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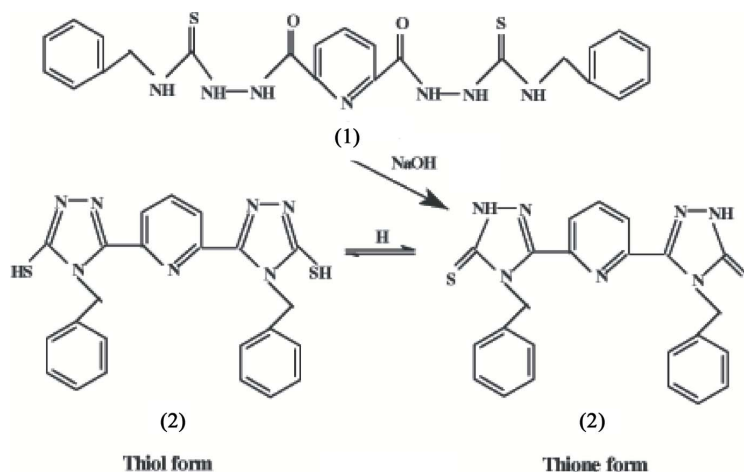
4,4'-Dibenzyl-5,5'-(pyridine-2,6-diyl)- bis(3,4-dihydro-2H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione)

The title compound, C₂₃H₁₉N₇S₂, adopts the ketoamine tautomeric form and displays C—H···N hydrogen-bonding interactions. There are two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit.

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Comment

1,2,4-Triazole and its derivatives represent one of the most biologically active classes of compounds, possessing a wide spectrum of activities, including antibacterial, antifungal, antiviral, anti-inflammatory, anticonvulsant, antidepressant, antihypertensive, analgaesic and hypoglycaemic properties (Abbas *et al.*, 2005; Koparır *et al.*, 2005; Holla *et al.*, 1998). Carboxylic acid hydrazides are condensed with carbon disulfide in ethanolic potassium hydroxide to yield potassium 3-aryoldithiocarbazates, which are cyclized with hydrazine to the triazole (Cansız *et al.*, 2004; Reid *et al.*, 1976). In addition, there are some studies of the electronic structures and thiol–thione tautomeric equilibrium of heterocyclic thione derivatives (Koparır *et al.*, 2005; Coyanis *et al.*, 2002). In the present study, 4,4'-dibenzyl-5,5'-(pyridine-2,6-diyl)bis(2,4-dihydro-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione), (2), was synthesized by the reaction of benzyl isothiocyanate and pyridine-2,6-dicarbohydrazide through 5,5'-pyridine-2,6-diylbis(*N*-phenylhydrazinecarbothioamide), (1). Base-catalysed intramolecular dehydrative cyclization of this intermediate furnished the thione in good yield (80%). The reaction sequence depicted in the scheme was followed to obtain compound (2).



The asymmetric unit of (2) contains two independent molecules. Fig. 1 shows the positions of these two molecules relative to one another. There are two intramolecular C—H···N and C—H··· π interactions in the structure of (2) (Table 1). The average value of the C=N double-bond length

in (2) is 1.302 (2) Å, in agreement with those in similar compounds.

Experimental

A mixture of pyridine-2,6-dicarbohydrazide (0.01 mol) and the appropriate benzyl isothiocyanate (0.01 mol) in absolute ethanol (100 ml) was refluxed for 8 h. The solid material obtained on cooling was filtered off, washed with diethyl ether, dried and crystallized from ethanol (yield 80%; m.p. 391–392 K) to give (1). To synthesize compound (2), a mixture of compound (1) (0.479 g, 1 mmol) and sodium hydroxide (40 mg, 1 mmol, as a 2 N solution) was refluxed with stirring for 4 h. After cooling, the solution was acidified with hydrochloric acid and the resulting precipitate was filtered off and then crystallized from a mixture of methanol–dioxane (2:1) (yield: 0.37 g, 80%; m.p. 531 K). IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 3130–3020 (aryl CH), 2950–2910 (aliphatic CH), 2945–2762–2560 (S–H); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ , p.p.m.): 14.29 (*br*, 2H, 2 \times SH), 8.05 (*t*, $J = 5.70$ Hz, 1H, Pr-CH), 7.90 (*d*, $J = 6.00$ Hz, 2H, Pr-CH), 7.18–7.30 (*m*, 10H, 2 \times Ph-CH), 5.17 (*s*, 4H, 2 \times N–CH₂–Ph).

