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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 273 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.048 wR factor = 0.134 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.8

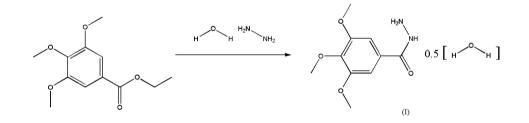
For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see http://journals.iucr.org/e. 3,4,5-Trimethoxybenzohydrazide hemihydrate

The title compound,  $C_{10}H_{14}N_2O_4\cdot 0.5H_2O_7$  is an important intermediate for the synthesis of biologically active heterocyclic compounds. The hydrazide group is nearly coplanar with the benzene ring. The water molecule possesses crystallographically imposed  $C_2$  symmetry. The crystal packing is stabilized by  $N-H\cdots O$ ,  $C-H\cdots O$ ,  $O-H\cdots O$  and N- $H\cdots N$  hydrogen-bond interactions.

#### Comment

Aromatic hydrazides are important intermediates in heterocyclic chemistry and have been used for the synthesis of various biologically active five-membered heterocycles such as 2,5-disubstituted-1,3,4-oxadiazoles (Zheng *et al.*, 2003; Al-Talib *et al.*, 1990) and 5-substituted-2-mercapto-1,3,4-oxadiazoles (Yousif *et al.*, 1986; Ahmad *et al.*, 2001; Al-Soud *et al.*, 2004; El-Emam *et al.*, 2004). In view of the versatility of these compounds, we have synthesized the title compound, (I), by reaction of the ethyl ester of 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoic acid with hydrazine hydrate using a reported procedure (Furniss *et al.*, 1978). Here we report its crystal structure.





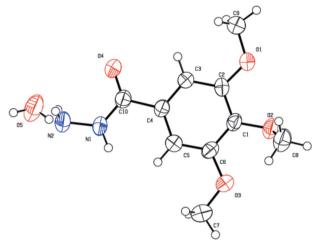
The molecular structure of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1. In (I), bond distances and angles are within expected ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The hydrazide group C10/O4/N1/N2 is planar [maximum displacement of 0.007 (3) Å for C10] and nearly coplanar with the benzene ring, the dihedral angle they form being 9.27 (10)°. Atom O5 of the water molecule lies on a twofold rotation axis. The crystal packing is stabilized by N-H···O, C-H···O, O-H···O and N-H···N intraand intermolecular hydrogen-bond interactions (Table 1), forming an extended three-dimensional network (Fig. 2).

### **Experimental**

A mixture of ethyl 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoate (2.26 g, 10 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (15 ml, 80%) in absolute ethanol (50 ml) was refluxed for 5 h at 413–423 K. The excess solvent was removed by distillation. The solid residue was filtered off, washed with water, and recrystallized from ethanol (30%) to give the title compound (yield

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### Figure 1

The molecular structure of the title compound with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level.

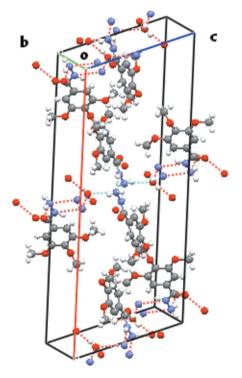


Figure 2

The crystal packing of the title compound. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dotted lines.

89%). Colorless block-like single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution at room temperature.

Crystal data

$C_{10}H_{14}N_2O_4{\cdot}0.5H_2O$	Z = 8
$M_r = 235.24$	$D_x = 1.368 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Monoclinic, $C2/c$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
a = 33.253 (6) Å	$\mu = 0.11 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
b = 4.8362 (8) Å	T = 273 (2) K
c = 14.227 (3) Å	Block, colorless
$\beta = 93.074 \ (16)^{\circ}$	$0.25 \times 0.15 \times 0.13 \text{ mm}$
$V = 2284.7 (7) \text{ Å}^3$	

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector 2843 independent reflections diffractometer 1054 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  $R_{\rm int} = 0.062$  $\theta_{\rm max} = 28.3^{\circ}$ Absorption correction: none 12158 measured reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0544P)^2]$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.048$ wR(F<sup>2</sup>) = 0.134 where  $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ S = 0.96 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.16 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 2843 reflections  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.20 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 169 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

Table 1 Hydroger

n-bond g	geometry (Å,	°).		
1	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
···O5	0.79 (3)	2.27 (3)	2.991 (3)	153 (3)

+ 0.0583P]

$D-\mathbf{H}\cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots \mathbf{A}$
$N2-H2A\cdots O5$	0.79 (3)	2.27 (3)	2.991 (3)	153 (3)
C8-H8C···O3	0.96	2.57	3.080 (3)	114
$O5-H51\cdots O4^{i}$	0.83(1)	1.92 (2)	2.722 (2)	163 (1)
$N1 - H1 \cdots N2^{ii}$	0.91 (3)	2.21 (3)	3.004 (4)	145.4 (5)

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

The H atoms bound to C atoms were placed in idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C-H = 0.93-0.96 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2$  or  $1.5U_{eq}(C)$  for aromatic or methyl H atoms, respectively. The H atoms bound to N and O atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined freely. The O-H and H...H distances within the water molecule were restrained to be 0.83 (1) and 1.35 (1) Å, respectively. The best crystals that could be obtained diffracted weakly, which could account for the rather low observed:unique reflection ratio (37%).

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Bruker, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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