

(E)-N-(Anthracen-9-ylmethylidene)-4-nitroaniline

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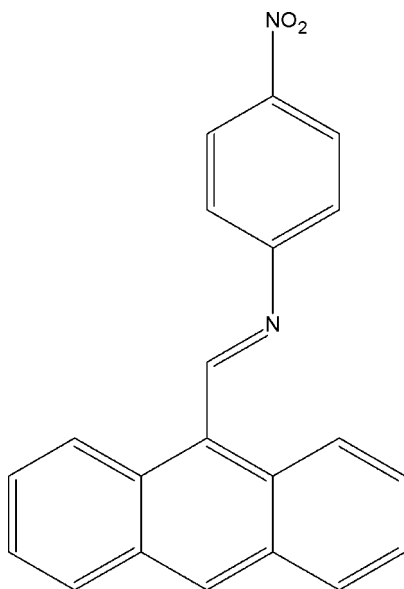
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 293$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$ Å; R factor = 0.070; wR factor = 0.306; data-to-parameter ratio = 13.2.

In the title molecule, $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$, the anthracenyl system is approximately planar [maximum deviation = 0.056 (4) Å] and is oriented at a dihedral angle of 73.6 (1)° with respect to the benzene ring. An intramolecular $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ hydrogen bond generates an $S(6)$ ring motif. The crystal packing is stabilized by $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$ and $\pi-\pi$ interactions [centroid-centroid distances of 3.688 (2), 3.656 (1) and 3.716 (2) Å].

Related literature

For applications of anthracene derivatives, see: de Silva *et al.* (1997); Klarner *et al.* (1998); Han *et al.* (2009). For hydrogen-bond motifs, see: Bernstein *et al.* (1995). For related structures, see: Arumugam *et al.* (2011); Villalpando *et al.* (2010).



Experimental

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$	$\gamma = 75.054$ (2)°
$M_r = 326.34$	$V = 800.56$ (7) Å ³
Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$	$Z = 2$
$a = 8.3634$ (4) Å	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$b = 8.9045$ (4) Å	$\mu = 0.09$ mm ⁻¹
$c = 11.5119$ (6) Å	$T = 293$ K
$\alpha = 75.235$ (2)°	$0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.10$ mm
$\beta = 84.544$ (3)°	

Data collection

Bruker APEXII diffractometer	15391 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker 2004)	2983 independent reflections
$T_{\min} = 0.924$, $T_{\max} = 0.991$	1870 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.151$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.070$	226 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.306$	H-atom parameters constrained
$S = 1.12$	$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.45$ e Å ⁻³
2983 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.43$ e Å ⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

Cg1 is the centroid of the C1–C6 benzene ring.

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
C12–H12 \cdots N1	0.93	2.37	2.980 (4)	123
C20–H20 \cdots Cg1 ⁱ	0.93	2.86	3.717 (3)	154

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

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: APEX2 and SAINT (Bruker, 2004); data reduction: SAINT and XPREP (Bruker, 2004); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 (Farrugia (1997)); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97 and PLATON (Spek, 2009).

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S1. Comment

Anthracene is an attractive material in its photochemical and electrochemical properties and is used as a potential medium for photoconductive (de Silva *et al.*, 1997) and electroluminescence (Klarner *et al.*, 1998) devices. Furthermore, anthracene derivatives exhibited anticancer activity has also been reported recently (Han *et al.*, 2009). Against this background and in order to obtain detailed information on molecular conformations in the solid state, X-ray studies of the title compound have been carried out.

Fig. 1. shows a displacement ellipsoid plot of (I), with the atom numbering scheme. The anthracene moiety (C1-C14) is essentially planar [maximum deviation = -0.056 (4) Å for the C11 atom] and shows a dihedral angle of 73.6 (1)° with respect to the (C16-C21) benzene ring. The nitro group is slightly twisted away from the plane of the attached benzene ring [C20-C19-N2-O1 = -4.9 (5) ° and C18-C19-N2-O2 = -6.7 (5) °]. The geometric parameters of the title molecule agrees well with those reported for similar structures (Arumugam *et al.*, 2011, Villalpando *et al.*, 2010).

