



## (E)-2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-1-(2-nitrophenyl)hydrazine

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### Resumen

El compuesto (E)-2-(4-metoxibencilideno)-1-(2-nitrofenil) hidracina (I), C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, ha sido sintetizado y caracterizado por espectroscopia IR y RMN y difracción de rayos-X. El compuesto cristaliza en el sistema monoclinico, grupo espacial P<sub>2</sub><sub>1</sub>/c, con parámetros de celda a=12,7671 (18) Å, b= 5,3718 (7) Å, c= 19,887 (3) Å, β=104,138 (4), V=1322,6 (3) Å<sup>3</sup>. El compuesto I, muestra dos (2) enlaces de hidrógeno intermoleculares los cuales son descritos por el grafo R<sup>2</sup><sub>2</sub>(12) y R<sup>1</sup><sub>2</sub>(6). En el empaquetamiento cristalino las moléculas se producen y apilan alternadamente a lo largo el eje b a través de una interacción N3—O2...Cg (1).

**Palabras clave:** hidracina, estructura cristalina.

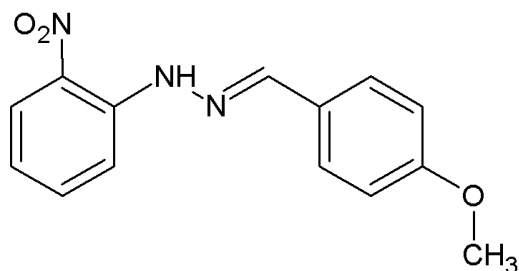
### Abstract

The title compound, (E)-2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-1-(2-nitrophenyl)hydrazine (I), C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, has been synthesized and characterized by IR and NMR spectroscopy, and X-ray diffraction. The compound crystallizes in the monoclinic system, space group P<sub>2</sub><sub>1</sub>/c, with unit-cell parameters a=12.7671 (18) Å, b= 5.3718 (7) Å, c= 19.887 (3) Å, β=104.138 (4), V=1322.6 (3) Å<sup>3</sup>. Compound 1 shows two intermolecular hydrogen bonds patterns which are described by the graph set symbol R<sup>2</sup><sub>2</sub>(12) and R<sup>1</sup><sub>2</sub>(6). The molecules are stacked alternately along the b -axis through N3—O2...Cg (1) interactions.

**Keywords:** Hydrazine, crystal structure

### Introducción

N-Benzylidene-hydrazines (hydrazones) have been studied for many years due to their ease of synthesis, their increased stability with respect to imines and their tendency to form good crystals<sup>1-3</sup>. Hydrazones are key building blocks for the synthesis of heterocyclic compounds having biological and pharmaceutical activities<sup>4-7</sup>, and their application as switches and the colorimetric cell construction solares<sup>8</sup>.



**Fig. 1.** Molecular diagram of (E)-2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-1-(2-nitrophenyl)hydrazine (I)

### Materials and methods

#### General Experimental Procedures.

Melting points were determined on a digital IA-9100 ELECTROTHERMAL fusimeter. The IR spectrum was recorded on a Perkin Elmer FT-IR instrument model FTIR-Prestige21 in a KBr pellet. <sup>1</sup>H NMR <sup>13</sup>CNMR spectra were measured with a Bruker biospin 500 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are given in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane (Me<sub>4</sub>Si, d = 0) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>; J values are given in Hz. The following abbreviations are used: s, singlet; d, doublet; q, quartet; dd, doublet of doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet; br s, broad signal.

The structure was solved and refined using the Bruker SHELXTL<sup>9</sup> Software Package, cell refinement and data reduction with Bruker SAINT<sup>10</sup> using the space group P<sub>2</sub><sub>1</sub>/c, with Z = 4 for the formula unit, C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, while the hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined using a riding model with their thermal

parameters equal to  $C-H = 0.93 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2 U_{eq}(C)$  for aryl H and  $C-H = 0.96 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5 U_{eq}(C)$  for methyl H.

The final anisotropic full-matrix least-squares refinement on F<sup>2</sup> with 182 variables converged at  $R1 = 5.37\%$ , for the observed data and  $wR2 = 15.00\%$  for all data. The goodness-of-fit was 0.911. The largest peak in the final difference electron density synthesis was  $0.176 \text{ e-/\AA}^3$  and the largest hole was  $-0.226 \text{ e-/\AA}^3$  with an RMS deviation of  $0.046 \text{ e-/\AA}^3$ . On the basis of the final model, the calculated density was  $1.362 \text{ g/cm}^3$  and  $F(000)$ , 568 e<sup>-</sup>.

*Synthesis of (E)-2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-1-(2-nitrophenyl)hydrazine (I).*

A mixture of 4-nitrophenylhydrazine hydrochloride (3 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (3 mmol) in water (10 ml) was irradiated using microwave radiation at 1250 W, with a heating rate of 25 to 80 °C for one minute, followed by heating for 3 minutes at 80 °C. The reaction mixture was cooled and filtered, washed with cold water and finally dried.

