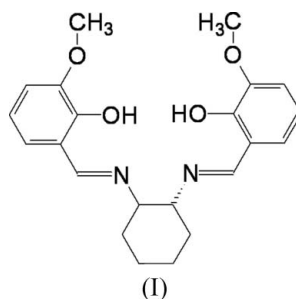


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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 294$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.061  
 $wR$  factor = 0.178  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 24.0For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.*trans*-*N,N'*-Bis(3-methoxysalicylidene)cyclo-  
hexane-1,2-diamineThe title compound,  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ , was prepared by reaction of  
*trans*-1,2-cyclohexanediamine and 2-hydroxy-3-methoxy-  
benzaldehyde. The molecular structure is stabilized by intra-  
molecular  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen bonds.Received 19 December 2006  
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## Comment

Schiff base ligands derived from salicylaldehyde and chiral  
amines have been widely applied in enantioselective cyclo-  
propanation of styrenes (Zhang *et al.*, 1997; Holland *et al.*,  
1981), asymmetric aziridination of olefins (Kenneth *et al.*,  
1992), enantioselective epoxidation (Kureshy *et al.*, 1999;  
Hosoya *et al.*, 1999), enantioselective ring opening of epoxides  
(Kim *et al.*, 1999), borohydride reduction of aromatic ketones,  
asymmetric oxidation of methyl phenyl sulfide (Sasaki *et al.*,  
1991), enantioselective oxidation of silyl enol (Waldemar *et al.*,  
1998) and trimethylsilylcyanation of benzaldehydes. In  
particular, the Merck company has successfully developed a  
process for the industrial manufacture of the antibacterial  
drug Cilastatin using chiral copper(II) Schiff base complexes  
derived from salicylaldehyde and chiral amine (Aratani,  
1985). We present here the crystal structure of the title  
compound, (I), which contains a *trans*-1,2-cyclohexanediamine  
and two 2-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde groups (Fig. 1).  
The crystal structure of the compound containing a chiral  
amine, (1*R*,2*R*)-(–)-1,2-cyclohexanediamine, has been  
reported by Mohamed *et al.* (2003).All bond lengths and angles in (I) are within normal ranges  
(Allen *et al.*, 1987) and agree with those reported for struc-  
tures containing the 2-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde  
group (Jing *et al.*, 2005; Chen *et al.*, 2006). The cyclohexane  
ring adopts a chair conformation. Each 2-hydroxy-3-  
methoxybenzaldehyde group in the molecule is nearly planar;  
the maximum deviations from the mean plane are 0.064 (3)  
and 0.034 (4) Å for atoms C1 and C22, respectively. The  
dihedral angle between the planes of these groups is  
 $62.65$  (4)°. The molecular structure is stabilized by two intra-  
molecular  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen bonds (Table 1).

## Experimental

The title compound was prepared by a known method (Tümer, 2000). *o*-Vanillin (2 mmol, 0.304 g) in ethanol (20 ml) and *trans*-1,2-cyclohexanediamine (1 mmol, 0.114 g) in ethanol (20 ml) were mixed and refluxed for about 4 h at 358 K. The color of the solution changed to pale yellow. After cooling the solution, the resulting precipitate was filtered and washed with cold ethanol. Compound (I) was obtained by crystallization from an ethanol solution after a few days (yield 85%; m.p. 418 K). Elemental analysis calculated: C 69.09, H 6.85, N 7.32%; found: C 69.05, H 6.88, N 7.35%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):  $\delta$  8.33 (s, CH=N, 2H), 6.62–6.95 (m, Ar-H, 6H), 3.81 (s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ , 6H), 3.35–1.25 (m, CH/CH<sub>2</sub>, 10H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):  $\delta$  168.68 (CH=N), 117.62–157.33 (Ar-C), 58.39 ( $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 52.07–27.00 (CH/CH<sub>2</sub>). MS (LC/MS APCI):  $m/z$  391 [ $M + 1$ ]<sup>+</sup>.

## Crystal data

$\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$   
 $M_r = 382.45$   
 Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 10.090$  (5) Å  
 $b = 10.970$  (5) Å  
 $c = 11.678$  (5) Å  
 $\alpha = 115.254$  (5)°  
 $\beta = 112.401$  (5)°  
 $\gamma = 95.258$  (5)°

$V = 1029.7$  (8) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$   
 $D_x = 1.234$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.09$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 294$  (2) K  
 Block, pale yellow  
 $0.2 \times 0.2 \times 0.2$  mm

## Data collection

Rigaku R-Axis RAPID-S  
 diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (Blessing, 1995)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.973$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.983$

30731 measured reflections  
 6285 independent reflections  
 4115 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.048$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 30.5^\circ$

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.061$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.179$   
 $S = 1.05$   
 6285 reflections  
 262 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of  
 independent and constrained  
 refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0753P)^2 + 0.1247P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.22$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.20$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL97*  
 Extinction coefficient: 0.039 (5)

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{O1}-\text{H7}\cdots\text{N1}$	0.82	1.86	2.590 (3)	147
$\text{O3}-\text{H21}\cdots\text{N2}$	0.82	1.92	2.644 (2)	147

The H atoms attached to atoms C8 and C15 were located in a difference map and refined freely. The other H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions ( $C-H = 0.93$ – $0.98$  and  $O-H = 0.82$  Å) and treated as riding, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O}, \text{methyl C})$ .

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku/MS, 2005); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalClear*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics:

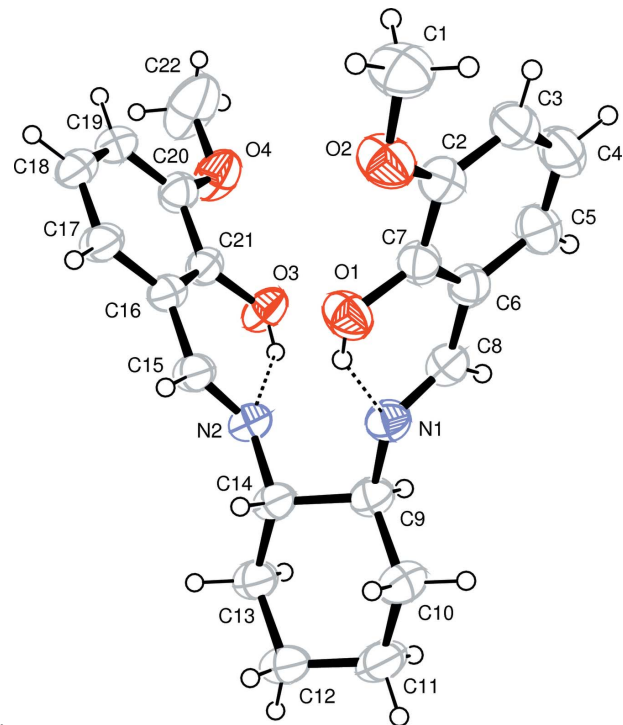


Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 40% probability level. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

*ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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