

Flavokavain B from the rhizome of *Alpinia mutica* Roxb

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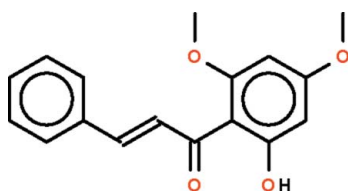
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 100$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$ Å; R factor = 0.049; wR factor = 0.128; data-to-parameter ratio = 7.4.

The title compound [systematic name: (*E*)-1-(2-hydroxy-4,6-dimethoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one], $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4$, has an aromatic ring at both ends of the $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-$ fragment with the $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ bond in a *trans* configuration. The phenyl ring is nearly coplanar with this fragment [dihedral angle $4.8(3)^\circ$] as is the hydroxydimethoxyphenyl unit [dihedral angle $6.3(3)^\circ$]. The hydroxy group is the donor in an intramolecular hydrogen bond to the double-bonded O atom.

Related literature

For the isolation and spectroscopic characterization of the title compound, see: Flores *et al.* (2007); Xuan *et al.* (2008).



Experimental

Crystal data

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 $M_r = 284.30$

Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$
 $a = 4.9668(10)$ Å
 $b = 12.305(3)$ Å
 $c = 22.552(5)$ Å
 $V = 1378.3(5)$ Å³

$Z = 4$
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.10$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 100$ K
 $0.40 \times 0.10 \times 0.05$ mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX
 diffractometer
 10723 measured reflections

1449 independent reflections
 1162 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.089$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.049$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.128$
 $S = 1.09$
 1449 reflections
 197 parameters
 1 restraint

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.20$ e Å⁻³
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Table 1
 Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{O2}-\text{H2}\cdots\text{O1}$	0.85 (1)	1.65 (2)	2.455 (4)	157 (4)

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2009); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2009); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *X-SEED* (Barbour, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: *pubCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

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Comment

Alpinia mutica is a perennial herb (Zingiberaceae) endemic to southern parts of Malaysia. It is also cultivated as an ornamental plant and the rhizomes are used as an herb for strengthening the stomach. Among the compounds isolated this herb is Flavokavain B, whose structure was elucidated by spectroscopic methods (Flores *et al.*, 2007; Xuan *et al.*, 2008) and whose x-ray structure is reported here. The chalcone (Scheme I) has aromatic rings at either ends of the $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-$ linkage; the $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ double bond has a *trans* configuration. The phenyl ring is nearly coplanar with this fragment [dihedral angle $4.8(3)^\circ$] as is the hydroxydimethoxyphenyl ring [dihedral angle $6.3(3)^\circ$] (the dihedral angle between the two rings is $10.0(2)^\circ$) (Fig. 1). The hydroxy group is donor in an intra-molecular H-bond bond with the double-bond oxygen atom of the fragment. Other than a close contact of 3.04 \AA between O2 and C16, there are no important intermolecular contacts (Fig. 2).

The compound has been previously isolated and characterized by NMR spectroscopy (Flores *et al.*, 2007; Xuan *et al.*, 2008).

Experimental

The rhizome of *Alpinia mutica* was collected from Pontian, Johor, Malaysia. A voucher specimen was deposited at the Herbarium of the Department of Botany, Universiti Putra Malaysia. The *n*-hexane crude extract of the rhizome (8.97 g) was subjected to silica-gel chromatography and was eluted out by using a gradient mixture of petroleum ether, ethanol and methanol. Twenty three fractions were collected, which were then separated by TLC to afford eight fractions. The sixth fraction was subjected to silica-gel column chromatography to give the title compound (petroleum ether: ether 4/1) which was recrystallized from petroleum ether/ether to afford faint yellow-orange crystals suitable for data collection.

Refinement

Carbon-bound H-atoms were placed in calculated positions ($\text{C}-\text{H}$ $0.95-0.98 \text{ \AA}$) and were included in the refinement in the riding model approximation, with $U(\text{H})$ set to $1.2-15U(\text{C})$.

The hydroxy H-atom was located in a difference Fourier map, and was refined with the O-H distance restrained to $0.84 \pm 0.01 \text{ \AA}$; its temperature factor was refined.

In the absence of heavy atom, Some 976 Friedel pairs were merged.

