sites for the water H atoms. The water H atoms were placed along the $\mathrm{Br}(2)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ vector and the $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{H}(1)$ length fixed at $0.86 \AA$. The twofold axis generates the other water H atom such that the $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}$ angle is $102.7^{\circ}$.

Data collection: Siemens $R 3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{V}$ software. Data reduction: SHELXTL-Plus (VMS) (Sheldrick, 1991). Program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL-Plus (VMS). Program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL-Plus (VMS).

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# Two cis Ring-Fused exo N -Aryl Heterocycles: 1-Phenyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-decahydroquinolin-4-one and 1-(4-Tri-fluoromethylphenyl)-2-phenyldecahydro-quinolin-4-one 

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#### Abstract

For the title compounds, $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{29} \mathrm{NO}$ (I) and $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{NO}$ (II), the cyclohexane ring adopts a chair conformation. Both compounds exhibit a cis ring-fused exo configuration. When the N atom bears a phenyl ring and the $\mathrm{C}(2)$ atom is substituted by a 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl group (I)


ring $B$ lies in a chair conformation, the N atom being tetrahedral. When the N atom is substituted by a 4 -trifluoromethyl group and the $C(2)$ atom by a phenyl moiety as in (II), however, the $B$ ring adopts a quasi-boat conformation, the N atom being planar.

## Comment

1-Phenyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)decahydroquinolin-4one (I) and 1-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-2-phenyldeca-hydroquinolin-4-one (II), are obtained by stereospecific hydrolysis of the cycloadducts formed by imino DielsAlder reaction between substituted imines and the trimethylsilylenol ether of 1-acetylcyclohexene (Nogue, Paugam \& Wartski, 1992). The determination of the structure of these heterocycles is necessary to understand their reactivity and to assign the configuration of the starting cycloadducts.

(I)

(II)

For both compounds, the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ data allow the determination of the cis relationship between $\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})$ $\mathrm{H}(4 \mathrm{a})$ and $\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{H}(8 \mathrm{a})$ bonds and the axial and equatorial position of the $\mathrm{H}(8 \mathrm{a})$ and $\mathrm{H}(4 \mathrm{a})$ atoms in the cyclohexane ring. However, no information is given about the relationship between $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{H}(2)$ and $\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})-$ $\mathrm{H}(8 \mathrm{a})$ bonds. Moreover, the N -atom geometry as well as the conformation of the $A$ and $B$ rings is unknown. Unambiguous assignment of these structures has to be obtained by single-crystal X-ray structure analysis.

In both compounds, the value of the torsion angle $\mathrm{H}(8 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{H}(4 \mathrm{a})$ of 57.8 (6) (I) and $56.4(8)^{\circ}$ (II) confirms the cis relationship between the


Fig. 1. Drawing of the molecule of (I) showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $40 \%$ probability level.


Fig. 2. Drawing of the molecule of (II) showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $40 \%$ probability level.
$\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{H}(8 \mathrm{a})$ and $\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{H}(4 \mathrm{a})$ bonds. The $A$ ring lies in a chair conformation for both compounds: the $C(6)$ and $C(8 a)$ atoms are located at 0.65 and $-0.68 \AA$, respectively, from the $\mathrm{C}(5), \mathrm{C}(7), \mathrm{C}(8), \mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})$ ( $\pm 0.02 \AA$ ) plane for (I) and at $0.64 \AA$ and $-0.70 \AA$, respectively, from the same plane ( $\pm 0.01 \AA$ ) for (II). On the other hand, the conformation of the $B$ ring is different in the two compounds. For (I), the $B$ ring adopts a chair conformation, the $\mathrm{C}(2)$ and $\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})$ atoms being located at 0.64 and $-0.66 \AA$ from the $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{C}(3), \mathrm{C}(4), \mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})$ ( $\pm 0.014 \AA$ ) plane; moreover, a trans (exo) relationship between the $C(2)-C(21)$ and $C(8 a)-C(8)$ bonds is assigned, $\mathrm{C}(21)$ and $\mathrm{C}(8)$ being located at 0.54 and $1.41 \AA$, respectively, from the previously defined plane of the $B$ ring. For (II), the $B$ ring adopts a quasi-boat conformation, $\mathrm{C}(2)$ and $\mathrm{C}(4 a)$ located at 0.56 and $0.53 \AA$, respectively, from the least-squares plane of $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{C}(3), \mathrm{C}(4), \mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})$ $( \pm 0.13 \AA)$. As in (I), the $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ and $\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(8)$ bonds of (II) are in a trans (exo) relationship, the distances of $\mathrm{C}(21)$ and $\mathrm{C}(8)$ to the previously defined leastsquares plane being 2.08 and $-1.62 \AA$, respectively. The aryl substituent of the $\mathrm{C}(2)$ atom occupies an equatorial position in (I) as shown by the $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-$ $\mathrm{H}(31)$ and $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{H}(32)$ torsion angles of $63.1(5)$ and $-55.9(5)^{\circ}$, respectively. On the other hand, an axial position of the $\mathrm{C}(2)$ aryl group in (II) is indicated by the values of $170.6(6)$ and $51.6(8)^{\circ}$, respectively, for the same torsion angle. Finally, the bond angles around the N atom are close to tetrahedral values for (I) [116.5 (4), 113.6 (4) and 111.5 (4) ${ }^{\circ}$ ] whereas for (II) these values are in agreement with a planar geometry [120.8(6), $119.3(7)$ and $\left.119.2(7)^{\circ}\right]$.

