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## *N*-[4-Ferrocenyl-5-(1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]-2-nitrobenzamide

The title compound,  $[Fe(C_5H_5)(C_{17}H_{11}N_6O_3S)]$ , has been synthesized as a potential anticancer agent. There are two molecules in the asymmetric unit. In the crystal structure, the molecules are associated *via* N-H···N and C-H···O interactions.

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#### Comment

2-Amino-1,3-thiazoles are known as synthetic intermediates and therapeutic agents. Two examples are 5-arylthio-2-acylamino-1,3-thiazoles, known to be antitumour agents (Matsuo *et al.*, 1990), and 2-(arylmethylcarbonylamino)-1,3-thiazole derivatives, known to be cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitors (Pevarello *et al.*, 2004). The ferrocenyl group has been invoked as a bonus in the design of new biologically active molecules, as it is neutral, chemically stable, non-toxic and able to cross cell membranes (Dombrowski *et al.*, 1986). In our search for novel thiazole compounds with potential anticancer activity, we intend to synthesize thiazole compounds incorporating the ferrocenyl unit. In this paper, we report the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



The asymmetric unit of (I) consists of two molecules, *A* and *B* (Figs. 1 and 2). The molecules have five planar subunits, namely the thiazole ring (*P*1), the 2-nitrophenyl ring, C17–C22 (*P*2), the triazole ring (*P*3), the substituted cyclopentadienyl ring, C4–C8 (*P*4), and the cyclopentadienyl ring, C9–C13 (*P*5). The dihedral angles between *P*1 and *P*2, *P*2 and *P*3, *P*3 and *P*4 in molecule *A* are 66.7 (2), 51.7 (3) and 15.5 (2)°, respectively. The corresponding angles in molecule *B* are 76.3 (3), 80.0 (2) and 20.8 (3)°, respectively.

The Fe – C (Table 1) are comparable with those in 2-amino-4-(ferrocenyl)-5-(1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-1,3-thiazole, (II) [2.015 (4)–2.048 (3) Å; Shao *et al.*, 2005]. The cyclopentadienyl rings are in the eclipsed geometry, as evidenced by the C4– Cg1-Cg2-C9 torsion angle of 2.2 (3)° in molecule *A*, where Cg1 and Cg2 are the centroids of the C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub> rings, respectively. The corresponding angle in molecule *B*, C26– Cg3-Cg4-C31, is -9.0 (4)°. However, in compound (II), they are not eclipsed (Shao *et al.*, 2005).

In compound (I), the molecules are associated *via* N– $H \cdots N$  and C– $H \cdots O$  interactions (Table 2 and Fig. 3).

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#### Figure 1

One of the two independent molecules of (I), showing displacement ellipsoids at the 30% probability level.



#### Figure 2

The second of the two independent molecules of (I), showing displacement ellipsoids at the 30% probability level.

#### **Experimental**

2-Nitrobenzoyl chloride (2 mmol) was added to a solution of 2-amino-4-(ferrocenyl)-5-(1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-1,3-thiazole (1.8 mmol) in dry pyridine (15 ml). After stirring for 8 h, the reaction mixture was poured into water (200 ml). After 2 d, the precipitate was collected, washed with water and dried. After recrystallization from ethanol, the title compound was obtained (yield 46%). Analysis calculated for  $C_{22}H_{16}FeN_6O_3S$ : C 53.71, H 3.53, N 16.34%; found: C53.68, H 3.73, N 16.63%.

#### Crystal data

$[Fe(C_5H_5)(C_{17}H_{11}N_6O_3S)]$	$D_x = 1.548 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 500.32$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Cell parameters from 3749
a = 11.9851 (15)  Å	reflections
b = 28.541 (4)  Å	$\theta = 2.7-22.5^{\circ}$
c = 13.4467 (17)  Å	$\mu = 0.84 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 111.046 \ (2)^{\circ}$	T = 294 (2) K
$V = 4292.8 (9) \text{ Å}^3$	Block, red
Z = 8	$0.26 \times 0.20 \times 0.16 \text{ mm}$



#### Figure 3

A packing diagram for (I), viewed down the a axis. Dashed lines indicate the hydrogen bonds.

8783 independent reflections

 $\begin{array}{l} R_{\rm int} = 0.073 \\ \theta_{\rm max} = 26.5^{\circ} \\ h = -14 \rightarrow 14 \\ k = -35 \rightarrow 29 \\ l = -16 \rightarrow 9 \end{array}$ 

4708 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector
diffractometer
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
$T_{\min} = 0.802, \ T_{\max} = 0.878$
24210 measured reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	H atoms treated by a mixture of
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.049$	independent and constrained
$wR(F^2) = 0.115$	refinement
S = 0.99	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0453P)^2]$
8783 reflections	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
601 parameters	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.57 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.48 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

# Table 1Selected geometric parameters (Å, $^{\circ}$ ).

Fe1-C13	2.023 (4)	Fe2-C27	2.015 (4)
Fe1-C7	2.024 (4)	Fe2-C28	2.022 (4)
Fe1-C8	2.025 (4)	Fe2-C32	2.024 (5)
Fe1-C12	2.025 (5)	Fe2-C33	2.028 (4)
Fe1-C9	2.032 (4)	Fe2-C31	2.029 (5)
Fe1-C6	2.033 (4)	Fe2-C34	2.032 (5)
Fe1-C10	2.038 (4)	Fe2-C26	2.043 (4)
Fe1-C11	2.042 (4)	Fe2-C29	2.043 (4)
Fe1-C5	2.045 (4)	Fe2-C35	2.046 (5)
Fe1-C4	2.052 (4)	Fe2-C30	2.057 (4)
C14-N1-C2-S1	49.5 (5)	C36-N7-C24-S2	98.6 (4)
N2-N1-C2-S1	-126.5(3)	N8-N7-C24-S2	-77.6 (4)
C16-N5-C3-S1	1.8 (5)	C38-N11-C25-S2	3.1 (6)
N4-C1-C4-C5	14.9 (5)	N10-C23-C26-C27	-20.3(5)
C3-N5-C16-O1	4.2 (6)	C25-N11-C38-O4	-13.4 (7)
N5-C16-C17-C22	66.1 (5)	N11-C38-C39-C44	-76.6 (5)

Table 2	
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).	

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$\begin{array}{c} N5-H5A\cdots N9^{i}\\ N11-H11A\cdots N3^{ii}\\ C6-H6\cdots O4^{i} \end{array}$	0.85 (3) 0.85 (3) 0.93	2.13 (4) 2.10 (4) 2.48	2.952 (4) 2.932 (4) 3.333 (3)	160 (4) 165 (3) 153

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

The amino H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically, with the distance restraint N-H = 0.85 (3) Å. Other H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C-H = 0.93 Å, and refined using a riding model, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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