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# 2-(4-Methylsulfanylphenyl)-1*H*benzimidazol-3-ium bromide

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 296 K; mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å; *R* factor = 0.029; *wR* factor = 0.069; data-to-parameter ratio = 14.0.

In the cation of the title compound,  $C_{14}H_{13}N_2S^+ Br^-$ , the essentially planar benzimidazole system (r.m.s. deviation = 0.0082 Å) is substituted with a 4-methylsulfanylphenyl ring. The dihedral angle between the benzimidazole system and the 4-methylsulfanylphenyl ring is 2.133 (2)°. The crystal structure is characterized by strong and highly directional intermolecular N-H···Br hydrogen bonds involving the bromide ion. Moreover, C-H···S interactions result in chains of molecules along the *c* axis. The supramolecular assembly is further stabilized by  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions between the benzimidazole system and 4-methylsulfanylphenyl rings [centroid–centroid distance = 3.477 (4) Å].

#### **Related literature**

For general background to benzimidazoles and their derivatives, see: Huang & Scarborough (1999); Preston (1974); Zarrinmayeh *et al.* (1998); Zhu *et al.* (2000). For related structures, see: Goker *et al.* (1995); Ozbey *et al.* (1998); Vasudevan *et al.* (1994). For hydrogen bonding, see: Bernstein *et al.* (1995); Nardelli (1983).



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### **Experimental**

Crystal data  $C_{14}H_{13}N_2S^+ \cdot Br^ M_r = 321.23$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$ 

a = 5.3289 (2) Å

b = 24.0195 (12) Å c = 10.9544 (5) Å  $\beta = 100.113 (2)^{\circ}$  $V = 1380.35 (11) \text{ Å}^{3}$  Z = 4Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $\mu = 3.11 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD detector diffractometer Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 1998)  $T_{\rm min} = 0.575, T_{\rm max} = 0.636$ 

Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.029$  $wR(F^2) = 0.069$ S = 1.033009 reflections 215 parameters T = 296 K $0.20 \times 0.18 \times 0.16 \text{ mm}$ 

organic compounds

23823 measured reflections 3009 independent reflections 2273 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.039$ 

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  $\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.35 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.29 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

Table 1Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$N1-H1N\cdots Br1$ $N2-H2N\cdots Br1^{i}$ $C5-H5\cdots S1^{ii}$	0.74 (2) 0.77 (3) 0.97 (3)	2.51 (2) 2.50 (2) 2.98 (3)	3.247 (2) 3.231 (2) 3.736 (3)	171 (2) 159 135

Symmetry codes: (i) x + 1,  $-y + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii) -x + 1,  $y + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $-z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT-Plus* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINT-Plus*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997) and *CAMERON* (Watkin *et al.*, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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# S1. Comment

Benzimidazoles and their derivatives exhibit a number of important pharmacological properties, such as antihistaminic, anti-ulcerative, antiallergic, and antipyretic. In addition, benzimidazole derivatives are effective against the human cytomegalo virus (HCMV) (Zhu et al., 2000) and are also efficient selective neuropeptide Y Y1 receptor antagonists (Zarrinmayeh et al., 1998). Most of the described methods for the synthesis of benzimidazoles make use of volatile organic solvents and involve solid-phase synthesis via o-nitroanilines (Preston et al., 1974; Huang et al., 1999) or the condensation of o-phenylenediamines with carboxylic acid derivatives, aldehydes and aryl halides. In the title compound, there is one benzimidazole thiomethyl phenyl cation and one Br anion in the asymmetric unit. The expected proton transfer from HBr to benzimidazole thiomethyl phenyl occurs at atom N1 of the benzimidazole ring. Consequently, atom N1 shows quaternary character and bears a positive charge. In the molecule, the benzimidazole and thiomethyl phenyl rings are planar inclined at an dihedral angle 2.133 (2)° between them. The molecular structure is primarily stabilized by strong intramolecular N—H···Br hydrogen bond. The bond lengths and angles for the benzimidazole moiety of the molecule are in good agreement, within experimental errors, with those observed in other benzimidazole derivatives (Goker et al., 1995; Ozbey et al., 1998; Vasudevan et al., 1994). Further, the crystal structure is stabilized by intermolecular interactions into three dimensional framework structure by the combination of C—H…S and N—H…Br. The C—H···S and N—H···Br interactions together generates tetramers linking the molecules into chain like pattern along crystallographic c-axis. Additionally the supramolecular assembly is further stabilized by  $\pi$ - $\pi$ -stacking interactions between the benzimidazole and thiomethyl phenyl rings. The C3—C10 (x, 0.5 - y, 1/2 + z) disposed at a distance of 3.477 (4) Å.

