The conformation of the 12 -membered macroring in hygrophylline is essentially similar to its conformation in the hepatotoxic alkaloids, for example senecionine (Mackay \& Culvenor, 1982) and anacrotine (Mackay, Sadek \& Culvenor, 1984) - see Table 3. Atoms in the primary ester groups, $\mathrm{C}(9), \mathrm{O}(10), \mathrm{C}(11), \mathrm{O}(22), \mathrm{C}(12)$ are coplanar within $\pm 0.07$ (1) $\AA$. One H atom at $\mathrm{C}(9)$ lies closer to the ester plane than the other Itorsional angle $\mathrm{H}(9 b)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{O}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)-22(6)^{\circ}$ ] as noted in senecionine and anacrotine. However, unlike the situation in the latter, in which the $\alpha-\mathrm{OH}$ substituent at $\mathrm{C}(12)$ lies almost in the ester plane, a twisting about the $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ bond results in a torsional angle $\mathrm{O}(22)-$ $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{O}(23)$ of $-20(5)^{\circ}$ compared with the values $-3.8(3)$ and $-3.4(5)^{\circ}$ in senecionine and anacrotine respectively. Atoms $\mathrm{C}(7), \mathrm{O}(17), \mathrm{C}(16)$, $\mathrm{O}(25), \mathrm{C}(15)$ in the secondary ester are coplanar within $\pm 0.02$ (1) $\AA$ [torsional angles $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{O}(17)-\mathrm{C}(16)-$ $\mathrm{C}(15)-178.3$ (5) and $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{O}(17)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{O}(25)$ $\left.2.5(5)^{\circ}\right]$. The angle between the planes defined by atoms $\mathrm{H}(7), \mathrm{C}(7), \mathrm{O}(17)$ and $\mathrm{O}(17), \mathrm{C}(16), \mathrm{O}(25)$, $\mathrm{C}(15)$ is $1.7(5)^{\circ}$ so that $\mathrm{H}(7)$ lies within the ester plane [the $\mathrm{H}(7) \cdots \mathrm{O}(25)$ distance is $2.45(6) \AA$ ], whereas in anacrotine and senecionine $H(7)$ does not lie within the ester plane; the comparable interplanar angles have the respective values $34(3)$ and $68(1)^{\circ}$. As observed in anacrotine, the unsaturated side chain $\mathrm{C}(15)=\mathrm{C}(20)-$ $\mathrm{C}(21)$ is in a nearly cis arrangement with the carbonyl group latoms $\mathrm{C}(14), \mathrm{C}(15), \mathrm{C}(20), \mathrm{C}(21), \mathrm{C}(16)$ coplanar within $\pm 0.01$ (1) $\AA]$, the torsional angle $\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{O}(25)$ of $40.5(5)^{\circ}$ being similar to the value $46.2(3)^{\circ}$ in senecionine but significantly different from the value $60.6(5)^{\circ}$ in anacrotine in which there is a greater twist about the $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ bond.

The carbonyl bonds of the ester functions in hygrophylline are antiparallel as observed in other alkaloids containing the 12 -membered macroring. The angle between the bonds is $26.5(6)^{\circ}$ compared with the values of $14.0(5)^{\circ}$ in anacrotine and $16.8(3)^{\circ}$ in senecionine. The transannular distance $\mathrm{O}(10) \cdots \mathrm{O}(17)$ of 2.966 (5) $\AA$ is shorter than the distance in anacrotine
[ 3.349 (6) $\AA$ ] and in senecionine [ 3.293 (3) $\AA$ ]; other close contacts within the macroring are $\mathrm{O}(10) \cdots \mathrm{C}(13)$ 2.792 (7), O(10) $\cdots \mathrm{C}(14) 3.252$ (7) and $\mathrm{C}(11) \cdots \mathrm{C}(14)$ 3.028 (8) $\AA$. The $\mathrm{O}(23) \cdots \mathrm{O}(24)$ and $\mathrm{O}(22) \cdots \mathrm{O}(24)$ distances of 2.818 (6) and 2.701 (5) $\AA$ respectively are indicative of hydrogen bonding, but this could not be verified as the H atom of the hydroxyl substituent at $\mathrm{C}(12)$ was not located in the analysis.

