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(E)-3-[(4-Diethylamino-2-hydroxybenzylidene)amino]benzonitrileJian-Cheng Zhou,^{a,b*} Zheng-Yun Zhang,^a Nai-Xu Li^a and Chuan-Ming Zhang^a^aCollege of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Southeast University, Nanjing 211189, People's Republic of China, and ^bJiangsu Provincial Key Laboratory of Pulp and Paper Science and Technology, Nanjing Forestry University, Nanjing 210037, People's Republic of China

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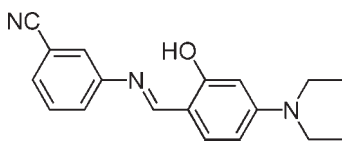
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 293$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$ Å; R factor = 0.056; wR factor = 0.159; data-to-parameter ratio = 17.8.

The molecule of the title compound, $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}$, displays a *trans* configuration with respect to the $\text{C}=\text{N}$ double bond. There is a strong intramolecular $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ hydrogen-bonding interaction between the hydroxy group and imine N atom. The dihedral angle between the aromatic rings is 30.35 (8°). The crystal packing is stabilized by $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ links.

Related literature

For the properties of Schiff bases compounds, see: Zhou *et al.* (2000); Sriram *et al.* (2006). For bond-length data, see: Allen *et al.* (1987).



Experimental

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}$
 $M_r = 293.36$
 Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$
 $a = 8.411$ (6) Å

$b = 8.519$ (6) Å
 $c = 12.906$ (9) Å
 $\alpha = 74.17$ (4°)
 $\beta = 79.00$ (4°)

$\gamma = 64.65$ (2°)
 $V = 801.1$ (9) Å³
 $Z = 2$
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

$\mu = 0.08$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 293$ K
 $0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.10$ mm

Data collection

Rigaku SCXmini diffractometer
 Absorption correction: multi-scan
 (*CrystalClear*; Rigaku, 2005)
 $T_{\min} = 0.092$, $T_{\max} = 0.182$

8686 measured reflections
 3620 independent reflections
 2592 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.030$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.056$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.159$
 $S = 1.09$
 3620 reflections
 203 parameters
 1 restraint

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.20$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.17$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{O1}-\text{H1A}\cdots\text{N2}$	0.98 (3)	1.70 (3)	2.607 (3)	153 (2)
$\text{C16}-\text{H16A}\cdots\text{O1}^\dagger$	0.93	2.60	3.504 (3)	164

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

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku, 2005); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalClear*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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(*E*)-3-[(4-Diethylamino-2-hydroxybenzylidene)amino]benzonitrile

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Comment

Schiff bases compounds attract great interest in many fields of chemistry and biochemistry, primarily due to significant pharmacological activities, *e.g.* anticancer (Zhou *et al.*, 2000), anti-HIV (Sriram *et al.*, 2006). In addition, Schiff base compounds play important role in the development of coordination chemistry related to magnetism and catalysis. As a continue of my works, we here report the synthesis and crystal structure of the title compound, (I).

The molecular structure of (I) of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1. All the bond lengths and angles in the molecules are in the range of normal values (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The molecule displays a *trans* configuration about the central C11=N2 bond and adopts the phenol-imine tautomeric form, with a strong intramolecular O—H \cdots N hydrogen bonding interaction (Table 1). The dihedral angle between the mean planes of the two aromatic rings is 30.35 (8)° indicating that the Schiff-base ligand adopts a non-planar conformation. In addition, two methyl groups are positioned to the opposite direction respectively relative to the plane of the adjacent benzene ring. The crystal packing is stabilized by van der Waals interactions.

Experimental

(*E*)-3-(4-(diethylamino)-2-hydroxybenzylideneamino)benzonitrile was prepared by reflux of a solution mixture containing 4-(diethylamino)-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (0.996 g, 5 mmol) in ethanol (20 ml) and a solution containing 3-aminobenzonitrile (0.590 g, 5 mmol) in methanol (20 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred for 6 h under reflux, and then cooled to room temperature slowly. The resulting yellow precipitate was filtered off and the crystals of the title compound suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained from acetonitrile solution by slow evaporation

Refinement

H atoms (for OH) were located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically. The remaining H atoms were located geometrically and treated as riding atoms with C—H = 0.93–0.97 Å, and with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for aromatic H atoms or $1.5 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for methyl H atoms.

