

the structure. Although the geometrical isomers are not bound to be of identical energy, the refinement of the occupancy factors of C(17), C(20), and C(21) (see above) showed that both isomers are equally distributed throughout the crystal.

Bond lengths and angles in the ligand molecule (Table V) are in agreement within their standard deviations with values from other salicylaldimine complexes.<sup>27</sup> It appears however that standard deviations on distances and angles including atoms involved in the disorder are somewhat optimistic. The equations of some significant least-squares planes and the deviations of the atoms from these planes are reported in Table VI. It can be noted that the nickel atom is not symmetrically displaced from the salicylaldimine planes, the two distances being 0.37 and 0.78 Å. The angle between the two planes passing through the salicylaldimine moieties is 101.0°.

(27) E. C. Lingafelter and R. L. Braun, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, **88**, 2951 (1966).

Inspection of the intermolecular distances below 3.6 Å shows that there are no unusually short contacts between molecules (Table VII).

TABLE VII  
INTERMOLECULAR CONTACTS BELOW 3.6 Å

Atom 1	Atom 2	Dist, Å
C(3)	C(15) ( $x + 1, y, z$ )	3.35
C(18)	O(2) ( $x + 1, y, z$ )	3.57
C(18)	C(10) ( $x + 1, y, z$ )	3.50
C(13)	C(20)' ( $\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z} + 1$ )	3.46
C(10)	C(21)' ( $\bar{x}, y + 1/2, \bar{z} + 1/2$ )	3.57

Finally it should be mentioned that this structure represents an unusual case of a pentacoordinated complex formed by a pentadentate ligand. Only recently another similar case has been reported,<sup>26</sup> in which the pentadentate ligand tpen (*N,N,N'*-tris(2-(2'-pyridyl)ethyl)ethylenediamine) forms a square-pyramidal stereochemistry around the nickel atom.

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## The Crystal Structure, Absolute Configuration, and Circular Dichroism of a Cobalt(III) Complex of an Optically Active Triethylenetetramine Homolog, (+)<sub>589</sub>-*trans*-((-)<sub>589</sub>-*N,N'*-Bis((*S*)-2-amino-3-phenylpropyl)-*trans*-(*R*)-1,2-cyclohexanediamine- $\delta\lambda\delta$ )dichlorocobalt(III) Perchlorate

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This complex [Co(C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>4</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub> crystallizes in space group *P*2<sub>1</sub> with unit cell dimensions of  $a = 13.237 \pm 0.007$  Å,  $b = 16.671 \pm 0.009$  Å,  $c = 12.988 \pm 0.006$  Å,  $\beta = 94.81 \pm 0.02^\circ$ ,  $Z = 4$ , and  $\rho_{\text{calc}} = 1.416 \pm 0.003$  g cm<sup>-3</sup> at 23°. The structure was solved by the heavy-atom method with 2277 observed reflections collected on an automatic diffractometer. Refinement proceeded anisotropically for Co and Cl and isotropically for the remaining light atoms to a final reliability index  $R_1 = 0.096$ . The Cl atoms show *trans* coordination, and the absolute configuration has been verified from anomalous dispersion data. Both molecules in the asymmetric unit have the same conformation in the coordination sphere, but pendant groups show differences in orientation caused by crystal packing requirements. Average bond lengths in the coordination octahedra are Co-N =  $1.96 \pm 0.01$  Å and Co-Cl =  $2.260 \pm 0.008$  Å. Optical rotatory dispersion, circular dichroism, and absorption spectra for this complex are shown and compared with spectra for similar complexes in the literature. The correlation of these spectra with absolute configuration and the conformation of the chelate rings is discussed.

### Introduction

The assignment of absolute configuration and chelate ring conformation on the basis of optical rotatory dispersion (ORD) and circular dichroism (CD) data has too often been incorrect. Robinson, *et al.*, pointed out the need for care in making such assignments "even for complexes which have similar visible absorption spectra and chromophores which have effectively *D*<sub>4h</sub> symmetry."<sup>1</sup> Reference molecules are needed for which both crystal and molecular structure and the circular dichroism data are known in detail. Preferably, these should have high conformational and configurational

stability to minimize the possibility of alteration during phase changes from solution to solid. Recently a new tetradentate ligand with four optical centers of different relative configurations has been reported.<sup>2</sup> In a Co(III) complex, the ligand is strongly stereoselective for the *trans* isomer (Figure 1), and the only other isomer observed, the *L*-*cis*- $\beta$ , readily isomerizes to the *trans* geometry. Initially, a *D*-*cis*- $\alpha$  isomer was predicted by analogy with (*S,S*)- $\alpha,\alpha'$ -(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>trien which complexes with Co(III) to give 95% *D*-*cis*- $\alpha$ , 4% *L*-*cis*- $\beta$ , and 1% *trans* isomers.<sup>3</sup> As in the new ligand, the backbone of this trien molecule has a configuration

