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## $\eta^6$ -Tricarbonylchromium Complexes of Methyl 4,6-*O*-Benzylidene- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosides

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### Abstract

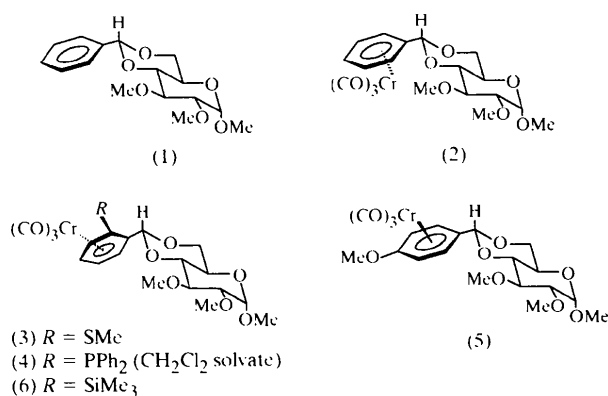
The structures of the  $\eta^6$ -tricarbonylchromium complexes of four methyl 4,6-*O*-benzylidene- $\alpha$ -glucopyranosides, (2)–(5), have been determined, as well as that of the free monosaccharide, (1). These compounds are (*R*)-methyl 2,3-di-*O*-methyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside [(1), C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>6</sub>], tricarbonyl{(*R*)-methyl 2,3-di-*O*-methyl-4,6-*O*-( $\eta^6$ -benzylidene)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside}-chromium(0) [(2), [Cr(C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>6</sub>)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]}, tricarbonyl{(*R*)-methyl 2,3-di-*O*-methyl-4,6-*O*-[(1*R*,2*S*)-2-methylthio- $\eta^6$ -phenylmethylene]- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside}chromium(0) [(3), [Cr(C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]}, tricarbonyl{(*R*)-methyl 2,3-di-*O*-methyl-4,6-*O*-[(1*R*,2*S*)-2-diphenylphosphino- $\eta^6$ -phenylmethylene]- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside}chromium(0) dichloromethane solvate [(4), [Cr(C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>6</sub>P)(CO)<sub>3</sub>·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>] and tricarbonyl{(*R*)-methyl 2,3-di-*O*-methyl-4,6-*O*-(4-methoxy- $\eta^6$ -phenylmethylene)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside}chromium(0) [(5), [Cr(C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>7</sub>)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]}. These structural studies were undertaken to establish the solid-state conformation of the complexed arene ring in the 4,6-*O*-benzylidene and the 4,6-*O*-*p*-methoxyphenylmethylene  $\eta^6$ -Cr(CO)<sub>3</sub> complexes, and also the absolute stereochemistry of some *ortho*-substituted derivatives of the 4,6-*O*-benzylidene complex.

### Comment

As part of a continuing investigation into the use of ( $\eta^6$ -arene)tricarbonylchromium complexes as key stereochemical elements in stereoselective synthesis, we have studied the use of some simple sugar derivatives as chiral auxiliaries.

The synthesis of a series of  $\eta^6$ -Cr(CO)<sub>3</sub> complexes derived from the tricarbonylchromium complex of 2,3-di-*O*-methyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside, (1), by diastereoselective deprotonation BuLi–electrophile quenching has been reported recently (Jin *et al.*, 1997). We have also examined this approach to asymmetric synthesis and report here the structures of the free sugar, (1), of the parent  $\eta^6$ -Cr(CO)<sub>3</sub> complex, (2), and two of its *ortho*-functionalized derivatives,

