Table 3. Triphenylphosphine oxide and its $\mathrm{H} X$ adducts ( $X=\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{Br}$ )

|  | $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{O}(\AA)$ | O-H (A) | $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{X}(\AA)$ | O-X $(\AA)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{PO}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.491(2)^{a} \\ & 1.494(4)^{\circ} \end{aligned}$ | - | - | - |
| $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{PO} . \mathrm{HBr}$ | 1.550 (6) | 0.98 (9) | 2.0 (1) | 2.930 (6) |
| $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{PO} . \mathrm{HCl}$ | 1.517 (2) | 1.116 (40) | - | 2.747 (2) |
| $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{PO}$. HF | 1.495 (4) | 1.423 | 0.998 | 2.384 (5) |
| $\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{PO}\right)_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \cdot \mathrm{HBr}$ | 1.492 (6) ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | - | - | - |

Notes: (a) orthorhombic form, (b) monoclinic form, (c) mean value.
by the short $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}$ bond $[0.98$ (9) $\AA$ § and long $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Br}$ distance $[2.0$ (1) $\AA$ ]. Following on from this work, a comparison can be made between the structures of $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{PO} . \mathrm{H} X$, where $X=\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{Br}$ (Table 3). The structure of $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{PO}$.HF comprises molecular triphenylphosphine oxide, hydrogen bonded to hydrogen fluoride. The $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{O}$ bond length $[1.495$ (4) $\AA$ ] is comparable to that of free triphenylphosphine oxide [1.491 (2) $\AA$, orthorhombic form; 1.494 (4) $\AA$, monoclinic form] (Brock, Dunitz \& Schweizer, 1985). On the other hand, the structure of the hydrogen chloride adduct has been shown to be that of the ionic $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{P}^{+} \mathrm{OH} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}^{-}$, having a much longer $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{O}$ distance ( $1.517 \AA$ ) and a short $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}$ bond ( $1.116 \AA$ ).

The lengthening of the $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{O}$ bond is more pronounced in the hydrogen bromide adduct now reported, showing the increasing trend to ionicity with the heavier halogens.

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# Structure of $\mathbf{N}$-(2-Dimethylaminoethyl)phenothiazine-1-carboxamide Hydrochloride 

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#### Abstract

C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{OS}^{+} . \mathrm{Cl}^{-}, \quad M_{r}=349.88\), orthorhombic, Pna2 ${ }_{\mathrm{I}}, \quad a=7.983$ (3),$\quad b=18.028$ (2), $c=$ 11.668 (1) $\AA, \quad V=1679.1$ (9) $\AA^{3}, \quad Z=4, \quad D_{m}=$ 1.39 (1), $D_{x}=1.419 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$, Мо $K \alpha, \lambda=0.71069 \AA$, $\mu=4.3 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, \quad F(000)=736, \quad T=293$ (1) K, $\quad R=$ 0.044 for $741[I>2.5 \sigma(I)]$ reflections. The phenothiazine cation adopts a butterfly shape by bending approximately along the $\mathrm{S}(9)-\mathrm{N}(10)$ direction. The dihedral angle between the individually planar aromatic rings is $160.4^{\circ}$. The amide group is oriented to form an intramolecular hydrogen bond between $\mathrm{N}(10)$ and the amide O atom. There are 12 close intermolecular contact distances (non-H) shorter


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than $3.49 \AA$. The non-planar structure of this compound is consistent with its observed lack of intercalative binding to DNA.

