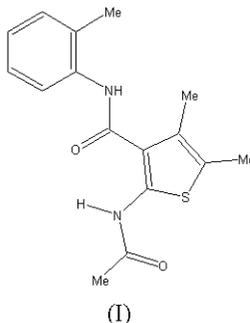


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## Key indicators

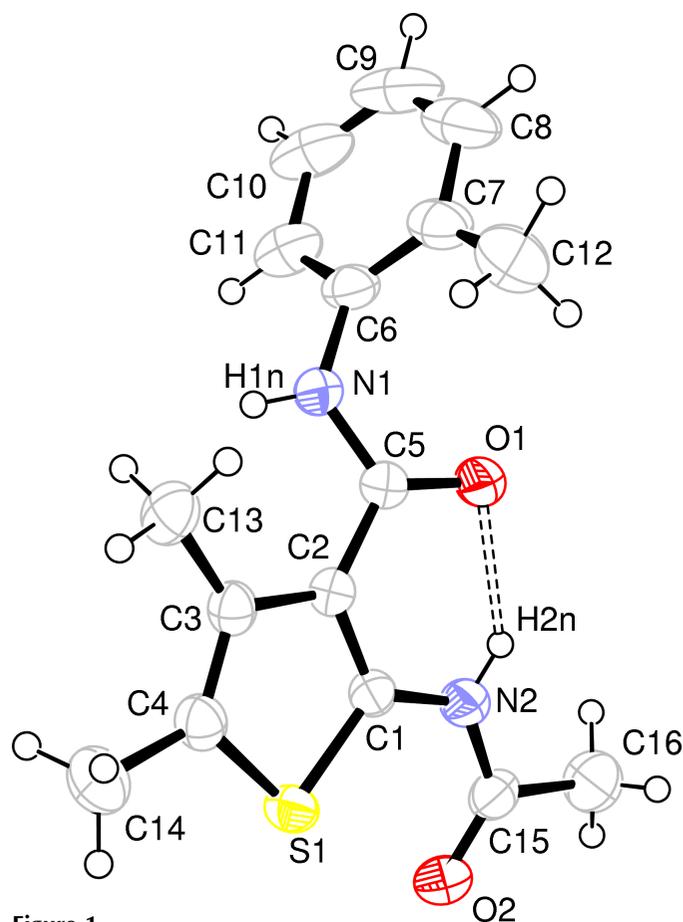
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.042  
 $wR$  factor = 0.123  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.4For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.2-(Acetamido)-4,5-dimethyl-*N*-(2-methyl-  
phenyl)thiophene-3-carboxamideThe title compound,  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ , shows antibacterial and  
antifungal activities. The dihedral angle between the thio-  
phene and 2-methylphenyl groups is  $83.3(1)^\circ$ . There are intra-  
and intermolecular  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds, and  $\text{C}-$   
 $\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  intermolecular interactions.

## Comment

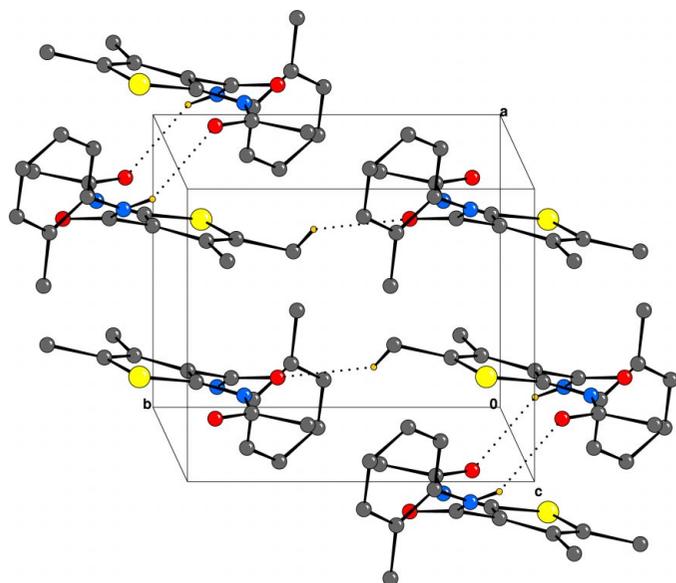
Schiff bases (Csaszar & Morvay, 1983; Lakshmi *et al.*, 1985;  
Cohen *et al.*, 1977) and their derivatives of thiophene (El-  
Maghraby *et al.*, 1984; Dzhurayev *et al.*, 1992; Gewald *et al.*,  
1966) possess antibacterial, antitubercular and antifungal  
properties. Sulfur-containing Schiff bases are the most effec-  
tive. The title compound, (I), shows the above-mentioned  
biological properties (Mohan & Saravanan, 2002, 2003).The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1, and a  
packing diagram is shown in Fig. 2. The  $\text{C}2-\text{C}1-\text{N}2-\text{C}15$   
torsion angle is  $-170.81(16)^\circ$ , indicating that the acetamide  
group and the thiophene ring are essentially planar (Table 1).  
The dihedral angle between the least-squares plane passing  
through the amide group ( $\text{O}1/\text{C}5/\text{N}1$ ) and the 2-methylphenyl  
group is  $60.9(1)^\circ$ , to avoid steric interaction between the  
methyl and carbonyl groups.An intramolecular  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bond (Table 2)  
forms a pseudo-six-membered ring, which locks the molecular  
conformation and eliminates conformational flexibility. The  
crystal structure is further stabilized by  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  dimers and  
 $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  chains running parallel to the  $b$  axis, which hold the  
dimers together to form 'chains of dimers'.

