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# N'-[1-(Pyrazin-2-yl)ethylidene]pyrazine-2-carbohydrazide

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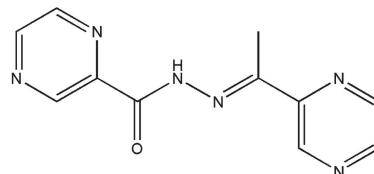
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The title compound,  $C_{11}H_{10}N_6O$ , was synthesized by the condensation reaction of pyrazine-2-carbohydrazide with 2-acetylpyrazine in ethanol. The dihedral angle between the pyrazine rings is  $4.7(3)^\circ$ . In the crystal, aromatic  $\pi\cdots\pi$  stacking [centroid–centroid separations =  $3.606(5)$  and  $3.671(5)$  Å] connect the molecules into stacks propagating in the [010] direction. A weak C—H $\cdots$ N interaction is also observed. The crystal studied was refined as a two-component twin.

## 3D view



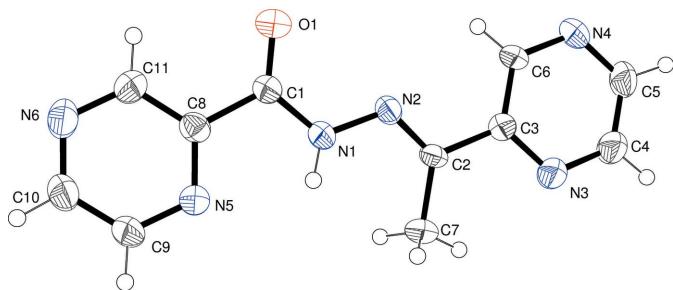
## Chemical scheme



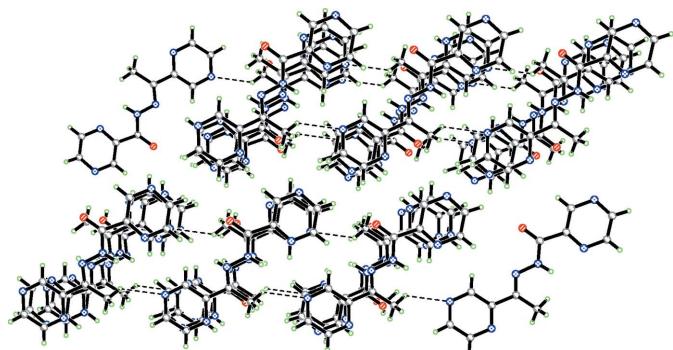
## Structure description

The Schiff base acylhydrazone ligand has been well studied and used in supramolecular chemistry (Stadler & Harrowfield, 2009). Its applications have focused on molecular switches (Coskun *et al.*, 2012), sensors (Albelda *et al.*, 2012) and single molecular magnets (SMMs) (Anwar *et al.*, 2018). 2-Acetylpyrazine-based hydrazone ligands and their transition metal chemistry have also been reported (Hou *et al.*, 2018; Li *et al.*, 2015). As part of our studies in this area, we synthesized the title 2-acetylpyrazine-based hydrazone ligand with two pyrazine rings as a possible new ligand.

The dihedral angle between the pyrazine rings is  $4.7(3)^\circ$  (Fig. 1). The C2—N2 bond length is  $1.291(7)$  Å, which is shorter than C1—N1 [ $1.362(7)$  Å], showing that C2—N2 has strong double-bond character. The N—H grouping is sterically hindered from forming hydrogen bonds but a short intramolecular N—H $\cdots$ N contact occurs (Table 1). In the crystal, aromatic  $\pi\cdots\pi$  stacking [centroid–centroid separations =  $3.606(5)$  and  $3.671(5)$  Å] connect the molecules into stacks propagating in the [010] direction (Fig. 2). A weak C—H $\cdots$ N interaction is also observed (Table 1).

**Figure 1**

The title compound showing displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level.

**Figure 2**

Crystal packing viewed along the *b*-axis direction.

