90 (17)	N2—C10—C2	102.00 (11)
C5—C4—H4A	122.5 (11)	C9—C10—C2	104.99 (12)
C2—N1—C1—O1	-176.86 (15)	C6—C7—C8—C9	178.21 (15)
C2—N1—C1—N2	3.96 (19)	C3—C8—C9—O4	175.78 (16)
C10—N2—C1—O1	170.05 (15)	C7—C8—C9—O4	-2.4 (3)
C10—N2—C1—N1	-10.77 (19)	C3—C8—C9—C10	-4.17 (17)
C1—N1—C2—O3	128.62 (15)	C7—C8—C9—C10	177.62 (15)
C1—N1—C2—C3	-107.37 (15)	C1—N2—C10—O2	-114.40 (15)
C1—N1—C2—C10	3.51 (18)	C1—N2—C10—C9	123.74 (14)
O3—C2—C3—C4	60.0 (2)	C1—N2—C10—C2	12.28 (17)
N1—C2—C3—C4	-66.3 (2)	O4—C9—C10—O2	-47.5 (2)
C10—C2—C3—C4	-176.23 (15)	C8—C9—C10—O2	132.48 (13)
O3—C2—C3—C8	-118.71 (14)	O4—C9—C10—N2	77.5 (2)
N1—C2—C3—C8	114.97 (15)	C8—C9—C10—N2	-102.51 (14)
C10—C2—C3—C8	5.04 (17)	O4—C9—C10—C2	-172.92 (15)
C8—C3—C4—C5	1.1 (2)	C8—C9—C10—C2	7.03 (16)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-177.49 (16)	O3—C2—C10—O2	-7.76 (19)
C3—C4—C5—C6	-0.2 (3)	N1—C2—C10—O2	115.42 (14)
C4—C5—C6—C7	-0.8(3)	C3—C2—C10—O2	-126.69 (13)
С5—С6—С7—С8	0.8 (3)	O3—C2—C10—N2	-132.12 (13)
C4—C3—C8—C7	-1.2 (2)	N1-C2-C10-N2	-8.94 (15)
C2—C3—C8—C7	177.66 (14)	C3—C2—C10—N2	108.95 (13)
C4—C3—C8—C9	-179.53 (14)	03-C2-C10-C9	111.83 (14)
C2-C3-C8-C9	-0.71 (18)	N1-C2-C10-C9	-124.99 (13)

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<u>C6-C7-C8-C3</u>	0.2 (2)		C3—C2—C10—C9	-7	.09 (15)
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)					
D—H···A		<i>D</i> —Н	H···A	D····A	D—H···A
03—H1 <i>0</i> 3…O1 ⁱ		0.89 (3)	2.02 (3)	2.8653 (17)	158 (2)
O2—H1 <i>O</i> 2···O1 ⁱ		0.95 (3)	1.89 (3)	2.8103 (17)	163 (2)
N2—H1 <i>N</i> 2····O4 ⁱⁱ		0.83 (2)	2.454 (19)	3.1282 (19)	139.3 (18)
N1—H1 <i>N</i> 1····O4 ⁱⁱⁱ		0.86 (2)	2.06 (2)	2.8841 (18)	159.4 (19)

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