réseau cristallin est assurée par des forces de van der Waals.

L'étude structurale de la diméthyl-6,6 germa- 6 cycloundécanone, réalisée à $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, montre une conformation chaise-bateau-chaise (pour la chaîne à $4 \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ) et chaise-bateau-chaise-bateau (pour la chaine à 5 $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ) à partir de l'atome de germanium.

Le groupement carbonyle est sensiblement perpendiculaire au plan moyen passant par l'hétéroatome et le carbone $s p^{2}$. Il faut noter que dans le cristal, la distance $\mathrm{Ge}-\mathrm{O}$ ne permet pas de rendre compte des effets transannulaires observés (Guimon et al., 1977; Duboudin et al., 1977). Il est donc probable que la molécule étudiée a une conformation différente en phase vapeur et à l'état cristallin.

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# The Crystal and Molecular Structure of Toxisterol ${ }_{2}$-D Epoxide, $\mathbf{C}_{28} \mathbf{H}_{44} \mathbf{O}_{2}$ 

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Crystals of toxisterol ${ }_{2}$-D epoxide are monoclinic, space group $P 2_{1}$, with $a=14.967$ (6), $b=7.096$ (3), $c=$ 12.652 (5) $\AA, \beta=99.35(2)^{\circ}$. The structure has been refined to a residual of 0.067 for 1427 independent significant reflections measured on an automated four-circle diffractometer. In the compound, which is derived from ergosterol, ring $A$ adopts a boat conformation in which the atoms defining the bow and stern, $C(3)$ and $C(10)$, are bridged by an $O$ atom. Ring $B$ is cleaved at the $C(9)-C(10)$ bond and the second $O$ atom forms an epoxide ring across the $C(7)$ and $C(8)$ positions. The geometry of the remainder of the molecule is similar to that found in other sterol structures.

## Introduction

Photolysis of ergosterol (I) in ethanol and chromatography yield a number of products (Barton et al., 1975; Carlisle \& Lindley, 1976) including two toxisterol 2 ethers, D and E (Barton, Barrett, Russell, Lindley \& Mahmoud, 1976). On the basis of chemical and spectroscopic evidence structure (II) was proposed for the two ethers.

The present paper reports the complete details of the crystal structure analysis of toxisterol ${ }_{2}$-D epoxide (III). This structure enables configurations (IV) and (V) to be assigned to toxisterols ${ }_{2}-\mathrm{D}$ and -E respectively.

## Experimental

The compound was supplied by Professor Sir Derek Barton, FRS, and Dr A. G. M. Barrett of Imperial College, University of London, in the form of colourless prismatic crystals. A crystal fragment of dimensions $0.09 \times 0.48 \times 0.11 \mathrm{~mm}$ parallel to $a, b$ and $c$ respectively was mounted along the $b$ axis and used for the Xray measurements. Preliminary unit-cell dimensions and space-group information were obtained from precession photographs taken with Cu radiation. Accurate cell dimensions were obtained by leastsquares refinement of the $\theta$ values of the $\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha_{1}$

(I)

(II)

(III)

(IV)

(V)
components ( $\lambda=1.5405 \AA$ ) of 19 reflections measured on a Hilger \& Watts Y290 automated four-circle diffractometer. Intensity data were also collected on this instrument using Ni-filtered Cu radiation and the $\omega / 2 \theta$ step scanning mode. Gradual variations in the experimental conditions during data collection were monitored by measuring three reference reflections after every 50 measurements. The intensity sums of the reference reflections were used to scale the observed intensities by interpolation between groups of references; the overall decrease in the reference sum was $6.4 \%$.
Intensity data were collected over the range $0^{\circ} \leq \theta \leq$ $60^{\circ}$ to give a total of 1840 independent reflections of which 1427 were classified as significant by the criterion $I \geq 3 \sigma(I)$. The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects but not for absorption; $\mu(\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha)=4.8 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$.

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{44} \mathrm{O}_{2}, M_{r}=412.7$; monoclinic, $a=14.967$ (6), $b=7.096$ (3), $c=12.652$ (5) $\AA, \beta=99.35(2)^{\circ} . D_{m}=$ $1.00 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$ (by flotation in aqueous KI), $Z=2, D_{c}=$ $1.03 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$; space group $P 2_{1}\left(C_{2}^{2}\right.$, No. 4).

