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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.056  
 $wR$  factor = 0.165  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.0For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.2-Hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde 2,4-dinitro-  
phenylhydrazone dimethylformamide solvate

The title compound,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6 \cdot \text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO}$ , was prepared by the reaction of 2-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde and 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine in *N,N*-dimethylformamide. In the crystal structure, the molecule of 2-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde-2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazone is approximately planar, with a mean deviation of non-H atoms from the plane of 0.109 Å. The crystal packing is stabilized by  $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  and  $\text{N}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bonds and aromatic packing interactions.

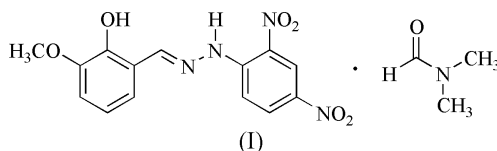
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## Comment

Schiff base ligands derived from 2-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde, such as semicarbazide 2,6-pyridinediamine, have been reported previously (Li *et al.*, 1995; Galić *et al.*, 2000). As part of an investigation of the coordination properties of Schiff base compounds, we report the synthesis and molecular structure of the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1).



The bond lengths of C6—C8 [1.460 (4) Å], C8—N1 [1.274 (3) Å] and N1—N2 [1.374 (3) Å] correspond to those in analogous compounds (Li *et al.* 1995; He *et al.* 2002). In the crystal structure, the molecule of 2-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde-2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazone is approximately planar, with a mean deviation of non-H atoms from the plane of 0.109 Å.

$\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  and  $\text{N}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bonds (Table 1) are observed in the crystal structure of (I). The relatively short distance of 3.404 Å between adjacent parallel aromatic rings indicates the presence of  $\pi-\pi$  stacking interactions, which

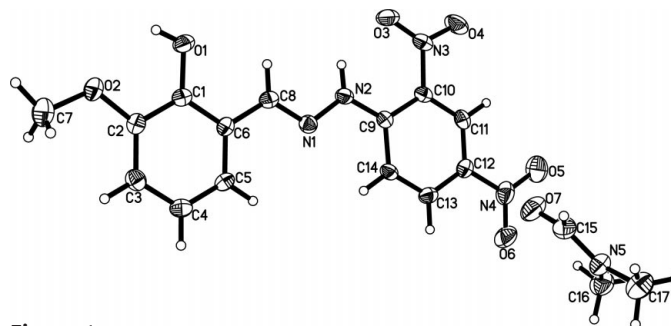


Figure 1

A view of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.

stabilize the crystal packing (Fig. 2), together with the hydrogen bonds.

### Experimental

An anhydrous ethanol solution of 2-hydroxy-3-methoxy-benzaldehyde (1.52 g, 10 mmol) was added to an anhydrous ethanol solution of 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine (1.98 g, 10 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at 343 K for 5 h under nitrogen. A yellow precipitate was formed. The product was isolated and was recrystallized from ethanol, and then dried *in vacuo* to give pure compound (I) in 78% yield. Bright yellow single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a solution in *N,N*-dimethyl formamide.

#### Crystal data

$C_{14}H_{12}N_4O_6 \cdot C_3H_7NO$   
 $M_r = 405.37$   
 Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 7.015$  (4) Å  
 $b = 7.759$  (4) Å  
 $c = 18.638$  (9) Å  
 $\alpha = 89.456$  (9)°  
 $\beta = 84.369$  (9)°  
 $\gamma = 68.346$  (8)°  
 $V = 938.0$  (8) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$   
 $D_x = 1.435$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 640 reflections  
 $\theta = 3.1$ – $25.9$ °  
 $\mu = 0.11$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
 Block, yellow  
 $0.28 \times 0.18 \times 0.16$  mm

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 1999)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.966$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.982$   
 5446 measured reflections  
 3785 independent reflections  
 2059 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.026$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.4$ °  
 $h = -8 \rightarrow 8$   
 $k = -9 \rightarrow 9$   
 $l = -23 \rightarrow 13$

#### Refinement

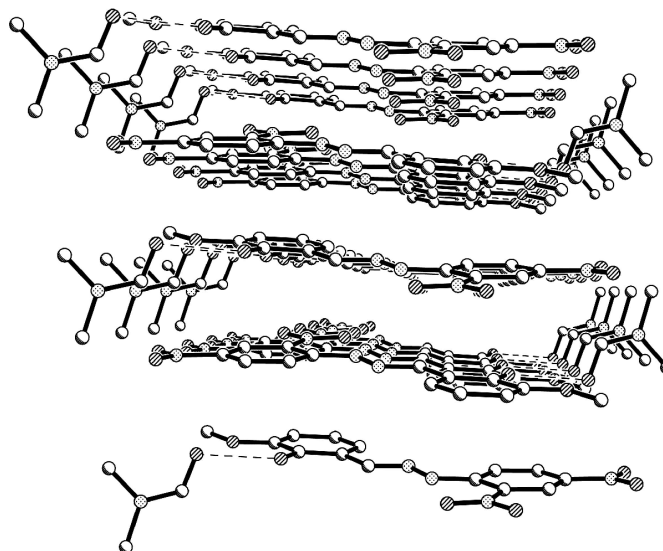
Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.056$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.165$   
 $S = 1.03$   
 3785 reflections  
 270 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0785P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.20$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.22$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
O1–H1 $\cdots$ O2	0.82	2.21	2.664 (3)	115
O1–H1 $\cdots$ O7 <sup>i</sup>	0.82	2.01	2.745 (3)	149
N2–H2 $\cdots$ O3	0.86 (3)	1.99 (3)	2.634 (3)	131 (3)

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x + 1, -y, -z + 1$ .



**Figure 2**

The crystal packing of (I), showing its layered structure. H atoms have been omitted for clarity. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

Atom H2 (attached to N2) was located in a difference Fourier map and refined freely. All other H atoms were also located in a difference Fourier map and were subsequently refined in a riding model, with C–H distances in the range 0.93–0.96 Å and an O–H distance of 0.82 Å, and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ .

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1999); cell refinement: SMART; data reduction: SAINT (Bruker, 1999); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Bruker, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: WinGX (Farrugia, 1999).

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