

# (Z)-N-(3-(2-Chloro-4-nitrophenyl)-4-methylthiazol-2(3H)-ylidene) Pivalamide: Synthesis and Crystal Structure

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## ABSTRACT

Synthesis of the title compound was carried out by base-catalyzed cyclization of 1-pivaloyl-3-(2-chloro-4-nitrophenyl) thiourea with  $\alpha$ -bromoacetone produced in situ. The structure was confirmed by the spectroscopic and elemental analysis and single crystal X-ray diffraction data. It crystallizes in the triclinic space group *P*-1 with unit cell dimensions  $a = 8.7137(10)$ ,  $b = 10.2010(14)$ ,  $c = 10.6593(13)$ ,  $\alpha = 62.671(9)$ ,  $\beta = 82.701(10)$ ,  $\gamma = 79.762(10)$ ,  $V = 827.21(8) \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 2$ .

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## 1. Introduction

N-(3-(2-chloro-4-nitrophenyl)-4-methylthiazol-2(3H) ylidene) pivalamide containing the 2-imino-1,3-thiazoline or thiazolidene-2-imine nucleus is a privileged structure found in a range of biologically active natural products and has found extensive applications in medicinal chemistry. Thus, iminothiazoline derivatives show potent bioactivities ranging from antitubercular [1] to anti-HIV activities [2]. Iminothiazolines containing a pyrazine ring are potent, selective and less toxic antimicrobial agents [3,4]. 2-Thiazolylimino-5-arylidene-4-thiazolidinones show marked antibacterial and antimicrobial activity against several Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria, yeasts and mould [5]; derivatives of rhodanine show antibacterial, anti-inflammatory and antiviral activities [6] and bis-thiazoline derivatives show marked anti-cancer activity against human cell lines [7]. A 2-imino-1,3-thiazoline derivative KHG22394, significantly inhibits melanin production in a dose-dependant manner thus act as a skin whitening agent [8]. 4-Phenyl-2-hyrazono thiazolines exhibit potent DPPH radical scavenging activity comparable to that of vitamin E [9]. 3-Alkyl-3H-thiazoline derivative PS-028 acts as potent and selective GPIIb/IIIa antagonist and has potential as a versatile template for other-turn mimics [10]. 2-Acylimino-1,3-thiazolines have been reported to show bleaching herbicidal activity

against up-land weeds and selectivity against crops [11]. 2-Phenylimino-1,3-thiazoline-4-acetanilides have shown significant antifungal activity against rice blast fungus *Pyricularia oryzae*, thus can be used as fungicides [12]. The biological activity of 1,3-thiazolines can be enhanced by coordination with metallic ions to form complexes which are more active and less toxic compared to cisplatin [13]. Polyacrylonitrile-2-amino-2-thiazoline resin is useful in separation, pre-concentration determination, recovery, and purification of precious metals [14]. N,N'-diaryl-2-iminothiazoline derivatives show atropisomerism. The optically pure isomers obtained by resolution are used as new non-biaryl ligands for enantioselective metal catalysis [15]. Recently we have reported the anti-HIV and antimicrobial activities of these compounds [16,17]. The above mentioned biological and synthetic significance prompted us to synthesize the title compound for various studies.

## 2. Experimental Section

### 2.1. Materials

Pivaloyl chloride, potassium thiocyanate, 2-chloro-4-nitrophenylaniline, bromine and triethyl amine were purchased from Aldrich. Acetone was dried according to standard procedure prior to use. All glassware and Teflon-coated magnetic stir bars were cleaned with acetone,

followed by drying at 15°C.

## 2.2. Equipment

The reaction was performed under nitrogen atmospheres. Melting points were recorded using a digital Gallenkamp (SANYO) model MPD BM 3.5 apparatus and are uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were determined as CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions at 300 MHz using a Bruker AM-300 spectrophotometer. FT IR spectra were recorded using an FTS 3000 MX spectrophotometer, Mass Spectra (EI, 70 eV) on a GC-MS instrument from Agilent technologies USA. The compound was purified by thick layer chromatography using silica gel from Merck (Darmstadt Germany).

