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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 T = 294 K
 Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004 \text{ \AA}$
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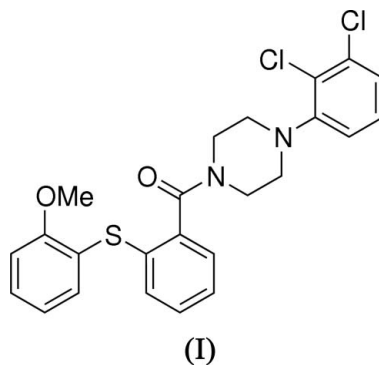
[4-(2,3-Dichlorophenyl)piperazin-1-yl][2-(2-methoxyphenyl)sulfanyl]phenyl]methanone

In the title compound, $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$, synthesized from 2-(2-methoxyphenyl)sulfanyl benzoyl chloride and 1-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)piperazine, the piperazine ring adopts a normal chair conformation.

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Comment

Substituted diphenyl sulfide derivatives which display high *in vitro* and *in vivo* affinities for serotonin transporter (SERT), high selectivity for the dopamine transporter (DAT) and partial selectivity for norepinephrine transporter sites (NET) have been described as potent and selective SERT ligands (Mehta & Brieady, 1997; Wilson & Houle, 1999; Younes *et al.*, 2000).



The structure of (I) is illustrated in Fig. 1. The piperazine ring has a normal chair conformation. The dihedral angle relating the two rings bonded to the S atom is $102.28 (12)^\circ$. The dichlorophenyl ring is also twisted with respect to the piperazine ring [$\text{C}19-\text{N}2-\text{C}17-\text{C}18 = 164.8 (2)^\circ$].

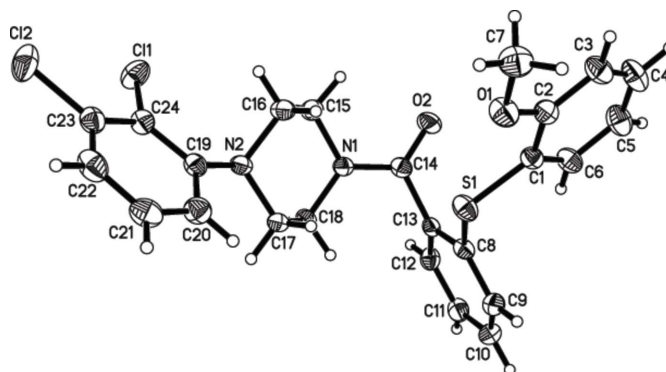


Figure 1
 The molecular structure of (I), drawn with 30% probability ellipsoids.

Experimental

2-(2-Methoxyphenylsulfanyl)benzoyl chloride (8 mmol), triethylamine (20 mmol) and 1-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)piperazine (8 mmol) in CHCl_3 (60 ml) were stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The mixture was then washed with 2 M sodium hydroxide. The organic layer was dried and evaporated *in vacuo* to dryness, giving a yellow oil, which solidified at room temperature. After filtration through active charcoal and recrystallization from 60% aqueous ethanol (70 ml), the title compound was obtained as white crystals. Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were grown by slow evaporation of an absolute methanol solution at room temperature over a period of 15 d.

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$	$D_x = 1.412 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 473.40$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Cell parameters from 2087 reflections
$a = 17.034 (3) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 2.4\text{--}21.9^\circ$
$b = 7.6898 (14) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.41 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 17.229 (3) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 294 (2) \text{ K}$
$\beta = 99.344 (3)^\circ$	Block, colourless
$V = 2226.9 (7) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.24 \times 0.22 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$
$Z = 4$	

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer	4587 independent reflections
φ and ω scans	2529 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 1997)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.054$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.900$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.921$	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.5^\circ$
12169 measured reflections	$h = -21 \rightarrow 19$
	$k = -7 \rightarrow 9$
	$l = -21 \rightarrow 18$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.041P)^2 + 0.1467P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.107$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.003$
$S = 0.99$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.22 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
4587 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.21 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
282 parameters	
H-atom parameters constrained	

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding, with C—H = 0.93–0.97 \AA and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$.

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

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