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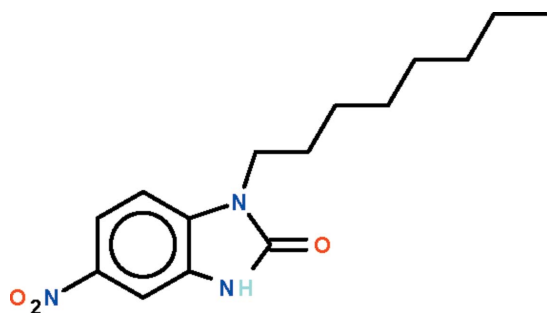
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 295$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.055;  $wR$  factor = 0.144; data-to-parameter ratio = 15.8.

The benzimidazolone part of the molecule of the title compound,  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ , is almost planar (r.m.s. deviation =  $0.007$  Å) with its mean plane aligned at a dihedral angle of  $10.4(3)^\circ$  with respect to the mean plane of the nitro substituent. In the crystal, two molecules are disposed about a center of inversion, generating an  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen-bonded cyclic dimer with  $R_2^2(8)$  graph-set motif.

## Related literature

For the crystal structure of 1-isopropenyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-2(3*H*)-one, see: Saber *et al.* (2010). For graph-set notation, see: Etter (1990).



## Experimental

## Crystal data

$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$   
 $M_r = 291.35$   
 Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 4.9997(3)$  Å  
 $b = 11.4942(6)$  Å  
 $c = 13.8739(7)$  Å  
 $\alpha = 74.214(3)^\circ$   
 $\beta = 79.637(4)^\circ$   
 $\gamma = 84.108(4)^\circ$   
 $V = 753.50(7)$  Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.09$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 295$  K  
 $0.22 \times 0.12 \times 0.06$  mm

## Data collection

Bruker APEXII diffractometer  
 10215 measured reflections  
 3084 independent reflections  
 1538 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.080$

## Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.055$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.144$   
 $S = 0.95$   
 3084 reflections  
 195 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.21$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.17$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{N2}-\text{H1}\cdots\text{O1}^i$	0.93 (3)	1.84 (3)	2.755 (3)	169 (3)

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

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2005); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2005); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: X-SEED (Barbour, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: publCIF (Westrip, 2010).

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**S1. Comment**

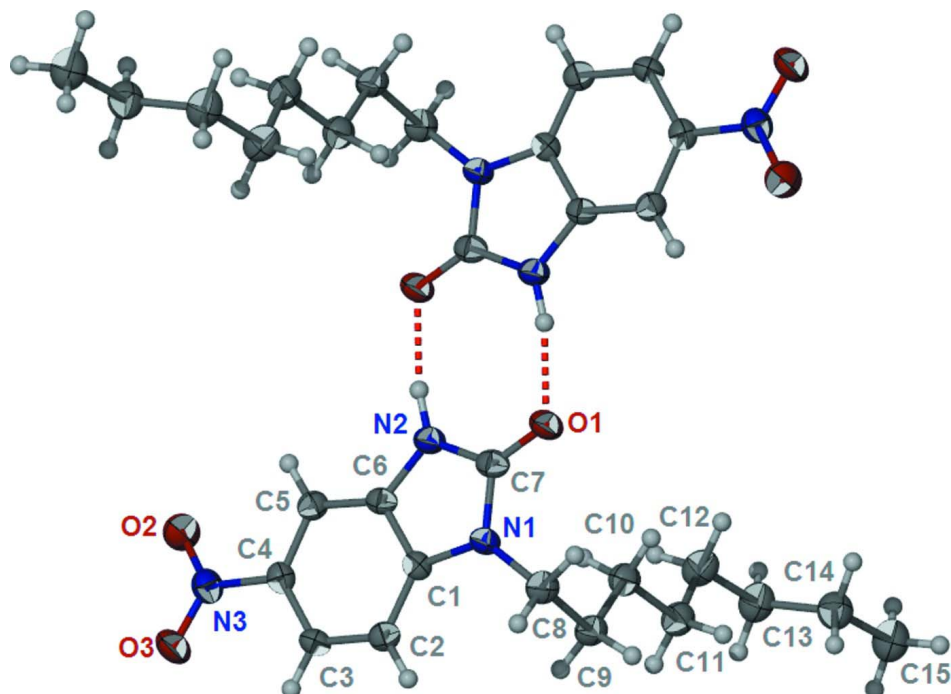
Tetraalkylammonium halides are used as phase-transfer catalyst in the synthesis of alkyl-substituted benzimidazolones. A previous study reported the 1-isopropenyl derivative; the amino –NH unit forms a hydrogen bond to the inversion-related molecule to generate a hydrogen-bonded dimer (Saber *et al.*, 2010). The present compound (Scheme I) features a long *n*-octyl chain that adopts an extended zigzag conformation (Fig. 1). The benzimidazolone part of the C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> molecule is planar (r.m.s. deviation 0.007 Å) and its mean plane is aligned at 10.4 (3) ° with respect to the mean plane of the nitro substituent. Two molecules are disposed about a center of inversion to generate a hydrogen-bonded cyclic dimer, whose hydrogen-bonding motif is described by the *R*<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup>(8) graph set (Etter, 1990).

