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# 2,2'-Disulfanediylbis(pyridine $N$-oxide)-hydrogen peroxide (1/1) 

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In the title co-crystal, $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$, both molecules are generated by crystallographic twofold symmetry; the dihedral angle between the pyridine rings is $101.16(9)^{\circ}$. In the crystal, the components are linked by $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds to generate [010] chains of alternating $2,2^{\prime}$-dithiobis(pyridine N -oxide) and hydrogen peroxide molecules. The structure was refined as a twocomponent inversion twin.


## Chemical scheme



## Structure description

The antifungal and antibacterial properties of the bispyrithione family have made the compound $2,2^{\prime}$-dithiobis(pyridine $N$-oxide) of interest for many years (O'Donnell et al., 2009; Paulus, 1993; Zhang et al., 2001). A number of reports on the improved synthesis of the dithiobis compound have also been reported (e.g. Li et al., 2012).

The title compound, $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$, is a co-crystal (Fig. 1) formed via a hydrogenbonding network interlinking the dithiobis(pyridine $N$-oxide) molecules with a $C_{2}^{2}(12)$ assembly. The hydrogen bond is formed between the peroxide OH moiety and the pyridine $N$-oxide O atom with $\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{O}=2.672$ (3) $\AA$ (Table 1). The hydrogen bonding network generates [010] chains (Fig. 2) of alternating dithiobis(pyridine $N$-oxide) and hydrogen peroxide molecules. The $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{O} 2^{\mathrm{ii}}$ and $\mathrm{S} 1-\mathrm{S} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ bond distances are 1.454 (4) and 2.067 (2) $\AA$, respectively [symmetry codes: (i) $1-\mathrm{x},-\mathrm{y}, z$; (ii) $1-\mathrm{x}, 1-\mathrm{y}, z$ ]. Both the hydrogen peroxide and the disulfide molecules are generated by crystallographic twofold symmetry. The torsion angle between the pyridine $N$-oxide rings is slightly greater than perpendicular at $101.16(9)^{\circ}$. The torsion angle $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{S} 1-\mathrm{S} 1^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{C1}^{\mathrm{i}}$ that bridges the pyridine rings is slighly less at $100.43(13)^{\circ}$.

The hydrogen peroxide $\mathrm{H} 2 A-\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{O} 2^{\mathrm{ii}}-\mathrm{H} 2 A^{\mathrm{ii}}$ torsion angle is equal to $133.86(7)^{\circ}$. Similar compounds have been observed to have this torsion angle much closer to $90^{\circ}$. For example the hydrogen peroxide torsion angle in the $(Z)$ - $N$-benzylidene-1-phenyl-


Figure 1
A view of the molecular structure of the title compound, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level. [Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+1,-y+1, z$; (ii) $1-x, 1-y, z$.]
methanamine oxide solvate is reported to be $88^{\circ}$ (Churakov et al., 2017) while a piperizine N -oxide derivative (Ravikumar et al., 2005) is found to be $90^{\circ}$. Similar torsion angles of $101^{\circ}$ and lower have been observed in phosphine oxide hydrogen peroxide adducts (see for example Ahn et al., 2015). This large angle can be attributed to the lowest energy confirmation imposed by the solid-state supramolecular structure where the $\mathrm{O} 1 \cdots \mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{O} 2^{\mathrm{ii}} \cdots \mathrm{O} 1^{\mathrm{ii}}$ pseudo torsion angle (via the hydrogen bonds) is $140.06(6)^{\circ}$.

## Synthesis and crystallization

The title compound was synthesized by modification of the literature procedure (Bernstein \& Losee, 1956): 2.0 g of 2-pyridinethiol- N -oxide was dissolved in 15 ml of water. To this was slowly added 1.9 ml of $30 \%$ hydrogen peroxide. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h and a white solid was collected by filtration. The white solid was determined to be 2,2'-dithiobis(pyridine $N$-oxide) as confirmed by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and


Figure 2
Crystal packing diagram of title compound viewed along [001]. Hydrogen bonds are colored red.

