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## Homochiral Methyl (*S*)-2-Benzenesulfonyloxy-4-bromo-4-methylpentanoate

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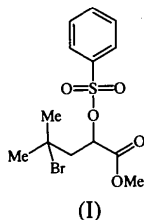
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### Abstract

The stereochemistry at position 2 of the title compound,  $C_{13}H_{17}BrO_5S$ , has been confirmed as (*S*).

### Comment

The title compound, (I), was investigated as part of a study into the regioselective bromination of 2-hydroxy-4-methylpentanoic acid derivatives. This struc-



ture determination was undertaken to confirm that the stereochemistry at the 2 position (*i.e.* C5) was unaffected by the bromination reaction. The compound crystallized in the monoclinic space group  $P2_1$  and refinement of the structure showed the presence of only one enantiomer.

The stereochemistry at C5 was found to be (*S*), with the correct choice of 'handedness' verified by the value of the Flack (1983) parameter [ $\chi = 0.01(2)$ ]. Close intermolecular contacts occur between Br1 and H10( $2 - x, y + 1/2, 2 - z$ ) [2.989(7) Å], and O2 and H9( $2 - x, y + 1/2, 2 - z$ ) [2.438(8) Å]. A similar regioselective (and stereoselective) bromination of a cinnamate derivative has been reported previously (Shaw, Tan & Blackman, 1995).

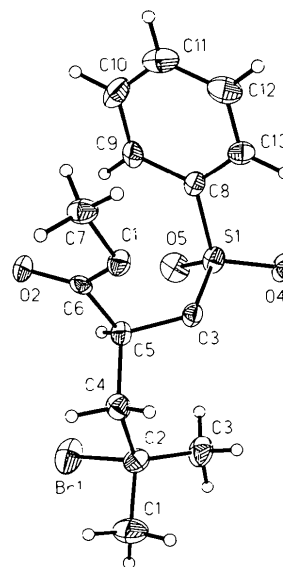


Fig. 1. ORTEP (Johnson, 1965) drawing of (I) showing displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level.

### Experimental

A mixture of methyl (*S*)-2-benzenesulfonyloxy-4-methylpentanoate (0.32 g, 1.1 mmol) and *N*-bromosuccinimide (0.24 g, 1.3 mmol) in  $CCl_4$  (40 ml) was heated at reflux under nitrogen for 8 h, the reaction being initiated by irradiation with a 160 W mercury lamp. The reaction mixture was then cooled, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The resulting solid was recrystallized from dichloromethane and hexane (Shaw & Tan, 1995). The compound crystallizes as large blocks which were used for the analysis, as smaller crystals could not be grown.

#### Crystal data

$C_{13}H_{17}BrO_5S$   
 $M_r = 365.24$   
 Monoclinic  
 $P2_1$   
 $a = 10.352(2)$  Å  
 $b = 7.1190(10)$  Å  
 $c = 10.652(2)$  Å  
 $\beta = 104.89(3)^\circ$   
 $V = 758.6(2)$  Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$   
 $D_x = 1.599$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

#### Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

$\lambda = 0.71073$  Å  
 Cell parameters from 15 reflections  
 $\theta = 12\text{--}17^\circ$   
 $\mu = 2.862$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 130(2)$  K  
 Block  
 $0.7 \times 0.6 \times 0.3$  mm  
 Colourless

**Data collection**

Nicolet R3M diffractometer	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0664$
$\omega$ scans	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ$
Absorption correction:	$h = 0 \rightarrow 11$
$\psi$ scans	$k = 0 \rightarrow 8$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.590$ , $T_{\text{max}} = 0.907$	$l = -12 \rightarrow 12$
1520 measured reflections	3 standard reflections
1438 independent reflections	monitored every 97 reflections
1214 observed reflections	intensity decay: 2%
$[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	

**Refinement**

Refinement on $F^2$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = -0.002$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.0400$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.615 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
$wR(F^2) = 0.0829$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.504 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
$S = 1.068$	Extinction correction: none
1438 reflections	Atomic scattering factors
184 parameters	from <i>International Tables</i>
Only coordinates of H atoms refined	for <i>Crystallography</i> (1992),
$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0527P)^2]$	Vol. C, Tables 4.2.6.8 and
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$	6.1.1.4)

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{Å}^2$ )

