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# (E)-Ethyl 2-cyano-3-[5-nitro-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)phenyl]acrylate

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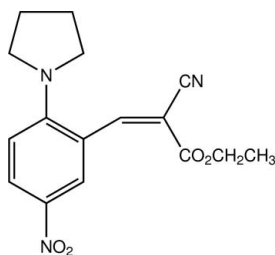
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 Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 223$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C–C}) = 0.003$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.045;  $wR$  factor = 0.098; data-to-parameter ratio = 11.7.

The title compound,  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ , was prepared by the reaction of 5-nitro-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)benzaldehyde and ethyl cyanoacetate. The molecular structure adopts an *E* conformation with respect to the  $\text{C}=\text{C}$  double bond. The five-membered ring has a half-chair conformation, with puckering parameters  $Q(2) = 0.399$  (2) Å and  $\varphi = 93.1$  (3)°. In the crystal, inversion dimers, linked by pairs of  $\text{C–H}\cdots\text{O}$  interactions, are further connected through  $\text{C–H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen bonds. Weak slipped  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions occur between symmetry-related benzene rings [centroid–centroid distance = 3.785 (1) Å].

## Related literature

For related structures, see: Yapo *et al.* (2010); Zhang *et al.* (2009*a,b*). For reference bond lengths, see: Allen (2002). For ring conformation analysis, see: Cremer & Pople (1975).



## Experimental

## Crystal data

$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$	$a = 8.4137$ (3) Å
$M_r = 315.33$	$b = 9.9517$ (4) Å
Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$	$c = 10.3731$ (5) Å

$\alpha = 73.065$ (1)°
$\beta = 71.388$ (2)°
$\gamma = 72.523$ (4)°
$V = 766.56$ (6) Å <sup>3</sup>
$Z = 2$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$\mu = 0.10$ mm <sup>-1</sup>
$T = 223$ K
$0.15 \times 0.05 \times 0.05$ mm

## Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer	2436 reflections with $I > 3\sigma(I)$
12261 measured reflections	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.04$
3925 independent reflections	

## Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$	208 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.098$	H-atom parameters constrained
$S = 1.01$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.29$ e Å <sup>-3</sup>
2436 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.19$ e Å <sup>-3</sup>

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

$D\text{—}H\cdots A$	$D\text{—}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{—}H\cdots A$
$\text{C15—H152}\cdots\text{O2}^i$	0.98	2.50	3.356 (2)	145
$\text{C16—H163}\cdots\text{N3}^{ii}$	0.98	2.60	3.574 (3)	172

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

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Nonius, 2001); cell refinement: *DENZO/SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *DENZO/SCALEPACK*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR2004* (Burla *et al.*, 2005); program(s) used to refine structure: *CRYSTALS* (Betteridge *et al.*, 2003); molecular graphics: *ORTEPIII* (Burnett & Johnson, 1996), *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2009); software used to prepare material for publication: *CRYSTALS*.

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**S1. Comment**

Recently, the synthesis and structure of tricyclic quinoline derivative have been widely investigated (Yapo *et al.*, 2010). We report herein the crystal structure of the title compound  $C_{16}H_{17}N_3O_4$  (I). In fact, it is an intermediate compound on which chemical reactions will be made to obtain tricyclic quinoline derivative containing in its molecular structure two coupled rings: quinoline ring and pyrrolidine ring.

The molecular structure of the title complex displays a E conformation with respect to the C11=C12 double bond. The bond distance C12—C13=1.436 (2)Å agrees with recently reported structures (Zhang *et al.*, 2009a; Zhang *et al.*, 2009b) and is characteristic of single bond occurring between carbone  $sp^1$  and carbone  $sp^2$  [C( $sp^1$ )—C( $sp^2$ )]. All other bond lengths and angles are not unusual (Allen, 2002).

