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## 9-Ethyl-3,6-diformyl-9H-carbazole

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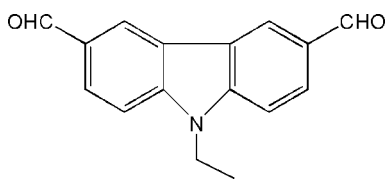
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 293$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$  Å; disorder in main residue;  $R$  factor = 0.038;  $wR$  factor = 0.113; data-to-parameter ratio = 15.4.

The structure of the title compound,  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$ , was determined as a part of a project on the synthesis of new compounds which can make two-photon absorptions. In the crystal structure, both aldehyde groups are located within the carbazole plane. One of these groups is disordered and was refined using a split model with site-occupation factors for each position of 0.5.

## Related literature

For the synthesis of 9-ethylcarbazole, see: Li *et al.* (2001).



## Experimental

## Crystal data

$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$	$V = 1264.99$ (4) Å <sup>3</sup>
$M_r = 251.27$	$Z = 4$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 13.5475$ (3) Å	$\mu = 0.09$ mm <sup>-1</sup>
$b = 6.69540$ (10) Å	$T = 293$ (2) K
$c = 14.1840$ (2) Å	$0.46 \times 0.32 \times 0.28$ mm
$\beta = 100.5100$ (10)°	

## Data collection

Bruker APEX2 CCD area-detector diffractometer	7890 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan ( <i>APEX2</i> ; Bruker, 2005)	2810 independent reflections
$T_{\min} = 0.962$ , $T_{\max} = 0.978$	2123 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.016$

## Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$	183 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.112$	H-atom parameters constrained
$S = 1.05$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.17$ e Å <sup>-3</sup>
2810 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.16$ e Å <sup>-3</sup>

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2005); cell refinement: *APEX2*; data reduction: *APEX2*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR97* (Altomare *et al.*, 1999); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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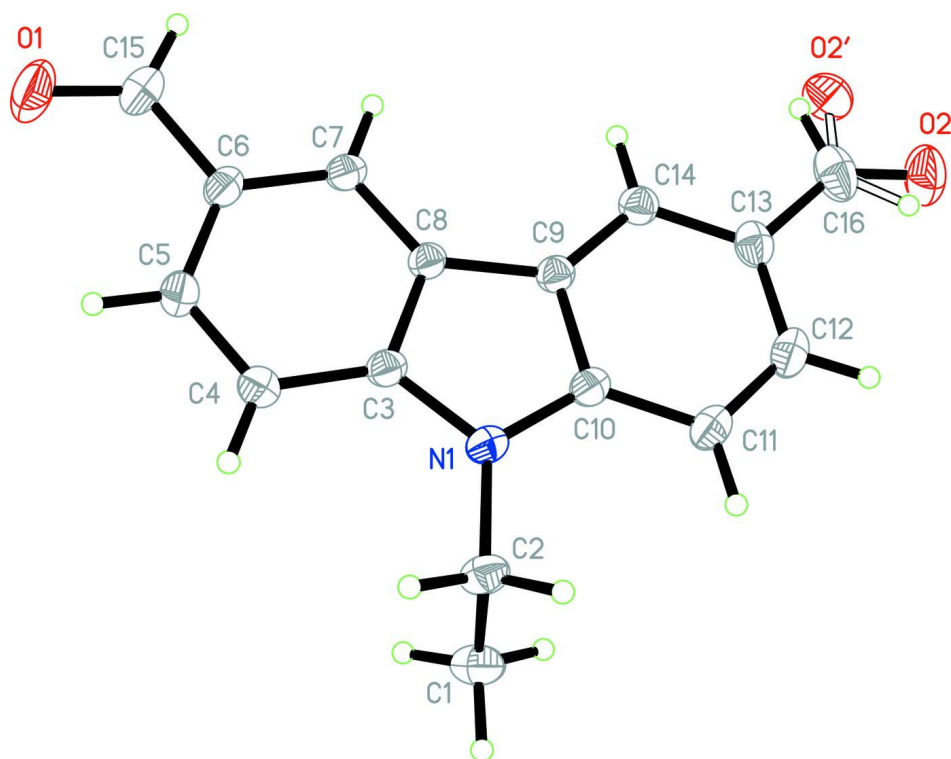
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**S1. Experimental**

9-Ethylcarbazole was synthesized according to the literature (Li *et al.*, 2001). Anhydrous DMF (22 mL, 0.3 mol) was added dropwisely to POCl<sub>3</sub> (28 ml, 0.3 mol) under stirring in an ice bath. After 30 minute a white precipitate is obtained and a solution of 9-ethylcarbazole (3.155 g, 16 mmol) in DMF (20 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was slowly heated to 373 K and stirred at this temperature for 30 h and then cooled to room temperature. The brown viscous oily production was poured into the ice-water and shaken; the pH value of the solution was adjusted to 8 by dropping aqueous sodium hydroxide and sodium bicarbonate. It was stirred for another 2 h at pH=8 at room temperature. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 100 ml) and the combined organic layers were washed three times with 100 mL of water and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. Afterwards the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in a minimal amount of dichloromethane and then purified by silica-gel column chromatography using dichloromethane as eluent. The product was recrystallized from dichloromethane to give high quality dark yellow crystals used for X-ray structure analysis.

