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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 291 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.039 wR factor = 0.109 Data-to-parameter ratio = 19.4

For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see http://journals.iucr.org/e. Molecules of the title compound,  $C_{11}H_{17}NO_2S$ , are linked by paired N-H···O hydrogen bonds into centrosymmetric  $R_2^2(8)$  dimers.

N-tert-Butyl-4-toluenesulfonamide

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## Comment

The sulfonamide group is present in many bioactive compounds (Patani & Lavoie, 1996; Thornber, 1979). As the most widely used sulfonamide protecting group is the *tert*-butyl group, *N-tert*-butylarylsulfonamides are usually used as intermediates of sulfonamides (Le Bourdonnec *et al.*, 2000; Murugesan *et al.*, 2003; Graham & Scholz, 1991). We report here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



Bond lengths and angles in (I) are normal. The dihedral angle between the C2–C7 and S1/N1/C11 planes is 80.14 (8)°. The molecules form centrosymmetric dimers *via* N–H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 1 and Fig.2).

## **Experimental**

Aqueous NaOH (7 ml, 10%) was added dropwise to a mixture of 4toluenesulfonyl chloride (0.58 g) and *tert*-butylamine (1 ml) with constant stirring for 4 h. The solvent was then evaporated in a vacuum. The residue was dissolved in aqueous ethanol and white single crystals of the title compound suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of the solvent.



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#### Figure 1 The molecular struct

The molecular structure of (I), showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atomic numbering.

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#### Crystal data

 $C_{11}H_{17}NO_2S$   $M_r = 227.32$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$  a = 6.1484 (7) Å b = 24.812 (3) Å c = 8.1623 (9) Å  $\beta = 97.306 (1)^{\circ}$   $V = 1235.1 (2) Å^3$ 

## Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector
diffractometer
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
$T_{\min} = 0.895, \ T_{\max} = 0.942$

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0519P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.039$	+ 0.3046P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.109$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.08	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.013$
2791 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.27 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
144 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.31 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
H atoms treated by a mixture of	
independent and constrained	
refinement	
T.L. 4	

Z = 4

 $D_x = 1.222 \text{ Mg m}^-$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

 $0.47 \times 0.37 \times 0.25 \text{ mm}$ 

8662 measured reflections 2791 independent reflections 2401 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $\mu = 0.24 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 291 (2) K

Block, white

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.016$  $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}$ 

#### Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$N1 - H1 \cdots O2^i$	0.79 (2)	2.20 (2)	2.982 (2)	170 (2)

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

Atom H1 was located in a difference map and refined isotropically. The remaining H atoms were placed in calculated positions, and refined using a riding model, with C—H = 0.93–0.96 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  or  $1.5U_{eq}(methyl C)$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

### Figure 2

View of the packing along the *a* axis.  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

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