The crystal packing is illustrated in Fig. 2. An intermolecular $H$ bond involving the hydroxyl substituent at $C(14)$ and the carbonyl $O$ of the primary ester system of an adjacent molecule related by the twofold screw axis $\left(y=\frac{1}{4}, z=\frac{1}{2}\right)$ links the molecules into helices along a. The $\mathrm{O}(24) \cdots \mathrm{O}(22), \mathrm{O}(24)-\mathrm{H}(24)$ and $\mathrm{H}(24) \cdots \mathrm{O}(22)$ distances are $2.738(6), 0.66(8)$ and $2 \cdot 17(6) \AA$ and the angle $\mathrm{O}(24)-\mathrm{H}(24) \cdots \mathrm{O}(22)$ is $145(5)^{\circ}$. It is interesting to note that the N atom in the pyrrolizidine nucleus does not enter into hydrogen bonding in this crystal.

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# Structure of the $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ Form of 2,4,6-Triphenyl-1,3,5-trithiane, $\mathrm{C}_{\mathbf{2 1}} \mathbf{H}_{18} \mathrm{~S}_{\mathbf{3}}$ 

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\begin{gathered}
\text { Abstract. } \quad M_{r}=366 \cdot 5, \quad \text { monoclinic, } C 2 / c, \quad a==1.323 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{~m}^{-3}, \quad \text { Mo } K a, \quad \lambda=0.7107 \AA, \quad \mu= \\
19.711(4), \quad b=9.578(2), \quad c=19.459(4) \AA, \quad \beta=4.12 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, F(000)=1536, T=296 \mathrm{~K}, \text { final } R=0.069 \mathrm{for} \\
92.09(2)^{\circ}, \quad V=3671 \cdot 0 \AA^{3}, \quad Z=8, \quad D_{x}=1.326, \quad D_{m} \\
01495 \text { independent reflections. The trithiane ring, which } \\
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has a chair form, is approximately parallel to the $a c$ plane. All three phenyl rings are in equatorial positions; two are approximately perpendicular to the trithiane ring, and the third is inclined by about $45^{\circ}$.

Introduction. The structures of $\alpha$ - and $\beta-2,4,6$-tri-methyl-1,3,5-trithiane (TTA) have been investigated by the X-ray diffraction method (Valle, Busetti \& Mammi, 1969; Hirokawa, Sekido, Suzuki \& Noguchi, 1974; Sekido, Ono, Noguchi \& Hirokawa, 1977; Sekido, Itoh, Noguchi \& Hirokawa, 1981). TTA has two stereoisomers: in one (m.p. 399 K ) all three methyl groups are in equatorial positions and in the other (m.p. 375 K ) two of the three methyl groups are in equatorial positions and the third is axial. The former is designated as the $\beta$ form while the latter is the $\alpha$. We have determined the crystal structure of the title compound, $\beta$-TTB (m.p. 499 K ), in which a phenyl group is substituted for each methyl group in $\beta$-TTA, in order to compare the results of this investigation with those of $\alpha$ - and $\beta$-TTA, and related compounds.

Experimental. Colorless rectangular prismatic crystals obtained by slow evaporation from an ethyl acetate solution. $D_{m}$ measured by flotation in a mixture of toluene and tetrachloromethane. Crystal $0.5 \times 0.3 \times$ 1.0 mm . Rigaku AFC-III four-circle diffractometer, Mo $K \alpha$ radiation, graphite monochromator. Intensity data measured by $\omega-2 \theta$ scan, scan speed $4^{\circ} \mathrm{min}^{-1}$ ( $2 \theta$ ). Cell dimensions refined by least-squares method using RSLC-3 (UNICS, 1967) based on 58 reflections with $27.61 \leq \theta \leq 29.92^{\circ}$. Systematic absences restricted possible space groups to either $C c$ or $C 2 / c$; the number of molecules in the unit cell and the statistical test of the intensity distribution favored the latter. 5835 independent reflections measured in range $+h,+k, \pm l$. Three standard reflections (200, 020, 002), intensity variation $\quad 1.5 \% . \quad \sin \theta_{\text {max }} / \lambda=0.7030 \AA^{-1}, \quad 2 \theta_{\text {max }}=$ $59.96^{\circ} .5707$ unique reflections, $R_{\text {int }}=0.040 .1312$ unobserved reflections with $I<2 \sigma(I)$. Data corrected for Lorentz and polarization factors but not for absorption. Three S atoms located from a Patterson synthesis, all other non H -atoms fixed by threedimensional Fourier and difference syntheses using RSSFR-5 (UNICS, 1967). Block-diagonal anisotropic least-squares refinement (HBLS-5, Ashida, 1979) gave $R=0.09$ on a CDC-6600 computer of Century Research Co., Tokyo. H-atom positions located from difference Fourier map; block-diagonal least-squares refinement with anisotropic temperature factors for C and S , isotropic for H atoms; $R=0.069, S=2.85$, in the range $4 \cdot 3 \leq F_{o} \leq 485 \cdot 1$. Unit weights. In final refinement cycle $(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.11$; max. and min. peak heights in final difference electron density map 0.177 and $-0.218 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$, respectively. Scattering factors from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1974).

