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# (*E*)-3-(Oxolan-2-ylidene)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 296 K; mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.005 Å; *R* factor = 0.075; *wR* factor = 0.161; data-to-parameter ratio = 13.4.

In the title compound,  $C_{14}H_{13}NO_3$ , the dihedral angles between the central pyrrolidine ring and the pendant tetrahydrofuran and phenyl rings are 5.34 (18) and 58.99 (17)°, respectively. The tetrahydrofuran ring is almost planar (r.m.s. deviation = 0.008 Å). In the crystal, molecules are linked by  $C-H\cdots O$  interactions, generating a three-dimensional network.

#### **Related literature**

For synthetic background, see: Han *et al.* (2013); Sodhi *et al.* (2012).



#### Experimental

Crystal data  $C_{14}H_{13}NO_3$   $M_r = 243.25$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$  a = 8.144 (2) Å b = 13.729 (4) Å

c = 11.160 (3) Å  $\beta = 105.177 (8)^{\circ}$   $V = 1204.2 (6) \text{ Å}^{3}$  Z = 4Mo K $\alpha$  radiation  $0.30 \times 0.28 \times 0.25 \ \mathrm{mm}$ 

 $\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 296 K

#### Data collection

Rigaku Mercury CCD	11234 measured reflections
diffractometer	2201 independent reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan	1893 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
(CrystalClear; Rigaku, 2000)	$R_{\rm int} = 0.035$
$T_{\min} = 0.736, \ T_{\max} = 0.977$	

Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.075$ 164 parameters $wR(F^2) = 0.161$ H-atom parameters constrainedS = 1.08 $\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.23$  e Å $^{-3}$ 2201 reflections $\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.21$  e Å $^{-3}$ 

# Table 1 Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$C6 - H6 \cdots O2^{i}$	0.93	2.59	3.487 (4)	161
C9−H9A···O1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.97	2.50	3.403 (3)	154
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$C14 - H14B \cdots O2^{iv}$	0.97	2.51	3.384 (4)	149
Symmetry codes: (i) $-x - x$	+1, -y, -z; (i	i) $x - \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}$	$z = \frac{1}{2};$ (iii) $-x + \frac{1}{2};$	$\frac{1}{2}$ , $y + \frac{1}{2}$ , $-z - \frac{1}{2}$ ;

Symmetry codes: (1) -x + 1, -y, -z; (1)  $x - \frac{z}{2}$ ,  $-y + \frac{z}{2}$ ,  $z - \frac{z}{2}$ ; (11)  $-x + \frac{z}{2}$ ,  $y + \frac{z}{2}$ ,  $-z - (iv) x + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $-y + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $z - \frac{1}{2}$ .

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku, 2000); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku, 2000); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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## S1. Comment

The area of allylic and benzylic oxidation with *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (TBHP) in the presence of  $Co(acac)_2$  has been attracted more and more attention (Han, *et al.*, 2013; Sodhi, *et al.*, 2012). The title compound,  $C_{14}H_{13}NO_3$ , was synthesized by  $Co(acac)_2$  catalyzed cross-dehydrogenative-coupling (CDC) between 1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-2,5-dione and tetrahydrofuran in the presence of *t*-BuOOH as a oxidant in the air. In the molecule of the title compound (Fig. 1), the compound adopts an E conformation. All the non-H atoms of the pyrrolidine-2,5-dione and the tetrahydrofuran fragment, linked by carbon—carbon double bond, are nearly coplanar, with a maximum deviation of 0.056 (1) Å. While the dihedral angle between the benzene ring and the pyrrolidine-2,5-dione ring is 59.9 Å. In the crystal, C—H···O interactions link the molecules (Table 1).

## S2. Experimental

1-Phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-2,5-dione(86.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), THF (0.5 ml, 7.0 mmol), cobalt(II) acetylacetonate (12.9 mg), 1,4diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (70.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBHP (2.0 equiv, 70% aqueous solution 140 uL), 1.0 ml acetonitrile, 1.0 ml 1,4-dioxane were added to a tube under air. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 4 h. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> solution, extracted repeatedly with ethyl acetate, and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. It was then removal of the organic solvent in vacuum and followed by flash silica gel column chromatographic purification afforded product with petroleum/ ethyl acetate mixtures. Yield 40%. Colourless crystals were obtained by slow evaporation of ethyl acetate and  $CH_2Cl_2$  mixed solvent.

