

## STRUCTURE DETERMINATION, VIBRATIONAL BANDS AND CHEMICAL SHIFT ASSIGNMENTS OF 3-(4-(3-(2,5-DIMETHYLPHENYL)-3-METHYLCYCLOBUTYL)THIAZOL-2-YL)-2-(*O*-TOLYL)THIAZOLIDIN-4-ONE: A COMBINED EXPERIMENTAL AND QUANTUM CHEMICAL DENSITY-FUNCTIONAL THEORY STUDIES

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This paper report is an analysis of the title compound by means of X-ray crystallography, FT-IR, NMR and DFT calculations, in the context of structural and spectral characterization. The crystal and molecular structures of the compound were determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction (SCXRD). Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) spectrum was recorded in the range from 400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  to 4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were also recorded. DFT calculations were employed to support X-ray molecular geometry and calculate IR and NMR ( $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$ ) spectral bands. The structural (bond lengths, bond angles, torsion angles) and spectral (vibrational modes and chemical shifts) parameters obtained from DFT levels (B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) and B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p)) were compared with experimental findings, and an excellent harmony between the two data was ascertained.

**Keywords:** cyclobutane; thiazole; thiazolidine; SCXRD; IR; NMR

## ОПРЕДЕЛУВАЊЕ НА СТРУКТУРАТА, АСИГНАЦИЈА НА ВИБРАЦИОНИ ЛЕНТИ И ХЕМИСКИ ПОМЕСТУВАЊА КАЈ 3-(4-(3-(2,5-ДИМЕТИЛФЕНИЛ)-3-МЕТИЛЦИКЛОБУТИЛ)ТИАЗОЛ-2-ИЛ)-2-(*o*-ТОЛИЛ)ТИАЗОЛИДИН-4-ОН: КОМБИНИРАНИ ЕКСПЕРИМЕНТАЛНИ И КВАНТНО ХЕМИСКИ СТУДИИ БАЗИРАНИ НА ТЕОРИЈАТА ЗА ГУСТИНА НА ФУНКЦИОНАЛОТ

Во овој труд е изнесена анализата на насловното соединение по пат на рендгенска дифракција, Фуриеови трансформирани инфрацрвени (FTIR) спектри, нуклеарна магнетна резонанца (NMR) и пресметки со теорија на густина на функциоалот (DFT) во контекст на структурна карактеризација. Кристалните и молекулските структури на соединението беа детерминирани со рендгенска дифракција на монокристал (SCXRD). FTIR-спектарот беше снимен во областа од 400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  до 4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Беа снимени и  $^1\text{H}$  и  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR-спектрите. Пресметките на DFT беа употребени за да ја потврдат молекулската структура добиена со рендгенската дифракција, како и да се пресметаат спектралните ленти на IR и NMR ( $^1\text{H}$  и  $^{13}\text{C}$ ). Структурните параметри (должина на врски, агли, торзиони агли) и спектралните параметри (вибрациони модови и хемиски поместувања) добиени од нивоата на DFT (B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) и B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p)) беа споредени со експерименталните вредности, при што беше утврдена хармонија меѓу едните и другите податоци.

**Клучни зборови:** циклобутан; тиазол; тиазолидин; SCXRD; IR; NMR

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Chemistry and physics are branches of science that both study the structure and behavior of matter. Solid state chemistry, also known as material chemistry, is a common subdivision of these two sciences, which focus on the synthesis of new materials and their characterization. In recent years, due to the fact that most diseases are rapidly increasing worldwide, material scientists have aimed to synthesize new functional materials possessing promising biological and pharmaceutical characteristics, wherein these materials are expected to be used directly or indirectly in the treatment of diseases.

Cyclobutane, thiazole and thiazolidine derivatives, the synthesis of which is focused on here, and the structural and spectral characterization of new derivatives, have attracted attention in medicinal chemistry and biochemistry due to their wide range of various biological and pharmacological activities, including anti-microbial [1–6], anti-fungal [1, 7–9], anti-cancer [10–13] and anti-inflammatory [14–16] properties. These compounds, containing cyclobutane, thiazole and thiazolidine functions, appear to be suitable candidates for drug design. Furthermore, they have been used as ligand in coordination chemistry [17–20]. The current paper deals with the preparation, crystal structure and characterization of a novel compound which consists of these fragments.

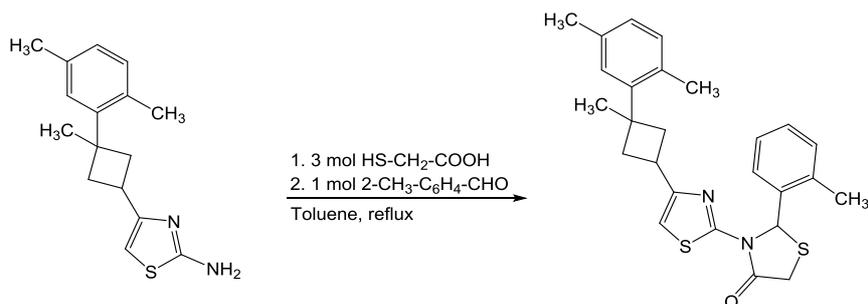
Previously, as a part of our research program concerning the synthesis of new cyclobutane derivatives, we examined compounds containing different fragments [21–29]. This paper describes herein the synthesis, crystallographic features, spectral (FT-IR and NMR) characterization and DFT calculations of a new cyclobutane derivative with thiazole and thiazolidine, [C<sub>52</sub>H<sub>56</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>]. This compound was synthesized in the same manner as depicted in the literature [25], with the use of appropriate starting substances and solvents. To the best of our knowledge, it is a novel compound that was first synthesized in our laboratories, so there is no report in the literature about this com-

pound. In this paper, a combination of experimental and computational/theoretical methods has been used to determine the molecular structure (X-ray and DFT) and spectral bands (FT-IR, NMR and DFT). The crystal and molecular geometry were revealed by a single crystal X-ray diffraction method. Following this, the initial geometry of the compound was obtained from the X-ray coordinates, and optimized by Density Functional Theory (DFT). The structure and spectra obtained from the geometry optimization were compared with the experimental data.

