(E,E)-1,3-Bis[9,10-dihydro-9-nitro-10-(trinitromethyl)-9-anthryl]propane

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The title compound, \( \text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_{8}\text{O}_{16} \), was obtained as a product of the photoreaction between 1,3-di-9-anthrylpropane and tetrinitromethane. The molecule occupies a special position on a twofold axis. The trinitromethyl and nitro substituents on the 9,10-dihydroacridine system are \( E \) oriented.

**Comment**

Aromatic amine compounds are of interest due to their potential uses as photoconductive materials in a wide range of electrophotographic devices (Hara & Omae, 1978; Thelakkat, 2002). One common method for the preparation of aromatic amines is the reduction of the corresponding nitro compounds which are commonly prepared through the reaction of aromatic compounds with concentrated nitric acid in the presence of concentrated sulfuric acid. Nitration through the irradiation of the charge-transfer complexes formed between aromatic compounds and tetrinitromethane (TNM) offers an alternative route to the use of concentrated acids (Kochi, 1991; Butts et al., 1996; Cox, 1998; Lehnig & Schürmann, 1998). We have already reported the crystal structure of \((E)-9,10\text{-dihydro-9-methyl-9-nitro-10-(trinitromethyl)anthracene}\) as the product of the photoreaction between 9-methylandthracene and TNM (Arslan et al., 2005). In the present paper, we report the crystal structure of the title compound, (I), which is a product of the photoreaction between 1,3-di-9-anthrylpropane, a dimeric analogue to 9-methylandthracene, with TNM.

![Chemical Structure](image)

The asymmetric unit contains one half-molecule; the other half is generated by a crystallographic twofold axis operation. Bond lengths and angles (Table 1) are similar to those of \((E)-9,10\text{-dihydro-9-methyl-9-nitro-10-(trinitromethyl)anthracene}\) (Arslan et al., 2005). The propylene bridge connecting the two rings shows an anti–anti conformation. The central ring of the 9,10-dihydroanthracene unit adopts a boat conformation with a dihedral angle between the two benzene ring planes of 25.86° (13°). The trinitromethyl group is attached pseudoaxially at the C10 position of the meso ring. The trinitromethyl and nitro groups on the meso ring are \( E \) oriented.
The crystal packing is mainly determined by van der Waals forces and, contrary to the structure of the monomeric analogue (Arslan et al., 2005), no intermolecular π–π stacking interactions are observed.

**Experimental**

The title compound was synthesized by irradiation for 60 min of a solution of 1,3-di-9-anthrylpropane (20 mg, 0.051 mmol) and TNM (325 mg, 1.67 mmol) in a 40 ml pentane/5 ml CCl₄ mixture, according to the procedure reported earlier (Arslan et al., 2005). Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction studies were grown from a concentrated solution of (I) in chloroform through slow evaporation of solvent at ambient conditions [22.36% yield (9.0 mg, 0.0114 mmol), m.p. 439–440 K].

**Crystal data**

\[ \text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_{8}\text{O}_{16} \]

\[ M_r = 788.6 \]

Monoclinic, \( C2/c \)

\( a = 23.388 \) (3) \( \AA \)

\( b = 9.4054 \) (10) \( \AA \)

\( c = 16.3442 \) (11) \( \AA \)

\( \beta = 107.161 \) (7)

\( V = 3435.2 \) (6) \( \AA^3 \)

\( Z = 4 \)

\( D_x = 1.525 \text{ Mg m}^{-3} \)

\( \mu = 0.13 \text{ mm}^{-1} \)

\( T = 295 \) (2) \( \text{K} \)

Thick plate, colorless

\[ 0.2 \times 0.2 \times 0.1 \text{ mm} \]

**Data collection**

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4

diffractometer

\( \omega \) scans

Absorption correction: none

3049 measured reflections

3049 independent reflections

Table 1

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All H atoms were placed geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent atoms with C—H distances of 0.93, 0.97 and 0.98 \( \AA \) for aromatic, methylene, and methine H atoms, respectively, and with \( U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C) \).

**Data collection:**

CAD–4–PC Software (Enraf–Nonius, 1993); cell refinement: CAD–4–PC Software; data reduction: DATR2D in NRCVAX (Gabe et al., 1989); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 for Windows (Farrugia, 1997) and PLATON (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: WinGX (Farrugia, 1999).

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