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#### **Key indicators**

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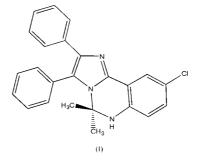
# 9-Chloro-5,5-dimethyl-2,3-diphenyl-2,3-dihydroimidazo[1,2-c]quinazoline

The title compound,  $C_{24}H_{20}ClN_3$ , (I), was synthesized by the reaction of 4,5-diphenyl-2-(2-nitro-5-chlorophenyl)imidazole with acetone, induced by a low-valent titanium reagent (TiCl<sub>4</sub>/ Zn). X-ray analysis reveals that (I) contains a pyrimidine ring in a distorted boat conformation.

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#### Comment

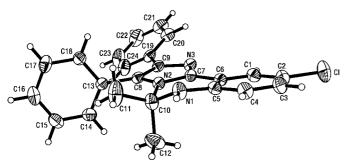
Quinazolines are an important class of compounds found in many naturally occurring products (*e.g.* hinckdentine A; Blackman *et al.*, 1987; Billimoria & Cava, 1994), and employed as potent agents (Helissey *et al.*, 1994; Brana *et al.*, 1994; Riou *et al.*, 1991; Ibrahim *et al.*, 1998). Low-valent reagents have an exceedingly high ability to promote reductive coupling of carbonyl compounds and are attracting increasing interest in organic synthesis (McMurry, 1983; Shi *et al.*, 2003). We report here the crystal structure of 9-chloro-5,5-dimethyl-2,3-diphenyl-2,3-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*c*]quinazoline, (I), synthesized by the reaction of 4,5-diphenyl-2-(2-nitro-5-chlorophenyl)imidazole with acetone, induced by a low-valent titanium reagent (TiCl<sub>4</sub>/Zn).



In (I), atoms N1, C5, C6, C7, N1 and C10 form a pyrimidine ring, with an interatomic distance of 1.440 (3) Å for N1–C10 and 1.487 (2) Å for N2–C10, which show that these C–N bonds are single. The pyrimidine ring adopts a distorted boat conformation (Figs. 1 and 2); atoms C5, C6, C7 and N2 are coplanar, while atoms N1 and C10 deviate from this plane by 0.157 (1) and 0.347 (1) Å, respectively. The dihedral angle between the C13–C18 and C19–C24 phenyl rings is 79.31 (2)°. In addition, because of conjugation, the distances N1–C5 [1.378 (2) Å], N2–C7 [1.364 (2) Å] and N2–C8 [1.388 (2) Å] are significantly shorter than the typical  $Csp^2$ –N bond distance (1.426 Å; Lorente *et al.*, 1995). The molecules are linked by an N–H···N hydrogen bond (Table 2), forming a chain along the *c* axis (Fig. 2).

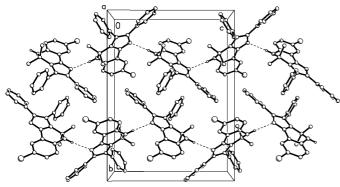
### **Experimental**

The title compound (I), was prepared by the reaction of 4,5-diphenyl-2-(2-nitro-5-chlorophenyl)imidazole with acetone induced by low-valent titanium reagent (TiCl<sub>4</sub>/Zn) (m.p. 528–529 K). Single crystals



#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme.



#### Figure 2

A molecular packing diagram of (I). H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution.

Crystal data

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C_{24}H_{20}ClN_3

M_r = 385.88

Monoclinic, P2_1/c

a = 8.955 (1) Å

b = 17.568 (2) Å

c = 13.075 (2) Å

\beta = 90.26 (1)°

V = 2056.9 (4) Å<sup>3</sup>

Z = 4
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#### Data collection

Siemens P4 diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan (XSCANS; Siemens, 1994)  $T_{\min} = 0.893$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.945$ 4393 measured reflections 3833 independent reflections 2274 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$   $wR(F^2) = 0.109$  S = 0.883833 reflections 260 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  $D_x = 1.246 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation Cell parameters from 29 reflections  $\theta = 3.0-14.2^{\circ}$   $\mu = 0.20 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  T = 296 (2) KBlock, colorless  $0.50 \times 0.50 \times 0.30 \text{ mm}$ 

 $\begin{aligned} R_{\text{int}} &= 0.012 \\ \theta_{\text{max}} &= 25.5^{\circ} \\ h &= 0 \rightarrow 10 \\ k &= 0 \rightarrow 21 \\ l &= -15 \rightarrow 15 \\ 3 \text{ standard reflections} \\ \text{every } 97 \text{ reflections} \\ \text{intensity decay: } 0.5\% \end{aligned}$ 

$$\begin{split} & w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0609P)^2] \\ & \text{where } P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ & (\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001 \\ & \Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.32 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3} \\ & \Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.24 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3} \\ & \text{Extinction correction: } SHELXTL \\ & \text{Extinction coefficient: } 0.0099 (11) \end{split}$$

## Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

N1-C5	1.378 (2)	N3-C7	1.328 (2)
N1-C10	1.440 (3)	N3-C9	1.386 (2)
N2-C7	1.364 (2)	C6-C7	1.448 (3)
N2-C8	1.388 (2)	C8-C9	1.378 (2)
N2-C10	1.487 (2)		. ,
C5-N1-C10	122.50 (16)	N1-C5-C6	118.52 (19)
C7-N2-C8	107.12 (14)	N3-C7-N2	111.86 (17)
C7-N2-C10	121.96 (16)	N3-C7-C6	127.74 (17)
C8-N2-C10	129.94 (15)	N2-C7-C6	120.40 (16)
C7-N3-C9	105.19 (15)	N2-C8-C13	123.84 (15)
N1-C5-C4	122.17 (18)		
C10-N1-C5-C4	-155.6(2)	C5-N1-C10-N2	-42.6 (3)
C1-C6-C7-N3	-6.6(3)	C9-C8-C13-C18	-83.6(3)
C1-C6-C7-N2	173.91 (18)	N2-C8-C13-C18	95.8 (2)
N2-C8-C9-N3	1.1 (2)	C8-C9-C19-C20	152.8 (2)

Table 2			
Hydrogen-bonding	geometry	(Å,	°).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$N1 - H1N \cdots N3^i$	0.90 (2)	2.26 (2)	3.147 (2)	172.3 (19)

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

The H atom on N was refined isotropically, with the N–H bond length restrained to 0.90 Å; other H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding [C–H = 0.93–0.98 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2 U_{eq}(C)$ ].

Data collection: *XSCANS* (Siemens, 1994); cell refinement: *XSCANS*; data reduction: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL*; program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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