

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.0568$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.1148$
 $S = 1.132$
 2824 reflections
 398 parameters
 H atoms refined as riding
 model (except for H1)
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0580P)^2 + 0.7204P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.004$

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.211 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.176 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
 Extinction correction:
SHELXL93 (Sheldrick,
 1993)
 Extinction coefficient:
 0.0047 (12)
 Atomic scattering factors
 from *International Tables*
 for *Crystallography* (1992,
 Vol. C, Tables 4.2.6.8 and
 6.1.1.4)

Data collection: *XSCANS* (Siemens, 1992). Cell refinement:
XSCANS. Data reduction: *XSCANS*. Program(s) used to solve
 structure: *SHELXS86* (Sheldrick, 1990). Program(s) used to
 refine structure: *SHELXL93* (Sheldrick, 1993). Molecular
 graphics: *SHELXL93*. Software used to prepare material for
 publication: *SHELXL93*.

Lists of structure factors, anisotropic displacement parameters, H-
 atom coordinates and complete geometry have been deposited with
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Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent
 isotropic displacement parameters (Å^2)

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

	x	y	z	U_{eq}
Si1	0.1246 (2)	0.78695 (15)	0.20606 (11)	0.0546 (7)
O1	-0.0369 (6)	0.7720 (4)	0.0152 (2)	0.065 (2)
O2	0.1262 (5)	0.6910 (3)	0.1658 (2)	0.0525 (14)
O3	0.1054 (7)	0.4455 (4)	0.0132 (3)	0.100 (3)
O4	0.2803 (6)	0.4099 (3)	0.0725 (2)	0.063 (2)
N1	0.0914 (7)	0.7677 (5)	0.0154 (3)	0.055 (2)
N2	0.1858 (7)	0.5468 (4)	0.0802 (3)	0.059 (2)
C1	0.1579 (10)	0.6998 (7)	0.0374 (4)	0.057 (2)
C2	0.0907 (8)	0.6208 (5)	0.0685 (4)	0.049 (2)
C3	0.0258 (8)	0.6509 (5)	0.1274 (4)	0.052 (2)
C4	-0.0431 (11)	0.5714 (7)	0.1594 (5)	0.075 (3)
C5	0.1614 (9)	0.8486 (6)	-0.0107 (4)	0.067 (3)
C12	0.1836 (9)	0.4668 (6)	0.0505 (4)	0.059 (3)
C13	0.3025 (10)	0.3178 (6)	0.0456 (4)	0.065 (3)
C14	0.3316 (21)	0.3272 (12)	-0.0206 (5)	0.140 (6)
C15	0.4256 (9)	0.2841 (6)	0.0796 (5)	0.083 (3)
C16	0.1822 (12)	0.2566 (8)	0.0570 (9)	0.122 (5)
C17	0.1880 (9)	0.7518 (6)	0.2820 (4)	0.060 (2)
C18	0.3295 (10)	0.7140 (9)	0.2736 (5)	0.094 (3)
C19	0.1073 (14)	0.6734 (7)	0.3090 (5)	0.092 (3)
C20	0.1950 (13)	0.8346 (8)	0.3262 (4)	0.093 (3)
C6	0.1243 (8)	0.8702 (6)	-0.0730 (4)	0.052 (2)
C7	0.0612 (9)	0.9496 (7)	-0.0878 (6)	0.074 (3)
C8	0.0371 (11)	0.9726 (8)	-0.1475 (7)	0.090 (3)
C9	0.0711 (11)	0.9128 (10)	-0.1930 (6)	0.087 (3)
C10	0.1299 (11)	0.8309 (9)	-0.1781 (5)	0.086 (3)
C11	0.1576 (9)	0.8087 (6)	-0.1174 (5)	0.068 (3)
C21	0.2363 (9)	0.8712 (6)	0.1683 (4)	0.056 (2)
C22	0.3434 (9)	0.8423 (7)	0.1335 (4)	0.063 (2)
C23	0.4251 (10)	0.9048 (9)	0.1038 (5)	0.078 (3)
C24	0.4053 (12)	0.9988 (9)	0.1094 (5)	0.089 (3)
C25	0.3016 (13)	1.0286 (8)	0.1455 (5)	0.096 (4)
C26	0.2204 (11)	0.9667 (6)	0.1746 (4)	0.074 (3)
C27	-0.0437 (8)	0.8425 (6)	0.2073 (5)	0.058 (2)
C28	-0.0941 (9)	0.8828 (6)	0.1557 (5)	0.065 (3)
C29	-0.2168 (11)	0.9262 (6)	0.1530 (6)	0.079 (3)
C30	-0.2891 (11)	0.9334 (7)	0.2036 (7)	0.090 (3)
C31	-0.2455 (12)	0.8969 (8)	0.2558 (7)	0.100 (4)
C32	-0.1233 (11)	0.8504 (7)	0.2581 (5)	0.078 (3)

