Table 7. Shortest intermolecular distances for crystals of betaine hydrochloride The equivalent position numbers are 1 for x, y, z; 2 for $x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z;$ 3 for -x, -y, -z; and 4 for $-x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z.$

Atom 1	Atom 2	Distance	Position number of atom 2	tra	Atom 2 inslation	: is in	
				x	у	Ζ	
Cl	H(10)	2·79 (2) Å	3	1	1	2	
	H(11)	2.80(2)	2	Ō	Ō	Ō	
	H(2)	2.88(2)	2	-1	Õ	Ó	
	H(6)	2.88 (2)	3	1	1	2	
	H(7)	2·89 (2)	2	-1	0	0	
	H(5)	3.02 (2)	2	-1	0	0	
	H(8)	3.18 (2)	3	1	1	2	
	H(3)	3.20 (2)	2	0	0	0	
	H(9)	3.21 (2)	4	1	-1	1	
	H(4)	3.26 (2)	1	-1	0	0	
	H(8)	3.42 (2)	4	1	-1	1	
C (1)	O (1)	3.270 (3)	4	1	-1	1	
	O(2)	3.348 (3)	2	0	0	-1	
C(2)	O(1)	3.440 (3)	1	1	0	0	
C(4)	$O(\overline{2})$	3.459 (3)	4	1	0	1	
O (1)	OÌÌ	3.396 (3)	3	1	1	2	

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The Crystal and Molecular Structure of 4-Formylpyridine Thiosemicarbazone

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4-Formylpyridine thiosemicarbazone, $C_7H_8N_4S$, forms pale yellow, acicular, monoclinic crystals. The space group is $P2_1/n$ and there are four molecules in the unit cell of dimensions a=7.238, b=13.949, c=8.419 Å and $\beta=90.9^\circ$. The structure was solved from a minimum Patterson function and refined by Fourier syntheses and full-matrix least-squares methods. The final residual, R, for the 1339 observed reflections measured with a diffractometer is 0.055. The C-S bond distance of 1.678 (2) Å is comparable with that found in similar compounds. The N-N bond length of 1.365 (6) Å is interpreted in terms of resonance of the side chain with the pyridine ring. The molecules are linked by N-H···S hydrogen bonds into dimer-like units which are held together by N-H···N hydrogen bonds.

Introduction

Thiosemicarbazones possess a wide range of biological activity depending on the parent aldehyde or ketone. Hagenbach & Gysin (1952) reported that 4-formylpyridine thiosemicarbazone (4FPYTSC) showed tuberculostatic activity; subsequently, Jones, Slack, Squires & Wooldridge (1965) reported that it showed antiviral activity as well. However, French & Blanz (1966) showed that 4FPYTSC shows no carcinostatic activity whereas they found that 2-formylpyridine thiosemicarbazone was a tumor inhibitor. Apparently the position of the thiosemicarbazone group on the pyridine nucleus dictates the biological activity of formylpyridine thiosemicarbazones. Whether the differences in biological activities are related to electronic or steric effects is debatable. Therefore, a crystal structure study of 4FPYTSC was undertaken as part of a broad pro-

gram which will attempt to correlate the biological activities of thiosemicarbazones with their molecular structure.

Experimental

A sample of 4FPYTSC was kindly supplied by F. A. French and recrystallized as pale yellow needles from warm ethanol. A crystal was cleaved to give a parallelepiped of dimensions approximately $0.08 \times 0.13 \times$ 0.15 mm and mounted with its long dimensions (the *c* axis) parallel to the φ axis of a General Electric single-crystal orienter. The unit-cell dimensions were obtained from a least-squares fit to twelve 2θ values measured using a narrow beam (1° take-off angle) of Cu $K\beta$ ($\lambda = 1.39217$ Å) radiation.

 $C_7H_8N_4S$, M. W. =180.23, monoclinic, a = 7.238(2), b = 13.949(3), c = 8.419(3) Å, $\beta = 90.87(4)^{\circ},$ $D_m = 1.408$ g. cm⁻³, $D_c = 1.400$ g. cm⁻³, Z = 4, space group $P2_1/n$ (C_{2h}^5), from systematic absences.

