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Crystal structure of dimethyl 9H-carbazole-2,7-dicarboxylate

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In the title compound, C₁₆H₁₃NO₄, the carbazole ring system is almost planar with non-H atoms possessing a mean deviation from planarity of 0.037 Å. The two ester groups are orientated *trans* to one another and tilted slightly from the mean plane of the carbazole ring system, making dihedral angles of 8.12 (6) and 8.21 (5) $^{\circ}$. In the crystal, molecules are linked by pairs of N-H···O hydrogen bonds forming inversion dimers. The dimers are linked by parallel slipped π - π interactions, forming slabs propagating along the *b*-axis direction [inter-centroid distance = 3.6042 (8) Å, inter-planar distance = 3.3437(5) Å, slippage = 1.345 Å].

Keywords: crystal structure; carbazoles; hydrogen bonding; $\pi - \pi$ interactions.

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1. Related literature

For the synthesis of the title compound, see: Olkhovik et al. (2008). For the crystal structures of some carbazoles, see: Clarke & Spink (1969); Gajda et al. (2014). For the structure of 9H-carbazole-3,6-dicarboxylic acid, see: Weseliński et al. (2014). For coordination polymers featuring the dicarboxylate of the parent compound, see: Yi et al. (2013, 2014, 2015).



2. Experimental

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2.1. Crystal data

C ₁₆ H ₁₃ NO ₄	V = 2651.2 (3) Å ³
$M_r = 283.27$	Z = 8
Monoclinic, $C2/c$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
a = 29.684 (2) Å	$\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
b = 5.8264 (4) Å	$T = 100 { m K}$
c = 15.4210 (11) Å	$0.28 \times 0.18 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$
$\beta = 96.252 \ (3)^{\circ}$	

2.2. Data collection

Bruker CMOS detector	
diffractometer	
Absorption correction: multi-scan	
(SADABS; Bruker, 2005)	
$T_{\min} = 0.972, \ T_{\max} = 0.990$	

2.3. Refinement $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$ $wR(F^2) = 0.098$ S = 1.032716 reflections 195 parameters

1 restraint

16278 measured reflections 2716 independent reflections 2141 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{\rm int} = 0.042$

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

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$N1-H1N\cdotsO3^{i}$	0.87 (1)	2.04 (1)	2.8834 (16)	164 (1)
D		- 1.1		

Symmetry code: (i) $-x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{3}{2}, -z + 1.$

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2005); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2005); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97, PLATON (Spek (2009) and publCIF (Westrip, 2010).

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S1. Comment

Biphenyl-4,4'-dicarboxylate and its derivatives are widely used in metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) as linkers. One derivative that is being explored in coordination polymers is 9*H*-carbazole-2,7-dicarboxylate (Yi *et al.*, 2013, 2014, 2015). Herein, we report on the crystal structure of the previously synthesized 9*H*-carbazole-2,7-dicarboxylic acid dimethyl ester (Olkhovik *et al.*, 2008).

The molecular structure of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1. The bond distances and angles are similar to those observed in some carbazole derivatives (Clarke & Spink, 1969; Gajda *et al.*, 2014,) and a structurally characterized carbazole dicarboxylic acid (Weseliński *et al.*, 2014). The carbazole unit is nearly planar with a mean deviation from planarity of 0.037 Å. The carboxylate groups are *trans* to one another and skewed slightly from the mean plane of the carbazole unit, with carbazole-ester dihedral angles of 8.12 (6) and 8.21 (5)°, involving ester groups O1/O2/C3/C13/C14 and O3/O4/C10/C15/C16, respectively.

In the crystal, molecules are linked by a pair of N—H···O hydrogen bonds forming inversion dimers (Fig. 2 and Table 1). The dimers are linked by parallel slipped π - π interactions forming slabs propagating along the *b* axis direction [Cg3···Cg3ⁱ = 3.6042 (8) Å, interplanar distance = 3.3437 (5) Å, slippage 1.345 Å; Cg3 is the centroid of ring C7—C12; symmetry code: (i) -x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z+1].

S2. Synthesis and crystallization

The compound was prepared by a literature procedure (Olkhovik *et al.* 2008). Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were grown by slow evaporation of a solution in ethanol.

S3. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2. Hydrogen atom H1N was located in a difference Fourier map and refined with a distance restraint: N—H = 0.87 (2) Å with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(N)$. The Cbound H atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined as riding: C—H = 0.95-0.98 Å with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$ for methyl H atoms and $1.2U_{eq}(C)$ for other H atoms.



Figure 1

Molecular structure of the title compound, with atom labelling. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.



