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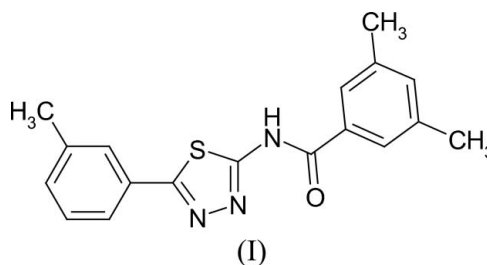
Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$ Å
 R factor = 0.048
 wR factor = 0.137
Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.0For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.3,5-Dimethyl-*N*-(5-*m*-tolyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)-benzamideThe title compound, $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{OS}$, was synthesized by the reaction of 5-*m*-tolyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine and 3,5-dimethylbenzoyl chloride. Molecules of the compound are linked by intermolecular $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ hydrogen bonds to form centrosymmetric dimers.

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Comment

1,3,4-Thiadiazole derivatives represent an interesting class of compounds possessing a broad spectrum of biological activities (Nakagawa *et al.*, 1996; Wang *et al.*, 1999). These compounds are known to exhibit diverse biological effects, such as insecticidal and fungicidal activities (Wang *et al.*, 1999). We present here the crystal structure of the title 1,3,4-thiadiazole derivative, (I).The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The thiadiazole ring forms dihedral angles of $14.1(2)^\circ$ with the methylphenyl ring and $16.8(1)^\circ$ with the dimethylphenyl ring. $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ hydrogen bonds link the molecules to form centrosymmetric dimers (Fig. 2 and Table 1).

Experimental

For the preparation of the title compound, a solution of 5-*m*-tolyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (5 mmol) in pyridine (50 ml) was cooled to 273 K. To this solution, 3,5-dimethylbenzoyl chloride (5 mmol) was added *via* a dropping funnel over a period of 30 min. The mixture was stirred at 273 K for 1 h, warmed to room temperature and reacted for 1 h. The pyridine was distilled off and the resulting solid was recrystallized from ethanol (m.p. 520–524 K). Crystals of (I) were obtained by slow evaporation of an acetone solution.

Crystal data

 $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{OS}$
 $M_r = 323.41$
Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$
 $a = 8.6420(17)$ Å
 $b = 9.0980(18)$ Å
 $c = 10.924(2)$ Å
 $\alpha = 84.08(3)^\circ$
 $\beta = 72.59(3)^\circ$
 $\gamma = 79.42(3)^\circ$ $V = 804.6(3)$ Å³
 $Z = 2$
 $D_x = 1.335$ Mg m⁻³
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.21$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 293(2)$ K
Block, colourless
 $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.10$ mm

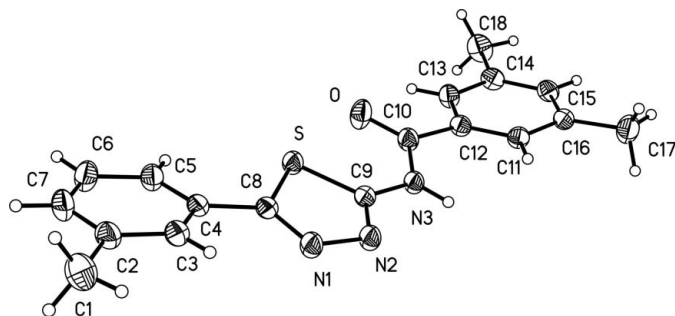


Figure 1
A view of the molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

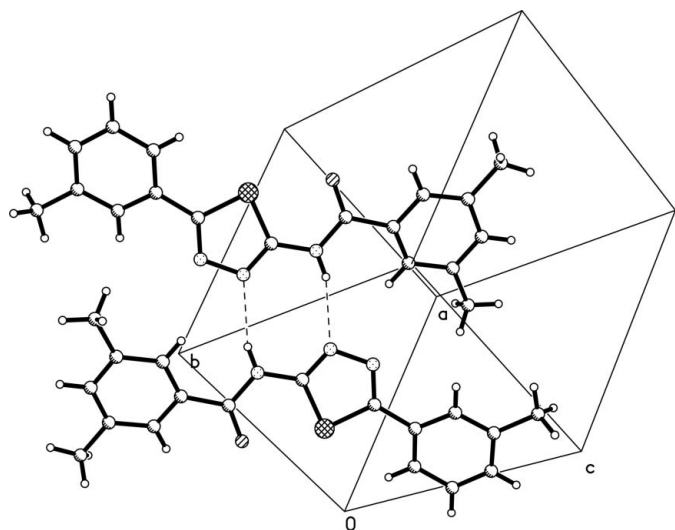


Figure 2
A packing view of (I), showing the hydrogen bonds as dashed lines.

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD4 diffractometer	3157 independent reflections
$\omega/2\theta$ scans	2482 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: ψ scan (North <i>et al.</i> , 1968)	$\theta_{\max} = 26.0^\circ$
$T_{\min} = 0.940$, $T_{\max} = 0.979$	3 standard reflections
3157 measured reflections	every 200 reflections
	intensity decay: none

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.048$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.137$
 $S = 1.05$
 3157 reflections
 211 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.07P)^2 + 0.18P]$$

where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.20 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.25 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$N3-H3A\cdots N2^i$	0.86	2.21	3.036 (3)	160

Symmetry code: (i) $-x + 2, -y + 2, -z + 1$.

All H atoms were positioned geometrically, with $C-H = 0.93-0.97 \text{ \AA}$, and were included in the refinement in a riding-model approximation, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ or $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}_{\text{methyl}})$. The methyl groups were allowed to rotate but not to tip.

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *XCAD4* (Harms & Wocadlo, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Siemens, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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