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2-Methoxybenzaldehyde azine

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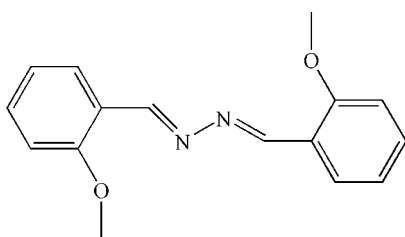
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 293$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$ Å; R factor = 0.046; wR factor = 0.166; data-to-parameter ratio = 18.0.

The molecule of the title compound, $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$, is located on a centre of inversion (at the midpoint of the N—N bond), so that only one half of the molecule is crystallographically independent, and it adopts a *syn* structure with respect to the methoxy group and the aldehyde H atom. The benzene ring and adjacent N atom are coplanar (r.m.s. deviation of 0.017 Å for the non-H atoms). The methoxy group deviates from the benzene plane by 0.167 (4) Å for the methyl C atom.

Related literature

For related literature, see: Allen *et al.* (1987); Amadei *et al.* (1998); Glaser *et al.* (1995); Hsu *et al.* (1993); Xu *et al.* (1994).



Experimental

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$
 $M_r = 268.31$

Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
 $a = 7.755$ (5) Å

$b = 14.757$ (12) Å
 $c = 6.889$ (5) Å
 $\beta = 112.64$ (3)°
 $V = 727.6$ (9) Å³
 $Z = 2$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.08$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 293$ (2) K
 $0.26 \times 0.21 \times 0.18$ mm

Data collection

Rigaku R-Axis RAPID
 diffractometer
 Absorption correction: none
 6946 measured reflections

1659 independent reflections
 1203 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.035$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.046$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.166$
 $S = 1.01$
 1659 reflections

92 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.16$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.13$ e Å⁻³

Data collection: *TEXRAY* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1999); cell refinement: *TEXRAY*; data reduction: *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1999); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEX* (McArdle, 1995); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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Comment

Azines represent a well known class of organic compounds, obtained from the condensation of an aldehyde or ketone with hydrazine (Glaser *et al.*, 1995; Amadei *et al.*, 1998). As an extension of work on the structure characterization of azines, we report here the crystal structure of compound, 2,2'-di(*N*)-methoxybenzaldehyde azine (I).

The molecule geometry of (I) is illustrated in Fig. 1. All bond lengths are within normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The molecule is placed on the centre of inversion (the middle N1—N1A bond) so that only half of the molecule of crystallographically independent. The methoxy group is *syn* to the H atom on C7, so the molecule adopts a *syn* configuration in solid state (Xu *et al.*, 1994; Hsu & Nordman, 1993). The N1—C7 (1.269 (2) Å) and N1—N1A (1.403 (2) Å) distances indicate these correspond to double and single bonds, respectively. The torsion angle N1—C7—C1—C2 ($-176.4 (1)^\circ$) indicates the molecule is practically planar. The maximum deviation from the mean phenyl plane is 0.017 Å for non-hydrogen atoms. The atom H7 and O1 atom of methoxy group form contact 2.401 Å and atom C8 of methoxy group displaced out of the phenyl plane on $-0.167 (4)$ Å. The packing diagram of (I) is showed in Fig. 2.

Experimental

The reagents are commercial products and used without further purification. 2-methoxybenzaldehyde (0.2 mmol, 28.4 mg) and the hydrazine (0.1 mmol, about 5.0 mg) were dissolved in ethanol (99%, 15 ml). The reaction mixture was stirring for 1 h to give a clear solution at room temperature. After allowing the solution to stand at room temperature in air for a week, large yellow crystals were isolated. The crystals were filtered, washed three times with ethanol and dried in air, yield 82.4%.

Refinement

The methyl H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding (C—H = 0.96 Å and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$); other H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding (C—H = 0.93 Å and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$).

Figures

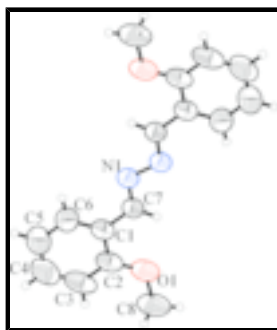


Fig. 1. The structure (I) showing the atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. The H atoms are drawn as sphere with arbitrary radius.

