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**Key indicators**

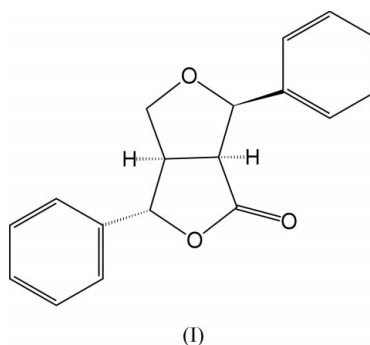
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 T = 150 K  
 Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003 \text{ \AA}$   
 R factor = 0.051  
 wR factor = 0.109  
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.0

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**(1*S*\*,4*S*\*,5*R*\*,8*R*\*)-4,8-Diphenyl-3,7-dioxabicyclo[3.3.0]octan-2-one**

The title compound,  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ , (I), was prepared in the course of studies towards the synthesis of furofuran ligands and was reported previously [Brown & Hinks (1998). *Chem. Commun.* pp. 1895–1896]. The compound is a model system, where both oxygenated aromatic rings that are present in the natural products have been substituted by a simple phenyl group.

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**Experimental**

The furofuranone was recrystallized from  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ /hexanes as colourless crystals.

*Crystal data*

$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$   
 $M_r = 280.31$   
 Monoclinic,  $C2/c$   
 $a = 21.416 (1) \text{ \AA}$   
 $b = 7.520 (1) \text{ \AA}$   
 $c = 19.487 (1) \text{ \AA}$   
 $\beta = 117.86 (1)^\circ$   
 $V = 2774.7 (3) \text{ \AA}^3$   
 $Z = 8$

$D_x = 1.342 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 8593 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.9\text{--}25.2^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.09 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 150 (2) \text{ K}$   
 Block, colourless  
 $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.15 \text{ mm}$

*Data collection*

Nonius KappaCCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans to fill Ewald sphere  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (Blessing, 1997)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.973$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.987$   
 7164 measured reflections

2489 independent reflections  
 1822 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.067$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 25.3^\circ$   
 $h = -24 \rightarrow 25$   
 $k = -9 \rightarrow 8$   
 $l = -23 \rightarrow 23$

*Refinement*

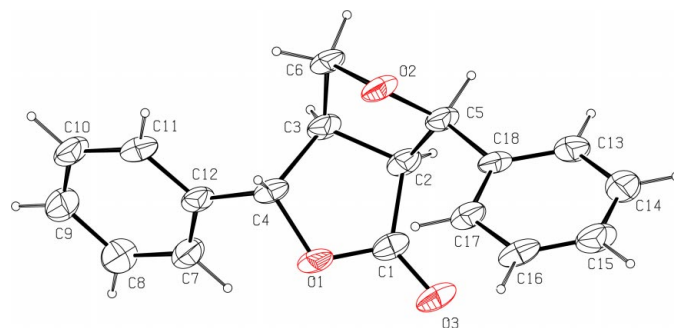
Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.051$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.109$   
 $S = 0.97$   
 2489 reflections  
 207 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0009P)^2 + 5P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.003$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.25 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.22 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL97*  
 Extinction coefficient: 0.0062 (5)

Data collection: *DENZO* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997) and *COLLECT* (Hooft, 1998); cell refinement: *DENZO* and *COLLECT*; data reduction: *DENZO* and *COLLECT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 1990).

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**Figure 1**  
The structure of (I) showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids.