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Bis(benzylsulfanyl)methane

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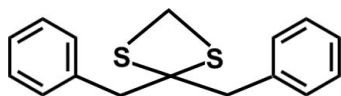
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 Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 173$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$ Å; R factor = 0.031; wR factor = 0.082; data-to-parameter ratio = 21.5.

In the title compound, $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{S}_2$, the structure of the dithioalkyl chain is a helix with an all-*cis* conformation. The dihedral angle between the mean planes of the terminal aromatic rings is $74.60(4)^\circ$. In the crystal structure, weak $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$ interactions contribute to the stabilization of the packing.

Related literature

For the synthesis of the title ligand, see: Cohen *et al.* (1980). For related structures, see: Li *et al.* (2005); Tanaka & Ajiki (2005).



Experimental

Crystal data

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| $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{S}_2$ | $V = 1327.78(5) \text{ \AA}^3$ |
| $M_r = 260.40$ | $Z = 4$ |
| Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$ | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation |
| $a = 5.5146(1) \text{ \AA}$ | $\mu = 0.38 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ |
| $b = 12.2628(3) \text{ \AA}$ | $T = 173 \text{ K}$ |
| $c = 20.0128(5) \text{ \AA}$ | $0.22 \times 0.15 \times 0.15 \text{ mm}$ |
| $\beta = 101.156(1)^\circ$ | |

Data collection

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| Bruker APEXII CCD diffractometer | 12942 measured reflections |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996) | 3335 independent reflections |
| $T_{\min} = 0.922$, $T_{\max} = 0.946$ | 2977 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
| | $R_{\text{int}} = 0.033$ |

Refinement

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|---------------------------------|--|
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.031$ | 155 parameters |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.082$ | H-atom parameters constrained |
| $S = 1.04$ | $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.30 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$ |
| 3335 reflections | $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.29 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$ |

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

 C_g is the centroid of the C1–C6 ring.

| $D-\text{H}\cdots A$ | $D-\text{H}$ | $\text{H}\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-\text{H}\cdots A$ |
|--|--------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| $\text{C13}-\text{H13}\cdots\text{Cg}^i$ | 0.95 | 2.85 | 3.71 | 151 |

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

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2006); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2006); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: SHELXTL and DIAMOND (Brandenburg, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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S1. Comment

Dithio acetals (RSCH₂SR) have received considerable attention in the literature (Li *et al.*, 2005; Tanaka & Ajiki, 2005). We report herein the crystal structure of the title compound. In asymmetric unit, the conformation of dithioalkyl chain is all *cis* and the dihedral angle between the aromatic rings is 74.60 (4)°. In the crystal structure (Fig. 1), the bond lengths and angles are within normal ranges.

A weak C13—H13⋯Cg = 2.85 Å interaction (Cg is the centroid of the C1⋯C6 ring) is observed, Table 1. Weak intermolecular S⋯S interactions with 3.4732 (6)Å also exist. These intermolecular interactions may be effective in the stabilization of the structure, Fig. 2.

S2. Experimental

The title compound was synthesised according to the published procedure (Cohen *et al.*, 1980) and recrystallized from petroleum ether.

S3. Refinement

All H-atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model with $d(\text{C—H}) = 0.95 \text{ \AA}$, $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for aromatic and 0.99 \AA , $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for the CH₂ atoms.