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

O1—N1	1.285 (8)	C1—C2	1.480 (11)
O2—C3	1.431 (8)	C1—H1	0.86 (6)
N1—C1	1.271 (10)	C2—C3	1.510 (10)
N1—C5	1.467 (9)	C3—C4	1.503 (10)
C1—N1—O1	124.1 (8)	N1—C1—H1	125 (4)
C1—N1—C5	120.0 (7)	C2—C1—H1	113 (4)
O1—N1—C5	115.9 (7)	N2—C2—C1	109.9 (7)
N1—C1—C2	121.3 (8)	C1—C2—C3	112.0 (7)
C2—C1—N1—C5	175.0 (7)	H1—C1—N1—O1	-175 (5)

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Two Products of Ring Opening Reactions of an Arylthionitrooxirane

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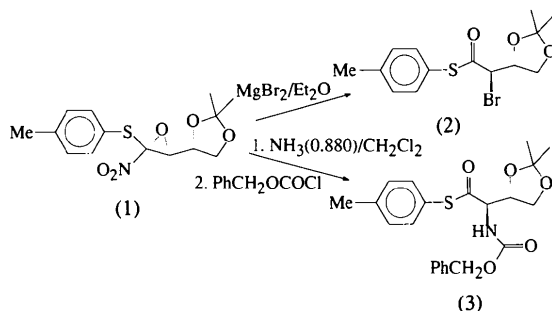
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Abstract

Crystal structure determination of the products, *S*-(4-
 methylphenyl) ($\alpha R, 4R$)- α -bromo-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-
 dioxolane-4-thioacetate, C₁₄H₁₇BrO₃S, (2), and *S*-(4-
 methylphenyl) ($\alpha R, 4R$)- α -(benzyloxycarbonylamino)-
 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane-4-thioacetate, C₂₂H₂₅NO₅S,
 (3), of the two reactions, including absolute-structure
 assignment, shows that they proceed stereospecifically
 with inversion of configuration. Common groups of the
 two structures have essentially the same bond lengths
 and angles, but different conformations, arising from
 weak hydrogen bonding and van der Waals interactions.

Comment

The title compounds, (2) and (3), were synthesized as part of an investigation into methods of synthesizing β -hydroxy- α -amino derivatives via oxirane intermediates (Jackson, Palmer, Wythes, Clegg & Elsegood, 1995; Ashwell, Jackson & Kirk, 1990). Both compounds were prepared from the arylthionitrooxirane (1), which has been structurally characterized by X-ray diffraction, establishing its *syn* configuration and enantiomeric purity (Jackson *et al.*, 1995). The results show that both ring-opening reactions proceed stereospecifically with inversion of configuration, and confirm the suitability of this type of reaction for the facile synthesis of diastereoisomerically pure, fully protected γ -hydroxythreonine derivatives such as (3).



Each structure is of an optically pure isomer, with the same absolute stereochemistry for both molecules. There are no major differences in the bond lengths and angles for the common portions of the molecular structures, the largest difference being in the C1—C2—C3 angle at the C atom bearing the two different substituents. The conformations about the S—C and C—C bonds in the C—S—C—C—C chain are quite different in the two structures, but the two dioxolane rings are both envelopes with O2 as the flap atom.