For collecting intensities, a take-off angle of 3.7° , which produces a wide beam, was used in measuring 4923 reflections with $2\theta \le 130.0^{\circ}$ (Cu radiation, $\lambda = 1.54051$ Å). A 20 sec count was taken for each reflection with the crystal and counter stationary. A 0.7 mil nickel foil was placed in front of the scintillation counter window. Four standard reflections were checked after every 100 reflections and showed no apparent change with time. Background corrections were made by measuring the background at various points in the hemisphere and averaging the values obtained at a given 2θ setting. A total of 1413 independent reflections was obtained after averaging equivalent reflections, of which 1339 were greater than 1.2 times the background and were considered to be observed. The remaining 74 reflections were set to one-half the minimum observable counts and coded as unobserved. The intensities were reduced to a set of structure amplitudes on an arbitrary scale by application of the Lorentz-polarization corrections.

Determination and refinement of the structure

A sharpened three-dimensional Patterson function with the origin peak removed was used to locate the position of the sulphur atom. All but one ring carbon atom could then be located in a minimum Patterson function calculated on the basis of the known sulphursulphur inversion vector. A subsequent Fourier synthesis confirmed the position of the missing ring carbon atom. A second Fourier synthesis was computed in which all twelve independent atoms were used in the structure factor calculation. Atomic coordinates from this electron density map were used as starting parameters for a least-squares refinement. The value of R, the usual residual, was 0.179 for the 1339 observed reflections.

The full matrix was calculated in all least-squares cycles in which $\sum w(\Delta F)^2$ was minimized. The scattering factors were taken from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1962). The weighting scheme: $\sqrt{w} = 1.0$ if $F_o < 37$ and $\sqrt{w} = 37/F_o$ if $F_o > 37$, where F_o is on the same scale as in Table 4, was used in all least-squares calculations. After four cycles with individual isotropic thermal parameters, R was 0.134 and after four cycles with individual anisotropic thermal parameters, R was 0.077. A difference Fourier synthesis was then calculated and the eight hydrogen atoms were easily located; their coordinates are given in Table 1. The contributions of the hydrogen atoms, each with an isotropic temperature parameter, B, one unit greater than the average value of B for the atom to which it is bonded, were included in two additional leastsquares cycles but the hydrogen atom parameters were not varied.

The largest shift in the final cycle was 0.00003 Å [for the y coordinate of C(1)], with an average shift of 0.00001 Å. The final R was 0.055. The positional parameters are given in Table 2 and the thermal parameters in Table 3. The observed structure amplitudes together with those calculated using the parameters given in Tables 1, 2 and 3 are listed in Table 4.



Fig. 1. Bond distances (Å) and angles (°). The estimated standard deviations of the bond distances average about 0.003 Å and those of the bond angles about 0.2°.



Fig. 2. Projection of the 4-formylpyridine structure on the (001) plane.

All values have been

Table 1. Hydrogen atom positions

The hydrogen atom is given followed by the positional parameters times 103, peak height in e.Å-3, and the temperature factor B (isotropic) used in the structure factor calculation.

				Peak	
	х	у	Ζ	height	В
H(23)	207	517	48	0.6	4.04
H(24)	510	422	390	0.6	4.95
H(25)	497	370	229	0.2	4.95
H(31)	401	218	- 49	0.6	4.15
H(32)	453	84	208	0.6	4.46
H(33)	266	217	- 589	0.6	4.65
H(34)	213	356	-446	0.6	4.60
H(36)	178	437	-184	0.7	4.23