# S2. Experimental

A ethanol solution (20 ml) of zinc bromide (2.25 mg, 1.0 mmol) was treated with 2-(*p*-thiomethylphenyl)benzimidazole (4.80 mg, 2.0 mmol) in ethanol (20 ml). The mixture was then treated with 48% HBr (2–3 ml) followed by liquid Br2 (2–3 ml). The mixture was refluxed for 6 hrs on a steam bath filtered and allowed to stand at room temperature for two days. Coloured crystals separated and these were washed with ethanol and dried. (yield 4.00 mg; 83%).



# Figure 1

*ORTEP* (Farrugia, 1997) view of the title compound, showing 50% probability ellipsoids and the atom numbering scheme.



# Figure 2

A unit cell packing of the title compound showing intermolecular interactions with dotted lines. H-atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been excluded.

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## Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier
Least-squares matrix: full	map
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.029$	Hydrogen site location: inferred from
$wR(F^2) = 0.069$	neighbouring sites
<i>S</i> = 1.03	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent
3009 reflections	and constrained refinement
215 parameters	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0338P)^2 + 0.3109P]$
0 restraints	where $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
direct methods	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.35 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.29$ e Å <sup>-3</sup>

F(000) = 648

 $\theta = 1.7 - 27.0^{\circ}$ 

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 $h = -6 \rightarrow 6$ 

 $k = -30 \rightarrow 30$ 

 $l = -13 \rightarrow 13$ 

 $D_{\rm x} = 1.546 {\rm Mg} {\rm m}^{-3}$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å Cell parameters from 3009 reflections

## Special details

**Geometry**. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes. **Refinement**. Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted *R*-factor *wR* and goodness of fit *S* are based on  $F^2$ , conventional *R*-factors *R* are based on *F*, with *F* set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating *R*-factors(gt) *etc.* and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. *R*-factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on *F*, and *R*- factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters  $(\hat{A}^2)$ 

	x	у	Ζ	$U_{ m iso}*/U_{ m eq}$
Br1	0.27225 (4)	0.295277 (10)	0.33608 (2)	0.04982 (10)
<b>S</b> 1	0.57379 (16)	-0.00128 (3)	0.21720 (8)	0.0710 (2)
N1	0.6485 (4)	0.28057 (8)	0.13508 (19)	0.0421 (5)

N2	0.9186 (4)	0.25577 (8)	0.01982 (17)	0.0408 (4)
C1	0.9109 (4)	0.31328 (10)	0.0161 (2)	0.0415 (5)
C2	1.0437 (5)	0.35189 (11)	-0.0424 (2)	0.0555 (6)
C3	0.9910 (6)	0.40696 (12)	-0.0233 (3)	0.0644 (7)
C4	0.8149 (6)	0.42307 (12)	0.0504 (3)	0.0659 (8)
C5	0.6847 (5)	0.38481 (11)	0.1084 (3)	0.0555 (6)
C6	0.7381 (4)	0.32913 (10)	0.0906 (2)	0.0430 (5)
C7	0.7610 (4)	0.23676 (9)	0.09243 (19)	0.0387 (5)
C8	0.7198 (4)	0.17861 (9)	0.1213 (2)	0.0391 (5)
C9	0.5449 (5)	0.16389 (11)	0.1960 (2)	0.0516 (6)
C10	0.5058 (5)	0.10930 (11)	0.2220 (2)	0.0558 (6)
C11	0.6392 (5)	0.06710 (10)	0.1762 (2)	0.0453 (5)
C12	0.8139 (6)	0.08164 (11)	0.1013 (3)	0.0586 (7)
C13	0.8530 (5)	0.13648 (11)	0.0746 (3)	0.0548 (7)
C14	0.7734 (8)	-0.04379 (14)	0.1398 (4)	0.0721 (9)
H1N	0.562 (5)	0.2802 (10)	0.181 (2)	0.042 (7)*
H9	0.464 (5)	0.1907 (12)	0.233 (2)	0.062 (8)*
H2N	0.991 (5)	0.2357 (11)	-0.017 (2)	0.049 (8)*
H12	0.909 (5)	0.0539 (11)	0.070 (2)	0.065 (8)*
H14C	0.736 (6)	-0.0776 (16)	0.159 (3)	0.086 (11)*
H14B	0.947 (7)	-0.0359 (13)	0.169 (3)	0.090 (11)*
Н5	0.567 (5)	0.3946 (12)	0.163 (2)	0.075 (9)*
H4	0.781 (6)	0.4619 (13)	0.063 (3)	0.085 (10)*
H2	1.159 (5)	0.3398 (11)	-0.092 (2)	0.058 (7)*
H13	0.975 (5)	0.1462 (12)	0.022 (3)	0.079 (9)*
H10	0.389 (5)	0.0996 (11)	0.276 (2)	0.064 (7)*
Н3	1.080 (5)	0.4350 (12)	-0.060 (2)	0.070 (8)*
H14A	0.736 (6)	-0.0374 (14)	0.054 (3)	0.097 (12)*

