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## 2-Amino-5-methyl-6-methylsulfanyl-4-phenylbenzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile

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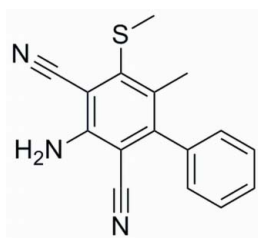
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 Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 153$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.037;  $wR$  factor = 0.092; data-to-parameter ratio = 18.9.

The dihedral angle between the planes of the two aromatic rings of the title compound,  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{S}$ , is  $56.7(3)^\circ$ . The crystal packing is stabilized by intermolecular  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen bonds, which link the molecules into chains along  $[11\bar{1}]$ .

### Related literature

For medicinal and biological properties of aromatic *o*-amino dinitrile derivatives, see Singh *et al.* (2009); Goel & Singh (2005); Pratap & Ramb (2008). For a related structure, see Singh *et al.* (2006).



### Experimental

#### Crystal data

 $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{S}$   
 $M_r = 279.35$   
 Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$ 
 $a = 8.959(2)$  Å  
 $b = 9.123(2)$  Å  
 $c = 10.1240(19)$  Å

 $\alpha = 65.843(7)^\circ$   
 $\beta = 68.362(8)^\circ$   
 $\gamma = 88.754(10)^\circ$   
 $V = 693.6(3)$  Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$ 

 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.23$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 153$  K  
 $0.50 \times 0.18 \times 0.07$  mm

#### Data collection

 Rigaku AFC10/Saturn724+ diffractometer  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (*CrystalClear*; Rigaku, 2008)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.896$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.985$ 

 7468 measured reflections  
 3601 independent reflections  
 2825 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.023$ 

#### Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.092$   
 $S = 1.00$   
 3601 reflections  
 191 parameters

 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.42$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.22$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>
**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{N2}-\text{H2B}\cdots\text{N1}^{\text{i}}$	0.849 (17)	2.305 (17)	3.1360 (17)	166.2 (14)
$\text{N2}-\text{H2A}\cdots\text{N3}^{\text{ii}}$	0.872 (17)	2.253 (18)	3.0993 (17)	163.4 (15)

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

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku, 2008); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalClear*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2006); software used to prepare material for publication: *publCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

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### S1. Comment

The title compound (I) was synthesized directly from the reaction of 6-phenyl-5-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-3-nitrile-2*H*-pyran-2-one and malononitrile. Its single-crystal structure analysis was undertaken to confirm its molecular structure and to determine the correlation of structural features with medical activity.

The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The strong N—H···N intermolecular hydrogen-bonds are shown in Fig. 2. These hydrogen-bonds link the molecules into infinite chains along [1 1 -1].

