

## Structures of Some Methylenecyclobutanols and Transposed Derivatives

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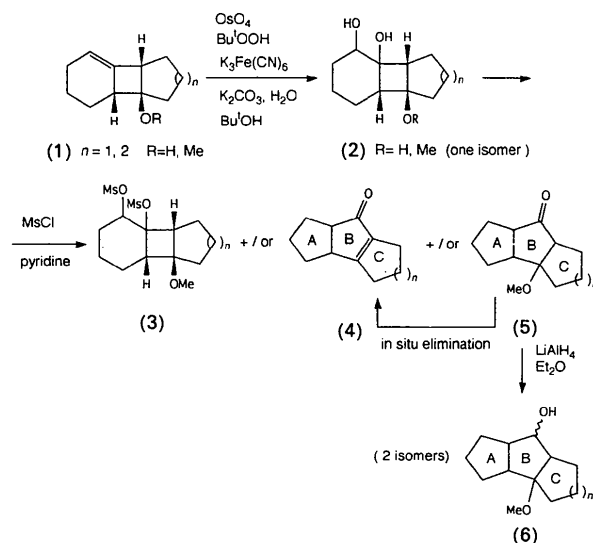
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**Abstract.** *cis,syn,cis*-Tricyclo[6.4.0.0<sup>2,7</sup>]dodecane-2,3,8-triol (2), C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, *M<sub>r</sub>* = 212.3, triclinic, *P*1̄, *a* = 8.440 (1), *b* = 11.723 (2), *c* = 13.016 (2) Å, *α* = 67.17 (1), *β* = 76.08 (1), *γ* = 71.40 (1)°, *V* = 1114.8 (4) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 4, *D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.265 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>, λ(Cu Kα<sub>1</sub>) = 1.540562 Å, *μ* = 0.682 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *F*(000) = 464, *T* = 293 (2) K, *R* = 0.0462 for 3438 observed reflections. *cis,syn,cis*-8-Methoxytricyclo[6.3.0.0<sup>2,7</sup>]undecane-2,3-diyl bis(methanesulfonate) (3), C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>24</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, *M<sub>r</sub>* = 368.5, monoclinic, *C*2/c, *a* = 11.688 (3), *b* = 12.208 (3), *c* = 24.328 (6) Å, *β* = 90.98 (1)°, *V* = 3471 (1) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 8, *D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.410 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>, λ(Cu Kα<sub>1</sub>) = 1.540562 Å, *μ* = 3.019 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *F*(000) = 1568, *T* = 293 (2) K, *R* = 0.0610 for 2897 observed reflections. *cis,syn,cis*-1-Methoxytricyclo[6.3.0.0<sup>2,6</sup>]undecan-7-ol (6), C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, *M<sub>r</sub>* = 196.3, orthorhombic, *P*2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>, *a* = 14.317 (2), *b* = 12.020 (2), *c* = 6.490 (1) Å, *V* = 1116.9 (3) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 4, *D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.167 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>, λ(Cu Kα<sub>1</sub>) = 1.540562 Å, *μ* = 0.576 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *F*(000) = 432, *T* = 293 (2) K, *R* = 0.0412 for 798 observed reflections. These compounds contain a core formed by three fused rings with the terminal rings *syn* with respect to the central ring. The substituents at the junctions are *cis* in all cases. This knowledge is of fundamental importance in order to understand the mechanisms of the reactions in which these compounds are involved. There are two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit of the triclinic crystals of compound (2), which, in the crystal structure, differ from each other by the orientation of the hydroxyl groups which are involved, as both donors and acceptors, in a system of O—H⋯O hydrogen bonds. In compound (3), the orientations of the bulky methanesulfonate groups and of the methoxy group are mainly

imposed by intramolecular steric hindrance. This is also observed for the methoxy group of compound (6), while the orientation of the hydroxyl group is determined by an intermolecular O—H⋯O hydrogen bond which the molecule forms with an adjacent molecule.

**Introduction.** The synthesis of new polycyclic compounds having potential biological activity has been carried out starting from previously described methylene cyclobutenols (1) (Caubère & Brunet, 1972) according to the scheme below (Jamart-Grégoire, Brosse, Ianneli, Nardelli & Caubère, 1991).



