

Isolation and X-ray crystal structure of 1,3,9 trimethyl purine derivative having cytotoxic activities from marine sponge *Amphimedon viridis* (Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1864)



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ABSTRACT

A new purine derivative 1,3,9 trimethyl uric acid (1) was isolated from the marine sponge *Amphimedon viridis* and structure were confirmed by X-ray crystallography data. Compound 1 exhibited in vitro cytotoxic activity against breast cancer (MCF-7), human neuroblastoma (SHSY5Y), human non-small cell lung cancer (A549) and human liver cancer (HEPG2) with IC₅₀ value in the range of 1-3 μ M and also showed promising anti-inflammatory effects in LPS induced murine macrophage J774 in vitro models in the concentration range of 100-1000 nM.

Introduction

Marine organisms comprise over 80% of the world's plant and animal species and thus offer an enormous resource for the discovery of chemotherapeutic agents (Blunt et al., 2010; Hu et al., 2011; Jha et al 2004). Marine invertebrates are the richest source of new metabolites as reported in marine libraries (Blunt et al., 2016). Different classes of compounds like terpenoids, Alkaloids, aliphatic compounds, steroids, carbohydrates, amino acids, and peptides have been reported from marine sponges (Leal et al., 2012). Recent research on natural products focused on the methylated purine derivatives/analogs from the marine sponges (Rosemeyer, 2004; Michel et al., 2006) has showed potential therapeutic agents to treat an impressively wide range of diseases (Sufin et al., 2009; Marina et al., 2009; Tsuyoshi et al., 2010). In this paper, we describe the isolation, X-ray crystal data of natural purine derivative from the marine sponge.

Experimental Methods

General experimental details

Optical rotations were determined on a Rudolph Research Analytical (AUTOPOL V) polarimeter at a wavelength of 589 nm (sodium D line) using a 1.0-decimeter cell with a total volume of 1.0 mL. The UV spectra were measured on an Agilent technologies carry series UV-VIS spectrophotometer and Infrared spectra on Bruker ALPHA. All solvents were of analytical grade. Column chromatography was performed on Merck silica gel (120-200 mesh) and Sephadex LH-20 (Sigma-Aldrich Chemie GmbH). The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra acquired at Bruker 400 MHz (Internal standard: TMS). The chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm and coupling constants (J) in Hz. The positive ion HR-ESI-MS spectra were recorded on a Mass Q-TOF-LC-MS spectrometer (Bruker Daltonics). Reverse phase C₁₈ column (10x250mm), Agilent HPLC.

Collection of sponge

The sponge *Amphimedon viridis* (Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1864) was collected from Mirkarwada (N 18°19.092' E 072°57.343'), Maharashtra, INDIA in Feb 2016. The sponge was identified by Dr. Satish S. Mokashe, Associate Professor. A voucher specimen (No. BEM 65) was deposited in Department of Zoology, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Maharashtra, INDIA.

X-ray diffraction study of compound 1

Crystallization:

Purified compound five milligrams was dissolved in methanol and 1,4 dioxane (1:4) at room temperature and kept for slow evaporation in a vial closed with two layers of tissue paper. Clear white crystals were observed after full evaporation. Single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected on an Oxford Xcalibur Eos (Mova) diffractometer at 100 K using MoK α radiation (λ =0.71073 Å) with X-ray generator

operating at 50 kV and 1 mA (Agilent Technologies, 2011). A single crystal 0.3 X 0.03 X 0.55 mm size was used for X-ray diffraction study. Its structure was solved by direct methods using the SHELXS-97 program (Sheldrick 1997) and refined by full-matrix least squares on F² using an SHELXL-97 program (Sheldrick, 1997). Data of atomic coordinates, bond distances and angles, anisotropic displacement parameters, hydrogen atom coordinates and torsion angles are deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (<http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk>). CCDC 1500287.

Cytotoxic assay

Cytotoxicity was evaluated in against breast cancer (MCF-7), human neuroblastoma (SHSY5Y), human non-small cell lung cancer (A549) and human liver cancer (HEPG2) cell lines. Cell proliferation was followed by the colorimetric MTT test (Visconti et al., 1991).

