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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 291\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.013\text{ \AA}$   
H-atom completeness 94%  
 $R$  factor = 0.079  
 $wR$  factor = 0.164  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.4For details of how these key indicators were  
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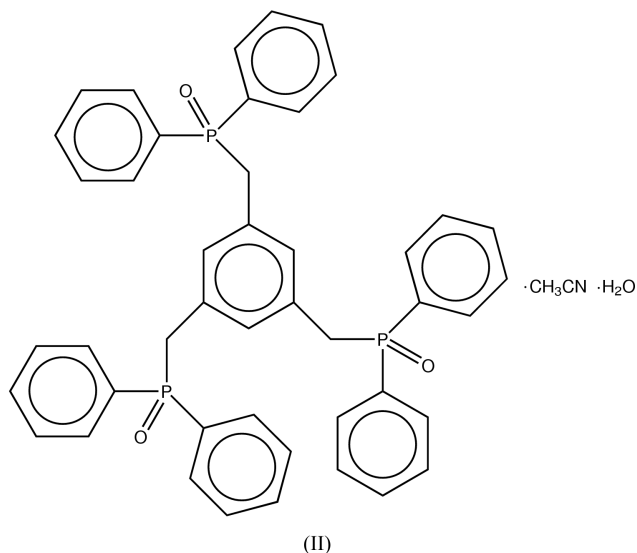
## Polymorphic form of 1,3,5-tris[(diphenylphosphine oxide)methyl]benzene acetonitrile solvate monohydrate

The title compound, benzene-1,3,5-triyltrismethylenetris(diphenylphosphine oxide) acetonitrile solvate monohydrate,  $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{39}\text{O}_3\text{P}_3 \cdot \text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{N} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , forms two polymorphs: (I), which crystallizes in the triclinic space group  $P1$ , and (II), which crystallizes in the monoclinic space group  $Pn$ . The crystal and molecular structures of (I) were previously determined. The results of the crystal structure determination of (II) are presented here. The overall arrangement of two of the diphenylphosphine oxide substituents is determined by strong hydrogen bonds  $\text{O}_{\text{water}}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}_{\text{oxide}}$ . All three P atoms adopt distorted tetrahedral geometry, with  $\text{C}-\text{P}-\text{C}$  angles equal to or smaller than tetrahedral and  $\text{O}-\text{P}-\text{C}$  angles greater than tetrahedral. All three diphenylphosphine oxide substituents are stabilized by weak  $\text{C}_{\text{phenyl}}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}_{\text{oxide}}$  hydrogen bonds. For each substituent, one of the phenyl rings is almost coplanar with the  $\text{P}=\text{O}$  bond.

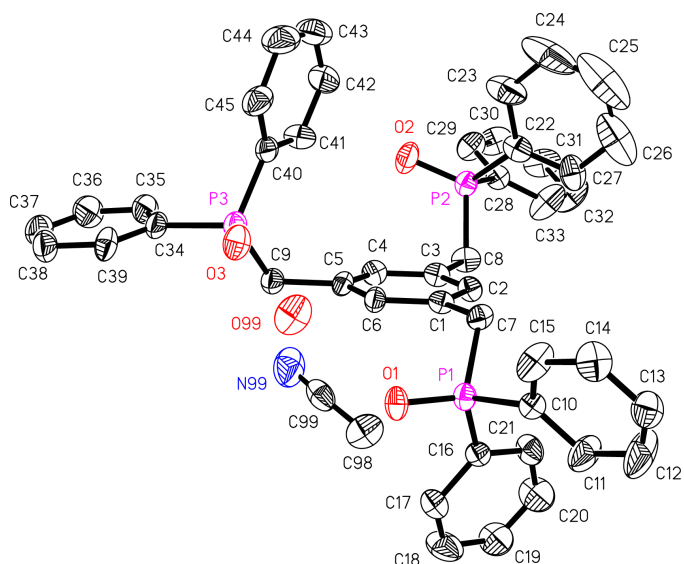
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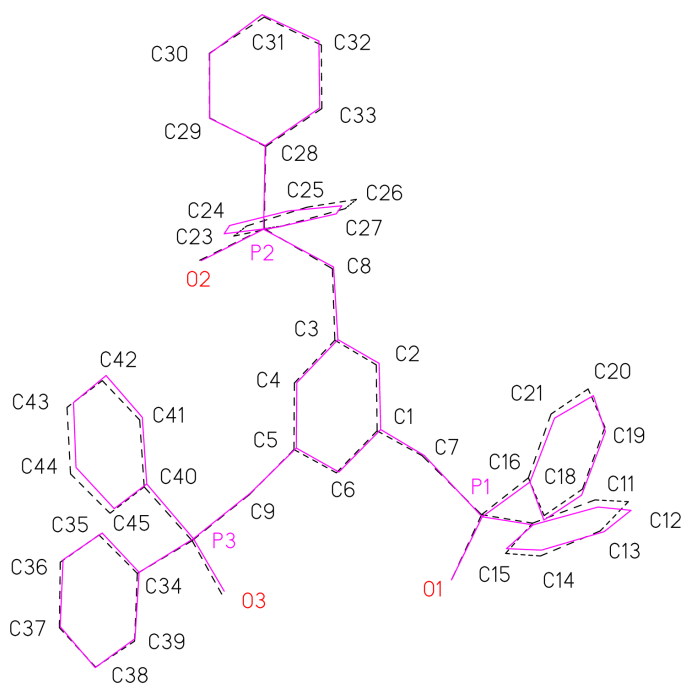
The crystal and molecular structures of the title compound crystallizing in the  $P1$  space group were previously determined [(I) hereafter; Cambridge Structural Database (CSD; Allen & Kennard, 1993) refcode GOKQAY (Pietrusiewicz *et al.*, 1998)]. Since the crystal structure of (I) had two pairs of only slightly different molecules in the independent part of the unit



