

# (1a*R*<sup>\*</sup>,2*R*<sup>\*</sup>,7*S*<sup>\*</sup>,7a*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-*rel*-3,6-Dimethoxy-2-methyl-1a,2,7,7a-tetrahydro-2,7-epoxy-1*H*-cyclopropa[*b*]-naphthalene

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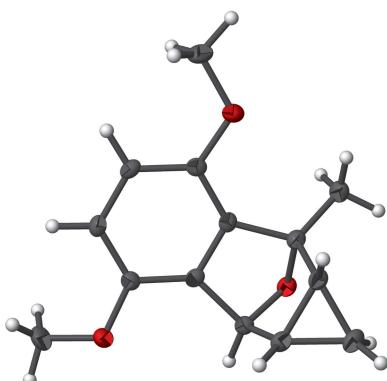
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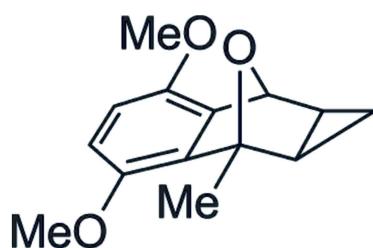
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In the racemic title compound, C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, the dihedral angle formed by the mean planes of the cyclopropane and benzene rings is 5.0 (2)°. In the crystal, a pair of weak C—H···O hydrogen bonds connect two molecules related by a twofold rotation axis, thus forming a dimer with an R<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup>(10) motif.

## 3D view



## Chemical scheme



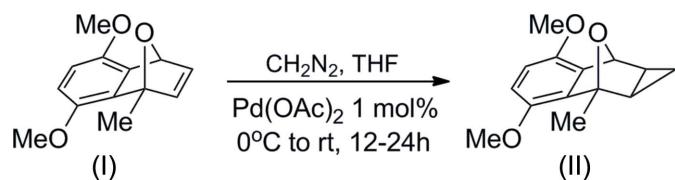
## Structure description

We have recently investigated the palladium-catalysed cyclopropanation reactions of [2.2.1] heterobicyclic compounds (Carlson *et al.*, 2016). Substituted 7-oxabenzonorbornadiene (**I**) reacts with diazomethane in the presence of catalytic Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> in THF to give the cyclopropane (**II**) as a single stereoisomer (see Fig. 1). The stereochemistry of (**II**) was determined by this single-crystal X-ray analysis. Of the *exo* or *endo* isomers which could be formed, the reaction was found to give solely the *exo* stereoisomer.

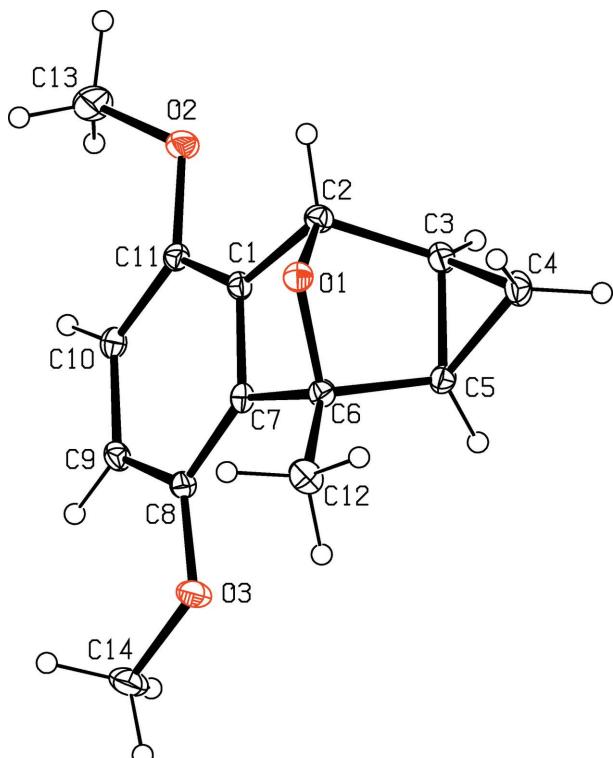
The molecular structure of the title compound is shown in Fig. 2. The dihedral angle formed by the mean planes of the cyclopropane and benzene rings C3/C4/C5 and C1/C7/C8/C9/C10/C11, respectively is 5.0 (2)°. In the crystal, a pair of weak C—H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 1 and Fig. 3) between two molecules related by a twofold rotation axis forms a dimer with an R<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup>(10) motif.

