



## **supplementary materials**

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## 2,6-Bis(2-chlorobenzylidene)cyclohexanone

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### Comment

Development of new solid phase (solvent-free) reactions and transferring solution phase reactions to solid phase are subjects of recent interest in the context of generating libraries of molecules for the discovery of biologically active leads and also for the optimization of potent drug candidates (Tanaka & Toda, 2000).

In this paper, we describe the synthesis of the title compound, (I), starting from the fragrant aldehydes and cyclohexanone in the presence of NaOH under solvent-free conditions. This method can be considered as a general method for the synthesis of benzylidene cyclohexanones.

In (I) (Fig. 1), all bond lengths and angles are normal and correspond to those observed in 4-methyl-2,6-bis(2-naphthylmethylene) cyclohexan-1-one (Brinda *et al.*, 2007). The central cyclohexanone ring adopts an envelope conformation, the dihedral angles between the rings C8-C13 and C15-C20 is 30.0 (1) $^{\circ}$ .

The crystal packing exhibits short Cl $\cdots$ O contacts (Table 1) and weak intermolecular C—H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bonds (Table 2).

### Experimental

2-Chlorobenzaldehyde (2 mmol) and cyclohexanone (1.0 mmol), NaOH (2.0 mmol) were mixed in 50 ml flash under solvent-free conditions. After stirring 15 min at 293 K, the resulting mixture was washed with water for several times for removing NaOH, and recrystallized from ethanol, and afforded the title compound as a crystalline solid. Elemental analysis: calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O: C 69.98, H 4.70%; found: C 69.93, H 4.65%.

### Refinement

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model with C—H = 0.93–0.97 Å and U<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.2U<sub>eq</sub>(C).

### Figures

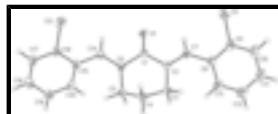


Fig. 1. The molecular structure of (I) showing the atomic numbering scheme and 30% probability displacement ellipsoids.









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Fig. 1

