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# Dibenzyl pentathiodicarbonate

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 100 K; mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.006 Å; R factor = 0.061; wR factor = 0.107; data-to-parameter ratio = 20.4.

In the title compound,  $C_{16}H_{14}S_5$ , the non-bonded intramolecular distances between the non-terminal S atoms are 2.808 (16) and 2.784 (16) Å, shorter than the typical distance of 2.9 Å. One phenyl ring participates in an offset  $\pi$ - $\pi$ interaction with another phenyl ring related by a centre of inversion; the interplanar distance is 3.41 (2) Å. The crystal structure also exhibits edge-to-face  $C-H\cdots\pi$  stacking of the phenyl rings, thus forming a herring-bone packing motif.

### **Related literature**

For related literature, see: Amin *et al.* (1979); Degani *et al.* (1986); McLeary & Klumperman (2006); Moad *et al.* (2005).



### **Experimental**

#### Crystal data

c = 11.085 (3) Å  $\beta = 111.953$  (4)° V = 1700.4 (6) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 4Mo K $\alpha$  radiation  $\mu = 0.67 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 100 (2) K

#### Data collection

Bruker APEX CCD area-detector diffractometer Absorption correction: none 10376 measured reflections

# Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.061$ 190 parameters $wR(F^2) = 0.107$ H-atom parameters constrainedS = 0.92 $\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.47$  e Å $^{-3}$ 3872 reflections $\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.39$  e Å $^{-3}$ 

 $0.18 \times 0.14 \times 0.08 \; \rm mm$ 

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.080$ 

3872 independent reflections

2278 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

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

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
C12-H12···C $g^{i}$	0.95	3.01	3.9056 (4)	163

Symmetry code: (i) x + 1, y, z + 1. Cg is the centroid of the ring C1–C6.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2002); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2003); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *X-SEED* (Barbour, 2001; Atwood & Barbour, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *publCIF* (Westrip, 2008).

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# S1. Comment

Di- and trithiocarbonate systems have recently found widespread application as mediators in free radical polymerization (Moad *et al.*, 2005 and McLeary & Klumperman, 2006). As part of a further investigation of the interaction of these multi-thio compounds with radical species, extended polythiocarbonate systems have been examined. The preparation and characterization of pentathiodicarbonates is presented here. Two new dialkyl pentathiodicarbonates R–S–C(?S)–S–C(?S)–S–R with R = benzyl and *tert*-butyl were prepared by reaction of potassium benzyl- or *tert*-butyl-trithiocarbonate, respectively, with 2-chloro–N-methylpyridinium iodide (Scheme 2). The title compound is also formed by the reaction of potassium benzyltrithiocarbonate with benzyl dithiochloroformate (36% yield). The structure and details of the title compound are reported here.

The non-bonded intramolecular distance between S1 and S3 is 2.808 (16) Å and between S3 and S5 is 2.784 (16) Å. These are shorter than the 2.9 Å separation that is typically associated with distances of this type. The short contact is possible because of the out-of-plane twisting of the two thiono atoms, S2 and S4, and is likely brought about by steric hindrance between these two atoms. The intramolecular non-bonded distance between the two thiono atoms, S2 and S4, is 3.826 (16) Å.

The packing motif is mediated by the benzyl rings at either end of the molecule. For the purposes of this discussion we shall refer to the ring that is made up of C1, C2, C3, C4, C5 and C6 as Ring A and the ring consisting of C11, C12, C13, C14, C15 and C16 as Ring B. Ring A participates in an offset  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interaction with another Ring A that is related by a centre of inversion. The linking methylene carbon atom (C7) also takes part in the interaction between these units. The interplanar spacing between the planes defined by the atoms of the two benzyl rings is 3.41 (2) Å. On its opposite side, Ring A interacts with a neighbouring Ring B, of a molecule related by 1 + x, y, 1 + z, in an edge-to-face manner where H12 is situated 3.009 (4) Å from the plane defined by the atoms of Ring A.

Packing in the solid state is further mediated by a number of close contacts with neighbouring molecules, although none of the classical H-bond variety. A short intermolecular distance of 2.949 (4) Å is found between S5 and H5 of a molecule related by the 2 - x, -y, 1 - z symmetry operation. S4 is separated from H14 (x, y, 1 + z) and S2 from H3 (x-1,y, z - 1) by 2.998 (4) Å and 3.048 (5) Å, respectively. S1 is at a distance of 3.011 Å (4) from H13 (1 + x, y, 1 + z).