## Solution and refinement of the structure

The structure was solved with some difficulty, by a weighted multisolution tangent refinement, MULTAN

Table 1. Positional parameters with e.s.d.'s in parentheses

| Non-hydrogen atoms |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ |
| O(1) | 0.9599 (4) | 0.0544 (0) | 0.8951 (3) |
| O(2) | 0.9445 (4) | -0.0590 (9) | 0.4243 (3) |
| C(1) | 1.1031 (6) | 0.0502 (12) | 0.8510 (5) |
| C(2) | 1.0739 (7) | 0.2573 (12) | 0.8659 (6) |
| C(3) | 0.9724 (6) | 0.2404 (10) | 0.8537 (5) |
| C(4) | 0.9318 (5) | 0.2190 (11) | 0.7358 (5) |
| C(5) | 0.9658 (5) | 0.0237 (10) | 0.7155 (5) |
| C(6) | 0.9590 (5) | -0.0679 (10) | 0.6238 (5) |
| C(7) | 0.9117 (5) | 0.0043 (10) | 0.5217 (5) |
| C (8) | 0.8559 (6) | -0.1156 (11) | 0.4437 (5) |
| C(9) | 0.8419 (6) | -0.3221 (10) | 0.4642 (6) |
| C(10) | 1.0108 (6) | -0.0451 (10) | $0 \cdot 8240$ (5) |
| C(11) | 0.7516 (6) | -0.3543 (11) | $0 \cdot 5049$ (6) |
| C(12) | 0.6713 (5) | -0.2701 (11) | 0.4308 (6) |
| C(13) | 0.6862 (5) | -0.0593 (9) | 0.4120 (5) |
| C(14) | 0.7749 (5) | -0.0394 (10) | 0.3677 (5) |
| C(15) | 0.7742 (7) | $0 \cdot 1621$ (12) | 0.3261 (6) |
| C(16) | 0.6740 (6) | 0.2013 (12) | $0 \cdot 2854$ (6) |
| C(17) | 0.6188 (6) | 0.0344 (11) | 0.3194 (5) |
| C(18) | 0.6861 (5) | 0.0519 (11) | 0.5160 (5) |
| C(19) | 1.0080 (7) | -0.2571 (12) | 0.8425 (6) |
| C(20) | 0.5240 (6) | 0.0907 (11) | 0.3370 (6) |
| C(21) | 0.4677 (6) | -0.0677 (16) | 0.3744 (7) |
| C(22) | 0.4773 (7) | $0 \cdot 1718$ (13) | 0.2351 (7) |
| C(23) | 0.4525 (8) | 0.3529 (17) | 0.2186 (8) |
| C(24) | 0.4097 (9) | 0.4377 (19) | $0 \cdot 1141$ (8) |
| C(25) | 0.3195 (10) | 0.5001 (31) | 0.1234 (9) |
| C(26) | 0.2601 (11) | 0.3518 (31) | $0 \cdot 1556$ (13) |
| C(27) | 0.2740 (9) | 0.6260 (30) | 0.0284 (12) |
| C(28) | 0.4655 (8) | $0 \cdot 5949$ (20) | 0.0774 (10) |

Table 1 (cont.)

