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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 296 KMean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.007 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.059 wR factor = 0.192 Data-to-parameter ratio = 11.8

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## (Z)-3-Hydroxy-6-[(2-methoxyphenylamino)methylene]cyclohexa-2,4-dienone

The title compound,  $C_{14}H_{13}N_1O_3$ , adopts the keto-amine tautomeric form, with an intramolecular  $N-H\cdots O$  resonance-assisted hydrogen bond. The two benzene rings are nearly coplanar [dihedral angle = 14.3 (2)°]. The molecules are linked by intermolecular  $O-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds and  $C-H\cdots \pi$  interactions between methyl groups and benzene rings.

#### Comment

There is an important interest in Schiff base ligands and their complexes with regards to their significant antitumour activities (Zhou et al., 2000). Schiff base compounds can be classified bv their photochromic and thermochromic characteristics (Cohen et al., 1964; Moustakali et al., 1978; Hadjoudis et al., 1987). Based on studies of some thermochromic and photochromic Schiff base compounds, it has been proposed that molecules exhibiting monochromism are planar, while those exhibiting photochromism are non-planar (Moustakali et al., 1978). o-Hydroxy Schiff bases exist in an enol form (Yıldız et al., 1998; Elmalı & Elerman et al., 1998; Dev et al., 2001; Ünver, Yıldız et al., 2002; Yang, Vittal et al., 2003), a keto form (Ünver, Kabak et al., 2002; Hökelek et al., 2000) or as enol-keto mixtures (Nazır et al., 2000; Szady-Chelmienicecka et al., 2001) as a result of H-atom transfer from the hydroxy O atom to the N atom. Such H-atom tautomerism plays a significant role in many fields of chemistry, in particular, in biochemistry (Hem et al., 2002).





An *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997) wiew of the molecule of (I) and a packing diagram are shown in Figs. 1 and 2, respectively. Compound (I) exists primarily as the keto-amine tautomer (see scheme), as indicated by the C2=O1, C7-N1, C8-N1

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Figure 1

A view of (I), with the atom-numbering scheme and 40% probability displacement ellipsoids. The intramolecular hydrogen bond is shown as a dashed line.



Figure 2

A packing diagram for (I) showing hydrogen bonds (short dashes) and  $C-H\cdots \pi$  interactions (long dashes). H atoms not involved in these interactions have been omitted for clarity.

and C1=C7 bond lengths (Table 1). These bonds are comparable with those of 2-hydroxy-6-[(2-methoxyphenyl)aminomethylene]cyclohexa-2,4-dienone [1.293 (2), 1.304 (2), 1.414 (2) and 1.404 (2)Å, respectively; Şahin *et al.*, 2005]. In this keto-amine tautomer an intramolecular N-H···O hydrogen bond, with a short N···O distance of 2.582 (4) Å (Table 2), is an example of a hydrogen bond assisted by resonance due to conjugation with a  $\pi$  system that results in its pronounced covalent character (Bertolasi *et al.*, 1997; Jeffrey, 1997).

In the structure of (I), there is weak a  $C-H\cdots\pi$  interaction between C14-H14*B* and the C1-C6 benzene ring (Table 2). The perpendicular distance between atom H14*B* and the plane of the benzene ring is 2.52Å. The crystal packing is supported by an intermolecular  $O-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bond (Table 2).

## Experimental

The title compound was prepared as described by Şahin *et al.* (2005) using 2-methoxyaniline and 4-hydroxysalicylaldehyde as starting

materials. Well-shaped crystals of (I) were obtained by slow evaporation of a solution in ethanol (yield 76%; m.p. 423-425 K).

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

reflections  $\theta = 2.3 - 26.0^{\circ}$ 

 $\mu = 0.09~\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 296 K

Prism, yellow

 $0.35 \times 0.31 \times 0.27 \text{ mm}$ 

Cell parameters from 21062

Crystal data

 $C_{14}H_{13}NO_3$   $M_r = 243.25$ Orthorhombic,  $P2_12_12_1$  a = 8.3391 (7) Å b = 11.1748 (15) Å c = 13.8056 (19) Å V = 1286.5 (3) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 4 $D_x = 1.256$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

### Data collection

Stoe IPDS-II diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: integration (X-RED32; Stoe & Cie, 2002)  $T_{\min} = 0.972, T_{\max} = 0.981$ 21062 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.059$   $wR(F^2) = 0.192$  S = 0.971788 reflections 152 parameters

1788 independent reflections 1007 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   $R_{int} = 0.077$   $\theta_{max} = 28.0^{\circ}$   $h = -11 \rightarrow 10$   $k = -14 \rightarrow 14$  $l = -18 \rightarrow 18$ 

1	H atoms treated by a mixture of
	independent and constrained
	independent and constrained
	refinement
1	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1182P)^2]$
	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.24 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.24 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

 Table 1

 Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

C1-C7	1.391 (6)	C8-N1	1.401 (5)
C2-O1	1.286 (5)	C9-O3	1.342 (7)
C4-O2	1.333 (5)	C14-O3	1.419 (6)
C/=N1	1.509 (5)		
N1-C7-C1 C13-C8-N1	123.8(4) 122.6(5)	C7-N1-C8	128.4 (4)
C2-C1-C7-N1	1.6 (6)	C1-C7-N1-C8	179.9 (4)

# Table 2 Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

Cg1 is the centroid of the C1–C6 benzene ring.

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$N1-H1\cdotsO1$	0.86	1.89	2.582 (4)	137
$O2-H2\cdotsO1^{i}$	0.91 (4)	1.60 (4)	2.506 (4)	175 (6)
$C14-H14B\cdotsCg1^{ii}$	0.96	2.60	3.529 (7)	162

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{3}{2}, -z$ ; (ii) x + 1, y, z.

In the absence of significant anomalous scattering, Friedel pairs were merged. H atoms attached to C atoms were refined using a riding model; C-H = 0.93Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  for aromatic C atoms, and C-H = 0.96Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$  for methyl C atoms. The H atom of the hydroxyl group was refined with O-H restrained to 0.88 (4)Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O)$ .

Data collection: X-AREA (Stoe & Cie, 2002); cell refinement: X-AREA; data reduction: X-RED (Stoe & Cie, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s)

used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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