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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 296\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004\text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.032  
 $wR$  factor = 0.080  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 7.5

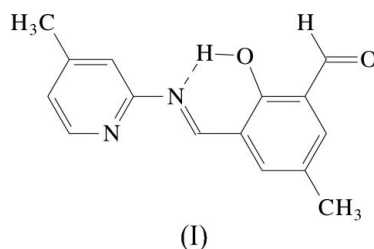
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## (*E*)-2-Hydroxy-5-methyl-3-[(4-methyl-2-pyridyl)-iminomethyl]benzaldehyde

The title compound,  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ , is stabilized in the solid state as an enol–imine tautomer, with one strong intramolecular  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen bond and four  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  and one  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  intermolecular interaction that generate edge-fused  $[S(6)R_2^2(8)R_2^2(8)R_5^4(32)]$  motifs. The molecule is approximately planar, with a dihedral angle of  $1.72(3)^\circ$  between the two aromatic rings.

#### Comment

The present work is part of a structural study of Schiff bases (Yathirajan *et al.*, 2007; Odabaşoğlu *et al.*, 1999, 2004, 2005*a,b*, 2006; Odabaşoğlu, Albayrak, Büyükgüngör & Goesmann, 2003; Odabaşoğlu, Albayrak, Büyükgüngör & Lönnecke, 2003; Odabaşoğlu, Arslan *et al.*, 2007; Odabaşoğlu, Büyükgüngör *et al.* 2007*a,b*) and we report here the structure of the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1, Table 1).



Compound (I) prefers the enol–imine tautomeric form. It displays a strong intramolecular hydrogen bond (Table 2) involving atoms O1 and N1, a common feature of salicylidene systems. In addition, molecules are linked through four  $\text{C}-$

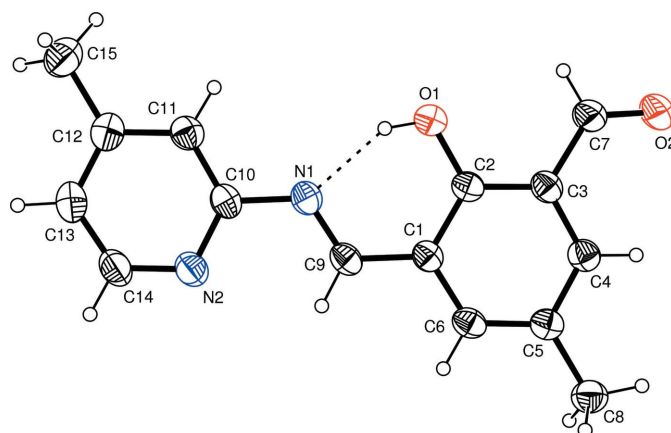
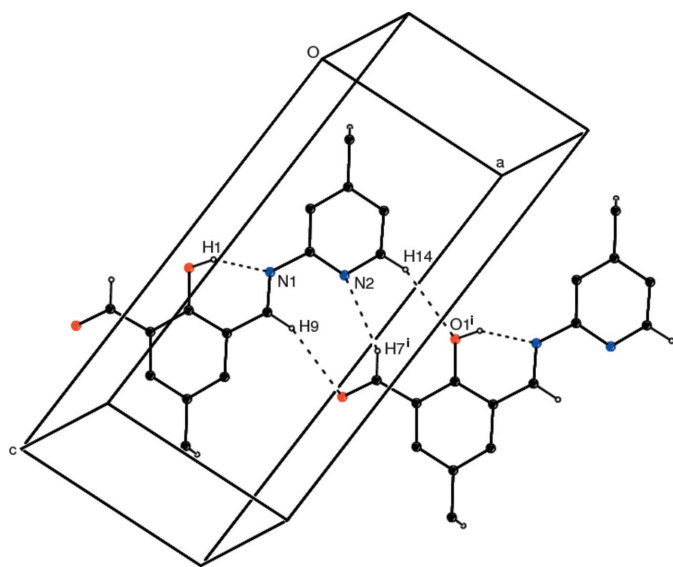


Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I) showing the atomic numbering scheme and with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. The hydrogen bond is drawn as a dashed line.

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**Figure 2**

Part of the crystal structure of (I). For the sake of clarity, H atoms not involved in the hydrogen bonding motifs have been omitted; hydrogen bonds are drawn as dashed lines. [Symmetry code: (i)  $x + 1, y + 1, z$ .]

