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## Second monoclinic modification of cyclohexane-1,1-dicarbonitrile

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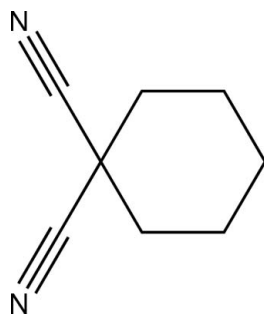
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 Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 100$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.001$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.040;  $wR$  factor = 0.105; data-to-parameter ratio = 30.7.

In the title compound,  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2$ , the cyclohexane ring adopts a chair conformation. The crystal structure of the previously reported monoclinic modification have intramolecular  $\text{CN}\cdots\text{CN}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  interactions. These types of interaction are not present in this new modification whose crystal structure is built up by van der Waals interactions.

### Related literature

For the previously reported monoclinic modification, see: Echeverría *et al.* (1995). For synthetic methods, see: Tsai *et al.* (2003); Suissa *et al.* (1977); Julia & Maumy (1969). For puckering parameters see: Cremer & Pople (1975).



### Experimental

#### Crystal data

$\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2$	$V = 736.73 (8) \text{ \AA}^3$
$M_r = 134.18$	$Z = 4$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 8.9300 (5) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 8.3656 (5) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 100 \text{ K}$
$c = 9.8725 (6) \text{ \AA}$	$0.30 \times 0.30 \times 0.30 \text{ mm}$
$\beta = 92.662 (1)^\circ$	

#### Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD diffractometer	9584 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2001)	2794 independent reflections
$T_{\min} = 0.978$ , $T_{\max} = 0.978$	2236 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.033$

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$	91 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.105$	H-atom parameters constrained
$S = 1.03$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.31 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
2794 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.21 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

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: ORTEP-3 for Windows (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: WinGX (Farrugia, 1999).

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## supporting information

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### S1. Comment

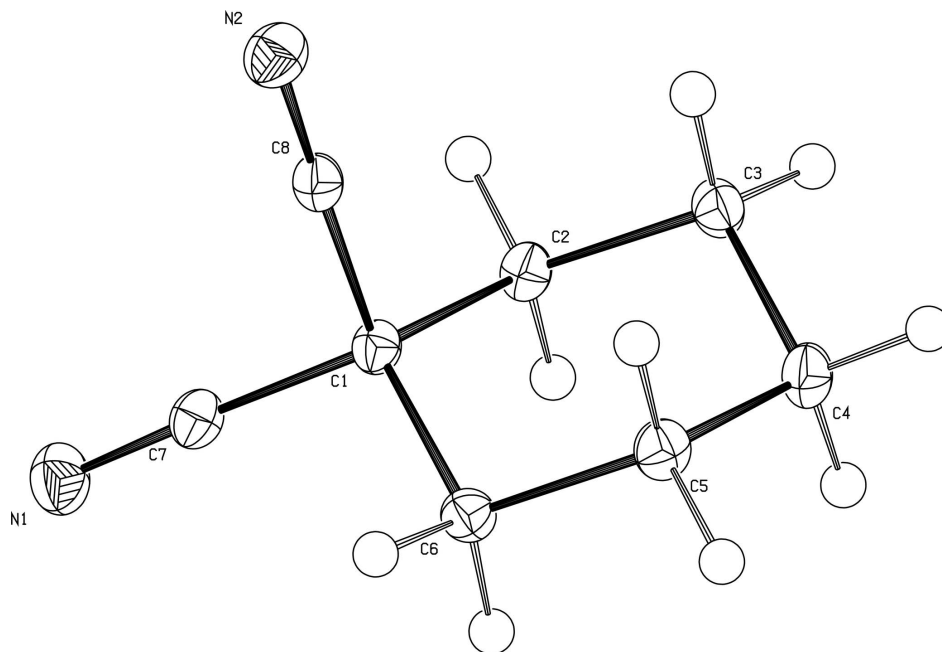
Fig.1 shows the structure of title compound, (I), which is a positional isomer of a previously reported by (Echeverria *et al.*, 1995), (II). The bond distances and the six C—C—C bond angles in (I) are slightly longer than (II). The crystal structure of (II) have intermolecular CN $\cdots$ CN and C—H $\cdots$ N interactions, whereas this kind of interactions are not present in (I). The values of the ring puckering parameters:  $Q_T = 0.5665 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\theta = 0.72^\circ$  and  $\varphi = 107.4^\circ$  (Cremer & Pople, 1975), indicate that the cyclohexane has a chair conformation. The C1—C2 and C1—C6 bond distances are more longer than the other C—C distances in the cyclohexyl ring. The lengthening of these bonds with increasing ring size may be attributed to steric crowding about C1 atom. The cyano groups are essentially collinear with C1 and the N—C—C1 angles is  $178.55 (10)^\circ$  (mean). A  $\sigma_h$  plane passing through the CN groups and the C1 atom which bisects the cyclohexyl ring.

