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## 2-Oxo-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,2,5,6-tetrahydrobenzo[*h*]quinoline-3-carbonitrile

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**Abstract:** In the molecule of the title compound, C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS, the tetrahydrobenzo[*h*]quinoline fused-ring system is buckled owing to the ethylene -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>- fragment, the benzene ring and the pyridine ring being twisted by 16.0 (1)°. The 4-substituted aromatic ring is bent away from the pyridine ring by 59.5 (2)° (for the major disordered thienyl component) in order to avoid crowding the cyanide substituent. In the crystal, two molecules are linked by a pair of N-H...O hydrogen bonds to form a centrosymmetric dimer. The thienyl ring is disordered over two sites in a 72.7 (2):27.3 ratio.