

**Studies on the Mechanism of the Voges-Proskauer Reaction
The Crystal Structure of Pigment A'**

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The structure of Pigment A obtained in the Voges-Proskauer reaction was determined as 2-(4-methyl-2-morpholino-1H-5-imidazolylmethylidene)-1,2-dihydro-1-oxonaphthalene, by the X-ray analysis of Pigment A', a heavy atom derivative of Pigment A.

Pigment A' crystallizes in the triclinic system, space group $P\bar{1}$, with unit-cell dimensions $a=8.08 \text{ \AA}$, $b=14.63 \text{ \AA}$, $c=7.43 \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha=101.5^\circ$, $\beta=97.2^\circ$, $\gamma=92.1^\circ$, $Z=2$.

The structure was solved by the heavy atom method and refined by the least-squares method to an R value of 0.065.

Previously the authors have reported on three kinds of Pigment A, B, and C prepared by the reaction of diacetyl and guanidines, in the presence of 1-naphthol (Barritt's method).

On the basis of chemical and spectroscopic data, the structures of Pigment A and C were presumed to be 2-(4-methyl-2-morpholino-1H-5-imidazolylmethylidene)-1,2-dihydro-1-oxonaphthalene²⁾ and 5-methyl-2-morpholino-4-(4-methyl-2-morpholino-1H-5-imidazolylmethylidene)-isoimidazol,³⁾ respectively, and Pigment B to be *para*-isomer⁴⁾ of Pigment A.

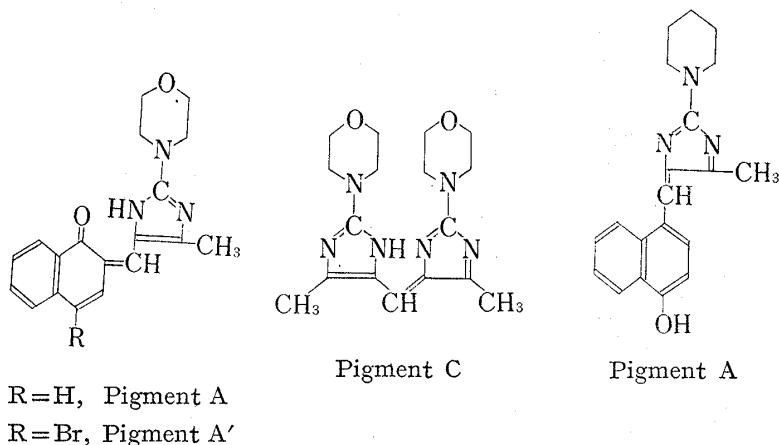


Fig. 1

In the present study, Pigment A', a bromine atom derivative of Pigment A, is prepared by the reaction of diacetyl, morpholinoamidine, and 4-bromo-1-naphthol in order to confirm the structure of Pigment A' by the X-ray diffraction method.

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Experimental

Preparation of Pigment A'—To an aqueous solution (300 ml) of diacetyl (0.01 mole) and morpholinoamidine (0.01 mole), 4-bromo-1-naphthol (0.01 mole) dissolved in 100 ml 4% NaOH solution was added, and the mixture was stirred for 40 min at room temperature. The reaction mixture was neutralized with 2N HCl solution.

The crude crystals were obtained by filtration. Purification of the sample was made using alumina column chromatography (developing solvent, benzene: MeOH = 19.5: 0.5) and a reddish violet fraction was separated which was further chromatographed over the silicagel column (developing solvent, benzene: AcOEt = 5: 1).

Dark reddish brown flat crystals, mp 237° (decomp.) were recrystallized from an ether solution. $\lambda_{\max}^{0.1\text{NNaOH}}$: 540 nm.

The molecular formula of Pigment A' was established from the molecular ion (M^+) in high resolution mass spectrograph as $C_{19}H_{18}O_2N_3Br$. The mass spectrum indicated the peaks at m/e 401 (M^++2) (isotope peak), 399 (M^+), 199.5 (M^{++}).

