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# 4-Amino-5-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-2*H*-1,2,4-triazole-3(4*H*)-thione

In the title compound,  $C_8H_8N_4OS$ , the planar triazole ring is effectively coplanar with the benzene ring, which facilitates the formation of three intramolecular interactions  $N-H\cdots S$ (leading to a thione tautomer in the solid state),  $O-H\cdots N$ and  $C-H\cdots N$ . Intermolecular  $N-H\cdots S$  interactions lead to the formation of dimers, which are, in turn, linked to each other by  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds.

#### Comment

1.2.4-Triazole ring systems are typical planar six- $\pi$ -electron partially aromatic systems, and are used, along with their derivatives, as starting materials for the synthesis of many heterocycles (Desenko, 1995). Substituted 1,2,4-triazoles have also been actively studied as bridging ligands coordinating through their vicinal N atoms and some have special structures with interesting magnetic properties (Vos et al., 1983; Albada et al., 1984; Vreugdenhil et al., 1987; Kahn & Martinez, 1998). Studies also indicate that the 1.2.4-triazole system is associated with anticorrosion (Al-Kharafi et al., 1986) and anti-inflammatory action (Gupta & Bhargava, 1978), and other pharmacological activities, by exhibiting antiviral, anti-asthmatic, diuretic, analgesic, antimicrobial, antidepressant and antifungal effects (Jones et al., 1965; Bennur et al., 1976; Webb & Parsons, 1977; Sughen & Yoloye, 1978; Heubach et al., 1980; Kane et al., 1988; Massa et al., 1992; Mohamed et al., 1993; Cansiz et al., 2001). Furthermore, nitro derivatives of 1.2,4triazole are of interest as highly energetic compounds (Pevzner, 1997). In addition, there are some studies on electronic structures and the thiol-thione tautomeric equilibrium of heterocyclic thione derivatives (Koparır et al., 2005). As part of our ongoing study of the relationship between the molecular and crystal structures of triazole derivatives, the crystal structure determination of the title compound, (II), has been undertaken and the results are presented here.



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Figure 1

The molecular structure of (II), showing the atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. The intramolecular  $N-H\cdots S$ ,  $O-H\cdots N$  and  $C-H\cdots N$  hydrogen bonds are represented by dashed lines.

Previously, we have reported the structure of the closely related compound 4-ethyl-5-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-2H-1,2,4-triazole-3(4*H*)-thione, (III) (Dege *et al.*, 2005). The main aim of the present investigation was to study the differences between the structures of (II) and (III).

In the present study, (II) was synthesized by the reaction of 2-hydroxybenzohydrazide, (I), and a solution of KOH in absolute ethanol solution. The resulting 2-(2-hydroxyphen-yl)dithiocarbazate was cyclized with hydrazine to give the triazole in good yield.

The conformation of (II), together with the atomnumbering scheme and the intramolecular hydrogen bonding, is shown in Fig. 1. The crystallographic analysis demonstrates that compound (II) exists as the thione illustrated on the lower right-hand side of the scheme rather than the thiol shown above it. The 1,2,4-triazole ring is planar, with a maximum deviation of 0.0074 (9) Å for atom N4. The dihedral angle between this plane and that through the benzene ring is  $10.95 (12)^{\circ}$ . This value indicates that the molecule is almost planar. When the bond lengths and angles of the triazole ring in (II) (Table 1) are compared with those in (III) (Dege *et al.*, 2005), it is noted that there are no significant differences.

The observed conformation allows for three intramolecular  $N-H\cdots S$ ,  $O-H\cdots N$  and  $C-H\cdots N$  interactions, as detailed in Fig. 1 and Table 2. Each of these interactions leads to the formation of a ring, the first being five-membered and the others being six-membered.

In the crystal structure, two intermolecular hydrogenbonding interactions are also observed (Table 2). In a fashion similar to that found in the structure of (III) (Dege *et al.*, 2005), centrosymmetric dimers are formed *via*  $N-H\cdots S$ hydrogen bonds, generating an  $R_2^2(8)$  ring highlighted in Fig. 2. The dimers are connected to each other *via* intermolecular  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds.

