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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005\text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.044  
 $wR$  factor = 0.112  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 20.2For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Methyl 2-(cyclohexylamino)cyclopent-1-ene-  
1-dithiocarboxylate

In the title molecule,  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{NS}_2$ , the  $\text{Csp}^2-\text{S}$  and  $\text{C}=\text{S}$  bond lengths are 1.770 (3) and 1.685 (3) Å, respectively. An intermolecular  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{S}$  hydrogen bond defines the preferred conformation of the molecule.

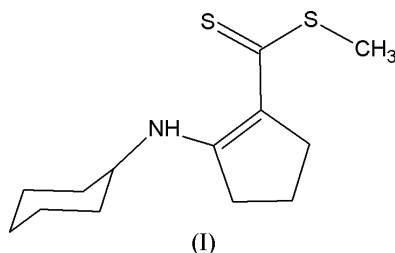
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## Comment

Over the past few decades our group has been interested in the manipulation of the reactivity of the  $\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}$  center in  $[\text{Rh}(\text{BID})(\text{CO})(\text{PX}_3)]$  complexes towards iodomethane oxidative addition (BID = monoanionic bidentate ligands containing different donor atoms such as O, N and S, and  $\text{PX}_3$  = tertiary phosphine or phosphite). The utilization of the aforementioned model complexes may give insight into mechanistic aspects of homogeneous catalysis, such as the well known Monsanto process, where the oxidative addition was identified as the rate determining step in the methanol carbonylation cycle. The title compound, (I), an *S,N*-bidentate ligand (cacsmH), is related to the bidentate ligands methyl 2-methylamino-1-cyclopentene-1-dithiocarboxylate (macsmH) and methyl 2-imino-1-cyclopentene-dithiocarboxylate (hacsmH) used in the preparation of previously reported  $[\text{Rh}(\text{BID})(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)]$  complexes (Steyn *et al.*, 1992, 1997). The structure of  $[\text{Rh}(\text{macsm})(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)]$  has also been reported previously (Steyn & Roodt, 2001).



The title compound (Fig. 1) crystallizes in the monoclinic space group  $P2_1/c$ . All bond lengths and angles (Table 1) are within the normal ranges for this type of compound. Hydrogen bonding is observed between atoms N1 and S2 (Table 2), giving rise to the preferred conformation of the  $\text{S}2-\text{C}2-\text{S}1$  moiety and the coplanar alignment with the 1-cyclopentene fragment. The  $\text{S}1-\text{C}1$  bond deviates slightly from this plane (Table 1); this may be attributed to the packing effects.

Table 3 illustrates the rigidity of these types of ligands, as only slight deviations are observed in the geometry surrounding the N- and S-donor atoms bonded to the metal centre *versus* that of the free macsmH ligand. The orientations of the  $\text{S}-\text{CH}_3$  bonds in the structures *a-d* (Table 3) are similar, mainly due to a packing mode favouring the less sterically hindered nature of this orientation.

