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\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{2}
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| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $173.8(11)$ | $\mathrm{O}(12)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | $109.3(9)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{O}(12)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | $103.3(8)$ | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | $108.8(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(12)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | $111.6(8)$ | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | $110.5(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | $113.0(9)$ | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $118.1(11)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $126.4(10)$ | $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $115.6(12)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $120.6(13)$ | $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $121.9(13)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $116.6(14)$ | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $123.2(12)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $122.1(10)$ | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ | $121.2(11)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(18)$ | $119.9(12)$ | $\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(18)-\mathrm{C}(19)$ | $120.5(13)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(18)-\mathrm{C}(19)-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | $121.1(11)$ | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(19)$ | $120.1(10)$ |

2,7-Diphenyl-3,5-octadiyne-2,7-diol (I) was prepared by treatment of ( $\pm$ )-2-phenyl-3-butyn-2-ol dissolved in methanol containing pyridine with cuprous chloride in an oxygen-containing atmosphere. Diastereomeric (I) was isolated in near quantitative yield as an off-white solid melting over a wide range (313473 K ). Recrystallization from benzene gave the less-soluble diastereomer as colorless needles; m.p. 472-473 K (literature value 465 K; Strauss, Kollek \& Hauptmann, 1930). Suitable crystals for X-ray analysis were obtained from the same solvent by slow evaporation.

The mother liquors from meso-(I) were systematically pooled and, following several recrystallizations from benzene, produced the more-soluble diastereomer; m.p. 420-421 K (literature value 415-416 K; Popova, 1959). Suitable crystals for Xray analysis were slowly grown from benzene.
In both cases, a crystal was mounted on a glass fiber in a random orientation and a preliminary examination was carried out. Final cell parameters and an orientation matrix were obtained by least-squares refinement. Axial photographs confirmed the cell dimensions and lattice symmetry; $\omega$ scans of representative reflections indicated acceptable crystal quality. No absorption correction was applied. Data reduction, structure solution and refinement were performed using SHELXTL-Plus (Sheldrick, 1991). Both structures were solved by direct methods and the remaining non- H atoms were located from subsequent difference Fourier maps. Full-matrix least-squares refinement was carried out by minimizing the function $\Sigma w\left(F_{o}-F_{c}\right)^{2}$. H atoms were included in their idealized positions. O atoms were refined to convergence anisotropically and C atoms isotropically.

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# Di-tert-butyl 4-[2-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-ethyl|-4-nitroheptanedioate, $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{39} \mathrm{NO}_{8}$ 

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#### Abstract

The molecule has an extended conformation with approximate mirror symmetry. 15 of the 16 anti torsion angles are in the range 171.7 (3)-179.1 (4) ${ }^{\circ}$ in magnitude, with a mean value of $176.6^{\circ}$. The major deviation from mirror symmetry is the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ torsion angle in the tert-butoxycarbonylethyl group, which is nearly coplanar with the nitro group, having a magnitude of 163.0 (2) . The $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}$ bond has a length of 1.555 (3) $\AA$.

\section*{Comment}

During the synthesis of cascade polymers (Newkome, Nayak, Behera, Moorefield \& Baker,


1992; Newkome, Moorefield \& Baker, 1992; Newkome, Behera, Moorefield \& Baker, 1991), it was necessary to shorten the overall iterative procedure for cascade construction. A new building block, di-tert-butyl 4-[2-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)ethyl]4 -nitroheptanedioate was synthesized by a modification of a literature procedure (Bruson \& Riener, 1943). Uniquely, this tert-butyl ester does not undergo facile intramolecular lactam formation (Allen \& Napler, 1950; Butler, 1984) during hydrogenation of the nitro moiety, so its structure determination was undertaken to ascertain the rationale for this timely observation.

The conformation of the molecule has the three tert-butoxycarbonylethyl groups fully extended, and approximate mirror symmetry with a nitro $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{O}$ bond anti to one of the chains; the $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Cl}-$ C2 torsion angle is $179.0(2)$. The largest deviation from mirror symmetry is in this same chain with torsion angle $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ deviating 17.0 (2) from the anti position. Thermal parameters are generally high for the carbonyl O atoms, the tert-butyl methyl groups and particularly for atom O 2 of the nitro group. The unequal $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{O}$ distances [1.213 (3) and 1.165 (3) $\AA$ ] of the nitro group are a result of the large thermal parameters, with the shorter distance to the atom with the larger thermal parameters, O2. Thus, the true internuclear distances may not be significantly different. The $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ distances of the tert-butyl groups average $1.500 \AA$, while the average $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ distances along the chains from the central C atom are $1.524,1.520$ and $1.494 \AA$.