### S2. Experimental

A mixture of malonodinitrile (0.1 mol, 6.6 g), 23 gr 1,5-dibromopentane (0.1 mol, 23 g) and 46 gr  $K_2CO_3$  in dry DMSO (50 ml), was stirred for 12 h at  $70^\circ\text{C}$ . After cooling down, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with ether. The organic layer was washed several times with water, dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and the solvent evaporated. The crude product was purified by vacuum distillation yielding 10.5 gr (87%) of a solid compound which after recrystallization in hexane gave white crystals: mp  $65^\circ\text{C}$ .;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  1.52 (m, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 1.72 (m, 4H,  $2CH_2$ ), 2.12 (t, 4H,  $2CH_2$ );  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  22.3, 23.8, 34.7, 41.2, 117.3. Analysis, found, %: C: 71.42, H: 7.78, N: 20.63 ( $C_8H_{10}N_2$ ); calculated, %: C: 71.61, H: 7.51, N: 20.88

### S3. Refinement

One reflection (-7 1 3) was omitted of the refinement due to to bad agreement between observed and calculated factors. All H-atoms were placed in calculated positions [ $C-H = 0.99 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2 U_{eq}(C)$ ] and were included in the refinement in the riding model approximation.

**Figure 1**

The structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are plotted at the 30% probability level.

### cyclohexane-1,1-dicarbonitrile

#### Crystal data

$C_8H_{10}N_2$

$M_r = 134.18$

Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$

Hall symbol:  $-P\ 2_1n$

$a = 8.9300$  (5) Å

$b = 8.3656$  (5) Å

$c = 9.8725$  (6) Å

$\beta = 92.662$  (1)°

$V = 736.73$  (8) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 288$

$D_x = 1.210$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

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

Cell parameters from 2571 reflections

$\theta = 3.0$ – $33.1$ °

$\mu = 0.08$  mm<sup>-1</sup>

$T = 100$  K

Prism, colourless

$0.30 \times 0.30 \times 0.30$  mm

#### Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD

diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

$\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan

(*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 2001)

$T_{\min} = 0.978$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.978$

9584 measured reflections

2794 independent reflections

2236 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.033$

$\theta_{\max} = 33.2$ °,  $\theta_{\min} = 3.0$ °

$h = -13 \rightarrow 13$

$k = -12 \rightarrow 12$

$l = -15 \rightarrow 14$

Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
Least-squares matrix: full	Hydrogen site location: difference Fourier map
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$	H-atom parameters constrained
$wR(F^2) = 0.105$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0492P)^2 + 0.1357P]$
$S = 1.03$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
2794 reflections	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
91 parameters	$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.31 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
0 restraints	$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods	

Special details

**Geometry.** All s.u.'s (except the s.u. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell s.u.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of s.u.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between s.u.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell s.u.'s is used for estimating s.u.'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  $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$  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	0.36573 (9)	-0.12113 (9)	0.57950 (8)	0.02114 (17)
N2	-0.02890 (8)	0.15605 (9)	0.63201 (8)	0.01948 (16)
C1	0.24232 (8)	0.16105 (9)	0.53895 (8)	0.01226 (14)
C2	0.23203 (9)	0.19844 (9)	0.38467 (8)	0.01370 (15)
H2A	0.3327	0.1888	0.3476	0.016*
H2B	0.1652	0.1197	0.3376	0.016*
C3	0.17144 (9)	0.36675 (10)	0.35831 (9)	0.01563 (16)
H3A	0.0672	0.3734	0.3878	0.019*
H3B	0.1701	0.3895	0.2598	0.019*
C4	0.26762 (9)	0.49156 (9)	0.43440 (9)	0.01663 (16)
H4A	0.2237	0.5990	0.4185	0.020*
H4B	0.3697	0.4915	0.3992	0.020*
C5	0.27741 (9)	0.45676 (10)	0.58644 (8)	0.01565 (16)
H5A	0.3437	0.5367	0.6326	0.019*
H5B	0.1765	0.4671	0.6230	0.019*
C6	0.33813 (9)	0.28925 (9)	0.61680 (8)	0.01401 (15)
H6A	0.3367	0.2685	0.7155	0.017*
H6B	0.4433	0.2823	0.5898	0.017*
C7	0.30994 (9)	0.00103 (10)	0.56201 (8)	0.01494 (15)
C8	0.08948 (9)	0.15673 (9)	0.59186 (8)	0.01406 (15)

