

## 4-Nitrobenzoic acid–2,2'-biimidazole (2/1)

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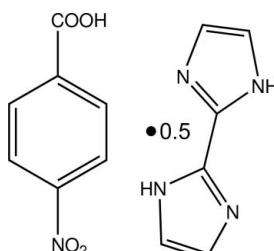
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 296\text{ K}$ ; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003\text{ \AA}$ ;  $R$  factor = 0.045;  $wR$  factor = 0.134; data-to-parameter ratio = 11.7.

In the title adduct,  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{NO}_4 \cdot 0.5\text{C}_6\text{H}_6\text{N}_4$ , the complete biimidazole molecule is generated by a crystallographic inversion centre. In the crystal,  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  and  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen bonds connects the 4-nitrobenzoic acid and 2,2'-biimidazole units, affording multi-dimensional frameworks with graph-set descriptor  $R_2^2(9)$ .

### Related literature

For the potential applications of coordination complexes as functional materials and enzymes, see: Zhang *et al.* (2003) For hydrogen-bond motifs, see: Bernstein *et al.* (1995).



### Experimental

#### Crystal data

$\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{NO}_4 \cdot 0.5\text{C}_6\text{H}_6\text{N}_4$   
 $M_r = 234.19$

Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 4.852 (1)\text{ \AA}$

$b = 10.9245 (10)\text{ \AA}$   
 $c = 19.7981 (10)\text{ \AA}$   
 $\beta = 90.496 (1)^\circ$   
 $V = 1049.4 (2)\text{ \AA}^3$   
 $Z = 4$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.12\text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 296\text{ K}$   
 $0.12 \times 0.10 \times 0.08\text{ mm}$

#### Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD diffractometer  
Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2001)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.986$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.991$

5185 measured reflections  
1849 independent reflections  
1264 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.034$

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.134$   
 $S = 1.00$   
1849 reflections  
158 parameters  
1 restraint

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.25\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.15\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{O}2-\text{H}2\cdots\text{N}1$	0.85 (1)	1.75 (1)	2.580 (2)	168 (3)
$\text{N}2-\text{H}2\cdots\text{O}1^{\dagger}$	0.86	1.89	2.742 (2)	173

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

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: *SAINT-Plus* (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: *SAINT-Plus*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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### Comment

Recently, the design and synthesis of coordination complexes have attracted much attention due to their diversity structures as well as potential applications as functional materials and enzymes (Zhang *et al.*, 2003). Here, we report one by-product of the hydrothermal reaction of FeCl<sub>3</sub> with 4-nitrobenzoic acid and biimidazole. The asymmetric unit of (I) consists of a 4-nitrobenzoic acid molecule and half biimidazole molecule, Fig 1. In the 4-nitrobenzoic acid molecule, the nitro group is rotated 10.6 (3)<sup>o</sup> from aromatic ring. N—H···O and O—H···N hydrogen bonds connects the C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> · 0.5C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>4</sub> units to affords a macrocycle with graph-set descriptor R<sup>2</sup>(9) (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995), Fig2.

### Experimental

A mixture of 4-nitrobenzoic acid (1 mmol, 0.17 g), biimidazole (1 mmol, 0.14 g), and iron trichloride (1 mmol, 0.27 g) in 12 ml distilled water sealed in a 25 ml Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave was kept at 433 K for three days. Colorless crystals suitable for the single X-ray diffraction were obtained.

### Refinement

All H atoms were placed in calculated positions with C—H = 0.93 Å and refined as riding with U<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.2U<sub>eq</sub>(carrier). The lengths of bond H—O were constrained with 0.82 Å.

### Figures

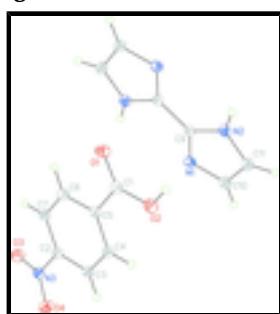


Fig. 1. The molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme and with displacement ellipsoids at the 30% probability level. Unlabeled atoms are related to labeled atoms by the symmetry code (-x, 2-y, 1-z).

