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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 298\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003\text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.054  
 $wR$  factor = 0.128  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.6For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.*N*-[3-(Hydroxymethyl)phenyl]-*N'*-(4-methoxybenzoyl)thiourea

The 4-methoxybenzoyl and 3-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl groups in the title compound,  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ , are *trans* and *cis*, respectively, with respect to the thione group across the C—N bonds. The central carbonylthiourea moiety makes dihedral angles with the 4-methoxybenzoyl and 3-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl fragments of  $33.48(7)$  and  $45.96(6)^\circ$ , respectively. The molecules are stabilized by intermolecular N—H···O and O—H···S hydrogen bonds to form tetramers.

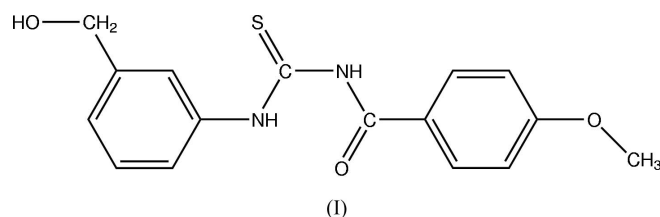
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## Comment

In the title compound, (I), the molecular structure and dimensions are similar to those in other benzoylthiourea derivatives, such as *N*-(2-chlorophenyl)-*N'*-(4-methoxybenzoyl)thiourea (Yusof & Yamin, 2004*a*), *N*-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-*N'*-(*o*-tolyl)thiourea (Yusof & Yamin, 2004*b*) and *N*-(*p*-methoxybenzoyl)-*N'*-(*o*-methoxyphenyl)thiourea (Ali *et al.*, 2004). The molecule maintains its *trans-cis* configuration with respect to the position of the 4-methoxybenzoyl and 3-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl groups relative to the S atom across the thiourea C—N bonds.



The central carbonylthiourea moiety (S1/O1/N1/N2/C7/C8), the 4-methoxybenzoyl group (C1—C6/O2/C15) and the 3-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl (C9—C13/C16/O3) group are individually planar, the maximum deviation being  $0.044(2)\text{ \AA}$  for atom O2. The  $\text{C8}=\text{S1}$ ,  $\text{C8}-\text{N1}$  and  $\text{C8}-\text{N2}$  bond lengths are  $1.672(2)$ ,  $1.390(2)$  and  $1.333(3)\text{ \AA}$ , respectively, comparable with those in *N*-(2-chlorophenyl)-*N'*-(4-methoxybenzoyl)thiourea [ $\text{C}=\text{S} = 1.662(2)\text{ \AA}$ ,  $\text{C8}-\text{N1} = 1.386(3)\text{ \AA}$  and  $\text{C8}-\text{N2} = 1.331(3)\text{ \AA}$ ; Yusof & Yamin, 2004*a*] and other

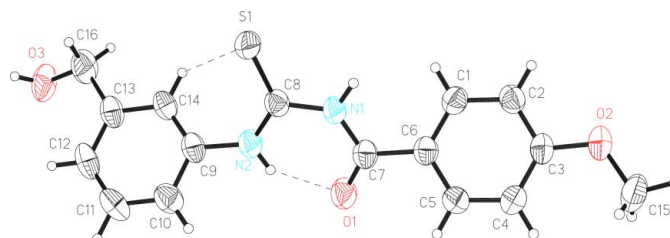


Figure 1

The molecular structure of the title compound, shown with 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

benzoylthiourea derivatives. The other bond lengths and angles are in normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The dihedral angles between the central carbonylthiourea moiety and the 4-methoxybenzoyl and 3-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl fragments are 33.48 (7) and 45.96 (6)°, respectively. The two aryl groups are inclined at an angle of 11.99 (10)°. There are two intramolecular hydrogen bonds, *viz.* N2—H2···O1 and C14—H14···S1; as a result, two pseudo-six-membered rings, N2—H2A···O1—C7—N1—C8 and C14—H14A···S1—C8—N2—C9, respectively, are formed. In the crystal structure, the molecules are linked by intermolecular hydrogen bonds, *viz.* N1—H1···O3<sup>i</sup> and O3—H3···S1<sup>ii</sup> (symmetry codes as in Table 1), to form tetramers (Fig. 2).

## Experimental

(3-Aminophenyl)methanol (0.25 g, 2.03 mmol) in acetone (50 ml) was added dropwise to a two-necked round-bottomed flask containing 4-methoxybenzoyl isothiocyanate (0.39 g, 2.03 mmol) in acetone (50 ml). The solution was refluxed for 2 h and the filtrate was then cooled in ice. The yellow precipitate was filtered off and washed with distilled water. Recrystallization from chloroform yielded single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis (m.p. 438–439 K). Analysis calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: C 60.7, H 5.09, N 8.8, S 10.1, O 15.3%; found: C 59.9, H 5.15, N 8.5, S 9.7, O 14.9%.