**S2. Experimental**

To 5-nitro-1*H*-benzimidazol-2(3*H*)-one (0.2 g, 1.1 mmol), potassium carbonate (0.30 g, 2.2 mmol) and tetra-*n*-butylammonium bromide (0.07 g, 0.2 mmol) in DMF (15 ml) was added 1-bromo-*n*-octane (0.38 ml, 2.2 mmol). Stirring was continued at room temperature for 6 h. The salt was removed by filtration and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was separated by chromatography on a column of silica gel with ethyl acetate/hexane (1/2) as eluent. The compound was recrystallized from diethyl ether to give colorless crystals.

**S3. Refinement**

Carbon-bound H-atoms were placed in calculated positions (C—H 0.93–0.97 Å) and were included in the refinement in the riding model approximation, with *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) set to 1.2–1.5*U*<sub>eq</sub>(C).

**Figure 1**

Thermal ellipsoid plot (Barbour, 2001) of two molecules of  $C_{15}H_{21}N_3O_3$  disposed about a center of inversion: drawn at the 50% probability level.

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$F(000) = 312$

$D_x = 1.284$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å

Cell parameters from 926 reflections

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3084 independent reflections

1538 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{int} = 0.080$

$\theta_{max} = 26.5$ °,  $\theta_{min} = 2.1$ °

$h = -5 \rightarrow 6$

$k = -14 \rightarrow 14$

$l = -17 \rightarrow 17$

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$ 

Least-squares matrix: full

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.055$  $wR(F^2) = 0.144$  $S = 0.95$ 

3084 reflections

195 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
direct methodsSecondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
mapHydrogen site location: inferred from  
neighbouring sitesH atoms treated by a mixture of independent  
and constrained refinement $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0609P)^2]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.17 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ Extinction correction: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick,  
2008),  $F_c^* = kF_c[1 + 0.001x F_c^2 \lambda^3 / \sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$ 

Extinction coefficient: 0.016 (4)

