he Reaction of Sulfur with Dilithio Compounds. The Syntheses and Structures of Phenanthro[1,10-cd]-1,2-dithiole and Phenanthro[4,5-cde][1,2]dithiin

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ABSTRACT

The sequential reaction of selected polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons with butyllithium/TMEDA/ hexane and sulfur allows preparation of ring-fused dithins, dithioles, and thiophenes. In this manner, phenanthrene has been converted to phenanthro[4,5-cde][1,2]dithiin and phenanthro[1,10cd]-1,2dithiole. Yellow crystals of the dithiin form in C2/c (#15) space group with Z = 4, a = 13.537(3) Å, b =8.933(2) Å, c = 9.601(4) Å, and $\beta = 116.19$ (2)°; while orange crystals of the dithiole form in P2₁2₁2₁ (#19) space group with Z = 4, a = 4.1507(5) Å, b =14.436(3) Å, and c = 16.972(3) Å. Full structures have been determined for both compounds.

INTRODUCTION

Dilithio compounds derived from polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are of considerable interest [1-3]. Calculations and experimental evidence indicate that both 1,3- and 1,4-dilithio compounds adopt highly favorable bridged geometries [2,5,6]. This thermodynamic favorability can provide the driving force for the formation of these dilithio species [1-4,6b]. Thus, the reaction of triphenylene (1) with butyllithium in TMEDAhexane gives the 1,4-dilithio derivative 2 which affords thiophene 3 on reaction with SCl_2 [1].

Although this reaction sequence represents an efficacious preparation of fused-ring thiophenes, the SCl_2 reaction with 1,3-dilithio compounds is not

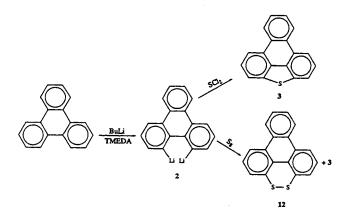
useful. However 1,3-dilithio compounds react with elemental sulfur to afford 1,2-dithioles $[7 \rightarrow 8]$ [7] We report here on the direct dilithiation of PAHs followed by quenching with elemental sulfur. This sequence allows simultaneous detection of 1,3- and 1,4-dilithiation. In this manner, phenanthrene (9) has been converted to 10 and 11. The crystal and molecular structures of these novel heterocycles have been determined.

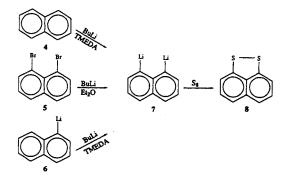
RESULT AND DISCUSSION

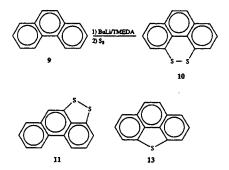
Initially we chose to investigate polylithiation of naphthalene (4), the simplest PAH. Prior work reports monolithiation of 4 followed by functionalization [3,8], while preformed 1-lithionaphthalene (6) has been converted to 1,8-dilithionaphthalene (7) with butyllithium/TMEDA [3,8]. We find the reaction of naphthalene with 4 equivalents of butyllithium in TMEDA at 60° followed by elemental sulfur affords 8 in 51% yield. This represents the simplest means of preparing 8 [7] and could probably be extended to the preparation of other 1,8disubstituted naphthalenes. The conversion to 8 implies that naphthalene can be directly dilithiated to 8 in a minimum of 51% yield.

Since triphenylene is regioselectively dilithiated to the 1,4-dilithio derivative 2 [1], it was of interest to examine the subsequent reaction with sulfur. Under the same conditions as above, 1 gives a 1:2 mixture of thiophene 3 and triphenyleno-[1,12-cde][1,2]dithiin (12). The dithiin could be separated by chromatography (silica gel/hexane) as light yellow crystals, mp 138–140°C. The mass spectrum and the symmetrical ¹H and ¹³C NMR

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spectra are consistent with structure 12. Thus, 1,4dilithioarenes react with S_8 to give both thiophenes and dithiins.

