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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=150 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.003 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.043$
$w R$ factor $=0.088$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=16.4$

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# A chiral 3,4-dihydro-2H-thiopyran compound 

The title compound, dimethyl (3R,4S)-3-\{[(4S)-4-benzyl-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-3-yl]carbonyl\}-4-dimethylamino-3,4-di-hydro- $2 H$-thiopyran-5,6-dicarboxylate, $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7} \mathrm{~S}$, is the result of a diastereoselective Diels-Alder reaction between dimethyl (2E)-[(dimethylamino)methylene]-3-thiosuccinate and (4S)-3-acryloyl-4-benzyl-1,3-oxazolidin-2-one used as chiral auxiliary. Following an X-ray structure determination, the absolute configurations of both stereogenic centres formed during the cycloaddition were determined.

## Comment

Asymmetric hetero Diels-Alder reaction appears to be the method of choice for the highly efficient regio- and stereoselective synthesis of various heterocycles in enantiomerically pure form (Waldmann, 1994). In the course of an ongoing project (Trippé et al., 2002) and in view of previous results obtained in our laboratory (Marchand et al., 1995), we isolated the substituted dihydro- 2 H -thiopyran resulting from the $[4+2]$ cycloaddition reaction of dimethyl $(2 E)-[($ di-methylamino)methylene]-3-thiosuccinate (Tea Gokou et al., 1985) and (4S)-3-acryloyl-4-benzyl-1,3-oxazolidin-2-one (Evans et al., 1984) in the presence of $\mathrm{MgBr}_{2}$ as catalyst. Only two diastereoisomers, in a $7 / 3$ ratio, were obtained at the end of the reaction and these were separated by chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$. The major component is the title compound, (I), and is the result of an exo transition-state topography in the cycloaddition, whereas the minor component is presumed to come from an endo approach. A full report on the synthesis, as well as structural and mechanistic studies, will be published separately. Atoms O5, C12, N2, C13 and O6 are coplanar within less than $0.09 \AA$.

(I)

## Experimental

To a suspension of activated magnesium turnings ( 3.25 mmol ) in dry $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ was added 1,2-dibromoethane ( 3.25 mmol ). The resulting mixture was stirred until all magnesium turnings disappeared and the solvent was evaporated under an $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ stream. After addition of dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \quad(10 \mathrm{ml})$, (4S)-3-acryloyl-4-benzyl-1,3-oxazolidin-2-one $(1.10 \mathrm{mmol})$ in anhydrous $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(3 \mathrm{ml})$ was added at 263 K . After

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Figure 1
The molecular structure of (I), shown with $50 \%$ probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms are omitted for clarity.
stirring at 263 K for 15 min , dimethyl (2E)-[(dimethylamino)-methylene]-3-thiosuccinate $(1.10 \mathrm{mmol})$ was slowly added. The reaction mixture was then stirred at 263 K for 3 h . Saturated $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(5 \mathrm{ml})$ was added and the organic layer was washed with saturated $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(2 \times 5 \mathrm{ml})$, water $(5 \mathrm{ml})$ and brine $(5 \mathrm{ml})$. The $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ extract was then dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered and concentrated. The crude mixture was flash-chromatographed on silica (eluent: petroleum ether/AcOEt, 7:3) to afford (I) ( $285 \mathrm{mg}, 57 \%$ ), along with one other diastereoisomer ( $142 \mathrm{mg}, 28 \%$ ). Single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by crystallization from $\mathrm{AcOEt} /$ petroleum ether.

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7} \mathrm{~S}$
$M_{r}=462.5$
Orthorhombic, $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$
$a=6.1205$ (1) $\AA$ 。
$b=16.1195$ (4) $\AA$
$c=22.9272$ (6) $\AA$
$V=2261.98(9) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$
$D_{x}=1.358 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$

## Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer $\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: none
22365 measured reflections
4753 independent reflections 3833 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.043$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.088$
$S=1.23$
4753 reflections
290 parameters
H -atom parameters constrained
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}(I)+0.001296 I^{2}\right]$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\text {max }}<0.001$
All non-H atoms were refined with anisotropic atomic displacement parameters. The orientation of the $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ groups was determined from difference Fourier syntheses and they were initially refined as rigid bodies. All H atoms were then fixed at calculated and/or refined positions. A riding isotropic displacement parameter was used for all H atoms. The absolute configuration was unambiguously determined by refining the Flack enantiopole parameter using 1994 Friedel pairs.

Data collection: COLLECT (Nonius, 1998); cell refinement: $H K L$ SCALEPACK (Otwinowski \& Minor, 1997); data reduction: $H K L$ DENZO (Otwinowski \& Minor, 1997) and SCALEPACK; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1995); program(s) used to refine structure: JANA2000 (Petricek \& Dusek, 2000); molecular graphics: DIAMOND (Brandenburg \& Berndt, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: JANA2000.

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