

Absorption correction:  $h = -23 \rightarrow 20$   
 by integration  $k = 0 \rightarrow 7$   
 $T_{\min} = 0.965, T_{\max} = 0.994$   $l = 0 \rightarrow 23$   
 2653 measured reflections 2 standard reflections  
 2205 independent reflections every 50 reflections  
 1534 reflections with intensity decay: 5%  
 $I > \sigma(I)$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F$   $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.13 (3) \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $R = 0.065$   $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.12 (3) \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $wR = 0.069$  Extinction correction: Becker  
 $S = 1.28$  & Coppens (1974) type 1,  
 1534 reflections Lorentzian isotropic  
 163 parameters Extinction coefficient:  
 H atoms: see below  $1.7 (4) \times 10^4$   
 $w = 1/[\sigma_{\text{cs}}(F^2) + 1.03F^2]^{1/2}$  Scattering factors from *Inter-*  
 $- |F|^2$  *national Tables for X-ray*  
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.0010$  *Crystallography* (Vol. IV)

Table 1. Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}, ^\circ$ )

O1—C1	1.295 (3)	N3—C10	1.448 (5)
C6—C7	1.491 (4)	N3—C11	1.451 (4)
C7—N2	1.499 (4)	N1—O2	1.229 (3)
N2—C8	1.476 (4)	N1—O3	1.232 (4)
C8—C9	1.512 (5)	N1—C4	1.438 (4)
C9—N3	1.450 (4)		
O1—C1—C2	122.7 (3)	N2—C8—C9	109.3 (2)
O1—C1—C6	119.4 (3)	C8—C9—N3	112.8 (3)
C2—C1—C6	117.9 (3)	C9—N3—C10	111.7 (3)
C3—C4—N1	118.9 (3)	C9—N3—C11	110.6 (3)
N1—C4—C5	120.1 (3)	C10—N3—C11	110.0 (3)
C1—C6—C7	117.8 (2)	O2—N1—O3	122.2 (3)
C5—C6—C7	122.0 (3)	O2—N1—C4	119.1 (3)
C6—C7—N2	111.1 (3)	O3—N1—C4	118.6 (3)
C7—N2—C8	115.0 (2)		

Cell dimensions were determined from reflections measured at  $\pm 2\theta$ . All H atoms were located from a difference map and could be refined satisfactorily, however, in the final refinements, the H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding were kept fixed in calculated positions (with C—H 0.95 Å and displacement factors 20% larger than those of the atoms to which they were attached) so as to increase the ratio of observations to variables.

Data collection: *MAD* (Allibon, 1995). Cell refinement: *MAD*. Data reduction: *KRYSTAL* (Hazell, 1995). Program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.*, 1994) and *KRYSTAL*. Program(s) used to refine structure: modified *ORFLS* (Busing, Martin & Levy, 1962) and *KRYSTAL*. Molecular graphics: *ORTEPIII* (Burnett & Johnson, 1996) and *KRYSTAL*.

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## *N*-Butylthiophene-3-carboxamide and 2-Benzylseleno-*N*-butylthiophene-3-carboxamide at 130 K

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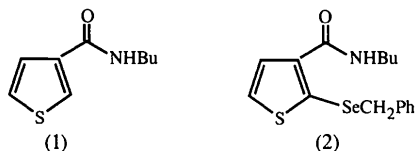
### Abstract

In *N*-butylthiophen-3-carboxamide,  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{13}\text{NOS}$ , the *N*-butylcarboxamide group is almost planar with the aromatic thiophene ring, with the amide N atom *cis* to C2. In the 2-benzylseleno derivative,  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{NOSse}$ , the *N*-butylcarboxamide group adopts an orientation with the amide O atom *cis* to C2 and forming a close contact with the Se atom. In both compounds, the amide N atom is involved in hydrogen bonding with the O atom of an adjacent molecule forming zigzag chains.