The pyrrolidine ring has half-chair conformation with puckering parameters Q(2)= 0.399 (2)Å and  $\varphi= 93.1$  (3)° (Cremer & Pople, 1975)

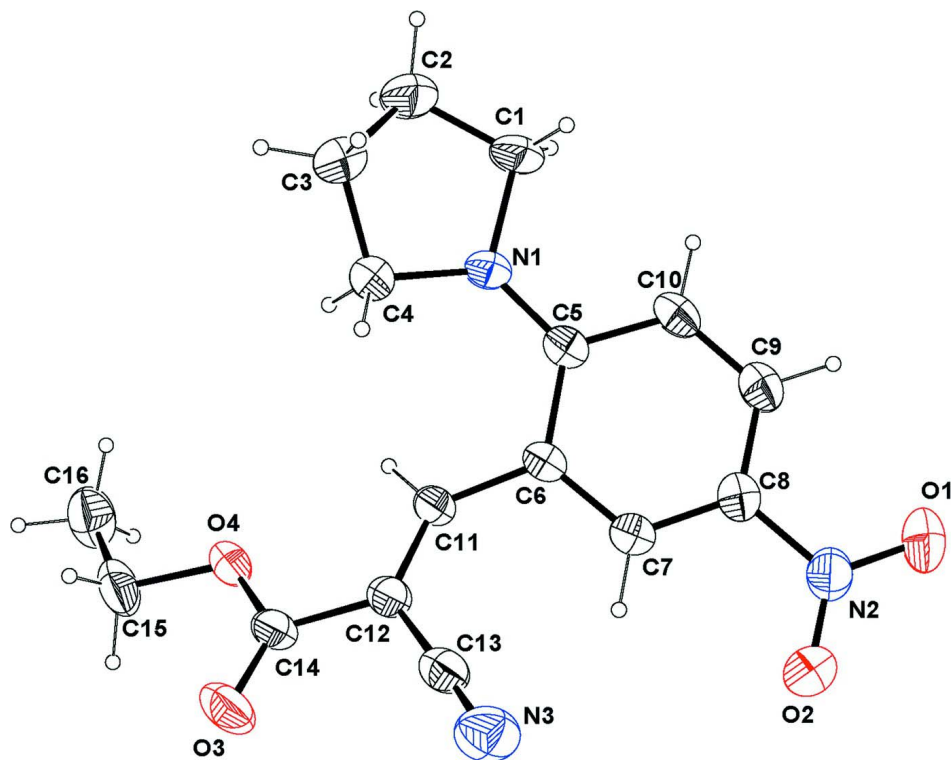
In the crystal packing, centrosymmetrically related molecules are linked by intermolecular C—H...O hydrogen bonding interactions building pseudo dimers which are further connected through C-H...N hydrogen bonds (Table 1 and Figure 2). Weak  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions occur between symmetry related phenyl rings (Centroid-to-centroid = 3.785 (1)Å, interplanar distance= 3.509Å and a slippage of 1.417Å with symmetry code: (i) 2-x,1-y,-z).

**S2. Experimental**

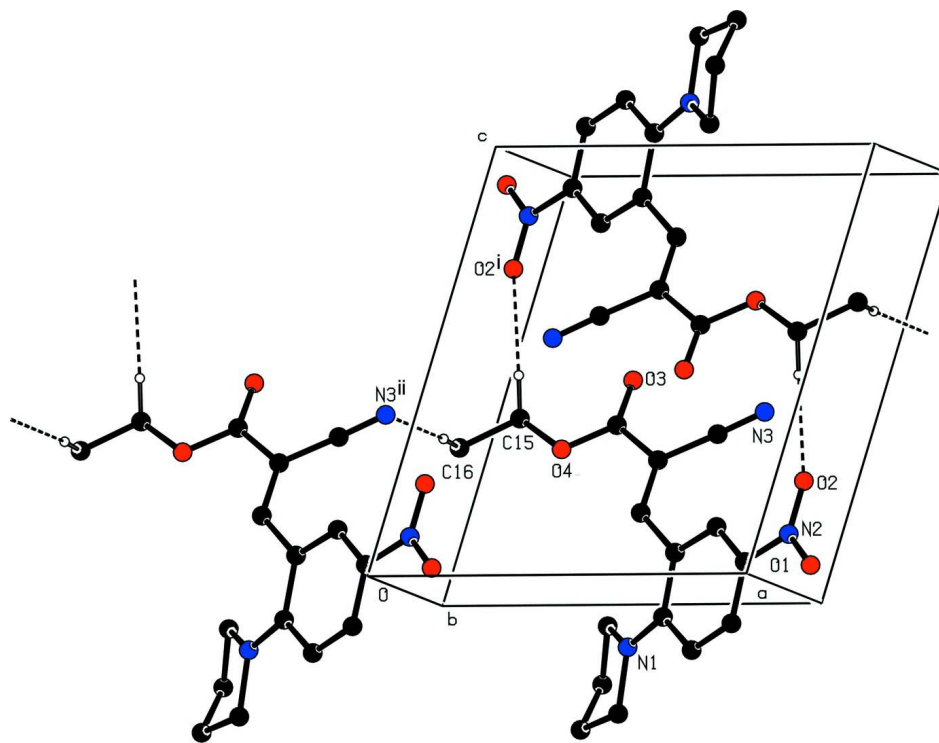
To a solution of 5-nitro-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)benzaldehyde (2, 9.03 mmol) in anhydrous ethanol (25 ml), ethyl cyanoacetate (2.1 ml, 10.1 mmol) was added. Maintained at room temperature and under magnetic agitation, triethylamine (3 ml) was dropped into the solution. The reaction mixture was maintained at room temperature for 30 min then heated to ethanol reflux during 2 h. After cooling, the precipitate was filtered and then washed with ethanol to obtain yellow crystals in 77% yield. The melting point is 457–458 K.

