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4-Phenyl-2,2'-bis(phenylsulfonyl)butane

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During our investigation of the chemistry of bis-gemdiphenylsulphinyl and sulfonyls [1], we have prepared the 4-phenyl-2,2'-bis (phenylsulfonyl)butane from the corresponding thioketal by dimethyldioxirane oxidation [2]. Procedure of synthesis: To a stirring solution of thioketal (**I**) 0.7 g. (2 mmol) in dry acetone (40 mL) at -78 °C, a solution of dimethyldioxirane 85 mL (0.043 mmol /mL acetone) were added dropwise. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred to reach the room temperature. After evaporation of the solvent under vacuum, the residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column eluting with a mixture of CHCl₃: AcOEt: petroleumether (30:5:65) to yield 0.72 g. (87%) of the compound (**II**) as white crystals.

Mp.: 132-134 °C

IR (KBr pellet): 3061, 1584, 1453, 1307(O=S=O), 1146(O=S=O), 750, 730, 700 cm⁻¹.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 80MHz): d 1.67(s, 3H), 2.2-2.6(m, 2H), 2.6-3.0(m, 2H), 7.2-8.1(m, 15H).

MS (EI), (formula: C₂₂H₂₂S₂O₄, M.W: 414.1), m/x (%): 414(8.5), 310(3.4), 274(6.8), 273(34), 272(25), 255(3.4), 206(4.3), 141(7), 130(20), 125(35), 115(11.4), 91(100), 77(47).

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