cell, and the cell parameters were close to those of the monoclinic system, we tried to obtain a second polymorph of (I), but all attempts failed. The crystals were stored in the dark at 293 K. After four years, we found that the crystals had changed in appearance. The colourless crystals of (I) had become pale pink. Thus, we decided to redetermine the crystal



**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of (II). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.



**Figure 2**  
Superposition of the molecules of (I) and (II). The molecule of (I) is indicated by dashed lines. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

structure of (I). Measurement of the unit-cell parameters revealed monoclinic crystal system (II).

The perspective view of (II) and the atomic numbering scheme are shown in Fig. 1. All interatomic distances can be considered as normal. We could not locate the H atoms of the acetonitrile molecule, probably because of the fully disordered methyl group. These H atoms are not involved in any hydrogen bond which will be able to provide additional stabilization [the shortest methyl group carbon to nearest atom distance is 3.645 (12) Å]. The phenyl group including the

C22 atom shows signs of disorder, but invoking this model did not improve the quality of the refinement; therefore, the model was not applied. The overall molecular geometry of (II) is similar to that of (I) (Pietrusiewicz *et al.*, 1998). The weighted r.m.s. deviation for all atoms in (II) and the first and second molecules of (I) are 0.146 (3) and 0.154 (4) Å, respectively. Superposition of the two molecules, *i.e.* (II) and one of the molecules of (I), is shown in Fig. 2. The overall arrangement of the diphenylphosphine oxide substituents (best described by torsion angles, see Table 1) indicated by the P1 and P3 atoms is determined by strong  $\text{O}_{\text{water}}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}_{\text{oxide}}$  hydrogen bonds (for details, see Table 2). These also affect the dihedral angle between the central benzene ring and  $\text{P}-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_{\text{benzene}}$  which amounts to 59.7 (3) and 58.9 (3)° for the branches indicated by the branches involving P1 and P3, and 76.2 (4)° for the branch involving P2.

The phenyl rings make angles of 67.0 (3), 78.8 (3) and 76.6 (2)° within the substituents involving P1, P2 and P3, respectively. All the P atoms adopt distorted tetrahedral geometry, with C–P–C angles equal to or smaller than tetrahedral and O–P–C angles greater than tetrahedral (Table 1). It is possible to suggest that the steric effect imposed by the phenyl groups has no great importance. All three diphenylphosphine oxide substituents are stabilized by weak hydrogen bonds  $\text{C}_{\text{phenyl}}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}_{\text{oxide}}$  (Table 2). For each substituent, one of the phenyl rings is almost coplanar with the  $\text{P}=\text{O}$  bond. The central benzene ring makes dihedral angles of 60.7 (3), 72.1 (2), 78.7 (3), 27.6 (3), 10.5 (2) and 82.8 (2)° with the phenyl rings involving C10, C15, C22, C28, C34 and C40, respectively; the respective P atoms deviate by 0.14 (1), 0.04 (1), 0.21 (1), 0.07 (1), 0.06 (1) and 0.00 (1) Å from the phenyl rings. There are no unusual intermolecular short contacts except for the hydrogen bonds described in Table 2.