### Comment

During the course of studies aimed at the preparation of thiophene-containing analogues of the anti-inflammatory compound ebselen, we had cause to prepare 2-benzyl-

seleno-*N*-butylthiophene-3-carboxamide, (2), as a possible precursor to the target compounds. Two-dimensional NOESY NMR spectroscopy suggested that (2), in solution, exists in a conformation not conducive to further ring closure and that the carbonyl O atom lies in close proximity to the Se atom. In order to provide further insight into the factors affecting the conformational preference of the compound, the crystal structure of (2) and that of the parent *N*-butylthiophene-3-carboxamide, (1), were determined.



The five atoms of the thiophene ring in (1) are coplanar [maximum deviation of 0.003 (2) Å for C3], with bond lengths (Table 1) that are intermediate between double and single bonds, reflecting the aromatic nature of the ring. The amide group is almost coplanar with the thiophene ring and is oriented such that the N atom is *cis* to C2 [C2—C3—C6—N -9.9 (5)°], bringing H(N) close to H2 with a separation of 2.23 (5) Å.

The thiophene ring in (2) is less aromatic in character, with the C3—C4 bond length (Table 2) being much longer than the C2—C3 and C4—C5 bond lengths, and the two C—S bond lengths being significantly longer than the corresponding bonds in (1). The Se—C11 distance of 1.978 (2) Å is that expected for a single bond, however, the Se—C2 distance of 1.890 (2) Å lies between 1.97 and 1.78 Å, the values expected for single and double bonds, respectively (Brooks, Counter, Bishop & Tiekink, 1991), indicating partial double-bond character. This distance is similar to those observed in other compounds where an Se—C bond is adjacent to a C=C double bond. The atoms of the amide group are almost coplanar with those of the thiophene ring [maximum deviation of 0.004 (1) Å for C2]. However, the orientation is such that the O atom is now *cis* to C2 [C2—C3—C6—O 7.7 (3)°] and forms a close contact with the Se atom [Se···O 2.836 (1) Å]. This distance lies between the sum of the relevant covalent and van der Waals radii [1.87 and 3.5 Å, respectively; Bondi, 1964], indicating a weak interaction similar to that observed for 2-methylseleno-*N*-phenylbenzamide and 2-triphenylstannylseleno-*N*-phenylbenzamide (Fong, Gable & Schiesser, 1996). This orientation of the amide group now brings H(N) close to H4, the separation being 2.11 (4) Å.

For both structures, the amide N atom is involved in hydrogen bonding with the O atom of an adjacent molecule. For (1), the hydrogen bonds [N···O<sup>i</sup> 2.868 (3), N—H(N) 0.86 (4), H(N)···O<sup>i</sup> 2.03 (4) Å and N—H(N)···O<sup>i</sup> 165 (4)°; symmetry code: (i)  $\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} - y, z$ ] form zigzag chains which lie along the *a* axis.

For (2), the hydrogen bonds [N···O<sup>ii</sup> 2.928 (2), N—H(N) 0.83 (3), H(N)···O<sup>ii</sup> 2.13 (3) Å and N—H(N)···O<sup>ii</sup> 161 (2)°; symmetry code: (ii)  $-\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} - y, -\frac{1}{2} + z$ ] form zigzag chains which lie along the [101] direction.

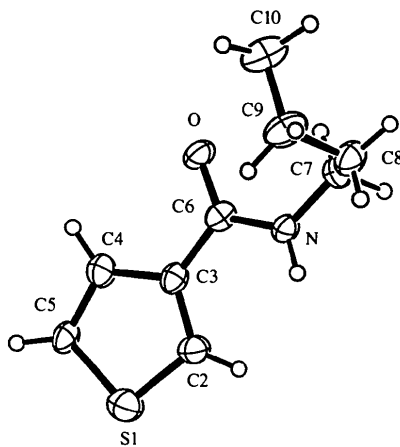


Fig. 1. ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) drawing of (1). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 70% probability level.

