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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 150 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å R factor = 0.037 wR factor = 0.090 Data-to-parameter ratio = 7.6

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(1*R\*,2R\**)-2-(Methylphenylamino)-1,2dihydronaphthalen-1-ol—water (4/1)

The asymmetric unit of the title compound,  $4C_{17}H_{17}NO \cdot H_2O$ , contains four independent naphthalenol molecules and one molecule of water. All of the molecules in the asymmetric unit are connected into a contiguous row *via*  $O-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds. This unique hydrogen-bonded row is, in turn, linked to form extended  $O-H \cdots O$  hydrogen-bonded chains, through unit-cell translations in the *a* direction. The hydrogen-bonding motif also contains an  $O(water)-H \cdots \pi(arene)$  weak hydrogen bond, with an  $H \cdots Cg$  distance of 2.64 (4) Å (where Cg is the center of gravity of the phenyl ring).

#### Comment

Recently, we reported a new rhodium-catalysed ring-opening reaction of 1,4-dihydro-1,4-epoxynaphthalene with a wide range of nucleophiles (Lautens *et al.*, 2000). The 1,2-regio-chemistry and the *trans* relative stereochemistry of the title compound, (I), were established by our X-ray diffraction analysis when N-methylaniline is used as the nucleophile.



In (I), the four independent molecules (Figs. 1-4) and the water molecule are linked into a contiguous row through O- $H \cdot \cdot \cdot O$  hydrogen bonds (see Table 2 and Fig. 5). This hydrogen-bonded unit is, in turn, linked into extended O-H···O hydrogen-bonded chains through unit-cell translations in the *a* direction. The binary-level graph set for this hydrogen-bonding motif is  $C_5^5(10)$  (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995). Only one of the H-atom donors from the water molecule is involved in the above hydrogen-bonding motif. The other water H atom is involved in a weak  $O(water) - H \cdots \pi(arene)$ bond  $[O1W \cdots Cg = 3.384 (3) \text{ Å}, H2W \cdots Cg = 2.64 (4) \text{ Å} and$  $O1W - H2W \cdots Cg = 148 (3)^\circ$ , where Cg is the center of gravity of the phenyl ring containing atoms C5A/C6A/C7A/C8A/C9A/ C10A]. The values for the O(water) $-H \cdots \pi$ (arene) bond in (I) compare well with the mean values cited for other O- $H \cdot \cdot \pi$ (arene) bonds (Desiraju & Steiner, 1999).

The bond lengths and angles in the four molecules of (I) (A, B, C and D) are the same within experimental error, although there appear to be some differences with respect to the degree of rotation about the C11-N1 and N1-C2 bonds (see Table 1 for relevant torsion angles). In the dihydronaphthalene group, an analysis (Cremer & Pople, 1975) of the puckering in the six-

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Figure 1

View of molecule A of (I), showing the crystallographic labelling scheme. Ellipsoids are at the 30% probability level.



# Figure 2

View of molecule B of (I), showing the crystallographic labelling scheme. Ellipsoids are at the 30% probability level.



# Figure 3

View of molecule C of (I), showing the crystallographic labelling scheme. Ellipsoids are at the 30% probability level.



#### Figure 4

View of molecule D of (I), showing the crystallographic labelling scheme. Ellipsoids are at the 30% probability level.

membered ring (C1/C2/C3/C4/C5/C10) gives  $Q_T = 0.440$  (3), 0.487 (3), 0.453 (3) and 0.411 (3) Å for molecules A, B, C and D, respectively. In all molecules, the conformation analysis of





View of the asymmetric unit and the hydrogen bonding (shown with dashed lines), which connects the four title molecules and the water molecule. A symmetry-related molecule of water is included [symmetry code: (i) 1 + x, y, z] to indicate the extended hydrogen-bond motif.

that ring (Duax *et al.*, 1976) shows that the conformation is a half-chair, with a local pseudo-twofold axis running through the midpoints of the C1-C2 and C4-C5 bonds.

# **Experimental**

The title compound was obtained as a colourless oil in 95% yield by treatment of 1,4-dihydro-1,4-epoxynaphthalene with *N*-methylaniline and catalytic  $[Rh(cyclooctadiene)Cl]_2$  and bis-(diphenylphosphino)-ferrocene in refluxing tetrahydrofuran. The oil was allowed to stand at room temperature for several weeks, during which time suitable crystals of (I) gradually formed.

#### Crystal data

$C_{17}H_{17}NO \cdot H_2O$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$M_r = 1023.28$	Cell parameters from 49468
Frigonal, P3 <sub>1</sub>	reflections
a = 12.3595(1) Å	$\theta = 2.6-26.1^{\circ}$
x = 31.1411 (4) Å	$\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$V = 4119.71 (7) Å^3$	T = 150 (1)  K
Z = 3	Block, colourless
$D_x = 1.237 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	$0.25$ $\times$ 0.24 $\times$ 0.20 mm

# Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer  $\varphi$  scans and  $\omega$  scans with  $\kappa$  offsets 49 468 measured reflections 5415 independent reflections 4878 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$   $wR(F^2) = 0.090$  S = 1.035415 reflections 708 parameters H-atom parameters constrained  $\begin{aligned} R_{\text{int}} &= 0.023\\ \theta_{\text{max}} &= 26.0^{\circ}\\ h &= -15 \rightarrow 15\\ k &= -12 \rightarrow 15\\ l &= -38 \rightarrow 38 \end{aligned}$ 

$$\begin{split} &w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0489P)^2 \\ &+ 0.6948P] \\ &where \ P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001 \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.19 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.22 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \end{split}$$

Table 1			
Selected	geometric parameters	(°).	

$\overline{C17A - N1A - C2A - C1A - 69.3}$ (3)	C17C - N1C - C2C - C1C - 69.7 (3)
C17A - N1A - C11A - C16A = 3.6(4)	C17C - N1C - C11C - C16C 14.4 (3)
C17B - N1B - C2B - C1B - 70.9 (3)	C17D - N1D - C2D - C1D - 78.9(3)
C17B - N1B - C11B - C16B = 5.3 (4)	C17D - N1D - C11D - C16D - 9.9 (4)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$O1B-H1OB\cdots O1C$	0.84	2.08	2.881 (3)	160 160
$O1D - H1OD \cdots O1D$	0.84	2.04	2.847 (3)	161
$O1A - H1OA \cdots O1W^{*}$ $O1W - H1W \cdots O1B$	0.84 0.84	1.89 1.95	2.716 (3) 2.777 (3)	169 167

Symmetry code: (i) 1 + x, y, z.

All H atoms were included in calculated positions, with C–H distances of 0.95 (for  $sp^2$ ), 1.00 (for  $sp^3$ ), 0.98 (for methyl  $sp^3$ ) and 0.84 Å for O–H. They were then included in the refinement in riding-motion approximation, with  $U_{iso} = 1.2U_{eq}$  ( $U_{iso} = 1.5U_{eq}$  for methyl) of the carrier atom. The H atoms of the water molecule were located in a difference Fourier map and refined with tight geometric restraints (O–H = 0.8400±0.0001 Å). Owing to the lack of anomalous scatterers, the absolute configuration was not determined from the X-ray diffraction data and Friedel pairs were merged. The enantiomer has been assigned by reference to analogous reactions

with an unchanging chiral ligand in the synthetic procedure.

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Nonius, 1997–2002); cell refinement: *DENZO–SMN* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *DENZO–SMN*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2001); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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