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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 295 KMean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002 \text{ Å}$ R factor = 0.041 wR factor = 0.124 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.1

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5-Methoxysalicylaldehyde 3-methoxybenzoylhydrazone

The molecules of the title compound, $C_{16}H_{16}N_2O_4$, are linked by hydrogen bonds into a zigzag chain running along the *c* axis of the monoclinic cell.

Comment

The report on 3-methoxysalicylaldehyde 4-methoxybenzoylhydrazone monohydrate noted that the planar conformations of the Schiff bases that are derived from the condensation of salicylaldehydes with benzoylhydrazines are a result of hydrogen bonds originating from solvent molecules that contribute to stabilizing the structure (Huo *et al.*, 2004). The parent salicylaldehyde benzoylhydrazone is not flat (Lyubchova *et al.*, 1995), and neither is the title compound, 5methoxysalicylaldehyde 3-methoxybenzoylhydrazone (Fig. 1).



The aromatic ring having the hydroxy substituent is twisted by 20.0 (1)° with respect to the planar -N = N - C(=O)fragment, whereas the other aromatic ring is twisted by 31.1 (1)°. The crystal structure features a long *b* axis; adjacent molecules interact *via* hydrogen bonds to form a zigzag chain along the *c* axis (Fig. 2).

Experimental

5-Methoxysalicyldehyde (0.30 g, 1.97 mmol) and 3-methoxybenzoyl-hydrazide (0.33 g, 1.97 mmol) were heated in ethanol. The title



Figure 1

ORTEPII plot (Johnson, 1976) of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radii.

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compound separated from the cool solution as yellow prism-shaped crystals.

 $D_x = 1.360 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo $K\alpha$ radiation Cell parameters from 3157

2285 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0681P)^2]$

+ 0.1473P] where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.16 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min}$ = -0.20 e Å⁻³

reflections $\theta = 2.6-27.1^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 295 (2) KPrism, yellow $0.48 \times 0.32 \times 0.21 \text{ mm}$

 $\begin{aligned} R_{\rm int} &= 0.016\\ \theta_{\rm max} &= 27.1^\circ \end{aligned}$

 $h = -8 \rightarrow 6$

 $l = -8 \rightarrow 9$

 $k = -25 \rightarrow 40$

Crystal data

| $C_{16}H_{16}N_2O_4$ |
|--------------------------------|
| $M_r = 300.31$ |
| Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$ |
| a = 6.4024 (4) Å |
| b = 31.441 (2) Å |
| c = 7.3660(5) Å |
| $\beta = 98.330 \ (1)^{\circ}$ |
| $V = 1467.1 (2) \text{ Å}^3$ |
| Z = 4 |
| |

Data collection

Bruker SMART area-detector diffractometer φ and ω scans Absorption correction: none 7971 measured reflections 3190 independent reflections

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.041$ $wR(F^2) = 0.124$ S = 1.013190 reflections 263 parameters All H-atom parameters refined

Table 1

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

| $D - H \cdots A$ | D-H | $H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| $01 - H1o \cdots N1$ $N2 - H2n \cdots O3^{i}$ | 0.86 (1) 0.86 (1) | 1.84 (1) 2.04 (1) | 2.626 (2) 2.869 (2) | 151 (2) 164 (2) |
| | 1.1 | | | |

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

The carbon-bound H atoms were refined with a distance restraint of 0.95 (1) Å and the nitrogen- and oxygen-bound H atoms with a distance restraint of 0.85 (1) Å.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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Figure 2

ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) plot of the hydrogen-bonded chain (dashed lines) in (I).

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