Table 1
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( ${ }^{\circ},{ }^{\circ}$ ).

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 A \cdots \mathrm{O} 1$ | $0.95(3)$ | $1.73(3)$ | $2.672(3)$ | $174(3)$ |

Table 2
Experimental details.

| Crystal data |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Chemical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ |
| $M_{\text {r }}$ | 286.32 |
| Crystal system, space group | Orthorhombic, $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2$ |
| Temperature (K) | 173 |
| $a, b, c(\AA)$ | 11.232 (2), 12.283 (3), 4.401 (1) |
| $V\left(\AA^{3}\right)$ | 607.2 (2) |
| $Z$ | 2 |
| Radiation type | Mo $K \alpha$ |
| $\mu\left(\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right)$ | 0.45 |
| Crystal size (mm) | $0.60 \times 0.10 \times 0.10$ |
| Data collection |  |
| Diffractometer | Rigaku XtaLAB mini CCD |
| Absorption correction | Multi-scan (REQAB; Rigaku, 1998) |
| $T_{\text {min }}, T_{\text {max }}$ | 0.890, 1.000 |
| No. of measured, independent and observed $[I>2 \sigma(I)]$ reflections | 6396, 1386, 1316 |
| $R_{\text {int }}$ | 0.045 |
| $(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{\text {max }}\left(\AA^{-1}\right)$ | 0.648 |
| Refinement |  |
| $R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right], w R\left(F^{2}\right), S$ | 0.024, 0.059, 1.05 |
| No. of reflections | 1386 |
| No. of parameters | 87 |
| H -atom treatment | H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement |
| $\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}, \Delta \rho_{\text {min }}\left(\mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}\right)$ | $0.13,-0.18$ |
| Absolute structure | Refined as an inversion twin |
| Absolute structure parameter | 0.36 (10) |

Computer programs: CrystalClear (Rigaku, 2009), SHELXT (Sheldrick, 2015a), SHELXL (Sheldrick, 2015b) and OLEX2 (Dolomanov et al., 2009).
melting point. The filtrate was allowed to stand for 4 days, at which time colorless prisms of the title compound were collected in a yield of $12 \%$.

## Refinement

Crystal data, data collection, and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2. The structure was refined with inversion twinning as the Flack parameter indicated racemic twinning.

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## full crystallographic data

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$Z=2$
$F(000)=296$

## Data collection

Rigaku XtaLAB mini CCD
diffractometer
Radiation source: Sealed Tube
Graphite Monochromator monochromator
Detector resolution: 13.6612 pixels $\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$
profile data from $\omega$-scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(REQAB; Rigaku, 1998)
$T_{\min }=0.890, T_{\text {max }}=1.000$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
Least-squares matrix: full
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.024$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.059$
$S=1.05$
1386 reflections
87 parameters
0 restraints
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. Refined as a two-component inversion twin. Carbon-bound H -atoms were placed in calculated positions (C $-\mathrm{H}=0.95 \AA$ ) and were included in the refinement in the riding model approximation, with $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})$ set to $1.2 U_{\text {equiv }}(\mathrm{C})$.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\hat{A}^{2}$ )

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\mathrm{iso}} * / U_{\mathrm{eq}}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| S1 | $0.53255(4)$ | $0.07871(4)$ | $0.37729(11)$ | $0.02740(14)$ |
| O1 | $0.56020(13)$ | $0.28267(12)$ | $0.5366(4)$ | $0.0341(4)$ |
| N1 | $0.46320(15)$ | $0.24721(13)$ | $0.6798(4)$ | $0.0262(4)$ |
| C1 | $0.43106(16)$ | $0.14203(15)$ | $0.6311(5)$ | $0.0238(4)$ |
| C2 | $0.32900(17)$ | $0.10057(17)$ | $0.7678(5)$ | $0.0285(4)$ |
| H2 | 0.305069 | 0.029391 | 0.729631 | $0.034^{*}$ |
| C3 | $0.2635(2)$ | $0.16604(18)$ | $0.9608(5)$ | $0.0331(5)$ |
| H3 | 0.195453 | 0.139037 | 1.054822 | $0.040^{*}$ |
| C4 | $0.2999(2)$ | $0.27245(19)$ | $1.0134(5)$ | $0.0352(5)$ |
| H4 | 0.256619 | 0.316832 | 1.144195 | $0.042^{*}$ |
| C5 | $0.40004(19)$ | $0.31208(17)$ | $0.8720(6)$ | $0.0341(5)$ |
| H5 | 0.424655 | 0.383244 | 0.907584 | $0.041^{*}$ |
| O2 | $0.56329(15)$ | $0.48760(13)$ | $0.3328(5)$ | $0.0470(5)$ |
| H2A | $0.559(3)$ | $0.417(2)$ | $0.416(6)$ | $0.067(9)^{*}$ |

