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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 273 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.005 Å R factor = 0.031 wR factor = 0.039 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.8

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# 3-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-4-[(1*E*)-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)methyleneamino]-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-1,2,4triazole-5-thione dimethylformamide solvate

The title triazole compound,  $C_{15}H_8Cl_4N_4S\cdot C_3H_7NO$ , has been obtained as an unexpected product when attempting to prepare Schiff bases of thiocarbohydrazide (TCH). The triazole ring is planar within 0.004 (8) Å because of conjugation. The dihedral angles between the 1,2,4-triazole ring and the two benzene rings are 24.9 (2) and 70.0 (2)°. The interplanar angle between the two benzene rings is 83.4 (2)°. The packing of the molecules is stabilized both by van der Waals interactions and by N-H···O intermolecular hydrogen bonds between the triazole N atom and the carbonyl O atom of the dimethylformamide solvent molecule.

## Comment

It is known that substituted 1,2,4-triazole-3-thione derivatives exhibit a range of antimicrobial, diuretic and antidepressant activities (Oruc et al., 1999). Some of the metal complexes of these compounds also display a broad range of biological activity, finding application as antitumor, antibacterial, antifungal and antiviral agents (Bermejo et al., 1999; Eweiss et al., 1986). The title compound, (I), was obtained as an unexpected product when attempting to prepare the Schiff base of thiocarbohydrazide (TCH) and, to the best of our knowledge, represents a new method for the one-pot preparation of this class of triazole compounds. The triazole ring is planar within 0.004 (8) Å because of conjugation, with a maximum deviation of 0.007 (6) Å for atom C14. The dihedral angles between the 1,2,4-triazole ring and the two benzene rings are 24.9 (2) and  $70.0(2)^{\circ}$ . The interplanar angle between the two benzene rings is 83.4  $(2)^{\circ}$ .



The C=S bond length of 1.668 (3) Å, and the N-N bond lengths [1.374 (3) and 1.397 (3) Å] agree well with the reported values (Menzies & Squattrito, 2001). Because of conjugation, C=N bond lengths range between 1.250 (4) and 1.380 (3) Å, and C-N single bond lengths range between 1.445 (4) and 1.458 (4) Å. The C-Cl bond lengths [1.724 (3)-1.738 (3) Å] are comparable to values found by Xu *et al.* (2005). Selected bond distances and angles are listed in Table 1.





Figure 1

The molecular structure of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

A packing diagram is shown in Fig. 2. The packing of the molecules is stabilized both by van der Waals interactions and by  $N-H \cdots O$  intermolecular hydrogen bonds between the triazole N atom and the carbonyl O atom of the dimethylformamide solvent molecule  $[N \cdot \cdot O^{i} = 2.726 (2) \text{ Å and } N - 100 \text{ Å}$  $H \cdot \cdot \cdot O^i = 172^\circ$ ] (Table 2).

## **Experimental**

The title compound was prepared by refluxing a mixture of thiocarbohydrazide (0.212 g) and 2,4-dichlorobenzaldehyde (0.700 g) in ethanol (30 ml) for 3 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to stand undisturbed overnight in the reaction flask. Next morning, the pale yellow crystalline product was isolated (m.p. 505.5 K). The crystals were dissolved again in a mixture of dimethylformamide and MeOH (1:1). After a few days, pale yellow single crystals were obtained (m.p. 491-495 K).

### Crystal data

| C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>8</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S·C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation                    |
|--|---|
| $M_r = 491.21$   | Cell parameters from 2025                 |
| Orthorhombic, <i>Pca</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>  | reflections                               |
| a = 11.3496 (19)  Å  | $\theta = 4.2 - 20.3^{\circ}$             |
| b = 18.016 (3) Å   | $\mu = 0.64 \text{ mm}^{-1}$              |
| c = 10.9165 (18)  Å  | T = 273 (2) K                             |
| V = 2232.2 (6) Å <sup>3</sup>  | Block, pale yellow                        |
| Z = 4  | $0.27 \times 0.16 \times 0.09 \text{ mm}$ |
| $D_x = 1.462 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  |   |
| Data collection  |   |
| Bruker SMART APEX-II CCD   | 1956 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$    |
| area-detector diffractometer   | $R_{\rm int} = 0.044$                     |
| $\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans   | $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$         |
| Absorption correction: none  | $h = -10 \rightarrow 13$                  |
| 9843 measured reflections  | $k = -21 \rightarrow 21$                  |
| 3377 independent reflections   | $l = -10 \rightarrow 12$                  |
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#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.031$  $wR(F^2) = 0.039$ S = 0.823377 reflections 264 parameters H-atom parameters constrained

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0165P)^2]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ -3  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.22 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^2$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.15 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ Absolute structure: Flack (1983), 1292 Friedel pairs Flack parameter = -0.02 (4)

The packing diagram of the title compound, viewed along the c axis; hydrogen bonds are illustrated by dashed lines.

# Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

| S1-C15     | 1.668 (3) | N3-N4     | 1.374 (3) |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| N1-N2      | 1.397 (3) | N4-C14    | 1.291 (3) |
| N2-C14     | 1.369 (4) | C16-N5    | 1.250 (4) |
| N2-C15     | 1.380 (3) | C16-O2    | 1.280 (6) |
| N3-C15     | 1.357 (3) | C17-N5    | 1.445 (4) |
|            |           |           |           |
| C7-N1-N2   | 117.5 (3) | N1-C7-C6  | 121.5 (3) |
| C14-N2-C15 | 109.1 (3) | N4-C14-N2 | 111.7 (3) |
| C14-N2-N1  | 119.8 (3) | N3-C15-N2 | 101.2 (3) |
| C15-N2-N1  | 131.2 (3) | N3-C15-S1 | 126.8 (3) |
| C15-N3-N4  | 114.7 (2) | N2-C15-S1 | 132.0 (3) |
| C14-N4-N3  | 103.4 (3) | N5-C16-O2 | 123.9 (6) |
|            |           |           |           |

| Table 2                   |     |     |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|
| Hydrogen-bonding geometry | (Å, | °). |

| $D - H \cdots A$                | $D-{\rm H}$                  | $H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D - H \cdots A$ |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| $\overline{N3-H3\cdots O2^{i}}$ | 0.86                         | 1.87                    | 2.726 (2)    | 172              |
| Symmetry code: (i)              | $1 - x, -y, z - \frac{1}{2}$ |                         |              |                  |

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined with a riding model; C–H values were set to 0.96 and 0.93 Å for atoms C17– C18 and C2–C15, respectively; N–H = 0.86 Å.  $U_{iso}$ (H) values were constrained to be  $1.2U_{eq}$  of the parent atom.

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: APEX2; data reduction: APEX2; program(s) used to solve structure: APEX2; program(s) used to refine structure: APEX2; molecular graphics: APEX2; software used to prepare material for publication: APEX2.

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