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2-[[2-(2-Hydroxy-5-methoxybenzylidene)hydrazin-1-ylidene]methyl]-4-methoxyphenol

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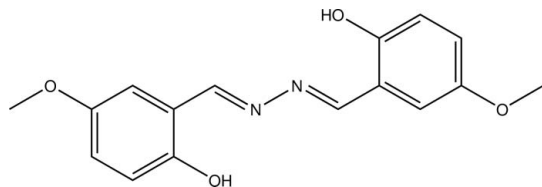
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 273$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$ Å; R factor = 0.034; wR factor = 0.101; data-to-parameter ratio = 12.5.

The title phenylhydrazine derivative, $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$, has a crystallographically imposed centre of symmetry. Except for the methyl group, all non-H atoms are almost coplanar (r.m.s. deviation = 0.0095 Å). Intramolecular $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ hydrogen bonds are observed, generating $S(6)$ graph-set ring motifs.

Related literature

For applications and the biological activity of phenylhydrazine derivatives, see: Khan *et al.* (2013); Patel *et al.* (1984); Taha, Baharudin *et al.* (2013); Taha, Ismail *et al.* (2013); Khan, Shah *et al.* (2012); Khan, Taha *et al.* (2012). For structures of related compounds, see: Taha *et al.* (2012); Kargar *et al.* (2012); Zhang *et al.* (2008).



Experimental

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$
 $M_r = 300.31$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
 $a = 6.7132$ (4) Å
 $b = 15.9369$ (10) Å
 $c = 6.8022$ (4) Å
 $\beta = 91.192$ (2)°

$V = 727.59$ (8) Å³
 $Z = 2$
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.10$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 273$ K
 $0.58 \times 0.22 \times 0.17$ mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD area-detector diffractometer
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2000)
 $T_{\min} = 0.944$, $T_{\max} = 0.983$
4243 measured reflections
1327 independent reflections
1093 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.016$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.034$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.101$
 $S = 1.06$
1327 reflections
106 parameters
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.14$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.12$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{O2}-\text{H2}\cdots\text{N1}$	0.94 (2)	1.82 (2)	2.6451 (16)	145.0 (18)

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: SAINT; 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, PARST (Nardelli, 1995) and PLATON (Spek, 2009).

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S1. Comment

Hydrazone derivatives constitute an important class of biologically active drugs (Khan, Shah *et al.*, 2012). In particular, heterocyclic compounds containing the hydrazone moiety are known to possess excellent activity against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H37Rv (Patel *et al.*, 1984). Recently the antioxidant, antiglycating, and antileishmanial activities of different hydrazine derivatives has also been reported by our group (Taha, Baharudin *et al.*, 2013; Taha, Ismail *et al.*, 2013; Khan, Taha *et al.*, 2012; Khan *et al.*, 2013).

The title compound (Fig. 1) has crystallographically imposed centre of symmetry, the inversion centre lying midway along the N—N bond. Except for the methyl group, all non-hydrogen atoms in the asymmetric unit are coplanar with an r.m.s. deviation of 0.0095 Å. The carbon atom of the methyl group is displaced by 0.1806 (17) Å from this plane. All bond angles and lengths are found to be normal and similar to those observed in structurally related compounds (Taha *et al.*, 2012; Kargar *et al.*, 2012; Zhang *et al.*, 2008). The molecular configuration is stabilized by a pair of intramolecular O2—H2···N1 hydrogen interactions generating *S*(6) graph-set ring motifs. The crystal structure is stabilized only by van der Waals contacts (Fig. 2).

S2. Experimental

The title compound was synthesized by refluxing a mixture of 2-hydroxy-5-methoxybenzaldehyde (2 mmol, 0.304 g) and hydrazine hydrate (55%, 2 ml) in methanol with a catalytical amount of acetic acid for 1 hour. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was evaporated by vacuum to afford the crude product which was further recrystallized in methanol to obtain needle-like crystals suitable for X-ray analysis (yield 88%, 0.524 g).

S3. Refinement

H atoms were positioned geometrically with C—H = 0.93–0.96 Å and constrained to ride on their parent atoms with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ or $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for methyl H atoms. A rotating group model was applied to the methyl group. The hydroxy H atom was located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically.