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

|  | $U^{11}$ | $U^{22}$ | $U^{33}$ | $U^{12}$ | $U^{13}$ | $U^{23}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| S1 | $0.0285(2)$ | $0.0256(2)$ | $0.0281(2)$ | $0.00163(19)$ | $0.0033(2)$ | $0.0034(2)$ |
| O1 | $0.0291(8)$ | $0.0270(8)$ | $0.0460(9)$ | $-0.0033(6)$ | $0.0009(7)$ | $0.0068(7)$ |
| N1 | $0.0260(8)$ | $0.0239(8)$ | $0.0286(8)$ | $0.0002(7)$ | $-0.0048(7)$ | $0.0020(7)$ |
| C1 | $0.0246(9)$ | $0.0228(9)$ | $0.0241(9)$ | $0.0013(7)$ | $-0.0048(8)$ | $0.0020(8)$ |
| C2 | $0.0276(10)$ | $0.0289(10)$ | $0.0290(10)$ | $-0.0025(8)$ | $-0.0022(8)$ | $-0.0004(9)$ |
| C3 | $0.0279(10)$ | $0.0403(13)$ | $0.0310(12)$ | $0.0019(9)$ | $0.0013(9)$ | $0.0000(9)$ |
| C4 | $0.0366(12)$ | $0.0379(13)$ | $0.0312(11)$ | $0.0110(10)$ | $-0.0020(9)$ | $-0.0083(10)$ |
| C5 | $0.0401(11)$ | $0.0253(10)$ | $0.0369(11)$ | $0.0033(8)$ | $-0.0075(11)$ | $-0.0054(10)$ |
| O2 | $0.0433(9)$ | $0.0287(9)$ | $0.0688(11)$ | $0.0072(7)$ | $0.0155(9)$ | $0.0110(9)$ |

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

| $\mathrm{S} 1-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $1.775(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $1.389(4)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{S} 1-\mathrm{S} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $2.067(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H} 3$ | 0.9300 |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $1.332(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $1.374(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $1.358(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H} 4$ | 0.9300 |
| $\mathrm{~N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $1.362(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{H} 5$ | 0.9300 |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $1.391(3)$ | $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{O} 2 \mathrm{ii}$ | $1.454(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $1.382(3)$ | $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}$ | $0.95(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2$ | 0.9300 |  | $119.5(2)$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | 120.2 |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{S} 1-\mathrm{S} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $100.52(9)$ | $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H} 3$ | 120.2 |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $117.00(16)$ | $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H} 3$ | $119.9(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $121.92(17)$ | $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 3$ | 120.0 |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $121.07(19)$ | $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H} 4$ | 120.0 |


| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{S} 1$ | $129.85(16)$ | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $120.0(2)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $119.5(2)$ | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{H} 5$ | 120.0 |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2$ | 120.3 | $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{H} 5$ | 120.0 |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2$ | 120.3 | $\mathrm{O} 2 \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}$ | $98.1(18)$ |

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+1,-y, z$; (ii) $-x+1,-y+1, z$.
Hydrogen-bond geometry (A, ${ }^{\circ}$ )

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 A \cdots \mathrm{O} 1$ | $0.95(3)$ | $1.73(3)$ | $2.672(3)$ | $174(3)$ |

