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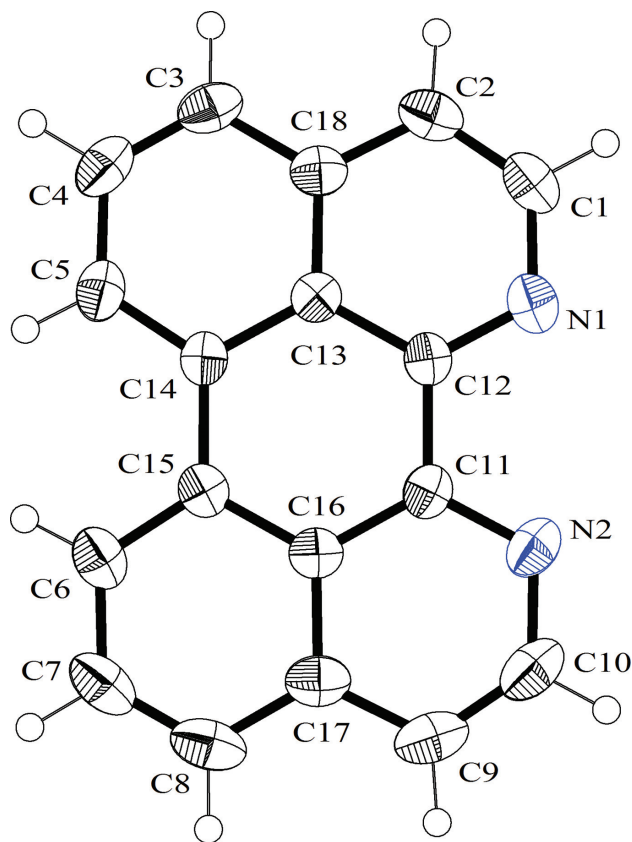
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## Abstract

$C_{18}H_{10}N_2$ , monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$  (no. 14),  $a = 7.9297(9)$  Å,  $b = 11.4021(14)$  Å,  $c = 13.3572(15)$  Å,  $\beta = 105.363(8)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1164.5(2)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $R_{gt}(F) = 0.0325$ ,  $wR_{ref}(F^2) = 0.0774$ ,  $T = 210(2)$  K.

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Table 1: Data collection and handling.

Crystal:	Yellow flat needle
Size:	0.30 × 0.08 × 0.03 mm
Wavelength:	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation (0.71073 Å)
$\mu$ :	0.09 mm <sup>-1</sup>
Diffractometer, scan mode:	STOE StadiVari, $\omega$ scans
$\theta_{max}$ , completeness:	25.0°, >99%
$N(hkl)_{measured}$ , $N(hkl)_{unique}$ , $R_{int}$ :	20040, 2051, 0.055
Criterion for $I_{obs}$ , $N(hkl)_{gt}$ :	$I_{obs} > 2\sigma(I_{obs})$ , 1229
$N(param)_{refined}$ :	192
Programs:	SHELX [1], WinGX/ORTEP [2], PLATON [3]

The molecular structure is shown in the figure. Table 1 contains crystallographic data and Table 2 contains the list of the atoms including atomic coordinates and displacement parameters.

## Source of materials

The title compound was synthesized by a reductive cyclization reaction of 1,1'-bisisoquinoline [4, 5] in dimethoxyethane using potassium as reducing agent [6]. After synthesis, the residue was chromatographed on aluminium oxide with THF and concentrated under reduced pressure. For a further purification the product was dissolved in dichloromethane. This layer was washed by shaking with concentrated sodium hydroxide solution and additionally with sodium chloride brine. The clear yellow organic layer was dried with  $MgSO_4$ , concentrated under reduced pressure and recrystallized from DMF. Yellow crystals (Mp 258–260 °C) suitable for single crystal X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of DMF in an airstream within 3 days.

## Experimental details

The hydrogen atoms were calculated in their expected positions and refined as riding atoms with the exception of the temperature factors, which were free refined.

## Comment

1,12-Diazaperylene (dap) is an established bidentate ligand. The complexes are characterized by  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions, which often generate supramolecular assemblies, like in iridium(III) complexes with dap and 2,11-dialkylated-dap [7]. Metalla-supramolecular assemblies with honeycomb

