

2-(2,3,5,6-Tetramethylbenzylsulfanyl)-pyridine N-oxide

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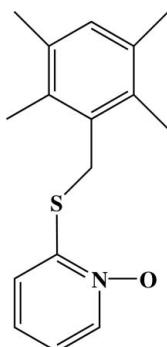
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 193$ K; mean $\sigma(C-C) = 0.003$ Å; R factor = 0.050; wR factor = 0.145; data-to-parameter ratio = 15.2.

In the title compound, $C_{16}H_{19}NOS$, the durene ring and the oxopyridyl ring form a dihedral angle of $82.26(7)^\circ$. The crystal structure is stabilized by intermolecular C–H···O hydrogen bonds, weak C–H···π interactions and π–π interactions [centroid–centroid distance of $3.4432(19)$ Å], together with intramolecular S···O [2.657(2) Å] short contacts.

Related literature

For bond-length data, see: Allen *et al.* (1987). For biological activities of N-oxide derivatives see: Bovin *et al.* (1992); Katsuyuki *et al.* (1991). Leonard *et al.* (1955); Lobana & Bhatia (1989); Symons & West (1985). For related literature, see: Jebas *et al.* (2005); Ravindran Durai Nayagam *et al.* (2008).



Experimental

Crystal data

$C_{16}H_{19}NOS$
 $M_r = 273.38$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$

$a = 16.601(6)$ Å
 $b = 9.1562(8)$ Å
 $c = 9.696(4)$ Å

$\beta = 106.098(16)^\circ$
 $V = 1416.1(7)$ Å³
 $Z = 4$
Cu $K\alpha$ radiation

$\mu = 1.95$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 193(2)$ K
 $0.51 \times 0.38 \times 0.03$ mm

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer
Absorption correction: ψ scan (*CORINC*; Dräger & Gattow, 1971)
 $T_{\min} = 0.480$, $T_{\max} = 0.960$
2848 measured reflections

2672 independent reflections
2322 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.064$
3 standard reflections
frequency: 60 min
intensity decay: 2%

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.050$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.144$
 $S = 1.05$
2672 reflections

176 parameters
H-atom parameters constrained
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.36$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.34$ e Å⁻³

Table 1
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
C4—H4···O7 ⁱ	0.95	2.51	3.319 (3)	143
C2—H2···Cg2 ⁱⁱ	0.95	2.98	3.853 (3)	154

Symmetry codes: (i) $x, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$; (ii) $x, -y - \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{3}{2}$. Cg2 is the centroid of the C10–C15 ring.

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *CORINC* (Dräger & Gattow, 1971); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL* and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003).

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S1. Comment

N-Oxides and their derivatives show a broad spectrum of biological activity such as antifungal, antimicrobial and antibacterial activities (Lobana & Bhatia, 1989; Symons *et al.*, 1985). These compounds are also found to be involved in DNA strand scission under physiological conditions (Katsuyuki *et al.*, 1991; Bovin *et al.*, 1992). Pyridine N-oxides bearing a sulfur group in position two display significant antimicrobial activity (Leonard *et al.*, 1955). In view of the importance of N-oxides, we have previously reported the crystal structures of N-oxide derivatives (Jebas *et al.*, 2005; Ravindran Durai Nayagam *et al.*, 2008). As an extension of our work on N-oxide derivatives, we report here the crystal structure of the title compound.

The asymmetric unit of (I) consists of one molecule of 2-(2,3,5,6-Tetramethylbenzylsulfanyl)pyridine N-oxide. The bond lengths and angles agree well with the N-oxide derivatives reported earlier (Jebas *et al.*, 2005) The N—O bond lengths are in good agreement with the mean value of 1.304 (15) Å reported in the literature for pyridine N-oxides (Allen *et al.*, 1987).

The pyridine ring and the durene rings are essentially planar with the maximum deviation from planarity being -0.013 (2) Å for atom N6 and -0.011 (2) Å for atom C10 respectively. The dihedral angle formed by the pyridine ring (C1—C5/N6) with the durene ring (C10—C15) is 82.26 (7)°. The atom O7 attached at N6 of the pyridine ring is coplanar, the torsion angle being O7—N6—C5—C4=177.93 (19)°.

