

The structural information on the POD derivatives should prove useful in understanding the structure-activity relationships between this important group of drugs and how they interact with their cellular receptors.

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## Structure of a Lactone, ( $3\alpha,4\alpha,6\alpha$ )-4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsiloxy)-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-6-methyl-3-(2-oxopropyl)-2*H*-pyran-2-one

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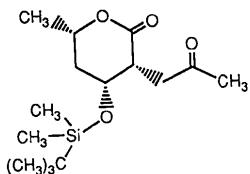
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**Abstract.**  $C_{15}H_{28}O_4Si$ ,  $M_r = 300.5$ , monoclinic,  $P2_1/a$ ,  $a = 11.194(4)$ ,  $b = 10.944(3)$ ,  $c = 14.815(5)\text{ \AA}$ ,  $\beta = 95.01(3)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1808(2)\text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $D_x = 1.104\text{ g cm}^{-3}$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $\lambda(\text{Mo } K\alpha) = 0.71069\text{ \AA}$ ,  $\mu = 1.43\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $F(000) = 656$ ,  $T = 293\text{ K}$ , final  $R = 0.052$ ,  $wR = 0.058$  for 1630 reflections with  $I > 3\sigma(I)$ . The valerolactone ring is in a boat conformation and the three ring substituents are *cis*.

**Experimental.** Colorless crystals from ethyl acetate/hexane,  $0.06 \times 0.26 \times 0.33\text{ mm}$  plate-like specimen; Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer; cell parameters and crystal orientation from 25 automatically

Digital Equipment Corp. MicroVAX II computer with version 5.0 of CAD-4 diffractometer control program; six standard reflections monitored at 1 h intervals of X-ray exposure,  $-2.1\text{--}0.1\%$  intensity variation,  $-0.5\%$  average, correction applied;  $2 < \theta < 25^\circ$ ,  $hkl$  range for data collection of  $h = -13\text{--}13$ ,  $k = 0\text{--}13$ ,  $l = 0\text{--}17$ ; 3676 total data measured including standards and systematically absent data, 3367 unique data, 1630 data with  $I > 3\sigma(I)$ ;  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.01$  for 135 twice-measured data; absorption correction (DIFABS; Walker & Stuart, 1983) following a full isotropic structure refinement, transmission factor range of  $0.670\text{--}1.220$ , average of 0.974. All crystallographic calculations performed with the TEXSAN (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1989) program system on DEC MicroVAX II or VAXStation II computers; structure solved with the MITHRIL (Gilmore, 1983) direct methods program incorporated in TEXSAN. Full-matrix least-squares refinement,  $\sum[w(F_o - F_c)^2]$  minimized with  $w = 1/\sigma^2(F_o)$ , reflections with  $I < 3\sigma(I)$  excluded from refinement; correction for secondary isotropic extinction (Zachariasen, 1968) applied,  $g = 0.37(4) \times 10^{-6}$ ; C, O and Si refined with anisotropic temperature factors; H atoms positioned from the C-atom framework, individual isotropic temperature factors refined; 209 total variables; atomic scattering factors



centered reflections in the range  $6.0 < \theta < 16.4^\circ$ ;  $2\theta-\theta$  scans over  $\Delta\theta$  range of  $1.5(1.0 + 0.14\tan\theta)^\circ$ ; variable  $\theta$  scan speed of  $5.49\text{--}0.82^\circ\text{ min}^{-1}$ ; each scan recorded in 96 steps and post-processed with a reflection profile program (Lehmann & Larsen, 1974; Ammon, 1986); diffractometer controlled with

Table 1. Fractional coordinates and equivalent isotropic temperature factors ( $\text{\AA}^2$ ) with e.s.d.'s in parentheses

$$B_{\text{eq}} = (8\pi^2/3) \sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$$