## Hydrogen atoms

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| H(11) | $1 \cdot 1403$ | 0.0312 | 0.7921 |
| H(12) | $1 \cdot 1405$ | -0.0060 | 0.9195 |
| $\mathrm{H}(21)$ | 1.0939 | 0.3164 | 0.9371 |
| H(22) | 1.0854 | 0.3479 | 0.8080 |
| H(3) | 0.9421 | 0.3368 | 0.8905 |
| H(4) | 0.8632 | 0.2216 | 0.7241 |
| H(42) | 0.9541 | 0.3141 | 0.6893 |
| H(6) | 0.9938 | -0.1943 | 0.6265 |
| $\mathrm{H}(7)$ | 0.8937 | 0. 1364 | 0.5225 |
| H(91) ' | 0.8428 | -0.3969 | 0.3968 |
| H(92) | 0.8955 | -0.3679 | 0.5193 |
| H(111) | 0.7430 | -0.4985 | 0.5149 |
| H(112) | 0.7560 | -0.2994 | 0.5803 |
| H(121) | 0.6644 | -0.3406 | 0.3595 |
| H(122) | 0.6142 | -0.2884 | 0.4611 |
| H(14) | 0.7700 | $-0.1270$ | $0 \cdot 3043$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(151)$ | 0.8090 | $0 \cdot 1686$ | $0 \cdot 2662$ |
| H(152) | 0.7990 | 0.2471 | $0 \cdot 3850$ |
| H(161) | 0.6550 | $0 \cdot 3204$ | $0 \cdot 3212$ |
| H(162) | 0.6619 | $0 \cdot 2185$ | 0.2071 |
| H(17) | 0.6110 | $-0.0549$ | 0.2570 |
| H(181) | 0.6250 | 0.0307 | 0.5381 |
| H(182) | 0.6924 | $0 \cdot 1882$ | 0.4994 |
| H(183) | 0.7345 | $0 \cdot 0098$ | 0.5726 |
| H\{191) | 1.0478 | -0.3249 | 0.7960 |
| H(192) | 0.9473 | -0.3070 | 0.8296 |
| H(193) | 1.0376 | -0.2875 | 0.9208 |
| H(20) | 0.5318 | 0.1928 | 0.3948 |
| H(211) | 0.4069 | -0.0136 | 0.3854 |
| H(212) | 0.4975 | -0.1254 | 0.4422 |
| H(213) | 0.4560 | -0.1654 | $0 \cdot 3167$ |
| H(221) | 0.4543 | 0.0767 | $0 \cdot 1731$ |
| H(23) | 0.4704 | 0.4384 | 0.2820 |
| H(24) | 0.4108 | 0.3281 | 0.0570 |
| H(25) | 0.3283 | 0.5889 | $0 \cdot 1881$ |
| H(261) | 0.1985 | 0.4058 | 0.1640 |
| H(262) | 0.2863 | 0.2924 | 0.2268 |
| H(263) | 0.2499 | 0.2501 | 0.1002 |
| H(271) | 0.3180 | 0.7160 | 0.0081 |
| - $\mathrm{H}(272)$ | 0.2179 | 0.6807 | 0.0400 |
| H(273) | 0.2587 | 0.5322 | -0.0385 |
| H(281) | 0.4343 | 0.6446 | 0.0080 |
| H(282) | 0.5290 | 0.5646 | 0.0754 |
| H(283) | 0.4643 | 0.7023 | 0.1337 |

74 (Germain, Main \& Woolfson, 1971; Declercq, Germain, Main \& Woolfson, 1973; Koch, 1974). In the computation of the normalized structure factors a molecular scattering factor was used for the 11-atom fragment involving the $C$ and $D$ rings with the addition of $C(18)$ and $C(20)$. After numerous attempts using up to 324 reflections with $\left|E_{h}\right| \geq 1.50$ a tangent refinement using only 146 reflections (approximately five reflections per non-hydrogen atom in the asymmetric unit) with $\left|E_{\mathbf{h}}\right| \geq 1.67$ yielded a phase set with values of 0.195 and 1.075 for $R_{\text {Karle }}$ and the absolute figure of merit respectively; the corresponding combined figure of merit derived using unit weights for the components was $2 \cdot 50$. An $E$ map computed with this phase set enabled 16 of the non-hydrogen atoms in the structure to be located. The remaining non-hydrogen atomic positions were determined by the iterative Fourier synthesis technique to give a residual of 0.33 .

Refinement proceeded by the full-matrix leastsquares method, using only the significant reflections and initially with all non-hydrogen atoms treated isotropically to give an $R$ value of $0 \cdot 174$. A difference Fourier synthesis showed diffuse electron density maxima in the vicinity of the H atom positions but in subsequent calculations these atoms were placed in calculated positions assuming a $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ bond length of $1.0 \AA$. No attempt was made to refine the positional or thermal parameters of the H atoms.

Further refinement, with non-hydrogen atoms treated anisotropically, proceeded by a partial fullmatrix technique in which no more than 21 atoms and an overall scale factor were refined in any one cycle. The weighting scheme, $w=\left[1-\exp \left(-a_{1} \sin ^{2} \theta / \lambda^{2}\right)\right] /\left(a_{2}\right.$ $\left.+\left|F_{o}\right|+a_{3}\left|F_{o}\right|^{2}\right)$ if $\left|F_{o}\right| \geq 30 \cdot 0$, else $w=a_{4}$ with $a_{1}=$ $20.0, a_{2}=20 \cdot 0, a_{3}=0.001$ and $a_{4}=0.02$, was used to make the average values of $\Sigma w \Delta^{2}$ uniform when analysed in terms of batches of increasing $\left|F_{o}\right|$ and $\sin \theta / \lambda$. The final values of $R$ and $R^{\prime}$ $\left[=\left(\Sigma w \Delta^{2} / \Sigma w\left|F_{o}\right|^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}\right]$ were 0.067 and 0.092 respectively; the residual for all the 1840 independent


Fig. 1. A stereodrawing of the molecule of toxisterol ${ }_{2}$ - $D$ epoxide viewed perpendicular to the plane defined by atoms $C(4), C(5)$ and $C(1)$.
reflections was 0.084 . A final difference Fourier synthesis confirmed the correctness of the analysis.

