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## Dibenzyl pentathiodicarbonate

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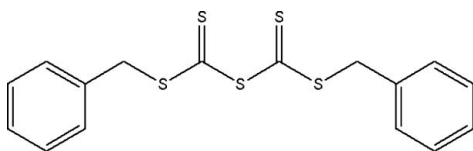
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 100$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.006$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.061;  $wR$  factor = 0.107; data-to-parameter ratio = 20.4.

In the title compound,  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{S}_5$ , the non-bonded intramolecular distances between the non-terminal S atoms are 2.808 (16) and 2.784 (16) Å, shorter than the typical distance of 2.9 Å. One phenyl ring participates in an offset  $\pi-\pi$  interaction with another phenyl ring related by a centre of inversion; the interplanar distance is 3.41 (2) Å. The crystal structure also exhibits edge-to-face  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$  stacking of the phenyl rings, thus forming a herring-bone packing motif.

### Related literature

For related literature, see: Amin *et al.* (1979); Degani *et al.* (1986); McLeary & Klumperman (2006); Moad *et al.* (2005).



### Experimental

#### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{S}_5$   
 $M_r = 366.57$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$   
 $a = 8.4085$  (18) Å  
 $b = 19.670$  (4) Å

$c = 11.085$  (3) Å  
 $\beta = 111.953$  (4)°  
 $V = 1700.4$  (6) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

$\mu = 0.67$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 100$  (2) K

0.18 × 0.14 × 0.08 mm

#### Data collection

Bruker APEX CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 Absorption correction: none  
 10376 measured reflections

3872 independent reflections  
 2278 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.080$

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.061$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.107$   
 $S = 0.92$   
 3872 reflections

190 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.47$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.39$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{C12}-\text{H12}\cdots\text{Cg}^i$	0.95	3.01	3.9056 (4)	163

Symmetry code: (i)  $x + 1, y, z + 1$ . Cg is the centroid of the ring C1–C6.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2002); cell refinement: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 2003); data reduction: *SAINTE*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *X-SEED* (Barbour, 2001; Atwood & Barbour, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *pubCIF* (Westrip, 2008).

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### Comment

Di- and trithiocarbonate systems have recently found widespread application as mediators in free radical polymerization (Moad *et al.*, 2005 and McLeary & Klumperman, 2006). As part of a further investigation of the interaction of these multi-thio compounds with radical species, extended polythiocarbonate systems have been examined. The preparation and characterization of pentathiodicarbonates is presented here. Two new dialkyl pentathiodicarbonates  $R-S-C(=S)-S-C(=S)-S-R$  with  $R =$  benzyl and *tert*-butyl were prepared by reaction of potassium benzyl- or *tert*-butyl-trithiocarbonate, respectively, with 2-chloro-*N*-methylpyridinium iodide (Scheme 2). The title compound is also formed by the reaction of potassium benzyltrithiocarbonate with benzyl dithiochloroformate (36% yield). The structure and details of the title compound are reported here.

The non-bonded intramolecular distance between S1 and S3 is 2.808 (16) Å and between S3 and S5 is 2.784 (16) Å. These are shorter than the 2.9 Å separation that is typically associated with distances of this type. The short contact is possible because of the out-of-plane twisting of the two thiono atoms, S2 and S4, and is likely brought about by steric hindrance between these two atoms. The intramolecular non-bonded distance between the two thiono atoms, S2 and S4, is 3.826 (16) Å.

The packing motif is mediated by the benzyl rings at either end of the molecule. For the purposes of this discussion we shall refer to the ring that is made up of C1, C2, C3, C4, C5 and C6 as Ring A and the ring consisting of C11, C12, C13, C14, C15 and C16 as Ring B. Ring A participates in an offset  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interaction with another Ring A that is related by a centre of inversion. The linking methylene carbon atom (C7) also takes part in the interaction between these units. The interplanar spacing between the planes defined by the atoms of the two benzyl rings is 3.41 (2) Å. On its opposite side, Ring A interacts with a neighbouring Ring B, of a molecule related by  $I + x, y, I + z$ , in an edge-to-face manner where H12 is situated 3.009 (4) Å from the plane defined by the atoms of Ring A.

