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meso-Dimethyl 2,5-dibromohexanedioate

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 293 K; mean σ (C–C) = 0.006 Å; R factor = 0.040; wR factor = 0.072; data-to-parameter ratio = 19.9.

The title compound, $C_8H_{12}Br_2O_4$, lies about a crystallographic center of inversion at the midpoint of the central C-C bond. The latter is also repsonsible for the observation of the *meso* form. There are no intramolecular hydrogen bonds, but molecules are connected by intermolecular C-H···O interactions, forming a three-dimensional network.

Related literature

The title compound is an important intermediate in organic synthesis. For the synthetic procedure, see: McDonald & Reitz (1972). For bond-length data, see: Allen *et al.* (1987).



Experimental

Crystal data

- $C_8H_{12}Br_2O_4$ $M_r = 331.98$ Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$ a = 4.5580 (9) Å b = 12.134 (2) Å c = 10.554 (2) Å $\beta = 90.36$ (3)°
- $V = 583.7 (2) Å^{3}$ Z = 2Mo Ka radiation $\mu = 6.93 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 K $0.20 \times 0.10 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

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Enraf-Nonius CAD-4
diffractometer
Absorption correction: \psi scan
(North et al., 1968)
T_{min} = 0.338, T_{max} = 0.544
1428 measured reflections
Refinement
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 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$ $wR(F^2) = 0.072$ S = 1.001271 reflections 64 parameters 1271 independent reflections 639 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{int} = 0.071$ 3 standard reflections every 200 reflections

intensity decay: 1%

3 restraints H-atom parameters constrained $\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.33$ e Å⁻³ $\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.37$ e Å⁻³

Table 1Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$C3-H3A\cdots O2^{i}$	0.98	2.59	3.33 (1)	132

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

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1985); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *XCAD4* (Harms & Wocadlo, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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Comment

The tittle compound, *meso*-2,5-dibromo-hexanedioic acid dimethyl ester is an important intermediate for the synthesis of dimethyl cyclobut-1-ene-1,2-dicarboxylate. We herein report the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).

The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. Bond lengths and angles are within normal ranges (Allen et al., 1987).

The central C4—C4A bond of the title compound, $C_8H_{12}Br_2O_4$, represents a crystallographic center of inversion. The latter is also repsonsible for the observation of the *meso* form. There are no intramolecular hydrogen bonds, but molecules of the title compound are connected by C—H···O intermolecular interactions to form a three dimensional network (Table 1).

Experimental

The title compound, (I) was prepared by a method reported in literature (McDonald & Reitz, 1972). Single crystals were obtained by dissolving (I) (0.5 g, 1.5 mmol) in ethanol (25 ml) and evaporating the solvent slowly at room temperature for about 3 d.

Refinement

H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C—H = 0.96 Å for alkyl H, and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$.

Figures



Fig. 1. Molecular structure of the title compound showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 40% probability level. Atoms labeled with the suffixes A are generated by the symmetry operation (1/2 - x, 3/2 - y, 1 - z). Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.



Fig. 2. Packing diagram for (I). C—H…O hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

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Crystal data

$C_8H_{12}Br_2O_4$
$M_r = 331.98$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
Hall symbol: -P 2ybc
<i>a</i> = 4.5580 (9) Å
<i>b</i> = 12.134 (2) Å
c = 10.554 (2) Å
$\beta = 90.36 (3)^{\circ}$
$V = 583.7 (2) \text{ Å}^3$
Z = 2

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 639 ref	Elections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube $R_{int} = 0$	0.071
graphite $\theta_{max} =$	$27.1^{\circ}, \theta_{\min} = 2.6^{\circ}$
$\omega/2\theta$ scans $h = 0 - $	→ 5
Absorption correction: ψ scan (North <i>et al.</i> , 1968) $k = -12$	5→0
$T_{\min} = 0.338, T_{\max} = 0.544$ $l = -13$	3→13
1428 measured reflections 3 stand	lard reflections every 200 reflections
1271 independent reflections intensit	ty decay: 1%

F(000) = 324 $D_{\rm x} = 1.889 {\rm Mg m}^{-3}$

 $\theta = 9-13^{\circ}$ $\mu = 6.93 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 KBlock, colourless $0.20 \times 0.10 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$

Mo K α radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å Cell parameters from 25 reflections

