

# CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF (1R,2S)-1,2-BIS(4-

# CHLOROPHENYL)-3,8-DIMETHOXYACENAPHTHENE-1,2-

# DIOL: TETRAMERIC STRING OF FOUR CONFORMERS CONNECTED BY CLASSICAL HYDROGEN BONDS AND

# MOLECULAR ACCUMULATION ALIGNMENT BY LINKING OF THE TETRAMERS WITH THE AID OF NON-CLASSICAL HYDROGEN BONDS

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Crystal structure of (1R,2S)-1,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3,8-dimethoxyacenaphthene-1,2-diol, C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, is reported and discussed from the viewpoints of characteristics in spatial organization, i.e., single molecular structures of four conformers, tetrameric aggregates, and higher ordered structures, with clarification of a classical and two non-classical hydrogen bonding interactions as the structure determining interactions. The title compound crystallizes with four independent molecules (conformers G, B, R, and Y) in the asymmetric unit. Furthermore, each independent molecule displays a meso configuration, with one 4-chlorophenyl group R and the other S. The four molecules are related by inversion center in the asymmetric unit of P-1 space group, exhibiting the number of molecules is eight, Z = 8. Single molecular structure of each conformer shows that the two benzene rings are bonded with large dihedral angles against the naphthalene plane and the two phenyl rings are oriented in the same direction with respect to the naphthalene ring plane (syn-orientation). The four conformers are classified into two groups according to overlapping feature of phenyl rings, i.e., conformers G and Y have larger slippage of the phenyl rings than conformers B and R. In the molecular packing, four conformers Y, B, R, and G are connected by classical O-H...O(H) hydrogen bonds in head-to-head fashion forming S-shaped tetramer. Tetramers composed of four conformers are stacked into columnar structure along a-axis through non-classical C-H...Cl hydrogen bonds between conformers G. The columns are linked into a sheet structure by non-classical C-H...Cl hydrogen bonds between conformers G and Y along ab-diagonal. The waved sheets are interlocked by two types of non-classical C-H... $\pi$  hydrogen bonds forming the stripe structure along c-axis, i.e., non-classical C-H... $\pi$ hydrogen bonds between conformers R and Y, and those between conformers B and G.

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### Introduction

Understanding of the nature of non-covalent bonding interactions is of great value in chemistry. As the representative non-covalent bonding interactions, classical hydrogen bonds and  $\pi...\pi$  stacking interactions have been regarded to play a decisive role in crystal structural motif and have been investigated in detail for a long time. 1-6 Accumulation of X-ray crystal structure data has highlighted the importance of next weaker non-covalent bonding interaction, such as non-classical hydrogen bonds where C-H group acts as hydrogen donors, which is especially emphasized in crystal engineering and supramolecular architecture.<sup>7-10</sup> On the other hand, the investigation of weak non-covalent bonding interactions is obliged to be little accounted due to technical limitation in analysis. Contribution of non-classical hydrogen bonds is generally hidden by classical hydrogen bonds and  $\pi...\pi$  stacking interactions in organic crystals.

The authors envisioned that non-coplanarly accumulated aromatic rings molecules are suitable frameworks for analysing weak non-covalent bonding interactions, because the largely congested molecular circumstances presumably disturb formation of  $\pi...\pi$  stacking interactions. authors' recent work has focused on peri-aroylnaphthalene compounds and the homologous/analogous substances. 11-20 According to the X-ray crystal structural analyses of ninety peri-aroylnaphthalene compounds, the two aroyl groups are non-coplanarly situated to the naphthalene ring and ordinary oriented in an opposite direction (anti-orientation). The molecular packing of peri-aroylnaphthalene compounds are mainly stabilized by cooperation of several kinds of weak non-covalent-bonding interactions, i.e., four kinds of nonclassical hydrogen bonds, (sp<sup>2</sup>)C-H···O=C hydrogen bond, (sp<sup>3</sup>)C-H···O=C hydrogen bond, (sp<sup>3</sup>)C-H···OR hydrogen bond, and C-H··· $\pi$  hydrogen-bonding interaction, and  $\pi$ ··· $\pi$ stacking interaction are observed in decreasing order of frequency. 13 As a natural extension of a part of the authors' structural study of sterically crowded 1,8-disubstituted naphthalene compounds, the corresponding reduced derivatives 1,2-diarylated acenaphthene-1,2-diol compounds are undertaken. Two phenyl rings are connected to sp<sup>2</sup> carbon of carbonyl group in *peri*-aroylnaphthalene compounds, whereas two phenyl rings in 1,2-diarylated acenaphthene-1,2-diol are directly connected to sp<sup>3</sup> carbons of the acenaphthene framework. Such situation means good

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opportunity to reveal the hitherto unknown interactions that determine the structure of aromatic rings accumulated molecules in crystalline state.

