0.8796 (5)	0.5466 (5)	-0.2532(5)	5.3 (1)
0.8067 (4)	0.5017 (4)	-0.1422 (4)	3.80 (9)
0.7181 (5)	0.3680 (4)	-0.1477 (4)	4.4 (1)
0.6481 (5)	0.3268 (4)	-0.0476 (4)	3.91 (9)
0.6664 (4)	0.4216 (4)	0.0633 (4)	3.10 (8)
0.7526 (5)	0.5554 (4)	0.0680 (4)	4.2 (1)
0.8216 (5)	0.5955 (4)	-0.0329 (4)	4.4 (1)
0.5959 (4)	0.3776 (4)	0.1714 (4)	2.99 (8)
0.5056 (4)	0.3678 (4)	0.3719 (4)	3.23 (8)
0.3871 (4)	0.1478 (4)	0.3451 (4)	3.20 (8)
0.3266 (4)	-0.0018(4)	0.2906 (4)	3.80 (9)
0.1928 (4)	-0.0738 (4)	0.3377 (4)	3.34 (8)
0.2165 (5)	-0.1661 (4)	0.4398 (4)	4.0 (1)
0.0961 (5)	-0.2314 (4)	0.4901 (4)	4.4 (1)
-0.0449 (5)	-0.2056 (4)	0.4413 (4)	3.95 (9)
-0.0742 (4)	-0.1137 (4)	0.3344 (4)	3.38 (8)
-0.2225 (5)	-0.0866 (5)	0.2802 (5)	4.5 (1)
-0.2501 (5)	0.0037 (5)	0.1770 (5)	5.2 (1)
-0.1317 (6)	0.0698 (5)	0.1273 (5)	4.9 (1)
0.0130 (5)	0.0461 (4)	0.1770 (4)	4.1 (1)
0.0459 (4)	-0.0471 (4)	0.2836 (4)	3.10 (8)
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### Table 2. Geometric parameters (Å, °)

S	1.769 (4)	C5C8	1.463 (6)
SC9	1.720 (4)	C6—C7	1.382 (7
N1N2	1.377 (5)	C10-C11	1.495 (5)
N1	1.292 (4)	C11C12	1.510 (6
N2C9	1.365 (5)	C12C13	1.383 (6
N2C10	1.361 (5)	C12C21	1.406 (5
N3—N4	1.406 (4)	C13C14	1.408 (7
N3C10	1.318 (6)	C14C15	1.349 (7
N4—C9	1.302 (6)	C15C16	1.419 (6
C1C2	1.506 (7)	C16—C17	1.419 (6
C2C3	1.384 (6)	C16—C21	1.413 (6
C2C7	1.387 (6)	C17-C18	1.380 (7
C3C4	1.384 (7)	C18C19	1.391 (7
C4C5	1.397 (6)	C19C20	1.372 (7
C5C6	1.379 (5)	C20-C21	1.430 (6
C8—S—C9	87.7 (2)	N2	110.0 (3
N2-N1-C8	107.6 (3)	N2C10N3	108.2 (4
N1—N2—C9	118.5 (3)	N2C10C11	125.4 (4
N1-N2-C10	135.2 (3)	N3-C10-C11	126.4 (4
C9-N2-C10	106.5 (3)	C10-C11-C12	112.0 (4
N4-N3-C10	108.9 (3)	C11-C12-C13	119.1 (4
N3—N4—C9	105.6 (3)	C11-C12-C21	122.0 (3
C1C2C3	121.7 (4)	C13-C12-C21	118.9 (4
C1C2C7	120.6 (4)	C12C13C14	120.7 (4
C3C2C7	117.6 (4)	C13-C14-C15	121.5 (5
C2C3C4	122.1 (5)	C14-C15-C16	119.4 (4
C3C4C5	119.9 (3)	C15-C16-C17	120.3 (4
C4-C5-C6	118.3 (4)	C15-C16-C21	119.6 (4
C4C5C8	120.0 (3)	C17—C16—C21	120.1 (4
C6-C5-C8	121.7 (4)	C16—C17—C18	120.1 (4
C5C6C7	121.3 (4)	C17-C18-C19	119.9 (4
C2C7C6	120.9 (4)	C18-C19-C20	121.6 (4
S	116.9 (4)	C19-C20-C21	120.1 (4
SC5	119.9 (2)	C12C21C16	119.9 (3
N1	123.2 (3)	C12-C21-C20	121.9 (4
SC9N2	109.3 (3)	C16-C21-C20	118.2 (4
S-C9-N4	139.8 (3)		