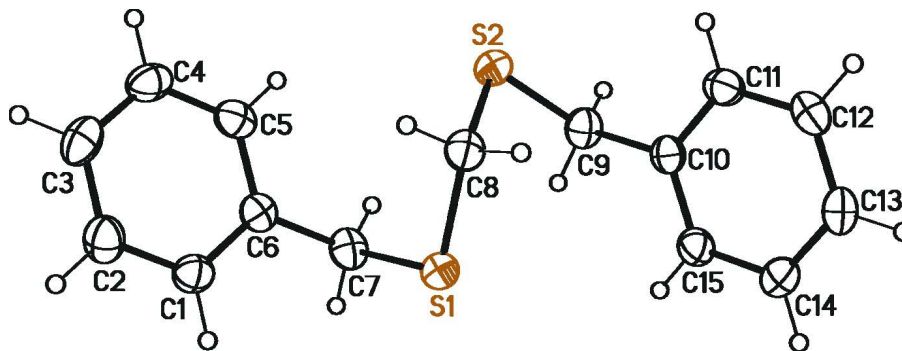


Figure 1

The molecular structure of the title compound, showing displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level.

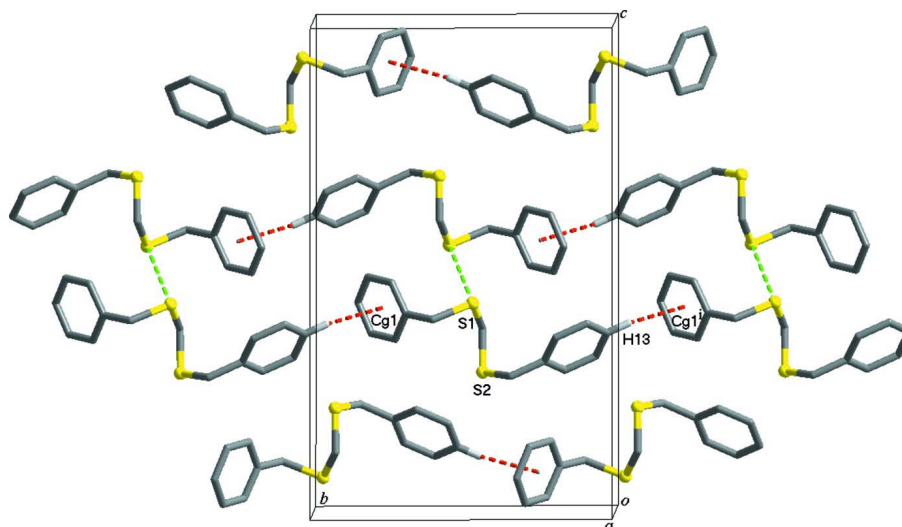


Figure 2

Intermolecular C—H... π (red dotted lines) and S...S (green dotted lines) interactions in the title compound. All H atoms except those related to intermolecular interactions have been omitted for clarity. Cg is the centroid of the C1/C2/C3/C4/C5/C6 ring. [Symmetry codes: (i) $x, -1+y, z$]

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 $c = 20.0128$ (5) Å
 $\beta = 101.156$ (1)°
 $V = 1327.78$ (5) Å³
 $Z = 4$

$F(000) = 552$
 $D_x = 1.303$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å
 Cell parameters from 7825 reflections
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 $h = -7 \rightarrow 7$
 $k = -12 \rightarrow 16$
 $l = -24 \rightarrow 26$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 Least-squares matrix: full
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.031$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.082$
 $S = 1.04$
 3335 reflections

155 parameters
 0 restraints
 Primary atom site location: structure-invariant
 direct methods
 Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier
 map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from
neighbouring sites
H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0369P)^2 + 0.4363P]$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.30 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.29 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
Extinction correction: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick,
2008), $F_c^* = kFc[1 + 0.001x Fc^2 \lambda^3 / \sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$
Extinction coefficient: 0.030 (2)

