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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 KMean σ (C–C) = 0.002 Å R factor = 0.033 wR factor = 0.092 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.3

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2,6-Dichlorobenzaldehyde 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazone

In the title compound, $C_{13}H_8Cl_2N_4O_4$, the dinitrophenylhydrazone and benzene ring planes are nearly coplanar, making a dihedral angle of $3.39~(9)^\circ$. There is an intramolecular N-H···O interaction and weak intermolecular C-H···O hydrogen-bonding interactions which stabilize the packing.

Comment

Several phenylhydrazone derivatives have been shown to be potentially DNA-damaging and are mutagenic agents (Okabe *et al.*, 1993). One of our aims is to obtain Schiff bases with a view to studying their structural conformations. We have synthesized the new Schiff base, (I), and report here the crystal structure.



The title molecule is built up from a dinitrophenylhydrazone system and a benzene ring which are nearly coplanar, making a dihedral angle of $3.39 (9)^{\circ}$ (Fig. 1). The C1-C2 [1.402 (2) Å] and C1-C6 [1.406 (2) Å] bond lengths are significantly longer than the other C-C bond lengths in the same ring [mean value 1.378 (3) Å], which is consistent with other dinitrophenyldrazone derivatives (Ohba, 1996; Bolte *et al.*, 1998).

The two nitro groups of the dinitrophenylhydrazone system are slightly twisted with respect to the attached benzene ring, making dihedral angles of 5.42 (14) and 5.9 (3)° for O1/N3/O2 and O3/N4/O4, respectively. There is an intramolecular N— $H \cdots O$ hydrogen bond. Weak intermolecular C— $H \cdots O$ hydrogen-bonding interactions stabilize the crystal packing (Table 1 and Fig. 2).

Experimental

2,4-Dinitrophenylhydrazine (1 mmol, 0.198 g) was dissolved in anhydrous ethanol (15 ml), then H_2SO_4 (98%, 0.5 ml) was added and the mixture was stirred for several minitute at 351 K. 2,6-Dichlorobenzaldehyde (1 mmol, 0.175 g) in ethanol (5 ml) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred at refluxing temperature for 1 h. The

© 2006 International Union of Crystallography All rights reserved Received 31 May 2006 Accepted 12 June 2006 product was separated and recrystallized from acetone to give brown single crystals of (I) within 4 d.

Crystal data

$$C_{13}H_8Cl_2N_4O_4$$

$$M_r = 355.13$$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$

$$a = 12.375 (2) Å$$

$$b = 7.928 (1) Å$$

$$c = 14.977 (2) Å$$

$$\beta = 101.588 (3)^{\circ}$$

$$V = 1439.4 (4) Å^3$$

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer ω scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2000) $T_{\rm min} = 0.866, T_{\rm max} = 0.890$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.033$ $wR(F^2) = 0.092$ S = 1.072984 reflections 208 parameters

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
N2-H2···O1	0.86	2.01	2.6192 (16)	127
$C4-H4\cdots O3^{i}$	0.93	2.59	3.282 (2)	132
C5−H5···O4 ⁱⁱ	0.93	2.59	3.509 (2)	170
$C7-H7\cdots O2^{iii}$	0.93	2.58	3.3723 (19)	144

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

H atoms were treated as riding on their parent atoms, with C-H = 0.93 Å, N-H = 0.86 Å and $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C,N)$.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPIII* (Burnett & Johnson, 1996), *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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Z = 4 $D_x = 1.639 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K α radiation $\mu = 0.48 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 298 (2) K Block, yellow $0.31 \times 0.28 \times 0.25 \text{ mm}$

10917 measured reflections 2984 independent reflections 2290 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.029$ $\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.5^{\circ}$

H-atom parameters constrained $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0489P)^2]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$ $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.22 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3}$ $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.26 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3}$



Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii. The dashed lines indicate a hydrogen bond.



Figure 2

Partial view of the packing, showing the intermolecular hydrogenbonding interactions as dashed lines. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonds have been omitted for clarity. [Symmetry codes: (i) 1 + x, $\frac{1}{2} - y$, $\frac{1}{2} + z$; (ii) 1 + x, y - 1, z; (iii) -x, $y - \frac{1}{2}$, $-z - \frac{1}{2}$.]

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