Packing in the solid state is further mediated by a number of close contacts with neighbouring molecules, although none of the classical H-bond variety. A short intermolecular distance of 2.949 (4) Å is found between S5 and H5 of a molecule related by the  $2 - x, -y, I - z$  symmetry operation. S4 is separated from H14 ( $x, y, I + z$ ) and S2 from H3 ( $x - I, y, z - I$ ) by 2.998 (4) Å and 3.048 (5) Å, respectively. S1 is at a distance of 3.011 Å (4) from H13 ( $I + x, y, I + z$ ).

### Experimental

Potassium benzyltrithiocarbonate was prepared *in situ* by the reaction of benzyl mercaptan with carbon disulfide in aqueous potassium hydroxide (Degani, *et al.*, 1986) and 2-chloro-*N*-methylpyridinium iodide from 2-chloropyridine and methyl iodide (Amin *et al.*, 1979). Dibenzyl pentathiodicarbonate was prepared by adding 6.4 g (25 mmol) pyridinium salt within 5 min to a stirred and cooled aqueous solution of 50 mmol of potassium benzyl trithiocarbonate. Stirring continued for another 30 min and the red crystals formed were filtered off and washed several times with water. The crude product can be crystallized from acetonitrile with slow cooling to form larger red crystals. Yield = 7.6 g (83%).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (p.p.m.):

# supplementary materials

7.30–7.35 (m, 10H, Ar), 4.52 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (p.p.m.): 214.30 (C=S), 133.88, 129.51, 128.95 and 128.20 (C-aromatic), 43.00 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

## Refinement

H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model [ $Csp^3-H = 0.99 \text{ \AA}$  and  $Csp^2-H = 0.95 \text{ \AA}$ ;  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ ].

## Figures

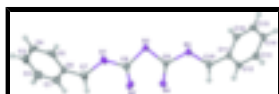


Fig. 1. The molecular structure of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

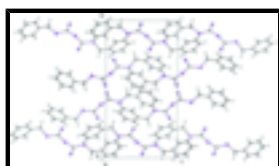


Fig. 2. The crystal packing of the title compound, viewed along [100], showing a herringbone packing motif.

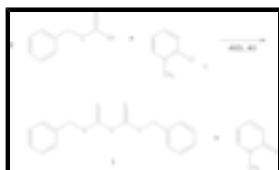


Fig. 3. The preparation of dibenzyl pentathiodicarbonate.

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$V = 1700.4 (6) \text{ \AA}^3$

$Z = 4$

$F_{000} = 760$

$D_x = 1.432 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Melting point: 318.15–319.15 K

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

$\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$

Cell parameters from 2278 reflections

$\theta = 2.6\text{--}28.3^\circ$

$\mu = 0.67 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

$T = 100 (2) \text{ K}$

Block, red

$0.18 \times 0.14 \times 0.08 \text{ mm}$

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diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Monochromator: graphite

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$\theta_{max} = 28.3^\circ$

$T = 100(2)$  K  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: none  
 10376 measured reflections  
 3872 independent reflections

$\theta_{\min} = 2.1^\circ$   
 $h = -11 \rightarrow 6$   
 $k = -24 \rightarrow 24$   
 $l = -14 \rightarrow 14$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 Least-squares matrix: full  
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.061$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.107$   
 $S = 0.92$   
 3872 reflections  
 190 parameters  
 Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map  
 Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0279P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.47 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.39 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 Extinction correction: none

*Special details*

**Geometry.** All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement.** Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted  $R$ -factor  $wR$  and goodness of fit  $S$  are based on  $F^2$ , conventional  $R$ -factors  $R$  are based on  $F$ , with  $F$  set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating  $R$ -factors(gt) *etc.* and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement.  $R$ -factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on  $F$ , and  $R$ -factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
S5	0.77686 (14)	0.15552 (5)	0.17633 (10)	0.0237 (3)
S1	1.03496 (15)	0.09626 (6)	0.69649 (11)	0.0306 (3)
S4	0.66740 (14)	0.21112 (5)	0.38636 (11)	0.0254 (3)
S3	0.96317 (13)	0.11315 (5)	0.42975 (11)	0.0255 (3)
S2	0.72043 (14)	0.02767 (5)	0.51002 (11)	0.0299 (3)
C11	0.6056 (5)	0.20472 (19)	-0.0574 (4)	0.0204 (9)
C10	0.6221 (5)	0.21790 (19)	0.0801 (4)	0.0224 (10)
H10A	0.5105	0.2118	0.0895	0.027*
H10B	0.6639	0.2647	0.1070	0.027*
C6	1.1089 (5)	0.05569 (19)	0.9414 (4)	0.0202 (9)
C13	0.4729 (5)	0.1434 (2)	-0.2583 (4)	0.0255 (10)
H13	0.3875	0.1128	-0.3104	0.031*
C14	0.5886 (5)	0.17070 (19)	-0.3055 (4)	0.0261 (10)