One of the problems to be solved in the course of this work was the determination of the structures of the synthesized products, since usual spectroscopic

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methods did not provide unambiguous proof of the molecular structures.

The crystals of compound (2) ( $n = 2$ ,  $R = H$ ) were studied in order to obtain structural evidence of the factors responsible for the stereoselectivity of the oxidation reaction of (1) ( $n = 2$ ). Well formed crystals of (3) ( $n = 1$ ) were obtained and its structure studied, firstly because the formation of the tertiary methanesulfonate is quite unusual and, secondly, because knowledge of its structure allowed us to define that of the corresponding diol (2) ( $n = 1$ ). To obtain the structural information necessary to understand the mechanism of the transposition of compound (2), we studied the structure of one of the two isomers of (6) ( $n = 1$ ) formed by reduction of the corresponding liquid ketone (5) ( $n = 1$ ).

In the present paper the crystal structures of compounds (2) ( $n = 2$ ,  $R = H$ ), (3) ( $n = 1$ ) and (6) ( $n = 1$ ) [hereafter called simply (2), (3) and (6), respectively] are reported.

**Experimental.** Details of the experimental parameters are given in Table 1. For all three compounds Cu  $K\alpha$  Ni-filtered radiation was used with the sample mounted on a Siemens-AED diffractometer. The integrated intensities were measured using a modified version (Belletti, Ugozzoli, Cantoni & Pasquinelli, 1979) of the Lehmann & Larsen (1974) peak-profile analysis procedure. Corrections for Lorentz and polarization effects were applied but none for absorption, and a correction for extinction was considered for all three structures according to Zachariasen (1963). For compound (3), crystal decay (max. 34%) was observed during data collection, the data being scaled up to correct for this deterioration.

The structures were determined by direct methods with *SHELXS86* (Sheldrick, 1986) and refined by anisotropic full-matrix least squares on  $F$ , using *SHELX76* (Sheldrick, 1976). The H atoms were located from final difference Fourier syntheses, excepting those of the methyls which were placed at calculated positions; all were refined isotropically. The localization of the hydroxyl H atoms in the case of compound (2) deserves special comment. At the end of refinement, only three (those bound to O1A, O1B and O2B) were found from a  $\Delta\rho$  map; for the others, the tetrahedral positions about the O atoms were calculated by the *PARST* program (Nardelli, 1983a), then all contacts with surrounding atoms were calculated by the same program, and the positions giving steric hindrance were rejected, while those found to give contacts with adjacent O atoms suitable for hydrogen bonding were assumed. The H atoms bound to O2A, O3A and O3B were localized by this procedure and their contributions added to the structure-factor calculations. Further isotropic refinement not only gave quite significant improve-

Table 1. *Experimental data for the crystal structure analyses*

	(2)	(3)	(6)
No. of reflections for lattice parameters	29	30	30
$\theta$ range ( $^\circ$ )	31–41	28–40	20–39
Crystal size (mm)	$0.35 \times 0.37 \times 0.51$	$0.63 \times 0.65 \times 0.75$	$0.26 \times 0.39 \times 0.62$
Extinction parameter, $g$	$0.19 (2) \times 10^{-6}$	$0.17 (3) \times 10^{-9}$	$0.62 (4) \times 10^{-4}$
Scan speed ( $^\circ \text{ min}^{-1}$ )	3–12	3–12	3–12
Scan width ( $^\circ$ )	$1.1 + 0.14 \tan \theta$	$1.1 + 0.14 \tan \theta$	$1.1 + 0.14 \tan \theta$
$\theta$ range ( $^\circ$ )	3–70	3–70	3–70
$h$ range	–10 to 10	–14 to 14	0 to 17
$k$ range	–14 to 14	0 to 14	0 to 14
$l$ range	0 to 20	0 to 29	0 to 7
Standard reflection	157	752	811
Intensity variation (%)	None	34	None
Reflections measured	3442	2991	1269
Reflections observed	3438	2897	798
Condition for observation	$I > 2\sigma(I)$	$I > 2\sigma(I)$	$I > 2\sigma(I)$
$R_{\text{int}}$	–	0.0177	–
Anisotropic LS on $F$	Full matrix	Full matrix	Full matrix
Max. LS shift to e.s.d. ratio	0.004	0.007	0.003
Min./max. height in final $\Delta\rho$ map ( $e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$ )	–0.18/0.14	–0.21/0.21	–0.13/0.09
Refined parameters	431	302	207
$R$	0.0462	0.0610	0.0412
$wR$	0.0550	0.0837	0.0534
$S$	1.5653	2.6338	0.6603
$k, g$ ( $w = k[\sigma^2(F_o) + gF_o^2]$ )	1, 0.0005	1, 0.0005	1, 0.005

