Absorption correction:
semi-empirical
$T_{\min }=0.126, T_{\max }=$ 0.147

2468 measured reflections
1835 independent reflections
1809 observed reflections
$[F \geq 4.0 \sigma(F)]$
$k=-15 \rightarrow 0$
$l=-13 \rightarrow 13$
3 standard reflections frequency: 120 min intensity variation: $1 \%$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F$
Final $R=0.0161$
$w R=0.0229$

$$
\Delta \rho_{\max }=0.75 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}
$$

$S=1.170$
1809 reflections
137 parameters
H atoms in fixed calculated positions
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}(F)+0.0003 F^{2}\right]$

$$
(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.16
$$

$\Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.44 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$
Extinction correction: isotropic
Extinction coefficient: $\chi=$ 0.00111(7)

Atomic scattering factors from SHELXTL/PC

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters $\left(\AA^{2}\right)$
$U_{\text {eq }}$ is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized $U_{i j}$ tensor.

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {ef }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pd | -0.05429 (3) | -0.06461 (1) | 0 * | 0.0238 (1) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | -0.19669 (10) | -0.20113 (5) | 0.04311 (9) | 0.0455 (2) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | -0.29969 (9) | -0.00235 (5) | -0.08551 (7) | 0.0364 (2) |
| S(1) | 0.18716 (9) | -0.11671 (5) | 0.08628 (6) | 0.0296 (2) |
| C(2) | 0.30259 (34) | -0.01051 (22) | 0.11925 (22) | 0.0347 (3) |
| C(3) | 0.30130 (34) | 0.05968 (20) | 0.03418 (27) | 0.0332 (3) |
| S(4) | 0.07538 (10) | 0.07422 (5) | -0.01601 (8) | 0.0268 (2) |
| C(5) | 0.11814 (35) | 0.10379 (21) | -0.15151 (22) | 0.0332 (3) |
| C(6) | 0.22475 (36) | 0.03587 (21) | -0.21746 (22) | 0.0322 (3) |
| S(7) | 0.10553 (14) | -0.07130 (5) | -0.23429 (7) | 0.0337 (2) |
| C (8) | 0.26360 (36) | -0.13620 (21) | -0.31258 (23) | 0.0374 (3) |
| C(9) | 0.42448 (34) | -0.17397 (22) | -0.25808 (27) | 0.0376 (3) |
| S(10) | 0.39670 (12) | -0.27670 (5) | -0.18021 (7) | 0.0359 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 0.25769 (34) | -0.24026 (18) | -0.07290 (25) | 0.0310 (3) |
| C(12) | 0.33818 (33) | -0.16084 (19) | -0.01272 (24) | 0.0326 (3) |

*Coordinate fixed to define origin.
Table 2. Bond lengths $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$

| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 2.325 (1) | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 2.333 (1) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | 2.261 (1) | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}(4)$ | 2.253 (1) |
| $\mathbf{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 1.823 (3) | $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 1.824 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 1.497 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{S}(4)$ | 1.832 (3) |
| $\mathrm{S}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 1.823 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 1.530 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{S}(7)$ | 1.813 (3) | $\mathbf{S}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 1.823 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 1.503 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{S}(10)$ | 1.811 (3) |
| $\mathrm{S}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 1.811 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 1.517 (4) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 94.5 (1) | $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | 88.1 (1) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | 176.7 (1) | $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}(4)$ | 171.1 (1) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}(4)$ | 87.2 (1) | $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}(4)$ | 89.8 (1) |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 102.3 (1) | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 106.1 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 99.4 (1) | $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 113.9 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{S}(4)$ | 110.0 (2) | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 105.5 (1) |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 112.0 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{S}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 101.5 (1) |
| $\mathrm{S}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 118.0 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{S}(7)$ | 111.2 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{S}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 100.9 (1) | $\mathbf{S}(7)-\mathbf{C}(8)-\mathbf{C}(9)$ | 117.3 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{S}(10)$ | 117.8 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{S}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 104.3 (1) |
| $\mathrm{S}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 112.4 (2) | $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 112.0 (2) |

The title compound was prepared by refluxing $\mathrm{PdCl}_{2}$ and [12]aneS $S_{4}$ in MeCN under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ for 4 h ; the crystals were grown in MeCN. The data were collected with the crystal held in the cold stream of an Oxford Cryosystems low-temperature device (Cosier \& Glazer, 1986) using $\omega-2 \theta$ scans and the learnt-profile
method (Clegg, 1981). The structure was solved by interpretation of a Patterson synthesis which yielded the positions of the metal and one $S$ atom. Refinement was by full-matrix least squares with all non-H atoms allowed anisotropic thermal motion. A determination of the polarity of the structure clearly favoured that adopted $[\eta=1.02(4)]$. SHELXTL/PC (Sheldrick, 1990) was used to solve and refine the structure and to generate the figures and tables.