## 2.3. Synthesis (Z)-N-(3-(2-Chloro-4-nitrophenyl)-4-methylthiazol-2(3H)-ylidene) Pivalamide (2)

A solution of bromine 0.1 ml (0.002 mol) in dry acetone (10 ml) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of 1-pivaloyl-3-(2-chloro-4-nitrophenyl)thiourea 1) 0.5 g (0.002 mol) in 20 ml acetone containing 0.3 ml (0.002 mol) triethylamine, under a nitrogen atmosphere. After the addition was complete (TLC), the solution was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was filtered and concentrated to leave a crude solid. Recrystallization with aqueous ethanol afforded 2) as colorless crystals, 0.5 g (75%). mp 182°C; IR (KBR): 2938, 1673 (CO), 1600 (C=C), 1514, 1572 (C=N), 1265, 1152, 1050, 783, 736, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.21(s, 12H, t-Bu), 2.06 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 3H, C5-Me); 6.41 (q, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H, C4-H), 6.51 - 7.21 (2H, Ar); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 28.1, 39.4, 105.2, 123.7, 128.1, 129.2, 130.0, 132.7, 133.8, 134.0, 137.5, 169.7, 179.0 ms: *m/z* 353.06 (M<sup>+</sup>), 355, 297 (16.8), 215 (36.0), 85 (100), 65 (22). *Anal.* Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: C, 50.92; H, 4.56; N, 11.88; S, 9.06, Found: C, 50.92; H, 4.61; N, 11.81; S, 9.14.

## 3. Crystal Structure Analysis

### 3.1. X-ray Data Collection and Structure Refinement

Crystallographic data were recorded on a STOE IPDS-II diffractometer [18] using Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å) at T = 173 K. An absorption correction was applied using the MULABS [19] option in PLATON [20]. The structure was solved by direct methods [21] and refined by full-matrix least-squares using SHELXL-97 against F2 using all data [21]. All non-H atoms were refined anisotropically. H atoms were positioned geometrically at distances of 0.95 Å (aromatic CH) and 0.98 Å (methyl groups) from the parent C atoms; a riding model was used during the refinement process and the Uiso(H) values were constrained to be 1.2 Ueq(aromatic C) or 1.5

Ueq(methyl C). Experimental data are listed in **Table 1**. CCDC reference number: 815359. The molecular structure of the title compound (b) along with the atom numbering scheme is depicted in **Figure 1** and a packing diagram is shown in **Figure 2**. **Table 1** shows the crystal data and crystal refinement of (b). **Table 2** gives the atomic coordinates, **Table 3** the bond lengths and angles; **Table 4** anisotropic displacement parameters, **Table 5** the hydrogen coordinates and **Table 6** the torsion angles for (b).

## 4. Results and Discussion

In 2003 Zou *et al.* [22] reported the synthesis of 1-aryl-3-aryl-4-substituted imidazole-2-thiones by cyclization of 1-aryl-3-arylthioureas with carbonyl compounds bearing  $\alpha$ -H in the presence of bromine and triethylamine. In 2005 Wang *et al.* independently reported the formation of same compounds by cyclization of 1-aryl-3-arylthioureas in aqueous medium [23]. In the same year

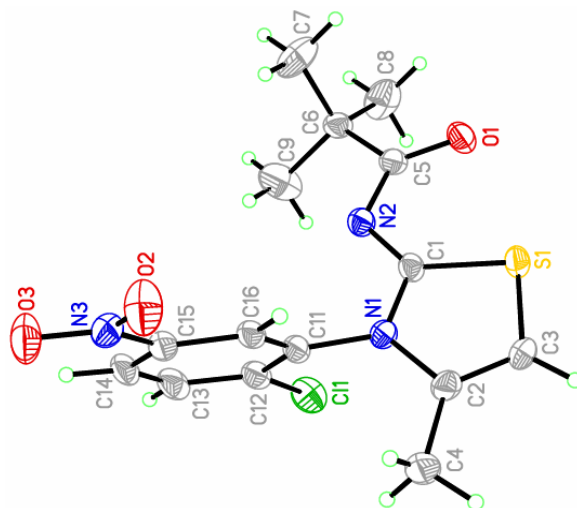


Figure 1. Perspective view of (b). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