Table 2. Final positional parameters and their estimated deviations (in parentheses)*

	x	У	Z
5	27075 (9)	57229 (4)	35807 (7)
N(1)	3692 (3)	1409 (1)	-4151 (2)
N(2)	3256 (3)	3947 (1)	60 (2)
N(3)	2777 (3)	4734 (1)	925 (2)
N(4)	4643 (3)	4160 (2)	2918 (3)
C(1)	3737 (3)	2209 (2)	- 1628 (3)
C(2)	4078 (3)	1430 (2)	- 2587 (3)
C(3)	2952 (4)	2199 (2)	-4778 (3)
C(4)	2569 (3)	3020 (2)	- 3918 (3)
C(5)	2969 (3)	3034 (1)	-2303 (3)
C(6)	2571 (3)	3884 (2)	-1340 (3)
C(7)	3450 (3)	4825 (2)	2427 (3)

* Values for all atoms times 104 (except for the sulphur atom, which is 105).

Discussion

The atomic numbering, bond distances and angles in the 4FPYTSC molecule are illustrated in Fig. 1. The thiosemicarbazone side chain is in the fully extended conformation as shown in the Figure. The pyridine ring is planar (see Table 5) but the side chain is bent out of the plane and twisted by 14°26' with respect to the plane of the ring. This twist is less than the twist of 26° found in benzamide by Penfold & White (1959) but the C-N non-bonded distances of 2.834 ± 0.003 Å in 4FPYTSC and 2.83 Å in benzamide are identical. The nonplanarity is apparently a result of steric strain

> β_{23} 40 (1)

Table 3. Final thermal parameters and their estimated standard deviations
multiplied by 104. The temperature factor for an atom is of the form:
$\exp\left[-\left(B_{1},b_{1}^{2}+B_{2}b_{1}^{2}+B_{1}b_{1}^{2}+B_{1}b_{1}^{2}+B_{1}b_{1}^{2}+B_{2}b_{1}^{$

	CVD [$(p_1)n + p_22n$	1 1 3 3	1 <i>p</i> ₁₂ <i>m</i> 1 <i>p</i> ₁₃ <i>m</i>	· / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /	
β_{11}		β_{22}	β_{33}	β_{12}	β_{13}	
217 (2)	47 (1)	106 (2)	34 (1)	- 57 (2)	
175 (4	.)	40 (1)	122 (3)	3 (3)	-27 (5)	
156 14)	32 (1)	105 (3)	-4(3)	-18(5)	

S	217 (2)	47 (1)	106 (2)	34 (1)	- 57 (2)	- 40 (1)
N(1)	175 (4)	40 (1)	122 (3)	3 (3)	-27 (5)	- 20 (3)
N(2)	156 (4)	32 (1)	105 (3)	-4 (3)	-18 (5)	-11 (2)
N(3)	179 (4)	34 (1)	99 (3)	2 (3)	- 47 (5)	-12 (2)
N(4)	230 (5)	57 (1)	112 (3)	64 (4)	- 77 (6)	-24 (3)
C(1)	164 (4)	34 (1)	113 (3)	-7(3)	- 48 (6)	4 (3)
C(2)	179 (5)	34 (1)	134 (4)	4 (3)	-49 (6)	1 (3)
C(3)	211 (5)	46 (1)	112 (4)	0 (4)	- 65 (6)	- 14 (3)
C(4)	210 (5)	38 (1)	122 (4)	4 (4)	-72 (6)	-13 (3)
C(5)	142 (4)	32 (1)	108 (3)	-24 (3)	- 30 (6)	-17 (3)
C(6)	176 (5)	32 (1)	111 (4)	-2(3)	- 57 (6)	- 25 (3)
C(7)	151 (4)	37 (1)	102 (3)	-14 (3)	-13 (6)	-28(3)

between N(2) and C(1). The entire side chain C(6)-N(2) -N(3)-C(7)-S-N(4) is only approximately planar. The groups C(6)-N(2)-N(3)-C(7) and N(3)-C(7)-S-N(4) are both planar but make an angle of $5^{\circ}20'$ with respect to each other. A similar twisting of the thiosemicarbazone chain in 2-keto-3-ethoxybutyraldehyde bis(thiosemicarbazone), KTS, was reported by Gabe, Taylor, Glusker, Minken & Patterson (1969). This twisting is probably a steric effect which increases the N(2) to N(4) nonbonded distance to $2 \cdot 610 \pm 0 \cdot 003$ Å.