Lists of structure factors, anisotropic thermal parameters, H-atom coordinates and torsion angles have been deposited with the British Library Document Supply Centre as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 55465 ( 9 pp.). Copies may be obtained through The Technical Editor, Intemational Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England. [CIF reference: HU1010]

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# Structure of the Organic Radical Cation Salt 2,3,6,7-Tetrakis(methylthio)naphthalene Hexafluoroarsenate 

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#### Abstract

Dimers of planar TMTN molecules [TMTN = 2,3,6,7-tetrakis(methylthio)naphthalene] form stacks along the $c$ direction, surrounded by disordered $\mathrm{AsF}_{6}^{-}$ions. The interplanar distances between the TMTN molecules are 3.275 (4) $\AA$ (within the dimer) and 3.645 (4) $\AA$ (between the dimers). The TMTN molecules within the dimer are related by a centre of symmetry.


## Comment

This work is part of a series of studies into the structures and physical properties of electro-
chemically prepared cation radical salts (c.r.s.) with chalcogen-substituted aromatic hydrocarbons as donors. Four other salts based on substitutions on the naphthalene skeleton have already been studied in this series: tris [ 2,6 -dimethoxy-3,7-bis(methylthio)naphthalene] diperchlorate, $(2,6-\mathrm{DMbTN})_{3}\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{2}$ (Noreland, Olovsson \& Olovsson, 1992), tris[2,7-dimethoxy-3,6-bis(methylthio)naphthalene] diperchlorate, $\quad(2,7-\mathrm{DMbTN})_{3}\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{2}$ (Olovsson \& Olovsson, 1992a), tris(2,3,6,7-tetramethoxynaphthalene) bis(hexafluoroarsenate), $(\mathrm{TMN})_{3}\left(\mathrm{AsF}_{6}\right)_{2}$ (Olovsson \& Olovsson, 1991) and the corresponding perchlorate compound, $(\mathrm{TMN})_{3}\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{2}($ Olovsson \& Olovsson, 1992b).


Bond angles in the $\mathrm{AsF}_{6}^{-}$ion are $80.4-100.5^{\circ}$ with e.s.d.'s $0.7-1.0^{\circ}$. The asymmetric unit consists of one TMTN molecule and one AsF $_{6}^{-}$ion. All atoms are in general positions. The TMTN molecule is slightly puckered with a dihedral angle of $2.5^{\circ}$ between the least-squares planes defined by the two C rings in the molecule. Deviations from planarity in the TMTN molecule were also calculated relative to the leastsquares plane defined by all ten ring C atoms C1-C10 [coplanar within 0.051 (4) $\AA$ ]: $\mathrm{Cl1}$ $-0.076(5), \mathrm{C} 12-0.063(6), \mathrm{C} 13-0.428(6), \mathrm{Cl} 4$ $-0.214(5), \quad$ S1 $-0.133(1), \quad$ S2 $0.014(1), \quad$ S3 -0.234 (1) and S4 0.128 (1) À. The methyl groups are in this way displaced away from the centre of the dimer to avoid collisions with the neighbouring methyl groups (cf. Fig. 1). As expected, the atomic displacement parameters of the atoms in the methylthio groups are significantly larger than those of the other C atoms ( $c f$. Fig. 1 and Table 1). The extremely large displacement parameters of the F atoms motivated the attempt to use a disordered model for the $\mathrm{AsF}_{6}^{-}$ion. Since the displacement ellipsoid of the As atom is not unusually large, it was assumed to be ordered while introducing two positions each for all the F atoms.

Stacking arrangement. The TMTN molecules are packed in stacks along the $c$ axis, with the $\mathrm{AsF}_{6}^{-}$ions surrounding them (Fig. 1). Within a stack, the


Fig. I. A view of the molecular packing. The shortest $S \cdots S$ contact and the intermolecular distances $\leq 2.5 \AA$ are indicated as dotted lines (cf. Table 3). The interplanar distances are between the least-squares planes of the TMTN molecules (defined by the ten ring C atoms). For each of the disordered $\mathrm{AsF}_{6}^{-}$ions one of the possible orientations is shown [(I) F1 $A-\mathrm{F} 6 A$; (II) F1 $B-\mathrm{F} 6 B]$. All thermal ellipsoids are plotted at $20 \%$ probability.