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C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> · 0.5C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>4</sub>

F(000) = 484

M<sub>r</sub> = 234.19

D<sub>x</sub> = 1.482 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

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Hall symbol: -P 2ybc	Cell parameters from 1230 reflections
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$c = 19.7981(10) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 296 \text{ K}$
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phi and $\omega$ scans	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.034$
Absorption correction: multi-scan ( <i>SADABS</i> ; Bruker, 2001)	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ, \theta_{\text{min}} = 2.1^\circ$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.986, T_{\text{max}} = 0.991$	$h = -5 \rightarrow 5$
5185 measured reflections	$k = -12 \rightarrow 9$
	$l = -23 \rightarrow 20$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
Least-squares matrix: full	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$wR(F^2) = 0.134$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.078P)^2]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$S = 1.00$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
1849 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.25 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
158 parameters	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.15 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
1 restraint	Extinction correction: <i>SHELXL97</i> (Sheldrick, 2008), $F_c^* = kFc[1 + 0.001xFc^2\lambda^3/\sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods	Extinction coefficient: 0.013 (4)

## 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 calculat-

ing 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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.3475 (4)	0.7795 (2)	0.58109 (11)	0.0548 (6)
C2	-0.2424 (4)	0.54924 (18)	0.67279 (9)	0.0493 (5)
C3	-0.1097 (4)	0.5072 (2)	0.61681 (10)	0.0577 (6)
H3	-0.1475	0.4298	0.5995	0.069*
C4	0.0825 (4)	0.5826 (2)	0.58629 (11)	0.0586 (6)
H4	0.1753	0.5557	0.5482	0.070*
C5	0.1368 (4)	0.69760 (19)	0.61233 (10)	0.0502 (5)
C6	-0.0063 (4)	0.7371 (2)	0.66845 (10)	0.0565 (6)
H6	0.0283	0.8148	0.6858	0.068*
C7	-0.1990 (4)	0.66362 (19)	0.69917 (11)	0.0551 (6)
H7	-0.2963	0.6908	0.7366	0.066*
C9	0.9965 (4)	0.95887 (18)	0.47185 (10)	0.0468 (5)
C10	0.8856 (5)	0.8140 (2)	0.40287 (11)	0.0676 (7)
H10	0.7961	0.7472	0.3836	0.081*
C11	1.0980 (5)	0.8751 (2)	0.37532 (11)	0.0678 (7)
H11	1.1813	0.8580	0.3342	0.081*
H2A	0.566 (4)	0.7886 (19)	0.5083 (11)	0.080*
N1	0.8218 (3)	0.86605 (16)	0.46396 (9)	0.0549 (5)
N2	1.1672 (3)	0.96604 (16)	0.41881 (8)	0.0550 (5)
H2	1.2968	1.0188	0.4135	0.066*
N3	-0.4451 (4)	0.46869 (19)	0.70582 (9)	0.0596 (5)
O1	0.4057 (3)	0.87721 (14)	0.60756 (8)	0.0689 (5)
O2	0.4566 (3)	0.73838 (16)	0.52653 (8)	0.0739 (5)
O3	-0.5946 (4)	0.50989 (16)	0.74887 (10)	0.0873 (6)
O4	-0.4548 (4)	0.36262 (17)	0.68800 (10)	0.0926 (6)

*Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C1	0.0442 (12)	0.0579 (14)	0.0621 (14)	-0.0011 (10)	-0.0014 (10)	0.0114 (11)
C2	0.0449 (11)	0.0507 (12)	0.0522 (12)	-0.0036 (9)	0.0044 (9)	0.0051 (10)
C3	0.0628 (14)	0.0509 (12)	0.0595 (13)	-0.0100 (10)	0.0119 (11)	-0.0058 (10)
C4	0.0577 (14)	0.0624 (14)	0.0559 (13)	-0.0052 (11)	0.0124 (10)	-0.0028 (11)
C5	0.0427 (12)	0.0505 (13)	0.0574 (12)	-0.0028 (9)	-0.0024 (10)	0.0076 (10)
C6	0.0561 (13)	0.0481 (13)	0.0653 (13)	-0.0028 (10)	0.0007 (11)	-0.0026 (10)
C7	0.0543 (13)	0.0554 (13)	0.0556 (12)	0.0002 (10)	0.0060 (10)	-0.0031 (10)
C9	0.0399 (11)	0.0483 (12)	0.0523 (11)	0.0004 (9)	0.0024 (9)	0.0056 (9)
C10	0.0701 (16)	0.0621 (15)	0.0705 (15)	-0.0161 (12)	0.0037 (12)	-0.0095 (12)
C11	0.0719 (16)	0.0709 (16)	0.0609 (14)	-0.0068 (13)	0.0132 (12)	-0.0095 (13)
N1	0.0520 (11)	0.0516 (10)	0.0610 (11)	-0.0074 (8)	0.0014 (8)	0.0017 (9)
N2	0.0500 (10)	0.0544 (11)	0.0609 (11)	-0.0053 (8)	0.0088 (9)	0.0025 (9)
N3	0.0581 (12)	0.0634 (13)	0.0573 (11)	-0.0071 (10)	0.0092 (9)	0.0029 (9)

