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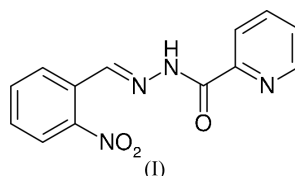
2-Nitrobenzaldehyde picoloylhydrazone

The molecule of the title compound, 2-nitrobenzaldehyde (pyridine-2-carbonyl)hydrazone, $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$, is roughly planar and displays a *trans* configuration with respect to the $\text{C}=\text{N}$ double bond. In the crystal structure, the molecules are linked through weak intermolecular $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds, forming discrete dimers.

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Comment

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 $\text{C7}=\text{N2}$ bond length of 1.263 (2) Å conforms to the value for a double bond. The bond length of 1.349 (2) Å between atoms C8 and N3 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 1.3 (2)°. The dihedral between the nitril plane and the benzene ring is 27.3 (2)°.

In the crystal structure, the molecules are linked through weak intermolecular $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds, forming discrete dimers (Table 1 and Fig. 2).

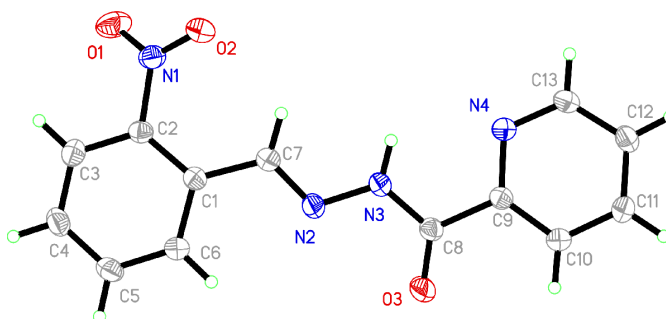


Figure 1
The structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

Experimental

Pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydrazide (0.2 mmol, 27.4 mg) and 2-nitrobenzaldehyde (0.2 mmol, 30.2 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 8 d, yellow block-shaped crystals were formed at the bottom of the vessel on slow evaporation of the solvent.

Crystal data

$C_{13}H_{10}N_4O_3$	$D_x = 1.490 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 270.25$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $C2/c$	Cell parameters from 2674 reflections
$a = 12.191 (3) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 2.8\text{--}27.9^\circ$
$b = 9.398 (3) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.11 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 21.624 (6) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 298 (2) \text{ K}$
$\beta = 103.415 (4)^\circ$	Block, yellow
$V = 2410.0 (11) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.32 \times 0.30 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$
$Z = 8$	

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer	2486 independent reflections
ω scans	2022 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.025$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.966$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.987$	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.5^\circ$
6729 measured reflections	$h = -14 \rightarrow 15$
	$k = -11 \rightarrow 10$
	$l = -25 \rightarrow 27$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0675P)^2 + 0.5995P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.043$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.122$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
$S = 1.05$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.19 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
2486 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.24 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
184 parameters	
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement	

Table 1

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

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$N3-H3A\cdots O2^i$	0.889 (9)	2.363 (15)	3.1384 (18)	145.8 (19)

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

Atom H3A was located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically, with the $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$ value fixed at 0.08 \AA^2 and the N—H

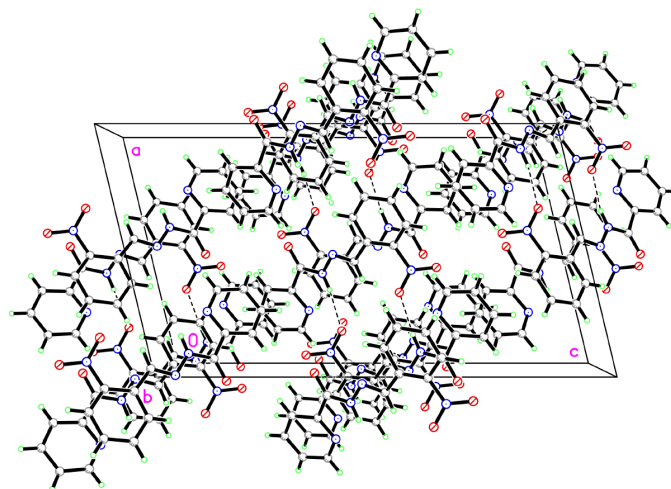


Figure 2

The crystal packing of (I), viewed along the b axis. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

distance restrained to $0.90 (1) \text{ \AA}$. The other H atoms were placed in idealized positions and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with $C-H = 0.93 \text{ \AA}$ and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1997b); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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