

Crystal structure of (*E*)-1-methyl-2-[2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]-4-nitro-1*H*-imidazole

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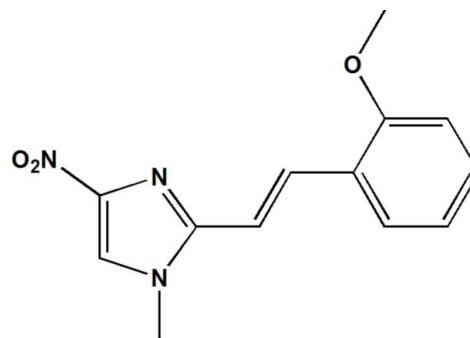
In the asymmetric unit of the title compound, $C_{13}H_{13}N_3O_3$, the 2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl unit is connected to the methyl-nitroimidazole 1-methyl-4-nitro-1*H*-imidazole moiety. The molecule is quasi-planar and the planes of the two rings form a dihedral angle of $0.92(11)^\circ$. The crystal packing can be described as layers parallel to the (011) plane, stabilized by intermolecular C—H···O hydrogen bonding, resulting in the formation of an infinite three-dimensional network linking these layers. Strong π – π stacking interactions are observed, *viz.* benzene–benzene, imidazole–imidazole and benzene–imidazole rings, with centroid–centroid distances of 3.528 (2), 3.457 (2) and 3.544 (2) Å, respectively. Intensity statistics indicated twinning by non-merohedry, with refined weights of the twin components of 0.3687:0.6313.

Keywords: crystal structure; hydrogen bonding; π – π stacking interactions; nitroimidazoles,.

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1. Related literature

For the synthesis and applications of this important class of compounds, see: Hori *et al.* (1997); Bourdin-Trunz *et al.* (2011). For our previous work on imidazole derivatives, see: Alliouche *et al.* (2014); Zama *et al.* (2013); Bahrous *et al.* (2012).



2. Experimental

2.1. Crystal data

$C_{13}H_{13}N_3O_3$	$\gamma = 76.182(17)^\circ$
$M_r = 259.26$	$V = 604.7(2)\text{ \AA}^3$
Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$	$Z = 2$
$a = 7.9339(18)\text{ \AA}$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$b = 8.1994(19)\text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.10\text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 10.452(3)\text{ \AA}$	$T = 150\text{ K}$
$\alpha = 68.877(17)^\circ$	$0.19 \times 0.12 \times 0.08\text{ mm}$
$\beta = 75.037(17)^\circ$	

2.2. Data collection

Bruker APEXII diffractometer	5177 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (<i>SADABS</i> ; Sheldrick, 2002)	5177 independent reflections
$T_{\min} = 0.754$, $T_{\max} = 1.000$	3712 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

2.3. Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.088$	176 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.282$	H-atom parameters constrained
$S = 1.06$	$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.49\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
5171 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.42\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

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

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$C3-\text{H}3\cdots O2^{\text{i}}$	0.93	2.45	3.271 (4)	147
$C4-\text{H}4B\cdots O1^{\text{ii}}$	0.96	2.53	3.465 (5)	165
$C6-\text{H}6\cdots O3$	0.93	2.31	2.685 (4)	103
$C6-\text{H}6\cdots N2$	0.93	2.60	2.935 (4)	102

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

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2006); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2006); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR2002* (Burla *et al.*, 2005); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 2012) and *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg & Berndt, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 2012).