ment of the residual error indices and goodness-of-fit ( $R = 0.054$ ,  $wR = 0.070$ ,  $S = 1.98$  to  $R = 0.046$ ,  $wR = 0.055$ ,  $S = 1.56$ ), but also gave quite acceptable values of the displacement coefficients (thermal parameters) and bond distances and angles for these atoms.

There are no significant differences between the two crystallographically independent molecules in compound (2). The correctness of the space group choice was checked using *TRACER* (Lawton & Jacobson, 1965), *NEWLAT* (Mugnoli, 1985), *LEPAGE* (Spek, 1988) and *MISSYM* (Le Page, 1987). From the *PLUTO* (Motherwell & Clegg, 1976) drawing of the cell contents (Fig. 3) and from the non-bonded contacts calculated by *PARST*, it appears that the two independent molecules differ in terms of the role of the hydroxyl groups in the hydrogen bonds in which they are involved.

The atomic scattering factors and the anomalous-scattering coefficients are from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974, Vol. IV). The final atomic coordinates are given in Table 2.\* Throughout the paper the averaged values are means weighted according to the reciprocals of the variances, and the corresponding e.s.d.'s are the largest of the values of the 'external' and 'internal' standard deviations (Topping, 1960). The calculations were carried out on Encore-Gould-Powernode 6040 and Encore91 computers at the Centro di Studio per la

\* Lists of structure factors, anisotropic thermal parameters and H-atom parameters have been deposited with the British Library Document Supply Centre as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 55867 (49 pp.). Copies may be obtained through The Technical Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England. [CIF reference: KA1008]

Table 2. Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^4$ ) with *e.s.d.'s* in parentheses

$U_{eq}$  is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U_{ij}$  tensor.

Compound (2)	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
O1A	9489 (2)	819 (1)	6439 (1)	400 (6)
O2A	7401 (2)	947 (1)	3686 (1)	378 (5)
O3A	5940 (2)	3323 (1)	2749 (1)	456 (6)
C1A	8155 (2)	1660 (2)	5787 (1)	296 (6)
C2A	7398 (2)	2835 (2)	6146 (2)	392 (8)
C3A	8472 (3)	3799 (2)	5597 (2)	533 (11)
C4A	8532 (3)	4279 (2)	4322 (2)	545 (10)
C5A	9341 (3)	3196 (2)	3842 (2)	444 (9)
C6A	8783 (2)	1961 (2)	4516 (1)	297 (6)
C7A	7174 (2)	1693 (1)	4381 (1)	271 (6)
C8A	5710 (2)	2843 (2)	3959 (1)	323 (7)
C9A	4037 (2)	2486 (2)	4448 (2)	406 (8)
C10A	3754 (2)	2186 (2)	5716 (2)	466 (9)
C11A	5124 (2)	1040 (2)	6300 (2)	417 (8)
C12A	6912 (2)	994 (2)	5669 (1)	303 (6)
H10A	9015 (34)	658 (25)	7135 (23)	782 (88)
H20A	8450 (38)	335 (28)	3752 (24)	979 (100)
H30A	6416 (40)	2553 (31)	2605 (27)	1090 (117)
O1B	8270 (2)	115 (1)	8729 (1)	379 (5)
O2B	4768 (2)	-1987 (1)	10998 (1)	484 (6)
O3B	6474 (2)	-4243 (1)	11985 (1)	567 (7)
C1B	8229 (2)	-1196 (1)	9330 (1)	298 (6)
C2B	9988 (2)	-1983 (2)	9054 (2)	377 (8)
C3B	11196 (3)	-2052 (2)	9787 (2)	514 (10)
C4B	10644 (3)	-2766 (2)	11015 (2)	547 (10)
C5B	8898 (3)	-2086 (2)	11441 (2)	483 (9)
C6B	7606 (2)	-1526 (2)	10608 (1)	327 (7)
C7B	6481 (2)	-2278 (2)	10483 (1)	317 (6)
C8B	7113 (2)	-3735 (2)	10822 (2)	356 (7)
C9B	6554 (3)	-4223 (2)	10079 (2)	450 (9)
C10B	7328 (3)	-3693 (2)	8862 (2)	490 (10)
C11B	6733 (3)	-2233 (2)	8396 (2)	468 (9)
C12B	6698 (2)	-1566 (2)	9201 (1)	325 (7)
H10B	7278 (33)	600 (25)	8913 (21)	739 (81)
H20B	4723 (45)	-2756 (33)	11677 (30)	1260 (126)
H30B	6470 (38)	-5047 (29)	12058 (25)	947 (99)