## Experimental

The title compound was synthesized using the Gewald reaction  
(Gewald *et al.*, 1966). *o*-Cyanotoluidine (0.04 mol) was refluxed with  
ethyl methyl ketone (0.04 mol) in the presence of sulfur (0.04 mol),  
dimethylamine (4.0 ml) and ethanol (40 ml) at 323 K for 1 h. The  
product was mixed with acetic anhydride in the molar ratio 1:3 and  
heated in a beaker in a water bath for 1 h. The mixture was thenReceived 27 July 2004  
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**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii. Dashed lines indicate the intramolecular N—H...O hydrogen bond.



**Figure 2**  
A packing diagram for (I). Dotted lines indicate N—H...O and C—H...O interactions. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

cooled to room temperature and the solid which separated was filtered off. Crystals of (I) were obtained after recrystallization from ethanol (yield 72%).

#### Crystal data

$C_{16}H_{18}N_2O_2S$   
 $M_r = 302.39$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$   
 $a = 7.416$  (2) Å  
 $b = 8.858$  (3) Å  
 $c = 23.718$  (8) Å  
 $\beta = 94.566$  (6)°  
 $V = 1553.2$  (9) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.293$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 650 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.5$ – $24.5^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.21$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
 Block, yellow  
 $0.50 \times 0.20 \times 0.20$  mm

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.910$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.958$   
 11 711 measured reflections

3118 independent reflections  
 2715 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.018$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 26.4^\circ$   
 $h = -8 \rightarrow 9$   
 $k = -11 \rightarrow 11$   
 $l = -29 \rightarrow 28$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.042$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.123$   
 $S = 1.06$   
 3118 reflections  
 202 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1357P)^2 + 0.8P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.32$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.16$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Selected torsion angles (°).

C15—N2—C1—C2	−170.81 (16)	C1—C2—C5—N1	154.78 (15)
C6—N1—C5—C2	−174.04 (16)	C5—N1—C6—C11	118.8 (2)

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
N1—H1N...O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.786 (19)	2.46 (2)	3.155 (2)	148 (2)
N2—H2N...O1	0.829 (18)	2.029 (19)	2.692 (2)	137 (2)
C14—H14C...O1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.96	2.575	3.355 (3)	138

Symmetry codes: (i)  $1-x, 1-y, -z$ ; (ii)  $x, 1+y, z$ .

Amine H atoms were located in difference Fourier maps and refined isotropically. Methyl H atoms were constrained to an ideal geometry [ $C-H = 0.96$  Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ ], but were allowed to rotate freely about the C—C bond. All benzene H atoms were placed in idealized positions ( $C-H = 0.93$  Å) and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: SMART; data reduction: SAINT (Bruker, 1998); program(s) used to solve structure: SIR92 (Altomare *et al.*, 1993); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 for Windows (Farrugia, 1997) and CAMERON (Watkin *et al.*, 1993); software used to prepare material for publication: PLATON (Spek, 2003).

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