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The Crystal and Molecular Structures of Some Condensation Products of Succinaldehyde and *p*-Bromophenylhydrazine

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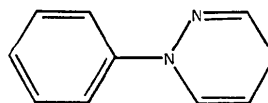
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The crystal structures of two isomeric condensation products ($C_{20}H_{18}Br_2N_4$) of succinaldehyde and *p*-bromophenylhydrazine have been determined using three-dimensional diffractometer-collected X-ray data. Both compounds crystallize in the space group $P2_1/c$, with 4 molecules in the unit cell. The cell dimensions are $a = 12.20$ (3), $b = 10.12$ (1), $c = 16.37$ (2) Å, $\beta = 110.4$ (1)°, and $a = 7.429$ (3), $b = 15.444$ (8), $c = 15.991$ (9) Å, $\beta = 93.47$ (6)°. The compounds were found to be the diastereomeric racemates (4a*RS*, 4b*SR*, 13b*RS*)-12-bromo-1-(*p*-bromophenyl)-1,4a,4b,5,6,13b-hexahydro-4*H*-dipyridazino[1,6-*a*:4,3-*c*]quinoline and (4a*RS*, 4b*RS*, 13b*RS*)-12-bromo-1-(*p*-bromophenyl)-1,4a,4b,5,6,13b-hexahydro-4*H*-dipyridazino-[1,6-*a*:4,3-*c*]quinoline. The crystal structure of one of the enantiomers of the former, which spontaneously resolved from the solution of the racemate, was also determined. The enantiomer crystallizes in the space group $P2_12_12_1$, with $Z = 4$ and cell parameters $a = 13.11$ (3), $b = 14.96$ (5), $c = 9.41$ (1) Å. Only small differences in the conformations of the molecules were found, but the packing of the molecules are quite different.

Introduction

Ciamician & Zanetti (1890) determined a condensation product of succinaldehyde and phenylhydrazine to have the molecular formula $C_{20}H_{20}N_4$, and the constitutional formula was proposed to be 'a double molecule of a pyridazine derivative'. Desaty, Hadžija & Keglević (1965) proposed the structure of the condensation product on the basis of spectral and chem-

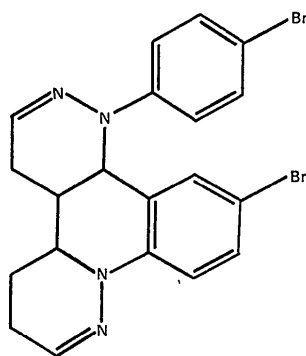
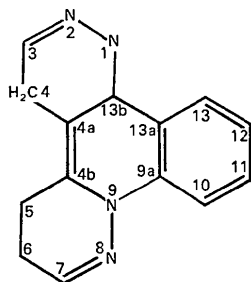
ical evidence to be the dihydropyridazine derivative $C_{10}H_{10}N_2$.



However, recent investigations (Hjeds & Larsen, 1971) showed that the condensation product consisted

of two compounds. The mass spectra of both compounds suggested an ion of $m/e=316$, leading to the formula $C_{20}H_{20}N_4$. The compounds were also investigated by 1H nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, but as no conclusive evidence of the structures was obtained, X-ray analyses of the *p*-bromo derivatives of both of them were performed.

The compounds, hereinafter referred to as HJBR-1 and HJBR-2, were found to be diastereomeric racemates of a derivative of the new ring system 4*H*-dihydropyridazine[1,6-*a*:4,3-*c*]quinoline.



The names of HJBR-1 and HJBR-2, respectively, are: (4*a* *RS*, 4*b* *SR*, 13*b* *RS*)-12-bromo-1-(*p*-bromophenyl)-1,4*a*, 4*b*, 5, 6, 13*b*-hexahydro-4*H*-dipyridazino-[1,6-

a:4,3-*c*] quinoline and (4*a* *RS*, 4*b* *RS*, 13*b* *RS*)-12-bromo-1-(*p*-bromophenyl)-1,4*a*, 4*b*, 5, 6, 13*b*-hexahydro-4*H*-dipyridazino-[1,6-*a*:4,3-*c*]quinoline.

A possible mechanism for the ring closure is given in the preliminary report on the results of the structure analyses (Hjeds & Larsen, 1971).

Structure determination of one of the spontaneously resolved enantiomers of HJBR-1 was also performed.

Experimental

The condensation products HJBR-1 and HJBR-2 ($C_{20}H_{18}Br_2N_4$) crystallize from a mixture of benzene and ethanol 3:1 as monoclinic needles, space group $P2_1/c$. In addition orthorhombic crystals were sometimes obtained from the solution of HJBR-1 as well as from the solution of HJBR-2. This phenomenon was originally ascribed to polymorphism, but later, when HJBR-1 and HJBR-2 were determined to be diastereomeric racemates, it was evident that spontaneous resolution had occurred on crystallization from the racemic solutions. A similar phenomenon was recently reported by Cheng, Koo, Mellor, Nyburg & Young (1970).

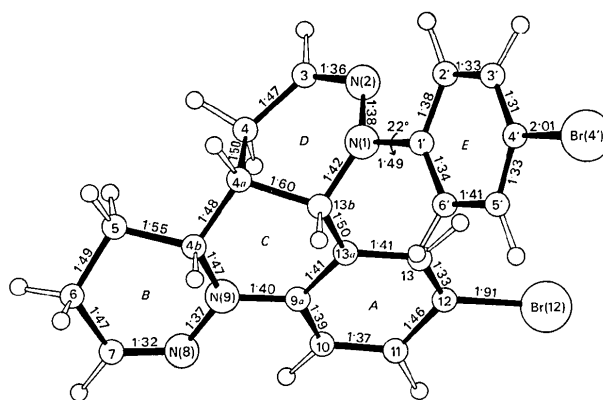


Fig. 1. The molecular structure of HJBR-1.

Table 1. Crystal data for HJBR-1, HJBR-1*a*, HJBR-2 and HJBR-2*a*

	HJBR-1	HJBR-1 <i>a</i>	HJBR-2	HJBR-2 <i>a</i>
Mol. Formula	$C_{20}H_{18}Br_2N_4$	$C_{20}H_{18}Br_2N_4$	$C_{20}H_{18}Br_2N_4$	$C_{20}H_{18}Br_2N_4$
M.W.	474.2	474.2	474.2	474.2
m.p.	264–66° (decomp.)	263–64° (decomp.)	257–59° (decomp.)	248–51° (decomp.)
Space group	$P2_1/c$	$P2_12_12_1$	$P2_1/c$	$P2_12_12_1$
<i>a</i> (Å)	12.20 (3)	13.11 (3)	7.429 (3)	13.51
<i>b</i> (Å)	10.12 (1)	14.96 (5)	15.444 (8)	14.33
<i>c</i> (Å)	16.37 (2)	9.412 (10)	15.991 (9)	9.660
β (°)	110.4 (1)	90	93.47 (6)	90
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	1894	1845	1833	1870
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4	4
D_x g.cm ⁻³	1.66	1.71	1.72	1.68
D_m g.cm ⁻³	1.66	1.70	1.70	1.69
μ (Mo <i>K</i> α) cm ⁻¹	45.5	46.7	47.0	46.1
Crystal size (mm)	0.2 × 0.3 × 1.0	0.2 × 0.2 × 1.0	0.24 × 0.34 × 0.70	
Rotation axis	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>
(=needle axis)				

Table 2 (cont.)