(3) and (4), and of the  $\eta^6$ -Cr(CO)<sub>3</sub>-*p*-methoxyphenylmethylene complex, (5). The trimethylsilyl derivative, (6), described by Jin *et al.* (1997), has also been obtained by us and the same structure and absolute stereochemistry determined. However, Jin *et al.* (1997) obtained only *ortho*-substituted products from (2) using Et<sub>2</sub>O as the solvent for the deprotonation–electrophile quenching sequence, whereas we used tetrahydrofuran (THF) and isolated (PLC) both the *ortho*- and *meta*-isomers in approximately equal amounts. In the present work, crystals were grown for the *ortho*-products, (3) and (4), arising from the use of either MeSSMe or Ph<sub>2</sub>PCl, respectively, to quench the intermediate aryllithium (BuLi, THF, 195 K). For each of these two products, the absolute stereochemistry of the derivatized arene ring was determined as 1*R*,2*S*; this is the same as that defined for the trimethylsilyl analogue, (6), by Jin *et al.* (1997) and confirmed by us.



This absolute stereochemistry was rationalized (Jin *et al.*, 1997) as arising from a transition-state conformation having the benzylic (axial) H atom *syn* to the Cr(CO)<sub>3</sub> moiety; diastereoselective deprotonation of the *pro*-2*S* arene *ortho*-H atom is then promoted by intramolecular chelation of the base (BuLi) to the proximal 3-OMe group of the pyranoside. In the solid state, however, the parent 4,6-*O*-benzylidene complex, (2), has a conformation in which the benzylic H atom is *anti* to the Cr(CO)<sub>3</sub> moiety, presumably reflecting the stabilizing interactions involving the axially disposed lone pairs of the two 1,3-dioxane O atoms and two of the CO ligands. Moreover, the complexed phenyl ring is nearly coplanar with the C4—O and C6—O bonds [as it is also in the free monosaccharide, (1); there are minimal conformational changes consequent on complexation of (1)]. In solution, however, the reacting conformation is different due to the now overriding preference for the bulky Cr(CO)<sub>3</sub> group to minimize steric interactions. In contrast, in the *p*-methoxyphenylmethylene complex, (5), the Cr(CO)<sub>3</sub> group is *syn* with respect to the benzylic H atom in the solid state, and the phenyl ring is twisted towards the 3-OMe group.

All of the complexes have the piano-stool arrangement, with three carbonyl groups bound on one side of the chromium and a  $\eta^6$ -aromatic ring bound to the other. The chromium to aromatic ring distance shows some difference depending on the ring substitution. Where there is no substitution or *para*-substitution, the distance is significantly greater [1.724 (2) and 1.721 (1) Å,

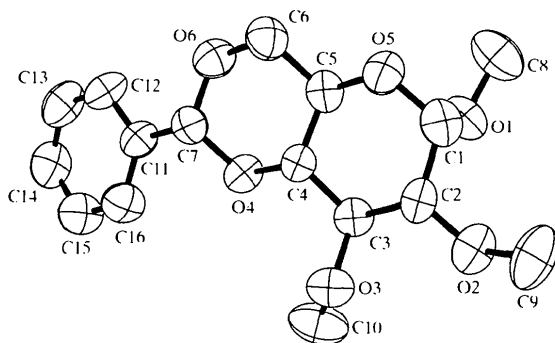


Fig. 1. The structure of (1) showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

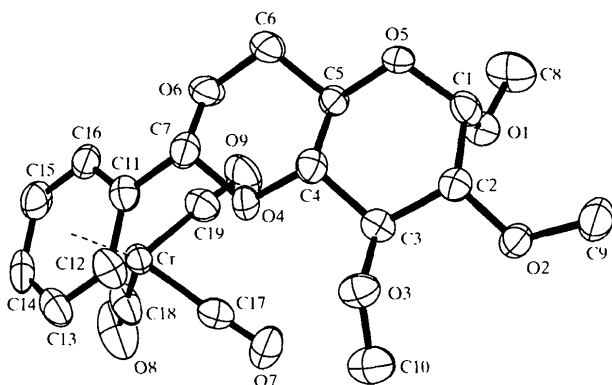


Fig. 2. The structure of (2) showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