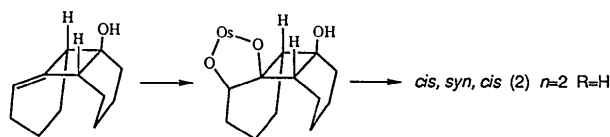
Compound (3)	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
S1	527.9 (7)	2299.4 (6)	1091.3 (4)	568 (3)
S2	2634.3 (7)	4442.7 (7)	2248.7 (3)	575 (3)
O1	-355 (2)	2758 (2)	775 (1)	795 (10)
O2	1387.3 (19)	3220.4 (17)	1260.4 (9)	563 (7)
O3	1158 (3)	1413 (2)	870 (2)	1055 (14)
O4	2725.7 (17)	4911.4 (19)	1648.6 (9)	559 (7)
O5	1510 (2)	4121 (2)	2386 (1)	701 (9)
O6	3179 (3)	5205 (3)	2584 (1)	1221 (16)
O7	1162 (3)	7726 (2)	1470 (1)	770 (10)
C1	1590 (3)	4183 (2)	914 (1)	460 (9)
C2	1763 (2)	5154 (2)	1285 (1)	407 (8)
C3	2063 (3)	6197 (2)	947 (1)	449 (9)
C4	2349 (4)	5996 (3)	346 (2)	655 (13)
C5	3139 (4)	5018 (3)	294 (2)	751 (15)
C6	2600 (4)	3979 (3)	534 (2)	666 (13)
C7	961 (3)	6742 (2)	1163 (1)	538 (10)
C8	727 (3)	5762 (2)	1550 (1)	504 (10)
C9	-487 (3)	5371 (4)	1434 (2)	757 (16)
C10	-767 (5)	5842 (5)	876 (3)	1131 (25)
C11	-66 (4)	6817 (5)	791 (2)	877 (18)
C12	14 (4)	1937 (4)	1744 (2)	779 (16)
C13	3458 (5)	3228 (6)	2172 (2)	974 (21)
C14	1561 (7)	8621 (3)	1138 (3)	1024 (24)

Compound (6)	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
O1	9388 (2)	3793 (2)	649 (4)	663 (9)
O2	10029 (2)	7416 (3)	1051 (5)	812 (11)
C1	8636 (3)	5555 (3)	-325 (6)	640 (12)
C2	8547 (4)	6153 (5)	-2383 (8)	950 (20)
C3	7864 (5)	7067 (5)	-1956 (10)	1071 (23)
C4	8060 (5)	7471 (5)	197 (10)	958 (21)
C5	8516 (3)	6483 (3)	1308 (6)	666 (13)
C6	9491 (3)	6664 (3)	2248 (6)	644 (12)
C7	9907 (3)	5490 (3)	2232 (6)	653 (13)
C8	9554 (3)	4959 (3)	213 (5)	568 (10)
C9	10398 (4)	5088 (5)	-1197 (8)	848 (18)
C10	11221 (3)	4846 (6)	226 (12)	1079 (26)
C11	10976 (3)	5396 (5)	2212 (11)	932 (20)
C12	9068 (5)	3153 (4)	-1030 (9)	845 (18)
H2O	10223 (45)	7839 (57)	1750 (103)	1250 (260)

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**Discussion.** As shown by the *ORTEP* drawings in Fig. 1, the molecules of the three compounds are built up of a central core formed by a system of three fused rings with the terminal rings *syn* with respect to the central one. The substituents are *cis* in all cases; this finding is important for understanding the mechanism of the reactions in which these compounds are involved.