Introduction. Tricyclic carboxamides of general structure (1) with a coplanar chromophore intercalate DNA and show in vivo antitumour activity, whereas analogues with non-planar chromophores do not bind in this manner, and show no activity (Palmer, Rewcastle, Atwell, Baguley \& Denny, 1988). The only apparent exception to this was the pheno-thiazine-1-carboxamide (2), which did not appear to unwind closed circular supercoiled DNA [a typical indicator of intercalation (Atwell, Cain, Baguley, Finlay \& Denny, 1984)] but did show significant in
vivo antileukemic activity. In the previous work, the non-planarity of the chromophore of (2) was assumed from that of phenothiazine itself, where the dihedral angle between the $A$ and $C$ rings is $158.5^{\circ}$ in the orthorhombic form (McDowell, 1976) and $153.3^{\circ}$ in the monoclinic polymorph (Bell, Blount, Briscoe \& Freeman, 1968). The well known antipsychotic drug chlorpromazine [(3) 2-chloro-10-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)phenothiazine] has a similar dihedral angle of $139.4^{\circ}$ (McDowell, 1969). However, in view of the above results, the influence of the 4 carboxamide group on the geometry of (2) is of interest, and we have therefore determined its crystal structure.

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(2)


Experimental. The crystal density was measured by flotation in $n$-hexane/carbon tetrachloride. A diffractometer crystal of $0.22 \times 0.18 \times 0.15 \mathrm{~mm}$ (yellow tablet) was mounted on a Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer. Zr -filtered Mo $K \alpha$ radiation was used. Unitcell dimensions were determined from 25 reflections with $7.4<\theta<8.7^{\circ}$. Systematic absences $0 k l, h+k=$ $2 n+1 ; h 0 l, h=2 n+1 ; 00 l, l=2 n+1$ defined the space group as $\mathrm{Pna2}_{1}$. 2810 unique reflections were measured using $\omega / 2 \theta$ scans, for $1.5 \leq \theta \leq 30^{\circ}$ [maxi$\operatorname{mum}(\sin \theta) / \lambda=0.7035 \AA^{-1}$ ], of which 741 had $I>$ $2.5 \sigma(I) ; \quad 0 \leq h \leq 9, \quad 0 \leq k \leq 25, \quad 0 \leq l \leq 14$. Three intensity standards checked every 100 reflections showed no non-statistical variation during data collection. Lorentz and polarization corrections were applied, but absorption corrections were not required. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 1986) with the best $E$ map revealing positions for all non-H atoms. In the $F_{o}$ refinement of atomic positions, non- H atoms were assigned anisotropic thermal parameters; H atoms were placed in calculated positions ( $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}$, $0.95 \AA$ ) with fixed isotropic temperature factors of $U$ $=0.06 \AA^{2}$. Final weight $w=1.7811 / \sigma^{2}(F)+5.6 \times$ $\left.10^{-5} F^{2}\right], R=0.044, w R=0.033, S=1.92$; maximum $\Delta / \sigma=0.238$ for positions; maximum and minimum $\Delta \rho$ excursions in the final difference map 0.29 and $-0.24 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$, respectively. Atomic scattering factors were obtained from International Tables for X-ray

Crystallography (1974, Vol. IV, pp. 99, 149). Calculations were performed with the Enraf-Nonius (1981) Structure Determination Package on a PDP-11 computer for initial data reduction, and with SHELX76 (Sheldrick, 1976) on the University of Auckland IBM 4341 computer for refinement. Diagrams were produced using ORTEP (Johnson, 1965).

Discussion. Atomic coordinates for non-H atoms are listed in Table 1.* Bond distances and angles are given in Table 2. The atomic numbering and molecular geometry are shown in Fig. 1. The molecule is bent into the familiar 'butterfly' shape (Fig. 2) so that the dihedral angle between the best planes of the aromatic rings is $160.4^{\circ}$ (Table 3). This extent of folding compares with values of $158.5,153.3$ and $139.4^{\circ}$ in the similar compounds described in the Introduction. All bond lengths in the entire molecule are normal, and are indistinguishable from those in the related compounds despite their being neutral species whereas the present molecule is a protonated salt. We note a very large number of close intermolecular contact distances in the present compound (there are 12 such non- H -atom contacts between 3.30 and $3.49 \AA$ ). The unit-cell packing diagram is given in Fig. 3. A further question to be considered was the disposition of the side chain. Previous crystallographic studies (Hudson, Kuroda, Denny \& Neidle, 1987) of the free base of the related acridine-4carboxamide (4) showed that the amide lies coplanar to the chromophore, owing to a bridging hydrogen bond between the amide NH and the acridine $\mathrm{N}(10)$ forming a six-membered ring structure. However,

