Table 2.\* Figs. 1 and 2, prepared using *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976), show a perspective view of the molecule with atomic numbering and the molecular packing, respectively.

**Related literature.** Medicagenic acid (1) was first isolated from alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*) and was shown



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to be  $2\beta$ , $3\beta$ -dihydroxyolean-12-ene-23,28-dioic acid by various degradations and by a direct correlation with arjunolic acid which has a  $2\alpha$ , $3\beta$ -orientation (Djerassi, Thomas, Livingston & Thompson, 1957). The molecular geometry of (1) is very similar to that found in the natural compound maytenfolic acid (Nozaki, Suzuki, Lee & McPhail, 1982) and in a synthetic triterpene reported recently (Gzella, Zaprutko, Wrzeciono & Gdaniec, 1986).

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# Structure of (4S)-4-(Methylthio)dibenzothiophene

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Abstract.  $C_{13}H_{10}S_2$ ,  $M_r = 230.34$ , orthorhombic,  $P2_{12}C_{12}$ , a = 10.732 (3), b = 14.838 (2), c = 7.077 (1) Å, V = 1126.8 (6) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 4,  $D_x = 1.36$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\lambda$ (Mo Ka) = 0.71069 Å,  $\mu = 4.21$  cm<sup>-1</sup>, F(000) = 480, T = 296 K, R = 0.037, 688 unique observed reflections. The compound was prepared by treating 4-lithiodibenzothiophene with dimethyl disulfide. The molecule is a planar dibenzothiophene having a methyl sulfide substituent at the IUPAC C4 position.

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**Experimental.** Preparation by addition of *n*-butyllithium (one equivalent) to dibenzothiophene in THF, solution stirred for 5 h at 273 K. Dimethyl disulfide (one equivalent) added slowly, reaction mixture refluxed for 1.5 h, then stirred at 298 K for 12 h, quenched with water, neutralized with 10% HCl and extracted with dichloromethane. Extract concentrated to give colorless crystals in 70% yield. Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction grown from dichloromethane with diffusion of a hexane layer. Crystal used for data collection  $0.22 \times 0.20 \times 0.13$  mm, clear fragment cut from larger

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Table 1. Positional and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters for the non-H atoms and their e.s.d.'s

$B_{\rm eq} = (8\pi^2/3)(U_{11} + U_{22} + U_{33}).$				
	x	y	Z	$B_{eq}(\dot{A}^2)$
Š(1)	0.1256 (2)	0.3509 (1)	0.4313 (2)	4.64 (8)
S(2)	-0.0978 (2)	0.4854 (1)	0.5351 (3)	6.0(1)
C(1)	0.2359 (6)	0.3154 (4)	0.267(1)	4.3 (3)
C(2)	0.3248 (7)	0.2491 (5)	0.294 (1)	5.3 (4)
C(3)	0-4045 (7)	0.2294 (5)	0.149(1)	6.1 (4)
C(4)	0.3975 (8)	0.2740 (5)	-0.025(1)	6.3 (4)
C(5)	0.3100 (7)	0.3408 (5)	-0.050(1)	5.3 (3)
C(6)	0.2282 (6)	0.3628 (4)	0.094 (1)	4.3 (3)
C(7)	0.1326 (6)	0.4319 (4)	0.1027 (8)	3.8 (3)
C(8)	0.1012 (7)	0-4956 (5)	-0.0348 (9)	5.0 (3)
C(9)	0.0084 (7)	0.5567 (5)	0.004 (1)	5.4 (4)
C(10)	-0.0556 (6)	0.5570 (4)	0.173 (1)	4.8 (3)
C(11)	-0.0243 (6)	0.4947 (4)	0.3147 (9)	4.1 (3)
C(12)	0.0696 (6)	0.4331 (4)	0.2737 (8)	3.8 (3)
C(13)	-0.1902 (7)	0-5839 (5)	0.552 (1)	7.0 (4)