Figures

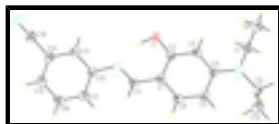


Fig. 1. The molecular structure of the title compound, showing the atomic numbering scheme. The displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

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Crystal data

$C_{18}H_{19}N_3O$	$Z = 2$
$M_r = 293.36$	$F(000) = 312$
Triclinic, PT	$D_x = 1.216 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Hall symbol: -P 1	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$
$a = 8.411 (6) \text{ \AA}$	Cell parameters from 2426 reflections
$b = 8.519 (6) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 2.3\text{--}27.5^\circ$
$c = 12.906 (9) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\alpha = 74.17 (4)^\circ$	$T = 293 \text{ K}$
$\beta = 79.00 (4)^\circ$	Block, yellow
$\gamma = 64.65 (2)^\circ$	$0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$
$V = 801.1 (9) \text{ \AA}^3$	

Data collection

Rigaku SCXmini diffractometer	3620 independent reflections
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube graphite	2592 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Detector resolution: $13.6612 \text{ pixels mm}^{-1}$	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.030$
ω scans	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$, $\theta_{\text{min}} = 3.0^\circ$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (<i>CrystalClear</i> ; Rigaku, 2005)	$h = -10 \rightarrow 10$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.092$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.182$	$k = -11 \rightarrow 11$
8686 measured reflections	$l = -16 \rightarrow 16$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods
Least-squares matrix: full	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.056$	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
$wR(F^2) = 0.159$	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$S = 1.09$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0841P)^2]$
3620 reflections	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
203 parameters	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
1 restraint	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.20 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.17 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

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 $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$ 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)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C3	0.2014 (2)	1.0630 (2)	0.37779 (12)	0.0428 (4)
H3A	0.0814	1.1144	0.3988	0.051*
O1	0.24337 (15)	0.87525 (17)	0.55059 (9)	0.0544 (3)
N2	0.56035 (17)	0.63888 (18)	0.59125 (10)	0.0456 (3)
C1	0.4976 (2)	0.8526 (2)	0.42381 (12)	0.0417 (4)
C4	0.2656 (2)	1.1212 (2)	0.27203 (12)	0.0415 (4)
C13	0.6447 (2)	0.4627 (2)	0.76732 (12)	0.0455 (4)
H13A	0.5454	0.5452	0.7974	0.055*
N1	0.15321 (18)	1.24256 (19)	0.19656 (10)	0.0503 (4)
C2	0.31405 (19)	0.9308 (2)	0.45073 (11)	0.0396 (4)
C11	0.6144 (2)	0.7100 (2)	0.49704 (12)	0.0458 (4)
H11A	0.7348	0.6662	0.4761	0.055*
C6	0.5599 (2)	0.9187 (2)	0.31953 (12)	0.0485 (4)
H6A	0.6808	0.8729	0.3003	0.058*
C12	0.6806 (2)	0.4883 (2)	0.65573 (12)	0.0424 (4)
C9	0.2167 (2)	1.3062 (2)	0.08716 (13)	0.0547 (4)
H9A	0.3286	1.3124	0.0891	0.066*
H9B	0.1333	1.4255	0.0594	0.066*
C17	0.8278 (2)	0.3586 (2)	0.61325 (13)	0.0493 (4)
H17A	0.8512	0.3716	0.5387	0.059*
C5	0.4508 (2)	1.0469 (2)	0.24531 (13)	0.0490 (4)
H5A	0.4979	1.0858	0.1769	0.059*
C18	0.7203 (2)	0.2892 (2)	0.95013 (14)	0.0548 (4)
C14	0.7571 (2)	0.3138 (2)	0.83397 (12)	0.0465 (4)
C15	0.9066 (2)	0.1876 (2)	0.79080 (14)	0.0511 (4)
H15A	0.9828	0.0895	0.8358	0.061*
C7	-0.0392 (2)	1.3053 (2)	0.21951 (13)	0.0533 (4)
H7A	-0.0677	1.2098	0.2678	0.064*
H7B	-0.0928	1.3357	0.1527	0.064*
C16	0.9387 (2)	0.2118 (2)	0.68022 (14)	0.0524 (4)
H16A	1.0366	0.1278	0.6502	0.063*
N3	0.6938 (2)	0.2678 (3)	1.04170 (13)	0.0772 (5)
C10	0.2415 (3)	1.1884 (3)	0.01095 (15)	0.0798 (7)

