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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=243 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.002 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.058$
$w R$ factor $=0.173$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=20.8$
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## 1-(5,6-Dimethyl-1,2,4-triazin-3-yl)-2-methyl-1H-benzimidazole

In the title molecule, $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{~N}_{5}$, all bond lengths and angles show normal values. The molecular skeleton is almost planar; the mean planes of the benzimidazole and triazine rings make a dihedral angle of $1.28(6)^{\circ}$. The crystal packing is stabilized by $\pi-\pi$ interactions and weak intermolecular $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{N}$ hydrogen bonds.

## Comment

In the search for correlation between the structure and reactivity of $N$-cyanoazole derivatives (Pan'kov et al., 2001a,b), 2-methyl- $1 H$-benzimidazole-1-carbohydrazonamide has been synthesized by the reaction of 2-methyl-1-cyanobenzimidazole with hydrazine (Pan'kov et al., 2001a). The title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), has been prepared by the reaction of 2-methyl- 1 H -benzimidazole-1-carbohydrazonamide with diacetyl.

(I)

The bond lengths and angles in (I) are normal (Allen et al., 1987). The triazine ring is almost planar, with an r.m.s. deviation of 0.014 (1) $\AA$. The geometry of the triazine ring and the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}$ distances indicate a donation of the N5 lone pair into the triazine $\pi$ system. Furthermore, the benzimidazole and triazine rings in (I) are almost coplanar; the dihedral angle of $1.28(6)^{\circ}$ between the two least-squares planes suggests conjugation between the benzimidazole and triazine ring systems.

In the crystal structure, weak intermolecular $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{N}$ hydrogen bonds (Table 1) link the molecules into zigzag chains. Two adjacent molecules are paired via a $\pi-\pi$ interaction, with a short distance of 3.533 (3) $\AA$ between the centroid of the triazine ring of one molecule and the centroid of the five-membered ring of another molecule. Both these interactions stabilize the crystal packing (Fig. 2).

## Experimental

2-Methyl-1 $H$-benzimidazole-1-carbohydrazonamide was prepared according to the procedure of Pan'kov et al. (2001a). 2-Methyl-1H-benzimidazole-1-carbohydrazonamide $(5.7 \mathrm{mmol})$ and diacetyl

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$(0.5 \mathrm{ml})$ were dissolved in propan-2-ol ( 10 ml ). The mixture was boiled for $5-6 \mathrm{~h}$ and then concentrated to dryness. The solid was recrystallized from ethyl acetate (yield $95 \%$; m.p. $420-421 \mathrm{~K}$ ).

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{~N}_{5}$
$M_{r}=239.28$
Monoclinic, $P 2_{1} / n$
$a=7.412$ (4) $\AA$
$b=13.163$ (7) $\AA$
$c=12.499$ (7) $\AA$
$\beta=97.701$ (11) ${ }^{\circ}$
$V=1208.4$ (11) $\mathrm{A}^{3}$

## Data collection

Bruker SMART 1000 CCD areadetector diffractometer $\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1998)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.951, T_{\text {max }}=0.983$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.058$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.173$
$S=1.07$
3459 reflections
166 parameters

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\begin{aligned}
& Z=4 \\
& D_{x}=1.315 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{~m}^{-3} \\
& \text { Mo } K \alpha \text { radiation } \\
& \mu=0.09 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1} \\
& T=243(2) \mathrm{K} \\
& \text { Prism, colourless } \\
& 0.60 \times 0.20 \times 0.20 \mathrm{~mm}
\end{aligned}
$$

9157 measured reflections
3459 independent reflections
2213 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.024$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=30.0^{\circ}$

Table 1
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\left({ }^{\circ},{ }^{\circ}\right)$.

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 1 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 3^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 0.93 | 2.60 | $3.423(2)$ | 148 |

Symmetry code: (i) $x-\frac{1}{2},-y-\frac{1}{2}, z-\frac{1}{2}$.
All H atoms were located in a difference map and refined as riding, with $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.98\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$ or $0.93 \AA(\mathrm{CH})$, and with $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=$ $1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$.

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

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Figure 1
The molecular structure of (I), with the atomic numbering. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level.


Figure 2
The crystal packing in (I). Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

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