Since phenanthrene (9) has both bay (C_4, C_5) and peri (C_9, C_{10}, C_1, C_8) positions, polylithiation is potentially more complicated [1,2]. In fact, prior deuterium exchange experiments indicate that both regions are dilithiated [2,9]. Treatment of 9 with butyllithium/TMEDA followed by S₈ gives a mixture of 45% dithiin 10, 30% thiophene 13, and 25% dithiole 11. Column chromatography (hexane/silica gel) allowed separation of the yellow crystalline 10 and 13 and the orange crystalline 11. The structure of 10 and 11 were assigned initially on the basis of their spectra. The assignment was confirmed by an X-ray diffraction study discussed subsequently. These products require the intermediacy of both dilithio derivatives 14 and 15.

We have also prepared 11 using the Schleyer peri-directed lithiation procedure [3,8]. Lithiation of 9-bromophenanthrene with 1 equivalent of butyllithium/TMEDA at -30° C affords 9-lithiophenanthrene (17). Further reaction with 3 equivalents of butyllithium/TMEDA at 60°C followed by reaction with sulfur gives 52% of the dithiole 11. Clearly, this is the method of choice for preparing 11.

The probable course of the dilithiation of phenanthrene shown in Scheme 2 involves monolithiation at both bay (C₄) and peri (C₉ and C₁) positions. It is likely that bay and peri positions are most acidic, since they are adjacent to the ring fusion [9]. The dilithio products are then formed by the selective lithium directed lithiation to the adjacent peri or bay position to give 14 or 15.

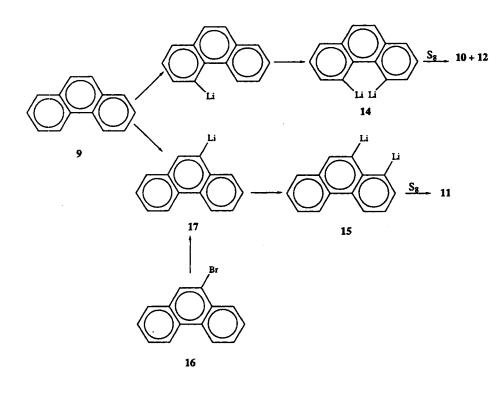
Dithiole 11 belongs to the class of peri-bridged naphthalene dichalcogenides which have interesting solid state structures [10]. Dithiin 10 contains an unusual 8π electron heterocycle [11] and is an example of a crowded 4,5-disubstituted phenanthrene [12]. Since it is of interest to examine their structures, we have determined crystal structures of 10 and 11 by X-ray diffraction [13].

STRUCTURES

The molecular structure of dithiin 10 is illustrated in Figure 1, while Table 2 lists the final set of atomic coordinates. The molecule consists of a carbocyclic phenanthrene unit which is distorted from planarity by the 4,5-bridged disulfide group. The sulfursubstituted benzene rings are splayed away from each other so that the dihedral angle between their mean planes is $10.5(1)^{\circ}$. Interestingly, this distortion is nearly identical to that caused by the nonbonded F/F interaction found for 4,5-difluorophenanthrene [12].

The dithiin ring (C6C1S1S1aC1aC6a) is distinctly nonplanar, with a C₂ axis passing through the S1S1a and C6C6a bonds. However, the distortion from planarity is much greater in the disulfide than in the C₄ part of the ring. The torsional angle C1S1S1aC1a is 55.31(6)°, while the torsional angle C1C6C6aC1a is only 13.2(1)°. In comparison, the CSSC torsional angles in dithiins 18 (62°) [14] and 19 (50°) [15] are very similar, but the CCCC torsional angles of 54° for 18 [14] and 34° for 19 [15] are quite different. Consequently, the conformations of the three structurally characterized dithiins are quite different.

The bond distances and bond angles of 10 are similar to those found for analogous molecules. The C-C bond distances of 10 are insignificantly different from those of phenanthrene [16] (average difference ± 0.011 Å). Similarly, the S-S bond of



SCHEME 2

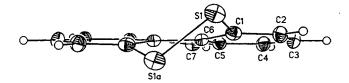


FIGURE 1 An ORTEP drawing of the molecular structure of phenanthro[4,5-cde][1,2]dithiin (10), showing the atom numbering scheme. Selected interatomic distances (Å) are angles (°) and as follows: S1-S1a, 2.0551(3); S1-C1, 1.768(1); C1-C6, 1.423(3); S1-C1-C6, 121.23(8); S1a-S1-C1, 98.98(3); and C1-C6-C6a, 124.2(1).

