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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 291 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.002 Å R factor = 0.024 wR factor = 0.068 Data-to-parameter ratio = 18.3

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# 4,5-Bis(carboxymethylsulfanyl)-1,3-dithiole-2-thione monohydrate

In the crystal structure of the title compound,  $C_7H_6O_4S_5 \cdot H_2O$ , a chain forms along the *b* axis *via* weak  $S \cdots S$  interactions. The structure is further stabilized by an extensive network of  $O-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds in the *ac* plane, giving an interleaved supramolecular architecture. Received 5 April 2006 Accepted 20 April 2006

### Comment

Tetrathiafulvalene (TTF) and its derivatives are the subject of intense interest in materials chemistry, crystal engineering and supramolecular chemistry (Segura & Martin, 2001). 1,3-Dithiole-2-thiones, important precursors to TTF derivatives, have also attracted attention (Chen *et al.*, 2005; Fabre, 2004). We report here the structure of the title compound (I) (Fig. 1), which was prepared by the reaction of di(tetraethyl-ammonium) bis(1,3-dithiol-2-thione-4,5-dithiolate)zincate and BrCH<sub>2</sub>COOH in the presence of NaOH (Wang *et al.*, 1998).





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#### Figure 1

A view of the asymmetric unit of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.



Figure 2

The one-dimensional chain-like structure of (I), formed by  $S \cdots S$  interactions (dashed lines) along the *b* axis.

In the crystal structure, intermolecular  $S \cdots S$  interactions  $[S3 \cdots S4 = 3.5551 (5) \text{ Å}]$  link the molecules into a chain along the *b* axis (Fig. 2). In addition, an extensive network of hydrogen bonds stabilizes the crystal packing in (I) (Table 1). Each carboxylate group forms inversion-related dimers through intermolecular  $O-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds. These are further interconnected by hydrogen bonds to and between the solvent water molecules (Fig. 3). This hydrogen-bonding network combines with the weak  $S \cdots S$  interactions to build an interleaved three-dimensional supramolecular architecture (Fig. 4).

## **Experimental**

Di(tetraethylammonium) bis(1,3-dithiol-2-thione-4,5-dithiolate)zincate (700 mg, 1.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (15 ml) was mixed with BrCH<sub>2</sub>COOH (0.84 g, 6 mmol), NaOH (0.26 g, 6.5 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (7.5 ml) and heated under reflux for about 20 h. CH<sub>3</sub>CN was removed *in vacuo* and HCl (36%, 25 ml) was added with cooling to give red crystals. These were dissolved in dilute NH<sub>3</sub> and then HCl (36%) was added slowly to give the product (yield 74.4%, m.p. 445–447 K). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ /TMS,  $\delta$ , p.p.m.): 4.37 (broad, COOH), 3.84 (*s*, CH<sub>2</sub>). Recrystallization from ethanol at room temperature over a week gave red block-shaped crystals suitable for X-ray analysis.

#### Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{7}H_{6}O_{4}S_{5}\cdot H_{2}O\\ M_{r}=332.43\\ \text{Monoclinic, }P2_{1}/c\\ a=12.5548\ (10)\ \text{\AA}\\ b=10.8325\ (8)\ \text{\AA}\\ c=9.5073\ (7)\ \text{\AA}\\ \beta=104.577\ (1)^{\circ}\\ V=1251.37\ (16)\ \text{\AA}^{3} \end{array}$ 

## Data collection

Bruker APEX-2 CCD area-detector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\rm min} = 0.767, T_{\rm max} = 0.857$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.024$   $wR(F^2) = 0.068$  S = 1.052859 reflections 156 parameters H-atom parameters constrained Z = 4  $D_x = 1.765 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K $\alpha$  radiation  $\mu = 0.93 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 291 (2) K Block, red  $0.30 \times 0.19 \times 0.17 \text{ mm}$ 

6519 measured reflections 2859 independent reflections 2569 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.011$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^{\circ}$ 

$$\begin{split} &w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0386P)^2 \\ &+ 0.2783P] \\ &where \ P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001 \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.30 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.36 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \end{split}$$



#### Figure 3

The extensive network of interpenetrating O-H···O hydrogen bonds (dashed lines) in the *ac* plane. Atoms labelled with the suffixes A-F are at the symmetry positions (A) x, y, z; (B) -x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1; (C)  $-x + 1, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{3}{2}$ ; (D)  $-x + 1, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{3}{2}$ ; (E)  $x, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (F)  $x, -y + \frac{5}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ .



## Figure 4

The crystal packing in (I). Hydrogen bonds and intermolecular  $S\!\cdots\!S$  interactions are drawn as dashed lines.

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

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$O5-H2W\cdots O5^{i}$	0.87	2.01	2.782 (3)	147
$O5-H1W \cdot \cdot \cdot O2^{ii}$	0.87	2.47	3.111 (2)	131
$O5-H1W\cdots O3^{ii}$	0.87	2.24	2.8797 (19)	130
$O4-H4\cdot\cdot O3^{iii}$	0.82	1.91	2.7236 (16)	172
$O1{-}H1{\cdots}O5^{iv}$	0.82	1.87	2.6553 (19)	161

Symmetry codes: (i) -x + 1, -y + 2, -z + 1; (ii)  $-x + 1, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iii) -x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1; (iv) x, y - 1, z.

H atoms in the solvent water molecule were located in a difference Fourier map and their distances were subsequently restrained to O– H = 0.85 Å and H···H = 1.45 Å. Other H atoms were refined using a riding model, with C–H = 0.97 Å and  $U_{\rm iso} = 1.2U_{\rm eq}(\rm C)$ , and O–H = 0.82 Å and  $U_{\rm iso} = 1.5U_{\rm eq}(\rm O)$ .

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: *APEX2*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2004); program(s) used to solve

structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2004); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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