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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean σ (C–C) = 0.004 Å R factor = 0.055 wR factor = 0.150 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.6

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The asymmetric unit of the title compound, $C_8H_{10}N_2O_2$, contains two molecules which are linked by $O-H\cdots N$ hydrogen-bonding interactions, leading to the formation of a dimer of topology $R_2^2(8)$ according to graph-set theory.

3-Methoxybenzamide oxime

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Comment

As shown in Fig. 1, the two molecules in the asymmetric unit of the title compound, (I), form a dimer of topology $R_2^2(8)$ according to graph-set theory (Etter, 1990), through O– H···N hydrogen bonds (Table 1). There are also N–H···O hydrogen bonds linking the dimers and forming a twodimensional network (Fig. 2). The two benzene rings in the dimer make a dihedral angle of 54.83 (9)°.



Experimental

3-Methoxybenzonitrile (20 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (8 ml), hydroxylamine hydrochloride (20 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (6 ml) and potassium carbonate (10 mmol) was dissolved in water (10 ml); these three separate solutions were mixed. The resulting mixture was refluxed for 24 h. After cooling and filtering, crude



Figure 1

A view of the dimer structure of compound (I), with the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radii. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

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compound (I) was obtained. Pure compound (I) was obtained by crystallization from a solution in a mixture of ethanol (6 ml) and water (2 ml). Crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution.

Z = 8

 $D_x = 1.348 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

Block, colourless

 $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.10 \ \mathrm{mm}$

3 standard reflections

every 200 reflections intensity decay: none

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0677P)^2]$

where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

+ 0.2578P]

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.18 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.18 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

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

3219 independent reflections 1994 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

 $\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

T = 293 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.021$ $\theta_{\rm max} = 26.0^{\circ}$

Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_8 H_{10} N_2 O_2 \\ M_r = 166.18 \\ \text{Monoclinic, } P2_1/c \\ a = 6.8630 \ (14) \text{ Å} \\ b = 18.910 \ (4) \text{ Å} \\ c = 12.893 \ (3) \text{ Å} \\ \beta = 101.77 \ (3)^\circ \\ V = 1638.1 \ (6) \text{ Å}^3 \end{array}$

Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer $\omega/2\theta$ scans Absorption correction: ψ scan (North *et al.*, 1968) $T_{\min} = 0.971, T_{\max} = 0.990$ 3491 measured reflections

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.055$ $wR(F^2) = 0.150$ S = 1.023219 reflections 221 parameters H-atom parameters constrained

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
O2−H2···N4	0.82	2.05	2.751 (3)	143
$O4-H4A\cdots N2$	0.82	2.09	2.777 (3)	141
$N1 - H1B \cdots O1^{i}$	0.86	2.65	3.449 (3)	155
$N1-H1A\cdots O4^{i}$	0.86	2.30	3.098 (3)	154
$N3-H3A\cdots O2^{ii}$	0.86	2.37	3.166 (3)	155

Symmetry codes: (i) x - 1, y, z; (ii) x + 1, y, z.

All H atoms were treated as riding on their parent atoms, with C– H = 0.93 (C_{aromatic}) or 0.96 Å (CH₃), N–H = 0.86 Å and O–H = 0.82 Å, with U_{iso} (H) = 1.2 U_{eq} (C_{aromatic}, NH₂, OH) or 1.5 U_{eq} (C_{methyl}).

Data collection: CAD-4 Software (Enraf-Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: CAD-4 Software; data reduction: XCAD4 (Harms &



Figure 2

A partial packing view, showing the $O-H \cdots N$ and $N-H \cdots O$ hydrogen bonds as dashed lines. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted for clarity. [Symmetry codes: (i) x - 1, y, z; (ii) 1 + x, y, z.]

Wocadlo, 1995); 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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