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\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{32} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}
$$

Table 4. Bond angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$

| (1) | (1) | N(1) | 2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - $\mathrm{N}(1)$ | $127 \cdot 1$ (2) | $\mathrm{O}(11)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ |  |
|  | 108.5 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ |  |
| - (3) | $130 \cdot 5$ (2) |  |  |
| 31)-C(3)-C(2) | 127.8 (2) |  |  |
| (3)-C(4)-N(1) | 101.7 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 112.9 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 111.9 (2) | C(6)-C(5)-C(4) | 116.9 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{N}(6)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 109.4 (1) | $\mathrm{N}(6)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 123.2 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 128.3 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{N}(6)$ | 108.2 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 107.4 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(71)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $126 \cdot 3$ (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(71)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 126.3 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 107.1 (2) |
| (81)-C(8)-C(7) | 125.4 (2) | C(81)--C(8)-C(9) | 127.4 (2) |
| ) N (6) | 108.0 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(91)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{N}(6)$ | 119.0 (2) |
| (1)-C(9)-C(8) | 133.0 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(32)-\mathrm{C}(31)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 113.1 (2) |
| 82)-C(81)-C(8) | $110 \cdot 8$ (2) | $\mathrm{C}(83)-\mathrm{C}(82)-\mathrm{C}(81)$ | 112.8 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(83)-\mathrm{C}(83)-\mathrm{C}(82)$ | 125.1 (2) | $\mathrm{O}(84)-\mathrm{C}(83)-\mathrm{C}(82)$ | 112.8 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(84)-\mathrm{C}(83)-\mathrm{O}(83)$ | 122.0 (2) | C(85)-O(84)-C(83) | 116.4 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(91)-\mathrm{C}(91)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 111.8 (2) | $\mathrm{O}(92)-\mathrm{C}(91)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 124.9 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(92)-\mathrm{C}(91)-\mathrm{O}(91)$ | $123 \cdot 3$ (2) | C(93)-O(91)-C(91) | 121.4 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(94)-\mathrm{C}(93)-\mathrm{O}(91)$ | 101.4 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(95)-\mathrm{C}(93)-\mathrm{O}(91)$ | 109.9 (2) |
| C(95)-C(93)-C(94) | 112.2 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(96)-\mathrm{C}(93)-\mathrm{O}(91)$ | 110.5 (2) |
| C(96)-C(93)-C(94) | 110.0 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(69)-\mathrm{C}(93)-\mathrm{C}(95)$ | 112.2 (2) |

The interplanar angle in (1) is $99.6^{\circ}$. This is similar to those of 98 and $107^{\circ}$ between the methylene-bridged ring systems in bilirubin (Bonnett, Davies \& Hursthouse, 1976) and in a biladiene-ac dihydrobromide derivative (Struckmeier, Thewalt \& Engel, 1976) respectively. An angle of $71.9^{\circ}$ has been observed for a model $2,2^{\prime}$-methylenedipyrrole (Bonnett, Hursthouse \& Neidle, 1972). In bilirubin six intra-
molecular $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds stabilize this arrangement. In (1) the molecules are linked together through linear intermolecular $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{H}(11) \cdots \mathrm{O}(92)$ and $\mathrm{N}(6)-\mathrm{H}(61) \cdots \mathrm{O}(11)$ hydrogen bonds of 2.86 and $2.85 \AA$ respectively. The $\mathrm{C}(91)-\mathrm{O}(92)$ carbonyl group is syn to the $N(6)-H(61)$ vector. Surprisingly it is twisted somewhat out of the plane of the pyrrole ring $[\mathrm{C}(91) 0.039, \mathrm{O}(92) 0.235, \mathrm{O}(91)-0.192 \AA$ from this planel, presumably as a result of steric contacts between $\mathrm{O}(91)$ and $\mathrm{C}(81)$ and $\mathrm{C}(82) \mid \mathrm{O}(91) \cdots \mathrm{C}(81)$ $2 \cdot 95, \mathrm{O}(91) \cdots \mathrm{C}(82) 3 \cdot 34 \AA]$.