Figure 2

A view along the *b* axis of the crystal packing of the title compound, with hydrogen bonds shown as dashed lines (ee Table 1).

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Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube	2141 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Doubly curved mirrors monochromator	$R_{\rm int} = 0.042$
φ and ω scans	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.4^{\circ}, \ \theta_{\text{min}} = 2.7^{\circ}$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$h = -36 \rightarrow 36$
(SADABS; Bruker, 2005)	$k = -7 \rightarrow 7$
$T_{\min} = 0.972, \ T_{\max} = 0.990$	$l = -19 \rightarrow 19$
Refinement	

F(000) = 1184

 $\theta = 3.1 - 26.3^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

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 $0.28 \times 0.18 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$

T = 100 K

 $D_{\rm x} = 1.419 {\rm Mg} {\rm m}^{-3}$

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

Cell parameters from 5867 reflections

Refinement on F^2	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier
Least-squares matrix: full	map
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$	Hydrogen site location: inferred from
$wR(F^2) = 0.098$	neighbouring sites
S = 1.03	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent
2716 reflections	and constrained refinement
195 parameters	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0509P)^2 + 1.5495P]$
1 restraint	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
direct methods	$\Delta ho_{ m max} = 0.22 \ { m e} \ { m \AA}^{-3}$
	$\Delta ho_{\min} = -0.22 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

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 (\hat{A}^2)

	x	у	Ζ	$U_{ m iso}$ */ $U_{ m eq}$	
01	0.46191 (4)	0.66773 (19)	0.82835 (7)	0.0330 (3)	
O2	0.47499 (4)	0.3231 (2)	0.88997 (8)	0.0435 (3)	
O3	0.15036 (3)	0.56249 (18)	0.46010 (7)	0.0281 (3)	

O4	0.12301 (3)	0.23787 (18)	0.51083 (7)	0.0287 (3)	
N1	0.31090 (4)	0.5801 (2)	0.63776 (8)	0.0206 (3)	
H1N	0.3176 (5)	0.703 (2)	0.6095 (10)	0.025*	
C1	0.34155 (4)	0.4608 (2)	0.69505 (8)	0.0193 (3)	
C2	0.38361 (5)	0.5315 (2)	0.73472 (9)	0.0214 (3)	
H2A	0.3958	0.6769	0.7221	0.026*	
C3	0.40714 (5)	0.3814 (2)	0.79351 (9)	0.0224 (3)	
C4	0.38949 (5)	0.1642 (3)	0.81051 (10)	0.0250 (3)	
H4A	0.4066	0.0629	0.8496	0.030*	
C5	0.34764 (5)	0.0959 (2)	0.77109 (9)	0.0217 (3)	
H5A	0.3358	-0.0508	0.7831	0.026*	
C6	0.32293 (5)	0.2456 (2)	0.71332 (9)	0.0185 (3)	
C7	0.27864 (5)	0.2357 (2)	0.66416 (8)	0.0179 (3)	
C8	0.24369 (5)	0.0734 (2)	0.65636 (9)	0.0196 (3)	
H8A	0.2472	-0.0684	0.6868	0.024*	
C9	0.20400 (5)	0.1208 (2)	0.60415 (9)	0.0195 (3)	
H9A	0.1802	0.0107	0.5982	0.023*	
C10	0.19859 (4)	0.3317 (2)	0.55960 (9)	0.0190 (3)	
C11	0.23263 (4)	0.4955 (2)	0.56654 (9)	0.0189 (3)	
H11A	0.2287	0.6376	0.5365	0.023*	
C12	0.27267 (4)	0.4461 (2)	0.61861 (9)	0.0183 (3)	
C13	0.45135 (5)	0.4484 (3)	0.84215 (10)	0.0271 (3)	
C14	0.50435 (5)	0.7491 (3)	0.87314 (12)	0.0371 (4)	
H14A	0.5076	0.9135	0.8620	0.056*	
H14B	0.5296	0.6655	0.8518	0.056*	
H14C	0.5046	0.7233	0.9360	0.056*	
C15	0.15579 (5)	0.3916 (2)	0.50484 (9)	0.0205 (3)	
C16	0.08012 (5)	0.2876 (3)	0.46017 (11)	0.0348 (4)	
H16A	0.0590	0.1609	0.4661	0.052*	
H16B	0.0849	0.3058	0.3986	0.052*	
H16C	0.0675	0.4298	0.4815	0.052*	

