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N,N'-Bis(3,4-dimethoxybenzylidene)-butane-1,4-diamine

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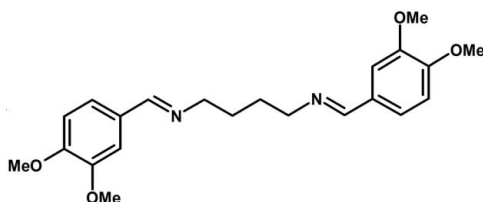
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 Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 120$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$ Å; R factor = 0.035; wR factor = 0.096; data-to-parameter ratio = 12.6.

The title Schiff base compound, $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$, was synthesized by the reaction of 3,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde and 1,4-diaminobutane in methanol. The molecule is located on a center of inversion with one half-molecule in the asymmetric unit. Both $\text{C}=\text{N}$ double bonds are in a *trans* configuration. Intermolecular $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds link the molecules into a three-dimensional network.

Related literature

 For related structures, see: Khalaji & Ng (2008); Khalaji *et al.* (2007).


Experimental

Crystal data

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 $a = 14.5770$ (4) Å

 $b = 7.6201$ (2) Å
 $c = 9.4456$ (3) Å
 $\beta = 101.725$ (2)°
 $V = 1027.31$ (5) Å³
 $Z = 2$
 Cu $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.69$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 120$ K
 $0.29 \times 0.16 \times 0.09$ mm

Data collection

 Oxford Diffraction Gemini diffractometer with Xcalibur goniometer, an Atlas detector and a Gemini ultra Cu source
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (*CrysAlis RED*; Oxford)

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 $T_{\min} = 0.765$, $T_{\max} = 0.935$
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 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 62.3^\circ$

Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.035$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.096$
 $S = 1.67$
 1594 reflections

 127 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.13$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.14$ e Å⁻³
Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{C11}-\text{H11A}\cdots\text{O1}^{\text{i}}$	0.96	2.54	3.4945 (17)	171
$\text{C11}-\text{H11B}\cdots\text{O1}^{\text{ii}}$	0.96	2.58	3.4830 (17)	158

 Symmetry codes: (i) $-x + 1, -y, -z + 2$; (ii) $-x + 1, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{3}{2}$.

Data collection: *CrysAlis CCD* (Oxford Diffraction, 2009); cell refinement: *CrysAlis RED* (Oxford Diffraction, 2009); data reduction: *CrysAlis RED*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR2002* (Burla *et al.*, 2003); program(s) used to refine structure: *JANA2006* (Petříček *et al.*, 2006); molecular graphics: *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg & Putz, 2005); software used to prepare material for publication: *JANA2006*.

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N,N'*-Bis(3,4-dimethoxybenzylidene)butane-1,4-diamine*Aliakbar Dehno Khalaji, Karla Fejfarova and Michal Dusek****S1. Comment**

Recently, we have synthesized Schiff base compounds with a 1,2-diaminoethane unit and analyzed their crystal structures (Khalaji & Ng, 2008; Khalaji *et al.*, 2007). In continuation of these studies, the title compound was prepared and its structure was determined.

The molecule of the title compound is shown in Fig.1. All bond lengths and angles are comparable with those observed in similar compounds (Khalaji & Ng, 2008; Khalaji *et al.*, 2007). The C7—N1 and C8—N1 bond lengths of 1.2657 (19) and 1.4620 (17) Å, respectively, conform to the value for a double and single bond. The molecule displays an *E* configuration about the C=N double bond.

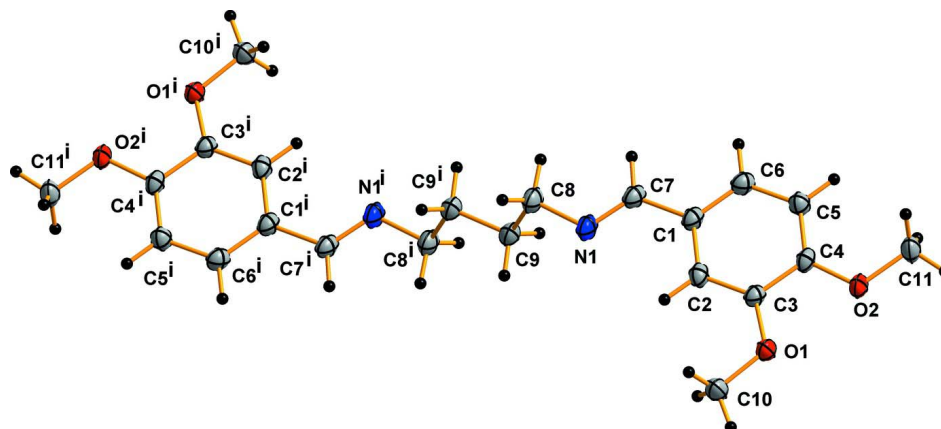
Oxygen O1 and methyl C11H₃ participate in two symmetry independent hydrogen bonds C—H...O which connect the molecules into a three-dimensional network (Fig. 2).

