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## 2-(4-Bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)acetonitrile

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 293 K; mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.008 Å; R factor = 0.073; wR factor = 0.188; data-to-parameter ratio = 17.6.

In the title compound, C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>, the non-H atoms, except the N atom of the acetonitrile group and the C atom bonded to it, lie in the least-squares plane defined by the atoms of the indole ring system (r.m.s deviation = 0.019 Å), with the N and C atom of the cyano group displaced by 2.278 (1) and 1.289 (1) Å, respectively, out of that plane. In the crystal, N-H···N hydrogen bonds link the molecules into a C(7) chain along [100].

#### **Related literature**

For natural products with a bromo indole moiety, see: Walker et al. (2009). For the use of 4-bromo indole derivatives in the synthesis of biologically active compounds, see: Hendrickson & Wang (2004); Giraud et al. (2011). For the structures of related halo indoles, see: Kunzer & Wendt (2011).



#### **Experimental**

Crystal data C10H7BrN2

 $M_r = 235.09$ 

Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Z = 4
$a = 8.3971 (17) \text{\AA}$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
b = 11.237 (2) Å	$\mu = 4.46 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
c = 9.979 (2) Å	T = 293  K
$\beta = 104.82 \ (3)^{\circ}$	$0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.20$ mm
V = 910.2 (3) Å <sup>3</sup>	

Data collection 

Rigaku SCXmini diffractometer	904/ measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan	2082 independent reflections
(CrystalClear; Rigaku, 2005)	1489 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$T_{\min} = 0.983, \ T_{\max} = 0.983$	$R_{\rm int} = 0.115$
Refinement	
$D(P^2) = (P^2) = 0.072$	110

$R[F^- > 2\sigma(F^-)] = 0.0/3$	118 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.188$	H-atom parameters constrained
S = 1.09	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.64 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
2082 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -1.84 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

## Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$N1 - H1A \cdots N2^i$	0.86	2.45	3.218 (7)	148
Summetry code: (i) x	±1 v 7			

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

Data collection: CrystalClear (Rigaku, 2005); cell refinement: CrystalClear; data reduction: CrystalClear; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: DIAMOND (Brandenburg & Putz, 2005); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

Supplementary data and figures for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: LR2041).

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#### Comment

The derivatives of halo indole present in several natural products (Walker *et al.*, 2009) are also excellent intermediates for the synthesis of many biological active compounds (Giraud *et al.*, 2011; Hendrickson & Wang, 2004). As part of our interest in these materials, we report the crystal structure of the title compound.

The molecular structure of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1. The non-H atoms, except the nitrogen of the acetonitrile molecular structure of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1. The non-H atoms, except the nitrogen of the acetonitrile molecular structure of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1. The non-H atoms, except the nitrogen of the acetonitrile molecular structure of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1. The non-H atoms, except the nitrogen of the acetonitrile molecular structure of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1. The non-H atoms, except the nitrogen of the acetonitrile molecular structure of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1. The non-H atoms, except the nitrogen of the acetonitrile molecular structure of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1. The non-H atoms, except the nitrogen of the acetonitrile molecular structure of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1. The non-H atoms, except the nitrogen of the indole ring system (r.m.s deviation= 0.019 Å ), with the nitrogen and carbon of the cyano molecular shifted by 2.278 (1) and 1.289 (1) Å, respectively, out of that plane.

In the crystal, N1—H1A…N2 hydrogen bonds link the molecules into chain along the [100] direction (Fig. 2).

#### **Experimental**

The title compound was obtained commercially from ChemFuture PharmaTech, Ltd (Nanjing, Jiangsu). Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation from a methanol solution.

#### Refinement

All H atoms attached to C atoms and N atoms were fixed geometrically and treated as riding with C—H = 0.93 Å (CH), C—H = 0.97 Å (CH<sub>2</sub>), and N—H = 0.86 Å with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}$ .

#### Figures



Fig. 1. The molecular structure of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.



