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### The Contribution of Directional Dihydrogen Interactions in the Supramolecular Assembly of Single Crystals: Quantum Chemical and Structural investigation of C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> Azine

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**Table S1.** Crystallographic information of the AZN collected at 120(2) K.

| AZN at 120(2) K                             |                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula                           | C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> |
| Formula weight                              | 295.33 g/mol                                                  |
| Temperature                                 | 120(2) K                                                      |
| Wavelength                                  | MoK $\alpha$ 0.71073 Å                                        |
| Crystal system                              | Triclinic                                                     |
| Space Group                                 | P-1                                                           |
| Unit cell dimensions                        | a = 7.074(6) Å                                                |
|                                             | b = 8.108(7) Å                                                |
|                                             | c = 13.329(8) Å                                               |
|                                             | $\alpha$ = 95.469(4)°                                         |
|                                             | $\beta$ = 104.295(4)°                                         |
| Volume                                      | $\gamma$ = 92.864(4)°                                         |
|                                             | 735.46(2) Å <sup>3</sup>                                      |
| Z                                           | 2                                                             |
| Calculated density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )     | 1.334 g/cm <sup>3</sup>                                       |
| Absorption coefficient                      | 0.090 mm <sup>-1</sup>                                        |
| F(000)                                      | 312.0                                                         |
| Crystal size                                | 0.347 x 0.276 x 0.046 mm                                      |
| $\theta$ range for data collection          | 5.062° to 51.612°                                             |
| Limiting indices                            | -8 ≤ h ≤ 8, -9 ≤ k ≤ 9, -16 ≤ l ≤ 16                          |
| Reflections collected                       | 18895                                                         |
| Reflections unique                          | 2830 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0854, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0549] |
| Data / restrictions / parameters            | 2830 / 0 / 201                                                |
| Solution / refinement                       | Direct methods / least-square full matrix                     |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>           | 1.040                                                         |
| Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]                 | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0481; wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1124             |
| R indices (All data)                        | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0764, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1279             |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup> | 0.21/-0.34                                                    |

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**Table S2.** Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for AZN at 120(2) K.  $U_{\text{eq}}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised  $U_{ij}$  tensor.

| Atom | x          | y           | z          | U(eq)   |
|------|------------|-------------|------------|---------|
| C5   | 3260(2)    | 13735(2)    | 2855.9(12) | 16.4(4) |
| N3   | 3471.5(19) | 15185.7(17) | 2307.4(10) | 19.4(3) |
| C9   | 1872(2)    | 6627(2)     | 7085.0(12) | 16.4(4) |
| C7   | 2896(2)    | 10817(2)    | 2839.7(12) | 18.3(4) |
| C2   | 2833(2)    | 11016(2)    | 3882.6(12) | 16.7(4) |
| N1   | 2094(2)    | 8053.2(17)  | 5628.7(11) | 19.4(3) |
| O2   | 3420.7(18) | 14950.8(15) | 1375.9(9)  | 26.3(3) |
| C8   | 2099(2)    | 8123(2)     | 6593.0(13) | 18.4(4) |
| N2   | 2371.7(19) | 9641.5(17)  | 5324.0(11) | 19.1(3) |
| O1   | 3684.9(18) | 16569.2(14) | 2793.8(9)  | 26.2(3) |
| C14  | 1553(2)    | 5057(2)     | 6524.7(12) | 18.5(4) |
| C13  | 1420(2)    | 3659(2)     | 7013.8(12) | 18.7(4) |
| C3   | 3021(2)    | 12612(2)    | 4403.5(13) | 18.3(4) |
| C12  | 1592(2)    | 3758(2)     | 8083.5(12) | 16.9(4) |
| C1   | 2553(2)    | 9541(2)     | 4390.6(12) | 18.3(4) |
| C4   | 3235(2)    | 13986(2)    | 3894.1(12) | 17.8(4) |
| C10  | 2025(2)    | 6741(2)     | 8154.1(13) | 20.2(4) |
| C6   | 3104(2)    | 12175(2)    | 2317.8(12) | 18.8(4) |
| C11  | 1885(2)    | 5327(2)     | 8641.9(13) | 20.6(4) |
| C15  | 1522(2)    | 2192(2)     | 8611.8(13) | 20.2(4) |
| C17  | 185(3)     | 2271(2)     | 9350.2(13) | 24.4(4) |
| C16  | 3586(3)    | 1818(2)     | 9177.7(15) | 29.7(5) |

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68 **Table S3.** Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for AZN at 120(2) K. The Anisotropic  
69 displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2[h^2a^{*2}U_{11}+2hka^*b^*U_{12}+\dots]$ .

| Atom | U11      | U22      | U33      | U23     | U13     | U12    |
|------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|--------|
| C5   | 14.5(8)  | 17.4(9)  | 18.3(8)  | 5.8(7)  | 5.0(7)  | 0.8(7) |
| N3   | 19.6(8)  | 19.6(8)  | 20.5(8)  | 4.3(6)  | 6.6(6)  | 2.8(6) |
| C9   | 13.0(8)  | 17.8(9)  | 20.3(9)  | 3.7(7)  | 6.7(7)  | 2.4(7) |
| C7   | 19.1(9)  | 15.8(9)  | 19.5(9)  | -0.5(7) | 4.9(7)  | 1.3(7) |
| C2   | 12.5(8)  | 19.1(9)  | 19.4(9)  | 4.2(7)  | 4.5(7)  | 3.0(7) |
| N1   | 20.1(8)  | 16.5(8)  | 23.0(8)  | 6.1(6)  | 6.9(6)  | 0.6(6) |
| O2   | 37.7(8)  | 25.9(7)  | 17.9(7)  | 6.9(5)  | 10.4(5) | 3.8(6) |
| C8   | 18.2(9)  | 16.8(9)  | 21.6(9)  | 1.7(7)  | 7.8(7)  | 3.1(7) |
| N2   | 19.6(8)  | 17.0(8)  | 22.4(8)  | 5.9(6)  | 7.2(6)  | 2.3(6) |
| O1   | 36.6(8)  | 14.7(7)  | 28.9(7)  | 1.5(5)  | 11.8(6) | 2.3(5) |
| C14  | 19.9(9)  | 21.7(9)  | 15.6(8)  | 1.8(7)  | 7.6(7)  | 2.9(7) |
| C13  | 19.3(9)  | 17.2(9)  | 19.3(9)  | -0.4(7) | 5.4(7)  | 1.6(7) |
| C3   | 18.7(9)  | 20.5(9)  | 16.9(8)  | 1.9(7)  | 6.3(7)  | 3.9(7) |
| C12  | 13.5(8)  | 19.0(9)  | 19.7(9)  | 3.4(7)  | 6.2(7)  | 3.3(7) |
| C1   | 16.2(9)  | 17.3(9)  | 21.0(9)  | 1.4(7)  | 4.4(7)  | 1.7(7) |
| C4   | 16.0(8)  | 16.2(9)  | 20.8(9)  | -0.9(7) | 4.9(7)  | 1.9(7) |
| C10  | 25.5(9)  | 15.6(9)  | 20.4(9)  | -1.2(7) | 8.3(7)  | 2.3(7) |
| C6   | 20.6(9)  | 21.6(10) | 14.9(8)  | 2.1(7)  | 5.4(7)  | 2.8(7) |
| C11  | 27.3(10) | 21.2(10) | 15.0(8)  | 2.0(7)  | 8.3(7)  | 3.2(7) |
| C15  | 24.9(10) | 16.4(9)  | 20.0(9)  | 3.0(7)  | 6.5(7)  | 1.5(7) |
| C17  | 29.1(10) | 22.1(10) | 24.6(10) | 8.1(8)  | 9.7(8)  | 0.6(8) |
| C16  | 30.1(11) | 23.1(10) | 37.8(11) | 11.5(8) | 7.7(9)  | 7.8(8) |