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>B</i> <sub>eq</sub>
Si	0.7541 (1)	0.0294 (1)	0.19004 (8)	4.62 (5)
O1	0.7482 (3)	-0.2532 (3)	0.4494 (2)	6.1 (2)
O2	0.6063 (3)	-0.3391 (3)	0.3600 (2)	7.5 (2)
O3	0.4288 (3)	0.0717 (3)	0.3707 (2)	6.7 (2)
O4	0.7200 (2)	-0.0667 (2)	0.2689 (2)	4.3 (1)
C2	0.6458 (4)	-0.2477 (4)	0.3953 (3)	5.2 (2)
C3	0.5920 (3)	-0.1223 (4)	0.3829 (3)	4.3 (2)
C4	0.6903 (3)	-0.0345 (3)	0.3578 (2)	4.0 (2)
C5	0.7995 (4)	-0.0428 (4)	0.4259 (3)	4.9 (2)
C6	0.7884 (4)	-0.1412 (4)	0.4953 (3)	5.2 (2)
C7	0.9037 (5)	-0.1691 (6)	0.5505 (4)	7.3 (3)
C8	0.4818 (4)	-0.1238 (4)	0.3163 (3)	5.0 (2)
C9	0.4068 (4)	-0.0091 (4)	0.3165 (3)	5.2 (2)
C10	0.3023 (5)	-0.0006 (7)	0.2468 (4)	7.8 (3)
C11	0.8921 (8)	0.1137 (8)	0.2265 (4)	9.9 (4)
C12	0.6409 (7)	0.1395 (6)	0.1654 (5)	8.8 (4)
C13	0.7764 (4)	-0.0694 (4)	0.0902 (3)	5.6 (2)
C14	0.811 (1)	0.0092 (7)	0.0115 (4)	10.4 (4)
C15	0.6587 (7)	-0.139 (1)	0.0631 (6)	11.2 (5)
C16	0.875 (1)	-0.1607 (8)	0.1129 (5)	10.6 (5)

Table 2. Bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ), bond angles ( $^\circ$ ) and torsional angles ( $^\circ$ ) with e.s.d.'s in parentheses

Si	O4		1.642 (3)	C3	C4	C5	1.531 (5)		
Si	C11		1.840 (6)	C3	C8		1.511 (5)		
Si	C12		1.843 (5)	C4	C5		1.517 (5)		
Si	C13		1.867 (5)	C5	C6		1.501 (5)		
O1	C2		1.342 (5)	C6	C7		1.499 (6)		
O1	C6		1.454 (5)	C8	C9		1.511 (6)		
O2	C2		1.196 (5)	C9	C10		1.494 (6)		
O3	C9		1.206 (5)	C13	C14		1.526 (7)		
O4	C4		1.431 (4)	C13	C15		1.544 (7)		
C2	C3		1.504 (5)						
O4	Si	C11	110.7 (2)	C3	C4	C5	110.8 (3)		
O4	Si	C12	110.1 (2)	C4	C5	C6	112.8 (3)		
O4	Si	C13	104.4 (2)	O1	C6	C5	109.0 (3)		
C11	Si	C12	109.0 (4)	O1	C6	C7	107.4 (4)		
C11	Si	C13	110.9 (3)	C5	C6	C7	113.7 (4)		
C12	Si	C13	111.8 (3)	C3	C8	C9	114.3 (4)		
C2	O1	C6	117.0 (3)	O3	C9	C8	121.9 (4)		
Si	O4	C4	125.8 (2)	O3	C9	C10	121.2 (5)		
O1	C2	O2	119.2 (4)	C8	C9	C10	116.9 (5)		
O1	C2	C3	115.2 (4)	Si	C13	C14	109.8 (4)		
O2	C2	C3	125.5 (5)	Si	C13	C15	108.7 (4)		
C2	C3	C4	108.3 (5)	Si	C13	C16	110.8 (4)		
C2	C3	C8	111.4 (4)	C14	C13	C15	110.3 (7)		
C4	C3	C8	114.3 (3)	C14	C13	C16	108.5 (5)		
O4	C4	C3	107.4 (3)	C15	C13	C16	108.8 (7)		
O4	C4	C5	111.0 (3)						
Si	O4	C4	C3	142.8 (3)	C2	C3	C4	C5	-52.7 (4)
Si	O4	C4	C5	-95.9 (3)	C2	C3	C8	C9	166.5 (3)
O1	C2	C3	C4	49.7 (4)	C3	C2	O1	C6	5.3 (5)
O1	C2	C3	C8	176.2 (3)	C3	C4	C5	C6	4.9 (5)
O1	C6	C5	C4	47.9 (5)	C3	C8	C9	C10	175.0 (4)
O2	C2	O1	C6	-176.2 (4)	C4	O4	Si	C11	63.0 (4)
O2	C2	C3	C4	-128.7 (4)	C4	O4	Si	C12	-57.5 (4)
O2	C2	C3	C8	-2.2 (6)	C4	O4	Si	C13	-177.6 (3)
O3	C9	C8	C3	-5.7 (6)	C4	C3	C8	C9	-70.4 (4)
O4	Si	C13	C14	-179.1 (5)	C4	C5	C6	C7	167.7 (4)
O4	Si	C13	C15	60.2 (6)	C5	C4	C3	C8	-177.5 (3)
O4	Si	C13	C16	-59.3 (5)	C11	Si	C13	C14	-59.9 (6)
O4	C4	C3	C2	68.7 (4)	C11	Si	C13	C15	179.4 (6)
O4	C4	C3	C8	-56.1 (4)	C11	Si	C13	C16	59.9 (6)
O4	C4	C5	C6	-114.3 (4)	C12	Si	C13	C14	61.9 (6)
C2	O1	C6	C5	-55.9 (5)	C12	Si	C13	C15	-58.8 (6)
C2	O1	C6	C7	-179.5 (4)	C12	Si	C13	C16	-178.3 (6)

