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Bis[(1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)sulfanyl]-methane

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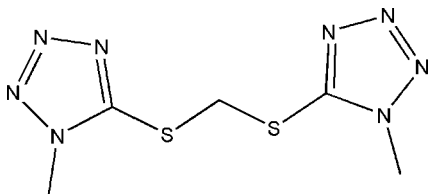
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 Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 296$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{N}-\text{C}) = 0.007$ Å; R factor = 0.063; wR factor = 0.108; data-to-parameter ratio = 13.4.

The molecule of the title compound, $\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{N}_8\text{S}_2$, lies on a twofold rotation axis that relates on 1-methyltetrazolyl group to the other; the five-membered rings are twisted by 53.1 (1)°.

Related literature

For the synthesis and pharmacological activity of compounds containing tetrazole groups, see: Semenov (2002); Upadhayaya *et al.* (2004). For a related structure, see: Bronisz (2002).



Experimental

Crystal data

$\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{N}_8\text{S}_2$	$V = 1041.9$ (7) Å ³
$M_r = 244.31$	$Z = 4$
Orthorhombic, <i>Pbcn</i>	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 6.415$ (3) Å	$\mu = 0.49$ mm ⁻¹
$b = 7.314$ (3) Å	$T = 296$ K
$c = 22.204$ (8) Å	$0.15 \times 0.12 \times 0.08$ mm

Data collection

CBruker SMART area-detector diffractometer	4692 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (<i>SADABS</i> ; Bruker, 2002)	936 independent reflections
$T_{\min} = 0.930$, $T_{\max} = 0.962$	482 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.118$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.063$	70 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.108$	H-atom parameters constrained
$S = 1.21$	$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.34$ e Å ⁻³
936 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.38$ e Å ⁻³

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2002); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2002); data reduction: *SAINT*; 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: *SHELXL97*.

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S1. Experimental

Sodium hydroxide (1.7 g, 0.043 mol) was added to 5-mercapto-1-methyltetrazole (5 g, 0.043 mol) in dry dimethylsulfoxide (35 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred at 363 K for 1 h. Dichloromethane (3.1 ml, 0.0215 mol) was then added to the solution dropwise with the formation of a grey suspension. The suspension was stirred for 4 h, cooled to room temperature and filtered. The solvent was removed completely under reduced pressure. The residue was recrystallized from ethanol to give a white crystalline product (2.94 g; m.p. 353 - 354 K). Single crystals of the title compound suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were isolated after a week from a solution in acetone.

S2. Refinement

All H atoms were positioned geometrically (C—H = 0.96 Å for aromatic CH₃ and 0.97 Å for CH₂ groups, respectively) and constrained to ride on their parent atoms with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$ values set to be -1.5 of the carrier atom.

