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Key indicators

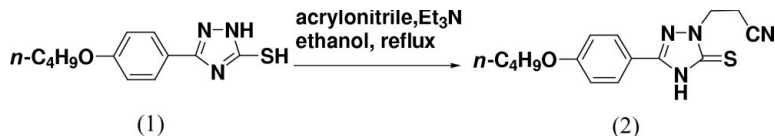
Single-crystal X-ray study
T = 293 K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004 \text{ \AA}$
R factor = 0.055
wR factor = 0.144
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.2For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.5-(4-*n*-Butyloxyphenyl)-2-(2-mercaptoethyl)-
1,2,4-triazole-3-thioneIn the title molecule, $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{OS}$, all the bond lengths and
angles have normal values. The aromatic triazole ring and the
benzene ring are conjugated together.

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Comment

The 1,2,4-triazole, (1) (Wang *et al.*, 1997), and related
compounds exhibit interesting and useful biological activities
(Eisa, 1990). The encouraging biological activities of these
heterocycles prompted us to synthesize derivatives of (1),
which may be suitable targets for antibiotic design. The title
compound, (2), was synthesized by the Michael reaction of a
molar ratio of (1) and acrylonitrile in the presence of
triethylamine. Since the acidity of NH groups is stronger than
that of the SH group on the ring of the triazole, the *N*-
propionitrile was produced. The Michael reaction position and
the structure of (2) were confirmed by X-ray single-crystal
diffraction analysis.The crystal structure data show that all the bond lengths and
angles have normal values in (2). One molecule of (2)
constitutes the asymmetric unit. The N1/C11/N2/N3/C12 ring
and atom S1 are approximately coplanar. The bond length of
C12–S1 [1.643 (3) Å] is characterized as a C=S double bond,
when compared with the literature value for the length of a
C–S single bond [1.731 (2) Å; Tripolt *et al.*, 1993] and the
length of a C=S double bond connected to a triazole ring
[1.669 (2) Å; Seccombe & Kennard, 1973]. This suggests
extensive conjugation of the C=S bond with the triazole ring.
The aromatic triazole ring and the C5–C10 benzene ring are
conjugated together, with a torsion angle between the triazole
and benzene rings of only 2.11 (1)°.

Experimental

To a well stirred solution of 3-(4-*n*-butyloxyphenyl)-5-mercapto-1,2,4-
triazole (5 mmol), (1), anhydrous ethanol (5 ml) and triethylamine
(5.2 mmol) was added acrylonitrile (5.2 mmol) and the resulting
solution refluxed for 30 min (monitored by thin-layer chromato-
graphy). At the end of the reaction, the mixture was cooled to room
temperature, neutralized and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The
crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel,
20 g; petroleum ether–trichloromethane–ethanol = 5:2:0.5) to give
compound (2) as white crystals. White single crystals of (2) suitable
for X-ray crystallographic analysis were obtained by recrystallization

from ethyl acetate. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.85–7.82 (*d*, H6, H10), 6.99–6.96 (*d*, H7, H6), 4.43–4.38 (*t*, H13A, H13B), 4.04–4.00 (*m*, H4A, H4B), 3.01–2.96 (*m*, H14A, H14B), 1.82–1.77 (*t*, H3A, H3B), 1.72–1.59 (*s*, H1), 1.54–1.46 (*t*, H2A, H2B), 1.01–0.96 (*t*, H1A, H1B, H1C); ^{13}C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 176.0, 162.7, 159.9, 128.4, 116.1, 115.1, 113.9, 68.0, 44.6, 31.0, 19.1, 16.0, 13.7.

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{OS}$

$M_r = 302.39$

Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$

$a = 5.3608$ (11) Å

$b = 25.620$ (5) Å

$c = 11.554$ (2) Å

$\beta = 98.133$ (5)°

$V = 1570.9$ (5) Å³

$Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.279$ Mg m⁻³

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

Cell parameters from 864

reflections

$\theta = 2.4$ – 18.1 °

$\mu = 0.21$ mm⁻¹

$T = 293$ (2) K

Prism, white

$0.3 \times 0.2 \times 0.2$ mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD area-detector diffractometer

φ and ω scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2000)

$T_{\min} = 0.95$, $T_{\max} = 0.96$

8435 measured reflections

3088 independent reflections

2568 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.027$

$\theta_{\max} = 26.0$ °

$h = -6 \rightarrow 3$

$k = -31 \rightarrow 31$

$l = -14 \rightarrow 13$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.055$

$wR(F^2) = 0.144$

$S = 0.93$

3088 reflections

191 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.07P)^2 + 1.12P]$

where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.14$ e Å⁻³

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.15$ e Å⁻³

All H atoms were positioned geometrically (C–H = 0.93–0.97 Å; N–H = 0.86 Å) and refined as riding, with $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.2$ or 1.5 times U_{eq} (parent atom).

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: SMART; data reduction: SAINT (Bruker, 2000); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Bruker, 2000); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL and MERCURY (Version 1.2.1; Bruno *et al.*, 2002).

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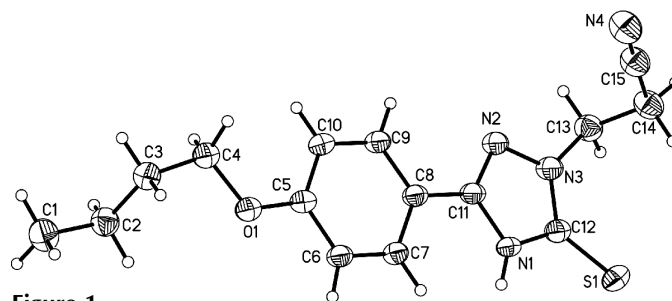


Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids.

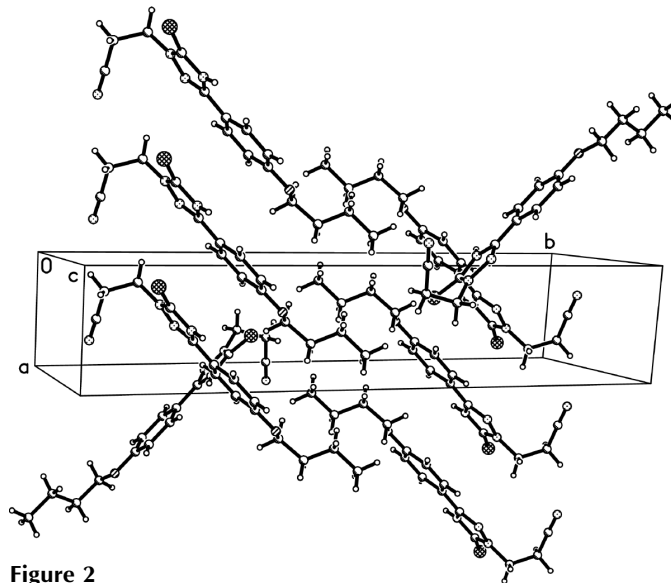


Figure 2

The packing of the title compound, viewed approximately down the *c* axis.

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