Herein, the authors report the crystal structure of (1R,2S)-1,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3,8-dimethoxyacenaphthene-1,2-diol,<sup>21</sup> and discuss correlation among structural features of molecular spatial organization, non-covalent bonding interactions, and molecular packing structure.

## **Experimental**

#### Materials and methods

All reagents were of commercial quality and were used as received. Solvents were dried and purified using standard procedures. Synthetic methods and spectral data for the precursor, 1,8-bis(4-chlorobenzoyl)-2,7-dimethoxynaphthalene, have been reported in literature. 11, 12, 20

#### Measurements

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM-AL300 spectrometer (300 MHz). Chemical shifts are expressed in ppm relative to internal standard of Me<sub>4</sub>Si (δ 0.00). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM-AL300 spectrometer (75 MHz). Chemical shifts are expressed in ppm relative to internal standard of CDCl<sub>3</sub> (δ 77.0). IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-4100 spectrometer (KBr tablet). High-resolution FAB mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL MStation (MS700) ion trap mass spectrometer in positive ion mode.

## X-ray crystallography

For the crystal structure determination, the single-crystal of title compound was used for data collection on a four-circle Rigaku RAXIS RAPID diffractometer (equipped with a two-dimensional area IP detector). The graphite-monochromated Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54187$  Å) was used for data collection. The lattice parameters were determined by the least-squares methods on the basis of all reflections with  $F^2 > 2\sigma$  ( $F^2$ ). Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 1. All H atoms could be located in difference Fourier maps, but were subsequently refined in optimized positions as riding atoms, with C-H = 0.95 (aromatic) and 0.98 (methyl) and with  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2~U_{\rm eo}({\rm C})$ . For data collection: *PROCESS*-AUTO<sup>23</sup>; cell refinement: PROCESS-AUTO<sup>23</sup>; data reduction: CrystalStructure<sup>24</sup>; program(s) used to solve structure: SIR2004<sup>25</sup>; program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97<sup>26</sup>; molecular graphics: ORTEPIII<sup>27</sup>. The hydrogen bond geometries of title compound are listed in Table 2. Molecular structures of four conformers with the atom-labelling scheme are displayed in Figure 1.

# Synthesis of (1R,2S)-1,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3,8-dimethoxyace-naphthene-1,2-diol

To a 10 mL two-necked round-bottomed flask, 1,8-bis(4-chlorobenzoyl)-2,7-dimethoxynaphthalene (87 mg, 0.20

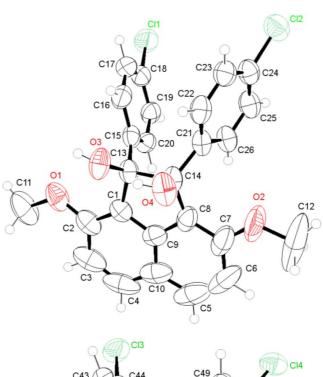
mmol), zinc (93 mg, 1.2 mmol), zinc chloride (27 mg, 0.20 mmol) and NMP (0.40 mL) were stirred at 373 K under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring for 2 h, the reaction mixture was poured into water (30 mL). The resulting aqueous solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (20 mL  $\times$  3) and brine successively. The organic layer thus obtained was dried over anhydrous MgSO4. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a cake. Then the cake was dissolved in chloroform (2.0 mL) and the solution was added drop-wisely to hexane (200 mL) for reprecipitation. The precipitates were collected by suction filtration (isolated yield 65 %). Colourless platelet single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by crystallization from methanol (52% yield).