The N—H group in structure (3) is suitably oriented for hydrogen-bond formation with the C1=O1 carbonyl group in the neighbouring molecule, with N—H...O and C—O...H angles of 155 (6) and 128 (2)°, respectively; however, this hydrogen bond is not very strong, the O...H and O...N separations being 2.26 (6) and 2.989 (14) Å, respectively (these geometric parameters

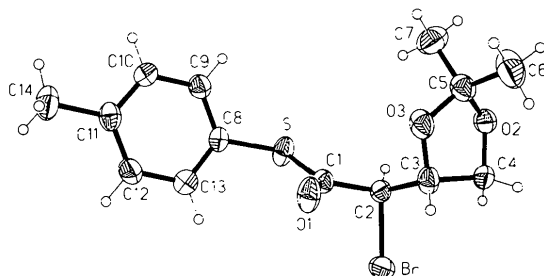


Fig. 1. Structure of compound (2) with 40% probability ellipsoids.

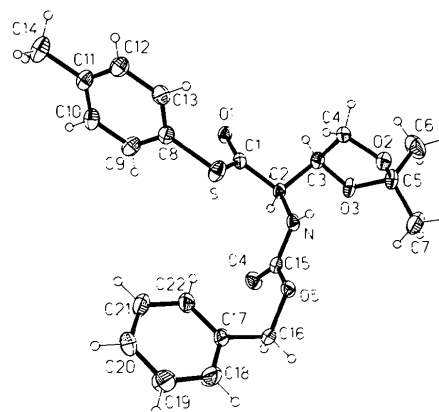


Fig. 2. Structure of compound (3) with 40% probability ellipsoids.

are based on a free refinement of the N—H H atom). With only translational symmetry present in the space group $P1$, these weak hydrogen bonds link the molecules to form chains parallel to the a axis. There are no particularly short intermolecular contacts in the structure of (2).

Experimental

The syntheses of the two title compounds have been reported (Jackson, Palmer, Wythes, Clegg & Elsegood, 1995). Compound (2) was recrystallized by slow cooling from petrol (40–60° fraction). Compound (3) was recrystallized by diffusion of pentane into a solution in ethyl acetate.

Compound (2)*Crystal data*

$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrO}_3\text{S}$
 $M_r = 345.25$
 Orthorhombic
 $P2_12_12_1$
 $a = 6.8923$ (11) Å
 $b = 12.836$ (2) Å
 $c = 17.387$ (3) Å
 $V = 1538.2$ (4) Å³
 $Z = 4$
 $D_x = 1.491$ Mg m⁻³

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å
 Cell parameters from 32 reflections
 $\theta = 11.11$ – 12.14°
 $\mu = 2.809$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 240$ (2) K
 Thick plate
 $0.52 \times 0.48 \times 0.20$ mm
 Colourless

Data collection

Stoe Siemens diffractometer
 ω/θ scans with on-line profile fitting (Clegg, 1981)
 Absorption correction: semi-empirical using azimuthal scans applied with *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1990)
 $T_{\min} = 0.172$, $T_{\max} = 0.328$
 4066 measured reflections

2698 independent reflections
 2119 observed reflections
 $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0476$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 24.98^\circ$
 $h = -8 \rightarrow 8$
 $k = -15 \rightarrow 15$
 $l = -20 \rightarrow 20$
 3 standard reflections
 frequency: 60 min
 intensity decay: none

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

$$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.0372$$

$$wR(F^2) = 0.1059$$

$$S = 1.071$$

2697 reflections

176 parameters

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0620P)^2 + 0.2482P]$$

$$\text{where } P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$$

$$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.110$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.307 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.500 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$$

Extinction correction:

SHELXL93 (Sheldrick, 1993)

Extinction coefficient:

$$0.0027 (10)$$

Atomic scattering factors

from *International Tables for Crystallography* (1992, Vol. C, Tables 4.2.6.8 and 6.1.1.4)

Absolute configuration:

$$x = -0.001 (13) \text{ (Flack, 1983)}$$

Compound (3)

