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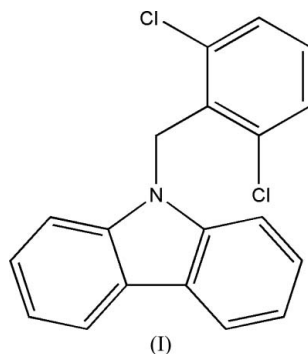
Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 294$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$ Å
 R factor = 0.038
 wR factor = 0.096
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.4For details of how these key indicators were
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9-(2,6-Dichlorobenzyl)-9H-carbazole

In the title compound, $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}$, the dihedral angle between the dichlorobenzyl ring and the carbazole ring system is $92.6(6)^\circ$. In the crystal structure, molecules are linked *via* intermolecular $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{Cl}$ interactions.Received 28 November 2006
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Comment

Carbazole derivatives substituted by *N*-alkylation possess valuable pharmaceutical properties (Buu-Hoi & Royer, 1950; Harfenist & Joyner, 1983; Caulfield *et al.*, 2002; Harper *et al.*, 2002). This paper reports the structure of the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), which was synthesized by the *N*-alkylation of carbazole with 1,3-dichloro-2-(chloromethyl)benzene.In the molecule of (I), the carbazole ring system is essentially planar, with an r.m.s. deviation from the mean plane of 0.009 Å. The angle between the dichlorobenzyl ring (C1–C6) and the carbazole plane is $92.6(6)^\circ$.In the crystal structure of (I), dimers are formed through weak intermolecular $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{Cl}^i$ interactions [symmetry code: (i) $-x, 1 - y, -z$], with $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{Cl} = 3.449(5)$ Å and $\text{C5}-\text{Cl2}\cdots\text{Cl2}$ angles = $161.9(5)^\circ$. These values are typical for inversion-related $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{Cl}$ interactions (Desiraju, 1989).

Experimental

Compound (I) was synthesized according to the procedure of Huang *et al.* (2005). Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were grown by slow evaporation of a solution in a mixture of chloroform (6 ml) and ethanol (2 ml) at room temperature over a period of 11 d.

Crystal data

 $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}$
 $M_r = 326.20$
Monoclinic, $C2/c$
 $a = 27.291(6)$ Å
 $b = 5.5688(13)$ Å
 $c = 21.132(5)$ Å
 $\beta = 109.879(4)^\circ$
 $V = 3020.3(12)$ Å³ $Z = 8$
 $D_x = 1.435$ Mg m⁻³
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.42$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 294(2)$ K
Plate, colourless
 $0.20 \times 0.16 \times 0.08$ mm

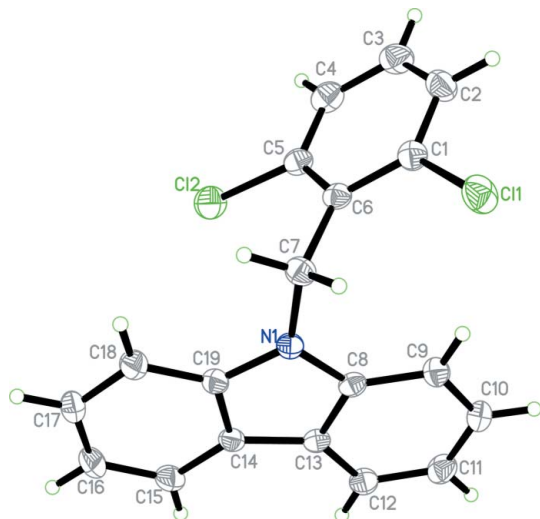


Figure 1
The molecular structure of (I), shown with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for H atoms).

Data collection

Bruker SMART 1000 CCD area-detector diffractometer	7298 measured reflections
φ and ω scans	2666 independent reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 1997)	1839 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$T_{\min} = 0.920$, $T_{\max} = 0.967$	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.040$
	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	H-atom parameters constrained
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.047P)^2]$
$wR(F^2) = 0.096$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$S = 1.01$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
2666 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.19 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
199 parameters	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.22 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

All H atoms were included in the riding-model approximation, with C—H = 0.93 (aromatic) and 0.97 Å (CH₂), and with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1997); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics:

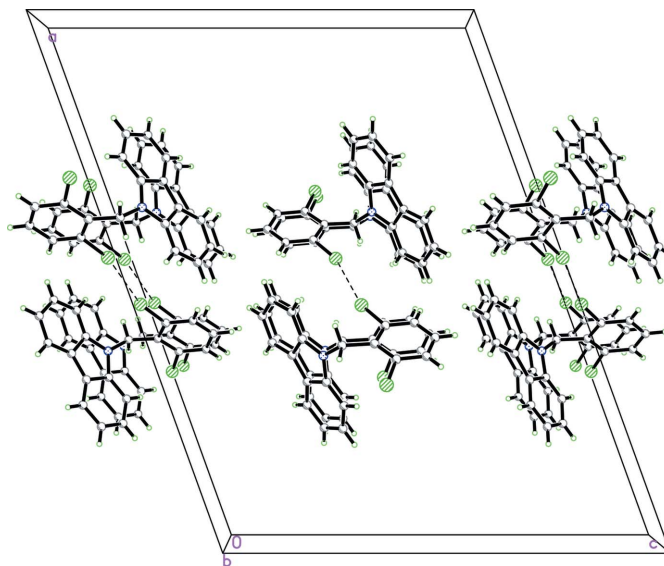


Figure 2
Part of the crystal structure of (I), with Cl...Cl interactions drawn as dashed lines.

SHELXTL (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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