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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 100 KMean σ (C–C) = 0.002 Å R factor = 0.029 wR factor = 0.083 Data-to-parameter ratio = 20.7

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© 2006 International Union of Crystallography All rights reserved In the title compound, $C_8H_{10}N_2OS$, the dihedral angle between the benzene ring and the thiourea group is 59.23 (4)°. Molecules are linked *via* N-H···O/S hydrogen bonds, forming a two-dimensional network.

N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)thiourea

Comment

The use of thiosemicarbazide in organic synthesis has become a classical strategy for the synthesis of several heterocycles. Their reactions with compounds containing C=O and C=N groups provide an elegant method for the preparation of biologically active compounds, *viz*. triazoles and thiazoles. For this reason, they have been the objective of several experimental and theoretical studies, aimed mainly at the determination of their crystal structures (Ali *et al.*, 2004; Cao *et al.*, 1996; Yamin & Yusof, 2003; Yusof & Yamin, 2004). We report here the synthesis and crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The dihedral angle between the benzene ring and the thiourea group is 59.23 (4)°. The methoxy group at C6 is almost coplanar with the benzene ring (C1–C6), with a C7–O1–C6–C1 torsion angle of 4.83 (14)°. The crystal structure is stabilized by intermolecular N–H···O/S hydrogen bonds (Table 1), forming an infinite two-dimensional network parallel to the (101) plane (Fig. 2).

Experimental

Benzoyl chloride (11.6 ml, 0.1 mol) was added over a period of 5 min to a freshly prepared solution of ammonium isothiocyanate (11.6 g, 0.12 mol) in reagent grade acetone (150 ml) and the mixture was heated under reflux for *ca* 15 min. Heating was stopped and then 4methoxyaniline (11.3 ml, 0.1 mol) in acetone (50 ml) was added as quickly as possible with vigorous refluxing. The mixture was then heated under reflux for 30 min and poured on to excess crushed ice with stirring. The resulting solid was collected and washed with water and then with a cold water-methanol mixture (1:1). This solid, *N*-(4methoxyphenyl)-*N'*-benzoylthiourea, was then added in one portion to a preheated (*ca* 353 K) solution of aqueous sodium hydroxide (50 ml, 5%) and stirred. The mixture was then poured on to an excess of ice containing aqueous hydrochloric acid (5%); the pH was adjusted to 8.0–8.5 with sodium carbonate to remove the benzoic acid. The solid product was separated, washed with water and purified by recrystallization from ethanol to give crystals of (I) (yield 78%).

V = 436.96 (2) Å³

 $D_x = 1.385 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation $\mu = 0.32 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

T = 100.0 (1) K

 $0.51 \times 0.43 \times 0.29 \mbox{ mm}$

4876 measured reflections

2531 independent reflections 2432 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0426P)^2]$

where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

+ 0.1605P]

 $\begin{array}{l} (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001 \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.43 ~{\rm e}~{\rm \AA}^{-3} \end{array}$

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.35 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

Block, black

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.017$

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 30.0^\circ$

Z = 2

Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_8 H_{10} N_2 OS \\ M_r = 182.24 \\ Triclinic, $P\overline{1}$ \\ a = 6.7328 (2) Å \\ b = 8.3813 (2) Å \\ c = 9.0571 (2) Å \\ \alpha = 63.779 (1)^{\circ} \\ \beta = 72.413 (1)^{\circ} \\ \gamma = 83.428 (1)^{\circ} \end{array}$

Data collection

Brucker SMART APEX2 CCD diffractometer ω scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2005) $T_{\min} = 0.853, T_{\max} = 0.913$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.029$ $wR(F^2) = 0.083$ S = 1.112531 reflections 122 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, $^\circ).$

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$N1 - H1B \cdot \cdot \cdot S1^{i}$	0.88 (2)	2.420 (19)	3.2787 (10)	166 (2)
$N2-H2B\cdots O1^{ii}$	0.86(2)	2.348 (19)	3.0512 (12)	139 (2)
$N2-H2C\cdots S1^{iii}$	0.88 (2)	2.511 (18)	3.3870 (10)	172 (2)
Symmetry codes:	(i) $-x+2, -y+1, -z+1;$		(ii) $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z;$ (iii)	

-x + 2, -y, -z + 1.

N-bound H atoms were located in difference maps and refined isotropically. The remaining H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding, with C-H = 0.93-0.96 Å and $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H})$ = $1.2U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$ or $1.5U_{\rm eq}({\rm methyl}\ {\rm C})$.

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2005); cell refinement: *APEX2*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2005); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1998); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*, *PARST* (Nardelli, 1995) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003).

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Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atomic numbering.



Figure 2

The crystal structure of (I). Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

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