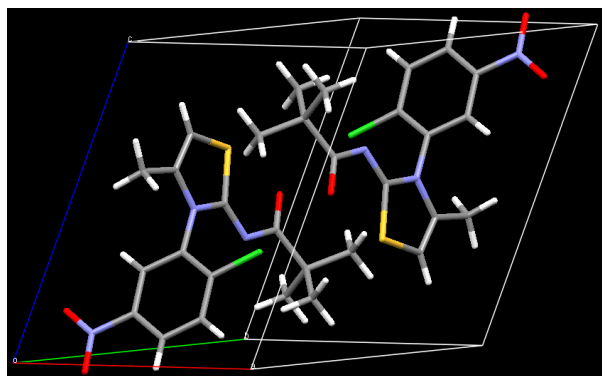


Figure 2. A packing diagram of the title compound (b).

**Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for (b).**

Empirical formula	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>16</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S	
Formula weight	353.82	
Temperature	173(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.7137(10) Å	= 62.671(9)°
	b = 10.2010(14) Å	= 82.701(10)°
	c = 10.6593(13) Å	= 79.762(10)°
Volume	827.21(18) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.421 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.374 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	368	
Crystal size	0.41 × 0.36 × 0.33 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	3.50 to 25.56°	
Index ranges	-10 ≤ h ≤ 10, -12 ≤ k ≤ 12, -12 ≤ l ≤ 12	
Reflections collected	8355	
Independent reflections	3086 [R(int) = 0.0711]	
Completeness to theta = 25.00°	99.3%	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.8864 and 0.8616	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data/restraints/parameters	3086/0/210	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.292	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0731, wR2 = 0.1715	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0852, wR2 = 0.1747	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.521 and -0.558 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

**Table 2. Atomic coordinates (×10<sup>4</sup>) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup> × 10<sup>3</sup>) for (b). U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized Uij tensor.**

	x	y	z	U(eq)
Cl(1)	5451(2)	3392(2)	3310(2)	37(1)
S(1)	1729(1)	4339(1)	6403(1)	25(1)
N(1)	2176(5)	3309(4)	4592(4)	24(1)
N(2)	2425(5)	5832(4)	3512(4)	24(1)
N(3)	-29(5)	3106(5)	697(4)	31(1)
O(1)	1867(4)	7244(4)	4748(4)	30(1)
O(2)	-1281(5)	2954(5)	1377(4)	47(1)
O(3)	165(5)	3190(5)	-498(4)	47(1)
C(1)	2141(5)	4623(5)	4658(5)	22(1)
C(2)	1955(5)	2070(5)	5902(5)	26(1)
C(3)	1717(6)	2450(5)	6967(5)	27(1)
C(4)	2035(7)	561(6)	5959(6)	38(1)
C(5)	2379(5)	7098(5)	3670(5)	23(1)
C(6)	3022(6)	8390(5)	2365(5)	27(1)
C(7)	1670(8)	9361(7)	1427(7)	50(2)
C(8)	3766(8)	9315(7)	2853(7)	48(2)
C(9)	4258(8)	7796(7)	1524(7)	56(2)
C(11)	2376(6)	3274(5)	3252(5)	23(1)
C(12)	3844(6)	3370(5)	2532(5)	27(1)
C(13)	4016(6)	3433(6)	1185(5)	32(1)
C(14)	2746(6)	3372(6)	574(5)	31(1)
C(15)	1319(6)	3220(5)	1327(5)	26(1)
C(16)	1105(6)	3178(5)	2659(5)	23(1)

