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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
T = 150 K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003 \text{ \AA}$   
R factor = 0.045  
wR factor = 0.123  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.7

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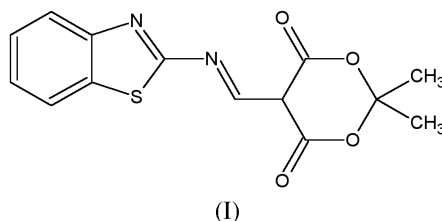
## 5-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-yliminomethyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione

The title compound,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ , has a supramolecular structure consisting of base-paired dimers with an  $R_2^2(12)$  motif formed by a centrosymmetrically related pair of  $\text{N}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bonds.

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#### Comment

We have focused on benzothiazole derivatives, which have shown diverse applications, as analgesics (Mehra *et al.*, 1980), anti-inflammatory agents, antineoplasics (Cheng *et al.*, 1993) and antimicrobial agents (Mehra *et al.*, 1980; El-Shaar *et al.*, 1998), in our search for biologically active molecules. Benzothiazole derivatives have been prepared by a known reaction (Quiroga *et al.*, 1998). The title compound, (I), was prepared by condensation of Meldrum's acid, 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione), 2-aminobenzothiazole and trimethyl orthoformate.



The supramolecular structure consists of base-paired dimers with an  $R_2^2(12)$  motif (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995), formed by the  $\text{N51}-\text{H51} \cdots \text{O61}^i$  hydrogen bond which is repeated across the centre at  $(1, \frac{1}{2}, 1)$ .

Geometric parameters are given in Table 1 and details of hydrogen bonds are given in Table 2. Fig. 1 shows a view of the molecule.

Examination of the structure with *PLATON* (Spek, 2000) showed that there were no solvent-accessible voids in the crystal lattice.

#### Experimental

A mixture of Meldrum's acid (6.94 mmol) and trimethyl orthoformate (34.7 mmol) was heated to reflux for 2.5 h, then 2-aminobenzothiazole (6.94 mmol) was added and the mixture was heated for a further 5 min. The title compound precipitated, was separated by filtration and was recrystallized from a dimethylformamide-ethanol mixture, affording crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction (m.p. 480–481 K, yield: 60%).

## Crystal data

$C_{14}H_{12}N_2O_4S$   
 $M_r = 304.32$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 6.3459$  (13) Å  
 $b = 19.235$  (4) Å  
 $c = 11.144$  (2) Å  
 $\beta = 103.07$  (3)°  
 $V = 1325.0$  (5) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.526$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 6132 reflections  
 $\theta = 1.0$ – $30.5^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.26$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 150$  (1) K  
 Needle, orange  
 $0.38 \times 0.05 \times 0.05$  mm

## Data collection

KappaCCD diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans with  $\kappa$  offsets  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (DENZO-SMN; Otwinowski & Minor, 1997)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.908$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.987$   
 12 128 measured reflections

3392 independent reflections  
 2645 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.081$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 30.5^\circ$   
 $h = -9 \rightarrow 8$   
 $k = -22 \rightarrow 27$   
 $l = -13 \rightarrow 15$

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.123$   
 $S = 1.08$   
 3392 reflections  
 192 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0684P)^2 + 0.1432P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.42$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.52$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

|             |             |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C51–N51     | 1.330 (2)   | S51–C52     | 1.7391 (15) |
| N51–C52     | 1.402 (2)   | C52–N53     | 1.290 (2)   |
| S51–C59     | 1.7355 (16) | N53–C54     | 1.389 (2)   |
| C51–N51–C52 | 120.14 (14) | C52–N53–C54 | 109.19 (13) |
| C59–S51–C52 | 87.69 (8)   |             |             |

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

| $D-H\cdots A$                            | $D-H$ | $H\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-H\cdots A$ |
|--|-------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| N51–H51 <sup>i</sup> ···O61 <sup>i</sup> | 0.88  | 2.23        | 3.028 (2)   | 151           |
| N51–H51···O61                            | 0.88  | 2.22        | 2.807 (2)   | 124           |

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

H atoms were treated as riding with C–H distances in the range 0.95–0.98 Å and an N–H distance of 0.88 Å.

Data collection: *KappaCCD Server Software* (Nonius, 1997); cell refinement: *DENZO-SMN* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *DENZO-SMN*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII*

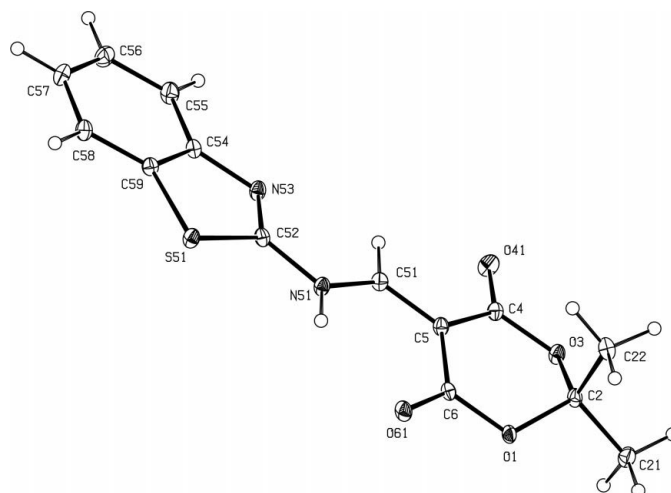


Figure 1

A view of the title molecule with the atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

(Johnson, 1976) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2000); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97* and *WordPerfect* macro *PRPKAPPA* (Ferguson, 1999).

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## 5-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-yliminomethyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione. Erratum

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In the paper by Cannon *et al.* [*Acta Cryst.* (2001), E57, o180–o181], there is an error in the scheme. The correct scheme is given below.

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