Atomic displacement parameters  $(Å^2)$ 

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Br1	0.05371 (15)	0.05390 (17)	0.04775 (15)	0.00057 (11)	0.02515 (10)	0.00017 (11)
<b>S</b> 1	0.0965 (6)	0.0390 (4)	0.0891 (5)	-0.0055 (3)	0.0480 (4)	0.0060 (3)
N1	0.0446 (11)	0.0397 (11)	0.0476 (11)	-0.0021 (8)	0.0233 (9)	-0.0012 (9)
N2	0.0441 (10)	0.0396 (11)	0.0436 (11)	-0.0006 (9)	0.0212 (9)	-0.0029 (9)
C1	0.0442 (12)	0.0399 (12)	0.0414 (12)	-0.0043 (10)	0.0105 (10)	-0.0003 (10)
C2	0.0593 (16)	0.0521 (16)	0.0598 (15)	-0.0093 (12)	0.0233 (13)	0.0045 (13)
C3	0.0741 (19)	0.0474 (16)	0.0755 (18)	-0.0129 (14)	0.0231 (15)	0.0080 (14)
C4	0.077 (2)	0.0386 (16)	0.082 (2)	-0.0056 (13)	0.0140 (16)	-0.0001 (14)
C5	0.0626 (16)	0.0411 (15)	0.0655 (16)	0.0024 (12)	0.0185 (13)	-0.0077 (13)
C6	0.0433 (12)	0.0414 (13)	0.0450 (12)	-0.0031 (10)	0.0099 (9)	-0.0011 (10)
C7	0.0380 (11)	0.0407 (13)	0.0392 (11)	-0.0013 (10)	0.0121 (9)	0.0001 (10)
C8	0.0400 (12)	0.0394 (13)	0.0392 (11)	-0.0015 (10)	0.0109 (9)	0.0009 (10)
C9	0.0621 (16)	0.0380 (13)	0.0626 (15)	0.0046 (11)	0.0331 (13)	0.0005 (12)
C10	0.0620 (16)	0.0484 (15)	0.0665 (16)	-0.0018 (12)	0.0377 (13)	0.0054 (13)
C11	0.0512 (13)	0.0386 (13)	0.0483 (13)	-0.0036 (10)	0.0147 (10)	0.0016 (10)
C12	0.0705 (18)	0.0389 (15)	0.0762 (18)	0.0019 (12)	0.0400 (15)	-0.0019 (13)