## **Experimental**

To a solution of KOH (0.015 mol, 8.40 g) and 2-hydroxybenzhydrazide (0.01 mol, 1.52 g) in absolute ethanol (100 ml) was added CS<sub>2</sub> (0.015 mol, 0.91 ml). This mixture was diluted with absolute ethanol (50 ml) and shaken for 14 h. It was then diluted with dry diethyl ether (200 ml) and vacuum-dried at 343 K. A suspension of  $R_{\rm int} = 0.053$ 

 $\theta_{\max} = 27.1^{\circ}$  $h = -15 \rightarrow 15$ 

 $k = -6 \rightarrow 7$ 

 $l = -18 \rightarrow 18$ 

 $C_8$ 

M M

*a* :

b

*c* =

 $\beta$ V Z

H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>4</sub> OS	$D_x = 1.517 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
r = 208.24	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
onoclinic, $P2_1/a$	Cell parameters from 5061
= 12.0231 (19) Å	reflections
= 5.7685 (8) Å	$\theta = 1.6-27.2^{\circ}$
= 14.434 (2) Å	$\mu = 0.33 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
= 114.393 (11)°	T = 296  K
$= 911.7 (2) Å^{3}$	Prism, pale yellow
= 4	$0.68 \times 0.48 \times 0.37~\mathrm{mm}$

Data collection

Stoe IPDS-II diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: none 5961 measured reflections 1979 independent reflections 1620 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0684P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$	+ 0.0697P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.110$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.02	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
1979 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
159 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.19 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
All H-atom parameters refined	

### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

S1-C1	1.6773 (18)	N3-N4	1.399 (2)
01-C8	1.357 (2)	N4-C1	1.367 (2)
N1-N2	1.366 (2)	N4-C2	1.375 (2)
N1-C2	1.309 (2)	C2-C3	1.457 (2)
N2-C1	1.329 (2)		
N2-N1-C2	105.47 (14)	N2-C1-N4	103.55 (14)
N1-N2-C1	112.96 (14)	N1-C2-N4	108.86 (14)
N3-N4-C1	123.64 (14)	N1-C2-C3	122.39 (15)
N3-N4-C2	127.14 (14)	N4-C2-C3	128.74 (15)
C1-N4-C2	109.14 (13)	O1-C8-C3	123.75 (16)
S1-C1-N2	130.49 (13)	O1-C8-C7	116.39 (16)
S1-C1-N4	125.91 (13)		
N1-C2-C3-C4	169.24 (16)	N4-C2-C3-C8	168.64 (15)

able 2			
Iydrogen-bond	geometry	(Å,	°).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
O1−H1···N1	0.86 (3)	1.89 (3)	2.611 (2)	140 (2)
C4−H4···N3	0.97(2)	2.35 (2)	3.013 (3)	125 (2)
$N3-H3A\cdots S1$	0.91 (3)	2.73 (4)	3.1319 (18)	108 (3)
$N2-H2 \cdot \cdot \cdot S1^{i}$	0.90(2)	2.34 (2)	3.2400 (16)	174 (2)
$N3-H3B\cdotsO1^{ii}$	0.88 (4)	2.37 (4)	3.083 (2)	138 (3)

Symmetry codes: (i) -x + 2, -y + 1, -z + 1; (ii)  $x - \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $-y + \frac{5}{2}$ , z.

The H atoms were located in a difference map and refined isotropically [C-H = 0.91 (2)-0.97 (2) Å].

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Data collection: X-AREA (Stoe & Cie, 2002); cell refinement: X-AREA; data reduction: X-RED32 (Stoe & Cie, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 for Windows (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: WinGX (Farrugia, 1999) and PLATON (Spek, 2003).

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#### Figure 2

A projection of the crystal structure of (II) along the *b* axis. Dashed lines show the  $N-H\cdots S$  and  $N-H\cdots O$  interactions.

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