70 **Table S4.** Bond Lengths for AZN at 120(2) K.  
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| Bond   | Length ( $\text{\AA}$ ) | Bond    | Length ( $\text{\AA}$ ) |
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| C5–N3  | 1.463(2)                | N1–C8   | 1.280(2)                |
| C5–C4  | 1.384(2)                | N1–N2   | 1.4058(19)              |
| C5–C6  | 1.379(2)                | N2–C1   | 1.277(2)                |
| N3–O2  | 1.2295(17)              | C14–C13 | 1.371(2)                |
| N3–O1  | 1.2239(17)              | C13–C12 | 1.395(2)                |
| C9–C8  | 1.453(2)                | C3–C4   | 1.379(2)                |
| C9–C14 | 1.392(2)                | C12–C11 | 1.391(2)                |
| C9–C10 | 1.396(2)                | C12–C15 | 1.514(2)                |
| C7–C2  | 1.396(2)                | C10–C11 | 1.382(2)                |
| C7–C6  | 1.378(2)                | C15–C17 | 1.523(2)                |
| C2–C3  | 1.393(2)                | C15–C16 | 1.529(2)                |
| C2–C1  | 1.458(2)                |         |                         |

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**Table S5.** Bond Angles for AZN at 120(2) K.

| Bonds      | Angle (°)  | Bonds       | Angle (°)  |
|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| C4–C5–N3   | 118.66(15) | C1–N2–N1    | 110.90(14) |
| C6–C5–N3   | 118.59(14) | C13–C14–C9  | 120.79(15) |
| C6–C5–C4   | 122.75(15) | C14–C13–C12 | 121.42(15) |
| O2–N3–C5   | 118.10(14) | C4–C3–C2    | 120.64(15) |
| O1–N3–C5   | 118.68(13) | C13–C12–C15 | 120.38(15) |
| O1–N3–O2   | 123.21(14) | C11–C12–C13 | 117.84(15) |
| C14–C9–C8  | 121.85(15) | C11–C12–C15 | 121.76(15) |
| C14–C9–C10 | 118.24(15) | N2–C1–C2    | 121.83(16) |
| C10–C9–C8  | 119.88(15) | C3–C4–C5    | 118.30(15) |
| C6–C7–C2   | 120.89(16) | C11–C10–C9  | 120.68(15) |
| C7–C2–C1   | 118.75(15) | C7–C6–C5    | 118.16(15) |
| C3–C2–C7   | 119.24(15) | C10–C11–C12 | 121.02(15) |
| C3–C2–C1   | 122.00(15) | C12–C15–C17 | 112.71(14) |
| C8–N1–N2   | 111.74(14) | C12–C15–C16 | 110.28(14) |
| N1–C8–C9   | 121.41(16) | C17–C15–C16 | 110.93(14) |

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**Table S6.** Torsion angles for AZN at 120(2) K.

| Bonds           | Angle (°)   | Bonds           | Angle (°)   |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| N3–C5–C4–C3     | 179.54(13)  | C13–C12–C15–C17 | -133.73(16) |
| N3–C5–C6–C7     | -179.69(14) | C13–C12–C15–C16 | 101.69(18)  |
| C9–C14–C13–C12  | 0.2(2)      | C3–C2–C1–N2     | 3.4(2)      |
| C9–C10–C11–C12  | 0.1(3)      | C1–C2–C3–C4     | -178.34(15) |
| C7–C2–C3–C4     | 1.0(2)      | C4–C5–N3–O2     | -177.41(14) |
| C7–C2–C1–N2     | -175.97(15) | C4–C5–N3–O1     | 2.4(2)      |
| C2–C7–C6–C5     | 0.4(2)      | C4–C5–C6–C7     | 0.7(2)      |
| C2–C3–C4–C5     | -0.1(2)     | C10–C9–C8–N1    | 175.40(15)  |
| N1–N2–C1–C2     | 179.24(13)  | C10–C9–C14–C13  | -0.9(2)     |
| C8–C9–C14–C13   | 177.43(15)  | C6–C5–N3–O2     | 2.9(2)      |
| C8–C9–C10–C11   | -177.62(15) | C6–C5–N3–O1     | -177.25(14) |
| C8–N1–N2–C1     | 173.70(14)  | C6–C5–C4–C3     | -0.8(2)     |
| N2–N1–C8–C9     | -178.84(13) | C6–C7–C2–C3     | -1.2(2)     |
| C14–C9–C8–N1    | -2.9(2)     | C6–C7–C2–C1     | 178.21(14)  |
| C14–C9–C10–C11  | 0.8(2)      | C11–C12–C15–C17 | 48.2(2)     |
| C14–C13–C12–C11 | 0.6(2)      | C11–C12–C15–C16 | -76.36(19)  |
| C14–C13–C12–C15 | -177.51(14) | C15–C12–C11–C10 | 177.33(15)  |
| C13–C12–C11–C10 | -0.8(2)     |                 |             |

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79 **Table S7.** Hydrogen Atom Coordinates ( $\text{\AA} \times 10^4$ ) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters  
80 ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for AZN at 120(2) K.

| Atom | <i>x</i> | <i>y</i> | <i>z</i> | U(eq) |
|------|----------|----------|----------|-------|
| H7   | 2793     | 9730     | 2485     | 22    |
| H8   | 2254     | 9176     | 6995     | 22    |
| H14  | 1425     | 4953     | 5795     | 22    |
| H13  | 1206     | 2600     | 6616     | 22    |
| H3   | 3002     | 12756    | 5116     | 22    |
| H1   | 2503     | 8475     | 4017     | 22    |
| H4   | 3362     | 15076    | 4247     | 21    |
| H10  | 2228     | 7801     | 8550     | 24    |
| H6   | 3139     | 12040    | 1607     | 23    |
| H11  | 1991     | 5429     | 9370     | 25    |
| H15  | 985      | 1252     | 8055     | 24    |
| H17A | 742      | 3114     | 9941     | 37    |
| H17B | 64       | 1186     | 9605     | 37    |
| H17C | -1110    | 2564     | 8980     | 37    |
| H16A | 4389     | 1681     | 8676     | 45    |
| H16B | 3523     | 793      | 9507     | 45    |
| H16C | 4171     | 2740     | 9712     | 45    |

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## AZN structure collected at 298K

In order to verify a possible phase transition, and hence, qualitatively to evaluate the thermal stability of the structure, AZN crystal has also collected at 298K in a Kappa CCD Enraf Nonius FR590 diffractometer. No significant difference is observed between the structures collected in 120K and 298K. Slight differences in geometric parameters can be attributed to the effect of temperature on the molecules of thermal vibration.

**Table S8.** Crystallographic information of the AZN collected at 298(2) K.

| AZN at 298(2) K                             |                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula                           | C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> |
| Formula weight                              | 295.33 g/mol                                                  |
| Temperature                                 | 298(2) K                                                      |
| Wavelength                                  | MoK $\alpha$ 0.71073 Å                                        |
| Crystal system                              | Triclinic                                                     |
| Space Group                                 | P-1                                                           |
| Unit cell dimensions                        | a = 7.195(3) Å                                                |
|                                             | b = 8.159(2) Å                                                |
|                                             | c = 13.575(4) Å                                               |
|                                             | $\alpha$ = 94.960(1)°                                         |
|                                             | $\beta$ = 102.380(1)°                                         |
| Volume                                      | $\gamma$ = 93.741(4)°                                         |
|                                             | 772.65(5) Å <sup>3</sup>                                      |
| Z                                           | 2                                                             |
| Calculated density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )     | 1.269 g/cm <sup>3</sup>                                       |
| Absorption coefficient                      | 0.085 mm <sup>-1</sup>                                        |
| F(000)                                      | 312.0                                                         |
| Crystal size                                | 0.1 x 0.1 x 0.1 mm                                            |
| $\theta$ range for data collection          | 2.977° to 24.996°                                             |
| Limiting indices                            | -8 ≤ h ≤ 8, -10 ≤ k ≤ 10, 0 ≤ l ≤ 16                          |
| Reflections collected                       | 2712                                                          |
| Reflections unique                          | 2712[R <sub>int</sub> = 0.015, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0337]   |
| Data / restrictions / parameters            | 2712 / 0 / 202                                                |
| Solution / refinement                       | Direct methods / least-square full matrix                     |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>           | 1.059                                                         |
| Final R indices [I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)]        | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0544; wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1474             |
| R indices (All data)                        | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0733; wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1603             |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup> | 0.26 e -0.19 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>                                |

