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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å R factor = 0.044 wR factor = 0.115 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.2

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# 3-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1,5-bis(4-nitrophenyl)pentane-1,5-dione

In the title molecule,  $C_{23}H_{17}ClN_2O_6$ , all bond lengths and angles are within normal ranges. The chloro-substituted benzene ring makes dihedral angles of 115.6 (2) and 109.6 (2)° with the two nitro-substituted benzene rings, and the dihedral angle between the two nitro-substituted benzene rings is 83.5 (2)°.

## Comment

Multi-ring compounds play an important role in the development of chemistry related to sterilization and enzymatic reactions. In a continuation of our structural studies of multiring compounds (Qiu, Yang *et al.*, 2006; Qiu, Liu & Zhu, 2006), we report here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1)



All bond lengths and angles in (I) are within normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The three benzene rings, *viz*. C1–C6 (*A*), C10–C15 (*B*) and C18–C23 (*C*), make the following dihedral angles: A/B 115.6 (2)°, A/C 109.6 (2)° and B/C 83.5 (2)°.



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## Experimental

The title compound was synthesized by the reaction of equivalent amounts of (E)-3-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-nitrophenyl)prop-2-en-1one (1 mmol), isonicotinohydrazide (1 mmol) and 1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethanone (1 mmol) in an ethanol solution (20 ml) for 3 h at 383– 393 K. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by evaporation of an ethanol solution.

Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{23}H_{17}{\rm ClN}_2{\rm O}_6\\ M_r = 452.84\\ {\rm Orthorhombic,}\ P2_12_12_1\\ a = 5.7697\ (7)\ {\rm \AA}\\ b = 14.545\ (2)\ {\rm \AA}\\ c = 24.681\ (3)\ {\rm \AA}\\ V = 2071.2\ (5)\ {\rm \AA}^3 \end{array}$ 

## Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX areadetector diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\min} = 0.949, T_{\max} = 0.980$ 

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.044$   $wR(F^2) = 0.115$  S = 0.994738 reflections 293 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement Z = 4  $D_x$  = 1.452 Mg m<sup>-3</sup> Mo K $\alpha$  radiation  $\mu$  = 0.23 mm<sup>-1</sup> T = 298 (2) K Block, brown 0.37 × 0.18 × 0.07 mm

12428 measured reflections 4738 independent reflections 3298 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.034$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.6^{\circ}$ 

 $w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (0.0582P)^{2}]$ where  $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.15 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.22 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3}$ Absolute structure: Flack (1983), 1989 Friedel pairs Flack parameter: -0.03 (7) All H atoms, except H7, were placed in geometrically idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C–H = 0.93–0.97 Å and  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2 U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$ . Atom H7, attached to C7, was refined isotropically, giving a C–H distance of 0.99 (2) Å.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997*b*); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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