

**( $\pm$ )-5-Ethyl-2-(4-isopropyl-4-methyl-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-2-yl)nicotinic acid**

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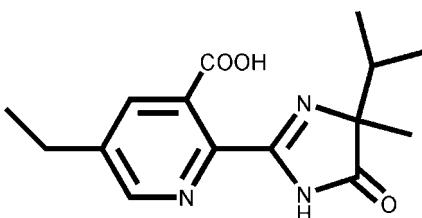
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 293$  K; mean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.003$  Å;  
 $R$  factor = 0.051;  $wR$  factor = 0.137; data-to-parameter ratio = 17.2.

In the title compound,  $C_{15}H_{19}N_3O_3$ , owing to an intramolecular O—H···N hydrogen bond, the pyridine and imidazole rings are nearly coplanar and are twisted from each other by a dihedral angle of only  $0.92(9)^\circ$ . The molecules are linked through intermolecular N—H···O hydrogen bonding, forming an infinite chain parallel to the  $b$  axis.

**Related literature**

For usages of nicotinic acid and imidazole in coordination chemistry and medicinal chemistry, see: Liu *et al.* (2005); Zhao *et al.* (2007); He *et al.* (2005); Boovanahalli *et al.* (2007); Song *et al.* (2006).

**Experimental***Crystal data*

$C_{15}H_{19}N_3O_3$   
 $M_r = 289.33$   
Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 12.6916(15)$  Å

$b = 16.0748(17)$  Å  
 $c = 7.3801(8)$  Å  
 $\beta = 100.213(7)^\circ$   
 $V = 1481.8(3)$  Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$   
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.09$  mm<sup>-1</sup>

$T = 293(2)$  K  
 $0.25 \times 0.25 \times 0.20$  mm

*Data collection*

Rigaku Mercury2 diffractometer  
Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(*CrystalClear*; Rigaku, 2005)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.978$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.988$

15016 measured reflections  
3357 independent reflections  
2413 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.045$

*Refinement*

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.051$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.136$   
 $S = 1.03$   
3357 reflections

195 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.20$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.20$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
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N3—H3···O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.86	2.10	2.9330 (19)	162

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

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku, 2005); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalClear*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ORTEPIII* (Burnett & Johnson, 1996), *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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### S1. Comment

The nicotinic acid and the imidazole group have found a wide range of applications in coordination chemistry as ligands, in medicinal chemistry and materials science (Liu *et al.* 2005; Zhao *et al.* 2007; He *et al.* 2005; Boovanahalli *et al.* 2007; Song *et al.* 2006). We report here the crystal structure of the title compound, C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

Owing to an intramolecular O1-H1 $\cdots$ N2 hydrogen, the pyridine and the imidazole rings are nearly planar, they are only twisted to each other by a dihedral angle of 0.91 (9). In the imidazole ring, the C6=N2 bond distance of 1.282 (4) Å conforms to the value for a double bond, while the C11—N2 bond length of 1.472 (4) Å conforms to the value for a single bond. To the carboxyl group, the C9=O2 bond distance of 1.212 (4) Å conforms to the value for a double bond, while the C9—O1 bond length of 1.298 (4) Å conforms to the value for a single bond.

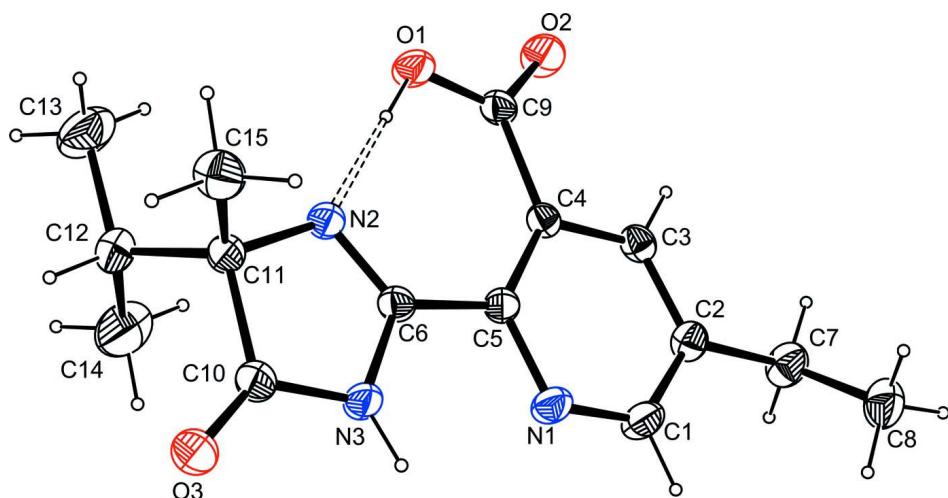
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### S2. Experimental

