



## Novel Route for Synthesis of (S)-1-Benzyl-6-oxopiperidine-2-carboxylic Acid and its Crystal Structure

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A piperidine carboxylic acid was synthesized and the structure of compound was confirmed by spectral methods and the X-ray diffraction experiment was employed to investigate the crystal structure of (S)-1-benzyl-6-oxopiperidine-2-carboxylic acid. In the crystal structure of the title compound **5**, C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>, one molecule creates independent part of the unit cell. The compound crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group P2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub> with a = 8.1384(3), b = 10.5953(3), c = 14.1104(3) Å and  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$ . The piperidine ring exhibits a chair conformation. The mean plane of the piperidine ring makes a dihedral angle of 61.10(9)° with the planar benzyl ring. The crystal structure packing of the compound is controlled by strong intermolecular O-H...O hydrogen bonds and weak C-H...O intramolecular interactions.

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### INTRODUCTION

The presence of a piperidine ring is a characteristic feature of antihistaminic agents, oral anesthetics, narcotic analgesics, tranquillizers and hypotensive agents<sup>1</sup>. Many piperidine derivatives also form the skeleton of several alkaloids<sup>2</sup>. A large variety of 4-piperidones with different substituents in the 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 positions with further substitutions in the 2- and 6-substituent phenyl rings have been reported elsewhere<sup>3-9</sup>. Derivative of the oxopiperidine carboxylic acid are an important class of compounds, which can be used as starting materials for several classes of synthetic drugs, such as enzyme inhibitors<sup>10</sup>, immuno suppressors<sup>11</sup>, antibiotics<sup>12</sup> and mycotoxic agents<sup>13</sup>. Nitrogen heterocycles, in particular piperidone alkaloids, occur in both plants and animals and some of them possess a variety of biological activity, including cytotoxic and anticancer properties<sup>14-17</sup>. As part of our studies on the substituent effects on the structures we present here the results of the X-ray crystallographic analyses of compound **5**. A view of the independent molecule with the atom-numbering schemes is shown in Fig. 1.

In continuation with our ongoing program of synthesis of novel benzoanalogue (**1**) (Scheme-I) of the alkaloid cryptopleurine (**2**) we have recently been concerned with the develop-

ment of viable procedures for the preparation of optically pure *N*-thienylheterbenzyl-6-oxopiperidine carboxylic acids (**5**).

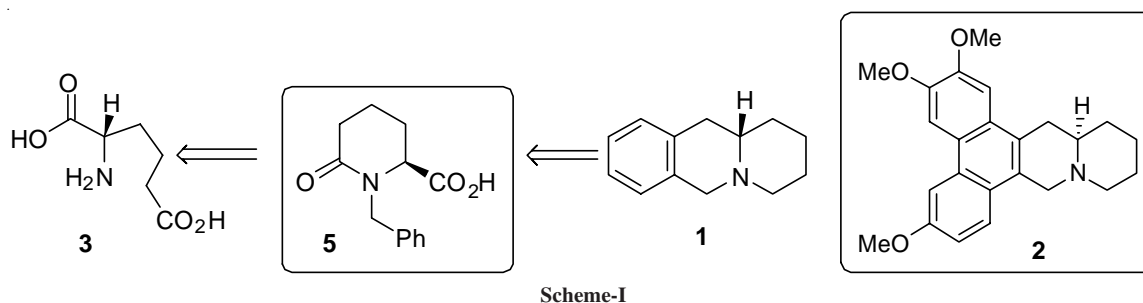
The procedure which was used is similar to that which we have published for the similar *N*-thienylmethyl-6-oxopiperidine-2-carboxylic acids<sup>18</sup>.

As highlighted in the (Scheme-II), synthesis of (**5**) began with condensation of the disodium salt (S)-2-amino adipic acid (**3**) and benzaldehyde to form the expected Schiff base. A subsequent *in situ* reduction of the formed imine intermediate with sodium borohydride took 3.5 h at 0 °C followed by treatment with concentrated hydrochloric acid at the same temperature gave the crude product (**4**) in two steps. Finally, cyclization of this crude product by reflux in water for 8 h afforded compound **5** in good yield (73 %).

