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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.061 wR factor = 0.158 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.4

For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see http://journals.iucr.org/e. In the title compound,  $C_9H_8N_2O_4$ , the 3-nitrobenzaldehyde oxime and acetyl group have a dihedral angle of 19.5 (4)°. The acetyl carbonyl and 3-nitrobenzaldehyde oxime groups both adopt a *trans* configuration (*E*). In the crystal structure, molecules are linked by a series of weak intermolecular C– $H \cdots O$  interactions, forming a sheet-like structure parallel to the (303) plane.

(E)-3-Nitrobenzaldehyde O-acetyloxime

## Comment

The molecular structure of the title compound, (I), and the atom-labelling scheme are illustrated in Fig. 1. Selected bond lengths and angles are given in Table 1. The O9–N8 bond length of 1.429 (3) Å is not significantly different from the N–O acetyl bond length found in (E)-O-palmitoyl phenyl 2-pyridyl ketone oxime (1.439 Å; Taga & Miyasaka, 1987). The title compound exhibits a somewhat shortened N8–C7 bond [1.256 (3) Å], characteristic of an oxime group (1.273 Å; Taga & Miyasaka, 1987). The acetyloxime group is almost planar [the maximum deviation from the calculated mean plane is 0.071 (2) Å for atom N8]. The dihedral angle between the 3-nitrobenzaldehyde oxime and acetyl groups is  $19.5 (4)^{\circ}$ . The acetyl carbonyl and 3-nitrobenzaldehyde oxime groups both adopt a *trans* configuration (*E*) [torsion angle O9–N8–C7–C1 =  $-176.6 (2)^{\circ}$ ] (see Fig. 1).



In the crystal structure, molecules of (I) are connected by a series of  $C-H\cdots O$  contacts that can be considered as weak hydrogen bonds (Table 2), since all contacts have  $H\cdots O$  values less than 2.6 Å. The molecules lie approximately in the (303) plane, thus forming a two-dimensional polymeric structure, as shown in Fig. 2.

## **Experimental**

A solution of 3-nitrobenzaldehyde oxime (246 mg, 1.46 mmol) in acetic anhydride (2 ml) was refluxed for 2 h. Excess acetic anhydride was removed under vacuum, affording 261 mg (85% yield) of (I). Colourless crystals were obtained by slow evaporation of an acetic anhydride solution. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1620 (C=N), 1699 (CO); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.08 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, p.p.m.): 8.5 (*s*, 1H), 8.4 (*s*, 1H), 8.2 (*s*, 1H), 8.1 (*d*, 1H), 7.2 (*t*, 1H), 2.2 (*s*, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.46 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, p.p.m.): 168.4, 153.9, 148.7, 137.9, 132.2, 130.3, 127.8, 123.3, 19.6.

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### Crystal data

 $C_{9}H_{8}N_{2}O_{4}$   $M_{r} = 208.17$ Monoclinic,  $P2_{1}/c$  a = 8.3129 (11) Å b = 11.2119 (15) Å c = 10.2947 (14) Å  $\beta = 92.769 (2)^{\circ}$   $V = 958.4 (2) \text{ Å}^{3}$  Z = 4

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART area-detector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: none 9042 measured reflections 1688 independent reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0771P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.061$	+ 0.3126P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.158$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.12	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
1688 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.26 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
136 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.23 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

 $D_x = 1.443 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Cell parameters from 600

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

reflections

 $\begin{array}{l} \theta = 20.0\mathchar`-25.0^{\circ} \\ \mu = 0.12 \ \mbox{mm}^{-1} \end{array}$ 

T = 293 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.037$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$ 

 $h = -9 \rightarrow 9$  $k = -13 \rightarrow 13$ 

 $l = -12 \rightarrow 12$ 

Block, colorless

 $0.42 \times 0.40 \times 0.36 \text{ mm}$ 

1386 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O9-N8	1.429 (3)	O13-N12	1.215 (3)
O9-C10	1.363 (3)	N8-C7	1.256 (3)
O10-C10	1.180 (3)	N12-C5	1.471 (3)
O12-N12	1.212 (3)		
N8-O9-C10	112.18 (17)	N12-C5-C6	118.2 (2)
O9-N8-C7	109.66 (19)	N8-C7-C1	119.7 (2)
O12-N12-O13	123.1 (2)	O9-C10-O10	123.8 (3)
O12-N12-C5	118.2 (2)	O9-C10-C11	109.8 (2)
O13-N12-C5	118.7 (2)	O10-C10-C11	126.4 (3)
N12-C5-C4	118.8 (2)		
C10-O9-N8-C7	-175.8(2)	O9-N8-C7-C1	-176.6 (2)
N8-O9-C10-C11	-174.3(2)	O13-N12-C5-C6	-5.5 (4)
N8-O9-C10-O10	6.3 (4)		

#### Table 2

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Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).
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$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
C4-H4···O13 <sup>i</sup>	0.93	2.56	3.387 (3)	148
$C6-H6\cdots O10^{ii}$	0.93	2.41	3.264 (3)	152
$C7 - H7 \cdots O10^{ii}$	0.93	2.58	3.385 (3)	146

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

H atoms were included in calculated positions and treated as riding atoms, with C–H distances in the range 0.93–0.96 Å, and with  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.5U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$  for the methyl H atoms and  $1.2U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$  for the other H atoms.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2000); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97 and *WinGX*2003 (Farrugia, 1999).



Figure 1

The molecular structure of the title compound, (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level.



#### Figure 2

The crystal packing of (I), showing the formation of the two-dimensional  $C-H\cdots O$  hydrogen-bonded polymer in the (303) plane. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

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