Data collection

Nicolet $R 3$ diffractometer $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: none
11525 measured reflections
5451 independent reflections 4144 reflections with
$I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\mathrm{int}}=0.033$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.038$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.105$
$S=1.053$
5451 reflections
270 parameters
H atoms constrained
$\theta_{\text {max }}=27.56^{\circ}$
$h=-9 \rightarrow 0$
$k=-24 \rightarrow 24$
$l=-22 \rightarrow 22$
3 standard reflections every 147 reflections intensity decay: none
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\text {max }}=0.003$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.30 \mathrm{e}^{\AA^{-3}}$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {min }}=-0.35 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
Extinction correction: none
Scattering factors from International Tables for Crystallography (Vol. C)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{0}^{2}\right)+(0.0432 P)^{2}\right. \\
& +1.381 P] \\
& \text { where } P=\left(F_{o}^{2}+2 F_{c}^{2}\right) / 3
\end{aligned}
$$

Table 3. Selected geometric parameters $\left(\AA,{ }^{\circ}\right)$ for trans-(I)

| $\mathrm{Pl}-\mathrm{C} 2$ | 1.799 (2) | $\mathrm{Pl}^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 2^{\prime}$ | 1.802 (2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| P3-C2 | 1.798 (2) | $\mathrm{P} 3^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 2^{\prime}$ | 1.801 (2) |
| P3-C4 | 1.793 (2) | $\mathrm{P} 3^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime}$ | 1.794 (2) |
| C4-C5 | 1.536 (3) | C4'- $\mathbf{C 5}^{\prime}$ | 1.536 (3) |
| C5-C6 | 1.535 (3) | $\mathrm{C} 5^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 6^{\prime}$ | 1.530 (3) |
| P1-C6 | 1.792 (2) | $\mathrm{Pl}^{\prime}-\mathrm{C6}^{\prime}$ | 1.794 (2) |
| C6-P1-C2 | 105.64 (10) | $\mathrm{C} 6^{\prime}-\mathrm{P} 1^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 2^{\prime}$ | 106.13 (10) |
| P3-C2-P1 | 113.72 (10) | $\mathrm{P} 3^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 2^{\prime}-\mathrm{P} 1^{\prime}$ | 115.51 (11) |
| C4-P3-C2 | 105.55 (10) | $\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{P} 3^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 2^{\prime}$ | 106.61 (10) |
| C5-C4-P3 | 114.53 (14) | $\mathrm{C} 5^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{P} 3^{\prime}$ | 115.02 (14) |
| C6-C5-C4 | 113.50 (17) | $\mathrm{C} 6^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 5^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime}$ | 113.19 (17) |
| C5-C6-P1 | 113.09 (15) | C5'- ${ }^{\prime} 6^{\prime}-\mathrm{Pl}^{\prime}$ | 113.34 (15) |
| C6-P1-C2-P3 | 49.24 (13) | $\mathrm{C}^{\prime}-\mathrm{Pl}^{\prime}-\mathrm{C}^{\prime}-\mathrm{P}^{\prime}{ }^{\prime}$ | -44.09 (14) |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{P} 3-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{P} 1$ | -47.69 (13) | $\mathrm{C}^{\prime}{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{P}^{\prime}{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{C}^{\prime}{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Pl}^{\prime}$ | 41.82 (14) |
| C2-P3-C4-C5 | 52.99 (16) | $\mathrm{C} 2^{\prime}-\mathrm{P} 3^{\prime}-\mathrm{C}^{\prime}-\mathrm{C}^{\prime}{ }^{\prime}$ | -49.61 (18) |
| P3-C4-C5-C6 | -64.2 (2) | $\mathrm{P} 3^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 5^{\prime}-\mathrm{C}^{\prime}{ }^{\prime}$ | 64.6 (2) |
| C4-C5-C6-P1 | 65.3 (2) | $\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 5^{\prime}-\mathrm{C}^{\prime}-\mathrm{Pl}^{\prime}$ | -66.9 (2) |
| C2-P1-C6-C5 | -55.69 (17) | $\mathrm{C} 2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Pl}^{\prime}-\mathrm{C}^{\prime}{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 5^{\prime}$ | 54.31 (17) |

