Similar staggered synperiplanar conformations were observed in, for example, solid 4-tert-butyl-3,5-dinitroanisole (Van Havere, Lenstra \& Geise, 1982), solid 5 -endo-(bromomethyl)-1,2,4-trichloro-3,7,7-trimethoxy-norborn-2-ene (Van Hemelrijk, Lenstra \& Geise, 1982) and gaseous methyl vinyl ether (Durig \& Compton, 1978; Pyckhout, Van Nuffel, Van Alsenoy, Van den Enden \& Geise, 1983).

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# Structure of 4-Amino- N -2-pyridylbenzenesulphonamide (Sulphapyridine), $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathbf{N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$ 

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#### Abstract

M_{r}=249.29\), monoclinic, $\quad C 2 / c, \quad a=$ 12.807 (3),$\quad b=11.711$ (3), $\quad c=15.379$ (2) $\AA, \quad \beta=$ 94.07 (2) ${ }^{\circ}, \quad V=2300.8$ (9) $\AA^{3}, \quad Z=8, \quad D_{m}=1.441$, $D_{x}=1.439 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}, \quad F(000)=1040, \quad$ Mo $K \alpha, \quad \lambda=$ $0.7107 \AA, \mu=0.273 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, \quad T=298 \mathrm{~K}$, final $R=$ 0.041 for 2160 observed reflections. The molecule is found to exist as the imido tautomer. Its structural parameters are compared with those of other related molecules. In packing, centrosymmetrically related molecules dimerize through $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds; additional intra- and intermolecular $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{N}$ hydrogen bonds stabilize the structure. The pyridine and the phenyl rings stack independently.


Introduction. Sulphapyridine is an $N^{1}$-heteroaromatic sulphonamide used as an antibacterial drug in the treatment of pneumonia (Nitya Anand, 1979). The X-ray structural study of the compound has been carried out as part of our studies of $N^{1}$-substituted sulphonamides which we have undertaken with the view of correlating the structural features with the antibacterial activities (Basak, Mazumdar \& Chaudhuri, 1982, 1983, 1984). Our study has shown that in the
crystalline state the molecule exists as the imido tautomer $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2} \mathrm{~N}=\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{~N}$. In addition, the molecular geometry and the conformation are compared with that of a structurally similar compound, ethyl 3-[4,5-dimethoxy-2-(4-methyl-2-pyridylsulphamoyl)phenyllpropionate (Eliopoulos, Sheldrick \& Homodrakas, 1983).

Experimental. Crystals obtained from hot methanol and from acetone; crystals from acetone unstable. Density by flotation (KI solution). Space group Cc or C2/c ( $h k l: h+k=$ odd absent, $h 0 l: l$ odd absent); ambiguity resolved by $N(z)$ test, $E$ statistics and finally by successful refinement. Crystal $0.30 \times 0.30 \times 0.35 \mathrm{~mm}$. Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer, graphitemonochromatized Mo $K \alpha$. Lattice parameters from 25 reflections ( $16^{\circ} \leq \theta \leq 20^{\circ}$ ). 2503 unique reflections $\left(2^{\circ} \leq \theta \leq 27^{\circ},-16 \leq h \leq 16,0 \leq k \leq 14,0 \leq l \leq 19\right)$, 2160 observed with $I \geq 3 \sigma(I)$. Centring monitored after every 50 reflections ( $590,0,2,14$ and $6,2,12$ ), intensity monitored after every hour of exposure $(3,5,11,596$ and 2,4,13); data corrected for Lp and variation in intensity ( $<2 \%$ ), absorption ignored. Direct methods
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(MULTAN78; Main, Hull, Lessinger, Germain, Declercq \& Woolfson, 1978; $160 E$ values $\geq 1 \cdot 6$ ). Anisotropic full-matrix refinement based on $F$ (ORFLS; Busing, Martin \& Levy, 1962). H (from $\Delta F$ synthesis) isotropic. $R=0.041, R_{w}=0.041, S=1.621, \quad w=$ $1 / \sigma^{2}\left(\left|F_{o}\right|\right)$. Max. $\Delta / \sigma<0 \cdot 01$. Peak heights in final $\Delta F$ map from -0.17 to +0.21 e $\AA^{-3}$. Scattering factors for non-H atoms from Cromer \& Waber (1965) and for H atoms from Stewart, Davidson \& Simpson (1965). Anomalous-dispersion corrections for all non-H atoms from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1974).


