

**1,5-Bis(3-thienyloxy)-3-oxapentane: a thiophene-based precursor for thiophene-based azacryptand Mannich bases**Gaël Labat<sup>a</sup> and Joan Halfpenny<sup>b\*</sup><sup>a</sup>Institut de Chimie, Université de Neuchâtel, Avenue de Bellevaux 51, CH-2007 Neuchâtel, Switzerland, and <sup>b</sup>Department of Chemistry and Physics, Nottingham Trent University, Clifton Lane, Nottingham NG11 8NS, England

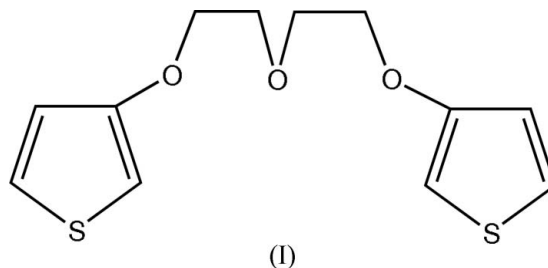
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**Key indicators**Single-crystal X-ray study  
*T* = 153 K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003 \text{ \AA}$   
*R* factor = 0.033  
*wR* factor = 0.072  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.3For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.

The title compound,  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$ , is composed of two thiophene rings bridged by an  $-\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}-$  chain. The molecule is U-shaped, with the two thiophene rings inclined to one another by  $83.21(10)^\circ$ . In the crystal structure, the molecules are bridged by  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{S}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds, forming a double-stranded polymer chain.

**Comment**

The preparation of a range of open-chain cryptand-like structures, incorporating thiophene rings, as precursors for azacryptand Mannich bases, was undertaken by Barker *et al.* (1993) and Chaffin *et al.* (2001, 2002). The title compound, (I), was synthesized by the reaction of methyl 3-hydroxythiophene-2-carboxylate with 1,5-bis(*p*-tolylsulfonyloxy)-3-oxapentane and anhydrous potassium carbonate in anhydrous *N,N*-dimethylformamide, followed by saponification and decarboxylation.



The molecular structure of (I) is illustrated in Fig. 1 and selected bond distances and angles are given in Table 1. The molecule is U-shaped and has pseudo- $C_2$  symmetry, with the central  $-\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}-$  bridge having a *cis-cis* conformation. The two thiophene rings are inclined to one another by  $83.21(10)^\circ$ . The thiophene bond lengths and bond angles are similar to those in an unsubstituted thiophene reported by Bonham & Momany (1963). The thienyloxy and other bond lengths and angles in (I) are in agreement with standard values (*International Tables for Crystallography*, Vol. C, 1995). In the crystal structure, symmetry-related molecules are bridged by  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{S}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds (Table 2), forming a double-stranded polymer chain (Fig. 2).

**Experimental**

Compound (I) was synthesized using the procedure described by Chaffin *et al.* (2001). Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a 1:1 ethanol-dichloromethane solution.

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Crystal data

C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>  
 M<sub>r</sub> = 270.35  
 Monoclinic, P2<sub>1</sub>/n  
 a = 5.2998 (4) Å  
 b = 19.4005 (18) Å  
 c = 12.7277 (9) Å  
 β = 100.960 (8)°  
 V = 1284.78 (18) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 Z = 4

D<sub>x</sub> = 1.398 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo Kα radiation  
 Cell parameters from 8000 reflections  
 θ = 1.7–26.1°  
 μ = 0.41 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 T = 153 (2) K  
 Plate, colourless  
 0.50 × 0.25 × 0.10 mm

Data collection

Stoe IPDS diffractometer  
 ω scans  
 Absorption correction: none  
 10146 measured reflections  
 2509 independent reflections  
 1609 reflections with I > 2σ(I)

R<sub>int</sub> = 0.066  
 θ<sub>max</sub> = 26.0°  
 h = -6 → 6  
 k = -23 → 23  
 l = -15 → 15

Refinement

Refinement on F<sup>2</sup>  
 R[F<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(F<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.033  
 wR(F<sup>2</sup>) = 0.072  
 S = 0.85  
 2509 reflections  
 154 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained  
 w = 1/[σ<sup>2</sup>(F<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup>) + (0.0331P)<sup>2</sup>]  
 where P = (F<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup> + 2F<sub>c</sub><sup>2</sup>)/3  
 (Δ/σ)<sub>max</sub> = 0.001  
 Δρ<sub>max</sub> = 0.19 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Δρ<sub>min</sub> = -0.29 e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