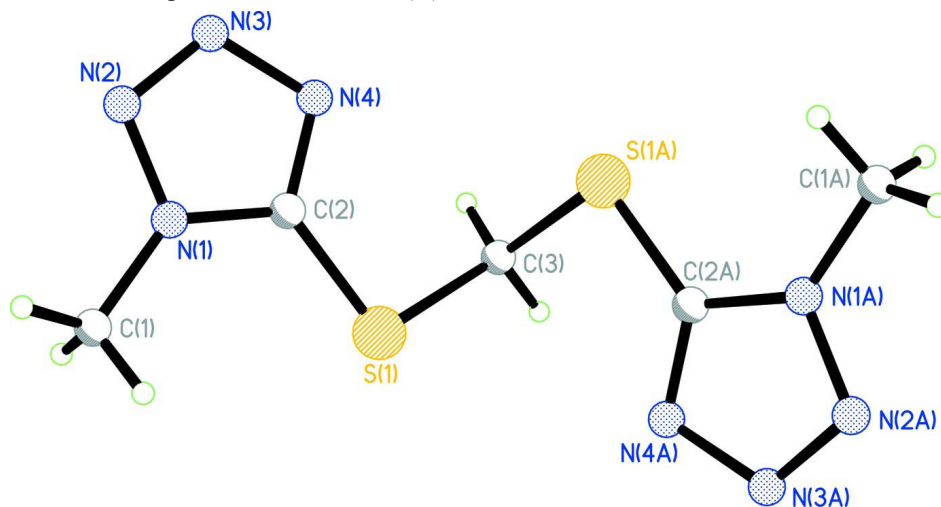
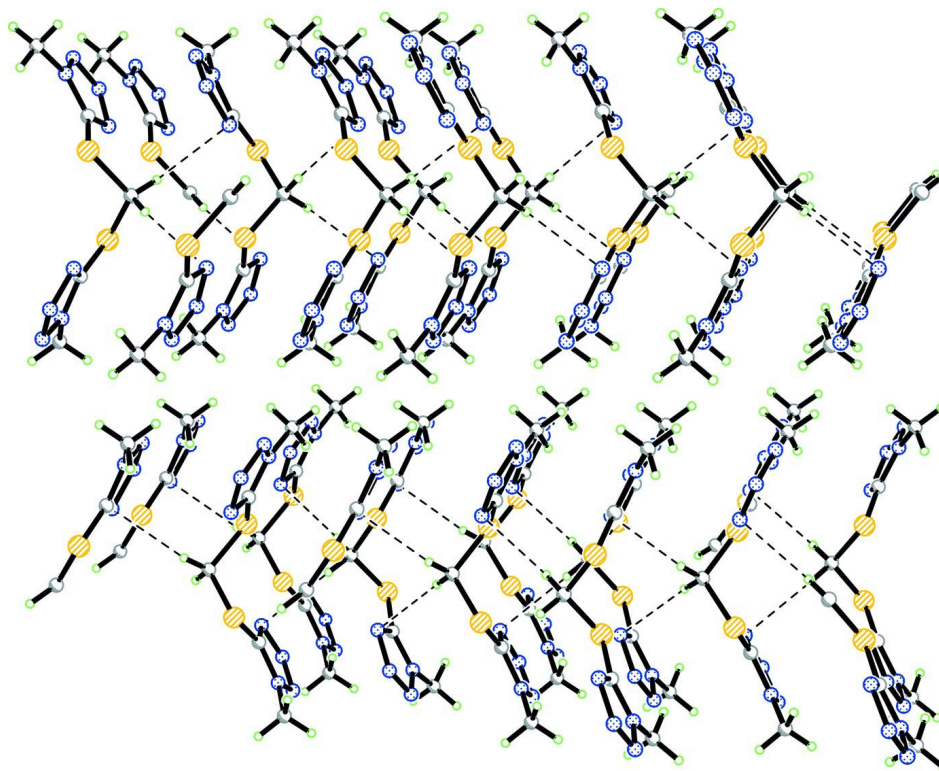


Figure 1

A view of the molecular structure of title compound.

**Figure 2**

The crystal packing of the title compound.

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Crystal data

$C_5H_8N_8S_2$

$M_r = 244.31$

Orthorhombic, *Pbcn*

Hall symbol: $-P\ 2n\ 2ab$

$a = 6.415\ (3)\ \text{\AA}$

$b = 7.314\ (3)\ \text{\AA}$

$c = 22.204\ (8)\ \text{\AA}$

$V = 1041.9\ (7)\ \text{\AA}^3$

$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 504$

$D_x = 1.558\ \text{Mg m}^{-3}$

$D_m = 1.558\ \text{Mg m}^{-3}$

D_m measured by not measured

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073\ \text{\AA}$

Cell parameters from 214 reflections

$\theta = 2.5\text{--}18.9^\circ$

$\mu = 0.49\ \text{mm}^{-1}$

$T = 296\ \text{K}$

Flake-like, colourless

$0.15 \times 0.12 \times 0.08\ \text{mm}$

Data collection

CBruker SMART area-detector

diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

φ and ω scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan

(*SADABS*; Bruker, 2002)

$T_{\min} = 0.930$, $T_{\max} = 0.962$

4692 measured reflections

936 independent reflections

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

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.118$

$\theta_{\max} = 25.1^\circ$, $\theta_{\min} = 1.8^\circ$

$h = -7 \rightarrow 7$

$k = -8 \rightarrow 4$

$l = -25 \rightarrow 26$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 Least-squares matrix: full
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.063$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.108$
 $S = 1.21$
 936 reflections
 70 parameters
 0 restraints
 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
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.P)^2 + 0.7202P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.34 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.38 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

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.