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# 4-Methylheptane-3,5-dionato(2-)- $\mathbf{C}^{2}$, C $^{6}$-tellurium(II)* 

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#### Abstract

C}_{8} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Te}\), monoclinic, $P 2_{1}, a=8.80$ (1), $b=4.92$ (1), $c=11.04$ (2) $\AA, \beta=93.3$ (1) ${ }^{\circ}, M_{r}=$ $267.8, U=477.2 \AA^{3}, Z=2, D_{m}=1.87, D_{c}=1.86 \mathrm{~g}$ $\mathrm{cm}^{-3}, F(000)=256$. Mo $K \approx$ radiation $(\lambda=0.7107 \AA$;


[^0]$\mu=28.5 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ). The structure was solved by the heavyatom method from 789 two-circle diffractometer reflexions and refined by full-matrix least squares to $R$ $0 \cdot 048$. In the molecules of the compound each $\mathrm{Te}^{1 \mathrm{I}}$ atom is bonded to one bivalent 'bidentate chelate ligand' via the $C^{2}$ and $C^{6}$ carbon atoms $[\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{C}$ $2 \cdot 18$ (1) $\AA ; \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{C} 89 \cdot 3(6)^{\circ}$ ] forming a heterocyclic ring of chair conformation with the three methyl substituents all in equatorial positions.

Introduction. We have previously reported the crystal structures of compounds $A, B, C$, and $D$.

(A): $R=R^{\prime}=\mathrm{H} ; R^{\prime \prime}=R^{\prime \prime \prime}=\mathrm{CH}_{3}$
(Dewan \& Silver, 1976, 1977a)
(B): $R=R^{\prime}=\mathrm{CH}_{3}: R^{\prime \prime}=R^{\prime \prime \prime}=\mathrm{H}$
(C): $R=R^{\prime}=R^{\prime \prime}=R^{\prime \prime \prime}=\mathrm{H}$
(D): $R=R^{\prime \prime}=\mathrm{CH}_{3} ; R^{\prime}=R^{\prime \prime \prime}=\mathrm{H}$

Dewan \& Silver, 1977b)
(Dewan \& Silver, 1977c)
(Dewan \& Silver, 1977d)
(This study)
Crystals of the present compound $(E)$ were obtained from the museum in the Chemistry Department of this University and were prepared by Morgan \& Drew (1925). ( $E$ ) is isomorphous and pseudo-isostructural with the previously determined ( $B$ ) (Dewan \& Silver, 1977b), and the details of their data collection and structure determination are the same, except that for $(E)$ anisotropic thermal parameters were only refined

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^{5}$ for Te , $\times 10^{4}$ for C and $\mathrm{O}, \times 10^{3}$ for H ) and thermal parameters, with estimated standard deviations in parentheses
$U$ was fixed at $0.05 \AA^{2}$ for all H atoms.

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $\begin{gathered} U \\ \left(\AA^{2} \times 10^{3}\right) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Te | 13908 (9) | 0* | 10870 (8) | $\ddagger$ |
| C(1) | -25 (12) | 29 (71) | 2647 (10) | 41 (3) |
| C(2) | 950 (14) | -1747 (33) | 3611 (11) | 34 (3) |
| C(3) | 2362 (11) | -161 (53) | 4144 (9) | 32 (3) |
| C(4) | 3538 (10) | 43 (50) | 3175 (8) | 29 (2) |
| C(5) | 3200 (15) | 1969 (33) | 2190 (12) | 41 (3) |
| C(6) | 4526 (16) | 2626 (41) | 1437 (15) | 55 (4) |
| C(7) | -1518(17) | -1680 (41) | 2287 (14) | 53 (4) |
| C(8) | 3029 (15) | -1714 (36) | 5304 (12) | 40 (3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 627 (11) | -4079 (22) | 3924 (9) | 57 (3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 4689 (10) | -1453 (23) | 3226 (8) | 42 (2) |
| H(11)* | -8 | 216 | 299 |  |
| H(32)* | 134 | 147 | 416 |  |
| H(51)* | 231 | 368 | 260 |  |
| $\mathrm{H}(61) \dagger$ | 495 (2) | 83 (4) | 101 (2) |  |
| $\mathrm{H}(62) \dagger$ | 544 (2) | 357 (4) | 198 (2) |  |
| $\mathrm{H}(63) \dagger$ | 410 (2) | 404 (4) | 75 (2) |  |
| $\mathrm{H}(71) \dagger$ | -201 (2) | -69 (4) | 148 (1) |  |
| $\mathrm{H}(72) \dagger$ | -228(2) | -147 (4) | 301 (1) |  |
| $\mathrm{H}(73) \dagger$ | -135 (2) | -381(4) | 210 (1) |  |
| $\mathrm{H}(81) \dagger$ | 221 (2) | -178(4) | 600 (1) |  |
| $\mathrm{H}(82) \dagger$ | 407 (2) | -77 (4) | 567 (1) |  |
| $\mathrm{H}(83) \dagger$ | 327 (2) | -376 (4) | 501 (1) |  |

* Parameters not refined.
$\dagger$ Refined as rigid groups pivoting on $C(6), C(7)$, and $C(8)$. $\ddagger$ Anisotropic thermal parameters $\left(\dot{\AA}^{2} \times 10^{4}\right)$ for Te are in the form: $\exp \left[-2 \pi^{2}\left(U_{11} h^{2} a^{* 2}+\cdots+2 U_{23} k l b^{*} c^{*}+\cdots\right)\right]$.