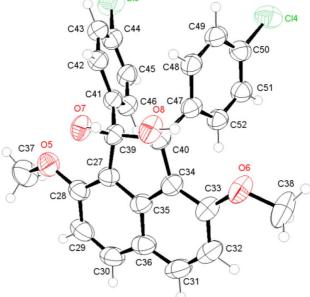
 $^{1}$ H NMR δ (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) : 3.77 (6H, s), 4.37 (2H, s), 6.55–6.85 (4H, br), 6.90 (4H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 7.22 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 7.85 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz) ppm;  $^{13}$ C NMR δ (75 MHz,CDCl<sub>3</sub>) : 56.062, 88.320, 114.06, 121.70, 125.11, 126.97, 127.74, 128.06, 132.19, 140.10, 140.87, 153.60 ppm; IR (KBr) : 3420 (–OH), 1627, 1503 (Ar, naphthalene), 1263, 1047 (C–O–C), 979, 822 (C–Cl) cm $^{-1}$ . HRMS (m/z): [M+Na] $^{+}$  calcd for  $C_{26}H_{20}Cl_{2}O_{4}Na$  489.0636, found 489.0677, m.p. = 485–487 K.

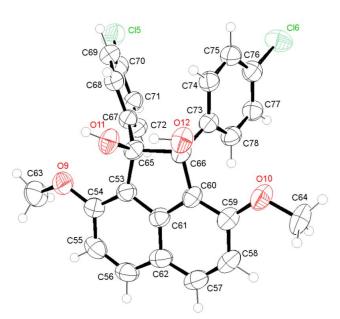
 Table 1. Crystallographic data and structure refinement parameters of title compound.

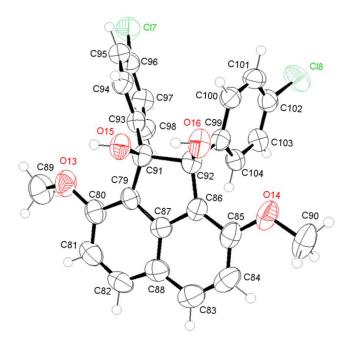
of title compound.	
Crystal data	
Chemical formula	$C_{26}H_{20}Cl_2O_4$
$M_{\rm r}$	467.32
Crystal shape, colour	Plate, Colourless
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, P-1
Temperature (K)	193
a, b, c (Å)	12.3675(2), 15.9456(3), 23.4719(4)
α, β, γ (°)	73.689(1), 85.136(1), 86.506(1)
$V(Å^3)$	4423.19(14)
Z	8
Radiation type	Cu Kα
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	2.90
Crystal size (mm)	0.40 x 0.20 x 0.15
Data collection	
Diffractometer	Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID diffractometer
Absorption correction	Numerical NUMABS
$T_{min}, T_{max}$	0.371, 0.647
No. of measured, independent	69658, 15844, 8863
and observed $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	
reflections	
R <sub>int</sub>	0.051
$(\sin \theta/\lambda)$ max (Å <sup>-1</sup> )	0.602
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.059, 0.218, 1.13
No. of reflections	15844
No. of parameters	1178
H-atom treatment	H atoms treated by a mixture of
	independent and constrained refinement
$\Delta \rho_{max}$ , $\Delta \rho_{min}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.34, -0.54
CCDC no.	1551066

Computer programs: *PROCESS-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998), *PROCESS-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998, CrystalStructure (Rigaku, 2007), *SIR2004* (Burla *et al.*, 2007), *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008), *ORTEPIII* (Burnett & Johnson, 1996).









**Figure 1.** Molecular structures of (1R,2S)-1,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3,8-dimethoxyacenaphthene-1,2-diol, with the atom-labelling scheme and displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level: conformers G, B, R and Y are arranged at the top.