## 2. EXPERIMENTAL AND THEORETICAL METHODS

### 2.1. Synthesis of compound

The compound was synthesized in the same manner as depicted in the literature [25], with the use of appropriate starting substances and solvents. Overall yield: 47 %, melting point: 456 K (EtOH). White solid, yield: 47 %; m.p. 183 °C (EtOH). IR (v/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2970–2870 cm<sup>-1</sup> v(aliphatics), 1697 v(C=O), 810 cm<sup>-1</sup> v(C-S-C, thiazolidine), 732 cm<sup>-1</sup> v(C-S-C, thiazole). <sup>1</sup>H NMR shifts (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 1.48 (s, 3H, -CH<sub>3</sub> on cyclobutane ring), 2.07 (s, 3H, -CH<sub>3</sub> on phenyl ring), 2.17 (s, 3H, *o*-CH<sub>3</sub> on xylene ring), 2.38 (s, 3H, *m*-CH<sub>3</sub> on xylene ring), 2.22–2.29 (m, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>- in cyclobutane ring), 2.39–2.45 (m, 1H, -CH<sub>2A</sub>- in cyclobutane ring), 2.59–2.64 (t, *j* = 20 Hz, 1H, -CH<sub>2B</sub>- in cyclobutane ring), 3.46–3.50 (quint, *j* = 8.2 Hz, 1H, >CH- on cyclobutane), 3.87 (d, *j* = 1.6Hz, 1H, -CH<sub>2A</sub>-S-), 4.08–4.13 (dd, *j*<sub>1</sub> = 1.3 Hz, *j*<sub>2</sub> = 16.4 Hz, 1H, -CH<sub>2B</sub>-S-), 6.55 (s, 1H, N-CH-S), 6.74–6.77 (m, 2H, aromatics), 6.85–6.89 (d, *j* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.95–7.00 (m, 2H, aromatics). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO, TMS): δ 170.18, 155.61, 154.89, 149.37, 138.94, 135.03, 134.97, 131.43, 130.98, 130.60, 127.75, 126.51, 126.48, 126.37, 123.44, 107.32, 60.31, 41.75, 41.32, 39.49, 32.90, 30.88, 27.78, 21.17, 19.55, 18.56.



**Scheme 1.** Synthetic pathway for the synthesis of the target compound

## 2.2. X-ray diffraction analysis

The X-ray diffraction data for the title compound was collected with a Bruker D8 QUEST diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  at 296 K. The crystal and molecular structures were solved by direct methods using SHELXS-97 [32] and refined by the full-matrix least-squares methods on  $F^2$  using SHELXL-97 [33] from within the WINGX suite of software [34]. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic parameters. After treating the H atoms using a riding

model, they were positioned geometrically and the bond distances were fixed at 0.93, 0.97 and 0.96 Å for C–H, C–H<sub>2</sub> and C–H<sub>3</sub> atoms, respectively. Supramolecular analyses were performed using the crystallographic tool PLATON [35]. Molecular structure diagrams were created using ORTEP-3 for publication. Details of the data collection conditions and the parameters of the refinement process are given in Table 1. Crystallographic data for the structure reported in this paper have been deposited in the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center with CCDC number 1566022.

Table 1

*Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement parameters for the title compound*

<b>Crystal data</b>	
Chemical formula	C <sub>52</sub> H <sub>56</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub>
Formula weight (a.k.b.)	897.25
Temperature (K)	296
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	C 2/c
<b>Unit cell parameters</b>	
$a \neq b \neq c$ (Å)	24.322(5), 10.279(5), 20.801(5)
$\alpha = \gamma \neq \beta$ (°)	90, 116.034(5)
Crystal size (mm)	0.15 × 0.17 × 0.21
Volume, $V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	4673 (3)
$Z$	4
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.25
$F_{000}$	1904
Calculated density (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.275
<b>Data collection</b>	
Diffractometer	Bruker D8 QUEST
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073 Mo K $\alpha$
$\theta$ range for data collection (°)	3.2 ≤ $\theta$ ≤ 28.9
Index ranges:	
$h_{\min}, h_{\max}$	–32, 32
$k_{\min}, k_{\max}$	–13, 13
$l_{\min}, l_{\max}$	–27, 27
Reflections collected	81848
Independent reflections	5832
Observed reflections [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	4254
Absorption correction type	multi-scan
$T_{\min}, T_{\max}$	
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.060
<b>Refinement</b>	
Least-squares matrix	Full
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$	0.061
$wR(F^2)$	0.171
$Goodness = S$	1.05
Reflections/Parameters/Restraints	5832/280/0
Refinement method	SHELXL-97
$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max}$	0.001
$\Delta\rho_{\min}, \Delta\rho_{\max}$ (e/Å <sup>3</sup> )	–0.84, 0.77

### 2.3. Spectral analysis

The FT-IR spectrum of the title compound has been recorded as KBr pellets on a Mattson 1000 Fourier transform infrared spectrometer from the range of 4000–400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in a solid phase at room temperature. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Varian-Mercury-Plus 400 MHz spectrometer using TMS as internal standard and  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (chloroform) as solvent.

### 2.4. DFT calculation

For modelling, X-ray coordinates were used as initial geometry, taken with the Babel operation on the Model tab in the WingGX software [34]. To obtain the electronic structure of compound, optimization calculations were performed at the DFT level by using the GAUSSIAN03 program package [36], wherein B3LYP function was chosen [30, 31], which combines Becke's three-parameter hybrid exchange function. To understand the effects of sets based on structural and spectral characteristics, 6-31G(d,p) [a polarized basis set] and 6-31G+(d,p) [a diffuse basis set] were used in calculations. The structural parameters (bond distances, bond angles and torsion angles) and spectral assignments (vibration frequencies and chemical shifts) from the theoretical molecular structures [DFT/B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) and DFT/B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p)] were compared with their experimental (X-ray diffraction, FT-IR and NMR) data.