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energy calculations showed the lowest-energy form for the protonated species to be the alternative conformation, with a hydrogen bond between the acridine $\mathrm{N}(10)$ proton and the carbonyl O atom of the amide, and a very low barrier to interconversion between the different amide conformations. A crystal-structure determination of the protonated form of the related 2-phenyquinoline-8-carboxamide (5) confirmed these calculations, showing a similar structure with the amide virtually coplanar and a

[^1]Table 1. Positional parameters and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters $\left(\AA^{2}\right)$

| $\begin{gathered} B_{\mathrm{eq}}=\left(8 \pi^{2} / 3\right)\left(a^{* 2} U_{11}^{2}+b^{* 2} U_{22}^{2}+c^{*} 2 U_{33}^{2}+2 a^{*} b^{*} \cos \gamma U_{12}+2 a^{*} \mathrm{c}^{*}\right. \\ \left.\cos \beta^{*} U_{13}+2 b c^{*} \cos \alpha^{*} U_{23}\right) . \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $B_{\text {eq }}$ |
| Cl | 0.5731 (3) | 0.31729 (13) | $0.50960 \dagger$ | 4.78 (10) |
| S(9) | 0.1367 (4) | 0.24142 (14) | -0.1180 (3) | 4.02 (15) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 0.4068 (10) | 0.0818 (3) | 0.2352 (6) | 3.4 (4) |
| $\mathrm{N}(10)$ | 0.2466 (10) | 0.1226 (4) | 0.0499 (7) | 3.2 (6) |
| $\mathrm{N}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | 0.4969 (9) | 0.1658 (4) | 0.3624 (7) | 3.3 (5) |
| $\mathrm{N}\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ | 0.3837 (11) | 0.0991 (4) | 0.5889 (7) | 3.1 (4) |
| C(1) | 0.2315 (11) | 0.3268 (5) | 0.0599 (9) | 3.2 (7) |
| C(2) | 0.3122 (12) | 0.3405 (5) | 0.1633 (9) | 3.3 (6) |
| C(3) | 0.3685 (12) | 0.2838 (5) | 0.2295 (9) | 3.1 (6) |
| C(4) | 0.3463 (11) | 0.2103 (5) | 0.1935 (9) | 2.3 (5) |
| C(4a) | 0.2699 (12) | 0.1955 (5) | 0.0884 (9) | 2.7 (5) |
| C(5a) | 0.1290 (12) | 0.1021 (5) | -0.0305 (8) | 2.6 (6) |
| C(5) | 0.0763 (13) | 0.0268 (5) | -0.0326 (8) | 3.6 (5) |
| C(6) | -0.0374 (13) | 0.0030 (6) | -0.1138 (10) | 4.0 (6) |
| C(7) | -0.1036 (13) | 0.0526 (5) | -0.1922 (9) | 3.7 (8) |
| C(8) | -0.0536 (12) | 0.1263 (5) | -0.1911 (8) | 3.2 (6) |
| C(8a) | 0.0634 (12) | 0.1499 (5) | -0.1127 (10) | 3.1 (5) |
| C(9a) | 0.2153 (10) | 0.2549 (5) | 0.0217 (8) | 2.6 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 0.4165 (13) | 0.1476 (6) | 0.2660 (9) | 3.2 (5) |
| C(2) | 0.5937 (13) | 0.1133 (5) | 0.4283 (8) | 3.3 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ | 0.4852 (13) | 0.0615 (5) | 0.5003 (11) | 4.3 (5) |
| C(4) | 0.2876 (14) | 0.0416 (6) | 0.6521 (10) | 4.9 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ | 0.4745 (17) | 0.1470 (7) | 0.6681 (11) | 6.4 (9) |
| $\dagger$ Coordinate fixed to define origin in c direction. |  |  |  |  |