**Table 3. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for (b).**

Cl(1)-C(12)	1.724(5)	C(3)-C(2)-C(4)	128.9(5)
S(1)-C(3)	1.737(5)	N(1)-C(2)-C(4)	119.6(4)
S(1)-C(1)	1.745(5)	C(2)-C(3)-S(1)	112.9(4)
N(1)-C(1)	1.369(6)	C(2)-C(3)-H(3)	123.5
N(1)-C(2)	1.408(6)	S(1)-C(3)-H(3)	123.5
N(1)-C(11)	1.433(6)	C(2)-C(4)-H(4A)	109.5
N(2)-C(1)	1.312(6)	C(2)-C(4)-H(4B)	109.5
N(2)-C(5)	1.370(6)	H(4A)-C(4)-H(4B)	109.5
N(3)-O(2)	1.223(6)	C(2)-C(4)-H(4C)	109.5
N(3)-O(3)	1.229(6)	H(4A)-C(4)-H(4C)	109.5
N(3)-C(15)	1.470(7)	H(4B)-C(4)-H(4C)	109.5
O(1)-C(5)	1.243(6)	O(1)-C(5)-N(2)	125.0(4)
C(2)-C(3)	1.341(7)	O(1)-C(5)-C(6)	120.8(4)
C(2)-C(4)	1.502(7)	N(2)-C(5)-C(6)	114.1(4)
C(3)-H(3)	0.9500	C(8)-C(6)-C(7)	109.7(5)
C(4)-H(4A)	0.9800	C(8)-C(6)-C(9)	109.1(5)
C(4)-H(4B)	0.9800	C(7)-C(6)-C(9)	109.7(5)
C(4)-H(4C)	0.9800	C(8)-C(6)-C(5)	109.0(4)
C(5)-C(6)	1.539(6)	C(7)-C(6)-C(5)	108.8(4)
C(6)-C(8)	1.528(8)	C(9)-C(6)-C(5)	110.7(4)
C(6)-C(7)	1.531(8)	C(6)-C(7)-H(7A)	109.5
C(6)-C(9)	1.534(8)	C(6)-C(7)-H(7B)	109.5
C(7)-H(7A)	0.9800	H(7A)-C(7)-H(7B)	109.5
C(7)-H(7B)	0.9800	C(6)-C(7)-H(7C)	109.5
C(7)-H(7C)	0.9800	H(7A)-C(7)-H(7C)	109.5
C(8)-H(8A)	0.9800	H(7B)-C(7)-H(7C)	109.5
C(8)-H(8B)	0.9800	C(6)-C(8)-H(8A)	109.5
C(8)-H(8C)	0.9800	C(6)-C(8)-H(8B)	109.5
C(9)-H(9A)	0.9800	H(8A)-C(8)-H(8B)	109.5
C(9)-H(9B)	0.9800	C(6)-C(8)-H(8C)	109.5
C(9)-H(9C)	0.9800	H(8A)-C(8)-H(8C)	109.5
C(11)-C(16)	1.381(7)	H(8B)-C(8)-H(8C)	109.5
C(11)-C(12)	1.401(6)	C(6)-C(9)-H(9A)	109.5
C(12)-C(13)	1.397(7)	C(6)-C(9)-H(9B)	109.5
C(13)-C(14)	1.377(8)	H(9A)-C(9)-H(9B)	109.5
C(13)-H(13)	0.9500	C(6)-C(9)-H(9C)	109.5
C(14)-C(15)	1.384(7)	H(9A)-C(9)-H(9C)	109.5
C(14)-H(14)	0.9500	H(9B)-C(9)-H(9C)	109.5
C(15)-C(16)	1.391(7)	C(16)-C(11)-C(12)	120.1(4)
C(16)-H(16)	0.9500	C(16)-C(11)-N(1)	119.7(4)
C(3)-S(1)-C(1)	90.9(2)	C(12)-C(11)-N(1)	120.2(4)
C(1)-N(1)-C(2)	115.1(4)	C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	120.1(5)
C(1)-N(1)-C(11)	120.1(4)	C(13)-C(12)-Cl(1)	119.7(4)
C(2)-N(1)-C(11)	124.7(4)	C(11)-C(12)-Cl(1)	120.2(4)
C(1)-N(2)-C(5)	116.7(4)	C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	120.0(4)
O(2)-N(3)-O(3)	123.5(5)	C(14)-C(13)-H(13)	120.0
O(2)-N(3)-C(15)	118.6(4)	C(12)-C(13)-H(13)	120.0
O(3)-N(3)-C(15)	117.8(4)	C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	118.9(5)
N(2)-C(1)-N(1)	120.3(4)	C(13)-C(14)-H(14)	120.5
N(2)-C(1)-S(1)	130.3(4)	C(15)-C(14)-H(14)	120.5
N(1)-C(1)-S(1)	109.4(3)	C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	122.4(5)
C(3)-C(2)-N(1)	111.6(4)	C(14)-C(15)-N(3)	119.1(4)
		C(16)-C(15)-N(3)	118.5(4)
		C(11)-C(16)-C(15)	118.4(4)
		C(11)-C(16)-H(16)	120.8
		C(15)-C(16)-H(16)	120.8