## 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 3.1. Structural description of the title compound

The title compound, 3-(4-(3-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-3-methylcyclobutyl)thiazol-2-yl)-2-(*o*-tolyl)thiazolidin-4-one, is shown in Figure 1 in the Ortep-3 [37] view. Single crystal X-ray diffraction results show that the crystal structure of the compound crystallizes in space group  $\text{C2}/c$  and it belongs to the monoclinic system with the following cell dimensions:  $a = 24.322(5) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 10.279(5) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 20.801(5) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\beta = 116.034(5)$ ,  $Z = 4$ .

The compound is composed of a central thiazole ring, with an 2-(*o*-tolyl)thiazolidine group connected to the 2-position of the ring and a 1,4-dimethyl-2-(1-methylcyclobutyl)benzene group in the 4-position. The cyclobutane and thiazolidine rings are *cis*-related to thiazole ring. The cyclobutane adopted a butterfly conformation. The bond distance between the carbon atoms are 1.556  $\text{Å}$  on average and bond angles formed by the three carbons are 88.66° on average. When these values are compared with the previously reported cyclobutane

derivatives [21–29, 38–41], it can be seen that there are no considerable differences.

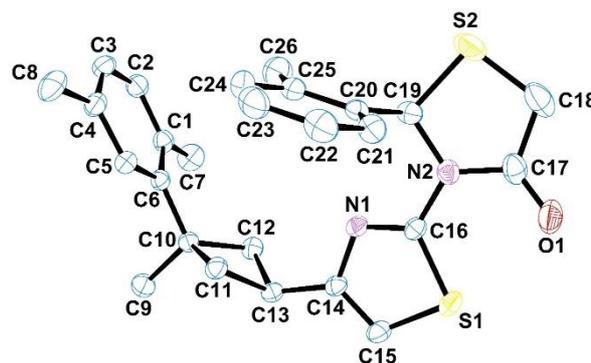


Fig. 1. ORTEP-3 representation of the molecular structures of the title compound

The dihedral angles between cyclobutane planes are 24.93 (28)° (C10/C11/C13 – C13/C12/C10) and 24.52 (25)° (C11/C10/C12 – C12/C13/C11). Although close to being planar, the thiazole ring possesses a maximum deviation of 0.0034(14)  $\text{Å}$ . The S1–C15 and S1–C16 bond lengths are 1.723 (3)  $\text{Å}$  and 1.727 (2)  $\text{Å}$ , respectively. These values are shorter than the accepted value for an  $\text{S}-\text{C}_{\text{sp}^2}$  single bond (1.76  $\text{Å}$ ) [42]. The C=N bond length [1.298 (3)  $\text{Å}$ ] for thiazole is approximately the same as those in previous publications; 1.2998 (17) [43], 1.300(2) [44] and 1.299 (6) [25]. Thiazolidin-4-one is a thiazolidine derivative, and has a double-bonded oxygen connected to the 4-position of the thiazolidine ring. N–C (N2–C17 and N2–C19), S–C (S2–C18 and S1–C19), and C=O (C17=O1) were found to be 1.419  $\text{Å}$ , 1.811  $\text{Å}$  and 1.214  $\text{Å}$ , respectively, on average. The dihedral angles between the cyclobutane plane A (C11–C14), the thiazole plane B (C14/C15/S1/C16/N1) and the thiazolidin-4-one plane C (C17/C18/S2/C19/N2/O1) are 86.71(11)° (A/B), 10.91 (13)° (B/C) and 83.01 (11)°.

Analysis of the crystal structure of compound with PLATON [35] revealed that there are six intra-molecular and three inter-molecular interactions, the details of which are given in Table 2. Intra-molecular interactions consist of four C–H $\cdots$ N (Fig. 2a) and two C–H $\cdots$ Cg ( $\pi$ -ring) (edge-to-face) (Fig. 2b). The thiazole N1 atom and thiazolidin-4-one N2 atom act as hydrogen-acceptor with average H $\cdots$ A distances of 2.7  $\text{Å}$ . C26 and C21 atoms forms a C–H $\cdots$ Cg( $\pi$ -ring) contact via atoms H26 and H21 with the centroid of the (C1–C6) and thiazolidin-4-one rings, respectively. All of these intra-molecular interactions contribute to the formation of the *cis* position of the compound. Inter-molecular interactions consist of two C–H $\cdots$ O and two C–H $\cdots$ Cg( $\pi$ -ring) (edge-to-face).

Table 2

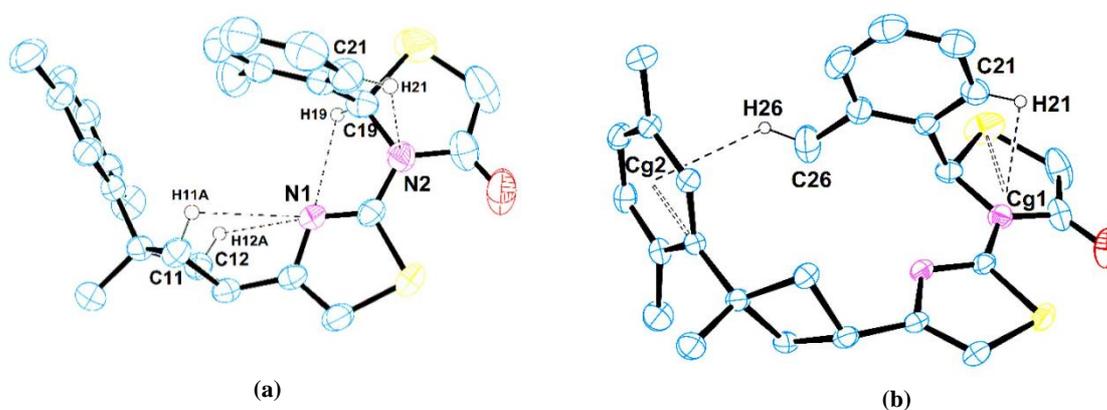
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )

D—H $\cdots$ A	D—H	H $\cdots$ A	D $\cdots$ A	D—H $\cdots$ A
C21—H21 $\cdots$ N2	0.93	2.68	2.941 (3)	97
C19—H19 $\cdots$ N1	0.98	2.61	2.744 (3)	87
C12—H12A $\cdots$ N1	0.97	2.73	3.076 (3)	101
C11—H11A $\cdots$ N1	0.97	2.79	3.115 (3)	100
C23—H23 $\cdots$ O1 <sup>a</sup>	0.93	2.64	3.522 (4)	159
C18—H18B $\cdots$ O1 <sup>b</sup>	0.97	2.77	3.696 (4)	160
D—H $\cdots$ Cg	D—H	H $\cdots$ Cg	D $\cdots$ Cg	D—H $\cdots$ Cg
C21—H21 $\cdots$ Cg1	0.93	2.73	3.046(4)	101
C26—H26B $\cdots$ Cg2	0.96	2.87	3.569(4)	130
C12—H12B $\cdots$ Cg2 <sup>c</sup>	0.97	2.82	3.781(3)	169

Symmetry codes: (a)  $x, y+1, z$ ; (b)  $-x+1, y, -z+3/2$ ; (c)  $1/2-x, -1/2+y, 1/2-z$ .

Cg1 is the centroid of the thiazolidin (N2, C17, C18, S2, C19) ring.

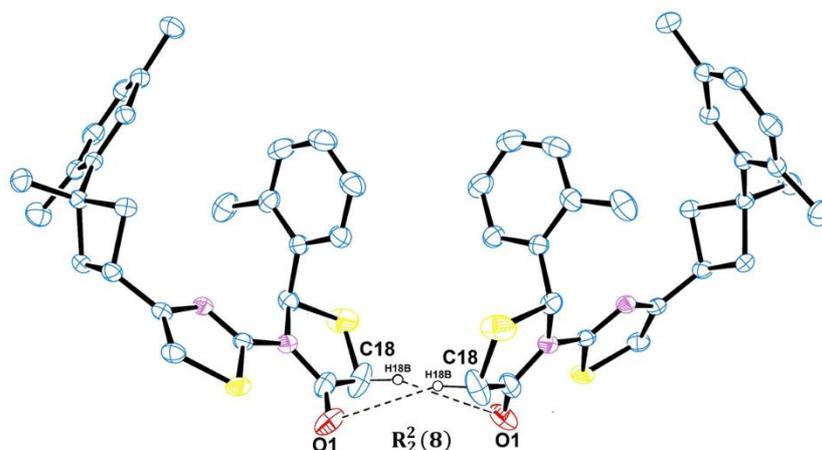
Cg2 is the centroid of the phenyl (C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6) ring.



**Fig. 2.** a) Intra-molecular D—H $\cdots$ A type hydrogen bonds (C21—H21 $\cdots$ N2, C19—H19 $\cdots$ N1, C12—H12A $\cdots$ N1 and C11—H11A $\cdots$ N1), b) Intra-molecular D—H $\cdots$  $\pi$  type hydrogen bonds (C21—H21 $\cdots$ Cg1 and C26—H26B $\cdots$ Cg2)

Thiazolidin-4-one atom O1 in the molecule at  $(-x+1, y, -z+3/2)$  acts as hydrogen-acceptor, via atom H18B, to thiazolidin-4-one atom C18 in the

molecule at  $(x, y, z)$ , which this interaction forms an  $R_2^2(8)$  motif (Fig. 3).



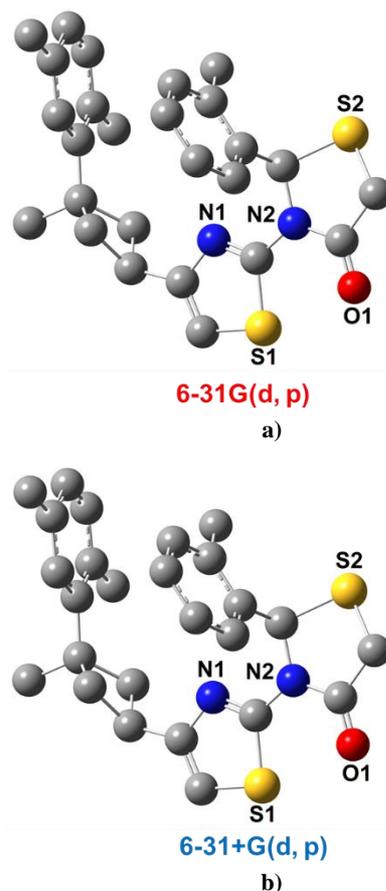
**Fig. 3.** Part of the crystal structure of the title compound, showing the formed  $R_2^2(8)$  motif. For clarity, only H atoms involved in hydrogen bonding have been included

The same thiazolidin-4-one atom O1 in the molecule at (x, y+1, z) acts as hydrogen-acceptor donor, via atom H23, to atom C23 in the molecule at (x, y, z). Atom C12 at (x, y, z) forms a C—H···Cg( $\pi$ -ring) contact, via atom H12B, with the centroid of the C1–C6 ring [fractional centroid coordinates: 0.15137(4), 0.48700(10), 0.16341(5)] of the molecule at (1/2–x, –1/2+y, 1/2–z).

### 3.2. DFT molecular modeling studies

#### 3.2.1. Theoretical (DFT/B3LYP) molecular structures

Density functional theory (DFT) calculations of the molecular geometries, electronic structure parameters and spectral assignments have been carried out using the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) and B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p) levels. These DFT molecular structures of with the atom numbering scheme are shown in Figure 4, wherein B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) method is shown in red and the B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p) method is shown in blue. This marking was also used in the spectral analysis.



