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1-Methyl-3,3-bis[(4-methylphenyl)sulfanyl]piperidin-2-one

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Abstract: The piperidone ring in the title compound, $C_{20}H_{23}NOS_2$, has a half-chair distorted to a twisted-boat conformation [$Q_T = 0.5200$ (17) Å]. One of the S-bound benzene rings is almost perpendicular to the least-squares plane through the piperidone ring, whereas the other is not [dihedral angles = 75.28 (5) and 46.41 (5) Å, respectively]. In the crystal, the presence of C-H...O and C-H... π interactions leads to the formation of supramolecular layers in the *ab* plane.