Fig. 2. A packing view. Intermolecular hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

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Crystal	data
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$C_{10}H_7BrN_2$	F(000) = 464
$M_r = 235.09$	$D_{\rm x} = 1.715 {\rm ~Mg~m}^{-3}$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Mo <i>K</i> $\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å
Hall symbol: -P 2ybc	Cell parameters from 2082 reflections
a = 8.3971 (17)  Å	$\theta = 3.1 - 27.5^{\circ}$
b = 11.237 (2)  Å	$\mu = 4.46 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
c = 9.979 (2) Å	<i>T</i> = 293 K
$\beta = 104.82 \ (3)^{\circ}$	Prism, colourless
V = 910.2 (3) Å <sup>3</sup>	$0.20\times0.20\times0.20~mm$
Z = 4	

#### Data collection

Rigaku SCXmini diffractometer	2082 independent reflections
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube	1489 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
graphite	$R_{\rm int} = 0.115$
Detector resolution: 13.6612 pixels mm <sup>-1</sup>	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^{\circ}, \ \theta_{\text{min}} = 3.1^{\circ}$
CCD_Profile_fitting scans	$h = -10 \rightarrow 10$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (CrystalClear; Rigaku, 2005)	$k = -14 \rightarrow 14$
$T_{\min} = 0.983, T_{\max} = 0.983$	<i>l</i> = −12→12
9047 measured reflections	

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$
Least-squares matrix: full
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.073$
$wR(F^2) = 0.188$
S = 1.09

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites H-atom parameters constrained  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0915P)^2]$ 

	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
2082 reflections	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$
118 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 0.64 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
0 restraints	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -1.84 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

#### Special details

**Geometry**. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s 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.

	x	У	Z	$U_{\rm iso}*/U_{\rm eq}$	
Br1	0.72608 (9)	1.02919 (6)	0.23625 (7)	0.0565 (3)	
C10	0.9402 (7)	0.9743 (4)	0.2351 (5)	0.0344 (12)	
N1	1.1261 (6)	0.7932 (4)	0.0298 (5)	0.0433 (11)	
H1A	1.2109	0.7600	0.0124	0.052*	
C5	0.9637 (6)	0.8989 (4)	0.1306 (5)	0.0285 (10)	
C2	0.8646 (6)	0.8483 (4)	0.0068 (5)	0.0341 (11)	
C9	1.0709 (8)	1.0096 (4)	0.3397 (6)	0.0447 (14)	
H9A	1.0531	1.0623	0.4063	0.054*	
C6	1.1290 (6)	0.8616 (4)	0.1422 (5)	0.0333 (11)	
C8	1.2297 (8)	0.9690 (5)	0.3493 (7)	0.0520 (15)	
H8A	1.3158	0.9924	0.4234	0.062*	
C1	0.9703 (8)	0.7850 (5)	-0.0511 (6)	0.0410 (13)	
H1B	0.9393	0.7426	-0.1338	0.049*	
C3	0.6815 (6)	0.8582 (5)	-0.0559 (5)	0.0439 (13)	
H3A	0.6489	0.9410	-0.0547	0.053*	
H3B	0.6565	0.8326	-0.1519	0.053*	
C4	0.5863 (7)	0.7872 (5)	0.0176 (6)	0.0444 (13)	
N2	0.5110 (7)	0.7337 (5)	0.0738 (6)	0.0608 (14)	
C7	1.2599 (7)	0.8940 (6)	0.2491 (5)	0.0490 (15)	
H7A	1.3656	0.8664	0.2540	0.059*	
Atomic displace	ement parameters (2	$(\dot{A}^2)$			
	$U^{11}$	U <sup>22</sup>	$U^{33}$ $U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters  $(A^2)$ 

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Br1	0.0551 (5)	0.0581 (5)	0.0607 (5)	0.0174 (3)	0.0226 (4)	-0.0069 (3)
C10	0.038 (3)	0.033 (3)	0.035 (3)	0.004 (2)	0.014 (2)	0.007 (2)
N1	0.047 (3)	0.040 (2)	0.052 (3)	0.008 (2)	0.029 (3)	0.0010 (19)
C5	0.033 (3)	0.024 (2)	0.031 (2)	0.0024 (17)	0.010 (2)	0.0062 (17)