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H10A	0.2833	1.2364	-0.0598	0.120*
H10B	0.1307	1.1837	0.0074	0.120*
H10C	0.3261	1.0707	0.0370	0.120*
C8	-0.1160 (3)	1.4645 (3)	0.27007 (17)	0.0716 (6)
H8A	-0.2415	1.4999	0.2842	0.107*
H8B	-0.0912	1.5606	0.2217	0.107*
H8C	-0.0644	1.4348	0.3367	0.107*
H1A	0.342 (3)	0.773 (4)	0.5846 (19)	0.109 (8)*

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
C3	0.0344 (8)	0.0488 (9)	0.0402 (8)	-0.0142 (7)	-0.0010 (6)	-0.0073 (7)
O1	0.0396 (6)	0.0676 (8)	0.0374 (6)	-0.0133 (6)	0.0027 (5)	-0.0001 (5)
N2	0.0419 (8)	0.0490 (8)	0.0392 (7)	-0.0114 (6)	-0.0061 (6)	-0.0083 (6)
C1	0.0373 (8)	0.0466 (9)	0.0390 (8)	-0.0149 (7)	-0.0021 (6)	-0.0094 (7)
C4	0.0416 (9)	0.0429 (9)	0.0383 (8)	-0.0158 (7)	-0.0052 (6)	-0.0064 (6)
C13	0.0448 (9)	0.0481 (9)	0.0412 (8)	-0.0157 (7)	-0.0031 (7)	-0.0110 (7)
N1	0.0456 (7)	0.0564 (9)	0.0376 (7)	-0.0148 (6)	-0.0043 (6)	-0.0010 (6)
C2	0.0368 (8)	0.0470 (9)	0.0343 (7)	-0.0168 (7)	0.0004 (6)	-0.0098 (6)
C11	0.0369 (8)	0.0526 (10)	0.0441 (9)	-0.0137 (7)	-0.0029 (6)	-0.0117 (7)
C6	0.0345 (8)	0.0561 (10)	0.0461 (9)	-0.0145 (7)	0.0030 (7)	-0.0076 (7)
C12	0.0408 (8)	0.0466 (9)	0.0394 (8)	-0.0157 (7)	-0.0053 (6)	-0.0099 (7)
C9	0.0568 (11)	0.0526 (10)	0.0429 (9)	-0.0192 (8)	-0.0063 (7)	0.0051 (7)
C17	0.0516 (10)	0.0518 (10)	0.0418 (9)	-0.0161 (8)	-0.0019 (7)	-0.0146 (7)
C5	0.0442 (9)	0.0556 (10)	0.0408 (8)	-0.0203 (8)	0.0046 (7)	-0.0053 (7)
C18	0.0590 (11)	0.0590 (11)	0.0458 (10)	-0.0276 (9)	-0.0059 (8)	-0.0023 (8)
C14	0.0513 (9)	0.0497 (9)	0.0415 (8)	-0.0251 (8)	-0.0050 (7)	-0.0056 (7)
C15	0.0520 (10)	0.0435 (9)	0.0543 (10)	-0.0166 (8)	-0.0121 (8)	-0.0039 (7)
C7	0.0477 (8)	0.0562 (11)	0.0507 (10)	-0.0176 (8)	-0.0121 (7)	-0.0029 (8)
C16	0.0491 (10)	0.0446 (10)	0.0585 (11)	-0.0124 (8)	-0.0015 (8)	-0.0159 (8)
N3	0.0913 (13)	0.0963 (14)	0.0452 (9)	-0.0474 (11)	-0.0026 (8)	-0.0027 (8)
C10	0.0944 (17)	0.0927 (16)	0.0488 (11)	-0.0326 (13)	-0.0029 (10)	-0.0197 (11)
C8	0.0696 (13)	0.0594 (12)	0.0721 (13)	-0.0158 (10)	-0.0011 (10)	-0.0126 (10)

Geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$)