Discussion. The final coordinates and thermal parameters are given in Table 1.* The structural and conformational features are shown in Fig. 1 together with the atomic numbering and the thermal-vibration ellipsoids (Johnson, 1965) scaled to $50 \%$ probability, excluding the H atoms. Intramolecular interatomic distances and angles are given in Table 2. The average $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{C}$ length is $1.821 \AA$; the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{C}$ and $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{S}$ angles are 99.5 and $114 \cdot 1^{\circ}$, respectively. The mean values reported for the related compounds are as follows: $1.814^{\circ}$ for $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{C}, 98.9^{\circ}$ for $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{C}$, and $114.7^{\circ}$ for $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{S}$ in the unsubstituted $1,3,5$-trithiane (Valle, Busetti, Mammi \& Carazzolov, 1969), 1.818 $\AA$, $101 \cdot 3,113.5^{\circ}$ in $\beta$-TTA (Sekido et al., 1981), and $1.818 \AA, 101.89,113.09^{\circ}$ in $\alpha$-TTA (Sekido et al., 1977). The data on $\beta$-TTA by Valle, Busetti \& Mammi (1969) and Hirokawa et al. (1974) are not discussed here. The $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{C}$ lengths in this investigation are slightly longer than those in the others, while the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{C}$ angles are smaller and the $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{S}$ angles larger than those in TTA. These may suggest that the trithiane ring is distorted by the side-chain radicals. The mean $\mathrm{C}(i)-\mathrm{C}(i 1)$ bond distance (from C in the trithiane ring to a phenyl $\mathrm{C}, i=1-3)$ and $\mathrm{S}(i)-\mathrm{C}(i)-\mathrm{C}(i 1)$ angle are $1.514 \AA$ and $108.8^{\circ}$, being in accordance with the reported values $\left(1.519 \AA\right.$ and $107.6^{\circ}$ in $\alpha$-TTA, and $1.513 \AA$ and $107.6^{\circ}$ in $\beta$-TTA). Therefore, the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bond distance and $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ angle are rigid, regardless of the substituted groups.

The triangle formed by the three S atoms is regular, the average length being $3.055 \AA$ and the average apex angle $60.0^{\circ}$ ( $3.029 \AA$ and $60.0^{\circ}$ in $\alpha$-TTA, and $3.040 \AA$ and $60.0^{\circ}$ in $\beta$-TTA). Another triangle formed by the three C atoms of the trithiane ring is also regular, with a length of $2.778 \AA$ ( 2.833 and $2.812 \AA$ in $\alpha$ - and $\beta$-TTA) and with the apex angle $60.0^{\circ}\left(60.0^{\circ}\right.$ in $\alpha$ - and $\beta$-TTA). It may be characteristic that the $\mathrm{S} \cdots \mathrm{S}$ length is longer than the reported values, while the $\mathrm{C} \cdots \mathrm{C}$ length is shorter.