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
N1	0.0225 (3)	0.0166 (3)	0.0245 (4)	0.0026 (3)	0.0035 (3)	0.0023 (3)

N2	0.0181 (3)	0.0193 (3)	0.0213 (4)	-0.0012 (3)	0.0039 (3)	-0.0003 (3)
C1	0.0127 (3)	0.0109 (3)	0.0134 (3)	0.0006 (2)	0.0021 (2)	0.0006 (2)
C2	0.0170 (3)	0.0128 (3)	0.0115 (3)	-0.0012 (3)	0.0017 (3)	-0.0003 (3)
C3	0.0179 (3)	0.0144 (3)	0.0145 (3)	0.0001 (3)	-0.0010 (3)	0.0019 (3)
C4	0.0214 (4)	0.0116 (3)	0.0169 (4)	-0.0007 (3)	0.0006 (3)	0.0011 (3)
C5	0.0188 (3)	0.0124 (3)	0.0157 (4)	0.0003 (3)	0.0003 (3)	-0.0021 (3)
C6	0.0141 (3)	0.0136 (3)	0.0141 (3)	-0.0002 (2)	-0.0007 (3)	-0.0009 (3)
C7	0.0156 (3)	0.0143 (3)	0.0152 (4)	-0.0005 (3)	0.0032 (3)	0.0007 (3)
C8	0.0161 (3)	0.0125 (3)	0.0136 (3)	-0.0002 (3)	0.0009 (3)	0.0004 (3)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

N1—C7	1.1465 (11)	C3—H3A	0.9900
N2—C8	1.1462 (11)	C3—H3B	0.9900
C1—C7	1.4818 (11)	C4—C5	1.5275 (12)
C1—C8	1.4843 (11)	C4—H4A	0.9900
C1—C6	1.5530 (11)	C4—H4B	0.9900
C1—C2	1.5535 (11)	C5—C6	1.5272 (11)
C2—C3	1.5265 (11)	C5—H5A	0.9900
C2—H2A	0.9900	C5—H5B	0.9900
C2—H2B	0.9900	C6—H6A	0.9900
C3—C4	1.5272 (11)	C6—H6B	0.9900
C7—C1—C8	107.39 (6)	C3—C4—H4A	109.4
C7—C1—C6	109.67 (6)	C5—C4—H4A	109.4
C8—C1—C6	109.70 (6)	C3—C4—H4B	109.4
C7—C1—C2	109.73 (6)	C5—C4—H4B	109.4
C8—C1—C2	109.66 (6)	H4A—C4—H4B	108.0
C6—C1—C2	110.63 (6)	C6—C5—C4	111.80 (7)
C3—C2—C1	110.93 (6)	C6—C5—H5A	109.3
C3—C2—H2A	109.5	C4—C5—H5A	109.3
C1—C2—H2A	109.5	C6—C5—H5B	109.3
C3—C2—H2B	109.5	C4—C5—H5B	109.3
C1—C2—H2B	109.5	H5A—C5—H5B	107.9
H2A—C2—H2B	108.0	C5—C6—C1	110.74 (6)
C2—C3—C4	111.10 (6)	C5—C6—H6A	109.5
C2—C3—H3A	109.4	C1—C6—H6A	109.5
C4—C3—H3A	109.4	C5—C6—H6B	109.5
C2—C3—H3B	109.4	C1—C6—H6B	109.5
C4—C3—H3B	109.4	H6A—C6—H6B	108.1
H3A—C3—H3B	108.0	N1—C7—C1	178.29 (8)
C3—C4—C5	110.99 (7)	N2—C8—C1	178.83 (8)
C7—C1—C2—C3	-176.59 (6)	C8—C1—C6—C5	-66.44 (8)
C8—C1—C2—C3	65.69 (8)	C2—C1—C6—C5	54.66 (8)
C6—C1—C2—C3	-55.45 (8)	C8—C1—C7—N1	-161 (3)
C1—C2—C3—C4	56.61 (9)	C6—C1—C7—N1	-42 (3)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-56.87 (9)	C2—C1—C7—N1	80 (3)

## supporting information

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C3—C4—C5—C6	56.58 (9)	C7—C1—C8—N2	-179 (100)
C4—C5—C6—C1	-55.55 (9)	C6—C1—C8—N2	62 (4)
C7—C1—C6—C5	175.84 (7)	C2—C1—C8—N2	-60 (4)

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