C3—C2	1.379 (2)	C9—C10	1.516 (3)
C3—C4	1.407 (2)	C9—H9A	0.9700
C3—H3A	0.9300	C9—H9B	0.9700
O1—C2	1.3616 (19)	C17—C16	1.379 (2)
O1—H1A	0.98 (3)	C17—H17A	0.9300
N2—C11	1.294 (2)	C5—H5A	0.9300
N2—C12	1.410 (2)	C18—N3	1.139 (2)
C1—C6	1.404 (2)	C18—C14	1.447 (2)
C1—C2	1.410 (2)	C14—C15	1.396 (2)
C1—C11	1.428 (2)	C15—C16	1.376 (2)
C4—N1	1.370 (2)	C15—H15A	0.9300
C4—C5	1.420 (2)	C7—C8	1.502 (3)

C13—C14	1.390 (2)	C7—H7A	0.9700
C13—C12	1.390 (2)	C7—H7B	0.9700
C13—H13A	0.9300	C16—H16A	0.9300
N1—C9	1.454 (2)	C10—H10A	0.9600
N1—C7	1.468 (2)	C10—H10B	0.9600
C11—H11A	0.9300	C10—H10C	0.9600
C6—C5	1.363 (2)	C8—H8A	0.9600
C6—H6A	0.9300	C8—H8B	0.9600
C12—C17	1.398 (2)	C8—H8C	0.9600
C2—C3—C4	120.82 (15)	C16—C17—C12	120.98 (15)
C2—C3—H3A	119.6	C16—C17—H17A	119.5
C4—C3—H3A	119.6	C12—C17—H17A	119.5
C2—O1—H1A	104.4 (14)	C6—C5—C4	120.24 (15)
C11—N2—C12	120.13 (14)	C6—C5—H5A	119.9
C6—C1—C2	116.50 (14)	C4—C5—H5A	119.9
C6—C1—C11	121.36 (15)	N3—C18—C14	179.0 (2)
C2—C1—C11	122.11 (14)	C13—C14—C15	121.09 (15)
N1—C4—C3	121.23 (15)	C13—C14—C18	119.75 (16)
N1—C4—C5	121.00 (14)	C15—C14—C18	119.16 (16)
C3—C4—C5	117.75 (15)	C16—C15—C14	118.49 (16)
C14—C13—C12	120.03 (15)	C16—C15—H15A	120.8
C14—C13—H13A	120.0	C14—C15—H15A	120.8
C12—C13—H13A	120.0	N1—C7—C8	112.48 (16)
C4—N1—C9	122.17 (15)	N1—C7—H7A	109.1
C4—N1—C7	121.48 (14)	C8—C7—H7A	109.1
C9—N1—C7	116.19 (13)	N1—C7—H7B	109.1
O1—C2—C3	118.17 (14)	C8—C7—H7B	109.1
O1—C2—C1	120.13 (14)	H7A—C7—H7B	107.8
C3—C2—C1	121.70 (14)	C15—C16—C17	120.95 (16)
N2—C11—C1	123.02 (15)	C15—C16—H16A	119.5
N2—C11—H11A	118.5	C17—C16—H16A	119.5
C1—C11—H11A	118.5	C9—C10—H10A	109.5
C5—C6—C1	122.87 (15)	C9—C10—H10B	109.5
C5—C6—H6A	118.6	H10A—C10—H10B	109.5
C1—C6—H6A	118.6	C9—C10—H10C	109.5
C13—C12—C17	118.42 (15)	H10A—C10—H10C	109.5
C13—C12—N2	118.03 (14)	H10B—C10—H10C	109.5
C17—C12—N2	123.44 (14)	C7—C8—H8A	109.5
N1—C9—C10	112.94 (17)	C7—C8—H8B	109.5
N1—C9—H9A	109.0	H8A—C8—H8B	109.5
C10—C9—H9A	109.0	C7—C8—H8C	109.5
N1—C9—H9B	109.0	H8A—C8—H8C	109.5
C10—C9—H9B	109.0	H8B—C8—H8C	109.5
H9A—C9—H9B	107.8		

Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$)

<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—H1A \cdots N2	0.98 (3)	1.70 (3)	2.607 (3)	153 (2)

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C16—H16A \cdots O1ⁱ

0.93

2.60

3.504 (3)

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

Fig. 1