Atomic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
01	0.0263 (6)	0.0291 (6)	0.0403 (7)	-0.0047 (5)	-0.0108 (5)	0.0021 (5)
O2	0.0376 (7)	0.0349 (7)	0.0522 (8)	0.0020 (5)	-0.0209 (6)	0.0067 (6)
O3	0.0248 (6)	0.0295 (6)	0.0291 (6)	-0.0003 (4)	-0.0013 (4)	0.0094 (5)
O4	0.0209 (5)	0.0290 (6)	0.0346 (6)	-0.0051 (4)	-0.0045 (5)	0.0051 (5)
N1	0.0205 (6)	0.0176 (6)	0.0229 (6)	-0.0017 (5)	-0.0012 (5)	0.0058 (5)
C1	0.0210(7)	0.0189 (7)	0.0182 (7)	0.0032 (5)	0.0024 (5)	0.0010 (5)
C2	0.0213 (7)	0.0200 (7)	0.0227 (7)	0.0007 (6)	0.0014 (6)	0.0001 (6)
C3	0.0219 (7)	0.0236 (7)	0.0212 (7)	0.0026 (6)	0.0003 (6)	-0.0012 (6)
C4	0.0276 (8)	0.0240 (7)	0.0225 (7)	0.0054 (6)	-0.0008 (6)	0.0038 (6)
C5	0.0267 (8)	0.0182 (7)	0.0201 (7)	0.0012 (6)	0.0022 (6)	0.0022 (6)
C6	0.0218 (7)	0.0182 (7)	0.0157 (7)	0.0007 (5)	0.0035 (5)	-0.0022 (5)
C7	0.0219 (7)	0.0187 (7)	0.0135 (6)	0.0025 (5)	0.0040 (5)	-0.0010 (5)
C8	0.0253 (7)	0.0163 (6)	0.0180 (7)	0.0006 (5)	0.0053 (6)	0.0011 (5)

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C9	0.0219 (7)	0.0175 (7)	0.0198 (7)	-0.0027 (5)	0.0046 (6)	-0.0025 (5)
C10	0.0206 (7)	0.0200 (7)	0.0167 (7)	0.0002 (6)	0.0036 (5)	-0.0017 (6)
C11	0.0222 (7)	0.0165 (6)	0.0182 (7)	0.0013 (5)	0.0034 (5)	0.0020 (5)
C12	0.0204 (7)	0.0173 (6)	0.0173 (6)	-0.0009 (5)	0.0032 (5)	-0.0010 (5)
C13	0.0265 (8)	0.0267 (8)	0.0270 (8)	0.0041 (6)	-0.0025 (6)	-0.0021 (6)
C14	0.0266 (9)	0.0372 (9)	0.0446 (10)	-0.0064 (7)	-0.0093 (7)	-0.0028 (8)
C15	0.0212 (7)	0.0213 (7)	0.0192 (7)	-0.0016 (6)	0.0031 (6)	-0.0015 (6)
C16	0.0218 (8)	0.0428 (10)	0.0374 (9)	-0.0036 (7)	-0.0068 (7)	0.0025 (8)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

O1—C13	1.3382 (19)	C5—H5A	0.9500
O1—C14	1.4490 (18)	C6—C7	1.445 (2)
O2—C13	1.2070 (18)	C7—C8	1.3992 (19)
O3—C15	1.2119 (17)	C7—C12	1.4145 (19)
O4—C15	1.3333 (17)	C8—C9	1.381 (2)
O4—C16	1.4487 (18)	C8—H8A	0.9500
N1-C12	1.3824 (17)	C9—C10	1.409 (2)
N1—C1	1.3842 (17)	С9—Н9А	0.9500
N1—H1N	0.870 (13)	C10—C11	1.3852 (19)
C1—C2	1.3915 (19)	C10—C15	1.4884 (19)
C1—C6	1.4112 (19)	C11—C12	1.3902 (19)
C2—C3	1.391 (2)	C11—H11A	0.9500
C2—H2A	0.9500	C14—H14A	0.9800
C3—C4	1.406 (2)	C14—H14B	0.9800
C3—C13	1.491 (2)	C14—H14C	0.9800
C4—C5	1.381 (2)	C16—H16A	0.9800
C4—H4A	0.9500	C16—H16B	0.9800
C5—C6	1.3963 (19)	C16—H16C	0.9800
C13—O1—C14	116.30 (12)	С8—С9—Н9А	119.9
C15—O4—C16	115.68 (12)	С10—С9—Н9А	119.9
C12—N1—C1	108.67 (11)	C11—C10—C9	121.32 (13)
C12—N1—H1N	125.6 (10)	C11—C10—C15	116.91 (12)
C1—N1—H1N	124.2 (10)	C9—C10—C15	121.75 (12)
N1—C1—C2	128.90 (13)	C10-C11-C12	118.22 (12)
N1—C1—C6	109.20 (12)	C10-C11-H11A	120.9
C2—C1—C6	121.84 (12)	C12—C11—H11A	120.9
C1—C2—C3	117.59 (13)	N1-C12-C11	129.57 (12)
C1—C2—H2A	121.2	N1—C12—C7	109.14 (12)
C3—C2—H2A	121.2	C11—C12—C7	121.27 (12)
C2—C3—C4	121.10 (13)	O2—C13—O1	122.98 (14)
C2—C3—C13	121.01 (13)	O2—C13—C3	124.78 (14)
C4—C3—C13	117.87 (13)	O1—C13—C3	112.24 (12)
C5—C4—C3	120.86 (13)	O1—C14—H14A	109.5
C5—C4—H4A	119.6	O1—C14—H14B	109.5
C3—C4—H4A	119.6	H14A—C14—H14B	109.5
C4—C5—C6	119.08 (13)	O1—C14—H14C	109.5