The structure was determined by direct methods and refined by least-squares techniques. The melting point was determined on an X-4 microscopic melting apparatus and is uncorrected. Elemental analysis was performed on an Italian 1106 analyser, IR spectra on a Nicolet FT-5DX (KBr), <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra on a Varian FT-80A using tetramethylsilane as the internal standard and deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide as the solvent.

Data collection: CAD-4 Software (Enraf-Nonius, 1985). Cell refinement: CAD-4 Software. Data reduction: SDP/PDP (Enraf-Nonius, 1985). Program(s) used to solve structure: SDP/PDP. Program(s) used to refine structure: SDP/PDP. Molecular graphics: ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976). Lists of structure factors, anisotropic displacement parameters, Hatom coordinates and complete geometry have been deposited with the IUCr (Reference: TA1008). Copies may be obtained through The Managing Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

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# (2,4-Dinitrophenyl)(10-methyl-3-phenothiazinyl)diazene Hemimethanol Solvate

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#### Abstract

In the title compound,  $C_{19}H_{13}N_5O_4S.0.5CH_3OH$ , the phenylazo group and the substituted benzene ring of the phenothiazine system are almost in the same plane, resulting in the formation of a conjugated system.

#### Comment

Phenothiazine and its substituted derivatives are highly reactive compounds. Because of this, they have aroused the curiosity of chemists and an increasing number of new derivatives have been synthesized. We have prepared recently a series of new phenothiazineazo derivatives by the reaction of 10-alkyl phenothiazine radical cations with 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine (Liu, Liu & Guo, 1994). In order to confirm their structures,

the structure of the title compound, 10-methylphenothiazine-3-azo(2',4'-dinitrobenzene), (I), was studied by single-crystal X-ray diffraction.



The molecule of (I) is not overall planar and a butterfly angle of  $144.7(1)^{\circ}$  is formed between the rings of the 10-methylphenothiazine system (Fig. 1). The thiazine ring of this molecule has a boat conformation, as is the case in unsubstituted phenothiazine (McDowell, 1976). The S5 and N10 atoms are displaced from the plane of the thiazine ring by -0.308(1) and -0.296(1) Å, respectively. The N1'=N3 bond length of 1.258 (4) Å is typical of a double bond. The N3 and N1' atoms are only displaced from the benzene ring of the 2',4'-dinitrophenyl substituent by 0.032(4) and -0.050(4) Å, respectively. The phenylazo group and the substituted benzene ring of the 10-methylphenothiazine system are almost in the same plane, the dihedral angle between them being  $4.4(8)^{\circ}$ . This results in the formation of an extended conjugated system, which is evidenced by the compound having a characteristic UVvisible absorption at  $\lambda_{max} = 524$  nm. In addition, the length of the N10-C14 bond is longer than that of N10-C11, but the S5-C13 and S5-C12 bond lengths are not noticeably different.



Fig. 1. The molecular structure of (I) showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

#### Experimental

The synthesis of (I) was carried out by reaction of the hexachloroantimonate salt of the 10-methylphenothiazine radical cation and 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine (molar ratio 2:1) in acetonitrile under argon for 12 h at room temperature. The product was recrystallized from an acetone-methanol mixture to yield intense-violet needles.