108 **Table S9.** Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement  
109 Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for AZN at 298(2) K.  $U_{\text{eq}}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the  
110 orthogonalised  $U_{ij}$  tensor.

| Atom | <i>x</i>   | <i>y</i>    | <i>z</i>   | <i>U</i> (eq) |
|------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| O2   | 1736.6(19) | 52.6(15)    | 8554.4(9)  | 86.7(4)       |
| N1   | 2873.1(17) | 6988.8(14)  | 4322.1(10) | 59.6(4)       |
| O1   | 1387.0(18) | -1531.8(13) | 7172.1(9)  | 85.7(4)       |
| N3   | 1636.2(17) | -166.6(15)  | 7642.6(10) | 62.1(4)       |
| N2   | 2615.3(16) | 5403.9(14)  | 4640.8(9)  | 59.2(4)       |
| C2   | 2202.2(17) | 4009.2(16)  | 6067.9(10) | 50.5(4)       |
| C5   | 1822.4(18) | 1285.1(17)  | 7092.2(10) | 50.8(4)       |
| C7   | 2172(2)    | 4192.8(18)  | 7091.4(11) | 59.2(4)       |
| C4   | 1817.1(19) | 1053.4(18)  | 6072.9(11) | 56.4(4)       |
| C1   | 2459.6(18) | 5482.1(17)  | 5555.8(11) | 55.8(4)       |
| C9   | 3060.9(18) | 8419.0(17)  | 2880.4(10) | 51.6(4)       |
| C3   | 2005(2)    | 2430.4(18)  | 5565.5(11) | 57.0(4)       |
| C13  | 3535(2)    | 11373.3(17) | 2918.5(11) | 59.4(4)       |
| C8   | 2852.0(19) | 6933.3(18)  | 3385.7(11) | 56.1(4)       |
| C12  | 3319(2)    | 11274.7(17) | 1876.1(11) | 56.5(4)       |
| C6   | 1991(2)    | 2827.8(18)  | 7610.1(11) | 60.5(4)       |
| C14  | 3416(2)    | 9981.6(18)  | 3416.0(11) | 58.0(4)       |

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121 **Table S10.** Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for AZN at 298(2) K. The  
 122 Anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2[h^2a^{*2}U_{11}+2hka^*b^*U_{12}+\dots]$ .

| Atom | $U_{11}$  | $U_{22}$ | $U_{33}$  | $U_{23}$ | $U_{13}$ | $U_{12}$ |
|------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| O2   | 120.6(10) | 79.5(8)  | 63.9(8)   | 23.0(6)  | 22.2(7)  | 12.1(7)  |
| N1   | 64.9(7)   | 52.0(8)  | 64.8(8)   | 14.3(6)  | 17.3(6)  | 5.2(5)   |
| O1   | 119.5(10) | 52.6(8)  | 91.3(9)   | 11.8(6)  | 34.4(7)  | 10.7(6)  |
| N3   | 65.3(8)   | 59.0(8)  | 65.0(9)   | 16.1(7)  | 15.3(6)  | 11.6(6)  |
| N2   | 66.6(8)   | 50.3(7)  | 63.5(8)   | 12.5(6)  | 17.2(6)  | 7.4(5)   |
| C2   | 46.2(7)   | 49.7(8)  | 54.8(9)   | 6.9(6)   | 8.7(6)   | 5.4(6)   |
| C5   | 48.0(7)   | 49.4(8)  | 55.6(9)   | 11.1(7)  | 9.7(6)   | 6.8(6)   |
| C7   | 70.7(9)   | 48.2(8)  | 55.6(9)   | 0.1(7)   | 9.6(7)   | 3.9(7)   |
| C4   | 61.2(8)   | 48.7(8)  | 57.7(9)   | 1.6(7)   | 10.8(7)  | 5.5(6)   |
| C1   | 57.9(8)   | 47.9(8)  | 60.7(10)  | 5.3(7)   | 11.5(7)  | 4.7(6)   |
| C9   | 49.8(7)   | 51.4(9)  | 56.3(9)   | 8.3(7)   | 15.7(6)  | 8.5(6)   |
| C3   | 65.7(9)   | 56.7(9)  | 49.5(8)   | 5.6(7)   | 13.6(6)  | 8.0(7)   |
| C13  | 69.4(9)   | 49.4(9)  | 58.8(9)   | -0.5(7)  | 16.2(7)  | 3.0(7)   |
| C8   | 59.1(8)   | 50.5(8)  | 62.1(10)  | 8.6(7)   | 18.0(7)  | 10.4(6)  |
| C12  | 63.2(8)   | 50.0(8)  | 58.7(9)   | 7.7(7)   | 17.3(6)  | 6.4(6)   |
| C6   | 69.7(9)   | 63.9(10) | 47.1(8)   | 5.5(7)   | 11.0(6)  | 6.3(7)   |
| C14  | 66.2(9)   | 58.7(9)  | 50.6(9)   | 5.5(7)   | 15.1(7)  | 8.8(7)   |
| C10  | 85.7(10)  | 47.9(9)  | 60.8(10)  | 0.1(7)   | 21.2(8)  | 4.5(7)   |
| C11  | 94.2(11)  | 59.3(10) | 50.6(9)   | 5.8(7)   | 21.0(8)  | 4.2(8)   |
| C15  | 87.3(11)  | 50.3(9)  | 64.8(10)  | 9.2(7)   | 15.1(8)  | 6.1(7)   |
| C16  | 109.1(14) | 68.3(11) | 85.5(12)  | 28.2(9)  | 33.2(10) | 2.3(10)  |
| C17  | 101.8(14) | 77.7(13) | 124.4(17) | 34.4(11) | 13.0(11) | 21.8(10) |

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**Table S11.** Bond Lengths for AZN at 298(2) K.

| <b>Bond</b> | <b>Length (Å)</b> | <b>Bond</b> | <b>Length (Å)</b> |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| O2–N3       | 1.2211(16)        | C4–C3       | 1.382(2)          |
| N1–N2       | 1.4120(16)        | C9–C8       | 1.4584(19)        |
| N1–C8       | 1.2648(18)        | C9–C14      | 1.392(2)          |
| O1–N3       | 1.2176(15)        | C9–C10      | 1.3847(19)        |
| N3–C5       | 1.4677(18)        | C13–C12     | 1.3848(19)        |
| N2–C1       | 1.2674(17)        | C13–C14     | 1.3775(19)        |
| C2–C7       | 1.3896(19)        | C12–C11     | 1.387(2)          |
| C2–C1       | 1.4603(19)        | C12–C15     | 1.514(2)          |
| C2–C3       | 1.388(2)          | C10–C11     | 1.385(2)          |
| C5–C4       | 1.379(2)          | C15–C16     | 1.520(2)          |
| C5–C6       | 1.373(2)          | C15–C17     | 1.518(2)          |
| C7–C6       | 1.382(2)          |             |                   |

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**Table S12.** Bond Angles for AZN at 298(2) K.

| <b>Bonds</b> | <b>Angle (°)</b> | <b>Bonds</b> | <b>Angle (°)</b> |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| C8–N1–N2     | 112.38(12)       | C10–C9–C8    | 120.34(13)       |
| O2–N3–C5     | 118.29(13)       | C10–C9–C14   | 117.97(12)       |
| O1–N3–O2     | 122.96(13)       | C4–C3–C2     | 120.96(13)       |
| O1–N3–C5     | 118.75(13)       | C14–C13–C12  | 121.64(13)       |
| C1–N2–N1     | 111.75(12)       | N1–C8–C9     | 122.30(13)       |
| C7–C2–C1     | 119.00(12)       | C13–C12–C11  | 117.53(13)       |
| C3–C2–C7     | 119.00(13)       | C13–C12–C15  | 120.67(13)       |
| C3–C2–C1     | 122.00(13)       | C11–C12–C15  | 121.79(14)       |
| C4–C5–N3     | 118.95(13)       | C5–C6–C7     | 118.70(14)       |
| C6–C5–N3     | 118.79(13)       | C13–C14–C9   | 120.71(13)       |
| C6–C5–C4     | 122.26(13)       | C9–C10–C11   | 120.90(13)       |
| C6–C7–C2     | 120.72(13)       | C10–C11–C12  | 121.23(14)       |
| C5–C4–C3     | 118.35(13)       | C12–C15–C16  | 112.47(12)       |
| N2–C1–C2     | 122.36(13)       | C12–C15–C17  | 110.53(13)       |
| C14–C9–C8    | 121.68(13)       | C17–C15–C16  | 111.53(15)       |