Anti-Inflammatory activity

The in vitro anti-inflammatory effects are studied by using macrophages like J774 cell lines. The nitric oxide (NO) produced due to induction of iNOS is one of the key inflammatory marker used for measurement inflammation in in-vitro conditions. J774 cells were seeded in a 24-well cell culture plates at a density of 10⁵ cells/well. Cells were allowed to adhere to wells overnight at 37°C and 5% CO₂. Then cells were treated with different concentration of compound 1 dissolved in DMSO. After 1h, cells were stimulated with lipopolysaccharide (LPS) at 1 μ g/mL. After 24h, cell culture supernatants were collected and used for NO estimation. NO estimation was done by Giustarini et al., 2008, briefly 50 μ L of the supernatant was incubated with 100 μ L of Griess reagent. After 10 min at room temperature, the absorbance was measured at 550 nm. Nitrite concentration was calculated using sodium nitrite as standard.

Results and discussion

We have recently initiated a program in search of biologically active compounds from marine sponges. We collected *Amphimedon viridis* during field trip in Feb 2016 from Mirkarwada, Arabian sea, INDIA. The freeze-dried sponge (0.86g) was extracted sequentially with hexane, chloroform, and methanol. These extracts were tested against cancer cell lines in preliminary studies. The cytotoxic activity was only found in the methanol extract which exhibited at 10 and 50 μ g/mL, 10.2% and 23.82% inhibition respectively (supporting information figure S1). Hexane and DCM extracts were lacked cytotoxic activity. The MeOH extract (0.2g) was subjected to fractionation using gel permeation chromatography Sephadex LH-20 eluted with MeOH:H₂O 1:1, which resulted in 12 (F1-F12) fractions. Two fractions F6 and F7 showed strong in vitro cytotoxic activity on MCF-7 cells with 25.6% and 78.2 % inhibition at 10 and 50 μ g/mL, respectively (supporting information figure S1). Fractions 6 and 7

together purified by C_{18} semi-prep column, reversed-phase HPLC using 0.01% aqueous TFA in water: MeOH gradient to yield new compound **1** (5mg, 0.005 % dry weight, t_R = 21.6) (supporting information figure S2).

Compound 1

Compound **1** obtained as an amorphous white powder, the specific rotation was $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +2.8$ (c 1.0, CH_3OH). The ESI-MS-QTOF exhibited a pseudo molecular ion peak at m/z 211.084 $[M+H]^+$ (Calcd. 211.083) (supporting information figure S3) corresponding to the molecular formula of $C_8H_{10}N_4O_3$, indicating six degrees of unsaturation. The IR and UV (MeOH) spectra of compound **1** showed bands at 3323, 2945, 2833, 1658, 1450, 1414, 1113 and 1018 cm^{-1} and at λ_{max} 210 and 293 nm, respectively (supporting information figure S4, S5). These UV and IR values were similar to 1,3 dimethyl isoguanine reported by Roberto G.S.Berlinck group.¹⁴ The 1H -NMR spectrum of compound (**1**) was showing three methyl singlet's at δ_H 3.64, 3.49, 3.20 and one NH proton at δ_H 8.19 in DMSO- d_6 (supporting information figure S6)

The ^{13}C -NMR spectrum of **1** showed six quaternary carbons at δ_C 156.1, 150.9, 152.7, 137.1, 97.7 and three methyl carbons δ_C 28.3, 31.4, 29.87 (supporting information figure S7). The 1H , ^{13}C data showed similarity with previously reported 1,3-Dimethylisoguanine (Scott et al., 1997; Chehade et al., 1997) and 1,3,7-trimethylguanine (Perry et al., 1987) but the presence of six quaternary carbons and mass confirmed that compound **1** was a new natural purine derivative from the marine sponge *Amphimedon viridis*.

Crystal system: Orthorhombic; space group $Pbca$; a (Å) 6.7512(10), b (Å) 16.043(2), c (Å) 16.241(12). Volume (Å³) = 1759.1(4), $Z=8$. The intensities were measured at temperature K 100(2), using CuK radiation and 13475 unique reflections collected. $R_{int} = 0.0551$, $wR_2 = 0.1077$. Full crystallographic details of compound **1** have been deposited in Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre and allocated the deposition number CCDC 1500287. The anisotropic displacement parameters, fractional atomic coordinates, torsion angles, bond angles and bond lengths of compound **1** is showed in supporting information table S1-S7, these values showed similarity with reported 8-oxopurine (Cimino et al., 1985). The compound **1** ORTEP representation and the atom-numbering scheme was showed in Figure 1. The final structure of compound **1** was confirmed by X-ray analysis as 1,3,9 trimethyl uric acid, a methylated purine analog. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first report of compound **1** is another new natural purine derivative from the marine sponge *Amphimedon viridis*.

