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## 1-Hydroxy-11H-benzo[b]fluoren-11-one

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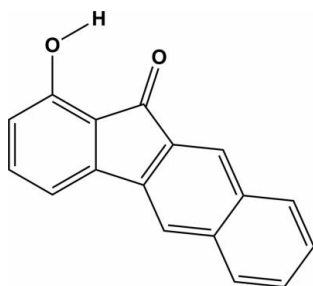
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 297$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.047;  $wR$  factor = 0.153; data-to-parameter ratio = 13.1.

The title compound,  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2$ , is nearly planar, the maximum atomic deviation being  $0.053$  (2) Å. In the molecule, an intramolecular  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bond generates an  $S(6)$  ring motif. In the crystal, inversion-related molecules are linked by pairs of weak  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds, forming dimers.  $\pi-\pi$  stacking is observed in the crystal structure, the closest centroid-centroid distance being  $3.7846$  (16) Å.

## Related literature

For the spectroscopy and preparation of the title compound, see: Aquino *et al.* (2005); Tang *et al.* (2011). For applications of proton-transfer dyes, see: Chen & Pang (2009, 2010); Chuang *et al.* (2011); Han *et al.* (2010); Ito *et al.* (2011); Jung *et al.* (2009); Lim *et al.* (2011). For related structures, see: Chen *et al.* (2011a,b); Li *et al.* (2007); Saeed & Bolte (2007). For graph-set theory, see: Bernstein *et al.* (1995).



## Experimental

## Crystal data

$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2$   
 $M_r = 246.25$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 12.474$  (2) Å  
 $b = 6.4401$  (12) Å  
 $c = 15.601$  (3) Å  
 $\beta = 109.188$  (3)°

$V = 1183.6$  (4) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.09$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 297$  K  
 $0.42 \times 0.22 \times 0.12$  mm

## Data collection

Bruker SMART 1000 CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 6331 measured reflections

2310 independent reflections  
 1322 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.087$

## Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.047$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.153$   
 $S = 1.03$   
 2310 reflections  
 176 parameters

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.19$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.16$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{O2}-\text{H2A}\cdots\text{O1}$	1.11 (4)	1.90 (4)	2.877 (3)	145 (3)
$\text{C3}-\text{H3A}\cdots\text{O1}^i$	0.93	2.52	3.369 (3)	151

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x + 1, -y - 1, -z$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2007); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2007); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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**1-Hydroxy-11*H*-benzo[*b*]fluoren-11-one****Kew-Yu Chen, Ming-Jen Chang and Tzu-Chien Fang****S1. Comment**

The excited-state intramolecular proton transfer (ESIPT) reaction of 7-hydroxy-1-indanone and its derivatives has been investigated for past years (Aquino *et al.*, 2005; Tang *et al.*, 2011), which incorporates transfer of a hydroxy proton to the carbonyl oxygen through a intramolecular six-membered-ring hydrogen-bonding system. The unusual photophysical property of the resulting proton-transfer tautomer has found many important applications (Chen *et al.*, 2009, 2010; Lim *et al.*, 2011; Ito *et al.*, 2011; Han *et al.*, 2010; Jung *et al.*, 2009).