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	H ₁ -9,6	4 154 -67	11 176 -161	-11 283 -296	-8 248 211	
H ₁ -9,2	-9 311 326	H ₁ -7,10	H ₁ -5,3	H ₁ -4,6	-7 169 -118	H ₁ -1,14
-7 182 -191		-9 223 214	-11 331 -349	-12 200 -250	H ₁ -2,11	-9 180 130
H ₁ -9,3	4 232 240	-8 325 -291	-12 275 241	H ₁ -4,5	H ₁ -2,11	
-6 308 388	5 219 -207	-7 275 280		-11 150 107	-12 229 -158	H ₁ -1,15
			H ₁ -5,4		-11 293 257	2 163 -122
H ₁ -9,4	H ₁ -8,1	H ₁ -7,11	-13 186 -136	H ₁ -2,10		H ₁ -1,17
-7 191 -162	-9 253 259	-9 187 162	-12 168 169	6 150 -121		-2 158 -201
-6 220 -171	-8 283 -315		-11 247 -253	H ₁ -4,4	H ₁ -2,9	H ₁ 0,16
	-7 157 253	H ₁ -7,12		-11 160 -183	-13 158 -163	-1 264 -258
H ₁ -9,5	8 201 -164	-7 186 -75	H ₁ -5,7	H ₁ -4,2	-12 356 359	-2 306 -372
7 168 117		-2 183 -134	-13 188 -193	10 173 -227		-8 267 252
3 186 -119	H ₁ -3,2	0 169 -128		-11 444 435	H ₁ -2,5	
2 344 362	6 189 -202		H ₁ -5,8		-12 230 203	H ₁ 0,6
1 278 -313	-7 198 250	H ₁ -6,14	-11 160 136	H ₁ -3,0		-12 303 381
-4 206 -233	-8 198 -168	-6 189 -144		11 211 208	H ₁ -2,3	-13 182 -269
-5 264 317		-8 210 -156	H ₁ -5,9		10 270 240	
	H ₁ -3,1		-12 170 -118	H ₁ -3,1		H ₁ 0,4
H ₁ -9,6	6 380 415	H ₁ -6,13		11 171 239	H ₁ -2,1	10 171 -124
-2 147 100	7 323 -325	-5 228 204	H ₁ -5,11	-11 196 -215	-13 170 163	
	9 168 -20		3 208 -212	-12 317 333	-12 183 -107	H ₁ 0,2
H ₁ -9,7		H ₁ -6,12	-11 179 178		11 183 -138	12 252 -253
-4 233 -221	H ₁ -8,0	1 198 199		H ₁ -3,2		11 226 200
-7 219 -192	10 164 150		H ₁ -5,12	-13 173 -128	H ₁ -1,1	-14 177 -180
		H ₁ -6,6	-11 187 123	-12 158 145	13 200 -104	
H ₁ -9,9	H ₁ -7,0	-10 260 325		10 179 -160	11 164 -164	
0 211 193	-11 213 227		H ₁ -5,13	11 214 156	-12 159 -147	
-1 201 -230	-10 215 -173	H ₁ -6,5	2 252 285			
-5 205 242	8 183 -105	-12 171 -92				

Some data of the four crystals are given in Table 1. HJBR-1a and HJBR-2a are synonyms for one of the enantiomers of HJBR-1 and HJBR-2, respectively. The densities were measured by flotation in mixtures of potassium iodide and zinc bromide solutions. The lattice parameters of HJBR-1 and HJBR-1a were calculated from series of diffractometer-measured θ values [$\lambda(\text{Mo } K\alpha)=0.71069 \text{ \AA}$], of HJBR-2 from precession films [$\lambda(\text{Mo } K\alpha)=0.71069 \text{ \AA}$], and of HJBR-2a from Weissenberg films [$\lambda(\text{Cu } K\alpha)=1.5405 \text{ \AA}$].

Intensity data of the crystals of HJBR-1, HJBR-1a and HJBR-2 were collected with a Nonius 3-circle automatic diffractometer by the θ - 2θ scan technique and Zr-filtered Mo-radiation for HJBR-1, and by the ω -scan technique and quartz crystal monochromated Mo-radiation for HJBR-1a and HJBR-2. Intensities of reflexions of HJBR-1 and HJBR-1a were measured in the range $2.5^\circ < \theta < 25^\circ$. The scan angle was 1.3° , and the scan speed $1.2^\circ \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$. For HJBR-2 the range in which intensities of reflexions were measured was $2.5^\circ < \theta < 20^\circ$, and the scan speed was lowered to $0.6^\circ \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$ and the scan angle set to 1.1° .

Thus about 3300 independent reflexions were collected from HJBR-1, about 1800 from HJBR-1a, and about 2100 from HJBR-2. A reflexion was considered

unobserved and was omitted, when the intensity was less than 2.5 times its corresponding estimated standard deviation. Consequently, the numbers of observed reflexions were reduced to 1402, 660 and 1327 for HJBR-1, HJBR-1a, and HJBR-2, respectively. These data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects, but no corrections for absorption or extinction were made.

Structure determinations

The structures of the three isomers were solved from the corresponding three-dimensional Patterson syntheses by the heavy-atom method. The electron-density maps, based on the bromine atoms only, revealed the positions of all 24 non-hydrogen atoms of the molecules of each structure.

The coordinates of these atoms, as derived from the electron density maps, were subjected to Fourier refinements, during which the conventional R values reduced to 31% (HJBR-1), 20% (HJBR-1a), and 21% (HJBR-2). The atomic scattering factors were taken from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1962).

This was followed by full-matrix least-squares refinements, in which positional parameters as well as

Table 3 (cont.)

H, 9, 3	2 235 -261	H, 10, 3	H, 11, 3	4 230 220	H, 13, 4	H, 14, 1
1 262 271	1 577 -75C	6 381 -374	2 565 643	3 607 541	6 265 255	7 282 166
4 420 -242		5 269 250	3 372 -357	2 816 -705		5 280 352
4 511 577	H, 10, C	4 256 308		1 262 -330	H, 13, 3	0 297 421
5 346 356	C 261 356	3 256 -271	H, 11, 2	0 230 364	C 281 359	
	1 256 -232	2 405 -429	7 333 -384		1 253 346	H, 14, 2
H, 9, 2	2 1123 524	1 452 543	6 431 401	F, 12, 2	3 242 225	1 468 469
8 368 -234	3 354 -251	C 307 307	3 615 -582	0 472 434	4 267 -246	4 368 391
7 256 -222	4 446 372		2 219 166	1 233 134	5 311 -222	
6 218 -155	5 256 -167	H, 10, 4	1 312 -372	2 535 485		H, 15, 2
5 405 374	7 446 453	C 361 322		5 292 196		C 416 564
4 468 -464	10 254 -245	2 372 -350	H, 11, 1	6 440 440	6 281 -152	
3 265 167		5 282 367	1 657 583		5 266 363	H, 15, 1
2 764 -645	H, 10, 1	2 707 -648	2 707 -648	F, 12, 3	4 243 -217	1 271 193
1 558 545	C 224 -287	5 512 -574	5 512 -574	3 265 -273		3 275 -179
0 675 631	4 203 154	H, 10, 5		2 298 -354	H, 13, 1	4 294 -343
	3 622 643	4 352 -349	H, 11, 0	1 296 382	C 476 -566	
H, 9, 1	2 517 -536	3 258 -252	7 313 210		1 251 -188	H, 15, 7
C 407 -366	1 582 -53E	C 407 -477	6 654 -652	F, 12, 4	3 256 -437	3 486 -504
2 367 -252	C 364 312		4 283 773	3 242 336	6 463 455	1 288 358
3 752 646		H, 10, 7	2 604 -534	5 277 -404	5 272 240	
4 422 390	H, 10, 2	1 248 -266				H, 16, 0
5 310 -343	C 445 -401		H, 12, 0	F, 12, 5	H, 13, C	0 510 454
6 421 -462	1 572 -550	H, 11, 7	0 1014 -865	2 21P 296	4 521 480	2 316 -345
7 442 460	2 317 -343	C 282 302	1 250 22		3 254 -258	
	4 275 -404		2 559 -540	F, 12, 6	2 381 -306	
H, 9, 0	5 422 -430	H, 11, 4	5 356 -322	3 278 253	1 766 -617	
8 286 281	6 257 284	6 261 280	9 287 -338			H, 14, C
6 241 164	7 255 -276	4 253 -263		F, 12, 6	3 271 272	5 512 461
5 276 252		2 215 104	H, 12, 1			7 275 -255
4 767 740		1 437 542	5 378 -365			

individual atomic, isotropic thermal parameters were varied. The function minimized was $w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$, where $w = 1/(A + B|F_o| + C|F_o|^2)$. The coefficients A , B , and C were derived empirically to give very strong and very weak reflexions weights less than 1.0, and the remaining reflexions ($\sim 25 < |F_o| < 125$) unity weights.

