

(2*S*,3*S*)-2-Benzyl-3-(nosylamino)butano-4-lactone

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In the crystalline state, the title molecule, C₁₇H₁₆N₂O₆S, with its five-membered ring in an envelope conformation, produces a three-dimensional network of weak intermolecular hydrogen-bonding interactions.

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Comment

During our studies aimed at α,β -disubstituted β -amino acids possessing sheet-forming propensity, we isolated and structurally characterized (2*S*,3*S*)-2-benzyl-3-(nosylamino)butano-4-lactone, (I), where nosyl is 2-nitrophenylsulfonyl.

Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

$T = 173\text{ K}$

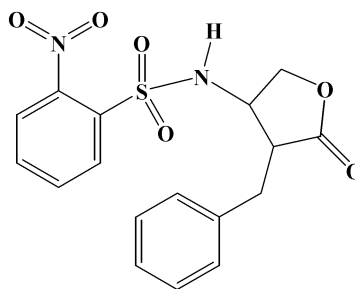
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003\text{ \AA}$

R factor = 0.029

wR factor = 0.073

Data-to-parameter ratio = 11.1

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(I)

Compound (I) crystallizes in the chiral space group $P2_12_12_1$ as discrete molecules with the *S* configuration about the two chiral centers *C*7 and *C*10 (Fig. 1). The five-membered heterocycle is in an envelope conformation, with *C*7 deviating from the *C*8/*C*9/*C*10/*O*5 plane by 0.409 (2) Å. The puckering amplitude q_2 is 0.257 (2) Å, while the phase angle φ_2 is 0.7 (4)° (Cremer & Pople, 1975); as expected, this corresponds to the ¹*E* conformation. The nitro group at *C*1 is not coplanar with the *C*1–*C*6 ring as the planar arrangement would bring atoms *O*1 and *H*2, as well as atoms *O*1 and *O*3, into close proximity, thereby inducing steric repulsion. The torsion angle *O*1–*N*1–*C*1–*C*2 measures 50.8 (2)°.

There are weak intermolecular hydrogen-bonding interactions in the crystal of (I), resulting in a three-dimensional network. These include *N*–*H*···*O*, *C*–*H*···*O* and *C*–*H*··· π interactions (Table 2; *CgA* is the centroid of the *C*1–*C*6 ring and *CgB* is the centroid of the *C*12–*C*17 ring). In addition, the centroids of rings *C*1–*C*6 and *C*12–*C*17 are separated by 3.807 (1) Å, resulting in intramolecular π -stacking. The rings are almost parallel, with a dihedral angle between the ring planes of 13.03 (9)°.

The sum of the bond angles around *N*2 is 352.58 (13)°; thus atom *N*2 is essentially in an *sp*² configuration. A search of the Cambridge Structural Database (Allen & Kennard, 1993) revealed 24 molecules with similar *S*–*N* single bonds. The

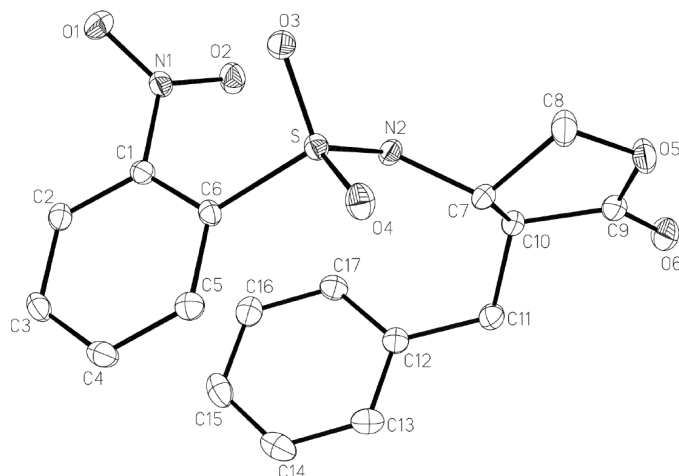


Figure 1
The molecular structure of (I) with displacement ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level.

average bond length of 1.62 (2) Å somewhat exceeds the length of the S—N2 bond in (I) [1.5987 (16) Å] which is likely due to the increased sp^2 character of atom N2.

