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# N-(4-Nitrophenethyl)formamide

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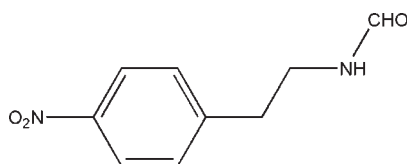
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 Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 296$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.050;  $wR$  factor = 0.157; data-to-parameter ratio = 13.3.

The title compound,  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ , was synthesized by direct *N*-formylation of 4-nitrophenethylamine hydrochloride with formic acid and sodium formate in the absence of catalyst and solvent. In the crystal structure, molecules are linked by intermolecular  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen-bond interactions into chains parallel to the *a* axis.

## Related literature

 For the applications and synthesis of the title compound, see: Yu *et al.* (1995); Rahman *et al.* (2010).


## Experimental

### Crystal data

 $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$   
 $M_r = 194.19$ 

 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 4.4754$  (1) Å

 $b = 17.6664$  (5) Å  
 $c = 12.1548$  (4) Å  
 $\beta = 93.021$  (2)°  
 $V = 959.67$  (5) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$ 

 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.10$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 296$  K  
 $0.42 \times 0.30 \times 0.28$  mm

### Data collection

 Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2001)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.681$ ,  $T_{\max} = 1.000$ 

 13857 measured reflections  
 2218 independent reflections  
 1407 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.042$ 

### Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.050$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.157$   
 $S = 1.01$   
 2218 reflections

 167 parameters  
 All H-atom parameters refined  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.14$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.18$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>
**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{N2}-\text{H2B}\cdots\text{O3}^i$	0.762 (18)	2.194 (18)	2.8692 (15)	148.1 (16)

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

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: *SAINTE*; 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: *SHELXTL*.

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Supplementary data and figures for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: RZ2462).

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## *N*-(4-Nitrophenethyl)formamide

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### S1. Comment

*N*-(4-Nitrophenethyl)formamide is used as an intermediate material in the synthesis of artificial chlordimeform antigen, which is applied in the immunity analysis of chlordimeform (Yu *et al.*, 1995). We report herein the crystal structure of the title compound.

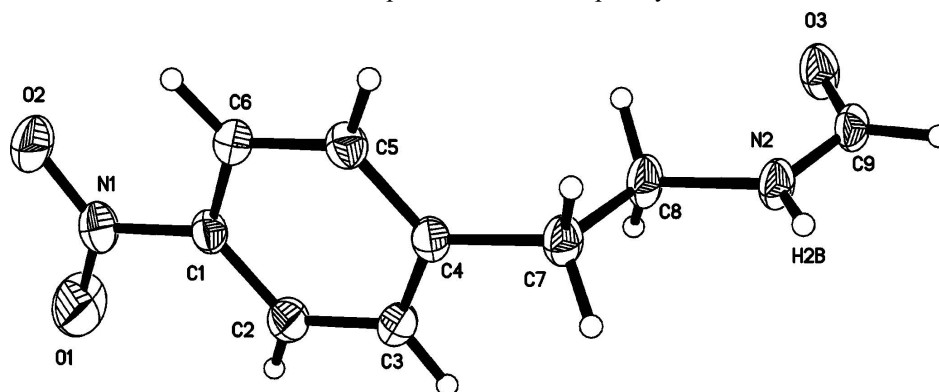
In the molecule of the title compound (Fig. 1), the ethylformamide group is approximately planar (maximum deviation 0.089 (2) Å for atom C8) and perpendicular to the benzene ring (dihedral angle 89.99 (7) °). The nitro group is substantially coplanar with the benzene ring, forming a dihedral angle of 5.64 (9)°. In the crystal packing, intermolecular O—H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 1) link the molecules into chains parallel to the *a* axis.

### S2. Experimental

A mixture of 4-nitrophenethylamine hydrochloride (4.08 g, 0.02mol), sodium formate (2.08 g, 0.02mol) and 88% formic acid (20 ml) was heated to reflux and the reaction was monitored by TLC (Rahman *et al.*, 2010.). 50 ml toluene was added and the solution was evaporated under reduced pressure. Dichloromethane was added to dissolve the dry residue and the extract was filtered to remove sodium chloride. The resulting solution was washed with hydrochloric acid followed by water and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to get the crude product. The crude product was recrystallized with dichloromethane, and a light yellow crystalline powder was obtained. Colourless crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethyl acetate solution at room temperature.

### S3. Refinement

All H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically.



**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of the title compound, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level.

