

## 6,6'-Diethoxy-2,2'-[2,2-dimethylpropane-1,3-diylbis(nitrilomethylidene)]-diphenol

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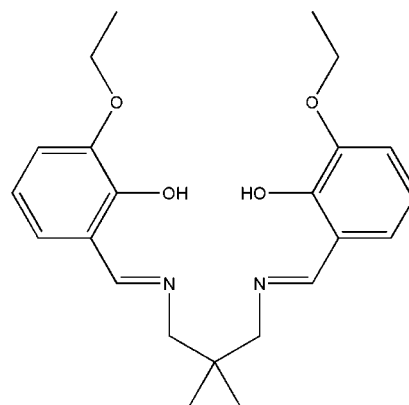
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 100$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.045;  $wR$  factor = 0.128; data-to-parameter ratio = 26.6.

In the crystal structure, the title Schiff base compound,  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ , exhibits crystallographic twofold rotation symmetry. The imino group is coplanar with the aromatic ring with an  $\text{N}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}$  torsion angle of  $-179.72$  ( $9$ )°. An intramolecular  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen bond forms a six-membered ring, producing an  $S(6)$  ring motif. The dihedral angle between symmetry related benzene rings is  $28.05$  ( $5$ )°. The ethoxy group makes a  $\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{C}-\text{C}$  torsion angle of  $-7.20$  ( $16$ )° with the benzene ring. The crystal structure is stabilized by intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$  interactions.

### Related literature

For bond-length data, see: Allen *et al.* (1987). For hydrogen-bond motifs, see: Bernstein *et al.* (1995). For information on Schiff base ligands, complexes and their applications, see, for example: Calligaris & Randaccio, (1987); Casellato & Vigato, (1977); Pal *et al.* (2005); Reglinski *et al.* 2004; Hou *et al.* (2001); Ren *et al.* (2002). For the stability of the temperature controller used for the data collection, see: Cosier & Glazer (1986).



### Experimental

#### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$   
 $M_r = 398.49$   
 Monoclinic,  $C2/c$   
 $a = 5.6523$  (1) Å  
 $b = 12.9591$  (2) Å  
 $c = 28.3771$  (3) Å  
 $\beta = 91.282$  (1)°  
 $V = 2078.07$  (5) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.09$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 100$  K  
 $0.43 \times 0.22 \times 0.04$  mm

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEXII CCD  
 area-detector diffractometer  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2005)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.880$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.997$   
 21349 measured reflections  
 3560 independent reflections  
 2743 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.042$

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.128$   
 $S = 1.07$   
 3560 reflections  
 134 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.42$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.26$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

| $D-\text{H}\cdots A$                       | $D-\text{H}$ | $\text{H}\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-\text{H}\cdots A$ |
|--|--------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| $\text{O1}-\text{H1}\cdots\text{N1}$       | 0.82         | 1.85               | 2.5772 (12) | 147                  |
| $\text{C11}-\text{H11A}\cdots\text{Cg1}^i$ | 0.96         | 2.87               | 3.6007 (12) | 133                  |

Symmetry code: (i)  $x - 1, y, z$ . *Cg1* is the centroid of the C1–C6 benzene ring.

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2005); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2005); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL* and *PLATON* (Spek, 2009).

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### Comment

The condensation of primary amines with carbonyl compounds yields Schiff base (Casellato & Vigato, 1977) that are still now regarded as one of the most potential group of chelators for facile preparations of metallo-organic hybrid materials. In the past two decades, the synthesis, structure and properties of Schiff base complexes have stimulated much interest for their noteworthy contributions in single molecule-based magnetism, materials science, catalysis of many reactions like carbonylation, hydroformylation, reduction, oxidation, epoxidation and hydrolysis, *etc* (Pal *et al.*, 2005; Reglinski *et al.*, 2004; Hou *et al.*, 2001; Ren *et al.*, 2002). This is due to the fact that Schiff bases offer opportunities for inducing substrate chirality, tuning the metal-centered electronic factor and enhancing the solubility and stability of either homogeneous or heterogeneous catalysts. Only a relatively small number of free Schiff base ligands have been characterized (Calligaris & Randaccio, 1987). As an extension of our work on the structural characterization of Schiff base compounds, the title compound, is reported here.