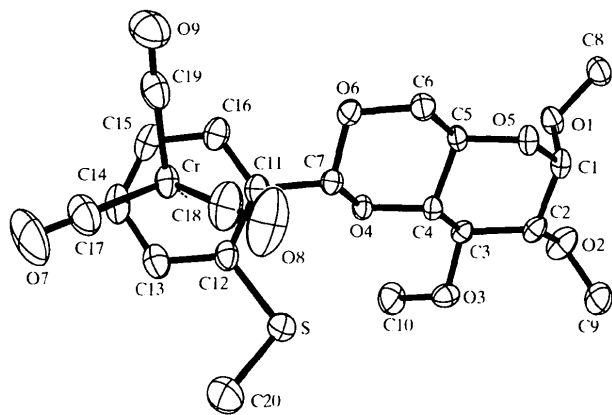


Fig. 3. The structure of (3) showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

respectively] than in the *ortho*-substituted compounds [1.710 (1) and 1.712 (2) Å]. The corresponding value for the trimethylsilyl derivative is 1.699 (2) Å, which is also *ortho*-substituted. The chromium-carbon distances to the carbonyl groups are all comparable and average 1.847 (4) Å.

The six-membered rings are all in chair conformations and are *trans*-fused. The interatomic distances within these rings are all comparable and show little deviation between molecules. In (4), the mean C—C distance within the phenyl rings bonded to phosphorus is 1.390 (5) Å, whereas the mean distance in the rings  $\eta^6$ -bonded to chromium is 1.411 (3) Å, reflecting the interaction between chromium and the aromatic ring.

In the case of the chromium complexes, the absolute configuration was established according to the method of Flack (1983) and Figs. 2–5 show the correct absolute configurations. In the case of the free glucopyranoside, (1), the absolute configuration could not be determined and Fig. 1 shows the same  $\alpha$ -glucopyranoside configuration as the chromium complexes. The

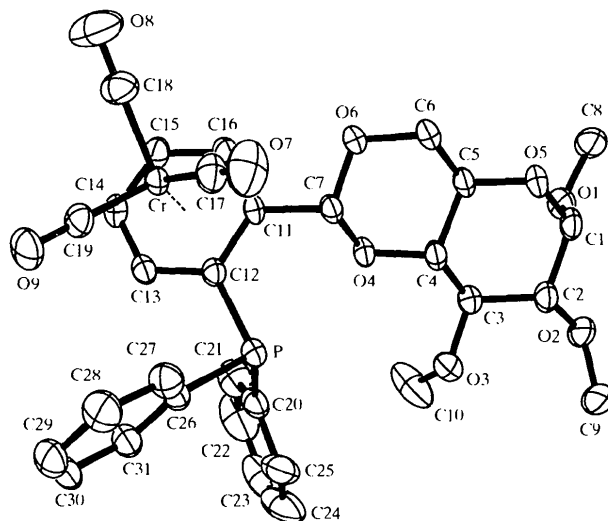


Fig. 4. The structure of (4) showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms and the dichloromethane solvate molecule have been omitted for clarity.

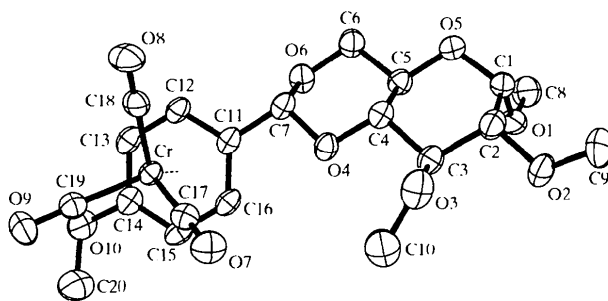


Fig. 5. The structure of (5) showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

crystal structure of the thermodynamically less stable C7-epimer of (1), in which the phenyl group is axial, has been reported (Barnes *et al.*, 1979).

