

Table 1. *Coordinates of the atoms*

Atom	<i>y/b</i>	<i>z/c</i>
O ₁	0.244	0.0041
O ₂	0.621	0.0434
C ₁	0.401	0.0350
C ₂	0.306	0.0540
C ₃	0.459	0.0926
C ₄	0.341	0.1160
C ₅	0.516	0.1532
C ₆	0.373	0.1798
C ₇	0.575	0.2131
C ₈	0.410	0.2433
C ₉	0.630	0.2735
C ₁₀	0.454	0.3062
C ₁₁	0.681	0.3337
C ₁₂	0.497	0.3681
C ₁₃	0.725	0.3941
C ₁₄	0.547	0.4308
C ₁₅	0.767	0.4546

where only the oxygen and carbon atoms were included in the calculation of F_c . The coordinates of the heavier atoms are collected in Table 1, and observed and calculated structure factors in Table 2. $R_1 = 0.14$ when non-observed reflexions are omitted.

No change of signs is obtained for the observed reflexions, so the electron-density projection shown in the earlier paper is almost the same as that obtained with the values in Table 2 of this paper.

The two rows of carbon atoms are not quite straight, as was supposed earlier. Therefore, the subcell theory could not be used in the structure-factor calculations. The suggestion that the chains are helically twisted has been strengthened by these new results.

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Table 2. *Observed and calculated structure factors*

<i>hkl</i>	$ F_o $	F_c	<i>hkl</i>	$ F_o $	F_c	<i>hkl</i>	$ F_o $	F_c
000	272	—	016	< 8	+ 3	0,1,11	9	+ 9
001	32	+33	017	< 8	+ 3	0,1,12	19	+16
002	7	+ 8	018	< 9	+ 6	0,1,13	10	+16
003	23	+25	019	< 9	+ 4	0,1,14	18	+14
004	< 5	+ 1	0,1,10	<10	+10	0,1,15	12	+17
005	16	+18	0,1,11	<10	+ 3	0,1,16	25	-25
006	< 6	- 6	0,1,12	<10	0	0,1,17	62	+58
007	6	+10	0,1,13	<11	+ 3	0,1,18	<11	+12
008	8	-12	0,1,14	<11	- 2			
009	< 7	+ 3	0,1,15	48	+49	0,2,13	<13	+ 8
0,0,10	9	-12	0,1,16	23	+23	0,2,14	21	+22
0,0,11	< 8	+ 1	0,1,17	19	-19	0,2,15	30	-34
0,0,12	13	-13	0,1,18	<12	+ 1	0,2,16	15	-18
0,0,13	< 8	- 2				0,2,17	<14	- 1
0,0,14	14	-14	011	40	-27			
0,0,15	< 9	- 5	012	70	+54	021	<10	- 5
0,0,16	10	+ 5	013	< 7	- 9	022	17	-21
0,0,17	<10	- 3	014	22	+16	023	<10	-14
			015	< 7	- 8			
010	110	-100	016	13	+14	0,2,16	<12	+ 6
011	18	-18	017	< 8	- 3	0,2,17	18	-25
012	30	-27	018	15	+16	0,2,18	39	-42
013	13	- 7	019	< 8	+ 5	0,2,19	17	+15
014	10	-10	0,1,10	16	+16	0,2,20	<13	-10
015	< 8	- 1						

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On the structure of the crystal form *B'* of *n*-pentadecanoic acid, and On the structure of the crystal form *B* of stearic acid: correction. By ERIK VON SYDOW, *Institute of Chemistry, University of Uppsala, Uppsala, Sweden*

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In the above papers (von Sydow, 1954, 1955) the results given by Vand, Morley & Lomer (1951) concerning the structure of the crystalline *C*-form of lauric acid have been erroneously interpreted. In this form the chain planes of two molecules coupled together with hydrogen bonds are not perpendicular but parallel.

In the *B*-form of stearic acid (von Sydow, 1955), which has the same space group as the *C*-form, the chain planes of two such molecules are also parallel. In the

B'-form of *n*-pentadecanoic acid (von Sydow, 1954), however, the planes are perpendicular, as was stated in the original paper.

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