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H14	0.5826	0.1594	-0.3904	0.031*
C8	0.8884 (5)	0.07591 (18)	0.5457 (4)	0.0231 (10)
C9	0.7847 (5)	0.16372 (18)	0.3323 (4)	0.0190 (9)
C16	0.7212 (5)	0.23211 (19)	-0.1066 (4)	0.0227 (10)
H16	0.8061	0.2632	-0.0553	0.027*
C5	1.2588 (6)	0.01676 (19)	0.9908 (5)	0.0278 (11)
H5	1.2793	-0.0183	0.9395	0.033*
C12	0.4803 (5)	0.1602 (2)	-0.1365 (4)	0.0243 (10)
H12	0.3991	0.1413	-0.1052	0.029*
C15	0.7139 (5)	0.2148 (2)	-0.2283 (4)	0.0265 (10)
H15	0.7954	0.2332	-0.2600	0.032*
C1	1.0855 (5)	0.1055 (2)	1.0204 (4)	0.0279 (11)
H1	0.9844	0.1324	0.9886	0.034*
C2	1.2013 (6)	0.1176 (2)	1.1416 (5)	0.0347 (12)
H2	1.1812	0.1527	1.1929	0.042*
C4	1.3762 (5)	0.0294 (2)	1.1135 (5)	0.0355 (12)
H4	1.4787	0.0034	1.1457	0.043*
C3	1.3486 (6)	0.0789 (2)	1.1907 (5)	0.0378 (13)
H3	1.4293	0.0864	1.2764	0.045*
C7	0.9785 (6)	0.0428 (2)	0.8083 (4)	0.0352 (12)
H7A	0.8623	0.0544	0.8049	0.042*
H7B	0.9796	-0.0057	0.7848	0.042*

### Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
S5	0.0273 (7)	0.0242 (6)	0.0186 (6)	0.0081 (5)	0.0073 (5)	0.0018 (5)
S1	0.0329 (7)	0.0374 (7)	0.0211 (7)	-0.0161 (6)	0.0097 (5)	-0.0005 (5)
S4	0.0272 (7)	0.0260 (6)	0.0265 (7)	0.0055 (5)	0.0142 (5)	0.0015 (5)
S3	0.0218 (6)	0.0297 (6)	0.0249 (6)	0.0061 (5)	0.0086 (5)	0.0076 (5)
S2	0.0257 (7)	0.0267 (6)	0.0302 (7)	-0.0055 (5)	0.0021 (5)	0.0040 (5)
C11	0.021 (2)	0.019 (2)	0.020 (2)	0.0088 (19)	0.0068 (19)	0.0058 (19)
C10	0.019 (2)	0.022 (2)	0.023 (3)	0.0065 (19)	0.0032 (19)	0.0024 (19)
C6	0.026 (3)	0.017 (2)	0.018 (2)	-0.0084 (19)	0.0096 (19)	-0.0011 (18)
C13	0.023 (3)	0.025 (2)	0.024 (3)	0.000 (2)	0.005 (2)	0.001 (2)
C14	0.035 (3)	0.026 (2)	0.018 (2)	0.007 (2)	0.010 (2)	0.0065 (19)
C8	0.026 (3)	0.019 (2)	0.024 (3)	0.0005 (19)	0.010 (2)	-0.0016 (19)
C9	0.016 (2)	0.019 (2)	0.021 (2)	-0.0035 (18)	0.0062 (18)	0.0039 (18)
C16	0.018 (2)	0.018 (2)	0.028 (3)	0.0034 (18)	0.004 (2)	0.0013 (19)
C5	0.040 (3)	0.014 (2)	0.043 (3)	-0.008 (2)	0.031 (3)	-0.006 (2)
C12	0.021 (2)	0.030 (3)	0.023 (3)	-0.002 (2)	0.010 (2)	0.002 (2)
C15	0.026 (3)	0.026 (2)	0.034 (3)	0.000 (2)	0.019 (2)	0.010 (2)
C1	0.027 (3)	0.021 (2)	0.036 (3)	0.006 (2)	0.013 (2)	0.002 (2)
C2	0.044 (3)	0.022 (3)	0.042 (3)	-0.006 (2)	0.020 (3)	-0.012 (2)
C4	0.014 (3)	0.036 (3)	0.055 (4)	0.006 (2)	0.011 (2)	0.024 (3)
C3	0.031 (3)	0.051 (3)	0.024 (3)	-0.022 (3)	0.002 (2)	0.007 (2)
C7	0.038 (3)	0.045 (3)	0.022 (3)	-0.019 (2)	0.011 (2)	0.002 (2)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

