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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

$T = 90$  K

Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å

$R$  factor = 0.045

$wR$  factor = 0.112

Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.6

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## *N*-(3-Chloro-2-methylphenyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carboxamide

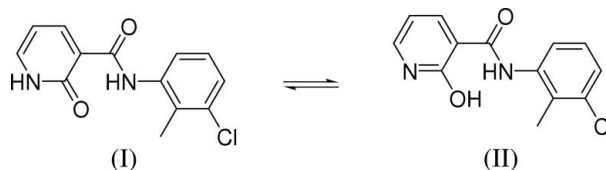
The title compound,  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ , contains two aromatic rings linked by an amide group, and adopts a near-planar conformation. There are intra- and intermolecular  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds, forming centrosymmetric dimers.

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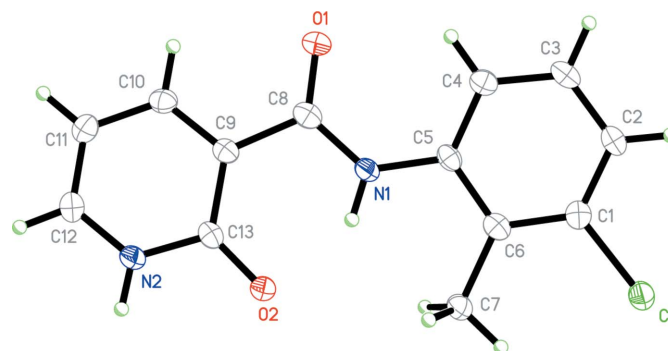
#### Comment

The title compound, (I), was first synthesized by Alvarez *et al.* (1979) in an attempt to prepare substituted 2-hydroxynicotinamide derivatives. We obtained (I) as a by-product during efforts to make 2-(3-chloro-2-methylanilino)nicotinic acid *via* a procedure modified from Ting *et al.* (1990). It was thought to be a hydroxy-pyridine tautomer, (II), but the crystal structure analysis revealed that it is the keto-amine tautomer, (I) (Fig. 1 and Table 1). The molecule contains two aromatic rings linked by an amide group. Since it can form a  $\pi$ -conjugation system throughout the whole molecule *via* the amide group, the molecule has a near-planar conformation. There are intra- and intermolecular  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds (Table 2), forming centrosymmetric dimers.



#### Experimental

2-Chloronicotinic acid (18.2 g, 0.11 mol) and 3-chloro-2-methylaniline (16.35 g, 0.11 mol) were dissolved in pyridine (10 ml, 0.12 mol), followed by addition of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (3.0 g, 0.018 mol) in 40 ml of water. The resulting solution was refluxed



**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of (I), showing displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level.

overnight. Upon cooling of the solution, a colorless solid precipitated out and it was characterized by NMR to be the compound (I). Crystals were grown by slow evaporation of a methanol solution (yield 32%, m.p. 583–587 K).

#### Crystal data

$C_{13}H_{11}ClN_2O_2$	$V = 559.36 (3) \text{ \AA}^3$
$M_r = 262.69$	$Z = 2$
Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$	$D_x = 1.560 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$a = 7.1514 (2) \text{ \AA}$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$b = 7.5805 (2) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.34 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 10.3268 (3) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 90.0 (2) \text{ K}$
$\alpha = 87.8186 (14)^\circ$	Irregular block, colorless
$\beta = 89.5131 (14)^\circ$	$0.20 \times 0.10 \times 0.03 \text{ mm}$
$\gamma = 89.2959 (13)^\circ$	

#### Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer	4917 measured reflections
$\omega$ scans	2560 independent reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SCALEPACK; Otwinowski & Minor, 1997)	1811 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$T_{\min} = 0.936$ , $T_{\max} = 0.990$	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.048$
	$\theta_{\max} = 27.5^\circ$

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0508P)^2 + 0.1363P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.112$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
$S = 1.04$	$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.33 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
2560 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.31 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
164 parameters	
H-atom parameters constrained	

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

C9–C10	1.374 (3)	C12–N2	1.350 (3)
C9–C13	1.442 (3)	C13–O2	1.261 (2)
C10–C11	1.404 (3)	C13–N2	1.370 (3)
C11–C12	1.351 (3)		
N1–C8–C9–C13	4.8 (3)	C4–C5–N1–C8	4.1 (3)
C9–C8–N1–C5	179.65 (19)		

**Table 2**

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

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
N1–H1 $\cdots$ O2	0.88	1.89	2.655 (2)	144
N2–H2A $\cdots$ O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.88	1.92	2.790 (2)	170

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x + 1, -y + 2, -z + 1$ .

H atoms were located in difference Fourier maps and subsequently placed in idealized positions, with constrained C–H distances of 0.95 (aromatic), 0.98 (methyl) and 0.88  $\text{\AA}$  (NH).  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$  values were set at  $1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C,N})$  or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{methyl C})$ .

Data collection: COLLECT (Nonius, 2002); cell refinement: DENZO-SMN (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: DENZO-SMN; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: XP in SHELXTL/PC (Sheldrick, 1995); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97 and local procedures.

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