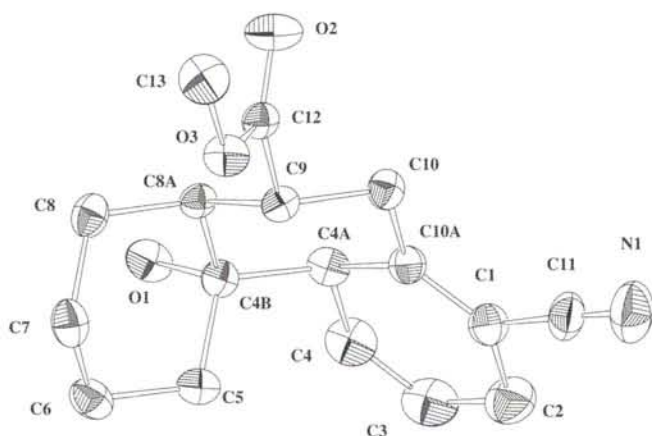


# Crystal structure of methyl 4a*R*\*,4b*R*\*,8a*S*\*,9*R*\*-1-cyano-4b-hydroxy-2,4a,4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-decahydrophenanthrene-9-carboxylate, C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>

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**Table 1.** Data collection and handling.

|                                                         |                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Crystal:                                                | colourless, flate plate,<br>size 0.04 × 0.29 × 0.58 mm |
| Wavelength:                                             | Mo K $\alpha$ radiation (0.71073 Å)                    |
| $\mu$ :                                                 | 0.87 cm <sup>-1</sup>                                  |
| Diffractometer, scan mode:                              | Enraf-Nonius CAD4, $\omega/2\theta$                    |
| $2\theta_{\max}$ :                                      | 42.98°                                                 |
| $N(hkl)_{\text{measured}}$ , $N(hkl)_{\text{unique}}$ : | 1827, 1725                                             |
| Criterion for $I_{\text{obs}}$ , $N(hkl)_{\text{gt}}$ : | $I_{\text{obs}} > 2 \sigma(I_{\text{obs}})$ , 1263     |
| $N(\text{param})_{\text{refined}}$ :                    | 191                                                    |
| Programs:                                               | SHELXS-97 [2], SHELXL-97 [3],<br>ZORTEP [4]            |

**Abstract**

C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>, monoclinic,  $P12_1/c1$  (No. 14),  $a = 10.084(1)$  Å,  $b = 13.767(2)$  Å,  $c = 11.783(3)$  Å,  $\beta = 113.15(1)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1504.1$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $R_{\text{gt}}(F) = 0.050$ ,  $wR_{\text{ref}}(F^2) = 0.133$ ,  $T = 293$  K.

**Source of material**

The title compound was obtained by samarium diiodide induced reaction of methyl 1*S*\*,2*R*\*(2-cyanophenyl)-2-(24-oxocyclohexyl)propanoate in 60% yield (purified by chromatography on silica gel, colourless crystals, mp 424 K – 426 K, recrystallized from hexane/ethyl acetate) [1].

**Table 2.** Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å<sup>2</sup>).

| Atom   | Site | $x$    | $y$     | $z$     | $U_{\text{iso}}$ |
|--------|------|--------|---------|---------|------------------|
| H(1)   | 4e   | 0.6311 | 0.1642  | 0.1780  | 0.080            |
| H(2A)  | 4e   | 1.1275 | 0.1183  | 0.0210  | 0.091            |
| H(2B)  | 4e   | 1.0679 | 0.2177  | -0.0443 | 0.091            |
| H(3)   | 4e   | 1.1136 | 0.2336  | 0.1691  | 0.088            |
| H(4)   | 4e   | 0.9266 | 0.2097  | 0.2158  | 0.076            |
| H(4A)  | 4e   | 0.7769 | 0.0806  | 0.1002  | 0.053            |
| H(5A)  | 4e   | 0.7499 | 0.3345  | 0.0464  | 0.054            |
| H(5B)  | 4e   | 0.6827 | 0.2963  | -0.0899 | 0.054            |
| H(6A)  | 4e   | 0.5243 | 0.3777  | 0.0386  | 0.065            |
| H(6B)  | 4e   | 0.5450 | 0.4263  | -0.0738 | 0.065            |
| H(7A)  | 4e   | 0.4006 | 0.3097  | -0.2076 | 0.066            |
| H(7B)  | 4e   | 0.3141 | 0.3545  | -0.1348 | 0.066            |
| H(8A)  | 4e   | 0.2979 | 0.1837  | -0.1394 | 0.059            |
| H(8B)  | 4e   | 0.3677 | 0.2220  | -0.0033 | 0.059            |
| H(8A)  | 4e   | 0.5020 | 0.0921  | -0.0139 | 0.045            |
| H(9)   | 4e   | 0.5360 | 0.1749  | -0.2227 | 0.045            |
| H(10A) | 4e   | 0.6481 | -0.0067 | -0.1116 | 0.053            |
| H(10B) | 4e   | 0.6716 | 0.0383  | -0.2246 | 0.053            |
| H(13A) | 4e   | 0.1247 | 0.1010  | -0.5004 | 0.101            |
| H(13B) | 4e   | 0.1213 | 0.0453  | -0.3856 | 0.101            |
| H(13C) | 4e   | 0.2030 | 0.0006  | -0.4622 | 0.101            |

