### Data collection

Stoe IPDS diffractometer	$R_{\rm int} = 0.0625$
Rotation scans	$\theta_{\rm max} = 23.8^{\circ}$
Absorption correction: none	$h = -8 \rightarrow 7$
10 118 measured reflections	$k = -12 \rightarrow 12$
3101 independent reflections	$l = -27 \rightarrow 27$
2485 reflections with	
$I > 2\sigma(I)$	

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$ R = 0.0367wR = 0.0821S = 1.0753101 reflections 240 parameters H atoms riding  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0454P)^2]$ + 0.023Pwhere  $P = (F_{0}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$ 

# Compound (V)

Crystal data

 $C_{14}H_{18}O_5$  $M_r = 266.29$ Triclinic  $P\overline{1}$ a = 7.7300 (10) Åb = 9.4267 (10) Åc = 9.9854 (10) Å $\alpha = 79.235 (8)^{\circ}$  $\beta = 88.902 (10)^{\circ}$  $\gamma = 75.125 (9)^{\circ}$  $V = 690.54 (14) \text{ Å}^3$ Z = 2 $D_x = 1.281 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  $D_m$  not measured

### Data collection

Stoe IPDS diffractometer Rotation scans Absorption correction: none 4199 measured reflections 2159 independent reflections 1792 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$ R = 0.0402wR = 0.1130S = 1.1232159 reflections 176 parameters H atoms riding  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0653P)^2]$ + 0.0961P1 where  $P = (F_{\rho}^2 + 2F_{c}^2)/3$   $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.10 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.11 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ Extinction correction: none Scattering factors from International Tables for Crystallography (Vol. C)

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $\lambda = 0.71069 \text{ Å}$ Cell parameters from 1736 reflections with  $I/\sigma(I) > 12$  $\theta = 2.28 - 24.69^{\circ}$  $\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 (2) K Prism  $0.46 \times 0.40 \times 0.15$  mm Colourless

 $k = -10 \rightarrow 10$  $l = -11 \rightarrow 11$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ 

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.0273$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 24.69^{\circ}$ 

 $h = -8 \rightarrow 9$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.15 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.13 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ Extinction correction: none Scattering factors from International Tables for Crystallography (Vol. C)

For both compounds, data collection: EXPOSE (Stoe & Cie, 1996); cell refinement: CELL (Stoe & Cie, 1996); data reLists of atomic coordinates, displacement parameters, structure factors and complete geometry have been deposited with the IUCr (Reference: BM1116). 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-Fluorenoxy)-2-phenylphthalazin-1(2H)-one

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### Abstract

The title compound,  $C_{27}H_{18}N_2O_2$ , was prepared from the reaction of the ambidentate anion of 2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrophthalazine-1,4-dione with 9-bromofluorene. The phthalazinone ring is nearly planar, edgeto-face aromatic–aromatic geometry is observed and the fluorenyl moiety is nearly perpendicular to the phenyl ring  $[88.15 (9)^{\circ}]$ .

# Comment

Recently, we reported the ring-expansion reactions (equation 1) of certain pyrazolidinediones and urazoles, and the structures of the ring-expansion products hexahydropyrimidinedione (Gong, Robinson & Bausch, 1996) and dihydrotriazinedione (Robinson, Gong & Bausch, 1996). In trying to extend this new methodology to enable transformations of six-membered cyclic diacylhydrazines to the corresponding seven-membered ring systems, we attempted to prepare 2-(9-fluorenyl)-3-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrophthalazine-1,4-dione, (I), in the hope that the same base-catalyzed N—N bond-cleavage ring-expansion chemistry depicted in equation 1 would result in the formation of dihydrobenzodiaz-epine-1,5-dione, (II) (equation 2).



One of the most direct methods for preparing (I) appeared to be *via* N-fluorenylation of the 2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrophthalazine-1,4-dione anion, (III). Previous findings showed that methylation of 5,8-dimethoxy-2-methylphthalazine-1,4-dione gave an N-methylated product (Parrick & Ragunathan, 1993). Conversely, O-alkylation prevailed in the chloroethylation of 1-hydroxy-3-methyl-3,4-dihydrophthalazin-4one (Pring & Swahn, 1973). Finally, methylation of 2-methylphthalazine-1,4-dione (Elvidge & Redman, 1960) and aminoalkylation of 2-substituted 4-hydroxyphthalazin-1(2H)-one (Nagakura, Ota & Shimizu, 1974) gave a mixture of both the N- and O-alkylated isomers.