Table 4. Hydrogen-bonding geometry $\left(\AA^{\circ},^{\circ}\right)$ for trans-(I)

| $D-H \cdots A$ | D-H | H $\cdots$ A | D..A | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{C} 2^{\text {i }}-\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\prime} 2 \cdots \mathrm{Ol}$ | 0.99 | 2.35 | 3.327 (3) | 169.6 |
| $\mathrm{C2}^{\prime}$ - $\mathrm{H2}^{\prime} 1 \ldots \mathrm{O} 3^{\prime}$ | 0.99 | 2.44 | 3.214 (2) | 134.3 |
| C4'- $4^{\prime} 4^{\prime} 1 \cdots \mathrm{O} 3^{\prime}$ | 0.99 | 2.56 | 3.336 (3) | 134.9 |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A} \cdots \mathrm{Ol}^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.99 | 2.28 | 3.236 (2) | 163.3 |
| C6-H6B - ${ }^{\text {OI }}$ | 0.99 | 2.54 | 3.476 (3) | 158.1 |
| $\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{H} 21 \mathrm{~B} \cdots \mathrm{Ol}^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.99 | 2.52 | 3.434 (3) | 153.8 |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~B} \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\prime \prime}{ }^{\text {'ii }}$ | 0.99 | 2.45 | 3.284 (3) | 141.5 |
| Symmetry codes: | $\frac{1}{2}-$ | $\frac{1}{2}$, | (ii) | $y, z ;$ (iii) |

H atoms were included using rigid methyl groups (starting positions taken from difference syntheses and then allowed to rotate but not tip) or a riding model starting from calculated positions. For the trans isomer, the ethoxy group $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 11-$ C12 of molecule 2 is disordered over two positions, with occupancy factors of 0.748 (6) and 0.252 (6). The minor component is omitted from the discussion. An appropriate system of restraints was used to stabilize the refinement; details are given in the final instruction file, which is included in the deposited material. The relatively high $U$ values of some terminal methyl groups $\left(\sim 0.1 \AA^{2}\right)$ lead to librational shortening of some ethyl $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bonds.

For both compounds, data collection: P3 Software (Nicolet Instrument Corporation, 1987); cell refinement: P3 Software; data reduction: XDISK in P3 Software; program(s) used to solve structures: SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structures: SHELXL93 (Sheldrick, 1993); molecular graphics: XP (Siemens, 1994); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL93.

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## cis- and trans-3,5-Diethoxy-1-oxa-3,5-di-phosphorinane-3,5-dione

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## Abstract

The title compounds, cis- and trans- $\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{P}_{2}$, display chair conformations of the heterocyclic rings, with much larger absolute torsion angles around $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{C}\left(>72^{\circ}\right)$ than around $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{P}\left(<47^{\circ}\right)$. Ring angles are lower than tetrahedral at phosphorus, but higher at carbon and oxygen, with a maximum of $116.03(12)^{\circ}$ for the $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{P}$ angle of the cis isomer. Several $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \ldots \mathrm{O}$ contacts, including one as short as $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}=2.27 \AA$, can be classified as hydrogen bonds.

## Comment

We are interested in the structures of diphosphorinane rings, both with and without further heteroatoms (Jones \& Fischer, 1998, and references therein). We report here the structure of the cis and trans isomers of 3,5-diethoxy-1-oxa-3,5-diphosphorinane-3,5-dione, cis(I) and trans-(I), respectively. A search of the Cambridge Structural Database (Version of October 1997; Allen \& Kennard, 1993) indicated that these are the first structures involving a 1 -oxa-3,5-diphosphorinane with no further annelation.

(I)

The cis or trans geometry was confirmed by the structure analyses (Figs. I and 2). The compounds are not isostructural with the analogues having $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ instead of O in the ring (Jones \& Fischer, 1998). The ethoxy substituents adopt equatorial positions in the cis isomer, but in the trans isomer, that at P5 is forced to adopt the unfavourable axial position.
Ring bond lengths in both isomers are essentially identical. The rings adopt chair conformations, with absolute torsion angles between 38.15 (16) and $74.5(2)^{\circ}$, mean value $54.7^{\circ}$, for the cis isomer, and between 43.00 (14) and $76.02(19)^{\circ}$, mean value $58.2^{\circ}$, for the trans isomer. The regions around C4 (between the P atoms) are flatter, with torsion angles about P3-C4 and P5-C4 (cis: $<39^{\circ}$; trans: $<47^{\circ}$ ) much lower than those around $\mathrm{Ol}-\mathrm{C} 2$ and $\mathrm{Ol}-\mathrm{C} 6$ (cis: $>73^{\circ}$; trans: $>72^{\circ}$ ). It is noteworthy that the cis isomer is much flatter in the C4 region than the trans isomer; the situation for the $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ analogue (Jones \& Fischer, 1998) was not clear-cut, with the two independent molecules of the trans isomer differing as much from each other as from the cis isomer.