**Table 4. Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for (b). The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2^2[h^2a^*U^{11} + \dots + 2hka^*b^*U^{12}]$ .**

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{23}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{12}$
Cl(1)	27(1)	44(1)	43(1)	-24(1)	4(1)	-7(1)
S(1)	28(1)	29(1)	19(1)	-12(1)	3(1)	-5(1)
N(1)	30(2)	19(2)	18(2)	-5(2)	5(2)	-6(2)
N(2)	28(2)	22(2)	22(2)	-9(2)	3(2)	-5(2)
N(3)	44(3)	25(2)	22(2)	-8(2)	-4(2)	-3(2)
O(1)	36(2)	30(2)	29(2)	-18(2)	5(2)	-5(2)
O(2)	38(2)	72(3)	36(2)	-28(2)	2(2)	-15(2)
O(3)	57(3)	62(3)	26(2)	-24(2)	-2(2)	-8(2)
C(1)	22(2)	24(2)	20(2)	-11(2)	4(2)	-4(2)
C(2)	27(2)	22(2)	23(2)	-6(2)	4(2)	-5(2)
C(3)	34(3)	23(2)	18(2)	-4(2)	2(2)	-6(2)
C(4)	57(4)	22(3)	30(3)	-10(2)	5(3)	-6(2)
C(5)	24(2)	21(2)	25(2)	-11(2)	0(2)	-2(2)
C(6)	29(2)	21(2)	26(3)	-8(2)	3(2)	-2(2)
C(7)	49(4)	42(3)	36(3)	5(3)	-9(3)	-11(3)
C(8)	62(4)	36(3)	40(3)	-8(3)	-2(3)	-23(3)
C(9)	67(4)	35(3)	56(4)	-16(3)	37(4)	-18(3)
C(11)	31(2)	18(2)	19(2)	-8(2)	6(2)	-6(2)
C(12)	31(3)	21(2)	26(3)	-12(2)	6(2)	-5(2)
C(13)	35(3)	29(3)	30(3)	-16(2)	13(2)	-6(2)
C(14)	44(3)	26(3)	22(2)	-13(2)	10(2)	-5(2)
C(15)	35(3)	21(2)	21(2)	-9(2)	0(2)	-3(2)
C(16)	29(2)	18(2)	20(2)	-9(2)	5(2)	-4(2)