**S3. Refinement**

The H atoms were geometrically positioned and treated as riding with C—H in the range 0.93–0.98Å and  $U_{iso}(H)$  in the range 1.2–1.5 times  $U_{eq}$  of the parent atom.

**Figure 1**

Molecular view of the title complex with the atom labeling scheme. Ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.



**Figure 2**

Partial packing view showing the hydrogen bond pattern. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bondings have been omitted for clarity. [Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ ; (ii)  $x-1, y, z$ ]

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$h = 0 \rightarrow 11$

$k = -12 \rightarrow 13$

$l = -12 \rightarrow 14$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
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 0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
 direct methods  
 Hydrogen site location: inferred from  
 neighbouring sites  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F^2) + (0.04P)^2 + 0.41P]$   
 where  $P = [\max(F_o^2, 0) + 2F_c^2]/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.000211$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.29 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.19 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O4	0.24506 (16)	0.75552 (14)	0.34637 (12)	0.0392
C6	0.6744 (2)	0.54044 (17)	0.08814 (16)	0.0272
O3	0.38346 (18)	0.74040 (16)	0.50501 (13)	0.0501
N1	0.58761 (18)	0.70320 (15)	-0.12042 (14)	0.0318
C11	0.5357 (2)	0.61576 (17)	0.18686 (16)	0.0288
C10	0.8072 (2)	0.48737 (19)	-0.14342 (18)	0.0349
O2	1.03617 (19)	0.19215 (16)	0.22812 (15)	0.0536
C14	0.3815 (2)	0.71447 (18)	0.39891 (17)	0.0335
C5	0.6844 (2)	0.58161 (18)	-0.05898 (16)	0.0281
C7	0.7910 (2)	0.41913 (18)	0.13881 (17)	0.0302
C8	0.9117 (2)	0.33592 (18)	0.05070 (18)	0.0323
N2	1.0334 (2)	0.21267 (17)	0.10625 (17)	0.0405
C12	0.5355 (2)	0.63394 (17)	0.31088 (16)	0.0295
O1	1.1330 (2)	0.13387 (17)	0.02781 (17)	0.0640
C13	0.6834 (2)	0.5867 (2)	0.36710 (18)	0.0355
N3	0.7983 (2)	0.5498 (2)	0.41549 (19)	0.0528
C9	0.9177 (2)	0.3684 (2)	-0.09019 (18)	0.0361
C1	0.6073 (3)	0.7384 (2)	-0.27297 (18)	0.0420
C4	0.4900 (2)	0.83167 (19)	-0.06191 (18)	0.0374
C16	-0.0507 (3)	0.8668 (2)	0.3594 (2)	0.0538
C15	0.0917 (3)	0.8417 (3)	0.4249 (2)	0.0524
C2	0.4880 (3)	0.8854 (2)	-0.2995 (2)	0.0520
C3	0.4940 (3)	0.9553 (2)	-0.18931 (19)	0.0458
H111	0.4299	0.6579	0.1601	0.0408*
H101	0.8112	0.5097	-0.2402	0.0501*
H71	0.7850	0.3922	0.2355	0.0416*
H91	1.0005	0.3059	-0.1485	0.0499*
H11	0.7291	0.7413	-0.3221	0.0611*
H12	0.5771	0.6646	-0.3001	0.0612*
H41	0.5454	0.8431	0.0025	0.0516*
H42	0.3687	0.8243	-0.0126	0.0529*
H161	-0.1516	0.9310	0.4046	0.0975*
H162	-0.0169	0.9098	0.2594	0.0977*
H163	-0.0794	0.7744	0.3742	0.0981*