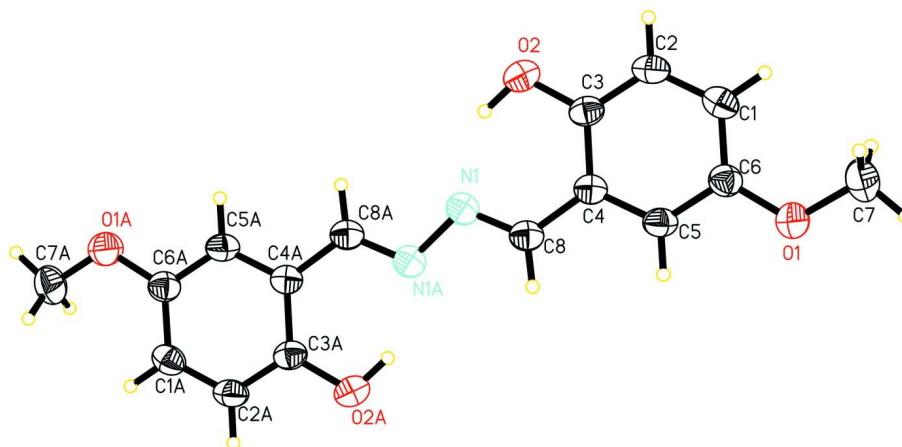


Figure 1

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

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

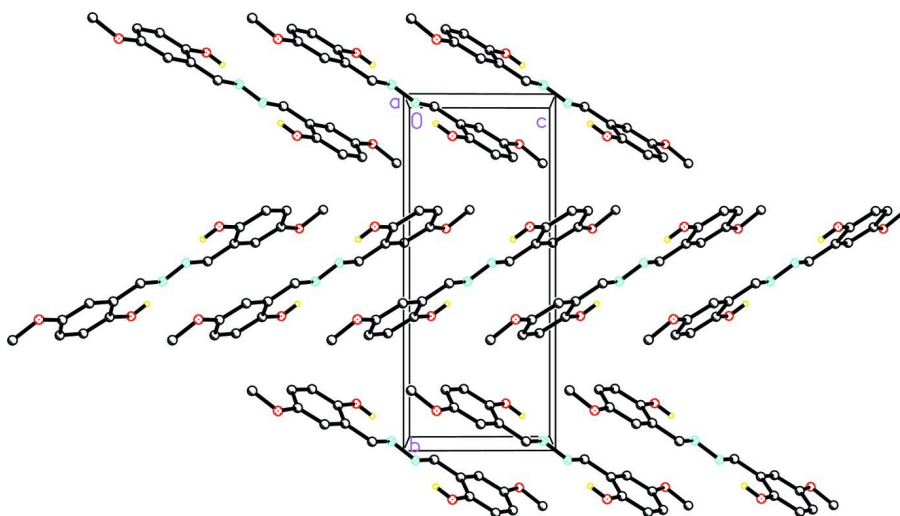


Figure 2

Crystal packing of the title compound viewed down the a axis.

2,2'-[Hydrazine-1,2-diylidenebis(methan-1-yl-1-ylidene)]bis(4-methoxyphenol)

Crystal data

$C_{16}H_{16}N_2O_4$

$M_r = 300.31$

Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$

Hall symbol: $-P 2_1/c$

$a = 6.7132(4) \text{ \AA}$

$b = 15.9369(10) \text{ \AA}$

$c = 6.8022(4) \text{ \AA}$

$\beta = 91.192(2)^\circ$

$V = 727.59(8) \text{ \AA}^3$

$Z = 2$

$F(000) = 316$

$D_x = 1.371 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$

Cell parameters from 1747 reflections

$\theta = 2.6\text{--}27.0^\circ$

$\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

$T = 273 \text{ K}$

Needle, yellow

$0.58 \times 0.22 \times 0.17 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD area-detector
diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

ω scan

Absorption correction: multi-scan
(*SADABS*; Bruker, 2000)

$T_{\min} = 0.944$, $T_{\max} = 0.983$

4243 measured reflections

1327 independent reflections

1093 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.016$

$\theta_{\max} = 25.5^\circ$, $\theta_{\min} = 2.6^\circ$

$h = -8 \rightarrow 7$

$k = -18 \rightarrow 19$

$l = -7 \rightarrow 8$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.034$

$wR(F^2) = 0.101$

$S = 1.06$

1327 reflections

106 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant
direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier
map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from
neighbouring sites

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent
and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0505P)^2 + 0.0718P]$

where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.14 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.12 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Extinction correction: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick,
2008), $F_c^* = kFc[1 + 0.001x\text{Fc}^2\lambda^3/\sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$

Extinction coefficient: 0.031 (6)

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>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	0.45722 (17)	0.62697 (7)	-0.27087 (17)	0.0865 (4)
O2	-0.21947 (15)	0.62524 (8)	0.17505 (19)	0.0767 (4)
H2	-0.199 (3)	0.5903 (15)	0.284 (3)	0.118 (8)*
N1	-0.01775 (16)	0.52608 (7)	0.41923 (16)	0.0588 (3)
C1	0.1157 (2)	0.67416 (8)	-0.2207 (2)	0.0626 (4)
H1C	0.1136	0.7055	-0.3361	0.075*
C2	-0.0501 (2)	0.67158 (9)	-0.1050 (2)	0.0636 (4)
H2B	-0.1632	0.7015	-0.1436	0.076*
C3	-0.0522 (2)	0.62571 (8)	0.0666 (2)	0.0562 (4)
C4	0.12003 (18)	0.58088 (7)	0.12530 (19)	0.0518 (3)
C5	0.28603 (19)	0.58474 (8)	0.0070 (2)	0.0585 (4)
H5A	0.4008	0.5559	0.0453	0.070*
C6	0.2857 (2)	0.63003 (8)	-0.1651 (2)	0.0594 (4)
C7	0.4762 (3)	0.68202 (11)	-0.4318 (2)	0.0842 (5)
H7A	0.6065	0.6762	-0.4856	0.126*