In particular, the *cis,syn,cis* structure of (2) indicated that the bishydroxylation process is directed by steric interactions and takes place on the less hindered face of (1) leading to the less strained compound (2) according to:



The 'all *cis*' configuration of (5) allows us to assign a *cis* junction to compound (4) ( $n = 1$  and  $n = 2$ ), by comparison of the coupling constants of the ring-

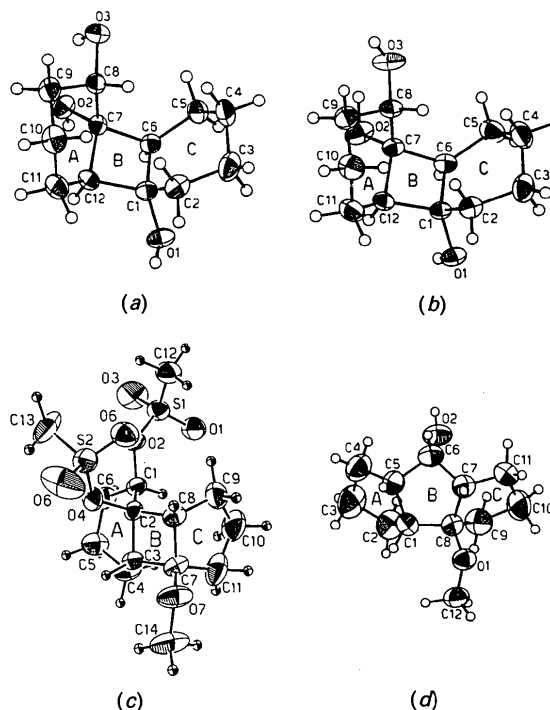


Fig. 1. *ORTEP* drawings of the molecules projected onto planes approximately parallel to the *B* rings, with ellipsoids at 50% probability. (a) Compound (2) molecule *A*, (b) compound (2) molecule *B*, (c) compound (3), (d) compound (6).



Table 4. Total puckering amplitudes ( $Q_T$ ; Cremer & Pople, 1975), asymmetry displacement parameters (ADP; Nardelli, 1983b) and dihedral angles (DA) formed by the least-squares planes through the rings

	Compound (2)		Compound (3)	Compound (6)
	Molecule A	Molecule B		
$Q_T$ (Å)				
Ring A	0.525 (3)	0.514 (6)	0.702 (5)	0.340 (9)
Ring B	0.0601 (8)	0.0603 (8)	0.020 (1)	0.377 (7)
Ring C	0.511 (6)	0.517 (4)	0.221 (6)	0.403 (8)
ADP				
Ring A	$\Delta_S(C9) = 0.034$ (2)	$\Delta_S(C9) = 0.006$ (3)	$\Delta_S(C3) = 0.078$ (2)	$\Delta_S(C2) = 0.030$ (4)
Ring B	—	—	—	$\Delta_S(C1) = 0.038$ (3)
Ring C	$\Delta_S(C3) = 0.006$ (3)	$\Delta_S(C3) = 0.022$ (2)	$\Delta_S(C7) = 0.006$ (2)	$\Delta_S(C9) = 0.006$ (4)
DA (°)				
A/B	51.4 (1)	52.1 (2)	33.5 (2)	41.0 (2)
B/C	52.8 (2)	51.6 (1)	63.1 (2)	45.0 (2)