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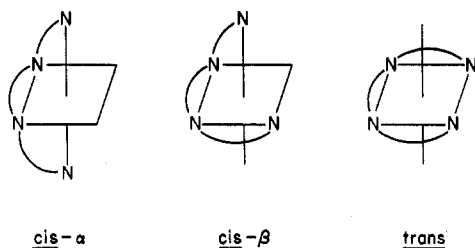


Figure 1.—Geometric isomers in an octahedral complex. Cis forms occur as enantiomeric pairs giving a total of five possible isomers.

opposite to that in the two arms, both of which have the same configuration. We report here a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study of the perchlorate salt of a Co(III) ion complex of the new ligand *N,N'*-bis((*S*)-2-amino-3-phenylpropyl)-*trans*-(*R*)-1,2-cyclohexanediamine and the correlation of the ORD and CD spectra with the established structure. The work was undertaken to provide a reference of the type discussed above.

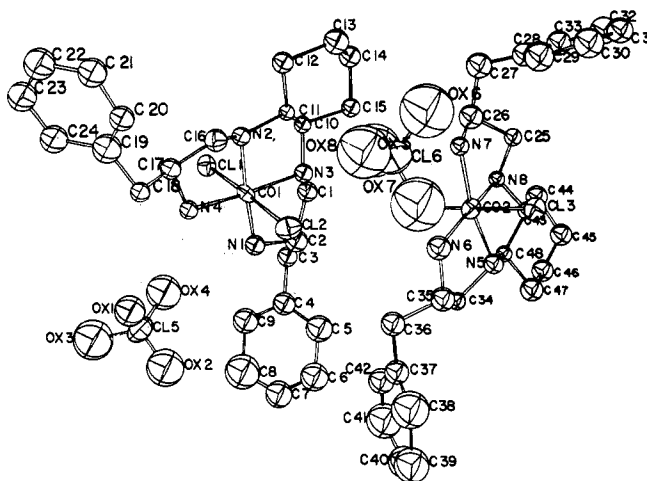
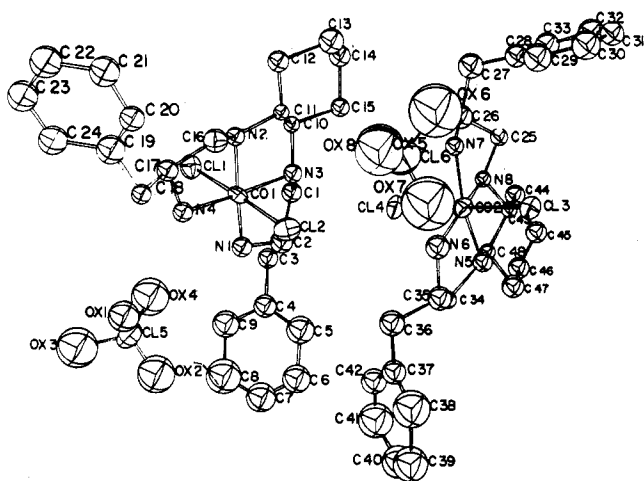


Figure 2.—Stereoview of  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_4)\text{Cl}_2]\text{ClO}_4$ .

## Experimental Section

**X-Ray Data and Solution of Structure.**—All procedures were carried out at prevailing room temperatures of approximately 23°. The complex  $\text{Co}[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_4\text{Cl}_2]\text{ClO}_4$  (I) forms bright green crystals in the shape of elongated prisms. Weissenberg photographs show monoclinic diffraction symmetry  $C_{2h}$  and systematic absences for  $0k0$  with  $k$  odd, characteristic for space groups  $P2_1$  and  $P2_1/m$ , but only  $P2_1$  is consistent with the optical activity of the complex. A crystal of dimensions  $0.06 \times 0.10 \times 0.30$  mm, perpendicular to faces (001), (100), and (010), respectively, was mounted on a card-controlled Picker four-circle diffractometer with the  $b$  axis parallel with  $\phi$ . Using  $\text{Cu K}\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  1.5418 Å), unit cell dimensions of  $a = 13.237 \pm 0.007$  Å,  $b = 16.671 \pm 0.009$  Å,  $c = 12.988 \pm 0.006$  Å, and  $\beta = 94.81 \pm 0.02^\circ$  were obtained from a least-squares fit of the setting angles for 12 reflections; a factor of 3 was applied to the estimated standard deviations from the least-squares calculation to give the reported values. Four formula units per unit cell give a reasonable calculated density of  $1.416 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  and the structure study thereby required the determination of parameters for 72 independent atoms.

