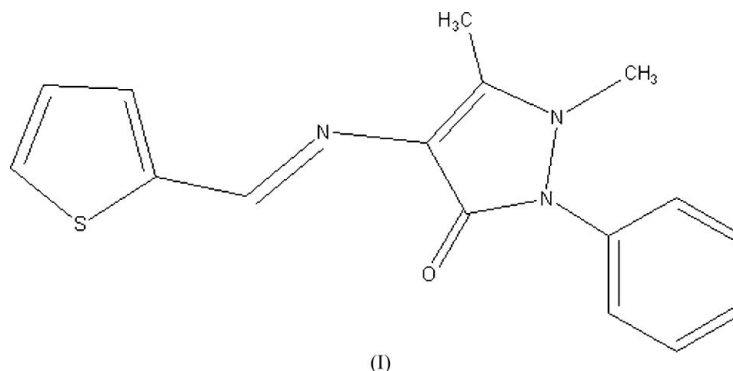


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**Key indicators**Single-crystal X-ray study  
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<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**(E)-1,5-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-4-(2-thienyl-  
methyleneamino)-1H-pyrazol-3(2H)-one**In the crystal structure of the title Schiff base compound,  
 $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{OS}$ , there are three  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds  
which stabilize the molecular and crystal structures.Received 10 December 2006  
Accepted 15 December 2006**Comment**Schiff base ligands have significant importance in chemistry,  
especially in the development of Schiff base complexes,  
because Schiff base ligands are potentially capable of forming  
stable complexes with metal ions (Johnson *et al.*, 1996;  
Alizadeh *et al.*, 1999). Schiff bases showing solvent-dependent  
UV/vis spectra (solvatochromicity) can be suitable NLO (non-  
linear optical) active materials (Alemi *et al.*, 2000). They are  
also useful in the asymmetric oxidation of methyl phenyl  
sulfide and enantioselective (Kim & Shin, 1999). In this paper,  
we report the synthesis and crystal structure of the title  
compound, (I) (Fig. 1).In the crystal structure of the title compound, there is one  
intramolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bond (Table 1) which  
stabilizes the molecular structure, while two intermolecular  
 $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds stabilize the crystal structure,  
forming a molecular tape running along the  $c$  axis (Fig. 2).**Experimental**A mixture of 2-thiophenecarboxaldehyde (1.14 g, 10 mmol),  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$   
(3.0 g) and 4-amino-2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-one (2.72 g,  
20 mmol) in absolute ethanol (20 ml) was refluxed under nitrogen for  
about 5 h, yielding a yellow precipitate. The product was filtered and  
washed with ethanol. The crude solid was dissolved in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$   
(100 ml) and washed with water ( $2 \times 10$  ml) and brine (10 ml), and  
dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The remaining solvent was removed under  
vacuum (yield 95%, 3.33 g). Colourless single crystals of (I) suitable  
for X-ray analysis were grown by slow evaporation of a  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -  
absolute ethanol (4:1) solution at room temperature over a period of  
about a week.

## Crystal data

$C_{16}H_{15}N_3OS$   
 $M_r = 297.38$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 8.727$  (6) Å  
 $b = 24.836$  (18) Å  
 $c = 6.902$  (5) Å  
 $\beta = 98.932$  (13)°  
 $V = 1477.7$  (18) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$   
 $D_x = 1.337$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.22$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
 Block, colourless  
 $0.36 \times 0.30 \times 0.25$  mm

## Data collection

Bruker APEX-II area-detector  
 diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.925$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.947$

8923 measured reflections  
 2626 independent reflections  
 1380 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.049$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.2^\circ$

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.046$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.123$   
 $S = 0.87$   
 2626 reflections  
 192 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0705P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.21$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.21$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

| $D-H\cdots A$           | $D-H$ | $H\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-H\cdots A$ |
|-------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| $C1-H1\cdots O1$        | 0.93  | 2.33        | 3.008 (4)   | 130           |
| $C12-H12C\cdots O1^i$   | 0.96  | 2.44        | 3.395 (4)   | 175           |
| $C14-H14\cdots O1^{ii}$ | 0.93  | 2.48        | 3.330 (4)   | 152           |

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, y, z + 1$ ; (ii)  $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$ .

H atoms were placed in calculated positions ( $C-H = 0.93-0.96$  Å) and refined as a riding, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(H) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(C)$  or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{methyl } C)$ .

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Bruker, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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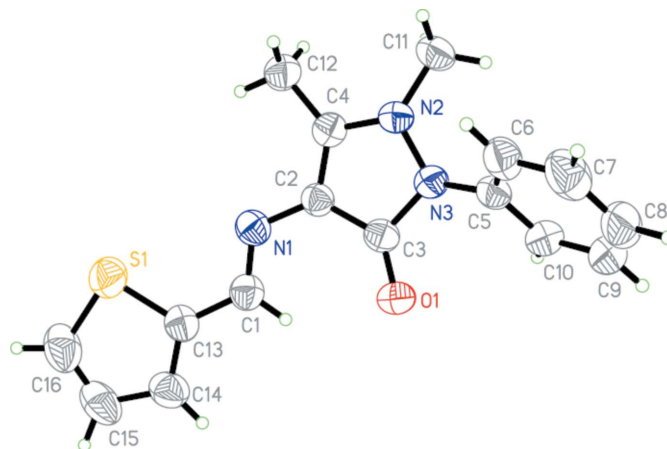


Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing the atomic numbering scheme. Non-H atoms are drawn as 50% probability displacement ellipsoids.

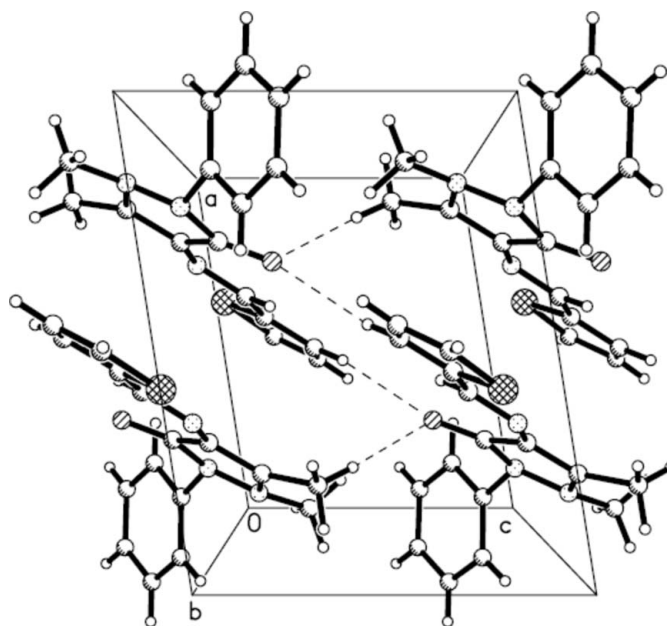


Figure 2

A packing diagram of (I), viewed down the  $b$  axis, showing the hydrogen-bonded molecular tape. Dashed lines indicate  $C-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds.

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