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

	x	y	z	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	0.6268 (4)	0.47630 (17)	0.37325 (14)	0.0426 (5)
O2	-0.5372 (4)	0.15689 (19)	0.72705 (15)	0.0534 (6)
O3	-0.5678 (4)	0.02018 (19)	0.64945 (15)	0.0534 (6)
N1	0.3626 (4)	0.32787 (19)	0.35991 (16)	0.0325 (6)
N2	0.2757 (5)	0.3907 (2)	0.50001 (18)	0.0351 (6)
N3	-0.4666 (5)	0.1112 (2)	0.65519 (18)	0.0407 (6)
C1	0.1487 (5)	0.2628 (2)	0.42194 (19)	0.0299 (6)
C2	0.0021 (5)	0.1746 (2)	0.4085 (2)	0.0341 (7)
H2	0.0387	0.1491	0.3491	0.041*
C3	-0.2003 (5)	0.1257 (2)	0.48628 (19)	0.0336 (7)
H3	-0.3034	0.0660	0.4800	0.040*
C4	-0.2502 (5)	0.1658 (2)	0.57430 (19)	0.0324 (6)
C5	-0.1062 (5)	0.2549 (2)	0.58994 (19)	0.0339 (7)
H5	-0.1433	0.2802	0.6494	0.041*
C6	0.0937 (5)	0.3025 (2)	0.51182 (19)	0.0316 (7)
C7	0.4414 (6)	0.4067 (3)	0.4080 (2)	0.0364 (7)
C8	0.4867 (6)	0.3212 (3)	0.25805 (19)	0.0399 (7)
H8A	0.5128	0.2370	0.2563	0.048*
H8B	0.6644	0.3549	0.2417	0.048*
C9	0.3124 (6)	0.3898 (2)	0.17815 (19)	0.0381 (7)
H9A	0.4130	0.3908	0.1113	0.046*
H9B	0.1488	0.3469	0.1872	0.046*
C10	0.2313 (6)	0.5199 (2)	0.1835 (2)	0.0407 (7)
H10A	0.1183	0.5181	0.2484	0.049*
H10B	0.3947	0.5602	0.1806	0.049*
C11	0.0788 (6)	0.5937 (3)	0.0999 (2)	0.0429 (8)
H11A	-0.0721	0.5490	0.0964	0.051*
H11B	0.1997	0.6062	0.0354	0.051*
C12	-0.0298 (6)	0.7161 (3)	0.1179 (2)	0.0491 (8)
H12A	0.1215	0.7581	0.1248	0.059*
H12B	-0.1543	0.7024	0.1816	0.059*
C13	-0.1770 (6)	0.7985 (3)	0.0349 (2)	0.0507 (9)

H13A	-0.3121	0.7528	0.0213	0.061*
H13B	-0.2729	0.8647	0.0601	0.061*
C14	0.0045 (6)	0.8505 (3)	-0.0629 (2)	0.0509 (8)
H14A	0.0916	0.7847	-0.0908	0.061*
H14B	0.1463	0.8924	-0.0492	0.061*
C15	-0.1477 (7)	0.9384 (3)	-0.1419 (2)	0.0608 (10)
H15A	-0.0220	0.9683	-0.2027	0.091*
H15B	-0.2301	1.0050	-0.1156	0.091*
H15C	-0.2864	0.8972	-0.1568	0.091*
H1	0.296 (6)	0.428 (3)	0.549 (2)	0.059 (10)*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
O1	0.0398 (12)	0.0451 (12)	0.0468 (12)	-0.0145 (11)	-0.0018 (10)	-0.0170 (10)
O2	0.0546 (14)	0.0572 (14)	0.0491 (13)	-0.0085 (12)	0.0087 (11)	-0.0240 (11)
O3	0.0546 (14)	0.0502 (14)	0.0571 (14)	-0.0244 (12)	0.0059 (11)	-0.0184 (11)
N1	0.0301 (13)	0.0333 (13)	0.0366 (13)	-0.0044 (11)	-0.0056 (11)	-0.0123 (10)
N2	0.0323 (13)	0.0398 (14)	0.0369 (14)	-0.0067 (11)	-0.0038 (11)	-0.0153 (11)
N3	0.0350 (14)	0.0398 (15)	0.0446 (15)	-0.0036 (12)	-0.0038 (12)	-0.0074 (12)
C1	0.0253 (15)	0.0291 (15)	0.0350 (15)	-0.0002 (13)	-0.0035 (12)	-0.0089 (12)
C2	0.0343 (16)	0.0342 (16)	0.0353 (15)	0.0021 (13)	-0.0053 (13)	-0.0129 (12)
C3	0.0337 (16)	0.0302 (15)	0.0402 (16)	-0.0038 (13)	-0.0076 (13)	-0.0127 (13)
C4	0.0276 (15)	0.0311 (15)	0.0357 (15)	-0.0002 (13)	-0.0033 (12)	-0.0058 (12)
C5	0.0327 (16)	0.0371 (16)	0.0327 (15)	0.0001 (14)	-0.0044 (13)	-0.0119 (13)
C6	0.0306 (15)	0.0303 (15)	0.0371 (16)	0.0002 (13)	-0.0102 (13)	-0.0115 (12)
C7	0.0348 (17)	0.0355 (16)	0.0426 (17)	-0.0001 (14)	-0.0136 (14)	-0.0123 (14)
C8	0.0335 (16)	0.0457 (18)	0.0409 (17)	-0.0014 (14)	-0.0004 (13)	-0.0159 (14)
C9	0.0344 (16)	0.0467 (18)	0.0353 (16)	-0.0033 (14)	0.0021 (13)	-0.0186 (13)
C10	0.0399 (17)	0.0428 (17)	0.0394 (16)	-0.0041 (14)	-0.0029 (14)	-0.0121 (13)
C11	0.0412 (17)	0.0477 (18)	0.0393 (16)	-0.0004 (15)	-0.0021 (14)	-0.0142 (14)
C12	0.055 (2)	0.0479 (19)	0.0447 (18)	0.0084 (16)	-0.0101 (15)	-0.0150 (15)
C13	0.051 (2)	0.051 (2)	0.0470 (18)	0.0069 (16)	-0.0025 (16)	-0.0134 (15)
C14	0.0452 (19)	0.054 (2)	0.0514 (19)	-0.0034 (16)	-0.0071 (16)	-0.0098 (16)
C15	0.063 (2)	0.061 (2)	0.053 (2)	-0.0012 (19)	-0.0071 (18)	-0.0094 (17)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

