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 5-Nitro-2-trifluoromethyl-1*H*-benzimidazole monohydrate

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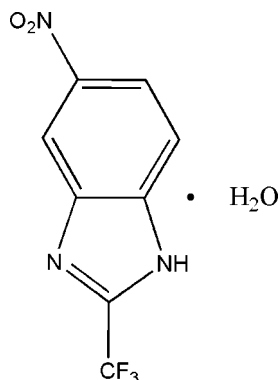
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 Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 293$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.071;  $wR$  factor = 0.221; data-to-parameter ratio = 15.2.

 In the crystal structure of the title compound,  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , the main molecule and the water molecule are linked by an  $\text{N}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bond.  $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{N}$ ,  $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bonds further link the molecules into sheets.

## Related literature

 The title compound was studied as part of a search for ferroelectric complexes. For background to ferroelectric complexes, see: Zhang *et al.* (2009, 2010); Ye *et al.* (2009). For related structures, see: Liu (2011a,b).


## Experimental

## Crystal data

 $\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ 
 $M_r = 249.16$ 

 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$   
 $a = 7.6209$  (15) Å  
 $b = 10.393$  (2) Å  
 $c = 13.093$  (3) Å  
 $\beta = 97.63$  (3)°  
 $V = 1027.9$  (4) Å<sup>3</sup>
 $Z = 4$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.16$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  K  
 $0.36 \times 0.32 \times 0.28$  mm

## Data collection

 Rigaku Mercury2 diffractometer  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (*CrystalClear*; Rigaku, 2005)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.903$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.921$ 

 10402 measured reflections  
 2344 independent reflections  
 1451 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.051$ 

## Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.071$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.221$   
 $S = 1.05$   
 2344 reflections

 154 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.59$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.32$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
$\text{N1}-\text{H1A} \cdots \text{O3}$	0.86	1.90	2.740 (3)	166
$\text{O3}-\text{H3A} \cdots \text{N2}^{\text{i}}$	0.92	1.96	2.872 (3)	169
$\text{O3}-\text{H3B} \cdots \text{O2}^{\text{ii}}$	0.76	2.30	3.050 (4)	170
$\text{C6}-\text{H6} \cdots \text{O1}^{\text{ii}}$	0.93	2.55	3.380 (4)	148

 Symmetry codes: (i)  $x - \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $x - \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$ .

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## supplementary materials

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**5-Nitro-2-trifluoromethyl-1H-benzimidazole monohydrate****Ming-Liang Liu****Comment**

Recently much attention has been devoted to finding ferroelectric complexes. Ferroelectric materials that exhibit reversible electric polarization in response to an external electric field have found many applications such as nonvolatile memory storage, electronics and optics. The freezing of a certain functional group at low temperature forces significant orientational motions of the guest molecules and thus induces the formation of the ferroelectric phase. (Zhang *et al.* 2009; Ye *et al.* 2009; Zhang *et al.* 2010.). The title compound has been synthesized to investigate these properties.

The asymmetric unit of the title compound consists of one 5-nitro-2-trifluoromethylbenzimidazole molecule and one water molecule, (Figure 1), linked by the N1 $\cdots$ H1A $\cdots$ O3 hydrogen bond, Table 1. The O3—H3A $\cdots$ N2(x-1/2, -y+3/2, z-1/2), O3—H3B $\cdots$ O2(x-1/2, -y+1/2, z-1/2) and C6—H6 $\cdots$ O1(x-1/2, -y+1/2, z-1/2), Table 1, intermolecular hydrogen bonds link the molecules to form sheets.

