

$V = 888 (1) \text{ \AA}^3$
 $Z = 2$
 $D_x = 1.362 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

$0.5 \times 0.1 \times 0.05 \text{ mm}$
 Colourless
 Crystal source: synthesized
 at UMIST

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|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| N2—O1—C5 | 103.4 (7) | N2—C3—C4 | 105.6 (9) |
| O1—N2—C3 | 105.7 (7) | C3—C4—C5 | 104 (1) |
| O1—N2—C11 | 111.6 (8) | O1—C5—C4 | 102.8 (8) |
| C3—N2—C11 | 119.8 (9) | | |

Data collection

CAD-4 diffractometer
 $\omega/2\theta$ scans
 Absorption correction:
 none
 1887 measured reflections
 1638 independent reflections
 856 observed reflections
 $[F > 3\sigma(F)]$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 1.36$

$\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ$
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 6$
 $k = 0 \rightarrow 18$
 $l = -12 \rightarrow 12$
 3 standard reflections
 monitored every 150
 reflections
 intensity decay: none

Refinement

Refinement on F
 $R = 0.0617$
 $wR = 0.0701$
 $S = 1.649$
 856 reflections
 244 parameters
 H-atom parameters not
 refined
 Weighting scheme based
 on measured e.s.d.'s
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.0775$

$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.179 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.191 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 Extinction correction:
 Zachariasen type 2
 Gaussian isotropic
 Extinction coefficient:
 $38 (1) \times 10^{-7}$
 Atomic scattering factors
 from *International Tables*
 for *X-ray Crystallography*
 (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 | 0.719 (1) | 0.6692 | 0.5323 (6) | 0.051 (3) |
| N2 | 0.890 (2) | 0.7282 (7) | 0.4764 (8) | 0.058 (5) |
| C3 | 1.111 (2) | 0.7185 (9) | 0.553 (1) | 0.059 (6) |
| O4 | 1.096 (2) | 0.6271 (8) | 0.614 (1) | 0.071 (7) |
| C5 | 0.863 (2) | 0.5898 (8) | 0.559 (1) | 0.069 (7) |
| C11 | 0.899 (2) | 0.7191 (8) | 0.343 (1) | 0.051 (5) |
| C12 | 1.079 (2) | 0.7620 (9) | 0.271 (1) | 0.060 (6) |
| C13 | 1.076 (2) | 0.7613 (10) | 0.141 (1) | 0.068 (7) |
| C14 | 0.886 (3) | 0.7182 (10) | 0.075 (1) | 0.076 (7) |
| C15 | 0.720 (2) | 0.6748 (9) | 0.140 (1) | 0.064 (6) |
| C16 | 0.721 (2) | 0.6765 (9) | 0.275 (1) | 0.064 (6) |
| C21 | 1.143 (2) | 0.7896 (8) | 0.6487 (10) | 0.045 (5) |
| C22 | 0.978 (2) | 0.8575 (8) | 0.6619 (9) | 0.048 (5) |
| C23 | 1.014 (2) | 0.9175 (8) | 0.760 (1) | 0.058 (6) |
| C24 | 1.209 (2) | 0.9144 (10) | 0.844 (1) | 0.067 (7) |
| C25 | 1.375 (2) | 0.8497 (10) | 0.829 (1) | 0.075 (7) |
| C26 | 1.341 (2) | 0.7858 (9) | 0.732 (1) | 0.069 (7) |
| C31 | 0.706 (2) | 0.5343 (8) | 0.643 (1) | 0.057 (6) |
| C32 | 0.594 (2) | 0.4629 (9) | 0.588 (1) | 0.061 (6) |
| C33 | 0.432 (3) | 0.4165 (10) | 0.662 (2) | 0.088 (9) |
| C34 | 0.392 (3) | 0.436 (1) | 0.783 (2) | 0.10 (1) |
| C35 | 0.510 (3) | 0.504 (1) | 0.839 (1) | 0.089 (8) |
| C36 | 0.661 (3) | 0.553 (1) | 0.769 (1) | 0.086 (9) |
| F14 | 0.884 (1) | 0.7200 (7) | -0.0539 (7) | 0.106 (5) |
| N23 | 0.841 (2) | 0.9878 (8) | 0.769 (1) | 0.070 (6) |
| O23A | 0.712 (2) | 1.0065 (8) | 0.678 (1) | 0.097 (6) |
| O23B | 0.823 (2) | 1.0234 (8) | 0.873 (1) | 0.100 (6) |