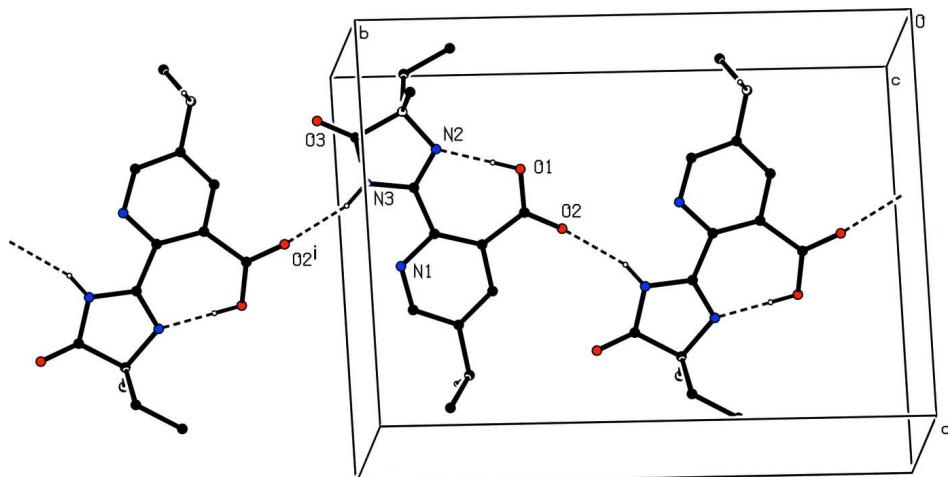
5-ethyl-2-(4-isopropyl-4-methyl-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)nicotinic acid (3 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (20 ml) and evaporated in the air affording colorless block crystals of this compound suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained.

### S3. Refinement

All H atoms attached to C, N and O atoms were fixed geometrically and treated as riding with C—H = 0.98 Å (methine), 0.97 Å (methylene), 0.96 Å (methyl) and N—H = 0.86 Å or O—H = 0.82 Å with U<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.2U<sub>eq</sub>(C, N) or U<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.5U<sub>eq</sub>(O, methyl).

**Figure 1**

Molecular view of the title compound with the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms are represented as small spheres of arbitrary radii. H bond is shown as dashed line

**Figure 2**

Partial packing view of the title compound showing the formation of the chain parallel to the *b* axis. H bonds are shown as dashed lines. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted for clarity. [Symmetry code: (i) 1-x, 1/2+y, 1/2-z]

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 $k = -20 \rightarrow 20$   
 $l = -9 \rightarrow 9$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
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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  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0611P)^2 + 0.3777P]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.20\text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.20\text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

#### 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.** 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  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  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	0.56210 (12)	0.92867 (8)	0.3216 (2)	0.0442 (4)
N2	0.31126 (10)	0.86524 (8)	0.06785 (19)	0.0358 (3)
N3	0.38168 (11)	0.99041 (8)	0.1425 (2)	0.0419 (4)
H3	0.4293	1.0259	0.1901	0.050*
O1	0.36104 (10)	0.71477 (7)	0.09236 (19)	0.0484 (4)
H1	0.3450	0.7642	0.0817	0.073*
O2	0.48765 (11)	0.63866 (7)	0.2486 (2)	0.0590 (4)
O3	0.24362 (11)	1.07812 (8)	0.0169 (2)	0.0626 (4)
C1	0.65661 (14)	0.90689 (11)	0.4182 (3)	0.0465 (5)
H1A	0.7023	0.9491	0.4702	0.056*
C2	0.69167 (13)	0.82543 (11)	0.4465 (2)	0.0385 (4)
C3	0.62079 (13)	0.76450 (10)	0.3712 (2)	0.0354 (4)
H3A	0.6409	0.7090	0.3883	0.042*
C4	0.51990 (12)	0.78314 (9)	0.2704 (2)	0.0304 (3)

