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## (E)-2-Acetylpyrazine 4-nitrophenyl-hydrazone

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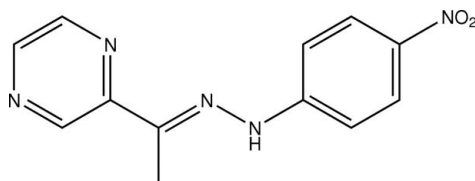
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 Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 295$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.043;  $wR$  factor = 0.150; data-to-parameter ratio = 15.8.

In the title compound,  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_5\text{O}_2$ , the molecule adopts an *E* configuration, with the benzene and pyrazine rings located on opposite sides of the  $\text{N}=\text{C}$  double bond. The face-to-face separations of 3.413 (14) and 3.430 (8) Å, respectively between parallel benzene rings and between pyrazine rings indicate the existence of  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking between adjacent molecules. The crystal structure also contains  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonding.

### Related literature

For general background, see: Okabe *et al.* (1993); Hu *et al.* (2001); Chen *et al.* (2007). For a related structure, see: Shan *et al.* (2008).



### Experimental

#### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_5\text{O}_2$   
 $M_r = 257.26$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$   
 $a = 8.0101$  (6) Å

$b = 12.5154$  (11) Å  
 $c = 12.1506$  (12) Å  
 $\beta = 98.564$  (2)°  
 $V = 1204.51$  (18) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.10$  mm<sup>-1</sup>

$T = 295$  (2) K  
 $0.40 \times 0.38 \times 0.26$  mm

#### Data collection

Rigaku R-Axis RAPID IP diffractometer  
 Absorption correction: none  
 11633 measured reflections

2747 independent reflections  
 1446 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.033$

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.042$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.149$   
 $S = 1.08$   
 2747 reflections

174 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.20$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.19$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{N2}-\text{H2N}\cdots\text{N5}^i$	0.91	2.30	3.185 (2)	164
$\text{C11}-\text{H11}\cdots\text{O1}^{ii}$	0.93	2.60	3.300 (3)	133

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

Data collection: *PROCESS-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *PROCESS-AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.*, 1993); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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**S1. Comment**

Hydrazone and its derivatives have attracted much attention because of their potential application in biology (Okabe *et al.*, 1993; Hu *et al.*, 2001). As part of an ongoing investigation into anti-cancer compounds (Chen *et al.*, 2007), the title compound has recently been prepared in our laboratory and its crystal structure is presented here.

The molecular structure of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1. The molecule adopts an E-configuration, with the benzene and pyrazine rings located on the opposite positions of the N3=C7 double bond, similar to that found in a related structure, (E)-2-Furyl methyl ketone 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazone (Shan *et al.*, 2008). The pyrazine plane is twisted with respect to the benzene ring by a smaller dihedral angle of 14.25 (10)°.

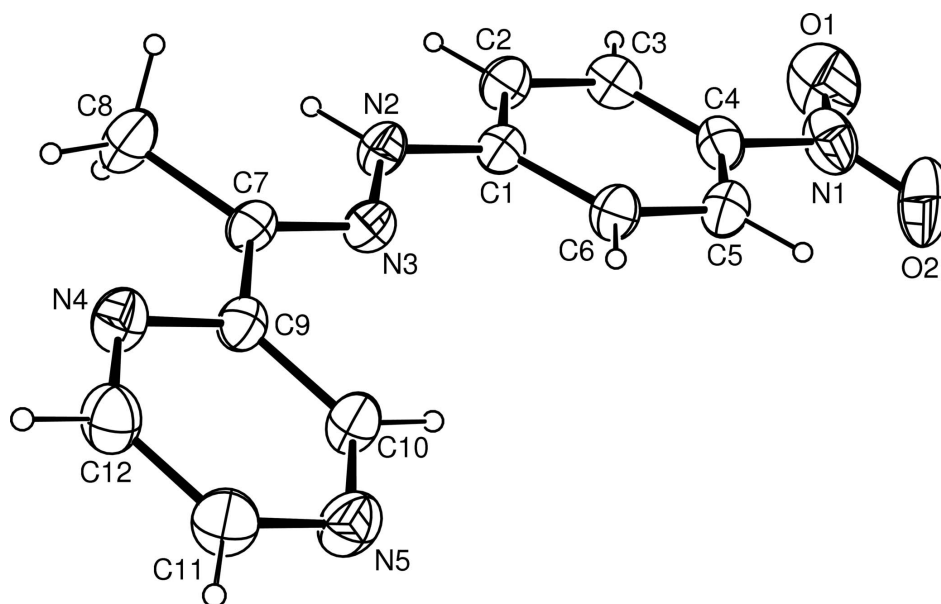
The partially overlapped arrangement is observed between parallel benzene rings and between parallel pyrazine rings (Fig. 2), face-to-face separations of 3.413 (14) [for benzene rings] and 3.430 (8) Å [for pyrazine rings] are significantly shorter than van der Waals thickness of the aromatic ring (3.70 Å), and indicate the existence of  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking between the adjacent molecules. Intermolecular N—H $\cdots$ N and weak C—H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bondings are present in the crystal structure (Table 1).

