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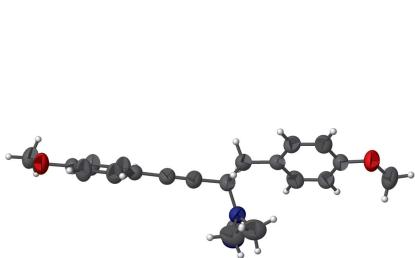
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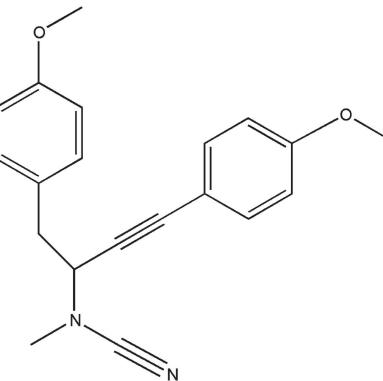
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The title compound, C₂₀H₂₀N₂O₂, crystallizes in the *P*2₁/c space group with one molecule in the asymmetric unit. It contains an amine with a cyano substituent and hence is classified as a cyanamide. One terminal CH₃ group is disordered over two positions with occupancies of 0.874 (9)/0.126 (9).

3D view



Chemical scheme



Structure description

Some of us have been involved in the synthesis of cyanamides from *N*-methyl propargylamines and using this as a starting point to produce propargyl guanidine derivatives, specifically adapting reports from Looper (Gainer *et al.*, 2011) and van der Eycken (Ermolat'ev *et al.*, 2010). Originally, a very interesting spirocyclization compound was produced while attempting to synthesize the title compound (Singh *et al.*, 2016). It was later discovered that using potassium carbonate as the base afforded the intended cyanamide in good yield.

The title compound crystallizes in the monoclinic crystal system, *P*2₁/c. There is one molecule in the asymmetric unit yielding a *Z* value of 4. The compound contains one cyano bond with an observed C≡N bond distance of 1.143 (2) Å and one C≡C bond with a distance of 1.189 (3) Å. One terminal CH₃ group (C12) is disordered over two positions with occupancies of 0.874 (9)/0.126 (9). Intermolecular C—H···O interactions are observed in the crystal (Table 1) as well as π–π interactions between C4–C9 phenyl rings [centroid–centroid distance = 3.8766 (14) Å, symmetry operation 1 – *x*, 1 – *y*, 2 – *z*].

data reports

Table 1
Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{C12}A-\text{H12}B\cdots \text{O2}^i$	0.96	2.48	3.366 (4)	154
$\text{C12}B-\text{H12}D\cdots \text{O2}^i$	0.96	2.53	3.24 (2)	131

Symmetry code: (i) $x, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$.

Synthesis and crystallization

The title compound was synthesized and crystallized following the procedure reported by our group (Singh *et al.*, 2016).

Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2. One terminal CH_3 group (C12) is disordered over two positions with occupancies of 0.874 (9)/0.126 (9).

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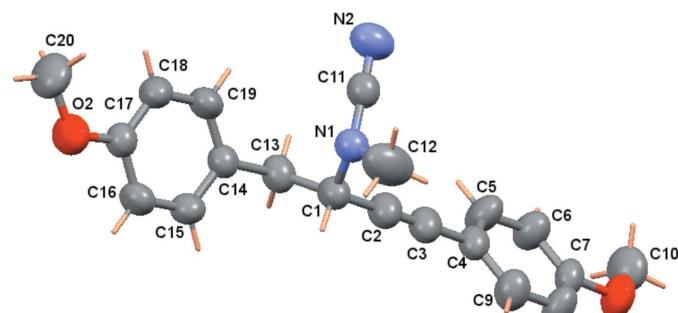


Figure 1

Plot of the title compound with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. Only the major component of the disorder is shown.

Table 2
Experimental details.