C5	0.49432 (12)	0.86849 (9)	0.2486 (2)	0.0328 (4)
C6	0.39348 (13)	0.90513 (9)	0.1502 (2)	0.0337 (4)
C7	0.80073 (15)	0.80620 (13)	0.5550 (3)	0.0508 (5)
H7A	0.8117	0.7465	0.5559	0.061*
H7B	0.8035	0.8240	0.6813	0.061*
C8	0.89069 (16)	0.84795 (14)	0.4789 (3)	0.0624 (6)
H8A	0.8871	0.8321	0.3525	0.094*
H8B	0.9583	0.8309	0.5492	0.094*
H8C	0.8837	0.9072	0.4868	0.094*
C9	0.45278 (13)	0.70696 (10)	0.2013 (2)	0.0366 (4)
C10	0.28196 (14)	1.00956 (10)	0.0468 (3)	0.0429 (4)
C11	0.22886 (13)	0.92565 (10)	-0.0124 (2)	0.0373 (4)
C12	0.12537 (15)	0.91484 (12)	0.0676 (3)	0.0492 (5)
H12	0.0754	0.9583	0.0133	0.059*
C13	0.0711 (2)	0.83164 (17)	0.0180 (4)	0.0788 (8)
H13A	0.1161	0.7876	0.0757	0.118*
H13B	0.0592	0.8244	-0.1131	0.118*
H13C	0.0038	0.8303	0.0602	0.118*
C14	0.1441 (2)	0.92685 (19)	0.2749 (3)	0.0857 (9)
H14A	0.0772	0.9224	0.3177	0.128*
H14B	0.1745	0.9809	0.3050	0.128*
H14C	0.1924	0.8849	0.3329	0.128*
C15	0.21042 (17)	0.91982 (12)	-0.2218 (3)	0.0527 (5)
H15A	0.2770	0.9283	-0.2638	0.079*
H15B	0.1600	0.9617	-0.2737	0.079*
H15C	0.1827	0.8658	-0.2596	0.079*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
N1	0.0384 (8)	0.0285 (7)	0.0620 (10)	-0.0038 (6)	-0.0019 (7)	-0.0006 (7)
N2	0.0334 (8)	0.0269 (7)	0.0458 (8)	0.0002 (5)	0.0031 (6)	-0.0001 (6)
N3	0.0331 (8)	0.0247 (7)	0.0644 (10)	-0.0015 (5)	-0.0008 (7)	-0.0006 (6)
O1	0.0437 (7)	0.0250 (6)	0.0718 (9)	-0.0017 (5)	-0.0033 (6)	-0.0029 (6)
O2	0.0513 (8)	0.0237 (6)	0.0970 (11)	0.0032 (5)	-0.0003 (7)	0.0047 (6)
O3	0.0492 (8)	0.0285 (7)	0.1029 (12)	0.0087 (6)	-0.0057 (8)	0.0011 (7)
C1	0.0397 (10)	0.0354 (9)	0.0593 (12)	-0.0075 (7)	-0.0049 (8)	0.0004 (8)
C2	0.0355 (9)	0.0396 (9)	0.0395 (9)	-0.0003 (7)	0.0046 (7)	0.0054 (7)
C3	0.0386 (9)	0.0292 (8)	0.0400 (9)	0.0040 (7)	0.0113 (7)	0.0051 (7)
C4	0.0324 (8)	0.0261 (7)	0.0344 (8)	0.0009 (6)	0.0105 (6)	0.0024 (6)
C5	0.0317 (8)	0.0266 (8)	0.0403 (9)	-0.0008 (6)	0.0072 (7)	0.0011 (7)
C6	0.0349 (9)	0.0251 (8)	0.0421 (9)	-0.0004 (6)	0.0091 (7)	0.0006 (7)
C7	0.0420 (10)	0.0496 (11)	0.0555 (12)	0.0018 (8)	-0.0059 (9)	0.0090 (9)
C8	0.0375 (11)	0.0660 (14)	0.0808 (16)	0.0043 (9)	0.0022 (10)	-0.0005 (11)
C9	0.0375 (9)	0.0255 (8)	0.0482 (10)	0.0001 (7)	0.0112 (8)	-0.0016 (7)
C10	0.0386 (10)	0.0300 (9)	0.0593 (11)	0.0029 (7)	0.0064 (8)	0.0006 (8)
C11	0.0334 (9)	0.0291 (8)	0.0476 (10)	0.0020 (6)	0.0021 (7)	0.0004 (7)
C12	0.0350 (10)	0.0503 (11)	0.0615 (12)	-0.0035 (8)	0.0063 (8)	-0.0040 (9)