10 (2.055 Å) compares with 2.056 Å for 18 [14] and 2.050 Å for 19 [15], while the CS bonds are 1.768 Å for 10, 1.779 Å for 18 [14], and 1.757 Å for 19 [15].

The molecular structure of dithiole 11 is illustrated in Figure 2, while Table 3 lists the final positional values of the atoms. The molecule is completely planar within ± 0.01 Å. The bond lengths of the phenanthrene unit of 11 show no serious distortion from the corresponding bonds of phenanthrene [16] (average difference ± 0.02 Å). The S–C bond lengths (1.758, 1.768 Å) are somewhat shorter, while the S–S bond (2.088 Å) is somewhat longer than those of 10. This is consistent with a greater electronic interaction of the S₂ unit in the dithiole.

The crystal packing diagram of 11, shown in Figure 3, is of major interest. The molecules are inclined by 31.2° and are stacked along the *a* axis.

Parallel stacks form a herringbone pattern. The arrangement brings S1 of one molecule close (3.721(1) Å) to S2 of its neighbor in the stack so that there is a zig-zag chain of sulfur atoms: \cdots S2a-S1a \cdots S2b-S1b \cdots .

The stacking arrangement of 11 is similar to that shown by many peri-bridged dichalcogeno naphthalenes, such as 20 [17], 21 [18], and 22 [19]. A number of compounds in this class form chargetransfer salts which show high electrical conductivity. Since molecular stacking of the type shown by 11 is necessary for conduction, further exploration of the chemistry of 11 seems warranted.

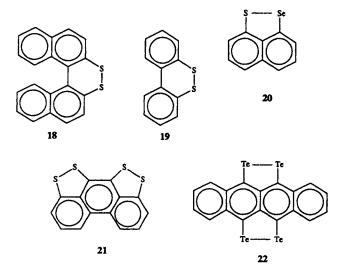


TABLE 1 Structure Determination Summary for 10 and 11

Crystal Data		
Compound:	10	11
Empirical formula	$C_{14}H_8S_2$	C ₁₄ H ₈ S ₂
Formula weight	240.340 amu	240.340 amu
Crystal color and habit	yellow rectangular blocks	orange rectangular needle
Crystal dimensions (mm)	$0.20 \times 0.30 \times 0.32$	$0.42 \times 0.20 \times 0.22$
Crystal system	monoclinic	orthorhombic
Space group	C2/c (#15)	
Z	4	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁ (#19) 4
Unit cell dimensions from 25	$(20.1^{\circ} \le 2\theta \le 32.0^{\circ})$	-
reflections	$(20.1 \le 20 \le 32.0)$	$(20^\circ \le 2\theta \le 35^\circ)$
	10 507(0) Å	4 1507(E) Å
a 5	13.537(3) Å	4.1507(5) Å
Ь	8.933(2) Å	14.436(3) Å
c	9.601(4) Å	16.972(3) Å
β Mahuma	116.19(2)°	90.000°
Volume	1041.9(5) Å ³	1017.0(2) Å ³
Density (calcd.)	1.53 g cm^{-3}	1.56 g cm^{-3}
F(000)=	496 electrons	496 electrons
Linear absorption coefficient (μ)	4.52 cm ⁻¹	4.64 cm ⁻¹
Data Collection		
Diffractometer	Siemens R3 m/v, equipped with LT-2	same
Radiation type	Mo $K_{\alpha}\lambda = 0.71073$ Å, Lp corrected,	same
	graphite monochromator	
Temperature	–95°C	–122°C
Scan type	$\theta/2\theta$ scan	$\theta/2\theta$ scan
20 scan range	5–55°	5–55°
Octants used	$+h, \pm k, \pm l$ (h: 0/18; k: -12/12; l:	$+h$, $+k$, $\pm l$ (h: $-1/6$; k: $-2/19$; l:
	-13/13)	-23/23)
Scan rate	3.5-8.0° per minute, variable	3.5-7.0° per min., variable
Scan width	0.9° below $K_{\alpha 1}$, to 0.9° above $K_{\alpha 2}$	0.8° below $K_{\alpha 1}$ to 0.8° above $K_{\alpha 2}$
Background/scan ratio	0.5	0.5
Standard reflections	3 measured	3 measured
	every 97 reflections	every 97 reflections
	linear decay ~4%	random variation <4%
Number of data collected	5154	4074
Number of unique reflections	$1214 R_{\text{int.}} = 0.0223$	2335, $R_{\rm int.} = 0.0394$
Absorption correction	none applied	empirical
<i>R</i> merge before/after correction	none applied	0.0423/0.0394
max./min. transmission		0.695/0.353
		0.093/0.333
Solution Refinement		
System used	Siemens SHELXTL PLUS	same
	Vax Station 3500	
Solution	1 1 1 1	same
Refinement method	direct methods full-matrix least squares	same
Function minimized	$\Sigma w (F_0 - F_c)^2$	same
		same
Hydrogen atoms Refined reflections	individual isotropic refinement 1107 ; (5) $> 2-(5)$	
Refined reflections	$1197: (F_0) \geq 2\sigma(F)$	$2141: (F_0) \geq 3\sigma(F)$
Number of parameters refined	89	179
Data/parameter ratio	13.4	12.0
$R = \Sigma(F_0 - F_c) / \Sigma(F_0)$	0.0299	0.0511
$R_{w} = \left[\sum (w F_{0} - F_{c})^{2} / \sum w(F_{0})^{2} \right]^{1/2}$	$0.0515(w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F_0) + 0.000666(F_0)^2)$	$0.0622(w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F_0) + 0.001525$
COF	1 75	$(F_0)^2$
GOF	1.75	1.18
Mean shift/error	< 0.001	< 0.001
Maximum shift/error	0.002	< 0.001
Secondary extinction	no correction applied	$6.5(6) \times 10^{-8}$
Residual electron density	$+0.42/-0.27 \text{ e}/\text{Å}^3$	+0.80/-0.71 e/Å ³

