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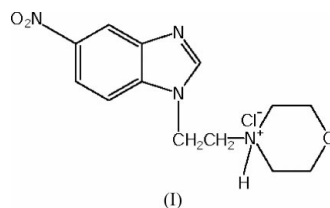
# 1-[2-(5-Nitro-1*H*-benzimidazol-1-yl)ethyl]-morpholinium chloride

The title compound,  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_4\text{O}^+\cdot\text{Cl}^-$ , was synthesized from 1-(2-methoxyethyl)-5-nitrobenzimidazole and *N*-(2-chloroethyl)morpholine hydrochloride in dimethylformamide. The crystal structure has been determined at 100 K and exhibits an intramolecular  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$ , and intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  interactions.

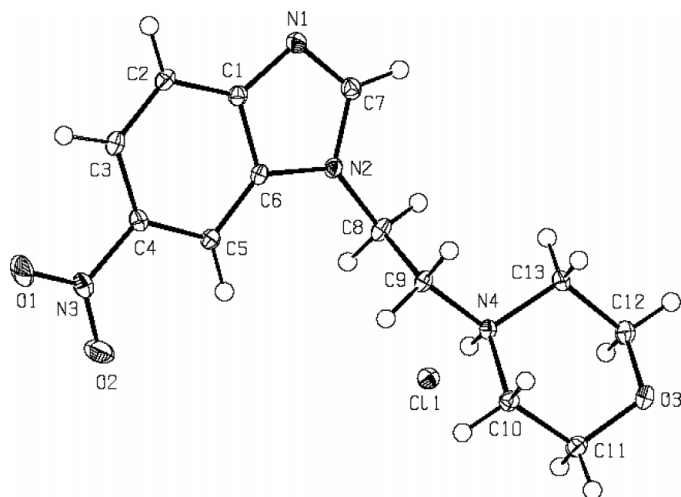
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#### Comment

Benzimidazole derivatives occupy an important place among synthetic medical preparations due to the wide spectrum of their pharmacological activity (Kataev *et al.*, 2002). Nitroaromatic compounds such as nitrobenzenes, nitrofurans, nitroimidazoles and nitrobenzimidazoles are widely used as pharmaceuticals, food additives and explosives. For manifestation of their therapeutic and/or cytotoxic properties, most nitroaromatics should undergo single- or two-electron enzymatic reduction in organisms. Nitrobenzimidazoles act as relatively efficient substrates for rat DT-diaphorase (Sarlauskas *et al.*, 1997). We have synthesized and investigated the crystal structures of many benzimidazole derivatives which constitute an important class of heterocyclic compounds (Akkurt *et al.*, 2003; Akkurt, Öztürk, Şireci *et al.*, 2004; Akkurt *et al.*, 2004*a,b*; Akkurt, Öztürk, Küçükbay, Yılmaz *et al.*, 2004; Öztürk *et al.*, 2001, 2003, Türktekin, Akkurt, Orhan *et al.*, 2004; Türktekin, Akkurt, Şireci *et al.*, 2004). We also observed that many benzimidazole derivatives and related heterocyclic compounds have shown considerable antimicrobial activities against standard strains: *Enterococcus faecalis* (ATCC 29212), *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC 29213), *Escherichia coli* (ATCC 25922), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (ATCC 27853) and yeasts *Candida albicans* and *Candida tropicalis* (Küçükbay *et al.*, 2001, 2003, 2004). The aim of this study was to synthesize and elucidate the crystal structure of a new 5-nitrobenzimidazole compound, (I), containing a morpholine moiety.



The molecular geometry of (I) and the atomic numbering scheme are shown in Fig. 1. Selected geometric parameters are listed in Table 1. All geometric parameters are comparable with the results obtained from our previous studies on related benzimidazole derivatives (Akkurt, Öztürk, Şireci *et al.*, 2004; Akkurt *et al.*, 2004*a,b*; Akkurt, Öztürk, Küçükbay, Yılmaz *et al.*, 2004; Türktekin, Akkurt, Şireci *et al.*, 2004).



**Figure 1**  
An ORTEP3 (Farrugia, 1997) plot of the title compound, with the atom-numbering scheme and 50% probability displacement ellipsoids

In (I), the benzimidazole ring system (N2/C7/C8/C9/C10/C11/C12/N3/C13) is essentially planar and the maximum deviations from planarity are 0.016 (1) and  $-0.018$  (1) Å for atoms C4 and C7, respectively. The conformation of the morpholine ring (O3/C11/C10/N4/C13/C12) is that of a chair, with puckering parameters  $Q_T = 0.586$  (1) Å,  $\theta = 3.4$  (1)° and  $\varphi = 338$  (2)° (Cremer & Pople, 1975).

Details of the hydrogen-bonding geometry are listed in Table 2 and shown in Fig. 2.

## Experimental

The title compound was synthesized by nucleophilic substitution of 1-(2-methoxyethyl)-5-nitrobenzimidazole with *N*-(2-chloroethyl)morpholine hydrochloride. 1-(2-Methoxyethyl)-5-nitrobenzimidazole was synthesized from 2-methoxyethyl chloride and 5-nitrobenzimidazolium nitrate as indicated in the literature procedure of Küçükbay *et al.* (2001). A mixture of 1-(2-methoxyethyl)-5-nitrobenzimidazole (2.00 g; 9.05 mmol) and *N*-(2-chloroethyl)morpholine hydrochloride (1.85 g; 9.95 mmol) in dimethylformamide (8 ml) was heated on a water bath for 3 h. All volatiles were then removed *in vacuo*. The crude product obtained was crystallized from EtOH/Et<sub>2</sub>O (3:1) mixture (yield: 1.90 g, 67%; m.p. 556–557 K). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$ , 3.67 (*t*, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-morpholine, 2 H), 3.63 (*t*, ring methylene, 4 H), 3.86 (*t*, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-morpholine, 2 H), 4.71 (*t*, ring methylene, 4 H), 7.56–8.36 (*m*, Ar–H, 4 H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  39.34, 52.09, 54.70, 63.62, 107.53, 118.73, 119.41, 143.68. Analysis calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C 49.92, H 5.44, N 17.92%; found: C 49.87, H 5.44, N 17.76%.