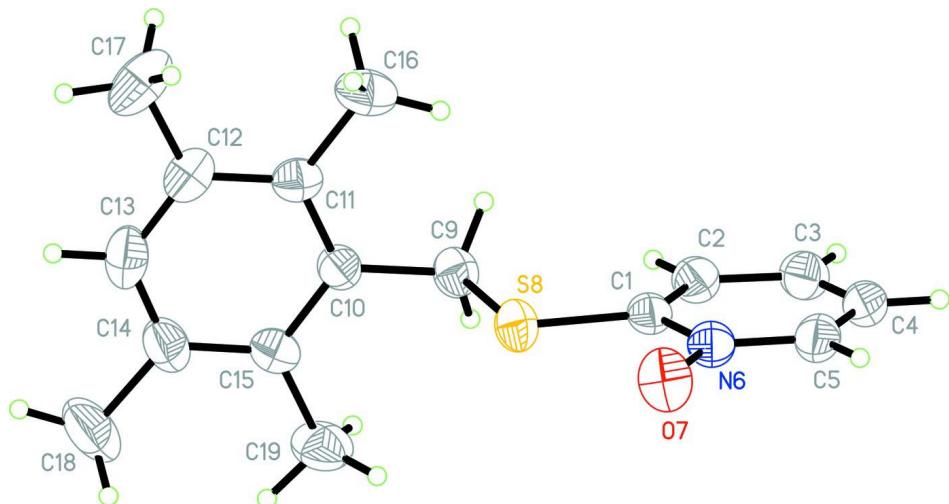
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S2. Experimental

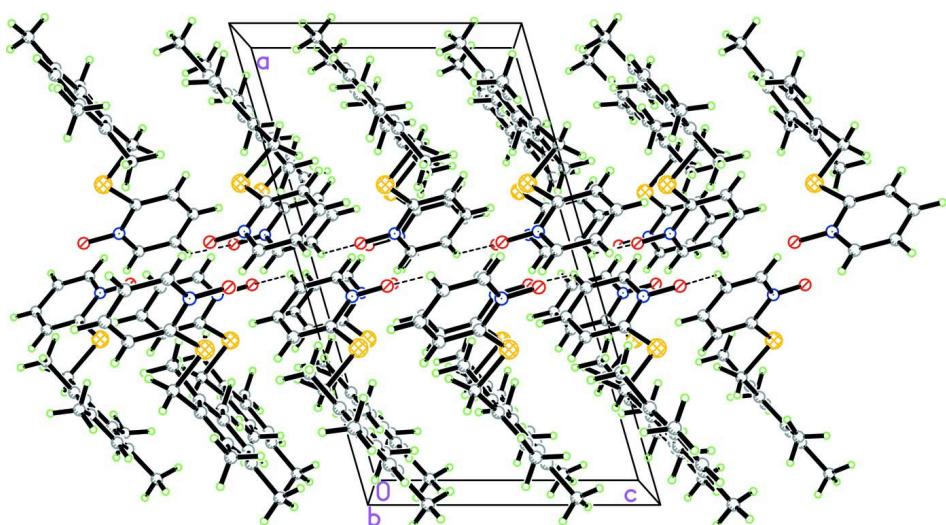
A mixture of mono(bromomethyl)durene (0.227 g, 1 mmol) and 1-hydroxypyridine-2-thione sodium salt (0.149,1 mmol) in water (30 ml) and methanol (30 ml) was heated at 333 K with stirring for 30 min. The compound formed was filtered off, and dried. The compound was dissolved in chloroform-methanol (1:1 v/v) and allowed to undergo slow evaporation. Fine crystals were obtained after a week

S3. Refinement

After checking for their presence in the Fourier map, all the hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions and allowed to ride on their parent atoms with the C—H = 0.95 Å (aromatic); C—H = 0.99 Å(methylene) and C—H = 0.98 Å (methyl) with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$ in the range of $1.2U_{\text{equ}}(\text{C}) - 1.5U_{\text{equ}}(\text{C})$ methyl and methylene.

