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Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.008$ Å
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 wR factor = 0.257
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1-[1-(3-Nitrophenyl)ethylidene]thiosemicarbazide

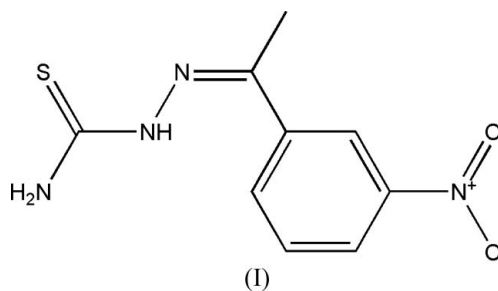
The title compound, $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$, was prepared by the reaction of thiosemicarbazide with 1-(3-nitrophenyl)ethanone at room temperature. The crystal packing is stabilized by van der Waals forces.

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Comment

Schiff bases have been used extensively as ligands in the field of coordination chemistry (Jian *et al.*, 2005, 2006). Schiff bases show potential as antimicrobial and anticancer agents (Tarafer *et al.*, 2000; Deschamps *et al.*, 2003) and so have biochemical and pharmacological applications. The recent growing interest in Schiff bases is also due to their ability to form intramolecular hydrogen bonds by electron coupling between acid-base centers (Rozwadowski *et al.*, 1999). We report here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



In (I) (Fig. 1 and Table 1), the C7–N2 bond length is a little shorter than that of a standard C=N bond (Liu *et al.*, 2002). The C9–S1 bond length is within the range of values observed for a C=S bond (Jian *et al.*, 2005, 2006). Atoms C7/N2/N3/N4/C9/S1 and 01/02/N1/C1/C2/C3/C4/C5/C6 define the mean planes $p1$ and $p2$, respectively, with a dihedral angle between them of $16.70(1)^\circ$. Atoms S1/N2/N3/N4/C9 define the mean plane $p3$. The dihedral angle between $p3$ and benzene ring C1–C6 is $60.03(1)^\circ$, and those made by $p1$ and $p3$, and by $p3$ and $p2$ are $46.66(1)^\circ$ and $60.78(1)^\circ$, respectively.

Experimental

A mixture of thiosemicarbazide (0.02 mol) and hydrochloric acid (0.02 mol) was stirred in ethanol (30 ml) for 10 min. *o*-Fluoroacetophenone (0.02 mol) was then added and the mixture was stirred at 293 K for 2 h to afford the title compound (2.28 g, yield 54%). Single crystals suitable for X-ray measurements were obtained by recrystallization from acetone at room temperature.

Crystal data

$C_9H_{10}N_4O_2S$
 $M_r = 238.27$
 Orthorhombic, *Pbca*
 $a = 13.756$ (3) Å
 $b = 8.0690$ (16) Å
 $c = 19.835$ (4) Å
 $V = 2201.6$ (8) Å³

$Z = 8$
 $D_x = 1.438$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.28$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 293$ (2) K
 Block, yellow
 $0.25 \times 0.20 \times 0.18$ mm

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4
 diffractometer
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: none
 4617 measured reflections
 2345 independent reflections

1172 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{int} = 0.118$
 $\theta_{max} = 27.0^\circ$
 3 standard reflections
 every 100 reflections
 intensity decay: none

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.079$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.257$
 $S = 0.98$
 2345 reflections
 145 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1483P)^2]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.69$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.81$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å).

S1—C9	1.698 (5)	N2—C7	1.282 (6)
O1—N1	1.216 (6)	N2—N3	1.387 (5)
O2—N1	1.233 (6)	N3—C9	1.345 (6)
N1—C1	1.458 (7)	N4—C9	1.321 (6)

H atoms were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with N—H and C—H distances of 0.86 and 0.93–0.96 Å, respectively, and with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2$ or 1.5 times U_{eq} of the parent atoms.

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *NRCVAX* (Gabe *et al.*, 1989); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick,

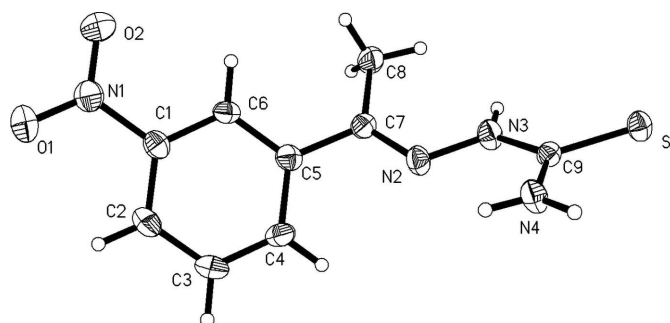


Figure 1

The molecular structure and atom-labeling scheme for (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level.

1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL/PC* (Sheldrick, 1990); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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