Intensities for 5567  $hkl$  reflections and 5142  $\bar{h}\bar{k}\bar{l}$  reflections were measured on the automatic diffractometer using  $\text{Cu K}\alpha$  radiation with the 100 reflection of a highly oriented graphite crystal mono-

chromator.<sup>4</sup> Settings were based on a reference set of 12 reflections measured manually. The takeoff angle for the X-ray tube was  $4^\circ$ , the scintillation detector with a 4.0-mm square aperture was placed 26 cm from the crystal, and the pulse-height analyzer was optimized for the radiation in conjunction with the graphite monochromator. Data were collected in the  $2\theta$  scan mode with a  $1^\circ/\text{min}$  scan rate over a scan range which varied from  $2.1$  to  $5.2^\circ$  in going to the maximum  $\sin \theta$  value of 0.909. Background counts of 20 sec were taken at each end of a scan using the stationary-crystal, stationary-counter technique. Corrections for Lorentz and polarization effects were made, and an error  $\sigma(I) = [(0.03I)^2 + N_0 + k^2N_b]^{1/2}$  was assigned to the net intensities  $I = N_0 - kN_b$  and used to calculate the weights  $w = 4F^2/\sigma^2(F^2)$  for the least-squares structure refinement minimizing  $\sum(wF_0 - F_c)^2$ . Here  $N_0$  is the gross count,  $N_b$  is the background count, and  $k$  is the ratio of scan time to background time. Using the arbitrary criterion  $I \geq 3\sigma(I)$  to distinguish observed from nonobserved intensities resulted in final data sets of 2277  $hkl$  reflections and 2303  $\bar{h}\bar{k}\bar{l}$  reflections. The linear absorption coefficient is  $74.93 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and a general absorption correction was made<sup>5,6</sup> giving transmission coefficients ranging from 0.39 to 0.66. A Wilson plot was used to obtain initial scale and overall temperature factors.

Seven of the eight heavy atoms in the asymmetric unit were found in a Patterson map and used for initial phasing of electron density maps from which all remaining atoms (65) were found in

two cycles. After isotropic refinement to reliability indices  $R_1 = \sum|F_0| - |F_c|/\sum|F_0| = 0.148$  and  $R_2 = \{\sum w(F_0 - F_c)^2/\sum wF_0^2\}^{1/2} = 0.166$ , values of  $\Delta f'$  and  $\Delta f''$  for Co and Cl were introduced and calculations were done for each of the two possible mirror image structures.<sup>7</sup>  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  values of 0.130, 0.135 and 0.133, 0.141 were judged to be different enough for these calculations to identify the correct enantiomer, and refinement proceeded anisotropically for Co and Cl and isotropically for the remaining

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TABLE I

OBSERVED AND CALCULATED STRUCTURE FACTORS FOR [Co(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub> IN ELECTRONS (X 10)

Table containing observed and calculated structure factors for [Co(C2H8N2)2Cl2]ClO4 in electrons (x 10). The table is a grid of numerical values organized by h, k, and l indices. It includes a header section with 'K L FOBS FCAL' labels and a large body of data points.



TABLE III  
 BOND DISTANCES AND SOME BOND ANGLES IN  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_4)\text{Cl}_2]\text{ClO}_4$ 

