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**The crystal and molecular structure of Zeise's salt,  $\text{KPtCl}_3 \cdot \text{C}_2\text{H}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; a correction.** By J. A. J. JARVIS, B. T. KILBOURN and P. G. OWSTON, *Imperial Chemical Industries Limited, Petrochemical & Polymer Laboratory, P.O. Box 11, The Heath, Runcorn, Cheshire, England.*

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An error is reported in the previously published cell dimensions and space group of Zeise's salt. The unit cell has dimensions  $a=11.212(3)$ ,  $b=8.424(6)$ ,  $c=9.696(6)$  Å,  $\beta=107.52(4)^\circ$ , and the space group is  $P2_1/c$ , 4 molecules per unit cell.

We have discovered an error in the determination of the space group of Zeise's salt, as reported by Mellor & Wunderlich (1954, 1955), Bokii & Kukina (1965), and Black, Mais & Owston (1969). The unit cell is twice as large as previously reported, and has the parameters  $a=11.212(3)$ ,  $b=8.424(6)$ ,  $c=9.696(6)$  Å,  $\beta=107.52(4)^\circ$ ; space group  $P2_1/c$ , 4 molecules per unit cell. The relationships between the old and new unit cell axes and indices (distinguished by primed and unprimed symbols respectively) are:

$$\begin{aligned} a &= -a' - c' \\ b &= b' \\ c &= 2c' \\ h &= -h' - k' \\ k &= k' \\ l &= 2l' \end{aligned}$$

The correct structure is closely similar to that recently described by us, in general outline. There are, however,

significant differences in detail, affecting especially the positions of the light atoms, which may require some modification of our conclusions about the chemical bonding. Full details will be submitted for publication as soon as our re-determination of the structure, which is well-advanced, has been completed.

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