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

| $\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{S}(9) \quad 1$ | 1.752 (9) | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 1.357 (12) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{C}(9 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{S}(9)$ | 1.763 (9) | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 1.402 (11) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right) \quad 1$ | 1.242 (10) | $\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 1.395 (12) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{N}(10) \quad 1$ | 1.401 (10) | $\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 1.519 (13) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{N}(10) \quad 1$ | 1.378 (10) | $\mathrm{C}(9 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.394 (10) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{N}\left(1^{\prime}\right) \quad 1$ | 1.336 (11) | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(5 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.421 (12) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{N}\left(1^{\prime}\right) \quad 1$ | 1.444 (10) | $\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(5 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.391 (11) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 1.478 (11) | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 1.381 (12) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 1.486 (11) | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 1.384 (13) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{N}\left(2^{\prime}\right) \quad 1$ | 1.459 (11) | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 1.387 (11) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 1.389 (12) | $\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 1.375 (12) |
| $\mathrm{C}(9 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(1) \quad 1$ | 1.378 (12) | $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ | 1.525 (12) |
| $\mathrm{C}(9 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{S}(9)-\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})$ | 102.5 (5) | $\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(5 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 117.9 (9) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{N}(10)-\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})$ | ) 124.1 (7) | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(5 \mathrm{a})$ | 120.2 (9) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{N}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | 122.9 (8) | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 120.3 (9) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{N}\left(2^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ | 108.1 (7) | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 120.1 (10) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{N}\left(2^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ | 116.3 (9) | $\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 119.9 (10) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{N}\left(2^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)$ | 110.8 (8) | $\mathrm{C}(5 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{S}(9)$ | 118.8 (8) |
| $\mathrm{C}(9 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 119.5 (9) | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{S}(9)$ | 119.7 (8) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 120.9 (9) | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(5 \mathrm{a})$ | 121.5 (8) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 120.0 (10) | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(9 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{S}(9)$ | 117.5 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 119.9 (9) | $\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(9 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{S}(9)$ | 121.4 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 119.4 (9) | $\mathrm{C}(4 a)-\mathrm{C}(9 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 120.9 (8) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})$ | 120.5 (8) | $\mathrm{N}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | 120.6 (9) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{N}(10)$ | 121.3 (8) | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | 121.8 (9) |
| $\mathrm{C}(9 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{N}(10)$ | ) 120.0 (8) | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{N}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | 117.5 (9) |
| $\mathrm{C}(9 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 118.7 (8) | $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{N}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | 113.0 (8) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(5 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{N}(10)$ | 118.0 (8) | $\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{N}\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ | 114.5 (8) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{C}(5 \mathrm{a})-\mathrm{N}(10)$ | ) 124.1 (8) |  |  |

Table 3. Mean-plane parameters and deviations $(\AA)$ of atoms from the planes

Plane 1
$\mathrm{C}(1), \mathrm{C}(2), \mathrm{C}(3), \mathrm{C}(4), \mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a}), \mathrm{C}(9 \mathrm{a})$
$0.8917 x+0.0414 y-0.4507 z$

| $-1.5546=0$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| C(1) | -0.02 | $\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 0.00 |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 0.01 | $\mathrm{C}(9 \mathrm{a})$ | 0.02 |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 0.01 | $\mathrm{~S}(9)$ | 0.19 |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)$ | -0.01 | $\mathrm{~N}(10)$ | -0.01 |

Plane 2
$C(8 a), C(8), C(7), C(6), C(5), C(5 a)$
$0.7529 x-0.2183 y-0.62092 z$

| $-0.5829=0$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| C(8a) | 0.02 | C(5) | -0.01 |
| C(8) | -0.01 | C(5a) | -0.01 |
| C(7) | 0.00 | S(9) | 0.12 |
| C(6) | 0.01 | $\mathrm{~N}(10)$ | 0.02 |

Dihedral angle between planes is $160.4^{\circ}$.


Fig. 2. View showing the buckle in the molecule about the $\mathrm{S}(9)-\mathrm{N}(10)$ direction.