Anisotropically refined atoms are given in the form of the isotropic equivalent thermal parameter, U(eq), defined as $1/3 \sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* a_i \cdot a_j$.

TABLE 2 Positional Parameters and Isotropic EquivalentThermal Parameters ($Å^2$) of **10**

Atom	X	Y	Z	U(eq)
S1	0.48583(3)	0.16073(3)	0.63575(4)	0.0242(2)
C1	0.4162(1)	0.3338(1)	0.5783(2)	0.0191(5)
C2	0.3299(1)	0.3408(1)	0.4306(2)	0.0241(5)
C3	0.2827(1)	0.4779(2)	0.3657(2)	0.0259(5)
C4	0.3234(1)	0.6074(2)	0.4483(2)	0.0224(5)
C5	0.41018(9)	0.6032(1)	0.6003(1)	0.0172(4)
Č6	0.45650(9)	0.4644(1)	0.6709(1)	0.0157(4)
C7	0.4560(1)	0.7406(1)	0.6795(1)	0.0192(5)

EXPERIMENTAL

General Remarks

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Solvents were dried by using standard procedures. All starting materials are commercially available unless noted otherwise. The mass spectra were determined by using a VG-70-S spectrometer, while the NMR spectra were obtained using either a Brucker WH-360 or AM-300 spectrometer. These spectra were calibrated using signals from the solvents referenced to Me₄Si. The ultraviolet-visible spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu UV-2101 PC spectrophotometer. Melting points were taken on a Mel-Temp apparatus and are uncorrected.

Naphtho[1,8-cd]-1,2-dithiole (8)

Naphthalene (0.77 g, 6 mmol) was stirred with 9.2 mL of hexane containing 24 mmol butyllithium and

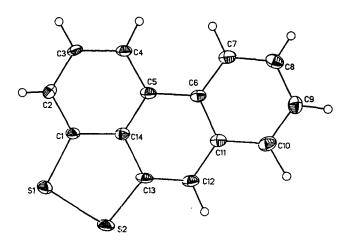


FIGURE 2 An ORTEP drawing of the molecular structure of phenanthro[1,10-cd]-1,2-dithiole (11), showing the atom numbering scheme. Selected interatomic distances (Å) and degrees (°) are as follows: S1-S2, 2.088(1); S1-C1, 1.758(3); S2-C13, 1.768(3); C1-C14, 1.405(4); C13-C14, 1.440(4); S1-S2-C13, 96.1(1); S1-C1-C14, 116.6(2); S2-S1-C1 95.1(1); S2-C13-C14, 114.4(2); and C1-C14-C13, 117.7(3).