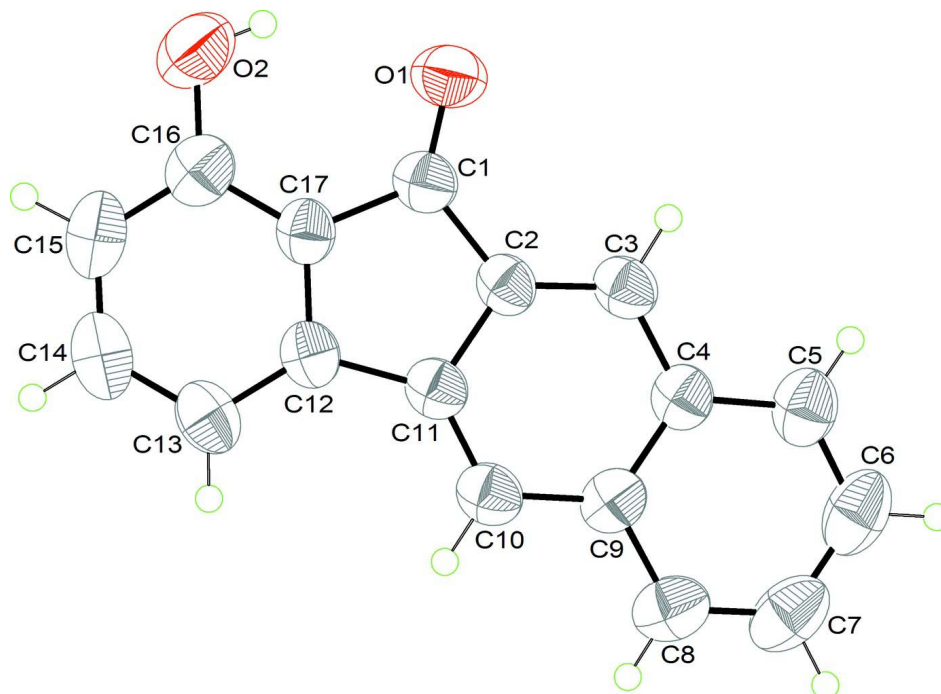
The molecular structure of the title compound (HBO) comprises a 7-hydroxy-1-indanone unit having a naphthalene ring fused on one side (Figure 1). The molecule is nearly planar, which is consistent with previous studies (Chen *et al.*, 2011a; Li *et al.*, 2007; Saeed *et al.*, 2007). HBO possesses an intramolecular O—H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bond (Table 1), which generates an S(6) ring motif (Chen *et al.*, 2011b). In the crystal (Figure 2), inversion-related molecules are linked by a pair of weak C—H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bonds (Table 1), forming a cyclic dimers with  $R_2^2(10)$  graph-set motif (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995).  $\pi$ — $\pi$  stacking is observed between the tetracyclic plane and its adjacent one, the closest centroid-centroid distance being 3.7846 (16) Å [symmetry code: 1 - *x*, -*y*, 1 - *z*].

**S2. Experimental**

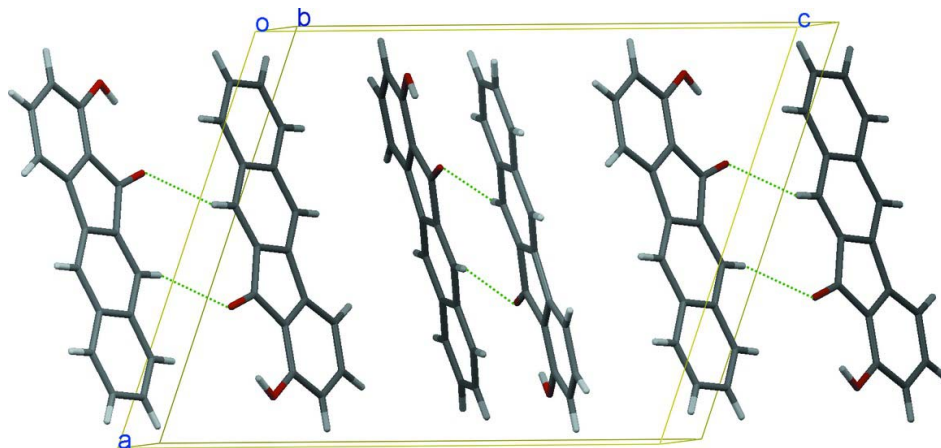
The title compound was synthesized according to the literature (Tang *et al.*, 2011). Yellow needle-shaped crystals suitable for the crystallographic studies reported here were isolated over a period of six weeks by slow evaporation from the chloroform solution.

**S3. Refinement**

Hydroxy H atom was located in a Fourier map and refined isotropically. Other H atoms were placed geometrically and refined using a riding model with C—H = 0.93 Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of the title compound, showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids.