### **S3. Refinement**

All the H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C— H distances of 0.93–0.97 Å, and with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ .



### Figure 1

View of the title compound, showing 50% probability ellipsoids.



## Figure 2

Perspective view of the packing of the title compound along a direction.

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$\omega$ scans	$h = -9 \longrightarrow 9$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$k = -16 \rightarrow 15$
(CrystalClear; Rigaku, 2000)	$l = -13 \rightarrow 13$
$T_{\min} = 0.736, T_{\max} = 0.977$	

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier
Least-squares matrix: full	map
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.075$	Hydrogen site location: inferred from
$wR(F^2) = 0.161$	neighbouring sites
<i>S</i> = 1.08	H-atom parameters constrained
2201 reflections	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0555P)^2 + 0.8273P]$
164 parameters	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
0 restraints	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant	$\Delta  ho_{ m max} = 0.23$ e Å <sup>-3</sup>
direct methods	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

#### Special details

**Geometry**. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement**. Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted *R*-factor *wR* and goodness of fit *S* are based on  $F^2$ , conventional *R*-factors *R* are based on *F*, with *F* set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating *R*-factors(gt) *etc.* and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. *R*-factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on *F*, and *R*- factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters  $(Å^2)$ 

	x	у	Ζ	$U_{ m iso}$ */ $U_{ m eq}$	
01	0.5949 (3)	0.34863 (14)	0.08693 (17)	0.0660 (6)	
O2	0.3330 (3)	0.05454 (15)	-0.01104 (17)	0.0632 (6)	
03	0.4751 (3)	0.32363 (14)	-0.31330 (16)	0.0612 (6)	
N1	0.4759 (3)	0.19466 (15)	0.06629 (18)	0.0505 (6)	
C1	0.5003 (3)	0.1742 (2)	0.1954 (2)	0.0526 (7)	
C2	0.4297 (4)	0.2340 (2)	0.2671 (3)	0.0720 (9)	
H2	0.3637	0.2873	0.2323	0.086*	
C3	0.4596 (6)	0.2129 (3)	0.3938 (3)	0.0938 (13)	

Н3	0.4153	0.2531	0.4447	0.113*
C4	0.5547 (6)	0.1324 (4)	0.4428 (3)	0.0986 (14)
H4	0.5739	0.1185	0.5269	0.118*
C5	0.6209 (5)	0.0727 (3)	0.3697 (3)	0.0866 (11)
Н5	0.6835	0.0180	0.4035	0.104*
C6	0.5947 (4)	0.0937 (2)	0.2458 (3)	0.0639 (8)
H6	0.6406	0.0536	0.1957	0.077*
C7	0.5310 (3)	0.28121 (19)	0.0200 (2)	0.0514 (6)
C8	0.4917 (3)	0.27047 (19)	-0.1134 (2)	0.0507 (6)
C9	0.4145 (4)	0.1720 (2)	-0.1479 (2)	0.0571 (7)
H9A	0.3038	0.1775	-0.2069	0.069*
H9B	0.4875	0.1319	-0.1838	0.069*
C10	0.3991 (3)	0.1303 (2)	-0.0279 (2)	0.0503 (6)
C11	0.5168 (3)	0.34047 (19)	-0.1899 (2)	0.0508 (7)
C12	0.5857 (4)	0.4404 (2)	-0.1610 (3)	0.0603 (7)
H12A	0.7015	0.4385	-0.1089	0.072*
H12B	0.5161	0.4776	-0.1189	0.072*
C13	0.5797 (6)	0.4839 (3)	-0.2852 (3)	0.0956 (13)
H13A	0.5089	0.5418	-0.2989	0.115*
H13B	0.6932	0.5019	-0.2895	0.115*
C14	0.5080 (4)	0.4095 (2)	-0.3792 (3)	0.0679 (8)
H14A	0.4032	0.4329	-0.4351	0.081*
H14B	0.5878	0.3943	-0.4276	0.081*