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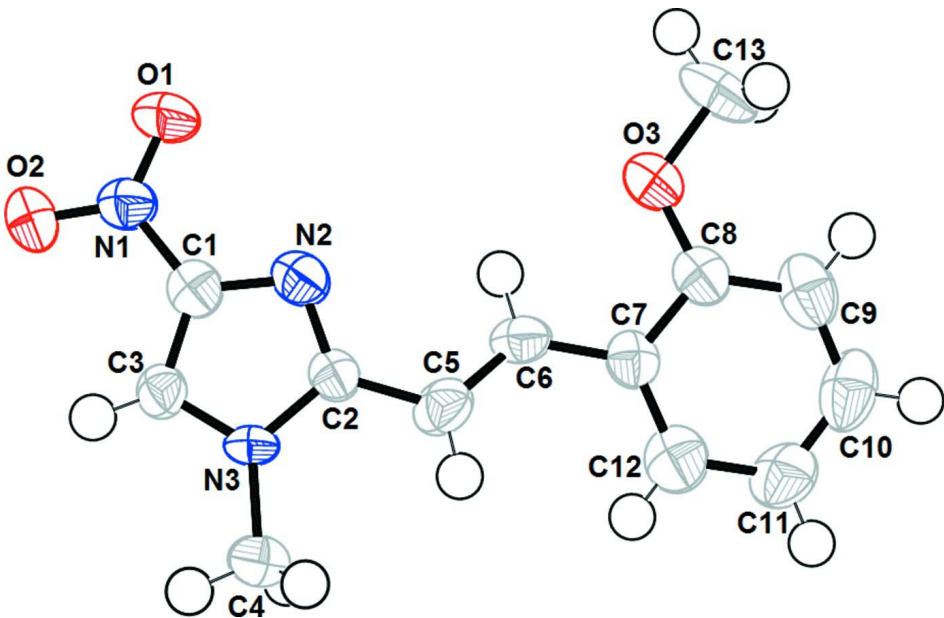
Nitroimidazoles are a class of N-heterocyclic compounds which have a wide range of applications in the drug synthesis (Hori, *et al.*, 1997). In fact, Metronidazole (Flagyl) and related N-1 substituted 5-nitroimidazoles such as Tinidazole (Fasigyne), Ornidazole (Tiberal) and Secnidazole (Secnol) still commonly used in medicine. Despite their fewer biological activities compared with 5-nitroimidazoles, a number of 4-nitroimidazoles were reported to exhibit antileishmanial, antiamebic and anti-parasitic activities (Bourdin-Trunz, *et al.* 2011). However, only some limited investigations have been carried out using methyl iodide (Allouche, *et al.* 2014). In previous work, we have reported the synthesis and structure determination of some new heterocyclic compounds bearing an imidazole unit (Zama, *et al.*, 2013; Bahrous, *et al.*, 2012). Herein, we describe the synthesis and the structure determination of (*E*)-1-methyl-2-[2-(2-methoxphenyl)-1-ethenyl]-4-nitroimidazole resulting from the intramolecular transposition reaction of its 5-nitro isomer in the presence of catalytic amounts of methyl iodide in nitrobenzene. The molecular geometry and the atom-numbering scheme of (I) are shown in Fig. 1. In the asymmetric unit of title compound the methoxphenyl-1-ethenyl unit is linked to methyl-nitroimidazole moiety. The molecule is quasi-planar and the two rings of phenyl and imidazol form a dihedral angle of 0.92 (11)°. The crystal packing can be described as layers parallel to (011) plane, along the *a* axis (Fig. 2). It is stabilized by intermolecular hydrogen bond C—H···O, resulting in the formation of an infinite three-dimensional network linking these layers together and reinforcing cohesion in the structure (Fig. 2). Hydrogen-bonding parameters are listed in Table 1. Strong π – π stacking interactions are observed between phenyl-phenyl, imidazol-imidazol and phenyl-imidazol rings, distances centroid-centroid are Cg — Cg = 3.528 (2), 3.457 (2) and 3.544 (2) Å respectively. The crystal used was a non-merohedral twin, the refined ratio of twin components being 0.3687:0.6313.