 Table 2. Selected bond distances (Å), bond angles (°),
 and their e.s.d.'s

S(1)-C(1)	1.741 (7)	C(5)-C(6)	1.39 (1)
S(1)-C(12)	1.758 (6)	C(6)C(7)	1.451 (9)
S(2)-C(11)	1.754 (6)	C(7)-C(12)	1.387 (8)
S(2)-C(13)	1.769 (8)	C(7)-C(8)	1.398 (9)
C(1)-C(2)	1.384 (9)	C(8)-C(9)	1.37 (1)
C(1)-C(6)	1.41 (1)	C(9)-C(10)	1.38 (1)
C(2)-C(3)	1.37 (1)	C(10) - C(11)	1.404 (9)
C(3)-C(4)	1-40 (1)	C(11) - C(12)	1.391 (8)
C(4) - C(5)	1.38 (1)		
C(1)-S(1)-C(12)	91.1 (3)	C(12)-C(7)-C(8)	) 118-8 (6
C(11)-S(2)-C(13)	104.3 (4)	C(12)-C(7)-C(6	) 112.9 (5
C(2)-C(1)-C(6)	120.8 (7)	C(8) - C(7) - C(6)	128.3 (6
C(2)-C(1)-S(1)	126-4 (6)	C(9)-C(8)-C(7)	118.7 (6
C(6)-C(1)-S(1)	112.8 (5)	C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	) 122.5 (6
C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	118.7 (7)	C(9)-C(10)-C(1	1) 119-8 (6
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	121.6 (7)	C(12)-C(11)-C(	10) 117-2 (6
C(5)-C(4)-C(3)	119.5 (8)	C(12)-C(11)-S(2)	2) 117.4 (5
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	120-4 (7)	C(10)-C(11)-S(2	2) 125-3 (5
C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	118.9 (6)	C(7)-C(12)-C(1)	1) 123.0 (6
C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	130-1 (6)	C(7)-C(12)-S(1)	112.2 (5
C(1)-C(6)-C(7)	111.0 (6)	C(11)-C(12)-S(1	l) 124·8 (5

crystal. Rigaku AFC5S diffractometer, graphite-monochromated Mo Ka radiation,  $\omega - 2\theta$  scans, scan speed 4° min<sup>-1</sup>, maximum of three scan repetitions to obtain  $\sigma F/F < 0.10$ . Lattice parameters from least-squares fit of 21 strong reflections in  $2\theta$  range 26–35°. A total of 1190 reflections measured (h 0 to 12, k 0 to 17, l 0 to 8), 18 systematically extinct reflections deleted, data set comprised of 1172 unique reflections, 688 of which were considered observed  $[I > 3\sigma(I)]$ ,  $(\sin\theta/\lambda)_{max}$  $= 0.60 \text{ Å}^{-1}$ . Three standard reflections  $(1\overline{1}1, 002, \overline{2}3\overline{1})$ varied by -0.2, -0.5 and -0.4%, respectively; no decay correction applied. Data corrected for Lorentz, polarization, and absorption (empirical  $\psi$  scan correction, five reflections, transmission range 0.96-1.00). Direct methods provided the atomic positions of all non-H atoms, full-matrix least-squares refinement of Fmagnitudes performed. Ring H atoms placed in geometrically correct positions (C-H = 0.95 Å) and fixed, methyl-H atomic sites geometrically optimized from three difference Fourier peaks and fixed, all H atom B's set at  $1.2 \times B_{eq}$  of associated C atom. Regeneration of H positions and refinement to convergence repeated until shifts became insignificant. Final refinement performed with 136 variables including all non-H positional and anisotropic thermal parameters, and one scale factor. Convergence yielded  $R = 0.037, \ wR = 0.045 \ [w = 1/\sigma^2(|F_0|)], \ S = 1.10$ and  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.0004$ . Identical refinement of the alternative enantiomorph provided a slightly inferior Rfactor and goodness of fit indicator. Final difference synthesis produced  $(\Delta \rho)_{max} = 0.17$  and  $(\Delta \rho)_{min} = -0.17$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>. Atomic scattering factors and anomalousdispersion corrections from Cromer & Waber (1974). Positional and thermal parameters are listed in Table 1, selected interatomic distances and angles are tabulated in Table 2.\* Fig. 1 portrays the molecular configuration, thermal motion and atom-numbering scheme. All computer programs from the TEXSAN