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**Table S13.** Torsion Angles for AZN at 298(2) K.

| <b>Bonds</b>   | <b>Angle (°)</b> | <b>Bonds</b>    | <b>Angle (°)</b> |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| O2–N3–C5–C4    | 176.48(12)       | C13–C12–C11–C10 | 0.7(2)           |
| O2–N3–C5–C6    | -3.7(2)          | C13–C12–C15–C16 | 129.16(16)       |
| N1–N2–C1–C2    | -179.32(10)      | C13–C12–C15–C17 | -105.46(17)      |
| O1–N3–C5–C4    | -3.60(19)        | C8–N1–N2–C1     | -173.82(11)      |
| O1–N3–C5–C6    | 176.23(13)       | C8–C9–C14–C13   | -177.48(12)      |
| N3–C5–C4–C3    | -179.63(10)      | C8–C9–C10–C11   | 177.61(12)       |
| N3–C5–C6–C7    | 179.82(11)       | C12–C13–C14–C9  | -0.4(2)          |
| N2–N1–C8–C9    | 179.02(10)       | C6–C5–C4–C3     | 0.5(2)           |
| C2–C7–C6–C5    | -0.7(2)          | C14–C9–C8–N1    | 4.1(2)           |
| C5–C4–C3–C2    | 0.3(2)           | C14–C9–C10–C11  | -1.1(2)          |
| C7–C2–C1–N2    | 175.70(12)       | C14–C13–C12–C11 | -0.6(2)          |
| C7–C2–C3–C4    | -1.3(2)          | C14–C13–C12–C15 | 178.28(12)       |
| C4–C5–C6–C7    | -0.4(2)          | C10–C9–C8–N1    | -174.51(12)      |
| C1–C2–C7–C6    | -177.96(11)      | C10–C9–C14–C13  | 1.2(2)           |
| C1–C2–C3–C4    | 178.14(11)       | C11–C12–C15–C16 | -52.0(2)         |
| C9–C10–C11–C12 | 0.1(2)           | C11–C12–C15–C17 | 73.34(19)        |
| C3–C2–C7–C6    | 1.5(2)           | C15–C12–C11–C10 | -178.15(13)      |
| C3–C2–C1–N2    | -3.7(2)          |                 |                  |

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138 **Table S14.** Hydrogen Atom Coordinates ( $\text{\AA}\times 10^4$ ) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters  
139 ( $\text{\AA}^2\times 10^3$ ) for AZN at 298(2) K.

| Atom | <i>x</i> | <i>y</i> | <i>z</i> | U(eq) |
|------|----------|----------|----------|-------|
| H7   | 2274     | 5246     | 7431     | 71    |
| H4   | 1690     | -3       | 5736     | 68    |
| H1   | 2511     | 6515     | 5914     | 67    |
| H3   | 1999     | 2298     | 4877     | 68    |
| H13  | 3766     | 12405    | 3292     | 71    |
| H8   | 2698     | 5909     | 3006     | 67    |
| H6   | 1984     | 2952     | 8297     | 73    |
| H14  | 3574     | 10087    | 4117     | 70    |
| H10  | 2651     | 7277     | 1466     | 77    |
| H11  | 2857     | 9611     | 646      | 81    |
| H15  | 3872     | 13749    | 1867     | 81    |
| H16A | 6018     | 12550    | 1008     | 127   |
| H16B | 4871     | 13810    | 365      | 127   |
| H16C | 4324     | 11908    | 94       | 127   |
| H17A | 874      | 12232    | 305      | 152   |
| H17B | 1496     | 14130    | 447      | 152   |
| H17C | 623      | 13319    | 1270     | 152   |

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**Table S15.** Hydrogen-bonds geometry for AZN at 120(2) K and 298(2) K.

| AZN at 120(2) K                 |          |          |          |           |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Interaction                     | D...H    | D...A    | H...A    | D-H...A   |
| C1-H1...O1 <sup>(i)</sup>       | 0.930(1) | 3.323(2) | 2.481(2) | 150.64(2) |
| C7-H7...O1 <sup>(i)</sup>       | 0.930(1) | 3.514(2) | 2.731(2) | 142.45(2) |
| C11-H11...O2 <sup>(ii)</sup>    | 0.930(1) | 3.584(2) | 2.707(2) | 157.68(2) |
| C16-H16A...O2 <sup>(ii)</sup>   | 0.960(1) | 3.506(2) | 2.678(2) | 144.70(2) |
| C16-H16C...O2 <sup>(iii)</sup>  | 0.960(1) | 3.548(2) | 2.637(2) | 158.62(2) |
| C16-H16A...O1 <sup>(iii)</sup>  | 0.960(1) | 3.668(2) | 2.795(2) | 151.48(2) |
| AZN at 298(2) K                 |          |          |          |           |
| C1-H1...O1 <sup>(i)'</sup>      | 0.930(1) | 3.375(2) | 2.530(2) | 151.26(1) |
| C7-H7...O1 <sup>(i)'</sup>      | 0.930(1) | 3.566(2) | 2.779(2) | 142.96(2) |
| C11-H11...O2 <sup>(ii)'</sup>   | 0.930(1) | 3.741(2) | 2.842(2) | 163.14(2) |
| C16-H16A...O2 <sup>(iii)'</sup> | 0.960(1) | 3.577(2) | 2.780(2) | 140.91(2) |
| C16-H16C...O2 <sup>(ii)'</sup>  | 0.960(1) | 3.651(2) | 2.746(2) | 157.36(2) |
| C16-H16A...O1 <sup>(iii)'</sup> | 0.960(1) | 3.851(2) | 2.977(2) | 152.04(2) |

*Symmetry codes: (i) x, +y-l, +z; (ii) x, +y-l, +z+l; (iii) -x, -y+2, -z+l; (i)' x, +y+l, +z; (ii)' x, +y+l, +z-l; (iii)' -x+l, -y+l, -z+l.*