**Table 5. Hydrogen coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for (b).**

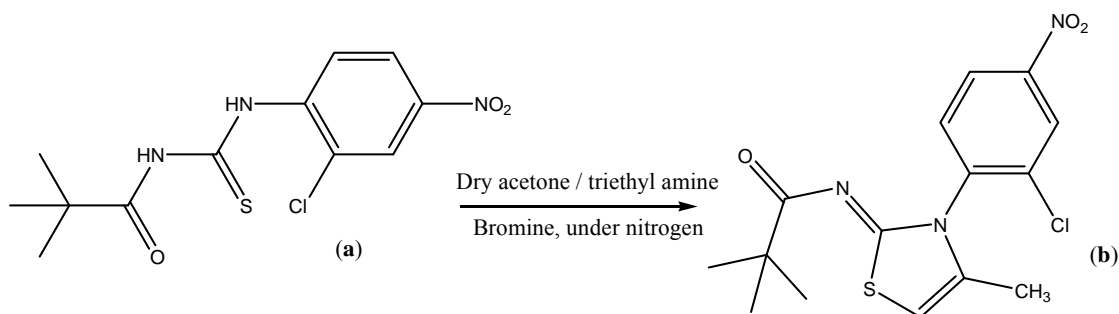
	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(3)	1558	1759	7929	33
H(4A)	1987	-194	6948	56
H(4B)	3017	339	5490	56
H(4C)	1154	552	5477	56
H(7A)	882	9738	1967	75
H(7B)	1200	8765	1112	75
H(7C)	2063	10201	602	75
H(8A)	2982	9696	3393	71
H(8B)	4161	10152	2027	71
H(8C)	4631	8690	3452	71
H(9A)	4653	8634	698	84
H(9B)	3790	7198	1210	84
H(9C)	5123	7175	2126	84
H(13)	5008	3518	690	38
H(14)	2848	3434	-348	37
H(16)	110	3087	3149	28

**Table 6. Torsion angles [°] for (b).**

C(5)-N(2)-C(1)-N(1)	-179.5(4)
C(5)-N(2)-C(1)-S(1)	-1.0(7)
C(2)-N(1)-C(1)-N(2)	176.0(4)
C(11)-N(1)-C(1)-N(2)	-5.9(7)
C(2)-N(1)-C(1)-S(1)	-2.8(5)
C(11)-N(1)-C(1)-S(1)	175.3(3)
C(3)-S(1)-C(1)-N(2)	-176.0(5)
C(3)-S(1)-C(1)-N(1)	2.6(4)
C(1)-N(1)-C(2)-C(3)	1.3(6)
C(11)-N(1)-C(2)-C(3)	-176.6(4)
C(1)-N(1)-C(2)-C(4)	-177.6(5)
C(11)-N(1)-C(2)-C(4)	4.5(7)
N(1)-C(2)-C(3)-S(1)	0.8(6)
C(4)-C(2)-C(3)-S(1)	179.6(5)
C(1)-S(1)-C(3)-C(2)	-2.0(4)
C(1)-N(2)-C(5)-O(1)	-11.5(7)
C(1)-N(2)-C(5)-C(6)	168.9(4)
O(1)-C(5)-C(6)-C(8)	32.1(7)
N(2)-C(5)-C(6)-C(8)	-148.3(5)
O(1)-C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	-87.5(6)
N(2)-C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	92.2(5)
O(1)-C(5)-C(6)-C(9)	152.0(5)
N(2)-C(5)-C(6)-C(9)	-28.4(6)
C(1)-N(1)-C(11)-C(16)	-103.6(5)
C(2)-N(1)-C(11)-C(16)	74.2(6)
C(1)-N(1)-C(11)-C(12)	74.9(6)
C(2)-N(1)-C(11)-C(12)	-107.2(5)
C(16)-C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	2.7(7)
N(1)-C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	-175.8(4)
C(16)-C(11)-C(12)-Cl(1)	-176.6(4)
N(1)-C(11)-C(12)-Cl(1)	4.8(6)
C(11)-C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	-1.2(8)
Cl(1)-C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	178.1(4)
C(12)-C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	-1.2(8)
C(13)-C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	2.3(8)
C(13)-C(14)-C(15)-N(3)	-178.1(5)
O(2)-N(3)-C(15)-C(14)	179.2(5)
O(3)-N(3)-C(15)-C(14)	-1.8(7)
O(2)-N(3)-C(15)-C(16)	-1.2(7)
O(3)-N(3)-C(15)-C(16)	177.8(5)
C(12)-C(11)-C(16)-C(15)	-1.6(7)
N(1)-C(11)-C(16)-C(15)	176.9(4)
C(14)-C(15)-C(16)-C(11)	-0.9(7)
N(3)-C(15)-C(16)-C(11)	179.5(4)