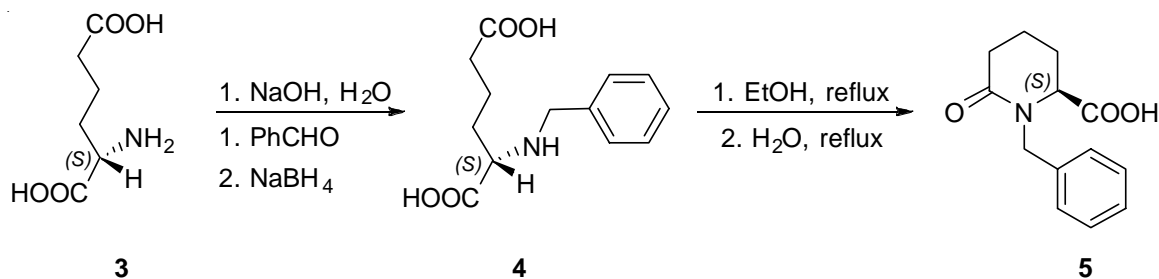
The structure of the compound **5** was established by spectral methods, mainly by <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C NMR methods (HMBC, HSQC, COSY and TOCSY) and HRMS analysis. The molecular and crystal structure of (S)-1-benzyl-6-oxopiperidine-2-carboxylic acid (**5**) was also determined.

### EXPERIMENTAL

**Synthesis and crystallization:** Melting points were determined with the Stuart SMP-30 melting-point apparatus. Optical rotations were measured with a P-2000 Polarimeter (PTC-203,



Scheme-I



Scheme-II

Jasco) in water-jacketed 10 cm cell at the wavelength of the sodium D line ( $\lambda = 589$  nm). Specific rotations are given in units of  $10^{-1}$  deg  $\text{cm}^2/\text{g}$  and concentrations are given in mg/mL. The optical purity of the present compound was assessed by NMR analysis of the diastereomeric salt. The salt the obtained by the reaction of (5) with (R)-(+)- $\alpha$ -methylbenzylamine directly in the NMR tube. The IR spectra was recorded with a Nicolet 5700 FT-IR spectrometer of KBr discs.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra was recorded with Inova 600 Varian spectrometers in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ . Solvent and chemical shift ( $\delta$ ) is quoted in ppm and is referenced to TMS as an internal standard.

**Preparation of (S)-1-benzyl-6-oxopiperidine-2-carboxylic acid (5):** (S)-2-Aminoadipic acid (3) (8.06 g, 50 mmol) was added at room temperature to a freshly prepared solution of NaOH (2 M, 45 mL) and EtOH (10 mL). To the resulting mixture was added dropwise a solution of freshly distilled benzaldehyde (5.84 g, 55 mmol) in EtOH (18 mL) over 10 h and the reaction mixture was then stirred for 72 h. Then, sodium borohydride (2.28 g, 60 mmol) was added at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  in small portions and the mixture stirred for 3.5 h allowing the temperature to rise to room temperature. The resulting clear solution was extracted with ether ( $3 \times 50$  mL). The aqueous layer was acidified to pH 3 at  $0-5^\circ\text{C}$  with HCl (1:1). The crystalline precipitate was collected, washed carefully with cooled water (10 mL) and dried to give a solid. The suspension of crude (S)-2-(benzylamino)adipic acid (4) (11.13 g, 88.6 mmol) in water (250 mL) was refluxed for 8 h and then cooled to  $0^\circ\text{C}$  for 5 h. The precipitate formed was collected, washed with cold water to give acid (5) (8.51 g, 73 %) as colourless crystals; m.p.  $148.1-149.2^\circ\text{C}$  (Scheme-II),  $R_f = 0.12$  ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -acetone 1:1),  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +98.9^\circ$  ( $c = 1.04$ , MeOH); IR (KBr,  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2951, 2887, 2459, 1735, 1570, 1489, 1456, 1431, 1407, 1365, 1331, 1286, 1260, 1192, 1158, 1105, 1076, 1058, 1034, 995, 954, 890, 812, 791, 755, 706, 649, 622, 514, 475, 451;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):  $\delta$  7.46-7.10 (m, 1H), 5.25 (t, 1H,  $J = 17.5$  Hz), 3.94 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.6$  and  $3.0$  Hz), 3.61 (t, 1H,  $J = 17.5$  Hz), 2.54-2.47 (m, 1H), 2.34 (td, 1H,  $J = 10.0$  and  $6.8$  Hz), 2.09-1.83 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.56 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):  $\delta$