Fig. 1. View of the molecule down the $c$ axis.

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and thermal parameters with e.s.d.'s in parentheses [equivalent isotropic temperature factors $B_{\text {eq }}\left(\AA^{2}\right)($ Hamilton, 1959) for non-hydrogen atoms and isotropic temperature factors $B\left(\AA^{2}\right)$ for H atoms]

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $B_{\text {eq }} / B$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S | 0.20357 (5) | 0.04272 (5) | 0.56200 (4) | 2.34 |
| O(1) | 0.1352 (2) | -0.0543 (1) | 0.5429 (1) | $3 \cdot 21$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 0.2027 (1) | 0.1332 (1) | 0.4968 (1) | 2.81 |
| N(1) | 0.3186 (2) | -0.0101 (2) | 0.5811 (1) | 2.67 |
| N(2) | $0 \cdot 1265$ (2) | 0.2350 (2) | 0.9058 (2) | 3.87 |
| N(3) | 0.4070 (2) | $0 \cdot 1703$ (2) | 0.5767 (2) | 2.65 |
| C(1) | 0.1702 (2) | $0 \cdot 1030$ (2) | 0.6603 (1) | $2 \cdot 20$ |
| C(2) | $0 \cdot 1452$ (2) | 0.0313 (2) | 0.7275 (2) | 2.68 |
| C(3) | $0 \cdot 1294$ (2) | 0.0745 (2) | 0.8086 (2) | 2.76 |
| C(4) | $0 \cdot 1388$ (2) | 0.1924 (2) | 0.8249 (2) | 2.56 |
| C(5) | 0.1601 (2) | 0.2641 (2) | 0.7556 (2) | 2.87 |
| C(6) | 0.1767 (2) | $0 \cdot 2206$ (2) | 0.6746 (2) | 2.65 |
| C(7) | 0.4036 (2) | 0.0558 (2) | 0.5925 (2) | 2.61 |
| C(8) | 0.5005 (2) | 0.0058 (3) | 0.6232 (2) | 3.81 |
| C(9) | 0.5873 (2) | 0.0716 (3) | 0.6371 (2) | 4.93 |
| C(10) | 0.5848 (2) | 0.1888 (3) | 0.6211 (2) | 4.57 |
| C(11) | 0.4937 (2) | 0.2359 (3) | 0.5905 (2) | 3.55 |
| H(2) | $0 \cdot 140$ (2) | -0.053 (2) | 0.715 (1) | $2 \cdot 8$ (5) |
| H(3) | 0.111 (2) | 0.028 (2) | 0.851 (1) | $2 \cdot 2$ (5) |
| H(5) | 0.161 (2) | 0.343 (2) | 0.766 (2) | $3 \cdot 9$ (6) |
| H(6) | $0 \cdot 194$ (2) | 0.267 (2) | 0.630 (1) | $2 \cdot 0$ (5) |
| H(21) | $0 \cdot 126$ (2) | $0 \cdot 188$ (2) | 0.950 (2) | 4.4 (7) |
| H(22) | 0.142 (2) | 0.309 (3) | 0.915 (2) | $5 \cdot 4$ (9) |
| H(8) | 0.500 (2) | -0.074 (2) | 0.640 (2) | $5 \cdot 1$ (7) |
| H(9) | 0.486 (2) | 0.317 (2) | 0.577 (2) | $4 \cdot 3$ (7) |
| H(10) | 0.643 (2) | 0.237 (2) | 0.632 (2) | $5 \cdot 0$ (8) |
| H(11) | 0.650 (2) | 0.038 (2) | 0.655 (2) | $5 \cdot 2$ (7) |
| H(30) | 0.347 (2) | $0 \cdot 195$ (3) | 0.555 (2) | $5 \cdot 2$ (1-1) |