### Crystal data

C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sup>+</sup>·Cl<sup>−</sup>  
 $M_r = 312.76$   
 Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 7.0522$  (5) Å  
 $b = 9.9537$  (8) Å  
 $c = 9.9895$  (7) Å  
 $\alpha = 83.607$  (6)°  
 $\beta = 80.386$  (6)°  
 $\gamma = 89.477$  (6)°  
 $V = 687.04$  (9) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 2$   
 $D_x = 1.512$  Mg m<sup>−3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 23590 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.8$ – $29.3$ °  
 $\mu = 0.30$  mm<sup>−1</sup>  
 $T = 100$  K  
 Prism, colorless  
 $0.23 \times 0.22 \times 0.20$  mm

### Data collection

Stoe IPDS-II diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: integration  
 (*X-RED32*; Stoe & Cie, 2002)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.935$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.943$   
 14 617 measured reflections  
 3692 independent reflections

3381 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.027$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 29.1$ °  
 $h = -9 \rightarrow 9$   
 $k = -13 \rightarrow 13$   
 $l = -13 \rightarrow 13$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.027$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.069$   
 $S = 1.06$   
 3692 reflections  
 258 parameters  
 All H-atom parameters refined

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0336P)^2 + 0.269P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.42$  e Å<sup>−3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.21$  e Å<sup>−3</sup>

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1–N3	1.2265 (13)	N2–C7	1.3657 (13)
O2–N3	1.2222 (13)	N2–C8	1.4543 (13)
O3–C11	1.4237 (12)	N3–C4	1.4601 (13)
O3–C12	1.4250 (13)	N4–C9	1.5002 (12)
N1–C1	1.3826 (13)	N4–C10	1.5007 (13)
N1–C7	1.3102 (13)	N4–C13	1.4985 (13)
N2–C6	1.3844 (12)		
C11–O3–C12	109.12 (8)	N1–C1–C6	110.52 (8)
C1–N1–C7	104.00 (8)	N3–C4–C5	117.62 (9)
C6–N2–C7	105.88 (8)	N3–C4–C3	117.70 (8)
C6–N2–C8	128.79 (8)	N2–C6–C1	104.95 (8)
C7–N2–C8	125.08 (8)	N2–C6–C5	132.20 (9)
O1–N3–O2	123.14 (9)	N1–C7–N2	114.65 (9)
O1–N3–C4	118.49 (9)	N2–C8–C9	111.71 (8)
O2–N3–C4	118.36 (9)	N4–C9–C8	110.25 (8)
C9–N4–C10	111.11 (7)	N4–C10–C11	110.06 (8)
C9–N4–C13	111.83 (7)	O3–C11–C10	111.16 (8)
C10–N4–C13	109.43 (7)	O3–C12–C13	110.70 (8)
N1–C1–C2	129.05 (9)	N4–C13–C12	109.55 (8)

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

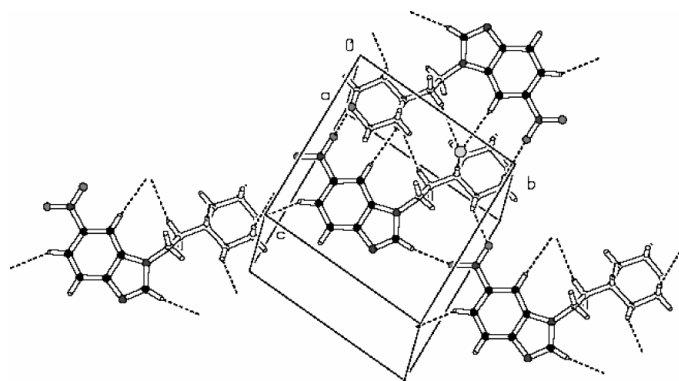
$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
N4–H4 <sup>i</sup> ···C11	0.903 (14)	2.151 (14)	3.0517 (9)	176.0 (12)
C3–H3···O3 <sup>i</sup>	0.963 (16)	2.399 (16)	3.2840 (13)	152.6 (13)
C5–H5···Cl1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.937 (15)	2.760 (15)	3.6627 (10)	162.1 (12)
C7–H7···O1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.961 (15)	2.334 (15)	3.2845 (13)	169.9 (12)
C9–H9A···Cl1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.963 (14)	2.652 (14)	3.5562 (10)	156.6 (11)
C12–H12B···O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.979 (14)	2.519 (14)	3.3412 (14)	141.5 (11)
C13–H13A···O2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.966 (14)	2.425 (14)	3.2462 (13)	142.6 (11)

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

All H atoms were found in difference Fourier maps and refined isotropically.

Data collection: *X-AREA* (Stoe & Cie, 2002); cell refinement: *X-AREA*; data reduction: *X-RED32* (Stoe & Cie, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP3* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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**Figure 2**  
View of the hydrogen bonding (shown as dashed lines) of (I).

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## 1-[2-(5-Nitro-1*H*-benzimidazol-1-yl)ethyl]-morpholinium chloride. Corrigendum

In the paper by Akkurt, Türktekin, Küçükbay, Yılmaz & Büyükgüngör [*Acta Cryst.* (2005), E61, o166–o168], the experimental section is incorrect. The correct experimental section is given below.

### Experimental

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