**S2. Experimental**

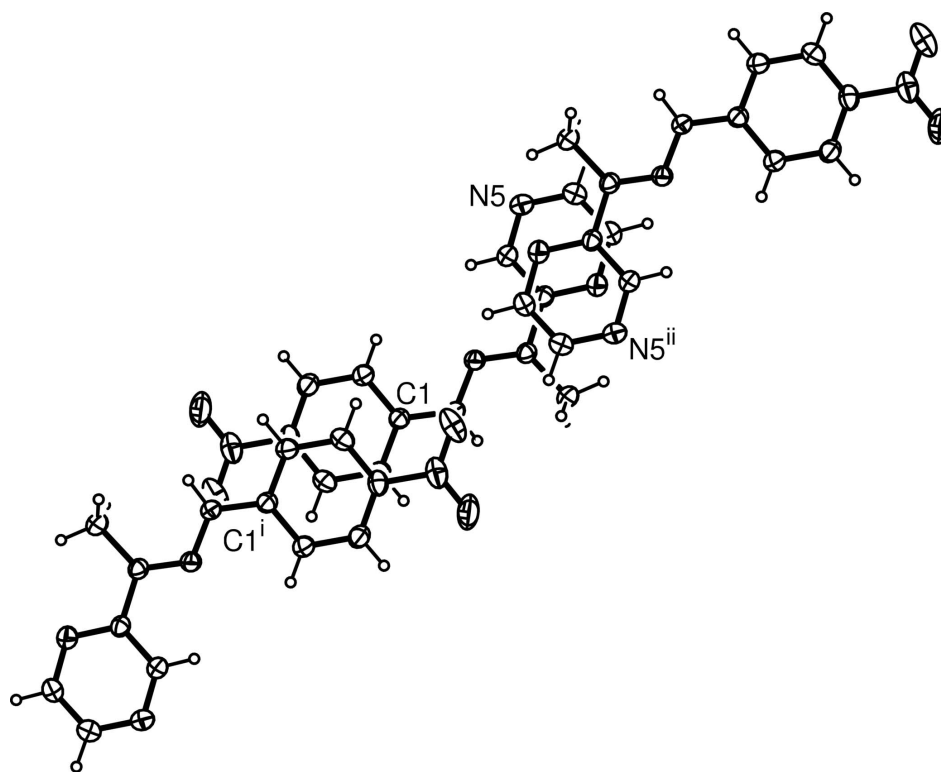
4-Nitrophenylhydrazine (0.31 g, 2 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (10 ml), then H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution (98%, 0.5 ml) was added slowly to the ethanol solution with stirring. The solution was heated at about 333 K for several minutes until the solution cleared. An ethanol solution (5 ml) of acetylpyrazine (0.24 g, 2 mmol) was dropped slowly into the above solution with continuous stirring, and the mixture solution was kept at about 333 K for 0.5 h. When the solution had cooled to room temperature, yellow microcrystals appeared. They were separated and washed with cold water three times to get the product 0.40 g. Single crystals of the title compound were obtained by recrystallization from an absolute ethanol solution.

**S3. Refinement**

Methyl H atoms were placed in calculated positions with C—H = 0.96 Å and torsion angle was refined to fit the electron density,  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ . Imino H atom was located in a difference Fourier map and refined as riding in its as-found relative position,  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{N})$ . Aromatic H atoms were placed in calculated positions with C—H = 0.93 and refined in riding mode with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of (I) with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for H atoms), dashed line indicates hydrogen bonding.

**Figure 2**

A diagram showing  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking [symmetry codes: (i)  $2 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$ ; (ii)  $1 - x, -y, 1 - z$ ].