#### Crystal data

C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S.0.5CH <sub>4</sub> O	Cu $K\alpha$ radiation
$M_r = 423.43$	λ = 1.54184 Å

Monoclinic  $P2_1/n$ 

a = 14.5086 (15) Å b = 34.527 (3) Å c = 3.8910 (8) Å  $\beta = 91.61 (1)^{\circ}$   $V = 1948.4 \text{ Å}^{3}$  Z = 4  $D_{x} = 1.443 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   $D_{m} = 1.422 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  $D_{m} \text{ measured by flotation}$ 

### Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4
Linui-Nollius CAD-4
diffractometer
$\omega/2\theta$ scans
Absorption correction:
$\psi$ scans of high $\chi$
reflections (North, Phillips
& Mathews, 1968)
$T_{\min} = 0.88, T_{\max} = 0.91$
2853 measured reflections
2631 independent reflections

#### Refinement

N3

N10 N1' N2'

N4′

C1 C2 C3

C4 C6

C7

C8

C9 C11

C12

C13

C14 C15

C1' C2' C3' C4'

Unit weights applied
$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.03$
$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.38 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.37 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
Extinction correction: none
Atomic scattering factors
from International Tables
for X-ray Crystallography
(1974, Vol. IV)

Cell parameters from 25

 $0.25 \times 0.15 \times 0.05 \text{ mm}$ 

2002 observed reflections

 $[I > 3\sigma(I)]$ 

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.105$ 

 $h = 0 \rightarrow 15$ 

 $k = 0 \rightarrow 38$ 

 $l = -4 \rightarrow 4$ 

3 standard reflections

frequency: 60 min

intensity decay: 2.0%

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 58^{\circ}$ 

reflections  $\theta = 17.56 - 24.58^{\circ}$ 

 $\mu = 1.79 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 294 (2) K

Needle

Violet

## Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)

#### $B_{\rm eq} = (4/3) \sum_i \sum_j \beta_{ij} \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j.$

r	v	-	R
0.70794 (8)	0.22460(4)	0.1984(4)	4 25 (3)
0.6600 (3)	0 3572 (1)	-0.701(1)	84(1)
0.6062(3)	0.4042(2)	-0.421(2)	10.9(2)
0.7675(3)	0.5142(1)	-1.070(1)	76(1)
0.9067 (3)	0.5732(1)	-0.883(1)	80(1)
0.9019(3)	0.3404(1)	-0.222(1)	3 94 (9)
0.8963 (3)	0.1908(1)	0.319(1)	3 80 (8)
0.8260 (3)	0.3555(1)	-0.312(1)	4 00 (9)
0.6663 (3)	0.3893 (1)	-0.574(1)	57(1)
0.8364 (3)	0.5040(1)	-0.916(1)	56(1)
0.9788 (3)	0.2493(2)	0.159(1)	39(1)
0.9770(3)	() 2861(2)	0.028(1)	41(1)
0.8951 (3)	(12007(2))	-0.076(1)	36(1)
0.8117(3)	0.2835(1)	-0.037(1)	36(1)
0.6723 (4)	0.1504(2)	-0.007(1)	49(1)
0.6945(4)	0.1117(2)	-0.053(2)	59(1)
()7834(5)	0.0005(2)	0.023(2)	59(1)
0.8505 (4)	0.0775(2)	0.025(2) 0.145(1)	49(1)
0.8969 (3)	0.2284(1)	0.195(1)	3 26 (9)
0.8130(3)	0.2201(1)	0.102(1)	3 29 (9)
0.7386(3)	0.2761(1)	0.119(1)	39(1)
0.8285 (3)	0.1639(1)	0.197(1)	38(1)
0.9815 (3)	0.1749(2)	0.177(1)	45(1)
(18348(3))	() 3973 (1)	-0.465(1)	36(1)
0.7550 (3)	0.4098(1)	-0.593(1)	41(1)
(0.7527(4))	0.467(2)	-0.738(1)	$\frac{1}{44(1)}$
0.8363(4)	0.4653(1)	-0.750(1)	43(1)
0.0.0.0.0(7)	0.100.1(1)	0.7.00(1)	7.2(1)

C5′	0.9173 (4)	().4498 (2)	-0.628(1)	4.7 (1)
C6′	0.9172 (3)	0.4131 (2)	-0.484(1)	4.5 (1)
OM†	0	0	1/2	9.8 (8)
OMI†	0.476 (2)	0.4881 (9)	0.784 (7)	8.2 (7)
OM2†	0.518(2)	().5084 (8)	0.748 (7)	7.7 (7)
CM†	-0.021(3)	0.024(1)	0.53(1)	9(1)
CM1†	-0.024(2)	0.0083 (9)	0.017 (9)	8.6 (7)

† Partially occupied (see below).