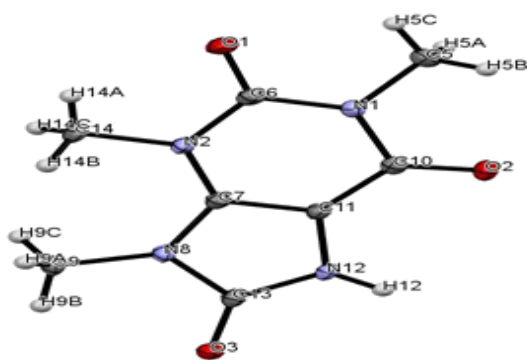


Figure 1. ORTEP diagram for compound **1**

Compound **1** exhibited potent cytotoxic activity with IC₅₀ value 1-3 μM against breast cancer (MCF-7), human neuroblastoma (SHSY5Y), human non-small cell lung cancer (A549) and human liver cancer (HEPG2) cell lines as showed in Figure 2& 3. Additionally, compound **1** also showed promising anti-inflammatory effects in LPS induced murine macrophage J774 in vitro models was showed in Figure 4. The LPS induced NO production was found to be significantly decreased in the concentration range of 100-1000 nM in the treated cells.

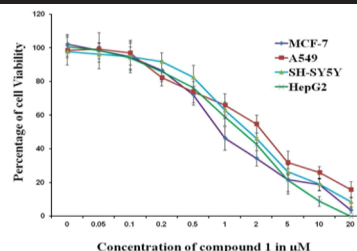


Figure 2: In vitro anticancer effects- The concentration dependent cytotoxic effect of compound **1** studied on different types of cell lines. Each data point is represented as mean \pm SEM (n=6-8) and data is represents the replicate of three independent experiments.

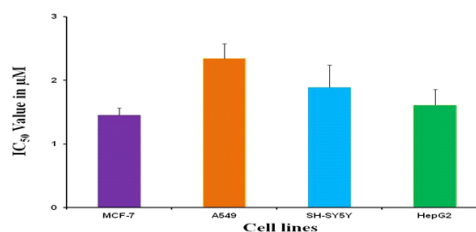


Figure 3: IC₅₀ values for compound **1** on various cancer cell types. Each value is represented as mean \pm SEM (n=6-8) three independent experiments were performed.

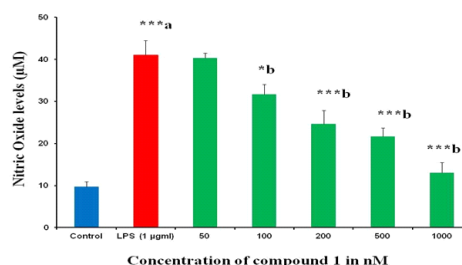


Figure 4 : Effects of compound **1** on NO production in J774 macrophages. Cells were stimulated with lipopolysaccharide (LPS) and effect of compound **1** on Nitric Oxide levels were studied. After 24 h incubation, NO released into the cell culture medium was estimated by Griess method. Each data point was represented as mean \pm SEM (n = 4-6). * $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.001$ a Vs control group and b Vs LPS alone group.

Conclusion:

In summary, this paper describes the isolation, bioactive guided purification and structure elucidation of a methylated purine derivative 1,3,9 trimethyl uric acid from the marine sponge *Amphimedon viridis* (Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1864), Mikarawadi, India. The compound exhibited potent in vitro cytotoxic activity as well as anti-inflammatory activity, which added further evidence that the sponge *Amphimedon viridis* (Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1864) is an abundant source of chemically diverse and biologically active secondary metabolites.

