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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 KMean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.002 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.033 wR factor = 0.095 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.1

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## 2-[4-(Dimethylamino)phenyl]-6-methoxy-1,3-benzothiazole

In the title compound,  $C_{16}H_{16}N_2OS$ , the benzothiazole ring system makes a dihedral angle of 8.64 (5)° with the dimethylaminophenyl group.

### Comment

Benzothiazole aniline (BTA) analogues bind to  $\beta$ -amyloid plaques with high affinity (Klunk *et al.*, 2001). Their structures are very important for understanding the interaction between the ligand and the  $\beta$ -amyloid plaques. In the title compound, (I), Fig. 1, the benzothiazole ring system makes a dihedral angle of 8.64 (5)° with the dimethylaminophenyl group. Within the benzothiazole unit, the six-membered ring makes a dihedral angle of 2.29 (7)° with the five-membered ring.



### Experimental

The title compound, (I), was prepared according to the literature procedure of Mathis *et al.* (2003). Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction studies were obtained by slow evaporation of a tetra-hydrofuran solution over a period of two days.

#### Crystal data

$C_{16}H_{16}N_2OS$
$M_r = 284.37$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$
a = 14.997 (3) Å
b = 5.9717 (12)  Å
c = 15.617 (3) Å
$\beta = 101.24 \ (3)^{\circ}$
$V = 1371.8 (5) \text{ Å}^3$
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Z = 4  $D_x = 1.377 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $\mu = 0.23 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 (2) K Prism, colorless  $0.24 \times 0.20 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}$ 



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#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level.

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Data collection

Bruker P4 area-detector diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\min} = 0.946, T_{\max} = 0.959$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.033$   $wR(F^2) = 0.095$  S = 1.102405 reflections 184 parameters H-atom parameters constrained 7871 measured reflections 2405 independent reflections 2153 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.025$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^{\circ}$ 

 $w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (0.055P)^{2} + 0.283P]$ where  $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.23 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.24 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding atoms, with C-H = 0.93–0.96 Å and  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$  or  $1.5U_{\rm eq}({\rm methyl~C})$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1997); 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 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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