C13	0.0650 (15)	0.0823 (18)	0.0907 (19)	-0.0356 (13)	0.0180 (13)	-0.0154 (14)
C14	0.0713 (17)	0.122 (2)	0.0717 (17)	-0.0306 (15)	0.0344 (13)	-0.0326 (16)
C15	0.0595 (13)	0.0493 (11)	0.0468 (11)	0.0068 (9)	0.0029 (9)	0.0032 (9)

*Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^{\circ}$ )*

N1—C1	1.329 (2)	C7—H7A	0.9700
N1—C5	1.342 (2)	C7—H7B	0.9700
N2—C6	1.282 (2)	C8—H8A	0.9600
N2—C11	1.472 (2)	C8—H8B	0.9600
N3—C10	1.370 (2)	C8—H8C	0.9600
N3—C6	1.379 (2)	C10—C11	1.536 (2)
N3—H3	0.8600	C11—C15	1.524 (3)
O1—C9	1.298 (2)	C11—C12	1.543 (3)
O1—H1	0.8200	C12—C14	1.518 (3)
O2—C9	1.2118 (19)	C12—C13	1.519 (3)
O3—C10	1.209 (2)	C12—H12	0.9800
C1—C2	1.387 (2)	C13—H13A	0.9600
C1—H1A	0.9300	C13—H13B	0.9600
C2—C3	1.378 (2)	C13—H13C	0.9600
C2—C7	1.503 (2)	C14—H14A	0.9600
C3—C4	1.395 (2)	C14—H14B	0.9600
C3—H3A	0.9300	C14—H14C	0.9600
C4—C5	1.412 (2)	C15—H15A	0.9600
C4—C9	1.527 (2)	C15—H15B	0.9600
C5—C6	1.477 (2)	C15—H15C	0.9600
C7—C8	1.515 (3)		
C1—N1—C5	118.60 (14)	O2—C9—O1	120.50 (15)
C6—N2—C11	108.73 (13)	O2—C9—C4	118.47 (15)
C10—N3—C6	109.15 (14)	O1—C9—C4	121.02 (13)
C10—N3—H3	125.4	O3—C10—N3	127.14 (17)
C6—N3—H3	125.4	O3—C10—C11	127.32 (16)
C9—O1—H1	109.5	N3—C10—C11	105.54 (13)
N1—C1—C2	124.36 (16)	N2—C11—C15	109.74 (14)
N1—C1—H1A	117.8	N2—C11—C10	102.72 (13)
C2—C1—H1A	117.8	C15—C11—C10	108.85 (15)
C3—C2—C1	116.18 (15)	N2—C11—C12	111.34 (14)
C3—C2—C7	122.83 (16)	C15—C11—C12	113.15 (15)
C1—C2—C7	120.99 (16)	C10—C11—C12	110.51 (14)
C2—C3—C4	122.28 (15)	C14—C12—C13	109.8 (2)
C2—C3—H3A	118.9	C14—C12—C11	112.33 (16)
C4—C3—H3A	118.9	C13—C12—C11	112.79 (17)
C3—C4—C5	116.13 (14)	C14—C12—H12	107.2
C3—C4—C9	114.27 (14)	C13—C12—H12	107.2
C5—C4—C9	129.60 (14)	C11—C12—H12	107.2
N1—C5—C4	122.43 (15)	C12—C13—H13A	109.5
N1—C5—C6	110.34 (13)	C12—C13—H13B	109.5

C4—C5—C6	127.23 (14)	H13A—C13—H13B	109.5
N2—C6—N3	113.84 (14)	C12—C13—H13C	109.5
N2—C6—C5	126.50 (14)	H13A—C13—H13C	109.5
N3—C6—C5	119.66 (14)	H13B—C13—H13C	109.5
C2—C7—C8	113.25 (16)	C12—C14—H14A	109.5
C2—C7—H7A	108.9	C12—C14—H14B	109.5
C8—C7—H7A	108.9	H14A—C14—H14B	109.5
C2—C7—H7B	108.9	C12—C14—H14C	109.5
C8—C7—H7B	108.9	H14A—C14—H14C	109.5
H7A—C7—H7B	107.7	H14B—C14—H14C	109.5
C7—C8—H8A	109.5	C11—C15—H15A	109.5
C7—C8—H8B	109.5	C11—C15—H15B	109.5
H8A—C8—H8B	109.5	H15A—C15—H15B	109.5
C7—C8—H8C	109.5	C11—C15—H15C	109.5
H8A—C8—H8C	109.5	H15A—C15—H15C	109.5
H8B—C8—H8C	109.5	H15B—C15—H15C	109.5

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