The molecule of the title compound, (Fig. 1), has a crystallographic twofold rotation symmetry. The atom C9 lies across a crystallographic twofold rotation symmetry. An intramolecular O—H $\cdots$ N hydrogen bond forms a six-membered ring, producing a *S*(6) ring motif (Bernstein *et al.* 1995). The dihedral angle between the symmetry related benzene rings is 28.05 (5)°. The ethoxy group makes a torsion angle (C11—O2—C2—C3) of -7.20 (16)° with the benzene ring. The N atom is in close proximity to the H atom of the methylene group of the diamine segment, with H8B—N1 distance of 2.70 Å. The crystal structure is stabilized by intermolecular C—H $\cdots$  $\pi$  interactions [Cg1 is the centroid of the C1—C6 benzene ring] (Table 1).

### Experimental

The synthetic method has been described earlier (Reglinski *et al.*, 2004), except that 3-ethoxysalicylaldehyde was used. Single crystals suitable for *X*-ray diffraction were obtained by evaporation of an methanol solution at room temperature.

### Refinement

H atom of the hydroxy group was positioned by a freely rotating O—H bond and constrained with a fixed distance of 0.82 Å. The rest of the hydrogen atoms were positioned geometrically with a riding model approximation with C—H = 0.93-0.97 Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2$  or  $1.5$  (C & O). A rotating group model was used for the methyl group of the ethoxy segment.

### Figures

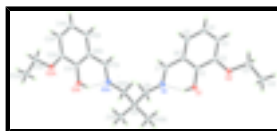


Fig. 1. The molecular structure of the title compound with atom labels and 50% probability ellipsoids for non-H atoms. The suffix A corresponds to symmetry code  $(-x + 1, y, -z + 1/2)$ .

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### Crystal data

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| $C_{23}H_{30}N_2O_4$            | $F_{000} = 856$                           |
| $M_r = 398.49$                  | $D_x = 1.274 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$           |
| Monoclinic, $C2/c$              | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation                    |
| Hall symbol: $-C 2yc$           | $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$           |
| $a = 5.6523 (1) \text{ \AA}$    | Cell parameters from 5303 reflections     |
| $b = 12.9591 (2) \text{ \AA}$   | $\theta = 2.9\text{--}31.8^\circ$         |
| $c = 28.3771 (3) \text{ \AA}$   | $\mu = 0.09 \text{ mm}^{-1}$              |
| $\beta = 91.282 (1)^\circ$      | $T = 100 \text{ K}$                       |
| $V = 2078.07 (5) \text{ \AA}^3$ | Plate, yellow                             |
| $Z = 4$                         | $0.43 \times 0.22 \times 0.04 \text{ mm}$ |

### Data collection

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| Bruker SMART APEXII CCD area-detector diffractometer     | 3560 independent reflections           |
| Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube                 | 2743 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
| Monochromator: graphite                                  | $R_{\text{int}} = 0.042$               |
| $T = 100 \text{ K}$                                      | $\theta_{\text{max}} = 31.8^\circ$     |
| $\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans                             | $\theta_{\text{min}} = 1.4^\circ$      |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2005) | $h = -8 \rightarrow 8$                 |
| $T_{\text{min}} = 0.880$ , $T_{\text{max}} = 0.997$      | $k = -18 \rightarrow 19$               |
| 21349 measured reflections                               | $l = -42 \rightarrow 41$               |

### Refinement

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| Refinement on $F^2$  | Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map     |
| Least-squares matrix: full                                     | Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$                                | H-atom parameters constrained                            |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.128$  | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0621P)^2 + 0.9557P]$        |
| $S = 1.07$   | where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$                           |
| 3560 reflections   | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$                   |
| 134 parameters   | $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.42 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$      |
| Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods | $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.26 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$     |
|  | Extinction correction: none                              |

*Special details*

**Experimental.** The crystal was placed in the cold stream of an Oxford Cyrosystems Cobra open-flow nitrogen cryostat (Cosier & Glazer, 1986) operating at 100.0 (1)K.

