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Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 295$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.006$ Å
 R factor = 0.054
 wR factor = 0.169
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4-Phenyl-1-(1-phenylethylidene)thiosemicarbazide

The title compound, $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{S}$, was prepared by the reaction of acetophenone and hydrazine with phenylisothiocyanate. In the molecule, all bond lengths and angles are within normal ranges. The two phenyl rings make a dihedral angle of $61.6(2)^\circ$. The crystal packing is stabilized by van der Waals forces.

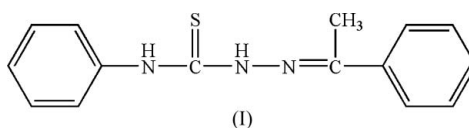
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Comment

Thiosemicarbazides are able to form complexes with biological activities (Shen *et al.*, 1998). Thiourea derivatives have been successfully screened for various biological activities (Antholine & Taketa, 1982), and some of them have shown promising anti-HIV properties (Mao *et al.*, 1999). As ligands with potential S and N donors, thiosemicarbazides are important due to their multifunctional coordination modes, *viz.* monodentate (*N*- or *S*-) or bidentate (*N*- and *S*-). In our search for new ligands of this type, we have synthesized the title compound, (I), and describe its structure here.



In (I) (Fig. 1), the bond lengths and angles (Table 1) are usual for this type of compound (Ji *et al.*, 2002). The mean planes $p1$ (S1/N2/N3/C9/C10) and $p2$ (N1/N2/C6/C7/C8) make a dihedral angle of $7.1(2)^\circ$. The dihedral angles formed by phenyl ring C1–C6 with $p1$ and $p2$ are $20.5(2)$ and $18.2(3)^\circ$, respectively, while the dihedral angles C10–C15/ $p1$ and C10–C15/ $p2$ are $53.7(1)$ and $60.6(2)^\circ$, respectively. The dihedral angle between the two phenyl rings is $61.6(2)^\circ$. The crystal packing (Fig. 2) is stabilized by van der Waals forces.

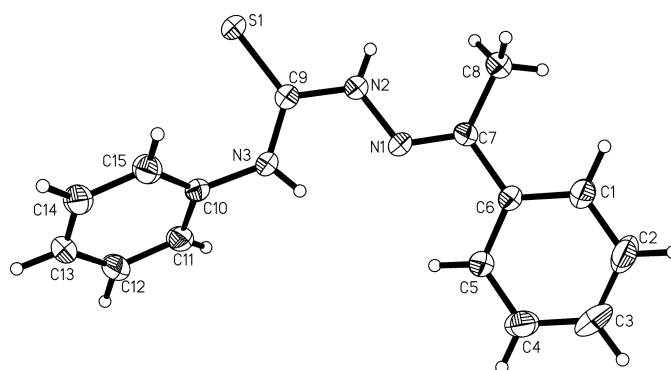


Figure 1
View of (I), showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme.

Experimental

The title compound was prepared by the reaction of hydrazine (0.02 mol) and acetophenone (0.02 mol) with phenyl isothiocyanate (0.02 mol). Single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray measurements were obtained by recrystallization from acetone solution at room temperature.

Crystal data

$C_{15}H_{15}N_3S$ $Z = 2$
 $M_r = 269.36$ $D_x = 1.277 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
 Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $a = 5.9250 (12) \text{ \AA}$ Cell parameters from 25 reflections
 $b = 10.514 (2) \text{ \AA}$ $\theta = 4\text{--}26^\circ$
 $c = 11.567 (2) \text{ \AA}$ $\mu = 0.22 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
 $\alpha = 103.54 (3)^\circ$ $T = 295 (2) \text{ K}$
 $\beta = 91.10 (3)^\circ$ Block, colourless
 $\gamma = 90.19 (3)^\circ$ $0.25 \times 0.20 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}$
 $V = 700.4 (2) \text{ \AA}^3$

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.0^\circ$
 ω scans $h = 0 \rightarrow 7$
 Absorption correction: none $k = -12 \rightarrow 12$
 3302 measured reflections $l = -13 \rightarrow 13$
 3014 independent reflections 3 standard reflections
 1352 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ every 100 reflections
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.032$ intensity decay: none

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$ $wR(F^2) = 0.169$
 $S = 1.02$ $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0732P)^2]$
 3014 reflections where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 180 parameters $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.33 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.25 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1 Selected geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$).

S1–C9	1.680 (3)	N2–C9	1.356 (4)
N1–C7	1.279 (4)	N3–C9	1.343 (4)
N1–N2	1.385 (4)	N3–C10	1.425 (4)
C7–N1–N2	118.9 (3)	C9–N3–C10	127.5 (3)
C9–N2–N1	119.4 (3)	C9–N3–C10–C15	−54.9 (5)
N2–N1–C7–C6	176.9 (3)	C9–N3–C10–C11	128.9 (4)
C1–C6–C7–N1	−160.9 (3)		
C5–C6–C7–N1	17.9 (5)		

After their location in a difference Fourier map, the C-bound H atoms were placed in calculated positions and allowed to ride on their

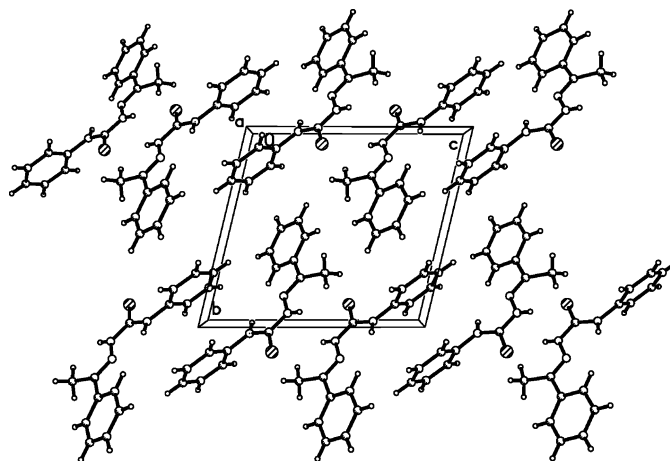


Figure 2 The crystal packing of (I), viewed down the a axis.

parent atoms, with C–H = 0.93–0.96 \AA and $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.2\text{--}1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$. The N-bound H atoms were also located in a difference Fourier map and were refined isotropically.

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, 1990); 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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