## Synthesis and crystallization

**HAZARD ALERT!** Diazomethane can be fatal if inhaled and capable of detonation if appreciably concentrated. See Carlson *et al.* (2016) for a detailed figure of the experimental apparatus. Alkene (**I**) (9.2 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.092 mmol) and THF (40 ml) were

**Figure 1**

The reaction scheme.

**Figure 2**

The molecular structure of the title compound showing 30% probability ellipsoids.

stirred in a sealed reaction flask at 273 K, connected to a 1:1 glacial acetic acid: water trap and vented to the back of the fumehood. Diazomethane was generated in a separate flask by dropwise addition ( $2 \text{ ml min}^{-1}$ ) of 12.5 M aqueous NaOH (1.3 mol) to Diazald (23.8 mmol) stirred in 95% EtOH (50 ml), and directed under a steady stream of argon to the reaction flask. Formation of the light-yellow  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}_2$  was observed with the dissolution of Diazald. Upon completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC and dissipation of any yellow

**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{C}2-\text{H}2\text{A}\cdots \text{O}2^i$	1.00	2.44	3.2777 (17)	141

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x, y, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ .**Table 2**  
Experimental details.

Crystal data	$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$
Chemical formula	$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$
$M_r$	232.27
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, $C2/c$
Temperature (K)	147
$a, b, c$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	16.401 (2), 6.9386 (9), 20.666 (2)
$\beta$ ( $^\circ$ )	97.089 (3)
$V$ ( $\text{\AA}^3$ )	2333.8 (5)
$Z$	8
Radiation type	Mo $K\alpha$
$\mu$ ( $\text{mm}^{-1}$ )	0.09
Crystal size (mm)	0.33 $\times$ 0.23 $\times$ 0.06
Data collection	Bruker Kappa APEX DUO CCD
Diffractometer	Multi-scan ( <i>SADABS</i> ; Bruker, 2014)
Absorption correction	0.703, 0.746
$T_{\min}, T_{\max}$	17093, 2681, 1972
No. of measured, independent and observed [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ] reflections	0.037
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.650
$(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\text{max}}$ ( $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ )	
Refinement	0.041, 0.104, 1.02
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	2681
No. of reflections	157
No. of parameters	H-atom treatment
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ ( $\text{e \AA}^{-3}$ )	H-atom parameters constrained 0.27, -0.20

Computer programs: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2014), *SAINT* (Bruker, 2014), *SHELXT* (Sheldrick, 2015a), *SHELXL2014* (Sheldrick, 2015b), *PLATON* (Spek, 2009), *publCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

colour), the crude reaction mixture was filtered through Celite, rinsed with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  ( $3 \times 10$  ml), concentrated and purified by column chromatography ( $\text{EtOAc:hexanes} = 1:9$ ) followed by recrystallization from pentane solution to give the *exo* cyclopropane (II) in the form of colourless plates in 82% yield.

### Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2.

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**Figure 3**

A pair of molecules connected by weak hydrogen bonds shown as dashed lines.

# full crystallographic data

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 $V = 2333.8$  (5) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 8$

$F(000) = 992$   
 $D_x = 1.322$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å  
 Cell parameters from 4973 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.5\text{--}27.4^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.09$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 147$  K  
 Plate, colourless  
 $0.33 \times 0.23 \times 0.06$  mm

#### Data collection

Bruker Kappa APEX DUO CCD  
 diffractometer  
 Radiation source: sealed tube with Bruker  
 Triumph monochromator  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2014)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.703$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.746$

17093 measured reflections  
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 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.037$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 27.5^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\min} = 2.0^\circ$   
 $h = -21 \rightarrow 21$   
 $k = -8 \rightarrow 9$   
 $l = -17 \rightarrow 26$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 Least-squares matrix: full  
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.041$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.104$   
 $S = 1.02$   
 2681 reflections  
 157 parameters  
 0 restraints