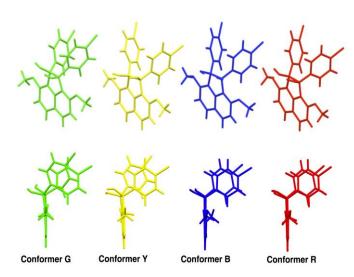
**Table 2.** Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

D—HA	D—Н	НА	DA	D—HA
C30—H30··· <i>Cg</i> 2	0.95	2.99	3.735(5)	136
C51—H51··· <i>Cg</i> 3	0.95	2.92	3.685(5)	139
C56—H56··· <i>Cg</i> 30	0.95	2.88	3.660(4)	140
C77-H77Cg29	0.95	2.93	3.772(4)	142
C83—H83··· <i>Cg</i> 21	0.95	2.91	3.705(5)	142
C12-H12BCl1	0.98	2.80	3.560(8)	135
C23-H23C18	0.95	2.82	3.469(4)	127
O3—H3A···O12	0.84	1.91	2.702(4)	157
O11—H11···O7	0.84	1.88	2.708(4)	170
O8—H8···O16	0.84	1.85	2.677(4)	170
O16-H16AO6	0.84	2.30	2.871(4)	126

Cg2 = C1-C2-C3-C4-C10-C9 ring; Cg3 = C5-C10 ring; Cg30 = C79-C80-C81-C82-C88-C89 ring; Cg29 = C83-C88 ring; Cg21 = C57-C62 ring.

#### **Results and discussion**

The crystal of title compound has eight molecules of four types of conformers in an asymmetric unit. The conformers are labelled G (green), B (blue), R (red), and Y (yellow) as shown in Figure 2. Each conformer shows apparently the same topology of structure, *i.e.*, phenyl rings in each conformer are oriented in the same direction with respect to the naphthalene ring plane (*syn*-orientation). These four conformers are grouped into two groups according to extent of overlap of phenyl ring planes, *i.e.*, conformers G and Y have larger slippage of the phenyl ring planes than conformers B and R.



**Figure 2.** Four conformers classified into two groups by slippage of two phenyl rings: conformers G and Y, and conformers B and R

The respective dihedral angles between the phenyl rings in the four conformers are 36.4 (2)° for conformer G, 36.75 (19)° for conformer B, 39.26(19)° for conformer Y, and 41.13(19)° for conformer R. Dihedral angles between two phenyl rings and the naphthalene ring are 71.71(16) and 76.25(16)° for conformer B, 72.04(15) and 72.03(15)° for conformer R, 75.05(17) and 78.89(17)° for conformer Y, and 83.45(19) and 69.79(19)° for conformer G. Bond lengths of bridged C-C moiety in four conformers are longer than typical (sp<sup>3</sup>)C-C(sp<sup>3</sup>) bond. The bond lengths are classified into two groups, i.e., 1.628 Å for conformer Y and 1.634 Å for conformer G, and 1.641 Å for conformer R and 1.642 Å for conformer B. The respective dihedral angles between naphthalene rings and five-membered rings are larger in order of 1.36(17)° for conformer B, 1.66(16)° for conformer R, 3.66(17)° for conformer Y, and 4.3(2)° for conformer G.

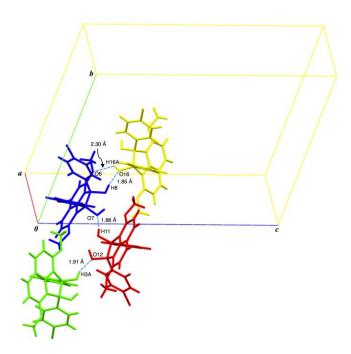


Figure 3. S-shaped tetramer composed four conformers Y, B, R and G.

**Table 3.** Single molecular structure data of conformers.

Dihedral angles between	
phenyl rings	{G}36.4 (2)°
	{B}36.75 (19)°
	{Y}39.26 (19)°
	{R}41.13 (19)°
Dihedral angles between	
phenyl ring and naphthalene	{B}71.71(16), 76.25(16)°
	{R}72.04(15), 72.03(15)°
	{Y}75.05(17), 78.89(17)°
	{G}83.45(19), 69.79(19)°
Bond lengths of bridged C-C bonds	
	{Y}1.628 Å
Phacecaph	{G}1.634 Å
MeO	{R}1.641 Å
	{B}1.642 Å
Dihedral angles between five-	
membered ring and naphthalene	
	{B}1.36(17)°
Ph Ph	{R}1.66(16)°
MeO	{Y}3.66(17)°
	{G}4.3(2)°
Torsion angles formed by	
bridged C-C-C-C bonds	
	{B}3.9(3)°
Ph OH	{R}3.9(3)°
MeO C C OMe	{Y}11.4(3)°
	{G} 12.8(4)°

The torsion angles made by three bonds containing two carbons at 1- and 2-positions of the acenaphthene unit are 3.9(3)° for conformer B [C27–C39–C40–C34], 3.9(3)° for conformer R [C53–C65–C66–C60], 11.4(3)° for conformer Y [C79–C91–C92–C86], and 12.8(4)° for conformer G [C1–C13–C14–C8].