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C2	0.039 (3)	0.034 (3)	0.029 (2)	) -0.006	(2) 0.008 (2)	0.0037 (19)
C9	0.062 (4)	0.035 (3)	0.038 (3)	) -0.005	(2) 0.014 (3)	-0.004 (2)
C6	0.033 (3)	0.034 (3)	0.036 (3)	) 0.003 (	2) 0.015 (2)	0.011 (2)
C8	0.044 (4)	0.061 (4)	0.043 (3)	) -0.012	(3) -0.004 (3	3) 0.007 (3)
C1	0.060 (4)	0.036 (3)	0.032 (3)	) -0.005	(2) 0.020 (3)	-0.002 (2)
C3	0.045 (3)	0.052 (3)	0.031 (3)	) -0.009	(3) 0.002 (2)	0.004 (2)
C4	0.035 (3)	0.050 (3)	0.046 (3)	) -0.001	(2) 0.007 (3)	0.001 (2)
N2	0.045 (3)	0.070 (4)	0.069 (4)	) -0.009	(3) 0.017 (3)	0.004 (3)
C7	0.039 (3)	0.051 (4)	0.055 (4)	) 0.000 (	2) 0.008 (3)	0.013 (3)
Geometric param	neters (Å, °)					
Br1-C10		1.904 (5)		С9—Н9А		0.9300
С10—С9		1.365 (8)		C6—C7		1.371 (7)
C10—C5		1.397 (6)		C8—C7		1.379 (9)
N1—C6		1.355 (6)		C8—H8A		0.9300
N1—C1		1.353 (8)		C1—H1B		0.9300
N1—H1A		0.8600		C3—C4		1.454 (7)
С5—С2		1.420 (7)		С3—НЗА		0.9700
C5—C6		1.425 (6)		С3—Н3В		0.9700
C2—C1		1.374 (7)		C4—N2		1.121 (7)
C2—C3		1.509 (7)		C7—H7A		0.9300
С9—С8		1.389 (9)				
C9—C10—C5		120.5 (5)		С7—С6—С5		123.7 (5)
C9-C10-Br1		118.5 (4)		С7—С8—С9		120.1 (6)
C5-C10-Br1		121.0 (4)		С7—С8—Н8А		119.9
C6—N1—C1		110.0 (4)		С9—С8—Н8А		119.9
C6—N1—H1A		125.0		C2-C1-N1		110.1 (5)
C1—N1—H1A		125.0		С2—С1—Н1В		125.0
C10—C5—C2		136.8 (5)		N1-C1-H1B		125.0
C10—C5—C6		116.0 (5)		C4—C3—C2		112.6 (4)
C2—C5—C6		107.1 (4)		С4—С3—НЗА		109.1
C1—C2—C5		106.0 (4)		С2—С3—Н3А		109.1
C1—C2—C3		124.3 (5)		C4—C3—H3B		109.1
С5—С2—С3		129.7 (4)		С2—С3—Н3В		109.1
С10—С9—С8		121.8 (5)		НЗА—СЗ—НЗВ	3	107.8
С10—С9—Н9А		119.1		N2-C4-C3		178.9 (6)
С8—С9—Н9А		119.1		C6—C7—C8		117.8 (5)
N1—C6—C7		129.5 (5)		С6—С7—Н7А		121.1
N1—C6—C5		106.8 (5)		С8—С7—Н7А		121.1
Hydrogen-bond	geometry (Å, '	?)				
D—H…A			<i>D</i> —Н	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	D—H··· $A$
N1—H1A…N2 <sup>i</sup>			0.86	2.45	3.218 (7)	148.
Symmetry codes:	(i) <i>x</i> +1, <i>y</i> , <i>z</i> .					
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Fig. 2