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods
Least-squares matrix: full	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
$wR(F^2) = 0.072$	H-atom parameters constrained
<i>S</i> = 1.00	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.022P)^2]$ where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
1271 reflections	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$
64 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.33 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
3 restraints	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.37 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$

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 $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$ 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.

	x	у	Ζ	$U_{\rm iso}*/U_{\rm eq}$
Br	0.23822 (12)	0.64074 (4)	0.70596 (6)	0.0813 (2)
01	0.3762 (8)	0.4221 (3)	0.8857 (4)	0.0888 (12)
O2	0.0821 (9)	0.3620 (3)	0.7400 (4)	0.0980 (12)
C1	0.2255 (11)	0.3583 (4)	0.9715 (5)	0.0872 (17)
H1A	0.3263	0.3595	1.0516	0.131*
H1B	0.2144	0.2839	0.9409	0.131*
H1C	0.0310	0.3872	0.9817	0.131*
C2	0.2723 (12)	0.4259 (4)	0.7836 (5)	0.0572 (12)
C3	0.4550 (10)	0.4973 (3)	0.6885 (4)	0.0477 (11)
H3A	0.6595	0.5044	0.7166	0.057*
C4	0.4369 (9)	0.4614 (3)	0.5570 (4)	0.0475 (11)
H4A	0.2315	0.4476	0.5384	0.057*
H4B	0.5370	0.3911	0.5517	0.057*

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (A^2)

Atomic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
Br	0.0997 (4)	0.0232 (2)	0.1214 (5)	0.0072 (3)	0.0337 (3)	-0.0032 (4)
01	0.111 (3)	0.058 (2)	0.098 (3)	0.002 (2)	0.007 (2)	0.035 (2)
O2	0.119 (3)	0.063 (3)	0.112 (3)	-0.028 (3)	0.023 (2)	0.020 (3)
C1	0.123 (5)	0.061 (4)	0.078 (3)	0.014 (4)	0.029 (3)	0.022 (3)
C2	0.062 (3)	0.040 (3)	0.070 (3)	0.006 (3)	0.022 (2)	0.025 (3)
C3	0.070 (3)	0.029 (2)	0.043 (2)	-0.002 (2)	-0.0005 (19)	-0.0068 (19)
C4	0.063(3)	0.029(2)	0.050(3)	-0.004(2)	-0.006(2)	0.007(2)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

Br—C3	2.011 (4)	C2—C3	1.569 (6)
O1—C2	1.175 (5)	C3—C4	1.456 (5)
O1—C1	1.378 (5)	С3—НЗА	0.9800
O2—C2	1.249 (6)	C4—C4 ⁱ	1.632 (7)
C1—H1A	0.9600	C4—H4A	0.9700
C1—H1B	0.9600	C4—H4B	0.9700
C1—H1C	0.9600		
C2—O1—C1	115.1 (5)	C4—C3—Br	108.7 (3)
O1—C1—H1A	109.5	C2—C3—Br	99.0 (3)
O1—C1—H1B	109.5	С4—С3—Н3А	111.3

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H1A—C1—H1B	109.5	С2—С3—НЗА	111.3		
O1—C1—H1C	109.5	Br—C3—H3A	111.3		
H1A—C1—H1C	109.5	C3—C4—C4 ⁱ	120.9 (4)		
H1B—C1—H1C	109.5	С3—С4—Н4А	107.1		
O1—C2—O2	126.0 (5)	C4 ⁱ —C4—H4A	107.1		
O1—C2—C3	113.3 (5)	C3—C4—H4B	107.1		
O2—C2—C3	118.5 (5)	C4 ⁱ —C4—H4B	107.1		
C4—C3—C2	114.7 (4)	H4A—C4—H4B	106.8		
C1—O1—C2—O2	-15.8 (8)	O1—C2—C3—Br	-95.3 (4)		
C1—O1—C2—C3	-178.7 (4)	O2—C2—C3—Br	100.4 (4)		
O1—C2—C3—C4	149.2 (4)	C2-C3-C4-C4 ⁱ	168.8 (4)		
O2—C2—C3—C4	-15.1 (6)	Br—C3—C4—C4 ⁱ	59.1 (5)		
Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$.					

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

D—H···A	<i>D</i> —Н	H…A	$D \cdots A$	D—H··· A
C3—H3A···O2 ⁱⁱ	0.98	2.59	3.33 (1)	132
Symmetry codes: (ii) $x+1$, y , z .				



Fig. 1

Fig. 2

