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## 2-[Hydroxy(2-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-acrylonitrile

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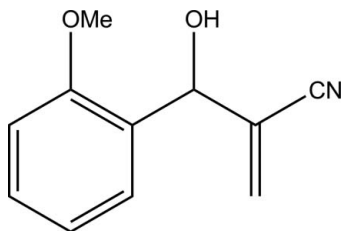
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 Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 293$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.060;  $wR$  factor = 0.215; data-to-parameter ratio = 28.6.

In the title compound,  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2$ , the mean planes formed by the benzene ring and the C and N atoms of the acryl group are almost orthogonal to each other, with a dihedral angle of  $85.7(1)^\circ$ . During the structure analysis, it was observed that the unit cell contains large accessible voids, with a volume of  $186.9 \text{ \AA}^3$ , which may host disordered solvent molecules. This affects the diffraction pattern, mostly at low scattering angles. Density identified in these solvent-accessible areas was calculated and corrected for using the SQUEEZE routine in PLATON [Spek (2009), *Acta Cryst.* **D65**, 148–155]. Despite the presence of the hydroxy group in the molecule, no classical or nonclassical hydrogen bonds are observed in the structure. This may reflect the fact that the O–H group points towards the solvent-accessible void.

### Related literature

For the uses of acrylonitrile derivatives, see: Ohsumi *et al.* (1998). For a related structure, see: Cobo *et al.* (2005).



### Experimental

#### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2$	$\gamma = 106.579(2)^\circ$
$M_r = 189.21$	$V = 663.73(6) \text{ \AA}^3$
Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$	$Z = 2$
$a = 6.9063(4) \text{ \AA}$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$b = 8.7085(4) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.07 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 11.7294(6) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 293 \text{ K}$
$\alpha = 94.864(3)^\circ$	$0.25 \times 0.23 \times 0.17 \text{ mm}$
$\beta = 98.013(3)^\circ$	

#### Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD diffractometer	14371 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	3667 independent reflections
$T_{\min} = 0.984$ , $T_{\max} = 0.989$	2302 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.024$

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.060$	128 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.215$	H-atom parameters constrained
$S = 1.08$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.37 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
3667 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.17 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: APEX2 and SAINT (Bruker, 2004); data reduction: SAINT and XPREP (Bruker, 2004); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 (Farrugia (1997)); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97 and PLATON (Spek, 2009).

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Supplementary data and figures for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: SJ5256).

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## supplementary materials

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### Comment

Acrylonitrile derivatives have been shown to possess antitubercular and antitumour activities (Ohsumi *et al.*, 1998). In view of this biological importance, the crystal structure of the title compound has been determined and the results are presented here.

In the title compound (Fig. 1), the mean planes formed by the phenyl ring C1–C6 and acryl group (N1/C7–C10) are orthogonal to each other with a dihedral angle 85.7 (1)°. The bond length C8—C9 [1.429 (3) Å] is significantly shorter than the expected value for a C—C single bond because of conjugation effects. The carbonitrile side chain (C8—C9—N1) is almost linear, with the angle around central carbon atom being 178.6 (2)°. The title compound exhibits structural similarities with the closely related structure, (E)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-thienyl)acrylonitrile (Cobo *et al.*, 2005).