## Experimental

Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a methanol solution [for (I)] and a cyclo-hexane-methanol (1/1) solution [for (II)].

## Compound (I)

Crystal data
$\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{29} \mathrm{NO}$
$M_{r}=347.5$
Monoclinic
$P 2_{1} / c$
$a=12.661$ (3) $\AA$
$b=16.540$ (5) $\AA$
$c=9.677(2) \AA$
$\beta=101.57(2)^{\circ}$
$V=1985(1) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$
$D_{x}=1.163 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$

Data collection
CAD-4 diffractometer
$\omega / 2 \theta$ scans
Absorption correction:
none
3082 measured reflections
2751 independent reflections
1327 observed reflections
$[I>3 \sigma(I)]$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F$
$R=0.057$
$w R=0.056$
$S=1.34$
1327 reflections
176 parameters
H atoms: see text
Unit weights applied

## Compound (II)

Crystal data
$\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{NO}$
$M_{r}=373.42$
Monoclinic
$P 21$
$a=7.150$ (1) $\AA$
$b=12.214$ (2) $\AA$
$c=10.944$ (1) $\AA$
$\beta=101.20(1)^{\circ}$
$V=937.6(3) \AA^{3}$
$Z=2$
$D_{x}=1.323 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$

Data collection

| CAD-4 diffractometer | $R_{\text {int }}=0.02$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\omega / 2 \theta$ scans | $\theta_{\text {max }}=22^{\circ}$ |
| Absorption correction: | $h=0 \rightarrow 7$ |
| $\quad$ none | $k=0 \rightarrow 12$ |
| 1397 measured reflections | $l=-11 \rightarrow 11$ |
| 1331 independent reflections | 3 standard reflections |
| 1043 observed reflections | frequency: 60 min |
| $\quad[I>3 \sigma(I)]$ | intensity decay: none |

Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$\lambda=0.71073 \AA$
Cell parameters from 25
reflections
$\theta=8-12^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.065 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=294 \mathrm{~K}$
Needle
$0.90 \times 0.65 \times 0.40 \mathrm{~mm}$
Colourless
$R_{\text {int }}=0.015$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=23^{\circ}$
$h=0 \rightarrow 13$
$k=0 \rightarrow 18$
$l=-10 \rightarrow 10$
2 standard reflections frequency: 60 min intensity decay: $0.12 \%$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\text {max }}=0.03$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.341 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {min }}=-0.258 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
Extinction correction: none Atomic scattering factors from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1974, Vol. IV)

Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$\lambda=0.71073 \AA$
Cell parameters from 25 reflections
$\theta=8-12^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.095 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=294 \mathrm{~K}$
Irregular
$0.40 \times 0.40 \times 0.30 \mathrm{~mm}$
Colourless

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R_{\mathrm{int}}=0.02
$$

$\theta_{\text {max }}=22^{\circ}$
$h=0 \rightarrow 7$

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3 standard reflections intensity decay: none

Refinement
Refinement on $F$
$R=0.059$
$w R=0.061$
$S=0.87$
1043 reflections
130 parameters H atoms: see text Unit weights applied