### S2. Experimental

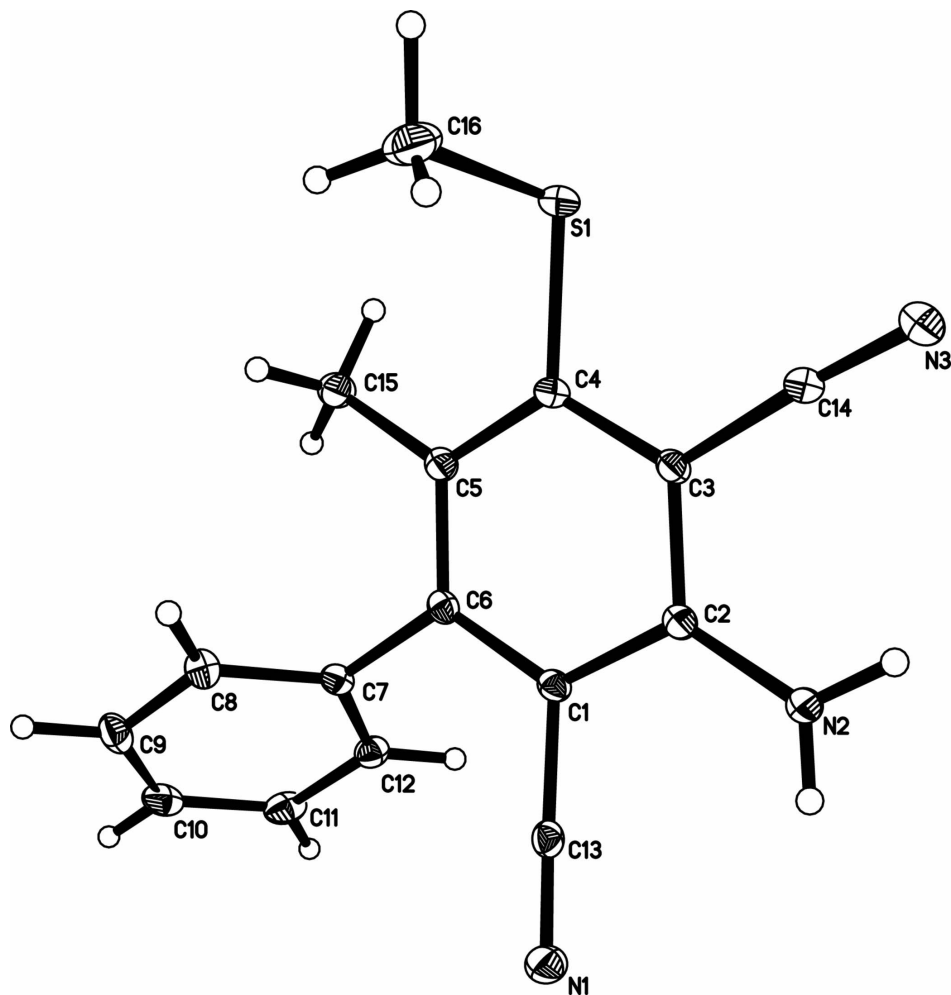
The synthesis was based on the method of Singh *et al.* (2006). A mixture of 6-phenyl-5-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-3-nitrile-2*H*-pyran-2-one (1 mmol), malononitrile (1.2 mmol), and powdered KOH (1.2 mmol) in dry DMF (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 h. At the end, the reaction mixture was poured into ice water with vigorous stirring for 4 h, and then filtered to give the title compound. The product was recrystallized from ethanol to give yellow crystalline powder (m.p. 501–503 K).

50 mg of the product was dissolved in a mixed solvent (ethanol:petroleum ether 1:3) and was kept at room temperature for 4 days to give pale yellow single crystals.

Spectral data: IR (KBr): 3393, 3344, 2217, 1656, 1544, 1432, 1284, 836, 770, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR(DMSO, p.p.m.): 1.47 (3*H*, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.57 (3*H*, s, SCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.50–7.61 (5*H*, m, ArH), 8.29 (2*H*, s, NH<sub>2</sub>); ESI-MS *m/z*: [*M*+H]<sup>+</sup> 280.1; C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S: calcd. C 68.79, H 4.69, N 15.04; found C 68.68, H 4.62, N 15.27.

### S3. Refinement

Carbon-bound H atoms were included in the riding model approximation with C—H distances of 0.95–0.98 Å, and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  or  $1.5 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  for methyl groups. H atoms that are bonded to N2 were located by the difference Fourier method and were refined independently with isotropic displacement parameters.



**Figure 1**

ORTEP diagram of (I) with ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level.