**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of the title compound, showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom numbering scheme.

**Figure 2**

The crystal packing of the title compound, viewed down the *b* axis.

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Refinement on F^2
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Primary atom site location: structure-invariant
direct methods

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map
Hydrogen site location: inferred from
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H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0919P)^2 + 0.3984P]$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.36 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.34 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

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.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.37023 (12)	0.4717 (2)	0.5511 (2)	0.0350 (4)
C2	0.34830 (13)	0.5167 (2)	0.4094 (2)	0.0410 (5)
H2	0.3054	0.4668	0.3400	0.049*
C3	0.38878 (15)	0.6342 (3)	0.3689 (3)	0.0482 (6)
H3	0.3745	0.6647	0.2715	0.058*
C4	0.45024 (14)	0.7067 (2)	0.4716 (3)	0.0468 (5)
H4	0.4775	0.7892	0.4456	0.056*
C5	0.47167 (14)	0.6594 (2)	0.6111 (3)	0.0445 (5)
H5	0.5141	0.7092	0.6814	0.053*
N6	0.43286 (11)	0.54200 (19)	0.65006 (19)	0.0382 (4)
O7	0.45448 (11)	0.49322 (19)	0.78177 (17)	0.0531 (4)
S8	0.32907 (3)	0.32912 (5)	0.62989 (5)	0.0394 (2)
C9	0.24486 (13)	0.2652 (2)	0.4783 (2)	0.0392 (5)
H9A	0.2073	0.3471	0.4354	0.047*
H9B	0.2681	0.2226	0.4037	0.047*

C10	0.19752 (13)	0.1513 (2)	0.5361 (2)	0.0351 (4)
C11	0.13472 (12)	0.1944 (2)	0.5995 (2)	0.0381 (5)
C12	0.09035 (13)	0.0877 (3)	0.6508 (2)	0.0453 (5)
C13	0.11026 (15)	-0.0575 (3)	0.6389 (3)	0.0516 (6)
H13	0.0796	-0.1297	0.6733	0.062*
C14	0.17289 (15)	-0.1027 (2)	0.5791 (3)	0.0464 (5)
C15	0.21801 (13)	0.0032 (2)	0.5273 (2)	0.0389 (5)
C16	0.11488 (16)	0.3533 (3)	0.6159 (3)	0.0528 (6)
H16A	0.0581	0.3748	0.5559	0.079*
H16B	0.1553	0.4146	0.5857	0.079*
H16C	0.1183	0.3736	0.7166	0.079*
C17	0.02163 (17)	0.1289 (4)	0.7180 (3)	0.0671 (8)
H17A	-0.0016	0.0403	0.7488	0.101*
H17B	-0.0228	0.1812	0.6475	0.101*
H17C	0.0447	0.1920	0.8013	0.101*
C18	0.1893 (2)	-0.2643 (3)	0.5698 (4)	0.0711 (8)
H18A	0.1825	-0.2913	0.4694	0.107*
H18B	0.1494	-0.3197	0.6072	0.107*
H18C	0.2466	-0.2866	0.6267	0.107*
C19	0.28812 (17)	-0.0409 (3)	0.4648 (3)	0.0552 (6)
H19A	0.2969	-0.1467	0.4750	0.083*
H19B	0.3397	0.0099	0.5158	0.083*
H19C	0.2733	-0.0147	0.3628	0.083*