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters $\left(\AA^{\circ}\right)$ for $(\mathrm{I})$

| ${ }^{*} B_{\text {eq }}=(4 / 3) \sum_{i} \sum_{j} \beta_{i j} \mathbf{a}_{i}, \mathbf{a}_{j}$. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $B_{\text {iso }} / B_{\text {eq }} *$ |
| O | 0.7851 (3) | 0.1316 (2) | 0.2797 (4) | 5.8 (1)* |
| N | 0.7617 (3) | 0.0312 (2) | 0.6505 (4) | 3.43 (9)* |
| C(2) | 0.7684 (4) | -0.0198 (3) | 0.5278 (5) | 3.4 (1)* |
| C(3) | 0.8401 (4) | 0.0219 (3) | 0.4376 (5) | 4.4 (1)* |
| C(4) | 0.8052 (4) | 0.1079 (3) | 0.3998 (5) | 4.1 (1)* |
| C(4a) | 0.7961 (4) | 0.1584 (3) | 0.5265 (5) | 4.1 (1)* |
| C(5) | 0.7585 (5) | 0.2456 (3) | 0.4898 (6) | 5.0 (1)* |
| C(6) | 0.6397 (5) | 0.2498 (3) | 0.4192 (6) | 5.1 (1)* |
| C(7) | 0.5684 (5) | 0.2070 (3) | 0.5057 (6) | 5.0 (1)* |
| C(8) | 0.6051 (4) | 0.1190 (3) | 0.5341 (6) | 4.2 (1)* |
| C(8a) | 0.7227 (4) | 0.1150 (3) | 0.6122 (5) | 3.6 (1)* |
| C(11) | 0.7088 (4) | -0.0032 (3) | 0.7538 (5) | 3.3 (1) |
| C(12) | 0.7304 (4) | 0.0301 (3) | 0.8891 (5) | 4.3 (1) |
| C(13) | 0.6791 (4) | -0.0002 (4) | 0.9925 (6) | 5.0 (1) |
| C(14) | 0.6080 (5) | -0.0627 (4) | 0.9637 (6) | 5.4 (1) |
| C(15) | 0.5877 (5) | -0.0981 (4) | 0.8318 (6) | 5.0 (1) |
| C(16) | 0.6378 (4) | -0.0678 (3) | 0.7261 (5) | 4.0 (1) |
| C(21) | 0.8158 (4) | -0.1041 (3) | 0.5658 (5) | 3.2 (1) |
| C(22) | 0.9018 (4) | -0.1187 (3) | 0.6776 (5) | 3.6 (1) |
| C(23) | 0.9402 (4) | -0.1983 (3) | 0.7032 (6) | 4.4 (1) |
| C(24) | 0.8956 (4) | -0.2622 (3) | 0.6185 (6) | 4.5 (1) |
| C(25) | 0.8138 (4) | -0.2465 (3) | 0.5058 (5) | 4.3 (1) |
| C(26) | 0.7730 (4) | -0.1684 (3) | 0.4764 (5) | 3.9 (1) |
| C(27) | 0.9380 (5) | -0.3480 (3) | 0.6519 (8) | 7.1 (2)* |
| C(28) | 0.6855 (5) | -0.1578 (4) | 0.3457 (5) | 5.1 (2)* |
| C(29) | 0.9595 (4) | -0.0551 (3) | 0.7775 (6) | 4.6 (1)* |

Table 2. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\AA^{2}$ ) for (II)