The infrared (IR) spectrum of Pigment A' showed the presence of a quinoid-carbonyl at 1620 cm^{-1} due to intramolecular hydrogen bonding between carbonyl oxygen and N-H, and also showed the absorption bands at 3300, 2800 (aromatic C=C and C-N stretching vibration), 1105 (C-O-C vibration) and 760 (ring proton out of plane vibration) cm^{-1} .

The space group and the approximate lattice constants were determined from Weissenberg photographs. The structure factors and the accurate lattice constants were derived from the measurement using a Rigaku four circle X-ray diffractometer. The crystal data are shown in Table I.

TABLE I. Crystal Data

Pigment A'	Pigment A'
$C_{19}H_{18}O_2N_3Br$ mol. wt. 399	$\beta=97.2\pm0.1^\circ$
Triclinic	$\gamma=92.1\pm0.1^\circ$
$a=8.081\pm0.008\text{ \AA}$	$U=852.5\text{ \AA}^3$
$b=14.63\pm0.015$	$Z=2$
$c=7.434\pm0.007$	$D_x=1.554\text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$
$\alpha=101.5\pm0.1^\circ$	Space group $P\bar{1}$

All the intensity data for the independent reflections within the 2θ angle of 100° were collected with Ni filtered CuK α radiation by using the $2\theta-\omega$ scan method. Intensities for 1483 reflections were measured each of which has net intensity greater than three times of its standard deviation.

The number of reflections theoretically possible to observe within the same 2θ angle is 1766.

The size of the crystal specimen used for the intensity measurement was about $0.25\times0.20\times0.05\text{ mm}$ and $\eta\theta$ absorption correction was applied for the intensity data. All the intensity data were then corrected for Lorentz and polarization factors and were put on an absolute scale by Wilson's method. It also gave a mean temperature factor of 4 \AA^2 . The statistical distribution of the intensities indicated a centrosymmetric space group.

Determination of the Structure—The structure was determined by the heavy atom method. The coordinates of the bromine atom were easily determined on a sharpened Patterson map and a Fourier synthesis phased by the bromine atom contributions revealed all the atoms on the map.

Refinement of the atomic parameters was carried out by the block-matrix least-squares method using the HBLS program.⁵⁾

Four cycles with isotropic and further four cycles of calculations with anisotropic thermal parameters for each atom reduced the R value to 0.065. Unit weight was assigned for each reflection.

At the end of the refinement, a difference Fourier map was calculated which revealed all hydrogen atoms except for those belonging to the morpholine group, but no attempt has been made to refine the atomic parameters for hydrogen atoms.

The final atomic parameters and their estimated standard deviations are given in Table II, and the observed and calculated structure factors are listed in Table III.

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TABLE II. Final Atomic Parameters with Estimated Standard Deviations