**Figure 2**

A section of the crystal packing of the title compound, viewed down the *b* axis. Green dashed lines denote the intermolecular C—H...O hydrogen bonds.

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$F(000) = 512$

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Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$   
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 2310 independent reflections

1322 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
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 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.0^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\text{min}} = 1.7^\circ$   
 $h = -14 \rightarrow 15$   
 $k = -7 \rightarrow 7$   
 $l = -19 \rightarrow 16$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 Least-squares matrix: full  
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.047$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.153$   
 $S = 1.03$   
 2310 reflections  
 176 parameters  
 0 restraints  
 Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
 direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
 map  
 Hydrogen site location: inferred from  
 neighbouring sites  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent  
 and constrained refinement  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0642P)^2 + 0.2285P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.19 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.16 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

*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	0.66186 (16)	-0.4250 (3)	0.11797 (12)	0.0730 (6)
O2	0.88146 (17)	-0.3141 (4)	0.24218 (14)	0.0836 (6)
H2A	0.816 (3)	-0.412 (6)	0.194 (3)	0.147 (15)*
C1	0.6346 (2)	-0.2548 (4)	0.14017 (15)	0.0515 (6)
C2	0.52192 (19)	-0.1511 (3)	0.10894 (14)	0.0466 (6)
C3	0.4220 (2)	-0.2150 (4)	0.04737 (15)	0.0527 (6)
H3A	0.4171	-0.3429	0.0187	0.063*
C4	0.3259 (2)	-0.0847 (4)	0.02760 (14)	0.0505 (6)
C5	0.2190 (2)	-0.1414 (5)	-0.03430 (16)	0.0656 (7)
H5A	0.2111	-0.2688	-0.0638	0.079*
C6	0.1281 (2)	-0.0144 (6)	-0.05160 (18)	0.0764 (9)
H6A	0.0587	-0.0549	-0.0928	0.092*

C7	0.1378 (2)	0.1778 (6)	-0.00777 (19)	0.0774 (9)
H7A	0.0747	0.2637	-0.0195	0.093*
C8	0.2396 (2)	0.2395 (4)	0.05214 (17)	0.0655 (7)
H8A	0.2452	0.3682	0.0803	0.079*
C9	0.33640 (19)	0.1115 (4)	0.07200 (14)	0.0516 (6)
C10	0.4427 (2)	0.1731 (4)	0.13508 (15)	0.0538 (6)
H10A	0.4497	0.3015	0.1637	0.065*
C11	0.53325 (19)	0.0456 (3)	0.15340 (14)	0.0478 (6)
C12	0.65335 (19)	0.0694 (4)	0.21356 (13)	0.0485 (6)
C13	0.7106 (2)	0.2252 (4)	0.26996 (16)	0.0631 (7)
H13A	0.6733	0.3451	0.2778	0.076*
C14	0.8266 (2)	0.1985 (5)	0.31532 (18)	0.0714 (8)
H14A	0.8664	0.3039	0.3533	0.086*
C15	0.8842 (2)	0.0228 (5)	0.30603 (18)	0.0714 (8)
H15A	0.9617	0.0115	0.3366	0.086*
C16	0.8262 (2)	-0.1378 (4)	0.25083 (16)	0.0602 (7)
C17	0.71100 (19)	-0.1116 (4)	0.20486 (14)	0.0490 (6)

