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 1,2-Diphenyl-1*H*-benzimidazole

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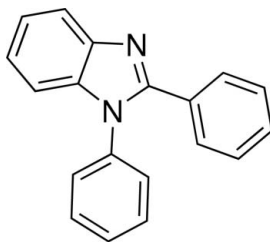
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 123$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.001$ Å; R factor = 0.052; wR factor = 0.137; data-to-parameter ratio = 38.4.

In the title molecule, $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2$, the benzimidazole unit is close to being planar [maximum deviation = 0.0102 (6) Å] and forms dihedral angles of 55.80 (2) and 40.67 (3)° with the adjacent phenyl rings; the dihedral angle between the phenyl rings is 62.37 (3)°. In the crystal, one $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ hydrogen bond and three weak $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$ interactions involving the fused benzene ring and the imidazole ring are observed, leading to a three-dimensional architecture.

Related literature

For the use of benzoimidazoles and phenanthroimidazoles as light-emitting devices and dye-sensitized solar cells, see: Fang *et al.* (2007); Ge *et al.* (2008); Lai *et al.* (2008); Shin *et al.* (2007); Tsai *et al.* (2007). For a closely related crystal structure, see: Jayamoorthy *et al.* (2012).



Experimental

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2$ $c = 17.4959$ (5) Å
 $M_r = 270.32$ $\beta = 106.205$ (3)°
 Monoclinic, $C2/c$ $V = 2848.13$ (14) Å³
 $a = 10.1878$ (3) Å $Z = 8$
 $b = 16.6399$ (4) Å Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

$\mu = 0.08$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 123$ K

0.60 × 0.40 × 0.35 mm

Data collection

Agilent Xcalibur Ruby Gemini diffractometer 25253 measured reflections
 7296 independent reflections
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (CrysAlis PRO; Agilent, 2012) 5803 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.028$
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.957$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.974$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.052$ 190 parameters
 $wR(F^2) = 0.137$ H-atom parameters constrained
 $S = 1.06$ $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.52$ e Å⁻³
 7296 reflections $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.25$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

Cg2 is the centroid of the C4–C9 fused benzene ring and Cg1 is the centroid of the N1/C2/N3/C9/C8 imidazole ring.

D—H...A	D—H	H...A	D...A	D—H...A
C14—H14...N3 ⁱ	0.93	2.62	3.4829 (11)	154
C16—H16...Cg2 ⁱⁱ	0.93	2.68	3.4843 (9)	146
C22—H22...Cg1 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.93	2.91	3.3966 (9)	114
C23—H23...Cg2 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.93	2.83	3.4609 (9)	126

Symmetry codes: (i) $x + \frac{1}{2}, y - \frac{1}{2}, z$; (ii) $-x, y, -z + \frac{1}{2}$; (iii) $-x, -y + 1, -z$.

Data collection: *CrysAlis PRO* (Agilent, 2012); 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: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2009); software used to prepare material for publication: *PLATON*.

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S1. Comment

Fused imidazole derivatives such as benzoimidazoles and phenanthroimidazoles [Fang *et al.*, (2007), Ge *et al.*, (2008), Lai *et al.*, (2008)] have been used in the fabrication of light-emitting devices, employing them as electron-transporting layer and as sensitizers in dye-sensitized solar cells [Shin *et al.*, (2007), Tsai *et al.*, (2007)] due to their wide optical absorption, bright luminescence and bipolar transport characteristics. Since our research group is working in organic light emitting devices, we are interested to use the title compound as ligand for synthesizing Ir(III) complexes. Jayamoorthy *et al.*, (2012) have reported a closely related crystal structure of 2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzimidazole.

