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# 4-(1,3-Benzodioxol-5-yl)-2-oxo-1,2,5,6-tetrahydrobenzo[*h*]quinoline-3-carbonitrile

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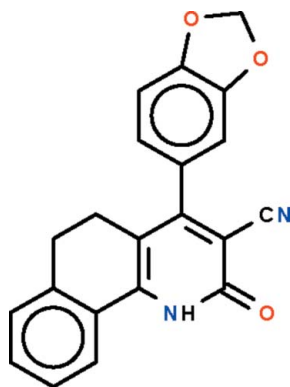
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 100$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.036;  $wR$  factor = 0.100; data-to-parameter ratio = 13.6.

In the molecule of the title compound,  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ , the tetrahydrobenzo[*h*]quinoline fused-ring system is buckled owing to the ethylene  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$  fragment, the benzene ring and the pyridine ring being twisted by  $24.3$  ( $1$ )°. The ring of the benzodioxol system is bent away from the pyridine ring by  $61.4$  ( $1$ )° in order to avoid crowding the cyanide substituent. Two molecules are linked by a pair of  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds to form a centrosymmetric dimer.

## Related literature

For background to the anticancer properties of this class of compounds, see: Rostom *et al.* (2011).



## Experimental

### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$   
 $M_r = 342.34$   
Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$   
 $a = 7.6586$  (3) Å  
 $b = 16.5858$  (5) Å  
 $c = 13.3220$  (6) Å  
 $\beta = 104.164$  (4)°  
 $V = 1640.77$  (11) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$   
Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.77$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 100$  K  
 $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.05$  mm

### Data collection

Agilent SuperNova Dual diffractometer with Atlas detector  
Absorption correction: multi-scan (*CrysAlis PRO*; Agilent, 2010)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.802$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.963$   
6078 measured reflections  
3241 independent reflections  
2962 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.014$

### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.036$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.100$   
 $S = 1.02$   
3241 reflections  
239 parameters  
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.21$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.22$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{N1}-\text{H1}\cdots\text{O1}^i$	0.93 (2)	1.85 (2)	2.778 (1)	175 (2)

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

Data collection: *CrysAlis PRO* (Agilent, 2010); cell refinement: *CrysAlis PRO*; data reduction: *CrysAlis PRO*; 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

The compound (Scheme I) belongs to a series of cyano-pyridinones that have been evaluated for their anticancer properties (Rostom *et al.*, 2011). The tetrahydrobenzo[*h*]quinoline fused-ring system is buckled owing to the ethylene – CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>– fragment, the benzene ring and the pyridine ring being twisted by 24.3 (1)°. The 4-substituted aromatic ring is bent away from the pyridine ring by 61.4 (1)° in order to avoid crowding the cyanide substituent (Fig. 1). Two molecules are linked by an N—H···O hydrogen bonds to form a centrosymmetric dimer (Table 1).

