

appear in even highly over-exposed *c*-axis zero-layer Weissenberg photograph.

The (050) spot is a sharp one and is not accompanied by the usual β spot which other equally intense normal spots have. So these two reflexions were suspected to be double reflexions (Renninger, 1937). They were verified to be so by drawing the reciprocal lattice and considering the reflexion conditions graphically and also analytically. The pairs of reflexions responsible for the formation of (050) are ($12\bar{2}$, $\bar{1}32$) and (203 , $\bar{2}5\bar{3}$), and that responsible for (010) reflexion is ($\bar{1}23$, $\bar{1}3\bar{3}$). The normal ($0k0$) reflexions with *k* odd are thus absent. No other systematic absences are found. Hence the space group of *o*-tolidine is $P2_12_12_1(Q^4-D_2^5)$.

Unit-cell dimensions were measured from carefully calibrated rotation and zero-layer Weissenberg photographs. High-angle reflexions, where the $K\alpha_1\alpha_2$ doublets were well resolved, were used. The dimensions were found to be: $a = 6.412$, $b = 7.490$ and $c = 23.758$ Å. (The wave lengths of Co $K\alpha_1$ and $K\alpha_2$ have been taken

as 1.78892 Å and 1.79278 Å respectively.) The density of *o*-tolidine is 1.234 g.cm.⁻³ as obtained by the flotation method using ZnSO₄. The number of molecules per unit cell is 4 and the density calculated is 1.236 g.cm.⁻³. The observed and calculated interfacial angles are:

Angle	Obs.	Calc.
(001) : (012)	57° 51'	57° 47'
(001) : (101)	74° 50'	74° 54'

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