Fig. 2. Overlap between the TMTN molecules in the stack. The dimer consists of the molecules with thick filled bonds and unfilled bonds (related by a centre of symmetry). The molecule with thin filled bonds is the upper molecule in the next dimer along the stack.

TMTN molecules form dimers with interplanar distances 3.275 (4) $\AA$ (within the dimer) and 3.645 (4) $\AA$ (between the dimers). The molecular overlap is shown in Fig. 2. The molecules are displaced relative to each other within the dimer, in contrast to what has been found in the other substituted naphthalene salts, were they are turned relative to each other (Noreland et al., 1992; Olovsson \& Olovsson, 1991, 1992a,b). This displacement makes $\mathrm{S} \cdots \mathrm{S}$ contacts between molecules in adjacent stacks possible ( $c f$. Table 3). It also prevents the formation of $\mathrm{S} \cdots \mathrm{S}$
chains within the stack which were found in the $2,6-\mathrm{DMbTN}$ and $2,7-\mathrm{DMbTN}$ salts. There is only one $S \cdots S$ contact shorter than the van der Waals contact distance, $3.6 \AA$ (Bondi, 1964): $S 2 \cdots$ S4 $3.338(2) \AA$ (occurs twice within the dimer; $c f$. Fig. 1).

## Experimental

Crystal data
$\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{~S}_{4}^{+}$. $\mathrm{AsF}_{6}^{-}$
$M_{r}=501.43$
Triclinic
$P \overline{1}$
$a=12.458(2) \AA$
$b=11.468(1) \AA$
$c=7.105(1) \AA$
$\alpha=94.61(1)^{\circ}$
$\beta=100.04(1)^{\circ}$
$\gamma=112.24(1)^{\circ}$
$V=913.3(3) \AA^{3}$
$Z=2$
Data collection
Rigaku AFC-6R four-circle
diffractometer
$\omega / 2 \theta$ scans
Absorption correction:
empirical
$T_{\text {min }}=0.836, T_{\text {max }}=$
0.952

11063 measured reflections
10610 independent reflections
$D_{x}=1.823 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$\lambda=0.71069 \AA$

Cell parameters from 25 reflections
$\theta=16.5-19.5^{\circ}$
$\mu=2.35 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=296 \mathrm{~K}$
Needle
$0.22 \times 0.11 \times 0.08 \mathrm{~mm}$ Black; greenish black metallic lustre

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
Final $R=0.069$
$w R=0.076$
$S=1.84$
5487 reflections
337 parameters
$w=\left[\sigma_{c}^{2}\left(F_{o}^{2}\right)+\left(0.030 F_{o}^{2}\right)^{2}\right]^{-1}$

| F4A | $-0.0802(10)$ | $0.1951(18)$ | $0.597(2)$ | $0.138(12)$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| F4B | $-0.0390(13)$ | $0.1567(10)$ | $0.662(2)$ | $0.131(9)$ |
| F5A | $0.0122(12)$ | $0.3668(9)$ | $0.454(2)$ | $0.131(9)$ |
| F5B | $-0.0219(14)$ | $0.3272(16)$ | $0.517(2)$ | $0.219(15)$ |
| F6A | $0.0911(16)$ | $0.1320(11)$ | $0.632(2)$ | $0.140(10)$ |
| F6B | $0.1273(14)$ | $0.1621(15)$ | $0.539(3)$ | $0.191(14)$ |
| C1 | $0.5626(3)$ | $0.4755(3)$ | $0.2855(5)$ | $0.034(2)$ |
| C2 | $0.5106(3)$ | $0.3443(3)$ | $0.2694(5)$ | $0.032(2)$ |
| C3 | $0.3858(3)$ | $0.2798(3)$ | $0.1861(5)$ | $0.032(2)$ |
| C4 | $0.3177(3)$ | $0.3488(3)$ | $0.1275(5)$ | $0.036(2)$ |
| C5 | $0.3008(3)$ | $0.5538(3)$ | $0.0959(5)$ | $0.035(2)$ |
| C6 | $0.3505(3)$ | $0.6841(3)$ | $0.1178(5)$ | $0.032(2)$ |
| C7 | $0.4784(3)$ | $0.7485(3)$ | $0.1863(5)$ | $0.029(2)$ |
| C8 | $0.5466(3)$ | $0.6798(3)$ | $0.2410(5)$ | $0.034(2)$ |
| C9 | $0.4940(3)$ | $0.5461(3)$ | $0.2249(5)$ | $0.030(2)$ |
| C10 | $0.3702(3)$ | $0.4822(3)$ | $0.1473(5)$ | $0.031(2)$ |
| C11 | $0.7374(4)$ | $0.3603(4)$ | $0.4280(7)$ | $0.049(3)$ |
| C12 | $0.1697(4)$ | $0.0638(4)$ | $0.0777(8)$ | $0.058(3)$ |
| C13 | $0.1169(4)$ | $0.6645(4)$ | $0.0154(8)$ | $0.057(3)$ |
| C14 | $0.6861(4)$ | $0.9708(4)$ | $0.3326(7)$ | $0.054(3)$ |