# **S2.** Experimental

Potassium benzyltrithiocarbonate was prepared *in situ* by the reaction of benzyl mercaptan with carbon disulfide in aqueous potassium hydroxide (Degani, *et al.*, 1986) and 2-chloro-*N*-methylpyridinium iodide from 2-chloropyridine and methyl iodide (Amin *et al.*, 1979). Dibenzyl pentathiodicarbonate was prepared by adding 6.4 g (25 mmol) pyridinium salt within 5 min to a stirred and cooled aqueous solution of 50 mmol of potassium benzyl trithiocarbonate. Stirring continued for another 30 min and the red crystals formed were filtered off and washed several times with water. The crude product can be crystallized from acetonitrile with slow cooling to form larger red crystals. Yield = 7.6 g (83%). <sup>1</sup>H

NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (p.p.m.): 7.30–7.35 (m, 10H, Ar), 4.52 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (p.p.m.): 214.30 (C?S), 133.88, 129.51, 128.95 and 128.20 (C-aromatic), 43.00 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

# S3. Refinement

H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model  $[Csp^3 - H = 0.99 \text{ Å and } Csp^2 - H = 0.95 \text{ Å};$  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)].$ 



# Figure 1

The molecular structure of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.



# Figure 2

The crystal packing of the title compound, viewed along [100], showing a herringbone packing motif.



## Figure 3

The preparation of dibenzyl pentathiodicarbonate.

**Dibenzyl pentathiodicarbonate** 

Crystal data

C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>S<sub>5</sub>  $M_r = 366.57$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$ Hall symbol: -P 2yn a = 8.4085 (18) Å b = 19.670 (4) Å c = 11.085 (3) Å  $\beta = 111.953$  (4)° V = 1700.4 (6) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 4

# Data collection

Bruker APEX CCD area-detector diffractometer
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube
Graphite monochromator
ω scans
10376 measured reflections
3872 independent reflections

# Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$ Secondary atom site locLeast-squares matrix: fullmap $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.061$ Hydrogen site location:<br/>neighbouring sites $wR(F^2) = 0.107$ H-atom parameters cons3872 reflections $W = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0279)]$ 190 parameterswhere  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)$ 0 restraints $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001]$ Primary atom site location: structure-invariant<br/>direct methods $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.39$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

F(000) = 760  $D_x = 1.432 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Melting point = 318.15–319.15 K Mo K $\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ Cell parameters from 2278 reflections  $\theta = 2.6-28.3^{\circ}$   $\mu = 0.67 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  T = 100 KBlock, red  $0.18 \times 0.14 \times 0.08 \text{ mm}$ 

2278 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   $R_{int} = 0.080$   $\theta_{max} = 28.3^{\circ}, \ \theta_{min} = 2.1^{\circ}$   $h = -11 \rightarrow 6$   $k = -24 \rightarrow 24$  $l = -14 \rightarrow 14$ 

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites H-atom parameters constrained  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0279P)^2]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.47$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.39$  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.

**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  $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$  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.

 $U_{\rm iso} * / U_{\rm eq}$ х Ζ v S5 0.0237(3)0.77686 (14) 0.15552 (5) 0.17633 (10) **S**1 0.0306(3)1.03496 (15) 0.09626(6) 0.69649 (11) S4 0.66740 (14) 0.21112 (5) 0.38636(11) 0.0254(3)S3 0.42975 (11) 0.96317 (13) 0.11315 (5) 0.0255 (3) S2 0.72043 (14) 0.02767 (5) 0.51002 (11) 0.0299(3)C11 0.6056(5)0.20472 (19) -0.0574(4)0.0204(9)0.6221 (5) C10 0.0801 (4) 0.21790 (19) 0.0224 (10) H10A 0.5105 0.0895 0.027\* 0.2118 H10B 0.6639 0.2647 0.1070 0.027\* C6 1.1089(5)0.05569 (19) 0.9414(4)0.0202(9)C13 0.4729 (5) 0.1434(2)-0.2583(4)0.0255 (10) H13 0.3875 0.1128 -0.31040.031\* C14 0.17070 (19) -0.3055(4)0.5886(5)0.0261 (10) H14 0.5826 0.1594 -0.39040.031\* 0.0231 (10) C8 0.07591 (18) 0.5457(4)0.8884(5)C9 0.7847(5)0.16372 (18) 0.3323(4)0.0190(9)C16 -0.1066(4)0.7212(5)0.23211 (19) 0.0227 (10) H16 0.8061 0.2632 -0.05530.027\* C5 1.2588 (6) 0.01676 (19) 0.9908(5)0.0278 (11) 0.9395 H5 1.2793 -0.01830.033\* C12 0.4803(5)0.1602(2)-0.1365(4)0.0243(10)H12 -0.10520.029\* 0.3991 0.1413 C15 0.7139 (5) 0.2148 (2) -0.2283(4)0.0265 (10) H15 0.7954 0.032\* 0.2332 -0.2600C1 1.0855 (5) 0.1055(2)1.0204(4)0.0279 (11) H1 0.9844 0.1324 0.9886 0.034\* C2 1.2013 (6) 0.1176 (2) 1.1416 (5) 0.0347 (12) H2 1.1812 0.1527 1.1929 0.042\* C4 1.3762 (5) 0.0294(2)1.1135 (5) 0.0355(12)H4 0.0034 1.4787 1.1457 0.043\* C3 0.0789(2)1.1907 (5) 0.0378(13)1.3486 (6) H3 1.4293 0.0864 1.2764 0.045\* C7 0.9785 (6) 0.0428(2)0.8083 (4) 0.0352 (12) 0.8049 H7A 0.8623 0.0544 0.042\* H7B 0.9796 -0.00570.7848 0.042\*