## Experimental

The title compound was prepared according to the method of Pietrusiewicz *et al.* (1998) and stored in the dark at 293 K for four years.

### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{39}\text{O}_3\text{P}_3\cdot\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
 $M_r = 779.74$   
 Monoclinic,  $Pn$   
 $a = 15.3382$  (14) Å  
 $b = 8.6418$  (9) Å  
 $c = 15.9748$  (11) Å  
 $\beta = 105.034$  (10)°  
 $V = 2045.0$  (3) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$

$D_x = 1.266$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 8473 reflections  
 $\theta = 2-22^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.19$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 291$  (2) K  
 Pyramid, pale pink  
 0.60 × 0.40 × 0.40 mm

### Data collection

Kuma KM4-CCD diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: numerical  
 (*X-RED*; Stoe & Cie, 1999)  
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.894$ ,  $T_{\text{max}} = 0.928$   
 20 214 measured reflections  
 6643 independent reflections  
 6532 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.060$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.2^\circ$   
 $h = -18 \rightarrow 18$   
 $k = -10 \rightarrow 10$   
 $l = -19 \rightarrow 18$   
 2 standard reflections  
 every 50 reflections  
 intensity decay: -1.1%

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.079$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.164$   
 $S = 1.08$   
 6643 reflections  
 497 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of  
 independent and constrained  
 refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0113P)^2 + 5.8292P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.003$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.29 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.42 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL97*  
 Extinction coefficient: 0.0083 (5)  
 Absolute structure: Flack (1983)  
 Flack parameter = 0.24 (15)

Table 1

Selected angles and torsion angles ( $^\circ$ ).

O1—P1—C16	112.5 (3)	O2—P2—C28	110.7 (3)
O1—P1—C10	112.3 (3)	C8—P2—C28	106.6 (3)
C16—P1—C10	108.4 (3)	C22—P2—C28	104.7 (3)
O1—P1—C7	113.5 (3)	O3—P3—C40	111.8 (3)
C16—P1—C7	106.9 (3)	O3—P3—C34	111.2 (3)
C10—P1—C7	102.7 (3)	C40—P3—C34	107.1 (3)
O2—P2—C8	113.2 (3)	O3—P3—C9	114.1 (3)
O2—P2—C22	114.3 (4)	C40—P3—C9	109.7 (3)
C8—P2—C22	106.7 (3)	C34—P3—C9	102.3 (3)
C1—C7—P1—C10	170.6 (5)	C8—P2—C28—C33	−49.5 (8)
C7—P1—C10—C15	65.2 (6)	C3—C8—P2—O2	−56.7 (6)
C6—C1—C7—P1	60.7 (7)	O2—P2—C22—C27	165.5 (6)
C1—C7—P1—C16	56.7 (5)	O2—P2—C28—C33	−173.0 (7)
C7—P1—C16—C21	43.8 (6)	C5—C9—P3—C34	169.3 (5)
C1—C7—P1—O1	−68.0 (5)	C9—P3—C34—C35	−60.7 (7)
O1—P1—C10—C15	−57.1 (6)	C6—C5—C9—P3	60.2 (7)
O1—P1—C16—C21	169.0 (5)	C5—C9—P3—C40	55.8 (5)
C3—C8—P2—C22	69.9 (5)	C9—P3—C40—C41	17.0 (7)
C8—P2—C22—C27	39.6 (7)	C5—C9—P3—O3	−70.5 (5)
C4—C3—C8—P2	75.5 (7)	O3—P3—C34—C35	177.1 (6)
C3—C8—P2—C28	−178.6 (5)	O3—P3—C40—C41	144.6 (6)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
O99—H99P···O1	0.86	2.02	2.861 (7)	166
O99—H99O···O3	0.77	2.06	2.821 (7)	169
C15—H15···O1	0.93	3.02	3.268 (9)	97
C17—H17···O1	0.93	2.65	3.048 (9)	107
C23—H23···O2	0.93	2.70	3.099 (13)	107
C45—H45···O3	0.93	2.76	3.093 (10)	103
C29—H29···O2	0.93	2.58	2.989 (10)	107
C39—H39···O3	0.93	2.60	3.021 (8)	108

Data collection: *CrysAlis CCD* (UNIL IC & Kuma, 2000); cell refinement: *CrysAlis RED* (UNIL IC & Kuma, 2000); data reduction: *CrysAlis RED*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1990a); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *XP* in *SHELXTL/PC* (Sheldrick, 1990b) and *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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