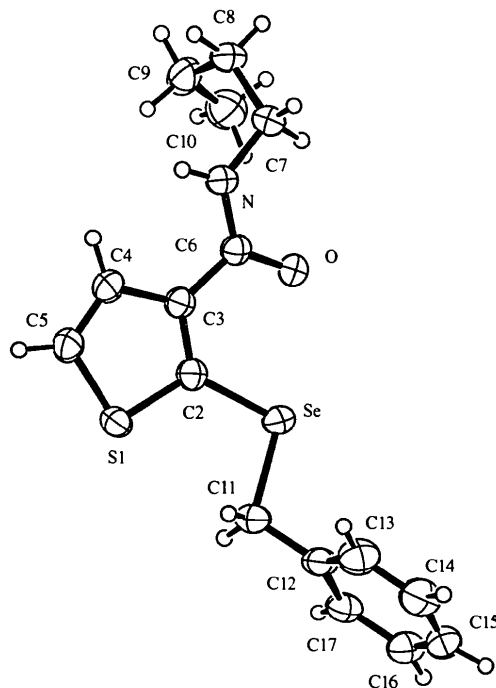


Fig. 2. ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) drawing of (2). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 70% probability level.

## Experimental

Compound (1) was prepared by adding DMF (1 drop) and pyridine (0.286 ml, 3.5 mmol) to 3-thiophenecarboxylic acid (0.4545 g, 3.5 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (*ca* 27 ml). The reaction flask was flushed with N<sub>2</sub> and then oxalyl chloride (0.294 ml, 3.4 mmol) was added dropwise to the mixture

which was left stirring overnight. Butylamine (0.701 ml, 7.1 mmol) was added slowly and the resulting solution stirred overnight. Dichloromethane (*ca* 10 ml) was added and the mixture was washed with 10% HCl (4 × 20 ml), saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3 × 20 ml) and brine (2 × 20 ml). The organic layer was collected, dried and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The resulting product was collected to give *N*-butylthiophene-3-carboxamide (0.0981 g, 15%) as an orange solid. Recrystallization from ethanol/petrol gave the product as a single conformer (m.p. 326–328 K). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 0.94 (*m*, 3H), 1.40 (*m*, 2H), 1.59 (*m*, 2H), 3.41 (*m*, 2H) 5.94 (*bs*, 1H), 7.35 (*m*, 2H), 7.84 (*m*, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 13.70, 20.07, 31.69, 39.49, 126.04, 126.22, 127.83, 137.73, 163.14. MS (*m/z*): 183 (*M*, 18.35%), 141 (13), 111 (100), 83 (12), 56 (7). (Found: *M*<sup>+</sup> 183.0713; C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NOS requires *M*<sup>+</sup> 183.0718). Compound (2) was prepared as described by Fong, Laws & Schiesser (1995) and crystallized from ethanol/petrol. Both crystals were cooled using an Oxford Cryosystems low-temperature device (Cosier & Glazer, 1986).

**Compound (1)***Crystal data*

C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NOS  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 183.27  
 Orthorhombic  
*Pna*2<sub>1</sub>  
*a* = 9.7232 (11) Å  
*b* = 9.2506 (13) Å  
*c* = 10.6178 (13) Å  
*V* = 955.0 (2) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 4  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.275 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
*D<sub>m</sub>* not measured

Cu *K*α (nickel-filtered)  
 radiation  
 λ = 1.5418 Å  
 Cell parameters from 25  
 reflections  
 θ = 26.8–40.1°  
 μ = 2.624 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 130 (1) K  
 Plate  
 0.59 × 0.22 × 0.07 mm  
 Light yellow

*Data collection*

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4-  
 MachS diffractometer  
 ω/2θ scans  
 Absorption correction:  
 Gaussian integration  
 (Sheldrick, 1976)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.360, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.844  
 1459 measured reflections  
 1142 independent reflections

1128 reflections with  
*I* > 2σ(*I*)  
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.0187  
 θ<sub>max</sub> = 74.44°  
*h* = -1 → 12  
*k* = -1 → 11  
*l* = -13 → 1  
 3 standard reflections  
 frequency: 160 min  
 intensity decay: none