The isotropic refinements ceased at $R = 19\%$ (HJBR-1), 18% (HJBR-1a), and 17% (HJBR-2). Three cycles of least-squares refinements in which anisotropic thermal parameters were used for the bromine and nitrogen atoms reduced the R values to 12, 11, and 10%.

Difference Fourier maps calculated at this stage showed the approximate positions of the 18 hydrogen atoms of HJBR-1 and HJBR-2. The positions of the hydrogen atoms of HJBR-1a, the structure of which is less accurately determined, since it is based on rather few data, were calculated from the positions of the corresponding parent atoms, and checked to fall into positive regions in the difference map.

The contributions of the hydrogen atoms to the scattering were included in the remaining 2 cycles of least-squares refinements, but their positional parameters and temperature factors of 4.0 \AA^2 were not varied. The refinements were considered ended, when all parameter shifts were less than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the standard deviations. The final R values are 10.1, 10.8, and 8.6% for HJBR-1, HJBR-1a, and HJBR-2, respectively.

Observed and calculated structure factors are listed in Tables 2 to 4. The refined coordinates and thermal factors of the non-hydrogen atoms are listed in Tables 5 to 7, and the approximate coordinates of the hydrogen atoms are listed in Tables 8 to 10.

Most of the calculations were performed on the IBM 7094 computer at NEUCC, Lundtofte, Denmark, using mainly the program system *X-ray 63* (Stewart, 1964). The cell parameters were refined by means of the least-squares program, described by Liminga (1965). Programs to produce an input tape to, and to process

the output tape from, the diffractometer have been written by A. M. Sørensen of this laboratory. The drawings were produced by *ORTEP*, written by Johnson (1965).

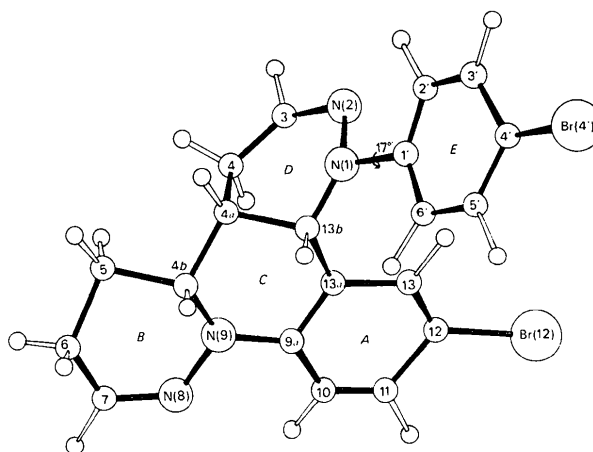


Fig. 2. The molecular structure of HJBR-1a.

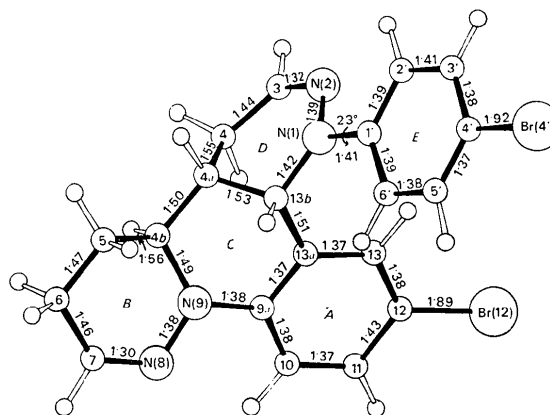


Fig. 3. The molecular structure of HJBR-2.

Table 4 (cont.)

5,2,L	-4 254 -250	-4 155 -72	0 159 184	7 309 356	4 509 564	6,7,L
5 475 -457	-2 980 919	-6 432 -440	-1 259 331	5 220 -194	5 220 -194	3 319 -312
3 109 -139	-1 334 -256	-10 371 427	-3 218 219	6,3,L	1 136 68	-1 187 254
2 628 -710	1 248 219		-4 150 -99	5 175 232	6,5,L	-3 119 91
1 113 179	2 220 -212	6,C,L	-5 122 -44	3 258 317	4 154 -224	-4 224 272
0 413 449	3 301 276	-6 261 -306	-6 250 357	2 223 221	2 174 182	1 118 -150
-1 616 590	5 107 -66	-2 783 816	-9 158 -135	1 195 187	0 560 616	6,8,L
-2 242 345	6 555 -518	0 171 209		0 129 -203	-2 284 -255	-1 451 -406
-3 151 178	8 136 -102	2 420 -466	6,2,L	-3 283 -342	-3 215 186	7,3,L
-4 354 -313	9 283 241	4 250 -256	-8 222 -313	-4 915 904	-4 162 -244	-1 175 244
-5 503 -463	10 291 225	6 122 -11	-7 251 241	-5 314 267	6,6,L	7,2,L
-7 230 -271			-6 273 301	-6 228 -208	-3 203 -163	1 168 218
-10 361 -433	5,0,L	6,1,L	-5 249 261	-7 128 164	6,4,L	
	10 252 -243	7 118 -70	-2 400 -421		-8 394 457	
5,1,L	8 240 -261	6 470 451	-1 569 -546		-5 198 -167	
-11 151 133	6 817 -730	5 218 -259	0 237 260		-4 721 -712	
-10 121 93	4 251 270	4 133 77	1 494 -557		0 306 -312	
-9 153 180	2 928 534	3 224 -254	2 246 286		1 231 263	
-8 246 257	0 165 174	2 410 -465	3 307 -325			
-6 627 -660	-2 547 -465	1 171 -190	4 172 -193			

Table 5. Fractional atomic coordinates and thermal parameters for HJBR-1

Table 6. Fractional atomic coordinates and thermal parameters for HJBR-1a

The anisotropic thermal parameters are of the form:

$$T = \exp \left[-\frac{1}{4} (B_{11}h^2a^*2 + \dots + 2B_{23}klb^*c^*) \right]$$