In addition to van der Waals interactions, the crystal packing is stabilized by C-H...N and C-H... π hydrogen bonds as well as by π - π interactions. The intramolecular C12-H12...N1 hydrogen bond generates an S(6) ring motif (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995). The crystal packing (Fig. 2) is stabilized by C-H... π interactions between H20 and the neighbouring C1-C6 benzene ring, with a C20-H20...Cg1ⁱ separation of 2.86 Å (Fig. 2, Table 1; Cg1 is the centroid of the C1-C6 benzene ring, symmetry code as in Fig. 2). The molecular packing (Fig. 2) is further stabilized by π - π interactions with Cg1...Cg3ⁱⁱ, Cg2...Cg2ⁱⁱ and Cg2...Cg3ⁱⁱ separations of 3.688 (2) Å, 3.656 (1) Å and 3.716 (2) Å, respectively (Fig. 2; Cg1, Cg2 and Cg3 are the centroids of the C1-C6 benzene ring, C1/C6/C7/C8/C13/C14 benzene ring and C8-C13 benzene ring, respectively, symmetry code as in Fig. 2).

S2. Experimental

Equimolar amounts of p-nitroaniline and 9-anthracenecarboxaldehyde were suspended in ethanol at a concentration of 0.1 M and the reaction mixture was refluxed overnight under vigorous stirring. Afterwards the mixture was cooled down and filtered. Recrystallization of the crude product from hexane : CHCl₃ (1 : 1) yielded orange crystals of title compound (Yield 74 %).

S3. Refinement

All H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C-H = 0.93 - 0.98 Å and constrained to ride on their parent atom with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})=1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$.

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
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.2P)^2]$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.45 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.43 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

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 $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$ 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	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.4268 (3)	-0.1323 (3)	0.7152 (2)	0.0507 (7)
C2	0.5139 (4)	-0.2566 (4)	0.8071 (2)	0.0622 (8)
H2	0.5912	-0.2354	0.8498	0.075*
C3	0.4872 (4)	-0.4052 (4)	0.8341 (3)	0.0725 (9)
H3	0.5463	-0.4840	0.8950	0.087*
C4	0.3730 (4)	-0.4430 (4)	0.7726 (3)	0.0746 (10)
H4	0.3553	-0.5455	0.7936	0.090*
C5	0.2885 (4)	-0.3314 (4)	0.6829 (3)	0.0673 (9)
H5	0.2134	-0.3579	0.6417	0.081*
C6	0.3125 (3)	-0.1725 (3)	0.6501 (2)	0.0532 (7)
C7	0.2314 (3)	-0.0591 (3)	0.5551 (2)	0.0549 (8)
H7	0.1599	-0.0875	0.5121	0.066*
C8	0.2524 (3)	0.0973 (3)	0.5211 (2)	0.0498 (7)
C9	0.1657 (3)	0.2116 (4)	0.4241 (2)	0.0621 (8)
H9	0.0979	0.1808	0.3798	0.075*
C10	0.1794 (4)	0.3636 (4)	0.3950 (3)	0.0703 (9)
H10	0.1211	0.4375	0.3312	0.084*
C11	0.2830 (4)	0.4104 (4)	0.4619 (3)	0.0675 (9)
H11	0.2904	0.5164	0.4427	0.081*
C12	0.3710 (3)	0.3050 (3)	0.5525 (2)	0.0588 (8)
H12	0.4395	0.3393	0.5939	0.071*
C13	0.3618 (3)	0.1421 (3)	0.5868 (2)	0.0487 (7)
C14	0.4501 (3)	0.0265 (3)	0.6825 (2)	0.0479 (7)
C15	0.5698 (3)	0.0602 (4)	0.7521 (3)	0.0584 (8)
H15	0.5835	0.0005	0.8311	0.070*
C16	0.7666 (3)	0.1767 (3)	0.7942 (2)	0.0553 (8)
C17	0.9203 (4)	0.1906 (4)	0.7470 (3)	0.0687 (9)
H17	0.9467	0.1877	0.6672	0.082*
C18	1.0355 (4)	0.2085 (4)	0.8158 (3)	0.0695 (9)

