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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.045  
 $wR$  factor = 0.133  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.9For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.2,2'-Dithiodisalicyclic acid dimethylformamide  
disolvateIn the title compound,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2 \cdot 2\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO}$ , the dithio-  
disalicyclic acid is hydrogen bonded to dimethylformamide  
solvent molecules. Within the dithiodisalicyclic acid, the two  
benzene rings are nearly perpendicular to each other, with a  
dihedral angle of  $77.77$  ( $10$ )°.

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## Comment

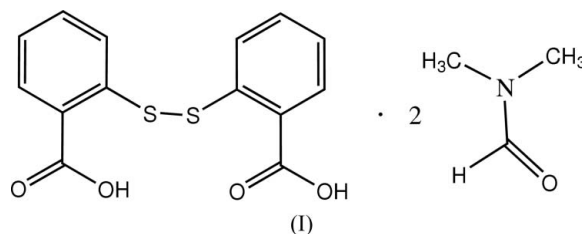
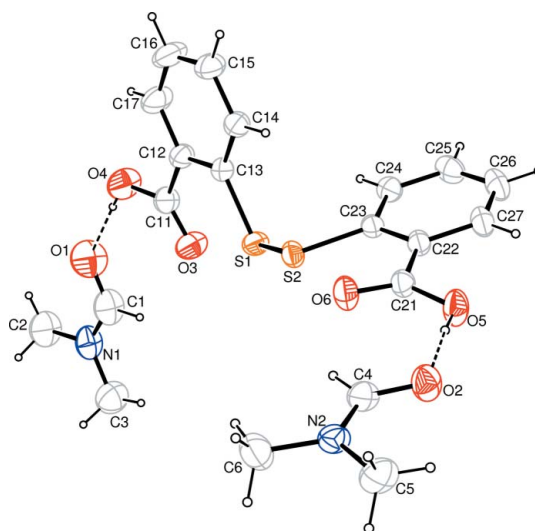
As part of our ongoing investigation of structures containing  
flexible ligands (Cai *et al.*, 2001), we report here the structure  
of the title compound, (I).The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The  
structure of the dithiodisalicyclic acid molecule is similar to that  
found in dithiodisalicyclic acid tetrahydrofuran solvate, (II)  
(Kresinski & Fackler, 1994). The S1—S2 bond distance in (I)  
(Table 1) is slightly shorter than the value of  $2.051$  (5) Å found  
in (II), and the dihedral angle of  $77.77$  ( $10$ )° between the two  
benzene planes in (I) is comparable with the values of  $80.4$  (6)


Figure 1

The structure of the asymmetric unit of (I), shown with 30% probability  
displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for H atoms). Dashed lines  
indicate hydrogen bonds.

and 73.8 (4)° found in (II). The C13—S1—S2—C23 torsion angle in (I) is 90.42 (11)°.

O—H···O hydrogen bonding occurs between dithio-disalicylic acid and dimethylformamide solvent molecules in the crystal structure (Fig. 1 and Table 2).

### Experimental

Powdered sulfur (3.4 g) was added slowly to an aqueous solution (50 ml) of sodium sulfide (7.8 g) with stirring at 343 K. After stirring for 30 min, an aqueous solution (50 ml, 10 mol l<sup>-1</sup>) of sodium hydroxide was added. The mixture was stirred for a further 30 min, then an aqueous solution (100 ml) of 2-(chlorodiazenyl)benzoic acid (36 g) was slowly added to the mixture at 278 K. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. The product was separated by adding concentrated hydrochloric acid (20 ml). Brown crystals of (I) were obtained by recrystallization from a dimethylformamide solution (yield: 85%).

#### Crystal data

C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub> ·2C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO	Z = 2
M <sub>r</sub> = 452.53	D <sub>x</sub> = 1.309 Mg m <sup>-3</sup>
Triclinic, P $\bar{1}$	Mo K $\alpha$ radiation
a = 7.554 (3) Å	Cell parameters from 4617 reflections
b = 7.710 (3) Å	$\theta$ = 2.1–25.1°
c = 20.046 (8) Å	$\mu$ = 0.27 mm <sup>-1</sup>
$\alpha$ = 83.486 (7)°	T = 293 (2) K
$\beta$ = 84.933 (6)°	Prism, brown
$\gamma$ = 83.057 (7)°	0.28 × 0.22 × 0.18 mm
V = 1148.1 (8) Å <sup>3</sup>	

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer	3085 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.020$
Absorption correction: none	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.2^\circ$
8419 measured reflections	$h = -9 \rightarrow 9$
4103 independent reflections	$k = -9 \rightarrow 9$
	$l = -24 \rightarrow 23$

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0692P)^2 + 0.3654P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.133$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.002$
S = 1.03	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.47 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
4103 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.13 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
275 parameters	
H-atom parameters constrained	

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

S1—S2	2.0419 (12)	S2—C23	1.790 (2)
S1—C13	1.783 (2)		
C13—S1—S2	105.55 (9)	C23—S2—S1	105.73 (8)

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
O4—H4D···O1	0.84	1.72	2.558 (4)	172
O5—H5D···O2	0.89	1.70	2.587 (3)	174

Hydroxyl H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined as riding in their as-found relative positions, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ . Methyl H atoms were placed in calculated positions (C—H = 0.96 Å) and the torsion angles refined to fit the electron density [ $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ ]. Other H atoms were placed in idealized positions (C—H = 0.93 Å) and refined in the riding mode, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2002); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2002); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2000); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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