	x	y	z		x	y	z
Br(12)	1.3936 (2)	0.1058 (2)	0.4354 (2)	Br(12)	0.4622 (5)	0.7981 (3)	0.6912 (7)
Br(4')	1.5664 (2)	0.8316 (2)	0.2808 (2)	Br(4')	0.7852 (6)	1.0650 (3)	0.1313 (8)
N(1)	1.1272 (14)	0.5060 (15)	0.2417 (11)	N(1)	0.601 (3)	0.698 (2)	0.165 (4)
N(2)	1.0840 (16)	0.4306 (15)	0.1675 (12)	N(2)	0.496 (3)	0.695 (3)	0.103 (5)
N(8)	0.8863 (14)	0.3507 (16)	0.4576 (9)	N(8)	0.644 (3)	0.391 (2)	0.510 (4)
N(9)	0.9393 (11)	0.3891 (15)	0.4006 (8)	N(9)	0.639 (3)	0.471 (2)	0.417 (4)
C(3)	0.9750 (17)	0.3786 (18)	0.1501 (12)	C(3)	0.476 (5)	0.609 (3)	0.101 (6)
C(4)	0.9063 (17)	0.3931 (20)	0.2076 (13)	C(4)	0.509 (4)	0.528 (4)	0.152 (7)
C(4a)	0.9459 (16)	0.5047 (19)	0.2718 (13)	C(4a)	0.618 (3)	0.535 (2)	0.186 (5)
C(4b)	0.9026 (16)	0.5067 (19)	0.3454 (13)	C(4b)	0.673 (3)	0.468 (2)	0.282 (4)
C(5)	0.7673 (18)	0.5183 (21)	0.3130 (14)	C(5)	0.660 (4)	0.372 (3)	0.207 (5)
C(6)	0.7279 (16)	0.5119 (20)	0.3891 (13)	C(6)	0.708 (4)	0.307 (3)	0.320 (5)
C(7)	0.7906 (19)	0.4136 (21)	0.4547 (15)	C(7)	0.682 (4)	0.314 (3)	0.456 (6)
C(9a)	1.0448 (16)	0.3255 (21)	0.4092 (12)	C(9a)	0.597 (3)	0.543 (2)	0.492 (4)
C(10)	1.0763 (16)	0.2112 (19)	0.4595 (13)	C(10)	0.563 (3)	0.546 (2)	0.626 (5)
C(11)	1.1815 (18)	0.1514 (21)	0.4721 (14)	C(11)	0.531 (4)	0.610 (3)	0.677 (5)
C(12)	1.2507 (16)	0.1970 (19)	0.4207 (12)	C(12)	0.515 (3)	0.697 (3)	0.594 (5)
C(13)	1.2199 (15)	0.3073 (18)	0.3739 (12)	C(13)	0.546 (5)	0.699 (4)	0.469 (6)
C(13a)	1.1151 (15)	0.3747 (17)	0.3636 (11)	C(13a)	0.595 (3)	0.623 (2)	0.401 (4)
C(13b)	1.0856 (15)	0.5009 (18)	0.3125 (12)	C(13b)	0.639 (3)	0.634 (2)	0.255 (4)
C(1')	1.2404 (15)	0.5741 (17)	0.2553 (13)	C(1')	0.634 (5)	0.791 (4)	0.167 (7)
C(2')	1.2574 (16)	0.6046 (19)	0.1786 (12)	C(2')	0.607 (3)	0.840 (2)	0.058 (5)
C(3')	1.3518 (16)	0.6786 (19)	0.1905 (12)	C(3')	0.648 (4)	0.919 (3)	0.041 (5)
C(4')	1.4235 (17)	0.7217 (19)	0.2658 (14)	C(4')	0.725 (4)	0.954 (2)	0.142 (5)
C(5')	1.4163 (18)	0.6903 (20)	0.3427 (14)	C(5')	0.753 (4)	0.889 (4)	0.246 (6)
C(6')	1.3146 (17)	0.6166 (20)	0.3324 (13)	C(6')	0.719 (3)	0.810 (2)	0.253 (4)

	B ₁₁	B ₂₂	B ₃₃	B ₁₂	B ₁₃	B ₂₃		B ₁₁	B ₂₂	B ₃₃	B ₁₂	B ₁₃	B ₂₃
Br(12)	5.4	6.3	8.3	2.8	1.7	0.8	Br(12)	6.1	3.7	7.8	-1.0	1.4	-2.3
Br(4')	5.0	5.5	10.7	-1.2	3.4	0.7	Br(4')	8.5	1.9	8.2	-1.4	1.0	0.4
N(1)	6.1	2.7	3.6	0.7	1.0	1.4							
N(2)	7.8	2.6	5.8	0.0	2.8	-2.6							
N(8)	6.6	5.1	2.7	0.0	2.8	1.4							
N(9)	3.1	4.5	1.3	-0.3	-0.3	1.4							

	B (Å ²)		B (Å ²)
C(3)	3.5	C(12)	4.0
C(4)	4.6	C(13)	3.7
C(4a)	3.9	C(13a)	3.1
C(4b)	3.8	C(13b)	3.1
C(5)	5.1	C(1')	3.0
C(6)	4.3	C(2')	3.8
C(7)	4.9	C(3')	3.7
C(9a)	3.9	C(4')	4.2
C(10)	4.1	C(5')	4.8
C(11)	5.2	C(6')	4.6

	B (Å ²)		B (Å ²)
N(1)	3.3	C(10)	1.8
N(2)	5.9	C(11)	3.2
N(8)	3.7	C(12)	4.0
N(9)	3.1	C(13)	5.3
C(3)	5.8	C(13a)	1.7
C(4)	6.0	C(13b)	1.6
C(4a)	2.4	C(1')	6.0
C(4b)	1.6	C(2')	1.9
C(5)	3.5	C(3')	3.9
C(6)	3.7	C(4')	2.9
C(7)	4.4	C(5')	4.6
C(9a)	1.7	C(6')	1.1

Description of the structures

The geometry of the molecules is shown in Figs. 1 to 3. Each of the molecules has three asymmetric car-

Table 7. Fractional atomic coordinates and thermal parameters for HJBR-2

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>
Br(12)	0.2787 (2)	1.2651 (1)	0.3383 (1)
Br(4')	-0.6357 (2)	1.1472 (1)	0.0869 (1)
N(1)	0.0297 (15)	0.9527 (8)	0.2216 (8)
N(2)	0.1626 (18)	0.9432 (8)	0.1647 (7)
N(8)	0.2118 (16)	0.8878 (9)	0.5513 (9)
N(9)	0.1869 (14)	0.9016 (8)	0.4662 (9)
C(3)	0.3139 (23)	0.9054 (11)	0.1931 (10)
C(4)	0.3547 (20)	0.8685 (9)	0.2743 (9)
C(4a)	0.1788 (18)	0.8519 (9)	0.3192 (9)
C(4b)	0.2134 (19)	0.8273 (9)	0.4093 (10)
C(5)	0.0833 (22)	0.7549 (12)	0.4369 (11)
C(6)	0.1280 (23)	0.7330 (12)	0.5252 (11)
C(7)	0.1835 (25)	0.8086 (14)	0.5756 (12)
C(9a)	0.2138 (17)	0.9856 (9)	0.4405 (8)
C(10)	0.2893 (20)	1.0486 (10)	0.4923 (9)
C(11)	0.3105 (19)	1.1314 (10)	0.4633 (10)
C(12)	0.2521 (19)	1.1512 (10)	0.3787 (9)
C(13)	0.1769 (19)	1.0870 (9)	0.3276 (9)
C(13a)	0.1588 (17)	1.0055 (8)	0.3599 (8)
C(13b)	0.0665 (19)	0.9350 (9)	0.3080 (9)
C(1')	-0.1252 (20)	0.9965 (9)	0.1890 (9)
C(2')	-0.1644 (21)	1.0000 (10)	0.1031 (10)
C(3')	-0.3191 (20)	1.0454 (10)	0.0723 (9)
C(4')	-0.4234 (20)	1.0863 (9)	0.1286 (10)
C(5')	-0.3911 (20)	1.0804 (10)	0.2133 (10)
C(6')	-0.2370 (20)	1.0375 (10)	0.2434 (9)

	<i>B</i> ₁₁	<i>B</i> ₂₂	<i>B</i> ₃₃	<i>B</i> ₁₂	<i>B</i> ₁₃	<i>B</i> ₂₃
Br(12)	4.7	4.1	8.9	-1.3	2.5	-0.2
Br(4')	3.5	6.3	8.3	0.2	-1.6	1.9
N(1)	1.4	4.6	4.0	1.3	1.2	0.3
N(2)	4.3	4.7	2.7	-0.2	-0.1	-0.6
N(8)	2.5	6.2	3.3	0.1	0.2	0.7
N(9)	1.9	4.8	3.5	-0.1	0.1	-0.2

	<i>B</i> (Å ²)	<i>B</i> (Å ²)	
C(3)	3.8	C(12)	3.2
C(4)	3.3	C(13)	2.8
C(4a)	2.9	C(13a)	1.9
C(4b)	2.7	C(13b)	2.8
C(5)	5.0	C(1')	2.7
C(6)	4.9	C(2')	3.9
C(7)	5.3	C(3')	3.2
C(9a)	2.0	C(4')	3.3
C(10)	3.6	C(5')	3.5
C(11)	3.6	C(6')	3.3

