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Adamantylideneadamantane Epoxide

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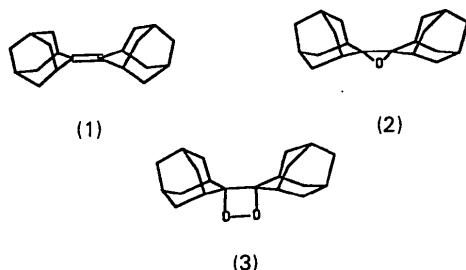
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Abstract. 2-(Tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-2-ylidene)tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]decane 2,2'-epoxide (2), $C_{20}H_{28}O$, $M_r = 284.45$, monoclinic, $P2_1/n$, $a = 6.539(1)$, $b = 21.002(2)$, $c = 11.195(1)\text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 93.68(1)^\circ$, $V = 1534.3(3)\text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 4$, $D_x = 1.23\text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $\lambda(\text{Mo } K\alpha) = 0.71073\text{ \AA}$, $\mu = 0.68\text{ cm}^{-1}$, $F(000) = 624$, $T = 293\text{ K}$, $R = 0.0427$ for 1548 reflections. The title compound has approximate *mm* symmetry. The bonds in the adamantane moieties average $1.524(8)\text{ \AA}$ and the angles $109.4(5)^\circ$ indicating little bond or angle strain except in the three-membered epoxide ring.

Introduction. The reaction of singlet oxygen with olefins has been postulated to occur *via* a perepoxide intermediate with subsequent rearrangement into a dioxetane or to an allylic hydroperoxide *via* an ene mechanism. Compounds such as (1) are of interest because the flanking bridgehead hydrogen atoms cannot participate in the ene reaction and are classified as Bredt's rule protected olefins. Reaction of (1) with $^1\text{O}_2$ leads to the formation of a relatively stable dioxetane (3) which decomposes slowly at room temperature to adamantanone (Wieringa, Strating, Wijnberg & Adam, 1972). The reaction of (1) with singlet oxygen generated chemically or photogenetically leads to the formation of both (2) and (3) with the ratio of the two products dependent upon solvent and sensitizer (Jefford & Boschong, 1977). These authors postulate that the production of the epoxide occurs *via* loss of a hydroperoxy radical while the dioxetane is

formed most likely *via* a radical cation reaction of (1) (Bartlett, 1978; Nelsen, Kapp, Akaba & Evans, 1986). A number of theoretical and experimental investigations of (1) and other Bredt's rule protected olefins have been reported (e.g. Clark, Teasley, Nelsen & Wynberg, 1987). Molecular-mechanics calculations have been reported for (1) and a number of its derivatives to evaluate strain energies and conformational changes due to short intramolecular contacts across the double bond (Lenoir & Frank, 1978; Cordt, Frank & Lenoir, 1979; Lenoir, Frank, Cordt, Gieren & Lamm, 1980). In order to provide additional structural data for this series of compounds, we report the structure of adamantylideneadamantane epoxide (2).



Experimental. Compound (2) prepared by peracid oxidation of (1); colorless, transparent crystal from CHCl_3 recrystallizations, $0.43 \times 0.33 \times 0 \times 30\text{ mm}$; Nicolet R3M/ μ update of $P2_1$ diffractometer; data collected in Wyckoff mode (2θ fixed, ω varied, $3^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 45^\circ$), variable scan rate (4 to $29.3^\circ \text{ min}^{-1}$), graphite-monochromated Mo $K\alpha$ radiation; lattice parameters from a least-squares refinement of 15

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Table 1. Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	U_{eq}^*
O	640 (2)	3072 (1)	3902 (1)	42 (1)
C(1)	294 (3)	2723 (1)	2780 (2)	32 (1)
C(2)	2193 (3)	2417 (1)	2309 (2)	40 (1)
C(3)	1666 (3)	2210 (1)	1009 (2)	46 (1)
C(4)	-92 (3)	1736 (1)	964 (2)	46 (1)
C(5)	-1959 (3)	2051 (1)	1447 (2)	42 (1)
C(6)	-1476 (3)	2260 (1)	2738 (2)	35 (1)
C(7)	2755 (3)	1831 (1)	3078 (2)	48 (1)
C(8)	503 (3)	1155 (1)	1727 (2)	52 (1)
C(9)	-865 (3)	1683 (1)	3508 (2)	44 (1)
C(10)	994 (3)	1363 (1)	3027 (2)	47 (1)
C(11)	22 (3)	3424 (1)	2822 (2)	33 (1)
C(12)	1602 (3)	3892 (1)	2420 (2)	42 (1)
C(13)	969 (3)	4116 (1)	1151 (2)	46 (1)
C(14)	-1122 (3)	4435 (1)	1133 (2)	47 (1)
C(15)	-2692 (3)	3963 (1)	1544 (2)	45 (1)
C(16)	-2074 (3)	3736 (1)	2826 (2)	38 (1)
C(17)	1698 (4)	4462 (1)	3264 (2)	56 (1)
C(18)	-1016 (3)	5005 (1)	1983 (2)	54 (1)
C(19)	-1954 (3)	4309 (1)	3662 (2)	51 (1)
C(20)	-385 (4)	4789 (1)	3244 (2)	55 (1)