H7B	0.4577	0.7388	-0.3884	0.126*
H7C	0.3773	0.6686	-0.5307	0.126*
C8	0.12864 (19)	0.53066 (8)	0.3019 (2)	0.0564 (4)
H8A	0.2442	0.5006	0.3314	0.068*

Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
O1	0.0721 (7)	0.0981 (9)	0.0899 (8)	0.0108 (6)	0.0178 (6)	0.0323 (6)
O2	0.0593 (6)	0.0892 (8)	0.0818 (8)	0.0171 (5)	0.0052 (5)	0.0019 (6)
N1	0.0624 (7)	0.0524 (6)	0.0614 (7)	-0.0025 (5)	-0.0015 (5)	0.0012 (5)
C1	0.0741 (9)	0.0526 (8)	0.0607 (9)	0.0041 (6)	-0.0104 (7)	0.0025 (6)
C2	0.0633 (8)	0.0590 (8)	0.0678 (9)	0.0147 (6)	-0.0135 (7)	-0.0034 (6)
C3	0.0529 (7)	0.0509 (7)	0.0647 (9)	0.0039 (5)	-0.0051 (6)	-0.0089 (6)
C4	0.0528 (7)	0.0427 (6)	0.0597 (8)	-0.0012 (5)	-0.0049 (6)	-0.0028 (5)
C5	0.0524 (7)	0.0519 (7)	0.0711 (9)	0.0051 (5)	-0.0038 (6)	0.0063 (6)
C6	0.0591 (8)	0.0535 (7)	0.0654 (9)	-0.0007 (6)	-0.0010 (6)	0.0039 (6)
C7	0.0942 (12)	0.0909 (12)	0.0679 (10)	-0.0096 (9)	0.0087 (9)	0.0141 (8)
C8	0.0549 (7)	0.0473 (7)	0.0666 (9)	-0.0004 (5)	-0.0045 (6)	-0.0006 (6)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

O1—C6	1.3713 (17)	C2—H2B	0.9300
O1—C7	1.4105 (18)	C3—C4	1.4101 (18)
O2—C3	1.3563 (16)	C4—C5	1.3894 (17)
O2—H2	0.93 (2)	C4—C8	1.4436 (18)
N1—C8	1.2809 (15)	C5—C6	1.3752 (19)
N1—N1 ⁱ	1.394 (2)	C5—H5A	0.9300
C1—C2	1.377 (2)	C7—H7A	0.9600
C1—C6	1.386 (2)	C7—H7B	0.9600
C1—H1C	0.9300	C7—H7C	0.9600
C2—C3	1.377 (2)	C8—H8A	0.9300
C6—O1—C7	118.38 (12)	C6—C5—C4	121.95 (12)
C3—O2—H2	109.0 (13)	C6—C5—H5A	119.0
C8—N1—N1 ⁱ	113.84 (13)	C4—C5—H5A	119.0
C2—C1—C6	119.96 (14)	O1—C6—C5	116.20 (12)
C2—C1—H1C	120.0	O1—C6—C1	124.77 (13)
C6—C1—H1C	120.0	C5—C6—C1	119.03 (13)
C1—C2—C3	121.54 (12)	O1—C7—H7A	109.5
C1—C2—H2B	119.2	O1—C7—H7B	109.5
C3—C2—H2B	119.2	H7A—C7—H7B	109.5
O2—C3—C2	119.17 (12)	O1—C7—H7C	109.5
O2—C3—C4	121.76 (13)	H7A—C7—H7C	109.5
C2—C3—C4	119.07 (13)	H7B—C7—H7C	109.5
C5—C4—C3	118.45 (12)	N1—C8—C4	122.15 (12)
C5—C4—C8	119.20 (11)	N1—C8—H8A	118.9
C3—C4—C8	122.35 (12)	C4—C8—H8A	118.9

C6—C1—C2—C3	-0.1 (2)	C7—O1—C6—C5	-170.46 (14)
C1—C2—C3—O2	-179.95 (12)	C7—O1—C6—C1	10.2 (2)
C1—C2—C3—C4	0.4 (2)	C4—C5—C6—O1	-178.37 (12)
O2—C3—C4—C5	-179.65 (11)	C4—C5—C6—C1	1.0 (2)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-0.03 (18)	C2—C1—C6—O1	178.72 (13)
O2—C3—C4—C8	1.09 (19)	C2—C1—C6—C5	-0.6 (2)
C2—C3—C4—C8	-179.29 (12)	N1 ⁱ —N1—C8—C4	179.45 (12)
C3—C4—C5—C6	-0.68 (19)	C5—C4—C8—N1	178.39 (12)
C8—C4—C5—C6	178.60 (12)	C3—C4—C8—N1	-2.36 (19)

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

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

<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>
O2—H2 \cdots N1	0.94 (2)	1.82 (2)	2.6451 (16)	145.0 (18)