### Experimental

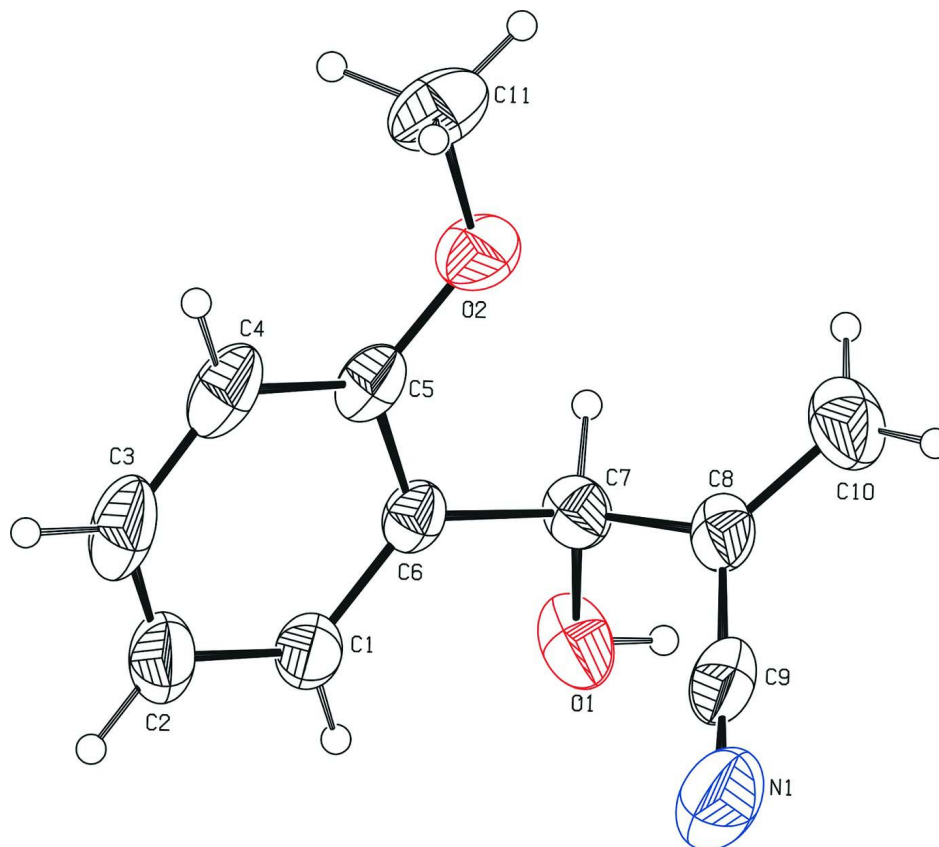
A mixture of 2-methoxybenzaldehyde (1 g, 7.3 mmol), acrylonitrile (0.58 g, 11.0 mmol) and 1,4-diazabicyclo-[2.2.2]octane (0.20 g, 1.8 mmol) was kept at room temperature for 3 d. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and water. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Solvent was evaporated and the residue subjected to column chromatography. The pure title compound was obtained as a colourless solid (95% yield). Recrystallization was carried out using ethyl acetate as solvent.

### Refinement

All the H atoms were positioned geometrically, (C—H = 0.93–0.98 Å and O—H = 0.82 Å) constrained to ride on their parent atom, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  for methyl H atoms and  $1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  for other H atoms. During the structure analysis, it was observed that the unit cell contains large accessible voids, which host disordered solvent molecules. This affects the diffraction pattern, mostly at low scattering angles and was corrected with the *SQUEEZE* program (Spek, 2009).

### Computing details

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: *APEX2* and *SAINT* (Bruker, 2004); data reduction: *SAINT* and *XPREP* (Bruker, 2004); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia (1997)); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2009).

**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of the title compound with the atom numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms are presented as a small circles of arbitrary radius.

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### Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD  
 diffractometer  
 Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube  
 Graphite monochromator  
 Detector resolution:  $10.0\ \text{pixels mm}^{-1}$   
 $\omega$  scans

$Z = 2$   
 $F(000) = 200$   
 $D_x = 0.947\ \text{Mg m}^{-3}$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073\ \text{\AA}$   
 Cell parameters from 3700 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.5\text{--}29.5^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.07\ \text{mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 293\ \text{K}$   
 Block, colourless  
 $0.25 \times 0.23 \times 0.17\ \text{mm}$

Absorption correction: multi-scan  
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 $T_{\min} = 0.984$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.989$   
 14371 measured reflections  
 3667 independent reflections  
 2302 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.024$

$\theta_{\max} = 29.5^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\min} = 2.5^\circ$   
 $h = -9 \rightarrow 9$

