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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 298$ K
 Mean $\sigma(\text{O}-\text{C}) = 0.005$ Å
 R factor = 0.017
 wR factor = 0.043
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.9

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 automatically derived from the article, see
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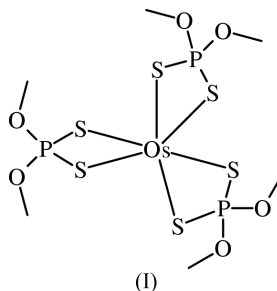
**The space group of tris(dimethyldithiophosphato)-
 osmium(III)**

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

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Comment

The crystal structure of tris(dimethyldithiophosphato)-
 osmium(III), (I), was originally described in the Cc space
 group (Jain *et al.*, 2001). 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 osmium atom and one of the P
 atoms, P2, lie on a twofold axis.



Experimental

Crystal data

$[\text{Os}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O}_2\text{PS}_2)_3]$
 $M_r = 661.67$
 Monoclinic, $C2/c$
 $a = 14.138$ (1) Å
 $b = 11.228$ (4) Å
 $c = 12.970$ (1) Å
 $\beta = 96.99$ (1)°
 $V = 2043.6$ (8) Å³
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 2.151$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 25
 reflections
 $\theta = 11.4$ – 14.2 °
 $\mu = 7.11$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 298$ (2) K
 Plate, violet
 0.35 × 0.20 × 0.10 mm

Data collection

Nonius MACH-3 four-circle
 diffractometer
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: empirical
 via ψ scan (North *et al.*, 1968)
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.119$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.180$
 3741 measured reflections
 1805 independent reflections
 1691 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.024$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0$ °
 $h = -16 \rightarrow 10$
 $k = -13 \rightarrow 10$
 $l = -15 \rightarrow 15$
 3 standard reflections
 frequency: 60 min
 intensity decay: none

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.017$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.043$
 $S = 1.09$
 1805 reflections
 101 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0282P)^2]$
 where $P = F_o^2 + 2F_c^2/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.34$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.80$ e Å⁻³

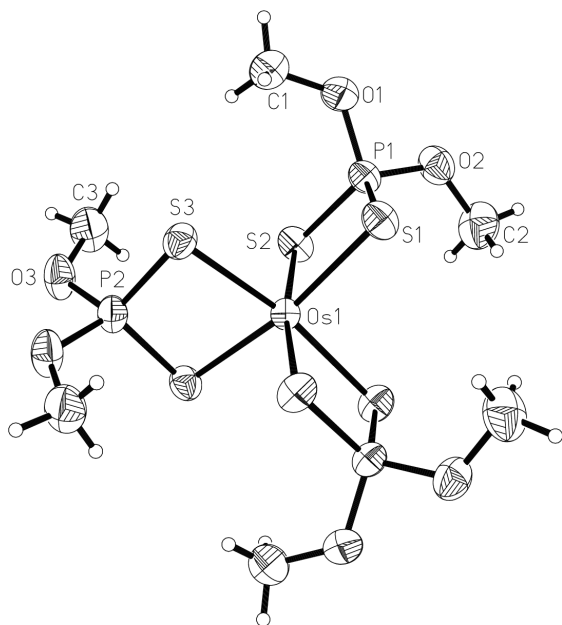


Figure 1
ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) plot of the title compound with ellipsoids at the 50% probability level.

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: *ORTEP* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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