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david.grossie@wright.edu**Key indicators**Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 298\text{ K}$
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003\text{ \AA}$
 R factor = 0.053
 wR factor = 0.134
Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.1For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**A new sydnone structure: 4-(phenylamino)-sydno[3,4-*a*]quinoxaline**

The title compound, $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$, a sydnone, is composed of four rings, *viz.* the sydnone ring, two benzene rings, and a central six-membered heterocyclic ring fused to the sydnone ring and one benzene ring.

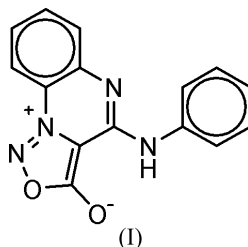
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Comment

The title compound, (I), was synthesized as part of a study of a series of sydrones aimed at determining substituent effects on the sydnone ring. Interest lies in finding substituents at the N3 or C4 position that allow for the release of NO *via* ring opening between atoms N2 and N3 and between atoms O1 and C5. Structural details of the compound were compared with previously published sydnone data in the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD; Version of 2003; Allen, 2002). Observed bond distances and angles for the sydnone ring are consistent with the other structures previously published, indicating that the substituents chosen had no significant destabilizing effects.



The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1 and selected geometric parameters are given in Table 1. This sydnone has four rings, *viz.* the sydnone ring, two benzene rings, and a central six-membered heterocyclic ring fused to the sydnone ring and one benzene ring. On considering the s.u. values, all the bond distances are within experimental error of other sydnone structures in the CSD. Of particular interest are the N2–N3 and O1–C5 bonds. The average N2–N3 distance is 1.309 (4) Å, while in (I) this distance is 1.315 (2) Å. The average O1–C5 distance is 1.407 (4) Å, and in (I) the same distance is 1.404 (2) Å. A slight variation of the bond angles is observed; however, this is less than one degree on average.

The molecule has a twist of 2.45 (13)° between the planes of the sydnone ring and the nearer benzene ring (C6–C11). The central fused ring is slightly inclined to the sydnone ring by 1.91 (12)°. The phenyl ring (C13–C18) is inclined by only 1.67 (11)° to the central fused ring. Intramolecular N–H...O and C–H...N hydrogen bonds are also present (Table 2), and hence the entire molecule is almost planar.

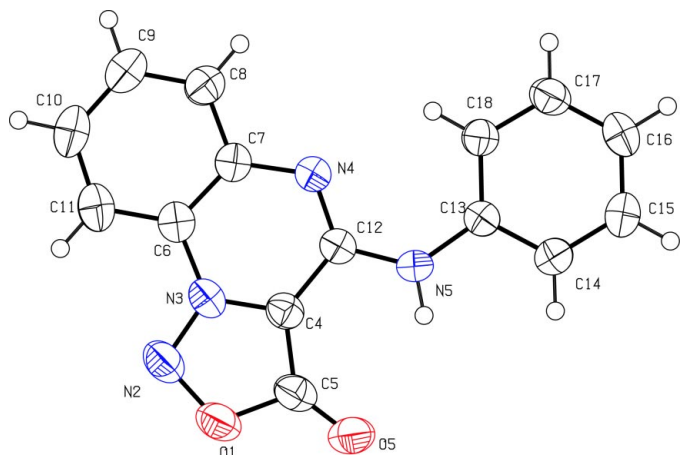


Figure 1

A view of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme and displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level.

Experimental

The title compound was prepared by reacting phosphine amide with either isocyanate or isothiocyanate in toluene, and was recrystallized from ethyl acetate (Burson, 1991).

Crystal data

$C_{15}H_{10}N_4O_2$

$M_r = 278.27$

Monoclinic, $C2/c$

$a = 29.427$ (11) Å

$b = 5.2611$ (17) Å

$c = 17.947$ (10) Å

$\beta = 116.20$ (2)°

$V = 2493.1$ (19) Å³

$Z = 8$

$D_x = 1.483$ Mg m⁻³

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

Cell parameters from 4484

reflections

$\theta = 2.3$ – 27.9 °

$\mu = 0.10$ mm⁻¹

$T = 298$ (2) K

Rectangular block, yellow

$0.45 \times 0.30 \times 0.20$ mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD
diffractometer

ω scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan
(*SADABS* in *SAINT-Plus*;
Bruker, 1997–1999)

$T_{\min} = 0.800$, $T_{\max} = 0.980$
9886 measured reflections

2870 independent reflections

2298 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.032$

$\theta_{\text{max}} = 28.1$ °

$h = -39 \rightarrow 39$

$k = -6 \rightarrow 6$

$l = -22 \rightarrow 22$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.053$

$wR(F^2) = 0.134$

$S = 1.06$

2870 reflections

190 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0587P)^2 + 1.4621P]$

where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$

$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.24$ e Å⁻³

$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.21$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

N5—C12	1.357 (2)	C6—C11	1.393 (2)
N5—C13	1.405 (2)	C6—C7	1.408 (2)
N4—C12	1.306 (2)	C7—C8	1.404 (2)
N4—C7	1.378 (2)	C8—C9	1.367 (3)
N3—N2	1.315 (2)	C9—C10	1.392 (3)
N3—C4	1.347 (2)	C10—C11	1.370 (3)
N3—C6	1.406 (2)	C13—C18	1.387 (2)
O1—N2	1.391 (2)	C13—C14	1.388 (2)
O1—C5	1.405 (2)	C14—C15	1.377 (3)
O5—C5	1.206 (2)	C15—C16	1.375 (3)
C4—C5	1.414 (2)	C16—C17	1.375 (3)
C4—C12	1.432 (2)	C17—C18	1.383 (2)
C12—N5—C13	130.21 (14)	N4—C7—C6	125.11 (15)
C12—N4—C7	117.34 (14)	C8—C7—C6	116.22 (16)
N2—N3—C4	115.01 (15)	C9—C8—C7	120.96 (18)
N2—N3—C6	123.86 (15)	C8—C9—C10	121.12 (19)
C4—N3—C6	121.12 (14)	C11—C10—C9	120.43 (18)
N2—O1—C5	111.67 (13)	C10—C11—C6	118.05 (18)
N3—N2—O1	103.36 (14)	N4—C12—N5	123.44 (14)
N3—C4—C5	106.65 (15)	N4—C12—C4	121.77 (15)
N3—C4—C12	119.89 (15)	N5—C12—C4	114.78 (14)
C5—C4—C12	133.46 (16)	C18—C13—C14	119.15 (15)
O5—C5—O1	122.07 (16)	C18—C13—N5	124.14 (15)
O5—C5—C4	134.67 (18)	C14—C13—N5	116.71 (15)
O1—C5—C4	103.26 (16)	C15—C14—C13	120.81 (17)
C11—C6—N3	122.09 (16)	C16—C15—C14	120.06 (17)
C11—C6—C7	123.21 (17)	C17—C16—C15	119.33 (17)
N3—C6—C7	114.70 (15)	C16—C17—C18	121.42 (17)
N4—C7—C8	118.66 (15)	C17—C18—C13	119.22 (16)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
N5—H5 \cdots O5	0.86	2.41	3.101 (3)	138
C18—H18 \cdots N4	0.93	2.31	2.924 (3)	123

All H atoms were included in calculated positions as riding atoms, with C—H distances of 0.93 Å and N—H distances of 0.86 Å, and with $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}$ of the carrier C or N atom.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1997–2000); cell refinement: *SAINT-Plus* (Bruker, 1997–1999); data reduction: *SAINT-Plus*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *OSCAIL* (McArdle, 1995).

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