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

	x	y	z	$U_{\text{eq}}$
Br1	0.89489 (7)	0.15280 (14)	0.55164 (6)	0.0430 (3)
S1	0.5895 (2)	-0.0750 (2)	0.8244 (2)	0.0229 (4)
O1	0.7964 (4)	0.2711 (7)	1.0333 (4)	0.0222 (11)
O2	0.9771 (4)	0.1211 (7)	1.0025 (4)	0.0251 (12)
O3	0.6447 (4)	0.1306 (7)	0.8099 (4)	0.0198 (10)
O4	0.4485 (4)	-0.0553 (8)	0.7762 (5)	0.0307 (13)
O5	0.6600 (5)	-0.2061 (8)	0.7659 (5)	0.0343 (13)
C1	0.7813 (8)	0.5164 (13)	0.5454 (7)	0.040 (2)
C2	0.7624 (7)	0.3239 (12)	0.6000 (6)	0.028 (2)
C3	0.6267 (6)	0.2451 (12)	0.5387 (6)	0.034 (2)
C4	0.7995 (7)	0.3369 (11)	0.7479 (6)	0.024 (2)
C5	0.7873 (5)	0.1597 (13)	0.8217 (5)	0.0212 (13)
C6	0.8659 (6)	0.1800 (11)	0.9635 (5)	0.0189 (14)
C7	0.8637 (7)	0.2963 (12)	1.1696 (6)	0.027 (2)
C8	0.6309 (6)	-0.1103 (9)	0.9921 (6)	0.021 (2)
C9	0.7515 (6)	-0.1997 (10)	1.0527 (7)	0.024 (2)
C10	0.7843 (7)	-0.2118 (12)	1.1874 (7)	0.037 (2)
C11	0.7013 (8)	-0.1408 (11)	1.2567 (7)	0.036 (2)
C12	0.5830 (8)	-0.0564 (12)	1.1960 (7)	0.035 (2)
C13	0.5467 (7)	-0.0415 (10)	1.0631 (6)	0.026 (2)

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{Å}$ ,  $^\circ$ )

Br1—C2	1.999 (8)	C2—C3	1.497 (9)
S1—O5	1.424 (5)	C2—C4	1.526 (9)
S1—O4	1.424 (5)	C4—C5	1.509 (11)
S1—O3	1.593 (5)	C5—C6	1.527 (7)
S1—C8	1.745 (6)	C8—C13	1.383 (9)
O1—C6	1.329 (8)	C8—C9	1.402 (9)
O1—C7	1.452 (7)	C9—C10	1.390 (9)
O2—C6	1.195 (7)	C10—C11	1.365 (11)
O3—C5	1.464 (6)	C11—C12	1.368 (11)
C1—C2	1.521 (12)	C12—C13	1.372 (10)
O5—S1—O4	120.0 (3)	O3—C5—C4	106.9 (5)
O5—S1—O3	108.8 (3)	O3—C5—C6	111.6 (4)
O4—S1—O3	103.6 (3)	C4—C5—C6	110.0 (6)
O5—S1—C8	109.6 (3)	O2—C6—O1	126.1 (5)
O4—S1—C8	110.0 (3)	O2—C6—C5	122.1 (6)
O3—S1—C8	103.4 (3)	O1—C6—C5	111.8 (5)
C6—O1—C7	115.4 (5)	C13—C8—C9	121.4 (6)
C5—O3—S1	120.0 (5)	C13—C8—S1	119.1 (5)
C3—C2—C1	111.7 (6)	C9—C8—S1	119.5 (5)

C3—C2—C4	115.6 (6)	C10—C9—C8	117.1 (7)
C1—C2—C4	108.5 (6)	C11—C10—C9	121.0 (7)
C3—C2—Br1	106.8 (5)	C10—C11—C12	121.2 (7)
C1—C2—Br1	106.7 (5)	C11—C12—C13	119.7 (8)
C4—C2—Br1	107.2 (5)	C12—C13—C8	119.5 (7)
C5—C4—C2	117.1 (6)		

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**Phenyl Carbamidonitrile**

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**Abstract**

The molecule of 3-phenyl-1-ureidonitrile, C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O, has an extended conformation with a nearly planar carbamidonitrile group (to within 0.04 Å). The angle between the phenyl ring plane and the plane of the carbamidonitrile group is 27.6(4)°. The carbamido N(7) and N(10) atoms are *sp*<sup>2</sup> hybridized. Except for the nitrile C(11)≡N(12) triple bond, the remaining C—N