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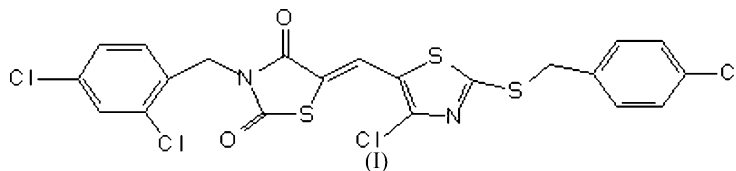
Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293\text{ K}$
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.013\text{ \AA}$
 R factor = 0.076
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5-[4-Chloro-2-(4-chlorobenzylsulfanyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethylene]-3-(2,4-dichlorobenzyl)thiazolidine-2,4-dione

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Comment

The title compound, (I), was synthesized to test its anti-hyperglycemic and AR (aldose reductase) inhibitory activity (Costantino *et al.*, 2000).

There are two molecules in the asymmetric unit of (I) (Fig. 1), denoted 1 (containing C1) and 2 (containing C1'): each contains a thiazolidine (ring A), thiazole (ring B), and two substituted [C1–C6 (ring C) and C16–C21 (ring D)] benzene rings.

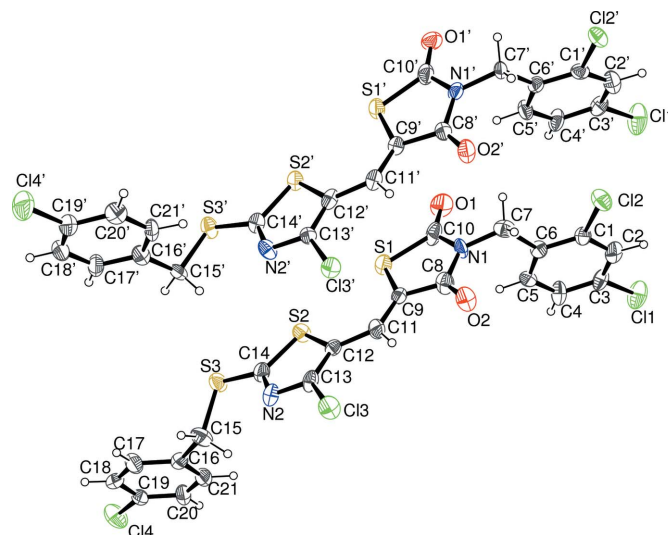
Ring A is planar in molecule 2, but in molecule 1 atom S1 deviates by 0.058 (3) Å from the C9/C8/N1/C10 plane. Rings A and B are twisted slightly with respect to each other, making dihedral angles of 5.5 (3)° and 6.3 (2)° in 1 and 2, respectively. The C8–C9–C11–C12 torsion angles [−177.8 (9)° in 1 and −179.6 (8)° in 2] indicate that both molecules adopt a *cis* configuration.

Figure 1

The asymmetric unit of (I), showing 30% displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for the H atoms).

The bond lengths and angles in ring *A* are very similar to the values reported for 3-(4-chlorobenzyl)-5-(4-oxo-4*H*-chromen-3-yl-methylene)-1,3-thiazolidine-2,4-dione (Özgen *et al.*, 2005) and 3-methyl-5-(4-oxo-4*H*-chromen-3-yl-methylene)-1,3-thiazolidine-2,4-dione (Aslantaş *et al.*, 2006). In both molecules, the C14—S3 bond length [1.700 (9) and 1.728 (8) Å in 1 and 2, respectively] is shorter than the standard Csp^2 —S single bond (1.76 Å), whereas the C15—S3 bond lengths [1.813 (8) in 1 and 1.813 (9) Å in 2] are much longer than the reference value. The orientation of ring *D* attached to *B* is quite different in the two molecules, as reflected in the C14—S3—C15—C16 torsion angles of $-153.9 (7)^\circ$ in 1 and $96.8 (7)^\circ$ in 2.

In the packing of (I), the molecules aggregate as layers parallel to (001), as shown in Fig. 2.

Experimental

A mixture of 4-chloro-2-(4-chlorobenzylsulfanyl)thiazole-5-carbaldehyde (0.5 mmol) and 3-(2,4-dichlorobenzyl)thiazolidine-2,4-dione (Lo & Shropshire, 1957) (0.5 mmol) was heated at 373 K in the presence of 0.5 ml glacial acetic acid and sodium acetate (0.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was extracted with $CHCl_3$ (3×25 ml) and the organic layer was washed with water, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by column chromatography using silica gel 60 (230–400 mesh ASTM) as the adsorbent and hexane–dichloromethane (1:1 *v/v*) as the eluent. Yellow prisms of (I) were recrystallized from dimethylformamide/isopropanol (1:9 *v/v*) (yield 0.432 g, 61.31%; m.p. 427–428 K). Analysis calculated for $C_{21}H_{12}Cl_4N_2O_2S_3$: C 44.85, H 2.15, N 4.98, S 17.11%; found C 44.41, H 2.39, N 5.03, S 17.07%.

Crystal data

$C_{21}H_{12}Cl_4N_2O_2S_3$	$\gamma = 104.237 (10)^\circ$
$M_r = 562.31$	$V = 2283.0 (4) \text{ \AA}^3$
Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$	$Z = 4$
$a = 8.0420 (7) \text{ \AA}$	Cu $K\alpha$ radiation
$b = 14.359 (2) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 7.49 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 21.2641 (15) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 293 (2) \text{ K}$
$\alpha = 100.386 (8)^\circ$	$0.27 \times 0.24 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}$
$\beta = 99.594 (7)^\circ$	

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer	8769 independent reflections
Absorption correction: ψ scan (North <i>et al.</i> , 1968)	3186 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$T_{\min} = 0.237$, $T_{\max} = 0.346$ (expected range = 0.178–0.260)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.111$
9143 measured reflections	3 standard reflections
	frequency: 120 min
	intensity decay: -14%

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.076$	577 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.221$	H-atom parameters constrained
$S = 1.03$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.42 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
8769 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.47 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

H atoms were placed in idealized geometries (C—H = 0.93–0.97 Å) and refined as riding, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$.

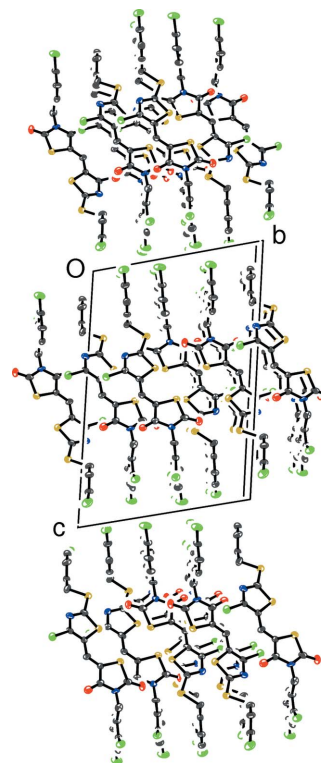


Figure 2

The packing for (I), viewed down the *a* axis, with H atoms omitted for clarity.

Data collection: *CAD-4 EXPRESS* (Enraf–Nonius, 1994); cell refinement: *CAD-4 EXPRESS*; 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: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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