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## Key indicators

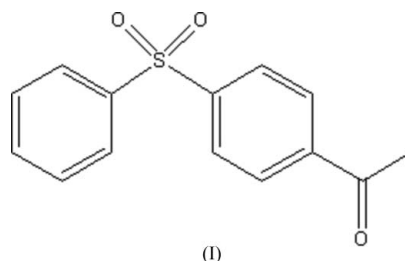
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 298\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003\text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.045  
 $wR$  factor = 0.119  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.0For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
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## 4-Acetylphenyl phenyl sulfone

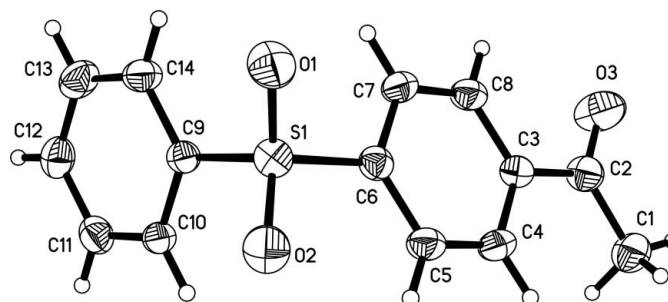
The title compound,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ , is an important synthetic intermediate in organic synthesis whose derivatives show favourable antiviral activity [Tetsushi, Yuji, Hirota, Masaki, Katsunori & Shozo (2003). *Green Chem.* **6**, 690–692]. The average S–C and S=O bond lengths are 1.781 (3) and 1.436 (2) Å, respectively, and the two benzene planes are almost perpendicular to one another, forming a dihedral angle of 103.79 (9)°.

## Comment

Diphenyl sulfones are an important class of compounds showing biological activity as fungicides and antipsychotic agents (Wolf, 1999). The title compound, (I), was prepared by a microwave-assisted solvent-free synthesis. The molecular structure of (I) (Fig. 1 and Table 1) was also confirmed by physical and spectroscopic data.



The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The skeleton displays no crystallographic symmetry. The two benzene planes are almost perpendicular to one another, forming a dihedral angle of 103.79 (9)°. The S=O bond lengths within the  $\text{SO}_2$  group are almost equal, with an average value of 1.432 (17) Å. The average bond length for the four C–S bonds is 1.768 (2) Å. The O–S–O bond angle is 119.79 (11)°. These bond lengths and angles are all in normal ranges and compare well those observed in other analogues (Podlaha *et al.*, 1986; Julia *et al.*, 1986; Hauback & Mo, 1990; Li



**Figure 1**  
The structure (I) showing the atomic numbering scheme and displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level.

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*et al.*, 2003). The molecular structure of title compound was also affirmed by physical and spectral data.

## Experimental

Solvent-free reaction of benzenesulfonyl chloride with 2-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-dithiolane (Kazuhiko & Hitomi, 1992) followed by microwave irradiation for 20 min (Boyapati *et al.*, 2000) and hydrolysis with dilute HCl gave compound (I). Single crystals suitable for X-ray data collection were obtained on slow evaporation of an ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (4:1 *v/v*) solution (m.p. 363–364 K). IR (KBr,  $\nu$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2908, 1690, 1080, 817;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.06 (*m*, 4H), 7.97 (*d*, 2H), 7.59 (*m*, 3H), 2.62 (*s*, 3H).

### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3\text{S}$   
 $M_r = 260.31$   
 Orthorhombic, *Pbcn*  
 $a = 21.300$  (8) Å  
 $b = 7.756$  (3) Å  
 $c = 15.227$  (6) Å  
 $V = 2515.5$  (17) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 8$   
 $D_x = 1.375$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 5196 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.4$ – $26.3^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.25$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 298$  (2) K  
 Block, colourless  
 $0.32 \times 0.24 \times 0.20$  mm

### Data collection

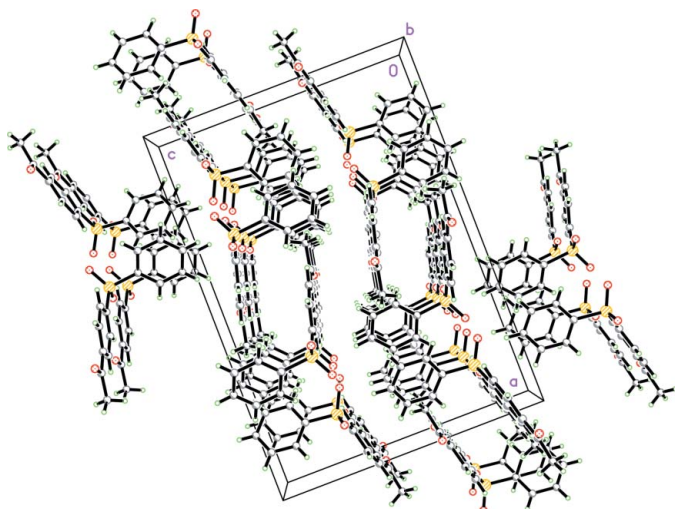
Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2002)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.923$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.951$   
 12493 measured reflections

2297 independent reflections  
 2096 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.023$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 25.3^\circ$   
 $h = -25 \rightarrow 22$   
 $k = -9 \rightarrow 9$   
 $l = -18 \rightarrow 12$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.119$   
 $S = 1.08$   
 2297 reflections  
 164 parameters

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0616P)^2 + 1.0763P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.30$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.25$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>



**Figure 2**  
 Packing diagram viewed down the *c* axis.

**Table 1**  
 Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

S1–O2	1.4308 (17)	C2–C3	1.498 (3)
S1–O1	1.4321 (17)	C3–C4	1.384 (3)
S1–C9	1.761 (2)	C3–C8	1.392 (3)
S1–C6	1.774 (2)	C4–C5	1.377 (3)
O3–C2	1.207 (3)	C5–C6	1.376 (3)
C1–C2	1.486 (3)		
O2–S1–O1	119.79 (11)	C4–C3–C8	118.67 (19)
O2–S1–C9	107.85 (10)	C4–C3–C2	122.30 (19)
O1–S1–C9	108.14 (10)	C8–C3–C2	119.03 (19)
O2–S1–C6	107.46 (10)	C5–C4–C3	121.18 (19)
O1–S1–C6	108.67 (10)	C5–C6–S1	119.72 (16)
C9–S1–C6	103.79 (9)	C7–C6–S1	119.14 (15)
O3–C2–C1	120.3 (2)	C14–C9–S1	119.97 (16)
O3–C2–C3	119.5 (2)	C10–C9–S1	119.02 (15)
C1–C2–C3	120.2 (2)		
O3–C2–C3–C4	−176.0 (3)	S1–C6–C7–C8	−176.98 (16)
C4–C5–C6–C7	−0.7 (3)	O2–S1–C9–C14	145.65 (17)
C4–C5–C6–S1	178.11 (17)	O1–S1–C9–C14	14.74 (19)
O2–S1–C6–C5	6.7 (2)	C6–S1–C9–C14	−100.55 (17)
O1–S1–C6–C5	137.74 (18)	O2–S1–C9–C10	−34.17 (18)
C9–S1–C6–C5	−107.34 (18)	O1–S1–C9–C10	−165.07 (15)
O2–S1–C6–C7	−174.38 (16)	C6–S1–C9–C10	79.63 (17)
O1–S1–C6–C7	−43.38 (19)	S1–C9–C10–C11	−179.81 (16)
C9–S1–C6–C7	71.54 (18)	S1–C9–C14–C13	−179.78 (17)

All H atoms were initially located in a difference Fourier map and were placed in geometrically idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C–H distances in the range 0.95–1.00 Å and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2002); cell refinement: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 2002); data reduction: *SAINTE*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *XP* (Bruker, 2002); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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