Fig. 1. The structure of the cis isomer in the crystal. Ellipsoids represent $50 \%$ probability levels. H-atom radii are arbitrary.


Fig. 2. The structure of the trans isomer in the crystal. Ellipsoids represent $50 \%$ probability levels. H-atom radii are arbitrary.

Ring bond angles have slightly lower than ideal tetrahedral values at $\mathrm{P}\left(104-106^{\circ}\right)$, but have wider values at the C and O atoms ( $110-116^{\circ}$ ), with the largest value of $116.03(12)^{\circ}$ occurring at C 4 in the cis isomer. Wide angles (up to $120^{\circ}$ ) are common in $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{P}$ systems, as commented on in our earlier paper (Jones \& Weinkauf, 1998). Several contacts of the type C$\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ can be classified as hydrogen bonds (see Tables 2 and 4). Particularly short are those contacts involving C 4 of the trans isomer ( $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}=2.27$ and $2.28 \AA$ ).

## Experimental

The title compounds were obtained from 1,3-dibromo-2-oxapropane and methanebis(phosphonous acid diethyl ester) in refluxing xylene: isomers were separated chromatographically [details are given by Sebastian (1992)]. Single crystals were obtained by gas phase diffusion of diethyl ether into a dichloromethane solution (cis) or by slow cooling of a saturated solution in dichloromethane/diethyl ether (trans).

## cis-(I) isomer

Crystal data

| $\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{P}_{2}$ | Mo $\alpha \alpha$ radiation |
| :--- | :--- |
| $M_{r}=242.14$ | $\lambda=0.71073 \AA$ |
| Monoclinic | Cell parameters from 50 |
| $C 2 / c$ | reflections |
| $a=25.108(10) \AA$ | $\theta=10.0-12.5^{\circ}$ |
| $b=10.954(5) \AA$ | $\mu=0.366 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ |
| $c=8.547(4) \AA$ | $T=293(2) \mathrm{K}$ |
| $\beta=94.82(4)^{\circ}$ | Tablet |
| $V=2342.6(18) \AA^{3}$ | $0.70 \times 0.50 \times 0.15 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| $Z=8$ | Colourless |

Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$\lambda=0.71073 \AA$
Cell parameters from 50 reflections
$\theta=10.0-12.5^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.366 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=293$ (2) K
able

Colourless
$D_{\mathrm{r}}=1.373 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
$D_{m}$ not measured

Data collection

Nicolet $R 3$ diffractometer
$2 \theta / \omega$ scans
Absorption correction: none
3361 measured reflections
2078 independent reflections 1719 reflections with
$I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\mathrm{int}}=0.022$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.036$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.105$
$S=1.031$
2078 reflections
129 parameters
H atoms constrained
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}^{2}\right)+(0.0570 P)^{2}\right.$
$+1.8624 P]$
where $P=\left(F_{o}^{2}+2 F_{c}^{2}\right) / 3$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=25.05^{\circ}$
$h=-29 \rightarrow 29$
$k=0 \rightarrow 13$
$l=-10 \rightarrow 4$
3 standard reflections every 147 reflections intensity decay: $2 \%$

Table 1. Selected geometric parameters $\left(\AA^{\circ},^{\circ}\right)$ for cis-(I)

| O1-C2 | $1.431(3)$ | P5-C4 | $1.794(2)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| P3-C2 | $1.812(2)$ | P5-C6 | $1.810(2)$ |
| P3-C4 | $1.797(2)$ | OI-C6 | $1.422(3)$ |
| C6-O1-C2 | $113.86(17)$ | P5-C4-P3 | $116.03(12)$ |
| O1-C2-P3 | $112.31(15)$ | C4-P5-C6 | $104.91(11)$ |
| C4-P3-C2 | $105.22(10)$ | O1-C6-P5 | $112.50(15)$ |
| C6-OI-C2-P3 | $-73.7(2)$ | C6-P5-C4-P3 | $38.40(16)$ |
| C4-P3-C2-O1 | $51.20(18)$ | C4-P5-C6-O1 | $-52.28(18)$ |
| C2-P3-C4-P5 | $-38.15(16)$ | C2-O1-C6-P5 | $74.5(2)$ |