S5—C9	1.713 (4)	C13—H13	0.9500
S5—C10	1.816 (4)	C14—C15	1.386 (5)
S1—C8	1.712 (4)	C14—H14	0.9500
S1—C7	1.818 (4)	C16—C15	1.371 (5)
S4—C9	1.626 (4)	C16—H16	0.9500
S3—C8	1.786 (4)	C5—C4	1.372 (6)
S3—C9	1.788 (4)	C5—H5	0.9500
S2—C8	1.623 (4)	C12—H12	0.9500
C11—C16	1.388 (5)	C15—H15	0.9500
C11—C12	1.398 (5)	C1—C2	1.353 (6)
C11—C10	1.500 (5)	C1—H1	0.9500
C10—H10A	0.9900	C2—C3	1.380 (6)
C10—H10B	0.9900	C2—H2	0.9500
C6—C1	1.375 (5)	C4—C3	1.371 (6)
C6—C5	1.400 (5)	C4—H4	0.9500
C6—C7	1.495 (5)	C3—H3	0.9500
C13—C12	1.368 (5)	C7—H7A	0.9900
C13—C14	1.374 (5)	C7—H7B	0.9900
C9—S5—C10	106.15 (18)	C11—C16—H16	119.7
C8—S1—C7	104.72 (19)	C4—C5—C6	119.8 (4)
C8—S3—C9	102.81 (18)	C4—C5—H5	120.1
C16—C11—C12	118.1 (4)	C6—C5—H5	120.1
C16—C11—C10	121.3 (4)	C13—C12—C11	121.0 (4)
C12—C11—C10	120.5 (4)	C13—C12—H12	119.5
C11—C10—S5	104.7 (2)	C11—C12—H12	119.5
C11—C10—H10A	110.8	C16—C15—C14	120.4 (4)
S5—C10—H10A	110.8	C16—C15—H15	119.8
C11—C10—H10B	110.8	C14—C15—H15	119.8
S5—C10—H10B	110.8	C2—C1—C6	122.4 (4)
H10A—C10—H10B	108.9	C2—C1—H1	118.8
C1—C6—C5	117.6 (4)	C6—C1—H1	118.8
C1—C6—C7	121.5 (4)	C1—C2—C3	120.1 (4)
C5—C6—C7	121.0 (4)	C1—C2—H2	120.0
C12—C13—C14	120.3 (4)	C3—C2—H2	120.0
C12—C13—H13	119.9	C3—C4—C5	121.4 (4)
C14—C13—H13	119.9	C3—C4—H4	119.3
C13—C14—C15	119.5 (4)	C5—C4—H4	119.3
C13—C14—H14	120.2	C4—C3—C2	118.7 (4)
C15—C14—H14	120.2	C4—C3—H3	120.6
S2—C8—S1	128.2 (2)	C2—C3—H3	120.6
S2—C8—S3	124.9 (3)	C6—C7—S1	107.0 (3)
S1—C8—S3	106.8 (2)	C6—C7—H7A	110.3
S4—C9—S5	128.8 (2)	S1—C7—H7A	110.3
S4—C9—S3	125.7 (2)	C6—C7—H7B	110.3
S5—C9—S3	105.34 (19)	S1—C7—H7B	110.3
C15—C16—C11	120.7 (4)	H7A—C7—H7B	108.6