A comparison of the C-S bond length in 4FPYTSC with that in related compounds is presented in Table 6.

The C-S bond length in a thiosemicarbazone has been measured six times with an average value of 1.690 ± 0.005 Å and a range from 1.682 to 1.698 Å. Using the criteria suggested by Cruickshank & Robertson (1953), our value of 1.678 ± 0.002 Å is not significantly different ($t_0 = 2.2$) from the mean value.

The average C-S distance in thiosemicarbazones of 1.690 Å agrees very well with the C-S distance in related compounds. In all cases the C-S distance is intermediate between a C-S single bond distance of 1.82 Å and the C-S double bond value of 1.56 Å quoted by Sutton (1965). Therefore, the C-S bond in thiosemi-

Table 4. Observed and calculated structure amplitudes

The three columns in each group contain the values, reading from left to right, of h, $10F_o$ and $10F_o$. A negative F_o indicates an unobserved reflection which was not included in the least-squares refinement.

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Table 5. Least-squares planes*

Traffes and deviations from plane ($A \times 10^{\circ}$)					
	I	II	III		
S	152	-168	-4		
N(1)	-1	-201			
N(2)	242	5			
N(3)	162	5	-4		
N(4)	787	75	-4		
C(1)	-4	- 397			
C(2)	3	- 443			
C(3)	-1	109			
C(4)	0	189			
C(5)	2	-65			
C(6)	- 10	-5			
C(7)	401	-5	12		
Ра	rameters of t	he plane†			
$A (\times 10^4)$	9181	7957	7544		
$B(\times 10^{4})$	3500	4930	5710		
$C(\times 10^{4})$	- 1858	- 3518	-3237		
D (Å)	3.831	4.567	5.030		

* Deviations in boldface type indicate atoms which were used to define the plane.

† Equation of the plane in the form:

deviation
$$(\mathbf{A}) = AX + BY + CZ + D$$
,

with X, Y, Z the coordinates of the atom in Å relative to a, b, c^* .

carbazones possesses only partial double-bond character in agreement with the canonical structures:

The C(6)–N(2) bond should be a double bond in agreement with the value of 1.275 ± 0.003 Å found in our

study. The corresponding C(7)–N(3) bond distance of 1.354 ± 0.003 Å and the C(7)–N(4) bond distance of 1.329 ± 0.003 Å are indicative of some double-bond character, in agreement with the above resonance firms.

A comparison of the N(2)–N(3) distance of $1.365 \pm$ 0.003 Å with the corresponding N–N distance of 1.399 ± 0.006 Å in thiosemicarbazide reported by Domiano. Gasparri, Nardelli & Sgarabotto (1969) suggests that other canonical forms may be important. A similar shortening of the N-N bond to 1.372 Å in KTS was reported by Gabe et al. (1969) and to 1.374 Å in 2-formylthiophene thiosemicarbazone by Mathew & Palenik (1970). In contrast to the thiosemicarbazide, all three compounds have an extensively delocalized group attached to the nitrogen atom. The inclusion of resonance forms involving the pyridine ring in 4FPYTSC would account for the shortening of the N-N distance. This hypothesis is supported by the slight but not significant shortening of the C(5)-C(6), C(3)-C(4) and C(1)-C(2) bond lengths. The net result would be a slight negative charge on the pyridine ring nitrogen atom. Whether the increased negative charge is important in terms of biological activity is open to speculation. Structural studies currently in progress on other thiosemicarbazones may help explain some of the observed bond distances.