The structural data described above are summarized as Table 3. These single molecular structure data indicate that slippage of phenyl rings is related with distortion of five-membered ring moiety of the acenaphthene core.

In crystal packing, four conformers Y, B, R and G are connected by classical O–H...O hydrogen bonds in head-to-head fashion forming a S-shaped tetramer (Figure 3). Conformers Y and B are connected to each other through two kinds of classical O–H...O hydrogen bonds [ $\{B\}O-H...OH\{Y\}\ (O8-H8...O16 = 1.85 \ Å)$  and  $\{Y\}O-H...OMe\{B\}\ (O16-H16A...O6 = 2.30 \ Å)$ ].

Conformer B is linked with conformer R by classical O–H...OH hydrogen bond  $[\{R\}O-H...OH\{B\}\}$  hydrogen bonds (O11–H11...O7 = 1.88 Å)]. Conformers R and G are connected to each other by classical O–H...OH hydrogen bond  $[\{G\}O-H...OH\{R\}\}$  hydrogen bonds (O3–H3A...O12 = 1.91 Å)]. Whilst there is no classical O–H...O(H)

hydrogen bonds between conformers G and Y. Tetramers composed of four conformers are stacked into columnar structure along *a*-axis through non-classical C–H...Cl hydrogen bonds between conformers G [{G}(methoxy)C–H...Cl{G} (C12–H12B...Cl1 = 2.80 Å)] (Figure 4).

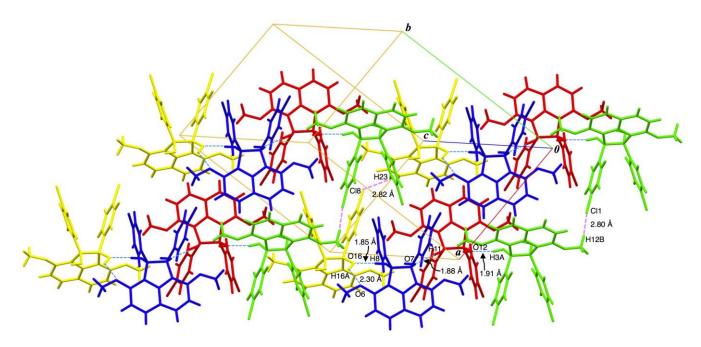
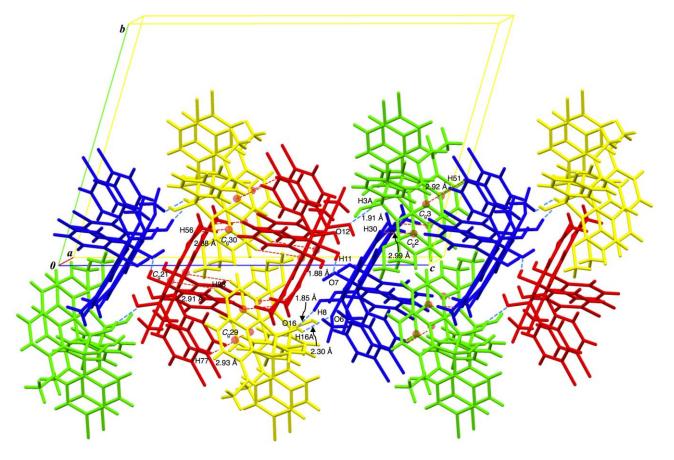


Figure 4. Waved sheet structure of tetramers formed by two types of non-classical C-H...Cl hydrogen bonds (dashed pink lines).



**Figure 5.** Interlocked waved sheets by non-classical  $C-H...\pi$  hydrogen bonds between conformers R and Y, and those between conformers B and G (dashed red lines).