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	$\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$
M_r	320.38
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
Temperature (K)	299
a, b, c (Å)	15.6203 (19), 8.6349 (11), 13.9758 (17)
β ($^\circ$)	108.948 (2)
V (Å 3)	1782.9 (4)
Z	4
Radiation type	Mo $K\alpha$
μ (mm $^{-1}$)	0.08
Crystal size (mm)	0.25 \times 0.15 \times 0.05
Data collection	
Diffractometer	Bruker D8 QUEST CCD
Absorption correction	Multi-scan (<i>SADABS</i> ; Bruker, 2016)
T_{\min}, T_{\max}	0.687, 0.745
No. of measured, independent and observed [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] reflections	15747, 3209, 2256
R_{int}	0.032
$(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\text{max}}$ (Å $^{-1}$)	0.599
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.049, 0.124, 1.04
No. of reflections	3209
No. of parameters	231
No. of restraints	6
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e Å $^{-3}$)	0.11, -0.15

Computer programs: *APEX2* and *SAINT* (Bruker, 2016), *SHELXT2014* (Sheldrick, 2015a), *SHELXL2018* (Sheldrick, 2015b) and *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008).

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 $\beta = 108.948$ (2)°
 $V = 1782.9$ (4) Å³
 $Z = 4$

$F(000) = 680$
 $D_x = 1.194$ Mg m⁻³
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å
Cell parameters from 4903 reflections
 $\theta = 2.8\text{--}24.2^\circ$
 $\mu = 0.08$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 299$ K
Plate, colourless
0.25 × 0.15 × 0.05 mm

Data collection

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 $h = -18 \rightarrow 18$
 $k = -10 \rightarrow 10$
 $l = -16 \rightarrow 16$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
Least-squares matrix: full
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.049$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.124$
 $S = 1.04$
3209 reflections
231 parameters
6 restraints

Hydrogen site location: inferred from
neighbouring sites
H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0517P)^2 + 0.390P]$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.11$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.15$ e Å⁻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. H atoms were positioned geometrically (C—H = 0.93–0.98 Å) and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for methyl H and $1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for other H atoms.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$	Occ. (<1)
O1	0.57799 (10)	0.79026 (19)	1.22133 (10)	0.0801 (4)	
O2	0.06643 (10)	0.24335 (17)	0.21707 (11)	0.0851 (5)	
N1	0.15952 (10)	0.63823 (18)	0.62029 (11)	0.0588 (4)	
N2	0.18905 (13)	0.8975 (2)	0.56414 (16)	0.0865 (6)	
C1	0.23575 (13)	0.5294 (2)	0.66066 (13)	0.0610 (5)	
H1	0.209964	0.429138	0.669741	0.073*	
C2	0.29652 (14)	0.5784 (2)	0.76050 (15)	0.0697 (6)	
C3	0.34778 (14)	0.6166 (2)	0.84027 (15)	0.0679 (5)	
C4	0.40886 (13)	0.6616 (2)	0.93728 (13)	0.0587 (5)	
C5	0.48196 (16)	0.7550 (3)	0.94619 (15)	0.0797 (6)	
H5	0.492569	0.788760	0.887863	0.096*	
C6	0.54045 (14)	0.8005 (3)	1.03945 (15)	0.0734 (6)	
H6	0.589565	0.864071	1.043571	0.088*	
C7	0.52533 (13)	0.7510 (2)	1.12534 (13)	0.0578 (5)	
C8	0.45402 (15)	0.6558 (3)	1.11778 (15)	0.0775 (6)	
H8	0.444383	0.620286	1.176268	0.093*	
C9	0.39607 (14)	0.6114 (3)	1.02494 (15)	0.0726 (6)	
H9	0.347567	0.546656	1.021390	0.087*	
C10	0.65565 (16)	0.8814 (3)	1.23183 (17)	0.0907 (7)	
H10A	0.695384	0.827080	1.203500	0.136*	
H10B	0.686469	0.901142	1.302242	0.136*	
H10C	0.637842	0.977860	1.196884	0.136*	
C11	0.17720 (13)	0.7776 (3)	0.59205 (14)	0.0597 (5)	
C12A	0.0877 (2)	0.6328 (4)	0.6658 (4)	0.0891 (13)	0.874 (9)
H12A	0.111732	0.662393	0.735717	0.134*	0.874 (9)
H12B	0.063944	0.529530	0.661001	0.134*	0.874 (9)
H12C	0.040208	0.702994	0.630789	0.134*	0.874 (9)
C12B	0.0668 (17)	0.581 (3)	0.601 (3)	0.101 (5)	0.126 (9)
H12D	0.061446	0.536197	0.661323	0.151*	0.126 (9)
H12E	0.053591	0.503392	0.548461	0.151*	0.126 (9)
H12F	0.024869	0.665025	0.579117	0.151*	0.126 (9)
C13	0.28728 (13)	0.5050 (2)	0.58608 (14)	0.0659 (5)	
H13A	0.312140	0.603313	0.574249	0.079*	
H13B	0.337506	0.435089	0.615901	0.079*	
C14	0.22912 (12)	0.4395 (2)	0.48628 (13)	0.0555 (5)	
C15	0.20917 (13)	0.2831 (2)	0.47567 (14)	0.0635 (5)	
H15	0.232870	0.218169	0.531061	0.076*	
C16	0.15548 (13)	0.2209 (2)	0.38592 (15)	0.0664 (5)	
H16	0.143494	0.115157	0.380955	0.080*	
C17	0.11941 (12)	0.3153 (2)	0.30326 (14)	0.0584 (5)	
C18	0.13769 (14)	0.4706 (2)	0.31150 (14)	0.0678 (5)	
H18	0.113317	0.535283	0.256101	0.081*	
C19	0.19235 (14)	0.5311 (2)	0.40214 (15)	0.0681 (5)	
H19	0.204728	0.636697	0.406576	0.082*	
C20	0.02856 (19)	0.3332 (3)	0.12903 (17)	0.1032 (9)	

