

## (1*R*\*,2*R*\*)-1,2-(2,3-Dimethoxybutane-2,3-dioxy)cyclohexane

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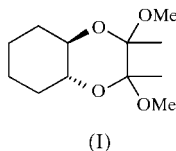
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The title compound, 2,3-dimethoxy-2,3-dimethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-4-oxachroman, C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, was synthesized as a model compound for substituted diequatorial fixed vicinal *trans*-cyclohexanediols.

### Comment

The title compound, (I), was synthesized as a model compound for substituted diequatorial fixed vicinal *trans*-cyclohexanediols (Berninger *et al.*, 1999). Following the method of Ley *et al.* (1994) and Montchamp *et al.* (1996), the reaction of *trans*-cyclohexane-1,2-diol with 2,2,3,3-tetramethoxybutane, trimethyl orthoformate and catalytic camphorsulfonic acid in methanol at 313 K for 3 h led to the title compound, (I), in 86% yield.



### Experimental

*trans*-Cyclohexane-1,2-diol (500 mg, 4.30 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (20 ml). 2,2,3,3-Tetramethoxybutane (1.53 g, 8.61 mmol), trimethyl orthoformate (1.9 ml, 17.2 mmol) and a catalytic amount of camphorsulfonic acid were added. The mixture was stirred at 313 K for 3 h, after which time solid NaHCO<sub>3</sub> was added. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue purified by flash chromatography

(petrol ether/ethyl acetate, 10:1, as eluent) to give 850 mg of the title compound (3.69 mmol, 86%) as a colourless solid, which was recrystallized from MeOH [m.p.: 350 K (MeOH)].

### Crystal data

C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Z = 2
M <sub>r</sub> = 230.30	D <sub>x</sub> = 1.225 Mg m <sup>-3</sup>
Triclinic, P1	Mo Kα radiation
a = 8.2971 (11) Å	Cell parameters from 55 reflections
b = 9.4297 (14) Å	θ = 15.1–17.6°
c = 9.6480 (13) Å	μ = 0.090 mm <sup>-1</sup>
α = 68.794 (12)°	T = 180 (2) K
β = 67.620 (9)°	Block, colorless
γ = 67.565 (10)°	0.82 × 0.78 × 0.50 mm
V = 624.14 (15) Å <sup>3</sup>	

### Data collection

Stoe Stadi-4 diffractometer	θ <sub>max</sub> = 26.0°
2θ/ω scans [ratio = 0.5, width (ω) = 1.7–1.82°]	h = -9 → 10
2961 measured reflections	k = -10 → 11
2467 independent reflections	l = -9 → 11
2176 reflections with I > 2σ(I)	3 standard reflections
R <sub>int</sub> = 0.015	frequency: 120 min
	intensity decay: 3.0%

### Refinement

Refinement on F <sup>2</sup>	w = 1/[σ <sup>2</sup> (F <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> ) + (0.0528P) <sup>2</sup> + 0.2295P]
R[F <sup>2</sup> > 2σ(F <sup>2</sup> )] = 0.039	where P = (F <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> + 2F <sub>c</sub> <sup>2</sup> )/3
wR(F <sup>2</sup> ) = 0.112	(Δ/σ) <sub>max</sub> = 0.006
S = 1.070	Δρ <sub>max</sub> = 0.27 e Å <sup>-3</sup>
2467 reflections	Δρ <sub>min</sub> = -0.18 e Å <sup>-3</sup>
234 parameters	Extinction correction: SHELXL97
All H-atom parameters refined	Extinction coefficient: 0.022 (5)

Refined C–H distances are in the range 0.94 (2)–1.02 (2) Å.

Data collection: STADIA-1.06 (Stoe & Cie, 1997); cell refinement: STADIA-1.06; data reduction: XRED-1.07 (Stoe & Cie, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: XSTEP-2.18 (Stoe, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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