Atomic displacement parameters  $(Å^2)$ 

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	U <sup>23</sup>
01	0.0912 (15)	0.0522 (11)	0.0478 (11)	-0.0092 (11)	0.0059 (10)	-0.0045 (9)
O2	0.0689 (13)	0.0623 (12)	0.0580 (11)	-0.0180 (10)	0.0161 (9)	-0.0065 (10)
O3	0.0833 (14)	0.0570 (11)	0.0427 (10)	-0.0044 (10)	0.0154 (9)	0.0014 (9)
N1	0.0628 (14)	0.0465 (12)	0.0390 (11)	-0.0043 (10)	0.0080 (9)	-0.0018 (9)
C1	0.0590 (16)	0.0550 (16)	0.0420 (14)	-0.0120 (13)	0.0103 (12)	-0.0030 (12)
C2	0.086 (2)	0.068 (2)	0.0651 (19)	-0.0158 (17)	0.0259 (17)	-0.0166 (16)
C3	0.120 (3)	0.108 (3)	0.066 (2)	-0.048 (3)	0.046 (2)	-0.038 (2)
C4	0.114 (3)	0.128 (4)	0.048 (2)	-0.053 (3)	0.010(2)	0.008 (2)
C5	0.084 (2)	0.112 (3)	0.056 (2)	-0.020 (2)	0.0052 (17)	0.022 (2)
C6	0.0620 (18)	0.073 (2)	0.0542 (17)	-0.0030 (15)	0.0099 (13)	0.0091 (14)
C7	0.0576 (16)	0.0468 (15)	0.0464 (14)	0.0016 (12)	0.0077 (12)	-0.0012 (12)
C8	0.0559 (16)	0.0484 (14)	0.0445 (14)	0.0023 (12)	0.0074 (11)	-0.0001 (12)
C9	0.0667 (18)	0.0587 (17)	0.0431 (14)	-0.0069 (14)	0.0092 (12)	-0.0059 (12)
C10	0.0478 (15)	0.0512 (15)	0.0496 (15)	0.0000 (12)	0.0085 (11)	-0.0050 (12)
C11	0.0532 (15)	0.0532 (15)	0.0435 (14)	0.0046 (12)	0.0080 (11)	-0.0025 (12)
C12	0.0725 (19)	0.0493 (15)	0.0572 (16)	0.0014 (14)	0.0136 (14)	-0.0015 (13)
C13	0.153 (4)	0.067 (2)	0.069 (2)	-0.030 (2)	0.032 (2)	0.0000 (18)
C14	0.086 (2)	0.0648 (19)	0.0566 (17)	0.0054 (16)	0.0264 (16)	0.0122 (15)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