*Atomic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
O1	0.0818 (13)	0.0622 (12)	0.0679 (12)	0.0176 (10)	0.0151 (10)	-0.0086 (9)
O2	0.0615 (12)	0.1010 (16)	0.0844 (14)	0.0228 (12)	0.0186 (10)	0.0023 (12)
C1	0.0613 (15)	0.0508 (14)	0.0419 (12)	0.0043 (12)	0.0163 (11)	0.0011 (10)
C2	0.0527 (14)	0.0471 (13)	0.0392 (11)	0.0003 (11)	0.0140 (10)	-0.0014 (10)
C3	0.0620 (15)	0.0513 (14)	0.0431 (12)	0.0013 (12)	0.0151 (11)	-0.0029 (10)
C4	0.0537 (14)	0.0595 (15)	0.0379 (11)	0.0019 (11)	0.0146 (10)	0.0028 (10)
C5	0.0568 (16)	0.0860 (19)	0.0495 (14)	-0.0037 (15)	0.0114 (12)	0.0012 (13)
C6	0.0502 (16)	0.116 (3)	0.0570 (16)	0.0029 (17)	0.0098 (13)	0.0123 (17)
C7	0.0581 (18)	0.108 (3)	0.0659 (18)	0.0236 (17)	0.0205 (14)	0.0195 (18)
C8	0.0675 (18)	0.0757 (18)	0.0571 (15)	0.0177 (14)	0.0256 (14)	0.0093 (13)
C9	0.0511 (14)	0.0645 (16)	0.0410 (12)	0.0086 (12)	0.0174 (11)	0.0086 (11)
C10	0.0636 (16)	0.0537 (14)	0.0463 (13)	0.0024 (13)	0.0211 (11)	-0.0014 (11)
C11	0.0539 (14)	0.0511 (14)	0.0402 (12)	0.0016 (11)	0.0177 (10)	0.0006 (10)
C12	0.0541 (14)	0.0552 (14)	0.0371 (11)	-0.0062 (11)	0.0161 (10)	0.0012 (10)
C13	0.0717 (19)	0.0627 (16)	0.0529 (14)	-0.0096 (14)	0.0176 (13)	-0.0059 (12)
C14	0.0688 (19)	0.080 (2)	0.0587 (16)	-0.0256 (16)	0.0121 (14)	-0.0024 (14)
C15	0.0489 (15)	0.101 (2)	0.0588 (16)	-0.0135 (16)	0.0096 (12)	0.0049 (16)
C16	0.0574 (16)	0.0745 (18)	0.0506 (14)	0.0049 (14)	0.0202 (12)	0.0085 (13)
C17	0.0492 (14)	0.0589 (15)	0.0384 (11)	-0.0019 (11)	0.0137 (10)	0.0009 (10)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

O1—C1	1.231 (3)	C7—H7A	0.9300
O2—C16	1.358 (3)	C8—C9	1.409 (3)
O2—H2A	1.11 (4)	C8—H8A	0.9300
C1—C17	1.465 (3)	C9—C10	1.423 (3)
C1—C2	1.486 (3)	C10—C11	1.349 (3)

