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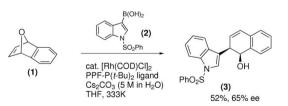
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# 2-(1-Phenylsulfonyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalen-1-ol

In the title molecule,  $C_{24}H_{19}NO_3S$ , the dihedral angles formed by the essentially planar indole group with the benzene ring of the naphthalen-1-ol group and the phenyl ring of the benzenesulfonyl group are 77.64 (8) and 70.56 (7)°, respectively, giving rise to a U-shaped molecule. In the crystal structure, molecules are linked to form centrosymmetric dimers *via* weak C-H···O hydrogen bonds (H···O = 2.43 Å). These dimers are, in turn, linked into extended tapes *via* intermolecular O-H···O hydrogen bonds [H···O = 2.00 (3) Å].

## Comment

The addition of carbon-based nucleophiles to activated alkenes represents one of the fundamental methods for the controlled construction of C-C bonds in organic synthesis. The use of Rh<sup>I</sup> catalysts for the highly enantioselective addition of organoborons and other organometals to a variety of activated alkenes has become an important synthetic method in recent years (for a review, see Hayashi & Yamasaki, 2003). We have reported that heterobicyclic alkenes are effective substrates for metal-catalysed ring-opening reactions with a variety of nucleophiles (for a review, see Lautens et al., 2003). More specifically, we have discovered that boronic acids can add to oxabicyclic alkenes in an enantioselective fashion to give a variety of substituted carbocycles, using Rh<sup>I</sup> catalysts (Lautens et al., 2002). Here, we report the crystal structure of alcohol (3) derived from the Rh<sup>I</sup>-catalysed ring-opening of oxabicycle (1) with boronic acid (2). The crystals obtained from the reaction contain both enantiomers of (3), although the reaction was enantioselective with 65% ee prior to the crystallization.



A view of the molecular structure of (3) is shown in Fig. 1 and selected bond lengths and angles are given in Table 1. The bonding geometry around atom N1 is slightly pyramidal, as reflected in the sum of the angles (348.2°). The conformational analysis of the cyclohexene ring (C1/C2/C7–C10) (Duax *et al.*, 1976) shows that the conformation is a half-chair, with a local pseudo-twofold axis running through the midpoint of the C1– C10 bond. In the crystal structure, molecules are linked *via* weak C–H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 2), forming  $R_2^2(22)$ rings (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995). These rings are, in turn, Received 7 February 2006 Accepted 8 February 2006

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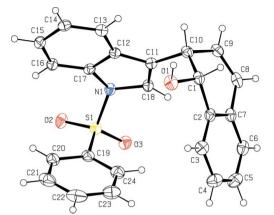
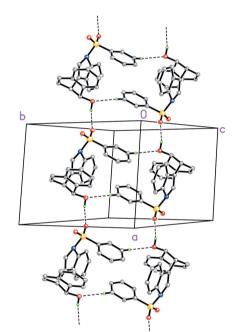


Figure 1

A view of the molecular structure of (3), showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for the H atoms).



#### Figure 2

A partial packing plot of (3), showing hydrogen bonds as dashed lines. Colour codes: yellow S, red O, blue N and green H. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonds have been omitted.

connected by intermolecular  $O-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds, with graph-set C(9), forming molecular tapes propagating in the *a*-axis direction (Fig. 2). A search of the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD; Version 5.27, with updates to January 2006; Allen, 2002) revealed only five structures containing the 2-substituted-1,2-dihydronaphthalen-1-ol group [CSD refcodes DAHHEA, HUMSIR, IVOXUM, MIYGOQ and PUYXAI (Fagnou *et al.*, 2002*a*; Fagnou *et al.*, 2002*b*; Leong & Lautens, 2004; Li *et al.*, 2004; Lough *et al.*, 2002)].

## **Experimental**

A 5 ml flask with stirrer bar was charged with  $[Rh(COD)Cl]_2 (COD = 1,5-cyclooctadiene) (4.3 mg, 0.0087 mmol) and <math>(S)-(R)$ -PPF-P $(t-Bu)_2 {(S)-1-[(R)-2-(diphenylphosphino)ferrocenyl]ethyldi-$ *tert* $-butylphosphine} ligand (10.3 mg, 0.0190 mmol). The flask was sealed and flushed with N<sub>2</sub> before distilled tetrahydrofuran (THF, 0.5 ml) was$ 