## Results and discussion

The title compound (*E*)-2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-1-(2-nitrophenyl)hydrazine (Fig. 1) was recrystallized from ethanol/acetone (8:2). yield (98%); Atom economy (79%); mp (487–488 K). FTIR (KBr, disk)  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3204 (N-H), 1613 (N=C), 1440-1306 (NO<sub>2</sub>); mp: 232-233 °C; <sup>1</sup>H RMN (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 11.09 (s, 1H, NH), 8.42 (s, 1H, N=CH), 8.09 (dd, 1H, J = 1.3 Hz, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.95 (dd, 1H, J = 1.3 Hz, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.69 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 6.87 (m, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C RMN (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 160.5, 145.2, 141.5, 136.4, 130.4, 128.4, 127.1, 125.7, 117.9, 115.9, 114.4, 55.3 (OCH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (*EI*)  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 271,0957. Found: 271, 0953.

### X-ray Crystal Structure Analysis of I.

The details of crystal data and refinement are given in Table 1. Fig. 2 shows the atom arrangements and the atom numbering scheme. All figures were drawn using the Diamond software<sup>11</sup>.

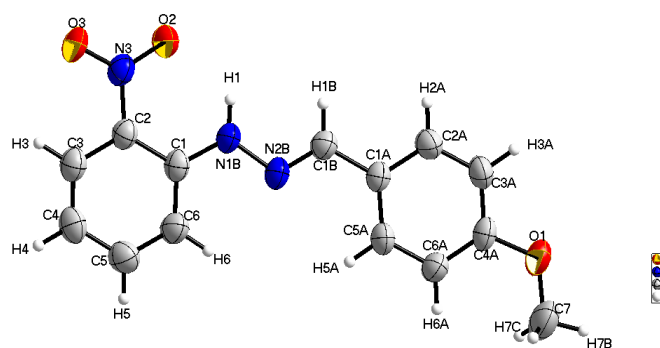
A search of the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD)<sup>12</sup> revealed a compound N-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-N'-(4-methoxybenzylidene)hydrazine (Refcode YEFFAR) isomeric and isomorphous with 1: the difference between compounds YEFFAR and I is the location of the nitro substituent in the benzene ring.

Fig. 2 shows the molecular structure of compound (I) with the atom and ring numbering scheme. The molecular structure is completely planar. The ring-A is formed by

atoms C1-C2-C3-C4-C5-C6 and ring-B is formed by atoms-C2a-C1a-C3a-C4a-C5a-C6a.

**Table 1.** Crystal data and refinement for Compound (I)

Crystal Data	
Formula	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Formula Weight	271.27
Crystal System	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c (No. 14)
a, b, c (Å)	12.7671(18) 5.3718(7) 19.887(3)
$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ (°)	90 104.138(4) 90
V(Å <sup>3</sup> )	1322.6(3)
Z	4
D <sub>calc</sub> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.362
Mu(CuK $\alpha$ )	0.098
F(000)	568
Crystal Size(mm)	0.02 x 0.05 x 0.05
Data Collection	
Temperature (K)	296
Radiation (Å)	MoK $\alpha$ 0.71073
Theta Min-Max [Deg]	1.6, 27.5
Dataset	-16: 16 ; -6: 6 ; -25: 25
Tot., Uniq. Data, R(int)	11415, 3009, 0.081
Observed data [ $I > 0.0\sigma(I)$ ]	1070
Refinement	
Nref, Npar	3009, 182
R, wR2, S	0.054, 0.150, 0.91
Min. and Max. Resd. Dens.[e/Å <sup>3</sup> ]	-0.23, 0.18



**Fig. 2.** Molecular structure of (*E*)-2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-1-(2-nitrophenyl)hydrazine (I)

The bond distances (Table 2) within A-ring and B-ring are consistent with aromatic delocalization.

There are two intramolecular hydrogen bonds: N1b—H1b ... O2 [1.99 Å, 127 °], and C6—H6 ... N2B [2.39 Å, 101 °], which create rings with graph set symbols of S(6) and S(5), respectively<sup>13</sup>. Table 3 shows the geometrical parameters of the two intermolecular hydrogen bonds observed in the crystal structure.