Intramolecular distances and angles of the phenyl rings are also given in Table 2. The average $\mathrm{C}(i j)-\mathrm{C}(i k)$ bond distances and the $\mathrm{C}(i j)-\mathrm{C}(i k)-\mathrm{C}(i 1)$ angles in the phenyl rings $(i=1,3)$ are $1.380,1 \cdot 383,1.378 \AA$, respectively, and $120.0^{\circ}$ in all the phenyl rings. Every angle for $k=1$ and $k=6$ is less than $120 \cdot 0^{\circ}$. This tendency is also seen in 2,4,6-triphenylverdazyl (Williams, 1973), oxobis[triphenylgermanium(IV)] (Glidewell \& Liles, 1978a), and hydroxotriphenyl$\operatorname{tin}($ IV) (Glidewell \& Liles, 1978b).

Shifts of the three $S$ atoms $[\mathbf{S}(1), S(2), S(3)]$ and the three C atoms $[\mathrm{C}(11), \mathrm{C}(21), \mathrm{C}(31)]$ from the least-

[^0]squares plane defined by the three C atoms of the trithiane ring are $0.68,0.66,0.70,0.33,0.30,0.20 \AA$, respectively. Hence, the plane formed by these C atoms lies between the plane formed by the S atoms and the plane formed by the C atoms of the trithiane ring. Each phenyl ring is planar within experimental errors. The dihedral angle between a phenyl ring and the trithiane ring is $97^{\circ}$ for $\mathrm{C}(1 j), 87^{\circ}$ for $\mathrm{C}(2 j)$, and $46^{\circ}$ for $\mathrm{C}(3 j)$.

The absolute average value of the endocyclic torsion angles is $66.5^{\circ}$, being larger than $64.9^{\circ}(\alpha-$ TTA $)$ and $65.0^{\circ}$ ( $\beta$-TTA). The calculated exocyclic torsion angles ( $171.8^{\circ}$ as a mean in absolute values) show that all the phenyl groups are in equatorial positions. This mean value is less than the $174.4^{\circ}$ in $\beta$-TTA and the $175.2^{\circ}$ for $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{eq}}$ in $\alpha$-TTA.

Table 1. Atomic coordinates $\left(\times 10^{4}\right)$ and equivalent isotropic temperature factors

| $B_{\mathrm{eq}}=\frac{1}{3} \sum_{i} \sum_{j} B_{i j} a_{i}^{*} a_{j}^{*} \mathbf{a}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{j}$. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $B_{\text {eq }}\left(\AA^{2}\right)$ |
| S(1) | 1462 (9) | 3218 (10) | 2322 (9) | $4 \cdot 38$ |
| S(2) | 2968 (9) | 3417 (10) | 1987 (8) | 2.90 |
| S(3) | 2545 (9) | 3259 (10) | 3478 (8) | 2.94 |
| C(1) | 2141 (33) | 2652 (37) | 1773 (32) | 2.75 |
| C(2) | 3130 (32) | 2663 (36) | 2833 (32) | 2.63 |
| C(3) | 1764 (32) | 2464 (35) | 3126 (32) | 2.49 |
| C(11) | 1931 (33) | 3040 (37) | 1048 (32) | 2.74 |
| C(12) | 1764 (37) | 2006 (42) | 577 (37) | $3 \cdot 50$ |
| C(13) | 1569 (41) | 2351 (51) | -89 (39) | $4 \cdot 28$ |
| C(14) | 1551 (43) | 3721 (56) | -296 (40) | 4.78 |
| C(15) | 1710 (47) | 4759 (49) | 167 (44) | 4.45 |
| C(16) | 1903 (41) | 4432 (43) | 839 (39) | 3.67 |
| C(21) | 3843 (32) | 3041 (37) | 3072 (31) | 2.70 |
| C(22) | 4033 (37) | 4432 (42) | 3140 (40) | 3.52 |
| C(23) | 4691 (43) | 4789 (47) | 3355 (44) | 4.28 |
| C(24) | 5156 (28) | 3749 (54) | 3499 (41) | 4.48 |
| C(25) | 4969 (42) | 2373 (51) | 3435 (47) | 4.76 |
| C(26) | 4309 (39) | 2006 (44) | 3225 (40) | 3.85 |
| C(31) | 1229 (34) | 2549 (37) | 3675 (33) | 2.71 |
| C(32) | 1298 (42) | 1690 (47) | 4240 (40) | 3.82 |
| C(33) | 822 (49) | 1735 (56) | 4750 (43) | 4.80 |
| C(34) | 280 (45) | 2614 (62) | 4685 (44) | 4.94 |
| C(35) | 204 (44) | 3465 (59) | 4135 (47) | 4.87 |
| C(36) | 681 (41) | 3449 (48) | 3612 (41) | 3.93 |



Fig. 1. The thermal-vibration ellipsoids of the non-hydrogen atoms drawn by ORTEP (Johnson, 1965).