Molecule I				Molecule II			
Co(1)-N(1)	1.970(18) <sup>Å</sup>	Cl(5)-O(1)	1.44(2) <sup>Å</sup>	Co(2)-N(5)	1.947(17) <sup>Å</sup>	Cl(6)-O(5)	1.30(3) <sup>Å</sup>
Co(1)-N(2)	1.933(18)	Cl(5)-O(2)	1.33(2)	Co(2)-N(6)	1.988(21)	Cl(6)-O(6)	1.52(4)
Co(1)-N(3)	1.953(20)	Cl(5)-O(3)	1.49(2)	Co(2)-N(7)	1.978(18)	Cl(6)-O(7)	1.38(4)
Co(1)-N(4)	1.963(19)	Cl(5)-O(4)	1.46(3)	Co(2)-N(8)	1.986(19)	Cl(6)-O(8)	1.35(4)
Co(1)-Cl(1)	2.264(8)			Co(2)-Cl(3)	2.218(8)		
Co(1)-Cl(2)	2.261(8)			Co(2)-Cl(4)	2.296(8)		
C(1)-N(3)	1.54(3)	C(16)-N(2)	1.50(3)	C(25)-N(8)	1.46(3)	C(34)-N(5)	1.58(3)
C(2)-N(1)	1.48(3)	C(17)-N(4)	1.49(3)	C(26)-N(7)	1.49(3)	C(35)-N(6)	1.54(3)
C(1)-C(2)	1.61(4)	C(16)-C(17)	1.53(3)	C(25)-C(26)	1.60(3)	C(34)-C(35)	1.47(3)
C(2)-C(3)	1.66(3)	C(17)-C(18)	1.60(3)	C(26)-C(27)	1.62(3)	C(35)-C(36)	1.60(3)
C(3)-C(4)	1.54(3)	C(18)-C(19)	1.56(3)	C(27)-C(28)	1.42(3)	C(36)-C(37)	1.46(3)
C(4)-C(5)	1.39(3)	C(19)-C(20)	1.37(3)	C(28)-C(29)	1.59(4)	C(37)-C(38)	1.34(4)
C(5)-C(6)	1.54(4)	C(20)-C(21)	1.38(3)	C(29)-C(30)	1.42(4)	C(38)-C(39)	1.67(4)
C(6)-C(7)	1.25(4)	C(21)-C(22)	1.41(3)	C(30)-C(31)	1.28(3)	C(39)-C(40)	1.37(4)
C(7)-C(8)	1.35(4)	C(22)-C(23)	1.31(3)	C(31)-C(32)	1.45(4)	C(40)-C(41)	1.37(4)
C(8)-C(9)	1.60(4)	C(23)-C(24)	1.42(3)	C(32)-C(33)	1.43(3)	C(41)-C(42)	1.25(4)
C(9)-C(4)	1.34(3)	C(24)-C(19)	1.46(3)	C(33)-C(28)	1.42(3)	C(42)-C(37)	1.34(3)
C(10)-N(3)	1.51(3)			C(43)-N(8)	1.47(2)		
C(11)-N(2)	1.51(2)	N(1)-Co(1)-N(4)	103.0(8) <sup>°</sup>	C(48)-N(5)	1.51(3)	N(6)-Co(2)-N(7)	107.8(8) <sup>°</sup>
		N(4)-Co(1)-N(2)	83.5(8)			N(7)-Co(2)-N(8)	85.3(8)
C(10)-C(11)	1.51(3)	N(2)-Co(1)-N(3)	87.2(8)	C(43)-C(44)	1.56(3)	N(8)-Co(2)-N(5)	86.5(8)
C(11)-C(12)	1.48(3)	N(3)-Co(1)-N(1)	86.9(8)	C(44)-C(45)	1.66(3)	N(5)-Co(2)-N(6)	87.1(8)
C(12)-C(13)	1.70(3)			C(45)-C(46)	1.35(3)		
C(13)-C(14)	1.46(3)	Cl(1)-Co(1)-Cl(2)	177.7(3)	C(46)-C(47)	1.68(4)	Cl(3)-Co(2)-Cl(4)	174.1(4)
C(14)-C(15)	1.61(3)	N(3)-Co(1)-N(4)	167.6(8)	C(47)-C(48)	1.56(3)	N(5)-Co(2)-N(7)	168.7(8)
C(15)-C(10)	1.62(3)	N(1)-Co(1)-N(2)	172.3(9)	C(48)-C(43)	1.53(3)	N(6)-Co(2)-N(8)	171.3(8)

distances average to  $1.95 \pm 0.02$  Å in molecule I and  $1.97 \pm 0.02$  Å in molecule II, in good agreement with the 1.95–2.00-Å range of the values recently reported for some bidentate ligands.<sup>8–10</sup> The Co–Cl distances average to  $2.260 \pm 0.008$  Å, also in agreement with published values (2.22–2.49 Å<sup>11,12</sup>). Because of a lack of high-order reflections, the large weight of the heavy-atom contributions, and a considerable degree of anisotropy in thermal vibrations for some light atoms (see Figure 2), the accuracy of the structure with respect to the carbon, nitrogen, and oxygen is such that no significance can be attached to the fairly wide range of bond distances observed in those parts of the structure. However, it is interesting to note that bond distances in each of the four phenyl rings average to  $1.41 \pm 0.04$ ,  $1.39 \pm 0.04$ ,  $1.43 \pm 0.04$ , and  $1.39 \pm 0.04$  Å and that the averages for the two cyclohexane rings are both  $1.56 \pm 0.03$  Å.

The large thermal motion in the perchlorate ions is obvious in Figure 2, and again the range of observed bond distances is large. Averaging also gives reasonable values,  $1.43 \pm 0.03$  and  $1.41 \pm 0.04$  Å, comparable to a recently published value of 1.43 Å.<sup>13</sup> Thermal parameters for the perchlorate oxygen atoms O(1)–O(4) are comparable to those for other light atoms in the molecule, and N–O nonbonded distances for these atoms range from 3.01 to 3.21 Å suggesting an ordered structure for this one of the two anions in the asymmetric unit. On the other hand, thermal parameters for O(5)–O(8) range from 14.1 to 17.2 and nonbonded distances here show a much broader spread from 2.89 to 3.48 Å, suggestive of possible disorder in this anion. The difference map, however, supports an interpreta-

tion of excessive anisotropy of motion, and both anions are treated as ordered in our model.