Fig. 3. Stereopair diagrams of the unit-cell packing.
hydrogen bond between the quinoline $\mathrm{N}(1)$ proton and the carbonyl O atom of the amide (McKenna, Beveridge, Jenkins, Neidle \& Denny, 1989). In the present case the carboxamide side chain is again oriented so as to form a strong intramolecular hydrogen bond between $\mathrm{N}(10)$ and the carbonyl O atom $\left[\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{N} 10) \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right) \quad 1.94, \quad \mathrm{~N}(10) \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right) \quad 2.62 \AA\right.$, $\left.\mathrm{N}(10)-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{N} 10) \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right) 126.7^{\circ}\right]$. The amide is essentially coplanar with the $\mathrm{C}(1) \rightarrow \mathrm{C}(4), \mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{a}), \mathrm{C}(9 \mathrm{a})$ aromatic ring.

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# Structure of the 1:2 Adduct of meso-2,3-Dimercaptosuccinic Acid and $N, N$-Dimethylformamide 

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#### Abstract

C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \cdot 2 \mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{NO}, M_{r}=328.20\), monoclinic, $\quad P 2_{1} / c, \quad a=6.408(1), \quad b=10.433(1), \quad c=$ 12.388 (1) $\AA, \beta=98.60$ (1) $)^{\circ}, V=818.9$ (2) $\AA^{3}, Z=2$, $D_{x}=1.33 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}, \quad \lambda($ Mo $K \alpha)=0.71073 \AA, \quad \mu=$ $3.3 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, F(000)=348, T=297$ (1) K, $R=0.041$ for 1006 independent reflections. The $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{S}$ bond distance is $1.839 \AA$. The meso-2,3-dimercaptosuccinic acid molecule crystallizes in a staggered configuration with one dimethylformamide molecule hydrogen bonded to each of the carboxylic acid groups.


Introduction. In the 1940's, the dithiol 2,3-dimercapto-1-propanol (British Anti-Lewisite, BAL), was used successfully as an antidote for arsenic poisoning (Peters, Stocken \& Thompson, 1945). The effectiveness of BAL in treating poisoning by other heavy metals was tempered by undesirable side effects. The water soluble dithiol 2,3 -dimercaptopropanesulfonic acid (DMPS) was synthesized by Petrunkin in the 1950's, and is still the drug of choice for heavy-metal poisoning in the CSR (Petrunkin, 1956). Subsequently, other dithiols have been investigated, e.g. meso-2,3-dimercaptosuccinic acid (DMSA) (Liang, Chu, Tsen \& Ting, 1957) and $N$ -(2,3-dimercaptopropyl)phthalamidic acid (Yonaga \& Morita, 1981). The dithiol DMSA has been recently
approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of heavy-metal poisoning.

No structural data are available for any of the dithiols; however, the structure of the monothiol detoxifying agent, 2-amino-3-mercapto-3-methylbutanoic acid (penicillamine) (Rao, Parthasarathy \& Cole, 1973), and the structures of several mercury and methylmercury complexes have been determined (Wong, Chieh \& Carty, 1973). We report below the structure of the detoxifying agent DMSA, which has been determined as its DMF adduct.

Experimental. Single crystals of the dimercaptosuccinic acid (DMSA)-dimethylformamide (DMF) adduct were produced by cooling a solution of dimercaptosuccinic acid in dimethylformamide. A colorless prism with approximate dimensions $0.27 \times$ $0.33 \times 0.50 \mathrm{~mm}$ was mounted on a Nicolet/Syntex $P 2_{1}$ diffractometer. The cell constants were determined from 23 reflections in the range $20<2 \theta$ $<30^{\circ}$. The space group was determined to be $P 2_{1} / c$ on the basis of the systematic absences. The $2 \theta / \theta$-scan method with a variable scan rate from 2 to $8^{\circ} \mathrm{min}^{-1}(2 \theta)(h=0$ to $7, k=0$ to $12, l=-14$ to 13$)$ was used to collect the data. Three standard reflections, collected after every 96 reflections, decayed by


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[^1]:    * Lists of structure factors, anisotropic thermal parameters and H-atom positions have been deposited with the British Library Document Supply Centre as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 55306 ( 8 pp .). Copies may be obtained through The Technical Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CHI 2HU, England. [CIF reference: HU1001]

