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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=110 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.002 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.020$
$w R$ factor $=0.052$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=15.2$

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## 1,3-Dithiolan-2-one

The title compound, $\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{OS}_{2}$, possesses pseudo-twofold symmetry and consists of a twisted five-membered ring of three C and two S atoms, with a ketone O atom in an equatorial position.

## Comment

We report here, for the first time, the crystal and molecular structure of 1,3-dithiolan-2-one, (I). The molecule consists of a five-membered ring of three C and two S atoms, with a ketone O atom in an equatorial position (Fig. 1). Selected geometric parameters are given in Table 1.

(I)

Atoms O1, C1, S1 and S2 are in a distorted trigonal planar arrangement, but atoms C2 and C3 are in slightly distorted tetrahedral environments. The ring is in a twist ( $T$ ) conformation, less typical of five-membered rings, with puckering parameters $\varphi=127^{\circ}$ and $q=0.431 \AA$ (Cremer \& Pople, 1975). The puckering is best described by twisting the groups on C2 and C3 (Evans \& Boeyens, 1989). The molecule has approximate $C_{2}$ symmetry. In the crystal structure, symmetry-related molecules are held together by very weak hydrogen bonds between the keto O atoms and the methylene H atoms (Fig. 2 and Table 2).

## Experimental

The title compound, (I), was prepared by stirring a solution of vinylene trithiocarbonate ( 3.5 g ) and mercuric acetate ( 19.4 g ) in chloroform/acetic acid (3:1 $\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}, 100 \mathrm{ml}$ ) under an atmosphere of $\mathrm{N}_{2}$


## Figure 1

View of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level and H atoms are shown as circles of arbitrary radius.

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for 12 h . The solution was filtered in air through celite and washed with chloroform. The organic phases were refluxed under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ with activated charcoal for 2 h . The solution was filtered and washed with aqueous $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ and dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. The solution was allowed to evaporate and large crystals grew in the solution over a period of 5 d .

## Crystal data

## $\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{OS}_{2}$

$M_{r}=120.18$
Monoclinic, $P 2_{1} / c$
$a=8.0397$ (16) $\AA$
$b=5.2020(10) \AA$
$c=11.318(2) \AA$
$\beta=90.426(4)^{\circ}$
$V=473.31(16) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$
$D_{x}=1.687 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 3398 reflections
$\theta=2.0-27.5^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.96 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=110$ (2) K
Prism, light yellow
$0.28 \times 0.24 \times 0.22 \mathrm{~mm}$
Data collection
Bruker SMART 1K CCD
diffractometer
$\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Bruker, 2003)
$T_{\min }=0.775, T_{\max }=0.817$
3916 measured reflections
1078 independent reflections
985 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.024$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=27.6^{\circ}$
$h=-10 \rightarrow 10$
$k=-5 \rightarrow 6$
$l=-14 \rightarrow 14$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.020$
All H -atom parameters refined
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0369 P)^{2}\right]$
where $P=\left(F_{o}{ }^{2}+2 F_{c}{ }^{2}\right) / 3$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\max }=0.56 \mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{m}}{ }^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.24 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
$S=1.02$
1078 reflections
71 parameters


Figure 2
Projection of the molecular packing of (I) on the $a c$ plane, showing the hydrogen bonding (dashed lines).

All the H atoms were located in difference electron-density maps and refined isotropically.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2000); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: X-SEED (Barbour, 2001) and SHELXTL (Bruker, 2000); software used to prepare material for publication: PLATON (Spek, 2003).

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