Experimental

(2*S*,3*S*)-2-Benzyl-3-(nosylamino)butano-4-lactone was synthesized from (3*S*)-3-(nosylamino)butano-4-lactone according to the procedure developed by Jefford & Wang (1993) and Jefford & McNulty (1994). To a solution of hexamethyldisilazane (HMDS, 2.3 equivalents) and *n*-BuLi (2.3 equivalents) at 195 K, (3*S*)-3-(nosylamino)butano-4-lactone was added. Benzyl bromide (2.1 equivalents) was added to the resultant dianion to afford a mixture of products which, after chromatography, provided (I) in a 42% yield. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 + DMSO, 296 K, p.p.m.): δ 8.30 (*s*, 1 H), 7.95–7.92 (*d*, 1 H), 7.80–7.69 (*m*, 2 H), 7.14–7.02 (*m*, 5 H), 4.19–3.99 (*AB* of *ABX*, 2H), 3.94–3.80 (*X* of *ABX*, 1 H), 3.12 (*m*, 1 H), 3.00–2.97 (*m*, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 + DMSO, 296 K, p.p.m.): δ 175.3, 136.3, 133.7, 133.4, 132.2, 130.3, 129.1, 128.2, 126.5, 124.6, 70.9, 52.8, 45.7, 32.7.

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}$
 $M_r = 376.38$
Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$
 $a = 7.3711$ (5) Å
 $b = 11.0756$ (7) Å
 $c = 20.5014$ (12) Å
 $V = 1673.72$ (18) Å³
 $Z = 4$
 $D_x = 1.494$ Mg m⁻³

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 5380 reflections
 $\theta = 2.0$ – 26.0°
 $\mu = 0.23$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 173$ (2) K
Block, colorless
0.50 × 0.40 × 0.30 mm

Data collection

Bruker CCD-1000 diffractometer
 ω scans
Absorption correction: empirical (*SADABS*; Blessing, 1995)
 $T_{\min} = 0.893$, $T_{\max} = 0.934$
7922 measured reflections
3312 independent reflections

3081 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.023$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.4^\circ$
 $h = -9 \rightarrow 8$
 $k = -13 \rightarrow 13$
 $l = -25 \rightarrow 12$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.029$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.073$
 $S = 1.03$
3312 reflections
299 parameters
All H-atom parameters refined

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.045P)^2 + 0.1922P]$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.32$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.27$ e Å⁻³
Absolute structure: Flack (1983)
Flack parameter = 0.04 (6)

Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å).

S—O4	1.4277 (14)	S—C6	1.7891 (17)
S—O3	1.4391 (13)	O1—N1	1.2218 (19)
S—N2	1.5987 (16)	O2—N1	1.2203 (19)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D\cdots H\cdots A$	$D\cdots H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\cdots H\cdots A$
N2—H2N \cdots O3 ⁱ	0.78 (2)	2.19 (2)	2.917 (2)	154 (2)
C7—H7 \cdots O6 ⁱⁱ	0.867 (19)	2.532 (19)	3.269 (2)	143.5 (16)
C2—H2 \cdots CgB ⁱⁱⁱ	0.93 (2)	2.66 (2)	3.4214 (18)	139.7 (17)
C14—H14 \cdots CgA ^{iv}	0.97 (2)	3.17 (2)	3.936 (2)	136.8 (18)

Symmetry codes: (i) $\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} - y, 2 - z$; (ii) $x - \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} - y, 2 - z$; (iii) $1 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{3}{2} - z$; (iv) $-x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} - z$.

H atoms were located from a difference map and both positional and isotropic displacement parameters were refined. For H atoms, the C—H range is 0.87 (2)–1.03 (2) Å and the N—H distance is 0.78 (2) Å.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL* and *PARST* (Nardelli, 1983, 1995).

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