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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 290 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.010 Å R factor = 0.098 wR factor = 0.197 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.3

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# 4-Fluoro-*N*'-(4-fluoro-3-phenoxybenzoyl)-3-phenoxybenzohydrazide

In the title compound,  $C_{26}H_{18}F_2N_2O_4$ , the dihedral angle between the amide groups is 57.1 (3)°. The crystal structure is stabilized by N-H···O hydrogen bonds and C-H··· $\pi$  interactions.

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#### Comment

Dibenzoylhydrazines are non-steroidal moulting hormone agonists that have insecticidal activity while exerting only a low toxicity against non-target insects (Nakagawa *et al.*, 2005). With this background, we have synthesized and studied the crystal structure of the title compound, (I). The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The dihedral angle between the amide groups (N1/C7/O3 and N2/C8/O2) is 57.1 (3)°. Atoms N1 and N2 both show a planar configuration, the N-N-C angles being in the range 119.6 (4)–119.9 (4)° (Table 1).



The crystal structure is stabilized by two types of N-H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 2), one forming chains (involving H2*N*) and the other (involving H1*N*) forming dimers with O2 (Fig. 2). In addition, C-H··· $\pi$  dimers involving atom H3 and benzene ring C9-C14 stabilize the molecular assembly.

#### **Experimental**

Compound (I) was synthesized by one of the authors (Mohan, 2006). Crystals were grown by slow evaporation of an acetone solution at 275–277 K.

Crystal data  $C_{26}H_{18}F_2N_2O_4$ Z = 4 $M_r = 460.42$  $D_x = 1.387 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation a = 18.375 (4) Å  $\mu = 0.11 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ b = 18.236 (4) Å T = 290 (2) K c = 6.5954 (15) Å Thick plate, colourless  $\beta = 93.680 \ (5)^{\circ}$  $0.25 \times 0.20 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$ V = 2205.5 (8) Å<sup>3</sup>

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Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD areadetector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\min} = 0.940, \ T_{\max} = 0.990$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.098$ wR(F<sup>2</sup>) = 0.197 S = 1.293865 reflections 315 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

F1-C12	1.345 (5)	C7-N1	1.336 (5)
O2-C8	1.232 (5)	F2-C2	1.350 (5)
C7-O3	1.225 (5)	N1-N2	1.387 (5)
C7-N1-N2	119.9 (4)	C8-N2-N1	119.6 (4)
O3-C7-N1-N2	-9.5 (7)	O3-C7-C5-C4	144.8 (4)
O2-C8-C9-C10	-148.4(4)	C13-O1-C15-C20	-91.1(7)
C9-C8-N2-N1	-177.8(4)	C6-C1-O4-C21	-109.6(5)
C7-N1-N2-C8	-119.3 (5)	C1-O4-C21-C26	25.8 (8)

15717 measured reflections

 $R_{\rm int}=0.082$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^\circ$ 

3865 independent reflections

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0504P)^2]$ 

+ 0.9271P] where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.22 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ 

2556 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

### Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

Cg1 is the centroid of the C9-C14 ring.

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$N1-H1N\cdots O2^{i}$	0.87 (5)	2.19 (5)	3.047 (6)	168 (5)
$N2-H2N\cdots O3^{ii}$	0.84 (4)	2.17 (4)	3.003 (5)	178 (4)
$C3-H3\cdots Cg1^{iii}$	0.93	2.80	3.451 (6)	128

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

The amino H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically. The remaining H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model, with C-H = 0.93 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ .

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SIR92 (Altomare et al., 1993); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 for Windows (Farrugia, 1997) and CAMERON (Watkin et al., 1993); software used to prepare material for publication: PLATON (Spek, 2003).

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## Figure 1

View of (I), with 30% probability ellipsoids.



#### Figure 2

Packing diagram of (I), highlighting the  $N-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds and  $C-H\cdots\pi$  interactions in the *ab* plane. Interactions are drawn as dotted lines. H atoms have been omitted unless they are involved in hydrogen bonds. [Symmetry codes: (') 1 - x, 1 - y, -z; ('') x,  $\frac{1}{2} - y$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} + z$ ; (\*) 1 - x, -y, 1-z.]

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