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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.054 wR factor = 0.145 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.1

For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see http://journals.iucr.org/e. The molecule of the title compound, 4-fluorobenzaldehyde (pyridine-2-carbonyl)hydrazone,  $C_{13}H_{10}FN_3O$ , is roughly planar and displays a *trans* configuration with respect to the

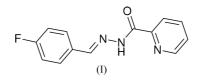
4-Fluorobenzaldehyde picoloylhydrazone

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## Comment

C=N double bond.

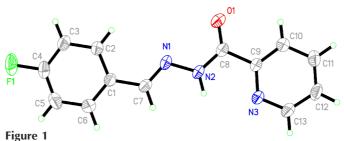
Schiff base compounds have been of great interest for many years. These compounds play an important role in the development of coordination chemistry related to catalysis and enzymatic reactions, magnetism and molecular architectures. As an extension of work on the structural characterization of Schiff base compounds, the crystal structure of the title compound, (I), is reported here.



In the title compound, (I), all bond lengths are within normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987) (Fig. 1). The C7—N1 bond length of 1.266 (3) Å conforms to the value for a double bond. The bond length of 1.345 (3) Å between atoms C8 and N2 is greater than the value for a double bond, and less than the value for a single bond, because of conjugation effects in the molecule. The dihedral angle between the pyridine and benzene rings is 0.7 (2)°.

## **Experimental**

Pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydrazide (0.2 mmol, 27.4 mg) and 2fluorobenzaldehyde (0.2 mmol, 28.1 mg) were dissolved in methanol (10 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min to give a clear yellow solution. After keeping the solution in air for 10 d, yellow block-shaped crystals were formed at the bottom of the vessel on slow evaporation of the solvent.



The structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

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#### Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{13}H_{10}FN_{3}O\\ M_{r}=243.24\\ Monoclinic, P2_{1}/n\\ a=5.812 \ (3) \ \AA\\ b=14.276 \ (\aleph) \ \AA\\ c=13.878 \ (7) \ \AA\\ \beta=98.344 \ (\aleph)^{\circ}\\ V=1139.3 \ (11) \ \AA^{3}\\ Z=4 \end{array}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\min} = 0.961, T_{\max} = 0.976$ 

## Refinement

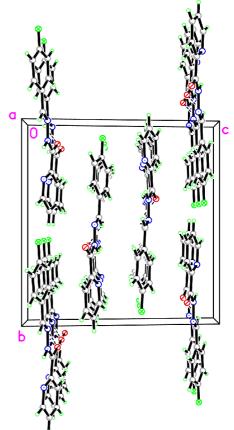
Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$   $wR(F^2) = 0.145$  S = 1.042342 reflections 166 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

6467 measured reflections

 $D_x = 1.418 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K $\alpha$  radiation Cell parameters from 1485 reflections  $\theta = 2.9-23.4^{\circ}$   $\mu = 0.11 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  T = 298 (2) KBlock, yellow  $0.38 \times 0.28 \times 0.23 \text{ mm}$ 

2342 independent reflections 1493 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   $R_{int} = 0.030$   $\theta_{max} = 26.5^{\circ}$   $h = -7 \rightarrow 7$   $k = -14 \rightarrow 17$  $l = -17 \rightarrow 17$ 

$$\begin{split} &w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0611P)^2 \\ &+ 0.1645P] \\ &where \ P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001 \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.14 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.24 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \end{split}$$



Atom H2A was located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically, with the  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H})$  value fixed at 0.08 Å<sup>2</sup> and the N-H distance restrained to 0.90 (1) Å. The other H atoms were placed in idealized positions and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with C-H = 0.93 Å and  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997*b*); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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**Figure 2** The crystal packing of (I), viewed along the *a* axis.

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