

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.011$
$\omega/2\theta$ scans	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 28^\circ$
Absorption correction: none	$h = 0 \rightarrow 17$
698 measured reflections	$k = 0 \rightarrow 8$
671 independent reflections	$l = -7 \rightarrow 7$
528 observed reflections [$I \geq 2.5\sigma(I)$]	3 standard reflections
	frequency: 60 min
	intensity variation: 0.1%

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/\sigma^2(F_o)$
$R = 0.049$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.01$
$wR = 0.059$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.20 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
$S = 2.79$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.36 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
528 reflections	Atomic scattering factors
60 parameters	from <i>International Tables</i>
All H-atom parameters refined	for <i>X-ray Crystallography</i>
	(1974, Vol. IV)

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

$$U_{\text{eq}} = (1/3)\sum_i\sum_j U_{ij}a_i^*a_j^*a_i \cdot a_j$$

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	U_{eq}
O1	0.7286 (1)	0	-0.0582 (3)	0.055 (1)
O2	0.7827 (1)	0	0.3044 (2)	0.048 (1)
C1	0.9018 (1)	0	0.0334 (3)	0.038 (1)
C2	0.9769 (1)	0.1710 (3)	0.1187 (2)	0.045 (1)
C3	0.9491 (1)	0	-0.2030 (4)	0.044 (1)
C4	0.7955 (1)	0	0.0807 (3)	0.037 (1)
C5	0.6830 (2)	0	0.3772 (4)	0.058 (1)

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$)

O1—C4	1.199 (2)	C1—C3	1.556 (3)
O2—C4	1.336 (2)	C1—C4	1.481 (3)
O2—C5	1.436 (3)	C2—C2''	1.555 (2)
C1—C2	1.570 (2)	C2—C3''	1.559 (2)
O1...C3	3.143 (3)	C4...C3''	3.517 (3)
O1...C5	2.663 (3)	O2...C2	3.095 (2)
O1—C4—O2	123.5 (2)	C2—C1—C4	124.5 (1)
O1—C4—C1	126.2 (2)	C2—C1—C2'	89.0 (1)
O2—C4—C1	110.4 (2)	C2—C2''—C3	90.6 (1)
C1—C2—C2''	89.5 (1)	C2—C3''—C2'	89.8 (1)
C1—C2—C3''	90.6 (1)	C3—C1—C4	127.3 (2)
C1—C3—C2''	89.8 (1)	C4—O2—C5	116.9 (2)
C2—C1—C3	90.1 (1)		

The selection of the space group $C2/m$ is based on statistics of the reflection intensities. Structure solution was carried out using *MULTAN11/82* (Main *et al.*, 1982).

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(Z)-2-(2-Methoxyphenoxy)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propenoic Acid

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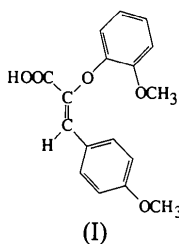
Abstract

The structure of (Z)-2-(2-methoxyphenoxy)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propenoic acid, $C_{17}H_{16}O_5$, was

elucidated by X-ray crystallography. Stereoselective hydroboration/oxidation of this compound gave *erythro*-2-(2-methoxyphenoxy)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-propanediol. The outcome of the reaction confirms an earlier steric assignment of this latter compound.

Comment

α -Aryloxyacinnamic acids are intermediates in stereoselective syntheses of lignin model compounds of the arylglycerol β -aryl ether type (Ahvonen, Brunow, Kristersson & Lundquist, 1983) and lignin-related enol ethers (Brunow & Lundquist, 1984). The X-ray work presented in this paper establishes the structure and stereochemistry of such an intermediate, namely (*Z*)-2-(2-methoxyphenoxy)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propenoic acid, (I).



