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**Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 298$  K  
 Mean  $\sigma(\text{O}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.023  
 $wR$  factor = 0.065  
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.8

For details of how these key indicators were  
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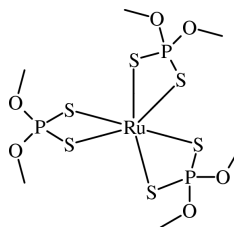
**The space group of tris(dimethyldithiophosphato)-  
 ruthenium(III)**

The space group of tris(dimethyldithiophosphato)ruthenium(III),  $[\text{Ru}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O}_2\text{PS}_2)_3]$ , originally reported as  $Cc$ , is revised to  $C2/c$ .

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**Comment**

The crystal structure of tris(dimethyldithiophosphato)ruthenium(III), (I), was originally described in the  $Cc$  space group (Jain *et al.*, 2000). A check for additional symmetry using the program *PLATON* (Spek, 1990) indicated that the correct space group for this structure is  $C2/c$ . When the structure is refined in  $C2/c$ , the ruthenium atom and one of the P atoms, P2, lie on a twofold axis.



(I)

**Experimental**

*Crystal data*

$[\text{Ru}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O}_2\text{PS}_2)_3]$   
 $M_r = 572.54$   
 Monoclinic,  $C2/c$   
 $a = 14.1212$  (6) Å  
 $b = 11.1919$  (8) Å  
 $c = 12.9788$  (7) Å  
 $\beta = 97.121$  (4)°  
 $V = 2035.4$  (2) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.868$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 25  
 reflections  
 $\theta = 10.3$ – $17.1$ °  
 $\mu = 1.64$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 298$  (2) K  
 Red, block  
 $0.30 \times 0.25 \times 0.20$  mm

*Data collection*

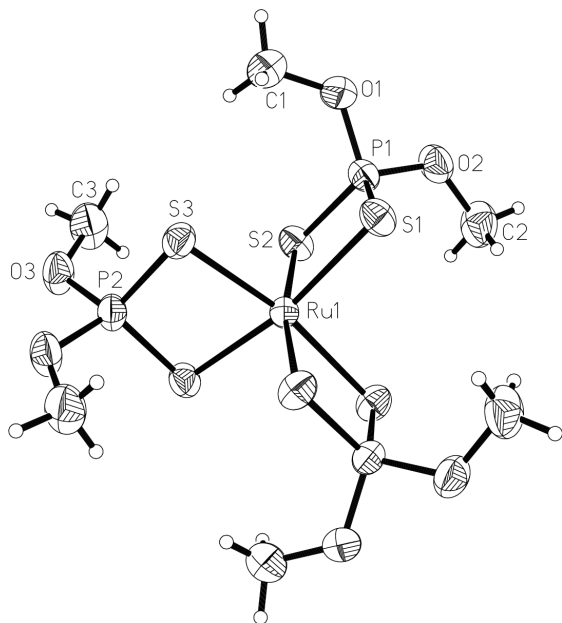
Nonius MACH3 four-circle  
 diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: empirical  
 via  $\psi$  scan (North *et al.*, 1968)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.474$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.554$   
 3583 measured reflections  
 1796 independent reflections  
 1700 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.001$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0$ °  
 $h = -16 \rightarrow 5$   
 $k = -13 \rightarrow 1$   
 $l = -15 \rightarrow 15$   
 3 standard reflections  
 frequency: 60 min  
 intensity decay: 1%

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.023$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.065$   
 $S = 1.17$   
 1796 reflections  
 101 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0356P)^2 + 2.6319P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.31$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.72$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>



**Figure 1**  
ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) plot of the title compound with ellipsoids at the 50% probability level.

Data collection: *ARGUS-MACH3* (Nonius, 1997); cell refinement: *ARGUS-MACH3*; data reduction: *XCAD4* (Harms, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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