## Experimental

(*R*)-Methyl 2,3-di-*O*-methyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside, (1), was prepared from methyl  $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside by acetal exchange with (dimethoxymethyl)benzene in dimethylformamide in the presence of *p*-TsOH, followed by methylation with Ag<sub>2</sub>O/MeI in acetone. The 4-methoxyphenyl analogue, (5), was prepared in a similar manner *via* acetal exchange using 1-(dimethoxymethyl)-4-methoxybenzene. The tricarbonylchromium complexes (2) and (5) were formed from the appropriate benzylidene acetal precursor by thermally promoted ligand exchange using Cr(CO)<sub>6</sub> in Bu<sub>2</sub>O-THF.

### Compound (1)

#### Crystal data

C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>6</sub>  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 310.34  
 Monoclinic  
*P*2<sub>1</sub>  
*a* = 4.8635 (7) Å  
*b* = 13.0125 (18) Å  
*c* = 12.6580 (18) Å  
 $\beta$  = 97.832 (3)°  
*V* = 793.61 (19) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 2  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.299 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
*D<sub>m</sub>* not measured

Mo *K* $\alpha$  radiation  
 $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å  
 Cell parameters from 4243 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 2–25°  
 $\mu$  = 0.099 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 203 (2) K  
 Needle  
 0.34 × 0.10 × 0.10 mm  
 Colourless

#### Data collection

Siemens SMART diffractometer  
 Area-detector scans  
 Absorption correction: empirical (Blessing, 1995)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.967, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.990  
 4639 measured reflections  
 2655 independent reflections

1325 reflections with *I* > 2 $\sigma$ (*I*)  
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.052  
 $\theta_{\max}$  = 25°  
*h* = -5 → 5  
*k* = -14 → 15  
*l* = 0 → 15  
 Intensity decay: none

#### Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R*[*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2 $\sigma$ (*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.072  
*wR*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.202  
*S* = 0.945  
 2655 reflections  
 202 parameters  
 H atoms: see below  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1003P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

( $\Delta/\sigma$ )<sub>max</sub> = 0.004  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max}$  = 0.260 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min}$  = -0.307 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Extinction correction: none  
 Scattering factors from *International Tables for Crystallography* (Vol. C)

Table 1. Selected bond lengths (Å) for (1)

O4—C7	1.423 (6)	C1—C2	1.509 (9)
O4—C4	1.446 (6)	C2—C3	1.522 (7)
O5—C1	1.417 (7)	C3—C4	1.488 (8)
O5—C5	1.430 (6)	C4—C5	1.480 (8)
O6—C7	1.406 (7)	C5—C6	1.493 (8)
O6—C6	1.429 (7)	C7—C11	1.488 (8)

### Compound (2)

#### Crystal data

[Cr(C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>6</sub>)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 446.37  
 Orthorhombic  
*P*2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>  
*a* = 8.3014 (2) Å  
*b* = 13.8503 (2) Å  
*c* = 17.7567 (5) Å  
*V* = 2041.61 (8) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 4  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.452 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
*D<sub>m</sub>* not measured

Mo *K* $\alpha$  radiation  
 $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å  
 Cell parameters from 5986 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 1.8–26.3°  
 $\mu$  = 0.608 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 203 (2) K  
 Needle  
 0.47 × 0.08 × 0.04 mm  
 Yellow

#### Data collection

Siemens SMART diffractometer  
 Area-detector scans  
 Absorption correction: empirical (Blessing, 1995)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.763, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.976  
 11 139 measured reflections  
 4103 independent reflections

2578 reflections with *I* > 2 $\sigma$ (*I*)  
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.042  
 $\theta_{\max}$  = 26.27°  
*h* = -10 → 10  
*k* = 0 → 17  
*l* = 0 → 22  
 Intensity decay: none

#### Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R*[*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2 $\sigma$ (*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.067  
*wR*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.125  
*S* = 1.065  
 4103 reflections  
 265 parameters  
 H atoms: see below  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0380P)^2 + 0.6352P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