H...O and one C—H...N weak intermolecular interactions that generate edge-fused  $S(6) R_2^2(8) R_2^2(8)$  ring motifs (Fig. 2). These motifs are further linked to the  $R_5^4(32)$  motifs (Fig. 3) (Etter, 1990) by C8—H8B...O2<sup>i</sup> and C15—H15B...O2<sup>iii</sup> hydrogen bonds (Table 2). The aromatic rings are essentially coplanar with a dihedral angle of 1.72 (3)° between them.

## Experimental

A mixture of 5-hydroxy-2-methylisophthalaldehyde (2.58 g, 0.01 mol) and 4-methylpyridin-2-amine (1.1 g, 0.01 mol) in 30 ml of absolute ethanol containing two drops of 4 M sulfuric acid was refluxed for about 4 h. On cooling, the solid that separated was filtered off and recrystallized from ethyl alcohol (m.p. 381–385 K). Analysis for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> found (calculated): C 70.74 (70.85), H 5.48 (5.55), N 10.93 (11.02)%.

### Crystal data

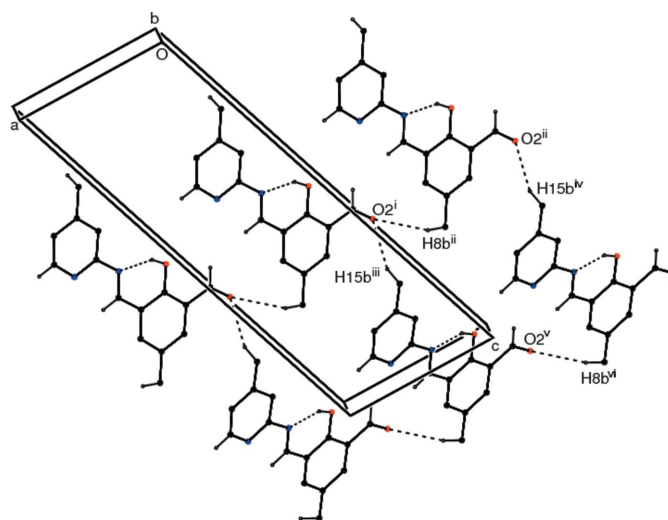
C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	$V = 658.46 (10) \text{ \AA}^3$
$M_r = 254.28$	$Z = 2$
Monoclinic, $Pc$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 7.4936 (7) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.09 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 4.5019 (3) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 296 \text{ K}$
$c = 20.677 (2) \text{ \AA}$	$0.67 \times 0.42 \times 0.21 \text{ mm}$
$\beta = 109.273 (7)^\circ$	

### Data collection

Stoe IPDS-II diffractometer	10340 measured reflections
Absorption correction: integration	1303 independent reflections
( <i>X-RED32</i> ; Stoe & Cie, 2002)	1021 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$T_{\min} = 0.954, T_{\max} = 0.984$	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.060$

### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$	2 restraints
$wR(F^2) = 0.081$	H-atom parameters constrained
$S = 0.95$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.09 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
1303 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.09 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
174 parameters	

**Figure 3**

Part of the crystal structure of (I). For the sake of clarity, H atoms not involved in the hydrogen bonding motifs have been omitted; hydrogen bonds are drawn as dashed lines. [Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, y + 1, z$ ; (ii)  $x - 1, y + 1, z$ ; (iii)  $x, 1 - y, 1 - z$ ; (iv)  $x - 1, 1 - y, 1 - z$ ; (v)  $x, 1 - y, z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (vi)  $x - 1, 1 - y, z + \frac{1}{2}$ .]

**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
O1—H1...N1	0.82	1.84	2.576 (3)	148
C8—H8B...O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.96	2.63	3.474 (4)	147
C9—H9...O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.76	3.618 (3)	153
C14—H14...O1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.77	3.626 (3)	153
C15—H15B...O2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.96	2.61	3.516 (4)	158
C7—H7...N2 <sup>iv</sup>	0.93	2.67	3.521 (4)	152

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

In the absence of significant anomalous scattering effects, 1298 Friedel pairs were merged. All carbon-bound H atoms were treated as riding on their parent atoms, with C—H = 0.93 Å for aromatic, aldehydic and imino H [ $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ ] and C—H = 0.96 Å for methyl H [ $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ ]. The H atom of the hydroxyl group was refined as riding, with an O—H distance of 0.82 Å and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ .

Data collection: *X-Area* (Stoe & Cie, 2002); cell refinement: *X-Area*; data reduction: *X-RED32* (Stoe & Cie, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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