## Synthesis and crystallization

The title molecule was prepared by the condensation reaction of pyrazine-2-carbohydrazide (1.38 g, 10 mmol) with 2-acetylpyrazine (1.22 g, 10 mmol) in 50 ml of refluxing ethanol for 16 h, resulting in a transparent light-yellow solution. After one night, colourless crystals suitable for X-ray analysis had formed.

## Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2.

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**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

$D\cdots H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
N1—H1 $\cdots$ N5	0.86	2.28	2.671 (7)	108
C7—H7C $\cdots$ N4 <sup>i</sup>	0.96	2.57	3.247 (8)	127

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

**Table 2**  
Experimental details.

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_6\text{O}$
$M_r$	242.25
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$
Temperature (K)	296
$a, b, c$ (Å)	7.247 (8), 8.066 (9), 9.77 (1)
$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ ( $^\circ$ )	79.706 (14), 79.526 (15), 89.518 (14)
$V$ (Å $^3$ )	552.4 (10)
$Z$	2
Radiation type	Mo $K\alpha$
$\mu$ (mm $^{-1}$ )	0.10
Crystal size (mm)	0.2 × 0.17 × 0.12
Data collection	
Diffractometer	Bruker P4
Absorption correction	Multi-scan ( <i>SADABS</i> ; Bruker, 2014)
$T_{\min}, T_{\max}$	0.598, 0.746
No. of measured, independent and observed [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ] reflections	1918, 1918, 1155
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.037
$(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\text{max}}$ (Å $^{-1}$ )	0.595
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.087, 0.268, 1.08
No. of reflections	1918
No. of parameters	165
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e Å $^{-3}$ )	0.36, -0.33

Computer programs: *APEX2* and *SAINT* (Bruker, 2014), *SHELXT* (Sheldrick, 2015a), *SHELXL2018* (Sheldrick, 2015b) and *OLEX2* (Dolomanov *et al.*, 2009).

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# full crystallographic data

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$Z = 2$   
 $F(000) = 252$   
 $D_x = 1.456 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å  
Cell parameters from 1331 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.6\text{--}27.8^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 296 \text{ K}$   
Block, colourless  
 $0.2 \times 0.17 \times 0.12$  mm

#### Data collection

Bruker P4  
diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scan  
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(SADABS; Bruker, 2014)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.598$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.746$   
1918 measured reflections  
1918 independent reflections

1155 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.037$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 25.0^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\min} = 2.6^\circ$   
 $h = -8\text{--}8$   
 $k = -9\text{--}9$   
 $l = -11\text{--}11$   
1 standard reflections every 20 reflections  
intensity decay: 1%

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
Least-squares matrix: full  
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.087$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.268$   
 $S = 1.08$   
1918 reflections  
165 parameters  
0 restraints  
Primary atom site location: dual

Hydrogen site location: inferred from  
neighbouring sites  
H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1018P)^2 + 1.0907P]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.36 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.33 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

#### Special details

**Geometry.** All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement.** Refined as a 2-component twin.

The  $U_{\text{iso}}$  values of all C(H) groups and all N(H) groups were set to  $1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ . The  $U_{\text{iso}}$  values of all C(H,H,H)groups were set to  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  Aromatic/amide H refined with riding coordinates: N1(H1), C6(H6), C4(H4), C11(H11), C9(H9), C10(H10), C5(H5) Idealized Me refined as rotating group: C7(H7A,H7B,H7C)