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\begin{array}{ccccccc} 
& U_{11} & U_{22} & U_{33} & U_{23} & U_{13} & U_{12} \\
\text { Te } & 492(5) & 486(6) & 472(5) & 165(10) & -76(3) & -75(11)
\end{array}
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for the Te atom. The weighting scheme employed in the final stages of refinement was $w=\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}\right)+\right.$ $\left.\left(0.02\left|F_{0}\right|\right)^{2}\right]^{-1}$, the final $R$ being 0.048 and $R^{\prime}$ $\left\{=\left[\Sigma w\left(\left|F_{o}\right|-\left|F_{c}\right|\right)^{2} / \Sigma w\left|F_{o}\right|^{2}\right]^{1 / 2}\right\} 0.053$ for the preferred hand.* Parameters determined are listed in Tables 1-3; Fig. 1 shows a projection of the unit cell.
*A list of structure factors has been deposited with the British Library Lending Division as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 32617 ( 6 pp .). Copies may be obtained through The Executive Secretary, International Union of Crystallography, 13 White Friars, Chester CHI INZ, England.

Table 2. Interatomic distances ( $\AA$ ) and angles ( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) with estimated standard deviations in parentheses Values for rigid groups are not listed.

| $\mathrm{Te} \cdots \mathrm{Te}^{\text {' }}$ | $4 \cdot 138$ (7) | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{H}(32)$ | 1.21 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $2 \cdot 18$ (1) | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 1.46 (2) |
| $\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $2 \cdot 18$ (1) | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 1.25 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 1.59 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 1.51 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 1.59 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{H}(51)$ | 1.25 |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{H}(11)$ | 1.12 | C (2) $\cdots \mathrm{O}$ ( ${ }^{\text {ii) }}$ ) | $3 \cdot 39$ (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 1.55 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(8) \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(2^{\text {iii) }}\right.$ | $3 \cdot 42$ (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 1.24 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(3) \cdots \mathrm{O}$ ( ${ }^{\text {'14) }}$ | $3 \cdot 36$ (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 1.53 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(1) \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(\mathrm{I}^{\text {iv }}\right.$ ) | $3 \cdot 26$ (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 1.58 (2) | $\mathrm{H}(11) \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(1^{\text {lv }}\right.$ ) | $2 \cdot 19$ |
| $\mathrm{Te}{ }^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Te}^{\text {v }}$ | 72.9 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{H}(32)$ | 76 |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 89.3 (6) | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 111 (1) |
| $\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 102.4 (9) | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{H}(32)$ | 120 |
| $\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 107 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{H}(32)$ | 124 |
| $\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{H}(11)$ | 108 | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 116 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 106 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 120 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{H}(11)$ | 109 | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 123 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{H}(11)$ | 122 | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{Te}$ | 103.8 (9) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 112 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 115 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 125 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{H}(51)$ | 106 |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 124 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{Te}$ | 111 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 109 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{H}(51)$ | 125 |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 108 (2) | $\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{H}(51)$ | 92 |

Symmetry code
(i) $-x, \frac{1}{2}+y,-z$
(iv) $x, 1+y, z$
(ii) $-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, 1-z$
(v) $-x,-\frac{1}{2}+y,-z$
(iii) $1-x,-\frac{1}{2}+y, 1-z$

## Table 3. Deviations $(\AA)$ of atoms from the least-squares

 plane through $\mathrm{C}(1), \mathrm{C}(2), \mathrm{C}(4), \mathrm{C}(5)$The equation of the plane is $-1.12 x+3.57 y+7.54 z=2.00$, where $x, y, z$ are the fractional coordinates of the defining atoms in the direct cell.

| Te | -1.34 | $\mathrm{C}(7)$ | -0.71 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 0.01 | $\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 1.05 |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)$ | -0.01 | $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | -0.57 |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 0.80 | $\mathrm{O}(2)$ | -0.61 |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 0.01 | $\mathrm{H}(11)$ | 1.03 |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)$ | -0.01 | $\mathrm{H}(32)$ | 1.51 |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)$ | -0.49 | $\mathrm{H}(51)$ | 1.01 |