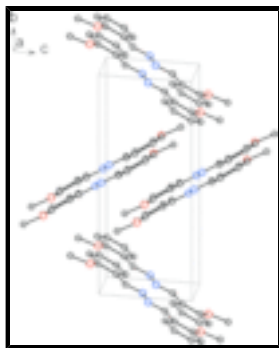


Fig. 2. Packing diagram of (I). The H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

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$D_x = 1.225$ Mg m⁻³

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Cell parameters from 5435 reflections

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$h = -10 \rightarrow 9$

$k = -19 \rightarrow 19$

$l = -8 \rightarrow 8$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.046$

$wR(F^2) = 0.166$

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1031P)^2 + 0.0369P]$

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

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

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| $S = 1.01$ | $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.16 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ |
| 1659 reflections | $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.13 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ |
| 92 parameters | Extinction correction: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997), $F_c^* = kFc[1 + 0.001 \times Fc^2\lambda^3/\sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$ |
| Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods | Extinction coefficient: 0.23 (3) |
| Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map | |

Special details

Geometry. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

Refinement. Refinement of F^2 against ALL reflections. The weighted R-factor wR and goodness of fit S are based on F^2 , conventional R-factors R are based on F , with F set to zero for negative F^2 . The threshold expression of $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$ is used only for calculating R-factors(gt) etc. and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. R-factors based on F^2 are statistically about twice as large as those based on F , and R-factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

| | x | y | z | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|-----|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| C1 | 0.1164 (2) | 0.08853 (9) | 0.1805 (2) | 0.0613 (4) |
| C2 | 0.0362 (2) | 0.13640 (9) | -0.0083 (2) | 0.0678 (4) |
| C3 | 0.1480 (4) | 0.16846 (13) | -0.1093 (3) | 0.0966 (7) |
| H3A | 0.0958 | 0.2016 | -0.2332 | 0.116* |
| C4 | 0.3364 (4) | 0.1510 (2) | -0.0251 (4) | 0.1257 (10) |
| H4A | 0.4111 | 0.1711 | -0.0944 | 0.151* |
| C5 | 0.4147 (3) | 0.1046 (2) | 0.1579 (4) | 0.1267 (9) |
| H5A | 0.5427 | 0.0938 | 0.2141 | 0.152* |
| C6 | 0.3058 (2) | 0.07374 (15) | 0.2604 (3) | 0.0903 (6) |
| H6A | 0.3612 | 0.0422 | 0.3862 | 0.108* |
| C7 | -0.00032 (18) | 0.05390 (9) | 0.28700 (19) | 0.0577 (4) |
| H7A | -0.1292 | 0.0612 | 0.2234 | 0.069* |
| C8 | -0.2450 (4) | 0.18658 (18) | -0.2825 (3) | 0.1183 (8) |
| H8A | -0.3763 | 0.1911 | -0.3125 | 0.177* |
| H8B | -0.2260 | 0.1487 | -0.3858 | 0.177* |
| H8C | -0.1954 | 0.2459 | -0.2863 | 0.177* |
| N1 | 0.06864 (15) | 0.01420 (8) | 0.46363 (16) | 0.0628 (4) |
| O1 | -0.15225 (19) | 0.14829 (8) | -0.07995 (17) | 0.0871 (5) |

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

| | U^{11} | U^{22} | U^{33} | U^{12} | U^{13} | U^{23} |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| C1 | 0.0803 (9) | 0.0508 (7) | 0.0577 (7) | -0.0112 (5) | 0.0321 (6) | -0.0054 (5) |
| C2 | 0.1069 (11) | 0.0475 (7) | 0.0580 (7) | -0.0068 (6) | 0.0416 (7) | -0.0048 (5) |
| C3 | 0.1614 (19) | 0.0734 (10) | 0.0744 (10) | -0.0385 (11) | 0.0670 (11) | -0.0075 (8) |

