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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.002 Å R factor = 0.047 wR factor = 0.153 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.7

For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see http://journals.iucr.org/e. In the crystal structure of the title compound,  $C_{16}H_{13}N_4OF$ , molecules are linked through intermolecular  $N-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds to form dimers. The dimers are held together by van der Waals interactions.

3-Benzyl-4-(p-fluorobenzylidenamino)-

4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-one

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## Comment

Most Schiff bases possess antibacterial, anticancer, antiinflammatory and antitoxic activities (Williams, 1972), and sulfur-containing Schiff bases are particularly effective. For example, the 4-amino-3-methyl-1,2,4-triazole-5-thione derivative of *p*-nitrobenzaldehyde is known as a highly effective inhibitor of *Staphylococcus aureus* (Liu *et al.*, 1999). As part of our continuing study of Schiff bases of amine and 1,2,4-triazole derivatives, we have structurally characterized the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1)



The bonds and angles in (I) (Table 1) are consistent with those in similar substituted triazoles (Kahveci *et al.*, 2003; Çoruh *et al.*, 2003; Işık *et al.*, 2003). The benzyl rings and 1,2,4-triazole ring are almost planar, with a maximum deviation of 0.008 (2) Å for N2. The dihedral angles between the 1,2,4-triazole ring and benzyl rings C1–C6 and C11–C16 are 179.3 (1) and 104.9 (1)°, respectively, and the dihedral angle between the benzyl rings is 104.9 (1)°.

The molecules of (I) form hydrogen-bonded dimers through the N-H···O interactions involving triazole atoms O1 and N2, shown as dashed lines in Fig. 2. This appears to be a common feature in Schiff bases of 4-amino-3-alkyl-1,2,4-triazole-5-thiones (Sen *et al.*, 1998). The molecule also exhibits an intramolecular C7-H7···O1 contact (Table 2).

## Experimental

The corresponding amino compound (1.90 g., 0.01 mol) was heated in an oil bath with 4-fluorobenzene (1.04 ml, 0.01 mol) at 428–433 K for one hour and then allowed to cool. The solid product was recrys-

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### Figure 1

The structure of (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level and the atom-numbering scheme.



#### Figure 2

Dimer formation in the crystal structure of (I). Intermolecular N-H···O hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

tallized from ethanol (yield; 96%) to give the desired compound (I) (m.p. = 466–467 K). Calculated: C 64.86, H 4.42, N 18.91%; found: C 64.83, H 4.26, N 18.35%. IR data (KBr/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3250 (N–H), 1720 (C=O), 1620, 1600 (C=N), 700, 680, 840 (aromatic). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ /p.p.m.): 4.18 (CH<sub>2</sub>, *s*, 2H), 9,78 (CH, *s*, 1H), 10.10 (NH, *s*, 1H); Ar–H: 7.04–7.40 (*m*, 7H), 7.70 (*d*, 2H).

#### Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{16}H_{13}FN_4O\\ M_r = 296.30\\ Triclinic, $P\overline{1}$\\ a = 7.0290 (15) Å\\ b = 10.141 (2) Å\\ c = 11.205 (3) Å\\ \alpha = 96.40 (2)^{\circ}\\ \beta = 102.944 (17)^{\circ}\\ \gamma = 108.394 (16)^{\circ}\\ V = 724.2 (3) Å^3 \end{array}$ 

Z = 2  $D_x = 1.359 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K $\alpha$  radiation Cell parameters from 8077 reflections  $\theta = 0.0-29.5^{\circ}$   $\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  T = 293 (2) K Prism, colourless  $0.75 \times 0.46 \times 0.22 \text{ mm}$ 

#### Data collection

Stoe IPDS2 diffractometer	2341 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Rotation method scans	$\theta_{\rm max} = 29.3^{\circ}$
Absorption correction: none	$h = -9 \rightarrow 0$
3550 measured reflections	$k = -12 \rightarrow 12$
3550 independent reflections	$l = -14 \rightarrow 15$
Refinement	
Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1093P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.047$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.153$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
S = 1.00	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.17 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
3550 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.17 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
212 parameters	Extinction correction: SHELXL97
H atom parameters constrained	Extinction coefficient: 0.028 (10)

# Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

F1-C1	1.3598 (19)	N2-N3	1.3777 (19)
O1-C8	1.2314 (18)	N3-C9	1.2975 (19)
N1-C7	1.2730 (19)	N4-C9	1.3859 (18)
N1-N4	1.3878 (16)	N4-C8	1.3890 (19)
N2-C8	1.3459 (19)		
C7-N1-N4	117.68 (13)		

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

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$		
$N2 - H2N \cdots O1^{i}$	0.86	1.97	2.799 (2)	161		
C7−H7···O1	0.93	2.19	2.893 (2)	132		

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

H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined isotropically using a riding model, fixing the aromatic C-H distance at 0.93 Å, the methylene C-H distance at 0.97 Å and the N-H distance at 0.86 Å.

Data collection: X-AREA (Stoe & Cie, 2002); cell refinement: X-AREA; data reduction: X-RED (Stoe & Cie, 2002); 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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