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

# supporting information

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
S5	0.0273 (7)	0.0242 (6)	0.0186 (6)	0.0081 (5)	0.0073 (5)	0.0018 (5)
S1	0.0329 (7)	0.0374 (7)	0.0211 (7)	-0.0161 (6)	0.0097 (5)	-0.0005 (5)
S4	0.0272 (7)	0.0260 (6)	0.0265 (7)	0.0055 (5)	0.0142 (5)	0.0015 (5)
S3	0.0218 (6)	0.0297 (6)	0.0249 (6)	0.0061 (5)	0.0086 (5)	0.0076 (5)
S2	0.0257 (7)	0.0267 (6)	0.0302 (7)	-0.0055 (5)	0.0021 (5)	0.0040 (5)
C11	0.021 (2)	0.019 (2)	0.020 (2)	0.0088 (19)	0.0068 (19)	0.0058 (19)
C10	0.019 (2)	0.022 (2)	0.023 (3)	0.0065 (19)	0.0032 (19)	0.0024 (19)
C6	0.026 (3)	0.017 (2)	0.018 (2)	-0.0084 (19)	0.0096 (19)	-0.0011 (18)
C13	0.023 (3)	0.025 (2)	0.024 (3)	0.000(2)	0.005 (2)	0.001 (2)
C14	0.035 (3)	0.026 (2)	0.018 (2)	0.007 (2)	0.010 (2)	0.0065 (19)
C8	0.026 (3)	0.019 (2)	0.024 (3)	0.0005 (19)	0.010 (2)	-0.0016 (19)
C9	0.016 (2)	0.019 (2)	0.021 (2)	-0.0035 (18)	0.0062 (18)	0.0039 (18)
C16	0.018 (2)	0.018 (2)	0.028 (3)	0.0034 (18)	0.004 (2)	0.0013 (19)
C5	0.040 (3)	0.014 (2)	0.043 (3)	-0.008(2)	0.031 (3)	-0.006(2)
C12	0.021 (2)	0.030 (3)	0.023 (3)	-0.002 (2)	0.010 (2)	0.002 (2)
C15	0.026 (3)	0.026 (2)	0.034 (3)	0.000 (2)	0.019 (2)	0.010 (2)
C1	0.027 (3)	0.021 (2)	0.036 (3)	0.006 (2)	0.013 (2)	0.002 (2)
C2	0.044 (3)	0.022 (3)	0.042 (3)	-0.006 (2)	0.020 (3)	-0.012 (2)
C4	0.014 (3)	0.036 (3)	0.055 (4)	0.006 (2)	0.011 (2)	0.024 (3)
C3	0.031 (3)	0.051 (3)	0.024 (3)	-0.022 (3)	0.002 (2)	0.007 (2)
C7	0.038 (3)	0.045 (3)	0.022 (3)	-0.019 (2)	0.011 (2)	0.002 (2)