**S2. Refinement**

All H atoms were placed in geometrically calculated positions and refined using a riding model with C—H = 0.97 Å (for CH<sub>2</sub> groups) and 0.96 Å (for CH<sub>3</sub> groups). Their isotropic displacement parameters were set to 1.2 times (1.5 times for CH<sub>3</sub> groups) of the equivalent displacement parameter of their parent atoms. The O2 oxygen atom is disordered over two positions and was refined using a split model with half occupancy for each site.

**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of title compound with labelling and 50% probability displacement ellipsoids.

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$\beta = 100.510 (1)^\circ$

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$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 528$

$D_x = 1.319 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$

Cell parameters from 3121 reflections

$\theta = 2.9\text{--}27.0^\circ$

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Block, colourless

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Graphite monochromator

$\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans

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7890 measured reflections

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2123 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

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$\theta_{\max} = 27.5^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\min} = 1.9^\circ$

$h = -15 \rightarrow 17$

$k = -8 \rightarrow 8$

$l = -18 \rightarrow 18$

Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 Least-squares matrix: full  
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.112$   
 $S = 1.05$   
 2810 reflections  
 183 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  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0515P)^2 + 0.1926P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.17 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.16 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick,  
 1997),  $F_c^* = kF_c[1 + 0.001xF_c^2\lambda^3/\sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$   
 Extinction coefficient: 0.020 (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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$	Occ. (<1)
O1	1.02612 (11)	0.7739 (2)	0.65681 (10)	0.1009 (5)	
O2	0.8577 (2)	-0.1440 (4)	1.19028 (19)	0.0963 (8)	0.50
O2'	0.9276 (2)	-0.1336 (4)	1.1217 (2)	0.0830 (8)	0.50
N1	0.73234 (8)	0.68042 (17)	0.96028 (7)	0.0500 (3)	
C1	0.55071 (11)	0.7452 (3)	0.91838 (13)	0.0713 (4)	
H1A	0.5513	0.7464	0.8508	0.107*	
H1B	0.4989	0.8327	0.9318	0.107*	
H1C	0.5381	0.6119	0.9381	0.107*	
C2	0.65035 (10)	0.8149 (2)	0.97202 (11)	0.0573 (4)	
H2A	0.6642	0.9470	0.9495	0.069*	
H2B	0.6473	0.8252	1.0396	0.069*	
C3	0.79421 (9)	0.69945 (19)	0.89373 (9)	0.0459 (3)	
C4	0.79749 (10)	0.8498 (2)	0.82587 (10)	0.0557 (3)	
H4	0.7532	0.9571	0.8198	0.067*	
C5	0.86839 (11)	0.8333 (2)	0.76856 (10)	0.0585 (4)	
H5	0.8715	0.9308	0.7225	0.070*	
C6	0.93648 (10)	0.6734 (2)	0.77748 (9)	0.0523 (3)	
C7	0.93244 (9)	0.5240 (2)	0.84424 (8)	0.0485 (3)	
H7	0.9774	0.4178	0.8501	0.058*	
C8	0.86064 (9)	0.53478 (19)	0.90209 (8)	0.0440 (3)	
C9	0.83555 (9)	0.40894 (19)	0.97708 (8)	0.0452 (3)	
C10	0.75611 (9)	0.5055 (2)	1.01106 (8)	0.0473 (3)	
C11	0.71439 (11)	0.4259 (2)	1.08601 (10)	0.0582 (4)	

H11	0.6627	0.4907	1.1088	0.070*	
C12	0.75280 (12)	0.2485 (2)	1.12461 (10)	0.0626 (4)	
H12	0.7263	0.1923	1.1745	0.075*	
C13	0.83086 (11)	0.1487 (2)	1.09134 (9)	0.0573 (4)	
C14	0.87244 (10)	0.2299 (2)	1.01732 (9)	0.0510 (3)	
H14	0.9244	0.1646	0.9952	0.061*	
C15	1.01501 (12)	0.6612 (3)	0.71893 (11)	0.0666 (4)	
H15	1.0603	0.5559	0.7315	0.080*	
C16	0.87062 (18)	-0.0411 (3)	1.13397 (14)	0.0825 (6)	
H16A	0.9220	-0.0876	1.1043	0.099*	0.50
H16B	0.8377	-0.0871	1.1818	0.099*	0.50

