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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 KMean $\sigma(C-C) = 0.008 \text{ Å}$ R factor = 0.061 wR factor = 0.142 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.2

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Two molecules of the title compound, 3,5,15,17-tetrathia-7,13,24,25-tetraazatetracyclo[17.3.1.1^{4,7}.1^{13,16}]pentacosa-1(23),4(24),16(25),19,21-pentaene-6,14-dione, C₁₆H₁₆N₄O₃S₄, having slightly different hollow and curved conformations, form the asymmetric unit. Each molecule provides an internal cavity of cage-like shape to form a host–guest complex.

1,5-[5,5'-(1,3-Phenylenedimethylenedithio)bis(2,3-di-

hydro-2-oxo-1,3,4-thiadiazol-3-yl)]-3-oxapentane

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Comment

As a continuation of our studies relating to the synthesis of host compounds containing 5-mercapto-2,3-dihydro-1,3,4-thiadizol-2-ones (Cho, Park, Kim *et al.*, 1999; Cho, Park, Hwang *et al.*, 1999; Cho *et al.*, 2000), we have prepared macrocycle (I) composed of two 5-mercapto-2,3-dihydro-1,3,4-thiadizol-2-ones and *m*-xylene. The determination of the structure of (I) is part of our interest in dealing with the macrocycles and this compound might be a potential host molecule for a palladium metal ion. Thus, we are in the process of examining the role of this compound as an artificial receptor.



There are two molecules of (I) in the asymmetric unit. The S-C distances in the two molecules range from 1.720(5) to 1.815 (5) Å, with a mean value of 1.766 (1) Å. The distances O25 - C7 1.216(5), O26 - C21 1.207(5), O52 - C34 = 1.218(5)and O53-C48 = 1.203 (5) Å clearly show double-bond character. These values are comparable with those found in 4,17,25,26-tetraaza-6,9,12,15-tetraoxa-2,19,21,24-tetrathiatricyclo[18.4.1^{1,4}.1^{17,20}]hexacosa-1(25),20(26)-diene-3,5,16,18tetraone (Cho et al., 2000). The C-S-C angles in the fivemembered rings range from 88.7 (2) to 89.9 (2) $^{\circ}$, with a mean value of 89.1 (1)°, which is similar to the value of 90.7 (1)° found 2,3-dihydro-3-methyl-2-nitrimino-1,3-thiazole in (Kyziol et al., 2000). All the five-membered rings are planar within 0.012 (3) Å, the two benzene rings are planar within 0.016(3) Å and the two ethyl ether linkages are planar within

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Figure 1

View of the two molecules (I) in the asymmetric unit, showing 20% probability displacement ellipsoids. C atoms are shown with ellipsoids with enveloping ellipses only and the remaining atoms are shown with ellipsoids with octant shading. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

0.107 (3) Å. In the first molecule (Fig. 1), the dihedral angle between the five-membered rings N6/C7/S8/C9/N24 and C19/ S20/C21/N22/N23 is 30.4 (2)°, with distances N6···N22 = 4.640(5) Å, $N23 \cdots N24 = 5.080(5)$ Å, $S10 \cdots S18 =$ 5.197 (2) Å and S8...S20 = 3.957 (2) Å, so that the inner parts of the two rings approach each other. The dihedral angle between benzene ring C12/C13/C14/C15/C16/C27 and ethyl ether linkage C1/C2/O3/C4/C5 is 37.35 (19)°, and the inner parts of the two rings also approach each other, with a C4···C14 distance 4.125 (8) Å. In the second molecule (Fig. 1), the dihedral angle between the five-membered rings N33/ C34/C35/C36/N51 and C46/S47/C48/N49/N50 is 30.5 (1)°, with distances $N33 \cdot \cdot \cdot N49 = 4.561$ (6) Å. $N50 \cdot \cdot \cdot N51 = 5.015$ (5) Å. $S37 \cdot \cdot \cdot S45 = 5.111$ (2) Å and $S35 \cdot \cdot \cdot S47 = 3.812$ (2) Å, and the dihedral angle between benzene ring C39/C40/C41/C42/C43/ C54 and ethyl ether linkage C28/C29/O30/C31/C32 is $36.9(2)^\circ$, the inner parts of the two rings approaching each other with a C29···C41 distance of 4.125 (8) Å. Therefore, both molecules have a cage-like form with similar conformations and each molecule appears to have sufficient space inside it to introduce a guest atom into the molecule. The closest intermolecular distance, 2.403 Å, is for $O26 \cdot \cdot \cdot H32A(1-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z).$

Experimental

The preparation of (I) followed the general procedure previously reported by Cho, Park, Hwang *et al.* (1999). The details will be reported elsewhere.

Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{16}H_{16}N_4O_3S_4\\ M_r = 440.57\\ Monoclinic, P2_1/c\\ a = 16.827 \ (2) \ \AA\\ b = 14.1071 \ (16) \ \AA\\ c = 16.760 \ (4) \ \AA\\ \beta = 93.950 \ (16)^{\circ}\\ V = 3969.0 \ (12) \ \AA^3\\ Z = 8 \end{array}$

 $D_x = 1.475 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K α radiation Cell parameters from 25 reflections $\theta = 11.3-12.7^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.50 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 (2) KPlate, light brown $0.50 \times 0.43 \times 0.13 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

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Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffract-
ometer
Non-profiled \omega/2\theta scans
Absorption correction: \psi scan
(North et al., 1968)
T_{\min} = 0.779, T_{\max} = 0.936
7087 measured reflections
6845 independent reflections
3946 reflections with I > 2\sigma(I)
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Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.061$ $wR(F^2) = 0.142$ S = 1.026845 reflections 481 parameters H-atom parameters constrained

$h = 0 \rightarrow 19$ $k = 0 \rightarrow 16$ $l = -19 \rightarrow 19$ 3 standard reflections frequency: 300 min intensity decay: none

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.028$ $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$

$$\begin{split} w &= 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0505P)^2 \\ &+ 1.3810P] \\ \text{where } P &= (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001 \\ \Delta\rho_{\text{max}} &= 0.95 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\text{min}} &= -0.27 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3} \end{split}$$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

1.218 (5)
1.773 (5)
1.720 (5)
1.736 (5)
1.803 (4)
1.811 (5)
1.743 (5)
1.731 (5)
1.788 (5)
1.203 (5)
89.9 (2)
88.8 (2)

All H atoms were placed in calculated positions $[C-H_{methylene} = 0.97 \text{ Å} and C-H_{aromatic} = 0.93 \text{ Å}]$, with U_{iso} constrained to be 1.2 times the equivalent isotropic displacement parameter of the attached C atom. The highest peak and the deepest hole in the final difference density map are at 0.81 Å from H40 and 0.96 Å from S35, respectively.

Data collection: *CAD-4 EXPRESS* (Enraf–Nonious, 1994); cell refinement: *CAD-4 EXPRESS*; data reduction: *XCAD4* (Harms & Wocadlo, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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