O1—C7	1.230 (3)	C9—C10	1.526 (4)
O2—N3	1.231 (3)	C9—H9A	0.9700
O3—N3	1.235 (3)	C9—H9B	0.9700
N1—C7	1.385 (3)	C10—C11	1.515 (4)
N1—C1	1.388 (3)	C10—H10A	0.9700
N1—C8	1.457 (3)	C10—H10B	0.9700
N2—C7	1.368 (3)	C11—C12	1.524 (4)
N2—C6	1.389 (3)	C11—H11A	0.9700
N2—H1	0.93 (3)	C11—H11B	0.9700
N3—C4	1.464 (3)	C12—C13	1.527 (4)

C1—C2	1.380 (4)	C12—H12A	0.9700
C1—C6	1.414 (3)	C12—H12B	0.9700
C2—C3	1.378 (4)	C13—C14	1.500 (4)
C2—H2	0.9300	C13—H13A	0.9700
C3—C4	1.392 (4)	C13—H13B	0.9700
C3—H3	0.9300	C14—C15	1.529 (4)
C4—C5	1.394 (4)	C14—H14A	0.9700
C5—C6	1.369 (4)	C14—H14B	0.9700
C5—H5	0.9300	C15—H15A	0.9600
C8—C9	1.530 (3)	C15—H15B	0.9600
C8—H8A	0.9700	C15—H15C	0.9600
C8—H8B	0.9700		
C7—N1—C1	109.6 (2)	C10—C9—H9B	108.9
C7—N1—C8	123.1 (2)	C8—C9—H9B	108.9
C1—N1—C8	127.3 (2)	H9A—C9—H9B	107.8
C7—N2—C6	110.3 (2)	C11—C10—C9	114.5 (2)
C7—N2—H1	123.8 (19)	C11—C10—H10A	108.6
C6—N2—H1	125.6 (19)	C9—C10—H10A	108.6
O2—N3—O3	122.7 (2)	C11—C10—H10B	108.6
O2—N3—C4	118.5 (3)	C9—C10—H10B	108.6
O3—N3—C4	118.8 (2)	H10A—C10—H10B	107.6
C2—C1—N1	131.6 (2)	C10—C11—C12	111.7 (2)
C2—C1—C6	121.5 (2)	C10—C11—H11A	109.3
N1—C1—C6	106.8 (2)	C12—C11—H11A	109.3
C3—C2—C1	117.6 (3)	C10—C11—H11B	109.3
C3—C2—H2	121.2	C12—C11—H11B	109.3
C1—C2—H2	121.2	H11A—C11—H11B	107.9
C2—C3—C4	119.8 (3)	C11—C12—C13	115.1 (2)
C2—C3—H3	120.1	C11—C12—H12A	108.5
C4—C3—H3	120.1	C13—C12—H12A	108.5
C3—C4—C5	123.8 (3)	C11—C12—H12B	108.5
C3—C4—N3	118.1 (3)	C13—C12—H12B	108.5
C5—C4—N3	118.0 (2)	H12A—C12—H12B	107.5
C6—C5—C4	115.4 (2)	C14—C13—C12	114.8 (2)
C6—C5—H5	122.3	C14—C13—H13A	108.6
C4—C5—H5	122.3	C12—C13—H13A	108.6
C5—C6—N2	131.8 (3)	C14—C13—H13B	108.6
C5—C6—C1	121.7 (3)	C12—C13—H13B	108.6
N2—C6—C1	106.5 (2)	H13A—C13—H13B	107.6
O1—C7—N2	127.7 (3)	C13—C14—C15	113.2 (2)
O1—C7—N1	125.5 (3)	C13—C14—H14A	108.9
N2—C7—N1	106.8 (3)	C15—C14—H14A	108.9
N1—C8—C9	112.1 (2)	C13—C14—H14B	108.9
N1—C8—H8A	109.2	C15—C14—H14B	108.9
C9—C8—H8A	109.2	H14A—C14—H14B	107.8
N1—C8—H8B	109.2	C14—C15—H15A	109.5
C9—C8—H8B	109.2	C14—C15—H15B	109.5