**Geometry.** All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds 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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

|      | x             | y            | z           | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|------|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| O2   | -0.21577 (13) | 0.86647 (6)  | 0.42709 (3) | 0.01900 (18)                     |
| O1   | 0.07879 (14)  | 0.77817 (6)  | 0.36945 (3) | 0.01951 (18)                     |
| H1   | 0.1800        | 0.7580       | 0.3514      | 0.029*                           |
| N1   | 0.44608 (15)  | 0.78978 (7)  | 0.31751 (3) | 0.01556 (18)                     |
| C1   | 0.11143 (18)  | 0.87962 (8)  | 0.37834 (4) | 0.0150 (2)                       |
| C2   | -0.04483 (18) | 0.92916 (8)  | 0.40916 (4) | 0.0157 (2)                       |
| C3   | -0.01574 (19) | 1.03346 (8)  | 0.41899 (4) | 0.0180 (2)                       |
| H3A  | -0.1215       | 1.0665       | 0.4386      | 0.022*                           |
| C4   | 0.1713 (2)    | 1.08960 (8)  | 0.39974 (4) | 0.0189 (2)                       |
| H4A  | 0.1897        | 1.1593       | 0.4066      | 0.023*                           |
| C5   | 0.32737 (19)  | 1.04064 (8)  | 0.37052 (4) | 0.0168 (2)                       |
| H5A  | 0.4531        | 1.0774       | 0.3582      | 0.020*                           |
| C6   | 0.29882 (18)  | 0.93596 (8)  | 0.35912 (3) | 0.01445 (19)                     |
| C7   | 0.46777 (18)  | 0.88493 (8)  | 0.32869 (3) | 0.0151 (2)                       |
| H7A  | 0.5941        | 0.9225       | 0.3172      | 0.018*                           |
| C8   | 0.62015 (17)  | 0.74010 (8)  | 0.28797 (4) | 0.0149 (2)                       |
| H8A  | 0.7249        | 0.6980       | 0.3075      | 0.018*                           |
| H8B  | 0.7150        | 0.7925       | 0.2729      | 0.018*                           |
| C9   | 0.5000        | 0.67209 (11) | 0.2500      | 0.0132 (3)                       |
| C10  | 0.68697 (18)  | 0.60294 (9)  | 0.22779 (4) | 0.0175 (2)                       |
| H10A | 0.7602        | 0.5606       | 0.2518      | 0.026*                           |
| H10B | 0.8049        | 0.6451       | 0.2134      | 0.026*                           |
| H10C | 0.6130        | 0.5597       | 0.2043      | 0.026*                           |
| C11  | -0.36178 (19) | 0.90890 (9)  | 0.46303 (4) | 0.0181 (2)                       |
| H11A | -0.4504       | 0.9675       | 0.4508      | 0.022*                           |
| H11B | -0.2647       | 0.9318       | 0.4896      | 0.022*                           |
| C12  | -0.5284 (2)   | 0.82495 (9)  | 0.47814 (4) | 0.0215 (2)                       |
| H12A | -0.6358       | 0.8522       | 0.5007      | 0.032*                           |
| H12B | -0.4392       | 0.7694       | 0.4921      | 0.032*                           |
| H12C | -0.6163       | 0.7998       | 0.4512      | 0.032*                           |

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### Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