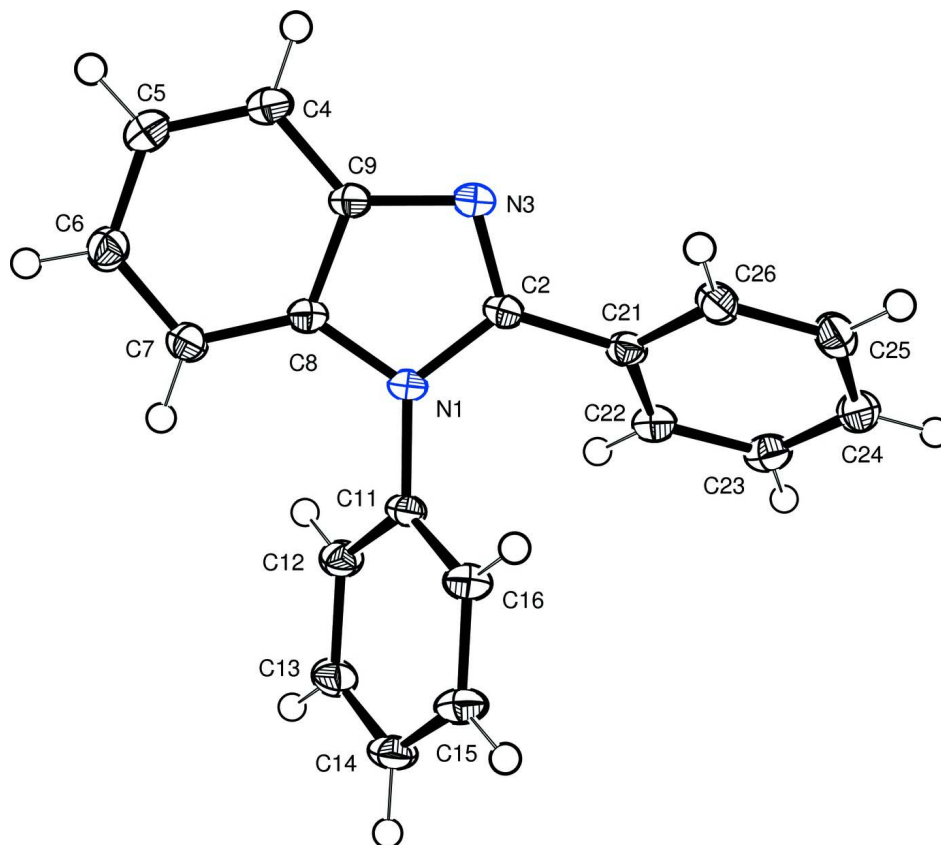
In the title molecule, C₁₉H₁₄N₂ (Fig. 1), the benzimidazole unit is almost planar [maximum deviation = 0.0102 (6) Å for C2]. The dihedral angles between the planes of the benzimidazole and the phenyl ring at N1 and the phenyl at C2 are 55.80 (2) and 40.67 (3)°, respectively. The dihedral angle between the planes of the adjacent phenyl rings is 62.37 (3)°. Intermolecular C14—H14···N3 hydrogen bond and weak C16—H16··· π interaction involving the fused benzene ring, C22—H22··· π interaction involving the imidazole ring and C23—H23··· π interaction involving the fused benzene ring are found in the crystal structure (Fig. 2, Table 1).

S2. Experimental

The pure *N*-phenyl-*o*-phenylenediamine (3.128 g, 17 mmol) in ethanol (10 ml), benzaldehyde (1.72 ml, 17 mmol) and ammonium acetate (3 g) was added about 1 h by maintaining the temperature at 353 K. The reaction mixture was refluxed for appropriate time and the completion of reaction was monitored by TLC, finally the reaction extracted with dichloromethane. The solid separated was purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether: ethyl acetate as the eluent. Yield: 2.49 g (50%). The title compound was dissolved in acetonitrile and allowed to slow evaporation for two days to obtain crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction studies.

S3. Refinement

The H atoms were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with C—H = 0.93 Å. $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$.

**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of the title compound, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radius.