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Fig. 1. Molecular structure and numbering scheme, thermal ellipsoids at the 50% probability level. H atoms shown with isotropic B's of  $1.0 \text{ Å}^2$ .

crystal-structure-analysis package (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1985).

**Related literature.** The general procedure used in the synthesis of the title compound was originally employed by Tedjamulia, Tominaga, Castle & Lee (1983) in their preparation of 4-lithiodibenzothiophene. Utilizing their strategy various multisulfur-containing substituted dibenzothiophenes have been synthesized (Dunkerton, Barot & Nigam, 1987).

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## **Structure of Phenacyl Phenyl Sulfone**

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Abstract.  $C_{14}H_{12}O_3S$ ,  $M_r = 260.31$ , monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$ , a = 9.231 (3), b = 5.363 (1), c = 25.742 (10) Å,  $\beta = 98.49$  (3)°, V = 1260.5 (7) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 4,  $D_x =$  1.371 g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\lambda$ (Mo Ka) = 0.71069 Å,  $\mu = 2.07$  cm<sup>-1</sup>, F(000) = 544, room temperature; final R = 0.039 for 1086 observed reflections,  $F(hkl) > 3.92\sigma(F)$ . Both benzene rings are planar within 0.03 Å. Five C-H bonds per molecule exhibit short contacts to O atoms: d = 2.41 (4), 2.51 (5), 2.77 (4), 2.67 (4) and 2.55 (5) Å.

Experimental. Phenacyl phenyl sulfone (hereafter abbreviated to PPS) was obtained following Borchardt, Janota & Zakrzewski (1987). It was crystallized from ethanol yielding colourless needles. Monoclinic symmetry was estimated from oscillation and Weissenberg photographs. Density not measured. A crystal ca  $0.6 \times 0.2 \times 0.15$  mm was mounted on a Syntex P2, single-crystal diffractometer. Systematic absences: h0l, l odd, 0k0, k odd, space group  $P2_1/c$ . Cell constants determined by the least-squares treatment of 15 reflections with  $2\theta$  values between 4.5 and 13.2°. Intensities collected at room temperature using graphite-monochromated Mo Ka radiation up to  $2\theta$  $= 50^{\circ}, -10 \le h \le 10, 0 \le k \le 7 \text{ and } 0 \le l \le 31, \omega - 2\theta$ scan mode. 2135 independent intensities were col-

lected, of which 165 were systematically absent. 1112 reflections classified as observed,  $F_o > 3.92\sigma(F_o)$ . Correction for Lorentz and polarization effects but not absorption. Two standard reflections, 2% for intensity variation. The structure was solved using MULTAN80 (Main et al., 1980) and refined by use of SHELX76 (Sheldrick, 1976).  $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_o|)^2$  was minimized with  $w = k/[\sigma^2(F_o) + GF_o^2]$  (k = 1.2266,  $G = 2.609 \times 10^{-3}$ ). Atomic scattering factors supplied by SHELX76. E map gave positions of all non-H atoms (R = 0.45). Location of H atoms and refinement of their positions led to final R = 0.039, wR = 0.042, S = 1.0138; the final difference density map gave extreme values -0.31 and  $+0.17 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ ;  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}}$ in the last cycle 0.004 (mean 0.0009). Final positional parameters and equivalent isotropic temperature coefficients are given in Table 1.\* Bond distances and bond angles are given in Table 2, the molecular structure and numbering of the atoms are shown in Fig. 1 [drawn with PLUTO (Motherwell, 1972)].

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