Table 2. Hydrogen-bonding geometry $\left(\AA^{\circ},^{\circ}\right)$ for cis-(I)

| D-H. ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | D-H | H . . A | D..A | D-H. . A |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C10-HIOA . . ${ }^{\text {O }}{ }^{1}$ | 0.97 | 2.50 | 3.379 (4) | 150.2 |
| C10- $\mathrm{HIOB} \cdots \mathrm{O} 2^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.97 | 2.51 | 3.457 (4) | 166.7 |
| C6-H6B . . $\mathrm{O}^{\text {¹" }}$ | 0.97 | 2.42 | 3.380 (3) | 171.7 |

Symmetry codes: (i) $x, 1-y, z-\frac{1}{2}$ : (ii) $x, 1-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$; (iii) $x,-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$.

## trans-(I) isomer

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{P}_{2}$
$M_{r}=242.14$
Orthorhombic
Pna2 ${ }_{1}$
$a=9.058(2) \AA$
$b=15.312$ (3) $\AA$
$c=8.270(2) \AA$
$V=1147.0(4) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$
$D_{x}=1.402 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
$D_{m}$ not measured

## Data collection

Nicolet $R 3$ diffractometer
$2 \theta / \omega$ scans
Absorption correction: none
2633 measured reflections
2633 independent reflections 2368 reflections with
$I>2 \sigma(I)$

Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$\lambda=0.71073 \AA$
Cell parameters from 48 reflections
$\theta=10.0-11.5^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.374 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=178$ (2) K
Block
$0.5 \times 0.4 \times 0.4 \mathrm{~mm}$
Colourless
$\theta_{\text {max }}=27.50^{\circ}$
$h=0 \rightarrow 11$
$k=0 \rightarrow 19$
$l=-10 \rightarrow 10$
3 standard reflections every 147 reflections intensity decay: none

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.030$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.080$
$S=1.027$
2633 reflections
129 parameters

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { H atoms constrained } \\
& \begin{aligned}
& w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}^{2}\right)+(0.0516 P)^{2}\right. \\
& \quad\quad 0.0822 P] \\
& \text { where } P=\left(F_{o}^{2}+2 F_{c}^{2}\right) / 3
\end{aligned}
\end{aligned}
$$

$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=-0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.29 \mathrm{e}^{\circ} \AA^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {min }}=-0.26 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
Extinction correction: none
Scattering factors from International Tables for Crystallography (Vol. C)
Absolute structure:
Flack (1983)
Flack parameter $=0.00(10)$

Table 3. Selected geometric parameters $\left(A^{\circ},^{\circ}\right)$ for trans- $(I)$

| O1-C2 | $1.434(2)$ | P5-C4 | $1.805(2)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | ---: |
| P3-C2 | $1.814(2)$ | P5-C6 | $1.809(2)$ |
| P3-C4 | $1.8(04(2)$ | O1-C6 | $1.432(3)$ |
| C6-O1-C2 | $113.49(16)$ | P3-C4-P5 | $112.79(11)$ |
| O1-C2-P3 | $113.00(13)$ | C4--P5-C6 | $104.25(9)$ |
| C4-P3-C2 | $105.12(9)$ | O1-C6-P5 | $11(0.00(13)$ |
| C6-O1-C2-P3 | $-72.14(19)$ | C6-P5-C4-P3 | $46.78(13)$ |
| C4-P3-C2-O1 | $51.71(18)$ | C4-P5-C6-O1 | $-59.64(17)$ |
| C2-P3-C4-P5 | $-43.00(14)$ | C2-O1-C6-P5 | $76.02(19)$ |

Table 4. Hydrogen-bonding geometry $\left(\AA,^{\circ}\right)$ for trans-(I)

