Synthesis and Crystal Structure of 5-Chloro-3,4-dihydroxy-3-(2-hydroxyethyl) isobenzofuran-1(3*H*)-one

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ABSTRACT 5-Chloro-3,4-dihydroxy-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (C_{10} H₉ClO₅, M_r =244.63) has been synthesized using 2-chloro-5-trifluoromethylphenol as starting material through esterification, Friedel-Crafts acylation, hydrolysis, and cyclization reaction. The compound was characterized by infrared (IR), ¹H nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), ¹³C NMR, and elemental analysis. The single crystal structure of the title compounds has been further determined by X-ray diffraction. The crystal belongs to the triclinic system, space group $P\bar{1}$ with a=7.8111(16) Å, b=7.8164(16) Å, c=8.5660(17) Å, α =82.50(3)°, β =71.28(3)°, γ =68.22(3)°, V=459.93(16) Å³, Z=2, D_c =1.766 g/cm³, μ =0.418 mm⁻¹, F(000)=252, the final R_1 =0.0792, and $wR_2(I>2\sigma(I))$ =0.2209. The existence of π - π conjunction effect resulted in correlative bond length shorter than typical bond length in the crystal. The title compound is assembled into a three-dimensional supramolecular structure by two intermolecular hydrogen bonds and one intramolecular hydrogen bond.

KEYWORDS 5-Chloro-3,4-dihydroxy-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)isobenzofuran-1(3*H*)-one, Synthesis, Single crystal structure.