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### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 173 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å R factor = 0.048 wR factor = 0.123 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.7

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© 2005 International Union of Crystallography Printed in Great Britain – all rights reserved 3-(p-Nitrobenzyl)-1,3-thiazolidine-2,4-dione

The title compound,  $C_{10}H_8N_2O_4S$ , serves as a starting material for the synthesis of antihyperglycemic pharmaceuticals. The nearly planar thiazolidine-2,4-dione ring is almost perpendicular to the nitrophenyl ring.

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## Comment

Thiazolidine-2,4-dione is used as a starting material for the synthesis of drugs with antihyperglycemic activity (Zask *et al.*, 1990). In heterocyclic chemistry, the thiazolidine-2,4-dione class is particularly important as a therapeutic agent and has been thoroughly investigated as a PPAR- $\gamma$ -agonist that led to the development of several insulin-sensitizing drugs for the treatment of type-2 diabetes (Blanchet & Zhu, 2004). Diverse biological activities have been found to be associated with thiazolidine derivatives (Singh *et al.*, 1981). The present communication reports the synthesis of a novel thiazolidine-2,4-dione derivative, (I), and describes its crystal structure.



A perspective view of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. Bond lengths and angles can be regarded as normal (Cambridge Structural Database, Version 1.6 plus three updates; *MOGUL* Version 1.0; Allen, 2002). The thiazolidine-2,4-dione ring is essentially planar (r.m.s. deviation 0.013 Å). It is almost perpendicular [89.67 (6)°] to the benzene ring. The nitro group is twisted by only 3.4 (6)° out of the plane of the benzene ring.

## **Experimental**

An equimolar mixture of thiazolidine-2,4-dione (1.17 g, 10 mmol), 1bromomethyl-4-nitrobenzene (2.16 g, 10 mmol) and anhydrous K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.38 g, 10 mmol) was stirred at room temperature in dimethylformamide (10 ml) for 6 h. The product formed was crystallized from methanol.

Crystal data  $C_{10}H_8N_2O_4S$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $M_r = 252.24$ Cell parameters from 8027 Orthorhombic, Pca2<sub>1</sub> reflections a = 24.321(3) Å  $\theta=2.7{-}26.1^\circ$  $\mu=0.31~\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ b = 5.0468 (5) Åc = 8.6066 (8) Å T = 173 (2) K V = 1056.40 (19) Å<sup>3</sup> Block, colourless  $0.39 \times 0.37 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$ Z = 4 $D_x = 1.586 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

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Data collection

Stoe IPDS-II two-circle diffractometer ω scans Absorption correction: none 10054 measured reflections 2109 independent reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.048$   $wR(F^2) = 0.124$  S = 1.022109 reflections 154 parameters H-atom parameters constrained

Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å).

1895 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   $R_{int} = 0.057$   $\theta_{max} = 26.2^{\circ}$   $h = -30 \rightarrow 30$   $k = -5 \rightarrow 6$  $l = -10 \rightarrow 10$ 

 $w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (0.0798P)^{2}]$ where  $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.42 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.31 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ Absolute structure: Flack (1983), 971 Friedel pairs Flack parameter = 0.03 (11)

H atoms were geometrically positioned and refined with fixed individual displacement parameters  $[U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})]$  using a riding model, with C-H = 0.99 and 0.95 Å for methylene and aromatic CH groups, respectively.

Data collection: X-AREA (Stoe & Cie, 2001); cell refinement: X-AREA; data reduction: X-AREA; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine





Perspective view of the title compound, with the atom numbering. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97 and *PLATON*.

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