Atom	x	y	z	β_{11}	β_{22}	β_{33}	β_{12}	β_{13}	β_{23}
Br	0.7260(2)	0.8121(1)	0.7599(2)	0.0211(3)	0.0040(1)	0.0204(3)	0.0005(1)	0.0046(2)	-0.0006(1)
C (1)	0.7849(13)	0.5104(7)	0.4110(14)	0.0136(21)	0.0041(6)	0.0124(23)	0.0006(9)	0.003(18)	-0.0002(10)
C (2)	0.7188(13)	0.5228(7)	0.5822(13)	0.0132(21)	0.0038(6)	0.0114(22)	0.0006(9)	0.0012(17)	0.0002(9)
C (3)	0.7028(13)	0.6166(7)	0.6790(13)	0.0157(22)	0.0029(5)	0.0135(23)	0.0004(9)	0.0016(18)	-0.0000(9)
C (4)	0.7515(13)	0.6919(7)	0.6173(15)	0.0141(22)	0.0039(6)	0.0172(26)	0.0004(9)	0.0002(19)	0.0006(10)
C (5)	0.8242(13)	0.6840(7)	0.4451(14)	0.0112(20)	0.0043(6)	0.0160(25)	-0.0004(9)	-0.0002(18)	0.0013(10)
C (6)	0.8747(14)	0.7612(8)	0.3748(15)	0.0171(24)	0.0046(7)	0.0190(28)	-0.0009(10)	0.0001(21)	0.0017(11)
C (7)	0.9407(14)	0.7470(8)	0.2072(16)	0.0152(23)	0.0055(7)	0.0213(29)	-0.0010(10)	-0.0014(21)	0.0031(12)
C (8)	0.9539(14)	0.6555(8)	0.1081(15)	0.0133(22)	0.0062(7)	0.0192(28)	0.0005(10)	0.0016(20)	0.0038(12)
C (9)	0.9021(13)	0.5785(7)	0.1722(14)	0.0140(21)	0.0050(6)	0.0144(24)	0.0000(9)	0.0028(18)	0.0019(10)
C (10)	0.8367(13)	0.5916(7)	0.3460(14)	0.0130(21)	0.0043(6)	0.0132(23)	0.0006(9)	0.0026(18)	0.0010(10)
C (11)	0.6610(12)	0.4506(6)	0.6703(14)	0.0117(20)	0.0031(6)	0.0150(24)	-0.0008(8)	-0.0015(17)	-0.0002(9)
C (12)	0.6613(13)	0.3575(7)	0.6240(14)	0.0133(21)	0.0041(6)	0.0142(24)	-0.0006(9)	0.0008(18)	0.0015(10)
C (13)	0.6064(13)	0.2909(7)	0.7291(14)	0.0126(21)	0.0039(6)	0.0182(26)	-0.0017(9)	0.0015(19)	0.0016(10)
C (14)	0.6919(13)	0.2147(7)	0.4855(15)	0.0148(22)	0.0034(6)	0.0199(27)	0.0004(9)	0.0031(20)	0.0016(10)
C (15)	0.5367(14)	0.3153(8)	0.9131(15)	0.0185(25)	0.0069(8)	0.0146(26)	-0.0004(11)	0.0074(21)	0.0031(12)
C (16)	0.7847(20)	0.1519(8)	0.1919(19)	0.0439(42)	0.0037(7)	0.0294(37)	-0.0006(13)	0.0197(33)	-0.0023(13)
C (17)	0.7668(30)	0.0768(10)	0.0516(24)	0.1067(80)	0.0038(9)	0.0433(53)	-0.0098(21)	0.0277(53)	-0.0012(17)
C (18)	0.6814(26)	-0.0240(9)	0.2452(23)	0.0742(62)	0.0041(8)	0.0426(50)	-0.0069(18)	0.0160(45)	0.0004(16)
C (19)	0.6829(24)	0.464(8)	0.3899(21)	0.0668(54)	0.0022(7)	0.0403(44)	-0.0016(15)	0.0228(40)	0.0009(14)
N (1)	0.7141(10)	0.3201(5)	0.4668(12)	0.0145(18)	0.0035(5)	0.0195(22)	0.0005(7)	0.0047(16)	0.0007(8)
N (2)	0.6244(11)	0.2048(6)	0.6478(12)	0.0165(19)	0.0048(5)	0.0184(22)	0.0004(8)	0.0013(16)	0.0025(9)
N (3)	0.7282(12)	0.1396(6)	0.3678(12)	0.0221(21)	0.0030(5)	0.0228(23)	0.0009(8)	0.0083(18)	0.0009(8)
O (1)	0.8063(10)	0.4281(5)	0.3082(9)	0.0234(17)	0.0044(4)	0.0138(16)	0.0009(7)	0.0080(13)	-0.0003(7)
O (2)	0.7344(13)	-0.0135(6)	0.0800(12)	0.0402(26)	0.0060(6)	0.0295(24)	0.0007(10)	0.0141(20)	-0.0000(9)