**Fig. 4.** DFT optimized structures [a) DFT/B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) and b) DFT/B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p)]

**Table 3**

*Total- zero-point energy, entropy, heat capacity, rotational constants, and dipole moments for the optimized structure*

Parameters	DFT/B3LYP	
	6-31G(d,p)	6-31G+(d,p)
Total energy (a.u.)	–1988.78398649	–1988.82018595
Zero-point vibrational energy (kcal/mol)	303.53436	302.64443
Entropy (cal/mol-K)	195.545	198.487
Heat capacity at const. volume (CV, cal/mol-K)	113.602	113.915
<b>Rotational constants (GHz)</b>		
A	0.18256	0.17997
B	0.09969	0.09481
C	0.07934	0.07598
<b>Dipole moment (Debye)</b>		
$\mu_x$	–1.7033	1.7491
$\mu_y$	–0.8336	1.0279
$\mu_z$	–0.6844	–0.6211
$\mu_{top}$	2.0161	2.1217

#### 3.2.2. Structural comparison

The DFT optimized calculations were actualized to support the X-ray molecular structure. The initial molecular geometry was as obtained

from the single crystal X-ray diffraction, which was optimized using the density functional theory (DFT/B3LYP) method with the 6-31G(d,p) and 6-31G+(d,p) basis sets. Some selected structural parameters revealed from X-ray diffraction and calculated by DFT/B3LYP levels are listed in Table 4.

Table 4

Some selected geometric parameters  
(bond lengths, bond angles and torsion angles) for the title compound ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )

Geometric parameters	Experimental [X-ray]	DFT/B3LYP	
		6-31G(d,p)	6-31G+(d,p)
<b>Bond lengths (<math>\text{\AA}</math>)</b>			
C1—C2	1.394 (4)	1.399	1.401
C2—C3	1.382 (4)	1.394	1.395
C6—C10	1.518 (3)	1.525	1.525
C9—C10	1.530 (3)	1.541	1.542
C10—C11	1.561 (3)	1.564	1.565
C13—C14	1.492 (3)	1.496	1.496
C14—N1	1.390 (3)	1.383	1.383
C14—C15	1.350 (3)	1.364	1.367
C15—S1	1.723 (3)	1.744	1.742
C16—N2	1.404 (3)	1.394	1.396
N2—C17	1.368 (3)	1.382	1.382
C17—O1	1.214 (4)	1.219	1.221
C18—S2	1.785 (4)	1.826	1.826
C19—C20	1.512 (3)	1.517	1.517
	$R^2$	0.9963	0.9961
<b>Bond angles (<math>^\circ</math>)</b>			
C1—C2—C3	122.7 (2)	122.17	122.19
C6—C10—C9	109.44 (19)	110.09	109.84
C10—C11—C13	89.50 (17)	89.84	89.64
C13—C14—N1	118.40 (19)	118.52	119.39
C15—S1—C16	87.73 (11)	87.42	87.51
N1—C16—N2	120.3 (2)	121.18	121.36
N2—C17—O1	123.5 (3)	123.97	123.89
C17—N2—C19	119.4 (2)	118.45	117.90
S2—C19—C20	111.10 (16)	113.37	113.25
	$R^2$	0.9954	0.9943
<b>Torsion angles (<math>^\circ</math>)</b>			
C5—C6—C10—	89.2 (2)	96.03	95.33
C6—C10—C12—	135.64 (19)	136.07	137.26
C12—C13—	47.1 (3)	51.87	52.35
C18—C17—N2—	171.9 (2)	178.22	177.75
C20—C19—N2—	64.5 (3)	76.43	77.89
	$R^2$	0.9942	0.9941

There are two conventional methods used in structural comparison. The first method is to calculate the correlation value ( $R^2$ ) which shows the correlation between experimental and theoretical parameters. The calculated  $R^2$  values are 0.9963 ( $y = 1.0503x - 0.0652$ ) and 0.9961 ( $y = 1.0448x - 0.0563$ ) for bond lengths, 0.9954 ( $y = 0.9993x + 0.4093$ ) and 0.9943 ( $y = 1.0028x + 0.0123$ ) for bond angles, 0.9942 ( $y = 0.9688x + 9.2245$ ) and 0.9941 ( $y = 0.9628x + 10.233$ ) for torsion angles at 6-31G(d,p) and 6-31G+(d,p) levels, respectively. The second method is to calculate the Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) which obtained by superimposing the molecular skeletons (X-ray and DFT skeletons). They show the superimposed view of X-ray and DFT/B3LYP structures in Figure 5 giving a RMSE of 0.336  $\text{\AA}$  and 0.459  $\text{\AA}$  for 6-31G(d,p) and 6-31G+(d,p) levels. According to these results (both  $R^2$  and RMSE), it may be concluded that the 6-31G(d,p) calculation reproduces the geometry of the title compound well.

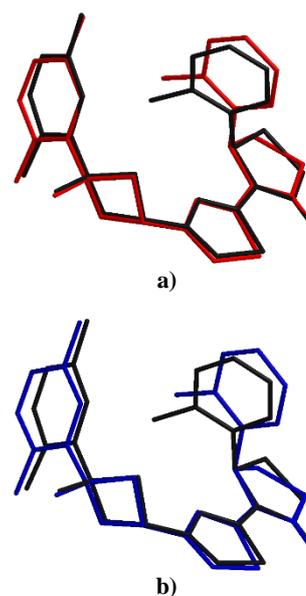


Fig. 5. Atom-by-atom superimposition of the structures calculated [a) DFT/B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) (red), b) DFT/B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p) (blue)] over the X-ray structure (black) for the title compound

### 3.3. Spectroscopic characterization

#### 3.3.1. IR spectra

The IR spectra and vibrational bands were investigated in detail; experimental results were supported by the theoretical IR calculation, where vibrational spectrum and vibrational frequencies were calculated using the density functional theory (DFT/B3LYP) method by means of optimized geometries. To provide harmony between the theoretical/calculated and experimental frequencies, the scaling factor was applied to all of the calculated frequencies. Scaling factors are given as 0.9608 for B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) and 0.9648 for B3LYP/6-

31G+(d,p) [45, 46] levels. Figure 6 illustrates the superimposed experimental and scaled theoretical IR spectra of the title compound in the frequency range from 4000 to 400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

The title compound belongs to C1 point group symmetry since it does not have a special symmetry. The normal mode number for C1 symmetry can be easily calculated using the formula  $3N-6$ , where N is the number of atoms. The compound consists of 59 atoms; hence it has 171 vibrational modes. Some vibrational modes were assigned by GaussView software [47], and are shown in Table 5 with their corresponding FT-IR frequencies.