we reported that under these conditions the reaction of 1-aryyl-3-arylthioureas with enolizable carbonyl compounds actually produce the thermodynamically more stable isomeric compounds 1-aryyl-3-aryl-4-methylthiazolidene-2-imines [24]. We also proposed the mechanism for formation of these compounds and unequivocally established their structure by the single-crystal X-ray crystallography. Indeed these isomeric compounds cannot easily be differentiated on the basis of spectroscopic, mass and elemental analyses data. Later in 2006 Patel *et al.* reached the same conclusion thus supporting our results however with no acknowledgement of our report [25]. The perplexity in structures arises due to the mis-apprehended reaction mechanism of this cyclization; the basic difference being that in the initial intermediate formed by the attack of more acidic N(1), the intramolecular attack by the sulfur, rather than the second N(2) takes place on carbon bearing the halo group followed by attack of the second N(2) of the isothiurea intermediate on the carbonyl group leading to cyclodehydration. The generality and versatility of this transformation was further established by cyclization of 1-acyl-3-arylthioureas. Thus, 1-pivaloyl-3-(2-chloro-4-nitrophenyl)thiourea (a) was prepared according to the published procedure [26] involving treatment of pivaloyl chloride with potassium thiocyanate in dry acetone followed by reaction with 2-chloro-4-nitrophenylaniline. The thiourea was characterized by typical IR absorptions at 3351, 3200  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for free and associated NH, at 1667 for carbonyl and at 1230 - 1250 for thiocarbonyl groups. The characteristic broad singlets at *ca* 9.0 and 12 for HN(1) and HN(3) and peaks at 170, 179 for carbonyl and thiocarbonyl were observed in the  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra respectively.

The base-catalyzed cyclization of thiourea (a) with acetone was achieved in the presence of bromine. Thus triethyl amine was added to a solution of thiourea in dry acetone followed by the treatment with a mixture of acetone and bromine under an inert atmosphere to afford the title compound (b). In this reaction the  $\alpha$ -bromoacetone is produced in situ which undergoes cyclization as reported earlier [27].



The structure was confirmed by the appearance of characteristic C=N stretching at 1450 - 1495  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the IR spectrum in addition to carbonyl absorption bands at 1630  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and the absence of thiourea NHs absorptions. The emergence of characteristic quartet at  $\delta$  6.41 and a three proton doublet of for C(4)-CH<sub>3</sub> of the thiazoline ring at  $\delta$  2.06 respectively due to the mutually coupled protons with an allylic coupling constant of 1.0 Hz in addition to the singlet at  $\delta$  1.21 for t-butyl and aromatic protons were noticed in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR. In <sup>13</sup>C NMR the characteristic signals for olefinic carbon at  $\delta$  104.5, for methyl carbon at 15.1, for imino carbon at 169.7 besides peaks at 28.1, 39.4 for t-butyl group were observed. In the mass spectrum the molecular ion peaks appeared at m/e 353 and base peak derived from ter-butylcarbonyl cation at m/e 85 respectively.

Bond lengths and angles of the title compound are in the usual ranges. The dihedral angle between the two rings is 75.2°. The nitro groups lies in the plane of the ring to which it is attached [torsion angle: O(3)-N(3)-C(15)-C(14)-1.8(7)°] y.

## 5. Conclusions

Synthesis, characterization and crystal structure of a novel heterocycles having a wide range of applications is described.

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