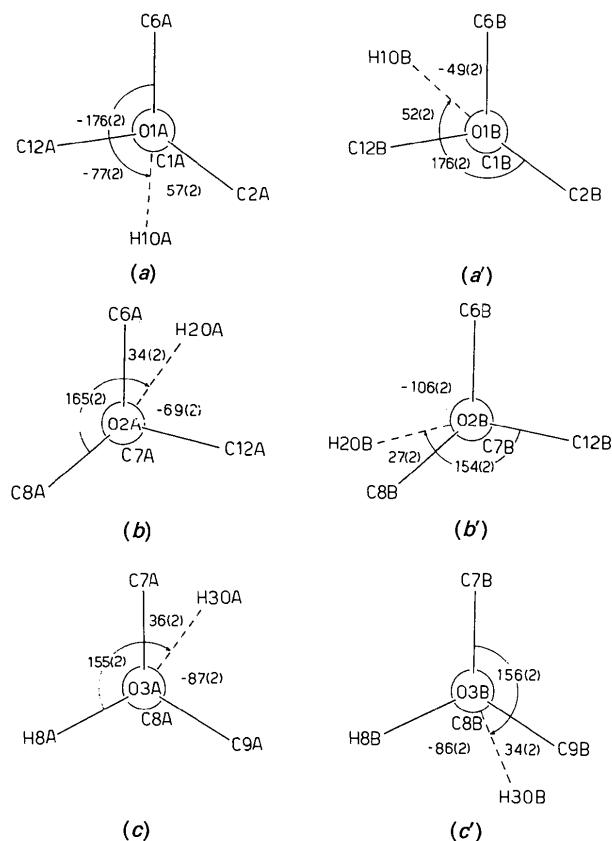


Fig. 2. Newman projections showing the orientations of the OH groups in the two independent molecules of compound (2): (a) and (a') along O1—C1, (b) and (b') along O2—C7, and (c) and (c') along O3—C8.

SHELXL92 program (Sheldrick, 1992) assuming all the H atoms in the positions calculated by the program according to the riding model. For hydroxyl groups we chose the HFIX147 option, which calculates a difference electron-density synthesis around the circle representing the locus of possible H-atom

position (for a fixed O—H distance and C—O—H angle). The position of maximum electron density is then taken as the starting position for the atom in subsequent least-squares refinement.

The following general indicators of the accuracy of the analysis were obtained:  $wR2 = 0.1010$  for 4217 independent data and 281 parameters (31 reflections having  $\Delta/\sigma > 3.5$  were omitted from the refinement),  $S = 0.992$ ,  $wR2 = 0.1139$  for all 4248 data,  $R1 = 0.0362$  for 3411  $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$ ,  $R1 = 0.0475$  for all 4248 data,  $S = 1.119$ . No significant differences (*i.e.* less than  $3\sigma$ ) were observed for the results (bond distances, angles, *etc.*) obtained from the two refinements. In Table 4 the relevant data concerning the geometry of the hydrogen bonds in compound (2) are compared for the two refinements.

The topological scheme is shown in Fig. 4 and Table 5 gives the relevant geometric parameters of the hydrogen-bonding system present in the crystals of this compound. From that scheme and projection

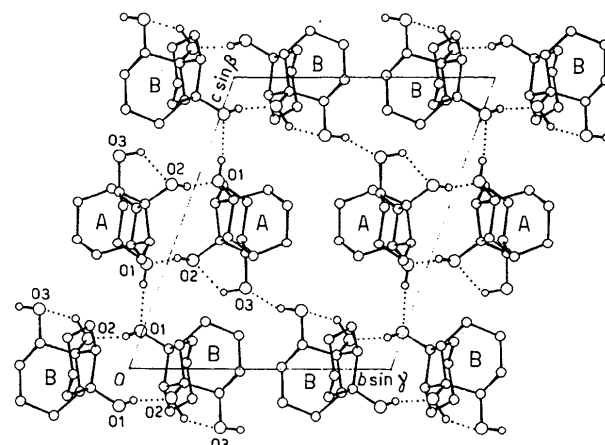


Fig. 3. Packing of the structure of (2) along the crystallographic  $a$  axis. A and B designate the two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit. Hydrogen bonds may be identified by the O atoms which act as acceptors (Table 4).

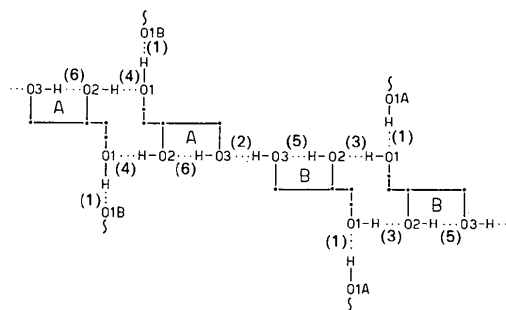


Fig. 4. Topological scheme of the hydrogen-bonding system of compound (2).

Table 5. Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ) of the hydrogen-bonding system of compound (2) determined from refinements on  $F$  (first row) and  $F^2$  (second row)

$AA$  is the antecedent atom,  $\omega$  is the torsion angle  $\text{H}\cdots\text{A}-\text{AA}-\text{AB}$ ,  $\chi$  is the angle formed by the  $\text{D}-\text{H}$  bond direction with the lone pair ( $sp^3$ ) plane,  $\chi'$  is the angle formed by the  $\text{D}-\text{H}$  bond direction with the  $\text{AA}-\text{A}-\text{H}$  plane, and  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are the angles between the  $\text{H}\cdots\text{A}$  vector and the assumed directions of the two lone-pair orbitals on the O atom ( $sp^3$ ).