**Experimental**

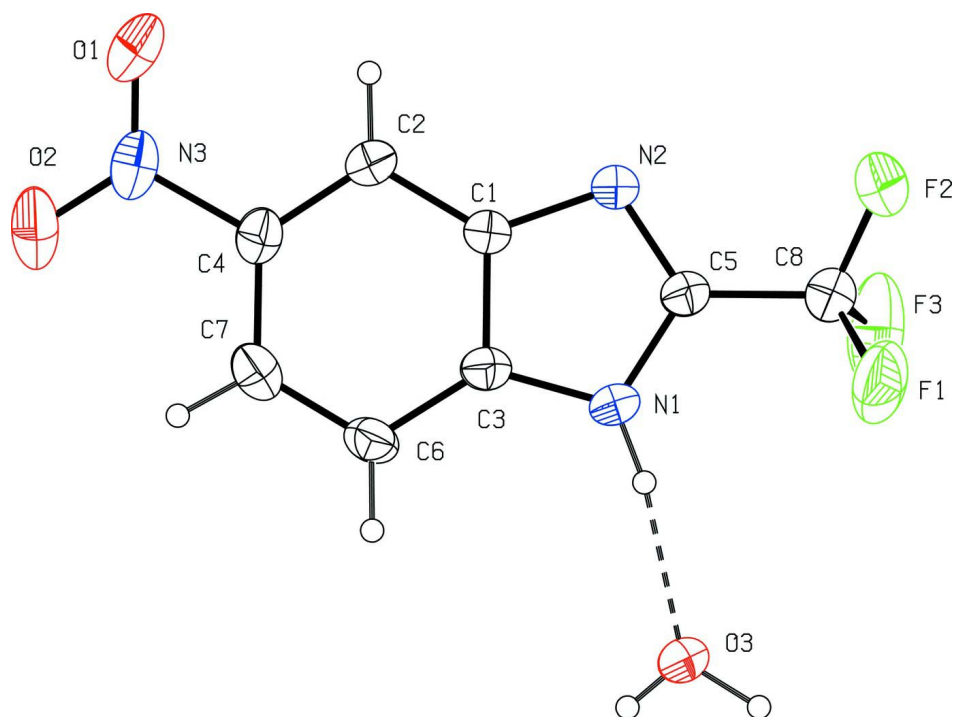
5-nitro-2-trifluoromethylbenzimidazole was dissolved in ethanol to give a solution without any precipitate while stirring at the ambient temperature. Single crystals suitable for X-ray structure analysis were obtained by the slow evaporation of the above solution after 5 days in air.

**Refinement**

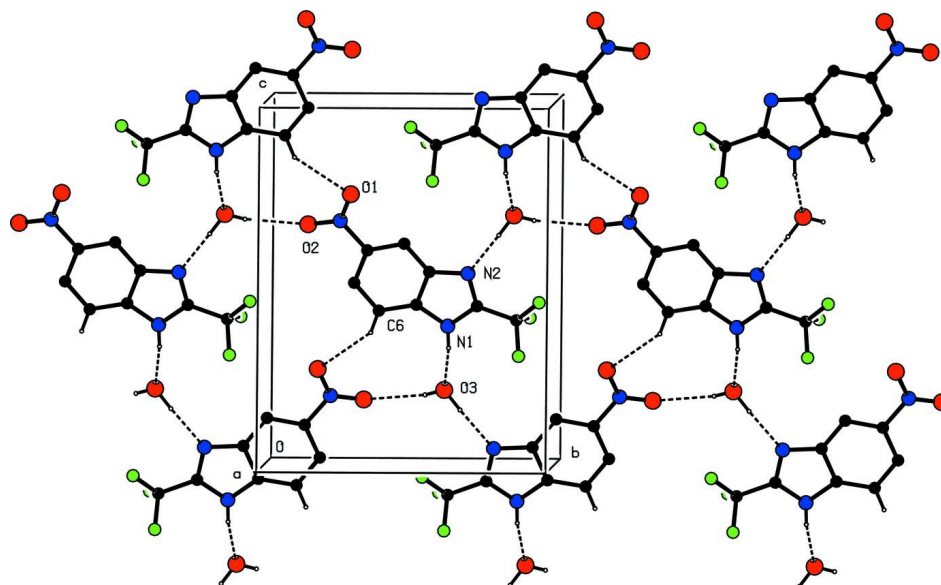
H atoms were placed in calculated positions (N—H = 0.86 Å; C—H = 0.93 Å and were assigned fixed [ $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}$ ] and allowed to ride. The H atoms bonding to the water O atom were found in difference Fourier map and fixed in the positions and allowed to ride with a fixed [ $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}$ ]. The final positions of the hydrogen atoms were checked on a difference Fourier map.

**Computing details**

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**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of the title compound, showing the atomic numbering scheme with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids.

**Figure 2**

View of the sheet formed by the hydrogen bonding. Hydrogen atoms not involved in the hydrogen bonding are omitted for clarity. The labelled C, N and O atoms lie in the asymmetric unit.