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Supplementary information

Supplementary data associated with this article can be found, in the online version.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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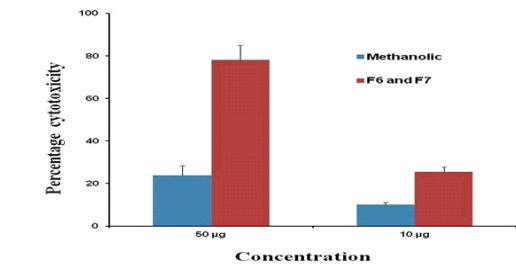


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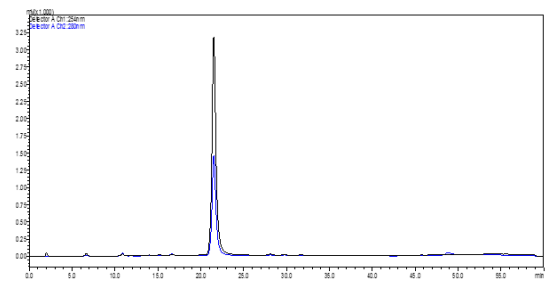


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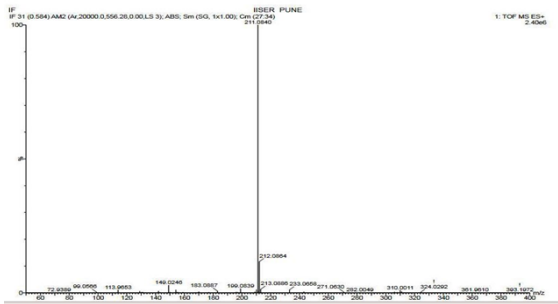


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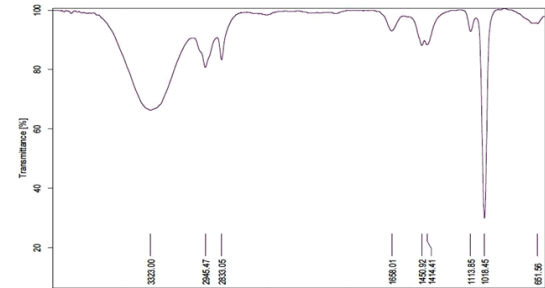


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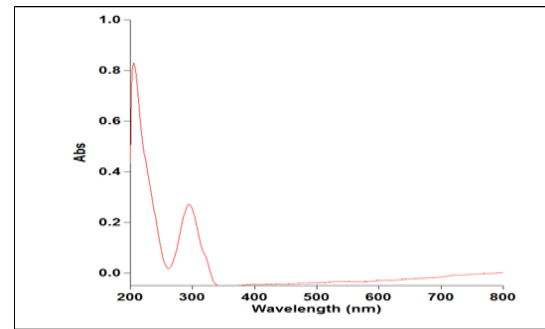


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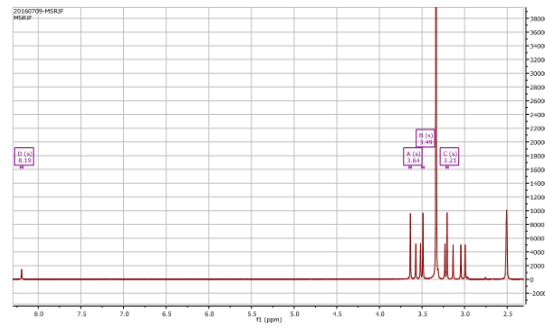


Figure S6: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) spectra of compound 1

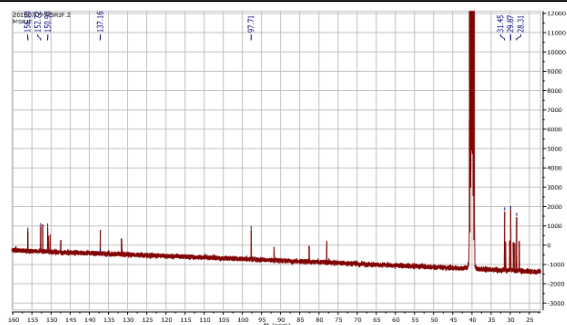


Figure S7: ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) spectra of compound 1

Empirical formula	$\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$
Formula weight	210.20
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	Pbca
a/Å	6.7512(10)
b/Å	16.043(2)
c/Å	16.241(2)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90
$\beta/^\circ$	90
$\gamma/^\circ$	90
Volume/Å ³	1759.1(4)
Z	8
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{mm}^3$	1.587
m/mm-l	0.125
F(000)	880.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.3 X 0.03 X 0.55 mm
2 θ range for data collection	5.016 to 55.616°
Index ranges	$-8 \leq h \leq 8, -20 \leq k \leq 20, -21 \leq l \leq 21$
Reflections collected	13475
Independent reflections	2024[R(int) = 0.0498]
Data/restraints/parameters	2024/0/139
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.047
Final R indexes [I >= 2 σ (I)]	R1 = 0.0395, wR2 = 0.0980
Final R indexes [all data]	R1 = 0.0551, wR2 = 0.1077
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.21/-0.35