TABLE III. Observed and

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1 108-120	5 306-314	2 123-124	2 430 400	-2 211 198	3 85 70	-4 54 5	-1 421-376													
2 86 63	7 112 121	3 97 91	3 132-108	-1 540-527	4 117-109	-3 381-385	0 45 57													
K,L=-13 0	K,L= 2 0	4 104 88	4 162-150	0 132 144	K,L= 12 1	-1 495 482	1 587 578													
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2 60 13	1 87 87	-4 184 205	6 108 82	2 348-341	-3 38 68	1 288-289	3 372-398													
3 139-134	2 357 366	-3 113 -90	7 115 -90	3 213-217	-2 108 85	2 288 300	4 128 115													
K,I=-12 0	4 188-182	-2 191-194	K,L= -3 1	4 393 397	0 61 6	3 95 69	5 145 166													
1 348 325	5 34 59	-1 400 405	-7 40 -12	6 159-148	1 59 -35	4 198-197	6 148-166													
K, -45 -34	6 190 204	0 211 217	-6 97 101	K,L= 4 1	2 62 44	6 110 97	K,I= 2 2													
3 293-303	K,L= 3 0	1 256-243	-4 230-257	-7 94 108	3 153 161	-7 80 101	-7 80 101													
4 131 133	0 172-212	2 551-154	-3 149 130	-6 83 -85	K,L= 13 1	-6 164 129														
K,I=-11 0	1 249 282	3 239 227	-2 342 289	-5 102-101	-3 42 59	-6 118 111	-6 150-169													
1 140 133	2 659 632	5 183-183	-1 416-417	4 366 375	-2 146 122	-5 101 112	-4 82 73													
2 138-137	3 293-309	K,L=10 1	0 255 248	-3 79 94	-1 197-186	-4 277-280	-3 511 503													
3 68 72	4 173-186	-5 182 189	1 379 350	-2 507-460	1 261 254	-3 44 10	-2 188-176													
4 95 84	5 201 188	-4 91 -85	2 172 129	-1 249-252	K,L= 14 2	-2 834 817	-1 550-584													
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4 185-184	0 498 500	-1 165-148	0 857 954	-1 363 389	-2 93-102	-5 221-197	-3 50 48													
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3 609-591	0 470 436	-6 138 154	5 154-138	-5 203 206	-4 84 -88	3 349-376	K,I= 4 2													
4 56 49	1 617-630	-5 164-170	-4 240 235	-3 266-273	-3 221-239	4 131 142	-6 148-130													
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4 68 48	3 85 -99	-2 204-218	6 238-253	0 312-287	2 118 97	6 52 -54	-4 250-257													
5 197-194	4 191-194	-1 444-420	-5 133 151	1 120 125	3 210-216	K,L= -2 2	-3 247-260													
7 58 67	5 138 142	0 352 391	-4 320 327	2 287 315	4 79 -71	-6 118-128	-2 247-260													
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1 493-488	0 81 -55	2 374-362	-2 250-257	4 211-224	5 141 158	-2 305-267	0 621-589													
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7 77 91	0 268 249	K,L= -6 1	4 197-173	-3 138 143	-1 397-386	3 281 272	6 103 112													
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1 318-263	2 349-339	-5 42 -46	6 73 79	-1 285-290	1 342 331	5 169-149	-7 98 -93													
2 355 366	3 149-171	-4 170 174	7 38 55	0 40 -43	2 171-167	6 294-308	-6 166 166													
4 227-230	5 58 73	-2 127 104	-7 151-169	2 158-158	4 193 200	-5 280-283	5 76 96													
5 73 50	K,L= 11 0	-1 78 104	6 165 170	3 130-118	5 60 66	-7 99-114	5 306 288													
6 97 112	0 83 78	0 178 185	-5 306 301	4 113 110	6 108-105	-6 155-186	2 338 348													
7 84 -81	1 292-274	1 310-317	-4 271-271	5 126 124	6 97 -94	6 358 362	-2 348-340													
K,I= -2 0	2 102 -86	2 173-184	-3 206-178	K,L= 9 1	-6 90 -71	-5 382 395	-1 360-364													
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2 354-329	4 89 80	5 153-181	-1 445 205	-4 159 158	-3 94 92	-2 389-326	2 130 153													
3 363-344	K,L= 12 0	6 96 90																		