Table 2. Bond distances ( $\AA$ ), bond angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$, selected torsion angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ and hydrogen-bonding dimensions

| S-O(1) | 1.443 (1) | $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 1.458 (1) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 1.605 (3) | S-C(1) | 1.749 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 1.387 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 1.374 (4) |
| C(3)-C(4) | 1.407 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 1.399 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 1.376 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 1.396 (3) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 1.336 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 1.422 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 1.357 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 1.394 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $1 \cdot 345$ (4) | $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | 1.354 (4) |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 1.364 (3) | $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $1 \cdot 360$ (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 120.7 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 120.4 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 118.2 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 121.2 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 119.8 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 119.6 (2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 120.6 (2) | $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 121.2 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 108.0 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 108.1 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 105.9 (1) | $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 122.0 (2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | $105 \cdot 8$ (1) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 111.6 (1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | $125 \cdot 5$ (2) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 119.3 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | $120 \cdot 3$ (3) | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 121.5 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 118.3 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | $120 \cdot 2$ (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 124.5 (3) | $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $115 \cdot 2$ (2) |
| $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 118.9 (2) | $S-C(1)-C(6)$ | 121.3 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 116.9 (1) |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | -145.4 (2) | [136.1 (4)] |  |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | -18.1 (2) | [ $10 \cdot 5$ (4)] |  |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 39.9 (2) | \|-44.4 (4)] |  |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 167.2 (2) | [-170.0 (4)] |  |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | $101 \cdot 6$ (2) | [-111.1 (4)] |  |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | -73.1 (2) | [68.5 (4)] |  |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | -72.5 (2) | [68.9 (4)] |  |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 173.0 (2) | 1-176.0 (4)] |  |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 44.9 (2) | \|-48.8 (4)] |  |
| $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 169.7 (2) | [176.1 (3)] |  |
| $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | -10.6 (4) | \|-4.4 (7)| |  |

Hydrogen bonding [symmetry code: (i) $\frac{1}{2}-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{3}{2}-z$; (ii) $x,-y$, $\frac{1}{2}+z$; (iii) $\left.\frac{1}{2}-x, \frac{1}{2}-y, 1-z\right]$

| $A-\mathrm{H} \cdots B$ | $A-\mathrm{H}$ | $A-B$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots B$ | $\angle A-\mathrm{H} \cdots B$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  | $(\AA)$ | $(\AA)$ | $(\AA)$ | $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{H}(22) \cdots \mathrm{N}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | $0.90(3)$ | $3.070(3)$ | $2.18(3)$ | $171(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{H}(21) \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime \prime}\right)$ | $0.87(3)$ | $2.991(3)$ | $2.12(3)$ | $170(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{H}\left(30 \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(2^{1 i i}\right)\right.$ | $0.86(3)$ | $2.885(3)$ | $2.24(3)$ | $131(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{H}(30) \cdots \mathrm{O}(2)$ | $0.86(3)$ | $2.844(3)$ | $2.12(3)$ | $140(3)$ |
|  | $\mathrm{O}(2) \cdots \mathrm{H}(3) \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(2^{113}\right)$ | $86(1)^{\circ}$ |  |  |

Discussion. Fig. 1 shows the labelling scheme. The final atomic coordinates and isotropic temperature factors are in Table 1.* Intramolecular bond distances, angles and some selected torsion angles are listed in Table 2. The torsion angles for ethyl 3-[4,5-dimethoxy-2-(4-methyl-2-pyridylsulphamoyl)phenyllpropionate, computed from the published coordinates (Eliopoulos et al., 1983), are given in square brackets. Their atomic labelling scheme has been changed to conform to that of ours.

The structure analysis reveals that in the crystalline state sulphapyridine exists as the imido tautomer with the amido H having migrated to the pyridine N . This is

[^0]indicated by the actual location of the H atom in a difference Fourier synthesis, successful refinement of its parameters and the satisfactory geometry of the hydrogen bond involving it.

