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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 100 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.037 wR factor = 0.066 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.0

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# 2,8-Bis(3-phenylquinoxalin-2-yl)- $5\lambda^6$ dibenzo[*b*,*d*]thiophene-5,5-dione

The bond lengths and angles in the title compound,  $C_{40}H_{24}N_4O_2S$ , are normal. The dihedral angles between the dibenzothiophene-*S*,*S*-dioxide and two quinoxaline groups are 34.88 (1) and 45.86 (1)°.

### Comment

The application of organic electroluminescent (OEL) in flatpanel displays using small organic molecules or organic polymers has been intensively pursued after the reports of Kodak's team (Tang & Van Slyke>, 1987) and Cambridge's group (Burroughes *et al.*, 1990). Recently, the quinoxaline system has been introduced into small molecules (Thomas *et al.*, 2005) and successfully applied in organic light emitting devices (OLEDs) for electron-transport materials (Bettenhausen *et al.*, 1997).

In our search for new compounds that could be used as *n*-type OLEDs (Huang *et al.*, 2005), the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), has been synthesized by the condensation of a bisdione with a diamine (see scheme). All bond lengths and angles in (I) are normal (Table 1). The mean planes of the dibenzothiophene-*S*,*S*-dioxide (*P*1), two quinoxaline (*P*4 and *P*5) and two phenyl (*P*6 and *P*7) groups (see Fig. 1) make dihedral angles *P*1/*P*4, *P*1/*P*5, *P*1/*P*6, *P*1/*P*7, *P*4/*P*6 and *P*5/*P*7 of 34.88 (1), 45.86 (1), 52.50 (1), 56.68 (1), 42.50 (1) and 50.50 (1)°, respectively. The crystal packing is stabilized by van der Waals forces.

2 drops H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> CHCl<sub>2</sub>/EtOH, reflux Received 2 November 2005 Accepted 10 November 2005 Online 16 November 2005

# Experimental

A two-necked round-bottomed flask was charged with 1,2-phenylenediamine (216 mg, 2.2 mmol), 1-[5,5-dioxo-8-(2-oxo-2-phenylacetyl)-5H-5 $\lambda^6$ -dibenzothiophen-2-yl]-2-phenylethane-1,2-dione (528 mg, 1.1 mmol) and CHCl<sub>3</sub>/ethanol (80 ml; ratio 1:2). Two drops of sulfuric acid were then added to initiate the reaction. The mixture was refluxed for 24 h. After cooling, the solvent was removed by Dean–Stark distillation. The resulting suspension was separated by filtration, washed with methanol and dried. The solid was sublimed to provided a powdery product. Crystals suitable for single-crystal X-ray diffraction were grown from a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution layered with *n*-hexane at room temperature. The compound was obtained as a colourless solid in 62% yield. FAB MS: *m/e* 624 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 7.39–7.42 (*m*, 6H, ortho-, para-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.50–7.54 (*m*, 6H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>, meta-

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C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.69 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 7.83–7.86 (m, 4H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 8.13 (s, 2H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 8.19–8.25 (m, 4H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>). Analysis calculated for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: C 76.90, H 3.87, N 8.97%; found: C 77.02, H 4.01, N 8.86%.

Z = 2

 $D_{\rm r} = 1.426 {\rm Mg} {\rm m}^{-3}$ 

Cell parameters from 2322

Mo Ka radiation

reflections

 $\theta = 2.8 - 27.8^{\circ}$ 

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.042$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$ 

 $h = -12 \rightarrow 12$ 

 $k = -14 \rightarrow 13$ 

 $l=-15\rightarrow14$ 

 $\mu=0.16~\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 100.0 (1) K

Prism, colourless

 $0.16 \times 0.15 \times 0.14~\mathrm{mm}$ 

5107 independent reflections

3245 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

#### Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{40}H_{24}N_4O_2S\\ M_r = 624.69\\ Triclinic, P\overline{1}\\ a = 10.7261 \ (3) \ \mathring{A}\\ b = 12.0606 \ (4) \ \mathring{A}\\ c = 13.4213 \ (4) \ \mathring{A}\\ \alpha = 107.719 \ (2)^{\circ}\\ \beta = 103.656 \ (2)^{\circ}\\ \gamma = 108.751 \ (2)^{\circ}\\ V = 1454.81 \ (8) \ \mathring{A}^3 \end{array}$ 

## Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2001)  $T_{\min} = 0.873$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.980$ 10660 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0197P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.066$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
S = 0.82	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.31 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
5107 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.38 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
425 parameters	Extinction correction: SHELXL97
H-atom parameters constrained	Extinction coefficient: 0.0012 (4)

### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

S-O1	1.4353 (13)	N31-C30	1.325 (2)
S-O2	1.4407 (13)	N31-C37	1.365 (2)
S-C1	1.7669 (19)	N36-C29	1.320 (2)
S-C7	1.7747 (19)	N36-C38	1.370 (2)
N15-C14	1.322 (2)	C4-C13	1.489 (2)
N15-C21	1.366 (2)	C10-C29	1.489 (2)
N20-C13	1.315 (2)	C14-C23	1.483 (3)
N20-C22	1.362 (2)	C30-C39	1.484 (3)
O1-S-O2	117.01 (8)	C1-C6-C12	112.79 (17)
O1-S-C7	110.72 (8)	C12-C7-S	110.89 (14)
C6-C1-S	110.78 (14)	C7-C12-C6	112.89 (16)

H atoms were located geometrically and treated as riding, with C– H = 0.93 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ .

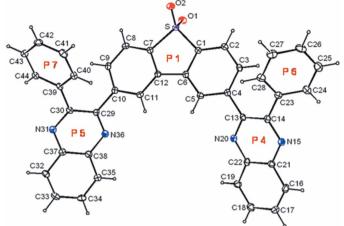


Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme and 30% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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