Table 8. Approximate coordinates for the hydrogen atoms of HJBR-1

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>
H(3)	0.943	0.326	0.093
H(41)	0.913	0.305	0.245
H(42)	0.816	0.409	0.167
H(4a)	0.913	0.597	0.233
H(4b)	0.937	0.589	0.388
H(51)	0.725	0.436	0.268
H(52)	0.736	0.608	0.275
H(61)	0.633	0.495	0.370
H(62)	0.744	0.609	0.423
H(7)	0.747	0.380	0.496
H(10)	1.021	0.170	0.491
H(11)	1.214	0.068	0.519
H(13)	1.279	0.346	0.340
H(13b)	1.119	0.582	0.356
H(2')	1.197	0.577	0.111
H(3')	1.379	0.698	0.134
H(5')	1.476	0.715	0.408
H(6')	1.284	0.588	0.385

Table 9. Approximate coordinates for the hydrogen atoms of HJBR-1a

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>
H(3)	0.410	0.598	0.035
H(41)	0.495	0.476	0.077
H(42)	0.467	0.512	0.250
H(4a)	0.655	0.535	0.083
H(4b)	0.754	0.486	0.286
H(51)	0.701	0.368	0.105
H(52)	0.581	0.356	0.185
H(61)	0.790	0.318	0.317
H(62)	0.693	0.240	0.288
H(7)	0.691	0.256	0.530
H(10)	0.563	0.485	0.688
H(11)	0.505	0.609	0.794
H(13)	0.533	0.760	0.408
H(13b)	0.722	0.644	0.266
H(2')	0.551	0.814	-0.020
H(3')	0.631	0.963	-0.048
H(5')	0.813	0.910	0.332
H(6')	0.757	0.757	0.319

Table 10. Approximate coordinates for the hydrogen atoms of HJBR-2

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>
H(3)	0.423	0.900	0.150
H(41)	0.438	0.914	0.314
H(42)	0.433	0.809	0.271
H(4a)	0.112	0.797	0.286
H(4b)	0.352	0.804	0.419
H(51)	0.091	0.697	0.398
H(52)	-0.056	0.777	0.430
H(61)	0.241	0.687	0.528
H(62)	0.016	0.701	0.552
H(7)	0.198	0.799	0.643
H(10)	0.325	1.030	0.557
H(11)	0.377	1.182	0.501
H(13)	0.139	1.102	0.262
H(13b)	-0.060	0.925	0.336
H(2')	-0.074	0.969	0.061
H(3')	-0.356	1.049	0.003
H(5')	-0.476	1.110	0.262
H(6')	-0.208	1.033	0.308

bon atoms, e.g. C(4b), C(4a), and C(13b). The racemates HJBR-1 and HJBR-2 differ only in the chirality at C(4b). The crystals of HJBR-1a are composed of one of the enantiomers of HJBR-1. No attempts were made to determine the absolute configuration of HJBR-1a.

The ring *A* of the condensed ring system of each compound and the rings *E* are aromatic and planar within the experimental error. Each of the rings *B*, *C*, and *D* of the ring systems is 'cyclohexene-like' and half-chair conformations (4 atoms in a plane) were expected. But probably due to the nearly plane trigonal configurations of the nitrogen atoms N(1) and N(9), sofa forms (5 atoms in a plane) or something between sofa and half-chair forms actually were found in most cases. The conformations of the rings are characterized by the valency angles (Table 13) and the torsional angles of the individual bonds, which are given in Table 11.

A comparison of the sequences of the torsional angles shows that the *B* rings of HJBR-1 and HJBR-1a

have something between sofa and half-chair conformations with C(5) as the top atoms, while the *B* ring of HJBR-2 has nearly sofa conformation with C(4*b*) as top atom. The *C* rings of HJBR-1 and HJBR-1*a* are sofa forms with C(4*a*) as top atoms, while the *C* ring of HJBR-2 is nearly a boat form with C(13*b*) and N(9) as top and end atoms. The conformation of the *D* ring

is almost the same in the three molecules, *i.e.* nearly half-chair conformation with C(4*a*) as the top atom.

The result of the analysis of the conformations is that the ring systems of HJBR-1 and HJBR-1*a* have almost identical conformations, whereas the opposite chirality at C(4*b*) of HJBR-2 has caused a change in the conformations of the rings *B* and *C* of this mol-

Table 11. Torsional angles ($^{\circ}$) of the rings, *B*, *C* and *D* of HJBR-1, HJBR-1*a*, and HJBR-2

The theoretical values given are those of Hendrickson (1961).

Torsional angles	HJBR-1	HJBR-1 <i>a</i>	HJBR-2	Theoretical values for a		
				sofa form	half-chair form	boat form
Ring B						
8-7	7	6	0	0	0	
7-6	+12	+22	+6	+30	+19	
6-5	-41	-47	+36	-60	-56	
5-4 <i>b</i>	+53	+50	-59	+60	+75	
4 <i>b</i> -9	-38	-31	+56	-30	-56	
9-8	8	0	-27	0	+19	
Ring C						
9 <i>a</i> -9	1	1	+39	0	0	+60
9-4 <i>b</i>	+30	+28	-28	+30	+19	-60
4 <i>b</i> -4 <i>a</i>	-60	-60	-19	-60	-56	0
4 <i>a</i> -13 <i>b</i>	+62	+59	+54	+60	+75	+60
13 <i>b</i> -13 <i>a</i>	-36	-36	-47	-30	-56	-60
13 <i>a</i> -9 <i>a</i>	6	6	3	0	+19	0
Ring D						
2-3	3	-13	4	0	0	
3-4	+19	+24	+18	+30	+19	
4-4 <i>a</i>	-44	-38	-47	-60	-56	
4 <i>a</i> -13 <i>b</i>	+56	+53	+59	+60	+75	
13 <i>b</i> -1	-46	-49	-43	-30	-56	
1-2	+20	+27	+9	0	+19	

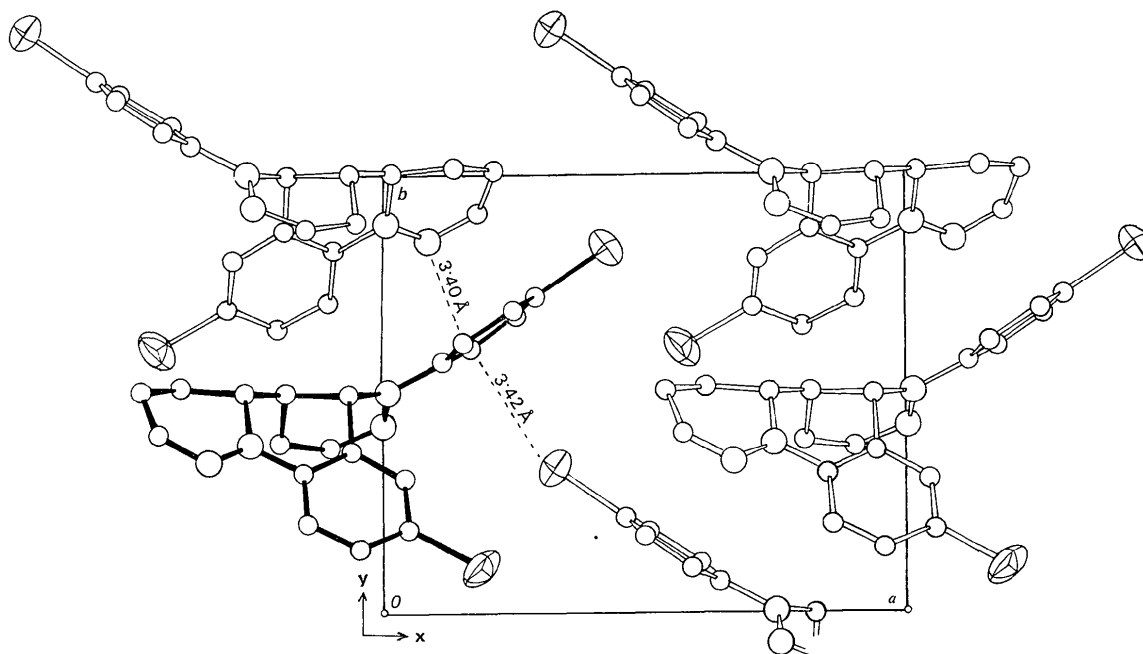


Fig. 4. The structure of HJBR-1 viewed along the c^* axis.

ecule. In addition the nitrogen atom, N(9), of HJBR-2 has not quite plane trigonal configuration. The distance of this atom to the plane through the three neighbouring atoms is 0.19 Å.

