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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 295\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002\text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.036  
 $wR$  factor = 0.109  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.0For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.2-Oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indol-3-one nicotinoyl-  
hydrazone

In the title structure,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ , the pyridyl ring is twisted with respect to the central  $-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{NH}-\text{N}=\text{}$  fragment by  $17.7(1)^\circ$ , whereas the indole fused-ring system is almost coplanar with this fragment. Molecules are linked into a linear chain motif by  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds.

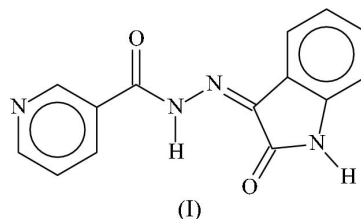
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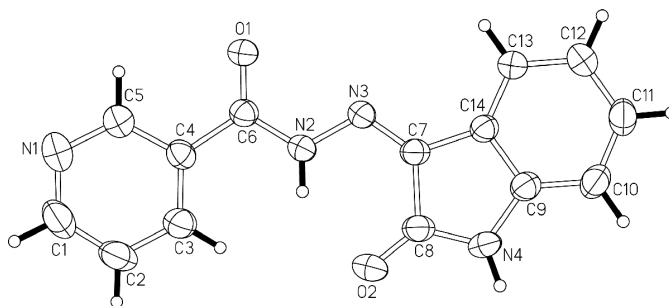
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## Comment

The crystal structure of isatin 2-picolylylhydrazone, (II), has been determined as part of a report on the biological activity of its transition metal derivatives. The molecule adopts a nearly planar conformation, the planar nature being conducive to  $\text{N},\text{N}',\text{O}$ -chelation in the deprotonated compound (Rodríguez-Argüelles *et al.*, 2004).



The isomeric title molecule, (I) (Fig. 1), adopts a somewhat non-planar conformation. The pyridyl ring is twisted by  $17.7(1)^\circ$  with respect to the central  $-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{NH}-\text{N}=\text{}$  fragment, while the indole fused-ring system is nearly coplanar with this fragment [ $4.1(1)^\circ$ ]. The bond distances and angles in (I) and (II) are the same within experimental error. In the crystal structure of (I), molecules are linked into a linear chain by  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds (Table 1 and Fig. 2). Transition metal derivatives of the title compound have been reported, but these have not been crystallographically verified (Srivastava *et al.*, 2000).



**Figure 1**  
ORTEP plot (Johnson, 1976) of the title molecule. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radii.

## Experimental

Isatin (0.50 g, 3.39 mmol) and nicotinoyl hydrazide (4.66 g, 3.39 mmol) were dissolved in ethanol (30 ml); the solution was heated under reflux for 2 h. The orange solid that was isolated when the solution was cooled was collected and recrystallized from dimethylformamide to afford block crystals.

### Crystal data

$C_{14}H_{10}N_4O_2$	$D_x = 1.452 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 266.26$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Cell parameters from 5073 reflections
$a = 8.9066 (5) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 2.3\text{--}27.0^\circ$
$b = 11.7021 (6) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 11.7768 (6) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 295 (2) \text{ K}$
$\beta = 97.097 (1)^\circ$	Block, orange
$V = 1218.0 (1) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.37 \times 0.35 \times 0.32 \text{ mm}$
$Z = 4$	

### Data collection

Bruker SMART area-detector diffractometer	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.020$
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.0^\circ$
10102 measured reflections	$h = -11 \rightarrow 11$
2643 independent reflections	$k = -14 \rightarrow 14$
2149 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	$l = -15 \rightarrow 14$

### Refinement

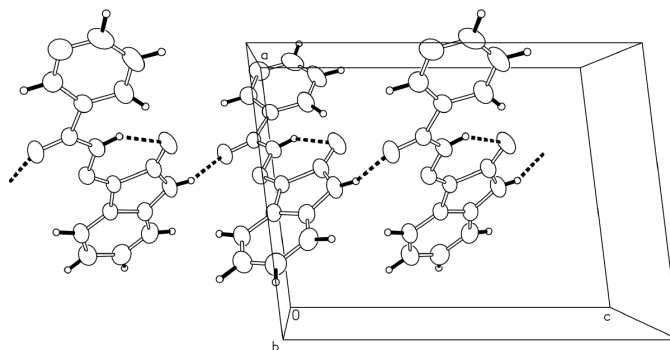
Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0617P)^2 + 0.2785P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.036$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.109$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
$S = 1.00$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.23 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
2643 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.17 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
221 parameters	
All H-atom parameters refined	

**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$N2-H2n\cdots O2$	0.86 (1)	2.00 (1)	2.711 (2)	139 (2)
$N4-H4n\cdots O1^i$	0.86 (1)	2.15 (1)	2.941 (2)	153 (2)

Symmetry code: (i)  $x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$ .



**Figure 2**

ORTEP plot (Johnson, 1976) of the hydrogen-bonded chain. Hydrogen bonds are indicated by dashed lines.

The positional parameters of all H atoms were refined with restraints of  $N-H = 0.86 (1) \text{ \AA}$  and  $C-H = 0.95 (1) \text{ \AA}$ ; the isotropic displacement parameters were refined without restraint.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: *SAINTE*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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