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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.005 Å R factor = 0.065 wR factor = 0.159 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.1

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# 3,5-Bis(salicylideneamino)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole methanol solvate

In the crystal structure of the title compound,  $C_{16}H_{13}N_5O_{2}$ - $CH_4O$ , there are intra- and intermolecular hydrogen bonds. Molecules form dimers, which are extended to afford a ribbon structure. These ribbons are further packed, forming a three-dimensional grid structure.

### Comment

Azole subunits are frequently present in biologically active compounds (Street *et al.*, 1995). Triazole derivatives have been studied as anti-inflammatory drug candidates and also been used as ligands for binding Pt and Ru to form antitumor metal complexes (Komeda *et al.*, 2002). As a consequence, much ongoing effort has been devoted to derivatives of 1,2,4-triazole and their metal complexes for medical use. However, derivatives of 3,5-diamino-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole have not been well studied (El-Hefnawy *et al.*, 1993; Elshani *et al.*, 2005). We report here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I), which is a Schiff base derived from 3,5-diamino-1*H*-1,2,4triazole.



In (I), there are intra- and intermolecular hydrogen bonds (Table 1). The two benzene rings (ring 1 = C1-C6 and ring 3 = C11-C16) and the triazole ring (ring 2 = N1/N2/C8/N4/C9) are almost in the same plane (Fig. 1), the angles between rings 1 and 2, and between rings 2 and 3 being 3.7 (2) and 3.3 (2)°, respectively. The bond lengths of the triazole ring are very similar to other 1H-1,2,4-triazole derivatives (Claramunt *et al.*, 2001; Zhou *et al.*, 2001). The triazole and methanol molecules are linked through  $O-H \cdots N$  and  $N-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds (Table 1) to form dimers, which are extended by weak intermolecular  $C-H \cdots O$  interactions to afford a ribbon structure (Fig. 2). These ribbons are further packed through weak  $C-H \cdots N$  hydrogen bonds, forming a three-dimensional grid structure.

## **Experimental**

The title compound, (I), was prepared, in 60% yield, by condensation of 3,5-diamino-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole with salicylaldehyde in a 1:2 ratio in hot methanol. Suitable crystals for X-ray diffraction were obtained by recrystallization from a methanol solution. Analysis found: C 60.15, H 5.15, N 20.58%; calculated for  $C_{17}H_{17}N_5O_3$ : C 60.17, H 5.05, N 20.64%.

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#### Figure 1

A view of the molecular structure of (I), showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids. Two molecules form a dimer through  $N-H\cdots O$  and  $O-H\cdots N$  hydrogen bonds (dashed lines) [symmetry code: (i) 2 - x, 1 - y, -z].



#### Figure 2

A view of the ribbon structure of (I). The ribbons are arranged in crosslinking directions, forming a three-dimensional grid structure [symmetry codes: (ii) -x, 2 - y, -z; (iii) -2 + x, 1 + y, -z; (iv)  $\frac{3}{2} - x$ ,  $-\frac{1}{2} + y$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} - z$ ].

#### Crystal data

$C_{16}H_{13}N_5O_2 \cdot CH_4O$	$D_x = 1.316 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 339.36$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Cell parameters from 428
a = 5.8562 (7)  Å	reflections
b = 9.1651 (12)  Å	$\theta = 2.3 - 17.5^{\circ}$
c = 31.907 (4) Å	$\mu = 0.09 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 90.332 \ (3)^{\circ}$	T = 293 (2) K
V = 1712.5 (4) Å <sup>3</sup>	Block, colorless
Z = 4	$0.28 \times 0.24 \times 0.22 \text{ mm}$

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD area-	3374 independent reflections
detector diffractometer	1686 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.053$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 26.0^{\circ}$
(SADABS; Bruker, 2000)	$h = -7 \rightarrow 6$
$T_{\min} = 0.97, \ T_{\max} = 0.98$	$k = -7 \rightarrow 11$
9110 measured reflections	$l = -39 \rightarrow 30$

# Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$ H atoms treated by a mixture of<br/>independent and constrained<br/>refinement $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.066$ independent and constrained<br/>refinement $wR(F^2) = 0.159$  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0643P)^2]$ <br/>3374 reflections3374 reflections $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (2.0643P)^2]$ <br/>where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ <br/> $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$ <br/> $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.18$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1	
Hydrogen-bond geometry	(Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$O2-H2A\cdots N5$	1.05 (4)	1.72 (4)	2.618 (3)	141 (3)
$O1-H1A\cdots N3$	1.06 (4)	1.77 (4)	2.645 (3)	137 (3)
$O3-H3A\cdots N2$	0.89 (4)	1.91 (4)	2.773 (3)	164 (4)
$N1 - H1B \cdot \cdot \cdot O3^{i}$	0.94 (3)	1.77 (3)	2.702 (3)	172 (3)
$C15-H15\cdots O2^{ii}$	0.93	2.79	3.694 (4)	164
C14−H14···O1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.93	2.81	3.522 (4)	134
$C4-H4\cdots N4^{iv}$	0.93	2.64	3.481 (4)	151

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.18 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

Symmetry codes: (i) -x + 2, -y + 1, -z; (ii) -x, -y + 2, -z; (iii) x - 2, y + 1, z; (iv)  $-x + \frac{3}{2}, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

N- and O-bound H atoms were found in a difference Fourier map and their coordinates were refined with  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2 U_{\rm eq}({\rm O,N})$ . Other H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C-H = 0.93– 0.96 Å, and included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation, with  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2 U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$  or  $1.5 U_{\rm eq}({\rm methyl} {\rm C})$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2000); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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