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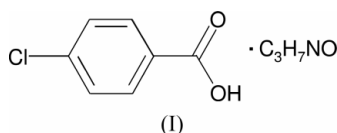
Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 123$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$ Å
 R factor = 0.035
 wR factor = 0.086
Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.0For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.4-Chlorobenzoic acid *N,N*-dimethylform-
amide solvate

In the title compound, $\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{ClO}_2 \cdot \text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO}$, the carboxylic acid group of 4-chlorobenzoic acid is hydrogen bonded to a molecule of *N,N*-dimethylformamide *via* an $R_2^2(7)$ $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}/\text{C}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ motif. This motif takes precedence over the $R_2^2(8)$ $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ dimer arrangement observed in 4-chlorobenzoic acid itself.

Comment

4-Chlorobenzoic acid (CBA) crystallizes as hydrogen-bonded $R_2^2(8)$ $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ dimers and dynamic proton transfer within the hydrogen bonds mediates the interconversion of two inequivalent dimeric forms (Horsewill *et al.*, 2003; Wilson *et al.*, 2004).



The title compound, (I), was crystallized to determine whether the $R_2^2(8)$ motif, and the proton-transfer process, is preserved in the solvate (Fig. 1). Significant deviations from idealized aromatic geometry in the CBA molecule of (I) include a marked widening of the internal ring angle at C4 [122.26 (12)°] and a concomitant narrowing of the angles *ortho* to this at C3 [118.25 (12)°] and C5 [118.81 (13)°]. Utilizing the angular substituent parameters for Cl and COOH (Domenicano, 1992), the corresponding predicted internal ring angles of 122.1 (C4) and 118.7° (C3 and C5) are in good agreement with the observed values. Thus, it may be concluded that the distortions from ideal sp^2 ring geometry are in line with expectations based on Domenicano's assessment of structural substituent effects in benzene derivatives. The $R_2^2(8)$ motif in CBA [Fig. 2, top, determined from single-crystal neutron diffraction data at 100 K (Wilson *et al.*, 2004)] is not preserved in (I). Instead, one CBA molecule is replaced by one molecule of *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF), forming an $R_2^2(7)$ $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}/\text{C}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ motif (Fig. 2, bottom), eliminating the possibility of a concerted two-proton transfer process. This interaction with DMF is not unexpected, as the $R_2^2(7)$ motif has been observed to recur with a reasonable frequency in the DMF solvates of carboxylic acids (Dale & Elsegood, 2004).

Experimental

A single-crystal sample of the title compound was recrystallized from DMF solution by slow evaporation at room temperature.

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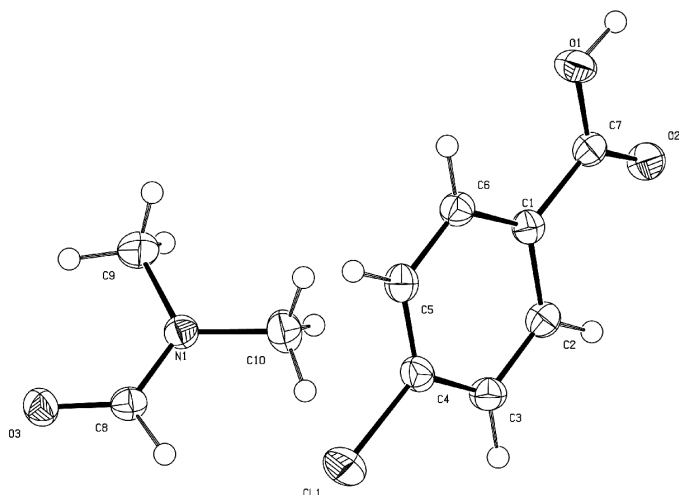


Figure 1
The molecular structure of (I), shown with 50% probability displacement ellipsoids.

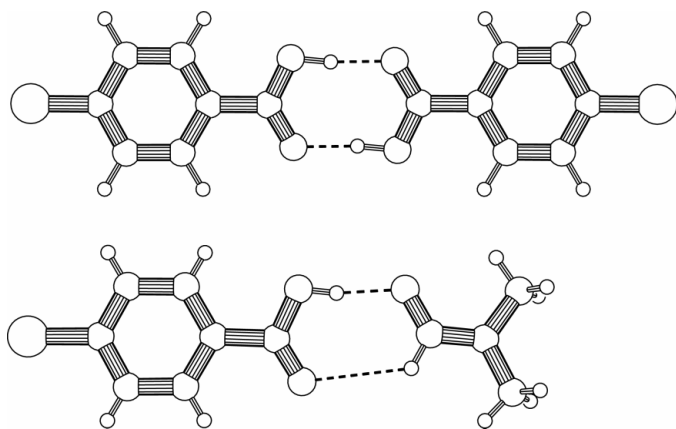


Figure 2
Top: the $R_2^2(8)$ motif in CBA, with $O \cdots O = 2.588(3) \text{ \AA}$, $O-H = 0.997(6) \text{ \AA}$ and $H \cdots O = 1.595(6) \text{ \AA}$. Bottom: the $R_2^2(7)$ motif in (I), with $O \cdots O = 2.5752(14) \text{ \AA}$, $O-H = 0.92(2) \text{ \AA}$, $(O)H \cdots O = 1.66(2) \text{ \AA}$ and $(C-H) \cdots O = 2.716(14) \text{ \AA}$.

Crystal data

$C_7H_5ClO_2 \cdot C_3H_7NO$
 $M_r = 229.66$
 Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
 $a = 6.1269(2) \text{ \AA}$
 $b = 14.6159(5) \text{ \AA}$
 $c = 12.6541(4) \text{ \AA}$
 $\beta = 103.228(2)^\circ$
 $V = 1103.11(6) \text{ \AA}^3$
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.383 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 2512 reflections
 $\theta = 1.0-27.5^\circ$
 $\mu = 0.33 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
 $T = 123(2) \text{ K}$
 Cut fragment, colourless
 $0.50 \times 0.45 \times 0.40 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: none
 10331 measured reflections
 2488 independent reflections
 2049 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.033$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$
 $h = -7 \rightarrow 7$
 $k = -18 \rightarrow 18$
 $l = -16 \rightarrow 16$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.035$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.086$
 $S = 1.02$
 2488 reflections
 146 parameters
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0339P)^2 + 0.445P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.26 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.31 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

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

O1—C7	1.3257 (16)	O3—C8	1.2400 (16)
O2—C7	1.2149 (16)		
C6—C1—C2	119.67 (12)	C5—C6—C1	120.25 (12)
C3—C2—C1	120.76 (12)	O2—C7—O1	123.90 (12)
C2—C3—C4	118.25 (12)	O2—C7—C1	123.13 (12)
C5—C4—C3	122.26 (12)	O1—C7—C1	112.97 (11)
C4—C5—C6	118.81 (13)		

The H atoms involved in hydrogen bonding were located in a difference map and refined isotropically, but all other H atoms were constrained to idealized geometry with a riding model: for CH_3 , $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ and $\text{C—H} = 0.98 \text{ \AA}$; for CH , $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ and $\text{C—H} = 0.95 \text{ \AA}$.

Data collection: *DENZO* (Hooft, 1988) and *COLLECT* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); cell refinement: *DENZO* and *COLLECT*; data reduction: *DENZO*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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