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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 150$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.043  
 $wR$  factor = 0.049  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 10.6

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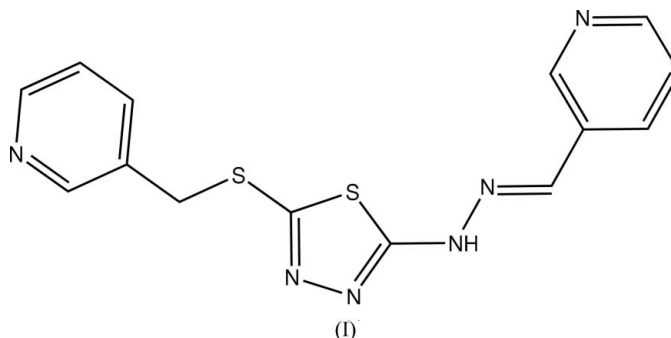
## *N*-(3-Pyridylmethylene)-*N'*-[5-(3-pyridylmethylsulfanyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]hydrazine

In the crystal structure of the title compound,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_6\text{S}_2$ , the molecules are linked into centrosymmetric dimers through  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen interactions, forming two-dimensional layers parallel to (010).

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#### Comment

1,3,4-Thiadiazole derivatives have been synthesized for their potential bioactivity. They have been used as herbicides and insecticides, and some of them are known to possess antimycobacterial, anesthetic and antidepressant activity (Demirbas *et al.*, 2004; Mamolo *et al.*, 2001; Orú *et al.*, 2004). The structure can be varied to explore the structure–activity relationship by substituting the alkyl or aryl groups at either end of the molecule. In the course of our research, we have managed to grow crystals of the title compound, (I), from ethanol.



In the crystal structure, the molecule is L-shaped, with the pyridine ring containing N1 bent at C6 with an angle of  $112.42(16)^\circ$  for  $\text{C4}-\text{C6}-\text{S1}$ , while the rest of the molecule is nearly coplanar with the thiadiazole plane. The pyridine rings are *trans* to each other, as shown in Fig. 1. The  $\text{C7}-\text{S2}-\text{C8}$  bond angle of  $85.84(11)^\circ$  is at the lower end of the range reported in the literature (Vinkovic *et al.*, 1994), possibly due to the presence of two strong electron-donating atoms (S1 and N4) at either side of the ring. In the crystal structure, the molecules are linked through  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen interactions (Table 2) into centrosymmetric dimers, forming two-dimensional layers parallel to (010).

#### Experimental

The title compound was synthesized according to the procedure described by Crouse *et al.* (2004). Brown–orange block-shaped crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were isolated after two weeks by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution of the crude product at room temperature.

## Crystal data

$C_{14}H_{12}N_6S_2$   
 $M_r = 328.42$   
 Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 4.5955$  (2) Å  
 $b = 11.4301$  (4) Å  
 $c = 14.8292$  (6) Å  
 $\alpha = 74.1696$  (12)°  
 $\beta = 83.0827$  (14)°  
 $\gamma = 80.8197$  (13)°  
 $V = 737.36$  (5) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 2$   
 $D_x = 1.479$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 2920 reflections  
 $\theta = 1-27^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.37$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 150$  K  
 Block, brown-orange  
 $0.01 \times 0.01 \times 0.01$  mm

## Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 DENZO/SCALEPACK  
 (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997)  
 $T_{\min} = 1.00$ ,  $T_{\max} = 1.00$   
 5604 measured reflections

3327 independent reflections  
 2154 reflections with  $I > 3\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.026$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.6^\circ$   
 $h = -5 \rightarrow 5$   
 $k = -14 \rightarrow 14$   
 $l = -18 \rightarrow 19$

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.043$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.049$   
 $S = 1.07$   
 2154 reflections  
 203 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  
 Method, part 1, Chebychev polynomial (Watkin, 1994; Prince,

1982),  $[weight] = 1.0/[A_0 * T_0(x) + A_1 * T_1(x) + \dots + A_{n-1} * T_{n-1}(x)]$ , where  $A_i$  are the Chebychev coefficients listed below and  $x = F/F_{\text{max}}$ . Method = robust weighting (Prince, 1982),  $W = [weight] * [1 - (\delta F / 6 * \sigma F)^2]$ ,  $A_i$  are: 1.61, 0.745 and 1.30  
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.39$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.32$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

S1—C6	1.831 (3)	N2—C7	1.298 (3)
S1—C7	1.746 (3)	N3—C8	1.310 (3)
S2—C7	1.750 (3)	N4—N5	1.372 (3)
S2—C8	1.727 (2)	N4—C8	1.357 (3)
N1—C1	1.336 (5)	N5—C9	1.281 (3)
N1—C2	1.344 (4)	N6—C13	1.344 (4)
N2—N3	1.392 (3)	N6—C14	1.344 (4)
C6—S1—C7	100.67 (12)	C4—C6—S1	112.42 (18)
C7—S2—C8	85.84 (11)	S2—C7—S1	119.78 (14)
C1—N1—C2	116.9 (3)	S2—C7—N2	114.84 (19)
N3—N2—C7	112.2 (2)	S1—C7—N2	125.4 (2)
N2—N3—C8	111.8 (2)	S2—C8—N4	122.56 (19)
N5—N4—C8	117.9 (2)	S2—C8—N3	115.38 (18)
N4—N5—C9	115.5 (2)	N4—C8—N3	122.1 (2)
C13—N6—C14	117.3 (3)	N5—C9—C10	120.9 (2)
N1—C1—C3	123.3 (3)	C12—C13—N6	123.2 (3)
N1—C2—C4	124.3 (3)	C10—C14—N6	123.7 (3)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
$N4-H7 \cdots N3^i$	0.90 (4)	1.98 (4)	2.849 (3)	164 (3)

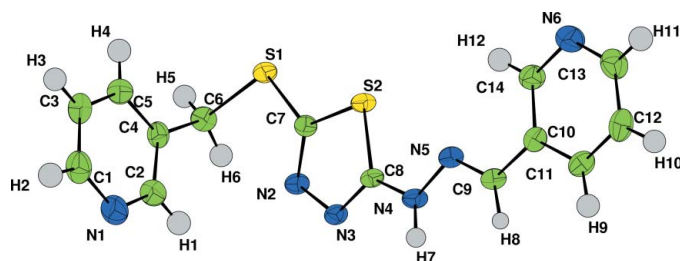
Symmetry code: (i)  $-x, -y + 1, -z$ .

Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), with the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

The N-bound H atom was located in a difference map and refined freely. All C-bound H atoms were located in a difference map and initially refined with soft restraints on the bond lengths and angles to regularize their geometry (C—H 0.93–98 Å) and isotropic atomic displacement parameters [ $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2$  or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{parent atom})$ ], after which they were refined with riding constraints.

Data collection: COLLECT (Nonius, 2001); cell refinement: DENZO/SCALEPACK (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: DENZO/SCALEPACK; program(s) used to solve structure: SIR92 (Altomare *et al.*, 1993); program(s) used to refine structure: CRYSTALS (Betteridge *et al.*, 2003); molecular graphics: CAMERON (Watkin *et al.*, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: CRYSTALS.

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