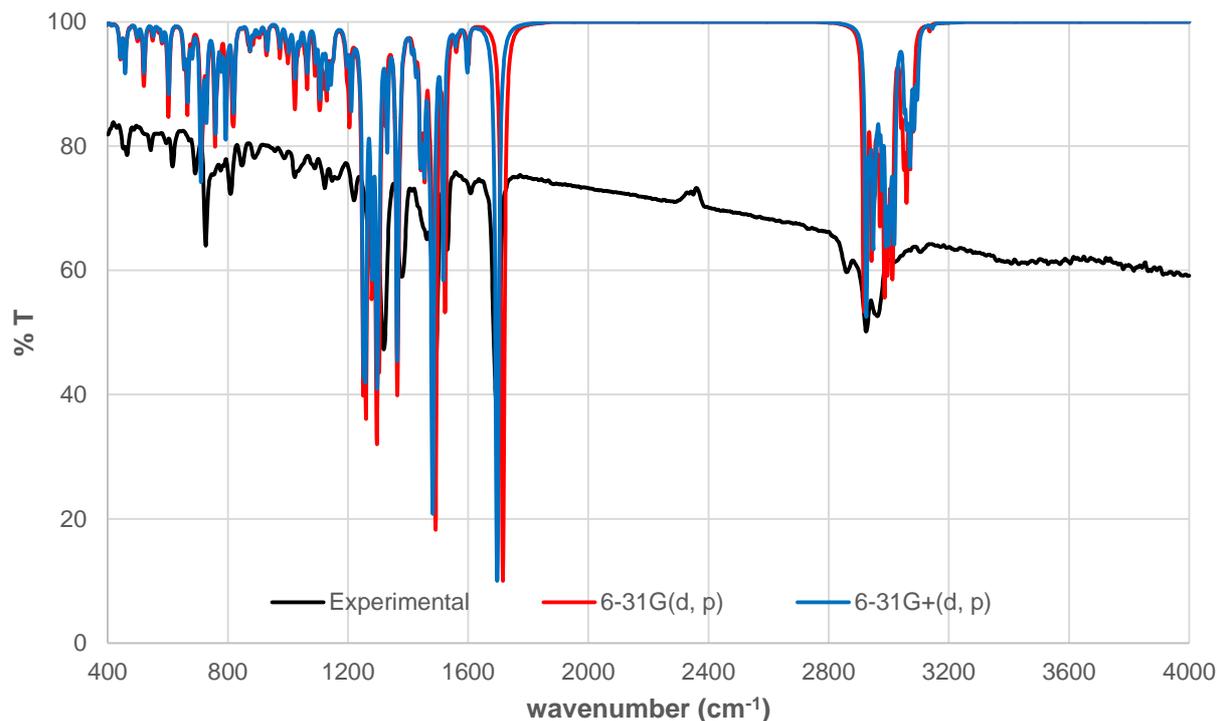
Table 5

*Comparison of the observed and calculated (scaled) vibrational assignments of the title compound*

Assignments	Experimental IR with KBr ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	Calculated [DFT/B3LYP] ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	
		6-31G(d,p)	6-31G+(d,p)
$\nu\text{C}-\text{H}_{\text{thiazole}}$	3105	3136	3145
$\nu\text{sC}-\text{H}_{\text{aromatic}}$	–	3083	3095
$\nu\text{asC}-\text{H}_{\text{aromatic}}$	3048	3071	3085
$\nu\text{asC}-\text{H}_{\text{aromatic}}$	3048	3061	3074
$\nu\text{sC}-\text{H}_{\text{aromatic}}$	–	3059	3070
$\nu\text{asC}-\text{H}_{\text{aromatic}}$	3048	3052	3063
$\nu\text{asC}-\text{H}_{\text{aromatic}}$	3048	3040	3052
$\nu\text{asC}-\text{H}_{2\text{thiazolidine}}$	–	3029	3039
$\nu\text{asC}-\text{H}_{2\text{cyclobutane}}$	3019	3013	3019
$\nu\text{C}-\text{H}_{\text{cyclobutane}}$	–	2962	2969
$\nu\text{sC}-\text{H}_{2\text{thiazolidine}}$	–	2954	2962
$\nu\text{sC}-\text{H}_{2\text{cyclobutane}}$	2964	2940	2955
$\nu\text{sC}-\text{H}_{2\text{cyclobutane}}$	2964	2943	2948
$\nu\text{sC}-\text{H}_3$	2924	2929	2937
$\nu\text{sC}-\text{H}_3$	2924	2919	2927
$\nu\text{sC}-\text{H}_{3\text{cyclobutane}}$	2862	2918	2925
$\nu\text{sC}-\text{H}_3$	2924	2916	2924
$\nu\text{C}=\text{O}$	1694	1715	1696
$\nu\text{C}=\text{C}_{\text{thiazole}}$	1607	1523	1527
$\nu\text{C}=\text{N}_{\text{thiazole}}$	1530	1491	1482
$\alpha\text{C}-\text{H}_{2\text{cyclobutane}}$	1490	1425	1426
$\alpha\text{C}-\text{H}_{2\text{thiazolidine}}$	–	1418	1413
$\nu\text{sC}-\text{H}_{3\text{cyclobutane}}$	1378	1366	1365
$\gamma\text{C}-\text{H}_{\text{thiazole}}$	–	1326	1331
$\nu\text{C}-\text{N}_{\text{thiazole}}$	1283	1296	1297
$\omega\text{C}-\text{H}_{2\text{thiazolidine}}$	–	1205	1211
$\omega\text{C}-\text{H}_{2\text{cyclobutane}}$	1220	1201	1201
$\delta\text{C}-\text{H}_{2\text{thiazolidine}}$	–	1104	1110
$\delta\text{C}-\text{H}_{2\text{cyclobutane}}$	1022	1032	1030
$\theta_{\text{cyclobutane}}$	905	929	931
$\nu\text{C}-\text{S}-\text{C}_{\text{thiazolidine}}$	–	775	778
$\nu\text{C}-\text{S}-\text{C}_{\text{thiazole}}$	732	748	759