A perspective view of a molecule of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1. The molecules in the crystals are held together in pairs by strong hydrogen bonds between the carboxyl groups (Table 2). The angles C(6)—C(1)—C(8) [125.0 (2)°] and C(1)—C(8)—C(9) [129.9 (2)°] have values that deviate considerably from 'normal' ones (*i.e.* $\sim 120^\circ$). The deviations lead to an increase in the distance between the atoms H(C6) and O(2). This distance was determined to be 2.35 (2) Å, whereas with 'normal' angles it would have been about 1.8 Å. The increased separation of H(C6) and O(2) reduces the steric interaction between these two atoms. Interestingly, semi-empirical quantum-mechanical calculations (Norinder, 1993) using the AM1 method (Stewart, 1990) gave values for the topical angles [C(6)—C(1)—C(8) 122.8, C(1)—C(8)—C(9) 128.1°] that are close to those determined by X-ray crystallography. Analogous deviations from normal bond angles were found in the related compound (*Z*)-2-(2,6-dimethoxyphenoxy)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)propenoic acid (Lundquist, Stomberg & von Unge, 1987).

The eight atoms between the two aromatic rings are located near the plane they define (maximum deviation 15σ) and this plane forms an angle of 8.8 (2)° with the C(1)—C(6) aromatic ring. The benzylic C atom [C(8)] is twisted 0.086 (3) Å from the C(1)—C(6) ring plane, while the atom connecting the other aromatic ring [C(11)—C(16)] to the rest of

the molecule [O(2)] is situated very near the C(11)—C(16) ring plane [deviation 0.011 (3) Å]. The angle between the aromatic ring planes is 81.6 (3)°. The short non-bonding intermolecular contact distances of 3.284 (3) [O(4)⋯O(4)(1-x, 1-y, 2-z)], 2.45 (3) [C(10)⋯H(O3)(1-x, 1-y, 2-z)] and 2.22 (6) Å [H(O3)⋯H(O3)(1-x, 1-y, 2-z)] are consequences of the hydrogen-bond interaction.

Treatment of a small amount of (*Z*)-2-(2-methoxyphenoxy)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propenoic acid (1 mmol) with BH₃S(CH₃)₂/H₂O₂, OH⁻, according to a method previously used for the reduction and hydration of α -aryloxyacinnamic acids (Ahvonen, Brunow, Kristersson & Lundquist, 1983) gave the lignin model compound *erythro*-2-(2-methoxyphenoxy)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-propanediol in 40–50% yield (from ¹H NMR spectra of the acetylated reaction product), trace amounts of the *threo*-isomer were possibly present in the reaction mixture. The *erythro* and *threo* forms of 2-(2-methoxyphenoxy)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-propanediol were assigned in a previous paper on the basis of studies of the stability of their borate complexes and ¹H NMR spectral comparisons (Ibrahim & Lundquist, 1994). The hydroboration/oxidation experiment with (*Z*)-2-(2-methoxyphenoxy)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propenoic acid confirms the assignments since the stereoselective hydroboration/oxidation reaction of this compound should give the

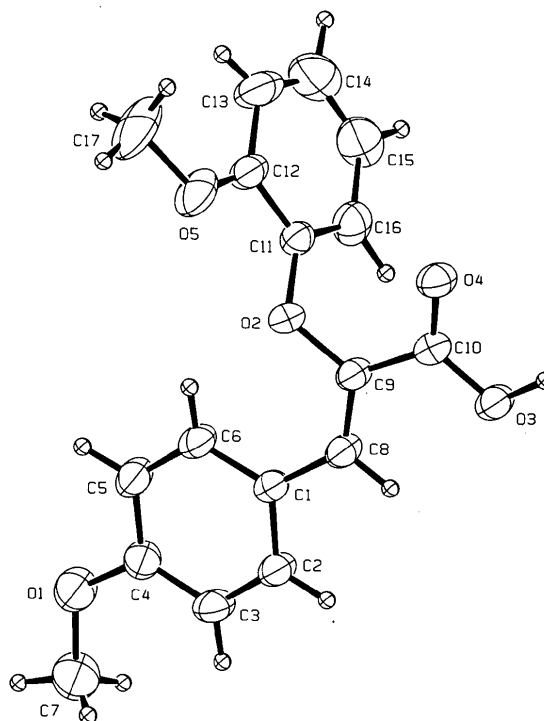


Fig. 1. A perspective drawing (ORTEP; Johnson, 1976) of the title compound with displacement ellipsoids at the 30% probability level.

erythro form of 2-(2-methoxyphenoxy)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-propanediol [*cf.* the analogous hydroboration/oxidation reactions of related α -aryloxycinnamic acids reported earlier (Ahvonen, Brunow, Kristersson & Lundquist, 1983; Brunow & Lundquist, 1984; Lundquist, Stomberg & von Unge, 1987; Brunow, Sipilä, Lundquist & von Unge, 1988)].