Table 2. Intramolecular distances $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$

| $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 1.825 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 99.4 (2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 1.806 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $100 \cdot 0$ (2) |
| $\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 1.821 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{S}(3)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 99.0 (2) |
| $\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 1.816 (3) | $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{S}(2)$ | 114.6 (2) |
| S(3)-C(2) | 1.826 (3) | $\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{S}(3)$ | 113.9 (2) |
| $\mathrm{S}(3)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 1.829 (3) | $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{S}(3)$ | 113.8 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 1.504 (5) | $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 107.1 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | 1.509 (5) | $\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 109.1 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(31)$ | 1.530 (5) | S(2)-C(2)-C(21) | 108.4 (2) |
|  |  | $\mathrm{S}(3)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | 108.5 (2) |
| $\mathrm{S}(1) \cdots \mathrm{S}(2)$ | 3.068 (1) | $\mathrm{S}(\mathrm{1})-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(31)$ | 111.8 (2) |
| $\mathrm{S}(1) \cdots \mathrm{S}(3)$ | 3.045 (2) | $\mathrm{S}(3)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(31)$ | 108.0 (2) |
| $\mathrm{S}(2) \cdots \mathrm{S}$ (3) | 3.051 (1) |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C}(1) \cdots \mathrm{C}(2)$ | 2.785 (5) | $\mathrm{S}(2) \cdots \mathrm{S}(1) \cdots \mathrm{S}(3)$ | 59.9 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1) \cdots \mathrm{C}(3)$ | 2.768 (5) | $\mathrm{S}(1) \cdots \mathrm{S}(2) \cdots \mathrm{S}(3)$ | 59.7 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2) \cdots \mathrm{C}(3)$ | 2.780 (5) | $\mathrm{S}(1) \cdots \mathrm{S}(3) \cdots \mathrm{S}(2)$ | 60.4 (1) |
| $\mathrm{S}(1) \cdots \mathrm{C}(11)$ | 2.683 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(2) \cdots \mathrm{C}(1) \cdots \mathrm{C}(3)$ | 60.1 (2) |
| $\mathrm{S}(1) \cdots \mathrm{C}(31)$ | 2.765 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(1) \cdots \mathrm{C}(2) \cdots \mathrm{C}(3)$ | 59.7 (2) |
| S(2) $\cdots$ C(11) | 2.715 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(1) \cdots \mathrm{C}(3) \cdots \mathrm{C}(2)$ | 60.3(2) |
| S(2) $\cdots$ C(21) | 2.704 (4) |  |  |
| S(3) $\cdots$ C(21) | 2.713 (3) |  |  |
| S(3) $\cdots \mathrm{C}$ (31) | 2.723 (4) |  |  |
| Distances and angles within the phenyl rings |  |  |  |
|  |  | Ring, $i$ |  |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Bond $\mathrm{C}(i j)-\mathrm{C}(i k)$ |  |  |  |
| 1-2 | 1.381 (5) | 1.388 (6) | 1.376 (5) |
| 2-3 | 1.378 (5) | 1.392 (6) | 1.392 (6) |
| 3-4 | 1.373 (7) | 1.374 (6) | 1.361 (7) |
| 4-5 | 1.370 (7) | 1.373 (7) | 1.350 (7) |
| 5-6 | 1.383 (6) | 1.394 (6) | 1.403 (6) |
| 6-1 | 1.395 (6) | 1.377 (5) | $1 \cdot 384$ (6) |
| Bond $\mathrm{C}(i j)-\mathrm{H}(i j)$ |  |  |  |
| 2 | 1.02 (4) | 0.97 (4) | 0.93 (4) |
| 3 | 0.98 (4) | 1.00 (4) | 0.93 (4) |
| 4 | 0.97 (4) | 0.97 (4) | 0.94 (5) |
| 5 | 0.96 (4) | 1.00 (4) | 0.96 (5) |
| 6 | 0.96 (4) | 1.04 (4) | 0.94 (4) |
| Angle $\mathrm{C}(i j)-\mathrm{C}(i k)-\mathrm{C}(i 1)$ |  |  |  |
| 6-1-2 | 119.1 (3) | 119.7 (3) | 119.5 (4) |
| 1-2-3 | $120 \cdot 2$ (4) | 120.6 (4) | $120 \cdot 1$ (4) |
| 2-3-4 | $120 \cdot 5$ (4) | 119.4 (4) | 120.0 (4) |
| 3-4-5 | 119.9 (4) | $120 \cdot 2$ (4) | $120 \cdot 8$ (4) |
| 4-5-6 | $120 \cdot 3$ (4) | 120.9 (4) | 120.3 (5) |
| 5-6-1 | 119.9 (4) | 119.3 (4) | 119.3 (4) |