Figures

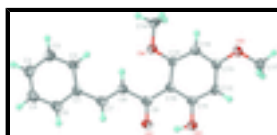


Fig. 1. Thermal ellipsoid plot (Barbour, 2001) of the $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4$ at the 70% probability level; hydrogen atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radius.

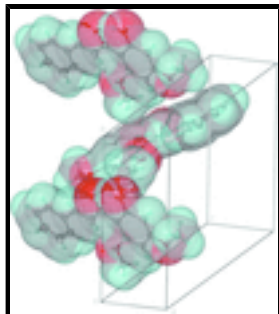


Fig. 2. Close approach of adjacent molecules.

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$k = -14 \rightarrow 14$

$l = -26 \rightarrow 25$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

Least-squares matrix: full

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Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites

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$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0736P)^2 + 0.021P]$

where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

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Extinction correction: *SHELXL*,
 $F_c^* = kF_c [1 + 0.001 \times F_c^2 \lambda^3 / \sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods

Extinction coefficient: 0.026 (5)

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	0.5688 (6)	0.96830 (19)	0.22125 (11)	0.0250 (7)
O2	0.3291 (6)	0.9379 (2)	0.12751 (11)	0.0260 (7)
H2	0.440 (7)	0.958 (4)	0.1541 (14)	0.048 (15)*
O3	-0.3912 (5)	0.68445 (19)	0.12028 (10)	0.0245 (7)
O4	0.0995 (6)	0.72577 (18)	0.29718 (11)	0.0272 (7)
C1	0.7327 (8)	0.9257 (3)	0.40417 (17)	0.0228 (9)
C2	0.5796 (9)	0.8616 (3)	0.44201 (16)	0.0283 (10)
H2A	0.4369	0.8191	0.4262	0.034*
C3	0.6311 (10)	0.8586 (3)	0.50210 (18)	0.0349 (10)
H3	0.5230	0.8150	0.5274	0.042*
C4	0.8406 (9)	0.9191 (3)	0.52537 (17)	0.0323 (11)
H4	0.8762	0.9177	0.5668	0.039*
C5	0.9976 (9)	0.9815 (3)	0.48823 (18)	0.0310 (10)
H5	1.1418	1.0229	0.5042	0.037*
C6	0.9476 (9)	0.9846 (3)	0.42798 (17)	0.0279 (10)
H6	1.0594	1.0267	0.4027	0.034*
C7	0.6751 (8)	0.9328 (3)	0.34039 (17)	0.0257 (9)
H7	0.7994	0.9723	0.3167	0.031*
C8	0.4658 (8)	0.8891 (3)	0.31275 (16)	0.0256 (9)
H8	0.3381	0.8493	0.3354	0.031*
C9	0.4237 (8)	0.8998 (3)	0.24859 (16)	0.0230 (9)
C10	0.2169 (8)	0.8393 (3)	0.21647 (16)	0.0196 (8)
C11	0.1737 (8)	0.8639 (3)	0.15591 (16)	0.0208 (9)
C12	-0.0285 (8)	0.8174 (3)	0.12220 (16)	0.0230 (9)
H12	-0.0586	0.8392	0.0823	0.028*
C13	-0.1857 (8)	0.7377 (3)	0.14850 (16)	0.0213 (9)
C14	-0.1454 (8)	0.7058 (3)	0.20702 (16)	0.0221 (8)
H14	-0.2544	0.6504	0.2238	0.027*
C15	0.0513 (8)	0.7543 (3)	0.24038 (15)	0.0211 (9)
C16	-0.0619 (9)	0.6404 (3)	0.32205 (16)	0.0298 (10)
H16A	-0.0115	0.6292	0.3636	0.045*
H16B	-0.0320	0.5731	0.2998	0.045*
H16C	-0.2525	0.6606	0.3197	0.045*
C17	-0.4398 (9)	0.7113 (3)	0.05989 (15)	0.0287 (10)
H17A	-0.5907	0.6679	0.0449	0.043*
H17B	-0.2783	0.6957	0.0364	0.043*
H17C	-0.4839	0.7887	0.0567	0.043*