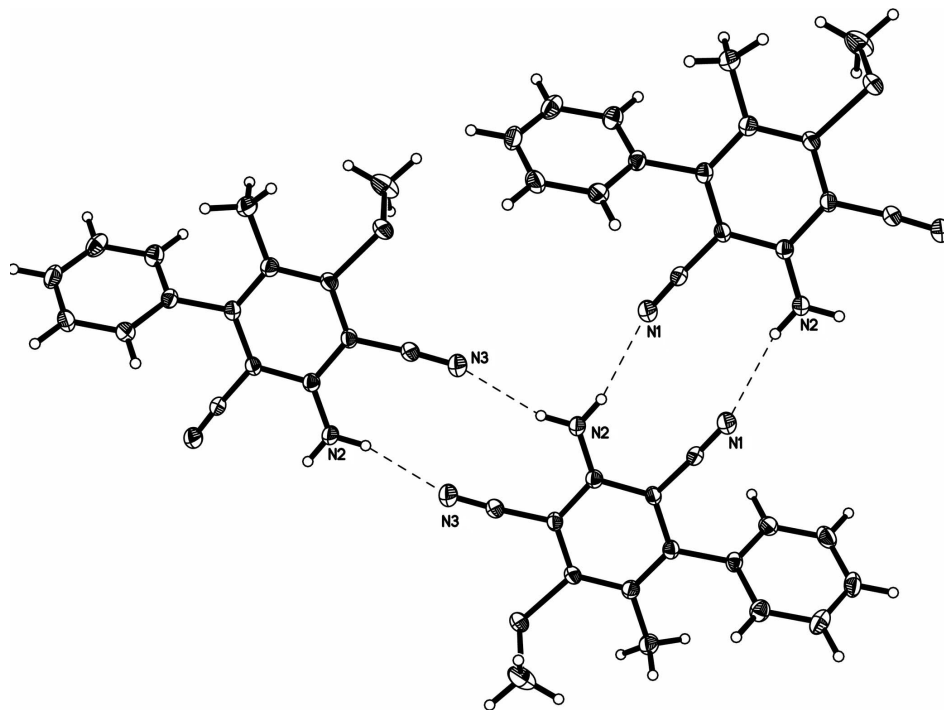


Figure 2

Hydrogen bonds in the crystal structure of (I).

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$V = 693.6 (3) \text{ \AA}^3$

$Z = 2$

$F(000) = 292$

$D_x = 1.338 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Melting point: 502 K

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

Cell parameters from 2338 reflections

$\theta = 2.4\text{--}29.1^\circ$

$\mu = 0.23 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

$T = 153 \text{ K}$

Chunk, colourless

$0.50 \times 0.18 \times 0.07 \text{ mm}$

#### Data collection

Rigaku AFC10/Saturn724+  
diffractometer

Radiation source: rotating anode

Graphite monochromator

Detector resolution: 28.5714 pixels  $\text{mm}^{-1}$

$\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan

(*CrystalClear*; Rigaku, 2008)

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$\theta_{\max} = 29.1^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\min} = 2.5^\circ$

$h = -12 \rightarrow 12$

$k = -12 \rightarrow 11$

$l = -12 \rightarrow 13$

Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 Least-squares matrix: full  
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.092$   
 $S = 1.00$   
 3601 reflections  
 191 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 atoms treated by a mixture of independent  
 and constrained refinement  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0451P)^2 + 0.060P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.42 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.22 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

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 ( $\text{Å}^2$ )

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
S1	0.29042 (4)	-0.05634 (4)	0.85224 (4)	0.02678 (11)
N1	0.60522 (14)	0.56001 (14)	0.06550 (13)	0.0283 (3)
N2	0.29233 (14)	0.23632 (15)	0.29819 (14)	0.0249 (3)
N3	0.01854 (14)	-0.04570 (15)	0.65642 (14)	0.0303 (3)
C1	0.51849 (14)	0.31928 (15)	0.34085 (14)	0.0172 (3)
C2	0.37070 (14)	0.21875 (15)	0.39343 (14)	0.0177 (3)
C3	0.30635 (14)	0.10607 (15)	0.55414 (14)	0.0181 (3)
C4	0.38693 (15)	0.09060 (15)	0.65317 (14)	0.0189 (3)
C5	0.53818 (15)	0.18480 (15)	0.59641 (14)	0.0192 (3)
C6	0.60130 (14)	0.30197 (15)	0.43875 (14)	0.0174 (2)
C7	0.75896 (14)	0.41104 (15)	0.36946 (14)	0.0182 (3)
C8	0.78192 (16)	0.51184 (16)	0.43512 (16)	0.0235 (3)
H8	0.6965	0.5123	0.5249	0.028*
C9	0.92966 (17)	0.61171 (16)	0.36943 (17)	0.0272 (3)
H9	0.9448	0.6805	0.4144	0.033*
C10	1.05420 (16)	0.61142 (17)	0.23934 (17)	0.0296 (3)
H10	1.1552	0.6794	0.1954	0.035*
C11	1.03249 (16)	0.51254 (18)	0.17277 (16)	0.0289 (3)
H11	1.1184	0.5127	0.0829	0.035*
C12	0.88490 (15)	0.41272 (16)	0.23729 (15)	0.0225 (3)
H12	0.8700	0.3453	0.1909	0.027*
C13	0.57249 (14)	0.45223 (15)	0.18627 (14)	0.0194 (3)
C14	0.14689 (15)	0.01656 (15)	0.61603 (14)	0.0213 (3)
C15	0.63082 (17)	0.15707 (17)	0.70024 (16)	0.0271 (3)

H15A	0.7477	0.1832	0.6354	0.033*
H15B	0.6043	0.0430	0.7777	0.033*
H15C	0.6006	0.2270	0.7551	0.033*
C16	0.2306 (2)	0.0743 (2)	0.95114 (17)	0.0398 (4)
H16A	0.3277	0.1310	0.9427	0.048*
H16B	0.1618	0.0086	1.0625	0.048*
H16C	0.1699	0.1541	0.9019	0.048*
H2A	0.205 (2)	0.169 (2)	0.330 (2)	0.039 (5)*
H2B	0.333 (2)	0.301 (2)	0.201 (2)	0.035 (5)*