S has the usual distorted tetrahedral configuration (Alléaume, Gulko, Herbstein, Kapon \& Marsh, 1976). The intramolecular contacts $\mathrm{O}(1) \cdots \mathrm{O}(2)[2.472$ (2) $\AA]$, $\mathrm{O}(1) \cdots \mathrm{N}(1) \quad[2.434(3) \AA] \quad$ and $\quad \mathrm{O}(2) \cdots \mathrm{N}(1)$ [ 2.535 (3) $\AA$ ] observed in the present structure agree well with those found in dibenzenesulphonamide and its sodium salt (Cotton \& Stokley, 1970), sulphacetamide \{ $N$-[(4-aminophenyl)sulphonyllacetamide $\}$ (Basak et al., 1982), sulphamethazine [4-amino- N -(4,6-dimethyl-2-pyrimidinyl)benzenesulphonamide] (Basak et al., 1983) and sulphaproxyline ( $p$-isopropoxy- $N$ sulphanilylbenzamide) (Basak et al., 1984).

The observed shortening of the $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ and $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ bonds and narrowing of the $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-$ $\mathrm{C}(5)$ angle in the phenyl ring from the expected values are due to substitution at the para position (Domenicano, Vaciago \& Coulson, 1975) and has also been observed in other similar structures (Basak et al., 1982, 1983, 1984; Kálmán, Czugler \& Argay, 1981). The phenyl ring is not perfectly planar; deviations from planarity lie in the range +0.013 (3) $\AA$ to -0.018 (3) $\AA$. The aryl amino nitrogen, $\mathrm{N}(2)$, and the S atom are, respectively, -0.060 (3) and -0.197 (1) $\AA$ away from the plane of the phenyl ring. The pyridine ring is almost planar; the deviations of the atoms from the least-squares plane lie in the range +0.006 (3) to -0.006 (3) A. The dihedral angle between the leastsquares planes of the two rings is $93 \cdot 1(1)^{\circ}$.

The short $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ bond and the marked inequality in the two $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}$ angles indicate a two-coordinate $\mathrm{N}(1)$ atom consistent with the imido form of the compound (Kálmán, Czugler \& Argay, 1981). The formal Lewis structure of the molecule can be written as follows:


The $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ bond angle is wider by about $5^{\circ}$ than that reported $\left(119.94^{\circ}\right)$ for pyridine (Sørensen, Mahler \& Rastrup-Anderson, 1974). Such widening of this endocyclic angle has been observed in a number of similar structures, where a hydrogen or a proton is attached to the pyridine N (Declercq, Schanck, Germain, Dereppe \& Van Meerssche, 1977; Germain, Declercq, Schanck, Dereppe \& Van Meerssche, 1977; Krajewski, Urbanczyk-Lipkowska \& Gluzinski, 1977; Chandrasekhar, 1977; Bourne \& Taylor, 1983). The $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ and $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ distances agree well with the values observed for other similar compounds (Eliopoulous et al., 1983; Declercq et al., 1977; Germain et al., 1977; Krajewski et al., 1977).

The dihedral angle between the plane of the $\mathrm{S}, \mathrm{N}(1)$ and $C(7)$ atoms and the pyridine ring is $10.5^{\circ}$. The $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ bond distance is in agreement with $\mathrm{N}\left(s p^{2}\right)-$ $\mathrm{C}\left(s p^{2}\right)$ partial double-bond distances found in the sulphaguanidine molecule in its different crystalline forms (Alléaume et al., 1976; Kälmán et al., 1981). This, together with the lengthening of the $C(7)-C(8)$ bond and narrowing of the endocyclic angle at $\mathrm{C}(7)$, indicates an extensive conjugation of the $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ bond with the pyridine ring.

