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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean σ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.037 wR factor = 0.093 Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.2

For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see http://journals.iucr.org/e. The title compound, $C_{16}H_{14}N_8S_2$, contains a centre of inversion. The mean planes of the phenyl and 1*H*-tetrazol-5-ylsulfanyl moieties make a dihedral angle of 45.8 (3)°.

1,2-Bis(1-phenyl-1H-tetrazol-5-ylsulfanyl)ethane

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Comment

As a type of ditopic ligand, dithioethers can be used as bridging ligands in the construction of coordination polymers with soft metal ions. A series of flexible or rigid chain-linked dithioethers containing *N*-heterocyclic moieties have been synthesized and investigated (Sharma *et al.*, 1999; Constable *et al.*, 2002; Bu *et al.*, 2003; Hong *et al.*, 2000; Zheng *et al.*, 2003). Earlier studies have shown that several tetrazole derivatives possess diverse pharmacological properties (Juby *et al.*, 1968, 1982), but only a few metal complexes of monosubstituted tetrazole derivatives are known (van den Heuvel *et al.*, 1983; Lyakhov *et al.*, 2003). We report here the synthesis and structure of a new tetrazole dithioether, namely 1,2-bis(1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5-vlsulfanyl)ethane, (I).



In (I), there is an inversion centre at the midpoint of the $C8-C8^i$ bond [symmetry code: (i) 1 - x, -y, -z]. The mean planes of the phenyl and the 1*H*-tetrazol-5-ylsulfanyl moieties make a dihedral angle of 45.8 (3)°.

In (I), the Csp^2-S bond distance (C1-S1) is significantly shorter than that of Csp^3-S (C8-S1) because of $p-\pi$ conjugation, as is observed in other dithioethers (Zhang *et al.*, 2003; Zheng & Liu, 2003).

Experimental

A solution of 0.94 g (5 mmol) of 1,2-dibromoethane in 10 ml of ethanol was added dropwise to a mixture of 1.96 g (11 mmol) of 1-phenyl-5-thio-1,2,3,4-tetrazole, 0.615 g (11 mmol) of KOH and 10 ml of ethanol. The reaction mixture was then stirred for 24 h at room temperature. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with water and recrystallized from ethanol (yield: 62%; m.p. 432–433 K). IR (KBr, ν , cm⁻¹): 3070 (*w*), 3021 (*w*), 2361 (*s*), 1596 (*m*); 1499 (*vs*), 1465 (*w*), 1418 (*m*), 1385 (*s*), 1315 (*s*), 1276 (*m*), 1249 (*s*), 1140 (*w*), 1088 (*m*), 1014 (*m*), 981 (*m*), 758 (*s*), 695 (*s*). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 3.88 (*s*, 4 H),

© 2004 International Union of Crystallography Printed in Great Britain – all rights reserved 7.54 (s, 10 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 32.30, 123.73, 129.90, 130.31, 133.45, 153.41. Analysis calculated for C₁₆H₁₄N₈S₂: C 50.2, H 3.7, N 29.3%; found: C 49.9, H 3.8, N 29.5%. Crystals suitable for single-crystal X-ray analysis were obtained by recrystallization from acetonitrile solution.

 $D_x = 1.449 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Cell parameters from 744

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

reflections

 $\theta = 2.7 - 25.2^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.32 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

T = 293 (2) K

Block, colourless

 $0.22\,\times\,0.18\,\times\,0.14$ mm

Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{16}H_{14}N_8S_2\\ M_r = 382.47\\ Monoclinic, P2_1/c\\ a = 9.333 \ (3) \ \AA\\ b = 13.456 \ (4) \ \AA\\ c = 7.181 \ (2) \ \AA\\ \beta = 103.55 \ (1)^\circ\\ V = 876.7 \ (5) \ \AA^3\\ Z = 2 \end{array}$

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector	1793 independent reflections
diffractometer	1199 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
φ and ω scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.037$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 26.5^{\circ}$
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1997)	$h = -11 \rightarrow 8$
$T_{\min} = 0.930, \ T_{\max} = 0.956$	$k = -16 \rightarrow 16$
4942 measured reflections	$l = -8 \rightarrow 8$

Refinement

 Refinement on F^2 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0438P)^2]$
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$ + 0.0706P]

 $wR(F^2) = 0.093$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

 S = 1.01 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$

 1793 reflections
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.17 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$

 118 parameters
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.20 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$

All H atoms were treated as riding, with C–H distances of 0.93 (aromatic) and 0.97 Å (CH₂), and with U_{iso} (H) = $1.2U_{eq}$ (C).

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.





View of the title compound, with the atom-labelling scheme and displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level.

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