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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å R factor = 0.043 wR factor = 0.089 Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.1

For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see http://journals.iucr.org/e. The molecules of the title compound,  $C_{15}H_{13}FN_4O$ , display the characteristic features of 1,2,4-triazole derivatives. The triazole ring is planar and the two benzene rings are nearly parallel, with a dihedral angle of 8.5 (1)°. The crystal structure is stabilized by N-H···O and N-H···N intermolecular hydrogen bonds.

#### Comment

1,2,4-Triazole and its derivatives are starting materials for the synthesis of many heterocycles (Desenko, 1995). Apart from its extensive chemical significance, the 1,2,4-triazole nucleus is also found to be associated with diverse medicinal properties, such as analgesic, anti-asthmatic, diuretic and antifungal activities (Mohamed *et al.*, 1993). The title compound, (I), is shown in Fig. 1. Its bond lengths and angles are normal (Table 1) and agree with those in known structures (Puviarasan *et al.*, 1999; Liu *et al.*, 1999; Zhu *et al.*, 2000).



In (I), two benzene rings are planar within experimental error and are nearly parallel, with a dihedral angle of  $8.5 (1)^{\circ}$ . Atom F1 lies 0.051 (1) Å out of the C10–C15 ring plane. The 1,2,4-triazole ring is also planar. The maximum deviation from planarity is 0.009 (1) Å for atom N1. The dihedral angles between the triazole ring and the C1–C6 and C10–C15 rings are 34.55 (1) and 42.91 (1)°, respectively.

In the crystal structure, the molecules are linked by intermolecular  $N-H\cdots O$  and  $N-H\cdots N$  contacts (Table 2), resulting in an infinite network structure (Fig. 2).

# Experimental

The corresponding Schiff base (2.82 g, 0.01 mol) was dissolved in 40 ml of dry diglyme with gentle heating and a solution of NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.003 mol) in 30 ml of dry diglyme was slowly added to the solution with constant stirring. The mixture was then allowed to cool. In order to precipitate the product, 300 ml of water was added to the solution and the mixture was allowed to stand overnight at 273–278 K. The precipitate was filtered off and washed with cold water. After drying *in vacuo*, the solid product was recrystallized from ethanol to afford the

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# 4-(*p*-Fluorobenzylamino)-3-phenyl-4,5dihydro-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-5-one

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# Figure 1

The structure of (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme.



# Figure 2

A packing diagram of (I), illustrating the hydrogen-bonding network.

desired compound (1.46 g, 51%). Calculated: C 63.37, H 4.61, N 19.71%; found: C 63.31, H 5.00, N 19.64%. IR data (KBr cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3290, 3090 (N–H), 1710 (C=O), 1510 (C=N), 830, 740, 670 (aromatic). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ p.p.m.): 4.18 (d, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.22 (t, NNH), 10.78 (s, NH), 6.80–7.30 (m, 3H), 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.86 (m, 2H).

#### Crystal data

C IL EN O	$D = 1.207 M_{\odot} m^{-3}$
$C_{15}H_{13}FN_4O$	$D_x = 1.397$ Mg m
$M_r = 284.29$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Cell parameters from 7012
a = 15.4560 (19)  Å	reflections
b = 6.2183(7)  Å	$\theta = 2.8  18.9^{\circ}$
c = 14.8165 (18)  Å	$\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 108.347 (2)^{\circ}$	T = 293 (2) K
V = 1351.6 (3) Å <sup>3</sup>	Prismatic, colourless
Z = 4	$0.42\times0.17\times0.16~\mathrm{mm}$
Data collection	
Bruker SMART CCD area-detector	1141 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
diffractometer	$R_{\rm int} = 0.052$
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$\theta_{\rm max} = 28.1^{\circ}$
Absorption correction: none	$h = -20 \rightarrow 15$
7084 measured reflections	$k = -8 \rightarrow 7$
2992 independent reflections	$l = -18 \rightarrow 19$

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$ $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.043$ $wR(F^2) = 0.089$ S = 0.75 2992 reflections 198 parameters	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0243P)^2]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$ $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.17 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.15 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
	$\Delta p_{\min} = 0.15 \text{ err}$

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

C7-N1	1.305 (2)	N2-C8	1.342 (3)
C7-N3	1.369 (2)	N2-N1	1.390 (2)
N3-C8	1.384 (2)	F1-C13	1.364 (3)
N3-N4	1.397 (2)	N4-C9	1.474 (3)
O1-C8	1.234 (2)		
N3-C7-C1	125.0 (2)	N3-N4-C9	111.17 (19)
C8-N3-N4	124.57 (18)	N4-C9-C10	109.5 (2)

# Table 2 Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$N2 - H2N \cdots O1^{i}$	0.90 (2)	1.89(2)	2.768 (2)	164 (2)
$N4-H4N\cdots N1^{ii}$	0.94 (2)	2.28 (2)	3.153 (3)	154 (2)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} - z$ ; (ii) x, 1 + y, z.

Only H atoms attached to N were located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically. Other H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model, fixing the aromatic CH C-H distance at 0.93 Å and the CH<sub>2</sub> C-H distance at 0.97 Å.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: SMART; data reduction: SAINT (Bruker, 1998); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEPIII (Burnett & Johnson, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: WinGX (Farrugia, 1997) and PARST (Nardelli, 1995).

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