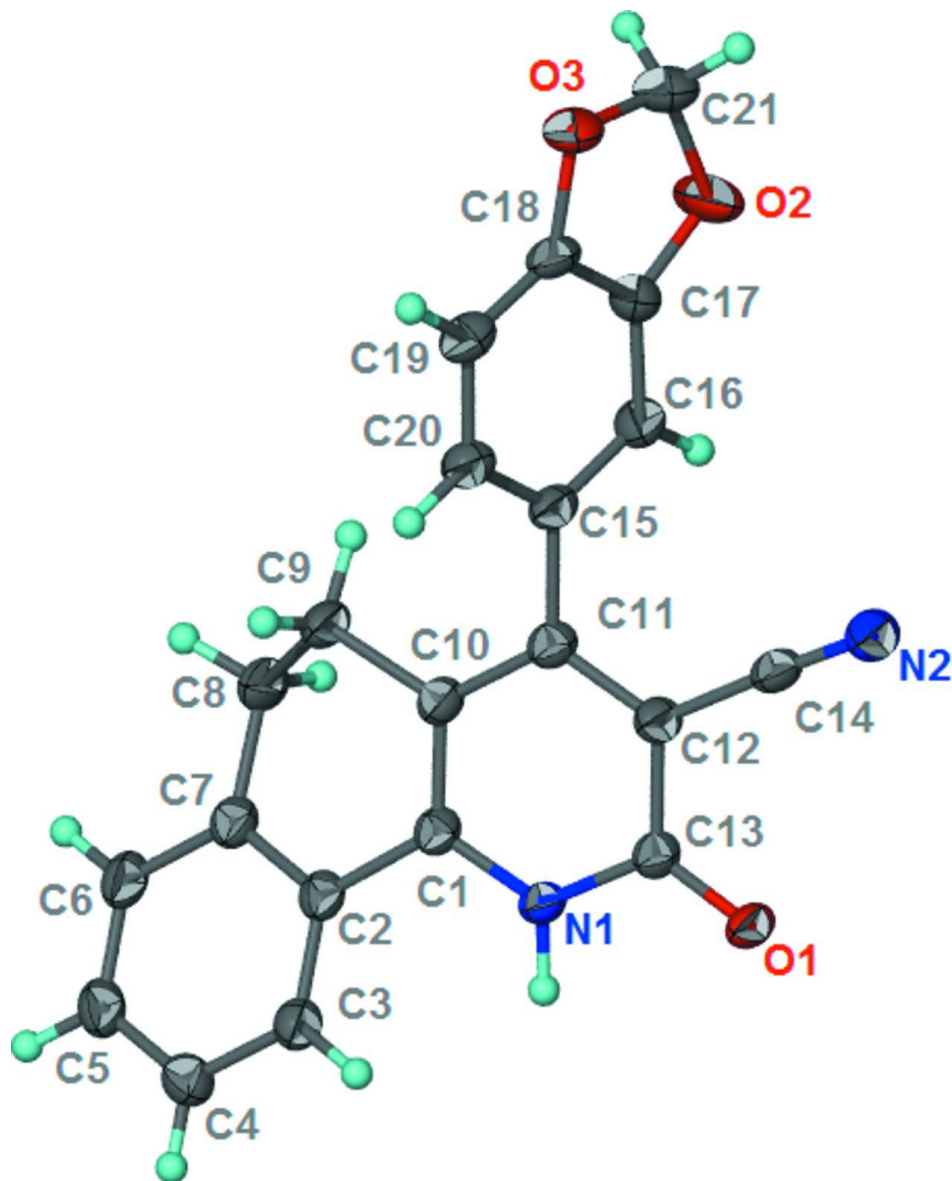
### S2. Experimental

A mixture of piperonaldehyde (1.50 g, 10 mmol), 1-tetralone (1.46 g, 10 mmol), ethyl cyanoacetate (1.1 g, 10 mmol) and ammonium acetate (6.2 g, 80 mmol) in absolute ethanol (50 ml) was refluxed for 6 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool, and the yellow precipitate that formed was filtered, washed with water, dried and recrystallized from ethanol; m.p. 593–595 K.

### S3. Refinement

Carbon- and nitrogen-bound H atoms were placed in calculated positions [C—H 0.95 to 0.99 Å,  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ ] and were included in the refinement in the riding model approximation.

The amino H atom was located in a difference Fourier map and was freely refined.



**Figure 1**

Thermal ellipsoid plot (Barbour, 2001) of  $C_{21}H_{14}N_2O_3$  at the 70% probability level; hydrogen atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radius.

