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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.006 Å Disorder in main residue R factor = 0.076 wR factor = 0.249 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.9

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## 4-(2-Methylprop-2-enyl)-1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]thiosemicarbazide

The title compound,  $C_{12}H_{14}F_3N_3S$ , is a biologically active antiimplantation agent. Its crystal structure is stabilized by intermolecular  $N-H\cdots S$  hydrogen bonds, which form dimers in a head-to-tail arrangement and link them into a polymeric chain. Received 29 September 2004 Accepted 7 October 2004 Online 16 October 2004

### Comment

Efforts have been made in the past few years by many research groups to develop anti-infertility drugs because such compounds would lead to inhibition of implantation. The title compound, (I), has been found to exhibit anti-implantation activity (Nagarajan et al., 1984) and these drugs have been examined in rats. The molecular structure of (I) and a packing diagram are illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, respectively. The torsion angles C1-N1-N2-C8, N1-N2-C8-N3 and N2-C8-N3-C9 are -133.5 (4), -12.9 (5) and 168.5 (4)°, respectively. The bond lengths C1-N1, C9-N3, C8-N3 and C8-N2 are 1.411 (5), 1.454 (5), 1.328 (5) and 1.346 Å, respectively, indicating that the electronic environment around each N atom is different. Intermolecular N-H···S hydrogen bonds (Table 1) form dimers, which are further connected by other N-H···S hydrogen bonds, to give a polymeric chain (Fig. 3).



#### **Experimental**

Compound (I) was synthesized according to a procedure reported in the literature (Nagarajan *et al.*, 1984). Crystals were obtained from solutions in a mixture of methanol and carbon tetrachloride, by slow evaporation at 278 K.

Crystal data	
$C_{12}H_{14}F_3N_3S$	$D_x = 1.41 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 289.31$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Cell parameters from 975
a = 14.964 (2)  Å	reflections
b = 6.0900 (8)  Å	$\theta = 1.4-25.2^{\circ}$
c = 15.754 (2) Å	$\mu = 0.26 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 108.387 \ (2)^{\circ}$	T = 293 (2) K
V = 1362.3 (3) Å <sup>3</sup>	Block, orange
Z = 4	$0.3 \times 0.3 \times 0.2$ mm

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#### Figure 1

View of (I), showing 40% probability displacement ellipsoids and both components of the disordered trifluoromethyl group.



#### Figure 2

Packing diagram, viewed down the *b* axis. Dotted lines represent the dimer-forming  $N-H \cdots S$  hydrogen bonds. Only the major component of the disordered trifluoromethyl group is shown. H atoms not involved in this hydrogen bond have been omitted.

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector	2913 independent reflections
diffractometer	1741 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.052$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 27.7^{\circ}$
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	$h = -18 \rightarrow 18$
$T_{\min} = 0.913, \ T_{\max} = 0.941$	$k = -7 \rightarrow 7$
10483 measured reflections	$l = -19 \rightarrow 20$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.076$  $wR(F^2) = 0.249$ S = 0.912913 reflections 195 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.2P)^2]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.84 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.41 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 



#### Figure 3

The polymeric chain consisting of alternate hydrogen-bonded tetramers and dimers with only the major components of the disordered trifluoromethyl groups shown.

# Table 1Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, $^{\circ}$ ).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$N2-H2N\cdots S1^{i}$	0.70 (5)	2.69 (5)	3.366 (5)	162 (5)
$N1-H1N\cdots S1^{ii}$	0.77 (5)	2.62 (5)	3.375 (4)	167 (4)

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

The trifluoromethyl group exhibits orientational disorder over two sites with occupancy factors of 0.772 (9) and 0.228 (9), respectively. The methyl H atoms were constrained to an ideal geometry  $[C-H = 0.96 \text{ Å} \text{ and } U_{iso} = 1.5U_{eq}(C)]$ , but were allowed to rotate freely about the C-C bond. The methylene and benzene ring H atoms were placed in calculated positions. The amino H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically. The N-H bond lengths are in the range 0.70 (4)-0.85 (5) Å.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: *SAINT*; 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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