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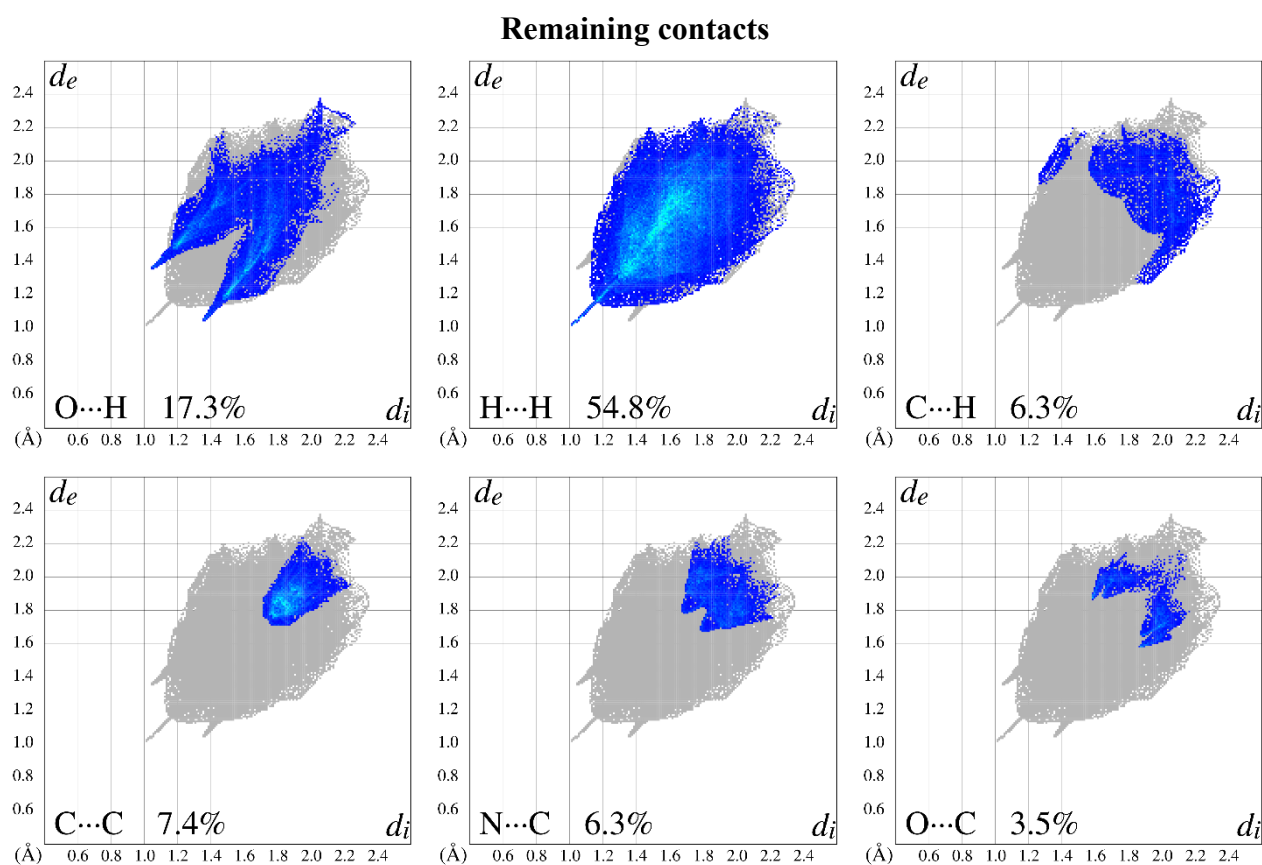
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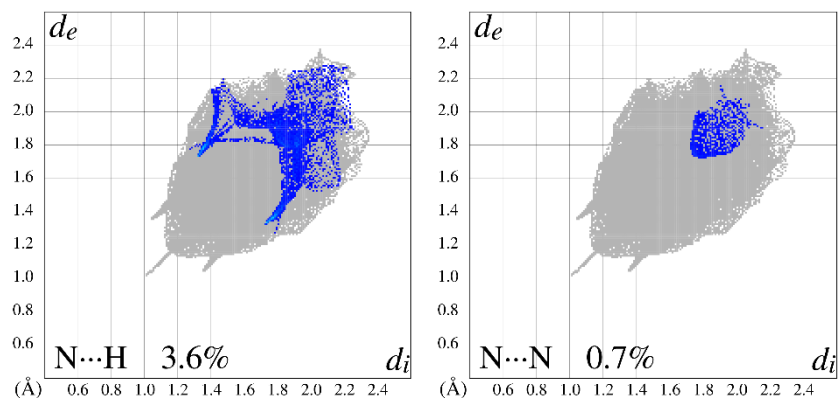
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## Hirshfeld Surface and Fingerprint Plots

The remaining percentage of contacts from AZN, which have been performed through analysis of 2D fingerprint plots derived from Hirshfeld Surface (Figure S1) (SPACKMAN; MCKINNON, 2002; SPACKMAN; JAYATILAKA, 2009), summarizes information about the following intermolecular interactions: O...H (17.3%), H...H (54.8%), C...H (6.3%), C...C (7.4%), N...C (6.3%), O...C (3.5%), N...H (3.6%) and N...N (0.7%).





**Figure S1.** Remaining fingerprint plots of AZN.

The value of 3.5% for C $\cdots$ O contacts, can be resulted from the slippage in molecules, which the nitro group (NO<sub>2</sub>) take place in parallel above the aromatic ring B (C9 $\rightarrow$ C15 = Cg2) observed from the dimer, what holds the oxygens and some carbon atoms to be positioned above each other on the surface. While the N $\cdots$ H (3.6 %) and N $\cdots$ N (0.7 %) are mainly because the same idea of slippage but take place around the backbone of azine molecules on the fragment (R<sub>1</sub>R<sub>2</sub>C=N-N=CR<sub>3</sub>R<sub>4</sub>), but do not characterize any functional intermolecular interaction previously discussed.

Conventionally, the hydrophobic interactions are marked by contacts between C $\cdots$ C, C $\cdots$ H and H $\cdots$ H, and these are not easily observed or measured, especially the last two. However, with the fingerprint plot, these interactions can be observed through a generic way. The contacts C $\cdots$ H with 6.3% are mainly located at regions near the aromatic rings with the carbon atoms of the system.

176 **Table S16.** Topological parameters (in au) of the critical point discriminated in Fig.4 calculated at wB97XD /6-311G(d,p) and APFD  
177 /6-311G(d,p) level.

|                       | $\rho$ |       | $\nabla^2\rho$ |       | $G$    |       | $V$    |        | $E$    |       | $\varepsilon$ |       |
|-----------------------|--------|-------|----------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------------|-------|
|                       | wB97XD | APFD  | wB97XD         | APFD  | wB97XD | APFD  | wB97XD | APFD   | wB97XD | APFD  | wB97XD        | APFD  |
| <b>CP<sub>1</sub></b> | 0.008  | 0.008 | 0.022          | 0.005 | 0.005  | 0.005 | -0.004 | -0.004 | 0.001  | 0.001 | 0.009         | 0.008 |
| <b>CP<sub>2</sub></b> | 0.004  | 0.004 | 0.013          | 0.013 | 0.003  | 0.003 | -0.002 | -0.002 | 0.001  | 0.001 | 0.102         | 0.107 |
| <b>CP<sub>3</sub></b> | 0.003  | 0.003 | 0.010          | 0.010 | 0.002  | 0.002 | -0.001 | -0.001 | 0.001  | 0.001 | 0.784         | 0.799 |
| <b>CP<sub>4</sub></b> | 0.004  | 0.004 | 0.014          | 0.014 | 0.003  | 0.003 | -0.002 | -0.002 | 0.001  | 0.001 | 2.255         | 2.329 |
| CP <sub>5</sub>       | 0.005  | 0.005 | 0.016          | 0.016 | 0.003  | 0.003 | -0.003 | -0.003 | 0.001  | 0.001 | 0.072         | 0.072 |
| CP <sub>6</sub>       | 0.008  | 0.008 | 0.026          | 0.026 | 0.006  | 0.006 | -0.005 | -0.005 | 0.001  | 0.001 | 0.089         | 0.088 |
| CP <sub>7</sub>       | 0.007  | 0.006 | 0.022          | 0.022 | 0.005  | 0.005 | -0.004 | -0.004 | 0.001  | 0.001 | 0.104         | 0.104 |

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179 **Table S17.** Interaction energy without ( $\Delta E$ ) and with BSSE correction ( $\Delta E_{\text{BSSE}}$ ) for configurations discriminated in Fig.4 calculated at  
180 M062X /6-311G(d,p) , wB97XD /6-311G(d,p) and APFD /6-311G(d,p) level.

| Configuration | <b>M062X</b> |                          | <b>wB97XD</b> |                          | <b>APFD</b> |                          |
|---------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
|               | $\Delta E$   | $\Delta E_{\text{BSSE}}$ | $\Delta E$    | $\Delta E_{\text{BSSE}}$ | $\Delta E$  | $\Delta E_{\text{BSSE}}$ |
| AB-CD         | -0.98        | -0.89                    | -0.75         | -0.64                    | -0.7        | -0.58                    |
| AB            | -47.46       | -41.04                   | -30.5         | -24.39                   | -27.14      | -20.67                   |
| BF            | -1.00        | -0.95                    | -0.70         | -0.65                    | -0.66       | -0.59                    |
| GH            | -7.64        | -6.55                    | -5.27         | -4.22                    | -5.17       | -4.00                    |