The molecular packing in the unit cell together with intermolecular distances less than $3.81 \AA$ are shown in Fig. 2. These distances are between two phenyl rings which are related to each other by a center of symmetry (at $x=\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}$ ) and between another two rings which are related by a twofold axis. Other distances less than $3.81 \AA$ are $3.71 \AA$ for $\mathrm{C}\left(25^{i}\right) \cdots \mathrm{C}\left(34^{\text {vi }}\right)$, and $3.76 \AA$ for $\mathrm{C}\left(13^{\text {vii) }}\right) \cdots \mathrm{C}\left(34^{\mathrm{vi}}\right)$. The interplanar distance is $3.41 \AA$ for phenyl rings which are related to each other by a center of symmetry, and $3.56 \AA$ for those related by a twofold axis. Hence, the molecules are held together by van der Waals contacts and by plane-to-plane interactions in the crystal. Also, these interactions may be regarded as the cause of the high melting point of this compound.

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Fig. 2. The molecular packing viewed down $\mathbf{b}$, showing all intermolecular distances (involving non-hydrogen atoms) less than $3.81 \AA$. Each e.s.d. is no greater than $0.01 \AA$.

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# Structure of $N$-[1'-(9-Adenyl) $-\beta$-D-ribofuranuronosyl]-L-phenylalanine Water Ethanol $\left(1 / \frac{1}{2} / 4\right), \mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{6} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} .4 \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}$ 

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Abstract. $M_{r}=448.94$, monoclinic, $P 2_{1}, a=9.207$ (1), $b=10.503$ (2), $c=22.208$ (3) $\AA, \quad \beta=101.4$ (1) ${ }^{\circ}, V$ $=2105.2$ (9) $\AA^{3}, Z=4, D_{x}=1.416 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}, \lambda(\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha)$ $=1.5418 \AA, \mu=9.3 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, F(000)=942, T=293 \mathrm{~K}$. Final $R=0.053$ for 4132 observed intensities. Both independent molecules in the asymmetric unit are zwitterions. One molecule has an extended conformation with the base anti and the sugar $\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ endo $\left({ }^{2} E\right)$; the other molecule has a closed conformation with the base syn and the sugar $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ endo $\left({ }^{3} E\right)$.

Introduction. Nucleoside peptides are found in a variety of biological systems. $S$-Adenosylmethionine, the cofactor responsible for methylation, is one example, as are a wide variety of nucleoside antibiotics (Suhadolnik, 1970). Amino acids were first shown to bind covalently to RNA in 1958 (Akashi \& Yokoi, 1958). Covalent

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protein-nucleic acid attachments have been demonstrated in adenovirus (Rekosh, Russell, Bellet \& Robinson, 1977) and polyovirus (Rothberg, Harris, Nomoto \& Wimmer, 1978). As one method to aid in the identification of nucleoside peptides in DNA and RNA, model compounds have been synthesized (Robins et al., 1971). The crystal structure of one, $N$-[1'-(9-adenyl)- $\beta$-D-ribofuranuronosyll-L-phenylalanine (I) (Kawana, Rousseau \& Robins, 1972), has been determined as part of our program to understand the detailed geometry of these molecules as well as their intermolecular interactions.

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[^0]:    * Lists of structure factors, anisotropic thermal parameters, H -atom parameters, least-squares planes, and torsion angles have been deposited with the British Library Lending Division as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 39853 ( 23 pp.). Copies may be obtained through The Executive Secretary, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

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