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| C4 | 0.1358 (19) | 0.161 (2) | 0.1059 (16) | -0.0805 (17) | 0.0745 (15) | -0.0260 (15) |
| C5 | 0.0896 (13) | 0.185 (2) | 0.1142 (17) | -0.0513 (14) | 0.0486 (12) | -0.0095 (16) |
| C6 | 0.0744 (10) | 0.1140 (14) | 0.0814 (11) | -0.0237 (9) | 0.0288 (8) | 0.0008 (9) |
| C7 | 0.0667 (7) | 0.0543 (7) | 0.0536 (7) | 0.0026 (5) | 0.0248 (6) | 0.0042 (5) |
| C8 | 0.1629 (19) | 0.1248 (17) | 0.0738 (11) | 0.0578 (15) | 0.0529 (11) | 0.0415 (11) |
| N1 | 0.0672 (7) | 0.0695 (7) | 0.0532 (6) | -0.0008 (5) | 0.0249 (5) | 0.0069 (5) |
| O1 | 0.1201 (10) | 0.0851 (8) | 0.0633 (7) | 0.0299 (6) | 0.0433 (6) | 0.0244 (5) |

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

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|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| C1—C6 | 1.373 (2) | C5—H5A | 0.9300 |
| C1—C2 | 1.398 (2) | C6—H6A | 0.9300 |
| C1—C7 | 1.4590 (19) | C7—N1 | 1.2684 (17) |
| C2—O1 | 1.362 (2) | C7—H7A | 0.9300 |
| C2—C3 | 1.388 (2) | C8—O1 | 1.418 (2) |
| C3—C4 | 1.373 (4) | C8—H8A | 0.9600 |
| C3—H3A | 0.9300 | C8—H8B | 0.9600 |
| C4—C5 | 1.355 (4) | C8—H8C | 0.9600 |
| C4—H4A | 0.9300 | N1—N1 ⁱ | 1.404 (2) |
| C5—C6 | 1.370 (3) | | |
| C6—C1—C2 | 118.49 (14) | C5—C6—C1 | 121.1 (2) |
| C6—C1—C7 | 121.18 (14) | C5—C6—H6A | 119.4 |
| C2—C1—C7 | 120.32 (14) | C1—C6—H6A | 119.4 |
| O1—C2—C3 | 124.40 (16) | N1—C7—C1 | 122.00 (13) |
| O1—C2—C1 | 115.69 (13) | N1—C7—H7A | 119.0 |
| C3—C2—C1 | 119.92 (17) | C1—C7—H7A | 119.0 |
| C4—C3—C2 | 119.54 (19) | O1—C8—H8A | 109.5 |
| C4—C3—H3A | 120.2 | O1—C8—H8B | 109.5 |
| C2—C3—H3A | 120.2 | H8A—C8—H8B | 109.5 |
| C5—C4—C3 | 120.68 (18) | O1—C8—H8C | 109.5 |
| C5—C4—H4A | 119.7 | H8A—C8—H8C | 109.5 |
| C3—C4—H4A | 119.7 | H8B—C8—H8C | 109.5 |
| C4—C5—C6 | 120.2 (2) | C7—N1—N1 ⁱ | 112.50 (13) |
| C4—C5—H5A | 119.9 | C2—O1—C8 | 118.37 (15) |
| C6—C5—H5A | 119.9 | | |
| C6—C1—C2—O1 | 179.56 (13) | C4—C5—C6—C1 | 0.2 (4) |
| C7—C1—C2—O1 | 0.69 (18) | C2—C1—C6—C5 | -0.3 (3) |
| C6—C1—C2—C3 | -0.6 (2) | C7—C1—C6—C5 | 178.59 (19) |
| C7—C1—C2—C3 | -179.48 (13) | C6—C1—C7—N1 | 4.8 (2) |
| O1—C2—C3—C4 | -178.68 (17) | C2—C1—C7—N1 | -176.39 (12) |
| C1—C2—C3—C4 | 1.5 (3) | C1—C7—N1—N1 ⁱ | -179.52 (12) |
| C2—C3—C4—C5 | -1.5 (3) | C3—C2—O1—C8 | 7.6 (2) |
| C3—C4—C5—C6 | 0.7 (4) | C1—C2—O1—C8 | -172.55 (16) |