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Hall symbol: $-P 2yn$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$
$a = 7.6209 (15) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 3.4\text{--}27.5^\circ$
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Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube	2344 independent reflections
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Absorption correction: multi-scan ( <i>CrystalClear</i> ; Rigaku, 2005)	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$ , $\theta_{\text{min}} = 3.1^\circ$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.903$ , $T_{\text{max}} = 0.921$	$h = -9 \rightarrow 9$
	$k = -13 \rightarrow 13$
	$l = -16 \rightarrow 16$

Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
Least-squares matrix: full	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.071$	H-atom parameters constrained
$wR(F^2) = 0.221$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1019P)^2 + 0.6421P]$
$S = 1.05$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
2344 reflections	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
154 parameters	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.59 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
0 restraints	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.32 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods	

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  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating  $R$ -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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
F1	0.7199 (4)	0.8890 (3)	0.31003 (18)	0.1071 (10)
F2	0.7951 (5)	0.9620 (2)	0.4602 (3)	0.1403 (15)
F3	0.5316 (4)	0.9177 (3)	0.4078 (3)	0.1320 (13)
O1	0.9829 (5)	0.3172 (3)	0.7630 (3)	0.0971 (11)
O2	0.8506 (5)	0.1639 (3)	0.6747 (3)	0.1086 (12)

N1	0.6638 (3)	0.6404 (2)	0.38970 (18)	0.0471 (6)
H1A	0.6092	0.6413	0.3279	0.057*
N2	0.8035 (3)	0.7156 (2)	0.53963 (18)	0.0469 (6)
N3	0.8922 (4)	0.2768 (3)	0.6865 (3)	0.0687 (9)
C1	0.7950 (4)	0.5815 (3)	0.5434 (2)	0.0414 (7)
C2	0.8576 (4)	0.4973 (3)	0.6230 (2)	0.0493 (7)
H2	0.9157	0.5264	0.6857	0.059*
C3	0.7071 (4)	0.5333 (3)	0.4496 (2)	0.0426 (7)
C4	0.8283 (4)	0.3683 (3)	0.6032 (2)	0.0507 (8)
C5	0.7237 (4)	0.7440 (3)	0.4469 (2)	0.0449 (7)
C6	0.6781 (4)	0.4023 (3)	0.4317 (2)	0.0517 (8)
H6	0.6194	0.3722	0.3695	0.062*
C7	0.7404 (4)	0.3194 (3)	0.5103 (3)	0.0566 (8)
H7	0.7242	0.2311	0.5018	0.068*
C8	0.6956 (5)	0.8789 (3)	0.4077 (3)	0.0575 (8)
O3	0.4481 (4)	0.6193 (2)	0.20564 (17)	0.0755 (9)
H3A	0.4159	0.6728	0.1499	0.113*
H3B	0.4169	0.5518	0.1909	0.113*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
F1	0.182 (3)	0.0760 (16)	0.0689 (15)	0.0252 (17)	0.0363 (17)	0.0271 (13)
F2	0.216 (4)	0.0534 (15)	0.126 (2)	-0.0328 (19)	-0.072 (2)	0.0178 (15)
F3	0.113 (2)	0.090 (2)	0.203 (3)	0.0460 (17)	0.059 (2)	0.063 (2)
O1	0.115 (3)	0.081 (2)	0.084 (2)	0.0147 (18)	-0.0250 (19)	0.0302 (17)
O2	0.141 (3)	0.0490 (17)	0.131 (3)	0.0068 (18)	-0.002 (2)	0.0273 (17)
N1	0.0566 (15)	0.0497 (15)	0.0322 (12)	-0.0006 (12)	-0.0049 (10)	-0.0002 (10)
N2	0.0561 (15)	0.0411 (13)	0.0406 (13)	-0.0014 (11)	-0.0048 (11)	-0.0018 (10)
N3	0.075 (2)	0.0540 (19)	0.077 (2)	0.0149 (16)	0.0096 (17)	0.0202 (16)
C1	0.0439 (15)	0.0405 (15)	0.0387 (14)	-0.0014 (12)	0.0009 (12)	-0.0026 (12)
C2	0.0520 (17)	0.0517 (18)	0.0412 (15)	-0.0007 (14)	-0.0047 (13)	0.0020 (13)
C3	0.0439 (15)	0.0479 (17)	0.0355 (14)	-0.0031 (12)	0.0030 (11)	-0.0035 (12)
C4	0.0540 (17)	0.0450 (17)	0.0532 (18)	0.0084 (14)	0.0077 (14)	0.0076 (14)
C5	0.0513 (16)	0.0460 (16)	0.0363 (14)	0.0009 (13)	0.0015 (12)	-0.0007 (12)
C6	0.0626 (19)	0.0472 (18)	0.0448 (16)	-0.0064 (14)	0.0050 (14)	-0.0128 (13)
C7	0.066 (2)	0.0400 (17)	0.065 (2)	-0.0043 (15)	0.0136 (16)	-0.0068 (15)
C8	0.067 (2)	0.0504 (19)	0.0530 (19)	0.0026 (16)	0.0013 (16)	0.0036 (16)
O3	0.115 (2)	0.0493 (13)	0.0507 (14)	0.0082 (13)	-0.0307 (14)	-0.0022 (11)