The geometry of the Co coordination octahedron can be seen from the bond angles given in Table III which suggest that the constraining geometry of the ligand molecule results in the opening of the N–Co–N' angles for the terminal –NH<sub>2</sub> groups to 103.0 and 107.8° from a normal 90°. The other angles in the equatorial planes vary from 83.5 to 87.2°. The deviation of the four nitrogen atoms from their average plane is 0.10 Å in molecule I and 0.11 Å in molecule II. In both cases, to Co atoms lie very nearly in the plane, and the nitrogens alternate above and below the plane in a rotation sequence about the Cl–Co–Cl' axis. The axial Cl–Co–Cl' angles are 174.1 and 177.7° in molecules I and II, respectively. As expected, the five-membered chelate rings are puckered. Deviations of the atoms from their average planes range from 0.10 to 0.35 Å.

Nonbonded interactions (listed in Table IV) appear to play an important role in stabilizing the trans struc-

 TABLE IV  
 NONBONDED DISTANCES IN  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_4)\text{Cl}_2]\text{ClO}_4$  (Å)<sup>a</sup>

Intramolecular		Intermolecular	
Cl(1)–N(1)	2.94	Cl(4)–N(5)	3.16
Cl(1)–N(2)	2.92	Cl(4)–N(6)	2.96
Cl(1)–N(3)	3.14	Cl(4)–N(7)	3.07
Cl(1)–N(4)	3.05	Cl(4)–N(8)	2.97
Cl(2)–N(1)	3.00	N(1)–N(4)	3.08
Cl(2)–N(2)	3.08	N(4)–N(2)	2.59
Cl(2)–N(3)	2.85	N(2)–N(3)	2.68
Cl(2)–N(4)	2.93	N(3)–N(1)	2.70
Cl(3)–N(5)	2.89	N(6)–N(7)	3.07
Cl(3)–N(6)	2.94	N(7)–N(8)	2.68
Cl(3)–N(7)	2.86	N(8)–N(5)	2.69
Cl(3)–N(8)	3.16	N(5)–N(6)	2.71
		N(3)–Cl(4)	3.33
		N(4)–Cl(3)	3.42
		N(1)–O(4)	3.01
		N(4)–O(1)	3.19
		N(4)–O(4)	3.21
		N(5)–O(3)	3.18
		N(6)–O(7)	2.89
		N(6)–O(8)	3.48
		N(7)–O(6)	3.39
		N(7)–O(8)	3.08
		N(8)–O(5)	3.46

<sup>a</sup> Errors are of the order of  $\pm 0.05$  Å.

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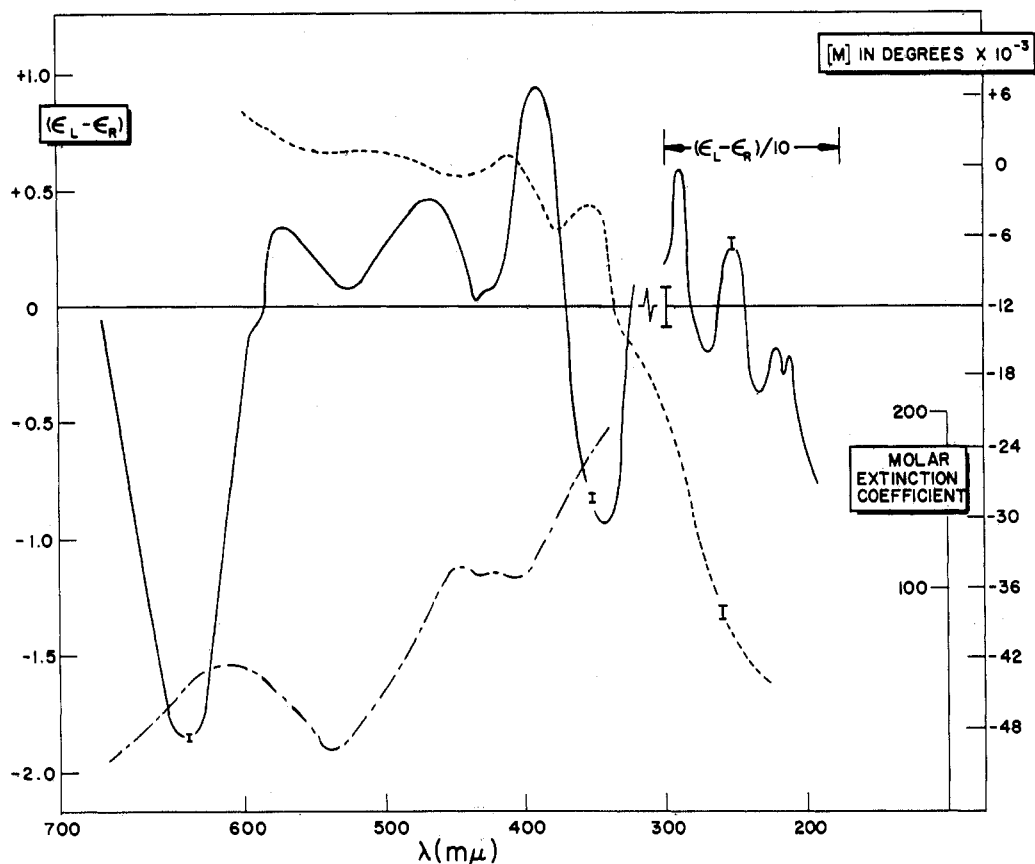