| ${ }^{*} B_{\text {eq }}=(4 / 3) \sum_{i} \sum_{j} \beta_{i j} \mathbf{a}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{j}$. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $B_{\text {iso }} / B_{\text {eq }} *$ |
| F(1) | 0.093 (1) | 0.6709 (6) | 0.3537 (8) | 11.7 (2)* |
| F(2) | 0.1554 (9) | 0.7779 (7) | 0.4981 (5) | 11.9 (2)* |
| F(3) | 0.2528 (8) | 0.8044 (7) | 0.3357 (7) | 12.5 (2)* |
| 0 | -1.0541 (8) | 1.1978 (6) | 0.0536 (6) | 6.4 (2)* |
| N | -0.5663 (8) | 1.017 | 0.1854 (5) | 3.0 (1) |
| C(2) | -0.702 (1) | 0.9782 (7) | 0.0745 (6) | 3.3 (2) |
| C(3) | -0.902 (1) | 1.0214 (6) | 0.0774 (7) | 3.7 (2) |
| C(4) | -0.909 (1) | 1.1456 (6) | 0.0865 (7) | 3.7 (2) |
| C(4a) | -0.722 (1) | 1.2002 (6) | 0.1373 (6) | 3.0 (1) |
| C(5) | -0.740 (1) | 1.3145 (7) | 0.1905 (7) | 4.8 (2) |
| C(6) | -0.806 (1) | 1.3114 (8) | 0.3132 (7) | 5.3 (2) |
| C(7) | -0.681 (1) | 1.2378 (7) | 0.4086 (8) | 5.2 (2) |
| C(8) | -0.670 (1) | 1.1231 (7) | 0.3555 (7) | 4.1 (2) |
| C(8a) | -0.592 (1) | 1.1264 (6) | 0.2346 (6) | 3.2 (1) |
| C(11) | -0.402 (1) | 0.9595 (6) | 0.2317 (6) | 2.9 (1) |
| C(12) | -0.358 (1) | 0.8602 (7) | 0.1754 (7) | 3.8 (2) |
| C(13) | -0.199 (1) | 0.8029 (7) | 0.2231 (7) | 3.8 (2) |
| C(14) | -0.072 (1) | 0.8364 (7) | 0.3272 (7) | 3.5 (2) |
| C(15) | -0.108 (1) | 0.9357 (6) | 0.3810 (7) | 3.5 (2) |
| C(16) | -0.268 (1) | 0.9956 (7) | 0.3350 (6) | 3.2 (1) |
| C(21) | -0.639 (1) | 1.0048 (6) | -0.0473 (6) | 3.0 (1) |
| C(22) | -0.749 (1) | 0.9666 (7) | -0.1589 (7) | 4.3 (2) |
| C(23) | -0.695 (1) | 0.9949 (8) | -0.2716 (8) | 5.4 (2) |


| $\mathrm{C}(24)$ | $-0.541(1)$ | $1.0548(8)$ | $-0.2747(8)$ | $5.0(2)$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\mathrm{C}(25)$ | $-0.427(1)$ | $1.0904(7)$ | $-0.1654(7)$ | $4.3(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(26)$ | $-0.476(1)$ | $1.0633(6)$ | $-0.0525(6)$ | $3.3(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(27)$ | $0.106(1)$ | $0.7757(8)$ | $0.3783(8)$ | $5.4(2)$ |

Table 3. Selected geometric parameters $\left(\AA^{\circ},{ }^{\circ}\right)$

|  | (I) | (II) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 1.474 (6) | 1.477 (9) |
| $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 1.429 (6) | 1.38 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 1.543 (7) | 1.53 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 1.511 (8) | 1.52 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 1.538 (8) | 1.53 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 1.523 (8) | 1.53 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.530 (7) | 1.53 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 1.397 (7) | 1.42 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | 1.363 (8) | 1.37 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 1.400 (8) | 1.37 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | 1.535 (7) | 1.52 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(23)$ | 1.406 (8) | 1.40 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{C}(24)$ | 1.386 (8) | 1.33 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(24)-\mathrm{C}(25)$ | 1.370 (7) | 1.38 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(26)-\mathrm{C}(28)$ | 1.516 (7) | - |
| $\mathrm{C}(27)-\mathrm{F}(1)$ | - | 1.31 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(27)-\mathrm{F}(3)$ | - | 1.28 (1) |
| $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.491 (6) | 1.46 (1) |
| $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 1.203 (7) | 1.21 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.507 (8) | 1.50 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 1.525 (8) | 1.51 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 1.538 (7) | 1.52 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.541 (7) | 1.56 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | 1.392 (8) | 1.35 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 1.381 (8) | 1.39 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 1.386 (7) | 1.40 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(22)$ | 1.393 (7) | 1.40 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(29)$ | 1.516 (7) | - |
| $\mathrm{C}(24)-\mathrm{C}(27)$ | 1.528 (8) | - |
| $\mathrm{C}(25)-\mathrm{C}(26)$ | 1.398 (8) | 1.39 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(26)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | 1.409 (7) | 1.37 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(27)-\mathrm{F}(2)$ | - | 1.29 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 116.5 (4) | 120.8 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})$ | 111.5 (4) | 119.3 (7) |
| $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})$ | 111.2 (4) | 112.1 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 112.4 (5) | 112.8 (8) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 111.0 (5) | 111.1 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 111.8 (5) | 112.3 (9) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})$ | 113.6 (4) | 119.2 (7) |
| $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 113.8 (4) | 112.8 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 112.9 (5) | 115.4 (8) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{N}$ | 109.5 (4) | 109.7 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 110.3 (5) | 110.3 (8) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})$ | 112.2 (5) | 112.5 (8) |