Discussion. The structure consists of molecules of the compound arranged in a zigzag polymeric manner about the $2_{1}$ axes at $x=0$ and $z=0$ (Fig. 1). This structure is isomorphous and pseudo-isostructural with ( $B$ ) (Dewan \& Silver, 1977b), the only difference between the molecules being the substitution of $\mathrm{H}(31)$ in (B) for an equatorial methyl group [ $\mathrm{C}(8), \mathrm{H}(81)-$ $\mathrm{H}(83)$ ] on $\mathrm{C}(3)$; the atomic-numbering scheme used here is thus the same as for ( $B$ ), apart from this difference.

The mode of attachment displayed by the $\beta$-diketone in the present structure, and in those of $(A)-(D)$, represents a deviation from the usual modes of attachment of pentane-2,4-dione, and its derivatives, where bonding usually occurs through the O atoms or central C atom (Dewan \& Silver, 1977d). The Te atom has a formal oxidation state of +2 and the 'ligand' is therefore bivalent. The $\mathrm{Te}^{1 \mathrm{I}}$ atom bonds to $\mathrm{C}(1)$ and $\mathrm{C}(5)$ at distances of $2 \cdot 18$ (1) $\AA$ and these distances are the same, within experimental error, as those found in $(A)-(D)$. The $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ carbonyl distances $[1.24$ (2) and 1.25 (1) $\AA$ ] are typical of a ketonic carbonyl. The sixmembered heterocyclic ring of the compound has the chair conformation (Table 3), and again this is in agreement with $(A)-(D)$. The three methyl substituents on the ring are all in equatorial positions.

The closest intermolecular non-hydrogen atom contacts of the structure are given in Table 2. That involving the carbonyl $\mathrm{C}(2)[\mathrm{C}(2) \cdots \mathrm{O}$ (1ii) $3 \cdot 39$ (2) $\AA]$


Fig. 1. Projection of the structure down $\mathbf{a}^{*}$. The dashed line shows the zigzag arrangement of associated Te atoms.
must represent a non-bonding contact, while $\mathrm{C}(1) \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(1^{\mathrm{iv}}\right), \quad \mathrm{C}(3) \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(\mathrm{I}^{\mathrm{iv}}\right)$, and $\mathrm{C}(8) \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(2^{\text {iii }}\right)$ [3.26 (3), 3.36 (3) and 3.42 (2) $\AA$ ] are all rather long to be considered hydrogen-bonding interactions (Hamilton \& Ibers, 1968).

Donaldson, Laughlin, Ross \& Silver (1973), Donaldson \& Silver (1974, 1976), and Donaldson, Silver, Hadjiminolis \& Ross (1975) have suggested that the colours of $p$-block materials can be explained in terms of the donation of non-bonding valence electron density into bands formed by the overlap of empty $p$ or $d$ orbitals on the ligands or on the electron-donating atoms themselves. If the $s p^{2}$-hybridization scheme is used for the Te atom (Dewan \& Silver, 1977d), the $p$ orbital on each $\mathrm{Te}^{11}$ atom will lie approximately along $\mathbf{b}$, and these are then aligned (together with empty Te $5 d$ orbitals) so that a weak overall bonding orbital is then possible between them. These weak associations could then account for the bright yellow colour of the compound.

In the present structure, the $\mathrm{Te} \cdots \mathrm{Te}$ distance [4.138 (7) $\AA$ ] is similar to those in $(B)-(D)(4.068$ and $3.95,3.97,4.18$ and $4.042 \AA$ ) and is shorter than in $(A)(5.05 \AA)$. The colours of $(B)-(E)$ are a stronger yellow than that of $(A)$. More evidence for electron density in the $\mathrm{Te} \cdots \mathrm{Te}$ associations comes from the larger $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{C}$ angle in this compound $\left(89.3^{\circ}\right)$ and in (B)-(D) (89.7, 90.8 and $88.4^{\circ}$ ) compared with that of (A) $\left(86.4^{\circ}\right)$, which has weaker associations, showing that lone-pair repulsion is reduced in $(B)-(E)$, which indicates less electron density remaining in the lone pairs.