Experimental

The title compound, (*Z*)-2-(2-methoxyphenoxy)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propenoic acid, was prepared from anisaldehyde (5.2 g, 38 mmol) and methyl (2-methoxyphenoxy)ethanoate (7.5 g, 38 mmol) according to a procedure previously developed for the synthesis of (*Z*)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-(2-methoxyphenoxy)propenoic acid (Berndtsson & Lundquist, 1977). A product (3.3 g) melting at 454–456 K was obtained from acetone. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 292 K): δ 3.80 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.96 (3H, s, OCH_3), 7.45 (1H, s, vinyl H) and 6.7–7.8 p.p.m. (8H, *m*, aromatic H).

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5$	Cu $K\alpha$ radiation
$M_r = 300.31$	$\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$
Triclinic	Cell parameters from 20 reflections
$P\bar{1}$	$\theta = 21.6\text{--}24.7^\circ$
$a = 10.113 (2) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.77 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 10.546 (2) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 296 \text{ K}$
$c = 8.618 (1) \text{ \AA}$	Prism
$\alpha = 105.64 (2)^\circ$	$0.66 \times 0.21 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}$
$\beta = 102.10 (2)^\circ$	Colourless
$\gamma = 113.63 (2)^\circ$	
$V = 756.5 (3) \text{ \AA}^3$	
$Z = 2$	
$D_x = 1.318 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	

Data collection

Syntex $P2_1$ diffractometer	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 60.0^\circ$
ω - 2θ scans	$h = 0 \rightarrow 11$
Absorption correction: none	$k = -12 \rightarrow 12$
2401 measured reflections	$l = -10 \rightarrow 10$
2253 independent reflections	3 standard reflections monitored every 150 reflections
1802 observed reflections	intensity variation: -2.3 , -1.3 and -6.8%
$[I > 3\sigma(I)]$	
$R_{\text{int}} = 0.024$	

Refinement

Refinement on F	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
$R = 0.042$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.25 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
$wR = 0.053$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.18 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
$S = 2.37$	Extinction correction: none
1692 reflections	Atomic scattering factors from <i>International Tables for X-ray Crystallography</i> (1974, Vol. IV)
263 parameters	
All H-atom parameters refined	
$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o) + 0.03(F_o)^2]$	

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	$B_{\text{eq}} = (4/3)\sum_i \sum_j \beta_{ij} a_i \cdot a_j$			
	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	B_{eq}
C(1)	0.3714 (2)	0.2439 (2)	0.2784 (3)	4.00 (7)
C(2)	0.2291 (3)	0.1849 (3)	0.1515 (3)	4.76 (8)
C(3)	0.2019 (3)	0.1157 (3)	-0.0206 (3)	5.3 (1)
C(4)	0.3183 (3)	0.1059 (3)	-0.0699 (3)	5.02 (8)
C(5)	0.4617 (3)	0.1644 (3)	0.0525 (3)	5.7 (1)
C(6)	0.4874 (3)	0.2321 (3)	0.2235 (3)	5.16 (9)
C(7)	0.1651 (5)	-0.0085 (6)	-0.3708 (5)	9.2 (2)
C(8)	0.3868 (3)	0.3062 (3)	0.4589 (3)	4.56 (8)
C(9)	0.5102 (2)	0.3696 (3)	0.6040 (3)	4.42 (8)
C(10)	0.5051 (3)	0.4253 (2)	0.7769 (3)	4.27 (8)
C(11)	0.7314 (2)	0.3408 (3)	0.6759 (3)	4.22 (7)
C(12)	0.8905 (3)	0.4153 (3)	0.7308 (3)	5.36 (9)
C(13)	0.9705 (5)	0.3547 (7)	0.8109 (4)	8.3 (2)
C(14)	0.8920 (8)	0.2248 (7)	0.8324 (6)	9.9 (2)
C(15)	0.7380 (6)	0.1518 (5)	0.7757 (5)	8.3 (2)
C(16)	0.6552 (4)	0.2076 (3)	0.6966 (4)	5.9 (1)
C(17)	1.1185 (4)	0.6140 (7)	0.7380 (8)	11.6 (2)
O(1)	0.3047 (2)	0.0398 (2)	-0.2371 (2)	7.27 (8)
O(2)	0.6561 (2)	0.4038 (2)	0.5987 (2)	4.65 (5)
O(3)	0.3691 (2)	0.3968 (2)	0.7814 (2)	5.45 (6)
O(4)	0.6242 (2)	0.4933 (2)	0.9065 (2)	5.00 (6)
O(5)	0.9545 (2)	0.5438 (2)	0.7033 (3)	7.44 (8)
H(O3)	0.380 (3)	0.448 (4)	0.908 (4)	9.4 (9)