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{A}$ | D-H | $\mathrm{H} \ldots \mathrm{A}$ | D...A | D-H...A |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C4- ${ }^{\text {d } 4 B \cdots \mathrm{Ol}^{\prime}}$ | 0.99 | 2.28 | 3.145 (3) | 144.8 |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H} 4 \mathrm{~A} \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.99 | 2.27 | 3.237 (2) | 163.8 |
| $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{H} 6 \mathrm{~A} \cdots \mathrm{O} 3^{1}$ | 0.99 | 2.56 | 3.467 (3) | 151.6 |
| C10-H104 $\cdots$ O ${ }^{\text {"'" }}$ | 0.99 | 2.48 | 3.455 (3) | 168.5 |
| $\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{H} 124 \cdots \mathrm{O} 4^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.99 | 2.42 | 3.318 (3) | 151.3 |
| Symmetry codes: (i) $1-x, 1-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$; (ii) $\frac{1}{2}+x, \frac{1}{2}-y, z ;$ (iii) $x-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}-y, z$; (iv) $2-x, 1-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$. |  |  |  |  |

Methyl H atoms were included using rigid methyl groups. Starting positions were taken from difference syntheses and then allowed to rotate but not to tip. Methylene H atoms were subjected to a riding model starting from calculated positions. For the cis isomer, the shortened $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bonds in the side chains probably reflect libration effects. For the trans isomer, the absolute structure was determined by the method of Flack (1983) using 1349 Friedel pairs, and the origin was fixed according to the method of Flack \& Schwarzenbach (1988).

For both compounds, data collection: P3 Software (Nicolet Instrument Corporation, 1987); cell refinement: P3 Software; data reduction: XDISK in P3 Software; program(s) used to solve structures: SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structures: SHELXL93 (Sheldrick, 1993); molecular graphics: XP (Siemens, 1994); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL93.

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## X-ray Structure Investigations of Potential $\beta$-Blockers. III

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#### Abstract

X-ray studies of 6,7 -dihydroxy-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinium chloride hydrate $\left(\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{NO}_{2}^{+}\right.$.-$\mathrm{Cl}^{-} . \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ), 6,7-dihydroxy-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4tetrahydroisoquinolinium chloride $\left(\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{NO}_{3}^{+} . \mathrm{Cl}^{-}\right)$ and 6,7-dihydroxy-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinium chloride $\left(\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}^{+} . \mathrm{Cl}^{-}\right)$show that the saturated parts of the rings have deformed half-chair conformations, with equatorially attached phenyl rings. All three structures are ionic, and hydrogen bonds are observed.


## Comment

This paper is a continuation of the structural work on saturated isoquinoline derivatives reported by Olszak (Olszak et al., 1994, 1996). Tetrahydroisoquinolines are known to exhibit $\beta$-adrenomimetic activity (Brzezińska, 1994). A group of 1 -aryl-6,7-dihydroxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline [where 1-aryl is phenyl in (I), 2methoxyphenyl in (II) and 4-nitrophenyl in (III)] derivatives was synthesized at the Institute of Chemistry and Technology of Drugs, University of Medicine, Łódź, in order to determine the role of the hydrophobic group at Cl on the activity of these structures as $\beta$ adrenoreceptors (Brzezińska et al., 1996).

(I) $R=\mathrm{H}$
(II) $R=2-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$
(III) $R=\Delta-\mathrm{NO}_{2}{ }^{\text {a }}$

The title structures, (I). $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, (II) and (III), are shown in perspective views with the atomic numbering schemes in Figs. 1-3. Selected bond lengths, bond angles and details of the hydrogen-bonding geometry are listed in Tables 1-6.
The title structures differ slightly from each other in the substituents on the phenyl group (see Scheme). The saturated parts of the molecules have either half-chair, (I), or deformed half-chair tending towards twistedboat conformations, (II) and (III). The Cremer \& Pople (1975) puckering parameters for the N1-C1-C9-C8-C3-C2 atom sequence are: $Q=0.504$ (2), 0.498 (3), 0.563 (2) $\AA \AA^{;} \varphi_{2}=165.2$ (4), 142.4 (4), 156.4 (3) ${ }^{\circ} ; \theta_{2}=$ 131.3 (3), 129.1 (3), 128.9 (2) ${ }^{\circ}$ for (I), (II) and (III), respectively. There are pseudo-twofold axes passing through the midpoints of the $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ and $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9$ bonds [asymmetry parameters (Nardelli, 1983a): $\Delta_{2}=$


Fig. 1. Plot of (I), showing the atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are shown at $40 \%$ probability. Symmetry codes are as given in Table 2.