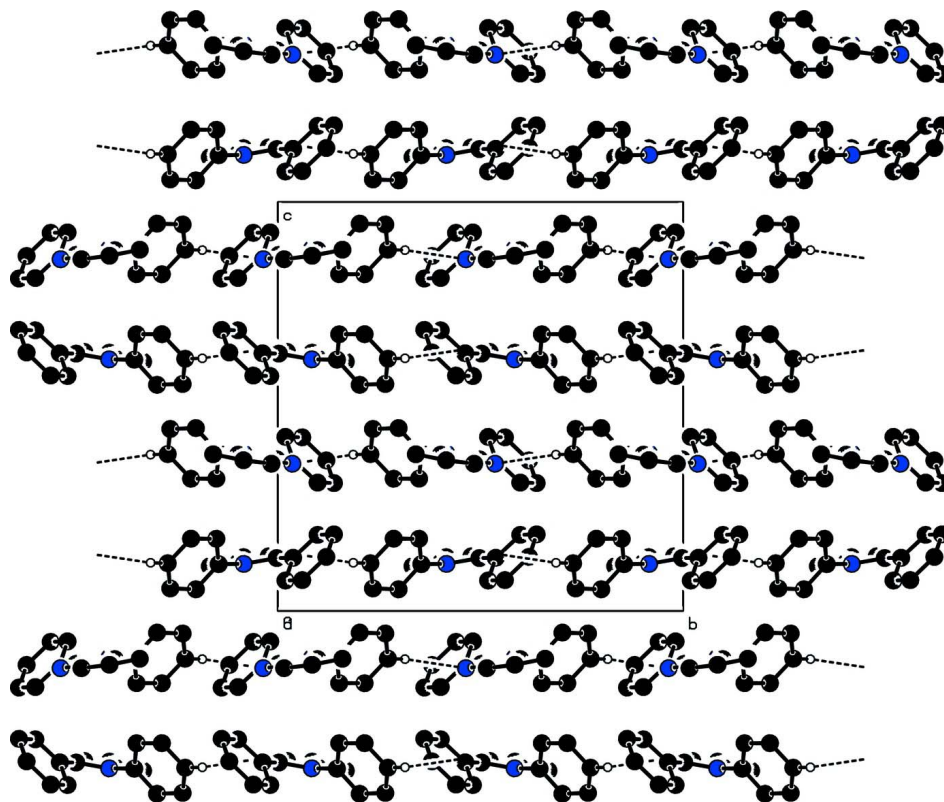


Figure 2

The packing of the title compound, viewed down the *a* axis. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted.

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$V = 2848.13$ (14) Å³

$Z = 8$

$F(000) = 1136$

$D_x = 1.261$ Mg m⁻³

Melting point: 380 K

Mo *K* α radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å

Cell parameters from 6755 reflections

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5803 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

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$h = -17 \rightarrow 16$

$k = -27 \rightarrow 27$

$l = -29 \rightarrow 29$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 Least-squares matrix: full
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.052$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.137$
 $S = 1.06$
 7296 reflections
 190 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
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.063P)^2 + 1.1529P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.52 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.25 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Special details

Geometry. Bond distances, angles *etc.* have been calculated using the rounded fractional coordinates. All su's are estimated from the variances of the (full) variance-covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account in the estimation of distances, angles and torsion angles