We carried out the reaction of anion (III) with 9-bromofluorene and subjected the crystalline product to X-ray crystal structure analysis. The structure identified the main product as the O-fluorenylated isomer, 2-phenyl-4-(9-fluorenoxy)phthalazin-1(2H)-one, (IV) (equation 3). The X-ray structure with the atomnumbering scheme is shown in Fig. 1. The portion of the phthalazinone ring defined by atoms C14-C20 deviates from planarity by an average distance of only 0.007 (2) Å; however, atoms N1, N2 and C21 deviate from the plane by -0.257(3), -0.134(3) and -0.125(3)Å, respectively, indicating that there is a minor twist in the heterocyclic part of the phthalazinone ring. As expected, the N2=C14 double bond of 1.286(2) Å is significantly shorter than the N1-C21 bond [1.381(2)]Å]. The phenyl and fluorene rings in (IV) are arranged in a T-pattern, in which the edge of the fluorenyl moiety is oriented toward the face of the phenyl ring. The centroid-centroid distance between the phenyl ring and the closest aromatic ring of the fluorenyl moiety is 6.488 (2) Å. Edge-to-face aromatic interactions have been studied in other systems (Schladetzky, Haque & Gellman, 1995; Robinson, Gong & Bausch, 1996). The angle between the phthalazinone and phenyl rings is  $45.99(10)^{\circ}$ , while the angle between the phthalazinone and fluorene rings is 79.28 (6)°. The fluorenvl moiety is nearly perpendicular to the phenyl ring  $[88.15(9)^{\circ}]$ .



Fig. 1. The molecular configuration and atom-numbering scheme of (IV), with displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level. H atoms are shown as unlabeled isotropic spheres of arbitrary radii.

# Experimental

A stirred solution of 2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrophthalazine-1,4-dione and potassium *tert*-butoxide in DMSO provided anion (III). To this solution, 9-bromofluorene was added and stirring was continued. The product obtained was recrystallized from chloroform to afford X-ray quality single crystals of (IV) (m.p. 482-483 K).

### Crystal data

 $C_{27}H_{18}N_2O_2$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $M_r = 402.43$  $\lambda = 0.71069 \text{ Å}$ Triclinic Cell parameters from 25  $P\overline{1}$ reflections  $\theta = 10.3 \text{--} 11.9^{\circ}$ a = 10.1662 (16) Å $\mu = 0.086 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ b = 12.404(3) Å c = 9.0923 (14) ÅT = 296 K $\alpha = 100.677 (15)^{\circ}$ Irregular fragment  $\beta = 102.334(12)^{\circ}$  $0.41 \times 0.38 \times 0.30$  mm  $\gamma = 111.728 (14)^{\circ}$ Colorless  $\dot{V} = 995.4(3) \text{ Å}^3$ Z = 2 $D_x = 1.3428 (4) \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  $D_m$  not measured

Data collection

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.0158$ Rigaku AFC-5S diffractometer  $\theta_{\rm max} = 25^{\circ}$  $\omega$  scans (rate 8° min<sup>-1</sup> in  $h = 0 \rightarrow 12$ w)  $k = -14 \rightarrow 13$ Absorption correction: none  $l = -10 \rightarrow 10$ 3730 measured reflections 3 standard reflections 3511 independent reflections every 150 reflections 2052 reflections with intensity decay: -0.5%  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
R(F) = 0.0350	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.151 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
$wR(F^2) = 0.0863$	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.145 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
S = 1.091	Extinction correction:
3510 reflections	SHELXL
281 parameters	Extinction coefficient:
H atoms riding (C-H 0.93-	0.0109 (18)
0.98 Å)	Scattering factors from
$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0433P)^2]$	International Tables for
+ 0.129 <i>P</i> ]	Crystallography (Vol. C)
where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$	

### Table 1. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

O2—C14 O2—C12 N1—C21	1.353 (2) 1.466 (2) 1.381 (2)	N1—N2 N1—C22 N2—C14	1.391 (2) 1.440 (2) 1.286 (2)
C14—02—C12 C21—N1—N2 C21—N1—C22 N2—N1—C22 C14—N2—N1 O2—C11	117.98 (14) 124.9 (2) 122.7 (2) 112.38 (15) 118.0 (2) 107.28 (14)	02-C12-C13 N2-C14-O2 N2-C14-C15 O2-C14-C15 N1-C21-C20	111.26 (15) 120.0 (2) 124.6 (2) 115.5 (2) 114.9 (2)

Data collection: MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control Software (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1996). Cell refinement: MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control Software. Data reduction: TEXSAN PROCESS (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1995). Program(s) used to solve structure: TEXSAN SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 1985). Program(s) used to refine structure: TEXSAN LS and SHELXL93 (Sheldrick, 1993). Molecular graphics: TEXSAN ORTEP (Johnson, 1965). Software used to prepare material for publication: TEXSAN, SHELXL93 and PLATON (Spek, 1990). MJB and YG wish to acknowledge the support of the USDOE Office of Basic Energy Science.

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# (±)-*N*-[1,8(10)-Menthadien-3-yl]toluenesulfonamide

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### Abstract

In the cyclohexene ring of the title compound,  $C_{17}H_{23}NO_2S$ , four C atoms are planar and the other two atoms are on either side of the best plane. The toluenesulfonamide group is in an axial configuration. The molecules are linked in chains by N—H···O hydrogen bonds [N···O 2.948 (2) and H···O 2.14 (2) Å].