H20A	-0.008987	0.412710	0.142382	0.155*
H20B	-0.007307	0.268024	0.075259	0.155*
H20C	0.076206	0.379836	0.109588	0.155*

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
O1	0.0736 (9)	0.1082 (12)	0.0514 (8)	-0.0065 (9)	0.0106 (7)	-0.0141 (8)
O2	0.0909 (11)	0.0813 (10)	0.0642 (9)	-0.0046 (8)	-0.0006 (8)	-0.0114 (8)
N1	0.0566 (9)	0.0574 (10)	0.0596 (9)	0.0005 (7)	0.0148 (7)	-0.0001 (8)
N2	0.0871 (14)	0.0658 (12)	0.1086 (15)	0.0003 (10)	0.0345 (12)	0.0091 (11)
C1	0.0661 (12)	0.0548 (11)	0.0544 (11)	0.0019 (9)	0.0090 (9)	-0.0019 (9)
C2	0.0731 (14)	0.0681 (13)	0.0587 (12)	0.0082 (10)	0.0088 (11)	-0.0032 (10)
C3	0.0710 (13)	0.0663 (13)	0.0584 (12)	0.0130 (10)	0.0099 (11)	-0.0042 (10)
C4	0.0577 (11)	0.0607 (12)	0.0512 (11)	0.0116 (9)	0.0087 (9)	-0.0052 (9)
C5	0.0895 (16)	0.0968 (17)	0.0489 (12)	-0.0125 (13)	0.0173 (11)	0.0062 (11)
C6	0.0706 (13)	0.0878 (15)	0.0578 (12)	-0.0164 (11)	0.0152 (10)	-0.0005 (11)
C7	0.0553 (11)	0.0689 (12)	0.0463 (10)	0.0082 (9)	0.0124 (8)	-0.0071 (9)
C8	0.0776 (14)	0.1084 (18)	0.0496 (11)	-0.0138 (13)	0.0250 (11)	-0.0049 (11)
C9	0.0632 (12)	0.0891 (15)	0.0663 (13)	-0.0110 (11)	0.0221 (10)	-0.0096 (11)
C10	0.0737 (15)	0.1042 (18)	0.0751 (15)	-0.0065 (13)	-0.0020 (12)	-0.0140 (13)
C11	0.0534 (11)	0.0636 (13)	0.0589 (11)	0.0006 (10)	0.0140 (9)	-0.0054 (10)
C12A	0.089 (2)	0.076 (2)	0.120 (3)	-0.0040 (16)	0.059 (2)	0.0020 (19)
C12B	0.098 (9)	0.081 (9)	0.128 (10)	0.004 (8)	0.042 (9)	0.006 (8)
C13	0.0585 (11)	0.0669 (12)	0.0658 (12)	0.0025 (10)	0.0113 (10)	-0.0093 (10)
C14	0.0556 (10)	0.0541 (11)	0.0559 (11)	0.0045 (8)	0.0168 (8)	-0.0043 (9)
C15	0.0710 (13)	0.0553 (12)	0.0576 (11)	0.0058 (9)	0.0120 (10)	0.0066 (9)
C16	0.0756 (13)	0.0489 (11)	0.0681 (13)	-0.0048 (10)	0.0143 (11)	-0.0019 (10)
C17	0.0573 (11)	0.0607 (12)	0.0541 (11)	0.0010 (9)	0.0137 (9)	-0.0057 (9)
C18	0.0860 (14)	0.0591 (12)	0.0524 (11)	0.0105 (10)	0.0144 (10)	0.0057 (9)
C19	0.0891 (14)	0.0472 (11)	0.0660 (13)	-0.0001 (10)	0.0225 (11)	-0.0002 (10)
C20	0.1074 (19)	0.119 (2)	0.0610 (14)	0.0096 (17)	-0.0036 (13)	-0.0046 (14)

Geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$)

O1—C7	1.369 (2)	C10—H10B	0.9600
O1—C10	1.413 (3)	C10—H10C	0.9600
O2—C17	1.369 (2)	C12A—H12A	0.9600
O2—C20	1.412 (3)	C12A—H12B	0.9600
N1—C11	1.323 (3)	C12A—H12C	0.9600
N1—C12A	1.459 (3)	C12B—H12D	0.9600
N1—C12B	1.47 (3)	C12B—H12E	0.9600
N1—C1	1.478 (2)	C12B—H12F	0.9600
N2—C11	1.143 (2)	C13—C14	1.506 (2)
C1—C2	1.472 (3)	C13—H13A	0.9700
C1—C13	1.524 (3)	C13—H13B	0.9700
C1—H1	0.9800	C14—C19	1.378 (3)
C2—C3	1.189 (3)	C14—C15	1.383 (3)

C3—C4	1.435 (3)	C15—C16	1.372 (2)
C4—C5	1.370 (3)	C15—H15	0.9300
C4—C9	1.374 (3)	C16—C17	1.376 (3)
C5—C6	1.384 (3)	C16—H16	0.9300
C5—H5	0.9300	C17—C18	1.368 (3)
C6—C7	1.365 (3)	C18—C19	1.380 (3)
C6—H6	0.9300	C18—H18	0.9300
C7—C8	1.361 (3)	C19—H19	0.9300
C8—C9	1.374 (3)	C20—H20A	0.9600
C8—H8	0.9300	C20—H20B	0.9600
C9—H9	0.9300	C20—H20C	0.9600
C10—H10A	0.9600		
C7—O1—C10	117.52 (16)	N1—C12A—H12B	109.5
C17—O2—C20	118.68 (17)	H12A—C12A—H12B	109.5
C11—N1—C12A	115.07 (19)	N1—C12A—H12C	109.5
C11—N1—C12B	122.7 (10)	H12A—C12A—H12C	109.5
C11—N1—C1	118.17 (16)	H12B—C12A—H12C	109.5
C12A—N1—C1	116.83 (19)	N1—C12B—H12D	109.5
C12B—N1—C1	118.6 (10)	N1—C12B—H12E	109.5
C2—C1—N1	111.74 (15)	H12D—C12B—H12E	109.5
C2—C1—C13	111.52 (16)	N1—C12B—H12F	109.5
N1—C1—C13	111.45 (15)	H12D—C12B—H12F	109.5
C2—C1—H1	107.3	H12E—C12B—H12F	109.5
N1—C1—H1	107.3	C14—C13—C1	113.05 (15)
C13—C1—H1	107.3	C14—C13—H13A	109.0
C3—C2—C1	178.0 (2)	C1—C13—H13A	109.0
C2—C3—C4	179.2 (2)	C14—C13—H13B	109.0
C5—C4—C9	117.56 (18)	C1—C13—H13B	109.0
C5—C4—C3	121.59 (19)	H13A—C13—H13B	107.8
C9—C4—C3	120.85 (19)	C19—C14—C15	116.85 (17)
C4—C5—C6	121.91 (19)	C19—C14—C13	122.28 (18)
C4—C5—H5	119.0	C15—C14—C13	120.86 (17)
C6—C5—H5	119.0	C16—C15—C14	122.01 (18)
C7—C6—C5	119.3 (2)	C16—C15—H15	119.0
C7—C6—H6	120.3	C14—C15—H15	119.0
C5—C6—H6	120.3	C15—C16—C17	119.82 (18)
C8—C7—C6	119.46 (18)	C15—C16—H16	120.1
C8—C7—O1	116.22 (17)	C17—C16—H16	120.1
C6—C7—O1	124.32 (19)	C18—C17—O2	124.68 (17)
C7—C8—C9	120.91 (19)	C18—C17—C16	119.52 (17)
C7—C8—H8	119.5	O2—C17—C16	115.80 (17)
C9—C8—H8	119.5	C17—C18—C19	119.89 (18)
C8—C9—C4	120.8 (2)	C17—C18—H18	120.1
C8—C9—H9	119.6	C19—C18—H18	120.1
C4—C9—H9	119.6	C14—C19—C18	121.89 (18)
O1—C10—H10A	109.5	C14—C19—H19	119.1
O1—C10—H10B	109.5	C18—C19—H19	119.1