The conformations of the molecules might also be expected to differ owing to rotation of the phenyl groups around the N(1)–C(1') bonds, but actually the dihedral angles are about 20° in all the three molecules (*cf.* Figs. 1 to 3).

The bond lengths and valency angles of the molecules are given in Tables 12 and 13. The values of HJBR-1a will not be discussed, because of the low accuracy of this structure. Good agreement was found between the lengths of corresponding bonds of HJBR-1 and HJBR-2 (*cf.* Figs. 1 and 3). The lengths of the four C=N bonds vary between 1.30 and 1.36 Å, and of the four N–N bonds between 1.37 and 1.39 Å. The lengths of the four N–C(phenyl) bonds, on the other hand, vary between 1.39 and 1.49 Å, the longest bond being the N(1)–C(1') bond of HJBR-1. The intramolecular, non-bonded distance between C(13) and C(6') is also greater in HJBR-1 (3.48 Å) than the corresponding distance in HJBR-2 (3.37 Å).

Table 12. *Bond lengths of HJBR-1, HJBR-2 and HJBR-1a*

The estimated standard deviations are in parentheses and refer to the last decimal positions.

<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	HJBR-1 <i>L</i> (<i>ij</i>)	HJBR-2 <i>L</i> (<i>ij</i>)	HJBR-1a <i>L</i> (<i>ij</i>)
Br(12)	C(12)	1.91 (2) Å	1.89 (1) Å	1.90 (5) Å
Br(4')	C(4')	2.01 (2)	1.92 (1)	1.82 (4)
N(9)	N(8)	1.37 (2)	1.38 (2)	1.49 (5)
N(1)	N(2)	1.38 (2)	1.39 (1)	1.49 (6)
N(8)	C(7)	1.32 (3)	1.30 (2)	1.35 (7)
N(2)	C(3)	1.36 (2)	1.32 (2)	1.30 (7)
N(9)	C(9a)	1.40 (2)	1.38 (1)	1.39 (5)
N(1)	C(1')	1.49 (2)	1.41 (1)	1.45 (7)
N(9)	C(4b)	1.47 (2)	1.49 (2)	1.35 (5)
N(1)	C(13b)	1.42 (3)	1.42 (2)	1.38 (5)
C(7)	C(6)	1.47 (2)	1.46 (2)	1.34 (7)
C(3)	C(4)	1.47 (3)	1.44 (2)	1.38 (8)
C(6)	C(5)	1.49 (3)	1.47 (2)	1.57 (7)
C(4)	C(4a)	1.50 (3)	1.55 (2)	1.46 (8)
C(5)	C(4b)	1.55 (2)	1.56 (2)	1.61 (6)
C(4a)	C(4b)	1.48 (3)	1.50 (2)	1.53 (6)
C(4a)	C(13b)	1.60 (2)	1.53 (2)	1.64 (5)
C(13b)	C(13a)	1.50 (2)	1.51 (1)	1.49 (6)
C(9a)	C(10)	1.39 (3)	1.38 (2)	1.34 (6)
C(10)	C(11)	1.37 (3)	1.37 (2)	1.16 (6)
C(11)	C(12)	1.46 (3)	1.43 (2)	1.53 (7)
C(12)	C(13)	1.33 (2)	1.38 (2)	1.24 (8)
C(13)	C(13a)	1.41 (2)	1.37 (2)	1.46 (7)
C(13a)	C(9a)	1.41 (3)	1.37 (1)	1.48 (6)
C(1')	C(2')	1.38 (2)	1.39 (2)	1.31 (8)
C(2')	C(3')	1.33 (2)	1.41 (2)	1.32 (6)
C(3')	C(4')	1.31 (2)	1.38 (2)	1.49 (7)
C(4')	C(5')	1.33 (3)	1.37 (2)	1.43 (7)
C(5')	C(6')	1.41 (3)	1.38 (2)	1.27 (7)
C(6')	C(1')	1.34 (2)	1.39 (2)	1.41 (8)

Non-bonded distances

C(13)	C(6')	3.49	3.37	3.47
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Table 13. *Valency angles of HJBR-1, HJBR-2 and HJBR-1a*

The estimated standard deviations are in parentheses.

<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>k</i>	HJBR-1 Angle (<i>ijk</i>)	HJBR-2 Angle (<i>ijk</i>)	HJBR-1a Angle (<i>ijk</i>)
N(8)	N(9)	C(9a)	116 (1)°	115 (1)°	110 (3)°
N(8)	N(9)	C(4b)	123 (1)	118 (1)	121 (3)
C(9a)	N(9)	C(4b)	120 (1)	121 (1)	129 (3)
C(7)	N(8)	N(9)	118 (1)	115 (1)	119 (4)
N(1)	N(2)	C(3)	116 (2)	116 (1)	103 (4)
N(2)	N(1)	C(13b)	124 (1)	121 (1)	123 (3)
N(2)	N(1)	C(1')	116 (1)	114 (1)	108 (4)
C(13b)	N(1)	C(1')	118 (1)	124 (1)	123 (4)
N(8)	C(7)	C(6)	126 (2)	129 (1)	122 (5)
C(7)	C(6)	C(5)	114 (1)	113 (1)	120 (4)
C(6)	C(5)	C(4b)	109 (1)	109 (1)	103 (3)
C(5)	C(4b)	N(9)	109 (1)	106 (1)	114 (3)
C(4a)	C(4b)	N(9)	112 (1)	112 (1)	112 (3)
C(5)	C(4b)	C(4a)	111 (1)	112 (1)	116 (3)
C(4b)	C(4a)	C(4)	118 (1)	113 (1)	123 (4)
C(4b)	C(4a)	C(13b)	107 (1)	113 (1)	106 (3)
C(4)	C(4a)	C(13b)	108 (1)	106 (1)	109 (4)
C(4a)	C(4)	C(3)	114 (1)	110 (1)	108 (5)
C(4)	C(3)	N(2)	124 (1)	128 (1)	143 (6)
N(1)	C(13b)	C(13a)	114 (1)	117 (1)	120 (3)
N(1)	C(13b)	C(4a)	107 (1)	110 (1)	109 (3)
C(4a)	C(13b)	C(13a)	105 (1)	108 (1)	101 (3)
Br(12)	C(12)	C(11)	117 (1)	119 (1)	118 (3)
Br(12)	C(12)	C(13)	123 (1)	121 (1)	123 (4)
C(11)	C(12)	C(13)	120 (1)	120 (1)	118 (5)
C(10)	C(11)	C(12)	118 (1)	119 (1)	123 (5)
C(11)	C(10)	C(9a)	120 (2)	120 (1)	123 (4)
N(9)	C(9a)	C(10)	120 (2)	123 (1)	129 (4)
N(9)	C(9a)	C(13a)	119 (1)	117 (1)	110 (3)
C(10)	C(9a)	C(13a)	121 (1)	120 (1)	121 (3)
C(9a)	C(13a)	C(13)	117 (1)	122 (1)	113 (4)
C(9a)	C(13a)	C(13b)	122 (1)	117 (1)	128 (3)
C(13)	C(13a)	C(13b)	121 (1)	120 (1)	119 (4)
C(12)	C(13)	C(13a)	123 (2)	119 (1)	122 (5)
N(1)	C(1')	C(2')	113 (1)	120 (1)	117 (5)
N(1)	C(1')	C(6')	125 (2)	119 (1)	116 (5)
C(2')	C(1')	C(6')	121 (1)	120 (1)	123 (5)
C(1')	C(2')	C(3')	113 (1)	119 (1)	120 (5)
C(2')	C(3')	C(4')	126 (2)	119 (1)	121 (4)
C(3')	C(4')	C(5')	125 (2)	123 (1)	112 (4)
C(4')	C(5')	C(6')	111 (1)	118 (1)	125 (5)
C(1')	C(6')	C(5')	124 (2)	121 (1)	117 (4)
Br(4')	C(4')	C(3')	124 (1)	119 (1)	125 (3)
Br(4')	C(4')	C(5')	111 (1)	118 (1)	123 (4)

The agreement between corresponding valency angles of HJBR-1 and HJBR-2 also seems reasonable, with the exception of the valency angles of one of the phenyl groups (ring *E* in Figs. 1 and 3). Apparently a deformation of the benzene ring of HJBR-1 has occurred such that the oppositely situated angles C(1')–C(2')–C(3') and C(4')–C(5')–C(6') have become rather small (113 and 111° respectively). In addition the differences between the angles N(1)–C(1')–C(6') and N(1)–C(1')–C(2') (125 and 113°) and between Br(4')–C(4')–C(3') and Br(4')–C(4')–C(5') (124 and 111°) of HJBR-1 are significant.