S1—C4	1.705 (2)	O3—C8	1.428 (2)
S1—C1	1.717 (2)	C1—C2	1.356 (3)
S2—C12	1.701 (2)	C3—C4	1.353 (3)
S2—C9	1.716 (3)	C5—C6	1.503 (3)
O1—C2	1.368 (2)	C7—C8	1.490 (3)
O1—C5	1.425 (2)	C9—C10	1.362 (3)
O2—C6	1.414 (3)	C10—C11	1.414 (3)
O2—C7	1.421 (2)	C11—C12	1.346 (3)
O3—C10	1.362 (3)		
C4—S1—C1	91.89 (10)	C3—C4—S1	112.15 (16)
C12—S2—C9	91.92 (11)	O1—C5—C6	107.58 (16)
C2—O1—C5	116.42 (15)	O2—C6—C5	108.33 (17)
C6—O2—C7	111.88 (16)	O2—C7—C8	109.35 (18)
C10—O3—C8	115.46 (16)	C10—C9—S2	110.66 (17)
C2—C1—S1	110.59 (15)	C9—C10—O3	128.5 (2)
C1—C2—O1	128.80 (18)	C9—C10—C11	112.9 (2)
C1—C2—C3	113.61 (18)	O3—C10—C11	118.64 (18)
O1—C2—C3	117.59 (17)	C12—C11—C10	112.3 (2)
C4—C3—C2	111.76 (19)	C11—C12—S2	112.15 (18)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

D—H...A	D—H	H...A	D...A	D—H...A
C9—H9A...O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.95	2.52	3.358 (2)	148
C12—H12A...S1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.95	2.86	3.787 (2)	164

Symmetry codes: (i) x + ½, -y + ¾, z + ½; (ii) x + 1, y, z + 1.

H atoms were included in calculated positions and treated as riding atoms, with C—H = 0.95–0.99 Å and U<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.2 or 1.5 times U<sub>eq</sub>(parent atom).

Data collection: EXPOSE (Stoe & Cie, 2002); cell refinement: CELL (Stoe & Cie, 2002); data reduction: INTEGRATE (Stoe & Cie, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick,

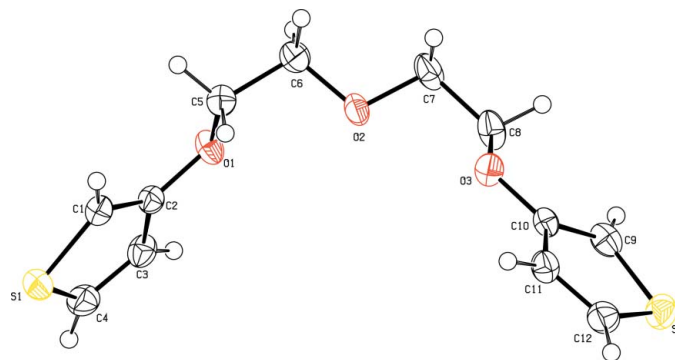


Figure 1

View of the molecular structure of compound (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

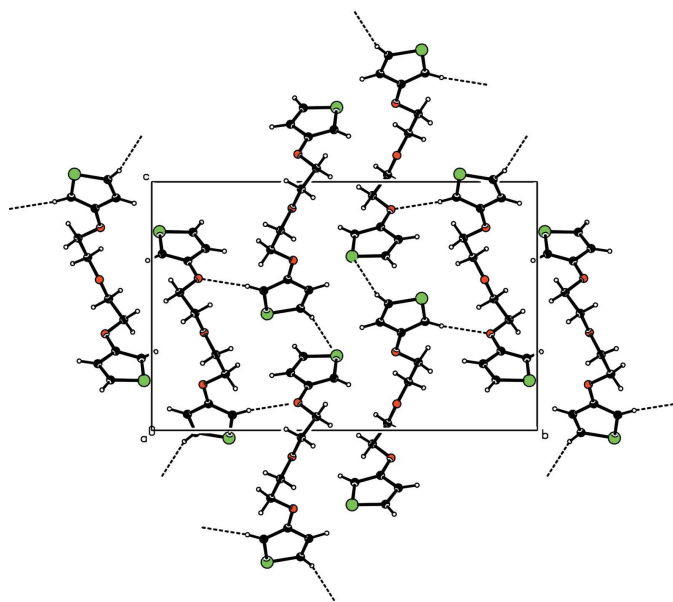


Figure 2

The crystal packing of compound (I), viewed down the a axis. C—H...S and C—H...O hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

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