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

S5-C12	1.758 (4)	N3-C3	1.394 (5)
\$5-C13	1.762 (4)	N4'-C4'	1.482 (5)
O3N4'	1.205 (5)	C1C2	1.370 (6)
O4—N4'	1.221 (6)	C2-C3	1.384 (5)
N10-C11	1.385 (5)	C3-C4	1.410(5)
N10	1.426 (5)	C4—C12	1.369 (5)
N10-C15	1.465 (5)	C1C11	1.400 (5)
N1'N3	1.258 (4)		
C12-S5-C13	99.1 (2)	O1-N2'-C2'	118.2 (4)
C11-N10-C14	120.4 (4)	N10-C11-C1	122.1 (3)
N10-C11-C12	120.0(3)	S5-C12-C4	119.1 (3)
S5-C12-C11	119.4 (3)	N1'-C1'-C6'	124.9 (4)
C11-N10-C15	118.8 (3)	N1'-C1'-C2'	117.4 (3)
N1'-N3-C3	114.8 (3)	N2' - C2' - C3'	116.6 (4)
01 - N2' - O2	123.4 (4)	N2'-C2'-C1'	119.7 (4)

The methanol molecule had a site-occupation factor of 0.5. The structure was solved by direct and Fourier methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques. H atoms were located by difference Fourier synthesis. During refinement, a disordered region consisting of partially occupied methanol molecules was identified. This region contains molecules in orientations which would be mutually incompatible were they to be fully occupied. The disordered C and O atoms of methanol were labelled OM, OM1, OM2, CM and CM1, and their occupation factors refined to be 0.14, 0.18, 0.18, 0.20 and 0.30, respectively. The atoms were refined with isotropic displacement parameters. All calculations were performed with the SDP-Plus program system (Frenz, 1985) on a DEC PDP11/44 computer system.

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## A Pyridine-2,6(1H,3H)-dione Alkaloid

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#### Abstract

The crystal structure of the pyridine-2,6(1*H*,3*H*)-dione alkaloid 3-acetonyl-3-hydroxy-4-methoxy-1-methyl-pyridine-2,6(1*H*,3*H*)-dione,  $C_{10}H_{13}NO_5$ , has been determined. The tetrahydropyridine ring possesses a distorted half-chair conformation. The unit-cell molecular packing appears to be stabilized by hydrogen bonding.

#### Comment

Speranskia tuberculata (Bge.) Baill (Chinese name: Tou Gu Cao) is a Chinese herb which is widely distributed in the Gansu, Jiling, Hebai, Shandong and Anhui Provinces of China. It has been used for the treatment of rheumatic arthritis, contracture, sores, swelling, pain and inflammatory diseases (Jiangsu Xingyi Xueyuan, 1977). No work has been published previously on this genus. We isolated a novel pyridine-2,6(1H,3H)-dione alkaloid, (I), from the the dried whole plant of *S. tuberculata*, which grows in Beizai, Gansu Province of China, and report here its structure.



The C(4)—C(5) bond length exhibits double-bond character. The torsion angles of the tetrahydropyridine ring possess approximate local  $C_2$  symmetry about an axis bisecting the C(2)—C(3) and C(5)—C(6) bonds. The asymmetry parameter  $\Delta C_2$  is 2.7 indicating that the ring preferably adopts a distorted half-chair conformation (Duax, Weeks & Rohrer, 1976) similar to most 1,2,3,6- and 1,2,5,6-tetrahydropyridine rings that exist in half-chair conformations (Bandoli, Dolmella, Moos, Nicolini & Ongaro, 1991).

The molecules are linked through intermolecular hydrogen bonds; O(2)—HO(2) 0.90 (5), HO(2)  $\cdot \cdot \cdot O(1^{i})$  1.90 (5), O(2)  $\cdot \cdot \cdot O(1^{i})$  2.764 (3) Å and O(2)—HO(2)  $\cdot \cdot \cdot O(1^{i})$  161 (4)° [symmetry code: (i) x,  $\frac{1}{2} - y$ ,  $z - \frac{1}{2}$ ].

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