**Table 3.** Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å<sup>2</sup>).

| Atom | Site | $x$       | $y$        | $z$        | $U_{11}$ | $U_{22}$ | $U_{33}$ | $U_{12}$  | $U_{13}$ | $U_{23}$   |
|------|------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| N(1) | 4e   | 0.9359(4) | 0.0416(3)  | -0.2787(3) | 0.098(3) | 0.107(3) | 0.087(2) | 0.028(2)  | 0.059(2) | 0.011(2)   |
| O(1) | 4e   | 0.6405(2) | 0.2167(1)  | 0.1492(2)  | 0.083(2) | 0.050(1) | 0.029(1) | -0.002(1) | 0.024(1) | -0.0019(9) |
| O(2) | 4e   | 0.3696(2) | -0.0193(2) | -0.2297(2) | 0.073(2) | 0.058(2) | 0.049(1) | -0.023(1) | 0.010(1) | 0.006(1)   |
| O(3) | 4e   | 0.3099(2) | 0.1093(2)  | -0.3531(2) | 0.045(1) | 0.057(1) | 0.038(1) | -0.004(1) | 0.004(1) | 0.001(1)   |

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Table 3. Continued.

| Atom   | Site | x         | y         | z          | U <sub>11</sub> | U <sub>22</sub> | U <sub>33</sub> | U <sub>12</sub> | U <sub>13</sub> | U <sub>23</sub> |
|--------|------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| C(1)   | 4e   | 0.9134(3) | 0.1141(2) | −0.0851(3) | 0.047(2)        | 0.051(2)        | 0.059(2)        | 0.005(2)        | 0.019(2)        | 0.005(2)        |
| C(2)   | 4e   | 1.0474(4) | 0.1635(3) | −0.0011(4) | 0.051(2)        | 0.077(3)        | 0.093(3)        | −0.004(2)       | 0.020(2)        | 0.005(2)        |
| C(3)   | 4e   | 1.0356(4) | 0.1997(3) | 0.1129(3)  | 0.052(2)        | 0.073(3)        | 0.065(2)        | −0.008(2)       | −0.009(2)       | 0.002(2)        |
| C(4)   | 4e   | 0.9224(4) | 0.1871(3) | 0.1400(3)  | 0.056(2)        | 0.071(2)        | 0.043(2)        | −0.003(2)       | −0.002(2)       | −0.002(2)       |
| C(4A)  | 4e   | 0.7878(3) | 0.1386(2) | 0.0564(2)  | 0.049(2)        | 0.044(2)        | 0.033(2)        | −0.001(2)       | 0.008(1)        | 0.003(1)        |
| C(4B)  | 4e   | 0.6525(3) | 0.2014(2) | 0.0323(2)  | 0.048(2)        | 0.044(2)        | 0.029(2)        | −0.001(2)       | 0.017(1)        | −0.001(1)       |
| C(5)   | 4e   | 0.6666(3) | 0.3023(2) | −0.0143(3) | 0.053(2)        | 0.043(2)        | 0.035(2)        | −0.008(2)       | 0.013(1)        | 0.000(1)        |
| C(6)   | 4e   | 0.5335(3) | 0.3646(2) | −0.0389(3) | 0.071(2)        | 0.042(2)        | 0.050(2)        | 0.005(2)        | 0.025(2)        | 0.005(2)        |
| C(7)   | 4e   | 0.3973(3) | 0.3153(2) | −0.1267(3) | 0.054(2)        | 0.059(2)        | 0.053(2)        | 0.017(2)        | 0.020(2)        | 0.004(2)        |
| C(8)   | 4e   | 0.3825(3) | 0.2152(2) | −0.0795(3) | 0.046(2)        | 0.062(2)        | 0.042(2)        | −0.000(2)       | 0.021(2)        | −0.006(2)       |
| C(8A)  | 4e   | 0.5144(3) | 0.1507(2) | −0.0558(2) | 0.045(2)        | 0.041(2)        | 0.031(2)        | −0.005(1)       | 0.019(1)        | 0.001(1)        |
| C(9)   | 4e   | 0.5279(3) | 0.1175(2) | −0.1766(2) | 0.039(2)        | 0.044(2)        | 0.030(2)        | −0.005(2)       | 0.012(1)        | −0.002(1)       |
| C(10)  | 4e   | 0.6611(3) | 0.0537(2) | −0.1482(3) | 0.044(2)        | 0.050(2)        | 0.039(2)        | −0.001(2)       | 0.016(1)        | −0.006(1)       |
| C(10A) | 4e   | 0.7960(3) | 0.1030(2) | −0.0616(3) | 0.038(2)        | 0.043(2)        | 0.044(2)        | 0.003(2)        | 0.013(2)        | 0.003(2)        |
| C(11)  | 4e   | 0.9215(4) | 0.0736(3) | −0.1949(4) | 0.054(2)        | 0.069(2)        | 0.074(3)        | 0.018(2)        | 0.036(2)        | 0.014(2)        |
| C(12)  | 4e   | 0.3956(3) | 0.0608(2) | −0.2545(3) | 0.048(2)        | 0.044(2)        | 0.032(2)        | −0.004(2)       | 0.020(2)        | −0.002(2)       |
| C(13)  | 4e   | 0.1786(3) | 0.0598(3) | −0.4320(3) | 0.050(2)        | 0.077(2)        | 0.054(2)        | −0.007(2)       | −0.003(2)       | −0.012(2)       |

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