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 (\AA^2)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
N1	-0.02193 (7)	0.41603 (4)	0.11513 (4)	0.0171 (2)
N3	-0.10490 (7)	0.53588 (4)	0.13995 (4)	0.0203 (2)
C2	0.00172 (8)	0.49743 (5)	0.12929 (4)	0.0175 (2)
C4	-0.33775 (9)	0.48436 (6)	0.13998 (5)	0.0236 (2)
C5	-0.41655 (9)	0.41533 (6)	0.13157 (6)	0.0246 (2)
C6	-0.36456 (9)	0.34053 (6)	0.11689 (5)	0.0230 (2)
C7	-0.23322 (9)	0.33246 (5)	0.10945 (5)	0.0204 (2)
C8	-0.15513 (8)	0.40216 (5)	0.11787 (4)	0.0175 (2)
C9	-0.20463 (8)	0.47749 (5)	0.13339 (5)	0.0189 (2)
C11	0.07472 (8)	0.35411 (5)	0.11440 (4)	0.0170 (2)
C12	0.04519 (9)	0.29794 (5)	0.05292 (5)	0.0219 (2)
C13	0.13562 (10)	0.23476 (5)	0.05505 (6)	0.0249 (2)
C14	0.25548 (10)	0.22842 (5)	0.11667 (6)	0.0249 (2)
C15	0.28460 (9)	0.28592 (6)	0.17671 (5)	0.0244 (2)
C16	0.19401 (9)	0.34852 (5)	0.17652 (5)	0.0207 (2)
C21	0.13044 (8)	0.53770 (5)	0.12998 (5)	0.0180 (2)
C22	0.20146 (9)	0.51883 (5)	0.07441 (5)	0.0206 (2)
C23	0.32060 (9)	0.56028 (6)	0.07548 (5)	0.0235 (2)
C24	0.36977 (9)	0.61969 (6)	0.13203 (6)	0.0253 (2)
C25	0.29922 (10)	0.63848 (5)	0.18729 (6)	0.0254 (2)
C26	0.17964 (9)	0.59817 (5)	0.18609 (5)	0.0217 (2)
H4	-0.37244	0.53382	0.14972	0.0283*
H5	-0.50543	0.41859	0.13571	0.0296*
H6	-0.41968	0.29520	0.11203	0.0275*
H7	-0.19908	0.28296	0.09934	0.0245*
H12	-0.03397	0.30262	0.01096	0.0262*

H13	0.11560	0.19638	0.01481	0.0299*
H14	0.31565	0.18613	0.11775	0.0299*
H15	0.36562	0.28249	0.21748	0.0293*
H16	0.21306	0.38614	0.21746	0.0248*
H22	0.16910	0.47870	0.03688	0.0248*
H23	0.36739	0.54820	0.03826	0.0281*
H24	0.44992	0.64692	0.13297	0.0303*
H25	0.33243	0.67821	0.22513	0.0305*
H26	0.13210	0.61136	0.22266	0.0260*

Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
N1	0.0164 (3)	0.0143 (3)	0.0209 (3)	0.0033 (2)	0.0056 (2)	−0.0001 (2)
N3	0.0191 (3)	0.0166 (3)	0.0259 (3)	0.0036 (2)	0.0075 (2)	−0.0006 (2)
C2	0.0188 (3)	0.0147 (3)	0.0193 (3)	0.0029 (2)	0.0057 (2)	0.0005 (2)
C4	0.0185 (3)	0.0227 (4)	0.0298 (4)	0.0047 (3)	0.0073 (3)	−0.0014 (3)
C5	0.0175 (3)	0.0274 (4)	0.0289 (4)	0.0022 (3)	0.0063 (3)	0.0002 (3)
C6	0.0199 (3)	0.0235 (4)	0.0242 (3)	−0.0013 (3)	0.0041 (3)	0.0005 (3)
C7	0.0207 (3)	0.0175 (3)	0.0224 (3)	0.0011 (3)	0.0049 (3)	−0.0001 (3)
C8	0.0168 (3)	0.0169 (3)	0.0185 (3)	0.0031 (2)	0.0043 (2)	0.0006 (2)
C9	0.0177 (3)	0.0171 (3)	0.0220 (3)	0.0035 (2)	0.0055 (2)	−0.0002 (2)
C11	0.0183 (3)	0.0143 (3)	0.0194 (3)	0.0039 (2)	0.0069 (2)	0.0012 (2)
C12	0.0214 (3)	0.0205 (3)	0.0236 (3)	0.0028 (3)	0.0062 (3)	−0.0045 (3)
C13	0.0275 (4)	0.0197 (4)	0.0304 (4)	0.0034 (3)	0.0130 (3)	−0.0051 (3)
C14	0.0271 (4)	0.0198 (3)	0.0319 (4)	0.0088 (3)	0.0148 (3)	0.0038 (3)
C15	0.0227 (4)	0.0248 (4)	0.0256 (4)	0.0095 (3)	0.0064 (3)	0.0054 (3)
C16	0.0222 (3)	0.0197 (3)	0.0196 (3)	0.0058 (3)	0.0049 (3)	0.0012 (3)
C21	0.0190 (3)	0.0157 (3)	0.0200 (3)	0.0033 (2)	0.0066 (2)	0.0029 (2)
C22	0.0212 (3)	0.0214 (3)	0.0199 (3)	0.0043 (3)	0.0068 (3)	0.0020 (3)
C23	0.0226 (4)	0.0250 (4)	0.0253 (4)	0.0058 (3)	0.0107 (3)	0.0063 (3)
C24	0.0225 (4)	0.0217 (4)	0.0335 (4)	0.0009 (3)	0.0109 (3)	0.0060 (3)
C25	0.0275 (4)	0.0181 (3)	0.0322 (4)	−0.0028 (3)	0.0109 (3)	−0.0008 (3)
C26	0.0253 (4)	0.0166 (3)	0.0255 (3)	−0.0001 (3)	0.0109 (3)	−0.0007 (3)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