( $\Delta/\sigma$ )<sub>max</sub> = 0.000  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max}$  = 0.358 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min}$  = -0.357 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Extinction correction: none  
 Scattering factors from *International Tables for Crystallography* (Vol. C)  
 Absolute structure: Flack (1983)  
 Flack parameter = 0.05 (4)

Table 2. Selected bond lengths (Å) for (2)

O4—C7	1.416 (6)	C1—C2	1.550 (6)
O4—C4	1.434 (6)	C2—C3	1.528 (7)
O5—C1	1.442 (6)	C3—C4	1.526 (7)
O5—C5	1.438 (5)	C4—C5	1.520 (7)
O6—C7	1.420 (6)	C5—C6	1.516 (6)
O6—C6	1.455 (6)	C7—C11	1.515 (7)

### Compound (3)

#### Crystal data

[Cr(C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 492.45  
 Monoclinic  
*P*2<sub>1</sub>  
*a* = 7.9722 (2) Å  
*b* = 8.5924 (2) Å  
*c* = 16.0785 (4) Å  
 $\beta$  = 92.720 (1)°  
*V* = 1100.14 (5) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 2  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.487 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
*D<sub>m</sub>* not measured

Mo *K* $\alpha$  radiation  
 $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å  
 Cell parameters from 5864 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 1.3–27.5°  
 $\mu$  = 0.663 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 203 (2) K  
 Tablet  
 0.60 × 0.32 × 0.08 mm  
 Yellow

#### Data collection

Siemens SMART diffractometer

3037 reflections with *I* > 2 $\sigma$ (*I*)

Area-detector scans  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.029$   
 Absorption correction:  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$   
 empirical (Blessing, 1995)  $h = -10 \rightarrow 10$   
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.692, T_{\text{max}} = 0.949$   $k = -11 \rightarrow 4$   
 7191 measured reflections  $l = 0 \rightarrow 20$   
 3309 independent reflections Intensity decay: none

**Refinement**

Refinement on  $F^2$   $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.034$   $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.268 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.103$   $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.272 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $S = 1.105$  Extinction correction: none  
 3309 reflections Scattering factors from  
 284 parameters *International Tables for*  
 H atoms: see below *Crystallography* (Vol. C)  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0566P)^2 + 0.1822P]$  Absolute structure:  
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  Flack (1983)  
 Flack parameter = 0.01 (2)

Table 3. Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for (3)

O4—C7	1.420 (3)	C1—C2	1.528 (4)
O4—C4	1.435 (3)	C2—C3	1.530 (4)
O5—C1	1.430 (4)	C3—C4	1.526 (4)
O5—C5	1.430 (3)	C4—C5	1.521 (4)
O6—C7	1.414 (3)	C5—C6	1.520 (4)
O6—C6	1.444 (4)	C7—C11	1.501 (4)

**Compound (4)***Crystal data*

$[\text{Cr}(\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_6\text{P})(\text{CO})_3] \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $M_r = 715.45$   $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$   
 Monoclinic Cell parameters from 8192 reflections  
 $C2$   $\theta = 2-27^\circ$   
 $a = 22.3782 (1) \text{ \AA}$   $\mu = 0.594 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $b = 11.4738 (1) \text{ \AA}$   $T = 203 (2) \text{ K}$   
 $c = 13.8548 (2) \text{ \AA}$  Irregular fragment  
 $\beta = 108.007 (1)^\circ$   $0.40 \times 0.31 \times 0.16 \text{ mm}$   
 $V = 3383.15 (6) \text{ \AA}^3$  Yellow  
 $Z = 4$   
 $D_x = 1.405 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   
 $D_m$  not measured