|     | $U^{11}$   | $U^{22}$   | $U^{33}$   | $U^{12}$    | $U^{13}$   | $U^{23}$    |
|-----|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| O2  | 0.0195 (4) | 0.0172 (4) | 0.0207 (4) | -0.0019 (3) | 0.0086 (3) | -0.0030 (3) |
| O1  | 0.0212 (4) | 0.0142 (4) | 0.0235 (4) | -0.0046 (3) | 0.0087 (3) | -0.0061 (3) |
| N1  | 0.0162 (4) | 0.0165 (4) | 0.0141 (4) | -0.0009 (3) | 0.0029 (3) | -0.0018 (3) |
| C1  | 0.0177 (5) | 0.0132 (5) | 0.0141 (4) | -0.0009 (3) | 0.0004 (3) | -0.0010 (3) |
| C2  | 0.0165 (4) | 0.0159 (5) | 0.0147 (4) | -0.0005 (4) | 0.0022 (3) | -0.0001 (4) |
| C3  | 0.0221 (5) | 0.0157 (5) | 0.0163 (5) | 0.0017 (4)  | 0.0026 (4) | -0.0015 (4) |
| C4  | 0.0249 (5) | 0.0128 (5) | 0.0190 (5) | 0.0002 (4)  | 0.0010 (4) | -0.0003 (4) |
| C5  | 0.0200 (5) | 0.0142 (5) | 0.0164 (4) | -0.0018 (4) | 0.0009 (4) | 0.0012 (4)  |
| C6  | 0.0164 (4) | 0.0144 (5) | 0.0126 (4) | -0.0006 (3) | 0.0008 (3) | 0.0004 (3)  |
| C7  | 0.0155 (4) | 0.0166 (5) | 0.0134 (4) | -0.0022 (3) | 0.0014 (3) | 0.0017 (3)  |
| C8  | 0.0132 (4) | 0.0160 (5) | 0.0154 (4) | -0.0011 (3) | 0.0029 (3) | -0.0002 (3) |
| C9  | 0.0132 (6) | 0.0131 (6) | 0.0134 (6) | 0.000       | 0.0034 (5) | 0.000       |
| C10 | 0.0174 (5) | 0.0168 (5) | 0.0186 (5) | 0.0039 (4)  | 0.0032 (4) | -0.0005 (4) |
| C11 | 0.0194 (5) | 0.0196 (5) | 0.0157 (4) | 0.0015 (4)  | 0.0051 (4) | -0.0012 (4) |
| C12 | 0.0191 (5) | 0.0243 (6) | 0.0213 (5) | 0.0011 (4)  | 0.0060 (4) | 0.0020 (4)  |

### Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ , $^\circ$ )

|           |             |                                      |             |
|-----------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| O2—C2     | 1.3692 (12) | C7—H7A                               | 0.9300      |
| O2—C11    | 1.4357 (12) | C8—C9                                | 1.5382 (13) |
| O1—C1     | 1.3506 (12) | C8—H8A                               | 0.9700      |
| O1—H1     | 0.8200      | C8—H8B                               | 0.9700      |
| N1—C7     | 1.2784 (13) | C9—C10                               | 1.5319 (13) |
| N1—C8     | 1.4568 (13) | C9—C10 <sup>i</sup>                  | 1.5319 (13) |
| C1—C6     | 1.4065 (14) | C9—C8 <sup>i</sup>                   | 1.5382 (13) |
| C1—C2     | 1.4112 (14) | C10—H10A                             | 0.9600      |
| C2—C3     | 1.3890 (15) | C10—H10B                             | 0.9600      |
| C3—C4     | 1.4039 (15) | C10—H10C                             | 0.9600      |
| C3—H3A    | 0.9300      | C11—C12                              | 1.5075 (16) |
| C4—C5     | 1.3789 (15) | C11—H11A                             | 0.9700      |
| C4—H4A    | 0.9300      | C11—H11B                             | 0.9700      |
| C5—C6     | 1.4031 (14) | C12—H12A                             | 0.9600      |
| C5—H5A    | 0.9300      | C12—H12B                             | 0.9600      |
| C6—C7     | 1.4601 (14) | C12—H12C                             | 0.9600      |
| C2—O2—C11 | 117.29 (8)  | N1—C8—H8B                            | 109.4       |
| C1—O1—H1  | 109.5       | C9—C8—H8B                            | 109.4       |
| C7—N1—C8  | 120.45 (9)  | H8A—C8—H8B                           | 108.0       |
| O1—C1—C6  | 122.26 (9)  | C10—C9—C10 <sup>i</sup>              | 108.40 (12) |
| O1—C1—C2  | 118.29 (9)  | C10—C9—C8 <sup>i</sup>               | 110.18 (6)  |
| C6—C1—C2  | 119.43 (9)  | C10 <sup>i</sup> —C9—C8 <sup>i</sup> | 108.99 (6)  |
| O2—C2—C3  | 125.73 (9)  | C10—C9—C8                            | 108.99 (6)  |
| O2—C2—C1  | 114.65 (9)  | C10 <sup>i</sup> —C9—C8              | 110.18 (6)  |
| C3—C2—C1  | 119.62 (9)  | C8 <sup>i</sup> —C9—C8               | 110.08 (12) |