H10A—C10—H10B	109.5	O2—C20—H20A	109.5
O1—C10—H10C	109.5	O2—C20—H20B	109.5
H10A—C10—H10C	109.5	H20A—C20—H20B	109.5
H10B—C10—H10C	109.5	O2—C20—H20C	109.5
N2—C11—N1	177.0 (2)	H20A—C20—H20C	109.5
N1—C12A—H12A	109.5	H20B—C20—H20C	109.5
C11—N1—C1—C2	69.5 (2)	C3—C4—C9—C8	-179.32 (19)
C12A—N1—C1—C2	-74.5 (3)	C2—C1—C13—C14	174.28 (17)
C12B—N1—C1—C2	-118.6 (19)	N1—C1—C13—C14	-60.1 (2)
C11—N1—C1—C13	-56.0 (2)	C1—C13—C14—C19	99.5 (2)
C12A—N1—C1—C13	160.0 (3)	C1—C13—C14—C15	-79.6 (2)
C12B—N1—C1—C13	115.9 (19)	C19—C14—C15—C16	0.1 (3)
C9—C4—C5—C6	-1.1 (3)	C13—C14—C15—C16	179.21 (18)
C3—C4—C5—C6	179.1 (2)	C14—C15—C16—C17	-0.3 (3)
C4—C5—C6—C7	0.1 (3)	C20—O2—C17—C18	1.2 (3)
C5—C6—C7—C8	1.1 (3)	C20—O2—C17—C16	-179.0 (2)
C5—C6—C7—O1	-179.14 (19)	C15—C16—C17—C18	0.1 (3)
C10—O1—C7—C8	176.30 (19)	C15—C16—C17—O2	-179.76 (17)
C10—O1—C7—C6	-3.4 (3)	O2—C17—C18—C19	-179.79 (18)
C6—C7—C8—C9	-1.3 (3)	C16—C17—C18—C19	0.3 (3)
O1—C7—C8—C9	178.92 (19)	C15—C14—C19—C18	0.4 (3)
C7—C8—C9—C4	0.3 (3)	C13—C14—C19—C18	-178.73 (18)
C5—C4—C9—C8	1.0 (3)	C17—C18—C19—C14	-0.6 (3)

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D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
C12A—H12B···O2 ⁱ	0.96	2.48	3.366 (4)	154
C12B—H12D···O2 ⁱ	0.96	2.53	3.24 (2)	131

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