Table 2. Geometric parameters $\left(\AA^{\circ},{ }^{\circ}\right)$

| As-F1A | $1.68(2)$ | S3-C6 | $1.759(4)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| As-F1B | $1.65(1)$ | S3-C13 | $1.792(4)$ |
| As-F2A | $1.68(1)$ | S4-C7 | $1.724(3)$ |
| As-F2B | $1.67(1)$ | S4-C14 | $1.791(5)$ |
| As-F3A | $1.64(1)$ | C1-C2 | $1.381(5)$ |
| As-F3B | $1.71(1)$ | C1-C9 | $1.421(6)$ |
| As-F4A | $1.67(1)$ | C2-C3 | $1.433(4)$ |
| As-F4B | $1.67(1)$ | C3-C4 | $1.398(6)$ |
| As-F5A | $1.74(1)$ | C4-C10 | $1.402(5)$ |
| As-F5B | $1.53(2)$ | C5-C6 | $1.366(5)$ |
| As-F6A | $1.72(2)$ | C5-C10 | $1.425(6)$ |
| As-F6B | $1.58(2)$ | C6-C7 | $1.450(4)$ |
| S1-C2 | $1.754(4)$ | C7-C8 | $1.391(6)$ |
| S1-C11 | $1.788(4)$ | C8-C9 | $1.407(5)$ |
| S2-C3 | $1.736(3)$ | C9-C10 | $1.416(4)$ |
| S2-C12 | $1.789(5)$ |  |  |
| C2-S1-C11 | $103.7(2)$ | S3-C6-C5 | $124.0(3)$ |
| C3-S2-C12 | $105.7(2)$ | S3-C6-C7 | $118.0(2)$ |
| C6-S3-C13 | $103.6(2)$ | C5-C6-C7 | $117.9(4)$ |
| C7-S4-C14 | $106.3(2)$ | S4-C7-C6 | $115.7(3)$ |
| C2-C1-C9 | $121.1(3)$ | S4-C7-C8 | $123.7(2)$ |
| S1-C2-C1 | $124.7(3)$ | C6-C7-C8 | $120.6(3)$ |
| S1-C2-C3 | $116.8(3)$ | C7-C8-C9 | $121.0(3)$ |
| C1-C2-C3 | $118.5(4)$ | C1-C9-C8 | $121.3(3)$ |
| S2-C3-C2 | $116.2(3)$ | C1-C9-C10 | $120.2(3)$ |
| S2-C3-C4 | $123.2(2)$ | C8-C9-C10 | $118.5(4)$ |
| C2-C3-C4 | $120.6(3)$ | C4-C10-C5 | $121.3(3)$ |
| C3-C4-C10 | $120.8(3)$ | C4-C10-C9 | $118.7(4)$ |
| C6-C5-C10 | $121.9(3)$ | C5-C10-C9 | $119.9(3)$ |

Table 3. Shortest intermolecular contact distances ( $\mathrm{S} \cdots \mathrm{S} \leq 3.7 \AA$ and $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{F} \leq 2.5 \AA$ ) and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$