TABLE 3 Positional Parameters and Isotropic Equivalent Thermal Parameters (\dot{A}^2) of **11**

Atom	X	Y	Z	U(eq)
S1	-0.1673(3)	0.42266(6)	0.03607(5)	0.0233(2)
S2	0.0574(3)	0.52445(6)	0.10407(5)	0.0223(2)
C1	-0.0885(9)	0.3318(2)	0.1023(2)	0.0187(9)
C2	-0.193(1)	0.2416(2)	0.0894(2)	0.0199(9)
СЗ	-0.1141(9)	0.1735(2)	0.1452(2)	0.0181(9)
C4	0.066(1)	0.1949(2)	0.2116(2)	0.0176(9)
C5	0.177(1)	0.2862(2)	0.2249(2)	0.0174(9)
C6	0.3721(9)	0.3135(2)	0.2921(2)	0.0155(8)
C7	0.470(1)	0.2508(2)	0.3511(2)	0.0204(9)
C8	0.658(1)	0.2786(3)	0.4127(2)	0.0216(9)
C9	0.7576(9)	0.3717(3)	0.4196(2)	0.022(1)
C10	0.664(1)	0.4345(2)	0.3635(2)	0.0233(9)
C11	0.4709(9)	0.4078(2)	0.2986(2)	0.0164(8)
C12	0.3778(9)	0.4745(2)	0.2402(2)	0.0193(9)
C13	0.197(1)	0.4487(2)	0.1786(2)	0.0182(9)
C14	0.0946(9)	0.3540(2)	0.1692(2)	0.0157(9)

3.6 mL (12 mmol) of TMEDA at 60°C for 3 hours. The resulting dark brown suspension of the lithio derivatives was allowed to cool to -78°C and was diluted with 25 mL of THF. Resublimed sulfur (1.6 g, 50 mmol) was added to the suspension. The resulting orange mixture was warmed to 25°C and allowed to stir for 12 hours. It was then washed with water and the organic layer was separated and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. Removal of the solvent left 1.0 g of dark brown oil. Purification by column chromatography (silica gel-hexane) gave 0.58 g (51%) red-brown crystals, mp 114–5°C (lit. 116°C) [7a].

Triphenyleno[1,12-cde][1,2]dithiin (12)

Triphenylene (0.46 g, 2 mmol) was stirred with 3.2 mL of hexane containing 8 mmol butyllithium and 1.2 mL (8 mmol) of TMEDA at 60°C for 3 hours. The brown suspension containing the lithio derivatives was cooled to -78° C and diluted with 25 mL of THF. Resublimed sulfur (0.5 g, 16 mmol) was

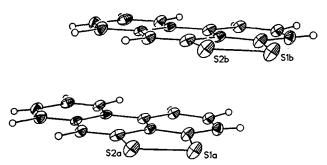


FIGURE 3 Drawing of 2 molecules of 11, showing the close S1a-S2b distance (3.721(1) Å). The molecules of 11 are inclined by 31.2° to the *a* axis.

added to the suspension. The resulting orange mixture was warmed to 25°C and allowed to stir for 12 hours. It was added to water, and the organic layer was separated and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. Removal of the solvent left 0.5 g of a dark brown oil. It was found to be a 2:1 mixture of the dithiin 12 and triphenyleno[1,12-bcd]thiophene 3 [1] by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (silica gelhexane) as vellow crystals, mp 138–40°C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.57 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.66-7.70 (sym m, 2H), 8.56 (d, J)J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.57–8.62 (sym m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (90.6 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 123.34, 123.38, 126.9, 127.3, 127.4, 127.8, 129.4, 130.1, 130.9. MS (EI) [m/z (intensity)]: 290 (100, M^+ for $C_{18}H_{10}S_2$), 258 (69, M^+ -S), 226 (2, M^+ -2S). MS exact mass (EI): calcd for $C_{18}H_{10}S_2$: 290.0224; found: 290.0234. UV(CH₃CN) λ_{max} nm (intensity): 208 (21,300), 225 (14,900), 267 (26,200), 299 (sh, 9000).