Vibrational modes:  $\nu$ , stretching;  $\alpha$ , scissoring;  $\gamma$ , rocking;  $\omega$ , wagging;  $\delta$ , twisting;  $\theta$ , ring breathing.

Abbreviations: s, symmetric; as, asymmetric.



**Fig. 6.** Experimental (FT-IR) (black), DFT/B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) (red) and DFT/B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p) (blue) of vibration spectra of the title compound

To enable comparison with experimental observations, it was calculated the correlation coefficients for B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) and B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p) levels, which is 0.9988 for vibrational modes, respectively. According to correlation value, both methods have given good results and there is no superiority to each other. The remarkable vibrations to be obtained from the IR study are the following:

#### 3.3.1.1. Cyclobutane vibrations

For cyclobutane fragments, it is well-known that asymmetric and symmetric C—H<sub>2</sub> stretching, C—H<sub>3</sub> stretching, C—H<sub>2</sub> scissoring, C—H<sub>2</sub> wagging, C—H<sub>2</sub> twisting, ring breathing observed and calculated in region of 3100–2900, 2900–2800 and 1400–1300, 1500–1400, 1200–1100, 1100–1000, and 1000–900 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively [23–29]. The vibrational frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>) obtained from the IR spectrum of the compound are given below:

- i. anti-symmetric C—H<sub>2</sub> stretching: 3019 (Exp.) and 3013,3019 (Cal.)
- ii. symmetric C—H<sub>2</sub> stretching: 2964 (Exp.), 2948, 2943 (6-31G(d,p)), 2955, 2948 (6-31G+(d,p))
- iii. C—H<sub>3</sub> stretching: 2862 and 1378 (Exp.), 2918 and 1366 (6-31G(d,p)), 2925 and 1368 (6-31G+(d,p))

- iv. C—H<sub>2</sub> scissoring: 1490 (Exp.), 1425 (6-31G(d,p)), 1426 (6-31G+(d,p))
- v. C—H<sub>2</sub> wagging: 1220 (Exp.), 1201 (6-31G(d,p)), 1201 (6-31G+(d,p))
- vi. C—H<sub>2</sub> twisting: 1022 (Exp.), 1032 (6-31G(d,p)), 1030 (6-31G+(d,p))
- vii. ring breathing: 905 (Exp.), 929 (6-31G(d,p)), 931 (6-31G+(d,p))

It can be seen that these vibration frequencies are consistent with previous publications on cyclobutane derivatives [23–29].

#### 3.3.1.2. Thiazole vibrations

It was recorded five bands (cm<sup>-1</sup>) belonging to the thiazole in the IR spectra. These bands are:

- i. C—H stretching: 3105 (Exp.), 3136 and 3145 (Cal.)
- ii. C=C stretching: 1607 (Exp.), 1523 and 1517 (Cal.)
- iii. C=N stretching: 1530 (Exp.), 1491 and 1482 (Cal.)
- iv. C—N stretching: 1283 (Exp.), 1296 and 1297 (Cal.)
- v. C—S—C stretching: 732 (Exp.), 748 and 759 (Cal.)

When these vibrational frequencies are compared with the previously reported compounds

with thiazole [24–29], there are no considerable differences.

### 3.3.1.3. Thiazolidine vibrations

Fundamental vibrational frequencies of thiazolidine derivatives were reported in a previous study [48]. Since the frequencies of thiazole and thiazolidine are very close to each other, it is currently not possible to assign experimental frequencies to the thiazolidine fragment. However, it can clearly give the calculation results ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):

- i. anti-symmetric C—H<sub>2</sub> stretching: 3029 and 3039
- ii. symmetric C—H<sub>2</sub> stretching: 2954 and 2962
- iii. C—H<sub>2</sub> scissoring: 1418 and 1413
- iv. C—H<sub>2</sub> wagging: 1205 and 1211
- v. C—H<sub>2</sub> twisting: 1104 and 1110
- vi. C—S—C stretching: 775 and 778

### 3.3.2. NMR spectra

The <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra and chemical shifts were determined in detail; experimental results were supported by theoretical NMR calculations, with NMR spectra and chemical shifts having been calculated using the Gauge-Independent Atomic Orbital (GIAO) method at the DFT/B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) and DFT/B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p) levels in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solvent. The <sup>1</sup>H- <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of the tetramethylsilane (TMS) molecule was calculated using the same levels, and chemical shifts are converted to the TMS scale by subtracting the calculated absolute chemical shielding of TMS, with values of 31.75 and 192.06 ppm for B3LYP/6-31G(d,p), and 31.64 and 193.08 ppm for B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p), respectively. Figure 7 illustrates the experimental <sup>1</sup>H- (Fig. 7a), <sup>13</sup>C- (Fig. 7b) and HETCOR (Fig. 7c) NMR spectra of the title compound.