*Refinement*

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R*(*F*) = 0.0360  
*wR*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.1045  
*S* = 1.072  
 1142 reflections  
 147 parameters  
 All H-atom parameters  
 refined, except those  
 attached to C5, C9  
 and C10, which were  
 geometrically constrained  
*w* = 1/[σ<sup>2</sup>(*F<sub>o</sub>*<sup>2</sup>) + (0.0676*P*)<sup>2</sup>  
 + 0.66*P*]  
 where *P* = (*F<sub>o</sub>*<sup>2</sup> + 2*F<sub>c</sub>*<sup>2</sup>)/3

(Δ/σ)<sub>max</sub> = -0.001  
 Δρ<sub>max</sub> = 0.389 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Δρ<sub>min</sub> = -0.391 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Extinction correction:  
 SHELXL93  
 Extinction coefficient:  
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*International Tables for*  
*Crystallography* (Vol. C)  
 Absolute configuration:  
 Flack (1983)  
 Flack parameter = 0.05 (3)

Table 1. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °) for (1)

S1—C2	1.697 (3)	C4—C5	1.421 (4)
S1—C5	1.703 (3)	C6—O	1.247 (4)
C2—C3	1.382 (4)	C6—N	1.341 (4)
C3—C4	1.421 (4)	N—C7	1.462 (4)
C3—C6	1.480 (4)	C7—C8	1.518 (4)
C2—S1—C5	94.27 (15)	C4—C5—S1	109.0 (2)
C3—C2—S1	111.8 (2)	O—C6—N	122.2 (3)
C2—C3—C4	111.6 (3)	O—C6—C3	120.1 (3)
C2—C3—C6	126.2 (3)	N—C6—C3	117.6 (2)
C4—C3—C6	122.2 (2)	C6—N—C7	124.1 (3)
C5—C4—C3	113.4 (3)	N—C7—C8	112.3 (3)

**Compound (2)***Crystal data*

C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NOSse  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 352.36  
 Monoclinic  
*P*2<sub>1</sub>/*n*  
*a* = 8.4701 (9) Å  
*b* = 21.624 (2) Å  
*c* = 9.3400 (9) Å  
 β = 114.497 (8)°  
*V* = 1556.7 (3) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 4  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.503 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
*D<sub>m</sub>* not measured

Cu *K*α (nickel-filtered)  
 radiation  
 λ = 1.5418 Å  
 Cell parameters from 25  
 reflections  
 θ = 25.4–49.7°  
 μ = 4.470 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 130 (1) K  
 Thick plate  
 0.50 × 0.43 × 0.36 mm  
 Yellow

*Data collection*

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4-  
 MachS diffractometer  
 ω/2θ scans  
 Absorption correction:  
 Gaussian integration  
 (Sheldrick, 1976)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.144, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.342  
 4031 measured reflections  
 3206 independent reflections

3125 reflections with  
*I* > 2σ(*I*)  
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.0393  
 θ<sub>max</sub> = 75.04°  
*h* = -1 → 10  
*k* = -1 → 27  
*l* = -11 → 11  
 3 standard reflections  
 frequency: 160 min  
 intensity decay: 2%

*Refinement*

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R*(*F*) = 0.0293  
*wR*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.0777  
*S* = 1.169  
 3206 reflections  
 258 parameters  
 All H atoms refined  
*w* = 1/[σ<sup>2</sup>(*F<sub>o</sub>*<sup>2</sup>) + (0.0362*P*)<sup>2</sup>  
 + 1.232*P*]  
 where *P* = (*F<sub>o</sub>*<sup>2</sup> + 2*F<sub>c</sub>*<sup>2</sup>)/3

(Δ/σ)<sub>max</sub> = 0.001  
 Δρ<sub>max</sub> = 0.893 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Δρ<sub>min</sub> = -0.636 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Extinction correction:  
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 Extinction coefficient:  
 0.0056 (3)  
 Scattering factors from  
*International Tables for*  
*Crystallography* (Vol. C)

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °) for (2)