*Data collection*

Siemens SMART diffractometer 6510 reflections with  
 $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 Area-detector scans  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.015$   
 Absorption correction:  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$   
 empirical (Blessing, 1995)  $h = -29 \rightarrow 27$   
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.797, T_{\text{max}} = 0.911$   $k = -14 \rightarrow 14$   
 10 559 measured reflections  $l = 0 \rightarrow 17$   
 7055 independent reflections Intensity decay: none

**Refinement**

Refinement on  $F^2$   $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.247 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.030$   $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.283 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.080$  Extinction correction: none  
 $S = 1.045$  Scattering factors from  
 7055 reflections *International Tables for*  
 409 parameters *Crystallography* (Vol. C)

H atoms: see below  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1022P)^2 + 0.3309P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.007$

Absolute structure:  
 Flack (1983)  
 Flack parameter =  
 0.038 (14)

Table 4. Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for (4)

O4—C7	1.422 (2)	C1—C2	1.524 (3)
O4—C4	1.437 (2)	C2—C3	1.539 (3)
O5—C1	1.420 (3)	C3—C4	1.515 (3)
O5—C5	1.432 (2)	C4—C5	1.529 (3)
O6—C7	1.408 (2)	C5—C6	1.505 (3)
O6—C6	1.440 (2)	C7—C11	1.525 (3)

**Compound (5)***Crystal data*

$[\text{Cr}(\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_7)(\text{CO})_3]$  Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $M_r = 476.39$   $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$   
 Orthorhombic Cell parameters from 6519 reflections  
 $P2_12_12_1$   $\theta = 2-27^\circ$   
 $a = 8.4820 (2) \text{ \AA}$   $\mu = 0.574 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $b = 9.0429 (3) \text{ \AA}$   $T = 203 (2) \text{ K}$   
 $c = 28.6178 (8) \text{ \AA}$   
 $V = 2195.04 (11) \text{ \AA}^3$  Prism  
 $Z = 4$   $0.57 \times 0.36 \times 0.25 \text{ mm}$   
 $D_x = 1.442 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  Yellow  
 $D_m$  not measured

*Data collection*

Siemens SMART diffractometer 4676 reflections with  
 $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 Area-detector scans  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.016$   
 Absorption correction:  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$   
 empirical (Blessing, 1995)  $h = -10 \rightarrow 11$   
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.736, T_{\text{max}} = 0.870$   $k = 0 \rightarrow 11$   
 14 172 measured reflections  $l = 0 \rightarrow 37$   
 4882 independent reflections Intensity decay: none

**Refinement**

Refinement on  $F^2$   $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.275 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.026$   $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.388 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.072$  Extinction correction: none  
 $S = 1.061$  Scattering factors from  
 4882 reflections *International Tables for*  
 284 parameters *Crystallography* (Vol. C)  
 H atoms: see below Absolute structure:  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0488P)^2 + 0.1050P]$  Flack (1983)  
 where  $P = F_o^2 + 2F_c^2/3$  Flack parameter =  
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$   $-0.004 (12)$

Table 5. Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for (5)

O4—C7	1.4131 (17)	C1—C2	1.539 (2)
O4—C4	1.4397 (19)	C2—C3	1.539 (2)
O5—C1	1.426 (2)	C3—C4	1.519 (2)
O5—C5	1.4351 (19)	C4—C5	1.523 (2)
O6—C7	1.4167 (18)	C5—C6	1.519 (2)
O6—C6	1.438 (2)	C7—C11	1.511 (2)

Each data collection covered a nominal hemisphere of reciprocal space by a series of  $\omega$  scans. Crystal decay was monitored by repeating the initial frames at the end of the collection and analysing duplicate reflections; decay was negligible. The diphenylphosphine derivative, (4), contains a dichloromethane

solvent molecule. H atoms were placed geometrically and refined with a riding model (including free rotation about C—C bonds for methyl groups) and with  $U_{iso}$  constrained to be 1.2 (1.5 for methyl groups) times  $U_{eq}$  of the carrier atom.