* Equivalent isotropic U defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

reflections ($18.32^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 23.39^\circ$), systematic absences ($h0l, h+l=2n+1; 0k0, k=2n+1$) and Laue symmetry $2/m$ consistent with space group $P2_1/n$; monitored reflections 084 and 271 showed only statistical variations in intensities; 1996 independent reflections measured ($-7 \leq h \leq 7, 0 \leq k \leq 22, 0 \leq l \leq 12$), 1568 with $I \geq 3.0\sigma(I)$; Lorentz and polarization corrections, ψ -scan empirical absorption correction (transmission factors 0.886 to 0.985), $R_{\text{merge}} = 0.0147$; structure solved by direct methods, block-cascade least-squares refinement, H atoms refined with a single refined isotropic temperature factor of 0.050 \AA^2 for all atoms; $R = 0.0427$, $wR = 0.0243$ for 275 parameters and 1548 reflections, $S = 1.684$, $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.025$, $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{avg}} = 0.006$; largest peaks in the final difference map of $+0.13$ and -0.13 e \AA^{-3} ; $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$ minimized with $w = [1/\sigma^2(F_o)]$. All computer programs supplied by Nicolet (Nicolet Instrument Corporation, 1986) for Desktop 30 Microeclipse and Nova 4/C configurations; atomic scattering factors and anomalous-dispersion corrections from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1974). Table 1 lists atomic positional parameters while Table 2 gives bond lengths and valence angles.*

Discussion. Fig. 1 is a drawing of adamantylideneadamantane epoxide. The molecular parameters may be compared with those of the parent hydrocarbon (1)

Table 2. Bond lengths (\AA) and angles ($^\circ$)

O-C(1)	1.460 (2)	O-C(11)	1.452 (2)
C(1)-C(2)	1.522 (3)	C(1)-C(6)	1.509 (3)
C(1)-C(11)	1.484 (2)	C(2)-C(3)	1.536 (3)
C(2)-C(7)	1.533 (3)	C(3)-C(4)	1.520 (3)
C(4)-C(5)	1.518 (3)	C(4)-C(8)	1.526 (3)
C(5)-C(6)	1.524 (3)	C(6)-C(9)	1.526 (3)
C(7)-C(10)	1.513 (3)	C(8)-C(10)	1.533 (3)
C(9)-C(10)	1.518 (3)	C(11)-C(12)	1.516 (3)
C(11)-C(16)	1.520 (2)	C(12)-C(13)	1.527 (3)
C(12)-C(17)	1.523 (3)	C(13)-C(14)	1.522 (3)
C(14)-C(15)	1.520 (3)	C(14)-C(18)	1.527 (3)
C(15)-C(16)	1.541 (3)	C(16)-C(19)	1.524 (3)
C(17)-C(20)	1.524 (3)	C(18)-C(20)	1.515 (3)
C(19)-C(20)	1.532 (3)		
C(1)-O-C(11)	61.3 (1)	O-C(1)-C(2)	115.1 (1)
O-C(1)-C(6)	115.2 (1)	C(2)-C(1)-C(6)	111.0 (1)
O-C(1)-C(11)	59.1 (1)	C(2)-C(1)-C(11)	122.1 (2)
C(6)-C(1)-C(11)	123.1 (2)	C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	108.0 (1)
C(1)-C(2)-C(7)	108.4 (2)	C(3)-C(2)-C(7)	109.7 (2)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	109.8 (2)	C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	109.1 (2)
C(3)-C(4)-C(8)	109.9 (2)	C(5)-C(4)-C(8)	109.3 (2)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	109.9 (1)	C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	109.1 (1)
C(1)-C(6)-C(9)	108.8 (1)	C(5)-C(6)-C(9)	109.7 (2)
C(2)-C(7)-C(10)	110.2 (2)	C(4)-C(8)-C(10)	109.5 (2)
C(6)-C(9)-C(10)	109.7 (2)	C(7)-C(10)-C(8)	109.5 (2)
C(7)-C(10)-C(9)	108.9 (2)	C(8)-C(10)-C(9)	109.8 (2)
O-C(11)-C(1)	59.7 (1)	O-C(11)-C(12)	114.8 (1)
C(1)-C(11)-C(12)	123.3 (2)	O-C(11)-C(16)	114.8 (1)
C(1)-C(11)-C(16)	122.6 (2)	C(12)-C(11)-C(16)	110.6 (1)
C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	109.1 (1)	C(11)-C(12)-C(17)	109.1 (2)
C(13)-C(12)-C(17)	109.5 (2)	C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	109.7 (2)
C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	109.4 (2)	C(13)-C(14)-C(18)	109.4 (2)
C(15)-C(14)-C(18)	109.1 (2)	C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	110.0 (2)
C(11)-C(16)-C(15)	108.3 (1)	C(11)-C(16)-C(19)	109.4 (1)
C(15)-C(16)-C(19)	109.1 (2)	C(12)-C(17)-C(20)	110.1 (2)
C(14)-C(18)-C(20)	110.2 (2)	C(16)-C(19)-C(20)	109.9 (2)
C(17)-C(20)-C(18)	109.8 (2)	C(17)-C(20)-C(19)	108.4 (2)
C(18)-C(20)-C(19)	109.5 (2)		