Special details

Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds 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 (\AA^2)

| | <i>x</i> | <i>y</i> | <i>z</i> | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|-----|-------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| S1 | 0.63212 (6) | 0.46872 (3) | 0.430321 (16) | 0.03123 (10) |
| S2 | 0.80471 (6) | 0.43167 (3) | 0.294901 (16) | 0.03327 (11) |
| C1 | 0.7958 (2) | 0.73297 (11) | 0.47700 (6) | 0.0318 (3) |
| H1 | 0.6990 | 0.7130 | 0.5095 | 0.038* |
| C2 | 0.9857 (3) | 0.80750 (11) | 0.49456 (7) | 0.0369 (3) |
| H2 | 1.0197 | 0.8377 | 0.5391 | 0.044* |
| C3 | 1.1262 (3) | 0.83815 (11) | 0.44745 (8) | 0.0376 (3) |
| H3 | 1.2579 | 0.8887 | 0.4597 | 0.045* |
| C4 | 1.0740 (3) | 0.79496 (11) | 0.38253 (7) | 0.0371 (3) |
| H4 | 1.1678 | 0.8170 | 0.3498 | 0.045* |
| C5 | 0.8848 (2) | 0.71936 (11) | 0.36495 (6) | 0.0324 (3) |
| H5 | 0.8508 | 0.6897 | 0.3203 | 0.039* |
| C6 | 0.7447 (2) | 0.68671 (10) | 0.41215 (6) | 0.0269 (2) |
| C7 | 0.5451 (2) | 0.60237 (11) | 0.39470 (7) | 0.0319 (3) |
| H7A | 0.4995 | 0.5959 | 0.3445 | 0.038* |
| H7B | 0.3970 | 0.6276 | 0.4114 | 0.038* |
| C8 | 0.8761 (2) | 0.43180 (11) | 0.38662 (7) | 0.0303 (3) |
| H8A | 0.9344 | 0.3579 | 0.4019 | 0.036* |
| H8B | 1.0158 | 0.4826 | 0.4014 | 0.036* |
| C9 | 0.5351 (2) | 0.34398 (11) | 0.27868 (6) | 0.0320 (3) |
| H9A | 0.3992 | 0.3808 | 0.2956 | 0.038* |
| H9B | 0.4822 | 0.3351 | 0.2288 | 0.038* |
| C10 | 0.5717 (2) | 0.23235 (10) | 0.31064 (6) | 0.0263 (2) |
| C11 | 0.7532 (2) | 0.16136 (11) | 0.29690 (6) | 0.0309 (3) |
| H11 | 0.8598 | 0.1839 | 0.2675 | 0.037* |
| C12 | 0.7799 (2) | 0.05829 (11) | 0.32574 (7) | 0.0327 (3) |
| H12 | 0.9041 | 0.0106 | 0.3158 | 0.039* |
| C13 | 0.6268 (2) | 0.02439 (11) | 0.36880 (7) | 0.0324 (3) |
| H13 | 0.6452 | -0.0463 | 0.3885 | 0.039* |

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| C14 | 0.4464 (3) | 0.09429 (11) | 0.38292 (7) | 0.0344 (3) |
| H14 | 0.3406 | 0.0716 | 0.4125 | 0.041* |
| C15 | 0.4196 (2) | 0.19762 (11) | 0.35389 (7) | 0.0307 (3) |
| H15 | 0.2951 | 0.2451 | 0.3639 | 0.037* |

Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)