Phenanthro[4,5-cde][1,2]dithiin (10)

Phenanthrene (0.9 g, 5 mmol) was stirred with 5.8 mL of hexane containing 20 mmol butyllithium and 3.0 mL (20 mmol) of TMEDA at 60°C for 3 hours. The brown suspension containing the lithio derivatives was cooled to -78°C and diluted with 25 mL of THF. Sulfur (1.28 g, 40 mmol) was added to the suspension. The resulting orange mixture was warmed to 25°C and allowed to stir for 12 hours. It was added to water and the organic layer was separated and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. Removal of the solvent left 1.1 g of dark brown oil. It was found to be a mixture of 45% phenanthro[4,5-cde][1,2]dithiin (10), 30% phenanthro[4,5bcd]thiophene (13), and 25% phenanthro[1,10-cd]-1,2-dithiole (11) by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. The products were separated by column chromatography (silica gel-hexane). The first pale yellow fraction was **13** [1], the second orange fraction was **11**, and the third pale yellow fraction was the title compound 10. Removal of hexane from the third fraction gave 0.3 g (25%) of golden yellow needles, mp 128–129°C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.54 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.4 Hz, 2H),7.77 (s, 2H), 7.80 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (90.6 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 126.7, 127.0, 127.6, 127.8, 128.0, 129.2, 132.5. MS (EI) [m/z (intensity)]: 240 $(100, M^+ \text{ for } C_{14}H_8S_2), 208 (92, M^+-S). MS \text{ exact mass}$ (EI): calcd for C₁₄H₈S₂: 240.0067; found: 240.0057. UV (CH₃CN) λ_{max} nm (intensity): 213 (45,100), 235 (32,000), 271 (26,000), 309 (14,300), 363 (2350), 382 (2250).

Phenanthro[1,10-cd]-1,2-dithiole (11)

A hexane solution (2.0 mL) containing 5 mmol *n*-BuLi and 0.75 mL (5 mmol) of TMEDA was added to a suspension of 9-bromophenanthrene (1.28 g, 5

mmol) in 25 mL hexane at -30° C. The yellow suspension was stirred for 1 hour at -30° C and then allowed to warm to 25°C. An aliquot was removed and added to rapidly stirred D₂O. The organic layer was separated. Analysis by mass spectrometry showed m/z = 179 (100, M⁺ for C₁₄H₉D). In the meantime, 15 mmol butyllithium in 6.0 mL of hexane and 2.25 mL (15 mmol) of TMEDA was added to the bulk of the material, and the resulting mixture was allowed to stir for 3 hours at 60°C. The resultant suspension containing the lithio derivatives was cooled to 25°C, diluted with 25 mL of THF, and cooled to -78°C. Resublimed sulfur (1.28 g, 40 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and allowed to stir for 12 hours. It was added to an excess of water and the organic layer was separated and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. Removal of the solvent left 1.1 g of a dark brown oil. The product was isolated by flash chromatography (silica gelhexane). On removal of the solvent, the relatively polar dark yellow fraction gave 0.6 g (52%) of the dithiole, which was recrystallized from CHCl₃ at -20°C to give bright orange needles, mp 129-131°C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.49–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.65 (d, J =7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.19, (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d, J =7.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (90.6 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 115.1, 118.0, 118.2, 122.8, 125.3, 127.0, 127.1, 127.7, 128.3, 132.6, 132.7, 133.5, 141.7, 143.6. MS (EI) [m/z (intensity)]: 240 (100, M^+ for $C_{14}H_8S_2$), 208 (11, M^+ -S), 176 (7, M^+ -2S). MS exact mass (EI): calcd for C₁₄H₈S₂: 240.0067; found: 240.0055. UV (CH₃CN) λ_{max} nm (intensity): 216 (36,000), 232 (sh, 22,300), 267 (25,500), 275 (sh, 25,000), 288 (sh, 18,500), 356 (12,600), 397 (sh 3120).

X-ray Structure Determination

Crystals of 10 and 11 suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by recrystallization from hexane and chloroform, respectively. Crystallographic data are collected in Table 1. Tables 2 and 3 give the positional values for 10 and 11, respectively. Lists of observed and calculated structure factors are available from AJA on request.

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