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## Key indicators

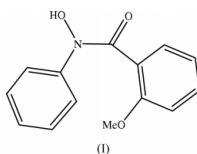
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002\text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.047  
 $wR$  factor = 0.130  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.4For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.*o*-Methoxy-*N*-phenylbenzohydroxamic acid

In the title compound,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_3$ , the phenyl ring is *cis* to the methoxyphenyl group across the C–N bond. The crystal structure is stabilized by weak intermolecular O–H...O interactions, forming dimers that are arranged in layers parallel to the *ab* face.

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## Comment

Interest in hydroxamic acid derivatives lies not only in their complexation with metals as a technique for the separation of rare earth metals in particular (Kapoor *et al.*, 1975), but also in their numerous biological and medical applications.



The title compound, (I), consists of discrete molecules that have a *cis* configuration with respect to the positions of the phenyl and methoxyphenyl groups about the C7–N2 bond. The bond lengths and angles are in normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The phenyl (C1–C6), methoxyphenyl (O3/C8–C14) [maximum deviation at O3 of 0.018 (1) Å from the mean plane] and O1/O2/N1/C6 fragments are planar. The central O1/O2/N1/C6 fragment makes dihedral angles with the phenyl and methoxyphenyl groups of 39.87 (8) and 63.75 (7)°, respectively. The phenyl and the methoxyphenyl groups are inclined at 64.53 (7) Å with respect to one another. In the

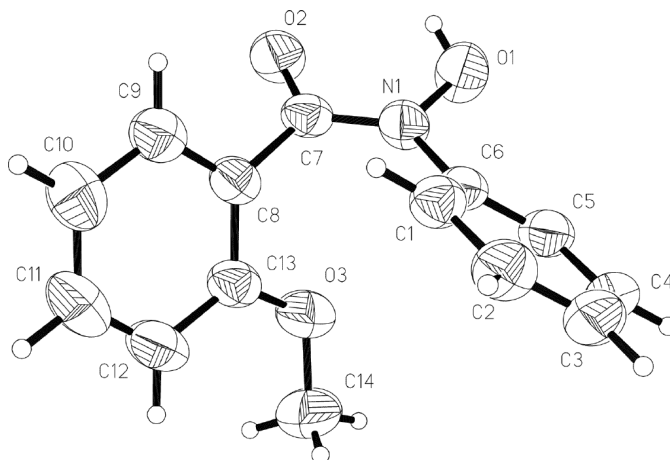
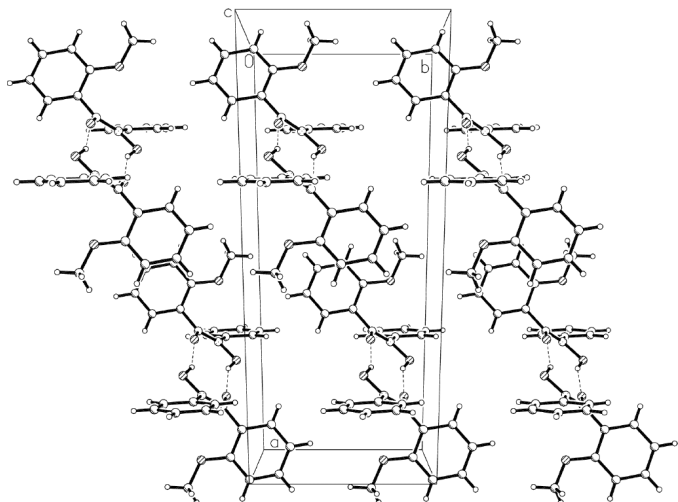


Figure 1

The molecular structure of the title compound, (I), with 50% probability displacement ellipsoids.



**Figure 2**  
Packing diagram of compound (I), viewed down the *c* axis. The dashed lines denote the O—H···O hydrogen bonds.

crystal structure, the molecules are linked by intermolecular hydrogen bonding, O1—H1A···O2<sup>i</sup> (the symmetry code is as in Table 2), to form dimers that are arranged parallel to the *ab* face (Fig. 2).

## Experimental

An ether solution of *o*-methoxybenzoyl chloride (8.6 g, 50 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred cold ethereal solution of *N*-phenylhydroxylamine (5.45 g, 50 mmol) containing sodium hydrogen carbonate (4.2 g, 50 mmol). The precipitate was filtered and washed with cold ethanol. Good quality crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by recrystallization from ethyl acetate.

### Crystal data

C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>13</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	$D_x = 1.312 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 243.25$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $C2/c$	Cell parameters from 2709 reflections
$a = 22.451 (3) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 2.1\text{--}27.5^\circ$
$b = 8.3709 (13) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.09 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 14.921 (2) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 293 (2) \text{ K}$
$\beta = 118.531 (3)^\circ$	Block, colourless
$V = 2463.6 (6) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.50 \times 0.32 \times 0.25 \text{ mm}$
$Z = 8$	

### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD area-detector diffractometer	2229 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\omega$ scans	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.033$
Absorption correction: none	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$
8106 measured reflections	$h = -29 \rightarrow 28$
2839 independent reflections	$k = -10 \rightarrow 9$
	$l = -19 \rightarrow 19$

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0593P)^2 + 0.5626P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.047$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.130$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
$S = 1.04$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.23 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
2839 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.13 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
163 parameters	H-atom parameters constrained

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

O1—N1	1.3931 (14)	O3—C14	1.4251 (19)
O2—C7	1.2359 (15)	N1—C7	1.3335 (17)
O3—C13	1.3554 (19)	N1—C6	1.4252 (16)
C13—O3—C14	118.22 (13)	C7—N1—C6	131.03 (10)
C7—N1—O1	116.61 (10)	O1—N1—C6	112.23 (10)

**Table 2**

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

$D\text{—}H\cdots A$	$D\text{—}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{—}H\cdots A$
O1—H1A···O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.82	1.96	2.7200 (14)	153

Symmetry code: (i)  $\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{3}{2} - y, -z$ .

After their location in a difference Fourier map, all H atoms were included in the refinement in geometrically calculated positions, and allowed to ride on the parent C or O atoms, with C—H = 0.93–0.97  $\text{\AA}$  and O—H = 0.82  $\text{\AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ , and  $1.5UU_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Seimens, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Seimens, 1996); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*, *PARST* (Nardelli, 1995) and *PLATON* (Spek, 1990)..

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