Crystal data

C₂₂H₂₅NO₅S $M_r = 415.49$

Triclinic

P1

$$a = 5.584 (2) \text{ Å}$$

$$b = 9.042 (3) \text{ Å}$$

$$c = 10.902 (3) \text{ Å}$$

$$\alpha = 77.06 (3)^\circ$$

$$\beta = 78.75 (2)^\circ$$

$$\gamma = 87.98 (3)^\circ$$

$$V = 526.1 (3) \text{ Å}^3$$

$$Z = 1$$

$$D_x = 1.311 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

$$\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$$

Cell parameters from 35

reflections

$$\theta = 10.15\text{--}12.50^\circ$$

$$\mu = 0.187 \text{ mm}^{-1}$$

$$T = 160 (2) \text{ K}$$

Needle

$$0.44 \times 0.14 \times 0.08 \text{ mm}$$

Colourless

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å^2) for (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_{eq}
Br	1.04505 (8)	0.61449 (4)	0.23332 (3)	0.0586 (2)
S	0.5406 (2)	0.51613 (9)	0.28630 (7)	0.0530 (3)
O1	0.8270 (6)	0.5135 (3)	0.3883 (2)	0.0604 (10)
O2	0.7538 (5)	0.8892 (3)	0.3352 (2)	0.0479 (8)
O3	0.7570 (6)	0.7488 (2)	0.4152 (2)	0.0528 (9)
C1	0.7510 (7)	0.5566 (3)	0.3347 (3)	0.0381 (10)
C2	0.8291 (6)	0.6575 (3)	0.2991 (3)	0.0380 (10)
C3	0.9055 (7)	0.7327 (3)	0.3598 (3)	0.0470 (12)
C4	0.9385 (7)	0.8423 (3)	0.3262 (3)	0.0476 (11)
C5	0.6781 (9)	0.8513 (4)	0.4063 (3)	0.0538 (13)
C6	0.7424 (13)	0.9181 (5)	0.4730 (4)	0.084 (2)
C7	0.4610 (10)	0.8426 (5)	0.3982 (4)	0.079 (2)
C8	0.4658 (7)	0.4029 (3)	0.3377 (2)	0.0385 (9)
C9	0.2843 (8)	0.4036 (4)	0.3706 (3)	0.0457 (12)
C10	0.2141 (8)	0.3144 (4)	0.4064 (3)	0.0478 (12)
C11	0.3262 (8)	0.2251 (3)	0.4106 (3)	0.0460 (12)
C12	0.5064 (8)	0.2253 (3)	0.3771 (3)	0.0515 (13)
C13	0.5781 (8)	0.3143 (3)	0.3399 (3)	0.0508 (13)
C14	0.2463 (10)	0.1283 (4)	0.4500 (3)	0.067 (2)

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

Br—C2	1.956 (5)	O3—C5	1.432 (6)
S—C1	1.755 (5)	C1—C2	1.533 (6)
S—C8	1.783 (4)	C2—C3	1.525 (6)
O1—C1	1.203 (6)	C3—C4	1.540 (6)
O2—C4	1.417 (6)	C5—C7	1.507 (9)
O2—C5	1.427 (6)	C5—C6	1.509 (9)
O3—C3	1.420 (6)		
C1—S—C8	103.9 (2)	O3—C3—C4	103.3 (4)
C4—O2—C5	106.2 (4)	C2—C3—C4	111.5 (4)
C3—O3—C5	109.5 (4)	O2—C4—C3	102.4 (4)
O1—C1—C2	123.3 (4)	O2—C5—O3	105.5 (4)
O1—C1—S	126.5 (3)	O2—C5—C7	108.0 (5)
C2—C1—S	110.2 (3)	O3—C5—C7	108.6 (5)
C3—C2—C1	112.0 (4)	O2—C5—C6	111.4 (5)
C3—C2—Br	108.7 (3)	O3—C5—C6	109.1 (5)
C1—C2—Br	105.4 (3)	C7—C5—C6	113.9 (6)
O3—C3—C2	108.2 (4)		
C8—S—C1—O1	2.6 (5)	C5—O2—C4—C3	36.5 (5)
C8—S—C1—C2	-177.5 (3)	O3—C3—C4—O2	-28.8 (5)
O1—C1—C2—C3	-39.1 (6)	C2—C3—C4—O2	87.2 (5)
S—C1—C2—C3	141.0 (3)	C4—O2—C5—O3	-30.8 (5)
C5—O3—C3—C2	-107.6 (4)	C3—O3—C5—O2	11.3 (5)
C5—O3—C3—C4	10.7 (5)	C1—S—C8—C9	120.7 (4)
C1—C2—C3—O3	-53.6 (5)	C1—S—C8—C13	-64.3 (4)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-166.6 (4)		