H18	1.1407	0.2147	0.7841	0.083*
C19	0.9936 (3)	0.2169 (3)	0.9316 (2)	0.0561 (8)
C20	0.8419 (3)	0.2054 (4)	0.9826 (2)	0.0597 (8)
H20	0.8168	0.2105	1.0622	0.072*
C21	0.7263 (3)	0.1859 (3)	0.9128 (2)	0.0589 (8)
H21	0.6214	0.1791	0.9451	0.071*
N1	0.6547 (3)	0.1602 (3)	0.7163 (2)	0.0647 (7)
N2	1.1188 (4)	0.2349 (4)	1.0045 (3)	0.0823 (9)
O1	1.0791 (4)	0.2499 (5)	1.1057 (3)	0.1296 (12)
O2	1.2591 (3)	0.2269 (4)	0.9629 (2)	0.1103 (11)

Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
C1	0.0442 (15)	0.0651 (17)	0.0434 (14)	-0.0129 (12)	0.0062 (11)	-0.0174 (12)
C2	0.0615 (18)	0.076 (2)	0.0457 (15)	-0.0128 (14)	-0.0012 (13)	-0.0120 (13)
C3	0.087 (2)	0.070 (2)	0.0511 (17)	-0.0134 (17)	0.0044 (16)	-0.0059 (14)
C4	0.094 (3)	0.0552 (19)	0.073 (2)	-0.0245 (17)	0.0155 (18)	-0.0117 (15)
C5	0.0660 (19)	0.073 (2)	0.0698 (19)	-0.0249 (15)	0.0068 (15)	-0.0235 (16)
C6	0.0498 (16)	0.0619 (18)	0.0498 (15)	-0.0148 (13)	0.0074 (12)	-0.0187 (12)
C7	0.0490 (16)	0.0723 (19)	0.0503 (15)	-0.0204 (13)	-0.0009 (12)	-0.0218 (13)
C8	0.0412 (14)	0.0648 (17)	0.0423 (14)	-0.0115 (12)	0.0031 (11)	-0.0139 (12)
C9	0.0511 (17)	0.084 (2)	0.0502 (16)	-0.0143 (14)	-0.0074 (13)	-0.0139 (14)
C10	0.0645 (19)	0.076 (2)	0.0576 (18)	-0.0116 (15)	-0.0089 (15)	0.0030 (15)
C11	0.068 (2)	0.0588 (18)	0.0694 (19)	-0.0151 (15)	-0.0038 (15)	-0.0043 (14)
C12	0.0550 (17)	0.0650 (19)	0.0568 (17)	-0.0172 (13)	-0.0026 (13)	-0.0125 (13)
C13	0.0416 (14)	0.0623 (17)	0.0439 (14)	-0.0133 (12)	0.0062 (11)	-0.0176 (12)
C14	0.0405 (14)	0.0615 (17)	0.0428 (14)	-0.0133 (11)	0.0018 (11)	-0.0145 (12)
C15	0.0498 (16)	0.0717 (19)	0.0539 (16)	-0.0151 (14)	-0.0036 (12)	-0.0143 (13)
C16	0.0581 (17)	0.0556 (16)	0.0545 (16)	-0.0139 (12)	-0.0105 (13)	-0.0144 (12)
C17	0.0637 (19)	0.092 (2)	0.0553 (17)	-0.0213 (16)	0.0017 (14)	-0.0260 (15)
C18	0.0506 (17)	0.093 (2)	0.0633 (19)	-0.0197 (15)	0.0002 (14)	-0.0130 (15)
C19	0.0501 (16)	0.0639 (18)	0.0532 (16)	-0.0140 (13)	-0.0131 (13)	-0.0079 (12)
C20	0.0564 (18)	0.0771 (19)	0.0485 (15)	-0.0161 (14)	-0.0053 (13)	-0.0191 (13)
C21	0.0469 (15)	0.073 (2)	0.0600 (17)	-0.0187 (13)	0.0002 (13)	-0.0191 (14)
N1	0.0692 (16)	0.0745 (17)	0.0572 (14)	-0.0250 (13)	-0.0087 (12)	-0.0182 (12)
N2	0.068 (2)	0.113 (2)	0.0676 (18)	-0.0334 (16)	-0.0227 (15)	-0.0059 (16)
O1	0.100 (2)	0.225 (4)	0.093 (2)	-0.056 (2)	-0.0209 (17)	-0.069 (2)
O2	0.0675 (17)	0.169 (3)	0.097 (2)	-0.0584 (17)	-0.0212 (15)	0.0007 (17)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