H8A—C8—H8B	107.9	H15A—C15—H15B	109.5
C10—C9—C8	113.2 (2)	C14—C15—H15C	109.5
C10—C9—H9A	108.9	H15A—C15—H15C	109.5
C8—C9—H9A	108.9	H15B—C15—H15C	109.5
C7—N1—C1—C2	-179.8 (3)	C2—C1—C6—C5	0.4 (4)
C8—N1—C1—C2	2.2 (4)	N1—C1—C6—C5	-179.3 (2)
C7—N1—C1—C6	-0.2 (3)	C2—C1—C6—N2	-179.9 (2)
C8—N1—C1—C6	-178.2 (2)	N1—C1—C6—N2	0.5 (3)
N1—C1—C2—C3	179.3 (2)	C6—N2—C7—O1	-179.2 (3)
C6—C1—C2—C3	-0.3 (3)	C6—N2—C7—N1	0.4 (3)
C1—C2—C3—C4	0.0 (4)	C1—N1—C7—O1	179.5 (2)
C2—C3—C4—C5	0.1 (4)	C8—N1—C7—O1	-2.4 (4)
C2—C3—C4—N3	-179.8 (2)	C1—N1—C7—N2	-0.1 (3)
O2—N3—C4—C3	-170.3 (2)	C8—N1—C7—N2	177.9 (2)
O3—N3—C4—C3	10.9 (3)	C7—N1—C8—C9	-100.3 (3)
O2—N3—C4—C5	9.7 (3)	C1—N1—C8—C9	77.4 (3)
O3—N3—C4—C5	-169.1 (2)	N1—C8—C9—C10	52.0 (3)
C3—C4—C5—C6	0.0 (4)	C8—C9—C10—C11	175.1 (2)
N3—C4—C5—C6	179.9 (2)	C9—C10—C11—C12	172.1 (3)
C4—C5—C6—N2	-179.9 (2)	C10—C11—C12—C13	177.7 (3)
C4—C5—C6—C1	-0.2 (3)	C11—C12—C13—C14	-71.2 (4)
C7—N2—C6—C5	179.2 (3)	C12—C13—C14—C15	-176.5 (3)
C7—N2—C6—C1	-0.6 (3)		

*Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)*

<i>D—H...A</i>	<i>D—H</i>	<i>H...A</i>	<i>D...A</i>	<i>D—H...A</i>
N2—H1...O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.93 (3)	1.84 (3)	2.755 (3)	169 (3)

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