**(E)-2-Acetylpyrazine 4-nitrophenylhydrazone***Crystal data*C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub> $M_r = 257.26$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$ Hall symbol:  $-P\ 2_1n$  $a = 8.0101\ (6)\ \text{\AA}$  $b = 12.5154\ (11)\ \text{\AA}$  $c = 12.1506\ (12)\ \text{\AA}$  $\beta = 98.564\ (2)^\circ$  $V = 1204.51\ (18)\ \text{\AA}^3$  $Z = 4$  $F(000) = 536$  $D_x = 1.419\ \text{Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Melting point: 498 K

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71069\ \text{\AA}$ 

Cell parameters from 4236 reflections

 $\theta = 3.2\text{--}25.0^\circ$  $\mu = 0.10\ \text{mm}^{-1}$  $T = 295\ \text{K}$ 

Prism, yellow

 $0.40 \times 0.38 \times 0.26\ \text{mm}$ *Data collection*Rigaku R-Axis RAPID IP  
diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

Detector resolution: 10.00 pixels  $\text{mm}^{-1}$  $\omega$  scans

11633 measured reflections

2747 independent reflections

1446 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.033$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.4^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\text{min}} = 3.0^\circ$  $h = -10 \rightarrow 10$  $k = -16 \rightarrow 16$  $l = -15 \rightarrow 15$ *Refinement*Refinement on  $F^2$ 

Least-squares matrix: full

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.042$  $wR(F^2) = 0.149$  $S = 1.09$ 

2747 reflections

174 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
direct methodsSecondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
mapHydrogen site location: inferred from  
neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0615P)^2 + 0.2787P]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.20\ \text{e \AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.19\ \text{e \AA}^{-3}$ Extinction correction: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick,  
2008),  $F_c^* = kF_c[1 + 0.001x F_c^2 \lambda^3 / \sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$ 

Extinction coefficient: 0.024 (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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
N1	0.9003 (3)	0.68785 (16)	0.3418 (2)	0.0684 (6)
N2	0.6332 (2)	0.36085 (12)	0.57394 (13)	0.0448 (4)
H2N	0.6470	0.3652	0.6496	0.054*

N3	0.5365 (2)	0.28334 (12)	0.51838 (13)	0.0425 (4)
N4	0.3197 (2)	0.04376 (14)	0.55830 (14)	0.0518 (5)
N5	0.2175 (2)	0.07812 (15)	0.33069 (14)	0.0571 (5)
O1	0.9806 (3)	0.75846 (16)	0.3955 (2)	0.1041 (8)
O2	0.8729 (3)	0.68826 (16)	0.2397 (2)	0.1012 (8)
C1	0.6976 (2)	0.43994 (15)	0.51344 (16)	0.0412 (5)
C2	0.7855 (3)	0.52394 (16)	0.57162 (17)	0.0490 (5)
H2	0.7989	0.5251	0.6490	0.059*
C3	0.8519 (3)	0.60439 (16)	0.51558 (18)	0.0521 (5)
H3	0.9109	0.6601	0.5544	0.062*
C4	0.8306 (3)	0.60198 (15)	0.40117 (18)	0.0488 (5)
C5	0.7461 (3)	0.51920 (17)	0.34168 (17)	0.0513 (5)
H5	0.7339	0.5187	0.2644	0.062*
C6	0.6803 (3)	0.43744 (17)	0.39758 (16)	0.0482 (5)
H6	0.6246	0.3809	0.3583	0.058*
C7	0.4778 (2)	0.20837 (14)	0.57459 (15)	0.0408 (5)
C8	0.5120 (3)	0.19727 (18)	0.69835 (17)	0.0593 (6)
H8A	0.6317	0.1939	0.7222	0.089*
H8B	0.4602	0.1331	0.7202	0.089*
H8C	0.4663	0.2578	0.7322	0.089*
C9	0.3700 (2)	0.13023 (15)	0.50718 (15)	0.0408 (5)
C10	0.3179 (3)	0.14575 (16)	0.39353 (16)	0.0496 (5)
H10	0.3553	0.2063	0.3602	0.059*
C11	0.1699 (3)	-0.00860 (18)	0.38283 (19)	0.0569 (6)
H11	0.1002	-0.0587	0.3424	0.068*
C12	0.2214 (3)	-0.02519 (17)	0.49398 (19)	0.0554 (6)
H12	0.1865	-0.0871	0.5263	0.067*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
N1	0.0742 (15)	0.0486 (11)	0.0895 (17)	0.0037 (10)	0.0352 (12)	0.0135 (11)
N2	0.0566 (11)	0.0430 (9)	0.0341 (8)	-0.0036 (8)	0.0039 (7)	-0.0005 (7)
N3	0.0478 (10)	0.0391 (8)	0.0397 (9)	0.0001 (7)	0.0036 (7)	-0.0009 (7)
N4	0.0623 (12)	0.0469 (10)	0.0465 (10)	-0.0033 (8)	0.0094 (8)	0.0044 (8)
N5	0.0678 (13)	0.0578 (11)	0.0435 (10)	-0.0075 (9)	0.0012 (9)	-0.0042 (9)
O1	0.1140 (18)	0.0645 (12)	0.137 (2)	-0.0350 (12)	0.0270 (15)	0.0119 (13)
O2	0.146 (2)	0.0841 (14)	0.0860 (15)	-0.0086 (13)	0.0569 (14)	0.0232 (12)
C1	0.0454 (11)	0.0388 (10)	0.0393 (10)	0.0033 (8)	0.0064 (8)	-0.0002 (8)
C2	0.0588 (13)	0.0456 (11)	0.0419 (11)	-0.0015 (10)	0.0050 (9)	-0.0038 (9)
C3	0.0542 (13)	0.0412 (11)	0.0609 (14)	-0.0029 (9)	0.0087 (10)	-0.0062 (10)
C4	0.0517 (12)	0.0405 (10)	0.0577 (13)	0.0055 (9)	0.0198 (10)	0.0075 (10)
C5	0.0610 (14)	0.0527 (12)	0.0414 (11)	0.0029 (10)	0.0117 (10)	0.0022 (10)
C6	0.0569 (13)	0.0471 (11)	0.0411 (11)	-0.0013 (10)	0.0088 (9)	-0.0023 (9)
C7	0.0469 (12)	0.0381 (10)	0.0370 (10)	0.0050 (8)	0.0046 (8)	0.0027 (8)
C8	0.0780 (17)	0.0573 (13)	0.0396 (12)	-0.0086 (12)	-0.0009 (11)	0.0065 (10)
C9	0.0459 (11)	0.0391 (10)	0.0379 (10)	0.0036 (8)	0.0079 (8)	0.0035 (8)
C10	0.0605 (14)	0.0483 (11)	0.0394 (11)	-0.0045 (10)	0.0060 (10)	0.0024 (9)