C1—C2	1.418 (4)	C11—H11	0.9300
C1—C14	1.428 (4)	C12—C13	1.423 (4)
C1—C6	1.432 (4)	C12—H12	0.9300
C2—C3	1.352 (4)	C13—C14	1.415 (4)
C2—H2	0.9300	C14—C15	1.471 (4)
C3—C4	1.394 (5)	C15—N1	1.245 (3)

C3—H3	0.9300	C15—H15	0.9300
C4—C5	1.344 (5)	C16—C17	1.370 (4)
C4—H4	0.9300	C16—C21	1.393 (4)
C5—C6	1.430 (4)	C16—N1	1.414 (3)
C5—H5	0.9300	C17—C18	1.367 (4)
C6—C7	1.379 (4)	C17—H17	0.9300
C7—C8	1.399 (4)	C18—C19	1.361 (4)
C7—H7	0.9300	C18—H18	0.9300
C8—C9	1.415 (4)	C19—C20	1.364 (4)
C8—C13	1.430 (4)	C19—N2	1.466 (4)
C9—C10	1.341 (4)	C20—C21	1.385 (4)
C9—H9	0.9300	C20—H20	0.9300
C10—C11	1.412 (4)	C21—H21	0.9300
C10—H10	0.9300	N2—O1	1.212 (4)
C11—C12	1.342 (4)	N2—O2	1.216 (4)
C2—C1—C14	123.9 (2)	C11—C12—H12	119.2
C2—C1—C6	117.0 (2)	C13—C12—H12	119.2
C14—C1—C6	119.0 (2)	C14—C13—C12	124.0 (2)
C3—C2—C1	121.4 (3)	C14—C13—C8	119.4 (2)
C3—C2—H2	119.3	C12—C13—C8	116.6 (2)
C1—C2—H2	119.3	C13—C14—C1	120.3 (2)
C2—C3—C4	121.5 (3)	C13—C14—C15	123.2 (2)
C2—C3—H3	119.3	C1—C14—C15	116.5 (2)
C4—C3—H3	119.3	N1—C15—C14	126.8 (3)
C5—C4—C3	120.1 (3)	N1—C15—H15	116.6
C5—C4—H4	119.9	C14—C15—H15	116.6
C3—C4—H4	119.9	C17—C16—C21	119.2 (2)
C4—C5—C6	120.8 (3)	C17—C16—N1	117.1 (2)
C4—C5—H5	119.6	C21—C16—N1	123.6 (2)
C6—C5—H5	119.6	C18—C17—C16	120.9 (3)
C7—C6—C5	121.2 (3)	C18—C17—H17	119.6
C7—C6—C1	119.6 (2)	C16—C17—H17	119.6
C5—C6—C1	119.2 (3)	C19—C18—C17	118.9 (3)
C6—C7—C8	122.5 (2)	C19—C18—H18	120.5
C6—C7—H7	118.8	C17—C18—H18	120.5
C8—C7—H7	118.8	C18—C19—C20	122.6 (3)
C7—C8—C9	121.2 (2)	C18—C19—N2	118.3 (3)
C7—C8—C13	119.1 (2)	C20—C19—N2	119.1 (3)
C9—C8—C13	119.7 (2)	C19—C20—C21	118.2 (3)
C10—C9—C8	121.3 (3)	C19—C20—H20	120.9
C10—C9—H9	119.3	C21—C20—H20	120.9
C8—C9—H9	119.3	C20—C21—C16	120.1 (3)
C9—C10—C11	119.4 (3)	C20—C21—H21	119.9
C9—C10—H10	120.3	C16—C21—H21	119.9
C11—C10—H10	120.3	C15—N1—C16	120.0 (2)
C12—C11—C10	121.4 (3)	O1—N2—O2	123.0 (3)
C12—C11—H11	119.3	O1—N2—C19	118.2 (3)