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

F1—C8	1.320 (4)	C1—C3	1.410 (4)
F2—C8	1.287 (4)	C2—C4	1.378 (5)
F3—C8	1.313 (4)	C2—H2	0.9300
O1—N3	1.214 (4)	C3—C6	1.394 (4)
O2—N3	1.219 (4)	C4—C7	1.403 (5)
N1—C5	1.355 (4)	C5—C8	1.499 (4)
N1—C3	1.377 (4)	C6—C7	1.377 (5)
N1—H1A	0.8596	C6—H6	0.9300

N2—C5	1.317 (4)	C7—H7	0.9300
N2—C1	1.397 (4)	O3—H3A	0.9240
N3—C4	1.481 (4)	O3—H3B	0.7573
C1—C2	1.396 (4)		
C5—N1—C3	106.8 (2)	C7—C4—N3	118.6 (3)
C5—N1—H1A	126.6	N2—C5—N1	114.3 (3)
C3—N1—H1A	126.5	N2—C5—C8	123.5 (3)
C5—N2—C1	103.8 (2)	N1—C5—C8	122.1 (3)
O1—N3—O2	123.2 (3)	C7—C6—C3	117.0 (3)
O1—N3—C4	118.7 (3)	C7—C6—H6	121.5
O2—N3—C4	118.0 (4)	C3—C6—H6	121.5
C2—C1—N2	129.8 (3)	C6—C7—C4	119.9 (3)
C2—C1—C3	120.2 (3)	C6—C7—H7	120.1
N2—C1—C3	110.0 (2)	C4—C7—H7	120.1
C4—C2—C1	116.0 (3)	F2—C8—F3	106.7 (4)
C4—C2—H2	122.0	F2—C8—F1	108.4 (3)
C1—C2—H2	122.0	F3—C8—F1	103.5 (3)
N1—C3—C6	132.3 (3)	F2—C8—C5	113.4 (3)
N1—C3—C1	105.0 (2)	F3—C8—C5	112.3 (3)
C6—C3—C1	122.7 (3)	F1—C8—C5	111.9 (3)
C2—C4—C7	124.3 (3)	H3A—O3—H3B	108.4
C2—C4—N3	117.2 (3)		
C5—N2—C1—C2	-179.8 (3)	C1—N2—C5—N1	0.0 (3)
C5—N2—C1—C3	-0.1 (3)	C1—N2—C5—C8	178.3 (3)
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C5—N1—C3—C6	179.5 (3)	N1—C3—C6—C7	-180.0 (3)
C5—N1—C3—C1	-0.2 (3)	C1—C3—C6—C7	-0.3 (5)
C2—C1—C3—N1	179.9 (3)	C3—C6—C7—C4	0.1 (5)
N2—C1—C3—N1	0.2 (3)	C2—C4—C7—C6	0.3 (5)
C2—C1—C3—C6	0.1 (4)	N3—C4—C7—C6	179.4 (3)
N2—C1—C3—C6	-179.5 (3)	N2—C5—C8—F2	17.5 (5)
C1—C2—C4—C7	-0.5 (5)	N1—C5—C8—F2	-164.4 (3)
C1—C2—C4—N3	-179.6 (3)	N2—C5—C8—F3	-103.5 (4)
O1—N3—C4—C2	-7.8 (5)	N1—C5—C8—F3	74.6 (4)
O2—N3—C4—C2	172.1 (3)	N2—C5—C8—F1	140.6 (3)
O1—N3—C4—C7	173.0 (3)	N1—C5—C8—F1	-41.3 (4)
O2—N3—C4—C7	-7.0 (5)		

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