Calculated Structure Factors

H	F0	FC	H	F0	FC	H	F0	FC	H	F0	FC	H	F0	FC	H	F0	FC	H	F0	FC
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-6 228-219	6 58 79	3 73 -74	0 160-142	-5 239 227	-3 371 381	-2 232 238	-2 106 -96													
-5 65 72	K,L= -6 3	4 229 231	1 230 235	-4 167-171	-2 262-284	-1 198 208	0 102 -94													
-4 213 208	-6 106 98	6 70 -78	2 146 160	-3 207-214	-1 388-405	0 310-306	K,I= 7 5													
-3 136-133	-4 258-264	K,L= 2 3	K,L= 11 3	-2 134 129	0 195 170	1 53 44	-4 168-167													
-2 140-182	-3 65 81	-7 91 99	-3 150 136	-1 66 93	1 164 157	2 199 196	-3 152-136													
-1 214 208	-2 289 329	-6 136-135	-1 115 -98	0 132-141	2 237-226	4 45 -80	-2 172 175													
0 200 185	-1 226-231	-5 152-148	0 39 12	1 145-149	4 117 109	K,L= -3 5	-1 164 155													
1 295-267	0 509-511	-4 370 351	1 62 45	2 108 88	K,L= 6 4	-6 200 195	0 212-208													
2 96 -96	1 343 296	-3 125 133	K,L= -13 4	3 47 -6	-3 184-174	-4 263-279	2 213 221													
3 312 303	2 454 440	-2 451-398	-2 154 124	4 141-152	-2 213-218	-3 212 200	K,I= 8 5													
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-5 194 116	4 40 -57	0 311 322	0 84 -75	K,L= -2 4	0 133 131	-1 179-192	-1 209-225													
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Discussion of the Structure

Molecular Structure

The result of the present X-ray structure determination fully confirms the previously proposed chemical structure. As shown in Fig. 2, the molecule consists of a bromonaphthal group, a methylimidazole group which links to bromonaphthal through a methylidyne bridge, and a morpholine group.

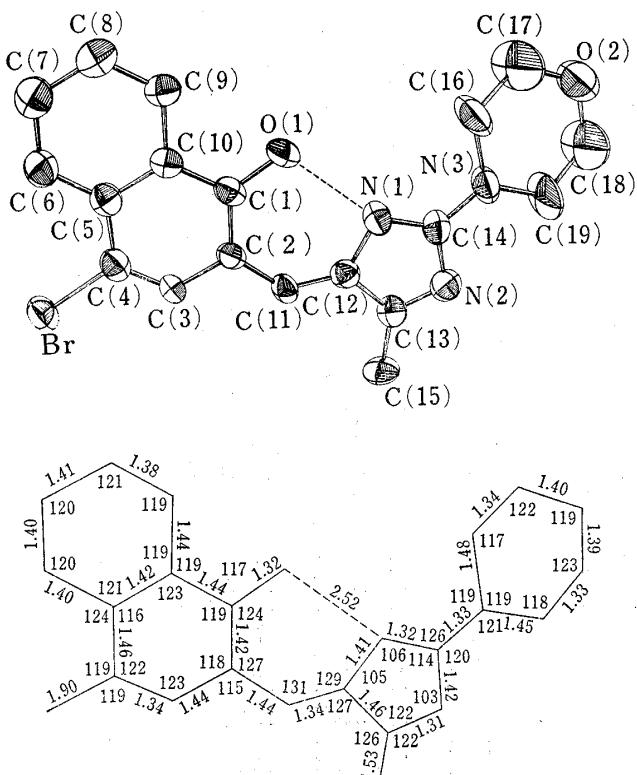


Fig. 2. Perspective drawing of the Molecular Structure viewed along the *a* Axis

The ellipsoid covers the area of finding the center of the atom with 50% probability. The Figure was drawn by ORTEP program by Johnson.⁶

The interplanar angle between the A plane (naphthalene ring) and the B plane (imidazole ring) is 3.5° and that between B and C (formed by the four carbon atoms of morpholine) is 13.5°.

The planarity of the molecule suggests the extension of the conjugated system to the different part of the molecule.

Several canonical forms can be considered which account for the observed bond lengths.

Fig. 3 shows the two representative forms having different configuration of the hydrogen atom involved in the intramolecular hydrogen bond. To find the location of the hydrogen atom, a difference Fourier map was calculated. It showed a low and diffused single peak, about 0.3 eÅ⁻³ in height, lying just equi-distant from O(1) and N(1). In view of the difficulty in finding accurate positions for hydrogen atoms, especially when the hydrogen atom holds less electrons near its nucleus as commonly observed for the one involved in strong hydrogen bonds, it cannot be said, in the present case, to which atom the hydrogen atom is covalently bonded.