Data collection

Stoe Siemens diffractometer

 ω/θ scans with on-line

profile fitting (Clegg,

1981)

Absorption correction:

none

1606 measured reflections

1606 independent reflections

1492 observed reflections

 $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$

$$\theta_{\max} = 22.53^\circ$$

$$h = -5 \rightarrow 6$$

$$k = -9 \rightarrow 9$$

$$l = -8 \rightarrow 11$$

5 standard reflections

frequency: 60 min

intensity decay: 6%

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

$$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.0431$$

$$wR(F^2) = 0.1246$$

$$S = 1.121$$

1606 reflections

268 parameters

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0647P)^2 + 0.3010P]$$

$$\text{where } P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$$

$$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.226 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.240 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$$

Extinction correction: none

Atomic scattering factors

from *International Tables*for *Crystallography* (1992,

Vol. C, Tables 4.2.6.8 and

6.1.1.4)

Absolute configuration:

$$x = -0.03 (14) \text{ (Flack, 1983)}$$

Table 3. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å^2) for (3)
$$U_{\text{eq}} = (1/3)\sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j.$$

	x	y	z	U_{eq}
S	0.1784 (2)	0.96466 (15)	0.03797 (12)	0.0370 (4)
O1	-0.2412 (6)	0.8254 (4)	0.1579 (3)	0.0294 (9)
O2	0.3720 (6)	0.5569 (4)	0.3988 (4)	0.0329 (9)
O3	0.0338 (6)	0.6623 (4)	0.4958 (3)	0.0334 (9)
O4	0.1314 (6)	1.1347 (4)	0.3364 (4)	0.0351 (9)
O5	0.5351 (6)	1.0932 (4)	0.2724 (4)	0.0293 (8)
N	0.2700 (8)	0.9094 (5)	0.2909 (4)	0.0259 (10)
C1	-0.0458 (9)	0.8688 (6)	0.1688 (5)	0.0264 (12)
C2	0.0328 (8)	0.8483 (6)	0.2982 (5)	0.0256 (11)
C3	0.0082 (9)	0.6776 (6)	0.3648 (5)	0.0286 (12)
C4	0.2104 (9)	0.5755 (6)	0.3110 (6)	0.0318 (12)
C5	0.2241 (10)	0.5564 (6)	0.5202 (5)	0.0338 (13)
C6	0.1112 (16)	0.4008 (8)	0.5857 (8)	0.066 (2)
C7	0.3751 (12)	0.6178 (9)	0.5997 (7)	0.054 (2)
C8	0.0178 (9)	0.9875 (6)	-0.0911 (5)	0.0309 (13)
C9	-0.1812 (10)	1.0839 (7)	-0.0956 (6)	0.0389 (14)
C10	-0.2989 (10)	1.1047 (7)	-0.2000 (6)	0.0393 (14)

C11	-0.2214 (10)	1.0318 (7)	-0.2976 (5)	0.0341 (13)
C12	-0.0221 (10)	0.9369 (7)	-0.2927 (6)	0.0369 (14)
C13	0.0969 (10)	0.9147 (6)	-0.1894 (6)	0.0346 (13)
C14	-0.3474 (11)	1.0573 (9)	-0.4128 (6)	0.050 (2)
C15	0.2966 (8)	1.0527 (6)	0.3031 (5)	0.0249 (12)
C16	0.5894 (9)	1.2495 (6)	0.2720 (5)	0.0304 (12)
C17	0.5988 (9)	1.3531 (6)	0.1416 (6)	0.0310 (13)
C18	0.7802 (12)	1.4614 (8)	0.0971 (7)	0.050 (2)
C19	0.7933 (15)	1.5640 (9)	-0.0208 (7)	0.064 (2)
C20	0.6258 (13)	1.5558 (7)	-0.0965 (7)	0.050 (2)
C21	0.4426 (12)	1.4465 (8)	-0.0515 (7)	0.050 (2)
C22	0.4281 (11)	1.3468 (7)	0.0665 (7)	0.043 (2)