The torsion angles about $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{S}$ and $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ bonds in the present structure as well as those in ethyl 3-|4,5-dimethoxy-2-(4-methyl-2-pyridylsulphamoyl)phenyllpropionate are almost within the ranges for $\left|\varepsilon_{1}\right|$ and $\left|\varepsilon_{2}\right|$ quoted by Kálmán et al. (1981). It is observed that in spite of the marked differences in the substitution in the phenyl ring of the two molecules the conformations about the $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{S}, \mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ and $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ bonds are similar, with maximum flexibility about the $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{S}$ bond.

The crystal structure projected down the $b$ axis is shown in Fig. 2. It is observed that the phenyl rings stack along the a direction while the pyridine rings stack along the $\mathbf{c}$ direction. This feature of stacking of like rings is somewhat similar to that observed in the crystal structure of sulphamethazine (Basak et al., 1983).

The structure is stabilized by $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{N}$ hydrogen bonds. The aryl amino nitrogen, $\mathrm{N}(2)$, is the donor in an $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{N}$ (imido) bond to a screw-related molecule and an $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ (sulphonyl) bond to a glide-related molecule. The pyridine nitrogen, $\mathrm{N}(3)$, is the donor in a pair of bifurcated hydrogen bonds of the type $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ (sulphonyl), one intramolecular and the other intermolecular. The angle subtended at the hydrogen, $\mathrm{H}(30)$, by the two acceptors is $86(1)^{\circ}$ and is typical for such bifurcated hydrogen


Fig. 2. Projection of the crystal structure of sulphapyridine down the $b$ axis.
bonds (Jeffrey \& Maluszynska, 1981). The intermolecular $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds link molecules related by centres of inversion, effectively resulting in a dimerization of the sulphapyridine molecules. One of the sulphonyl oxygens, $\mathrm{O}(2)$, is seen to accept two hydrogen bonds which, perhaps, explains the longer $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{O}$ bond length involving this O atom (Cotton \& Stokley, 1970). The geometries of the hydrogen bonds are in Table 2.

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# rel-(5R,6R,9S,10S)-5,6,7,8,9,10-Hexahydro-2-phenyl-5,10:6,9-dimethano-1 $H$ [1,2,4]triazolo[ $1,2-b]$ phthalazine-1,3(2H)-dione, $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ 

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#### Abstract

M_{r}=307.33\), monoclinic, $\quad P 2_{\mathrm{I}} / n, \quad a=$ 9.439 (2),$\quad b=19.454$ (8), $\quad c=8.382$ (3) $\AA, \quad \beta=$ $102.70(2)^{\circ}, \quad V=1501.4(9) \AA^{3}, \quad Z=4, \quad D_{x}=$ $1.360 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}, \lambda(\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha)=1.54178 \AA, \mu=7.46 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, $F(000)=648$, room temperature, $R=0.035$ for 1762 unique reflections with $I>3 \sigma(I)$. The central double bond in the anti-sesquinorbornene moiety is 1.327 (3) $\AA$, and the C atoms are slightly pyramidalized. The pyramidalization leads to a 4.3 (4) ${ }^{\circ}$ deviation from planarity. The phenyl group is planar, the five-membered triazolo ring has an envelope conformation.

Introduction. Although isodicyclopentadiene (1) prefers endo-face attack by many dienophiles to give DielsAlder cycloadducts with the syn-sesquinorbornene

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ring system (Sugimoto, Kobuke \& Furukawa, 1976; Böhm, Carr, Gleiter \& Paquette, 1980; Watson, Galloy, Bartlett \& Roof, 1981), it is now found that the stereo course is reversed when more reactive dienophiles are used (Watson, Kashyap, Bartlett \& Wu, 1984). To determine whether steric bulkiness or inherent reactivity governs the exo attack, the reaction of (1) with 4 -phenyl-3 H -triazole-3,5(4H)-dione (PTAD), (2), was studied. The reaction gave the single product (3) in good yield; however, the instability of (3) in solution prevented further chemical characterization. The present study demonstrates that the dienophile attacks from the exo face of the diene to form an anti-type cycloadduct. The structural data permit a comparison of contrasting theoretical approaches and yield parameters needed for the development of molecular mechanical computations on strained bicyclic systems.
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