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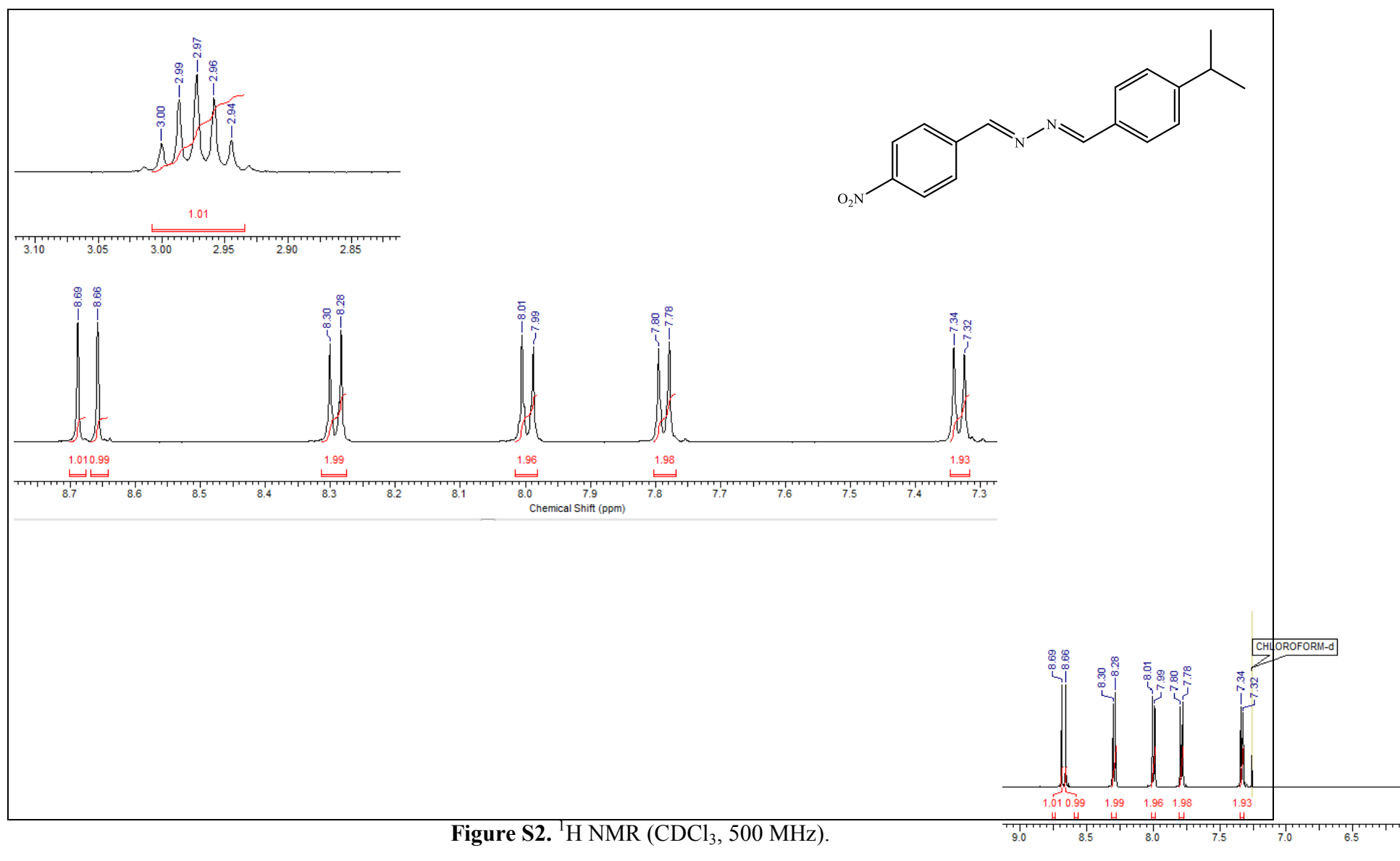


Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz).

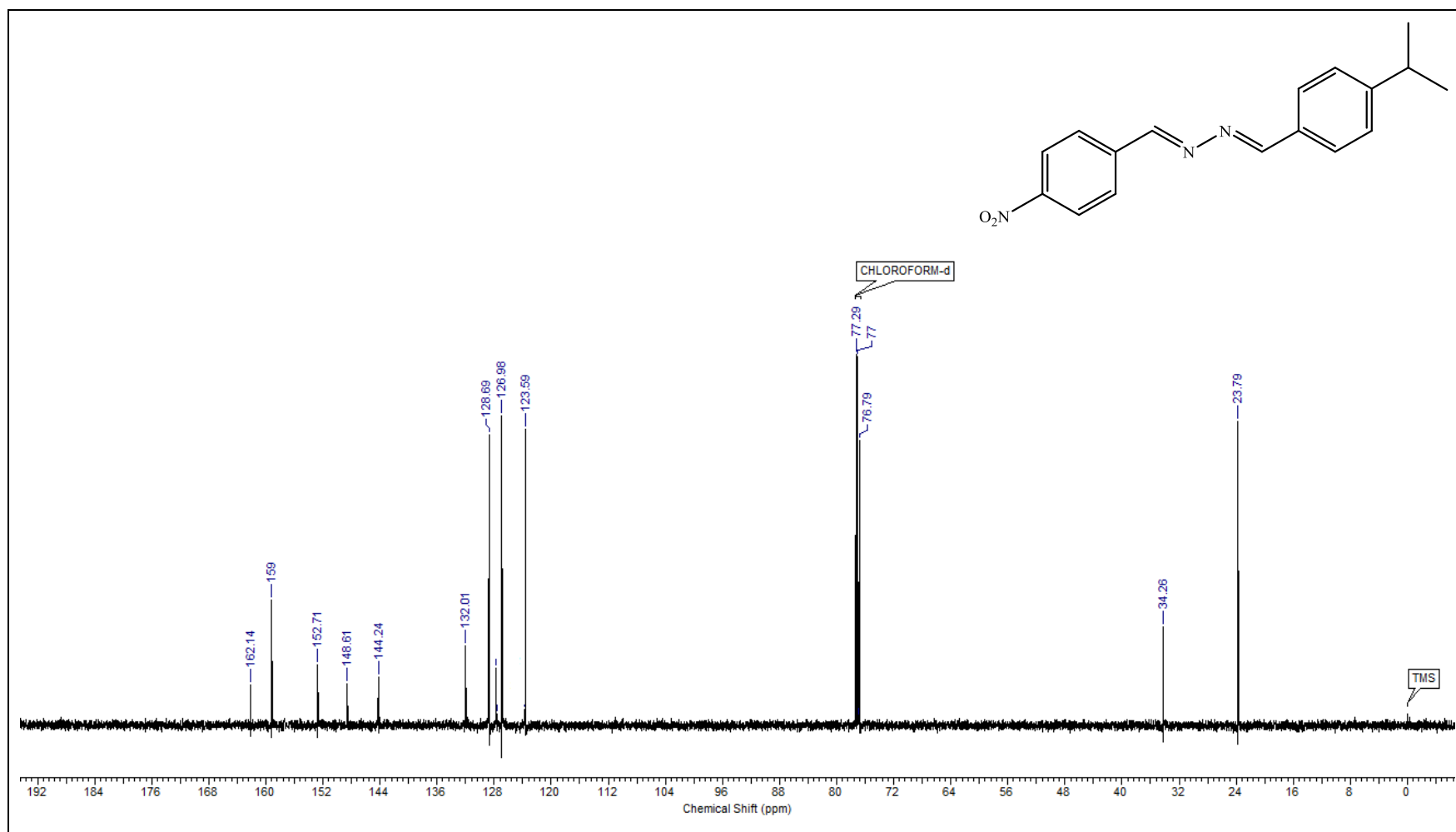
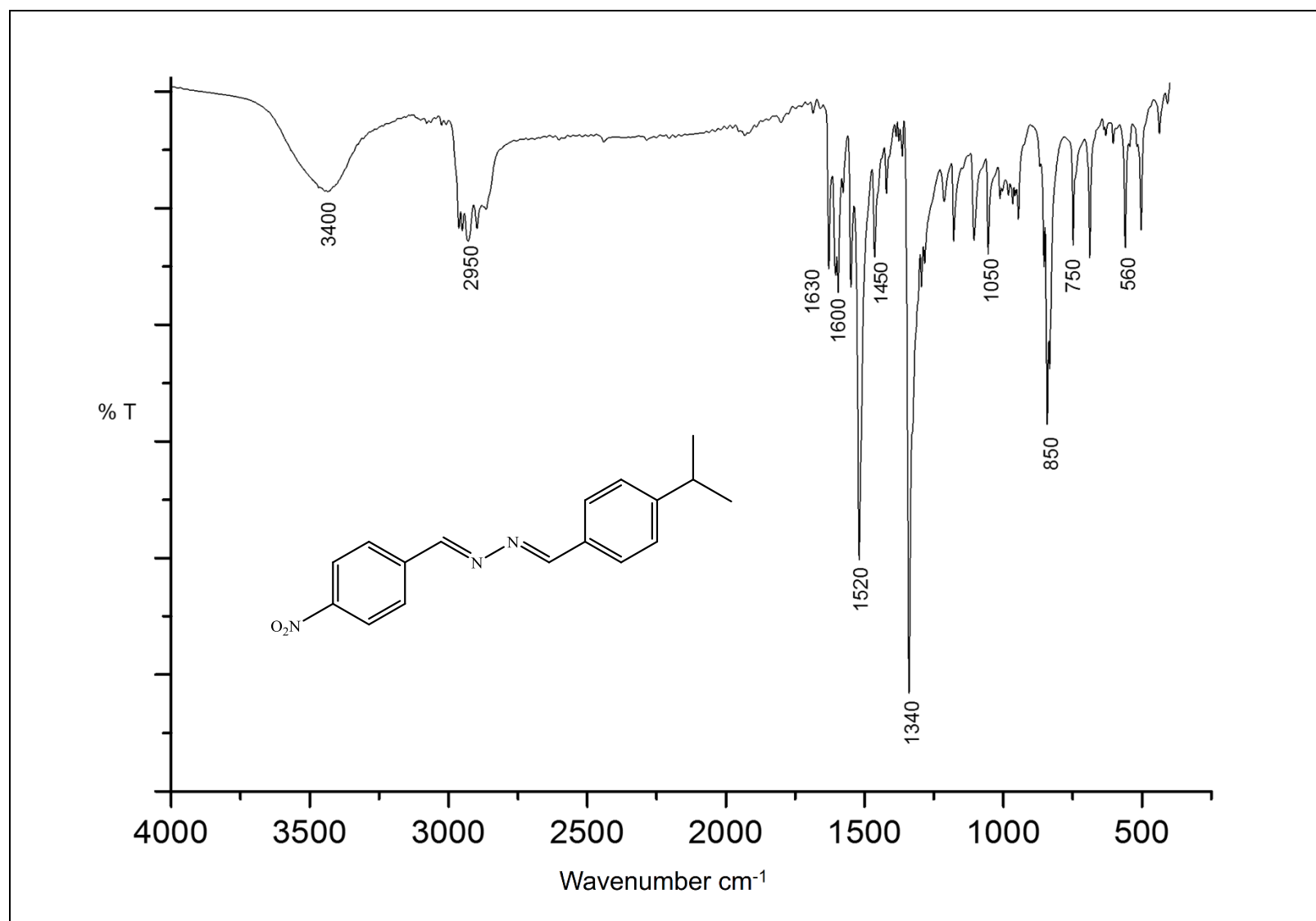