H151	0.1190	0.9366	0.4202	0.0740*
H152	0.0663	0.7875	0.5221	0.0730*
H21	0.5289	0.9403	-0.3927	0.0751*
H22	0.3698	0.8790	-0.2855	0.0754*
H31	0.6032	0.9898	-0.2180	0.0663*
H32	0.3939	1.0346	-0.1743	0.0659*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
O4	0.0392 (7)	0.0457 (8)	0.0277 (6)	0.0026 (6)	-0.0057 (5)	-0.0162 (5)
C6	0.0280 (8)	0.0315 (9)	0.0230 (8)	-0.0089 (7)	-0.0040 (6)	-0.0078 (6)
O3	0.0563 (9)	0.0652 (10)	0.0332 (7)	-0.0074 (7)	-0.0099 (6)	-0.0257 (7)
N1	0.0394 (8)	0.0349 (8)	0.0223 (7)	-0.0071 (6)	-0.0101 (6)	-0.0070 (6)
C11	0.0311 (8)	0.0297 (9)	0.0234 (8)	-0.0071 (7)	-0.0044 (6)	-0.0054 (6)
C10	0.0393 (10)	0.0416 (10)	0.0250 (8)	-0.0098 (8)	-0.0041 (7)	-0.0132 (7)
O2	0.0579 (9)	0.0499 (9)	0.0435 (8)	0.0042 (7)	-0.0192 (7)	-0.0063 (6)
C14	0.0419 (10)	0.0331 (9)	0.0239 (8)	-0.0076 (7)	-0.0058 (7)	-0.0076 (7)
C5	0.0286 (8)	0.0332 (9)	0.0254 (8)	-0.0107 (7)	-0.0053 (6)	-0.0085 (7)
C7	0.0320 (9)	0.0330 (9)	0.0259 (8)	-0.0091 (7)	-0.0056 (7)	-0.0073 (7)
C8	0.0298 (9)	0.0312 (9)	0.0349 (9)	-0.0063 (7)	-0.0060 (7)	-0.0091 (7)
N2	0.0365 (9)	0.0372 (9)	0.0431 (9)	-0.0042 (7)	-0.0065 (7)	-0.0099 (7)
C12	0.0349 (9)	0.0290 (8)	0.0238 (8)	-0.0086 (7)	-0.0063 (7)	-0.0045 (6)
O1	0.0590 (9)	0.0562 (10)	0.0616 (10)	0.0174 (8)	-0.0105 (8)	-0.0274 (8)
C13	0.0427 (10)	0.0390 (10)	0.0266 (9)	-0.0133 (8)	-0.0060 (8)	-0.0086 (7)
N3	0.0521 (11)	0.0654 (12)	0.0484 (10)	-0.0155 (9)	-0.0213 (9)	-0.0120 (9)
C9	0.0359 (10)	0.0375 (10)	0.0345 (9)	-0.0089 (8)	-0.0015 (7)	-0.0149 (8)
C1	0.0566 (12)	0.0467 (11)	0.0233 (9)	-0.0082 (9)	-0.0149 (8)	-0.0069 (8)
C4	0.0435 (10)	0.0360 (10)	0.0300 (9)	-0.0026 (8)	-0.0103 (8)	-0.0090 (7)
C16	0.0431 (11)	0.0587 (14)	0.0599 (14)	-0.0028 (10)	-0.0097 (10)	-0.0260 (11)
C15	0.0436 (12)	0.0621 (14)	0.0447 (12)	0.0086 (10)	-0.0054 (9)	-0.0295 (10)
C2	0.0677 (14)	0.0514 (12)	0.0346 (10)	-0.0045 (10)	-0.0237 (10)	-0.0036 (9)
C3	0.0582 (13)	0.0381 (11)	0.0362 (10)	-0.0049 (9)	-0.0159 (9)	-0.0027 (8)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