*Atomic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
S1	0.03045 (19)	0.02449 (19)	0.01632 (16)	-0.00576 (13)	-0.00669 (13)	-0.00220 (13)
N1	0.0253 (6)	0.0297 (7)	0.0223 (6)	-0.0050 (5)	-0.0090 (5)	-0.0039 (5)
N2	0.0217 (5)	0.0272 (6)	0.0187 (6)	-0.0074 (5)	-0.0089 (5)	-0.0020 (5)
N3	0.0267 (6)	0.0311 (7)	0.0247 (6)	-0.0071 (5)	-0.0085 (5)	-0.0050 (5)
C1	0.0158 (5)	0.0164 (6)	0.0158 (6)	-0.0001 (4)	-0.0033 (4)	-0.0061 (5)
C2	0.0173 (6)	0.0166 (6)	0.0179 (6)	0.0012 (5)	-0.0058 (5)	-0.0073 (5)
C3	0.0167 (5)	0.0167 (6)	0.0176 (6)	-0.0012 (4)	-0.0043 (5)	-0.0065 (5)
C4	0.0204 (6)	0.0170 (6)	0.0148 (6)	-0.0006 (5)	-0.0050 (5)	-0.0044 (5)
C5	0.0188 (6)	0.0185 (6)	0.0196 (6)	0.0016 (5)	-0.0076 (5)	-0.0076 (5)
C6	0.0152 (5)	0.0169 (6)	0.0190 (6)	0.0014 (4)	-0.0044 (5)	-0.0087 (5)
C7	0.0153 (5)	0.0170 (6)	0.0199 (6)	0.0018 (4)	-0.0075 (5)	-0.0053 (5)
C8	0.0205 (6)	0.0237 (7)	0.0272 (7)	0.0036 (5)	-0.0086 (5)	-0.0126 (6)
C9	0.0278 (7)	0.0197 (7)	0.0382 (8)	0.0016 (5)	-0.0191 (6)	-0.0107 (6)
C10	0.0211 (6)	0.0280 (8)	0.0297 (7)	-0.0061 (5)	-0.0133 (6)	0.0002 (6)
C11	0.0172 (6)	0.0395 (8)	0.0192 (6)	-0.0005 (6)	-0.0036 (5)	-0.0055 (6)
C12	0.0201 (6)	0.0262 (7)	0.0192 (6)	0.0025 (5)	-0.0073 (5)	-0.0084 (5)
C13	0.0156 (5)	0.0222 (7)	0.0205 (6)	-0.0007 (5)	-0.0068 (5)	-0.0094 (5)
C14	0.0232 (6)	0.0193 (7)	0.0172 (6)	-0.0013 (5)	-0.0070 (5)	-0.0046 (5)
C15	0.0262 (7)	0.0279 (8)	0.0243 (7)	-0.0018 (6)	-0.0132 (6)	-0.0054 (6)
C16	0.0481 (10)	0.0412 (10)	0.0213 (7)	0.0046 (7)	-0.0064 (7)	-0.0119 (7)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

S1—C4	1.7778 (13)	C7—C12	1.3908 (18)
S1—C16	1.8064 (16)	C7—C8	1.3926 (18)
N1—C13	1.1453 (16)	C8—C9	1.3898 (17)
N2—C2	1.3477 (16)	C8—H8	0.9500
N2—H2A	0.872 (17)	C9—C10	1.378 (2)
N2—H2B	0.849 (17)	C9—H9	0.9500
N3—C14	1.1417 (16)	C10—C11	1.381 (2)
C1—C6	1.4025 (17)	C10—H10	0.9500
C1—C2	1.4181 (15)	C11—C12	1.3904 (17)
C1—C13	1.4380 (16)	C11—H11	0.9500
C2—C3	1.4147 (16)	C12—H12	0.9500
C3—C4	1.3999 (17)	C15—H15A	0.9800