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

U^{11} U^{22} U^{33} U^{12} U^{13} U^{23}

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O1	0.0269 (15)	0.0177 (12)	0.0304 (15)	-0.0032 (12)	0.0027 (13)	0.0014 (11)
O2	0.0313 (17)	0.0199 (13)	0.0266 (16)	-0.0038 (13)	0.0000 (14)	0.0034 (12)
O3	0.0254 (15)	0.0218 (13)	0.0263 (14)	-0.0010 (12)	-0.0042 (13)	-0.0008 (11)
O4	0.0393 (17)	0.0180 (12)	0.0243 (14)	-0.0075 (13)	-0.0017 (13)	0.0058 (11)
C1	0.026 (2)	0.0154 (19)	0.027 (2)	0.0059 (17)	-0.0030 (18)	-0.0031 (16)
C2	0.031 (2)	0.0254 (19)	0.028 (2)	-0.006 (2)	-0.002 (2)	-0.0019 (17)
C3	0.038 (3)	0.037 (2)	0.030 (2)	-0.006 (2)	0.001 (2)	0.0001 (19)
C4	0.044 (3)	0.026 (2)	0.027 (2)	0.001 (2)	-0.006 (2)	0.0006 (17)
C5	0.035 (3)	0.021 (2)	0.037 (2)	-0.0020 (19)	-0.006 (2)	-0.0040 (17)
C6	0.032 (2)	0.0211 (19)	0.031 (2)	-0.0026 (19)	-0.0017 (19)	0.0021 (17)
C7	0.028 (2)	0.0173 (18)	0.032 (2)	-0.0015 (18)	0.005 (2)	0.0007 (17)
C8	0.030 (2)	0.0205 (19)	0.026 (2)	-0.0034 (17)	-0.0005 (19)	-0.0006 (16)
C9	0.024 (2)	0.0154 (16)	0.029 (2)	0.0021 (17)	0.0054 (19)	-0.0024 (16)
C10	0.022 (2)	0.0140 (17)	0.023 (2)	0.0009 (15)	0.0026 (17)	-0.0038 (15)
C11	0.025 (2)	0.0115 (17)	0.025 (2)	0.0016 (16)	0.0052 (18)	0.0015 (15)
C12	0.030 (2)	0.0202 (19)	0.0191 (19)	0.0022 (17)	-0.0020 (18)	-0.0002 (15)
C13	0.024 (2)	0.0159 (17)	0.025 (2)	0.0029 (16)	-0.0010 (17)	-0.0036 (15)
C14	0.022 (2)	0.0158 (16)	0.029 (2)	0.0009 (16)	0.0002 (18)	0.0005 (15)
C15	0.030 (2)	0.0139 (16)	0.0197 (18)	0.0015 (16)	0.0000 (18)	-0.0011 (14)
C16	0.043 (3)	0.0207 (18)	0.026 (2)	-0.0075 (19)	-0.002 (2)	0.0089 (16)
C17	0.036 (3)	0.027 (2)	0.024 (2)	-0.001 (2)	-0.001 (2)	-0.0043 (16)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

O1—C9	1.269 (4)	C7—C8	1.326 (5)
O2—C11	1.354 (4)	C7—H7	0.9500
O2—H2	0.85 (1)	C8—C9	1.468 (5)
O3—C13	1.370 (5)	C8—H8	0.9500
O3—C17	1.422 (4)	C9—C10	1.461 (5)
O4—C15	1.349 (4)	C10—C11	1.415 (5)
O4—C16	1.436 (4)	C10—C15	1.436 (5)
C1—C2	1.389 (5)	C11—C12	1.384 (5)
C1—C6	1.397 (5)	C12—C13	1.386 (5)
C1—C7	1.469 (5)	C12—H12	0.9500
C2—C3	1.380 (5)	C13—C14	1.391 (5)
C2—H2A	0.9500	C14—C15	1.370 (5)
C3—C4	1.383 (6)	C14—H14	0.9500
C3—H3	0.9500	C16—H16A	0.9800
C4—C5	1.378 (6)	C16—H16B	0.9800
C4—H4	0.9500	C16—H16C	0.9800
C5—C6	1.382 (5)	C17—H17A	0.9800
C5—H5	0.9500	C17—H17B	0.9800
C6—H6	0.9500	C17—H17C	0.9800
C11—O2—H2	103 (3)	C11—C10—C15	115.5 (3)
C13—O3—C17	117.4 (3)	C11—C10—C9	118.4 (3)
C15—O4—C16	117.5 (3)	C15—C10—C9	126.0 (3)
C2—C1—C6	118.5 (4)	O2—C11—C12	115.6 (3)
C2—C1—C7	121.9 (4)	O2—C11—C10	120.9 (4)
C6—C1—C7	119.6 (4)	C12—C11—C10	123.5 (3)

