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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=290 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.010 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.098$
$w R$ factor $=0.197$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=12.3$
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## 4-Fluoro- $N^{\prime}$-(4-fluoro-3-phenoxybenzoyl)-3-phenoxybenzohydrazide

In the title compound, $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{~F}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}$, the dihedral angle between the amide groups is 57.1 (3) ${ }^{\circ}$. The crystal structure is stabilized by $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \pi$ interactions.

## 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 ( $\mathrm{N} 1 / \mathrm{C} 7 / \mathrm{O} 3$ and $\mathrm{N} 2 / \mathrm{C} 8 / \mathrm{O} 2$ ) is $57.1(3)^{\circ}$. Atoms N 1 and N 2 both show a planar configuration, the $\mathrm{N}-$ $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}$ angles being in the range 119.6 (4)-119.9 (4) ${ }^{\circ}$ (Table 1).


The crystal structure is stabilized by two types of $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds (Table 2), one forming chains (involving H 2 N ) and the other (involving $\mathrm{H} 1 N$ ) forming dimers with O 2 (Fig. 2). In addition, $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \pi$ dimers involving atom H 3 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

| $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{~F}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ | $Z=4$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $M_{r}=460.42$ | $D_{x}=1.387 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$ |
| Monoclinic, $P 2_{1} / c$ | Mo $K \alpha$ radiation |
| $a=18.375(4) \AA$ | $\mu=0.11 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ |
| $b=18.236(4) \AA$ | $T=290(2) \mathrm{K}$ |
| $c=6.5954(15) \AA$ | Thick plate, colourless |
| $\beta=93.680(5)^{\circ}$ | $0.25 \times 0.20 \times 0.10 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| $V=2205.5(8) \AA^{\circ}$ |  |

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## Data collection

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

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.098$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.197$
$S=1.29$
3865 reflections
315 parameters
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters $\left(\AA,{ }^{\circ}\right)$.

| F1-C12 | $1.345(5)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $1.336(5)$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $1.232(5)$ | $\mathrm{F} 2-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $1.350(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{O} 3$ | $1.225(5)$ | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $1.387(5)$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $119.9(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $119.6(4)$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $-9.5(7)$ | $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $144.8(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $-148.4(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{C} 20$ | $-91.1(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $-177.8(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 21$ | $-109.6(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $-119.3(5)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{C} 26$ | $25.8(8)$ |

Table 2
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\AA{ }^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ ).
$C g 1$ is the centroid of the C9-C14 ring

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N1-H1N $\cdots \mathrm{O}^{\text {i }}$ | $0.87(5)$ | $2.19(5)$ | $3.047(6)$ | $168(5)$ |
| N2-H2N $\mathrm{O}^{\text {iii }}$ | $0.84(4)$ | $2.17(4)$ | $3.003(5)$ | 178 (4) |
| C3-H3 $\cdots C g 1^{\text {iii }}$ | 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 $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.93 \AA$ and $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$.

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 $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \pi$ interactions in the $a b$ plane. Interactions are drawn as dotted lines. H atoms have been omitted unless they are involved in hydrogen bonds. [Symmetry codes: (') $1-x, 1-y,-z ;\left(^{\prime \prime}\right) x, \frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z ;\left({ }^{*}\right) 1-x$, $-y, 1-z$.]
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