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Hall symbol:  $-P\ 2_1/n$

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$c = 13.3220\ (6)\ \text{\AA}$

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$V = 1640.77\ (11)\ \text{\AA}^3$

$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 712$

$D_x = 1.386\ \text{Mg m}^{-3}$

Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 1.54184\ \text{\AA}$

Cell parameters from 3826 reflections

$\theta = 3.4\text{--}74.1^\circ$

$\mu = 0.77\ \text{mm}^{-1}$

$T = 100$  K  
Prism, yellow

$0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.05$  mm

*Data collection*

Agilent SuperNova Dual  
diffractometer with Atlas detector  
Radiation source: SuperNova (Cu) X-ray  
Source  
Mirror monochromator  
Detector resolution:  $10.4041$  pixels  $\text{mm}^{-1}$   
 $\omega$  scans  
Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(*CrysAlis PRO*; Agilent, 2010)

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3241 independent reflections  
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 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.014$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 74.3^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\min} = 4.3^\circ$   
 $h = -9 \rightarrow 9$   
 $k = -20 \rightarrow 18$   
 $l = -12 \rightarrow 16$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
Least-squares matrix: full  
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.036$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.100$   
 $S = 1.02$   
3241 reflections  
239 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 atoms treated by a mixture of independent  
and constrained refinement  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0584P)^2 + 0.3916P]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.22 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

*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	0.70432 (10)	0.53335 (5)	0.56250 (6)	0.0240 (2)
O2	1.17132 (13)	0.94538 (6)	0.60416 (10)	0.0444 (3)
O3	1.07114 (12)	1.02058 (5)	0.72509 (8)	0.0325 (2)
N1	0.46189 (12)	0.61383 (6)	0.49726 (7)	0.0200 (2)
H1	0.400 (2)	0.5663 (10)	0.4755 (12)	0.036 (4)*
N2	1.07002 (14)	0.65042 (6)	0.67925 (9)	0.0305 (3)
C1	0.38331 (15)	0.68751 (7)	0.47365 (8)	0.0197 (2)
C2	0.19123 (15)	0.69051 (7)	0.41849 (9)	0.0210 (2)
C3	0.07235 (15)	0.62711 (7)	0.42051 (9)	0.0233 (2)
H3	0.1138	0.5799	0.4594	0.028*
C4	-0.10680 (16)	0.63304 (7)	0.36557 (10)	0.0270 (3)
H4	-0.1877	0.5899	0.3671	0.032*
C5	-0.16769 (16)	0.70217 (8)	0.30833 (10)	0.0288 (3)
H5	-0.2899	0.7060	0.2705	0.035*
C6	-0.05002 (16)	0.76546 (7)	0.30652 (9)	0.0268 (3)
H6	-0.0922	0.8124	0.2672	0.032*
C7	0.12963 (16)	0.76085 (7)	0.36181 (9)	0.0232 (2)
C8	0.26177 (16)	0.82766 (7)	0.36083 (10)	0.0282 (3)
H8A	0.1958	0.8789	0.3413	0.034*
H8B	0.3302	0.8158	0.3084	0.034*
C9	0.39269 (16)	0.83692 (7)	0.46727 (10)	0.0271 (3)
H9A	0.4852	0.8778	0.4636	0.032*