N1—C2	1.3859 (11)	C21—C26	1.3974 (12)
N1—C8	1.3905 (11)	C22—C23	1.3916 (13)
N1—C11	1.4277 (11)	C23—C24	1.3894 (14)
N3—C2	1.3180 (11)	C24—C25	1.3918 (14)
N3—C9	1.3872 (11)	C25—C26	1.3857 (14)
C2—C21	1.4697 (12)	C4—H4	0.9300
C4—C5	1.3855 (14)	C5—H5	0.9300
C4—C9	1.3975 (13)	C6—H6	0.9300
C5—C6	1.4042 (14)	C7—H7	0.9300
C6—C7	1.3866 (13)	C12—H12	0.9300
C7—C8	1.3908 (12)	C13—H13	0.9300

C8—C9	1.4056 (12)	C14—H14	0.9300
C11—C12	1.3930 (11)	C15—H15	0.9300
C11—C16	1.3891 (12)	C16—H16	0.9300
C12—C13	1.3915 (13)	C22—H22	0.9300
C13—C14	1.3892 (15)	C23—H23	0.9300
C14—C15	1.3903 (13)	C24—H24	0.9300
C15—C16	1.3911 (13)	C25—H25	0.9300
C21—C22	1.4000 (12)	C26—H26	0.9300
C2—N1—C8	106.18 (7)	C24—C25—C26	120.20 (9)
C2—N1—C11	128.39 (7)	C21—C26—C25	120.04 (8)
C8—N1—C11	124.24 (7)	C5—C4—H4	121.00
C2—N3—C9	105.18 (7)	C9—C4—H4	121.00
N1—C2—N3	113.00 (7)	C4—C5—H5	119.00
N1—C2—C21	123.87 (7)	C6—C5—H5	119.00
N3—C2—C21	123.11 (7)	C5—C6—H6	119.00
C5—C4—C9	118.06 (9)	C7—C6—H6	119.00
C4—C5—C6	121.16 (9)	C6—C7—H7	122.00
C5—C6—C7	121.75 (9)	C8—C7—H7	122.00
C6—C7—C8	116.60 (8)	C11—C12—H12	120.00
N1—C8—C7	132.04 (8)	C13—C12—H12	120.00
N1—C8—C9	105.36 (7)	C12—C13—H13	120.00
C7—C8—C9	122.59 (8)	C14—C13—H13	120.00
N3—C9—C4	129.88 (8)	C13—C14—H14	120.00
N3—C9—C8	110.28 (7)	C15—C14—H14	120.00
C4—C9—C8	119.85 (8)	C14—C15—H15	120.00
N1—C11—C12	119.36 (7)	C16—C15—H15	120.00
N1—C11—C16	119.76 (7)	C11—C16—H16	120.00
C12—C11—C16	120.83 (8)	C15—C16—H16	120.00
C11—C12—C13	119.18 (8)	C21—C22—H22	120.00
C12—C13—C14	120.68 (8)	C23—C22—H22	120.00
C13—C14—C15	119.35 (9)	C22—C23—H23	120.00
C14—C15—C16	120.80 (8)	C24—C23—H23	120.00
C11—C16—C15	119.14 (8)	C23—C24—H24	120.00
C2—C21—C22	121.66 (7)	C25—C24—H24	120.00
C2—C21—C26	118.58 (8)	C24—C25—H25	120.00
C22—C21—C26	119.72 (8)	C26—C25—H25	120.00
C21—C22—C23	119.83 (8)	C21—C26—H26	120.00
C22—C23—C24	120.13 (8)	C25—C26—H26	120.00
C23—C24—C25	120.07 (9)		
C8—N1—C2—N3	-0.56 (8)	C5—C6—C7—C8	0.47 (13)
C8—N1—C2—C21	-178.75 (7)	C6—C7—C8—N1	179.10 (8)
C11—N1—C2—N3	-168.36 (7)	C6—C7—C8—C9	0.20 (12)
C11—N1—C2—C21	13.45 (12)	N1—C8—C9—N3	0.02 (8)
C2—N1—C8—C7	-178.75 (8)	N1—C8—C9—C4	-179.91 (7)
C2—N1—C8—C9	0.30 (8)	C7—C8—C9—N3	179.18 (7)
C11—N1—C8—C7	-10.30 (13)	C7—C8—C9—C4	-0.76 (12)