Hydrogen site location: inferred from  
 neighbouring sites  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0431P)^2 + 2.2112P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.27$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.20$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

#### 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.

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	0.02986 (6)	0.82417 (15)	0.09283 (5)	0.0194 (2)
O2	0.09941 (7)	1.03830 (15)	0.28403 (5)	0.0253 (3)
O3	0.26711 (6)	1.04938 (15)	0.06547 (5)	0.0248 (3)
C1	0.11743 (8)	0.9435 (2)	0.17734 (7)	0.0167 (3)
C2	0.04984 (9)	0.7949 (2)	0.16232 (7)	0.0190 (3)
H2A	0.0027	0.8064	0.1885	0.023*
C3	0.09260 (9)	0.5976 (2)	0.16523 (7)	0.0207 (3)
H3A	0.1212	0.5476	0.2074	0.025*
C4	0.06766 (10)	0.4617 (2)	0.10921 (8)	0.0249 (3)
H4A	0.0822	0.3239	0.1154	0.030*
H4B	0.0148	0.4864	0.0818	0.030*
C5	0.13667 (9)	0.6032 (2)	0.10507 (7)	0.0191 (3)
H5A	0.1946	0.5565	0.1073	0.023*
C6	0.11289 (9)	0.8013 (2)	0.07536 (7)	0.0185 (3)
C7	0.15865 (9)	0.9463 (2)	0.12220 (7)	0.0167 (3)
C8	0.22780 (9)	1.0607 (2)	0.12042 (7)	0.0177 (3)
C9	0.25244 (9)	1.1778 (2)	0.17404 (7)	0.0189 (3)
H9A	0.2988	1.2596	0.1735	0.023*
C10	0.20992 (9)	1.1766 (2)	0.22880 (7)	0.0187 (3)
H10A	0.2273	1.2587	0.2646	0.022*
C11	0.14249 (9)	1.0565 (2)	0.23120 (7)	0.0173 (3)
C12	0.11176 (10)	0.8263 (2)	0.00304 (7)	0.0260 (4)
H12A	0.1676	0.8113	-0.0085	0.039*
H12B	0.0911	0.9551	-0.0097	0.039*
H12C	0.0758	0.7287	-0.0198	0.039*
C13	0.10349 (12)	1.1913 (3)	0.32903 (8)	0.0383 (5)
H13A	0.0652	1.1671	0.3609	0.057*
H13B	0.0886	1.3120	0.3059	0.057*
H13C	0.1595	1.2013	0.3516	0.057*
C14	0.33542 (10)	1.1738 (3)	0.06247 (8)	0.0320 (4)
H14A	0.3577	1.1538	0.0211	0.048*
H14B	0.3779	1.1452	0.0988	0.048*
H14C	0.3177	1.3081	0.0654	0.048*

*Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
O1	0.0152 (5)	0.0205 (5)	0.0219 (5)	0.0000 (4)	-0.0003 (4)	-0.0001 (4)
O2	0.0300 (6)	0.0246 (6)	0.0233 (5)	-0.0053 (5)	0.0113 (5)	-0.0050 (5)
O3	0.0249 (6)	0.0280 (6)	0.0232 (5)	-0.0074 (5)	0.0095 (4)	-0.0026 (5)
C1	0.0156 (7)	0.0139 (7)	0.0203 (7)	0.0002 (5)	0.0009 (6)	0.0015 (6)
C2	0.0181 (7)	0.0195 (8)	0.0194 (7)	-0.0016 (6)	0.0029 (6)	-0.0003 (6)
C3	0.0221 (8)	0.0168 (7)	0.0233 (7)	-0.0014 (6)	0.0026 (6)	0.0009 (6)
C4	0.0266 (8)	0.0165 (7)	0.0311 (8)	-0.0032 (6)	0.0024 (7)	-0.0021 (6)
C5	0.0177 (7)	0.0157 (7)	0.0239 (7)	0.0002 (6)	0.0030 (6)	-0.0027 (6)