$k = -11 \rightarrow 12$   
 $l = -16 \rightarrow 14$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 Least-squares matrix: full  
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.060$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.215$   
 $S = 1.08$   
 3667 reflections  
 128 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-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1283P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.37 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.17 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

*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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C6	0.40136 (19)	0.02493 (15)	0.23097 (11)	0.0512 (3)
O1	0.32726 (19)	0.20317 (15)	0.10146 (8)	0.0785 (4)
H1A	0.2641	0.2678	0.0867	0.118*
C8	0.3411 (2)	0.28106 (17)	0.30328 (11)	0.0594 (4)
C7	0.2833 (2)	0.14393 (17)	0.20547 (11)	0.0553 (3)
H7	0.1361	0.0880	0.1962	0.066*
O2	0.19770 (18)	-0.05952 (14)	0.37012 (10)	0.0761 (4)
C5	0.3559 (2)	-0.07361 (16)	0.31777 (12)	0.0586 (4)
C1	0.5551 (2)	0.01363 (17)	0.17103 (14)	0.0634 (4)
H1	0.5839	0.0773	0.1121	0.076*
C4	0.4708 (3)	-0.17723 (18)	0.34459 (16)	0.0765 (5)
H4	0.4429	-0.2416	0.4032	0.092*
C3	0.6255 (3)	-0.1844 (2)	0.2844 (2)	0.0878 (6)
H3	0.7026	-0.2534	0.3031	0.105*
C9	0.5538 (3)	0.37095 (19)	0.33066 (14)	0.0711 (4)
C2	0.6680 (3)	-0.0914 (2)	0.1970 (2)	0.0828 (5)
H2	0.7714	-0.0986	0.1557	0.099*
C11	0.1371 (3)	-0.1609 (2)	0.45522 (17)	0.0910 (6)
H11A	0.1030	-0.2719	0.4222	0.136*
H11B	0.0195	-0.1415	0.4814	0.136*
H11C	0.2476	-0.1380	0.5197	0.136*
C10	0.2061 (4)	0.3212 (3)	0.36068 (17)	0.0902 (6)
H10A	0.2497	0.4086	0.4193	0.108*
H10B	0.0681	0.2620	0.3422	0.108*

N1	0.7246 (3)	0.4399 (2)	0.35287 (19)	0.1078 (6)
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*Atomic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C6	0.0495 (7)	0.0425 (6)	0.0587 (7)	0.0150 (5)	-0.0018 (5)	0.0054 (5)
O1	0.1091 (9)	0.1020 (9)	0.0560 (6)	0.0696 (8)	0.0259 (6)	0.0323 (6)
C8	0.0844 (10)	0.0566 (7)	0.0543 (7)	0.0388 (7)	0.0214 (6)	0.0241 (6)
C7	0.0587 (8)	0.0630 (8)	0.0544 (7)	0.0309 (6)	0.0104 (5)	0.0195 (6)
O2	0.0857 (8)	0.0723 (7)	0.0806 (7)	0.0276 (6)	0.0241 (6)	0.0374 (6)
C5	0.0615 (8)	0.0431 (6)	0.0648 (8)	0.0127 (6)	-0.0055 (6)	0.0096 (5)
C1	0.0574 (8)	0.0508 (7)	0.0811 (9)	0.0177 (6)	0.0089 (7)	0.0037 (6)
C4	0.0866 (11)	0.0470 (7)	0.0893 (11)	0.0224 (7)	-0.0147 (9)	0.0141 (7)
C3	0.0793 (11)	0.0553 (9)	0.1254 (15)	0.0359 (8)	-0.0193 (11)	0.0000 (9)
C9	0.0944 (13)	0.0490 (8)	0.0748 (9)	0.0295 (8)	0.0123 (8)	0.0108 (7)
C2	0.0618 (9)	0.0593 (9)	0.1254 (15)	0.0262 (7)	0.0046 (9)	-0.0082 (9)
C11	0.1114 (15)	0.0760 (11)	0.0767 (11)	0.0088 (10)	0.0148 (10)	0.0323 (9)
C10	0.1299 (17)	0.0953 (13)	0.0781 (10)	0.0637 (12)	0.0510 (11)	0.0319 (9)
N1	0.1053 (14)	0.0681 (10)	0.1354 (17)	0.0171 (10)	0.0003 (12)	-0.0017 (10)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