S2. Experimental

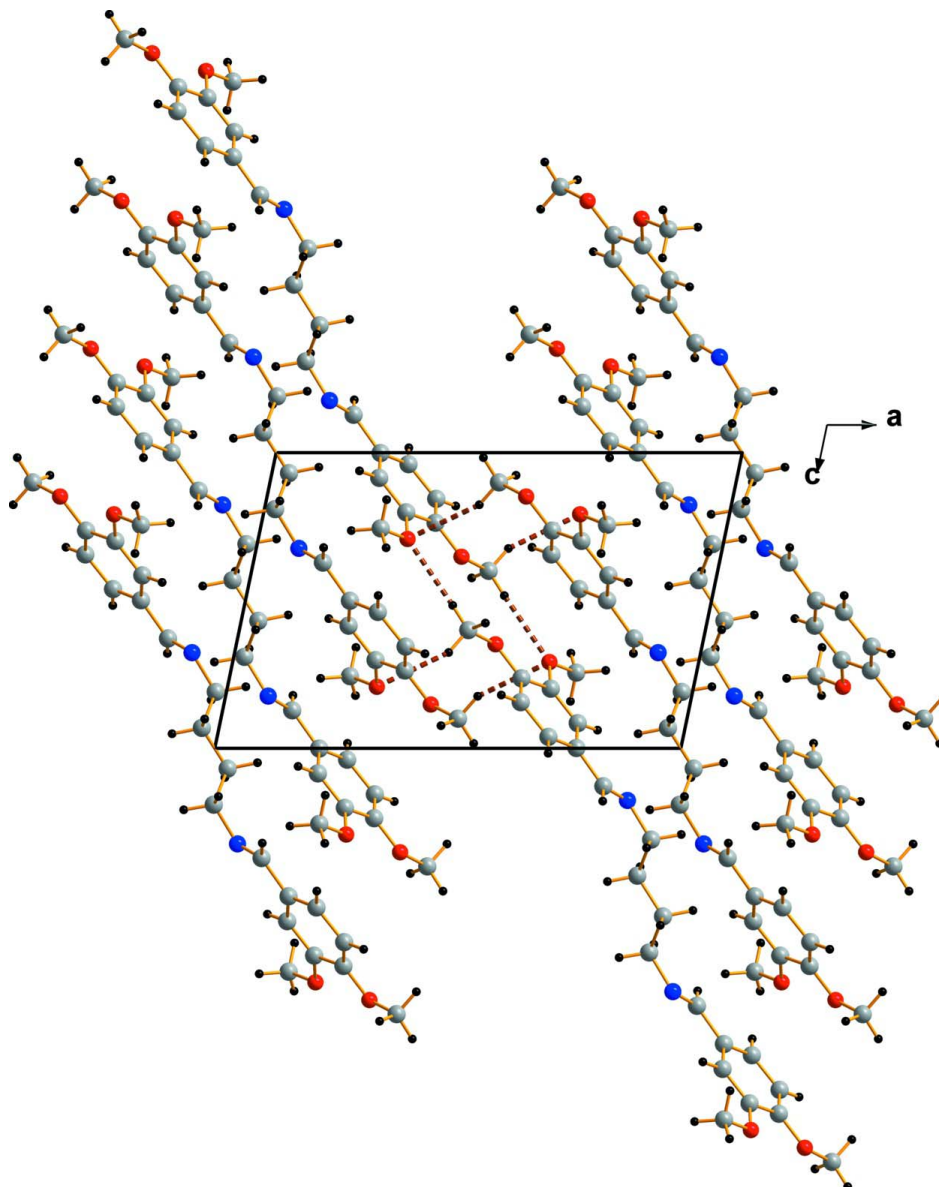
A solution of 3,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (3.30 g, 0.02 mol) in 40 ml methanol was heated for 25 min at 65°C and then stirred for about 30 min. To this stirring solution, a solution of 1,4-diaminobutane (0.84 g, 0.01 mol) in 5 ml methanol was added dropwise with constant stirring. The mixture was refluxed for 1 h and then allowed to cool for overnight at 298 K. The resulting crude solid was collected by filtration and dried at room temperature. Crystals were grown by the slow evaporation technique at room temperature by using a mixture of 40 ml of chloroform-methanol (5:3 v/v) as a solvent. At the period of super saturation, tiny crystals were nucleated. They were allowed to grow to a maximum possible dimension and then filtered. Yield: 3.28 g, 85%. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ(p.p.m.)): 1.75 (t, 2H₈), 3.61 (t, 4H₁), 3.87 (s, 6H₆), 3.90 (s, 6H₇), 6.84 (d, 2H₃), 7.10 (dd, 2H₄), 7.39 (d, 2H₅), 8.16 (s, 2H₂).

