

## 3,6,8-Tribromoquinoline

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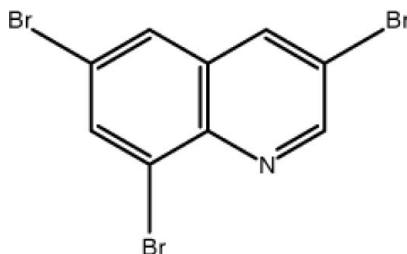
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 296\text{ K}$ ; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.009\text{ \AA}$ ;  $R$  factor = 0.054;  $wR$  factor = 0.150; data-to-parameter ratio = 15.4.

The title molecule,  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_4\text{Br}_3\text{N}$ , is almost planar, the maximum deviation being  $0.110(1)\text{ \AA}$ . The crystal structure is stabilized by weak aromatic  $\pi-\pi$  interactions [centroid–centroid distance =  $3.802(4)\text{ \AA}$ ] between the pyridine and benzene rings of the quinoline ring systems of adjacent molecules.

### Related literature

For background to the synthesis of natural biologically active quinoline derivatives and for the synthesis of the title compound, see: Şahin *et al.* (2008). For the structure of 6,8-dibromoquinoline, see: Çelik *et al.* (2010).



### Experimental

#### Crystal data

$\text{C}_9\text{H}_4\text{Br}_3\text{N}$

$M_r = 365.83$

Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$   
 $a = 3.9810(2)\text{ \AA}$   
 $b = 12.4176(4)\text{ \AA}$   
 $c = 19.7419(6)\text{ \AA}$   
 $\beta = 92.827(3)^\circ$   
 $V = 974.74(7)\text{ \AA}^3$

$Z = 4$   
Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 14.93\text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 296\text{ K}$   
 $0.51 \times 0.06 \times 0.03\text{ mm}$

#### Data collection

Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur diffractometer with a Ruby Gemini CCD detector  
Absorption correction: multi-scan (*CrysAlis PRO*; Oxford)

Diffraction, 2010)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.049$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.663$   
3688 measured reflections  
1816 independent reflections  
1484 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.060$

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.150$   
 $S = 1.05$   
1816 reflections

118 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 1.45\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.80\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Data collection: *CrysAlis PRO* (Oxford Diffraction, 2010); cell refinement: *CrysAlis PRO*; data reduction: *CrysAlis PRO*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR97* (Altomare *et al.*, 1999); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1997) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2009).

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### 3,6,8-Tribromoquinoline

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#### Comment

The presence of quinoline skeleton in the framework of pharmacologically active compounds and natural products has spurred on the development of different strategies for their synthesis. The lithium–halogen exchange reaction of the title compound (**I**) may serve for the synthesis of natural biologically active quinoline derivatives, such as quinine, pentaquine, and plasmoquine (Şahin *et al.*, 2008). In this paper we report a one pot synthesis of (**I**) with high yield (90%) and its crystal structure.

The title molecule is almost planar, with the maximum and minimum deviations from the mean plane being 0.110 (1) and -0.001 (6) Å for Br2 and C4, respectively. Its crystal structure is stabilized by weak  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking interactions between the pyridine and benzene rings of the quinoline ring systems of the adjacent molecules [ $Cg1 \cdots Cg2^i = 3.802 (4)$  Å; symmetry code: (i)  $1 + x, y, z$ ;  $Cg1$  and  $Cg2$  are centroids of the N1/C1/C6–C9 pyridine and C1–C6 benzene rings of the quinoline ring system, respectively].

The crystal structure of 6,8-dibromoquinoline has been reported recently Çelik *et al.* (2010).