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

	x	y	z	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$	Occ. (<1)
S1	1.1330 (2)	1.03366 (18)	0.19301 (6)	0.0521 (4)	
N3	0.6134 (7)	0.9428 (6)	0.1121 (2)	0.0590 (13)	
C2	0.9188 (8)	0.9782 (6)	0.1491 (2)	0.0391 (13)	
N4	0.7207 (7)	1.0077 (6)	0.16107 (17)	0.0498 (12)	
N1	0.9358 (7)	0.8966 (6)	0.09509 (17)	0.0463 (11)	
C1	1.1179 (8)	0.8355 (7)	0.0621 (2)	0.0617 (16)	
H1A	1.1692	0.9336	0.0375	0.093*	
H1B	1.0808	0.7338	0.0369	0.093*	
H1C	1.2242	0.7985	0.0899	0.093*	
N2	0.7401 (8)	0.8743 (6)	0.07305 (18)	0.0561 (13)	
C3	1.0000	1.1654 (9)	0.2500	0.050 (2)	
H3A	1.1011	1.2439	0.2697	0.074*	0.50
H3B	0.8989	1.2439	0.2303	0.074*	0.50

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
S1	0.0481 (9)	0.0665 (10)	0.0418 (8)	0.0008 (8)	-0.0041 (7)	-0.0064 (7)
N3	0.049 (3)	0.061 (3)	0.068 (3)	-0.006 (3)	-0.010 (3)	0.001 (3)
C2	0.050 (4)	0.034 (3)	0.033 (3)	-0.004 (3)	-0.002 (2)	0.004 (2)
N4	0.041 (3)	0.061 (3)	0.047 (3)	0.002 (2)	0.004 (2)	0.004 (2)
N1	0.051 (3)	0.053 (3)	0.035 (2)	-0.004 (2)	-0.003 (2)	-0.003 (2)
C1	0.062 (4)	0.075 (4)	0.049 (3)	0.001 (3)	0.004 (3)	-0.012 (3)
N2	0.051 (3)	0.068 (3)	0.050 (3)	-0.004 (3)	-0.008 (3)	0.000 (2)
C3	0.061 (6)	0.054 (5)	0.034 (4)	0.000	-0.012 (4)	0.000

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

S1—C2	1.734 (5)	N1—C1	1.450 (6)
S1—C3	1.805 (4)	C1—H1A	0.9600
N3—N2	1.289 (5)	C1—H1B	0.9600
N3—N4	1.372 (5)	C1—H1C	0.9600
C2—N4	1.316 (6)	C3—S1 ⁱ	1.805 (4)
C2—N1	1.343 (5)	C3—H3A	0.9700
N1—N2	1.357 (5)	C3—H3B	0.9700
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C2—S1—C3	98.31 (19)	H1A—C1—H1B	109.5
N2—N3—N4	110.6 (4)	N1—C1—H1C	109.5
N4—C2—N1	109.4 (4)	H1A—C1—H1C	109.5
N4—C2—S1	127.8 (4)	H1B—C1—H1C	109.5
N1—C2—S1	122.8 (4)	N3—N2—N1	107.1 (4)
C2—N4—N3	105.5 (4)	S1 ⁱ —C3—S1	115.5 (4)
C2—N1—N2	107.5 (4)	S1 ⁱ —C3—H3A	108.4
C2—N1—C1	130.8 (5)	S1—C3—H3A	108.4
N2—N1—C1	121.7 (4)	S1 ⁱ —C3—H3B	108.4
N1—C1—H1A	109.5	S1—C3—H3B	108.4
N1—C1—H1B	109.5	H3A—C3—H3B	107.5

Symmetry code: (i) $-x+2, y, -z+1/2$.