The present structure ( $E$ ) and structure $B$ are isomorphous in that the space group of each is $P 2$, and the cell dimensions are very similar (for $(B)$ : $a=$ 8.69 (1), $b=4.86$ (1), $c=10.14$ (2) $\AA, \beta=98.7$ (1) ${ }^{\circ}$, $U=423.3 \AA^{3}$ ]. The molecule in $(E)$ has an extra methyl group on $C(3)$, which is in an equatorial position, but apart from this $(B)$ and $(E)$ are isostructural. As could be expected with the extra methyl group, the volume of the unit cell for $(E)$ is larger than that for $(B)$. All cell dimensions for $(E)$ are larger than in ( $B$ ), except for the $\beta$ angle, and the most notable change in the cell lengths is in $c$, which is greater in ( $E$ ) by $0.9 \AA$. The differences between $a$ and $b$ for each structure are 0.11 and $0.06 \AA$ respectively. The fact that the main change in the cell dimensions between the two structures is in the $c$ direction is significant and is interpreted as showing that the packing of both $(B)$ and $(E)$ is controlled by the $\mathrm{Te} \cdots \mathrm{Te}$ associations along $\mathbf{b}$. The effect of introducing an equatorial methyl group onto C(3) can be seen in Fig. 1 as merely serving to force each individual string of molecules further apart, since the $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ vector lies fairly closely along the direction of the $c$ axis. The effect on the $a$ and $b$ dimensions is small, and the geometry of the $\mathrm{Te} \cdots \mathrm{Te}$ associations in $(B)$ and $(E)$ is consequently not very different, the $\mathrm{Te} \cdots \mathrm{Te}$ distances being 4.068 (7) and
4.138 (7) $\AA$ and the $\mathrm{Te} \cdots \mathrm{Te} \cdots \mathrm{Te}$ angles 73.4 (1) and 72.9 (1) ${ }^{\circ}$. If the $\mathrm{C}(8)$ methyl group were axially substituted on $\mathrm{C}(3)$, then disruption of the $\mathrm{Te} \cdots \mathrm{Te}$ associations would be expected as a result of forcing the molecules further apart in the $b$ direction, and it is noteworthy that in $(A)$, where the central C atom has two methyl substituents, the closest $\mathrm{Te} \cdots$ Te distance is $5.05 \AA$ and no Te polymer is found.

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# Stereochemistry and Hydrogen Bonding of Cytokinins: 6-Furfurylaminopurine (Kinetin) 

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Abstract. $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}$, triclinic, space group $P 1$, with (at $\left.22 \pm 3^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right) a=7.874(3), \quad b=12.526(3), c=$ 4.947 (1) $\AA, ~ a=91.15(4), \beta=99.15$ (6), $\gamma=$ $96.35(4)^{\circ}, D_{o}=1.49, D_{c}=1.50 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}, Z=2, \mu(\mathrm{Cu}$ $K(r)=8.9 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\left[\lambda\left(\mathrm{Cu} K\left(r_{1}\right)=1.54051 \AA \AA\right]\right.$. The structure was refined to an $R$ index of 0.06 by the leastsquares method using the block-diagonal approximation. The orientation of the $\mathrm{N}(6)$ substituent, distal to the imidazole ring of the adenine base, prevents the Watson-Crick sites from hydrogen bonding. The molecules in the crystal exist in the $\mathrm{N}(9)-\mathrm{H}$ tautomeric form and are linked across centers of inversion by pairs of $\mathrm{N}(6)-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{N}(7)$ and $\mathrm{N}(9)-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{N}(3)$ hydrogen bonds forming continuous ribbons. This mode of hydrogen bonding and packing is observed also for two other cytokinins, isopentenyladenine and its 2 . methylthio derivative.

[^1]Introduction. Kinetin is a highly potent growth factor (cytokinin). Cytokinin is the generic name used to designate plant-growth substances that play a major role in cell division and cell differentiation (Helgeson, 1968; Skoog \& Armstrong. 1970; Hall, 1973). The occurrence of cytokinin activity has been limited mainly to 6 -substituted purine derivatives, but there are exceptions (Hall, 1973; see also Tovigoe, Akiyama, Hirobe, Okamoto \& Isogai, 1971). Kinetin is used as a reference compound for comparing cytokinin activities of other cytokinins and for deducing structure-activity relationships of these compounds. As part of a continuing program of research in our laboratory on the stereochemistry of the cytokinin compounds, we have now determined and present here the threedimensional structure and conformation of kinetin. The structure-activity relationships of cytokinins have been discussed by us earlier (Soriano-Garcia \& Parthasarathy, 1975).

Suitable crystals of kinetin ( 6 -furfurylaminopurine) (Sigma Chemical Co.) for X-ray work were obtained by slow cooling of a hot ethanol solution. The resulting


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