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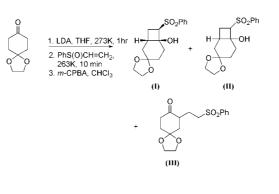
# Spiro[1,3-dioxolane-2,4'-[8]phenylsulfonylbicyclo[4.2.0]octan-1-ol]

The structure of the title compound,  $C_{16}H_{20}O_5S$ , has been determined as part of an investigation into the synthesis of fused carbocyclic ring systems with functionality and containing a cyclobutanol ring. The conformational arrangement of the phenyl ring permits the formation of an infinite chain of intermolecular  $O-H\cdots O-S$  hydrogen bonds. The dioxolane ring is removed from and does not participate in the chain of intermolecular hydrogen bonds.

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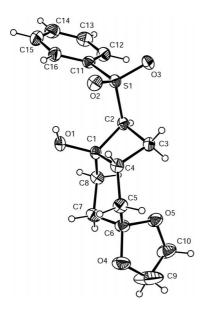
#### Comment

We have recently shown that a novel cyclization reaction between the lithium enolates of simple unfunctionalized ketones and phenyl vinyl sulfoxide provides a simple and convenient route to the preparation of fused carbocyclic ring systems bearing a bridgehead hydroxy group (Loughlin & McCleary, 2003; Loughlin *et al.*, 2002). In the current study, reaction of the lithium enolate of 1,4-cyclohexanedione monoethylene ketal (obtained from lithium diisopropylamide, LDA) with phenyl vinyl sulfoxide and subsequent oxidation with *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (*m*-CPBA), generated the first representative of a functionalized bicyclo[4.2.0]octan-1ol, the novel spiro compound, (I).



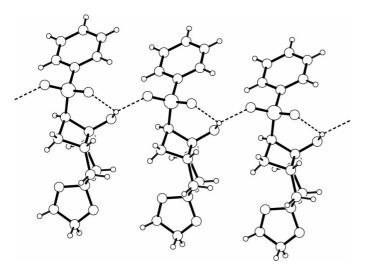
The spiro compound can be perceived as a synthetic precursor to a bicyclo[4.2.0]octan-3-one, which is cognate with key structural components of, for example, benzocyclobutacarbazole antitumor agents (Graf-Christophe *et al.*, 2000; Christophe *et al.*, 1998), taxane precursors (Wender *et al.*, 1997) and products arising from Norrish type II photoreactions (Osuka *et al.*, 1987). Under the present reaction conditions, (I) was formed as the major bicyclo[4.2.0]octan-1-ol isomer in a 42:16:42 ratio of (I):(II):(III) from achiral 1,4-

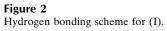
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#### Figure 1

ORTEP-3 (Farrugia, 1997) plot, showing the atomic numbering scheme for a molecule of (I). Displacement ellipsoids for non-H atoms are drawn at the 30% probability level.





cyclohexanedione mono-ethylene ketal and phenyl vinyl sulfoxide with less than 5% of other products observed. Here we report the synthesis, isolation and structural characterization of the novel bicyclo[4.2.0]octan-1-ol (I).

The crystal structure determination (Fig. 1 and Table 1) shows that the relative stereochemistry about the bicyclo[4.2.0]alkanol ring in (I) is the same as that found for the 'parent' compound 8-(phenylsulfonyl)bicyclo[4.2.0]octan-1-ol, (IV) (Loughlin et al., 2002), with the C2-S bond cis to the bridgehead hydroxyl group and trans to the fused sixmembered ring. As in the structure of (IV), this conformation is stabilized by three-centred 'bifurcated' intra- and intermolecular hydrogen bonds between the hydroxyl H and the sulfone O atoms (Fig. 2 and Table 2). These results indicate that the stereochemistry and molecular packing of this molecule are not significantly affected by the addition of the dioxolane ring to the system.