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

Fig. 1

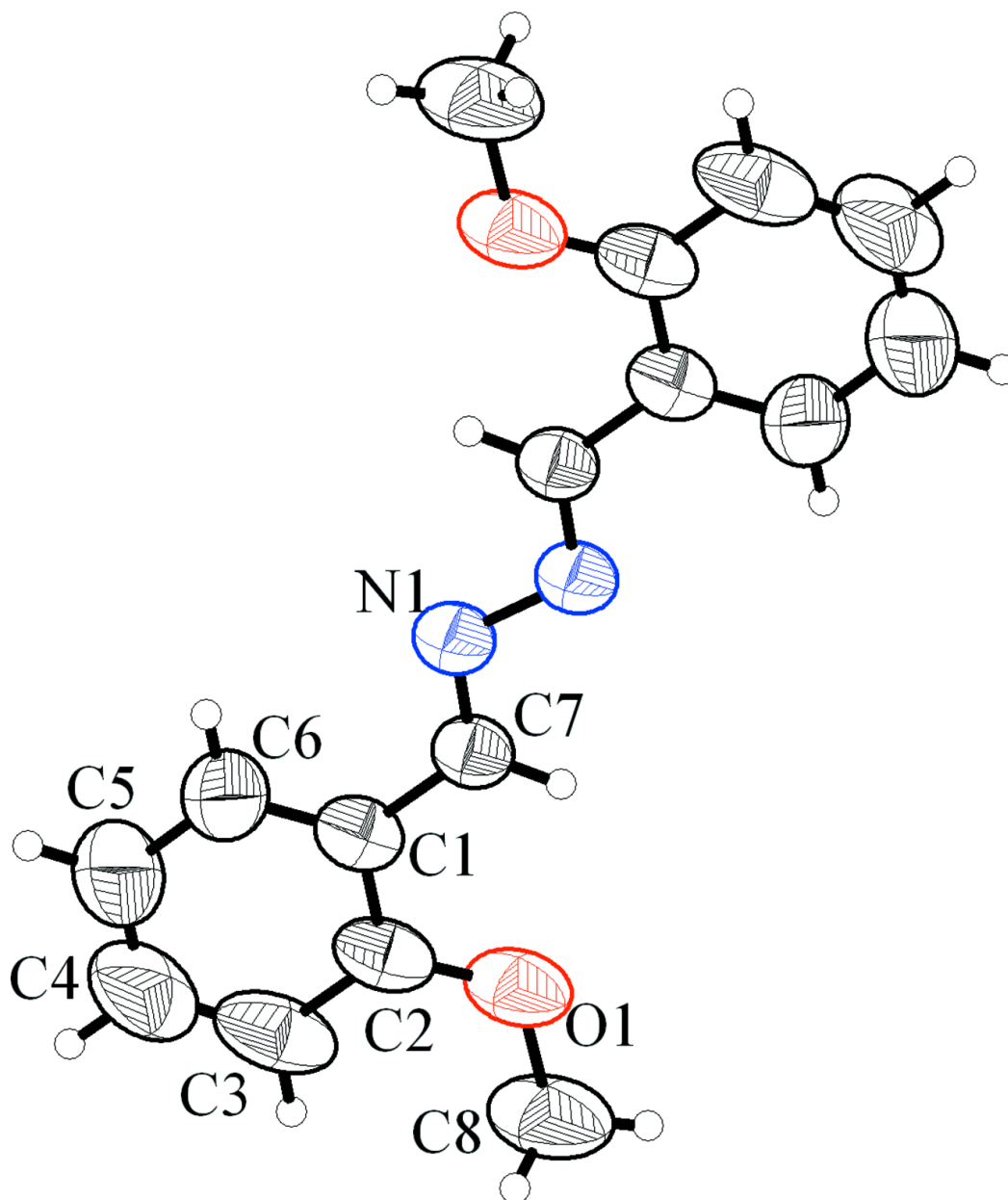


Fig. 2