01	1.217 (3)	С6—Н6	0.9300
O2—C10	1.208 (3)	C7—C8	1.447 (4)
O3—C11	1.349 (3)	C8—C11	1.336 (4)
O3—C14	1.451 (3)	C8—C9	1.498 (4)
N1—C10	1.390 (3)	C9—C10	1.492 (4)
N1—C7	1.414 (3)	С9—Н9А	0.9700
N1—C1	1.430 (3)	С9—Н9В	0.9700
C1—C2	1.372 (4)	C11—C12	1.486 (4)
C1—C6	1.379 (4)	C12—C13	1.498 (4)
C2—C3	1.402 (5)	C12—H12A	0.9700
С2—Н2	0.9300	C12—H12B	0.9700
C3—C4	1.378 (6)	C13—C14	1.472 (4)
С3—Н3	0.9300	C13—H13A	0.9700
C4—C5	1.364 (6)	C13—H13B	0.9700
C4—H4	0.9300	C14—H14A	0.9700
C5—C6	1.374 (4)	C14—H14B	0.9700
С5—Н5	0.9300		
C11—O3—C14	110.3 (2)	С10—С9—Н9А	110.9
C10—N1—C7	112.4 (2)	С8—С9—Н9А	110.9
C10—N1—C1	123.6 (2)	С10—С9—Н9В	110.9
C7—N1—C1	124.0 (2)	С8—С9—Н9В	110.9
C2—C1—C6	121.0 (3)	Н9А—С9—Н9В	108.9
C2-C1-N1	120.0 (3)	O2—C10—N1	124.1 (2)
C6-C1-N1	118.9 (3)	O2—C10—C9	128.0 (2)
C1—C2—C3	118.4 (4)	N1-C10-C9	107.9 (2)
С1—С2—Н2	120.8	C8—C11—O3	119.3 (2)
С3—С2—Н2	120.8	C8—C11—C12	129.6 (2)
C4—C3—C2	119.8 (4)	O3—C11—C12	111.1 (2)
С4—С3—Н3	120.1	C11—C12—C13	104.4 (2)
С2—С3—Н3	120.1	C11—C12—H12A	110.9
C5—C4—C3	121.0 (3)	C13—C12—H12A	110.9
C5—C4—H4	119.5	C11—C12—H12B	110.9
C3—C4—H4	119.5	C13—C12—H12B	110.9
C4—C5—C6	119.6 (4)	H12A—C12—H12B	108.9
C4—C5—H5	120.2	C14—C13—C12	107.1 (3)
С6—С5—Н5	120.2	C14—C13—H13A	110.3
C5—C6—C1	120.1 (3)	C12—C13—H13A	110.3
С5—С6—Н6	119.9	C14—C13—H13B	110.3
C1—C6—H6	119.9	C12—C13—H13B	110.3
O1—C7—N1	122.7 (2)	H13A—C13—H13B	108.6
O1—C7—C8	130.7 (3)	O3—C14—C13	107.1 (2)
N1—C7—C8	106.5 (2)	O3—C14—H14A	110.3
C11—C8—C7	123.7 (2)	C13—C14—H14A	110.3
C11—C8—C9	127.5 (2)	O3—C14—H14B	110.3
С7—С8—С9	108.7 (2)	C13—C14—H14B	110.3

# supporting information

С10—С9—С8	104.1 (2)	H14A—C14—H14B	108.6
C10—N1—C1—C2	-120.8 (3)	C11—C8—C9—C10	-173.3 (3)
C7-N1-C1-C2	60.9 (4)	C7—C8—C9—C10	4.4 (3)
C10—N1—C1—C6	58.9 (4)	C7—N1—C10—O2	-175.2 (3)
C7—N1—C1—C6	-119.3 (3)	C1—N1—C10—O2	6.4 (4)
C6—C1—C2—C3	1.7 (4)	C7—N1—C10—C9	4.8 (3)
N1—C1—C2—C3	-178.6 (3)	C1—N1—C10—C9	-173.6 (2)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-1.4 (5)	C8—C9—C10—O2	174.5 (3)
C2—C3—C4—C5	0.1 (6)	C8—C9—C10—N1	-5.5 (3)
C3—C4—C5—C6	0.9 (6)	C7—C8—C11—O3	-179.6 (2)
C4—C5—C6—C1	-0.7 (5)	C9—C8—C11—O3	-2.2 (4)
C2-C1-C6-C5	-0.6 (4)	C7—C8—C11—C12	-0.3 (5)
N1—C1—C6—C5	179.6 (3)	C9—C8—C11—C12	177.1 (3)
C10—N1—C7—O1	176.9 (3)	C14—O3—C11—C8	178.4 (3)
C1—N1—C7—O1	-4.7 (4)	C14—O3—C11—C12	-1.0 (3)
C10—N1—C7—C8	-1.9 (3)	C8—C11—C12—C13	-179.0 (3)
C1—N1—C7—C8	176.5 (2)	O3—C11—C12—C13	0.3 (4)
O1—C7—C8—C11	-2.6 (5)	C11—C12—C13—C14	0.5 (4)
N1-C7-C8-C11	176.1 (2)	C11—O3—C14—C13	1.3 (4)
O1—C7—C8—C9	179.6 (3)	C12—C13—C14—O3	-1.0 (4)
N1—C7—C8—C9	-1.7 (3)		

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C14—H14A…O2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.97	2.50	3.376 (4)	150	
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