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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 298$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$ Å
 R factor = 0.069
 wR factor = 0.136
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Pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde picoloylhydrazone

The molecule of the title compound, pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde (pyridine-2-carbonyl)hydrazone $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{O}$, is roughly planar and displays a *trans* configuration with respect to the $\text{C}=\text{N}$ double bond.

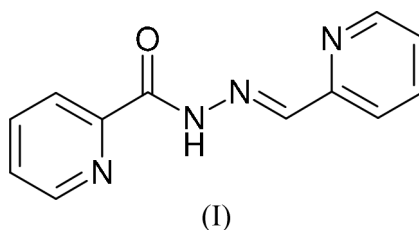
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Comment

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 the Schiff base compounds, the crystal structure of the title compound, (I), is reported here.



In the title compound, (I), all the bond lengths are within normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987) (Fig. 1). The $\text{C7}=\text{N3}$ bond length of 1.278 (3) Å conforms to the value for a double bond. The bond length of 1.362 (3) Å between atoms C6 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 two pyridine rings is $5.7(2)^\circ$.

Experimental

Pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydrazide (0.2 mmol, 27.4 mg) and 2-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (0.2 mmol, 21.4 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

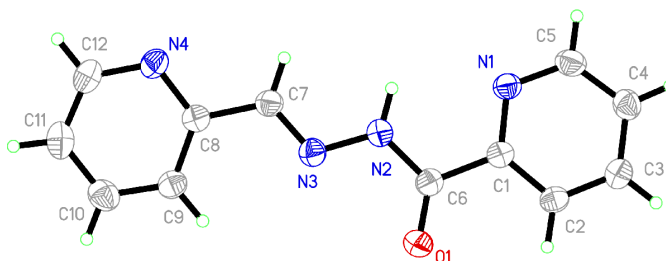


Figure 1
The structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

air for 13 d, yellow block-shaped crystals were formed at the bottom of the vessel on slow evaporation of the solvent.

Crystal data

$C_{12}H_{10}N_4O$	$D_x = 1.357 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 226.24$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Cell parameters from 1076 reflections
$a = 8.499 (7) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 2.6\text{--}24.3^\circ$
$b = 13.783 (11) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.09 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 9.820 (8) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 298 (2) \text{ K}$
$\beta = 105.640 (11)^\circ$	Block, yellow
$V = 1107.8 (15) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.32 \times 0.28 \times 0.27 \text{ mm}$
$Z = 4$	

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer	2277 independent reflections
ω scans	1126 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.072$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.971, T_{\text{max}} = 0.976$	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.5^\circ$
6003 measured reflections	$h = -10 \rightarrow 9$
	$k = -15 \rightarrow 17$
	$l = -10 \rightarrow 12$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.069$	
$wR(F^2) = 0.136$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0465P)^2]$
$S = 0.90$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
2277 reflections	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
157 parameters	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.15 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.18 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Atom H2A 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 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 \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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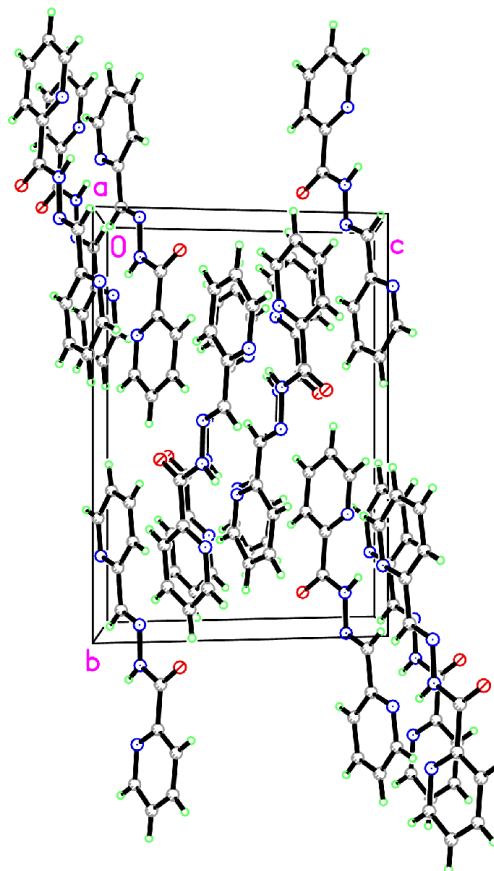


Figure 2
The crystal packing of (I), viewed along the *a* axis.

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