| | U^{11} | U^{22} | U^{33} | U^{12} | U^{13} | U^{23} |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| S1 | 0.03604 (18) | 0.02830 (18) | 0.03133 (17) | -0.00231 (12) | 0.01147 (13) | -0.00010 (12) |
| S2 | 0.04070 (19) | 0.02943 (18) | 0.03283 (17) | -0.00462 (13) | 0.01497 (13) | 0.00064 (12) |
| C1 | 0.0353 (6) | 0.0333 (7) | 0.0270 (6) | -0.0013 (5) | 0.0064 (5) | 0.0029 (5) |
| C2 | 0.0422 (7) | 0.0336 (7) | 0.0322 (6) | -0.0033 (6) | 0.0008 (5) | 0.0007 (5) |
| C3 | 0.0336 (7) | 0.0275 (7) | 0.0505 (8) | -0.0018 (5) | 0.0048 (6) | 0.0079 (6) |
| C4 | 0.0395 (7) | 0.0316 (7) | 0.0445 (7) | 0.0056 (6) | 0.0185 (6) | 0.0113 (6) |
| C5 | 0.0390 (7) | 0.0293 (6) | 0.0299 (6) | 0.0089 (5) | 0.0093 (5) | 0.0039 (5) |
| C6 | 0.0270 (6) | 0.0240 (6) | 0.0285 (5) | 0.0060 (5) | 0.0026 (4) | 0.0028 (4) |
| C7 | 0.0269 (6) | 0.0302 (6) | 0.0368 (6) | 0.0046 (5) | 0.0018 (5) | -0.0015 (5) |
| C8 | 0.0263 (6) | 0.0291 (6) | 0.0349 (6) | 0.0019 (5) | 0.0042 (5) | 0.0005 (5) |
| C9 | 0.0345 (6) | 0.0295 (6) | 0.0302 (6) | -0.0001 (5) | 0.0019 (5) | 0.0020 (5) |
| C10 | 0.0264 (5) | 0.0257 (6) | 0.0251 (5) | -0.0019 (5) | 0.0009 (4) | -0.0029 (4) |
| C11 | 0.0309 (6) | 0.0340 (7) | 0.0288 (6) | -0.0006 (5) | 0.0085 (5) | -0.0032 (5) |
| C12 | 0.0320 (6) | 0.0297 (6) | 0.0359 (6) | 0.0043 (5) | 0.0051 (5) | -0.0072 (5) |
| C13 | 0.0355 (6) | 0.0231 (6) | 0.0364 (6) | -0.0019 (5) | 0.0011 (5) | -0.0015 (5) |
| C14 | 0.0347 (7) | 0.0305 (7) | 0.0399 (7) | -0.0041 (5) | 0.0120 (5) | 0.0012 (5) |
| C15 | 0.0277 (6) | 0.0281 (6) | 0.0374 (6) | 0.0011 (5) | 0.0087 (5) | -0.0027 (5) |

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

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|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| S1—C8 | 1.7988 (13) | C7—H7B | 0.9900 |
| S1—C7 | 1.8144 (14) | C8—H8A | 0.9900 |
| S2—C8 | 1.8013 (13) | C8—H8B | 0.9900 |
| S2—C9 | 1.8125 (14) | C9—C10 | 1.5079 (17) |
| C1—C2 | 1.3831 (19) | C9—H9A | 0.9900 |
| C1—C6 | 1.3942 (17) | C9—H9B | 0.9900 |
| C1—H1 | 0.9500 | C10—C15 | 1.3841 (18) |
| C2—C3 | 1.383 (2) | C10—C11 | 1.3934 (18) |
| C2—H2 | 0.9500 | C11—C12 | 1.3854 (19) |
| C3—C4 | 1.381 (2) | C11—H11 | 0.9500 |
| C3—H3 | 0.9500 | C12—C13 | 1.382 (2) |
| C4—C5 | 1.389 (2) | C12—H12 | 0.9500 |
| C4—H4 | 0.9500 | C13—C14 | 1.383 (2) |
| C5—C6 | 1.3898 (18) | C13—H13 | 0.9500 |
| C5—H5 | 0.9500 | C14—C15 | 1.3899 (19) |
| C6—C7 | 1.5016 (18) | C14—H14 | 0.9500 |
| C7—H7A | 0.9900 | C15—H15 | 0.9500 |
| C8—S1—C7 | 101.67 (6) | S2—C8—H8A | 108.0 |
| C8—S2—C9 | 101.13 (6) | S1—C8—H8B | 108.0 |