#### Experimental

6,8-Dibromo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline was synthesized according to the literature method (Şahin *et al.*, 2008). To a solution of 6,8-dibromo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (0.5 g, 3.75 mmol, 1 eq) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (20 ml) was dropped bromine (1.8 g, 11.25 mmol, 3 eq) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (10 ml) over 5 min in the dark and at room temperature. After completion of the reaction (bromine consumed completely, 3 days), the solid was dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (35 ml) and the organic layer was washed with 5% NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (3x20 ml) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After evaporation of the solvent, the crude material (1.32 g) was passed through a short alumina column eluting with EtOAc–hexane (1:12, 75 ml) (hexane/ethyl acetate, 9:1,  $R_f = 0.65$ ). Colourless solid residue was obtained. The mixture was recrystallized from the solvent (benzene) in a freezer (263 K) to give pure 3,6,8-tribromoquinoline in 90% yield (1.24 g) in the form of colourless needle shaped crystals; m.p. 441–443 K.

#### Refinement

H atoms were included in geometric positions with C—H = 0.93 Å and refined by using a riding model [ $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ ]. The highest peak in the final difference map was located 0.92 Å from Br2, while the deepest hole was located 1.05 Å from Br3.

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## Figures

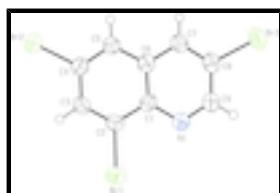


Fig. 1. The title molecule with the atom numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids for have been drawn at the 50% probability level.

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### Crystal data

C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Br <sub>3</sub> N	$F(000) = 680$
$M_r = 365.83$	$D_x = 2.493 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Cu $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$
Hall symbol: -P 2yn	Cell parameters from 2025 reflections
$a = 3.9810 (2) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 3.6\text{--}70.4^\circ$
$b = 12.4176 (4) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 14.93 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 19.7419 (6) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 296 \text{ K}$
$\beta = 92.827 (3)^\circ$	Needle, colourless
$V = 974.74 (7) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.51 \times 0.06 \times 0.03 \text{ mm}$
$Z = 4$	

### Data collection

Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur diffractometer with a Ruby Gemini CCD detector	1816 independent reflections
Radiation source: Enhance (Cu) X-ray Source	1484 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
graphite	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.060$
Detector resolution: 10.2673 pixels $\text{mm}^{-1}$	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 70.6^\circ, \theta_{\text{min}} = 5.7^\circ$
$\omega$ scans	$h = -4 \rightarrow 4$
Absorption correction: multi-scan ( <i>CrysAlis PRO</i> ; Oxford Diffraction, 2010)	$k = -9 \rightarrow 15$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.049, T_{\text{max}} = 0.663$	$l = -22 \rightarrow 24$
3688 measured reflections	

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods
Least-squares matrix: full	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
$wR(F^2) = 0.150$	H-atom parameters constrained
$S = 1.05$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1066P)^2]$
1816 reflections	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$

118 parameters  $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 1.45 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$   
 0 restraints  $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.79 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$

### Special details

**Geometry.** Bond distances, angles *etc.* have been calculated using the rounded fractional coordinates. All su's are estimated from the variances of the (full) variance-covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account in the estimation of distances, angles and torsion angles

