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**Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 T = 100 K  
 Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002 \text{ \AA}$   
 Disorder in main residue  
 R factor = 0.018  
 wR factor = 0.039  
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 35.1

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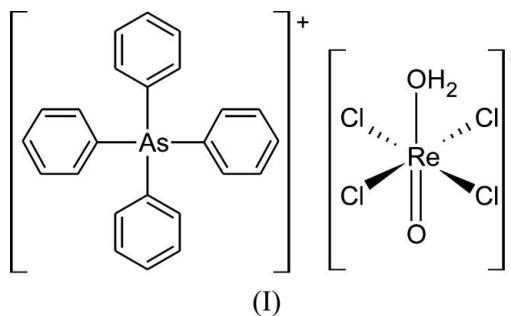
**Redetermination of tetraphenylarsonium  
*trans*-aquatetrachlorooxorhenate(V) at 100 K**

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The crystal structure of the title compound,  $(\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{As})[\text{ReCl}_4\text{O}(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ , has been re-examined at 100 K. The complex contains distorted octahedral  $[\text{ReOCl}_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^-$  anions, with the Re atom and disordered aqua ligand located on a fourfold axis, and  $[\text{Ph}_4\text{As}]^+$  cations with the As atom located on a fourfold inversion axis. In the anion, the terminal  $\text{Re}=\text{O}$  bond,  $1.662(2) \text{ \AA}$ , is *trans* to the aqua ligand and the  $\text{Re}-\text{O}(\text{H}_2)$  and  $\text{Re}-\text{Cl}$  distances are  $2.325(3)$  and  $2.3479(5) \text{ \AA}$ , respectively.

**Comment**

Initial studies of the structure of  $[\text{Ph}_4\text{As}][\text{ReOCl}_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ , (I), were made by Lis & Jeżowska-Trzebiatowska (1977) and reinvestigated by Müller (1984). Müller proved, using the original data of Lis & Jeżowska-Trzebiatowska (1977), that this complex contains a water molecule. We now report an independent re-investigation of the title complex, (I), using data measured at 100 K.



The title complex (Fig. 1 and Table 1) comprises an  $[\text{ReOCl}_4(\text{OH}_2)]^-$  anion and a  $[\text{Ph}_4\text{As}]^+$  cation. In the anion, the Re, oxo O and water O atoms lie on a common fourfold rotation axis of symmetry, while in the cation the As atom is located on a fourfold inversion centre. In this model, the water H atoms take two positions, indicating disorder. The water molecule is not involved in any hydrogen bonds, an observation confirmed by its IR spectrum which shows a single sharp band at  $933 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

The Re atom has a distorted octahedral geometry with four Cl atoms in equatorial positions and with the water molecule and the oxo O atom occupying the axial positions. The Re atom deviates from the equatorial plane towards the oxo O atom by  $0.415(1) \text{ \AA}$ . The distortion from a regular octahedral geometry can also be noted in the value of the  $\text{Cl}-\text{Re}-\text{O1}$  angle, *viz.*  $100.18(1)^\circ$ . The  $\text{Re}-\text{O1}$  bond distance is comparable with values observed in other oxorhenium complexes (Lis, 1979; Sergienko *et al.*, 1991).

The geometry of the  $[\text{Ph}_4\text{As}]^+$  cation shows no significant difference compared to other compounds containing this species (Linden & James, 2002; Dean *et al.*, 2003).

## Experimental

To obtain the title complex, the original procedure described by Lis & Jeżowska-Trzebiatowska (1977) was followed.

### Crystal data

$(\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{As})[\text{ReCl}_4\text{O}(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$M_r = 745.34$	Cell parameters from 20865 reflections
Tetragonal, $P4/n$	$\theta = 3.2\text{--}37.3^\circ$
$a = 13.021$ (2) Å	$\mu = 6.75$ mm $^{-1}$
$c = 7.236$ (2) Å	$T = 100$ (2) K
$V = 1226.8$ (4) Å $^3$	Block, yellow
$Z = 2$	$0.15 \times 0.15 \times 0.15$ mm
$D_x = 2.018$ Mg m $^{-3}$	

### Data collection

Kuma KM-4-CCD $\kappa$ -geometry diffractometer	2671 independent reflections
$\omega$ scans	2535 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: numerical ( <i>CrysAlis RED</i> ; Oxford Diffraction, 2003)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.043$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.562$ , $T_{\text{max}} = 0.686$	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 35.0^\circ$
19131 measured reflections	$h = -20 \rightarrow 21$
	$k = -21 \rightarrow 21$
	$l = -9 \rightarrow 11$

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0156P)^2 + 0.8991P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.018$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.039$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.002$
$S = 1.06$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 1.52$ e Å $^{-3}$
2671 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.98$ e Å $^{-3}$
76 parameters	
H-atom parameters constrained	

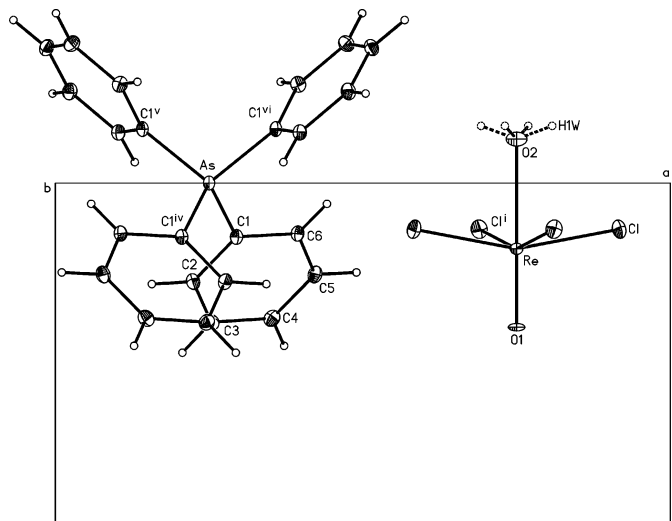
**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Re—O1	1.662 (2)	Re—Cl	2.3479 (5)
Re—O2	2.325 (3)	As—Cl	1.907 (2)
O1—Re—Cl	100.18 (1)	Cl <sup>iv</sup> —As—Cl	106.31 (9)
Cl—Re—Cl <sup>i</sup>	88.21 (1)	Cl <sup>v</sup> —As—Cl	111.08 (5)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $y, \frac{1}{2} - x, z$ ; (iv)  $\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{3}{2} - y, z$ ; (v)  $-\frac{1}{2} + y, 1 - x, -z$ .

All H atoms were found in a difference map, but during the final refinement they were treated in a riding-model approximation, with C—H = 0.95 Å and O—H = 0.84 Å, and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  and  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ . The occupation factor for the water H atom was fixed at



**Figure 1**

A view of the title complex, showing the atom-numbering scheme and disorder of the aqua ligand. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. [Symmetry codes: (i)  $y, \frac{1}{2} - x, z$ ; (iv)  $\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{3}{2} - y, z$ ; (v)  $-\frac{1}{2} + y, 1 - x, -z$ ; (vi)  $1 - y, \frac{1}{2} + x, -z$ .]

0.5 as it is disordered over four symmetry-equivalent positions. The highest peak in the final difference map was 2.03 Å from atom C2.

Data collection: *CrysAlis CCD* (Oxford Diffraction 2003); cell refinement: *CrysAlis RED* (Oxford Diffraction 2003); data reduction: *CrysAlis RED*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *XP* in *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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