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
C1	0.0376 (10)	0.0298 (9)	0.0427 (11)	0.0045 (8)	0.0200 (8)	-0.0011 (8)
C2	0.0424 (11)	0.0396 (11)	0.0453 (12)	0.0042 (9)	0.0192 (9)	0.0034 (9)
C3	0.0505 (12)	0.0450 (12)	0.0568 (14)	0.0085 (10)	0.0277 (11)	0.0131 (11)
C4	0.0454 (12)	0.0355 (11)	0.0695 (15)	0.0044 (9)	0.0327 (11)	0.0055 (11)
C5	0.0434 (11)	0.0348 (11)	0.0628 (14)	-0.0024 (8)	0.0272 (11)	-0.0073 (10)
N6	0.0417 (9)	0.0343 (9)	0.0433 (9)	0.0019 (7)	0.0198 (8)	-0.0047 (7)
O7	0.0648 (10)	0.0532 (10)	0.0401 (9)	-0.0085 (8)	0.0127 (8)	-0.0019 (7)
S8	0.0464 (3)	0.0368 (3)	0.0370 (3)	-0.0043 (2)	0.0148 (2)	0.00324 (19)
C9	0.0447 (11)	0.0371 (10)	0.0373 (11)	-0.0016 (9)	0.0136 (9)	0.0028 (8)
C10	0.0381 (10)	0.0317 (10)	0.0369 (10)	0.0011 (8)	0.0129 (8)	0.0012 (8)
C11	0.0357 (10)	0.0398 (11)	0.0387 (11)	0.0043 (8)	0.0102 (8)	-0.0032 (9)
C12	0.0383 (11)	0.0557 (13)	0.0437 (12)	-0.0067 (10)	0.0143 (9)	-0.0040 (10)
C13	0.0505 (13)	0.0501 (13)	0.0531 (14)	-0.0177 (10)	0.0128 (11)	0.0048 (11)
C14	0.0513 (13)	0.0323 (11)	0.0504 (13)	-0.0048 (9)	0.0054 (10)	0.0021 (9)
C15	0.0419 (10)	0.0345 (10)	0.0397 (11)	0.0052 (8)	0.0104 (9)	-0.0011 (8)
C16	0.0548 (13)	0.0453 (13)	0.0585 (15)	0.0141 (11)	0.0160 (12)	-0.0079 (11)
C17	0.0470 (13)	0.101 (2)	0.0612 (16)	-0.0133 (14)	0.0274 (12)	-0.0137 (16)
C18	0.084 (2)	0.0320 (12)	0.087 (2)	-0.0009 (12)	0.0070 (17)	0.0041 (13)
C19	0.0612 (14)	0.0486 (13)	0.0611 (15)	0.0143 (11)	0.0256 (12)	-0.0044 (12)

Geometric parameters (\AA , \circ)

C1—N6	1.365 (3)	C12—C13	1.383 (4)
C1—C2	1.382 (3)	C12—C17	1.510 (3)
C1—S8	1.745 (2)	C13—C14	1.387 (4)
C2—C3	1.382 (3)	C13—H13	0.9500
C2—H2	0.9500	C14—C15	1.401 (3)
C3—C4	1.382 (4)	C14—C18	1.511 (3)
C3—H3	0.9500	C15—C19	1.509 (3)
C4—C5	1.370 (3)	C16—H16A	0.9800
C4—H4	0.9500	C16—H16B	0.9800
C5—N6	1.360 (3)	C16—H16C	0.9800
C5—H5	0.9500	C17—H17A	0.9800
N6—O7	1.306 (2)	C17—H17B	0.9800
S8—C9	1.821 (2)	C17—H17C	0.9800
C9—C10	1.505 (3)	C18—H18A	0.9800
C9—H9A	0.9900	C18—H18B	0.9800
C9—H9B	0.9900	C18—H18C	0.9800
C10—C11	1.406 (3)	C19—H19A	0.9800
C10—C15	1.406 (3)	C19—H19B	0.9800
C11—C12	1.395 (3)	C19—H19C	0.9800
C11—C16	1.510 (3)		
N6—C1—C2	119.84 (19)	C12—C13—C14	123.1 (2)
N6—C1—S8	111.06 (15)	C12—C13—H13	118.4
C2—C1—S8	129.10 (17)	C14—C13—H13	118.4
C3—C2—C1	120.0 (2)	C13—C14—C15	118.7 (2)
C3—C2—H2	120.0	C13—C14—C18	119.1 (2)
C1—C2—H2	120.0	C15—C14—C18	122.2 (2)
C2—C3—C4	119.3 (2)	C14—C15—C10	118.9 (2)
C2—C3—H3	120.4	C14—C15—C19	120.5 (2)
C4—C3—H3	120.4	C10—C15—C19	120.6 (2)
C5—C4—C3	119.8 (2)	C11—C16—H16A	109.5
C5—C4—H4	120.1	C11—C16—H16B	109.5
C3—C4—H4	120.1	H16A—C16—H16B	109.5
N6—C5—C4	120.7 (2)	C11—C16—H16C	109.5
N6—C5—H5	119.6	H16A—C16—H16C	109.5
C4—C5—H5	119.6	H16B—C16—H16C	109.5
O7—N6—C5	121.28 (19)	C12—C17—H17A	109.5
O7—N6—C1	118.40 (17)	C12—C17—H17B	109.5
C5—N6—C1	120.32 (19)	H17A—C17—H17B	109.5
C1—S8—C9	101.13 (10)	C12—C17—H17C	109.5
C10—C9—S8	106.60 (14)	H17A—C17—H17C	109.5
C10—C9—H9A	110.4	H17B—C17—H17C	109.5
S8—C9—H9A	110.4	C14—C18—H18A	109.5
C10—C9—H9B	110.4	C14—C18—H18B	109.5
S8—C9—H9B	110.4	H18A—C18—H18B	109.5
H9A—C9—H9B	108.6	C14—C18—H18C	109.5

