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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 120 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.038 wR factor = 0.096 Data-to-parameter ratio = 18.6

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Acetone (2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)hydrazone:

chains of  $\pi$ -stacked hydrogen-bonded dimers

In the title compound,  $C_{10}H_{10}Cl_2N_2O$ , the aryl ring is almost orthogonal to the rest of the molecule. Molecules are linked into centrosymmetric dimers by  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds, and these dimers are linked into chains by a single  $\pi-\pi$ stacking interaction.

# Comment

We report here the molecular and supramolecular structure of the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1). Apart from the dichlorophenyl ring, the non-H atoms are nearly coplanar, as shown by the leading torsion angles (Table 1). The aryl ring is almost orthogonal to the rest of the molecule, with a dihedral angle of  $82.5 (2)^{\circ}$  between the aryl ring and the mean plane through the rest of the non-H atoms. This is a consequence of the repulsive interactions between the lone pairs of electrons on the two Cl atoms and those on atoms N2 and O7.



The molecules are linked by paired N-H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 2) into cyclic centrosymmetric  $R_2^2(8)$  (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995) dimers (Fig. 2), and these dimers are linked into chains by a single aromatic  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interaction. The aryl rings of the molecules at (x, y, z) and (1 - x, 2 - y, -z) are strictly parallel, with an interplanar spacing of 3.593 (2) Å. The ring-centroid separation is 3.695 (2) Å, corresponding to a ring offset of 0.862 (2) Å. Propagation by inversion of this interaction then links the hydrogen-bonded dimers into a  $\pi$ stacked chain running parallel to the  $[01\overline{1}]$  direction (Fig. 3), but there are no direction-specific interactions between adjacent chains.

# **Experimental**

2,6-Dichlorobenzoylhydrazine (3 mmol) was dissolved in acetone (30 ml) and the solution was heated under reflux for 1 h. The solution was then cooled and the excess solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The resulting solid product, (I), was crystallized from ethanol.



#### Figure 1

A molecule of compound (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.



#### Figure 2

The molecular structure of compound (I), showing the formation of a hydrogen-bonded (dashed lines)  $R_2^2(8)$  dimer. For the sake of clarity, H atoms bonded to C atoms have been omitted. Atoms marked with an asterisk (\*) are at the symmetry position (1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z).

#### Crystal data

$C_{10}H_{10}Cl_2N_2O$	V = 558.03 (3) Å <sup>3</sup>
$M_r = 245.10$	Z = 2
Triclinic, P1	$D_x = 1.459 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
a = 7.4980 (3)  Å	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
b = 8.1320 (2)  Å	$\mu = 0.56 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
c = 9.7759 (3) Å	T = 120 (2)  K
$\alpha = 71.609 \ (2)^{\circ}$	Lath, colourless
$\beta = 80.822 \ (2)^{\circ}$	$0.42 \times 0.10 \times 0.08 \text{ mm}$
$\gamma = 89.033 \ (2)^{\circ}$	



## Figure 3

A stereoscopic view of part of the crystal structure of compound (I), showing the formation of a  $\pi$ -stacked chain of hydrogen-bonded (dashed lines) dimers along [011]. For the sake of clarity, H atoms bonded to C atoms have been omitted.

#### Data collection

Bruker Nonius KappaCCD area-	13458 measured reflections
detector diffractometer	2568 independent reflections
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	1970 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$R_{\rm int} = 0.045$
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 2003)	$\theta_{\rm max} = 27.6^{\circ}$
$T_{\min} = 0.822, \ T_{\max} = 0.957$	

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$   $wR(F^2) = 0.096$  S = 1.032568 reflections 138 parameters H-atom parameters constrained

# Table 1

Selected torsion angles ( $^{\circ}$ ).

C2-C1-C7-N1	101.4 (2)	C7-N1-N2-C8	175.32 (16)
C1-C7-N1-N2	-2.8 (2)	N1-N2-C8-C9	178.37 (15)

# Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å,  $^\circ).$ 

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$			
$N1 - H1 \cdots O7^i$	0.85	2.09	2.9232 (18)	169			
Symmetry code: (i) $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$ .							

All atoms were located in difference maps and then treated as riding atoms, with C-H = 0.95 (aromatic) or 0.98 Å (methyl) and N-H = 0.85 Å, and with  $U_{iso}(H) = kU_{eq}(C,N)$ , where k = 1.5 for the methyl groups and k = 1.2 for all other H atoms.

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0449P)^2]$ 

+ 0.2175P] where  $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.34 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.29 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$  Data collection: *COLLECT* (Nonius, 1999); cell refinement: *DENZO* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997) and *COLLECT*; data reduction: *DENZO* and *COLLECT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *OSCAIL* (McArdle, 2003) and *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *OSCAIL* and *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97* and *PRPKAPPA* (Ferguson, 1999).

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