O4—C14	1.330 (2)	C12—C13	1.436 (2)
O4—C15	1.462 (2)	C13—N3	1.145 (2)
C6—C11	1.460 (2)	C9—H91	0.963
C6—C5	1.442 (2)	C1—C2	1.511 (3)
C6—C7	1.394 (2)	C1—H11	0.993
O3—C14	1.207 (2)	C1—H12	0.982
N1—C5	1.350 (2)	C4—C3	1.520 (3)
N1—C1	1.483 (2)	C4—H41	0.976
N1—C4	1.477 (2)	C4—H42	0.999
C11—C12	1.350 (2)	C16—C15	1.483 (3)
C11—H111	0.955	C16—H161	0.971
C10—C5	1.426 (2)	C16—H162	0.983

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C10—C9	1.363 (2)	C16—H163	0.977
C10—H101	0.955	C15—H151	1.021
O2—N2	1.227 (2)	C15—H152	0.984
C14—C12	1.484 (2)	C2—C3	1.521 (3)
C7—C8	1.377 (2)	C2—H21	0.972
C7—H71	0.948	C2—H22	0.977
C8—N2	1.448 (2)	C3—H31	1.003
C8—C9	1.389 (2)	C3—H32	0.972
N2—O1	1.233 (2)		
C14—O4—C15	114.97 (14)	N1—C1—H11	109.3
C11—C6—C5	121.29 (14)	C2—C1—H11	111.6
C11—C6—C7	119.04 (14)	N1—C1—H12	110.4
C5—C6—C7	119.46 (14)	C2—C1—H12	113.0
C5—N1—C1	120.85 (14)	H11—C1—H12	108.5
C5—N1—C4	127.13 (13)	N1—C4—C3	103.67 (14)
C1—N1—C4	110.08 (13)	N1—C4—H41	110.4
C6—C11—C12	129.25 (16)	C3—C4—H41	111.7
C6—C11—H111	115.4	N1—C4—H42	110.9
C12—C11—H111	115.3	C3—C4—H42	110.4
C5—C10—C9	122.08 (16)	H41—C4—H42	109.6
C5—C10—H101	118.2	C15—C16—H161	109.4
C9—C10—H101	119.7	C15—C16—H162	110.6
O4—C14—O3	124.77 (16)	H161—C16—H162	109.5
O4—C14—C12	112.45 (14)	C15—C16—H163	108.3
O3—C14—C12	122.77 (16)	H161—C16—H163	108.3
C6—C5—C10	116.84 (15)	H162—C16—H163	110.7
C6—C5—N1	124.27 (15)	C16—C15—O4	107.71 (16)
C10—C5—N1	118.89 (15)	C16—C15—H151	111.3
C6—C7—C8	120.77 (15)	O4—C15—H151	107.9
C6—C7—H71	119.6	C16—C15—H152	111.9
C8—C7—H71	119.6	O4—C15—H152	107.8
C7—C8—N2	119.31 (15)	H151—C15—H152	110.0
C7—C8—C9	120.95 (16)	C1—C2—C3	103.20 (15)
N2—C8—C9	119.74 (15)	C1—C2—H21	111.2
C8—N2—O2	119.06 (15)	C3—C2—H21	111.1
C8—N2—O1	118.37 (16)	C1—C2—H22	112.1
O2—N2—O1	122.55 (16)	C3—C2—H22	109.2
C14—C12—C11	122.22 (15)	H21—C2—H22	109.9
C14—C12—C13	113.25 (14)	C2—C3—C4	102.37 (16)
C11—C12—C13	124.43 (16)	C2—C3—H31	110.2
C12—C13—N3	178.06 (19)	C4—C3—H31	111.5
C8—C9—C10	119.72 (16)	C2—C3—H32	110.2
C8—C9—H91	119.1	C4—C3—H32	111.6
C10—C9—H91	121.2	H31—C3—H32	110.7
N1—C1—C2	103.93 (15)		

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