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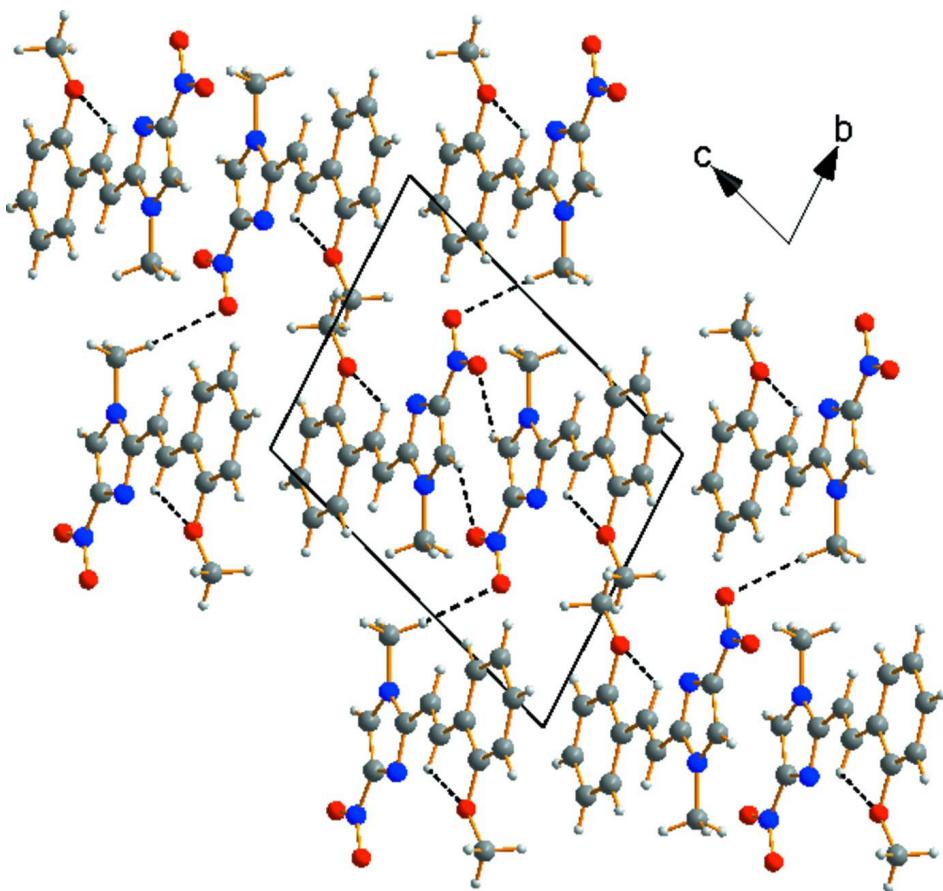
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S3. Refinement

All non-H atoms were refined with anisotropic atomic displacement parameters. All H atoms were localized on Fourier maps but introduced in calculated positions and treated as riding on their parent C or N atom. (with C—H = 0.93 and 0.96 Å and $U_{iso}(H)$ = 1.5 or 1.2 (carrier atom)).

**Figure 1**

The structure of the title compound with the atomic labelling scheme. Displacement are drawn at the 50% probability level.

**Figure 2**

A diagram of the layered crystal packing of (I) viewed down the a axis and showing hydrogen bond [C—H \cdots O] as dashed line.

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direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier
map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from
neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1745P)^2 + 0.1919P]$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$

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Extinction correction: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick,
2008), $F_c^* = kFc[1 + 0.001xFc^2\lambda^3/\sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$

Extinction coefficient: 0.045 (12)

Special details

Geometry. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'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 $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$ 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)

	x	y	z	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	0.4178 (3)	0.2400 (3)	0.2786 (3)	0.0256 (6)
O3	1.0969 (3)	0.6148 (3)	0.0846 (2)	0.0219 (6)
O2	0.1531 (3)	0.2922 (3)	0.3961 (3)	0.0238 (6)
N1	0.3026 (4)	0.3303 (4)	0.3420 (3)	0.0167 (7)
N2	0.5059 (3)	0.5331 (4)	0.2979 (3)	0.0162 (7)
N3	0.3292 (3)	0.7076 (3)	0.4156 (3)	0.0134 (6)
C1	0.3460 (4)	0.4809 (4)	0.3545 (3)	0.0142 (7)
C2	0.4934 (4)	0.6726 (4)	0.3362 (3)	0.0125 (7)
C5	0.6299 (4)	0.7796 (5)	0.3004 (3)	0.0172 (8)
H5	0.6018	0.8867	0.319	0.021*
C6	0.7973 (4)	0.7279 (4)	0.2408 (3)	0.0151 (7)
H6	0.8198	0.6187	0.2261	0.018*
C7	0.9464 (4)	0.8227 (4)	0.1968 (3)	0.0139 (7)
C8	1.1027 (4)	0.7634 (4)	0.1144 (3)	0.0159 (8)
C13	1.2438 (4)	0.5580 (5)	-0.0106 (4)	0.0273 (9)
H13C	1.2622	0.6542	-0.0961	0.041*
H13A	1.22	0.4604	-0.0296	0.041*
H13B	1.3478	0.5214	0.0299	0.041*
C4	0.2711 (4)	0.8439 (5)	0.4845 (3)	0.0196 (8)
H4A	0.1465	0.8508	0.5215	0.029*
H4B	0.2948	0.9563	0.418	0.029*