*Atomic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
O1	0.1167 (11)	0.1034 (10)	0.1002 (9)	-0.0055 (8)	0.0663 (9)	0.0204 (8)
O2	0.128 (2)	0.0828 (17)	0.0829 (16)	-0.0009 (16)	0.0324 (16)	0.0299 (14)
O2'	0.0887 (18)	0.0589 (14)	0.1029 (18)	0.0237 (13)	0.0213 (14)	0.0161 (13)
N1	0.0436 (6)	0.0549 (7)	0.0544 (6)	0.0046 (5)	0.0166 (5)	0.0001 (5)
C1	0.0504 (8)	0.0671 (10)	0.0958 (11)	0.0074 (7)	0.0122 (8)	-0.0025 (9)
C2	0.0514 (8)	0.0556 (8)	0.0688 (8)	0.0064 (6)	0.0212 (6)	-0.0073 (7)
C3	0.0385 (6)	0.0522 (7)	0.0475 (6)	-0.0009 (5)	0.0090 (5)	-0.0009 (5)
C4	0.0505 (7)	0.0547 (8)	0.0619 (8)	0.0052 (6)	0.0103 (6)	0.0085 (6)
C5	0.0575 (8)	0.0622 (9)	0.0573 (7)	-0.0046 (7)	0.0142 (6)	0.0120 (7)
C6	0.0461 (7)	0.0622 (8)	0.0505 (7)	-0.0081 (6)	0.0140 (5)	-0.0001 (6)
C7	0.0404 (6)	0.0550 (8)	0.0509 (6)	-0.0004 (5)	0.0103 (5)	-0.0014 (6)
C8	0.0386 (6)	0.0494 (7)	0.0440 (6)	-0.0013 (5)	0.0078 (5)	-0.0001 (5)
C9	0.0405 (6)	0.0512 (7)	0.0441 (6)	-0.0021 (5)	0.0078 (5)	-0.0012 (5)
C10	0.0429 (6)	0.0535 (7)	0.0461 (6)	-0.0024 (5)	0.0102 (5)	-0.0035 (5)
C11	0.0570 (8)	0.0691 (9)	0.0531 (7)	-0.0048 (7)	0.0218 (6)	-0.0034 (7)
C12	0.0695 (9)	0.0721 (10)	0.0492 (7)	-0.0153 (8)	0.0189 (7)	0.0023 (7)
C13	0.0637 (9)	0.0550 (8)	0.0507 (7)	-0.0098 (7)	0.0040 (6)	0.0046 (6)
C14	0.0483 (7)	0.0521 (8)	0.0519 (7)	-0.0001 (6)	0.0074 (5)	0.0003 (6)
C15	0.0654 (9)	0.0742 (10)	0.0657 (9)	-0.0152 (8)	0.0268 (7)	-0.0035 (8)
C16	0.1016 (15)	0.0660 (11)	0.0722 (11)	-0.0161 (11)	-0.0043 (10)	0.0172 (10)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

O1—C15	1.1902 (19)	C6—C7	1.3852 (18)
O2—C16	1.093 (3)	C6—C15	1.466 (2)
O2—H16B	0.4697	C7—C8	1.3842 (17)
O2'—C16	1.029 (3)	C7—H7	0.9300
N1—C3	1.3778 (16)	C8—C9	1.4453 (17)
N1—C10	1.3818 (17)	C9—C14	1.3816 (18)
N1—C2	1.4628 (16)	C9—C10	1.4134 (17)
C1—C2	1.498 (2)	C10—C11	1.3974 (18)
C1—H1A	0.9600	C11—C12	1.370 (2)
C1—H1B	0.9600	C11—H11	0.9300