C4—C5—H5A	120.5	H14A—C14—H14C	109.5
C6—C5—H5A	120.5	H14B—C14—H14C	109.5
C5—C6—C1	119.49 (13)	O3—C15—O4	122.58 (13)
C5—C6—C7	133.96 (13)	O3—C15—C10	124.62 (13)
C1—C6—C7	106.53 (12)	O4—C15—C10	112.79 (12)
C8—C7—C12	119.44 (13)	O4—C16—H16A	109.5
C8—C7—C6	134.08 (13)	O4—C16—H16B	109.5
C12—C7—C6	106.46 (12)	H16A—C16—H16B	109.5
C9—C8—C7	119.52 (13)	O4—C16—H16C	109.5
C9—C8—H8A	120.2	H16A—C16—H16C	109.5
C7—C8—H8A	120.2	H16B—C16—H16C	109.5
C8-C9-C10 $C12-N1-C1-C2$ $C12-N1-C1-C6$ $N1-C1-C2-C3$ $C6-C1-C2-C3$ $C1-C2-C3-C4$ $C1-C2-C3-C4$ $C1-C2-C3-C4$ $C1-C2-C3-C4$ $C5$ $C3-C4-C5$ $C3-C4-C5$ $C3-C4-C5-C6$ $C4-C5-C6-C1$ $C4-C5-C6-C1$ $C4-C5-C6-C7$ $N1-C1-C6-C5$ $C2-C1-C6-C5$	120.24 (13) -177.05 (13) 0.08 (15) 177.00 (13) 0.2 (2) 1.5 (2) -176.94 (13) -1.8 (2) 176.68 (13) 0.4 (2) 1.3 (2) -177.33 (14) -178.98 (12) -1.6 (2)	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	-178.18 (12) 0.28 (19) 178.78 (12) 177.91 (13) -0.13 (15) -178.41 (13) -0.58 (19) 178.58 (12) 0.13 (15) 0.35 (19) -178.10 (12) 1.1 (2) 179.87 (13)
N1 - C1 - C6 - C7 $C2 - C1 - C6 - C7$ $C5 - C6 - C7 - C8$ $C1 - C6 - C7 - C8$ $C5 - C6 - C7 - C12$ $C1 - C6 - C7 - C12$ $C12 - C7 - C8 - C9$ $C6 - C7 - C8 - C9$ $C6 - C7 - C8 - C9$ $C7 - C8 - C9 - C10$ $C8 - C9 - C10 - C11$	$\begin{array}{c} -0.01 \ (14) \\ 177.37 \ (12) \\ 0.6 \ (3) \\ -178.20 \ (14) \\ 178.69 \ (14) \\ -0.07 \ (14) \\ 0.20 \ (19) \\ 178.13 \ (14) \\ -0.49 \ (19) \\ 0.3 \ (2) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} C2-C3-C13-O2\\ C4-C3-C13-O2\\ C2-C3-C13-O2\\ C2-C3-C13-O1\\ C4-C3-C13-O1\\ C16-O4-C15-O3\\ C16-O4-C15-O3\\ C16-O4-C15-O3\\ C9-C10-C15-O3\\ C11-C10-C15-O4\\ C9-C10-C15-O4\\ C9-C10-C15-O4\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} -175.23 (15) \\ 6.3 (2) \\ 6.0 (2) \\ -172.48 (13) \\ 0.0 (2) \\ 179.05 (12) \\ 7.1 (2) \\ -174.35 (13) \\ -171.85 (12) \\ 6.65 (18) \end{array}$

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

D—H···A	<i>D</i> —Н	H···A	D···A	<i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>
N1—H1 <i>N</i> ···O3 ⁱ	0.87 (1)	2.04 (1)	2.8834 (16)	164 (1)

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