Table 2. Bond lengths (\AA), bond angles ($^\circ$), torsion angles ($^\circ$) and hydrogen-bonding geometry ($\text{\AA}, ^\circ$)

C(1)—C(8)	1.463 (3)	C(10)—O(3)	1.297 (3)
C(4)—O(1)	1.370 (3)	C(10)—O(4)	1.234 (3)
C(7)—O(1)	1.417 (4)	C(11)—O(2)	1.377 (3)
C(8)—C(9)	1.339 (3)	C(12)—O(5)	1.359 (3)
C(9)—C(10)	1.467 (3)	C(17)—O(5)	1.441 (4)
C(9)—O(2)	1.386 (3)		
C(2)—C(1)—C(8)	118.2 (2)	C(9)—C(10)—O(4)	120.8 (2)
C(6)—C(1)—C(8)	125.0 (2)	O(3)—C(10)—O(4)	123.9 (2)
C(3)—C(4)—O(1)	124.8 (2)	C(12)—C(11)—O(2)	116.6 (2)
C(5)—C(4)—O(1)	115.3 (2)	C(16)—C(11)—O(2)	123.4 (2)
C(1)—C(8)—C(9)	129.9 (2)	C(11)—C(12)—O(5)	115.7 (2)
C(8)—C(9)—C(10)	123.0 (2)	C(13)—C(12)—O(5)	126.3 (3)
C(8)—C(9)—O(2)	121.2 (2)	C(4)—O(1)—C(7)	118.1 (3)
C(10)—C(9)—O(2)	115.3 (2)	C(9)—O(2)—C(11)	117.0 (2)
C(9)—C(10)—O(3)	115.3 (2)	C(12)—O(5)—C(17)	117.1 (4)
C(1)—C(8)—C(9)—C(10)	-179.2 (2)		
C(1)—C(8)—C(9)—O(2)	9.0 (4)		
C(2)—C(1)—C(8)—C(9)	-179.7 (3)		
C(2)—C(1)—C(8)—H(C8)	0 (1)		
C(2)—C(3)—C(4)—O(1)	180.0 (2)		
C(3)—C(4)—O(1)—C(7)	6.9 (5)		
C(8)—C(9)—C(10)—O(3)	6.0 (3)		
C(8)—C(9)—C(10)—O(4)	-174.4 (2)		
C(8)—C(9)—O(2)—C(11)	-122.9 (2)		
C(9)—C(10)—O(3)—H(O3)	-175 (2)		
C(9)—O(2)—C(11)—C(12)	-155.5 (2)		
C(10)—C(9)—O(2)—C(11)	64.8 (3)		
C(11)—C(12)—O(5)—C(17)	-172.1 (3)		
C(13)—C(12)—O(5)—C(17)	9.1 (5)		
O(2)—C(9)—C(8)—H(C8)	-171 (1)		
O(2)—C(9)—C(10)—O(3)	178.2 (2)		
O(2)—C(9)—C(10)—O(4)	-2.2 (3)		
O(4)—C(10)—O(3)—H(O3)	5 (2)		
$D\cdots H\cdots A$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\cdots H\cdots A$
O(3)—H(O3) \cdots O(4)	1.57 (4)	2.600 (3)	172 (3)

Symmetry code: (i) $1 - x, 1 - y, 2 - z$.