There are three hydrogen atoms bonded to nitrogen atoms which could form hydrogen bonds. The pertinent distances and angles involving these three hydrogen atoms are presented in Table 7. The two intermolecular hydrogen bonds which link the molecules are indicated in the molecular packing shown in Fig. 2. There are dimer-like molecules (similar to those found in carboxylic acids) formed by N-H···S hydrogen bonds across a center of symmetry. These N-H···S hydrogen bonds are weak since the N···S separation of $3.496 \pm$ 0.002 Å is at the upper end of the range of values

Compound	C–S	Reference
4-Formylpyridine thiosemicarbazone	1·678 (2) Å	Present work
2-Formylthiophene thiosemicarbazone	1·698 (3) 1·691 (3)	Mathew & Palenik (1970)
2-Keto-3-ethoxybutyraldehyde bis(thiosemicarbazone)	1·692 (4) 1·687 (4)	Gabe et al. (1969)
	1·689 (4) 1·682 (4)	
Thiosemicarbazide	1.685 (5)	Domiano <i>et al.</i> (1969)
Ethionamide hydrochloride	1.69	Colleter & Gadret (1968)
α-Thiopyridone	1.68	Penfold (1953)
2H-Pyridaz-3-thione	1.698 (6)	Carlisle & Hossain (1966)

Table 6. Carbon-sulphur bond distances in related compounds

$D-H\cdots A$	Position of A	D-H	$\mathbf{H}\cdots \mathbf{A}$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$N(4)-H(24)\cdots S$	1-x, 1-y, 1-z	0∙89 Å	2·63 Å	3·496 Å	164·1°
$N(3) - H(23) \cdots N(1)$	$\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, -\frac{1}{2} - z$	0.88	2.13	2·961	159.0
$N(4)-H(25)\cdots N(2)$	x, y, z	0.87	2.26	2.610	104.2

(3.2 to 3.5 Å) summarized by Srinivasan & Chacko (1967).

The dimer-like units are linked into a three-dimensional network by a strong N-H···N hydrogen bond. The N···N distance of 2.961 ± 0.003 Å is shorter than the majority of the $-NH_2 \cdots$ ring-N distances reported by Fuller (1959), which average 3.06 ± 0.08 Å.

The second hydrogen atom, H(25), on the nitrogen atom N(2) forms no intermolecular hydrogen bonds, which may be a result of steric hindrance. Since the molecule is approximately planar and H(25) is oriented toward the pyridine ring, the approach of an acceptor atom is severely restricted. The H(25) \cdots N(2) distance of 2.26 Å, which is less than a van der Waals contact, suggests a possible intramolecular hydrogen bond. However, both the N-H…N angle of 104.2° and the H-N…N angle of 57.1° argue against a hydrogen bond, leaving the question unresolved.

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The Crystal and Molecular Structure of Dichloro-DL-methioninepalladium(II)

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Methionine and its metallic complexes have biological as well as chemical interest, because of their suspected antiviral and carcinostatic properties. The present palladium complex has been found to be a bidentate, and to form dimers in the crystalline state. It crystallizes in the monoclinic space-group $P2_1/n$ with four molecules per unit cell. Its cell parameters are a=6.920, b=13.788, c=10.531 Å, $\beta=94.69^{\circ}$. Refinement of the structure was hampered by radiation damage and terminated at R=0.12. Bond distances in the methionine portion of the molecule compare satisfactorily with those in the free methionine molecule.

Introduction

The structure of dichloro-DL-methioninepalladium(II), $PdCl_2(MtH)$, was originally investigated to discover the configuration of the ligand, in particular whether it was a bidentate or a tridentate. The sulphur and nitrogen atoms were expected to be bonded to the palladium atom, but the bonding of the oxygen atom was in doubt. Subsequent infrared studies by McAuliffe (1967) focused attention on the hydrogen bonding of the oxygen atoms and a preliminary report on this aspect has been published (Stephenson, McConnell & Warren, 1967).

There is general biological interest in this compound, since it is suspected that methionine, and its metal complexes to a greater extent, possess antiviral and carcinostatic properties. A comparison is made later between the structure of $PdCl_2(MtH)$ and the free methionine molecule (Mathieson, 1952).

Experimental

The crystals of $PdCl_2(MtH)$ were grown from aqueous solution in the form of fine needles, which were often twinned. The crystals broke easily on handling, so those chosen for X-ray study were mounted in Linde-