added, followed by  $Cs_2CO_3$  (5 M) in H<sub>2</sub>O (35 µl, 0.175 mmol  $Cs_2CO_3$ ), and a solution of oxabenzonorbornadiene (1) (50 mg, 0.347 mmol) and 1-(phenylsulfonyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl boronic acid (2) (purchased from Maybridge Chemical Co., 125 mg, 0.415 mmol) in THF (total 1.8 ml used to dissolve and transfer) via a syringe from a vial under N2. The reaction was stirred for 22 h at room temperature, but thin-layer chromatography analysis (25% EtOAc/hexanes) indicated that the reaction was incomplete. The reaction was then heated at 333 K for 3 h until it was judged to be complete. The crude reaction was evaporated, redissolved in 5% EtOAc/hexanes (with several drops of dichloromethane) and transferred on to a glass column packed with silica gel  $(1/2" \times 3")$  and eluted with 5–50% EtOAc/hexanes [yield: 73 mg, 52% (unoptimized), ee = 65%]. Product (3) was isolated as a pale-yellow solid after a second purification by flash column to obtain analytically pure material. X-ray quality crystals were obtained from a 15% EtOAc/hexanes solution of the purified compound left standing in a test tube. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.92 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.66 (2H, dm, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.53 (1H, dm, J = 7.7 Hz), 7.47–7.13 (12H, m), 6.67 (1H, dd, J = 9.5, 1.8 Hz, 6.02 (1H, dd, J = 9.5, 4.0 Hz), 4.92 (1H, d, 5.1 Hz), 4.05 (1H, m), 1.42 (1H, br s)

Crystal data

C24H19NO3S  $D_x = 1.394 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  $M_r = 401.46$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$ Cell parameters from 12837 a = 9.4904 (4) Å reflections b = 12.2689 (5) Å  $\theta = 2.6 - 27.5^{\circ}$  $\mu = 0.20 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ c = 16.5644 (10) Å  $\beta = 97.4327 \ (15)^{\circ}$ T = 150 (1) KV = 1912.39 (16) Å<sup>3</sup> Block, colourless Z = 4 $0.08 \times 0.08 \times 0.06 \; \mathrm{mm}$ 

> 4360 independent reflections 2563 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.083$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}$ 

 $h = -12 \rightarrow 12$ 

 $k = -15 \rightarrow 15$ 

 $l = -18 \rightarrow 21$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker–Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer  $\varphi$  scans and  $\omega$  scans with  $\kappa$  offsets Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SORTAV*; Blessing, 1995)  $T_{\min} = 0.920, T_{\max} = 0.988$ 12837 measured reflections

#### Refinement

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Refinement on } F^2 & w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0529P)^2] \\ \mbox{R}[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.058 & where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_o^2)/3$ \\ \mbox{wR}(F^2) = 0.155 & (\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001 \\ \mbox{S = 1.01} & \Delta\rho_{max} = 0.07 \ e \ \mathring{A}^{-3} \\ \mbox{A360 reflections} & \Delta\rho_{min} = -0.44 \ e \ \mathring{A}^{-3} \\ \mbox{Z67 parameters} & Extinction correction: $SHELXTL$ \\ \mbox{H atoms treated by a mixture of} & independent and constrained \\ \end{array}$ 

refinement

### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

\$1-N1	1.648 (2)	C1-C10	1.542 (4)
O1-C1	1.413 (3)	C2-C7	1.414 (4)
N1-C17	1.429 (3)	C7-C8	1.474 (4)
N1-C18	1.438 (4)	C8-C9	1.328 (4)
C1-C2	1.518 (4)	C9-C10	1.511 (4)
C17-N1-C18	107.1 (2)	O1-C1-C2	110.3 (2)
C17-N1-S1	122.17 (19)	O1-C1-C10	112.2 (2)
C18-N1-S1	118.92 (19)	C2-C1-C10	111.0 (2)

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

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$\overline{\begin{array}{c} O1 - H1O \cdots O2^{i} \\ C21 - H21A \cdots O1^{ii} \end{array}}$	0.93 (3)	2.00 (3)	2.901 (3)	162 (3)
	0.95	2.43	3.274 (4)	147

Symmetry codes: (i) x + 1, y, z; (ii) -x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1.

H atoms bonded to C atoms were placed in calculated positions with C–H distances of 0.95 (for  $Csp^2$  atoms) and 1.00 Å (for  $Csp^3$  atoms). They were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation with  $U_{\rm iso}(H) = 1.2U_{\rm eq}(C)$ . The hydroxyl H atom was refined independently with an isotropic displacement parameter.

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Nonius, 2002); cell refinement: *DENZO-SMN* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *DENZO-SMN*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.*, 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2001); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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