The reason for these deformations of the HJBR-1 molecule might be steric repulsion between the molecules. Some rather short intermolecular distances were found from one of the phenyl carbon atoms to some atoms of the neighbouring molecules (*cf.* Fig. 4).

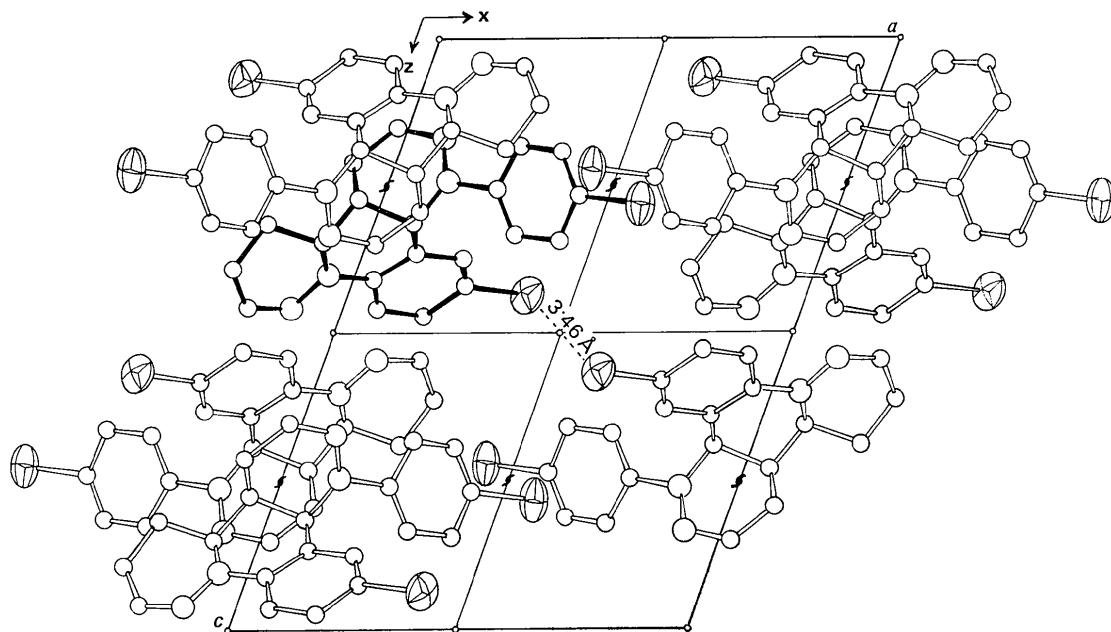


Fig. 5. The structure of HJBR-1 viewed along the b axis.

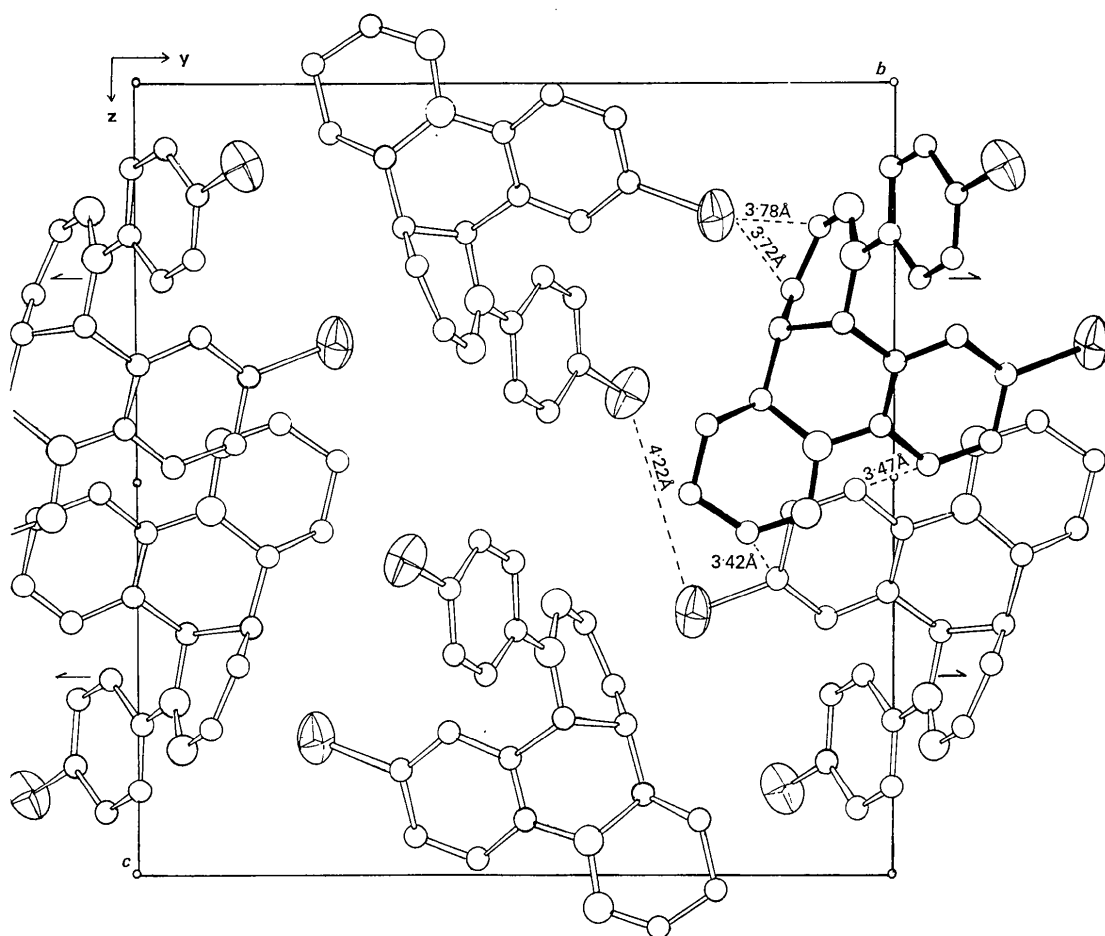


Fig. 6. The structure of HJBR-2 viewed along the a^* axis.

In addition the distance between Br(12) atoms, related by a centre of symmetry, is very short, 3.46 Å (*cf.* Fig. 5).

All the valency angles of HJBR-2 are quite normal. The opening of the angle C(13*b*)–N(1)–C(1') (124°) may be ascribed to intramolecular steric strain between C(6') and C(13). There are no short Br···Br distances in this structure (all of them are greater than 4.2 Å) and

no Br···C or Br···N distances are less than 3.7 Å, and no C···N or C···C distances less than 3.4 Å (*cf.* Figs. 6 and 7).

In the structure of HJBR-1*a* all of the Br···Br distances are greater than 3.9 Å, but one rather short Br···N distance (3.43 Å) was found (*cf.* Fig. 8). In addition two short distances between light atoms were found. These are also indicated in Fig. 8.