Figure 3.—Absorption (—), CD (---), and ORD (— · —) spectra of (+)<sub>589</sub>-*trans*-((-)<sub>589</sub>-*N,N'*-bis((*S*)-2-amino-3-phenylpropyl)-*trans*-(*R*)-1,2-cyclohexanediamine- $\delta\lambda\delta$ )dichlorocobalt(III) perchlorate in methanol (0.0123 g/10 ml, 25  $\pm$  2°).

ture. The N(1)–N(4) and N(6)–N(7) distances reflect the distortion of the coordination octahedra in being considerably longer than the other N–N approaches in each octahedron. The N–Cl intramolecular distances are interesting in that there is one largest value in each set of four corresponding to the nitrogen which has its hydrogen pointing away from that chlorine. The deviation of the Cl–Co–Cl' axis from a straight line may result from weak N–H $\cdots$ Cl attractions, involving the three amino hydrogens on one side of the equatorial plane and the 90° rotation about the Cl–Co–Cl' axis of the three on the other side. These N–Cl distances range from 2.85 to 3.16 Å and are, of course, a secondary result of the Co–Cl bonding but may contribute to the stability of the structure.

The 2.89-Å approach between N(6) and O(7) is in the range of distances considered to represent N–H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bonding, but the excessive thermal vibration observed in the O(7) perchlorate ion results in large errors for interatomic distance calculations and no such significance can be supported in this case.

Finally, it is interesting to note that the perchlorate ions pack to approach the open sides of the coordinated Co cations (see Figure 2).

**Absolute Configuration.**—Table V presents the anomalous dispersion data which confirm the absolute configuration of the complex as (+)<sub>589</sub>-*trans*-((-)<sub>589</sub>-*N,N'*-bis((*S*)-2-amino-3-phenylpropyl)-*trans*-(*R*)-1,2-cyclohexanediamine- $\delta\lambda\delta$ )dichlorocobalt(III) perchlo-

TABLE V  
COMPARISON OF BIJVOET PAIRS FOR ABSOLUTE CONFIGURATION OF [Co(C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>4</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub>

<i>hkl</i>	$F_o(hkl)/F_o(\bar{h}\bar{k}\bar{l})$	$F_c(hkl)/F_c(\bar{h}\bar{k}\bar{l})$	<i>hkl</i>	$F_o(hkl)/F_o(\bar{h}\bar{k}\bar{l})$	$F_c(hkl)/F_c(\bar{h}\bar{k}\bar{l})$
040	0.86	0.86	222	1.29	1.38
052	1.31	1.36	222	1.27	1.35
023	0.85	0.87	213	0.40	0.59
063	0.34	0.49	233	1.35	1.42
024	1.21	1.28	254	1.42	2.19
064	1.59	1.91	254	1.50	1.71
055	0.64	0.82	411	1.84	2.19
129	1.79	1.78	412	0.60	0.53
210	0.90	0.87	444	0.63	0.70
250	1.53	1.50	415	0.67	0.71
221	0.24	0.42	625	1.63	1.64
231	0.80	0.78			

rate.<sup>14</sup> This nomenclature (*vide infra*) combines recent conventions.<sup>15</sup> Our result confirms, by a direct method, the *R* configuration assigned to (+)-*trans*-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine on the basis of optical rotatory dispersion curve comparison.<sup>16</sup>

(14) The rotation of the ligand was measured on a solution of the tetrahydrochloride salt in H<sub>2</sub>O.

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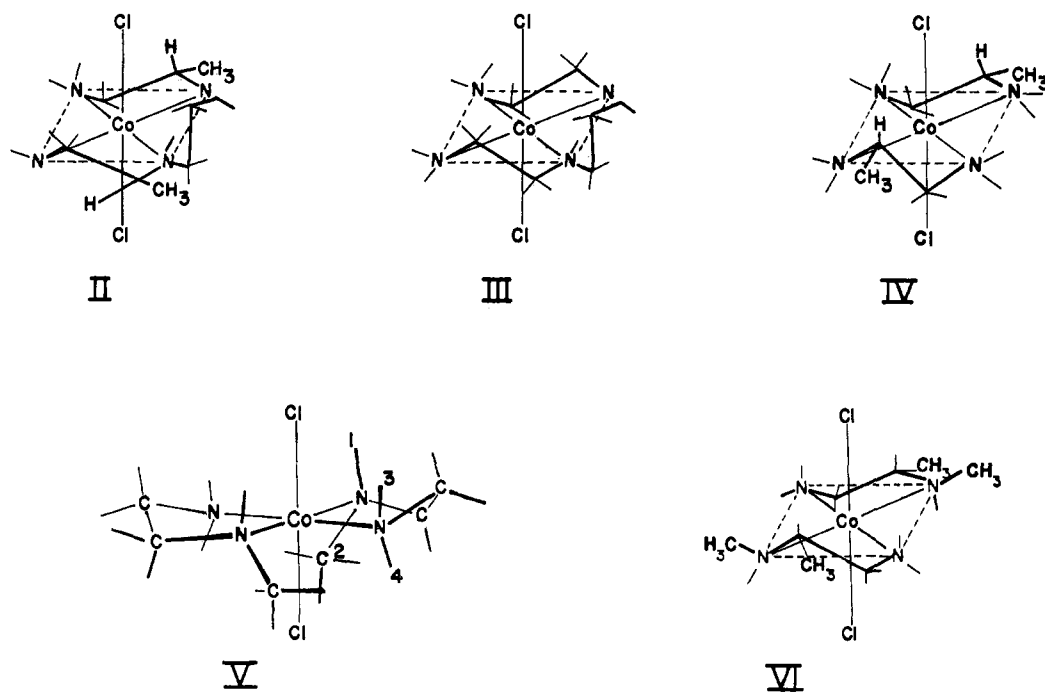