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	0.6785 (7)	1.0992 (5)	-0.2460 (4)	0.0522 (13)
N1	0.7251 (7)	0.9311 (5)	-0.0408 (4)	0.0346 (12)
H1	0.727205	0.829179	0.003733	0.042*
N2	0.7598 (6)	1.0627 (5)	0.0231 (4)	0.0315 (11)
N3	0.8448 (8)	1.1337 (6)	0.3525 (5)	0.0436 (14)
N4	0.8932 (8)	1.4608 (6)	0.1988 (5)	0.0454 (14)
N5	0.6503 (7)	0.6541 (6)	-0.1374 (5)	0.0375 (12)
N6	0.6035 (8)	0.6692 (7)	-0.4173 (5)	0.0510 (15)
C1	0.6874 (8)	0.9607 (7)	-0.1745 (6)	0.0329 (14)
C2	0.7991 (7)	1.0232 (6)	0.1484 (5)	0.0278 (13)
C3	0.8373 (8)	1.1694 (6)	0.2138 (6)	0.0320 (13)
C4	0.8768 (10)	1.2648 (7)	0.4115 (6)	0.0479 (17)
H4	0.885694	1.246186	0.506743	0.057*
C5	0.8969 (9)	1.4251 (8)	0.3369 (7)	0.0469 (17)
H5	0.913865	1.512815	0.383846	0.056*
C6	0.8640 (9)	1.3318 (6)	0.1381 (6)	0.0381 (15)
H6	0.861439	1.351038	0.041703	0.046*
C7	0.8116 (10)	0.8504 (7)	0.2285 (6)	0.0473 (17)
H7A	0.688201	0.799464	0.257749	0.071*
H7B	0.865746	0.855539	0.310357	0.071*
H7C	0.888978	0.784256	0.169222	0.071*
C8	0.6552 (8)	0.8001 (6)	-0.2275 (6)	0.0325 (13)
C9	0.6244 (9)	0.5172 (7)	-0.1905 (6)	0.0439 (16)
H9	0.623360	0.412256	-0.132576	0.053*
C10	0.5992 (9)	0.5243 (8)	-0.3272 (6)	0.0455 (16)
H10	0.578353	0.424432	-0.357767	0.055*
C11	0.6329 (9)	0.8077 (8)	-0.3658 (6)	0.0435 (16)
H11	0.638494	0.912245	-0.424953	0.052*

*Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
O1	0.082 (4)	0.032 (2)	0.043 (3)	0.001 (2)	-0.016 (2)	0.0002 (19)
N1	0.045 (3)	0.026 (2)	0.032 (3)	-0.006 (2)	-0.006 (2)	-0.006 (2)
N2	0.036 (3)	0.026 (2)	0.032 (3)	-0.002 (2)	-0.003 (2)	-0.008 (2)
N3	0.057 (4)	0.040 (3)	0.034 (3)	-0.006 (2)	-0.008 (3)	-0.007 (2)
N4	0.065 (4)	0.026 (2)	0.046 (3)	-0.005 (2)	-0.008 (3)	-0.009 (2)
N5	0.046 (3)	0.033 (3)	0.032 (3)	-0.004 (2)	-0.006 (2)	-0.005 (2)
N6	0.064 (4)	0.054 (3)	0.037 (3)	-0.011 (3)	-0.010 (3)	-0.015 (3)
C1	0.038 (4)	0.028 (3)	0.032 (3)	-0.001 (2)	-0.005 (3)	-0.005 (2)

C2	0.030 (3)	0.020 (2)	0.031 (3)	0.000 (2)	-0.003 (3)	-0.001 (2)
C3	0.035 (3)	0.030 (3)	0.030 (3)	0.001 (2)	-0.004 (3)	-0.005 (2)
C4	0.066 (5)	0.045 (4)	0.034 (3)	-0.009 (3)	-0.011 (3)	-0.009 (3)
C5	0.060 (4)	0.044 (4)	0.042 (4)	-0.006 (3)	-0.011 (3)	-0.020 (3)
C6	0.058 (4)	0.021 (3)	0.035 (3)	-0.002 (3)	-0.010 (3)	-0.002 (2)
C7	0.072 (5)	0.027 (3)	0.039 (3)	-0.007 (3)	-0.009 (3)	0.003 (3)
C8	0.030 (3)	0.030 (3)	0.036 (3)	-0.003 (2)	-0.002 (3)	-0.006 (2)
C9	0.056 (4)	0.033 (3)	0.041 (3)	-0.014 (3)	-0.004 (3)	-0.005 (3)
C10	0.054 (4)	0.040 (3)	0.045 (4)	-0.009 (3)	-0.009 (3)	-0.014 (3)
C11	0.055 (4)	0.043 (3)	0.031 (3)	-0.005 (3)	-0.006 (3)	-0.004 (3)

*Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^{\circ}$ )*

O1—C1	1.215 (6)	C2—C7	1.482 (7)
N1—H1	0.8600	C3—C6	1.381 (7)
N1—N2	1.371 (6)	C4—H4	0.9300
N1—C1	1.362 (7)	C4—C5	1.361 (8)
N2—C2	1.291 (7)	C5—H5	0.9300
N3—C3	1.345 (7)	C6—H6	0.9300
N3—C4	1.332 (7)	C7—H7A	0.9600
N4—C5	1.333 (8)	C7—H7B	0.9600
N4—C6	1.323 (7)	C7—H7C	0.9600
N5—C8	1.335 (7)	C8—C11	1.380 (8)
N5—C9	1.329 (7)	C9—H9	0.9300
N6—C10	1.329 (8)	C9—C10	1.372 (8)
N6—C11	1.339 (7)	C10—H10	0.9300
C1—C8	1.514 (7)	C11—H11	0.9300
C2—C3	1.487 (7)		
N2—N1—H1	119.8	C4—C5—H5	118.8
C1—N1—H1	119.8	N4—C6—C3	121.8 (5)
C1—N1—N2	120.4 (4)	N4—C6—H6	119.1
C2—N2—N1	116.3 (4)	C3—C6—H6	119.1
C4—N3—C3	115.7 (5)	C2—C7—H7A	109.5
C6—N4—C5	116.3 (5)	C2—C7—H7B	109.5
C9—N5—C8	115.4 (5)	C2—C7—H7C	109.5
C10—N6—C11	115.6 (5)	H7A—C7—H7B	109.5
O1—C1—N1	125.2 (5)	H7A—C7—H7C	109.5
O1—C1—C8	122.1 (5)	H7B—C7—H7C	109.5
N1—C1—C8	112.7 (5)	N5—C8—C1	118.1 (5)
N2—C2—C3	114.7 (4)	N5—C8—C11	122.1 (5)
N2—C2—C7	126.4 (5)	C11—C8—C1	119.8 (5)
C7—C2—C3	118.9 (5)	N5—C9—H9	118.6
N3—C3—C2	115.7 (5)	N5—C9—C10	122.8 (6)
N3—C3—C6	121.6 (5)	C10—C9—H9	118.6
C6—C3—C2	122.7 (5)	N6—C10—C9	122.1 (5)
N3—C4—H4	118.9	N6—C10—H10	118.9
N3—C4—C5	122.2 (6)	C9—C10—H10	118.9

C5—C4—H4	118.9	N6—C11—C8	122.0 (5)
N4—C5—C4	122.3 (5)	N6—C11—H11	119.0
N4—C5—H5	118.8	C8—C11—H11	119.0
O1—C1—C8—N5	−173.8 (5)	C1—C8—C11—N6	−179.8 (6)
O1—C1—C8—C11	6.5 (9)	C2—C3—C6—N4	178.3 (6)
N1—N2—C2—C3	179.5 (5)	C3—N3—C4—C5	1.3 (9)
N1—N2—C2—C7	0.5 (8)	C4—N3—C3—C2	−179.3 (6)
N1—C1—C8—N5	5.8 (7)	C4—N3—C3—C6	0.9 (9)
N1—C1—C8—C11	−173.9 (5)	C5—N4—C6—C3	0.5 (9)
N2—N1—C1—O1	−1.1 (9)	C6—N4—C5—C4	1.7 (10)
N2—N1—C1—C8	179.4 (5)	C7—C2—C3—N3	−12.5 (8)
N2—C2—C3—N3	168.4 (5)	C7—C2—C3—C6	167.4 (6)
N2—C2—C3—C6	−11.8 (8)	C8—N5—C9—C10	−1.7 (9)
N3—C3—C6—N4	−1.8 (10)	C9—N5—C8—C1	−179.0 (5)
N3—C4—C5—N4	−2.7 (11)	C9—N5—C8—C11	0.6 (8)
N5—C8—C11—N6	0.6 (10)	C10—N6—C11—C8	−0.7 (9)
N5—C9—C10—N6	1.7 (10)	C11—N6—C10—C9	−0.4 (10)
C1—N1—N2—C2	−178.2 (5)		

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