Table S1: Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 1

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
O1	-3819.8(16)	1334.3(7)	2059.6(6)	20.1(3)
O2	-438.3(16)	-952.6(7)	1118.3(6)	18.7(3)
O3	5275.9(15)	1127.8(6)	86.3(6)	16.4(3)
N1	-2141.0(18)	201.5(8)	1566.1(7)	14.6(3)
N2	-914.3(18)	1572.3(8)	1385.5(7)	13.8(3)
N8	2409.6(18)	1609.3(8)	738.3(7)	13.6(3)
N12	2724.5(18)	256.7(8)	521.7(7)	14.4(3)
C5	-3686(2)	-354(1)	1887.1(9)	19.2(3)
C6	-2376(2)	1054.2(10)	1696.7(8)	14.7(3)
C7	721(2)	1226.9(9)	1030.6(8)	12.8(3)
C9	3139(2)	2464.7(9)	828.9(9)	17.2(3)
C10	-518(2)	-187.4(9)	1177.0(8)	14.0(3)
C11	903(2)	392.7(9)	903.8(8)	13.6(3)
C13	3643(2)	993.3(9)	412.4(8)	13.4(3)
C14	-1129(2)	2468.8(9)	1534.9(9)	18.4(3)

Table S2: Fractional Atomic Coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for . U_{eq} is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised U_{ij} tensor.

Atom	U ¹¹	U ²²	U ³³	U ²³	U ¹³	U ¹²
O1	20.8(6)	18.1(6)	21.5(5)	-0.7(4)	6.3(4)	5.2(5)
O2	21.5(6)	10.1(6)	24.5(5)	-0.6(4)	1.9(4)	0.4(4)
O3	15.1(5)	12.6(5)	21.6(5)	0.1(4)	4.3(4)	0.1(4)
N1	15.9(7)	11.3(6)	16.6(6)	0.5(5)	2.2(5)	0.0(5)
N2	15.9(6)	10.2(6)	15.2(6)	-1.3(5)	0.5(5)	2.3(5)
N8	14.7(6)	8.9(6)	17.3(6)	-0.3(5)	0.0(5)	0.7(5)
N12	15.6(6)	8.9(6)	18.7(6)	-1.8(5)	2.7(5)	2.0(5)
C5	19.2(8)	16.9(8)	21.5(7)	0.4(6)	4.1(6)	-2.6(6)
C6	18.3(8)	14.1(8)	11.8(6)	0.0(5)	-0.1(6)	2.2(6)
C7	15.1(7)	11.3(7)	11.9(6)	0.2(5)	-0.5(5)	1.4(6)
C9	18.7(8)	9.2(7)	23.5(7)	-1.0(6)	0.2(6)	-0.7(6)
C10	17.1(8)	12.7(8)	12.3(6)	0.2(5)	-1.0(6)	1.5(6)
C11	15.1(7)	11.2(7)	14.6(6)	-1.1(5)	1.0(5)	1.8(6)
C13	15.9(8)	10.4(7)	13.9(6)	0.4(5)	-1.6(5)	1.8(6)
C14	21.0(8)	10.8(7)	23.4(7)	-1.6(6)	2.5(6)	4.6(6)

Table S 3: Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for . The Anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-\frac{1}{2}\pi^2[h^2a^{*2}U_{11}+...+2hka^*b^*U_{12}]$.

