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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 299 KMean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.015 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.071 wR factor = 0.153 Data-to-parameter ratio = 8.6

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# N-(3-Chlorophenyl)-2,2,2-trimethylacetamide

In the structure of the title compound (3CPTMA),  $C_{11}H_{14}CINO$ , the conformation of the N-H bond is *anti* to the *meta*-chloro substituent, similar to that observed for the corresponding *meta*-methyl-substituted amide. The bond parameters of the two amides are also similar. The molecules in 3CPTMA are linked into chains, as bent columns, through N-H···O hydrogen bonding.

## Comment

The structure of *N*-(3-chlorophenyl)-2,2,2-trimethylacetamide (3CPTMA), (I), has been determined as part of a study on the systematization of the crystal structures of *N*-aromatic amides (Gowda *et al.*, 2004; Gowda, Kozisek & Fuess, 2006; Gowda, Kozisek, Svoboda & Fuess, 2007). In 3CPTMA, the conformation of the N-H bond is *anti* to the *meta*-chloro substituent (Fig. 1), similar to that observed for 2,2,2-trimethyl-*N*-(3-methylphenyl)acetamide (Gowda, Kozisek, Tokarcik & Fuess, 2007). The bond parameters of the two amides and those of the ring-unsubstituted 2,2,2-trimethyl-*N*-phenylacetamide are similar (Gowda, Kozisek, Tokarcik & Fuess, 2007). The molecules in 3CPTMA are linked into chains, as bent columns, through N-H···O hydrogen bonding (Table 1), similar to that observed in other amides (Gowda, Paulus *et al.*, 2007; Gowda, Kozisek, Tokarcik & Fuess, 2007).



## **Experimental**

The title compound was prepared according to the literature method (Gowda, Shilpa *et al.*, 2006). The purity of the compound was checked by determining its melting point. It was characterized by recording its IR and NMR spectra (Gowda, Shilpa *et al.*, 2006). Single crystals of the title compound were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution and used for X-ray diffraction studies at room temperature.

#### Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{11}H_{14}\text{CINO} \\ M_r = 211.68 \\ \text{Orthorhombic, } Pca2_1 \\ a = 10.778 \ (1) \text{ Å} \\ b = 10.623 \ (1) \text{ Å} \\ c = 10.117 \ (2) \text{ Å} \end{array}$ 

 $V = 1158.3 (3) \text{ Å}^{3}$  Z = 4Cu K\alpha radiation  $\mu = 2.66 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  T = 299 (2) K $0.68 \times 0.05 \times 0.03 \text{ mm}$  Received 23 March 2007 Accepted 29 March 2007

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Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan (North *et al.*, 1968)  $T_{\rm min} = 0.754, T_{\rm max} = 0.855$ (expected range = 0.814-0.923) 1745 measured reflections

Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.071$   $wR(F^2) = 0.153$  S = 0.991095 reflections 127 parameters 1 restraints 1095 independent reflections 479 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{int} = 0.152$ 3 standard reflections frequency: 120 min intensity decay: 5%

H-atom parameters constrained  $\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 0.23 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   $\Delta \rho_{\text{min}} = -0.28 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ Absolute structure: (Flack, 1983) Flack parameter: 0.01 (7)

## Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$N7-H7N\cdots O6^{i}$	0.86	2.10	2.935 (8)	164
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Symmetry code: (i)  $-x - \frac{1}{2}, y, z - \frac{1}{2}$ .

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding, with C-H = 0.93 (CH aromatic) or 0.96 Å (CH<sub>3</sub>) and N-H = 0.86 Å, with  $U_{iso}$ (H) = 1.2 $U_{eq}$ (C,NH) and 1.5 $U_{eq}$ (methyl C).

Data collection: *CAD-4-PC* (Nonius, 1996); cell refinement: *CAD-4-PC*; data reduction: *REDU4* (Stoe & Cie, 1987); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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Figure 1

The molecular structure of the title compound, showing the atomlabelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and H atoms are represented as small spheres of arbitrary radius.

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