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

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|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| O1—N2 | 1.44 (1) | C3—C4 | 1.54 (2) |
| O1—C5 | 1.49 (1) | C3—C21 | 1.49 (1) |
| N2—C3 | 1.47 (1) | C4—C5 | 1.52 (2) |
| N2—C11 | 1.40 (1) | C5—C31 | 1.50 (2) |

Data collection: *CAD-4 Diffractometer Control Software* (Enraf-Nonius, 1977). Cell refinement: *CAD-4 Diffractometer Control Software*. Data reduction: *PROCESS TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1985). Program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS86* (Sheldrick, 1985). Program(s) used to refine structure: *LS TEXSAN*. Molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976). Software used to prepare material for publication: *FINISH TEXSAN*. Literature search: *CSSR* (1984).

Lists of structure factors, anisotropic displacement parameters, H-atom coordinates and complete geometry have been deposited with the IUCr (Reference: HU1139). Copies may be obtained through The Managing Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

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4-(9,10-Dihydro-4*H*-benzo[4,5]cyclohepta[1,2-*b*]thien-4-ylidene)-1-methylpiperidinium Hydrogen Malate†

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Abstract

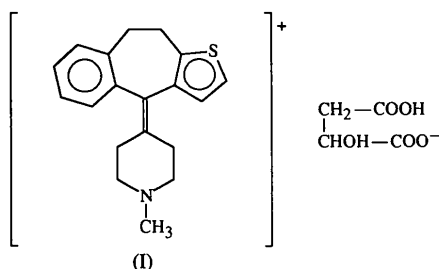
The title compound, $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{NS}^+\cdot\text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{O}_5^-$, is a drug used in the treatment of migraine. The tricyclic moiety is asymmetrically folded with a dihedral angle of

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121.5(1)° between the aromatic planes. The piperidylidene ring adopts a flattened chair conformation. Hydrogen bonds between symmetry-related malate anions form endless chains in the *a* direction.

Comment

The structure of the title compound (I) has been determined as part of our studies on serotonin antagonists (Blaton, Peeters & De Ranter, 1995, and references therein). Pizotifen (sandomigran, mosegor) is a drug used in the treatment of migraine. Fig. 1 shows a view of the molecule with the hydrogen malate in the *S* configuration. The tricyclic moiety has the common characteristics of dihydrodibenzo[*b,f*]heteropins (Blaton, Peeters & De Ranter, 1995). It folds asymmetrically



about a line through C4 and C9, the endocyclic angles of the seven-membered ring facing the thiophene ring are markedly enlarged, and the conformation of the central ring is a distorted boat-sofa with a local mirror plane through C11 and the centre of the opposite bond [puckering parameters (Cremer & Pople, 1975) $q_2 = 0.782(3)$, $q_3 = 0.353(3)$ Å, $\varphi_2 = -147.9(2)$, $\varphi_3 = 118.9(5)^\circ$; asymmetry parameter (Nardelli, 1983*b*) $\Delta(C11) = 0.056(1)$]. The butterfly angle between the aromatic rings is 121.5(1)°. This angle decreases with the increasing bulkiness of the double-bonded substituent as can be deduced from the values 145.2(2)° in DDCHO (Reboul *et al.*, 1983), 131.9(4)° in IB503 (Bastian & Weber, 1971), 129.3° in noxyptiline (Bandoli & Nicolini, 1983), 114(3) and 117(3)° in piroheptine (Tokuma, Nojima & Morimoto, 1968) and 104° in 5-(bromomethylene)-10,11-dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*a,d*]cycloheptene (Larsson, 1970). The significant difference between the S—C bond distances [1.684(3) and 1.725(4) Å] was also found in the IB503 structure. The length of the C4—C15 bond [1.349(4) Å] indicates an isolated double bond without conjugation with the aromatic rings. The piperidylidene ring has a slightly distorted chair conformation flattened at the C15 apex. The hydrogen malate anion is statistically disordered. Both enantiomers are present at the same position of the unit cell. The conformation of both configurations belongs to type I (van der Sluis & Kroon, 1985). The

conformation of the carbon skeleton is antiperiplanar [176.5(4), -164.6(8)°] with the carbonyl group of the glycolic acid moiety roughly planar with the hydroxyl O atom [-8.7(7), -168(1)°]. O—H···O hydrogen bonds between *a*-glide equivalent malate anions form endless chains in the *a* direction [O29A···O26Aⁱ 2.595(6); O29B···O26Bⁱ 2.49(1) Å; symmetry code: (i) $\frac{1}{2} + x, -\frac{1}{2} - y, z$]. Within this bridge it is hardly possible to discriminate between the donor and acceptor atom as the electron-density maximum found in a difference Fourier synthesis is situated centrally in a symmetric O—H—O bond. N—H···O hydrogen bonds [N18—H18 0.91, H18···O28A 1.84, N18···O28A 2.729 Å, N18—H18···O28A 165°; H18···O28B 2.08, N18···O28B 2.961 Å, N18—H18···O28B 163°] connect the pizotifen cation to the malate anions.