TABLE-1  
CRYSTAL AND STRUCTURE REFINEMENT  
DATA FOR THE TITLE COMPOUND 5<sup>a</sup>

Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$
Formula weight	233.26
Temperature, K	298(2)
Crystal system, space group	Orthorhombic, P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
a, Å	8.1384(3)
b, Å	10.5953(3)
c, Å	14.1104(3)
$\alpha = \beta = \gamma, ^\circ$	90
Volume, Å <sup>3</sup>	1216.72(6)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$ , $\text{Mg m}^{-3}$	1.273
$\mu$ , $\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.091
Absorption correction	Analytical
Transmission, $T_{\text{min}}$ , $T_{\text{max}}$	0.961, 0.983
Detector resolution, pixels $\text{mm}^{-1}$	5.2170
F(000)	496.0
Crystal shape, size, mm	needle, $0.53 \times 0.26 \times 0.19$
Crystal colour	colourless
Radiation	$\text{MoK}\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.7107$ )
$2\theta$ range for data collection, $^\circ$	4.808 to 50.684
Index range of hkl	$-9 \leq h \leq 9, -12 \leq k \leq 12, -17 \leq l \leq 17$
Reflections collected	17788
Independent reflections	2227, $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0174$
Parameters, restraints, constraints	158, 0, 0
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.055
Final R indexes, $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$	$R_1 = 0.0296, wR_2 = 0.0823$
Final R indexes, all data	$R_1 = 0.0313, wR_2 = 0.0840$
Highest peak, deepest hole, $e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$	0.11, -0.12
Weighting scheme	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0470P)^2 + 0.1114P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
Extinction correction	none
Absolute configuration	syn
Flack parameter	-

<sup>a</sup>CCDC 971918 contains the crystallographic data

173.0 (s), 169.1 (s), 137.3 (s, C-1', Ar), 128.4 (d, C-3', 5', Ar), 127.5 (d, C-2', 6', Ar), 127.1 (d, C-4', Ar), 58.4 (d, C-2), 48.5 (t,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-N}$ ), 31.2 (t, C-5), 25.9 (t, C-3), 18.2 (t, C-4). HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$  (233, 27)  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ : 234, 1052, found 234, 1044.

### X-Ray structure determination

**Refinement:** Hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions with C-H distances in the range of 0.93-0.98 Å and constrained to ride on their parent atom (s). The  $U_{iso}(H)$  values were set at 1.2  $U_{eq}(C)$  for the compound **5**, hydrogen atom for O-H group was refined independently with O-H distance 0.91(4) Å.

**Computing details:** Data collection: CrysAlis CCD; cell refinement: CrysAlis CCD; data reduction: CrysAlis RED (Oxford Diffraction, 2009); program (s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97<sup>19</sup>, Sir2014<sup>20</sup>; program (s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97<sup>19</sup>; molecular graphics: DIAMOND<sup>21</sup>; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97<sup>19</sup>, ShelXle<sup>22</sup>, WinGX<sup>23</sup>, PLATON<sup>24</sup>, PARST<sup>25</sup> and OLEX2<sup>26</sup>.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The title compound **5** crystallizes in the crystal system orthorhombic, space group  $P2_12_12_1$ ,  $Z = 4$ . The molecular structure of the present compound **5** and the non-H atoms labelling scheme is shown in Fig. 1. The absolute configuration of the title compound **5** was established by the synthesis of the compound containing the chiral reference molecule of known absolute configuration. The benzyl ring is planar, one neighbouring atom adopts displacement:  $C6 = 0.028(2)$  Å and the central six-membered *N*-heterocyclic ring is not planar and adopts a chair conformation with a Cremer-Pople<sup>27</sup> puckering amplitude ( $Q$ ) = 0.447(3) Å and orientation angles  $\theta = 42.3(4)^\circ$ ,  $\phi = 118.7(5)^\circ$ . A calculation of least-squares planes shows that this ring is puckered in such a manner that the four atoms adopt displacement:  $C1 = -0.085(2)$ ,  $C2 = 0.177(3)$ ,  $C4 = -0.180(3)$  and  $C5 = 0.095(2)$  Å, two atoms are displaced from this plane on opposite sides, with out-of-plane displacement:  $C3 = -0.525(4)$  and  $N1 = 0.265(2)$  Å, three neighbouring atoms adopt displacement:  $C6 = 0.708(2)$ ,  $C13 = -1.557(2)$  and  $O1 = 0.257(2)$  Å from this central six-membered *N*-heterocyclic ring (mean plane). Atom N1 is  $sp^2$ -hybridized, as evidenced by the sum of the valence angles around atom N1:  $359.8(2)^\circ$ . These data are consistent with conjugation of the lone-pair electrons on nitrogen atom with the adjacent carbonyl, similar to what is observed for amides. Table-2 summarizes the selected geometrical parameters of the title compound. There are weak intramolecular  $C6-H6B \cdots O1$  interactions in the molecular structure which generates an  $S(5)^{28}$  (Fig. 1). Strong intermolecular  $O2-H2 \cdots O1$  hydrogen bonds, involving the carboxylate group at the 2-position as H-atom donor and the carbonyl group at the 6-position as H-atom acceptor, link the molecules into the infinite  $C(7)$  zigzag chains of molecules along the  $c$  axis<sup>28</sup> (Fig. 2). The bond length of the carbonyl group  $C5 = O1$ : 1.240(3) Å is somewhat longer than typical carbonyl bond. This may be due to the fact that atom O1 participates in intermolecular hydrogen bond. Hydrogen bonds play a significant role in a construction of crystal structure, in such a manner, Table-3 and Fig. 2 show the hydrogen bonds. The dihedral angle between the mean plane of the central piperidine ring and the plane of the benzyl ring is  $61.10(9)^\circ$ .

