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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 289 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.036 wR factor = 0.088 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.5

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# *N*,*N*'-Bis[(4-chloroanilino)thiocarbonyl]isophthalamide dimethylformamide solvate

The principal molecule of the title compound,  $C_{22}H_{16}Cl_2$ -N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>·C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO, is not planar; the three benzene rings are tilted with respect to each other, with dihedral angles of 5.51 (11), 60.06 (12) and 64.33 (11)°. Intermolecular hydrogen bonding and  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking help to stabilize the crystal structure.

#### Comment

Acylthioureas and their coordination compounds have been widely studied because of their potential use in extraction, separation, medicine, agriculture and analytical chemistry (Schroeder, 1955; Antholine & Taketa, 1982). As part of our work on acylthiourea derivatives (Zhang *et al.*, 2003), we report here the structure of the title compound, (I).



The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The molecule is not planar; the three benzene rings are tilted with respect to each other; the dihedral angles are 64.33 (11) (between the C1- and C9-containing rings), 60.07 (12) (between the C1- and C17-containing ring) and 5.51 (11)° (between the C9- and C17-containing rings).

Intermolecular N-H···O hydrogen bonds are observed in the crystal structure (Table 1). The centroid-to-centroid separation of 3.8057 (15) Å indicates the existence of  $\pi$ - $\pi$ stacking between the parallel C1- and C1<sup>i</sup>-containing benzene rings [symmetry code: (i) 2 - x, 2 - y, 1 - z].



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**Figure 1** The asymmetric unit of (I), shown with 50% probability displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for H atoms).

# Experimental

An acetone solution (5 ml) of isophthaloyl dichloride (3 mmol) was added to an acetone solution (5 ml) of  $NH_4SCN$  (7 mmol), and the mixture was subjected to ultrasonic irradiation for 10 min. Chloroaniline (6 mmol) was added and the mixture was irradiated for a further 10 min. The reaction mixture was poured into a water-ice mixture and stirred for 15 min. The resulting white precipitate was filtered off and washed with ethanol three times. Single crystals of (I) were obtained by recrystallization from a DMF solution.

#### Crystal data

 $C_{22}H_{16}Cl_2N_4O_2S_2\cdot C_3H_7NO$   $M_r = 576.50$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$  a = 14.703 (3) Å b = 8.479 (1) Å c = 21.223 (4) Å  $\beta = 99.25$  (2)° V = 2611.4 (8) Å<sup>3</sup>

#### Data collection

Siemens P4 diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: none 5911 measured reflections 5133 independent reflections 3480 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.036$   $wR(F^2) = 0.088$  S = 0.975133 reflections 353 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement Z = 4  $D_x$  = 1.466 Mg m<sup>-3</sup> Mo K $\alpha$  radiation  $\mu$  = 0.45 mm<sup>-1</sup> T = 289 (2) K Block, colorless 0.48 × 0.44 × 0.34 mm

 $R_{int} = 0.015$   $\theta_{max} = 26.0^{\circ}$ 3 standard reflections every 97 reflections intensity decay: 6.4%

$$\begin{split} &w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0426P)^2] \\ &where \ P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ &(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001 \\ &\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.20 \ e \ \mathring{A}^{-3} \\ &\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.22 \ e \ \mathring{A}^{-3} \\ &Extinction \ correction: \ SHELXL97 \\ &Extinction \ coefficient: \ 0.0060 \ (5) \end{split}$$

# Table 1 Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
N1−H1 <i>N</i> ···O1	0.86(1)	1.92 (2)	2.640 (2)	141 (2)
N2−H2 <i>N</i> ···O3	0.85(1)	2.19 (1)	3.039 (2)	171 (2)
N3−H3 <i>N</i> ···O3	0.85(1)	2.19 (1)	3.035 (2)	172 (2)
$N4 - H4N \cdots O2$	0.85 (1)	1.88 (1)	2.612 (2)	143 (2)

H atoms on N atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically. Methyl H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C-H = 0.96 Å and their torsion angles refined to fit the electron density, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . Other H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C-H = 0.93 Å, and refined in riding mode, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ .

Data collection: XSCANS (Siemens, 1994); cell refinement: XSCANS; data reduction: SHELXTL (Bruker, 2001); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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