

### Basic Salts of $\alpha$ -Picoline-N-oxide, and Dunlop's Salt

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Hussain and Al-Hamoud [1] report precise work on the hemi-tetrachloroaurate of the above-named base. In their discussion they contrast their structure with ours for Dunlop's Salt [2, their ref. no. 19]. On p. 116 they write that this latter structure in-

cludes a "...[ClHCl]<sup>-</sup> across a twofold axis...". This is contrary to what we actually stated: *viz.* "At one stage Dunlop's Salt was supposed to include a symmetrical ClHCl<sup>-</sup> anion, but more precise work shows the anion to be Cl<sup>-</sup>...H-OH (or HO-H...Cl<sup>-</sup>) symmetrised by disorder about a twofold axis of the crystal."

### References

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