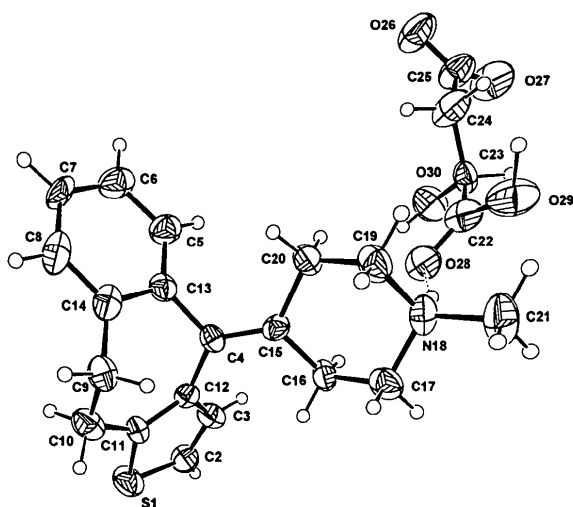


Fig. 1. Perspective view of the title compound with atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 40% probability level.

Experimental

Crystal data

C₁₉H₂₂NS⁺·C₄H₅O₅⁻

$M_r = 429.52$

Orthorhombic

Pcab

$a = 9.973(1)$ Å

$b = 17.101(2)$ Å

$c = 25.496(3)$ Å

$V = 4348.4(8)$ Å³

$Z = 8$

$D_x = 1.312$ Mg m⁻³

$D_m = 1.306$ Mg m⁻³

D_m measured by flotation in *n*-heptane/CCl₄

Cu $K\alpha$ radiation

$\lambda = 1.54184$ Å

Cell parameters from 24 reflections

$\theta = 20-25^\circ$

$\mu = 1.610$ mm⁻¹

$T = 293$ K

Plate

$0.47 \times 0.25 \times 0.05$ mm

Colourless

Crystal source: Janssen Research Foundation, Beerse, Belgium

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| <i>Data collection</i> | |
| Hilger & Watts four-circle diffractometer | 985 observed reflections |
| $\omega/2\theta$ scans | $[F^2 > 3.0\sigma(F^2)]$ |
| Absorption correction: | $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0743$ |
| empirical, ψ scan (North, Phillips & Mathews, 1968) | $\theta_{\text{max}} = 56.99^\circ$ |
| $T_{\text{min}} = 0.757$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.968$ | $h = 0 \rightarrow 10$ |
| 5220 measured reflections | $k = 0 \rightarrow 18$ |
| 2773 independent reflections | $l = -26 \rightarrow 26$ |
| | 4 standard reflections monitored every 50 reflections |
| | intensity decay: <3.0% |
| <i>Refinement</i> | |
| Refinement on F^2 | $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.17 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ |
| $R[F^2 > 3\sigma(F^2)] = 0.0561$ | $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.20 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.0909$ | Extinction correction: |
| $S = 1.415$ | SHELXL93 (Sheldrick, 1993) |
| 2773 reflections | Extinction coefficient: |
| 357 parameters | 0.00021 (3) |
| H-atom parameters not refined | Atomic scattering factors from <i>International Tables for X-ray Crystallography</i> (1974, Vol. IV, Tables 2.2B and 2.3.1) |
| $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.044P)^2]$ | |
| where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ | |
| $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.085$ | |

