

supporting information

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2-[2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)ethyl]-1,3,5-trinitrobenzene

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S1. Comment

2,2',4,4',6,6'-Hexantanitrobibenzyl, which can be prepared from bibenzyl by nitration (Blatt & Rytina, 1950), is an intermediate for synthesizing high energy density compound 2,2',4,4',6,6'-hexanitrostilbene (Shipp, 1964). As a byproduct, 2,2',4,4',6-pentantanitrobibenzyl is separated from the nitrate product. Here we report the crystal structure of the title compound.

In the crystal structure, because the number of nitro group is not identical in two benzene rings, the two benzene rings are inclined at a dihedral angle 14.811 (48) $^{\circ}$. For the interaction of nitro groups, the nitro groups are rotated out of the benzene plane, making dihedral angles of 57.885 (65) $^{\circ}$ (N1/O1, O2), 14.934 (68) $^{\circ}$ (N2/O3, O4), 62.579 (71) $^{\circ}$ (N3/O5, O6), 2.799 (121) $^{\circ}$ (N4/O7, O8) and 22.376 (115) $^{\circ}$ (N5/O9, O10).

S2. Experimental

The title compound was prepared according to literature method (Blatt *et al.*, 1950). Single crystals were obtained by evaporation of a solution of the title compound in ethyl acetate at room temperature.

S3. Refinement

All the Friedel pairs were merged. All H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding, with C—H bond lengths constrained to 0.95 \AA for benzene ring H and 0.99 \AA for methylene H atoms, and with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$.

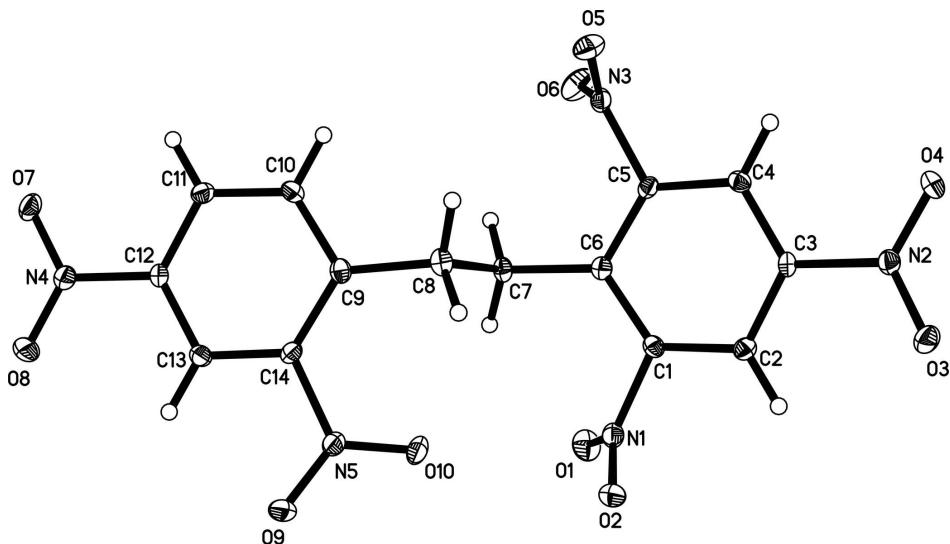
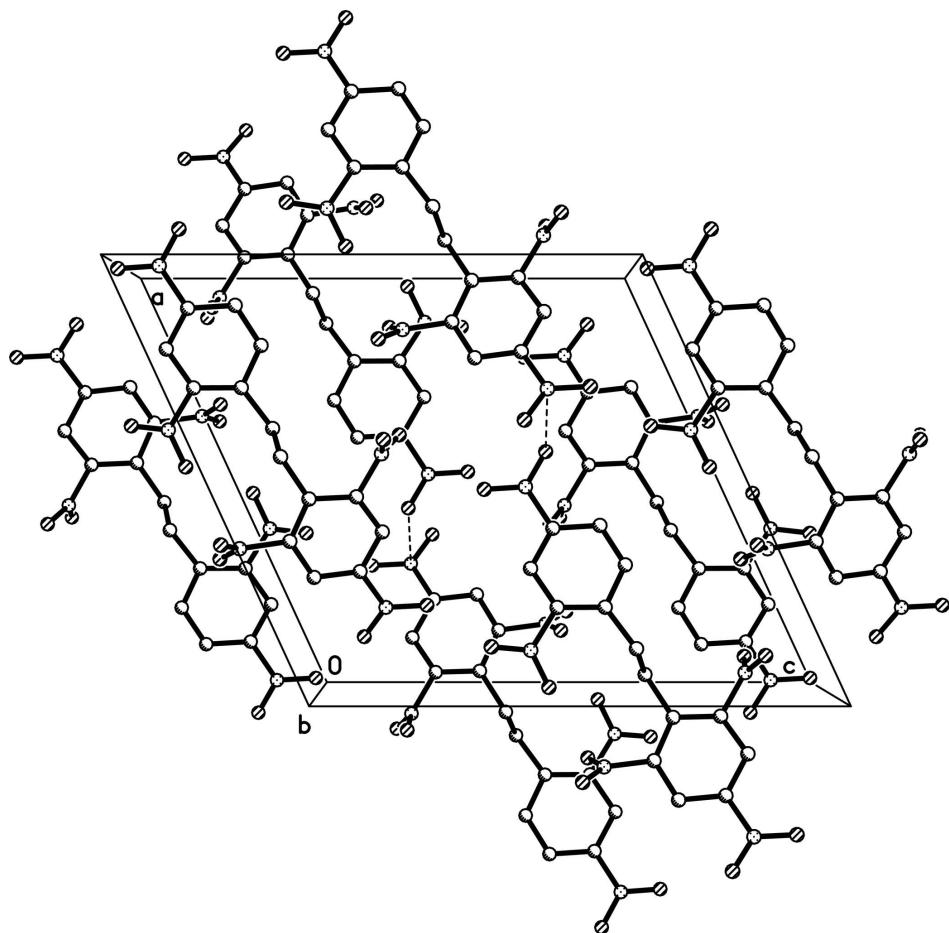


Figure 1

The molecular structure of the title compound with the atom numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

**Figure 2**

The crystal packing of the title compound.

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Crystal data

$C_{14}H_9N_5O_{10}$
 $M_r = 407.26$
 Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$
 Hall symbol: -P 2yn
 $a = 14.099 (7)$ Å
 $b = 8.227 (4)$ Å
 $c = 15.356 (8)$ Å
 $\beta = 114.758 (7)^\circ$
 $V = 1617.6 (14)$ Å³
 $Z = 4$

$F(000) = 832$
 $D_x = 1.672$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å
 Cell parameters from 5515 reflections
 $\theta = 1.6\text{--}27.9^\circ$
 $\mu = 0.15$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 113$ K
 Prism, colorless
 $0.20 \times 0.18 \times 0.12$ mm

Data collection

Rigaku Saturn724 CCD
 diffractometer
 Radiation source: rotating anode
 Multilayer monochromator
 Detector resolution: 14.22 pixels mm⁻¹
 ω and φ scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan
(CrystalClear; Rigaku/MSC, 2000)
 $T_{\min} = 0.971$, $T_{\max} = 0.983$
 16454 measured reflections
 3823 independent reflections
 2847 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