C11—N1—C8—C9	168.74 (7)	N1—C11—C12—C13	-175.99 (8)
C2—N1—C11—C12	-134.48 (8)	C16—C11—C12—C13	1.25 (13)
C2—N1—C11—C16	48.25 (11)	N1—C11—C16—C15	177.36 (8)
C8—N1—C11—C12	59.73 (10)	C12—C11—C16—C15	0.14 (13)
C8—N1—C11—C16	-117.54 (9)	C11—C12—C13—C14	-1.38 (14)
C9—N3—C2—N1	0.56 (9)	C12—C13—C14—C15	0.13 (15)
C9—N3—C2—C21	178.77 (7)	C13—C14—C15—C16	1.29 (14)
C2—N3—C9—C4	179.58 (9)	C14—C15—C16—C11	-1.42 (14)
C2—N3—C9—C8	-0.35 (9)	C2—C21—C22—C23	177.85 (8)
N1—C2—C21—C22	40.41 (12)	C26—C21—C22—C23	0.10 (12)
N1—C2—C21—C26	-141.81 (8)	C2—C21—C26—C25	-178.67 (8)
N3—C2—C21—C22	-137.60 (8)	C22—C21—C26—C25	-0.85 (13)
N3—C2—C21—C26	40.18 (11)	C21—C22—C23—C24	0.64 (14)
C9—C4—C5—C6	0.03 (14)	C22—C23—C24—C25	-0.65 (14)
C5—C4—C9—N3	-179.31 (9)	C23—C24—C25—C26	-0.11 (14)
C5—C4—C9—C8	0.62 (12)	C24—C25—C26—C21	0.86 (14)
C4—C5—C6—C7	-0.60 (14)		

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Cg2 is the centroid of the C4–C9 fused benzene ring and Cg1 is the centroid of the N1/C2/N3/C9/C8 imidazole ring.

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C14—H14 \cdots N3 ⁱ	0.93	2.62	3.4829 (11)	154
C16—H16 \cdots Cg2 ⁱⁱ	0.93	2.68	3.4843 (9)	146
C22—H22 \cdots Cg1 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.93	2.91	3.3966 (9)	114
C23—H23 \cdots Cg2 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.93	2.83	3.4609 (9)	126

Symmetry codes: (i) $x+1/2, y-1/2, z$; (ii) $-x, y, -z+1/2$; (iii) $-x, -y+1, -z$.