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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 KMean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.064 wR factor = 0.152 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.7

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# 2-(4-Fluoroanilino)-4,5-dimethyl-1,3-thiazole

In the title compound,  $C_{11}H_{11}FN_2S$ , the dihedral angle between the least-squares planes of the fluoroaniline and 1,3-thiazole fragments is 46.47 (17)°. The molecules form dimers by N-H···N hydrogen bonds. There are no significant  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions in the crystal structure.

## Comment

In a previous study, we found the molecule of 2-anilino-4,5dimethyl-1,3-thiazole, (II), to be essentially planar except for the methyl H atoms (Jumal & Yamin, 2006). Howewer, compound (I), which has an F atom at the 4-position of the aniline group (Fig. 1), shows a non-planar conformation, with an angle of 46.47 (17)° between the least-squares planes of the fluoroaniline (F1/C1–C6/N1) and 1,3-thiazole (S1/N2/C7–C9) fragments. The maximum deviation from the mean plane of the fluoroaniline fragment is 0.031 (3) Å for atom N1. The bond lengths and angles are in normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987).



In the crystal structure, the molecules are linked by N– H···N hydrogen bonds (Table 2), forming dimers, as observed in (II), and are stacked parallel to the *b* axis without significant  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions (Fig. 2).

It seems that the driving force for the non-planar conformation of (I) is the intramolecular H1B···S1 short contact of 2.72 Å (Table 2), which is nearly the sum of the van der Waals radii of H (aromatic) and S atoms (2.80 Å; Bondi, 1964). The corresponding H···S distance in (II) is 2.49 Å, suggesting intramolecular strain which may be compensated by the intermolecular  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions (Jumal & Yamin, 2006).

## **Experimental**

A solution of 4-fluoroaniline (2.20 g, 0.02 mol) in acetone (40 ml) was added dropwise to an acetone solution (40 ml) containing equimolar amounts of 3-chloro-2-butanone (2.14 g, 0.02 mol) and ammonium thiocyanate (1.52 g, 0.02 mol) in a two-necked round-bottomed flask. The mixture was refluxed for 3 h. The resulting solution was poured into a beaker containing ice cubes. The white precipitate was filtered off, washed with distilled water and ethanol, and then dried.

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Recrystallization from acetone yielded crystals of (I) (3.1 g, 70%) suitable for X-ray analysis.

#### Crystal data

 $C_{11}H_{11}FN_{2}S$   $M_{r} = 222.28$ Monoclinic,  $P_{2_{1}}/c$  a = 11.915 (5) Å b = 4.0811 (17) Å c = 22.546 (9) Å  $\beta = 100.151 (7)^{\circ}$   $V = 1079.2 (8) Å^{3}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD areadetector diffractometer  $\omega$  scan Absorption correction: multi-scan *SADABS* (Bruker, 2000)  $T_{\rm min} = 0.872, T_{\rm max} = 0.975$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.064$   $wR(F^2) = 0.152$  S = 1.141887 reflections 138 parameters H-atom parameters constrained Z = 4  $D_x$  = 1.368 Mg m<sup>-3</sup> Mo K $\alpha$  radiation  $\mu$  = 0.28 mm<sup>-1</sup> T = 298 (2) K Slab, colourless 0.50 × 0.24 × 0.09 mm

5081 measured reflections 1887 independent reflections 1423 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.041$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^{\circ}$ 

$$\begin{split} &w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0668P)^2 \\ &+ 0.3409P] \\ &where \ P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001 \\ \Delta\rho_{max} = 0.31 \ e \ \text{\AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{min} = -0.19 \ e \ \text{\AA}^{-3} \end{split}$$

## Table 1

Selected	torsion	angles	(°).
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#### Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$\overline{\begin{array}{c} C1 - H1B \cdots S1 \\ N1 - H1A \cdots N2^{i} \end{array}}$	0.93	2.72	3.124 (4)	107
	0.86	2.18	3.038 (4)	172

Symmetry code: (i) -x, -y + 1, -z + 1.

After their location in difference maps, all H-atoms were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent atoms with C-H = 0.93-0.96 Å and N-H = 0.86 Å, and with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C,N)$  or  $1.5U_{eq}(C)$  for methyl groups.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997*b*); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*, *PARST* (Nardelli, 1995) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003).



## Figure 1

Molecular structure of (I), with 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. The dashed line indicates a hydrogen bond.



#### Figure 2

Packing diagram of (I), viewed down the b axis. H atoms have been omitted unless they are involved in hydrogen bonds (dashed lines).

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