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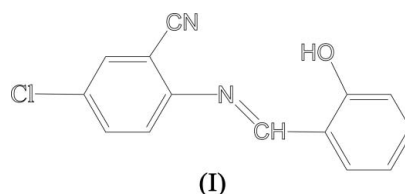
Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 292$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$ Å
 R factor = 0.073
 wR factor = 0.168
Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.1For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.

5-Chloro-2-(2-hydroxybenzylideneamino)-benzonitrile

The molecule of the title compound, $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$, is essentially planar, suggesting a high degree of conjugation throughout the system. Intermolecular hydrogen bonds link adjacent molecules, forming one-dimensional chains running parallel to the b axis.Received 2 May 2006
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Comment

Recently, we have reported a few Schiff base compounds (Cheng *et al.*, 2005, 2006; Zhu *et al.*, 2005). As an extension of our work on the structural characterization of Schiff bases, the title compound, (I), is reported here.In the title compound, all bond lengths are within normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987) (Fig. 1). The $\text{C1}=\text{N1}$ bond length of 1.275 (4) Å conforms to the value for a double bond. A strong intramolecular $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ hydrogen bond (Table 1) results in the formation of a pseudo-six-membered planar ring (C7/C6/C1/O1/H1/N1) (Fig. 1). In the crystal packing, intermolecular $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ interactions (Table 1) link the molecules, forming chains running parallel to the b axis (Fig. 2).

Experimental

Salicylaldehyde and 2-cyano-4-chloroaniline were available commercially and were used without further purification. A solution of salicylaldehyde (2.0 mmol, 244 mg) in methanol (20 ml) was added to a solution of 2-cyano-4-chloroaniline (2.0 mmol, 304 mg) in ethanol (20 ml). The mixture was stirred for 20 min and filtered. After leaving the filtrate to stand in air for 6 d, large yellow prismatic crystals of (I) formed at the bottom of the vessel. The crystals were isolated, washed three times with methanol and dried in a vacuum desiccator using P_4O_{10} (yield 88.7%). Analysis found: C 83.8, H 5.1, N 28.3%; calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}$: C 84.1, H 5.0, N 28.0%.

Crystal data

 $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$
 $M_r = 256.68$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
 $a = 4.7060$ (12) Å
 $b = 14.372$ (4) Å
 $c = 18.225$ (5) Å
 $\beta = 91.228$ (4)°
 $V = 1232.4$ (6) Å³ $Z = 4$
 $D_x = 1.383$ Mg m⁻³
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.30$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 292$ (2) K
Elongated prism, yellow
 $0.62 \times 0.35 \times 0.25$ mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
 $T_{\min} = 0.883, T_{\max} = 0.928$

9840 measured reflections
 2299 independent reflections
 1696 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.117$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.5^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.074$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.168$
 $S = 1.10$
 2299 reflections
 163 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.051P)^2 + 0.9611P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.28 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.26 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$O1-H1\cdots N1$	0.82	1.98	2.620 (4)	135
$C10-H10\cdots O1^i$	0.93	2.50	3.321 (4)	147

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

H atoms were positioned geometrically and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C–H distances of 0.93 Å, O–H = 0.82 Å and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ or $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$. The rather high R_{int} value (0.12) may result from the relatively poor quality of the crystal.

Data collection: SMART (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: SAINT (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1997b); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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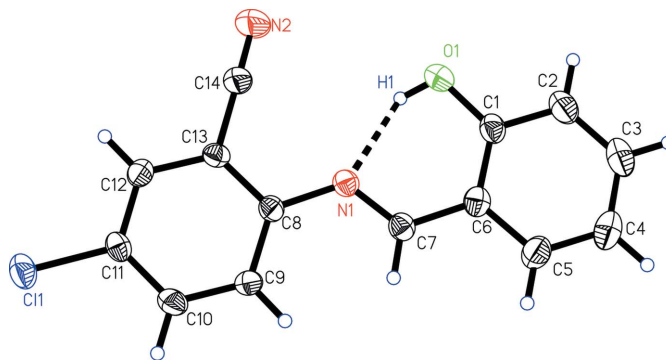


Figure 1 The structure of (I), showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme. The dashed line indicates a hydrogen bond.

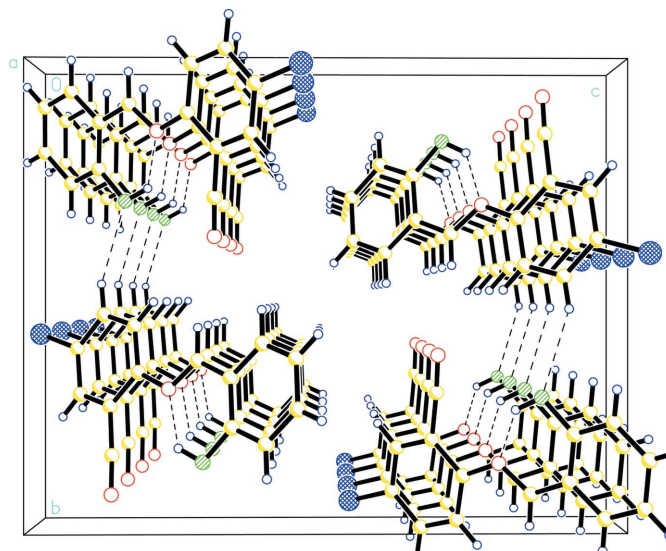


Figure 2 The crystal packing of (I), viewed along the a axis. Hydrogen bonds are indicated by dashed lines.

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