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### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 173 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.002 Å R factor = 0.034 wR factor = 0.100 Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.3

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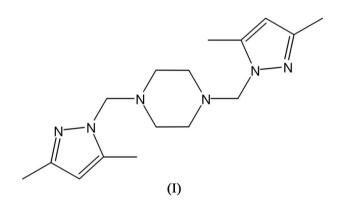
# *N,N'*-Bis(3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl-methyl)piperazine

The molecule of the title compound,  $C_{16}H_{26}N_6$ , is located on a crystallographic centre of inversion; as a result, there is just one half-molecule in the asymmetric unit. The piperazine ring adopts an ideal chair conformation. The substituents at the piperazine N atoms are in equatorial positions.

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### Comment

A perspective view of the the title compound, (I), is shown in Fig. 1. Bond lengths and angles can be regarded as normal (Cambridge Structural Database, Version 5.27 plus one update; *MOGUL* Version 1.1; Allen, 2002). The piperazine ring adopts an ideal chair conformation. The sum of the bond angles at the piperazine N atoms (328.48°) clearly shows the pyramidal geometry. The dimethylpyrazolylmethyl residues are attached to the piperazine N atoms in equatorial positions. There are no significant  $C-H\cdots N$  or  $C-H\cdots \pi$  contacts. The molecules in the crystal structure are held together by van der Waals interactions only.



### **Experimental**

The title compound was prepared according to the procedure described by Ratilainen *et al.* (1999).

### Crystal data

 $C_{16}H_{26}N_6$   $M_r = 302.43$ Orthorhombic, *Pbca*  a = 9.6944 (9) Å b = 12.1761 (11) Å c = 13.7141 (12) Å V = 1618.8 (3) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 4 $D_x = 1.241$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup> Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation Cell parameters from 14373 reflections  $\theta = 3.6-25.7^{\circ}$  $\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 173 (2) K Block, colourless  $0.28 \times 0.26 \times 0.23 \text{ mm}$ 

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### Data collection

Stoe IPDS-II two-circle	1.
diffractometer	R
$\omega$ scans	$\theta_1$
Absorption correction: none	h
16864 measured reflections	k
1560 independent reflections	l

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.035$ wR(F<sup>2</sup>) = 0.100 S = 1.081560 reflections 102 parameters H-atom parameters constrained 1319 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{int} = 0.044$  $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.8^{\circ}$  $= -11 \rightarrow 11$  $= -14 \rightarrow 14$  $= -16 \rightarrow 16$ 

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0595P)^2]$ + 0.1979P] where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.20 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.19 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

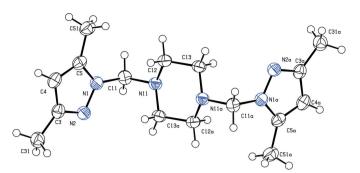
### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

N11-C13 <sup>i</sup>	1.4563 (17)	N11-C12	1.4601 (16)
C11-N11-C13 <sup>i</sup> C11-N11-C12	113.99 (10) 114.30 (10)	C13 <sup>i</sup> -N11-C12	110.19 (10)
$\substack{C13^{i}-N11-C12-C13\\N11-C12-C13-N11^{i}}$	58.69 (15) -58.61 (15)	C12 <sup>i</sup> -C13 <sup>i</sup> -N11-C12	-58.89 (14)
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H atoms were located in a difference electron-density map, but they were positioned geometrically and refined with fixed individual displacement parameters  $[U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C) \text{ or } 1.5U_{eq}(methyl C)]$ using a riding model, with C-H = 0.95-0.99 Å. The methyl groups were allowed to rotate but not to tip.



### Figure 1

Perspective view of the title compound with the atom numbering; displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Atoms labelled with the suffix a were generated by the symmetry code (1 - x), 1 - y, 1 - z).

Data collection: X-AREA (Stoe & Cie, 2001); cell refinement: X-AREA; data reduction: X-AREA; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: PLATON (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97 and PLATON.

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