C3—C14	1.4395 (16)	C15—H15B	0.9800
C4—C5	1.4062 (16)	C15—H15C	0.9800
C5—C6	1.4051 (17)	C16—H16A	0.9800
C5—C15	1.5082 (18)	C16—H16B	0.9800
C6—C7	1.4955 (16)	C16—H16C	0.9800
C4—S1—C16	100.64 (7)	C7—C8—H8	120.0
C2—N2—H2A	120.8 (11)	C10—C9—C8	120.28 (13)
C2—N2—H2B	122.4 (11)	C10—C9—H9	119.9
H2A—N2—H2B	116.0 (15)	C8—C9—H9	119.9
C6—C1—C2	122.37 (11)	C9—C10—C11	120.13 (12)
C6—C1—C13	120.51 (10)	C9—C10—H10	119.9
C2—C1—C13	116.82 (11)	C11—C10—H10	119.9
N2—C2—C3	122.31 (11)	C10—C11—C12	120.00 (13)
N2—C2—C1	121.85 (11)	C10—C11—H11	120.0
C3—C2—C1	115.74 (11)	C12—C11—H11	120.0
C4—C3—C2	122.01 (11)	C11—C12—C7	120.30 (13)
C4—C3—C14	120.70 (11)	C11—C12—H12	119.8
C2—C3—C14	117.08 (11)	C7—C12—H12	119.8
C3—C4—C5	121.35 (11)	N1—C13—C1	175.53 (13)
C3—C4—S1	116.68 (9)	N3—C14—C3	175.06 (14)
C5—C4—S1	121.96 (10)	C5—C15—H15A	109.5
C6—C5—C4	117.56 (11)	C5—C15—H15B	109.5
C6—C5—C15	121.49 (11)	H15A—C15—H15B	109.5
C4—C5—C15	120.93 (11)	C5—C15—H15C	109.5
C1—C6—C5	120.81 (10)	H15A—C15—H15C	109.5
C1—C6—C7	117.86 (11)	H15B—C15—H15C	109.5
C5—C6—C7	121.33 (11)	S1—C16—H16A	109.5
C12—C7—C8	119.20 (11)	S1—C16—H16B	109.5
C12—C7—C6	119.83 (11)	H16A—C16—H16B	109.5
C8—C7—C6	120.97 (11)	S1—C16—H16C	109.5
C9—C8—C7	120.08 (13)	H16A—C16—H16C	109.5
C9—C8—H8	120.0	H16B—C16—H16C	109.5
C6—C1—C2—N2	-179.89 (13)	C13—C1—C6—C5	172.08 (12)
C13—C1—C2—N2	6.36 (19)	C2—C1—C6—C7	178.04 (12)
C6—C1—C2—C3	3.76 (19)	C13—C1—C6—C7	-8.43 (18)
C13—C1—C2—C3	-169.99 (11)	C4—C5—C6—C1	-2.33 (19)
N2—C2—C3—C4	-178.76 (13)	C15—C5—C6—C1	175.93 (12)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-2.42 (19)	C4—C5—C6—C7	178.20 (12)
N2—C2—C3—C14	-3.88 (19)	C15—C5—C6—C7	-3.54 (19)
C1—C2—C3—C14	172.45 (12)	C1—C6—C7—C12	-57.24 (17)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-1.3 (2)	C5—C6—C7—C12	122.25 (14)
C14—C3—C4—C5	-175.95 (12)	C1—C6—C7—C8	122.61 (14)
C2—C3—C4—S1	179.95 (10)	C5—C6—C7—C8	-57.90 (17)
C14—C3—C4—S1	5.26 (17)	C12—C7—C8—C9	-0.5 (2)
C16—S1—C4—C3	-109.99 (12)	C6—C7—C8—C9	179.67 (13)
C16—S1—C4—C5	71.23 (13)	C7—C8—C9—C10	-0.1 (2)

C3—C4—C5—C6	3.7 (2)	C8—C9—C10—C11	0.4 (2)
S1—C4—C5—C6	-177.62 (10)	C9—C10—C11—C12	-0.2 (2)
C3—C4—C5—C15	-174.62 (13)	C10—C11—C12—C7	-0.4 (2)
S1—C4—C5—C15	4.11 (18)	C8—C7—C12—C11	0.7 (2)
C2—C1—C6—C5	-1.4 (2)	C6—C7—C12—C11	-179.41 (12)

*Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)*

<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>
N2—H2 <i>B</i> $\cdots$ N1 <sup>i</sup>	0.849 (17)	2.305 (17)	3.1360 (17)	166.2 (14)
N2—H2 <i>A</i> $\cdots$ N3 <sup>ii</sup>	0.872 (17)	2.253 (18)	3.0993 (17)	163.4 (15)

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