Figure 4.—Structural formulas for complexes II–VI.

### Discussion of the Circular Dichroism

ORD, CD, and absorption spectra for I are shown in Figure 3. The fine structure in the ultraviolet region of the curve (obtained using the 0.1-mm cell) is of considerable interest. The uncertainty of the base line in this region is large, but the absolute magnitudes of the peaks are independent of this, and the small, sharp, negative band at 214  $m\mu$  is reproducible. Consecutive runs give curves which are displaced vertically from each other due to the limitation of the instrument under these difficult experimental conditions, and this uncertainty in the base line is indicated in the figure.

The five compounds shown in Figure 4 have CD spectra similar to that for I, as seen in the comparison in Figure 5. The compounds are<sup>16</sup> (+)<sub>589</sub>-*trans*-Co((*S*)-3,8-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-trien- $\delta\lambda\delta$ )Cl<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (II),<sup>17</sup> (+)<sub>589</sub>-*trans*-Co(trien- $\delta\lambda\delta$ )Cl<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (III),<sup>18</sup> (+)<sub>546</sub>-*trans*-Co((*S*)-pn- $\delta$ )<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (IV),<sup>18,19</sup> (–)<sub>589</sub>-*trans,trans*-(*R,R*)-Co(Meen- $\delta$ )<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (V),<sup>1</sup> and (–)<sub>589</sub>-*trans,trans*-(*R,R*)-Co(N<sub>1</sub>-Mepn- $\delta$ )<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (VI).<sup>20</sup> The reader is again referred to a later section for nomenclature. Compounds I–III have CD spectra in which peaks occur at nearly the same wavelength and differ only in magnitude. These differences cannot be ascribed to variations in configuration and conformation as is the case for the tris-diamine complexes of Co(III) and Pt(IV) ions,<sup>21,22</sup> since all three are identical in these respects. On the other hand, these complexes differ considerably in the distribution of other atoms outside

the first coordination sphere, and it is suggested here that these differences give rise to the differences in the CD spectra. The sensitivity of the spectra to variations in structure can be demonstrated by considering structures III and V. Complex V goes to III if the methyl group at position 2 is interchanged with the hydrogen at position 3 and the two methyls then lose two protons and form a carbon-carbon bond to give trien. Thus the differences between the CD spectra for III and V can only be due to the relocation of one carbon atom in the first coordination sphere. Similar changes at a further distance from the coordinating ion can also be expected to give observable effects,<sup>23–29</sup> and changes in substituent groups on a ligand should produce changes in the CD spectrum as has been observed for steroids with F<sup>–</sup> and phenyl substituents.<sup>23</sup>

### Nomenclature

Nomenclature used in this paper is based on several recent proposals,<sup>30,31</sup> and a brief description follows to facilitate the recognition of equivalent structures given with earlier nomenclature. It must be pointed out, however, that deficiencies in nomenclature used previously have resulted in the presence of many ambiguities in the literature.

*R* and *S* are used to denote the absolute configuration of asymmetric carbon atoms or to refer to the absolute