from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974, Vol. IV, pp. 155–175); min. and max.  $\Delta\rho$  of  $-0.14$  and  $0.23 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$ ; max.  $\Delta/\sigma$  in final least-squares cycle of  $0.15$ ;  $R$ ,  $wR$  and  $S$  of  $0.052$ ,  $0.058$  and  $1.89$ . Atomic coordinates are listed in Table 1; bond lengths, angles and torsion angles are given in Table 2. The *PLOTM* (Luo, Ammon & Gilliland, 1989) program was used to display the *ORTEP* (Johnson, 1965) drawing on a VAXStation II monitor, label the drawing, and prepare a print file for a Hewlett-Packard Laser-Jet II printer (Fig. 1).

**Related literature.** An acid-catalyzed rearrangement of a pyranone derivative gave the title compound with three new stereogenic centers. This determination was performed to confirm the stereochemistry of the rearrangement product. A search of the January 1991 Cambridge Structural Database (Allen, Kennard & Taylor, 1983) revealed only one X-ray structure [5-(4-chlorophenyl)tetrahydro-3-phenyl-6-methyl(3 $\alpha$ ,4 $\beta$ ,6 $\alpha$ )-2H-pyran-2-one; Axiotis, Dreux, Perrin & Royer (1982)] of a valerolactone with the same 3,4,6-substitution pattern as the title compound.

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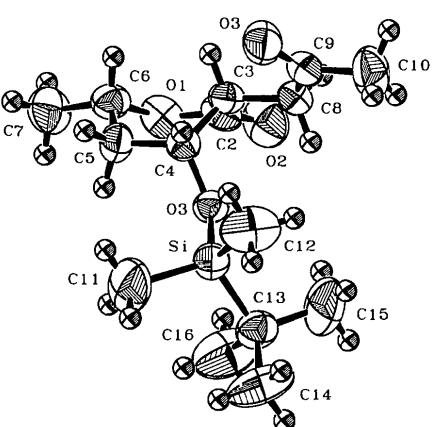


Fig. 1. *ORTEP* (Johnson, 1965). The C, O and Si atoms are shown as 50% ellipsoids and the H atoms are depicted as spheres with  $B = 1.5 \text{ \AA}^2$ .