|  | S $\cdots$ S/H $\cdots$ F | $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{F}$ |  | No. in Fig. 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S2 $\cdots$ S ${ }^{\text {i }}$ | 3.625 (2) | - | Interstack | - |
| S2 $\cdots$ S4 ${ }^{\text {iv }}$ | 3.338 (2) | - | Intrastack | 1 |
| S4 $\cdots$ S $4^{\text {ri }}$ | 3.701 (2) | - | Interstack | - |
| $\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{Hl} \cdots \mathrm{F} 3 A^{*}$ | 2.32 (3) | 151 (3) | AsF ${ }^{-}$ | 2 |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H} 2 \cdots \mathrm{~F} 2 B^{\text {i }}$ | 2.48 (3) | 118 (2) | $\mathrm{AsF}^{-}{ }_{6}$ | 3 |
| C5-H3 $\cdots$ F2 $A^{\text {ii }}$ | 2.44 (3) | 124 (2) | $\mathrm{AsF}^{-6}$ | 4 |
| Cl1-H5 ${ }^{\text {c }}$ F $5 B^{\text {iii }}$ | 2.21 (4) | 141 (3) | $\mathrm{AsF}_{6}{ }^{-}$ | - |
| $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{H} 7 \cdots \mathrm{~F} 3 B^{2}$ | 2.50 (3) | 129 (3) | AsF ${ }_{6}{ }^{-}$ | 5 |
| C12-H8 $\cdots \mathrm{F} 1 A$ | 2.41 (6) | 158 (3) | $\mathrm{AsF}^{-}$ | 6 |
| C12-H9 $\cdots$ F6 $A^{\text {ii }}$ | 2.32 (5) | 171 (3) | AsF ${ }_{6}$ | 7 |
| C14-H15 $\cdots$ F6A ${ }^{\text {V }}$ | 2.44 (5) | 145 (2) | AsF ${ }_{6}$ | 8 |
| C14-H15 $\cdots$ F6 ${ }^{\text {v }}$ | 2.41 (5) | 136 (3) | AsF ${ }_{6}$ | 9 |

Symmetry code: (none) $x, y, z$; (i) $x, y-1, z$; (ii) $x, y, z-1$; (iii) $x+1, y, z$; (iv) $1-x, 1-y,-z$; (v) $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$; (vi) $1-x, 2-y,-z$.

Crystals were prepared by electrolytic oxidation of TMTN in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ solution in the presence of $\left(n-\mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right) \mathrm{AsF}_{6}$ at a constant current density of a few $\mu \mathrm{A} \mathrm{cm}^{-2}$ at room temperature. The
number of scans was varied to maintain constant $\sigma(F) / F=0.017$ with a maximum of eight scans; $\omega$-scan rate $8^{\circ} \mathrm{min}^{-1}$ with $\omega$ scan width $(0.787+0.3 \tan \theta)^{\circ}$. The crystal chosen for experiment was found to be a twin crystal, where the $h k 0$ reflections from the two crystal halves overlap each other. The data were collected for the halves as separate subsets. A value of $R_{\text {int }}$ is missing since in each subset only a unique data set was collected. The data files were merged without averaging. From the diffraction symmetry the space groups $P 1$ and $P \overline{1}$ were possible. The structure was solved and refined in $P \overline{1}$; lowering the symmetry to $P 1$ gave no significant improvement in the $R$ factors. The As and $S$ atoms were found in a Patterson synthesis; the rest of the structure (except for H atoms) was found in successive Fourier syntheses. All H -atom positions were first calculated geometrically, using a C-H distance of $1.08 \AA$. These positions were subsequently refined without constraints. The C -ring H atoms were restricted to have identical isotropic displacement parameters. Similarly, the displacement parameters of the H atoms in each $-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ group were kept the same. The two subsets were given different scale factors in the refinement. For the $h k 0$ reflections two other scale factors were introduced, making in total four different scale factors to be used in the refinements. After the final refinement all H -atom positions were recalculated ( $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ $1.08 \AA$ ). In the geometrical calculations (cf. Table 3) e.s.d.'s for the H -atom positions were taken from the refinement. The molecular plots were made using ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976). Other calculations were made using the TEXSAN program system (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1989).

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## Structure of Kopsine: Methyl 3-Hydroxy-22-oxokopsan-1-carboxylate

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#### Abstract

The Kopsine molecule consists of five fused rings. The phenyl ring $A$ is almost planar. The conformation of ring $B$ is a pure envelope, ring $C$ is a half-chair, ring $D$ is a chair and ring $E$ is a boat. An intramolecular hydrogen bond $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{O} 3) \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ helps to stabilize the boat conformation of ring $E$.


## Comment

Kopsine, $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}$, m.p. 487-489 K, was isolated from the leaves of Kopsia fruticosa. The structure of Kopsine (1) with its absolute configuration was previously deduced by Guggisberg, Gorman, Bycroft \& Schmid (1969) through the application of physical methods, mainly NMR. The complete structure of Kopsine with relative configuration and various ring conformations has been established by X-ray crystallography.

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The isolation was carried out as follows: air dried and coarsely powdered leaves ( 750 g ) of Kopsia fruticosa (identified by Dr S. R. Das, Plant Survey Officer, CCRAS, Calcutta, and a specimen preserved in the laboratory) were extracted with petroleum ether (b.p. 333353 K ) in a soxhlet apparatus for 18 h . The concentrated