H4C	0.3339	0.814	0.5591	0.029*
C3	0.2328 (4)	0.5873 (4)	0.4277 (3)	0.0139 (7)
H3	0.117	0.5778	0.4744	0.017*
C9	1.2469 (4)	0.8506 (5)	0.0702 (3)	0.0207 (8)
H9	1.349	0.81	0.0154	0.025*
C10	1.2392 (5)	0.9970 (5)	0.1072 (3)	0.0233 (8)
H10	1.3369	1.0544	0.0781	0.028*
C11	1.0871 (4)	1.0600 (5)	0.1876 (3)	0.0211 (8)
H11	1.0818	1.1602	0.2116	0.025*
C12	0.9434 (4)	0.9723 (5)	0.2317 (3)	0.0199 (8)
H12	0.8418	1.0144	0.2863	0.024*

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
O1	0.0232 (13)	0.0238 (14)	0.0331 (14)	-0.0046 (11)	0.0055 (11)	-0.0199 (12)
O3	0.0169 (13)	0.0238 (14)	0.0257 (13)	-0.0036 (10)	0.0029 (10)	-0.0135 (11)
O2	0.0142 (13)	0.0280 (15)	0.0313 (14)	-0.0066 (11)	0.0037 (11)	-0.0154 (12)
N1	0.0173 (15)	0.0150 (15)	0.0183 (14)	-0.0021 (12)	-0.0013 (12)	-0.0077 (12)
N2	0.0144 (14)	0.0181 (15)	0.0159 (14)	-0.0007 (12)	-0.0022 (11)	-0.0070 (12)
N3	0.0139 (14)	0.0113 (14)	0.0162 (13)	-0.0006 (11)	-0.0005 (11)	-0.0083 (11)
C1	0.0135 (16)	0.0166 (17)	0.0122 (16)	-0.0007 (13)	-0.0053 (13)	-0.0032 (13)
C2	0.0120 (16)	0.0162 (17)	0.0099 (14)	-0.0020 (13)	-0.0029 (13)	-0.0043 (13)
C5	0.0170 (18)	0.0181 (17)	0.0207 (17)	-0.0027 (14)	-0.0072 (14)	-0.0086 (15)
C6	0.0155 (17)	0.0144 (17)	0.0177 (16)	0.0010 (14)	-0.0055 (13)	-0.0084 (14)
C7	0.0154 (17)	0.0165 (17)	0.0089 (15)	-0.0037 (14)	-0.0028 (13)	-0.0018 (13)
C8	0.0143 (17)	0.0193 (18)	0.0134 (16)	-0.0016 (14)	-0.0034 (14)	-0.0047 (14)
C13	0.0200 (19)	0.033 (2)	0.0253 (19)	0.0037 (17)	0.0043 (15)	-0.0167 (17)
C4	0.0171 (17)	0.0219 (18)	0.0232 (17)	-0.0021 (15)	-0.0010 (14)	-0.0137 (15)
C3	0.0126 (17)	0.0178 (18)	0.0129 (15)	-0.0037 (14)	-0.0026 (13)	-0.0058 (13)
C9	0.0150 (17)	0.029 (2)	0.0163 (17)	-0.0043 (15)	-0.0043 (14)	-0.0036 (15)
C10	0.026 (2)	0.030 (2)	0.0173 (17)	-0.0148 (16)	-0.0081 (15)	-0.0020 (16)
C11	0.0237 (19)	0.025 (2)	0.0201 (17)	-0.0062 (16)	-0.0086 (15)	-0.0092 (16)
C12	0.0187 (18)	0.025 (2)	0.0176 (17)	-0.0039 (15)	-0.0067 (14)	-0.0068 (15)

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

O1—N1	1.241 (3)	C7—C8	1.406 (4)
O3—C8	1.375 (4)	C8—C9	1.383 (5)
O3—C13	1.429 (4)	C13—H13C	0.96
O2—N1	1.236 (3)	C13—H13A	0.96
N1—C1	1.415 (4)	C13—H13B	0.96
N2—C2	1.317 (4)	C4—H4A	0.96
N2—C1	1.354 (4)	C4—H4B	0.96
N3—C3	1.339 (4)	C4—H4C	0.96
N3—C2	1.380 (4)	C3—H3	0.93
N3—C4	1.464 (4)	C9—C10	1.372 (5)
C1—C3	1.380 (4)	C9—H9	0.93