**Table 2.** Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for compound **I**.

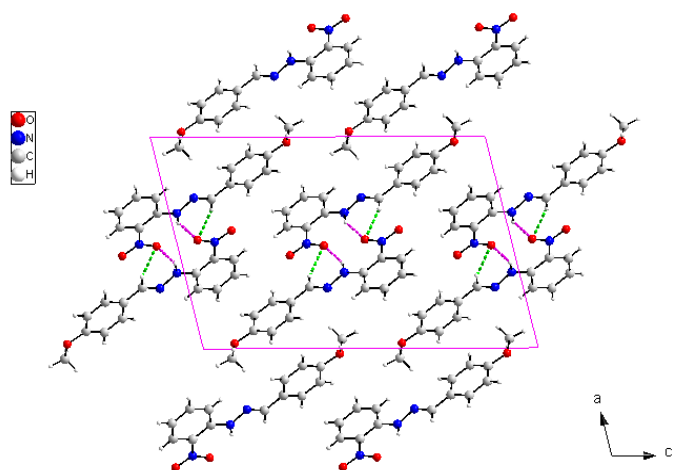
C1-C6	1.402(6)	C1a-C2a	1.389(5)
C1-C2	1.411(5)	C2a-C3a	1.367(6)
C2-C3	1.396(5)	C3a-C4a	1.376(6)
C3-C4	1.357(6)	C4a-C6a	1.379(6)
C4-C5	1.387(6)	C5a-C6a	1.377(5)
C5-C6	1.369(6)	C1a-C5a	1.376(6)
N1b-N2b	1.381(5)	N2b-C1b	1.275(5)
N2b-N1b-C1	118.2(3)	N1b-N2b-C1b	115.7(3)
N2b-C1b-C1A	122.0(4)	O2-N3-C2	119.2(3)
O3-N3-C2	119.6(3)	C4a-O1-C7	118.2(3)

In the crystal packing (Fig. 3), two intermolecular hydrogen bonds are present: N1b—H1...O2 [2.56 Å, 156°] and C1B—H1b...O2 [2.55 Å, 157°]. In these hydrogen bonds,

**Table 3.** Hydrogen bonds and short contacts for compound **I**. Cg1 is the centroid of the ring-A

Bond	D-H	H-A	D-A	D-H-A	Symmetry	Graph set
N1b--H1...O2	0.86	2.00	2.606(4)	127		S(6)
N1b--H1...O2	0.86	2.56	3.366(4)	156	1-x, 1-y, 2-z	$R^2_2(12)$
C1b--H1b...O2	0.93	2.54	3.422(5)	158	1-x, 1-y, 2-z	$R^1_2(6)$
C6--H6...N2b	0.93	2.38	2.712(5)	101		S(5)
Short Contacts Y-X...Cg	Y-X	X...Cg	Y...Cg	Y-X-Cg	Symmetry	
N3—O2...Cg (1)	1.237(4)	3.410(3)	3.757(4)	96.5(2)	x, 1+y, z	

For this compound, which exhibits geometric parameters [3.2709 (18) Å, 91.86 (7)°], the interaction occurs between the oxygen of the nitro group of one molecule and the methoxybenzene ring of another molecule.

**Fig. 3.** Hydrogen bonding patterns present in (*E*)-2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-1-(2-nitrophenyl)hydrazine (**I**) along *b*-axis

The CSD lists 39 reports of N3—O2... $\pi$  interactions. While in the compound with Refcode Yeffar<sup>14</sup>, there are  $\pi$ -

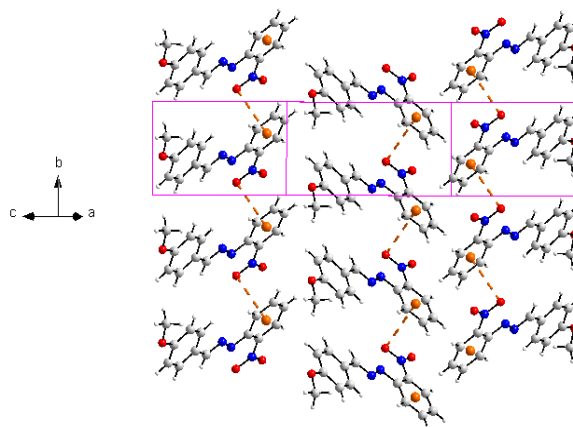
atom O2 acts as a bifurcated acceptor. Pairs of the N1B—H1 ... O2 hydrogen bonds [2.56 Å, 156°] generate centrosymmetric dimers, with  $R^2_2(12)$  rings<sup>13</sup>. Meanwhile pairs of the C1b—H1b...O2 hydrogen bond [2.55 Å, 157°], generates  $R^1_2(6)$  rings.

As shown in fig. 4, the molecules are stacked along the *b*-axis through N3—O2...Cg (1) interactions [3.409(3) Å, 96.41(15)°] (Cg(1) is the centroid of the ring-A at *x*, -1 + *y*, *z*) between the oxygen atom of the nitro group of one molecule, and the  $\pi$ -system of the nitrobenzyl moiety of another molecule.

This type of interaction was also observed in the isostructural compound N-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-N'-(4-methoxybenzylidene)hydrazine with Refcode Yeffar<sup>14</sup>.

$\pi$  interactions between the two aryl groups, such an interaction is absent in compound **I**.

The packing index is 68.6% and not solvent accessible void in the structure

**Fig. 4.** Short Contacts Y-X...Cg presents in compound (**I**) in the direction [1, 0, 1]

## Conclusions

The structural analysis of (*E*)-2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-1-(2-nitrophenyl)hydrazine (**I**), was established by single crystal X-ray diffraction, and this is the first X-ray report of this compound.

*Supporting Information Available*

CCDC 953347 contains the supplementary crystallographic data. These data can be obtained free of charge via <http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/products/csd/request/> (or from the CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; Fax: +44 1223 336033; e-mail: [deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk](mailto:deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk)).

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