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# (E)-4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)diazenyl]-2-isopropylphenol

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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 296 KMean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.041 wR factor = 0.116 Data-to-parameter ratio = 11.9

For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see http://journals.iucr.org/e. In the title compound,  $C_{15}H_{15}ClN_2O$ , the aromatic rings adopt a *trans* configuration with respect to the N=N bond, as found for other diazene derivatives. The crystal structure is stabilized by intermolecular  $O-H \cdots N$  hydrogen bonds, forming a polymeric chain along the *c* axis.

#### Comment

Azo compounds have been used for a long time in industry because of their versatile application in various fields, including dyeing textile fibres, colouring different materials, plastics, biological-medical studies, lasers, liquid crystalline displays, electro-optical devices and ink-jet printers in hightechnology areas (Peters & Freeman, 1991).



In the azo groups of (I), the N1–C8 and N2–C10 bond lengths (Table 1) indicate significant single-bond character, whereas the N=N bond length is indicative of double-bond character. These values are in agreement with those reported for other *trans*-azo compounds (Albayrak *et al.*, 2004). The aromatic rings adopt a *trans* configuration with respect to the azo double bond. The dihedral angle between the chlorophenyl and C4–C9 benzene rings is 47.81 (4)°. There is an O–  $H \cdots N$  intermolecular hydrogen bond in the crystal structure of (I), forming a polymeric chain along the *c* axis (Fig. 2).

# Experimental

A mixture of 4-chloroaniline (1.87 g, 14.7 mmol), water (50 ml) and concentrated hydrochloric acid (3.68 ml, 44 mmol) was stirred until a clear solution was obtained. This solution was cooled to 273–278 K and a solution of sodium nitrite (1.42 g, 20 mmol) in water was added dropwise while the temperature was maintained below 278 K. The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min in an ice bath. 2-Isopropyl-phenol (2 g, 14.7 mmol) solution in 50% ethanol (pH 9) was gradually added to the cooled solution of 4-chlorobenzenediazonium chloride, prepared as described above, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 273–278 K for 60 min. The product was recrystallized from ethanol to obtain solid (I). Crystals of (I) were obtained by slow evaporation of a solution in acetic acid (yield 55%, m.p. 352–354 K).

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### Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{15}H_{15}CIN_{2}O\\ M_{r}=274.74\\ Monoclinic, P2_{1}/c\\ a=10.4856 (5) Å\\ b=11.1262 (6) Å\\ c=12.0768 (5) Å\\ \beta=91.585 (4)^{\circ}\\ V=1408.40 (12) Å^{3} \end{array}$ 

# Data collection

Stoe IPDS-II diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: integration (X-RED; Stoe & Cie, 2002)  $T_{\min} = 0.842, T_{\max} = 0.906$ 

# Refinement

 Refinement on  $F^2$   $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0683P)^2$ 
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.041$  + 0.176P] 

  $wR(F^2) = 0.116$  where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  

 S = 1.10  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$  

 2762 reflections
  $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.45$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

 233 parameters
  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.33$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

 All H-atom parameters refined
 Extinction correction: SHELXL97

Z = 4

 $D_x = 1.296 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

 $0.70 \times 0.64 \times 0.51 \text{ mm}$ 

19848 measured reflections

2762 independent reflections

2455 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

 $\mu = 0.27 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

Prism, brown

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.032$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 26.0^{\circ}$ 

T = 296 K

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Cl1-C13	1.7392 (15)	N2-C10	1.4314 (18)
O1-C5	1.3539 (17)	N1-C8	1.4096 (17)
N2-N1	1.2554 (16)	C4-C3	1.5124 (19)
C10-N2-N1-C8	-177.76(11)	O1-C5-C4-C3	-2.2(2)
N2-N1-C8-C9	-13.8 (2)	C15-C14-C13-Cl1	177.82 (12)

# Table 2

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

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$O1 - H1 \cdots N2^i$	0.84 (2)	2.04 (2)	2.8566 (16)	168 (2)
Symmetry code: (i)	$x, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$			

All H atoms were refined freely. C–H distances are in the range 0.92 (2)–1.03 (3) Å and  $U_{iso}$ (H) values are in the range 0.057 (4)–0.100 (8) Å<sup>2</sup>.

Data collection: X-AREA (Stoe & Cie, 2002); cell refinement: X-AREA; data reduction: X-RED (Stoe & Cie, 2002); program(s)



#### Figure 1

An ORTEP-3 view of (I), with the atom-numbering scheme and 30% probability displacement ellipsoids.



#### Figure 2

A polymeric chain along the *c* axis constructed by  $O-H\cdots N$  intermolecular hydrogen bonds (broken lines).

used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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