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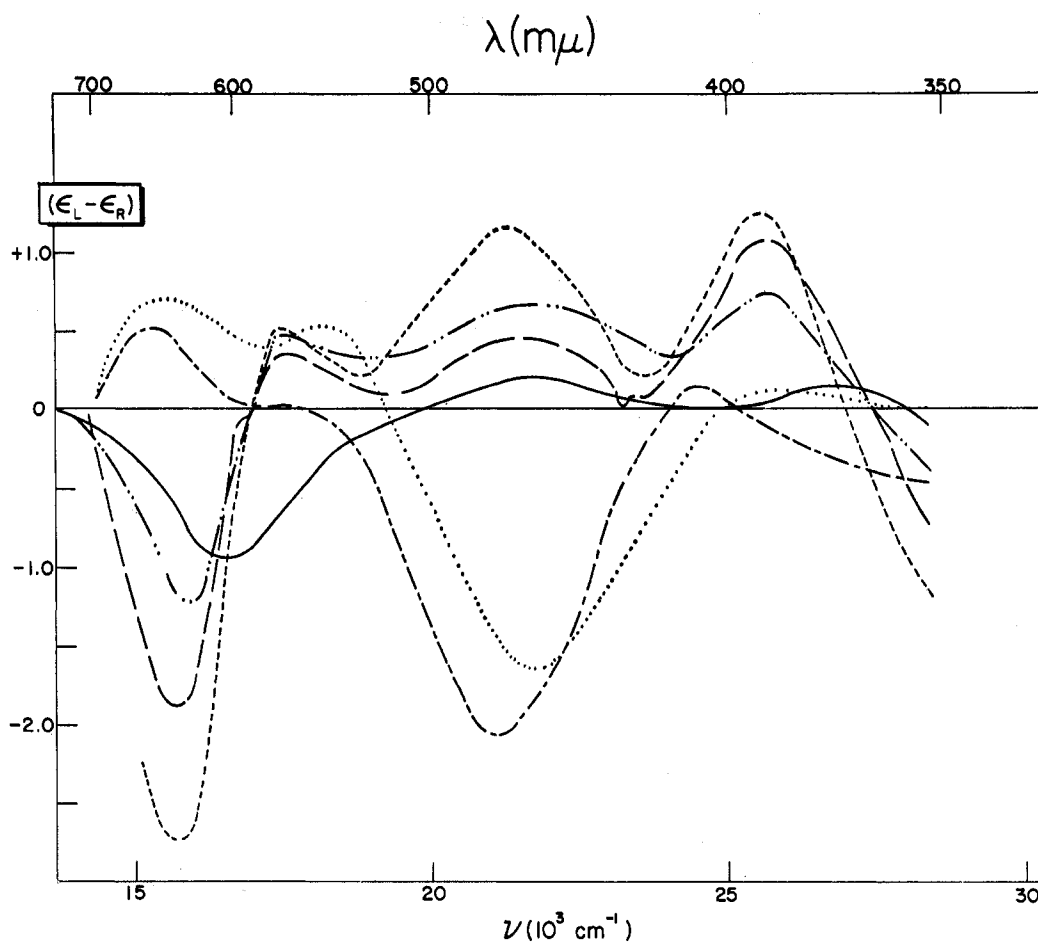


Figure 5.—A comparison of the CD spectra of II–IV with that for I: I, —; II, ---; III, - · - · -; IV, — — —; V, ·····; VI, - - - -.

configuration of coordinated nitrogen when used preceding the bracket enclosing the ligand descriptor in a named complex. According to Mislow,<sup>31</sup> if the priority order of groups attached to the asymmetric atom is decreasing atomic number and for the same atomic number is decreasing isotopic mass and if the group of lowest priority is viewed *through* a triangle formed by joining the other three groups, then if the observed order of decreasing priority on the triangle is clockwise, the configuration is *R* (*rectus*), and if the order is counterclockwise, the configuration is *S* (*sinister*).

The IUPAC commission on the nomenclature of absolute configuration for six-coordinated complexes has formulated the following rule. "The line joining the two ligating atoms, AA, and the line joining the two atoms of the chelate ring adjacent to each of the ligating atoms, BB, define a helix. AA is the axis of the helix, and BB is the tangent at the common normal for the skew lines. The tangent describes a right-handed ( $\delta$ ) or a left-handed ( $\lambda$ ) helix with respect to the axis and



thereby defines the conformation."

As an illustration, note that the complex  $(+)_589\text{-trans-Co}(\text{trien-}\delta\lambda\delta)\text{Cl}_2^+$  is equivalent to  $(+)_589\text{-trans-(S,S)-Co}(\text{trien})\text{Cl}_2^+$ . On the other hand, the complex written as  $(-)_589\text{-trans,trans-(R,R)-Co}(\text{Meen})_2\text{Cl}_2^+$  has conformational ambiguity and, when written as  $(-)_589\text{-trans,trans-Co}(\text{Meen-}\delta)_2\text{Cl}_2^+$ , has an ambiguity with respect to the absolute configuration of the nitrogen atoms. A precise description would be  $(-)_589\text{-trans,trans-(R,R)-Co}(\text{Meen-}\delta)_2\text{Cl}_2^+$ . Note also that the absolute configuration of complex III was originally described correctly<sup>32</sup> as  $(+)_589\text{-trans-(S,S)-Co}(\text{trien})\text{Cl}_2^+$  but was later incorrectly named<sup>1</sup> as  $(+)_589\text{-trans-(R,R)-Co}(\text{trien})\text{Cl}_2^+$  when referring to the same CD curve.

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