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Comment

and describe its structure here.

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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 295 K Mean σ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.034 wR factor = 0.084 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.8

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© 2005 International Union of Crystallography Printed in Great Britain – all rights reserved (I) In the title compound (Fig. 1), the C–S bond length is within the values observed for a C—S double bond. Atom C9 lies in the plane of the triazole ring (N4/N5/N6/C10/C11) (plane p1). The dihedral angles formed by the 2*H*-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione and phenyl rings with p1 are 83.4 (1) and 17.8 (1)°, respectively. The dihedral angle between the 2*H*-

lies in the plane of the triazole ring (N4/N5/N6/C10/C11) (plane p1). The dihedral angles formed by the 2H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione and phenyl rings with p1 are 83.4 (1) and 17.8 (1)°, respectively. The dihedral angle between the 2H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione and phenyl rings is 84.7 (3)°. The conformation of the molecule, with nearly parallel triazole and phenyl rings, strongly suggests the presence of intramolecular π - π interactions between these planes (Glusker *et al.*, 1994; Xu, Jian, Cao *et al.*, 2004; Xu, Jian, Qin *et al.*, 2004). The centroid–centroid distance, 3.662 (3) Å, and angle between the ring normal to the phenyl plane and the above centroid vector, 22.4 (2)°, are consistent with π - π interactions (Janiak, 2000).

There is an $N-H \cdots N$ intermolecular interaction (see Table 2), resulting in a two-dimensional network which develops parallel to the *a* direction (Fig. 2). The molecular

4-Phenyl-3-[(1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)methyl]-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole-5-thione

The title compound, $C_{11}H_{10}N_6S$, was prepared by the reaction of ethyl 2-(1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)acetate with hydrazine and phenyl isothiocyanate. The molecular structure and packing are stabilized by an N-H···N intermolecular hydrogen-bond and C-H··· π interactions.

Recently, compounds containing the 1H-1,2,4-triazole group

have attracted much interest because they exhibit some

fungicidal activity and plant-growth regulating activity (Xu et al., 2002), and show antibacterial activity against *Puccinia* recondite and root-growth regulation for cucumber (Zhao et al., 1998). As part of our search for new triazole compounds

with higher bioactivity, we synthesized the title compound, (I),

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structure is also stabilized by intermolecular $C-H\cdots\pi$ interactions (Jeffrey *et al.*, 1985; Xu, Jian, Cao *et al.*, 2004; Xu, Jian, Qin *et al.*, 2004) (Table 2).

Experimental

The title compound was prepared by the reaction of ethyl 2-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl) acetate (5.50 g, 0.02 mol) with hydrazine (0.6 g, 0.02 mol) and phenyl isothiocyanate (2.24 g, 0.02 mol) in NaOH solution (30 ml). Single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray measurements were obtained by recrystallization from dimethylformamide solution at room temperature.

 $D_{\rm r} = 1.437 {\rm Mg} {\rm m}^{-3}$

Cell parameters from 25

 $0.35 \times 0.25 \times 0.20$ mm

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

reflections

 $\mu = 0.26 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

T = 295 (2) K

Block, yellow

 $\begin{array}{l} \theta_{\max} = 25.0^{\circ} \\ h = 0 \rightarrow 10 \end{array}$

 $k = -11 \rightarrow 11$

 $l = -16 \rightarrow 16$

3 standard reflections

every 100 reflections

intensity decay: 0.1%

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0347P)^2]$

Extinction correction: *SHELXL*97 Extinction coefficient: 0.0035 (7)

 $+ 2F_c^2)/3$

+ 0.2841P] where $P = (F_o^2)^2$

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.17 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.17$ e Å

 $\theta = 4 - 14^{\circ}$

Crystal data

C₁₁H₁₀N₆S $M_r = 258.31$ Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$ a = 9.0010 (18) Å b = 9.5510 (19) Å c = 14.251 (3) Å $\beta = 102.94$ (3)° V = 1194.0 (4) Å³ Z = 4

Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer ω scans Absorption correction: none 4343 measured reflections 2104 independent reflections 1449 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{int} = 0.033$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.034$ $wR(F^2) = 0.084$ S = 1.022104 reflections 164 parameters H-atom parameters constrained

 Table 1

 Selected bond lengths (Å).

S1-C7	1.669 (2)	N4-C11	1.328 (2)
N1-C8	1.381 (3)	N4-N5	1.364 (2)
N1-C7	1.382 (2)	N4-C9	1.451 (2)
N1-C6	1.447 (2)	N5-C10	1.314 (3)
N2-C7	1.335 (3)	N6-C11	1.321 (3)
N2-N3	1.376 (2)	N6-C10	1.350 (3)
N3-C8	1.295 (2)		

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$N2-H2A\cdots N6^{i}$	0.86	1.96	2.794 (2)	164
$C1 - H1A \cdots Cg1^{ii}$	0.93	2.99	3.843 (2)	153
$C4-H4A\cdots Cg2^{iii}$	0.93	2.98	3.395 (2)	108
$C5-H5B\cdots Cg1^{iv}$	0.93	2.83	3.490 (2)	129

Symmetry codes: (i) x - 1, y, z; (ii) $1 - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - z$; (iii) $x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$; (iv) $1 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$. Notes: *Cg*1 and *Cg*2 are the centroids of the N1/C7/N2/N3/C8 and N4/N5/C10/N6/C11 rings, respectively.



Figure 1

The structure of the title compound, showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme.



Figure 2

View of the packing in the structure of (I), showing the N-H···N and C-H·· π interactions (dashed lines). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

H atoms were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with C—H distances in the range 0.93–0.97 Å and with $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2U_{\rm eq}$ (carrier atom).

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *NRCVAX* (Gabe *et al.*, 1989); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL/PC* (Sheldrick, 1990); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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