Atom	Atom	Length/Å
O1	C6	1.2244(18)
O2	C10	1.2325(18)
O3	C13	1.2420(17)
N1	C5	1.4678(19)
N1	C6	1.3934(19)
N1	C10	1.4102(18)
N2	C6	1.3859(19)
N2	C7	1.3634(18)
N2	C14	1.4657(19)
N8	C7	1.3787(19)
N8	C9	1.4654(19)
N8	C13	1.3965(18)
N12	C11	1.3949(18)
N12	C13	1.3463(19)
C7	C11	1.360(2)
C10	C11	1.408(2)

Table S4: Bond lengths for compound 1

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
C6	N1	C5	117.45(12)	N2	C7	N8	129.37(14)
C6	N1	C10	126.24(12)	C11	C7	N2	122.48(13)
C10	N1	C5	116.27(12)	C11	C7	N8	108.15(12)
C6	N2	C14	117.24(12)	O2	C10	N1	120.63(13)
C7	N2	C6	119.16(12)	O2	C10	C11	127.15(13)
C7	N2	C14	123.29(13)	C11	C10	N1	112.20(13)
C7	N8	C9	131.29(12)	N12	C11	C10	129.60(13)
C7	N8	C13	107.97(12)	C7	C11	N12	107.50(13)
C13	N8	C9	120.03(12)	C7	C11	C10	122.79(13)
C13	N12	C11	109.12(12)	O3	C13	N8	124.61(13)
O1	C6	N1	121.62(14)	O3	C13	N12	128.14(14)
O1	C6	N2	121.49(14)	N12	C13	N8	107.25(12)
N2	C6	N1	116.88(12)				

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C6	N1	C5	117.45(12)	N2	C7	N8	129.37(14)
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C6	N2	C14	117.24(12)	O2	C10	N1	120.63(13)
C7	N2	C6	119.16(12)	O2	C10	C11	127.15(13)
C7	N2	C14	123.29(13)	C11	C10	N1	112.20(13)
C7	N8	C9	131.29(12)	N12	C11	C10	129.60(13)
C7	N8	C13	107.97(12)	C7	C11	N12	107.50(13)
C13	N8	C9	120.03(12)	C7	C11	C10	122.79(13)
C13	N12	C11	109.12(12)	O3	C13	N8	124.61(13)
O1	C6	N1	121.62(14)	O3	C13	N12	128.14(14)
O1	C6	N2	121.49(14)	N12	C13	N8	107.25(12)
N2	C6	N1	116.88(12)				

Table S5: Bond Angles for compound 1

A	B	C	D	Angle/°	A	B	C	D	Angle/°
O2	C10	C11	N12	-1.2(2)	C7	N8	C13	O3	178.87(12)
O2	C10	C11	C7	-176.91(14)	C7	N8	C13	N12	-1.07(15)
N1	C10	C11	N12	177.51(13)	C9	N8	C7	N2	11.3(2)
N1	C10	C11	C7	1.81(19)	C9	N8	C7	C11	-169.19(14)
N2	C7	C11	N12	179.10(12)	C9	N8	C13	O3	-9.7(2)
N2	C7	C11	C10	-4.4(2)	C9	N8	C13	N12	170.36(12)
N8	C7	C11	N12	-0.43(15)	C10	N1	C6	O1	-178.20(12)
N8	C7	C11	C10	176.10(12)	C10	N1	C6	N2	2.8(2)
C5	N1	C6	O1	-0.50(19)	C11	N12	C13	O3	-179.13(13)
C5	N1	C6	N2	-179.55(12)	C11	N12	C13	N8	0.81(15)
C5	N1	C10	O2	-0.05(19)	C13	N8	C7	N2	-178.56(13)
C5	N1	C10	C11	-178.86(11)	C13	N8	C7	C11	0.93(15)
C6	N1	C10	O2	177.68(13)	C13	N12	C11	C7	-0.25(15)
C6	N1	C10	C11	-1.14(19)	C13	N12	C11	C10	-176.46(14)
C6	N2	C7	N8	-174.68(13)	C14	N2	C6	O1	2.19(19)
C6	N2	C7	C11	5.9(2)	C14	N2	C6	N1	-178.76(12)
C7	N2	C6	O1	176.05(12)	C14	N2	C7	N8	-1.2(2)
C7	N2	C6	N1	-4.90(18)	C14	N2	C7	C11	179.36(13)

Table S6: Torsion Angles for compound 1

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
H12	3187	-221	379	17
H5A	-3186	-651	2356	29
H5B	-4065	-744	1468	29
H5C	-4818	-30	2047	29
H9A	2341	2834	502	26
H9B	4490	2493	647	26
H9C	3063	2628	1397	26
H14A	-2497	2597	1634	28
H14B	-674	2772	1062	28
H14C	-356	2624	2007	28

Table S7: Hydrogen Atom Coordinates (Å×104) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters (Å2×103)

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