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A second polymorph of *p*-nitrobenzamide

The title compound, $C_7H_6N_2O_3$, crystallizes as a second $P2_1/c$ polymorph. Compared to the previously known form [Di Rienzo *et al.* (1977). *Acta Cryst.* B**33**, 3854–3858], the amide group is rotated much further out of the ring plane (*ca* 20°). The molecules are linked by symmetric three-centre N- $H(\dots O_{nitro})_2$, and N- $H \dots O_{amide}$ hydrogen bonds to form layers parallel to the *bc* plane.

Comment

The structure of the title compound, (I), was first determined by Di Rienzo *et al.* (1977) [space group $P2_1/c$, cell constants a =7.643 (1), b = 6.766 (1), c = 13.847 (2) Å and $\beta = 91.34$ (1)°] and was redetermined more precisely, using a high-angle refinement, by Tonogaki *et al.* (1993). The packing was shown to consist of centrosymmetric pairs of molecules, hydrogenbonded through their $-\text{CONH}_2$ groups; the pairs were further linked by $N-H \cdots O_{\text{nitro}}$ hydrogen bonds, giving rise to an undulating layer structure. The apparently limited tendency of amides to form centrosymmetric hydrogen-bonded dimers has been discussed by Allen *et al.* (1998).



By chance, we have now discovered a new polymorph of (I) (see *Experimental*), which also crystallizes in $P2_1/c$, but with different unit-cell parameters. The molecule is shown in Fig. 1. The bond lengths and angles (Table 1) are similar in both polymorphs; in particular, the angles C3-C4-C5 and C6-C1-C7 are appreciably wider than 120° . The torsion angles, however, show that the substituents are rotated to different extents out of the ring plane. In the previous polymorph, the amide group was rotated by only *ca* 2° , but the nitro group by *ca* 7° ; in the current structure, the corresponding interplanar angles are 2.15 (7)° for the nitro group but 20.17 (4)° for the amide group.

The molecular packing is completely different from that of the first polymorph (Fig. 2 and Table 2). The molecules are first linked by a symmetric three-centre $N1-H1'(\cdots O_{nitro})_2$ hydrogen bond to form chains parallel to the *b* axis; Allen *et al.* (1997) showed, in an analysis of hydrogen bonding to nitro groups, that such symmetric systems are far from common. Next, the chains are crosslinked *via* the *c*-glide operator by Received 12 November 2002 Accepted 19 November 2002 Online 30 November 2002 N1-H2'...O_{amide} hydrogen bonds to form layers parallel to the bc plane. Finally, three 'weak' hydrogen bonds of the form $C-H \cdots O$ join adjacent layers (not shown in Fig. 2); this is facilitated by the rotation of the molecules relative to the bc plane and of the amide groups relative to the rings.

Experimental

Attempts to crystallize the phosphinimide 2,3-diphenyl-2-(nitrobenzoylimido)-3,4-dihydro- $2H-2\sigma^4 2\lambda^5$ -naphtho[2,3-*e*][1,3,2]-oxazaphosphorin-4-one by slow evaporation from dichloromethane led to crystals of the title compound, presumably by slow hydrolysis by adventitious water (Thönnessen, 2000).

Crystal data

$C_7H_6N_2O_3$ $M_r = 166.14$ Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$ a = 7.0993 (15) Å b = 10.183 (2) Å c = 10.1298 (15) Å $\theta = 102.417$ (10)°	$D_x = 1.543 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\alpha radiation Cell parameters from 2576 reflections $\theta = 1.6-28^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.12 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 173 (2) K
$V = 715.2 (2) Å^{3}$ Z = 4 Data collection	Plate, colourless $0.5 \times 0.4 \times 0.2 \text{ mm}$
Siemens SMART diffractometer ω scans Absorption correction: none 4603 measured reflections 1746 independent reflections 1438 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ <i>B</i> of measured	$R_{int} = 0.042$ $\theta_{max} = 28.2^{\circ}$ $h = -9 \rightarrow 9$ $k = -9 \rightarrow 13$ $l = -12 \rightarrow 13$
Refinement	

Refinement on F^2 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0419P)^2$ $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.049$ +0.429P] where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ $wR(F^2) = 0.120$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ S = 1.09 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.32$ e Å -3 1746 reflections $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.30 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 117 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

Table 1

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Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).
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C6-C1-C7	122.70 (14)	C3-C4-C5	123.23 (14)
C2-C1-C7-O1 C6-C1-C7-O1 C2-C1-C7-N1 C6-C1-C7-N1	-19.2 (2) 158.62 (15) 162.03 (14) -20.1 (2)	C3-C4-N2-O2 C5-C4-N2-O2 C3-C4-N2-O3 C5-C4-N2-O3	-0.8 (2) 179.50 (15) 178.81 (14) -0.9 (2)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$N1-H1'\cdots O3^i$	0.86 (3)	2.47 (3)	3.257 (2)	153 (2)
$N1-H1'\cdots O2^i$	0.86 (3)	2.55 (3)	3.349 (2)	156 (2)
$N1 - H2' \cdot \cdot \cdot O1^{ii}$	0.90(2)	2.06(2)	2.951 (2)	172 (2)
C3-H3···O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.95	2.53	3.305 (2)	139
$C2-H2\cdots O2^{iv}$	0.95	2.66	3.552 (2)	156
$C6-H6\cdots O3^{v}$	0.95	2.54	3.358 (2)	145

Symmetry codes: (i) x, 1 + y, z; (ii) $x, \frac{3}{2} - y, z - \frac{1}{2}$; (iii) $1 - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} - z$; (iv) $1 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{3}{2} - z;$ (v) $-x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z.$



Figure 1

The molecule of the title compound in the crystal. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. H-atom radii are arbitrary.



Figure 2

Packing diagram of the title compound, viewed perpendicular to the bc plane. Hydrogen bonds are indicated by dashed lines.

The H atoms of the NH2 group were refined freely; other H atoms were included using a riding model with fixed C-H bond lengths of 0.95 Å; $U_{iso}(H)$ values were fixed at 1.2 times the U_{eq} value of the parent atom.

Data collection: SMART (Siemens, 1995); cell refinement: SAINT (Siemens, 1995); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: XP (Siemens, 1994); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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