## **Experimental**

1,4-Cyclohexanedione mono-ethylene ketal (0.5 g, 3.201 mmol) in THF (2 ml) was added to lithium diisopropylamide (1.4 M, 3.201 mmol, 2.30 ml) in THF (33 ml) at 273 K under nitrogen over 5 min and further reacted at 273 K for 1 h. Upon cooling to 263 K, rapid addition of phenyl vinyl sulfoxide (0.43 ml, 3.201 mmol) at 263 K, with the system shielded from light, a 10 min reaction time and workup, as described elsewhere (Loughlin et al., 2002), gave the crude sulfoxide mixture (0.833 g). This was subsequently oxidized with m-CPBA (1 equivalent) in chloroform (30 ml). Work-up of the reaction mixture, as described elsewhere (Loughlin et al., 2002), was followed by silica chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 70:30). A mixture of compounds (I)-(III) (485 mg, 47%) was obtained. An analytically pure sample of compound (I) was obtained by semipreparative HPLC (hexane-ethyl acetate, 50:50, retention time 12.9 min, 3 ml min<sup>-1</sup>). Colourless crystals of (I) (m.p. 390.5–392.2 K) were isolated by slow evaporation of a hexane-ethyl acetate (50:50) solution of the compound. Analysis found: C 59.30, H 6.32, S 9.70%; calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S: C 59.24, H 6.21, S 9.88%. v<sub>max</sub> (KBr)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3500 (OH), 1302 (SO<sub>2</sub>), 1142 (SO<sub>2</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, p.p.m.): 7.87-7.95 (2H, m, o-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.57-7.65 (1H, m, p-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.48-7.57 (2H, m, m-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 3.84–3.94 (4H,  $m, 2 \times 4H, 2 \times 5H$ ), 3.52 (1H, ddd, J8', 7' 9, J8', 7' 3, J8', 6' 1, 8'-H), 3.03-3.13 (1H, m, 6'-H), 2.32 (1H, ddd, J7', 7' 10, J7',6' 10, J7',8' 3, 7'-H), 2.12 (1H, ddd, J7',7' 11, J7',6' 9, J7',8' 9, 7'-H), 1.91-1.98 (2H, m, 2 x 3'-H), 1.85 (1H, dd, J5', 5' 15, J5', 6' 7, 5'-H), 1.68-1.77 (1H, m, 2'-H), 1.49-1.58 (2H, m, 2'-H, 5'-H), OH not observed.  $\delta_C$  (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 139.8, (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 133.5, (*p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 129.2, (m-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 127.9, (o-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 108.4, (C-2,4'), 72.7, (C-1'), 67.3, (C-8'), 64.4, 63.9, (C-4, C-5), 43.8, (C-6'), 33.4, (C-2'), 32.8, (C-5'), 29.4, (C-3'), 20.4, (C-7'). ESMS<sup>+</sup> 331 (*MLi*<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 347 (*M*Na<sup>+</sup>, 83%).

Crystal data

$C_{16}H_{20}O_5S$	Z = 2
$M_r = 324.39$	$D_x = 1.397 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Triclinic, P1	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
a = 5.736 (3)  Å	Cell parameters from 25
b = 11.468 (5)  Å	reflections
c = 12.095 (4)  Å	$\theta = 12.7 - 17.3^{\circ}$
$\alpha = 81.1 \ (6)^{\circ}$	$\mu = 0.23 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 98.83 \ (3)^{\circ}$	T = 295  K
$\gamma = 98.03 \ (3)^{\circ}$	Needle, colorless
$V = 771.2 (13) \text{ Å}^3$	$0.60\times0.20\times0.15~\mathrm{mm}$

## Data collection

Rigaku AFC-7R diffractometer  $\omega$ -2 $\theta$  scans Absorption correction: none 4163 measured reflections 3537 independent reflections 2637 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\rm int} = 0.052$ 

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$  $wR(F^2) = 0.130$ S = 1.043537 reflections 200 parameters H-atom parameters constrained OK?

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\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^\circ
h = -7 \rightarrow 3
k = -14 \rightarrow 14
l = -15 \rightarrow 15
3 standard reflections
   every 150 reflections
   intensity decay: 2.4%
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 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0562P)^2]$ + 0.277P] where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.32 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.36 \,\mathrm{e} \,\mathrm{\AA}^{-3}$ Extinction correction: SHELXL97 Extinction coefficient: 0.034 (4)

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Table 1	
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).	

S1-O2	1.4401 (19)	O4-C6	1.440 (3)
S1-O3	1.448 (2)	O4-C9	1.382 (5)
S1-C2	2 1.774 (2) O5-C6		1.435 (3)
S1-C11	1.770 (2)	O5-C10	1.410 (4)
O1-C1	1.411 (3)		
O2-S1-O3	117.9 (6)	S1-C2-C1	118.1 (6)
O2-S1-C2	109.7 (6)	S1-C2-C3	111.1 (6)
O2-S1-C11	108.7 (6)	O4-C6-C5	109.7 (6)
O3-S1-C2	107.3 (6)	O4-C6-C7	110.9 (6)
O3-S1-C11	107.3 (6)	O4-C6-O5	105.1 (6)
C2-S1-C11	105.1 (6)	O5-C6-C7	110.4 (6)
C6-O4-C9	108.0 (6)	O5-C6-C5	109.9 (6)
C6-O5-C10	108.6 (6)	O4-C9-C10	109.4 (7)
O1-C1-C2	119.8 (6)	O5-C10-C9	104.1 (7)
O1-C1-C8	106.8 (6)	S1-C11-C12	118.9 (6)
O1-C1-C4	118.6 (6)	S1-C11-C16	119.8 (6)

Table 2Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
01-H1···O2	0.85	2.43	3.022 (3)	127
$O1{-}H1{\cdots}O3^i$	0.85	2.25	2.928 (3)	137

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

H atoms were constrained as riding atoms, with C–H set to 0.95 Å. The hydroxy H atom was located from a difference Fourier map and the O–H bond length set to 0.85 Å.  $U_{\rm iso}$  values for the H atoms were set at  $1.2U_{\rm eq}$  of the parent atom. Displacement parameters for atom C9 are indicative of potential disorder for this atom in the dioxolane ring.

Data collection: MSC/AFC-7 Diffractometer Control Software for Windows (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1999); cell refinement:

MSC/AFC-7 Diffractometer Control Software for Windows; data reduction: TEXSAN for Windows (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1997–2001); program(s) used to solve structure: TEXSAN for Windows; program(s) used to refine structure: TEXSAN for Windows and SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: PLATON (Spek, 2001) and ORTEP-3 (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: TEXSAN for Windows and PLATON.

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