Se—C2	1.890 (2)	C3—C6	1.474 (3)
Se—C11	1.978 (2)	C4—C5	1.350 (3)
S1—C2	1.723 (2)	C6—O	1.241 (2)
S1—C5	1.726 (2)	C6—N	1.339 (3)
C2—C3	1.379 (3)	N—C7	1.457 (3)
C3—C4	1.434 (3)	C7—C8	1.525 (3)
C2—Se—C11	98.31 (9)	C5—C4—C3	112.9 (2)
C2—S1—C5	92.25 (10)	C4—C5—S1	111.6 (2)
C3—C2—S1	110.78 (15)	O—C6—N	122.7 (2)
C3—C2—Se	126.92 (15)	O—C6—C3	120.0 (2)
S1—C2—Se	122.25 (11)	N—C6—C3	117.2 (2)

C2—C3—C4	112.4 (2)	C6—N—C7	123.0 (2)
C2—C3—C6	121.5 (2)	N—C7—C8	111.3 (2)
C4—C3—C6	126.1 (2)		

For both compounds, data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf-Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; program(s) used to solve structures: *SHELXS86* (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structures: *SHELXL93* (Sheldrick, 1993); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL93*.

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## 2-(7,9-Diphenylcyclopenta[*a*]acenaphthadien-6b-yl)ethylbromide

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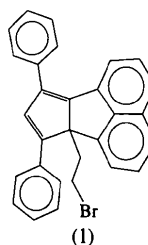
## Abstract

The reaction between (7,9-diphenylcyclopenta[*a*]acenaphthadienyl)lithium and 1,2-dibromoethane resulted in the formation of the title compound, 6b-(2-

bromoethyl)-7,9-diphenyl-6bH-cyclopenta[*a*]acenaphthylene, C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>21</sub>Br. Crystals suitable for X-ray structure determination were obtained from acetone.

## Comment

The discovery of chiral group IV metallocene dichlorides as catalysts in stereospecific  $\alpha$ -olefin polymerization has stimulated intensive research in academia as well as in industry for more than a decade now (Brintzinger, Fischer, Mülhaupt, Rieger & Waymouth, 1995). A well established way of synthesizing C<sub>2</sub>-symmetric *ansa*-metallocenes is to prepare the ligand precursors by the reaction of cyclopentadienyl anions with 1,2-dibromoethane (Wild, Zsolnai, Huttner & Brintzinger, 1982; Alt, Milius & Palackal, 1994). Although we have used (7,9-diphenylcyclopenta[*a*]acenaphthadienyl)lithium, (2), for the preparation of unsymmetric *ansa*-zirconocenes bearing two different cyclopentadienyl fragments in the ethylene bridge (Rieger, Repo & Jany, 1994), it was not possible to prepare a C<sub>2</sub>-symmetric ligand precursor by the reaction of (2) with 1,2-dibromoethane. Instead of the expected disubstitution, only monosubstitution of one Br atom occurred with 7,9-diphenylcyclopenta[*a*]acenaphthadienyl at the sterically and electronically unfavored 3-position of the five-membered ring, to give the title compound, (1) (Fig. 1).



If the structure of (1) in the solid state is compared with that of 2-(7,9-diphenylcyclopenta[*a*]acenaphthadien-6b-yl)-2-phenylethanol, (3) (Repo, Klinga, Leskelä, Polamo & Rieger, 1996), the same unequal C—C distances in the naphthalene unit [e.g. C12—C13 1.340 (13) and C13—C14 1.429 (11) Å] can be found. The bond lengths of the formally C—C single-bonded phenyl substituents [C4—C18 1.464 (10) and C6—C24 1.478 (10) Å] correspond to C<sub>sp<sup>2</sup></sub>—C<sub>aryl</sub> distances (Allen *et al.*, 1987; Norman, 1978). This is also indicated by the bright yellow luminescence of (1) in solution, which can be excited both by UV and visible light. Around the quaternary C3 atom, bond lengths [e.g. C2—C3 1.589 (9) and C3—C4 1.507 (9) Å], as well as bond angles [C4—C3—C15 125.0 (6), C7—C3—C15 101.2 (5) and C4—C3—C7 103.9 (6)°], are somewhat distorted from ideal tetrahedral values. There is no evidence of intermolecular interactions in the solid state other than van der Waals interactions.