H9B	0.3266	0.8555	0.5182	0.032*
C10	0.48223 (15)	0.75711 (7)	0.50141 (9)	0.0210 (2)
C11	0.66347 (15)	0.75062 (7)	0.55957 (9)	0.0212 (2)
C12	0.74037 (15)	0.67503 (7)	0.57985 (9)	0.0212 (2)
C13	0.63948 (15)	0.60256 (7)	0.54712 (8)	0.0201 (2)
C14	0.92402 (15)	0.66289 (7)	0.63508 (9)	0.0228 (3)
C15	0.76691 (15)	0.82441 (6)	0.60147 (9)	0.0213 (2)
C16	0.92690 (16)	0.84474 (7)	0.57344 (10)	0.0252 (3)
H16	0.9722	0.8130	0.5261	0.030*
C17	1.01415 (15)	0.91297 (7)	0.61812 (10)	0.0262 (3)
C18	0.95379 (16)	0.95848 (7)	0.68946 (9)	0.0238 (2)
C19	0.79788 (16)	0.94009 (7)	0.71780 (9)	0.0250 (3)
H19	0.7560	0.9718	0.7665	0.030*
C20	0.70363 (16)	0.87202 (7)	0.67114 (9)	0.0239 (2)
H20	0.5935	0.8579	0.6875	0.029*
C21	1.20431 (18)	1.01643 (8)	0.66633 (11)	0.0346 (3)
H21A	1.1967	1.0647	0.6218	0.041*
H21B	1.3263	1.0143	0.7134	0.041*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
O1	0.0226 (4)	0.0149 (4)	0.0296 (4)	0.0014 (3)	-0.0028 (3)	0.0014 (3)
O2	0.0336 (5)	0.0346 (5)	0.0716 (8)	-0.0158 (4)	0.0256 (5)	-0.0236 (5)
O3	0.0289 (4)	0.0224 (4)	0.0442 (5)	-0.0065 (3)	0.0051 (4)	-0.0121 (4)
N1	0.0196 (5)	0.0147 (4)	0.0226 (5)	-0.0005 (4)	-0.0007 (4)	-0.0004 (4)
N2	0.0250 (5)	0.0230 (5)	0.0375 (6)	0.0003 (4)	-0.0040 (4)	-0.0018 (4)
C1	0.0213 (5)	0.0186 (5)	0.0181 (5)	0.0018 (4)	0.0027 (4)	-0.0002 (4)
C2	0.0204 (5)	0.0203 (5)	0.0205 (5)	0.0026 (4)	0.0018 (4)	-0.0029 (4)
C3	0.0224 (5)	0.0219 (6)	0.0240 (6)	0.0024 (4)	0.0027 (4)	-0.0020 (4)
C4	0.0216 (5)	0.0269 (6)	0.0306 (6)	-0.0011 (5)	0.0028 (5)	-0.0049 (5)
C5	0.0209 (5)	0.0296 (6)	0.0316 (6)	0.0046 (5)	-0.0019 (5)	-0.0058 (5)
C6	0.0250 (6)	0.0229 (6)	0.0281 (6)	0.0067 (5)	-0.0022 (5)	-0.0018 (5)
C7	0.0234 (5)	0.0209 (5)	0.0235 (5)	0.0030 (4)	0.0021 (4)	-0.0032 (4)
C8	0.0254 (6)	0.0209 (6)	0.0338 (7)	0.0033 (4)	-0.0013 (5)	0.0056 (5)
C9	0.0245 (6)	0.0164 (5)	0.0362 (7)	0.0022 (4)	-0.0005 (5)	-0.0007 (5)
C10	0.0218 (5)	0.0174 (5)	0.0226 (5)	0.0020 (4)	0.0031 (4)	-0.0010 (4)
C11	0.0233 (5)	0.0181 (5)	0.0211 (5)	0.0002 (4)	0.0031 (4)	-0.0015 (4)
C12	0.0200 (5)	0.0189 (5)	0.0219 (5)	-0.0004 (4)	-0.0003 (4)	0.0000 (4)
C13	0.0210 (5)	0.0181 (5)	0.0190 (5)	0.0012 (4)	0.0007 (4)	0.0010 (4)
C14	0.0250 (6)	0.0150 (5)	0.0260 (6)	-0.0006 (4)	0.0016 (5)	-0.0020 (4)
C15	0.0226 (5)	0.0157 (5)	0.0222 (5)	0.0007 (4)	-0.0010 (4)	-0.0002 (4)
C16	0.0243 (5)	0.0214 (6)	0.0291 (6)	0.0003 (4)	0.0050 (5)	-0.0060 (5)
C17	0.0219 (5)	0.0217 (6)	0.0343 (6)	-0.0022 (4)	0.0054 (5)	-0.0026 (5)
C18	0.0267 (6)	0.0147 (5)	0.0258 (6)	-0.0017 (4)	-0.0015 (4)	-0.0020 (4)
C19	0.0315 (6)	0.0195 (5)	0.0232 (6)	0.0009 (4)	0.0051 (5)	-0.0026 (4)
C20	0.0266 (6)	0.0189 (5)	0.0255 (6)	-0.0012 (4)	0.0050 (5)	0.0000 (4)
C21	0.0342 (7)	0.0237 (6)	0.0449 (8)	-0.0085 (5)	0.0081 (6)	-0.0066 (6)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