|              |             |                           |              |
|--------------|-------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| C2—C3—C4     | 120.85 (10) | C9—C10—H10A               | 109.5        |
| C2—C3—H3A    | 119.6       | C9—C10—H10B               | 109.5        |
| C4—C3—H3A    | 119.6       | H10A—C10—H10B             | 109.5        |
| C5—C4—C3     | 119.54 (10) | C9—C10—H10C               | 109.5        |
| C5—C4—H4A    | 120.2       | H10A—C10—H10C             | 109.5        |
| C3—C4—H4A    | 120.2       | H10B—C10—H10C             | 109.5        |
| C4—C5—C6     | 120.77 (10) | O2—C11—C12                | 107.36 (9)   |
| C4—C5—H5A    | 119.6       | O2—C11—H11A               | 110.2        |
| C6—C5—H5A    | 119.6       | C12—C11—H11A              | 110.2        |
| C5—C6—C1     | 119.75 (9)  | O2—C11—H11B               | 110.2        |
| C5—C6—C7     | 120.06 (9)  | C12—C11—H11B              | 110.2        |
| C1—C6—C7     | 120.16 (9)  | H11A—C11—H11B             | 108.5        |
| N1—C7—C6     | 121.55 (9)  | C11—C12—H12A              | 109.5        |
| N1—C7—H7A    | 119.2       | C11—C12—H12B              | 109.5        |
| C6—C7—H7A    | 119.2       | H12A—C12—H12B             | 109.5        |
| N1—C8—C9     | 111.29 (7)  | C11—C12—H12C              | 109.5        |
| N1—C8—H8A    | 109.4       | H12A—C12—H12C             | 109.5        |
| C9—C8—H8A    | 109.4       | H12B—C12—H12C             | 109.5        |
| C11—O2—C2—C3 | -7.20 (15)  | O1—C1—C6—C5               | -178.44 (10) |
| C11—O2—C2—C1 | 172.54 (8)  | C2—C1—C6—C5               | -0.41 (15)   |
| O1—C1—C2—O2  | 0.25 (14)   | O1—C1—C6—C7               | -0.50 (15)   |
| C6—C1—C2—O2  | -177.86 (9) | C2—C1—C6—C7               | 177.53 (9)   |
| O1—C1—C2—C3  | 180.00 (9)  | C8—N1—C7—C6               | -178.59 (9)  |
| C6—C1—C2—C3  | 1.89 (15)   | C5—C6—C7—N1               | -179.73 (10) |
| O2—C2—C3—C4  | 177.87 (10) | C1—C6—C7—N1               | 2.34 (15)    |
| C1—C2—C3—C4  | -1.86 (15)  | C7—N1—C8—C9               | -136.31 (10) |
| C2—C3—C4—C5  | 0.31 (16)   | N1—C8—C9—C10              | -166.89 (8)  |
| C3—C4—C5—C6  | 1.21 (16)   | N1—C8—C9—C10 <sup>i</sup> | -48.07 (11)  |
| C4—C5—C6—C1  | -1.15 (15)  | N1—C8—C9—C8 <sup>i</sup>  | 72.16 (7)    |
| C4—C5—C6—C7  | -179.09 (9) | C2—O2—C11—C12             | -178.04 (9)  |

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x+1, y, -z+1/2$ .

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| <i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>       | <i>D</i> —H | H $\cdots$ <i>A</i> | <i>D</i> $\cdots$ <i>A</i> | <i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| O1—H1 $\cdots$ N1                   | 0.82        | 1.85                | 2.5772 (12)                | 147                           |
| C11—H11A $\cdots$ Cg1 <sup>ii</sup> | 0.96        | 2.87                | 3.6007 (12)                | 133                           |

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



Fig. 1