Symmetry and approximate cell dimensions were derived from rotation and Weissenberg photographs (Cu $K\alpha$ radiation). The *TEXSAN* crystallographic software package (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1985) [including *SHELXS86* (Sheldrick, 1985)] was used for solving and refining the structure.

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Two Dimethylmorpholinium Bromides

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Abstract

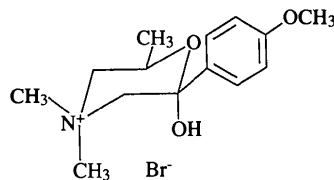
In the title compounds 2-hydroxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,4,6-trimethylmorpholinium bromide, C₁₄H₂₂NO₃⁺.Br⁻, (1), and 2-hydroxy-4,4,6-trimethyl-2-phenylmorpholinium bromide hydrate, C₁₃H₂₀NO₂⁺.Br⁻.xH₂O, (2), the morpholinium rings adopt a chair conformation with the magnitudes of the endocyclic torsion angles in (1) and (2) in the ranges 50.5 (7)–60.1 (7) and 49.4 (4)–58.3 (4)°,

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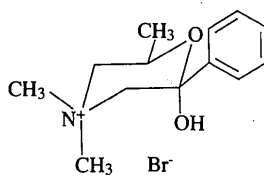
respectively. The hydroxyl group is in the axial position of the morpholinium ring in both structures with C—OH bond distances of 1.410 (9) and 1.409 (4) Å. In (2), the hydroxy H atom points towards a Br ion [O··Br 3.246 (3), H··Br 2.55 (3) Å, O—H··Br 172 (3)°]. The OH··Br interaction in (1) is longer and nonlinear [O··Br 3.427 (5) Å, O—H··Br 123 (8)°].

Comment

As part of a larger study of structural changes in reactions involving tetrahedral intermediates and substituent effects in 2-substituted 2-hydroxy-4,4-dimethylmorpholinium bromides (Lee *et al.*, 1992), the syntheses of some morpholinium bromides (Garcia-Guajardo, Fronczek & Gandour, 1986; Altbach *et al.*, 1988; Garcia, Fronczek & Gandour, 1992*a*, 1993*a*) were performed. 2-Hydroxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,4-dimethyl-6-methylmorpholinium bromide (1) was prepared by condensing 4-methoxy-2'-bromoacetophenone with 2-hydroxy-*N,N*-dimethylpropanol amine following the procedure described by Garcia (1986). Similarly, 2-hydroxy-4,4-dimethyl-6-methyl-2-phenylmorpholinium bromide hydrate (2) was prepared by condensing 2'-bromoacetophenone with 2-hydroxy-*N,N*-dimethylpropanol amine. Crystals of (1) (m.p. 443–445 K) and (2) (m.p. 480–482 K) were grown by slow cooling of methanol.



(1)



(2)

The average values of the O—CH₃ and C(aromatic)—O distances and the C(aromatic)—O—CH₃ angles in (1) [1.42 (1) and 1.372 (8) Å, 119.0 (6)°, respectively] are in agreement with those determined by X-ray crystallography by Nyburg & Faerman (1986) (1.425, 1.371 Å; 117.7°). Structural data for the title compounds are also in agreement with those for 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-hydroxy-4,4-dimethylmorpholinium bromide (Altbach *et al.*, 1988), 2-hydroxy-4,4-dimethyl-2-(4-tolyl)morpholinium bromide (Garcia, Fronczek & Gandour, 1992*a*), 2-hydroxy-2-(2-methylphenyl)-4,4-dimethylmorpholinium bromide (Garcia, Fronczek &