O1—C13	1.2477 (14)	C8—C9	1.5309 (17)
O2—C17	1.3718 (15)	C8—H8A	0.9900
O2—C21	1.4269 (16)	C8—H8B	0.9900
O3—C18	1.3730 (14)	C9—C10	1.5088 (15)
O3—C21	1.4312 (17)	C9—H9A	0.9900
N1—C1	1.3645 (14)	C9—H9B	0.9900
N1—C13	1.3725 (14)	C10—C11	1.4185 (15)
N1—H1	0.931 (17)	C11—C12	1.3834 (15)
N2—C14	1.1477 (15)	C11—C15	1.4902 (15)
C1—C10	1.3807 (15)	C12—C14	1.4331 (15)
C1—C2	1.4756 (15)	C12—C13	1.4377 (15)
C2—C3	1.3955 (16)	C15—C20	1.3928 (16)
C2—C7	1.4068 (16)	C15—C16	1.4065 (17)
C3—C4	1.3916 (16)	C16—C17	1.3736 (16)
C3—H3	0.9500	C16—H16	0.9500
C4—C5	1.3928 (18)	C17—C18	1.3790 (17)
C4—H4	0.9500	C18—C19	1.3718 (17)
C5—C6	1.3875 (18)	C19—C20	1.4010 (16)
C5—H5	0.9500	C19—H19	0.9500
C6—C7	1.3948 (15)	C20—H20	0.9500
C6—H6	0.9500	C21—H21A	0.9900
C7—C8	1.5029 (17)	C21—H21B	0.9900
C17—O2—C21	106.35 (10)	C1—C10—C11	118.83 (10)
C18—O3—C21	105.58 (9)	C1—C10—C9	118.27 (10)
C1—N1—C13	124.23 (9)	C11—C10—C9	122.89 (10)
C1—N1—H1	121.6 (10)	C12—C11—C10	119.24 (10)
C13—N1—H1	114.0 (10)	C12—C11—C15	120.61 (10)
N1—C1—C10	120.33 (10)	C10—C11—C15	120.11 (10)
N1—C1—C2	118.34 (10)	C11—C12—C14	123.03 (10)
C10—C1—C2	121.33 (10)	C11—C12—C13	121.79 (10)
C3—C2—C7	120.03 (10)	C14—C12—C13	115.17 (10)
C3—C2—C1	122.72 (10)	O1—C13—N1	120.82 (10)
C7—C2—C1	117.25 (10)	O1—C13—C12	123.82 (10)
C4—C3—C2	120.04 (11)	N1—C13—C12	115.36 (9)
C4—C3—H3	120.0	N2—C14—C12	177.69 (12)
C2—C3—H3	120.0	C20—C15—C16	120.58 (10)
C5—C4—C3	120.07 (11)	C20—C15—C11	118.39 (10)
C5—C4—H4	120.0	C16—C15—C11	121.02 (10)
C3—C4—H4	120.0	C17—C16—C15	116.46 (11)
C6—C5—C4	120.03 (11)	C17—C16—H16	121.8
C6—C5—H5	120.0	C15—C16—H16	121.8
C4—C5—H5	120.0	O2—C17—C16	127.88 (11)
C5—C6—C7	120.68 (11)	O2—C17—C18	109.40 (10)
C5—C6—H6	119.7	C16—C17—C18	122.68 (11)
C7—C6—H6	119.7	O3—C18—C19	127.72 (11)