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C13 C14	0.0615 (16) 0.091 (3)	0.0436 (15) 0.0407 (18)	0.0689 (16) 0.089 (3)	0.0011 (12) 0.0024 (16)	0.0377 (14) 0.028 (2)	-0.0004 (12) -0.0003 (16)
Geome	etric parameters (A	Å, ')				
S1—C	11	1.754 (	2)	С5—С6	1	.388 (3)
S1—C	14	1.791 (	4)	С5—Н5	0	.97 (3)
N1—C	27	1.335 (	3)	С7—С8	1	.457 (3)
N1—C	26	1.381 (	3)	C8—C13	1	.384 (3)
N1—H	I1N	0.74 (3	)	С8—С9	1	.390 (3)
N2—C	27	1.334 (	3)	C9—C10	1	.365 (4)
N2—C	21	1.382 (	3)	С9—Н9	0	.91 (3)
N2—H	I2N	0.77 (3	)	C10—C11	1	.382 (3)
C1—C	26	1.386 (	3)	C10—H10	0	.96 (3)
C1—C	2	1.390 (	3)	C11—C12	1	.389 (3)
С2—С	23	1.376 (	4)	C12—C13	1	.373 (4)
С2—Н	[2	0.93 (3	)	C12—H12	0	.94 (3)
С3—С	24	1.395 (	4)	C13—H13	0	.97 (3)
С3—Н	[3	0.95 (3	)	C14—H14C	0	.87 (4)
C4—C	25	1.373 (	4)	C14—H14B	0	.94 (3)
C4—H	[4	0.96 (3	)	C14—H14A	0	.94 (3)
C11—	S1—C14	104.57	(15)	N2—C7—C8	1	26.29 (19)
C7—N	11—C6	109.73	(19)	N1—C7—C8	1	25.82 (18)
C7—N	II—HIN	127.0 (	19)	С13—С8—С9	1	18.2 (2)
C6—N	II—HIN	123.0 (	19)	С13—С8—С7	1	20.93 (19)
C7—N	V2—C1	109.94	(18)	С9—С8—С7	1	20.9 (2)
C7—N	12—H2N	121.6 (	19)	С10—С9—С8	1	20.6 (2)
C1—N	12—H2N	128.3 (	19)	С10—С9—Н9	1	18.9 (17)
N2C	C1—C6	106.04	(19)	С8—С9—Н9	1	20.3 (17)
N2C	C1—C2	131.7 (	2)	C9-C10-C11	1	21.5 (2)
С6—С	C1—C2	122.2 (	2)	C9-C10-H10	1	20.0 (16)
С3—С	C2—C1	115.9 (	3)	C11—C10—H10	1	18.4 (16)
С3—С	22—Н2	124.1 (	16)	C10-C11-C12	1	18.1 (2)
С1—С	22—Н2	120.0 (	16)	C10-C11-S1	1	17.15 (18)
С2—С	C3—C4	122.1 (	3)	C12—C11—S1	1	24.79 (19)
С2—С	23—Н3	119.2 (	17)	C13—C12—C11	1	20.6 (2)
С4—С	23—Н3	118.7 (	17)	C13—C12—H12	1	19.2 (17)
С5—С	C4—C3	121.9 (	3)	C11—C12—H12	1	20.2 (17)
С5—С	24—H4	117.2 (	19)	С12—С13—С8	1	21.1 (2)
С3—С	C4—H4	121.0 (	19)	C12—C13—H13	1	20.1 (17)
С4—С	C5—C6	116.5 (	3)	C8—C13—H13	1	18.9 (18)
C4—C	25—Н5	123.9 (	18)	S1—C14—H14C	1	04 (2)
С6—С	25—Н5	119.5 (	18)	S1-C14-H14B	1	11 (2)
N1C	C6—C1	106.4 (	2)	H14C—C14—H14E	<b>3</b> 1	11 (3)
N1-C	C6—C5	132.2 (	2)	S1—C14—H14A	1	10 (2)
C1—C	с6—С5	121.4 (	2)	H14C—C14—H14A	A 1	12 (3)
N2—C	27—N1	107.9 (	2)	H14B—C14—H14A	A 1	09 (3)

	0.2(2)	C( )11 C7 C9	179 (0 (10)
$C/=N_2=C_1=C_0$	-0.2(3)	Co-NI-C/-C8	1/8.00 (19)
C7—N2—C1—C2	177.8 (3)	N2—C7—C8—C13	1.4 (3)
N2—C1—C2—C3	-178.5 (2)	N1-C7-C8-C13	-178.0 (2)
C6—C1—C2—C3	-0.8 (4)	N2—C7—C8—C9	-178.3 (2)
C1—C2—C3—C4	0.0 (4)	N1-C7-C8-C9	2.2 (3)
C2—C3—C4—C5	0.3 (5)	C13—C8—C9—C10	-0.2 (4)
C3—C4—C5—C6	0.3 (4)	C7—C8—C9—C10	179.5 (2)
C7—N1—C6—C1	0.8 (3)	C8—C9—C10—C11	0.6 (4)
C7—N1—C6—C5	-179.2 (3)	C9—C10—C11—C12	-0.7 (4)
N2-C1-C6-N1	-0.4 (2)	C9—C10—C11—S1	179.5 (2)
C2-C1-C6-N1	-178.6 (2)	C14—S1—C11—C10	178.8 (2)
N2-C1-C6-C5	179.6 (2)	C14—S1—C11—C12	-1.0 (3)
C2-C1-C6-C5	1.4 (4)	C10-C11-C12-C13	0.4 (4)
C4—C5—C6—N1	178.9 (3)	S1-C11-C12-C13	-179.8 (2)
C4—C5—C6—C1	-1.1 (4)	C11—C12—C13—C8	-0.1 (5)
C1—N2—C7—N1	0.7 (3)	C9—C8—C13—C12	-0.1 (4)
C1—N2—C7—C8	-178.83 (19)	C7—C8—C13—C12	-179.8 (2)
C6—N1—C7—N2	-0.9 (3)		

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D····A	D—H··· $A$
N1—H1N····Br1	0.74 (2)	2.51 (2)	3.247 (2)	171 (2)
N2—H2N···Br1 <sup>i</sup>	0.77 (3)	2.50 (2)	3.231 (2)	159
C5—H5…S1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.97 (3)	2.98 (3)	3.736 (3)	135

Symmetry codes: (i) x+1, -y+1/2, z-1/2; (ii) -x+1, y+1/2, -z+1/2.