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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 KMean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.011 \text{ Å}$ Disorder in main residue R factor = 0.094 wR factor = 0.278 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.0

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# Diethyl 4-iodo-1,22-dioxo-15-(4-pyridylethynyl)-1,20,12,21-tetraazahexacyclo[10.10.2.0<sup>3,8</sup>.0<sup>10,23</sup>.- $0^{14,20}.0^{21,24}$ ]tetracosa-3,5,7,14,16,18-hexaene-23,24-dicarboxylate: a molecular clip based on bis(ethoxycarbonyl)glycoluril

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The title compound,  $C_{33}H_{28}IN_5O_6$ , is a molecular clip based on the glycoluril framework. A 4-pyridinylethynyl-substituted benzene ring is fused to one seven-membered ring, which binds two of the N atoms from separate rings of the glycoluril system. The second, similar, seven-membered ring is fused to an iodobenzene ring. The orientation of these fused-benzenering substituents is *trans* with respect to the glycouril framework. The crystal structure is stabilized by weak C–  $H \cdots O$  and C– $H \cdots N$  hydrogen bonds and C– $H \cdots \pi$  interactions.

## Comment

A molecular clip is a molecule with a rigid U-shaped cavity, in which small guest molecules can be complexed by intermolecular interactions (Reek *et al.*, 1997). The glycoluril skeleton has served as an important building block for research into molecular clips (Rowan *et al.*, 1999; Chakraborty *et al.*, 2002). The introduction of different functional groups into the clip has been of recent interest (Chen *et al.*, 2006) and we report here the structure of a glycouril derivative, (I) (Fig. 1), with 4-pyridinylethynyl- and iodo-substituted benzene rings fused to the side-wall of the molecular clip.



Weak C-H···O and C-H···N hydrogen bonds stabilize the structure, forming a two-dimensional network (Table 1 and Fig. 2). In addition, inversion-related C10-H10··· $\pi$  interactions to the C1-C5/N1<sup>i</sup> rings [H10···ring centroid distance = 2.94 Å; symmetry code: (i) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z] form a threedimensional network.

## **Experimental**

The title compound was synthesized according to a literature procedure (Wu *et al.*, 2002) in 10% isolated yield. Crystals of (I) appropriate for data collection were obtained by slow evaporation of a dichloromethane–methanol (1:4  $\nu/\nu$ ) solution at 283 K.

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#### Crystal data

 $C_{33}H_{28}IN_5O_6$   $M_r = 717.50$ Monoclinic, C2/c a = 38.825 (3) Å b = 8.5516 (6) Å c = 18.8448 (14) Å  $\beta = 108.7730$  (10)° V = 5923.9 (7) Å<sup>3</sup>

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2001)  $T_{\min} = 0.915, T_{\max} = 0.978$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.094$   $wR(F^2) = 0.278$  S = 1.015005 reflections 418 parameters

#### Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$C14-H14A\cdots N1^{i}$	0.97	2.55	3.480 (12)	160
$C25-H25B\cdots O1^{ii}$	0.96	2.49	3.403 (8)	159
$C32-H32\cdots O5^{iii}$	0.93	2.55	3.153 (10)	123

Z = 8

 $D_x = 1.609 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

 $\mu = 1.14 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 298 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.076$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^\circ$ 

Block, colorless

 $0.08 \times 0.06 \times 0.02 \ \mathrm{mm}$ 

19410 measured reflections

5005 independent reflections

2882 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

H-atom parameters constrained

 $w = 1/[\sigma^{\bar{2}}(F_{\rm o}{}^2) + (0.1787P)^2]$ 

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.97 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.81$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

where  $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

Symmetry codes: (i) -x + 1, y + 1,  $-z + \frac{3}{2}$ ; (ii) x, -y + 1,  $z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iii) x, -y + 1,  $z - \frac{1}{2}$ .

The crystals were small and weakly diffracting, which explains the low fraction of significant data collected and the poor residuals. Repeated attempts to grow larger crystals have been unsuccessful. All H atoms were initially located in a difference Fourier map. The methyl H atoms were then constrained to an ideal geometry, with C–H = 0.96 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$ . All other H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions, with C–H = 0.93–0.97 Å, and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . Atoms C21 and C25 are disordered over two sites; the site-occupancy factors for the two orientations refined to 0.62 (3) and 0.73 (3), respectively, for the major components.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *PLATON*.

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#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-labeling scheme and displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. Bonds to atoms of the minor disorder components are drawn as dashed lines.



#### Figure 2

The packing of (I), with hydrogen bonds shown as dashed lines. For clarity, H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding and the atoms of the minor disorder components have been omitted.

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