Table 4. Selected geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$) for (3)

S—C8	1.782 (6)	O5—C16	1.455 (7)
S—C1	1.783 (5)	N—C15	1.348 (7)
O1—C1	1.208 (6)	N—C2	1.434 (7)
O2—C5	1.416 (7)	N—H1	0.79 (6)
O2—C4	1.419 (7)	C1—C2	1.528 (7)
O3—C5	1.429 (7)	C2—C3	1.549 (7)
O3—C3	1.438 (7)	C3—C4	1.544 (7)
O4—C15	1.214 (6)	C5—C7	1.518 (9)
O5—C15	1.351 (6)	C5—C6	1.524 (9)
C8—S—C1	101.1 (2)	O3—C3—C4	104.0 (4)
C5—O2—C4	106.0 (4)	O3—C3—C2	108.0 (4)
C5—O3—C3	108.3 (4)	C4—C3—C2	115.1 (4)
C15—O5—C16	116.1 (4)	O2—C4—C3	103.4 (4)
C15—N—C2	120.9 (4)	O2—C5—O3	105.7 (4)
C2—N—H1	119 (4)	O2—C5—C7	108.3 (5)
C15—N—H1	120 (4)	O3—C5—C7	107.7 (5)
O1—C1—C2	122.9 (5)	O2—C5—C6	112.3 (5)
O1—C1—S	124.2 (4)	O3—C5—C6	109.1 (5)
C2—C1—S	112.9 (4)	C7—C5—C6	113.5 (6)
N—C2—C1	114.3 (4)	O4—C15—N	125.4 (5)
N—C2—C3	112.8 (4)	O4—C15—O5	124.4 (5)
C1—C2—C3	108.1 (4)	N—C15—O5	110.2 (4)
C8—S—C1—O1	5.4 (5)	C5—O2—C4—C3	33.4 (5)
C8—S—C1—C2	-173.8 (3)	O3—C3—C4—O2	-18.8 (5)
O1—C1—C2—C3	54.4 (6)	C2—C3—C4—O2	99.2 (5)
S—C1—C2—C3	-126.3 (4)	C4—O2—C5—O3	-36.0 (5)
C5—O3—C3—C4	-2.4 (5)	C3—O3—C5—O2	23.1 (5)
C5—O3—C3—C2	-125.2 (4)	C1—S—C8—C13	-114.9 (4)
C1—C2—C3—O3	-168.5 (4)	C1—S—C8—C9	67.8 (5)
C1—C2—C3—C4	75.8 (5)		

The measured data set for (2) consisted of an octant, a complete set of Friedel opposites and a further octant equivalent to the first, thus producing the overall index limits given. For (3), the measured data set consisted of a complete sphere of reflections to the specified angle limit.

Isotropic H atoms were refined with a riding model for both compounds, including a parameter for rotation of each methyl group about the C—C bond.

For both compounds, data collection: *DIF4* (Stoe & Cie, 1990); cell refinement: *DIF4*; data reduction: local programs; program(s) used to solve structures: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1990, 1994); program(s) used to refine structures: *SHELXL93* (Sheldrick, 1993); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL93* and local programs.

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Abstract

The structure of the title compound, $C_9H_{11}AsN_6O_3 \cdot 2H_2O$, contains a planar organic moiety bonded to pentavalent arsenic. The lattice is stabilized by a combination of aromatic stacking interactions and by a hydrogen-bonding network involving water molecules of crystallization.

Comment

Melarsamine hydrochloride (trade name Cymelarsen) is a water-soluble trivalent arsenical drug which finds use in the treatment of trypanosomal infection in some animals (Zweygarth & Kaminsky, 1990). A study of the properties of the drug in aerobic aqueous solution indicates that the compound is unstable, with a complex mode of dissociation (Berger & Fairlamb, 1994). This analysis was undertaken to identify the structure of a

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