

**6-[(2*E*)-3,7-Dimethylocta-2,6-dien-1-yl]-5,7-dihydroxy-8-(2-methylbutanoyl)-4-phenyl-2*H*-chromen-2-one–6-[(2*E*)-3,7-dimethylocta-2,6-dien-1-yl]-5,7-dihydroxy-8-(3-methylbutanoyl)-4-phenyl-2*H*-chromen-2-one (1/1) from *Mesua elegans*¹**Gomathi Chan,^a Khalijah Awang,^a Nor Hadiani Ismail,^b Seik Weng Ng^{a,c} and Edward R. T. Tiekink^{a*}

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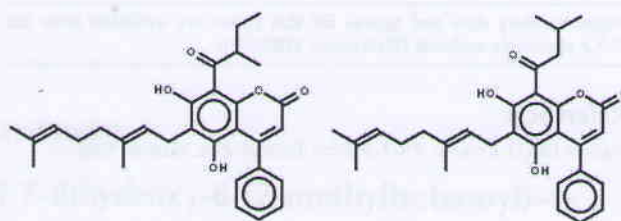
Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; *T* = 100 K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C})$ = 0.003 Å; disorder in main residue; *R* factor = 0.066; *wR* factor = 0.208; data-to-parameter ratio = 14.7.

The title co-crystal, $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_5 \cdot \text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_5$, comprises a 1:1 mixture of two mostly superimposed molecules with the same chemical formula that differ in the nature of the substituent (2-methylbutanoyl or 3-methylbutanoyl) bound at the exocyclic ketone. The lactone ring is close to planar (r.m.s. deviation = 0.058 Å) and the phenyl ring is twisted out of this plane [dihedral angle = 60.08 (9)°]. The geranyl substituent is almost normal to benzene ring to which it is connected [$\text{C}-\text{C}_{\text{ar}}-\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$ (ar = aromatic) torsion angle = -87.8 (2)°]. Intramolecular $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ and $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \pi$ interactions are formed. In the crystal, supramolecular chains are formed along the *a* axis owing to $\text{C}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ contacts, with the lactone carbonyl atom accepting two such bonds.

Related literature

For the spectroscopic characterization of the title material, see: Verotta *et al.* (2004) and for its acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibitory properties, see: Awang *et al.* (2010).

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**Experimental***Crystal data*

$\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_5 \cdot \text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_5$
M_r = 949.14
Triclinic, *P*1
a = 5.9426 (2) Å
b = 13.4688 (5) Å
c = 16.3275 (6) Å
 α = 91.955 (3)°
 β = 99.515 (3)°

γ = 95.834 (3)°
V = 1280.47 (8) Å³
Z = 1
Cu *K*α radiation
 μ = 0.66 mm⁻¹
T = 100 K
0.30 × 0.15 × 0.05 mm

Data collection

Agilent SuperNova Dual
diffractometer with an Atlas
detector
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(*CrysAlis PRO*; Agilent, 2011)
T_{min} = 0.826, *T_{max}* = 0.968

25960 measured reflections
5330 independent reflections
4528 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)
R_{int} = 0.045

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$ = 0.066
 $wR(F^2)$ = 0.208
S = 1.01
5330 reflections
363 parameters
54 restraints

H atoms treated by a mixture of
independent and constrained
refinement
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$ = 0.57 e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ = -0.53 e Å⁻³

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

*Cg*1 is the centroid of the C10–C15 ring.

<i>D</i> – <i>H</i> ⋯ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> – <i>H</i>	<i>H</i> ⋯ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ⋯ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> – <i>H</i> ⋯ <i>A</i>
O4–H4o⋯O5	0.85 (1)	1.54 (4)	2.35 (3)	158 (4)
O4–H4o⋯O5'	0.85 (1)	1.76 (4)	2.55 (3)	154 (3)
O3–H3o⋯ <i>Cg</i> 1	0.84 (2)	2.56 (4)	3.355 (2)	158 (4)
C2–H2⋯O2'	0.95	2.47	3.408 (2)	169
C15–H15⋯O2 ⁱⁱ	0.95	2.59	3.351 (2)	137

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x + 3, -y + 1, -z + 1$; (ii) $-x + 2, -y + 1, -z + 1$.

Data collection: *CrysAlis PRO* (Agilent, 2011); cell refinement: *CrysAlis PRO*; data reduction: *CrysAlis PRO*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997) and *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg, 2006); software used to prepare material for publication: *publCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

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