**Refinement.** Refinement on  $F^2$  for ALL reflections except those flagged by the user for potential systematic errors. Weighted  $R$ -factors  $wR$  and all goodnesses 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 observed criterion of  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating  $-R$ -factor-obs *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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Br1	0.6380 (2)	0.29099 (6)	0.90189 (4)	0.0568 (3)
Br2	0.11453 (19)	-0.12590 (6)	0.92944 (4)	0.0525 (3)
Br3	0.7497 (2)	0.08258 (7)	0.56672 (4)	0.0608 (3)
N1	0.7203 (14)	0.2168 (5)	0.7553 (3)	0.0440 (17)
C1	0.5666 (16)	0.1396 (5)	0.7921 (3)	0.0396 (17)
C2	0.5134 (15)	0.1576 (5)	0.8619 (3)	0.0404 (17)
C3	0.3758 (16)	0.0808 (5)	0.9010 (3)	0.0428 (17)
C4	0.2822 (16)	-0.0184 (5)	0.8725 (3)	0.0425 (17)
C5	0.3078 (15)	-0.0384 (5)	0.8042 (3)	0.0405 (17)
C6	0.4583 (15)	0.0399 (5)	0.7636 (3)	0.0387 (17)
C7	0.5126 (16)	0.0209 (5)	0.6946 (3)	0.0426 (17)
C8	0.6665 (16)	0.0996 (5)	0.6597 (3)	0.0429 (17)
C9	0.7713 (17)	0.1961 (6)	0.6919 (3)	0.0462 (17)
H3	0.34400	0.09420	0.94660	0.0520*
H5	0.22720	-0.10250	0.78520	0.0480*
H7	0.44560	-0.04330	0.67380	0.0510*
H9	0.88170	0.24730	0.66670	0.0550*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Br1	0.0752 (6)	0.0456 (4)	0.0506 (5)	-0.0125 (3)	0.0119 (4)	-0.0120 (3)
Br2	0.0622 (5)	0.0498 (5)	0.0464 (4)	-0.0097 (3)	0.0107 (3)	0.0057 (3)
Br3	0.0798 (6)	0.0652 (5)	0.0385 (4)	0.0047 (4)	0.0132 (3)	-0.0003 (3)
N1	0.053 (3)	0.040 (3)	0.039 (3)	-0.003 (2)	0.003 (2)	0.002 (2)
C1	0.043 (3)	0.032 (3)	0.044 (3)	0.002 (2)	0.003 (2)	0.002 (2)
C2	0.044 (3)	0.037 (3)	0.040 (3)	0.002 (2)	0.000 (2)	-0.004 (2)
C3	0.042 (3)	0.050 (3)	0.037 (3)	-0.003 (3)	0.007 (2)	-0.006 (3)
C4	0.046 (3)	0.039 (3)	0.043 (3)	0.000 (3)	0.006 (2)	0.003 (2)
C5	0.045 (3)	0.038 (3)	0.038 (3)	0.000 (2)	-0.004 (2)	0.000 (2)

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C6	0.039 (3)	0.038 (3)	0.039 (3)	0.006 (2)	0.000 (2)	0.003 (2)
C7	0.048 (3)	0.041 (3)	0.039 (3)	0.007 (3)	0.005 (2)	-0.003 (2)
C8	0.045 (3)	0.047 (3)	0.037 (3)	0.010 (3)	0.004 (2)	0.003 (2)
C9	0.053 (3)	0.047 (3)	0.039 (3)	-0.002 (3)	0.006 (3)	0.004 (2)

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

Br1—C2	1.891 (6)	C4—C5	1.380 (8)
Br2—C4	1.888 (6)	C5—C6	1.412 (9)
Br3—C8	1.893 (6)	C6—C7	1.410 (8)
N1—C1	1.366 (9)	C7—C8	1.359 (9)
N1—C9	1.303 (8)	C8—C9	1.410 (9)
C1—C2	1.422 (8)	C3—H3	0.9300
C1—C6	1.418 (9)	C5—H5	0.9300
C2—C3	1.359 (9)	C7—H7	0.9300
C3—C4	1.397 (9)	C9—H9	0.9300
Br1···N1	3.070 (6)	C7···C8 <sup>ii</sup>	3.542 (9)
Br1···Br3 <sup>i</sup>	3.6969 (12)	C7···Br1 <sup>iv</sup>	3.738 (6)
Br1···C7 <sup>i</sup>	3.738 (6)	C8···C7 <sup>viii</sup>	3.542 (9)
Br2···C4 <sup>ii</sup>	3.696 (6)	C9···Br2 <sup>ix</sup>	3.553 (7)
Br2···C9 <sup>iii</sup>	3.553 (7)	C9···C6 <sup>viii</sup>	3.587 (9)
Br3···Br1 <sup>iv</sup>	3.6969 (12)	C5···H9 <sup>iv</sup>	2.9800
Br3···Br3 <sup>v</sup>	3.8186 (12)	H3···Br2 <sup>vii</sup>	3.1500
Br1···H7 <sup>i</sup>	3.0800	H3···Br2 <sup>vi</sup>	3.2000
Br2···H9 <sup>iii</sup>	3.1000	H5···H7	2.5100
Br2···H3 <sup>vi</sup>	3.2000	H5···H9 <sup>iv</sup>	2.5800
Br2···H9 <sup>iv</sup>	3.2400	H7···H5	2.5100
Br2···H3 <sup>vii</sup>	3.1500	H7···Br1 <sup>iv</sup>	3.0800
N1···Br1	3.070 (6)	H9···Br2 <sup>ix</sup>	3.1000
C4···Br2 <sup>viii</sup>	3.696 (6)	H9···Br2 <sup>i</sup>	3.2400
C5···C6 <sup>ii</sup>	3.572 (8)	H9···C5 <sup>i</sup>	2.9800
C6···C5 <sup>viii</sup>	3.572 (8)	H9···H5 <sup>i</sup>	2.5800
C6···C9 <sup>ii</sup>	3.587 (9)		
C1—N1—C9	117.9 (6)	C5—C6—C7	121.5 (6)
N1—C1—C2	119.8 (6)	C6—C7—C8	117.7 (6)
N1—C1—C6	122.5 (6)	Br3—C8—C7	121.1 (5)
C2—C1—C6	117.7 (5)	Br3—C8—C9	118.0 (5)
Br1—C2—C1	119.6 (5)	C7—C8—C9	120.9 (6)
Br1—C2—C3	118.8 (5)	N1—C9—C8	123.0 (6)
C1—C2—C3	121.6 (6)	C2—C3—H3	120.00
C2—C3—C4	119.8 (6)	C4—C3—H3	120.00
Br2—C4—C3	118.6 (4)	C4—C5—H5	120.00
Br2—C4—C5	120.0 (5)	C6—C5—H5	121.00
C3—C4—C5	121.4 (6)	C6—C7—H7	121.00
C4—C5—C6	119.0 (6)	C8—C7—H7	121.00

