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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.041 wR factor = 0.075 Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.5

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# 2-Acetyl-3'-chloroacetanilide

In the title compound [alternatively called *N*-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-oxobutanamide],  $C_{10}H_{10}CINO_2$ , the C=O bond lengths are 1.2108 (19) and 1.179 (2) Å, which implies that the molecule is in the keto form. The crystal structure is stabilized by an N-H···O hydrogen bond.

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## Comment

Europium(III) and terbium(III) complexes with conjugated ligands having a  $\beta$ -diketonate group have been studied as emitting materials for organic electroluminescent diodes (OLED) (Kido et al., 1991, 1993; Takada et al., 1994; Huang et al., 2001), since the initial reports by Kido et al. (1990). However, the quantum efficiency of most of these complexes is unfortunately still low. This may be due mainly to the inefficiency of the energy transfer, in particular triplet-triplet transfer, in these complexes. Chemists have realised that it is essential to design ligands which have better energy-transfer properties to the lanthanide metal ion. In the present work, as part of our studies of the synthesis and characterization of  $\beta$ -diketonate-type ligands and their complexes, we have synthesized the title compound, (I), and determined its crystal structure. The crystal structures of similar compounds, namely 2'-chloroacetoacetanilide and 4'-chloroacetoacetanilide, were reported by Kubozono et al. (1992).



In the molecule of (I), the C=O bond lengths are 1.2108(19) and 1.179(2) Å, which confirms that the compound is in the keto form (Fig. 1).



#### Figure 1

The molecule of (I), with the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.

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Figure 2 The packing of (I).  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds are indicated by dashed lines.

The crystal structure of (I) is stabilized by an  $N-H\cdots O$  intermolecular hydrogen bond (Fig. 2).

## **Experimental**

The title compound was prepared by a method similar to that of Lliopoulos *et al.* (1986). A solution of 3-chloroaniline (10 mmol) in benzene (30 ml) was added to a solution of ethyl acetoacetate (10 mmol) and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h with stirring. The resulting pale precipitate was collected by filtration, washed several times with benzene and dried *in vacuo* (yield 89%). Analysis: MS for  $C_{10}H_{10}CINO_2$ : M+H = 212 (found), M = 211 (calculated); calculated: C 56.74, H 4.73, N 6.62%; found: C 56.58, H 4.72, N 6.48%; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3240 (*m*, N–H), 1722 (*s*, CH<sub>3</sub>C=O), 1664 (*s*, amide C=O). An ethanol solution of the title compound was allowed to evaporate slowly and pale crystals of (I) were obtained after a week.

#### Crystal data

$C_{10}H_{10}CINO_2$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$M_r = 211.64$	Cell parameters from 702
Orthorhombic, Pbca	reflections
a = 9.5485 (16)  Å	$\theta = 2.6 - 18.3^{\circ}$
b = 8.2197 (13)  Å	$\mu = 0.35 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
c = 25.940 (4) Å	T = 293 (2) K
V = 2035.9 (6) Å <sup>3</sup>	Block, colourless
Z = 8	$0.32 \times 0.26 \times 0.24 \text{ mm}$
$D_x = 1.381 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	

#### Data collection

128 parameters

Bruker SMART APEX CCD area- detector diffractometer	1988 independent reflections 1285 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.046$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 26.0^{\circ}$
(SADABS; Bruker, 2000)	$h = -11 \rightarrow 11$
$T_{\rm min} = 0.90, \ T_{\rm max} = 0.92$	$k = -7 \rightarrow 10$
10 164 measured reflections	$l = -29 \rightarrow 31$
Refinement	
Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.03P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.041$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.075$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
S = 0.98	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.14 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
1988 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.14 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1			
Hydrogen-bond	geometry	(Å,	°).

H-atom parameters constrained

$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$N1 - H1 \cdots O1^i$	0.86	2.09	2.9259 (18)	163
Symmetry code: (i)	$x + \frac{1}{2}, y, -z + \frac{3}{2}$			

Extinction correction: none

All H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C—H distances in the range 0.93–0.97 Å and an N—H distance of 0.86 Å, and they were treated as riding, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C,N)$ , or  $1.5U_{eq}(C)$  for methyl H atoms.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2000); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2000); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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