	D—H	D $\cdots$ A	H $\cdots$ A	D—H $\cdots$ A	H $\cdots$ A—AA	$\omega$	$\chi$	$\chi'$	$\theta_1$	$\theta_2$
(1) O1A—H1O A $\cdots$ O1B	0.87 (3) 0.85	2.789 (3) 2.787 (1)	1.92 (3) 1.94	172 (3) 176	120 (1) 120	-180 (1) 177	3 (4) 0	37 (2) 42	166 (4) 165	83 (3) 85
(2) O3B—H3O B $\cdots$ O3A <sup>iii</sup>	0.91 (4) 0.85	2.782 (2) 2.786 (2)	1.92 (3) 1.95	157 (3) 169	116 (1) 113	-110 (1) -113	31 (4) 18	22 (3) 30	154 (3) 155	95 (4) 95
(3) O1B—H1O B $\cdots$ O2B	0.89 (2) 0.85	2.845 (2) 2.843 (1)	1.97 (2) 2.00	167 (2) 170	145 (1) 146	-54 (2) -53	31 (5) 32	11 (2) 10	134 (5) 132	112 (4) 113
(4) O2A—H2O A $\cdots$ O1A <sup>ii</sup>	0.94 (3) 0.85	2.791 (2) 2.793 (1)	1.86 (3) 1.96	168 (3) 167	138 (1) 138	19 (2) 21	24 (4) 27	12 (2) 11	140 (4) 139	108 (3) 109
(5) O2B—H2O B $\cdots$ O3B	0.99 (3) 0.85	2.558 (2) 2.558 (1)	1.87 (3) 2.02	124 (3) 120	85 (1) 83	28 (1) 29	73 (4) 79	14 (3) 9	152 (3) 153	67 (4) 62
(6) O3A—H3O A $\cdots$ O2A	0.94 (4) 0.85	2.581 (2) 2.580 (1)	1.93 (3) 2.09	125 (3) 116	116 (1) 113	-106 (1) -104	74 (4) 78	14 (2) 4	149 (4) 150	78 (3) 76

Symmetry code: (i)  $1-x, -y, 2-z$ ; (ii)  $2-x, -y, 1-z$ ; (iii)  $x, y-1, 1+z$ .

of Fig. 3, the following graph-set is deduced according to the rules proposed by Etter, MacDonald & Bernstein (1990); for molecule *A*: H1  $D$ , H2  $R_2^2(12)$ , H3  $S(5)$ ; for molecule *B*: H1  $R_2^2(12)$ , H2  $S(5)$ , H3  $D$ . The graph set is similar for each of the two molecules, but chemically different H atoms are involved for the different motifs.

From the geometric parameters it seems that there is some tendency for lone-pair directionality to an  $sp^3$  acceptor O atom in the case of the intermolecular hydrogen bond of (1), while for the other hydrogen bonds the geometries far from indicate defined directionalities; this is particularly true of the intramolecular hydrogen bonds of (5) and (6) where hindrance effects, imposed by the rigid core of the molecule, are of the greatest importance.

The observed differences in hydrogen bonding for compound (2) justify the significant differences ( $\Delta/\sigma \gg 3$ ) found for bond angles involving the O atoms of the two molecules (Table 2), which do not show any significant difference in bond distances.

The relevant geometrical parameters of the hydrogen bond in compound (6) are as follows: O2—H(O2) 0.74 (7), O2 $\cdots$ O1 2.832 (4), H(O2) $\cdots$ O1 2.11 (7)  $\text{\AA}$ , O2—H(O2) $\cdots$ O1 165 (7) $^\circ$  (where O1 has the symmetry operation  $2-x, y+\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}-z$ ).

Non-bonded energy calculations show that the orientation of the methoxy groups in the molecules of compounds (3) and (6) and that of the two bulky methanesulfonate groups in compound (3) are determined mainly by intramolecular hindrance, *i.e.* packing effects should not significantly influence their conformations.

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