HETCOR is the abbreviation for the HET-eronuclear CORrelation spectroscopy, which is the 2D experimental spectrum. Here, heteronuclear connectivity was determined, that is, which <sup>1</sup>H is connected to which <sup>13</sup>C. The chemical shifts obtained from these spectra are presented in Table 6 (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR) and Table 7 (<sup>13</sup>C-NMR). To enable a comparison with experimental observations, it was calculated the correlation coefficients for B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) and B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p) levels, which are 0.9801 and 0.9771 for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR chemical shifts, 0.9971 and 0.9973 for <sup>13</sup>C-NMR chemical shifts, respectively. According to these correlation values, the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) method

has given good results for <sup>1</sup>H NMR while the B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p) method has given good results for <sup>13</sup>C NMR. The <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C chemical shifts to be obtained from NMR studies are the following:

### 3.2.2.1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra

The chemical shifts of aromatic protons are observed at about 7 ppm in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra, showing that these signals were observed and calculated in the chemical shift range of 6.77–7.11 ppm (Exp.), 6.82–7.48 ppm B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) and 6.96–7.66 ppm B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p). H11A and H12A and H11B and H12B protons cis-related to cyclobutane plane are equivalent and these are in a single peak in <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra: 2.05 ppm (H11A and H12A) and 2.17 ppm (H11B and H12B). Also, the >CH- signal for cyclobutane has been recorded at 3.48 ppm with a J-coupling value of 8.2 Hz. The chemical shift of hydrogen belonging to thiazole was theoretically calculated as 6.60 ppm B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) and 6.90 ppm B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p), while this peak was observed at 6.75 ppm in an experimental spectrum. Thiazolidine CH<sub>2</sub> protons have two signals at 3.87 and 4.08 ppm (exp. spectrum), 3.50 and 4.07 ppm (B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)), and 4.02 and 3.53 ppm (B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p)).

### 3.2.2.2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra

<sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts (with respect to TMS) were calculated in the range from 164.98–20.41 ppm for the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level and in the range from 168.70–21.97 ppm for the B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p) level; however, the experimental results were observed to be 170.18–18.56 ppm. The four signals belonging to the cyclobutane ring were at 39.49, 41.75, 41.32 and 30.88 ppm. C11 and C12 carbons are equivalent; however, they have two peaks very close to each other in the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (41.75 and 41.32 ppm). The chemical shift for the C atom of the methyl group linked to the cyclobutane ring is observed at 27.78 ppm. There are signals at 107.32 and 155.61 ppm due to C atoms next to the sulfur atom for thiazole. These signals have been calculated as 110.71, 156.49 and 112.31, 159.36 ppm for the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) and B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p) levels, respectively. Similarly, C atoms next to the sulfur atom for thiazolidine (C18 and C19 carbons) have been observed at 32.90 and 60.31 (exp. spectrum), 36.46 and 67.08 ppm (B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)), 37.07 and 69.14 ppm (B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p)), respectively.



Table 6

Experimental and theoretical  $^1\text{H}$  average isotropic chemical shifts (ppm) for the title compound

Atom	Experimental (ppm) ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )	DFT/B3LYP (ppm) (in $\text{CDCl}_3$ solvent)	
		6-31G(d,p)	6-31G+(d,p)
H2	6.87	7.17	7.33
H3	6.77	7.16	7.16
H5	7.05	6.82	6.96
H7A	2.07	2.42	2.48
H7B	2.07	1.82	2.01
H7C	2.07	2.22	2.32
H8A	2.38	1.96	2.01
H8B	2.38	2.42	2.37
H8C	2.38	2.44	2.52
H9A	1.45	1.52	1.40
H9B	1.45	1.66	1.22
H9C	1.45	0.91	0.97
H11A	2.05	2.85	2.73
H11B	2.17	2.42	2.46
H12A	2.05	2.38	2.41
H12B	2.17	2.24	2.13
H13	3.48	3.42	2.44
H15	6.75	6.60	6.93
H18A	3.87	3.50	4.02
H18B	4.08	4.07	3.53
H19	6.55	6.69	6.89
H21	7.08	7.13	7.01
H22	7.08	7.35	7.45
H23	6.98	7.48	7.66
H24	7.11	7.32	7.48
H26A	2.26	1.89	1.91
H26B	2.26	1.89	2.20
H26C	2.26	1.52	2.19

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, it was synthesized a novel cyclobutane compound,  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ , and characterized it using structural (X-ray diffraction) and spectral (FT-IR and NMR) techniques. Furthermore, experimental results were supported and compared with DFT calculations. The  $R^2$  correlation coefficients obtained from these comparisons are the following: Structural parameters: 0.9963 and 0.9961 for bond lengths, 0.9954 and 0.9943 for bond angles, 0.9942 and 0.9941 for torsion angles. Also, RMSE values are 0.336 and 0.459 Å. Vibrational assignments: 0.999 and 0.9988,  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR signals: 0.9801 and 0.9771,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR signals: 0.9971 and 0.9973. Both DFT/B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) and DFT/B3LYP/6-31G+(d,p) theoretical methods are in accordance with the experimental findings for the title novel compound.

Table 7

Experimental and theoretical  $^{13}\text{C}$  average isotropic chemical shifts (ppm) for the title compound

Atom	Experimental (ppm) ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )	DFT/B3LYP (ppm)	
		6-31G(d,p)	6-31G+(d,p)
C1	131.43	128.56	131.23
C2	130.60	126.19	127.94
C3	126.48	121.51	123.25
C4	134.97	131.32	134.16
C5	123.44	122.10	123.92
C6	149.37	145.57	147.49
C7	19.55	21.82	23.42
C8	21.17	22.14	23.11
C9	27.78	27.98	33.10
C10	39.49	43.54	48.25
C11	41.75	42.60	44.86
C12	41.32	43.10	46.71
C13	30.88	33.63	36.68
C14	154.89	148.49	151.37
C15	107.32	110.71	112.31
C16	155.61	156.49	159.36
C17	170.18	164.92	168.70
C18	32.90	36.46	37.37
C19	60.31	67.08	69.14
C20	138.94	135.53	137.43
C21	127.75	117.72	122.99
C22	126.37	121.63	123.68
C23	126.51	123.24	125.48
C24	130.98	125.99	128.48
C25	135.03	131.85	134.94
C26	18.56	20.41	21.97

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