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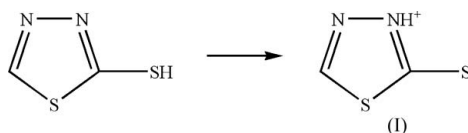
## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 296$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{N}-\text{C}) = 0.002$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.021  
 $wR$  factor = 0.056  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 19.0For details of how these key indicators were  
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## 1,3,4-Thiadiazolium-2-thiolate

Molecules of the title compound,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{N}_2\text{S}_2$ , exist in the crystal structure in the zwitterionic form with the thiol group deprotonated. Hydrogen bonds between the protonated N atoms and the thiolate S atoms link the molecules in a zigzag packing arrangement parallel to the  $ac$  plane.Received 28 November 2005  
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## Comment

Thiadiazoles have attracted increasing attention because of their potential applications in pharmaceutical, agricultural, industrial, coordination and polymer chemistry (Coyanis *et al.*, 2002; Wang & Cao, 2005).

Molecules of the title compound, (I), exist in the crystal structure in a zwitterionic form, with the thiadiazole atom N1 protonated and the thiol substituent deprotonated (Fig. 1). The thiadiazole ring is planar, with a maximum deviation from the ring plane of 0.0082 (7) Å for atom N1. The thiolate atom S2 lies 0.018 (6) Å from that plane.

 $\text{N1}-\text{H1} \cdots \text{S2}$  hydrogen bonds link adjacent molecules in a zigzag network parallel to the  $ac$  plane (Figs. 2 and 3).

## Experimental

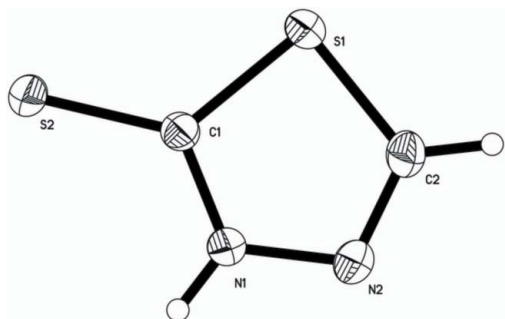
Dilute hydrochloric acid (a few drops) was added to a solution of 2-mercapto-1,3,4-thiadiazole (1 g) in water (20 ml). Subsequent crystallization over 2 weeks gave colourless needle-like crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis.

## Crystal data

 $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{N}_2\text{S}_2$   
 $M_r = 118.18$   
Orthorhombic,  $Pbca$   
 $a = 8.623$  (2) Å  
 $b = 8.249$  (2) Å  
 $c = 13.075$  (3) Å  
 $V = 930.0$  (4) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 8$   
 $D_x = 1.688$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
Cell parameters from 4625  
reflections  
 $\theta = 3.1-28.3^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.97$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 296$  (2) K  
Needle, colourless  
0.32 × 0.13 × 0.13 mm

## Data collection

Bruker APEX-2 CCD area-detector  
diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.747$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.884$   
7289 measured reflections1066 independent reflections  
1000 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.020$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$   
 $h = -11 \rightarrow 11$   
 $k = -10 \rightarrow 10$   
 $l = -16 \rightarrow 16$



**Figure 1**  
A view of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.021$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.056$   
 $S = 1.06$   
 1066 reflections  
 56 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0291P)^2 + 0.2499P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.26 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.19 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$   
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL97*  
 (Sheldrick, 1997)  
 Extinction coefficient: 0.069 (3)

**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

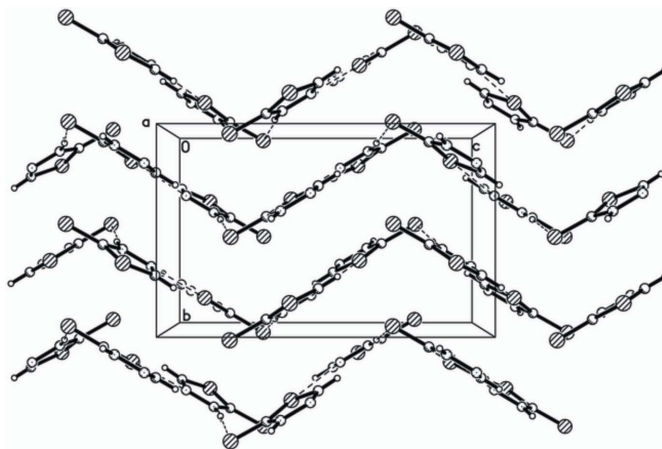
$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$N1-H1\cdots S2^i$	0.86	2.40	3.2527 (13)	170

Symmetry code: (i)  $x + \frac{1}{2}, y, -z + \frac{3}{2}$ .

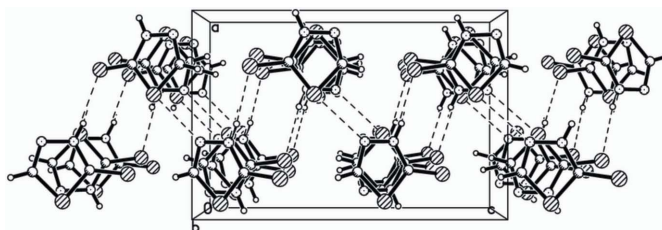
H atoms were treated as riding, with  $C-H = 0.93 \text{ Å}$  and  $N-H = 0.86 \text{ Å}$ , and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(H) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(C, N)$ .

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: *APEX2*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2004); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2004); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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**Figure 2**  
The one-dimensional chain structure of (I) formed by  $N-H\cdots S$  hydrogen bonds (dashed lines) along the  $c$  axis.



**Figure 3**  
The zigzag packing arrangement of (I) in the  $ac$  plane. Hydrogen bonds are drawn as dashed lines.

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