### Conclusion

Six-membered *N*-heterocycles are involved in a wide range of biologically important chemical reactions in living

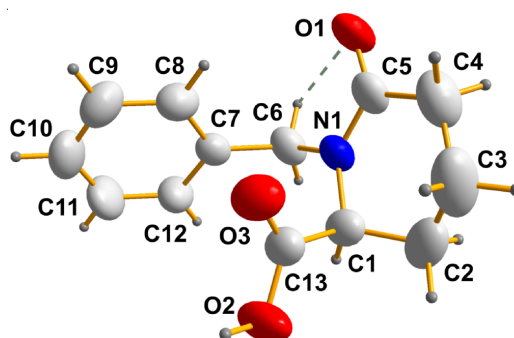


Fig. 1. Molecular structure of the title compound with the non-H atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids of the molecule are drawn at the 50 % probability level. The intramolecular hydrogen bond is shown as a dashed line

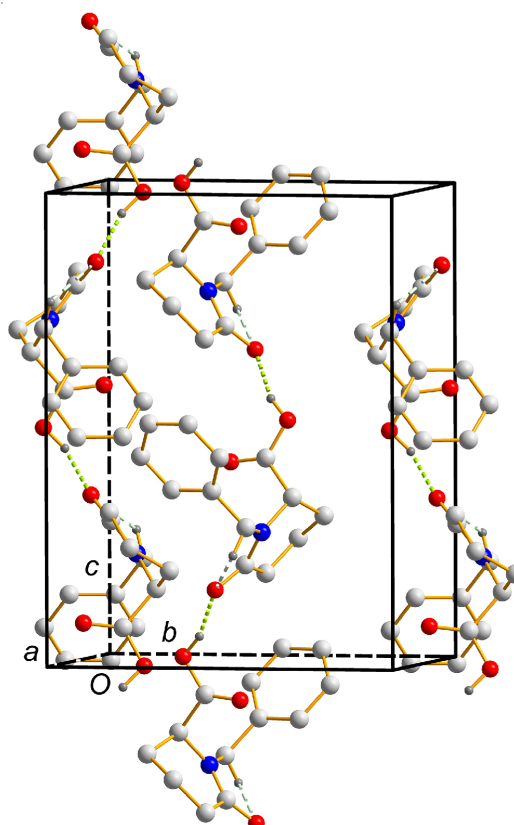


Fig. 2. Molecular packing view of the title compound **5** in the crystal structure. Molecular links along  $c$ -axis are generated by  $O-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds shown by dashed lines. The rest of H atoms have been omitted for clarity

TABLE-2  
SELECTED INTRAMOLECULAR BOND DISTANCES (Å),  
VALENCE ANGLES AND TORSION ANGLES ( $^\circ$ )  
OF THE TITLE COMPOUND **5**

C1-N1	1.460 (2)	C5-N1-C1	123.5 (2)
C5-N1	1.335 (2)	O2-C13-C1	111.1 (2)
C6-N1	1.466 (3)	C5-N1-C6	119.9(2)
C1-C2	1.513 (3)	C13-O2-H2	107.0(2)
C1-C13	1.530 (2)	N1-C5-O1	120.4(2)
C1-H1	0.980	O2-C13-O3	124.9(2)
O2-H2	0.91 (4)	N1-C6-C7	114.9(2)
O3-C13	1.194(2)	C1-N1-C6	116.4(2)
O1-C5	1.240(3)	O1-C5-N1-C1	-171.1(2)
C6-C7	1.509(3)	O1-C5-N1-C6	3.0(2)
C7-C8	1.388(3)	C1-C13-O2-H2	177.3(2)
C7-C12	1.371(3)	N1-C1-C13-O2	149.6(2)

TABLE-3  
 GEOMETRY OF THE HYDROGEN BONDS (Å, deg) IN CRYSTAL AND MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF THE TITLE COMPOUND (5)

D-H...A	Symmetry code	D...H	H...A	D...A	D-H...A
O2-H2...O1	1.5-x, 1-y, 0.5 + z	0.906 (38)	1.696 (39)	2.574 (2)	162.39 (3.68)
C6-H6B...O1	x, y, z	0.970 (2)	2.314 (2)	2.700 (2)	102.78 (12)

organisms and therefore they form one of the most important and well investigated classes of organic compounds. (*S*)-1-benzyl-6-oxopiperidine-2-carboxylic acid was prepared in good yield starting from (*S*)-2-aminoadipic acid. The crystal and the molecular structure of the title compound in solid state were studied by X-ray structure analysis. The molecules are linked by a combination of strong intermolecular O-H...O hydrogen bonds and weak C-H...O intramolecular interactions, resulting in a one-dimensional chains in the crystal structure.

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