***N*-(4-Nitrophenethyl)formamide***Crystal data*C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> $M_r = 194.19$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$ 

Hall symbol: -P 2ybc

 $a = 4.4754$  (1) Å $b = 17.6664$  (5) Å $c = 12.1548$  (4) Å $\beta = 93.021$  (2)° $V = 959.67$  (5) Å<sup>3</sup> $Z = 4$  $F(000) = 408$  $D_x = 1.344$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å

Cell parameters from 3623 reflections

 $\theta = 2.9$ – $26.8$ ° $\mu = 0.10$  mm<sup>-1</sup> $T = 296$  K

Block, colourless

 $0.42 \times 0.30 \times 0.28$  mm*Data collection*Bruker SMART CCD area-detector  
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Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

phi and  $\omega$  scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan

(SADABS; Bruker, 2001)

 $T_{\min} = 0.681$ ,  $T_{\max} = 1.000$ 

13857 measured reflections

2218 independent reflections

1407 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.042$  $\theta_{\max} = 27.7$ °,  $\theta_{\min} = 2.0$ ° $h = -5 \rightarrow 5$  $k = -23 \rightarrow 23$  $l = -14 \rightarrow 15$ *Refinement*Refinement on  $F^2$ 

Least-squares matrix: full

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.050$  $wR(F^2) = 0.157$  $S = 1.01$ 

2218 reflections

167 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant

direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
mapHydrogen site location: inferred from  
neighbouring sites

All H-atom parameters refined

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0811P)^2 + 0.120P]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.14$  e Å<sup>-3</sup> $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.18$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>*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 (Å<sup>2</sup>)*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	0.5315 (4)	0.72237 (8)	0.42543 (13)	0.1333 (6)

O2	0.4550 (3)	0.60396 (8)	0.40908 (10)	0.1023 (5)
O3	0.9148 (2)	0.59710 (8)	1.14237 (8)	0.0752 (4)
N1	0.5726 (4)	0.65789 (9)	0.45577 (11)	0.0761 (4)
N2	1.3195 (3)	0.60193 (8)	1.04270 (10)	0.0584 (3)
H2B	1.490 (4)	0.6035 (9)	1.0442 (13)	0.070 (5)*
C1	0.7721 (3)	0.64453 (9)	0.55324 (11)	0.0543 (4)
C2	0.8835 (4)	0.70538 (9)	0.61230 (13)	0.0663 (4)
H2A	0.822 (4)	0.7538 (11)	0.5958 (13)	0.081 (5)*
C3	1.0705 (4)	0.69170 (9)	0.70433 (12)	0.0630 (4)
H3A	1.147 (4)	0.7334 (10)	0.7418 (12)	0.073 (5)*
C4	1.1450 (3)	0.61872 (8)	0.73625 (10)	0.0506 (4)
C5	1.0275 (3)	0.55894 (8)	0.67502 (11)	0.0548 (4)
H5A	1.082 (3)	0.5077 (9)	0.6967 (12)	0.071 (5)*
C6	0.8387 (3)	0.57117 (9)	0.58309 (11)	0.0564 (4)
H6A	0.757 (3)	0.5311 (9)	0.5390 (13)	0.067 (4)*
C7	1.3374 (3)	0.60491 (10)	0.84010 (12)	0.0580 (4)
H7B	1.495 (4)	0.6414 (9)	0.8473 (12)	0.072 (5)*
H7A	1.423 (4)	0.5531 (10)	0.8403 (13)	0.076 (5)*
C8	1.1484 (3)	0.61015 (11)	0.93831 (12)	0.0632 (5)
H8B	1.046 (4)	0.6620 (10)	0.9389 (14)	0.088 (5)*
H8A	0.986 (4)	0.5736 (10)	0.9354 (14)	0.080 (5)*
C9	1.1853 (3)	0.59714 (9)	1.13538 (12)	0.0564 (4)
H9A	1.322 (3)	0.5926 (8)	1.1993 (13)	0.058 (4)*