C6—C1	1.374 (2)	C1—H1	0.9300
C6—C5	1.3982 (19)	C4—C3	1.373 (3)
C6—C7	1.5149 (16)	C4—H4	0.9300
O1—C7	1.4026 (15)	C3—C2	1.371 (3)
O1—H1A	0.8200	C3—H3	0.9300
C8—C10	1.329 (2)	C9—N1	1.142 (2)
C8—C9	1.429 (3)	C2—H2	0.9300
C8—C7	1.507 (2)	C11—H11A	0.9600
C7—H7	0.9800	C11—H11B	0.9600
O2—C5	1.3549 (19)	C11—H11C	0.9600
O2—C11	1.4165 (18)	C10—H10A	0.9300
C5—C4	1.389 (2)	C10—H10B	0.9300
C1—C2	1.388 (2)		
C1—C6—C5	119.23 (12)	C3—C4—C5	119.88 (16)
C1—C6—C7	120.95 (12)	C3—C4—H4	120.1
C5—C6—C7	119.81 (12)	C5—C4—H4	120.1
C7—O1—H1A	109.5	C2—C3—C4	120.98 (14)
C10—C8—C9	120.64 (17)	C2—C3—H3	119.5
C10—C8—C7	123.50 (17)	C4—C3—H3	119.5
C9—C8—C7	115.85 (12)	N1—C9—C8	178.61 (17)
O1—C7—C8	110.27 (11)	C3—C2—C1	119.24 (18)
O1—C7—C6	108.58 (10)	C3—C2—H2	120.4
C8—C7—C6	110.66 (10)	C1—C2—H2	120.4
O1—C7—H7	109.1	O2—C11—H11A	109.5
C8—C7—H7	109.1	O2—C11—H11B	109.5
C6—C7—H7	109.1	H11A—C11—H11B	109.5
C5—O2—C11	118.82 (14)	O2—C11—H11C	109.5

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O2—C5—C4	124.63 (14)	H11A—C11—H11C	109.5
O2—C5—C6	115.73 (11)	H11B—C11—H11C	109.5
C4—C5—C6	119.64 (15)	C8—C10—H10A	120.0
C6—C1—C2	121.00 (16)	C8—C10—H10B	120.0
C6—C1—H1	119.5	H10A—C10—H10B	120.0
C2—C1—H1	119.5		
C10—C8—C7—O1	116.07 (15)	C1—C6—C5—C4	2.1 (2)
C9—C8—C7—O1	-62.57 (14)	C7—C6—C5—C4	-177.03 (12)
C10—C8—C7—C6	-123.79 (15)	C5—C6—C1—C2	-1.3 (2)
C9—C8—C7—C6	57.57 (15)	C7—C6—C1—C2	177.77 (13)
C1—C6—C7—O1	12.72 (18)	O2—C5—C4—C3	178.66 (14)
C5—C6—C7—O1	-168.18 (12)	C6—C5—C4—C3	-1.2 (2)
C1—C6—C7—C8	-108.43 (14)	C5—C4—C3—C2	-0.5 (3)
C5—C6—C7—C8	70.67 (16)	C10—C8—C9—N1	125 (8)
C11—O2—C5—C4	-2.7 (2)	C7—C8—C9—N1	-56 (8)
C11—O2—C5—C6	177.19 (13)	C4—C3—C2—C1	1.3 (3)
C1—C6—C5—O2	-177.78 (12)	C6—C1—C2—C3	-0.3 (2)
C7—C6—C5—O2	3.11 (19)		

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