The columns are linked into a sheet structure by nonclassical C-H...Cl hydrogen bonds between conformers G and Y along ab-diagonal [{G}(benzene)C-H...Cl{Y} (C23-H23...C18 = 2.82 Å)] (Figure 4). The waved sheets are interlocked by two types of non-classical  $C-H...\pi$ hydrogen bonds forming stripe structure along c-axis, i.e., non-classical C-H... $\pi$  hydrogen bonds between conformers Y and R, and non-classical  $C-H...\pi$  hydrogen bonds between conformers G and B [{R}(naphthalene)C- $H \cdots \pi$ (naphthalene) {Y} (C56-H56 \cdot Cg30 = 2.88 Å; Cg30 = C79–C80–C81–C82–C88–C89 ring), {Y}(naphthalene)C–  $H \cdots \pi(naphthalene) \{R\} (C83 - H83 \cdots Cg21 = 2.91 \text{ Å}; Cg21$ {R}(benzene)C-C57-C62 and ring)  $H...\pi$ (naphthalene){Y} (C77–H77...Cg29 = 2.93 Å; Cg29 =C83–C88 ring);  $\{B\}$ (benzene)C–H··· $\pi$ (naphthalene) $\{G\}$  $(C51-H51\cdots Cg3 = 2.92 \text{ Å}; Cg3 = C5-C10 \text{ ring})$  and {B}(benzene)C-H··· $\pi$ (naphthalene){G} (C30-H30···Cg2 = 2.99 Å; Cg2 = C1-C2-C3-C4-C10-C9 ring] (Figure 5).

As described in the preceding Results part, the four conformers have common topology that two aryl groups are non-coplanarly situated to the acenaphthene unit and oriented in the same direction against the acenaphthene ring, i.e., syn-conformation. Moreover, the four conformers are naturally divided into two pairs (conformers G and Y, and conformers B and R) from the viewpoint of the spatial organizations of the single molecular structures. The two conformers of the same pair have almost the same structural Effective non-covalent bonding interactions motif. extracted in the accumulation structure of conformers are taken into account the standpoint of crystal structure determining factors. First, classical O-H...O(H) hydrogen bonds are observed between conformers R and B, between conformers R and G, and between conformers B and Y. Secondary, non-classical C-H...Cl hydrogen bond between two molecules of conformer G along a-axis and that between conformers G and Y along ab-diagonal are observed. Three types of non-classical C-H... $\pi$  hydrogen bonds between conformers R and Y and two types of C- $H...\pi$  ones between conformers B and G are also observed. These effective hydrogen bonds are arranged in order of strength, i.e., classical O-H...O(H) hydrogen bonds, nonclassical C-H...Cl hydrogen bonds, and non-classical C- $H...\pi$  hydrogen bonds. Based on the interpretation of preferential account of the strongest interaction, four conformers are linked into Y-B-R-G tetramer mother skeleton through classical hydrogen bonds. The central conformers B and R have essentially same spatial organization, and they are located with a pseudo-centrosymmetric center. The circumstances are essentially same for the alignment of conformers Y and G. Since four conformers have syn-conformation as common topology, each conformer has no centrosymmetric center in the In a natural consequence, they exhibit centrosymmetric center between the paired conformers. On the other hand, effective interactions between tetramers are unsymmetrically formed, especially for the interaction participated by conformers G and Y. Conformer G is linked with conformer G in the adjacent tetramer by non-classical C-H...Cl hydrogen bond along a-axis, and connected to conformer Y in neighboring tetramer by non-classical C-H...Cl hydrogen bond along ab-diagonal. Conformer R forms three types of non-classical  $C-H...\pi$  hydrogen bonds with conformers Y in another tetramers, and conformer B

forms two types of non-classical  $C-H...\pi$  hydrogen bonds with conformers G in another adjacent tetramers. The non-classical C-H...Cl hydrogen bonds two-dimensionally arrange the tetramers parallel to ab-plane, and weaker non-classical  $C-H...\pi$  hydrogen bonds interlock the waved sheets forming the stripe structure along c-axis.