### Crystal data

|   |   |
|---|---|
| C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S | $D_x = 1.377 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$           |
| $M_r = 316.37$  | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation                    |
| Monoclinic, $C2/c$  | Cell parameters from 864 reflections      |
| $a = 17.559 (7) \text{ \AA}$                                    | $\theta = 2.1\text{--}26.5^\circ$         |
| $b = 8.959 (4) \text{ \AA}$                                     | $\mu = 0.23 \text{ mm}^{-1}$              |
| $c = 19.566 (8) \text{ \AA}$                                    | $T = 298 (2) \text{ K}$                   |
| $\beta = 97.591 (9)^\circ$                                      | Block, colourless                         |
| $V = 3051 (2) \text{ \AA}^3$                                    | $0.40 \times 0.29 \times 0.26 \text{ mm}$ |
| $Z = 8$   |   |

### Data collection

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Bruker SMART APEX CCD area-detector diffractometer          | 3144 independent reflections           |
| $\omega$ scans  | 2828 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan (SABABS; Sheldrick, 1996) | $R_{\text{int}} = 0.021$               |
| $T_{\text{min}} = 0.915$ , $T_{\text{max}} = 0.944$         | $\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.5^\circ$     |
| 8291 measured reflections                                   | $h = -22 \rightarrow 22$               |
|   | $k = -11 \rightarrow 11$               |
|   | $l = -24 \rightarrow 11$               |

### Refinement

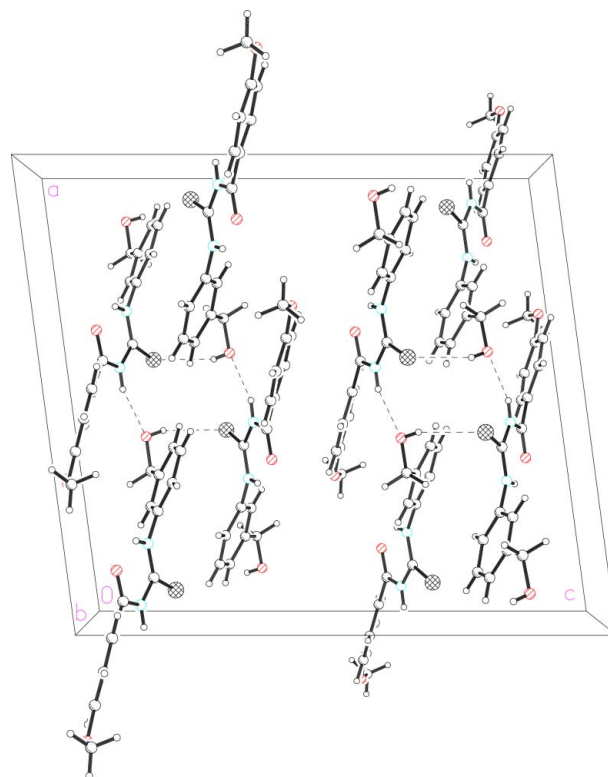
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| Refinement on $F^2$             | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0509P)^2 + 2.0214P]$    |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$ | where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$                       |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.128$               | $(\Delta\rho)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$                  |
| $S = 1.19$                      | $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.22 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$  |
| 3144 reflections                | $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.26 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$ |
| 201 parameters                  |  |
| H-atom parameters constrained   |  |

**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

| $D\text{--}H\cdots A$    | $D\text{--}H$ | $H\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D\text{--}H\cdots A$ |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| N2—H2···O1               | 0.86          | 1.90        | 2.615 (3)   | 140                   |
| C14—H14···S1             | 0.93          | 2.87        | 3.279 (3)   | 108                   |
| N1—H1···O3 <sup>i</sup>  | 0.86          | 2.14        | 2.971 (3)   | 162                   |
| O3—H3···S1 <sup>ii</sup> | 0.82          | 2.63        | 3.401 (3)   | 158                   |

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + y, z$ ; (ii)  $\frac{1}{2} - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, z$ .



**Figure 2**

Packing diagram of the title complex, viewed down the  $b$  axis. The dashed lines denote  $N\text{--}H\cdots O$  and  $O\text{--}H\cdots S$  hydrogen bonds.

After their location in a difference map, all H atoms were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with  $C\text{--}H = 0.93\text{--}0.97 \text{ \AA}$  and  $N\text{--}H = 0.86 \text{ \AA}$ , and  $U_{\text{iso}}(H) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(C)$  for CH and  $CH_2$  groups,  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(C)$  for  $CH_3$  groups and  $1.2U_{\text{eq}}(N)$  for NH groups.

Data collection: SMART (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: SAINT (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL, PARST (Nardelli, 1995) and PLATON (Spek, 2003).

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