

4-[5-(Benzylsulfanyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]pyridine  
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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

T = 298 K

Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002 \text{ \AA}$ 

R factor = 0.047

wR factor = 0.125

Data-to-parameter ratio = 22.3

For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
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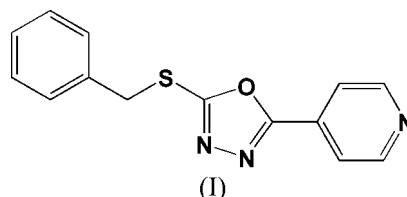
The asymmetric unit of the title compound,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{OS}$ , obtained from the one-pot reaction of isonicotinic acid hydrazide,  $\text{CS}_2$  and benzyl chloride in the presence of triethylamine, contains two crystallographically independent molecules with similar geometry. The dihedral angles between the pyridine and 1,3,4-oxadiazole rings are  $6.3 (1)$  and  $7.0 (1)^\circ$ , while those between the phenyl and oxadiazole rings are  $69.61 (5)$  and  $67.78 (6)^\circ$ .

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## Comment

1,3,4-Oxadiazole derivatives are known to exhibit biological properties, which has given rise to a wide variety of applications, in particular as active compounds in both medicine and agriculture (Sharma & Tandon, 1984; Pachhamia & Parikh, 1988; Xu *et al.*, 2002). Our quest to obtain a suitable system for antitumour applications with novel coordination abilities has led us to 1,3,4-oxadiazole derivatives.



The title compound, (I), has been newly synthesized by the reaction of isonicotinic acid hydrazide,  $\text{CS}_2$  and benzyl chloride, through isonicotinoyl-*S*-benzyldithiocarbazate. The base-catalysed cyclization of the intermediate isonicotinoyl-*S*-benzyldithiocarbazate by loss of  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  leads to the formation of the 1,3,4-oxadiazole derivative in good yield.

The molecular structure of (I), together with the atom-labelling scheme, is shown in Fig. 1. The bond lengths and angles of the 1,3,4-oxadiazole rings (Table 1) are in good agreement with the values quoted in previous reports (Xu, Yu, Yin *et al.*, 2005; Xu, Yu, Xu & Li, 2005; Zhang *et al.* 2002). The asymmetric unit consists of two independent molecules of (I), labelled *A* and *B*. Both atom S1 and the pyridine ring lie almost in the plane of the 1,3,4-oxadiazole ring (C8/C9/N1/N2/O1). The dihedral angles between the pyridine and 1,3,4-oxadiazole rings are  $6.3 (1)$  and  $7.0 (1)^\circ$ , while those between the phenyl and oxadiazole rings are  $69.61 (5)$  and  $67.78 (6)^\circ$ , for molecules *A* and *B*, respectively.

## Experimental

The title compound was synthesized by the reaction of  $\text{CS}_2$  (1.5 ml, 0.02 mol) with a suspension of isonicotinic acid hydrazide (2.7 g, 0.019 mol) in methanol (20 ml) in the presence of triethylamine (2 ml,

0.014 mol). Benzyl chloride (1.5 ml, 0.01 mol) was added dropwise to the above clear solution, which was stirred continuously for 2 h at room temperature. The product obtained on evaporation of the solvent was filtered off, washed twice with portions of carbon tetrachloride and subsequently with water, and finally dried *in vacuo*. Colourless single crystals of (I) (m.p. 388 K) suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution over a period of 8 d (yield 1.65 g, 68%). Spectroscopic analysis: IR (KBr,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3101 (–NH), 1639 (C=N), 853 (–C–S);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , TMS,  $\delta$ , p.p.m.): 7.55 (*m*, 5 H, aromatic), 8.23–9.25 (*m*, 4 H, pyridine), 4.12 (*s*, 2 H, methylene);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , TMS,  $\delta$ , p.p.m.): 139.24 (C1A), 129.16 (C2A, C6A), 130.29 (C3A, C5A), 121.69 (C4A), 40.38 (C7A), 177.87 (C8A), 164.20 (C9A), 158.97 (C10A), 121.69 (C11A), 150.41 (C12A), 150.04 (C13A), 119.89 (C14A).

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{OS}$   $Z = 8$   
 $M_r = 269.32$   $D_x = 1.361 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$  Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $a = 11.2294$  (6) Å  $\mu = 0.24 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $b = 7.5234$  (4) Å  $T = 298$  (2) K  
 $c = 31.1642$  (15) Å Needle, colourless  
 $\beta = 92.824$  (1)°  $0.53 \times 0.23 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}$   
 $V = 2629.7$  (2) Å<sup>3</sup>

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX-II CCD 25340 measured reflections  
 area-detector diffractometer 7646 independent reflections  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans 4375 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.030$   
 (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 30.5^\circ$   
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.883$ ,  $T_{\text{max}} = 0.958$

Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0502P)^2 + 0.2457P]$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.047$  where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.125$   $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.002$   
 $S = 1.02$   $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.21 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 7646 reflections  $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.24 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 343 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

S1A–C8A	1.7259 (16)	N1A–C8A	1.286 (2)
S1A–C7A	1.8187 (17)	N1A–N2A	1.4082 (19)
O1A–C8A	1.3603 (19)	N2A–C9A	1.284 (2)
O1A–C9A	1.3688 (17)		
C8A–S1A–C7A	97.83 (8)	C8A–O1A–C9A	102.13 (12)

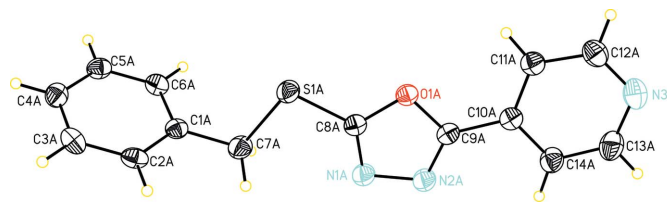


Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), with the atom-numbering scheme (molecule A only). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.

All H atoms were initially located in a difference Fourier map. They were then placed in geometrically idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C–H distances in the range 0.93–0.97 Å and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2006); cell refinement: APEX2; data reduction: APEX2; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Bruker, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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