C6—C7—C2	119.13 (11)	O3—C18—C17	110.33 (11)
C6—C7—C8	122.30 (10)	C19—C18—C17	121.95 (11)
C2—C7—C8	118.55 (10)	C18—C19—C20	116.47 (11)
C7—C8—C9	110.84 (10)	C18—C19—H19	121.8
C7—C8—H8A	109.5	C20—C19—H19	121.8
C9—C8—H8A	109.5	C15—C20—C19	121.81 (11)
C7—C8—H8B	109.5	C15—C20—H20	119.1
C9—C8—H8B	109.5	C19—C20—H20	119.1
H8A—C8—H8B	108.1	O2—C21—O3	107.97 (10)
C10—C9—C8	109.72 (10)	O2—C21—H21A	110.1
C10—C9—H9A	109.7	O3—C21—H21A	110.1
C8—C9—H9A	109.7	O2—C21—H21B	110.1
C10—C9—H9B	109.7	O3—C21—H21B	110.1
C8—C9—H9B	109.7	H21A—C21—H21B	108.4
H9A—C9—H9B	108.2		
C13—N1—C1—C10	-1.05 (17)	C10—C11—C12—C13	-2.52 (17)
C13—N1—C1—C2	179.18 (10)	C15—C11—C12—C13	175.21 (10)
N1—C1—C2—C3	22.74 (16)	C1—N1—C13—O1	-177.03 (10)
C10—C1—C2—C3	-157.03 (11)	C1—N1—C13—C12	3.52 (16)
N1—C1—C2—C7	-156.96 (10)	C11—C12—C13—O1	178.92 (11)
C10—C1—C2—C7	23.27 (16)	C14—C12—C13—O1	-1.53 (17)
C7—C2—C3—C4	0.69 (17)	C11—C12—C13—N1	-1.66 (16)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-179.00 (10)	C14—C12—C13—N1	177.90 (10)
C2—C3—C4—C5	0.11 (18)	C12—C11—C15—C20	-116.89 (13)
C3—C4—C5—C6	-0.38 (19)	C10—C11—C15—C20	60.82 (15)
C4—C5—C6—C7	-0.15 (19)	C12—C11—C15—C16	61.65 (16)
C5—C6—C7—C2	0.94 (17)	C10—C11—C15—C16	-120.64 (12)
C5—C6—C7—C8	179.27 (12)	C20—C15—C16—C17	-0.08 (17)
C3—C2—C7—C6	-1.21 (17)	C11—C15—C16—C17	-178.59 (11)
C1—C2—C7—C6	178.50 (10)	C21—O2—C17—C16	179.29 (13)
C3—C2—C7—C8	-179.60 (11)	C21—O2—C17—C18	-2.82 (15)
C1—C2—C7—C8	0.11 (16)	C15—C16—C17—O2	179.76 (12)
C6—C7—C8—C9	143.06 (11)	C15—C16—C17—C18	2.13 (18)
C2—C7—C8—C9	-38.60 (15)	C21—O3—C18—C19	-176.17 (12)
C7—C8—C9—C10	54.40 (14)	C21—O3—C18—C17	4.47 (13)
N1—C1—C10—C11	-3.38 (17)	O2—C17—C18—O3	-1.08 (14)
C2—C1—C10—C11	176.38 (10)	C16—C17—C18—O3	176.94 (11)
N1—C1—C10—C9	175.95 (10)	O2—C17—C18—C19	179.52 (11)
C2—C1—C10—C9	-4.29 (16)	C16—C17—C18—C19	-2.46 (19)
C8—C9—C10—C1	-34.42 (15)	O3—C18—C19—C20	-178.70 (11)
C8—C9—C10—C11	144.89 (11)	C17—C18—C19—C20	0.59 (17)
C1—C10—C11—C12	5.05 (17)	C16—C15—C20—C19	-1.71 (17)
C9—C10—C11—C12	-174.25 (11)	C11—C15—C20—C19	176.83 (10)
C1—C10—C11—C15	-172.70 (10)	C18—C19—C20—C15	1.44 (17)
C9—C10—C11—C15	8.01 (17)	C17—O2—C21—O3	5.54 (15)
C10—C11—C12—C14	177.96 (10)	C18—O3—C21—O2	-6.13 (14)
C15—C11—C12—C14	-4.31 (18)		

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N1—H1 $\cdots$ O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.93 (2)	1.85 (2)	2.778 (1)	175 (2)

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