C10—C11—H11	119.3	O2—N2—C19	118.7 (3)
C11—C12—C13	121.6 (3)		
C14—C1—C2—C3	-179.8 (2)	C8—C13—C14—C1	-1.7 (4)
C6—C1—C2—C3	-1.6 (4)	C12—C13—C14—C15	-4.1 (4)
C1—C2—C3—C4	0.1 (5)	C8—C13—C14—C15	177.7 (2)
C2—C3—C4—C5	1.1 (5)	C2—C1—C14—C13	177.9 (2)
C3—C4—C5—C6	-0.7 (5)	C6—C1—C14—C13	-0.2 (4)
C4—C5—C6—C7	177.4 (3)	C2—C1—C14—C15	-1.5 (4)
C4—C5—C6—C1	-0.8 (4)	C6—C1—C14—C15	-179.6 (2)
C2—C1—C6—C7	-176.3 (2)	C13—C14—C15—N1	-28.3 (4)
C14—C1—C6—C7	2.0 (4)	C1—C14—C15—N1	151.1 (3)
C2—C1—C6—C5	2.0 (4)	C21—C16—C17—C18	2.0 (5)
C14—C1—C6—C5	-179.8 (2)	N1—C16—C17—C18	179.4 (3)
C5—C6—C7—C8	179.9 (2)	C16—C17—C18—C19	-1.8 (5)
C1—C6—C7—C8	-1.8 (4)	C17—C18—C19—C20	1.2 (5)
C6—C7—C8—C9	-179.2 (2)	C17—C18—C19—N2	179.6 (3)
C6—C7—C8—C13	0.0 (4)	C18—C19—C20—C21	-0.7 (5)
C7—C8—C9—C10	176.7 (3)	N2—C19—C20—C21	-179.0 (2)
C13—C8—C9—C10	-2.4 (4)	C19—C20—C21—C16	0.8 (4)
C8—C9—C10—C11	0.4 (4)	C17—C16—C21—C20	-1.4 (4)
C9—C10—C11—C12	1.4 (5)	N1—C16—C21—C20	-178.6 (2)
C10—C11—C12—C13	-1.1 (5)	C14—C15—N1—C16	-179.1 (2)
C11—C12—C13—C14	-179.2 (2)	C17—C16—N1—C15	136.4 (3)
C11—C12—C13—C8	-1.0 (4)	C21—C16—N1—C15	-46.3 (4)
C7—C8—C13—C14	1.8 (4)	C18—C19—N2—O1	176.6 (3)
C9—C8—C13—C14	-179.0 (2)	C20—C19—N2—O1	-4.9 (5)
C7—C8—C13—C12	-176.5 (2)	C18—C19—N2—O2	-6.7 (5)
C9—C8—C13—C12	2.7 (4)	C20—C19—N2—O2	171.8 (3)
C12—C13—C14—C1	176.5 (2)		

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

Cg1 is the centroid of the C1—C6 benzene ring.

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
C12—H12...N1	0.93	2.37	2.980 (4)	123
C20—H20...Cg1 ⁱ	0.93	2.86	3.717 (3)	154

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