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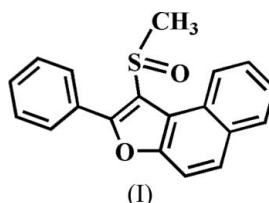
1-Methylsulfinyl-2-phenylnaphtho[2,1-*b*]furan

The title compound, $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{S}$, was prepared by oxidation of 1-methylsulfonyl-2-phenylnaphtho[2,1-*b*]furan using 3-chloroperbenzoic acid. The naphthofuran ring system is approximately planar. The crystal structure includes aromatic $\pi-\pi$ stacking and $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$ interactions.

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Comment

This work follows on from our previous investigations of isomeric naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (Choi *et al.*, 2006a) and naphtho[1,2-*b*]furan (Choi *et al.*, 2006b). The title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), was obtained by oxidation of 1-methylsulfonyl-2-phenylnaphtho[2,1-*b*]furan using 3-chloroperbenzoic acid. The naphthofuran unit is approximately planar (mean deviation of 0.44 \AA from the least-squares plane defined by the thirteen constituent atoms) and forms a dihedral angle of $32.91(4)^\circ$ with the mean plane of the phenyl ring.



In the crystal structure, $\pi-\pi$ stacking interactions are observed between the furan ring and a benzene ring of an adjacent naphthofuran unit, which is almost parallel [dihedral angle $1.38(3)^\circ$] (Fig. 2). The $\text{Cg}1\cdots\text{Cg}2^{\text{iii}}$ distance is 3.75 \AA [$\text{Cg}1$ and $\text{Cg}2$ are the centroids of the $\text{C}1/\text{C}2/\text{C}11/\text{O}1/\text{C}12$ and $\text{C}3-\text{C}8$ rings; symmetry code: $(\text{iii}) \frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$]. $\text{C}19-\text{H}19\text{C}\cdots\pi$ interactions are also observed [$\text{H}19\text{C}\cdots\text{Cg}3^{\text{i}} = 3.55 \text{ \AA}$; $\text{Cg}3$ is the centroid of the $\text{C}13-\text{C}18$ ring; symmetry code: $(\text{i}) -x, 1 - y, 1 - z$].

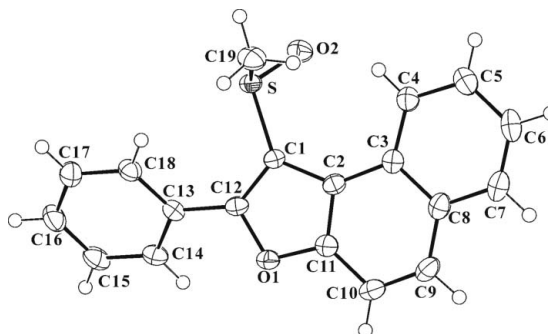


Figure 1
The molecular structure of (I), showing displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level for non-H atoms.

Experimental

3-Chloroperbenzoic acid (77%, 725 mg, 2.50 mmol) was added in small portions to a stirred solution of 1-methylsulfonyl-2-phenyl-naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (583 mg, 2.60 mmol) in dichloromethane (30 ml) at 273 K. After being stirred at room temperature for 1 h, the mixture was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The organic layer was separated, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (1:1 hexane/EtOAc) to afford (I) as a white solid. Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were grown by slow evaporation of an acetone solution [yield 86%, m.p. 431–432 K; $R_f = 0.73$ (1:1 hexane/EtOAc)].

Crystal data

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| $C_{19}H_{14}O_2S$ | $Z = 4$ |
| $M_r = 306.36$ | $D_x = 1.407 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ |
| Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$ | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation |
| $a = 10.868$ (1) Å | $\mu = 0.23 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ |
| $b = 9.410$ (1) Å | $T = 173$ (2) K |
| $c = 14.190$ (2) Å | Plate, colourless |
| $\beta = 94.568$ (2)° | $0.52 \times 0.34 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$ |
| $V = 1446.6$ (3) Å ³ | |

Data collection

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| Bruker SMART CCD diffractometer | 3151 independent reflections |
| φ and ω scans | 2751 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
| Absorption correction: none | $R_{\text{int}} = 0.055$ |
| 8612 measured reflections | $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.0^\circ$ |

Refinement

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| Refinement on F^2 | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0417P)^2 + 1.0385P]$ |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.046$ | where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.114$ | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$ |
| $S = 1.09$ | $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.49 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$ |
| 3151 reflections | $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.37 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$ |
| 199 parameters | |
| H-atom parameters constrained | |

H atoms were placed in idealized positions and refined using a riding model, with C–H = 0.93 Å, $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for aromatic H atoms, and C–H = 0.96 Å, $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for methyl H atoms.

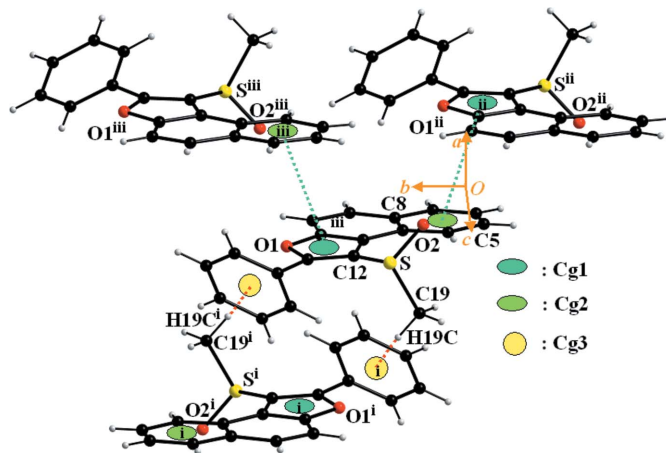


Figure 2

π – π and C–H... π interactions in (I). Cg denotes ring centroids. [Symmetry codes: (i) $-x, 1 - y, 1 - z$; (ii) $\frac{1}{2} - x, -\frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$; (iii) $\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$.]

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