The molecular packing of title compound can be interpreted as follows: Four molecules related by centrosymmetric center are accumulated to form tetramer structure by stronger interactions of classical hydrogen bonding, which plays the prior function for determination of mother unit of the crystal. The tetramer discriminates the molecules into essentially two types of conformers according to the position in the tetramer, that is, the centered two molecules and the terminal ones. Consequently, the tetramer disproportionates to two kinds of conformers. The two kinds of conformers seem to be distinguished as four kinds of conformers by minute differences. On the basis of the existence of pseudo-centrosymmetricity in tetramer unit, a number of weak non-covalent bonding interactions contribute the arrangement of tetramer units forming second-ordered accumulation structure and the third-ordered one according to the strength of individual interaction. Naturally, the most stabilized accumulation crystalline structure needs to be perturbed. As a result, the crystal is composed of two types of conformers, each of which has two conformers having substantially same organization with small differences.

## Conclusion

Crystal structure of a reductively intramolecular-coupled *peri*-aroylnaphthalene, meso-1,2-bis(4chlorophenyl)-3,8-dimethoxyacenaphthene-1,2-diol, been determined. In the crystal, there exist independent four different conformers distinguishable on the basis of degree of distortion of five-membered ring in acenaphthene moiety and the dihedral angle between phenyl and acenaphthene rings. Furthermore, each conformer has unsymmetrical structure to give its enantiomer of discriminative chirality. As a result, a unit cell of title compound contains eight molecules. Each molecule of the compound has adjacent two phenyl groups on the 1,2positions of acenaphthene skeleton on the same side against the acenaphthene ring plane, i.e., syn-orientation. In the same manner, adjacent two hydroxy groups at the same carbons are situated in syn-orientation on the opposite side against the acenaphthene ring. Though the chemical formula of the compound is displayed of mirror symmetricity, spatially unsymmtrical alignment substituent makes chiral situation of molecular structure. On the other hand, the four conformers are divided into two pairs based on the structural similarity of molecular spatial organization in crystal. Two conformers are characterized as larger intramolecular overlapping of phenyl rings together with smaller torsion in the fused five-membered ring moiety of acenaphthene region. The other pair of two conformers has the opposite feature. As the molecular accumulation structure, two conformer molecules of larger overlapping of phenyl rings are positioned adjacently and one molecule of the other type of conformer are situated respectively at the

both outer side resulting in formation of S-character like tetramer string bound by classical O-H...O(H) hydrogen bondings. The tetramers are connected with neighboured tetramer with two kinds of non-classical C-H...Cl hydrogen bondings at the terminal conformer molecules leading the waving planar aggregate on the plane parallel with a-axis. Furthermore, the planar aggregates are engaged with each other to be stacked along the c-axis. One terminal conformer molecule of a tetramer makes non-classical  $H...\pi$  hydrogen bonding with a central conformer molecule of the adjacent tetramer to make the intertetramer connection As described above, three kinds of noncovalent interaction of far different strength among the molecules of title compound in crystal are recognized to play governing factors to construct the higher ordered molecular accumulation structure by alignment of the molecules with different strength according to the spatial direction.

Though title compound has meso-form, syn-oriented structure prohibits to have centrosymmetric center in the inner side of molecule. In addition, two hydroxy groups are positioned at one side and the two phenyl groups are situated at the opposite side against acenaphthene plane. Such alignment makes the both side of acenaphthene ring largely different chemical environment. As a natural consequence, pseudo-centrosymmtrical dimeric aggregate formed by strong classical O-H...O(H) hydrogen bonding plays a role of coagulation core to be connected with two molecules at the both outer side by also strong classical O-H...OH hydrogen bonding, resulting in formation of tetramer molecular structure of pseudo-centrosymmetricity. The pseudo-centrosymmetric tetramers thus formed are coagulated to each other by rather weak interaction of nonclassical hydrogen bonding in centrosymmetric fashion to yield highly ordered molecular aggregate structure. In the higher ordered structure, minimization of crystal energy might be achieved by adjustment the number and position of the non-classical hydrogen bondings to give rather small difference in the atomic alignment. Accordingly, this realizes the differentiation of molecules as four kinds of conformers belonging two types of spatial organization pattern.

Conclusively, the construction of crystal structure of title compound is recognized based on molecular motif of pseudo-centrosymmetric tetramer aggregation of molecules having largely differentiated aromatic faces connected by classical O-H...O(H) hydrogen bonding, where the tetramers accumulate with minimization of crystal energy by non-classical hydrogen bondings with perturbation of spatial organization of component molecules.

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