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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean σ (C–C) = 0.004 Å R factor = 0.057 wR factor = 0.129 Data-to-parameter ratio = 11.6

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2,3-Dihydroxybenzaldehyde thiosemicarbazone hemihydrate

The molecule of the Schiff base in the crystal structure of the title compound, $C_8H_9N_3O_2S\cdot 0.5H_2O$, interacts with symmetry-equivalent molecules and with the water molecule, which lies on a twofold rotation axis, to give a three-dimensional hydrogen-bonded network structure.

Comment

Salicylaldehyde condenses with thiosemicarbazide to yield salicylaldehyde thiosemicarbazone (Chattopadhyay *et al.*, 1988), a ligand that can be used in its deprotonated form to chelate metal ions. A similar reaction with 2,3-dihydroxy-benzaldehyde furnishes the corresponding Schiff base, 2,3-dihydroxybenzaldehyde thiosemicarbazone, which possesses two hydroxy substituents ion the aromatic ring. 2,3-Dihydroxybenzaldehyde thiosemicarbazone was reported many years ago (Bernstein *et al.*, 1951; Donovick *et al.*, 1950), and it exhibits useful activity as a chemotherapeutic agent. The compound crystallizes as the title hemihydrate, (I) (Fig. 1), with the water molecule lying on a twofold rotation axis.



Bond lengths and angles in the molecule are normal and are similar to those found in salicylaldehyde thiosemicarbazone itself. However, owing to an additional hydroxy group and the presence of the water molecule, the crystal structure exhibits extensive hydrogen bonding (Table 1), which gives rise to a three-dimensional network structure.

Experimental

An ethanol (25 ml) solution of 2,3-dihydroxybenzaldehyde (1.38 g, 10 mmol) was added to an ethanol (10 ml) solution of thiosemicarbazide (0.94 g, 10 mmol). The mixture was heated for 3 h. The product was recrystallized from methanol to afford needle-shaped crystals in 70% yield (m.p. 479–581 K).

Crystal data

 $C_8H_9N_3O_2S \cdot 0.5H_2O$ $M_r = 220.25$ Monoclinic, C2/c a = 21.546 (2) Å b = 11.658 (1) Å c = 8.190 (1) Å $\beta = 105.923$ (1)° V = 1978.3 (3) Å³ Z = 8 $D_x = 1.479 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K α radiation $\mu = 0.31 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 (2) K Needle, yellow $0.50 \times 0.20 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$

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Data collection

Bruker APEX CCD area-detector diffractometer ω and φ scans Absorption correction: none 5025 measured reflections

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.057$ wR(F²) = 0.129 S = 1.191740 reflections 150 parameters

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$O1-H1O\cdots S1^i$	0.84 (1)	2.50 (2)	3.162 (2)	137 (3)
$O2-H2O\cdots O1W$	0.85 (1)	1.95 (1)	2.788 (3)	173 (4)
$N1 - H1N1 \cdot \cdot \cdot S1^{ii}$	0.85(1)	2.56 (1)	3.390 (3)	167 (3)
$N1 - H1N2 \cdot \cdot \cdot N3$	0.85 (1)	2.28 (4)	2.629 (3)	105 (3)
$N2-H2N\cdotsO1^{i}$	0.85(1)	2.22 (2)	3.014 (3)	155 (3)
$O1W - H1W \cdot \cdot \cdot S1^{iii}$	0.85 (1)	2.52 (1)	3.345 (3)	163 (2)
Symmetry codes: $x + \frac{1}{2}, y - \frac{1}{2}, z + 1.$	(i) $-x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{3}{2}, -z + 1;$		(ii) $-x, -y + 1, -z;$ (iii)	

The water and amino H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and were refined with distance restraints of O-H = N-H =0.85 (1) Å, and with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(O,N)$. The distance between the H atoms of the water molecule, which lies on a twofold rotation axis, was restrained to be 1.39 (1) Å. All other H atoms were positioned geometrically and were included in the refinement in the ridingmodel approximation, with C-H = 0.93 Å and $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$.

1740 independent reflections 1510 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{\rm int} = 0.028$ $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0539P)^2]$ + 2.2284P] where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$ $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.24 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.20 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$



Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2003): cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2003); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: X-SEED (Barbour, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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