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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.058  
 $wR$  factor = 0.165  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.4For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.3-(*p*-Tolyl)-1-phenyl-3-(*p*-tolylsulfonylamino)-  
propan-1-one

The S atom of the sulfonyl group in the title compound,  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ , has a distorted tetrahedral geometry. The amino group forms an intermolecular hydrogen bond with the carbonyl O atom of an adjacent molecule.

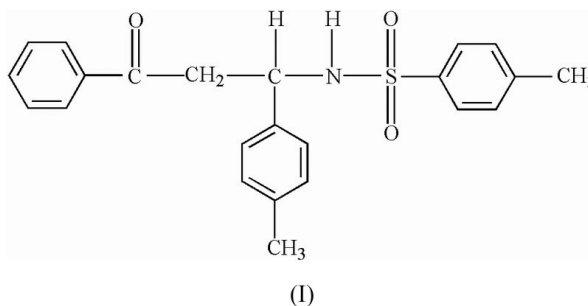
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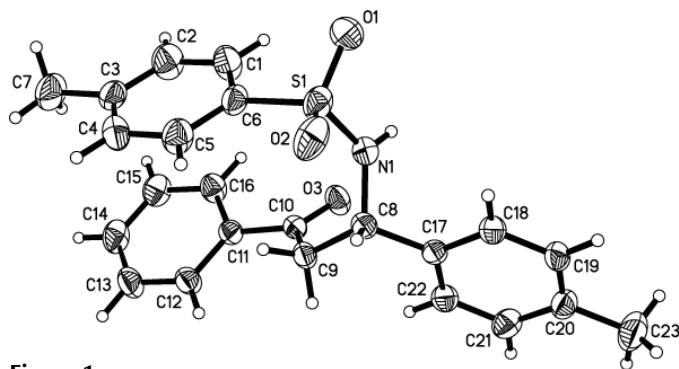
$\beta$ -Aminoketones are an important class of synthetic intermediates in organic synthesis. Most  $\beta$ -aminoketones are synthesized by the Mannich reaction (Miura *et al.*, 2000; Ranu *et al.*, 2002). However, we have recently investigated a new metal-mediated reaction for the preparation of  $\beta$ -aminoketones (Shim & Yamamoto, 2000) with 2-bromoacetophenone in the presence of activated zinc powder. We report here the synthesis and structure of 3-(*p*-tolyl)-1-phenyl-3-(*p*-tolylsulfonylamino)propan-1-one, (I). The structure determination of (I) was undertaken as part of our studies on the above-mentioned reaction.



The molecular structure of (I) and the atom-numbering scheme are shown in Fig. 1. In this structure, the benzene rings attached to the sulfonyl and carbonyl groups make dihedral angles of  $85.5(4)$  and  $100.9(4)^\circ$ , respectively, with the third ring. Intermolecular hydrogen bonds are formed (Table 2) between the NH group and the carbonyl O atom of an adjacent molecule.

## Experimental

To a solution of *N*-[(*p*-tolyl)methylene]-*p*-toluenesulfonamide (1.0 mmol) in dichloromethane (5.0 ml) was added 2-bromoacetophenone (1.5 mmol). Zinc powder (3.0 mmol) and a trace amount of iodine were added to the mixture. After the reaction mixture had been refluxed with stirring for 11 h and quenched with a saturated solution of  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  (5.0 ml) and 25%  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  (5.0 ml), the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane. The extract was washed with water and dried over magnesium sulfate. After evaporation of the solvent, a white powder was obtained (yield 69%) by flash chroma-



**Figure 1**  
View of the molecule of (I), showing the atom-labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 35% probability level.

tography (ethyl acetate–trichloromethane). Slow evaporation of an ethyl acetate–petroleum ether mixture afforded the title compound as a crystalline solid (m.p. 376–377 K). Spectroscopic analysis, IR (KBr,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3246, 1679, 1334, 1160;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , p.p.m.): 7.82–7.00 (*m*, 13H), 5.60 (*br*, 1H), 4.81 (*m*, 1H), 3.59 (*dd*, 1H), 3.45 (*dd*, 1H), 2.37 (*s*, 3H), 2.26 (*s*, 3H). Analysis required for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ : C 70.20, H 5.89, N 3.56%; found: C 70.14, H 5.92, N 3.52%.

#### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$   
 $M_r = 393.49$   
Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 9.939$  (3) Å  
 $b = 9.988$  (3) Å  
 $c = 11.546$  (4) Å  
 $\alpha = 80.848$  (5)°  
 $\beta = 86.550$  (6)°  
 $\gamma = 62.444$  (5)°  
 $V = 1003.1$  (6) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 2$   
 $D_x = 1.303$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
Cell parameters from 953 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.3$ – $23.5$ °  
 $\mu = 0.19$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
Prism, colorless  
 $0.42 \times 0.36 \times 0.18$  mm

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.925$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.967$   
5815 measured reflections

4191 independent reflections  
2674 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.020$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.6$ °  
 $h = -12 \rightarrow 11$   
 $k = -12 \rightarrow 11$   
 $l = -14 \rightarrow 7$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.058$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.165$   
 $S = 1.01$   
4191 reflections  
255 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0725P)^2 + 0.5148P]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.002$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.44$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.50$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

S1–O2	1.408 (3)	S1–C6	1.761 (3)
S1–O1	1.429 (3)	O3–C10	1.220 (3)
S1–N1	1.615 (3)	N1–C8	1.455 (3)
O2–S1–O1	120.94 (16)	O2–S1–C6	107.43 (15)
O2–S1–N1	107.33 (14)	O1–S1–C6	106.75 (14)
O1–S1–N1	105.90 (15)	N1–S1–C6	107.93 (13)
O2–S1–N1–C8	34.3 (2)	O2–S1–C6–C5	−9.7 (3)
O1–S1–N1–C8	164.7 (2)	O1–S1–C6–C5	−140.8 (3)
C6–S1–N1–C8	−81.2 (2)	N1–S1–C6–C5	105.7 (3)
O2–S1–C6–C1	171.0 (3)	S1–N1–C8–C9	80.9 (3)
O1–S1–C6–C1	39.9 (3)		

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D\text{---}H\cdots A$	$D\text{---}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{---}H\cdots A$
N1–H1 $\cdots$ O3 <sup>i</sup>	0.86	2.32	3.052 (3)	144

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

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding (N–H = 0.86 Å and C–H = 0.93–0.98 Å). For the NH, CH and CH<sub>2</sub> groups,  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$  values were set equal to  $1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{carrier atom})$  and for the methyl groups they were set equal to  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{carrier atom})$ .

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: SMART; data reduction: SAINT (Bruker, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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