S3. Refinement

All hydrogen atoms were discernible in difference Fourier maps and could be refined to reasonable geometry. According to common practice they were nevertheless kept in ideal positions during the refinement. The isotropic atomic displacement parameters of hydrogen atoms were set to 1.2 U_{eq} of the parent atom.

**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of the title compound with atom-labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. [Symmetry codes: (i) $-x, -y, -z$]

**Figure 2**

The packing of (I) viewed along b , with hydrogen bonds shown as dashed lines.

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 Mirror monochromator
 Detector resolution: 20.7567 pixels mm⁻¹
 Rotation method data acquisition using ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan
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 $h = -15 \rightarrow 16$
 $k = -6 \rightarrow 8$
 $l = -10 \rightarrow 8$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.035$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.096$
 $S = 1.67$
 1594 reflections
 127 parameters
 0 restraints

56 constraints
 H-atom parameters constrained
 Weighting scheme based on measured s.u.'s $w =$
 $1/[\sigma^2(I) + 0.0016I^2]$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.010$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.13 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.14 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Special details

Refinement. The refinement was carried out against all reflections. The conventional R -factor is always based on F . The goodness of fit as well as the weighted R -factor are based on F and F^2 for refinement carried out on F and F^2 , respectively. The threshold expression is used only for calculating R -factors *etc.* and it is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement.

The program used for refinement, Jana2006, uses the weighting scheme based on the experimental expectations, see `_refine_ls_weighting_details`, that does not force S to be one. Therefore the values of S are usually larger than the ones from the *SHELX* program.

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

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	0.32039 (6)	-0.14609 (12)	0.79180 (10)	0.0270 (3)
O2	0.44401 (6)	0.09623 (12)	0.85186 (10)	0.0273 (3)
N1	0.09135 (9)	0.06805 (17)	0.32350 (12)	0.0300 (4)
C1	0.22426 (10)	0.16821 (19)	0.50087 (14)	0.0249 (4)
C2	0.23245 (10)	0.01522 (19)	0.58506 (14)	0.0253 (5)
C3	0.30568 (10)	-0.00345 (17)	0.70163 (14)	0.0230 (4)
C4	0.37318 (9)	0.13126 (18)	0.73672 (14)	0.0238 (4)
C5	0.36408 (10)	0.28352 (19)	0.65593 (14)	0.0267 (5)
C6	0.28914 (10)	0.30120 (19)	0.53867 (14)	0.0268 (5)
C7	0.14929 (10)	0.1882 (2)	0.37154 (14)	0.0271 (5)
C8	0.02298 (10)	0.1056 (2)	0.19086 (15)	0.0328 (5)
C9	0.03674 (10)	-0.01461 (19)	0.06882 (14)	0.0280 (5)
C10	0.25804 (11)	-0.2911 (2)	0.75602 (16)	0.0335 (5)
C11	0.50866 (10)	0.2352 (2)	0.89969 (16)	0.0334 (5)
H2	0.186873	-0.076684	0.56133	0.0303*
H5	0.40895	0.376514	0.680225	0.032*
H6	0.282503	0.407674	0.483197	0.0322*
H7	0.144082	0.298205	0.320967	0.0325*
H8a	0.02928	0.225547	0.163206	0.0393*
H8b	-0.039196	0.0907	0.208212	0.0393*

H9a	0.098065	0.003565	0.048977	0.0337*
H9b	0.034701	-0.13463	0.098931	0.0337*
H10a	0.278325	-0.386148	0.821663	0.0402*
H10b	0.195898	-0.256261	0.763371	0.0402*
H10c	0.257961	-0.328557	0.658943	0.0402*
H11a	0.55323	0.197841	0.983561	0.0401*
H11b	0.540945	0.265307	0.82402	0.0401*
H11c	0.475258	0.335902	0.923628	0.0401*

Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
O1	0.0291 (6)	0.0255 (5)	0.0232 (5)	-0.0036 (4)	-0.0026 (4)	0.0037 (4)
O2	0.0245 (5)	0.0302 (6)	0.0231 (5)	-0.0033 (4)	-0.0049 (4)	0.0017 (4)
N1	0.0301 (7)	0.0343 (7)	0.0218 (6)	0.0028 (6)	-0.0036 (5)	-0.0020 (5)
C1	0.0275 (8)	0.0271 (8)	0.0189 (7)	0.0039 (6)	0.0018 (6)	-0.0010 (6)
C2	0.0246 (7)	0.0285 (8)	0.0213 (7)	-0.0002 (6)	0.0014 (6)	-0.0043 (6)
C3	0.0264 (7)	0.0236 (8)	0.0182 (7)	0.0025 (6)	0.0024 (5)	0.0000 (6)
C4	0.0230 (7)	0.0293 (8)	0.0176 (7)	0.0017 (6)	0.0009 (6)	-0.0020 (6)
C5	0.0276 (8)	0.0278 (8)	0.0234 (7)	-0.0032 (6)	0.0021 (6)	-0.0005 (6)
C6	0.0319 (8)	0.0272 (8)	0.0208 (7)	0.0021 (6)	0.0037 (6)	0.0019 (6)
C7	0.0308 (8)	0.0284 (8)	0.0200 (7)	0.0057 (7)	0.0003 (6)	-0.0008 (6)
C8	0.0307 (8)	0.0365 (9)	0.0262 (8)	0.0043 (7)	-0.0059 (6)	-0.0004 (7)
C9	0.0252 (8)	0.0302 (8)	0.0258 (8)	-0.0001 (6)	-0.0019 (6)	0.0027 (6)
C10	0.0362 (9)	0.0277 (8)	0.0326 (8)	-0.0072 (7)	-0.0022 (7)	0.0042 (6)
C11	0.0283 (8)	0.0373 (9)	0.0299 (8)	-0.0088 (7)	-0.0052 (6)	0.0016 (7)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

O1—C3	1.3706 (16)	C6—H6	0.96
O1—C10	1.4272 (18)	C7—H7	0.96
O2—C4	1.3651 (14)	C8—C9	1.517 (2)
O2—C11	1.4287 (17)	C8—H8a	0.96
N1—C7	1.2657 (19)	C8—H8b	0.96
N1—C8	1.4620 (17)	C9—C9 ⁱ	1.5236 (17)
C1—C2	1.403 (2)	C9—H9a	0.96
C1—C6	1.383 (2)	C9—H9b	0.96
C1—C7	1.4722 (17)	C10—H10a	0.96
C2—C3	1.3763 (17)	C10—H10b	0.96
C2—H2	0.96	C10—H10c	0.96
C3—C4	1.4139 (19)	C11—H11a	0.96
C4—C5	1.380 (2)	C11—H11b	0.96
C5—C6	1.3951 (18)	C11—H11c	0.96
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C3—O1—C10	117.08 (10)	N1—C8—C9	111.13 (12)
C4—O2—C11	116.78 (10)	N1—C8—H8a	109.4714
C7—N1—C8	117.04 (12)	N1—C8—H8b	109.4713

C2—C1—C6	119.20 (11)	C9—C8—H8a	109.4714
C2—C1—C7	121.32 (13)	C9—C8—H8b	109.471
C6—C1—C7	119.46 (13)	H8a—C8—H8b	107.7587
C1—C2—C3	120.15 (13)	C8—C9—C9 ⁱ	112.43 (12)
C1—C2—H2	119.9235	C8—C9—H9a	109.4708
C3—C2—H2	119.9231	C8—C9—H9b	109.4709
O1—C3—C2	125.24 (12)	C9 ⁱ —C9—H9a	109.4717
O1—C3—C4	114.61 (11)	C9 ⁱ —C9—H9b	109.4713
C2—C3—C4	120.14 (12)	H9a—C9—H9b	106.344
O2—C4—C3	114.99 (11)	O1—C10—H10a	109.4718
O2—C4—C5	125.24 (12)	O1—C10—H10b	109.4712
C3—C4—C5	119.77 (11)	O1—C10—H10c	109.4714
C4—C5—C6	119.46 (13)	H10a—C10—H10b	109.471
C4—C5—H5	120.2676	H10a—C10—H10c	109.4712
C6—C5—H5	120.2684	H10b—C10—H10c	109.4707
C1—C6—C5	121.22 (13)	O2—C11—H11a	109.4712
C1—C6—H6	119.3878	O2—C11—H11b	109.4717
C5—C6—H6	119.3886	O2—C11—H11c	109.4713
N1—C7—C1	123.46 (13)	H11a—C11—H11b	109.4716
N1—C7—H7	118.272	H11a—C11—H11c	109.4708
C1—C7—H7	118.2721	H11b—C11—H11c	109.4708

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