C2—C3	1.364 (3)	C10—H10A	0.9300
C2—C11	1.429 (3)	C11—C12	1.492 (3)
C3—C4	1.412 (3)	C12—C13	1.370 (3)
C3—H3A	0.9300	C12—C17	1.400 (3)
C4—C5	1.413 (3)	C13—C14	1.397 (4)
C4—C9	1.426 (3)	C13—H13A	0.9300
C5—C6	1.352 (4)	C14—C15	1.374 (4)
C5—H5A	0.9300	C14—H14A	0.9300
C6—C7	1.399 (4)	C15—C16	1.387 (4)
C6—H6A	0.9300	C15—H15A	0.9300
C7—C8	1.365 (4)	C16—C17	1.390 (3)
C16—O2—H2A	105 (2)	C10—C9—C4	119.9 (2)
O1—C1—C17	125.3 (2)	C8—C9—C4	118.4 (2)
O1—C1—C2	128.8 (2)	C11—C10—C9	120.1 (2)
C17—C1—C2	105.9 (2)	C11—C10—H10A	119.9
C3—C2—C11	122.1 (2)	C9—C10—H10A	119.9
C3—C2—C1	130.0 (2)	C10—C11—C2	119.6 (2)
C11—C2—C1	107.90 (19)	C10—C11—C12	132.0 (2)
C2—C3—C4	119.3 (2)	C2—C11—C12	108.37 (19)
C2—C3—H3A	120.4	C13—C12—C17	119.8 (2)
C4—C3—H3A	120.4	C13—C12—C11	133.1 (2)
C3—C4—C5	122.5 (2)	C17—C12—C11	107.16 (19)
C3—C4—C9	119.0 (2)	C12—C13—C14	118.0 (3)
C5—C4—C9	118.5 (2)	C12—C13—H13A	121.0
C6—C5—C4	121.4 (3)	C14—C13—H13A	121.0
C6—C5—H5A	119.3	C15—C14—C13	122.6 (3)
C4—C5—H5A	119.3	C15—C14—H14A	118.7
C5—C6—C7	120.3 (3)	C13—C14—H14A	118.7
C5—C6—H6A	119.8	C14—C15—C16	119.7 (2)
C7—C6—H6A	119.8	C14—C15—H15A	120.2
C8—C7—C6	120.3 (3)	C16—C15—H15A	120.2
C8—C7—H7A	119.9	O2—C16—C17	121.5 (2)
C6—C7—H7A	119.9	O2—C16—C15	120.5 (2)
C7—C8—C9	121.1 (3)	C17—C16—C15	118.0 (3)
C7—C8—H8A	119.4	C16—C17—C12	121.9 (2)
C9—C8—H8A	119.4	C16—C17—C1	127.4 (2)
C10—C9—C8	121.7 (2)	C12—C17—C1	110.7 (2)
O1—C1—C2—C3	-1.4 (4)	C3—C2—C11—C12	-178.2 (2)
C17—C1—C2—C3	178.4 (2)	C1—C2—C11—C12	-0.1 (2)
O1—C1—C2—C11	-179.3 (2)	C10—C11—C12—C13	0.7 (4)
C17—C1—C2—C11	0.5 (2)	C2—C11—C12—C13	179.2 (2)
C11—C2—C3—C4	-1.0 (3)	C10—C11—C12—C17	-179.0 (2)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-178.6 (2)	C2—C11—C12—C17	-0.5 (2)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-179.0 (2)	C17—C12—C13—C14	1.7 (3)
C2—C3—C4—C9	0.7 (3)	C11—C12—C13—C14	-178.0 (2)
C3—C4—C5—C6	179.5 (2)	C12—C13—C14—C15	-0.6 (4)

C9—C4—C5—C6	-0.1 (3)	C13—C14—C15—C16	-1.0 (4)
C4—C5—C6—C7	-0.3 (4)	C14—C15—C16—O2	-178.8 (2)
C5—C6—C7—C8	0.7 (4)	C14—C15—C16—C17	1.5 (4)
C6—C7—C8—C9	-0.7 (4)	O2—C16—C17—C12	179.8 (2)
C7—C8—C9—C10	-179.3 (2)	C15—C16—C17—C12	-0.5 (3)
C7—C8—C9—C4	0.3 (4)	O2—C16—C17—C1	-2.8 (4)
C3—C4—C9—C10	0.0 (3)	C15—C16—C17—C1	176.9 (2)
C5—C4—C9—C10	179.7 (2)	C13—C12—C17—C16	-1.2 (3)
C3—C4—C9—C8	-179.6 (2)	C11—C12—C17—C16	178.5 (2)
C5—C4—C9—C8	0.1 (3)	C13—C12—C17—C1	-178.9 (2)
C8—C9—C10—C11	179.1 (2)	C11—C12—C17—C1	0.8 (2)
C4—C9—C10—C11	-0.4 (3)	O1—C1—C17—C16	1.4 (4)
C9—C10—C11—C2	0.2 (3)	C2—C1—C17—C16	-178.4 (2)
C9—C10—C11—C12	178.5 (2)	O1—C1—C17—C12	179.0 (2)
C3—C2—C11—C10	0.6 (3)	C2—C1—C17—C12	-0.8 (2)
C1—C2—C11—C10	178.7 (2)		

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<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>
O2—H2 <i>A</i> $\cdots$ O1	1.11 (4)	1.90 (4)	2.877 (3)	145 (3)
C3—H3 <i>A</i> $\cdots$ O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.93	2.52	3.369 (3)	151

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x+1, -y-1, -z$ .