*Atomic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
O1	0.1864 (15)	0.0955 (10)	0.1094 (10)	0.0058 (11)	-0.0736 (10)	0.0306 (8)
O2	0.1260 (11)	0.1099 (10)	0.0660 (7)	-0.0225 (8)	-0.0411 (7)	0.0019 (7)
O3	0.0479 (6)	0.1188 (9)	0.0581 (6)	0.0041 (6)	-0.0059 (5)	0.0155 (6)
N1	0.0876 (10)	0.0875 (10)	0.0510 (7)	-0.0011 (9)	-0.0159 (7)	0.0113 (7)
N2	0.0391 (6)	0.0883 (9)	0.0464 (6)	0.0004 (6)	-0.0107 (5)	0.0035 (6)
C1	0.0570 (8)	0.0655 (9)	0.0397 (6)	-0.0022 (7)	-0.0033 (6)	0.0050 (6)
C2	0.0838 (11)	0.0552 (9)	0.0585 (9)	-0.0023 (8)	-0.0116 (8)	0.0093 (7)
C3	0.0735 (10)	0.0592 (9)	0.0548 (8)	-0.0111 (8)	-0.0107 (7)	-0.0028 (7)
C4	0.0462 (7)	0.0644 (9)	0.0412 (6)	0.0000 (6)	0.0013 (5)	0.0016 (6)
C5	0.0587 (8)	0.0552 (8)	0.0502 (7)	0.0058 (7)	0.0001 (6)	0.0028 (6)
C6	0.0620 (9)	0.0601 (9)	0.0463 (7)	-0.0029 (7)	-0.0025 (6)	-0.0040 (6)
C7	0.0467 (8)	0.0772 (10)	0.0490 (8)	0.0034 (8)	-0.0064 (6)	0.0016 (7)
C8	0.0449 (8)	0.0979 (12)	0.0456 (7)	0.0021 (8)	-0.0109 (6)	0.0008 (8)
C9	0.0497 (8)	0.0704 (9)	0.0474 (7)	0.0032 (7)	-0.0149 (6)	0.0069 (7)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

O1—N1	1.208 (2)	C3—H3A	0.922 (17)
O2—N1	1.2147 (19)	C4—C5	1.380 (2)
O3—C9	1.2182 (18)	C4—C7	1.5099 (19)
N1—C1	1.4647 (18)	C5—C6	1.382 (2)

N2—C9	1.3070 (19)	C5—H5A	0.971 (16)
N2—C8	1.4542 (18)	C6—H6A	0.950 (16)
N2—H2B	0.762 (18)	C7—C8	1.502 (2)
C1—C2	1.372 (2)	C7—H7B	0.957 (17)
C1—C6	1.374 (2)	C7—H7A	0.993 (17)
C2—C3	1.382 (2)	C8—H8B	1.025 (18)
C2—H2A	0.917 (18)	C8—H8A	0.971 (18)
C3—C4	1.382 (2)	C9—H9A	0.967 (15)
O1—N1—O2	122.79 (15)	C6—C5—H5A	120.0 (9)
O1—N1—C1	118.37 (15)	C1—C6—C5	118.40 (14)
O2—N1—C1	118.83 (14)	C1—C6—H6A	118.9 (9)
C9—N2—C8	120.92 (13)	C5—C6—H6A	122.7 (9)
C9—N2—H2B	119.1 (13)	C8—C7—C4	109.53 (12)
C8—N2—H2B	119.8 (13)	C8—C7—H7B	109.3 (10)
C2—C1—C6	122.21 (13)	C4—C7—H7B	110.7 (10)
C2—C1—N1	119.10 (14)	C8—C7—H7A	106.8 (9)
C6—C1—N1	118.69 (13)	C4—C7—H7A	110.7 (9)
C1—C2—C3	118.31 (14)	H7B—C7—H7A	109.7 (14)
C1—C2—H2A	121.4 (11)	N2—C8—C7	113.25 (12)
C3—C2—H2A	120.0 (10)	N2—C8—H8B	107.4 (10)
C4—C3—C2	121.13 (14)	C7—C8—H8B	109.4 (10)
C4—C3—H3A	121.9 (10)	N2—C8—H8A	108.9 (10)
C2—C3—H3A	116.9 (10)	C7—C8—H8A	112.4 (10)
C5—C4—C3	118.88 (13)	H8B—C8—H8A	105.1 (15)
C5—C4—C7	120.77 (13)	O3—C9—N2	124.31 (13)
C3—C4—C7	120.26 (13)	O3—C9—H9A	122.2 (9)
C4—C5—C6	121.06 (14)	N2—C9—H9A	113.5 (9)
C4—C5—H5A	118.9 (9)		
O1—N1—C1—C2	5.8 (2)	C7—C4—C5—C6	176.62 (13)
O2—N1—C1—C2	-173.98 (16)	C2—C1—C6—C5	-0.8 (2)
O1—N1—C1—C6	-174.89 (17)	N1—C1—C6—C5	179.90 (13)
O2—N1—C1—C6	5.3 (2)	C4—C5—C6—C1	0.5 (2)
C6—C1—C2—C3	0.5 (3)	C5—C4—C7—C8	-96.40 (17)
N1—C1—C2—C3	179.72 (14)	C3—C4—C7—C8	80.06 (18)
C1—C2—C3—C4	0.2 (3)	C9—N2—C8—C7	-172.75 (15)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-0.5 (2)	C4—C7—C8—N2	-176.62 (13)
C2—C3—C4—C7	-177.03 (15)	C8—N2—C9—O3	2.0 (2)
C3—C4—C5—C6	0.1 (2)		

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

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