Figure S3. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz).



**Figure S4.** IR (4000-500 cm<sup>-1</sup>).

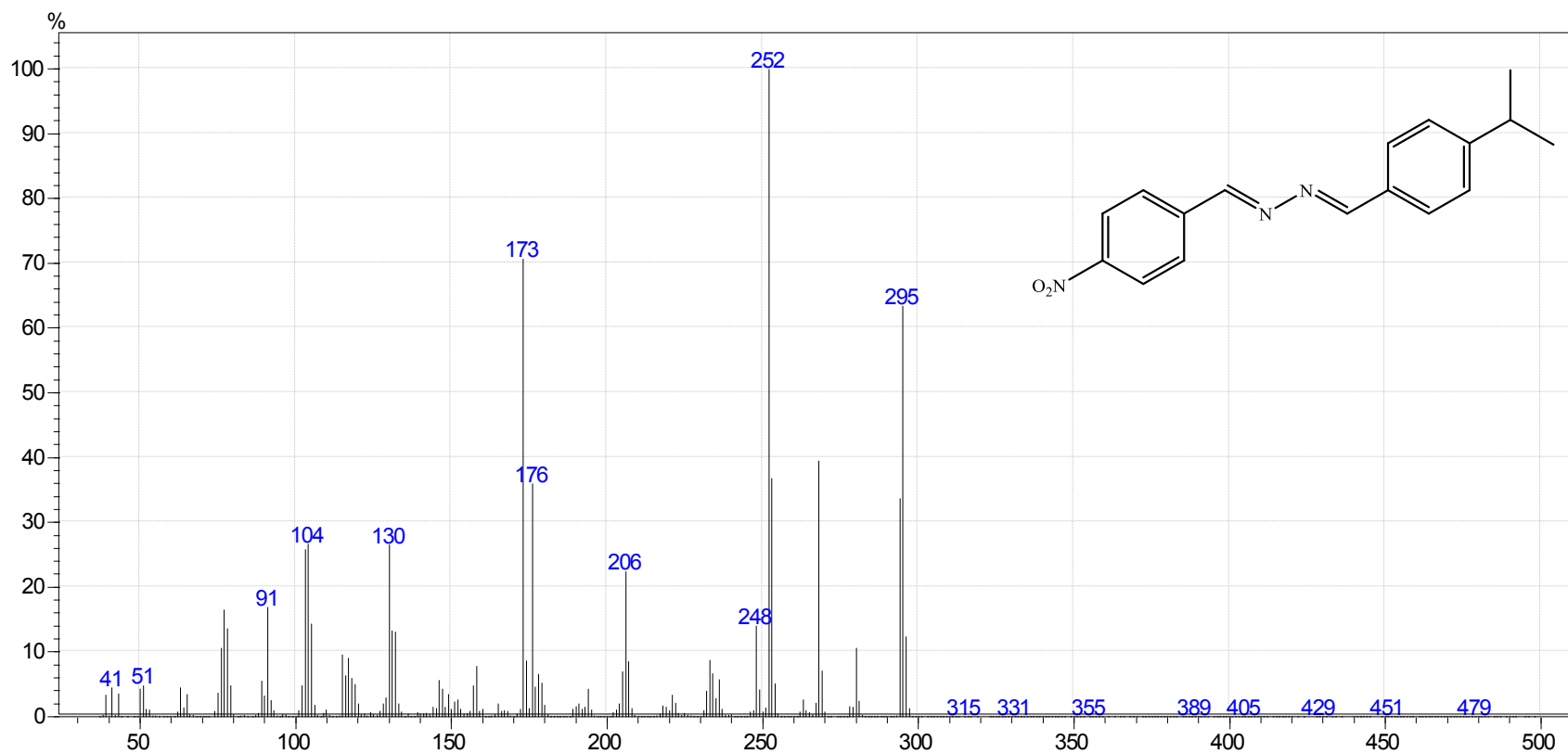
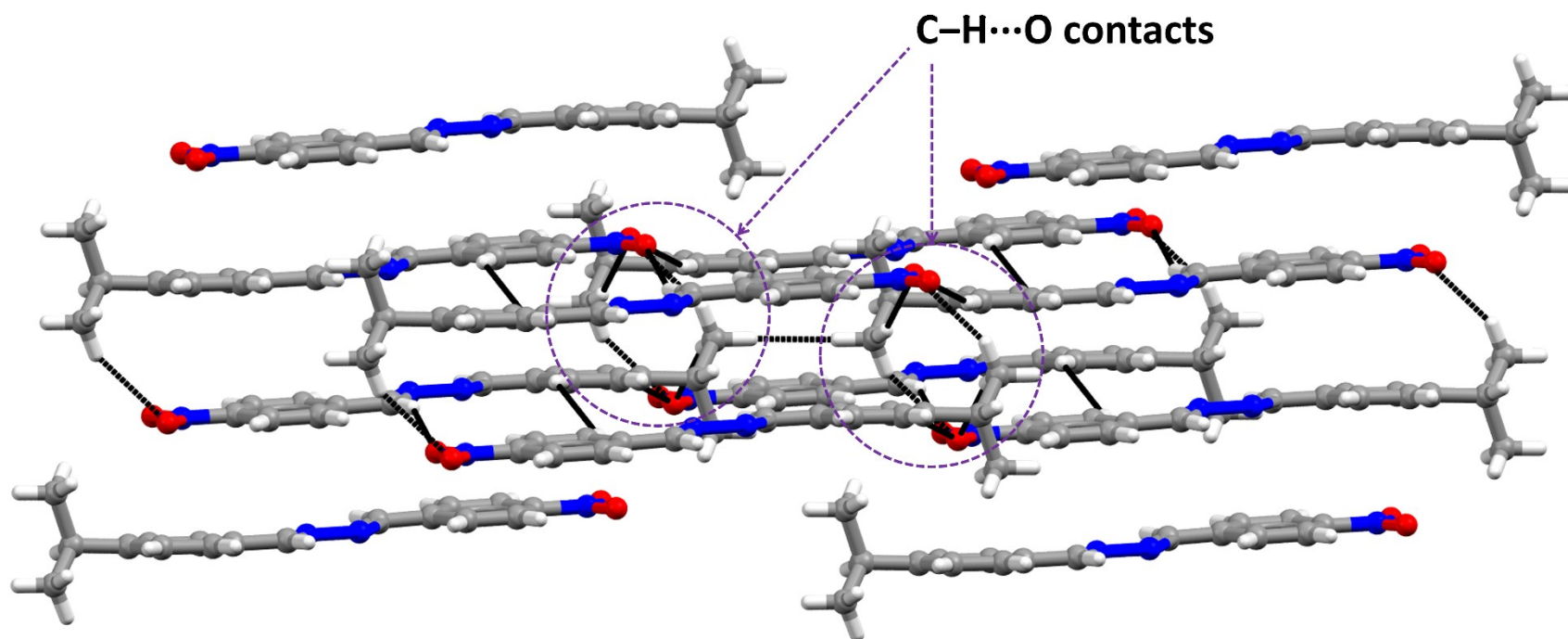