Molecules stack along the $a$ direction, with the shorter dimension of the molecule aligned approximately along $a$. The central atoms Cl are spaced at 5.791 (4) $\AA$, approximately $a / 2$. No intermolecular distances between heavy atoms are shorter than $3.3 \AA$.


Fig. 1. The title compound with ellipsoids drawn at the $30 \%$ probability level.

## Experimental

Crystal data
$\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{39} \mathrm{NO}_{8}$
$M_{r}=445.6$
Orthorhombic
Pbca
$a=11.552(2) \AA$
$b=22.165(1) \AA$
$c=20.890(2) \AA$
$V=5349(2) \AA^{3}$
$Z=8$
$D_{r}=1.107 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$

Data collection
Enraf-Nonius CAD-4
diffractometer
$\omega-2 \theta$ scans
Absorption correction:
empirical
$T_{\text {min }}=0.961, T_{\text {max }}=$ 0.999

5204 measured reflections
5204 independent reflections
$\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha$ radiation
$\lambda=1.54184 \AA$
Cell parameters from 25 reflections
$\theta=25-30^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.66 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=298 \mathrm{~K}$
Rectangular prism
$0.38 \times 0.35 \times 0.23 \mathrm{~mm}$
Colorless
Crystal source: EtOH (95\%)

3456 observed reflections

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[I>\underset{7 \sigma 0}{3 \sigma(I)]}
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$\theta_{\text {max }}=75^{\circ}$
$h=0 \rightarrow 14$
$k=0 \rightarrow 24$
$l=0 \rightarrow 26$
3 standard reflections frequency: 167 min intensity variation: $-6.4 \%$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F$
$R=0.069$
$w R=0.090$
$S=4.092$
3456 reflections
281 parameters
H -atom parameters not refined
$w=4 F_{o}^{2} /\left[\sigma^{2}(I)+\left(0.02 F_{o}^{2}\right)^{2}\right]$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.02$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.54 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {min }}=-0.38 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
Extinction correction: $\left(1+g I_{c}\right)^{-1}$ applied to $F_{c}$
Extinction coefficient: $g=9.9(3) \times 10^{-7}$
Atomic scattering factors from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1974, Vol. IV, Tables 2.2B, 2.3.1)

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters ( $\AA^{2}$ )

| $\boldsymbol{B}_{\text {eq }}=\left(8 \pi^{2} / 3\right) \sum_{i} \sum_{j} U_{i j} a_{i}^{*} a_{j}^{*} \mathbf{a}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{j}$. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $B_{\text {eq }}$ |
| Ol | 0.7520 (2) | 0.47184 (9) | 0.7990 (1) | 7.55 (6) |
| O2 | 0.5860 (2) | 0.4360 (1) | 0.8025 (2) | 10.88 (9) |
| O3 | 0.4869 (2) | 0.2293 (1) | 0.7729 (1) | 7.71 (6) |
| O4 | 0.5992 (2) | 0.16943 (9) | 0.7128 (1) | 5.86 (5) |
| O5 | 0.9892 (2) | 0.3088 (1) | 0.8938 (1) | 7.55 (6) |
| O6 | 0.8554 (2) | 0.2892 (1) | 0.9677 (1) | 6.48 (5) |
| 07 | 0.8654 (2) | 0.4263 (1) | 0.5769 (1) | 10.38 (8) |
| O8 | 0.6994 (2) | 0.4706 (1) | 0.5505 (1) | 6.30 (5) |
| NI | 0.6837 (2) | 0.4312 (1) | 0.7898 (1) | 4.70 (5) |
| Cl | 0.7321 (2) | 0.3720 (1) | 0.7601 (1) | 3.58 (5) |
| C2 | 0.6307 (2) | 0.3287 (1) | 0.7549 (1) | 3.80 (5) |
| C3 | 0.6627 (2) | 0.2674 (1) | 0.7282 (1) | 4.48 (6) |
| C4 | 0.5733 (3) | 0.2209 (1) | 0.7411 (1) | 4.76 (7) |
| C5 | 0.5267 (3) | 0.1149 (1) | 0.7191 (2) | 6.62 (9) |
| C6 | 0.4065 (4) | 0.1272 (2) | 0.6954 (3) | 10.1 (1) |
| C7 | 0.5900 (4) | 0.0714 (2) | 0.6757 (3) | 11.7 (1) |
| C8 | 0.5283 (5) | 0.0937 (2) | 0.7873 (2) | 11.0 (1) |
| C9 | 0.8277 (2) | 0.3496 (1) | 0.8048 (1) | 4.01 (6) |
| C10 | 0.7896 (2) | 0.3249 (1) | 0.8694 (1) | 4.76 (7) |
| Cl 1 | 0.8902 (3) | 0.3069 (1) | 0.9107 (1) | 4.96 (7) |
| C 12 | 0.9336 (3) | 0.2673 (2) | 1.0175 (2) | 7.34 (9) |
| C 13 | 1.0213 (4) | 0.3151 (2) | 1.0343 (2) | 9.7 (1) |