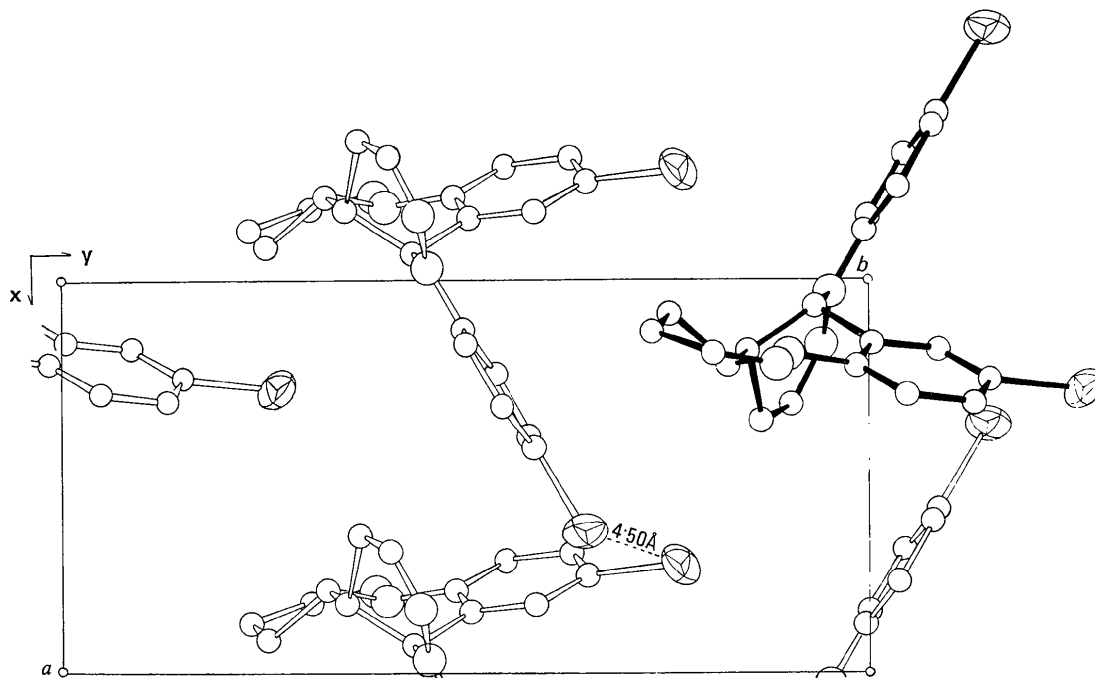


Fig. 7. The structure of HJBR-2 viewed along the *c* axis.

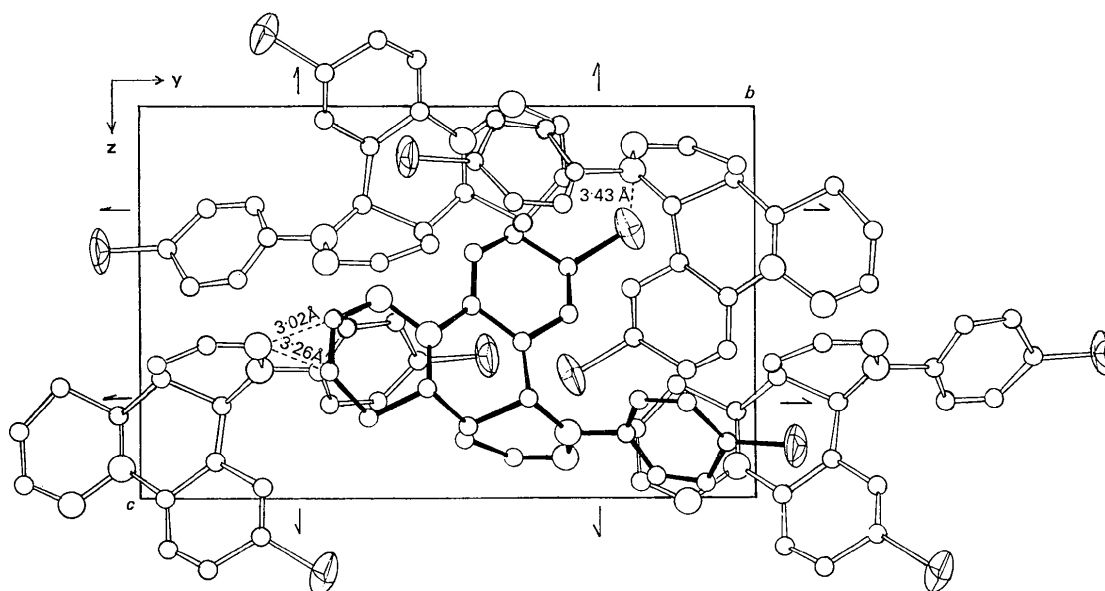


Fig. 8. The structure of HJBR-1*a* viewed along the *a* axis.

The molecules are packed in very different ways in the three crystals in spite of the very similar overall shape of the molecules. This can be seen by a comparison of Figs. 4 to 8. No close relation is found between the packing of the molecules in the racemate crystal, HJBR-1, and the packing in the corresponding chiral crystal HJBR-1*a*, as was the case in the structures reported by Cheng, Koo, Mellor, Nyburg & Young (1970). It seems likely that the packing of the HJBR-2 molecules is more favourable than the others. There are no short intermolecular distances in this structure, although the unit cell of HJBR-2 is the smallest one.

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The Crystal Structure of the *trans* Isomer of β -Ionylidene-crotonic Acid. II. Determination of Subsequent Data and Revaluation of Previous Results

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Following a previous paper on $C_{17}H_{24}O_2$, 9,10-*trans*- β -ionylidene- γ -crotonic acid, or conventionally *trans*-(2',6',6'-trimethylcyclohex-1'-enyl)-3-methylhexa-1,3,5-triene-6-carboxylic acid, all crystal structure data have been determined with an automatic single-crystal diffractometer (Cu $K\alpha$ radiation) at room temperature. Space group $P\bar{1}$, $Z=2$. Cell constants: $a=10.391$, $b=13.481$, $c=7.546$ Å, $\alpha=108.12$, $\beta=127.81$, $\gamma=68.01^\circ$. A least-squares anisotropic block-diagonal refinement was started from the previously published positional parameters of the carbon and oxygen atoms. Moreover all hydrogen atoms were refined, with individual isotropic B values. Final $R=0.07$. The results allow a better comparison with those obtained more recently for the *cis* analogue and with details of other vitamin A and carotenoid related substances. The torsion angle between the ring-ethene system and the plane of the first three adjacent chain-carbon atoms is 10.4° from *s-trans*. Some possible physical interpretations of the very large anisotropic U_{ij} values of some ring atoms are discussed, in view of the significance of geometrical data in this and other related structures.

Introduction

This redetermination of the molecular and crystal structure and production of additional data of 9,10-*trans*- β -ionylidene- γ -crotonic acid, reported formerly in a paper by Eichhorn and MacGillavry (1959) has been undertaken in order to update the results. Comparison with the *cis* analogue (Eichhorn, 1957; Koch & MacGillavry, 1963; Koch, 1972) and with other vitamin A related (Stam & MacGillavry, 1963; Paul-Roy, Schenk & MacGillavry, 1969; Schenk, 1969) and carotenoid related (Sly, 1964; Sterling, 1964; Bart & MacGillavry, 1968; Braun, Hornstra & Leenhouts, 1971) substances need an improved basis, in view of recent quantum, mechanical calculations (Pullman, Langlet & Berthod,

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1969; Langlet, Pullman & Berthod, 1970) and semi-empirical calculations/nuclear magnetic resonance measurements (Honig, Hudson, Sykes & Karplus, 1971). Various experimental data on these compounds are also compared in the review articles by Hubbard & Wald (1968) and Schwieter, Englert, Rigassi & Vetter (1969).

The numbering of the carbon and oxygen atoms, used in this paper is given in Fig. 1 and that of the hydrogen atoms in Fig. 4.

Experimental

From a small single crystal (obtained from a 96% alcohol solution; m.p. 158°C ; dimensions $0.3 \times 0.2 \times 0.1$