Figure S5. GC-MS-EI.



**Figure S6.** Remaining C-H...O contacts in AZN supramolecular assembly.

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**Table S18.** Bond length of atoms studied in molecular dynamic simulation

| Atoms                             | Bond length (Å) | Standard deviation |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| H $\alpha_B$ -H $\alpha_C$        | 2.208           | 0.367              |
| H $\alpha_B$ -C16 <sub>B</sub>    | 1.108           | 0.039              |
| C16 <sub>B</sub> -O1 <sub>A</sub> | 4.065           | 0.263              |
| C16 <sub>B</sub> -O2 <sub>A</sub> | 3.733           | 0.207              |
| O1 <sub>A</sub> -N3 <sub>A</sub>  | 1.253           | 0.025              |
| O2 <sub>A</sub> -N3 <sub>A</sub>  | 1.249           | 0.024              |
| H $\alpha_C$ -C16 <sub>C</sub>    | 1.108           | 0.037              |
| C16 <sub>C</sub> -O1 <sub>D</sub> | 4.043           | 0.224              |
| C16 <sub>C</sub> -O2 <sub>D</sub> | 3.712           | 0.152              |
| O1 <sub>D</sub> -N3 <sub>D</sub>  | 1.250           | 0.030              |
| O2 <sub>D</sub> -N3 <sub>D</sub>  | 1.254           | 0.031              |
| H $\alpha_B$ -O1 <sub>A</sub>     | 4.737           | 0.283              |
| H $\alpha_B$ -O2 <sub>A</sub>     | 4.513           | 0.222              |
| H $\beta_B$ -O1 <sub>A</sub>      | 3.198           | 0.355              |
| H $\beta_B$ -O2 <sub>A</sub>      | 2.828           | 0.224              |
| H $\gamma_B$ -O1 <sub>A</sub>     | 4.689           | 0.404              |
| H $\gamma_B$ -O2 <sub>A</sub>     | 3.870           | 0.429              |
| H $\alpha_C$ -O1 <sub>D</sub>     | 4.628           | 0.442              |
| H $\alpha_C$ -O2 <sub>D</sub>     | 4.398           | 0.429              |
| H $\beta_C$ -O1 <sub>D</sub>      | 3.254           | 0.451              |
| H $\beta_C$ -O2 <sub>D</sub>      | 2.862           | 0.310              |
| H $\gamma_C$ -O1 <sub>D</sub>     | 4.661           | 0.386              |
| H $\gamma_C$ -O2 <sub>D</sub>     | 3.876           | 0.396              |

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**Table S19.** Bond angle of atoms studied in molecular dynamic simulation

| Atoms                                                              | Bond Angle (°) | Standard deviation |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| H $\alpha$ <sub>C</sub> -H $\alpha$ <sub>B</sub> -C16 <sub>B</sub> | 157.0          | 13.0               |
| H $\alpha$ <sub>B</sub> -C16 <sub>B</sub> -O1 <sub>A</sub>         | 122.3          | 11.5               |
| H $\alpha$ <sub>B</sub> -C16 <sub>B</sub> -O2 <sub>A</sub>         | 129.7          | 8.9                |
| C16 <sub>B</sub> -O1 <sub>A</sub> -N3 <sub>A</sub>                 | 83.3           | 3.7                |
| C16 <sub>B</sub> -O2 <sub>A</sub> -N3 <sub>A</sub>                 | 98.7           | 4.9                |
| H $\alpha$ <sub>B</sub> -H $\alpha$ <sub>C</sub> -C16 <sub>C</sub> | 151.4          | 26.3               |
| H $\alpha$ <sub>B</sub> -C16 <sub>C</sub> -O1 <sub>D</sub>         | 117.1          | 22.9               |
| H $\alpha$ <sub>B</sub> -C16 <sub>C</sub> -O2 <sub>D</sub>         | 123.9          | 25.0               |
| C16 <sub>C</sub> -O1 <sub>D</sub> -N3 <sub>D</sub>                 | 83.5           | 3.7                |
| C16 <sub>C</sub> -O2 <sub>D</sub> -N3 <sub>D</sub>                 | 98.8           | 4.5                |
| O1 <sub>A</sub> -N3 <sub>A</sub> -O2 <sub>A</sub>                  | 124.4          | 4.0                |
| O1 <sub>D</sub> -N3 <sub>D</sub> -O2 <sub>D</sub>                  | 124.3          | 3.4                |
| C16 <sub>C</sub> -H $\gamma$ <sub>C</sub> -O1 <sub>D</sub>         | 132.7          | 23.8               |
| C16 <sub>C</sub> -H $\gamma$ <sub>C</sub> -O2 <sub>D</sub>         | 137.9          | 21.7               |

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**Table S20.** Dihedral angle of atoms studied in molecular dynamic simulation

| Atoms                                                                                | Dihedral Angle (°) | Standard deviation |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| H $\alpha$ <sub>B</sub> -C16 <sub>B</sub> -O1 <sub>A</sub> -N3 <sub>A</sub>          | -137.5             | 7.8                |
| H $\alpha$ <sub>B</sub> -C16 <sub>B</sub> -O2 <sub>A</sub> -N3 <sub>A</sub>          | 111.9              | 13.6               |
| H $\alpha$ <sub>C</sub> -H $\alpha$ <sub>B</sub> -C16 <sub>B</sub> -O1 <sub>A</sub>  | -2.6               | 84.3               |
| H $\alpha$ <sub>C</sub> -H $\alpha$ <sub>B</sub> -C16 <sub>B</sub> -O2 <sub>A</sub>  | -15.7              | 88.1               |
| C16 <sub>C</sub> -H $\alpha$ <sub>C</sub> -H $\alpha$ <sub>B</sub> -C16 <sub>B</sub> | -1.1               | 148.3              |
| H $\alpha$ <sub>C</sub> -C16 <sub>C</sub> -O1 <sub>D</sub> -N3 <sub>D</sub>          | 133.6              | 21.3               |
| H $\alpha$ <sub>C</sub> -C16 <sub>C</sub> -O2 <sub>D</sub> -N3 <sub>D</sub>          | -106.4             | 33.0               |
| H $\alpha$ <sub>B</sub> -H $\alpha$ <sub>C</sub> -C16 <sub>C</sub> -O1 <sub>D</sub>  | 6.7                | 84.2               |
| H $\alpha$ <sub>B</sub> -H $\alpha$ <sub>C</sub> -C16 <sub>C</sub> -O2 <sub>D</sub>  | 13.6               | 88.8               |

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