C2—C5	1.445 (5)	C10—C11	1.386 (5)
C5—C6	1.351 (5)	C10—H10	0.93
C5—H5	0.93	C11—C12	1.382 (5)
C6—C7	1.455 (5)	C11—H11	0.93
C6—H6	0.93	C12—H12	0.93
C7—C12	1.394 (5)		
C8—O3—C13	117.1 (3)	O3—C13—H13A	109.5
O2—N1—O1	122.5 (3)	H13C—C13—H13A	109.5
O2—N1—C1	119.0 (3)	O3—C13—H13B	109.5
O1—N1—C1	118.4 (3)	H13C—C13—H13B	109.5
C2—N2—C1	103.9 (3)	H13A—C13—H13B	109.5
C3—N3—C2	108.4 (2)	N3—C4—H4A	109.5
C3—N3—C4	124.7 (3)	N3—C4—H4B	109.5
C2—N3—C4	126.7 (3)	H4A—C4—H4B	109.5
N2—C1—C3	112.9 (3)	N3—C4—H4C	109.5
N2—C1—N1	123.0 (3)	H4A—C4—H4C	109.5
C3—C1—N1	124.1 (3)	H4B—C4—H4C	109.5
N2—C2—N3	111.1 (3)	N3—C3—C1	103.7 (3)
N2—C2—C5	125.9 (3)	N3—C3—H3	128.1
N3—C2—C5	123.0 (3)	C1—C3—H3	128.1
C6—C5—C2	121.7 (3)	C10—C9—C8	120.0 (3)
C6—C5—H5	119.2	C10—C9—H9	120
C2—C5—H5	119.2	C8—C9—H9	120
C5—C6—C7	127.7 (3)	C9—C10—C11	120.6 (3)
C5—C6—H6	116.1	C9—C10—H10	119.7
C7—C6—H6	116.1	C11—C10—H10	119.7
C12—C7—C8	117.2 (3)	C12—C11—C10	119.2 (3)
C12—C7—C6	123.3 (3)	C12—C11—H11	120.4
C8—C7—C6	119.5 (3)	C10—C11—H11	120.4
O3—C8—C9	124.8 (3)	C11—C12—C7	121.9 (3)
O3—C8—C7	114.1 (3)	C11—C12—H12	119
C9—C8—C7	121.1 (3)	C7—C12—H12	119
O3—C13—H13C	109.5		
C2—N2—C1—C3	0.3 (3)	C13—O3—C8—C9	-6.8 (5)
C2—N2—C1—N1	-178.3 (3)	C13—O3—C8—C7	173.6 (3)
O2—N1—C1—N2	-179.5 (3)	C12—C7—C8—O3	179.6 (3)
O1—N1—C1—N2	1.5 (4)	C6—C7—C8—O3	-0.6 (4)
O2—N1—C1—C3	2.0 (5)	C12—C7—C8—C9	-0.1 (5)
O1—N1—C1—C3	-176.9 (3)	C6—C7—C8—C9	179.8 (3)
C1—N2—C2—N3	0.1 (3)	C2—N3—C3—C1	0.6 (3)
C1—N2—C2—C5	-179.2 (3)	C4—N3—C3—C1	-175.4 (3)
C3—N3—C2—N2	-0.5 (3)	N2—C1—C3—N3	-0.5 (3)
C4—N3—C2—N2	175.4 (3)	N1—C1—C3—N3	178.1 (3)
C3—N3—C2—C5	178.9 (3)	O3—C8—C9—C10	-179.3 (3)
C4—N3—C2—C5	-5.3 (5)	C7—C8—C9—C10	0.3 (5)
N2—C2—C5—C6	-10.8 (5)	C8—C9—C10—C11	-0.7 (5)

N3—C2—C5—C6	170.0 (3)	C9—C10—C11—C12	0.8 (5)
C2—C5—C6—C7	178.6 (3)	C10—C11—C12—C7	-0.5 (5)
C5—C6—C7—C12	11.0 (5)	C8—C7—C12—C11	0.1 (5)
C5—C6—C7—C8	-168.8 (3)	C6—C7—C12—C11	-179.7 (3)

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
C3—H3···O2 ⁱ	0.93	2.45	3.271 (4)	147
C4—H4B···O1 ⁱⁱ	0.96	2.53	3.465 (5)	165
C6—H6···O3	0.93	2.31	2.685 (4)	103
C6—H6···N2	0.93	2.60	2.935 (4)	102

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