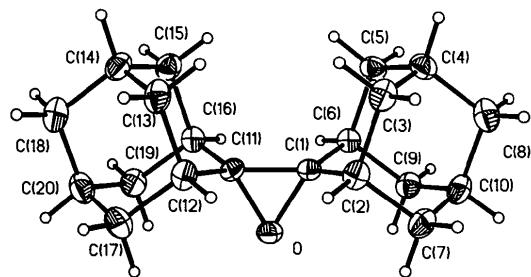


Fig. 1. Drawing of compound (2) with thermal ellipsoids at 35% probability level. H atoms are represented by spheres of arbitrary size.

(Swen-Walstra & Visser, 1971) and with those of the dioxetane derivative (3) (Hess & Vos, 1977). The parent hydrocarbon has approximate *mmm* symmetry. The epoxide loses one plane of symmetry upon epoxidation but maintains approximate *mm* symmetry. The four-membered ring of the dioxetane derivative is twisted, resulting in a total loss of mirror-plane symmetry. In the parent hydrocarbon the short bond connecting the adamantine systems and the planarity of this double-bond system lead to short H...H contacts of 1.90 \AA . In the epoxide the two adamantine

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moieties are bent away from the epoxide oxygen, tilting the H atoms on C(2) and C(6) away from those on C(12) and C(16), e.g. H(2)…H(12) = 2.01 (3) Å. The planes defined by C(1)C(2)C(6) and C(11)C(12)C(16) make an angle of 35.0 (3)°. In the dioxetane derivative the same planes make an angle of 62.4°, leading to an increased separation of the H(2)…H(12) type atoms (2.18 Å). Because of the greater bending in the dioxetane derivative, the H(3)…H(13) type interactions are reduced to 2.01 Å as compared with a value of 2.48 (3) Å in the epoxide.

Except for the epoxide functionality, there is little bond-length or valence-angle strain in adamantlylidene-adamantane epoxide. Bonds within the adamantane system range from 1.509 to 1.541 Å with an average value of 1.524 (8) Å. This is equivalent to the 1.528 (5) Å value reported for cyclohexane determined by gas-phase electron diffraction (Davis & Hassel, 1963). The valence angles, excluding those at C(1) and C(11), average 109.4 (5)° with a range of 108.0 to 110.2°. The strain energy for (2) is calculated to be 46.5 kJ mol⁻¹ greater than that in (1) (Allinger & Yuh, 1980).

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Structure of (Z)-4-Methylthiotamoxifen

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Abstract. $C_{27}H_{31}NOS$, $M_r = 417.61$, orthorhombic, $Pna2_1$, $a = 16.720$ (18), $b = 13.741$ (19), $c = 10.527$ (14) Å, $V = 2419$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $D_x = 1.15$ g cm⁻³, $\lambda(Mo K\alpha) = 0.71069$ Å, $\mu = 1.44$ cm⁻¹, $F(000) = 894.88$, room temperature, final $R = 0.0449$ for 1454 unique observed reflexions. 4-Methylthiotamoxifen (1) is a second-generation analogue of the antioestrogen tamoxifen (2). Only one of the diastereoisomers of (1) shows antioestrogenic activity whilst the other is a mild oestrogen. The unambiguous identification of the Z-geometry of one diastereoisomer of the alkene (3) by X-ray diffraction confirms a provisional assignment based on NMR and establishes that the antioestrogenic isomer of (1) has the same relative geometry as tamoxifen.

Introduction. Tamoxifen (2) is the drug most commonly used for the treatment of advanced disseminated

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breast cancer (Legha & Carter, 1976). It is a powerful antioestrogen. One of its metabolites, 4-hydroxytamoxifen (4), is 100 times more potent than tamoxifen in antitumour assays *in vitro*, but cannot be used *in vivo* because of its rapid *O*-glucuronidation and subsequent excretion (Kemp, Adam, Wakeling & Slater, 1983; Jordan, Collins, Rowsby & Prestwich, 1977). Tamoxifen analogues intended as second-generation antioestrogens are therefore designed to block this rapid metabolic oxidation while retaining the enhanced potency associated with a polar group at position 4 of tamoxifen.

The geometry at the central alkene is a key feature of the biological activity of the tamoxifen class of compounds. In general those compounds derived from Z-tamoxifen (2) show antioestrogenic activity whereas E-tamoxifen (5) and its derivatives are oestrogens (Harper & Walpole, 1966, 1967). The configuration of