For all compounds, data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1994b); cell refinement: *SAINTE* (Siemens, 1994b); data reduction: *SAINTE*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Siemens, 1994a); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

Supplementary data for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: TA1212). Services for accessing these data are described at the back of the journal.

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## Bis(tetraethylammonium) Bis[2-(trifluoroacetylamiato)benzenethiolato(2-)-*S,N*]-nickelate(II)

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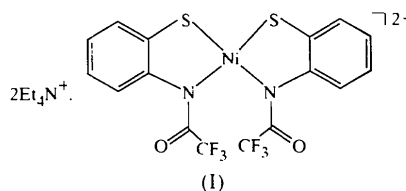
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## Abstract

The title compound, bis(tetraethylammonium) bis[*N*-(2-mercaptophenyl)trifluoroacetamidato(2-)-*N,S*]-nickelate(II), (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N)<sub>2</sub>[Ni(C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NOS)<sub>2</sub>], consists of a distorted square-planar NiS<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> core composed of two thiolate S and two deprotonated amide N atoms. The Ni—S bond distances are 2.177 (1) and 2.171 (1) Å, and the Ni—N bond distances are 1.954 (3) and 1.959 (3) Å.

## Comment

Previously, we have reported deprotonation of the highly acidic CF<sub>3</sub>CONH amide in the Co<sup>II</sup>-thiolate complex, (PPh<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[Co{S-2,6-(CF<sub>3</sub>CONH)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>}<sub>4</sub>], resulting in *S,N*-chelate formation (Okamura *et al.*, 1998). The deprotonation was carried out by either air or amine *N*-oxide oxidation, producing a disulfide. On the other hand, numerous Ni<sup>II</sup> complexes having an *S*(thiolato),*N*(amidate)-five-membered chelate ring have been synthesized using strong bases (Krüger *et al.*, 1991). Numerous related *S,N*-chelate Ni<sup>II</sup> complexes with a thiolate-containing Schiff base have also been reported (Das & Livingstone, 1976; Ercan *et al.*, 1996). In this paper, we report the structure of the title Ni<sup>II</sup> complex, (I).



The title complex exhibits a distorted square-planar Ni<sup>II</sup> ion, with S1—Ni—N2 and S2—Ni—N1 angles of 169.04 (10) and 169.09 (9)°, respectively, as shown in Fig. 1. The S1—Ni—S2 angle of 87.84 (5)° indicates *cis* coordination of the two thiolate ligands. Atoms N1 and S1, or N1 and S2, are in the plane of their respective aromatic ring. These bond distances and angles are similar to those of the neutral Schiff base Ni<sup>II</sup> complex, [Ni<sup>II</sup>(C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>CINS)<sub>2</sub>] (Ercan *et al.*, 1996).

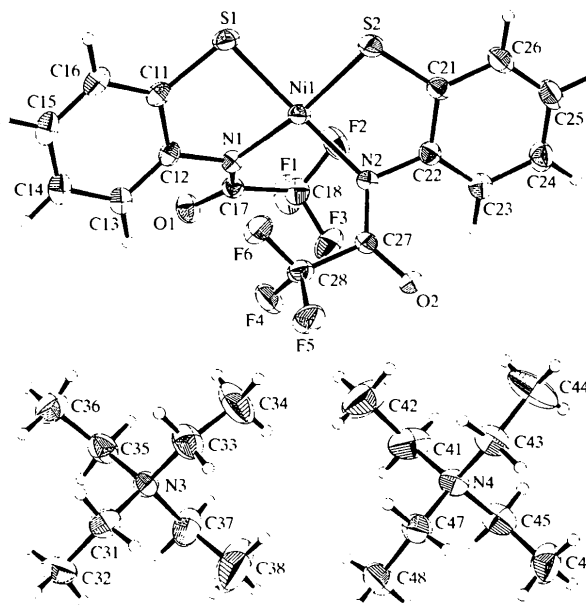


Fig. 1. A view of (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 25% probability level.