C1—H1C	0.9600	C12—C13	1.403 (2)
C2—H2A	0.9700	C12—H12	0.9300
C2—H2B	0.9700	C13—C14	1.3896 (19)
C3—C4	1.3990 (18)	C13—C16	1.467 (2)
C3—C8	1.4144 (17)	C14—H14	0.9300
C4—C5	1.371 (2)	C15—H15	0.9300
C4—H4	0.9300	C16—H16A	0.9300
C5—C6	1.404 (2)	C16—H16B	0.9300
C5—H5	0.9300		
C3—N1—C10	108.81 (10)	C7—C8—C9	133.70 (12)
C3—N1—C2	126.20 (11)	C3—C8—C9	106.54 (11)
C10—N1—C2	124.89 (11)	C14—C9—C10	119.79 (11)
C2—C1—H1A	109.5	C14—C9—C8	133.94 (12)
C2—C1—H1B	109.5	C10—C9—C8	106.27 (11)
H1A—C1—H1B	109.5	N1—C10—C11	129.17 (12)
C2—C1—H1C	109.5	N1—C10—C9	109.24 (11)
H1A—C1—H1C	109.5	C11—C10—C9	121.58 (13)
H1B—C1—H1C	109.5	C12—C11—C10	117.24 (13)
N1—C2—C1	112.52 (12)	C12—C11—H11	121.4
N1—C2—H2A	109.1	C10—C11—H11	121.4
C1—C2—H2A	109.1	C11—C12—C13	122.20 (13)
N1—C2—H2B	109.1	C11—C12—H12	118.9
C1—C2—H2B	109.1	C13—C12—H12	118.9
H2A—C2—H2B	107.8	C14—C13—C12	120.13 (13)
N1—C3—C4	129.60 (12)	C14—C13—C16	118.77 (16)
N1—C3—C8	109.13 (11)	C12—C13—C16	121.09 (15)
C4—C3—C8	121.26 (12)	C9—C14—C13	119.05 (13)
C5—C4—C3	117.61 (13)	C9—C14—H14	120.5
C5—C4—H4	121.2	C13—C14—H14	120.4
C3—C4—H4	121.2	O1—C15—C6	125.94 (17)
C4—C5—C6	121.85 (13)	O1—C15—H15	117.0
C4—C5—H5	119.1	C6—C15—H15	117.0
C6—C5—H5	119.1	O2'—C16—C13	133.0 (3)
C7—C6—C5	120.34 (12)	O2—C16—C13	138.7 (3)
C7—C6—C15	118.06 (13)	O2—C16—H16A	110.6
C5—C6—C15	121.58 (13)	C13—C16—H16A	110.6
C8—C7—C6	119.15 (12)	O2'—C16—H16B	113.5
C8—C7—H7	120.4	C13—C16—H16B	113.5
C6—C7—H7	120.4	H16A—C16—H16B	135.8
C7—C8—C3	119.75 (11)		
C3—N1—C2—C1	94.54 (16)	C3—N1—C10—C11	179.12 (13)
C10—N1—C2—C1	-81.23 (17)	C2—N1—C10—C11	-4.5 (2)
C10—N1—C3—C4	179.26 (13)	C3—N1—C10—C9	0.26 (14)
C2—N1—C3—C4	2.9 (2)	C2—N1—C10—C9	176.66 (11)
C10—N1—C3—C8	-0.76 (13)	C14—C9—C10—N1	-179.99 (11)
C2—N1—C3—C8	-177.10 (12)	C8—C9—C10—N1	0.34 (13)

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N1—C3—C4—C5	179.09 (13)	C14—C9—C10—C11	1.04 (18)
C8—C3—C4—C5	-0.88 (19)	C8—C9—C10—C11	-178.63 (11)
C3—C4—C5—C6	-0.7 (2)	N1—C10—C11—C12	-179.57 (12)
C4—C5—C6—C7	1.2 (2)	C9—C10—C11—C12	-0.83 (19)
C4—C5—C6—C15	-177.23 (13)	C10—C11—C12—C13	0.1 (2)
C5—C6—C7—C8	-0.16 (19)	C11—C12—C13—C14	0.5 (2)
C15—C6—C7—C8	178.34 (12)	C11—C12—C13—C16	179.97 (14)
C6—C7—C8—C3	-1.36 (17)	C10—C9—C14—C13	-0.47 (18)
C6—C7—C8—C9	179.95 (13)	C8—C9—C14—C13	179.09 (13)
N1—C3—C8—C7	-178.05 (11)	C12—C13—C14—C9	-0.2 (2)
C4—C3—C8—C7	1.92 (18)	C16—C13—C14—C9	-179.78 (12)
N1—C3—C8—C9	0.96 (13)	C7—C6—C15—O1	177.41 (16)
C4—C3—C8—C9	-179.07 (12)	C5—C6—C15—O1	-4.1 (2)
C7—C8—C9—C14	-1.6 (2)	C14—C13—C16—O2'	1.6 (4)
C3—C8—C9—C14	179.62 (13)	C12—C13—C16—O2'	-177.9 (3)
C7—C8—C9—C10	178.03 (13)	C14—C13—C16—O2	179.8 (3)
C3—C8—C9—C10	-0.78 (13)	C12—C13—C16—O2	0.3 (4)

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