C1—C6—C5	120.3 (5)	N1—C9—H9	119.00
C1—C6—C7	118.1 (5)	C8—C9—H9	118.00
C9—N1—C1—C2	178.4 (6)	C2—C3—C4—Br2	176.6 (5)
C9—N1—C1—C6	−0.9 (9)	C2—C3—C4—C5	−3.9 (10)
C1—N1—C9—C8	1.9 (10)	Br2—C4—C5—C6	−175.1 (5)
N1—C1—C2—Br1	2.9 (8)	C3—C4—C5—C6	5.4 (9)
N1—C1—C2—C3	−176.9 (6)	C4—C5—C6—C1	−3.0 (9)
C6—C1—C2—Br1	−177.8 (4)	C4—C5—C6—C7	175.5 (6)
C6—C1—C2—C3	2.5 (9)	C1—C6—C7—C8	0.1 (9)
N1—C1—C6—C5	178.5 (6)	C5—C6—C7—C8	−178.4 (6)
N1—C1—C6—C7	−0.1 (9)	C6—C7—C8—Br3	−179.7 (5)
C2—C1—C6—C5	−0.9 (9)	C6—C7—C8—C9	0.8 (9)
C2—C1—C6—C7	−179.5 (6)	Br3—C8—C9—N1	178.6 (5)
Br1—C2—C3—C4	−179.9 (5)	C7—C8—C9—N1	−1.9 (10)
C1—C2—C3—C4	−0.2 (9)		

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x+3/2, y+1/2, -z+3/2$ ; (ii)  $x-1, y, z$ ; (iii)  $-x+1/2, y-1/2, -z+3/2$ ; (iv)  $-x+3/2, y-1/2, -z+3/2$ ; (v)  $-x+1, -y, -z+1$ ; (vi)  $-x+1, -y, -z+2$ ; (vii)  $-x, -y, -z+2$ ; (viii)  $x+1, y, z$ ; (ix)  $-x+1/2, y+1/2, -z+3/2$ .

**Table 1**  
 $\pi-\pi$  Stacking interactions in the title structure

Cg1 and Cg2 are centroids of the N1/C1/C6—C9 pyridine and C1—C6 benzene rings of the quinoline ring system, respectively.

Ring 1	Ring 2(sym)	(Ring 1)···(Ring 2) (Å)
Cg1	Cg2 <sup>i</sup>	3.802 (4)

<sup>i</sup>: 1+x, y, z.

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**Fig. 1**

