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## Key indicators

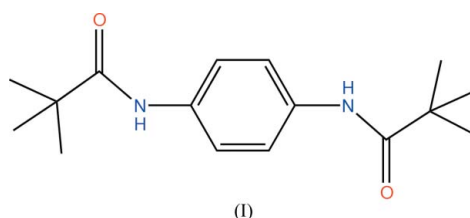
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 292$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.068  
 $wR$  factor = 0.174  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.9For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.***N*-[4-(2,2-Dimethylpropionylamino)phenyl]-  
2,2-dimethylpropionamide**In the title compound,  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ , the molecule is centro-  
symmetric. The crystal packing is stabilized by intermolecular  
 $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds.

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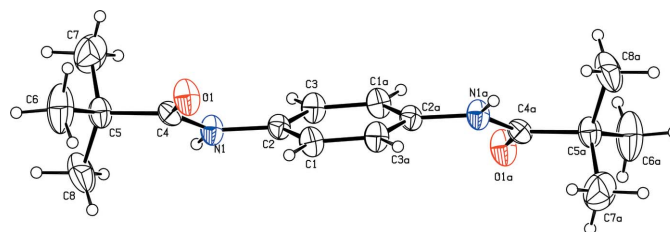
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## Comment

The luminescence features of some amide compounds have  
been studied by Frederick & Liu (1999). In this paper, we  
report the crystal structure of the title compound, (I), which is  
a new amide compound.In the centrosymmetric molecule of (I) (Fig. 1), the bond  
lengths and angles present no unusual features. The crystal  
packing (Fig. 2) is stabilized by intermolecular hydrogen  
bonds (Table 1). The  $\text{N}\cdots\text{O}$  distance of 2.14 (2) Å is shorter  
than those in benzanilide [2.34 (3) Å; Bowes *et al.*, 2003] and  
*N*-[4-(phenylethynyl)phenyl]benzamide [3.42 (2) Å; Yin *et al.*,  
2005].

## Experimental

To a mixture of benzene-1,4-diamine (0.54 g, 5 mmol) and  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$   
(5 ml) in tetrahydrofuran (30 ml), 2,2-dimethylpropionyl chloride  
(1.2 g, 10 mmol) was added dropwise and the mixture stirred at room  
temperature for 3 h. The solvent was then evaporated on a rotary  
evaporator and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (50 ml) to  
obtain the title compound. Single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray  
diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of a solution in  
 $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -MeOH (1:1 *v/v*).

**Figure 1**  
A view of the molecule of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme.  
Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H  
atoms are represented by circles of arbitrary size. [Symmetry code: (a)  
 $2 - x, 1 - y, 2 - z$ ]

## Crystal data

$C_{16}H_{24}N_2O_2$   
 $M_r = 276.37$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 12.166$  (4) Å  
 $b = 7.677$  (3) Å  
 $c = 9.243$  (3) Å  
 $\beta = 96.613$  (6)°  
 $V = 857.6$  (5) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$

$D_x = 1.070$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 1225 reflections  
 $\theta = 3.1$ – $23.6$ °  
 $\mu = 0.07$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 292$  (2) K  
 Block, colourless  
 $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.10$  mm

## Data collection

Bruker SMART 1K CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: none  
 3943 measured reflections  
 1493 independent reflections

1136 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{int} = 0.026$   
 $\theta_{max} = 25.0$ °  
 $h = -14 \rightarrow 12$   
 $k = -9 \rightarrow 9$   
 $l = -10 \rightarrow 9$

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.068$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.174$   
 $S = 1.09$   
 1493 reflections  
 94 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0699P)^2 + 0.4858P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.25$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.15$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$N1-H1A\cdots O1^i$	0.86	2.14	2.929 (3)	153

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

After their location in a difference Fourier map, H atoms were placed in calculated positions and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with with  $C-H = 0.93$  Å for aromatic C and  $0.96$  Å for methyl C, and  $N-H = 0.86$  Å, and with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2 U_{eq}(C)$  for aromatic C and N, or  $1.5_{eq}(C)$  for methyl C.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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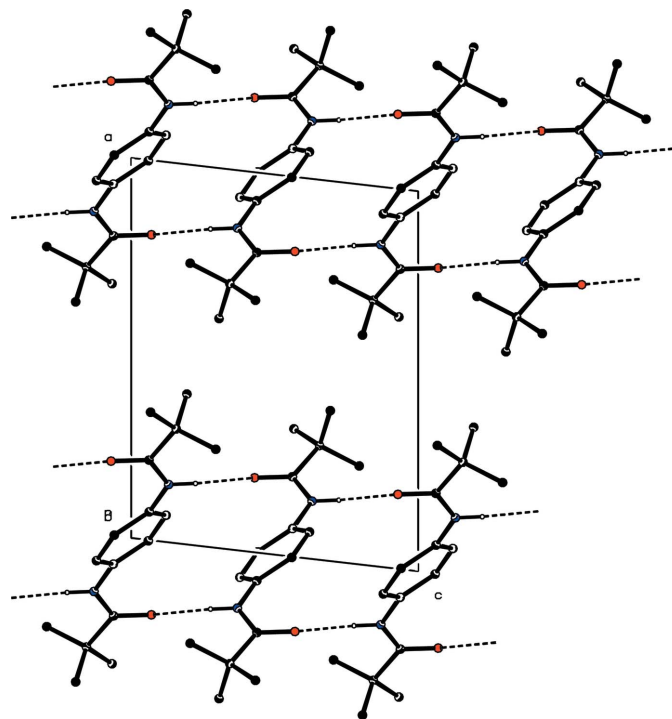


Figure 2

$N-H\cdots O$  intermolecular interactions (dashed lines) in the crystal structure of (I). H atoms have been omitted.

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