C11	0.0619 (15)	0.0520 (13)	0.0561 (13)	-0.0091 (11)	0.0064 (11)	-0.0063 (11)
C12	0.0634 (14)	0.0473 (12)	0.0568 (13)	-0.0107 (10)	0.0127 (11)	0.0019 (11)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

N1—O1	1.223 (3)	C3—H3	0.9300
N1—O2	1.226 (3)	C4—C5	1.381 (3)
N1—C4	1.452 (3)	C5—C6	1.376 (3)
N2—N3	1.357 (2)	C5—H5	0.9300
N2—C1	1.378 (2)	C6—H6	0.9300
N2—H2N	0.9106	C7—C9	1.470 (3)
N3—C7	1.290 (2)	C7—C8	1.494 (3)
N4—C12	1.339 (3)	C8—H8A	0.9600
N4—C9	1.339 (2)	C8—H8B	0.9600
N5—C10	1.328 (3)	C8—H8C	0.9600
N5—C11	1.340 (3)	C9—C10	1.395 (3)
C1—C6	1.394 (3)	C10—H10	0.9300
C1—C2	1.397 (3)	C11—C12	1.368 (3)
C2—C3	1.367 (3)	C11—H11	0.9300
C2—H2	0.9300	C12—H12	0.9300
C3—C4	1.375 (3)		
O1—N1—O2	122.5 (2)	C5—C6—C1	119.6 (2)
O1—N1—C4	118.7 (2)	C5—C6—H6	120.2
O2—N1—C4	118.8 (2)	C1—C6—H6	120.2
N3—N2—C1	118.65 (15)	N3—C7—C9	114.78 (16)
N3—N2—H2N	121.3	N3—C7—C8	125.00 (18)
C1—N2—H2N	119.8	C9—C7—C8	120.23 (17)
C7—N3—N2	118.88 (16)	C7—C8—H8A	109.5
C12—N4—C9	116.19 (18)	C7—C8—H8B	109.5
C10—N5—C11	115.78 (18)	H8A—C8—H8B	109.5
N2—C1—C6	122.25 (18)	C7—C8—H8C	109.5
N2—C1—C2	118.10 (17)	H8A—C8—H8C	109.5
C6—C1—C2	119.64 (19)	H8B—C8—H8C	109.5
C3—C2—C1	120.42 (19)	N4—C9—C10	120.35 (18)
C3—C2—H2	119.8	N4—C9—C7	118.11 (16)
C1—C2—H2	119.8	C10—C9—C7	121.53 (17)
C2—C3—C4	119.2 (2)	N5—C10—C9	123.13 (19)
C2—C3—H3	120.4	N5—C10—H10	118.4
C4—C3—H3	120.4	C9—C10—H10	118.4
C3—C4—C5	121.53 (19)	N5—C11—C12	121.6 (2)
C3—C4—N1	119.1 (2)	N5—C11—H11	119.2
C5—C4—N1	119.3 (2)	C12—C11—H11	119.2
C6—C5—C4	119.56 (19)	N4—C12—C11	122.9 (2)
C6—C5—H5	120.2	N4—C12—H12	118.6
C4—C5—H5	120.2	C11—C12—H12	118.6

*Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)*

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