C3—C2—C1	121.1 (4)	C11—C12—C13	117.8 (3)
C3—C2—H2A	119.4	C11—C12—H12	121.1
C1—C2—H2A	119.4	C13—C12—H12	121.1
C2—C3—C4	119.8 (4)	O3—C13—C12	124.0 (3)
C2—C3—H3	120.1	O3—C13—C14	114.4 (3)
C4—C3—H3	120.1	C12—C13—C14	121.6 (4)
C5—C4—C3	119.7 (4)	C15—C14—C13	120.0 (4)
C5—C4—H4	120.2	C15—C14—H14	120.0
C3—C4—H4	120.2	C13—C14—H14	120.0
C4—C5—C6	120.7 (4)	O4—C15—C14	122.3 (3)
C4—C5—H5	119.6	O4—C15—C10	116.4 (3)
C6—C5—H5	119.6	C14—C15—C10	121.3 (3)
C5—C6—C1	120.1 (4)	O4—C16—H16A	109.5
C5—C6—H6	120.0	O4—C16—H16B	109.5
C1—C6—H6	120.0	H16A—C16—H16B	109.5
C8—C7—C1	126.1 (4)	O4—C16—H16C	109.5
C8—C7—H7	117.0	H16A—C16—H16C	109.5
C1—C7—H7	117.0	H16B—C16—H16C	109.5
C7—C8—C9	122.6 (4)	O3—C17—H17A	109.5
C7—C8—H8	118.7	O3—C17—H17B	109.5
C9—C8—H8	118.7	H17A—C17—H17B	109.5
O1—C9—C10	119.8 (3)	O3—C17—H17C	109.5
O1—C9—C8	117.2 (4)	H17A—C17—H17C	109.5
C10—C9—C8	122.9 (3)	H17B—C17—H17C	109.5
C6—C1—C2—C3	2.3 (6)	C15—C10—C11—C12	5.5 (5)
C7—C1—C2—C3	-177.9 (4)	C9—C10—C11—C12	-175.4 (3)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-0.8 (6)	O2—C11—C12—C13	177.2 (3)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-0.4 (6)	C10—C11—C12—C13	-4.0 (5)
C3—C4—C5—C6	0.2 (6)	C17—O3—C13—C12	1.6 (5)
C4—C5—C6—C1	1.3 (6)	C17—O3—C13—C14	-178.6 (3)
C2—C1—C6—C5	-2.5 (6)	C11—C12—C13—O3	-179.6 (3)
C7—C1—C6—C5	177.7 (4)	C11—C12—C13—C14	0.7 (5)
C2—C1—C7—C8	6.2 (6)	O3—C13—C14—C15	-178.9 (3)
C6—C1—C7—C8	-173.9 (4)	C12—C13—C14—C15	0.8 (6)
C1—C7—C8—C9	-179.8 (4)	C16—O4—C15—C14	0.8 (5)
C7—C8—C9—O1	-12.0 (5)	C16—O4—C15—C10	-179.6 (3)
C7—C8—C9—C10	170.8 (4)	C13—C14—C15—O4	-179.6 (3)
O1—C9—C10—C11	-3.8 (5)	C13—C14—C15—C10	0.9 (6)
C8—C9—C10—C11	173.4 (3)	C11—C10—C15—O4	176.6 (3)
O1—C9—C10—C15	175.3 (3)	C9—C10—C15—O4	-2.5 (5)
C8—C9—C10—C15	-7.5 (6)	C11—C10—C15—C14	-3.8 (5)
C15—C10—C11—O2	-175.9 (3)	C9—C10—C15—C14	177.1 (4)
C9—C10—C11—O2	3.3 (5)		

Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$)

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