Atomic displacement parameters  $(Å^2)$ 

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

S5—C9	1.713 (4)	С13—Н13	0.9500	
S5-C10	1.816 (4)	C14—C15	1.386 (5)	
S1—C8	1.712 (4)	C14—H14	0.9500	
S1—C7	1.818 (4)	C16—C15	1.371 (5)	
S4—C9	1.626 (4)	C16—H16	0.9500	
S3—C8	1.786 (4)	C5—C4	1.372 (6)	
S3—C9	1.788 (4)	С5—Н5	0.9500	
S2—C8	1.623 (4)	C12—H12	0.9500	
C11—C16	1.388 (5)	C15—H15	0.9500	
C11—C12	1.398 (5)	C1—C2	1.353 (6)	
C11—C10	1.500 (5)	C1—H1	0.9500	
C10—H10A	0.9900	C2—C3	1.380 (6)	
C10—H10B	0.9900	С2—Н2	0.9500	
C6—C1	1.375 (5)	C4—C3	1.371 (6)	
C6—C5	1.400 (5)	C4—H4	0.9500	
C6—C7	1.495 (5)	С3—Н3	0.9500	
C13—C12	1.368 (5)	С7—Н7А	0.9900	
C13—C14	1.374 (5)	С7—Н7В	0.9900	
C9—S5—C10	106.15 (18)	C11—C16—H16	119.7	
C8—S1—C7	104.72 (19)	C4—C5—C6	119.8 (4)	

C8—S3—C9	102.81 (18)	С4—С5—Н5	120.1
C16—C11—C12	118.1 (4)	С6—С5—Н5	120.1
C16-C11-C10	121.3 (4)	C13—C12—C11	121.0 (4)
C12—C11—C10	120.5 (4)	C13—C12—H12	119.5
C11—C10—S5	104.7 (2)	C11—C12—H12	119.5
C11—C10—H10A	110.8	C16—C15—C14	120.4 (4)
S5-C10-H10A	110.8	C16—C15—H15	119.8
C11-C10-H10B	110.8	C14—C15—H15	119.8
S5-C10-H10B	110.8	C2C1C6	122.4 (4)
H10A—C10—H10B	108.9	C2	118.8
C1—C6—C5	117.6 (4)	C6—C1—H1	118.8
C1—C6—C7	121.5 (4)	C1—C2—C3	120.1 (4)
C5—C6—C7	121.0 (4)	C1—C2—H2	120.0
C12—C13—C14	120.3 (4)	C3—C2—H2	120.0
C12—C13—H13	119.9	C3—C4—C5	121.4 (4)
C14—C13—H13	119.9	C3—C4—H4	119.3
C13—C14—C15	119.5 (4)	C5—C4—H4	119.3
C13—C14—H14	120.2	C4—C3—C2	118.7 (4)
C15—C14—H14	120.2	С4—С3—Н3	120.6
S2—C8—S1	128.2 (2)	С2—С3—Н3	120.6
S2—C8—S3	124.9 (3)	C6—C7—S1	107.0 (3)
S1—C8—S3	106.8 (2)	С6—С7—Н7А	110.3
S4—C9—S5	128.8 (2)	S1—C7—H7A	110.3
S4—C9—S3	125.7 (2)	С6—С7—Н7В	110.3
S5—C9—S3	105.34 (19)	S1—C7—H7B	110.3
C15—C16—C11	120.7 (4)	H7A—C7—H7B	108.6
C15—C16—H16	119.7		
C16—C11—C10—S5	-83.6 (4)	C7—C6—C5—C4	-179.8 (3)
C12—C11—C10—S5	91.5 (4)	C14—C13—C12—C11	-0.5 (6)
C9—S5—C10—C11	-174.6 (3)	C16—C11—C12—C13	0.7 (6)
C12—C13—C14—C15	0.7 (6)	C10-C11-C12-C13	-174.6 (4)
C7—S1—C8—S2	7.5 (3)	C11—C16—C15—C14	1.4 (6)
C7—S1—C8—S3	-168.2 (2)	C13—C14—C15—C16	-1.1 (6)
C9—S3—C8—S2	59.4 (3)	C5—C6—C1—C2	0.1 (6)
C9—S3—C8—S1	-124.7 (2)	C7—C6—C1—C2	179.5 (4)
C10—S5—C9—S4	5.7 (3)	C6—C1—C2—C3	-0.6 (7)
C10—S5—C9—S3	-170.05 (18)	C6—C5—C4—C3	1.3 (6)
C8—S3—C9—S4	42.3 (3)	C5—C4—C3—C2	-1.7 (6)
C8—S3—C9—S5	-141.73 (19)	C1—C2—C3—C4	1.4 (6)
C12-C11-C16-C15	-1.2 (6)	C1—C6—C7—S1	90.3 (4)
C10-C11-C16-C15	174.1 (3)	C5—C6—C7—S1	-90.4 (4)
C1—C6—C5—C4	-0.4 (6)	C8—S1—C7—C6	176.9 (3)

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

# supporting information

C12—H12…Cg <sup>i</sup>	0.95	3.01	3.9056 (4)	163	

Symmetry code: (i) x+1, y, z+1.