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**Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 296$  K  
 Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.028  
 $wR$  factor = 0.086  
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 8.2

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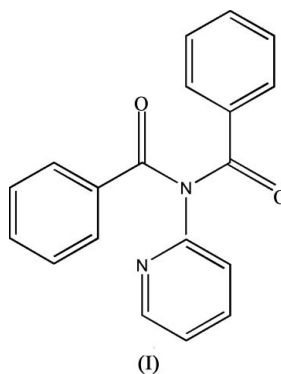
## 2-(Dibenzoylamino)pyridine

The title compound,  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ , is a highly effective  
 nematicide. No inter- or intramolecular hydrogen bonds are  
 observed in the crystal structure.

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**Comment**

The title compound, (I), was synthesized and tested *in vitro*  
 and *in vivo* on *Meloidogyne incognita* at  $10 \text{ mg ml}^{-1}$  concen-  
 tration. The compound reduced nematode infestation of  
 cowpea plants significantly and improved their growth.  
 Treatment by soil drench was more effective than by foliar  
 spray (Roy *et al.*, 1993). In the present paper, we report the  
 crystal structure of (I).



The title compound crystallizes in the orthorhombic space  
 group  $P2_12_12_1$ , with one molecule in the asymmetric unit  
 (Fig. 1). The  $\text{N1}-\text{C15}-\text{C16}-\text{C17}$  torsion angle is  
 $179.63 (17)^\circ$  and the  $\text{N1}-\text{C8}-\text{C9}-\text{C10}$  torsion angle is  
 $149.54 (17)^\circ$ . The  $\text{O1}-\text{C7}-\text{N1}-\text{C8}$  torsion angle is  
 $-18.6 (2)^\circ$  and the  $\text{O2}-\text{C8}-\text{N1}-\text{C7}$  torsion angle is  
 $138.92 (17)^\circ$ . No inter- or intramolecular hydrogen bonds are  
 observed.

**Experimental**

Compound (I) was prepared from 2-aminopyridine (2.45 g) and  
 benzoyl chloride (2 ml) in tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) solution at 313 K  
 by stirring for 12 h. The melting point is 441.2 K (Protiva *et al.*, 1950).  
 Colourless block-shaped single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction  
 were obtained by slow evaporation of an acetone solution at room  
 temperature.

*Crystal data*

$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$	$Z = 4$
$M_r = 302.32$	$D_x = 1.261 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 9.0343 (18) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 9.2051 (18) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 296 (2) \text{ K}$
$c = 19.152 (4) \text{ \AA}$	Block, colourless
$V = 1592.7 (5) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.42 \times 0.41 \times 0.21 \text{ mm}$

*Data collection*

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID IP area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  or  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.966$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.982$

13101 measured reflections  
 1708 independent reflections  
 1580 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.028$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.5^\circ$

*Refinement*

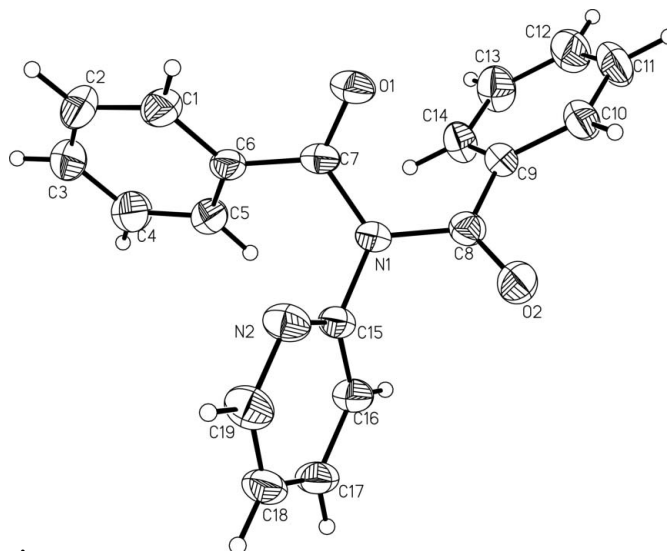
Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.028$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.086$   
 $S = 1.16$   
 1708 reflections  
 209 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0583P)^2 + 0.0123P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.10 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.11 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 Extinction correction: SHELXL97  
 Extinction coefficient: 0.016 (3)

H atoms were placed in calculated positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms with distances C—H = 0.93 Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ . In the absence of significant anomalous scattering effects, Friedel pairs were averaged.

Data collection: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku, 2004); cell refinement: *RAPID-AUTO*; data reduction: *RAPID-AUTO*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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**Figure 1**  
 A view of the molecular structure of (I). Displacement ellipsoids for non-H atoms are drawn at the 30% probability level.

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