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

| | x | y | z | U_{eq} |
|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| S1 | -0.0222 (1) | 0.23145 (6) | 0.17320 (4) | 0.0743 (4) |
| C2 | -0.1073 (3) | 0.2140 (2) | 0.2290 (1) | 0.059 (2) |
| C3 | -0.0542 (3) | 0.1532 (2) | 0.2554 (1) | 0.054 (1) |
| C4 | 0.1312 (3) | 0.0497 (2) | 0.2540 (1) | 0.039 (1) |
| C5 | 0.0933 (3) | -0.0878 (2) | 0.2233 (1) | 0.056 (1) |
| C6 | 0.1124 (3) | -0.1462 (2) | 0.1860 (1) | 0.066 (2) |
| C7 | 0.1858 (3) | -0.1329 (2) | 0.1412 (1) | 0.056 (1) |
| C8 | 0.2461 (4) | -0.0603 (2) | 0.1351 (1) | 0.065 (2) |
| C9 | 0.2956 (3) | 0.0788 (2) | 0.1620 (1) | 0.052 (1) |
| C10 | 0.1913 (3) | 0.1389 (2) | 0.1453 (1) | 0.061 (2) |
| C11 | 0.0890 (3) | 0.1563 (2) | 0.1853 (1) | 0.049 (1) |
| C12 | 0.0595 (3) | 0.1194 (2) | 0.2309 (1) | 0.037 (1) |
| C13 | 0.1545 (3) | -0.0153 (2) | 0.2159 (1) | 0.041 (1) |
| C14 | 0.2316 (3) | -0.0009 (2) | 0.1702 (1) | 0.050 (1) |
| C15 | 0.1649 (3) | 0.0439 (2) | 0.3052 (1) | 0.039 (1) |
| C16 | 0.1382 (3) | 0.1073 (2) | 0.3452 (1) | 0.049 (1) |
| C17 | 0.2545 (4) | 0.1204 (2) | 0.3821 (1) | 0.056 (1) |
| N18 | 0.2961 (3) | 0.0465 (2) | 0.40731 (9) | 0.051 (1) |
| C19 | 0.3377 (3) | -0.0119 (2) | 0.3675 (1) | 0.057 (1) |
| C20 | 0.2249 (3) | -0.0284 (2) | 0.3287 (1) | 0.051 (1) |
| C21 | 0.4032 (3) | 0.0593 (2) | 0.4471 (1) | 0.075 (2) |
| C22A | 0.0928 (5) | -0.0712 (3) | 0.4726 (2) | 0.061 (2) |
| C23A | -0.0142 (5) | -0.1276 (3) | 0.4925 (2) | 0.053 (2) |
| C24A | 0.0195 (6) | -0.2101 (2) | 0.4770 (2) | 0.077 (2) |
| C25A | -0.0777 (6) | -0.2699 (3) | 0.4982 (2) | 0.068 (2) |
| O26A | -0.0986 (4) | -0.3276 (2) | 0.4672 (2) | 0.088 (2) |
| O27A | -0.1331 (4) | -0.2625 (2) | 0.5390 (1) | 0.098 (2) |
| O28A | 0.0627 (4) | -0.0193 (2) | 0.4416 (1) | 0.074 (2) |
| O29A | 0.2076 (4) | -0.0786 (2) | 0.4926 (2) | 0.086 (2) |
| O30A | -0.1411 (3) | -0.1083 (2) | 0.4792 (2) | 0.078 (2) |
| C22B | 0.106 (1) | -0.0762 (6) | 0.4797 (4) | 0.061 (3) |
| C23B | 0.029 (1) | -0.1432 (5) | 0.5045 (3) | 0.051 (3) |
| C24B | -0.006 (1) | -0.2046 (5) | 0.4647 (4) | 0.078 (3) |
| C25B | -0.113 (1) | -0.2604 (6) | 0.4847 (5) | 0.068 (3) |
| O26B | -0.103 (1) | -0.3297 (5) | 0.4673 (4) | 0.086 (4) |
| O27B | -0.2041 (9) | -0.2375 (5) | 0.5106 (4) | 0.130 (6) |

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|------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| O28B | 0.055 (1) | -0.0388 (5) | 0.4436 (3) | 0.087 (4) |
| O29B | 0.2277 (8) | -0.0702 (5) | 0.4922 (4) | 0.078 (4) |
| O30B | 0.077 (1) | -0.1726 (6) | 0.5492 (3) | 0.138 (6) |