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TABLE IV. Bond Lengths and Angles

Imidazole	Present compound	Imidazol at-150°C	L-Histidine	L-Histidine HCl	DL-Histidine HCl 2H ₂ O
	a	1.407 Å	1.369 Å	1.374 Å	1.386 Å
	b	1.322	1.349	1.339	1.319
	c	1.416	1.326	1.327	1.314
	d	1.305	1.378	1.382	1.359
	e	1.455	1.358	1.361	1.358
	σ	±0.015	±0.005	±0.003	±0.03
	ab	105.7°	107.2°	106.9°	108.5°
	bc	114.4	111.3	112.2	108.7
	cd	103.5	105.4	104.9	109.6
	de	111.8	109.8	109.6	106.9
	ea	104.7	106.3	106.4	106.2
	σ	±0.8	±0.3	±0.2	±0.4
State of protonation reference		N ₁ H 7)	N ₁ H 8)	N ₁ H, N ₂ H 9)	N ₁ H, N ₂ H 10)
Morpholine group	Present compound	Morpholinium complex			
	a	1.48 Å	1.474 Å		
	b	1.34	1.494		
	c	1.40	1.415		
	d	1.39	1.413		
	e	1.33	1.500		
	f	1.45	1.484		
	σ	±0.02	±0.004		
	ab	117.1	109.8		
	bc	121.8	111.4		
	cd	118.9	110.2		
	de	118.2	110.9		
	ef	118.2	109.5		
	σ	±1	±0.2		
Reference			11)		

The bond lengths and angles in the morpholine groups are unusual. The two C-C bond C(16)-(17) and C(18)-C(19) are significantly shorter than those reported for the C-C single bonds.

The conformation of the ring may be described as a chair form, but as is clearly seen in Table V, N(3) is not so much deviated as O(2) from the mean plane formed by the four carbon atoms.

Furthermore, the N(3) atom takes almost completely planar configuration as is evidenced by the fact that the sum of the three valency angles subtended at N(3) amounts to 359°.

These observations together with the fact that the lengths of the C(14)-N(3), C(16)-N(3) and C(19)-N(3) bonds are remarkably shorter than that of the normal C-N single bond, may indicate that the resonance structure is extended to the morpholine group.

However, as seen in Fig. 2, the thermal vibration of C(17) and C(18) are so large and the axes of maximum vibrations are oriented nearly perpendicular to the molecular plane that the apparent contraction of the bond lengths may take place to some extent by the anisotropy of these violent thermal motions.

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TABLE V. Deviations of Atoms from the Least-squares Planes

Plane forming atoms and distance from the plane	Distance from the plane			Coefficients	
Naphthalene ring					
C (1) 0.002 Å	Br	-0.023 Å		A 0.864	L 0.920
C (2) 0.012	O (1)	0.024		B -0.142	M -0.005
C (3) -0.013	C (11)	0.016		C 0.391	N 0.391
C (4) -0.009	C (12)	0.078		D 5.605	D 5.605
C (5) 0.014					
C (6) 0.001					
C (7) 0.004					
C (8) -0.001					
C (9) -0.016					
C (10) 0.006					
Imidazol ring					
C (12) 0.003	C (11)	0.017		A 0.868	L 0.923
C (13) -0.002	C (15)	0.000		B -0.085	M 0.052
C (14) 0.002	N (3)	0.016		C 0.381	N 0.381
N (1) -0.003				D 5.957	D 5.957
N (2) 0.000					
Morpholine ring					
C (16) 0.024	O (2)	0.133		A 0.930	L 0.964
C (17) -0.025	N (3)	-0.087		B -0.271	M -0.172
C (18) 0.025	C (14)	-0.480		C 0.203	N 0.203
C (19) -0.024				D 5.563	D 5.563

The planes are expressed by the equation, $AX+BY+CZ=D$, where X , Y , Z and D are in Å units taken parallel to the a , b and c axes.