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O1	0.0602 (10)	0.0563 (10)	0.0904 (11)	-0.0113 (8)	0.0095 (8)	0.0033 (9)
O2	0.0713 (12)	0.0737 (12)	0.0769 (11)	-0.0217 (9)	0.0177 (9)	0.0076 (9)
O3	0.0907 (13)	0.0871 (13)	0.0849 (12)	-0.0056 (10)	0.0419 (10)	0.0034 (10)
O4	0.1113 (16)	0.0649 (12)	0.1021 (13)	-0.0320 (10)	0.0356 (11)	-0.0089 (10)

*Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )*

C1—O1	1.222 (3)	C7—H7	0.9300
C1—O2	1.288 (3)	C9—N1	1.330 (2)
C1—C5	1.496 (3)	C9—N2	1.345 (2)
C2—C3	1.366 (3)	C9—C9 <sup>i</sup>	1.432 (4)
C2—C7	1.370 (3)	C10—C11	1.347 (3)
C2—N3	1.476 (3)	C10—N1	1.374 (3)
C3—C4	1.387 (3)	C10—H10	0.9300
C3—H3	0.9300	C11—N2	1.355 (3)
C4—C5	1.382 (3)	C11—H11	0.9300
C4—H4	0.9300	N2—H2	0.8600
C5—C6	1.384 (3)	N3—O3	1.211 (2)
C6—C7	1.377 (3)	N3—O4	1.212 (2)
C6—H6	0.9300	O2—H2A	0.845 (10)
O1—C1—O2	124.7 (2)	C2—C7—H7	121.1
O1—C1—C5	120.1 (2)	C6—C7—H7	121.1
O2—C1—C5	115.2 (2)	N1—C9—N2	110.41 (18)
C3—C2—C7	122.95 (19)	N1—C9—C9 <sup>i</sup>	125.5 (2)
C3—C2—N3	118.65 (19)	N2—C9—C9 <sup>i</sup>	124.1 (2)
C7—C2—N3	118.40 (18)	C11—C10—N1	109.3 (2)
C2—C3—C4	118.5 (2)	C11—C10—H10	125.3
C2—C3—H3	120.7	N1—C10—H10	125.3
C4—C3—H3	120.7	C10—C11—N2	106.98 (19)
C5—C4—C3	120.3 (2)	C10—C11—H11	126.5
C5—C4—H4	119.9	N2—C11—H11	126.5
C3—C4—H4	119.9	C9—N1—C10	105.70 (18)
C4—C5—C6	119.17 (19)	C9—N2—C11	107.60 (17)
C4—C5—C1	121.2 (2)	C9—N2—H2	126.2
C6—C5—C1	119.7 (2)	C11—N2—H2	126.2
C7—C6—C5	121.3 (2)	O3—N3—O4	122.56 (19)
C7—C6—H6	119.3	O3—N3—C2	119.7 (2)
C5—C6—H6	119.3	O4—N3—C2	117.72 (18)
C2—C7—C6	117.76 (19)	C1—O2—H2A	113.3 (17)
C7—C2—C3—C4	1.6 (3)	C5—C6—C7—C2	0.7 (3)
N3—C2—C3—C4	-179.36 (18)	N1—C10—C11—N2	-0.4 (3)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-0.1 (3)	N2—C9—N1—C10	-0.6 (2)
C3—C4—C5—C6	-1.1 (3)	C9 <sup>i</sup> —C9—N1—C10	178.9 (2)
C3—C4—C5—C1	178.72 (18)	C11—C10—N1—C9	0.6 (3)
O1—C1—C5—C4	-175.01 (18)	N1—C9—N2—C11	0.4 (2)
O2—C1—C5—C4	4.7 (3)	C9 <sup>i</sup> —C9—N2—C11	-179.1 (2)
O1—C1—C5—C6	4.8 (3)	C10—C11—N2—C9	0.0 (2)
O2—C1—C5—C6	-175.56 (18)	C3—C2—N3—O3	-168.9 (2)

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C4—C5—C6—C7	0.7 (3)	C7—C2—N3—O3	10.2 (3)
C1—C5—C6—C7	−179.06 (18)	C3—C2—N3—O4	10.8 (3)
C3—C2—C7—C6	−1.9 (3)	C7—C2—N3—O4	−170.2 (2)
N3—C2—C7—C6	179.04 (18)		

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N2—H2···O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.86	1.89	2.742 (2)	173

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Fig. 1