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## Structure of *N*-Methyl Benzaldehyde Nitrone

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**Abstract.** *N*-(Benzylidene)methylamine *N*-oxide,  $C_8H_9NO$ ,  $M_r = 135.2$ , orthorhombic,  $Pbca$ ,  $a = 9.665(2)$ ,  $b = 7.981(1)$ ,  $c = 19.071(2)$  Å,  $U = 1471.0$  Å $^3$ ,  $Z = 8$ ,  $D_x = 1.22$  g cm $^{-3}$ ,  $\lambda(Mo K\alpha) = 0.71069$  Å,  $\mu = 0.8$  cm $^{-1}$ ,  $F(000) = 576$ ,  $T = 298$  K,  $R = 0.043$  and  $wR = 0.050$  for 661 observed reflections with  $|F^2| > 3\sigma(F^2)$ . The geometry about the carbon–nitrogen double bond is *Z*, and there is little deviation from planarity.

**Experimental.** The compound was prepared by reaction of *N*-methylhydroxylamine with benzaldehyde, and crystals were obtained by recrystallization from benzene/light petroleum. A crystal of dimensions  $0.35 \times 0.35 \times 0.08$  mm, cut from a larger plate crystal, was used for data collection. Unit-cell parameters by least squares fit of 25 reflections in the range  $15 < 2\theta < 22^\circ$ , space group  $Pbca$  from systematic absences of  $0kl$ ,  $k$  odd;  $h0l$ ,  $l$  odd;  $hk0$ ,  $h$  odd; Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer, graphite-monochromated Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\theta$ – $2\theta$  scan,  $\Delta\theta = (0.8 + 0.35\tan\theta)^\circ$ , max. scan time 1 min, 1538 measured unique reflections for  $2 < \theta < 25^\circ$  and  $h\bar{0}\rightarrow 9$ ,  $k\bar{0}\rightarrow 11$ ,  $l\bar{0}\rightarrow 22$ , 661 reflections for  $|F^2| > 3\sigma(F^2)$ ,  $\sigma(F^2) = [\sigma^2(I) + (0.04I)^2]^{1/2}/Lp$ . Two standard reflections measured every hour showed 11.3% decay and a correction was applied to the data, Lorentz and polarization corrections, no absorption or extinction corrections. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 1985), refinement by full-matrix least squares with anisotropic thermal parameters. H atoms were located

from the difference map and refined with isotropic thermal parameters. With a weighting scheme of  $w = 1/\sigma^2(F)$ ,  $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$  minimized, the final residuals were  $R = 0.043$ ,  $wR = 0.050$  for 661 observed reflections, 127 variables,  $S = 1.5$ ,  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.01$ ,  $(\Delta\rho)_{\text{max,min}} = +0.16$ ,  $-0.18$  e Å $^{-3}$  on a final difference map. Programs from SDP-Plus Structure Determination Package (B. A. Frenz & Associates, Inc., 1984) were run on a MicroVAX II computer. Atomic scattering factors from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1974, Vol. IV). Atomic parameters are given in Table 1† and selected bond distances and angles are presented in Table 2. Fig. 1 shows the molecular structure and the numbering scheme.

**Related literature.** *Z*-Nitrones are generally the major products from this preparative route (Breuer, Aurich & Nielsen, 1988). The structure of the 4-chlorobenzaldehyde derivative has been determined (Folting, Lipscomb & Jerslev, 1964). The N—O bond is shorter and the C=N bond longer than in our case. In the derivative of 4-chloro-2,6-dimethylbenzaldehyde there is considerable deviation from planarity due to steric crowding (Jensen & Jerslev, 1969). Deviations from planarity are also noted in other highly substituted nitrones (Falshaw, Hashi &

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