C6	0.0178 (7)	0.0171 (7)	0.0206 (7)	-0.0008 (6)	0.0028 (6)	-0.0009 (6)
C7	0.0184 (7)	0.0131 (7)	0.0181 (7)	0.0015 (5)	0.0000 (6)	0.0004 (5)
C8	0.0179 (7)	0.0165 (7)	0.0189 (7)	0.0012 (6)	0.0034 (6)	0.0024 (6)
C9	0.0163 (7)	0.0159 (7)	0.0242 (7)	-0.0030 (6)	0.0010 (6)	0.0008 (6)
C10	0.0203 (7)	0.0161 (7)	0.0192 (7)	-0.0001 (6)	-0.0004 (6)	-0.0025 (6)
C11	0.0186 (7)	0.0156 (7)	0.0179 (7)	0.0023 (6)	0.0029 (6)	0.0009 (6)
C12	0.0314 (9)	0.0264 (8)	0.0198 (7)	-0.0061 (7)	0.0016 (7)	-0.0013 (6)
C13	0.0530 (12)	0.0355 (10)	0.0302 (9)	-0.0071 (9)	0.0204 (9)	-0.0129 (8)
C14	0.0301 (9)	0.0336 (9)	0.0350 (9)	-0.0122 (8)	0.0153 (7)	-0.0030 (8)

Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )

O1—C2	1.4474 (17)	C5—H5A	1.0000
O1—C6	1.4598 (16)	C6—C12	1.503 (2)
O2—C11	1.3776 (16)	C6—C7	1.527 (2)
O2—C13	1.4074 (19)	C7—C8	1.3886 (19)
O3—C8	1.3755 (16)	C8—C9	1.393 (2)
O3—C14	1.4218 (18)	C9—C10	1.4006 (19)
C1—C11	1.382 (2)	C9—H9A	0.9500
C1—C7	1.3951 (19)	C10—C11	1.391 (2)
C1—C2	1.5177 (19)	C10—H10A	0.9500
C2—C3	1.536 (2)	C12—H12A	0.9800
C2—H2A	1.0000	C12—H12B	0.9800
C3—C4	1.510 (2)	C12—H12C	0.9800
C3—C5	1.5137 (19)	C13—H13A	0.9800
C3—H3A	1.0000	C13—H13B	0.9800
C4—C5	1.509 (2)	C13—H13C	0.9800
C4—H4A	0.9900	C14—H14A	0.9800
C4—H4B	0.9900	C14—H14B	0.9800
C5—C6	1.536 (2)	C14—H14C	0.9800
C2—O1—C6	97.26 (10)	C7—C6—C5	104.78 (11)
C11—O2—C13	117.86 (12)	C8—C7—C1	120.60 (13)
C8—O3—C14	116.97 (12)	C8—C7—C6	134.34 (12)
C11—C1—C7	121.62 (13)	C1—C7—C6	105.01 (12)
C11—C1—C2	133.42 (12)	O3—C8—C7	117.17 (12)
C7—C1—C2	104.93 (12)	O3—C8—C9	124.78 (13)
O1—C2—C1	100.24 (10)	C7—C8—C9	118.05 (12)
O1—C2—C3	102.13 (11)	C8—C9—C10	120.98 (13)
C1—C2—C3	106.21 (11)	C8—C9—H9A	119.5
O1—C2—H2A	115.4	C10—C9—H9A	119.5
C1—C2—H2A	115.4	C11—C10—C9	120.64 (13)
C3—C2—H2A	115.4	C11—C10—H10A	119.7
C4—C3—C5	59.87 (9)	C9—C10—H10A	119.7
C4—C3—C2	116.57 (13)	O2—C11—C1	117.11 (12)
C5—C3—C2	101.93 (12)	O2—C11—C10	124.83 (13)
C4—C3—H3A	120.4	C1—C11—C10	118.04 (12)
C5—C3—H3A	120.4	C6—C12—H12A	109.5