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_7\text{S}_2$
 $M_r = 457.57$
 Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$
 $a = 10.6469$ (7) Å
 $b = 10.8127$ (7) Å
 $c = 21.9501$ (13) Å
 $\alpha = 89.500$ (5)°
 $\beta = 89.496$ (5)°
 $\gamma = 61.774$ (5)°

$V = 2226.3$ (2) Å³
 $Z = 4$
 $D_x = 1.365$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.27$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 296$ K
 Prism, colourless
 $0.62 \times 0.48 \times 0.26$ mm

Data collection

Stoe IPDS-2 diffractometer
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: integration
 (*X-RED32*; Stoe & Cie, 2002)
 $T_{\min} = 0.853$, $T_{\max} = 0.934$

32857 measured reflections
 10510 independent reflections
 6295 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.094$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 28.0^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.093$
 $S = 0.90$
 10510 reflections
 578 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0353P)^2]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.18$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.26$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
C17–H17B \cdots N4	0.97	2.44	3.099 (2)	125
C40–H40A \cdots N11	0.97	2.49	3.054 (2)	117

H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C–H = 0.93–0.97 Å and N–H = 0.86 Å, and refined using a riding model, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{carrier})$.

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* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003).

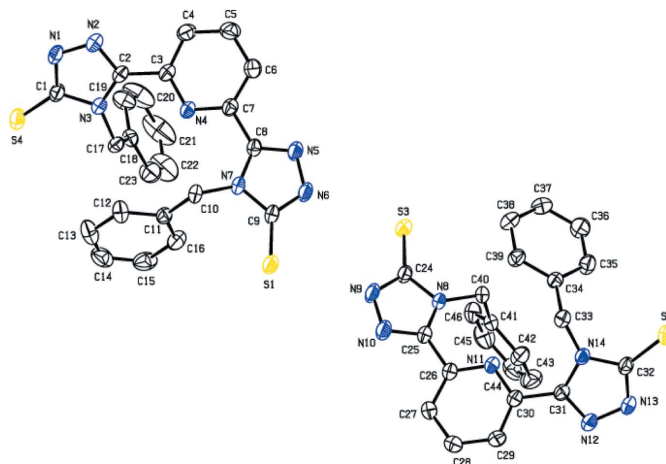


Figure 1

The asymmetric unit of (2), showing the atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids of non-H atoms are drawn at the 30% probability level and H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

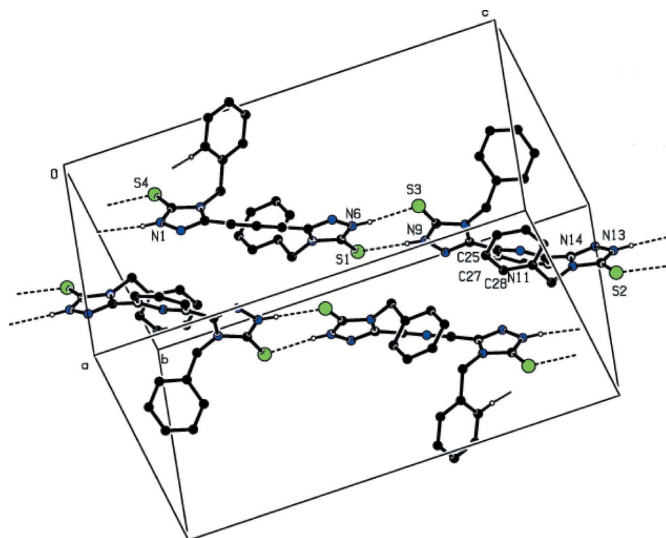


Figure 2

A view of the packing and hydrogen-bonding interactions (dashed lines) of (2). H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted.

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