| $0.9952(5)$ | $0.2099(2)$ | $0.9935(3)$ | $11.2(1)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $0.8545(4)$ | $0.2541(3)$ | $1.0724(2)$ | $13.2(2)$ |
| $0.7847(2)$ | $0.3901(1)$ | $0.6960(1)$ | $4.16(6)$ |
| $0.7030(3)$ | $0.4204(1)$ | $0.6487(1)$ | $5.04(7)$ |
| $0.7638(3)$ | $0.4378(1)$ | $0.5882(1)$ | $5.70(7)$ |
| $0.7386(3)$ | $0.4924(2)$ | $0.4869(1)$ | $6.05(8)$ |
| $0.7779(6)$ | $0.4416(2)$ | $0.4464(2)$ | $13.9(2)$ |
| $0.6347(4)$ | $0.5208(3)$ | $0.4588(2)$ | $12.5(1)$ |
| $0.8336(5)$ | $0.5372(3)$ | $0.4962(2)$ | $12.9(2)$ |

Table 2. Geometric parameters ( $\left(\AA,{ }^{\circ}\right)$

| O1-N1 | $1.213(3)$ | C1-C9 | $1.528(4)$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $1.165(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 16$ | $1.525(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $1.214(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $1.516(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $1.318(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $1.484(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $1.477(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $1.499(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $1.555(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $1.511(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $1.518(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $1.500(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $122.7(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $112.7(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{O} 2$ | $121.8(3)$ | $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{O} 4$ | $124.4(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $117.2(2)$ | $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $124.4(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $121.0(2)$ | $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $111.2(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $106.6(2)$ | $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $110.2(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $106.9(2)$ | $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $101.2(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Cl} 1-\mathrm{C} 16$ | $105.8(2)$ | $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $109.5(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $113.4(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $111.5(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{C} 16$ | $114.2(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $112.5(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{C} 16$ | $109.5(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $111.3(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $113.9(2)$ |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $178.2(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{C} 17$ | $-173.1(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $177.1(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $163.0(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{O} 6-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $178.1(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{O} 4$ | $174.8(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{O} 6-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 15$ | $179.1(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 11$ | $-177.3(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{C} 17$ | $-178.4(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{O} 6$ | $176.2(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{C} 21$ | $173.5(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{C} 17-\mathrm{C} 18$ | $178.5(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $179.0(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{C} 17-\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{O} 8$ | $-171.7(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{Cl} 1-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $-175.4(2)$ | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $-178.5(2)$ |

The structure was solved using RANTAN (Yao, 1981) and refined using the Enraf-Nonius SDP programs (Frenz \& Okaya, 1980). All the H atoms but a few in the methyl groups were clearly evident in difference maps. However, H atoms were placed in calculated positions with $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ distance $0.95 \AA$ and $B_{\text {iso }}=1.3 B_{\text {eq }}$ for the bonded C atom.

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## Comment

The title compound, (I), was isolated as an impurity in the 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazone derivation of a ketone of unknown structure, presumably as a result of the presence of acetone from previous recrystallizations. The structure of (I) was determined to ascertain its identity.

(I)

A search of the Cambridge Structural Database (Allen, Kennard \& Taylor, 1983) for 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazones yielded 51 compounds for which crystal-structure determinations have been carried out. Those most closely related to the title compound are propanal 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazone and dimethyl 2-oxopropanedioate 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazone (Vickery, Willey \& Drew, 1981). Both these compounds exhibit intramolecular $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds; however, in the former the hydrogen bond is bifurcated, involving an intermolecular


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