C2—C3—H3A	120.4	C6—C12—H12B	109.5
C5—C4—C3	60.20 (9)	H12A—C12—H12B	109.5
C5—C4—H4A	117.8	C6—C12—H12C	109.5
C3—C4—H4A	117.8	H12A—C12—H12C	109.5
C5—C4—H4B	117.8	H12B—C12—H12C	109.5
C3—C4—H4B	117.8	O2—C13—H13A	109.5
H4A—C4—H4B	114.9	O2—C13—H13B	109.5
C4—C5—C3	59.93 (10)	H13A—C13—H13B	109.5
C4—C5—C6	116.73 (12)	O2—C13—H13C	109.5
C3—C5—C6	103.18 (11)	H13A—C13—H13C	109.5
C4—C5—H5A	120.1	H13B—C13—H13C	109.5
C3—C5—H5A	120.1	O3—C14—H14A	109.5
C6—C5—H5A	120.1	O3—C14—H14B	109.5
O1—C6—C12	109.65 (12)	H14A—C14—H14B	109.5
O1—C6—C7	99.92 (10)	O3—C14—H14C	109.5
C12—C6—C7	119.96 (12)	H14A—C14—H14C	109.5
O1—C6—C5	101.35 (11)	H14B—C14—H14C	109.5
C12—C6—C5	118.17 (12)		
C6—O1—C2—C1	53.68 (11)	C11—C1—C7—C6	179.16 (13)
C6—O1—C2—C3	−55.53 (11)	C2—C1—C7—C6	1.12 (14)
C11—C1—C2—O1	147.94 (15)	O1—C6—C7—C8	−150.61 (15)
C7—C1—C2—O1	−34.35 (13)	C12—C6—C7—C8	−30.9 (2)
C11—C1—C2—C3	−106.10 (17)	C5—C6—C7—C8	104.75 (17)
C7—C1—C2—C3	71.61 (14)	O1—C6—C7—C1	32.10 (13)
O1—C2—C3—C4	−27.71 (15)	C12—C6—C7—C1	151.76 (13)
C1—C2—C3—C4	−132.31 (13)	C5—C6—C7—C1	−72.55 (13)
O1—C2—C3—C5	34.38 (13)	C14—O3—C8—C7	176.96 (13)
C1—C2—C3—C5	−70.21 (13)	C14—O3—C8—C9	−3.2 (2)
C2—C3—C4—C5	88.68 (14)	C1—C7—C8—O3	177.28 (13)
C3—C4—C5—C6	−90.21 (14)	C6—C7—C8—O3	0.3 (2)
C2—C3—C5—C4	−113.95 (13)	C1—C7—C8—C9	−2.6 (2)
C4—C3—C5—C6	113.46 (13)	C6—C7—C8—C9	−179.56 (14)
C2—C3—C5—C6	−0.49 (14)	O3—C8—C9—C10	−178.34 (13)
C2—O1—C6—C12	−179.66 (12)	C7—C8—C9—C10	1.5 (2)
C2—O1—C6—C7	−52.73 (11)	C8—C9—C10—C11	0.8 (2)
C2—O1—C6—C5	54.68 (12)	C13—O2—C11—C1	−158.53 (14)
C4—C5—C6—O1	29.64 (15)	C13—O2—C11—C10	22.9 (2)
C3—C5—C6—O1	−33.09 (13)	C7—C1—C11—O2	−177.80 (13)
C4—C5—C6—C12	−90.13 (16)	C2—C1—C11—O2	−0.4 (2)
C3—C5—C6—C12	−152.87 (13)	C7—C1—C11—C10	0.9 (2)
C4—C5—C6—C7	133.21 (13)	C2—C1—C11—C10	178.31 (14)
C3—C5—C6—C7	70.48 (13)	C9—C10—C11—O2	176.62 (13)
C11—C1—C7—C8	1.4 (2)	C9—C10—C11—C1	−2.0 (2)
C2—C1—C7—C8	−176.63 (12)		

*Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)*

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
C2—H2A···O2 <sup>i</sup>	1.00	2.44	3.2777 (17)	141

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x, y, -z+1/2$ .