## supplementary materials

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C15—C16—H16	119.7		
C16—C11—C10—S5	-83.6 (4)	C7—C6—C5—C4	-179.8 (3)
C12—C11—C10—S5	91.5 (4)	C14—C13—C12—C11	-0.5 (6)
C9—S5—C10—C11	-174.6 (3)	C16—C11—C12—C13	0.7 (6)
C12—C13—C14—C15	0.7 (6)	C10—C11—C12—C13	-174.6 (4)
C7—S1—C8—S2	7.5 (3)	C11—C16—C15—C14	1.4 (6)
C7—S1—C8—S3	-168.2 (2)	C13—C14—C15—C16	-1.1 (6)
C9—S3—C8—S2	59.4 (3)	C5—C6—C1—C2	0.1 (6)
C9—S3—C8—S1	-124.7 (2)	C7—C6—C1—C2	179.5 (4)
C10—S5—C9—S4	5.7 (3)	C6—C1—C2—C3	-0.6 (7)
C10—S5—C9—S3	-170.05 (18)	C6—C5—C4—C3	1.3 (6)
C8—S3—C9—S4	42.3 (3)	C5—C4—C3—C2	-1.7 (6)
C8—S3—C9—S5	-141.73 (19)	C1—C2—C3—C4	1.4 (6)
C12—C11—C16—C15	-1.2 (6)	C1—C6—C7—S1	90.3 (4)
C10—C11—C16—C15	174.1 (3)	C5—C6—C7—S1	-90.4 (4)
C1—C6—C5—C4	-0.4 (6)	C8—S1—C7—C6	176.9 (3)

### Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ , $^\circ$ )

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
C12—H12 $\cdots$ Cg <sup>i</sup>	0.95	3.01	3.9056 (4)	163

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x+1, y, z+1$ .



Fig. 1

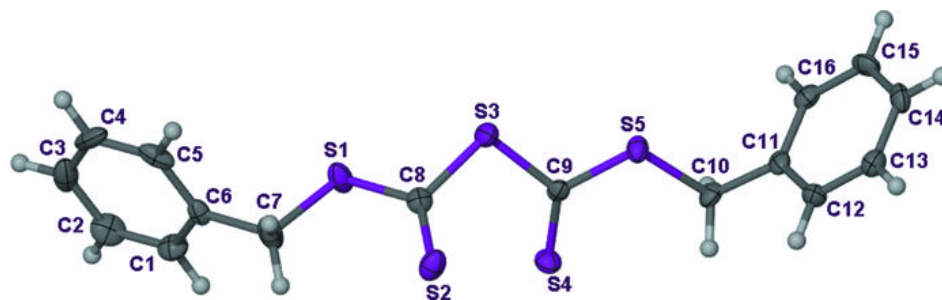


Fig. 2

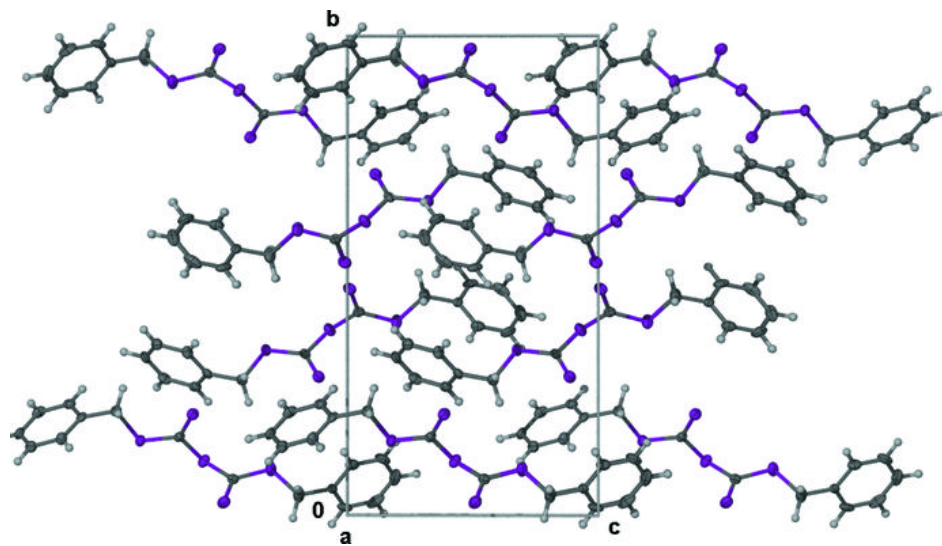


Fig. 3