**Table 2:** Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>).

Atom	x	y	z	<i>U</i> <sub>iso</sub> */ <i>U</i> <sub>eq</sub>
C1	0.9113(2)	1.03165(14)	0.25918(12)	0.0448(4)
H1	1.0266	1.0505	0.2957	0.045(4)*
C2	0.7818(2)	1.10273(14)	0.27236(11)	0.0422(4)
H2	0.8081	1.1692	0.3153	0.053(5)*
C3	0.4638(2)	1.14306(14)	0.23109(11)	0.0421(4)
H3	0.4827	1.2116	0.2717	0.054(5)*
C4	0.2987(2)	1.10912(14)	0.18233(12)	0.0451(4)
H4	0.2037	1.1539	0.1906	0.051(5)*
C5	0.2670(2)	1.00865(14)	0.11996(11)	0.0396(4)
H5	0.1509	0.9865	0.0883	0.050(5)*
C6	0.2102(2)	0.80169(14)	-0.02114(12)	0.0428(4)
H6	0.1108	0.8418	-0.0135	0.048(5)*
C7	0.1888(2)	0.70620(15)	-0.08899(13)	0.0520(5)
H7	0.0757	0.6849	-0.1275	0.054(5)*
C8	0.3279(2)	0.64386(15)	-0.10020(12)	0.0507(5)
H8	0.3108	0.5797	-0.1460	0.057(5)*
C9	0.6489(2)	0.61343(14)	-0.04973(13)	0.0495(4)
H9	0.6392	0.5471	-0.0927	0.060(5)*
C10	0.8073(2)	0.65045(15)	0.00631(12)	0.0499(5)
H10	0.9055	0.6074	0.0007	0.054(5)*
C11	0.69583(18)	0.80484(12)	0.07775(10)	0.0313(3)
C12	0.72404(17)	0.90830(12)	0.14686(10)	0.0302(3)
C13	0.57669(17)	0.97427(12)	0.15639(10)	0.0284(3)
C14	0.40181(17)	0.94130(13)	0.10382(10)	0.0296(3)
C15	0.37367(18)	0.83850(12)	0.03483(10)	0.0310(3)
C16	0.52216(18)	0.77376(12)	0.02340(10)	0.0308(3)
C17	0.4982(2)	0.67485(13)	-0.04340(11)	0.0390(4)
C18	0.60749(19)	1.07544(13)	0.22087(10)	0.0338(4)
N1	0.88720(15)	0.93566(12)	0.19737(9)	0.0406(3)
N2	0.83589(16)	0.74497(11)	0.07003(10)	0.0419(3)

structures supported by  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking of octahedral Ni(II) and Fe(II) complexes with dap are formed, containing nanochannels [8]. Mononuclear ruthenium(II) complexes show optoelectronic properties and can bind to DNA through intercalation [9]. A further mononuclear Ru(II) complex is formed with dap and the tetradentate ligand *N,N'*-dimethyl-2,11-diaza-[3.3](2,6)-pyridinophane to complete the octahedral coordination sphere [10]. In contrast, dinuclear Ru(II) complexes are being observed with the bridging ligand 1,6,7,12-tetraazaperylene. Mononuclear ruthenium(II) complexes with several polypyridine-type ligands – including dap – were examined to act as catalysts for water oxidation [11]. Tetrahedral copper(I) complexes with 2,11-dialkylated dap exhibit low-energy MLCT transitions [12]. A dirhodium dap complex with bridging acetato groups was found to have the dual capability of intercalative and coordinative binding to DNA [13]. Formamidinat-bridged dirhodium complexes exhibit broad, strong absorption throughout the UV-visible

range [14] well suited for photophysical applications. More recently, absorption and emission spectra of *N*-derivatives of perylene – including dap – were simulated using a time-dependent approach based on correlation functions determined by density functional theory. The *N*-substitution can be used for fine-tuning the optical properties [15]. The complex formation of dap with transition metal ions (Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Ru, Os, Re, Pd, Pt, Ag, Cd) in the gas phase has been studied by electrospray ionization mass spectrometry [16, 17]. Heteroleptic polymetallic Ag(I) and Cu(I) complexes were obtained and a multidentate ligand containing a large N,P,N,P,N core yielding interesting structures with  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacked columns or discrete sixfold stacks [18].

The title compound is closely related to 1,1'-bisisoquinoline. Both compounds only differ by one C–C bond, which is present in dap additionally and responsible to held the second quinoline unit in a fixed position. As a result a “large-surfaced” ligand is formed. The ring system is nearly full planar with a maximal deviation from the best plane of 0.0612(13) Å (C5). The C–C bond lengths ranges from 1.349(2) Å to 1.478(2) Å. The longest bonds occur between that carbon atoms, which connect both quinoline rings. In comparison with 1,1'-bisisoquinoline (biq) the bond between the carbon atoms, adjacent to the nitrogen atoms is longer (dap: 1.478(2) Å; biq: 1.496(2) Å), resulting from the full inclusion of all C atoms into the aromatic ring system. The distance between both donor N atoms is 2.742(2) Å. The crystal packing is characterized by a large number of  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions. Furthermore, C–H... $\pi$  interactions are observed [C9–H9...C1–C5/C12–C14/C18/N1 ring and C3–H3...Cg(multiple)].

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