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

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| S1—C2 | 1.684 (3) | C17—N18 | 1.477 (4) |
| S1—C11 | 1.725 (4) | N18—C19 | 1.482 (4) |
| C2—C3 | 1.347 (5) | N18—C21 | 1.490 (4) |
| C3—C12 | 1.419 (5) | C19—C20 | 1.525 (5) |
| C4—C12 | 1.509 (4) | C22A—C23A | 1.525 (7) |
| C4—C13 | 1.496 (4) | C22A—O28A | 1.225 (6) |
| C4—C15 | 1.349 (4) | C22A—O29A | 1.259 (6) |
| C5—C6 | 1.391 (5) | C23A—C24A | 1.505 (6) |
| C5—C13 | 1.394 (4) | C23A—O30A | 1.351 (6) |
| C6—C7 | 1.376 (5) | C24A—C25A | 1.510 (7) |
| C7—C8 | 1.388 (5) | C25A—O26A | 1.280 (6) |
| C8—C14 | 1.362 (5) | C25A—O27A | 1.185 (6) |
| C9—C10 | 1.523 (5) | C22B—C23B | 1.51 (1) |
| C9—C14 | 1.519 (5) | C22B—O28B | 1.23 (1) |
| C10—C11 | 1.473 (5) | C22B—O29B | 1.26 (1) |
| C11—C12 | 1.357 (4) | C23B—C24B | 1.50 (1) |
| C13—C14 | 1.417 (5) | C23B—O30B | 1.34 (1) |
| C15—C16 | 1.513 (4) | C24B—C25B | 1.52 (1) |
| C15—C20 | 1.499 (4) | C25B—O26B | 1.27 (1) |
| C16—C17 | 1.510 (5) | C25B—O27B | 1.19 (1) |
| C2—S1—C11 | 92.4 (2) | C15—C16—C17 | 113.0 (3) |
| S1—C2—C3 | 111.1 (3) | C16—C17—N18 | 111.1 (3) |
| C2—C3—C12 | 114.2 (3) | C17—N18—C21 | 111.9 (3) |
| C13—C4—C15 | 122.3 (3) | C17—N18—C19 | 111.0 (2) |
| C12—C4—C15 | 123.6 (3) | C19—N18—C21 | 111.4 (4) |
| C12—C4—C13 | 114.0 (3) | N18—C19—C20 | 111.3 (3) |
| C6—C5—C13 | 119.1 (3) | C15—C20—C19 | 113.7 (3) |
| C5—C6—C7 | 121.4 (3) | O28A—C22A—O29A | 123.8 (5) |
| C6—C7—C8 | 118.1 (3) | C23A—C22A—O29A | 116.0 (4) |
| C7—C8—C14 | 123.2 (3) | C23A—C22A—O28A | 120.1 (4) |
| C10—C9—C14 | 110.9 (3) | C22A—C23A—O30A | 114.7 (4) |
| C9—C10—C11 | 114.6 (3) | C22A—C23A—C24A | 110.4 (4) |
| S1—C11—C10 | 118.2 (2) | C24A—C23A—O30A | 111.9 (4) |
| C10—C11—C12 | 130.5 (3) | C23A—C24A—C25A | 113.4 (4) |
| S1—C11—C12 | 111.2 (3) | C24A—C25A—O27A | 122.8 (5) |
| C4—C12—C11 | 126.9 (3) | C24A—C25A—O26A | 113.9 (4) |
| C3—C12—C11 | 111.1 (3) | O26A—C25A—O27A | 123.3 (5) |
| C3—C12—C4 | 122.0 (3) | O28B—C22B—O29B | 123 (1) |
| C4—C13—C5 | 120.3 (3) | C23B—C22B—O29B | 116.3 (9) |
| C5—C13—C14 | 120.2 (3) | C23B—C22B—O28B | 119.9 (9) |
| C4—C13—C14 | 119.3 (3) | C22B—C23B—O30B | 117.4 (9) |
| C9—C14—C13 | 119.9 (3) | C22B—C23B—C24B | 111.4 (8) |
| C8—C14—C13 | 117.9 (3) | C24B—C23B—O30B | 113.3 (8) |
| C8—C14—C9 | 122.2 (3) | C23B—C24B—C25B | 112.2 (8) |
| C4—C15—C20 | 123.1 (3) | C24B—C25B—O27B | 121.0 (9) |
| C4—C15—C16 | 123.7 (3) | C24B—C25B—O26B | 114.5 (9) |
| C16—C15—C20 | 113.0 (3) | O26B—C25B—O27B | 124 (1) |
| C13—C4—C12—C3 | | 130.1 (3) | |
| C15—C4—C12—C3 | | -46.2 (5) | |
| C12—C4—C13—C14 | | 59.8 (4) | |
| C15—C4—C13—C5 | | 60.7 (4) | |
| C12—C4—C13—C5 | | -115.7 (3) | |
| C15—C4—C12—C11 | | 135.6 (4) | |
| C13—C4—C12—C11 | | -48.0 (4) | |
| C15—C4—C13—C14 | | -123.8 (3) | |
| C10—C9—C14—C8 | | 104.9 (4) | |
| C10—C9—C14—C13 | | -75.6 (4) | |
| C14—C9—C10—C11 | | 65.3 (3) | |
| C9—C10—C11—S1 | | 172.8 (2) | |
| C9—C10—C11—C12 | | -11.8 (5) | |
| C4—C15—C20—C19 | | 138.9 (3) | |
| C4—C15—C16—C17 | | -137.6 (3) | |
| O28A—C22A—C23A—O30A | | -8.7 (7) | |
| O28A—C22A—C23A—C24A | | 118.7 (5) | |
| O29A—C22A—C23A—O30A | | 166.6 (4) | |
| O29A—C22A—C23A—C24A | | -66.0 (6) | |
| C22A—C23A—C24A—C25A | | 176.5 (4) | |
| O30A—C23A—C24A—C25A | | -54.5 (6) | |
| C23A—C24A—C25A—O26A | | 145.1 (4) | |
| C23A—C24A—C25A—O27A | | -32.4 (7) | |
| O28B—C22B—C23B—O30B | | -167 (1) | |

