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(2-Chloroanilino)acetophenone

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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
T = 173 K
Mean σ(C–C) = 0.007 Å
R factor = 0.050
wR factor = 0.146
Data-to-parameter ratio = 7.4

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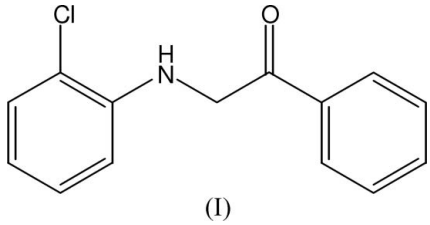
Comment

The title compound, (I), is used in perfumery, as a catalyst for the polymerization of olefins. In organic synthesis, it is especially useful as a photosensitizer and in the manufacture of dyes (Epe *et al.*, 1993; da Silva *et al.*, 2001; Erian *et al.*, 2003).



(I)

A perspective view of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. Bond lengths and angles are normal (Cambridge Crystallographic Database, Version 1.7; *MOGUL* Version 1.0.1; Allen, 2002). The molecule is essentially planar, the r.m.s. deviation for all non-H atoms being 0.023 Å. As a consequence of the *trans* configuration of the N1—C1 bond, the amino H atom is shielded by the Cl and the O atoms. As a result, an intermolecular hydrogen bond cannot be formed.

The crystal packing can be described as a herring-bone pattern (Fig. 2).

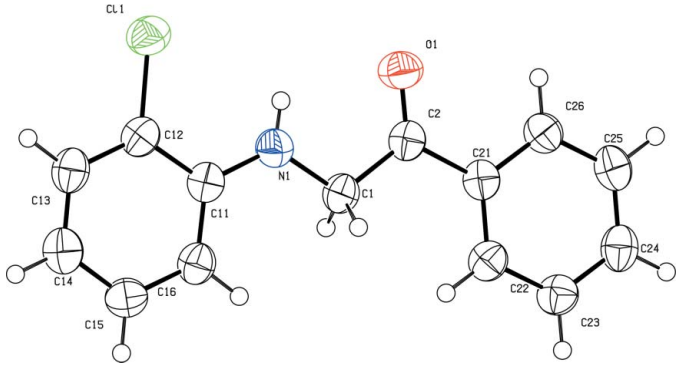


Figure 1
Perspective view of the title compound with the atom numbering; displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

Experimental

A solution of phenacyl bromide (1.99 g, 10 mmol) in ethanol (5 ml) was added slowly to a solution of 2-chloroaniline (1.05 ml, 10 mmol) dissolved in ethanol (5 ml). The reaction mixture was warmed (333 K) on a water bath for 20 min until the colour of the mixture turned dark brown. Upon cooling the contents to room temperature, a brown precipitate was formed. The precipitate was filtered off and washed with ethanol (3 ml). The compound was recrystallized from ethanol to give pale-brown crystals of the title compound (yield 85%; m.p. 366 K). Analysis calculated: C 68.44, H 4.92, N 5.7%; found: C 68.26, H 4.87, N 5.78%.

Crystal data

$C_{14}H_{12}ClNO$
$M_r = 245.70$
Orthorhombic, $Pca2_1$
$a = 18.363$ (4) Å
$b = 5.2852$ (14) Å
$c = 12.509$ (2) Å
$V = 1214.0$ (5) Å^3
$Z = 4$
$D_x = 1.344$ Mg m^{-3}
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 7972 reflections
$\theta = 2.8$–$25.6°$
$\mu = 0.30$ mm^{-1}
$T = 173$ (2) K
Needle, colourless
0.33 × 0.12 × 0.12 mm

Data collection

Stoe IPDS-II two-circle diffractometer
ω scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan (*MULABS*; Spek, 2003; Blessing, 1995)
$T_{min} = 0.909$, $T_{max} = 0.945$
3857 measured reflections
1169 independent reflections
986 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$R_{int} = 0.069$
$\theta_{max} = 25.4°$
$h = -18 \rightarrow 22$
$k = -6 \rightarrow 5$
$l = -15 \rightarrow 15$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.050$
$wR(F^2) = 0.146$
$S = 1.04$
1169 reflections
159 parameters
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.096P)^2 + 0.1628P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$
$\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.30$ e Å^{-3}
$\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.30$ e Å^{-3}
Extinction correction: *SHELXL97*
Extinction coefficient: 0.044 (8)

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Cl1—C12	1.734 (6)	N1—C11	1.372 (7)
O1—C2	1.210 (6)	N1—C1	1.439 (6)
C11—N1—C1—C2	−178.5 (4)		

All H atoms were located in a difference map. Those bonded to carbon were positioned geometrically and refined with fixed individual displacement parameters (set to 1.2 times U_{eq} of the parent atom) using a riding model, with C—H = 0.95 and 0.99 Å for aromatic and methylene H atoms, respectively. The H atom bonded to nitrogen was refined freely. Friedel pairs were merged, since the Flack (1983) parameter refined to a meaningless value of −0.4 (2), despite the presence of a Cl atom in the molecule.

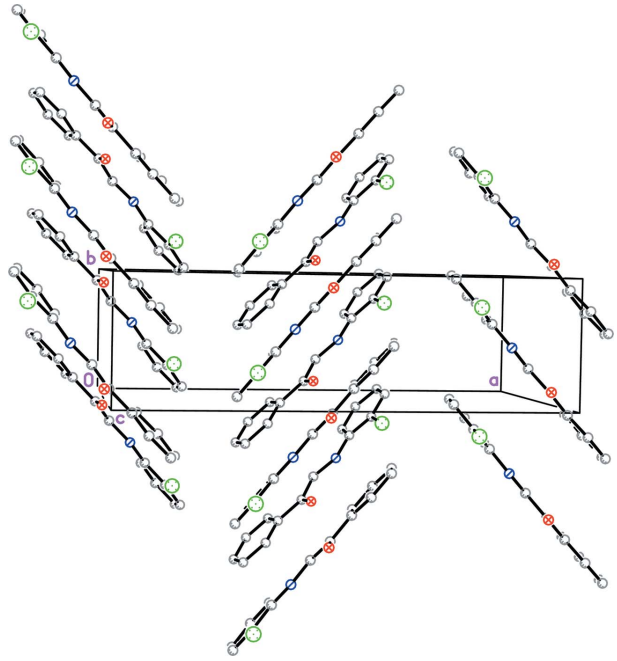


Figure 2
Packing diagram of the title compound, viewed approximately on to the *ab* plane. H atoms have been omitted.

Data collection: *X-AREA* (Stoe & Cie, 2001); cell refinement: *X-AREA*; data reduction: *X-AREA*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2003) and *XP* in *SHELXTL-Plus* (Sheldrick, 1991); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97* and *PLATON*.

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