The structure was solved by direct methods and using fullmatrix least-squares techniques, with all non-benzene C atoms for (I) and F and O atoms for (II) refined anisotropically. H atoms were included at calculated positions and constrained to ride on their parent C atoms. All calculations were performed on a VAX 4200 computer.

For both compounds, data collection: CAD-4 Software (Enraf-Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: CAD-4 Software; data reduction: MolEN (Fair, 1990); program(s) used to solve structures: SIR88 (Burla et al., 1989); program(s) used to refine structures: MolEN; molecular graphics: ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: MolEN.

Lists of structure factors, torsion angles, anisotropic displacement parameters, H -atom coordinates and complete geometry have been deposited with the IUCr (Reference: PA1188). Copies may be obtained through The Managing Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH 12 HU , England.

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# 1,2-Bis[2,3,4,5,6-pentakis(phenylthio)phenyl]ethane 

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#### Abstract

In its molecular crystal the title compound, $\mathrm{C}_{74} \mathrm{H}_{54} \mathrm{~S}_{10}$, has an anti conformation about the central $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bond. The molecule is centrosymmetric and exhibits regular alternation of the phenylthio side-chain units above and below the mean plane of the 14 C atoms of the diphenylethane skeleton. In contrast, the ethylene link unit has a syn relationship with respect to the phenyl groups of the phenylthio substituents in the ortho positions.


## Comment

Previous studies on the design of host molecules capable of forming crystalline inclusion compounds have been concerned with the per-substitution of single or fused aromatic cores (MacNicol, 1984; Downing, Frampton, MacNicol \& Mallinson, 1994). In order to investigate the attractive possibility of linking aromatic cores, we have prepared 1,2-bis[pentakis(phenylthio)phenyl]ethane, (I). Unlike the inclusion behaviour found for molecules incorporating a one-atom link, such as carbonyl or methylene (to be reported elsewhere), the twoatom link molecule, (I), crystallizes unsolvated from a range of solvents such as EtOEt/petroleum ether (313-333 K), $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3} / \mathrm{MeOH}$ and 1,4 -dioxane $/ \mathrm{MeOH}$. The present work was undertaken in order to elucidate the structure and conformation of (I) in its molecular crystal.

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The molecule of (I), illustrated in Fig. 1, occupies a crystallographic inversion centre. In an extension of our earlier nomenclature (MacNicol, Mallinson \& Robertson, 1985), the conformation is notated as $a b a b a(a, l)(b, l) b a b a b$, the new symbols $a, l$ and $b, l$ referring to the orientation of the first non-directly attached link atom or group, here $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$, above or below the mean plane of the molecule.


Fig. 1. The molecular structure of (1), with selected atoms indicating the numbering scheme, which is consistent for all rings. Displacement ellipsoids are at the $50 \%$ probability level.

The SPh units exhibit the maximum possible degree of alternation above and below the mean plane of the 14 central C atoms. The disposition of the five independent SPh units is described by the representative torsion angles given in Table 2. These may be compared with the corresponding values of 56 and $28^{\circ}$ found for the unique SPh side chain of hexakis(phenylthio)benzene in its trigonal $\mathrm{CCl}_{4}$ clathrate (Hardy, MacNicol \& Wilson, 1979). Bond lengths and angles are in keeping with expected values (Table 2).

The C1-C6 atoms of the benzene core unit deviate significantly from planarity, the respective displacements from the mean plane of the ring being 0.043 (3), -0.012 (4), -0.035 (4), 0.052 (4), -0.021 (4) and -0.027 (4) $\AA$. With the exception of atom S5, which lies close to the mean benzene plane $[0.006$ (7) $\AA$ ] , the $S$ atoms also show significant departures from the mean benzene plane, the respective values for atoms $\mathrm{S} 2, \mathrm{~S} 3$,


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