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| O28B—C22B—C23B—C24B | 59 (1) |
| O29B—C22B—C23B—O30B | 23 (1) |
| O29B—C22B—C23B—C24B | -109 (1) |
| C22B—C23B—C24B—C25B | -164.6 (8) |
| O30B—C23B—C24B—C25B | 60 (1) |
| C23B—C24B—C25B—O26B | -148.0 (9) |
| C23B—C24B—C25B—O27B | 39 (1) |

Data were collected using a fixed scan speed of 1.2° min⁻¹ and a scan width of 1.2°. Structure solved by Patterson and direct methods for the difference structure. Refinement with full-matrix least squares on F^2 for all reflections. H atoms (except the carboxyl H atom, which was obtained from a difference Fourier synthesis) were calculated at geometrical positions and riding on their parent atom. The hydrogen malate anion was disordered. Both enantiomers are present at the same position and were refined with geometrical and similar U_{ij} restraints (*SADI* and *SIMU* in *SHELXL93*). The sum of the occupancy factors was constrained to 1.0. The occupancy factor for molecule *A* was 0.688 (2).

Data collection: *Y290* (Hilger & Watts, 1969). Cell refinement: *XRAY76* (Stewart *et al.*, 1976). Data reduction: *REDU4* (Stoe & Cie, 1992). Program(s) used to solve structure: *DIRDIF* (Beurskens *et al.*, 1992). Program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL93* (Sheldrick, 1993). Molecular graphics: *ORTEX2.1* (McArdle, 1994). Software used to prepare material for publication: *PARST* (Nardelli, 1983a).

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1,3,4,10b-Tetrahydro-4-phenylpyrido[2,1-a]-isoindole-2,6-dione

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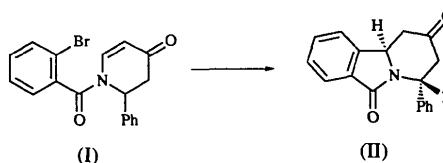
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Abstract

The piperidone ring in the title compound, C₁₈H₁₅NO₂, is in a chair conformation. Coordination at the N atom is planar. The phenyl substituent and the bridgehead H atom at the ring junction are *cis* and in axial orientations with respect to the piperidone ring.

Comment

In the course of studies aimed at the diastereoselective synthesis of alkaloids containing the indolizidine nucleus, the substituted dihydropyridone (I) was treated with tributylstannane in benzene to afford (II) as the sole cyclized product (Beckwith, Joseph & Mayadunne, 1993).



The structure and stereochemistry of (II) were predicted from ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra, and molecular-mechanics calculations on the transition structure. These predictions have now been validated by the present single-crystal X-ray analysis.

Cremer & Pople (1975) puckering parameters for the piperidone ring, calculated using *RING88* (Cremer, 1988), indicate that it is in a chair conformation ($q_2 = 0.059$, $q_3 = 0.493$ Å, $\varphi_2 = 83.2^\circ$ and $\theta_2 = 6.8^\circ$). The phenyl substituent at C12 and the H atom at the ring junction (C8) are *cis* and in axial orientations with respect to the piperidone ring, while the C7—C8 bond formed during the cyclization is equatorial. The five-membered ring has a shallow twist conformation