An alternative expression referred to the Cartesian axes are, $LX'+MY'+NZ'=D$, where X' , Y' and Z' are in Å units measured parallel to the axes, $Z' \parallel c$, X' in ac plane and $Y' \perp$ to X' and Z' .

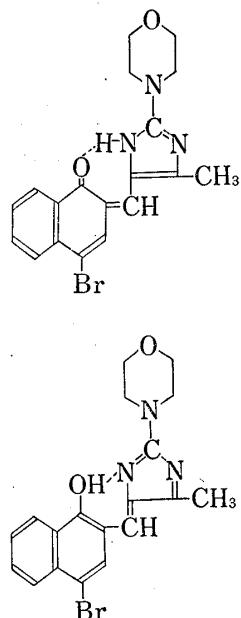


Fig. 3. Two Representative Canonical Forms

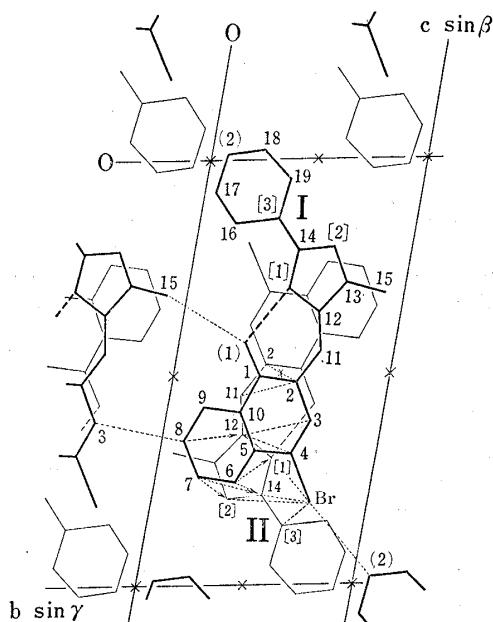


Fig. 4. Projection of Crystal Structure along the a Axis

Each \times indicates a center of symmetry.

The numbers in () indicate those for oxygen atoms and in [] indicate those for nitrogen atoms. Intramolecular hydrogen bonds are shown by broken lines and intermolecular short contacts are shown by dotted lines.

Crystal Structure

The projection of the crystal structure along the *a* axis is shown in Fig. 4. In this Figure, intermolecular short contacts less than 3.6 Å are shown by dotted lines.

In case of the contacts involving the bromine atom, the limit is extended to involve those less than 4 Å.

The distances are also listed in Table VI in which the molecules are designated by the Roman numerals specifying the equivalent positions, followed by the subscript in parentheses denoting the translations along *a*, *b* and *c*. The equivalent positions are: I at *x*, *y*, *z* and II at 1-*x*, 1-*y*, 1-*z*.

TABLE VI. Intermolecular Short Contacts

From atom At I (000)	To atom	At	Distance
Br	C (14)	II (000)	3.597 ± 0.009 Å
Br	N (1)	II (000)	3.896
Br	N (2)	II (000)	3.836
Br	N (3)	II (000)	3.802
Br	O (2)	I (011)	3.114
C (2)	C (2)	II (000)	3.583 ± 0.015 Å
C (2)	C (11)	II (000)	3.467
C (3)	C (12)	II (000)	3.553
C (4)	C (12)	II (000)	3.557
C (6)	C (14)	II (100)	3.508
C (6)	N (1)	II (100)	3.600
C (7)	C (14)	II (100)	3.462
C (7)	N (2)	II (100)	3.543
C (8)	C (12)	II (100)	3.503
C (8)	C (3)	I (001)	3.487
O (1)	C (15)	I (001)	3.502

As seen in the Figure, the molecules are stacked along the *a* axis with *anti*-parallel arrangement. Close approaches of the stacked units are seen mostly between the bromonaphthol and imidazolylmethylidene groups. The latera close approaches of the molecules are seen between C(15) and O(1), C(3) and C(8), and Br and O(2). The morpholine groups do not participate in the stacking of the molecules. They are held in their position mainly through the short contacts to the bromine atoms.

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