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|-------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| C2—C1—C6 | 120.80 (12) | S2—C8—H8B | 108.0 |
| C2—C1—H1 | 119.6 | H8A—C8—H8B | 107.2 |
| C6—C1—H1 | 119.6 | C10—C9—S2 | 115.14 (9) |
| C1—C2—C3 | 120.19 (13) | C10—C9—H9A | 108.5 |
| C1—C2—H2 | 119.9 | S2—C9—H9A | 108.5 |
| C3—C2—H2 | 119.9 | C10—C9—H9B | 108.5 |
| C4—C3—C2 | 119.65 (13) | S2—C9—H9B | 108.5 |
| C4—C3—H3 | 120.2 | H9A—C9—H9B | 107.5 |
| C2—C3—H3 | 120.2 | C15—C10—C11 | 118.46 (12) |
| C3—C4—C5 | 120.26 (13) | C15—C10—C9 | 119.80 (11) |
| C3—C4—H4 | 119.9 | C11—C10—C9 | 121.73 (11) |
| C5—C4—H4 | 119.9 | C12—C11—C10 | 120.68 (12) |
| C4—C5—C6 | 120.61 (12) | C12—C11—H11 | 119.7 |
| C4—C5—H5 | 119.7 | C10—C11—H11 | 119.7 |
| C6—C5—H5 | 119.7 | C13—C12—C11 | 120.38 (12) |
| C5—C6—C1 | 118.46 (12) | C13—C12—H12 | 119.8 |
| C5—C6—C7 | 121.28 (11) | C11—C12—H12 | 119.8 |
| C1—C6—C7 | 120.25 (12) | C12—C13—C14 | 119.43 (12) |
| C6—C7—S1 | 113.86 (8) | C12—C13—H13 | 120.3 |
| C6—C7—H7A | 108.8 | C14—C13—H13 | 120.3 |
| S1—C7—H7A | 108.8 | C13—C14—C15 | 120.14 (13) |
| C6—C7—H7B | 108.8 | C13—C14—H14 | 119.9 |
| S1—C7—H7B | 108.8 | C15—C14—H14 | 119.9 |
| H7A—C7—H7B | 107.7 | C10—C15—C14 | 120.91 (12) |
| S1—C8—S2 | 117.33 (7) | C10—C15—H15 | 119.5 |
| S1—C8—H8A | 108.0 | C14—C15—H15 | 119.5 |
| | | | |
| C6—C1—C2—C3 | 0.7 (2) | C9—S2—C8—S1 | -53.62 (9) |
| C1—C2—C3—C4 | 0.8 (2) | C8—S2—C9—C10 | -55.87 (11) |
| C2—C3—C4—C5 | -1.4 (2) | S2—C9—C10—C15 | 123.62 (11) |
| C3—C4—C5—C6 | 0.4 (2) | S2—C9—C10—C11 | -57.57 (14) |
| C4—C5—C6—C1 | 1.09 (18) | C15—C10—C11—C12 | 0.22 (18) |
| C4—C5—C6—C7 | -177.97 (12) | C9—C10—C11—C12 | -178.61 (11) |
| C2—C1—C6—C5 | -1.67 (19) | C10—C11—C12—C13 | -0.15 (19) |
| C2—C1—C6—C7 | 177.40 (12) | C11—C12—C13—C14 | 0.00 (19) |
| C5—C6—C7—S1 | 103.14 (12) | C12—C13—C14—C15 | 0.1 (2) |
| C1—C6—C7—S1 | -75.91 (14) | C11—C10—C15—C14 | -0.12 (18) |
| C8—S1—C7—C6 | -64.96 (10) | C9—C10—C15—C14 | 178.72 (12) |
| C7—S1—C8—S2 | -56.40 (9) | C13—C14—C15—C10 | 0.0 (2) |

Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$)

Cg is the centroid of the C1–C6 ring.

| <i>D</i> —H \cdots <i>A</i> | <i>D</i> —H | H \cdots <i>A</i> | <i>D</i> \cdots <i>A</i> | <i>D</i> —H \cdots <i>A</i> |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| C13—H13 \cdots Cg ⁱ | 0.95 | 2.85 | 3.71 | 151 |

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