C11—C10—C15	121.22 (19)	H18A—C18—H18C	109.5
C11—C10—C9	119.71 (19)	H18B—C18—H18C	109.5
C15—C10—C9	119.07 (19)	C15—C19—H19A	109.5
C12—C11—C10	119.2 (2)	C15—C19—H19B	109.5
C12—C11—C16	119.0 (2)	H19A—C19—H19B	109.5
C10—C11—C16	121.7 (2)	C15—C19—H19C	109.5
C13—C12—C11	118.7 (2)	H19A—C19—H19C	109.5
C13—C12—C17	120.2 (2)	H19B—C19—H19C	109.5
C11—C12—C17	121.1 (2)		
N6—C1—C2—C3	-1.1 (3)	C15—C10—C11—C16	177.1 (2)
S8—C1—C2—C3	179.56 (16)	C9—C10—C11—C16	-1.9 (3)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-0.9 (3)	C10—C11—C12—C13	0.6 (3)
C2—C3—C4—C5	1.6 (3)	C16—C11—C12—C13	-178.4 (2)
C3—C4—C5—N6	-0.3 (3)	C10—C11—C12—C17	-179.2 (2)
C4—C5—N6—O7	177.93 (19)	C16—C11—C12—C17	1.8 (3)
C4—C5—N6—C1	-1.7 (3)	C11—C12—C13—C14	0.5 (4)
C2—C1—N6—O7	-177.22 (18)	C17—C12—C13—C14	-179.7 (2)
S8—C1—N6—O7	2.2 (2)	C12—C13—C14—C15	-0.4 (4)
C2—C1—N6—C5	2.5 (3)	C12—C13—C14—C18	-179.5 (2)
S8—C1—N6—C5	-178.13 (14)	C13—C14—C15—C10	-0.8 (3)
N6—C1—S8—C9	176.64 (14)	C18—C14—C15—C10	178.2 (2)
C2—C1—S8—C9	-4.0 (2)	C13—C14—C15—C19	178.5 (2)
C1—S8—C9—C10	-173.92 (14)	C18—C14—C15—C19	-2.5 (4)
S8—C9—C10—C11	83.9 (2)	C11—C10—C15—C14	2.0 (3)
S8—C9—C10—C15	-95.2 (2)	C9—C10—C15—C14	-178.98 (19)
C15—C10—C11—C12	-1.9 (3)	C11—C10—C15—C19	-177.3 (2)
C9—C10—C11—C12	179.06 (19)	C9—C10—C15—C19	1.8 (3)

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D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
C4—H4···O7 ⁱ	0.95	2.51	3.319 (3)	143
C2—H2···Cg2 ⁱⁱ	0.95	2.98	3.853 (3)	154

Symmetry codes: (i) $x, -y+3/2, z-1/2$; (ii) $x, -y-1/2, z-3/2$.