Throughout the structure factor calculations, the atomic scattering factors listed by Hanson, Herman, Lea \& Skillman (1964) were used and all computations were performed on the CDC6600 computer at the University of London Computer Centre. The final atomic coordinates are given in Table 1.* A satisfactory

[^0]tensor analysis of the anisotropic thermal vibration parameters was obtained for all the non-hydrogen atoms.

## Discussion

A stereodrawing of the molecule of toxisterol ${ }_{2}$-D epoxide is shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 2 is a schematic drawing showing the atomic labelling and the intramolecular bond lengths and angles. Further details of the molecular geometry are recorded in Table 2.


Fig. 2. A schematic drawing of the molecule showing the intramolecular bond lengths $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$. Estimated standard deviations are given in parentheses.

## Table 2. Molecular geometry

(a) Torsion angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$

| Ring $A$ | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | -76.9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 69.0 |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | $6 \cdot 3$ |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | -77.3 |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 68.2 |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $4 \cdot 3$ |
| Ring $C$ | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 54-1 |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | -55.3 |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | 56.5 |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | -59.9 |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 59.9 |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | -54.8 |
| Ring $D$ | $\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $45 \cdot 1$ |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | -38.6 |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | 19.2 |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ | 8.2 |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | -33.5 |
| $17 \beta$ side chain | C(13)-C(17)-C(20)-C(21) | -55.8 |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(22)$ | -179.2 |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(23)$ | -112.3 |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{C}(24)$ | $176 \cdot 5$ |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{C}(24)-\mathrm{C}(25)$ | 115.4 |
|  | C(22)--C(23)-C(24)-C(28) | -120.0 |
|  | C(23)-C(24)-C(25)-C(26) | -56.6 |
|  | C(23)-C(24)-C(25)-C(27) | 168.7 |

(b) Least-squares planes defined by atomic positions. Distances ( $\AA$ ) of atoms from the planes are given in parentheses where appropriate. $X, Y$ and $Z$ are orthogonal coordinates referred to the axes $a^{*}, b$ and $c$.
$\overrightarrow{P l a n e}(\mathrm{i}): \mathrm{C}(1), \mathrm{C}(2), \mathrm{C}(3)$ and $\mathrm{C}(10)$

$$
0.0456 X-0.1948 Y+0.9798 Z=8.5683
$$

[C(1) 0.026, C(2) $-0.027, \mathrm{C}(3) 0.019, \mathrm{C}(10)-0.019, \mathrm{C}(4)-1.342$, C(5) -1.383, O(1) 0.811, C(19) 0.509]
Plane (ii): $\mathrm{C}(3), \mathrm{C}(4), \mathrm{C}(5)$ and $\mathrm{C}(10)$

$$
0.8603 X+0.3525 Y-0.3683 Z=9.8233
$$

[C(3) $0.027, \mathrm{C}(4)-0.038, \mathrm{C}(5) 0.039, \mathrm{C}(10)-0.028, \mathrm{C}(1) 1.341$, $\mathrm{C}(2) 1.393, \mathrm{O}(1)-0.801, \mathrm{C}(19)-0.682, \mathrm{C}(6) 0.144, \mathrm{C}(7)$ 0.158 ]

Plane (iii): $\mathrm{C}(4), \mathrm{C}(5), \mathrm{C}(6)$ and $\mathrm{C}(10)$

$$
0.8675 X+0.3953 Y-0.3021 Z=10.4170
$$

[C(4) $0.000, \mathrm{C}(5)-0.001, \mathrm{C}(6) 0.000, \mathrm{C}(10) 0.000, \mathrm{C}(3) 0.168$, C(7) -0.047

Plane (iv): $\mathrm{C}(7), \mathrm{C}(8)$ and $\mathrm{O}(2)$

$$
0.3997 X-0.8121 Y+0.4252 Z=7.2169
$$

$[\mathrm{C}(6) 1 \cdot 196, \mathrm{C}(9) 1 \cdot 232, \mathrm{C}(14)-1 \cdot 243]$
Plane (v): $\mathrm{C}(9), \mathrm{C}(11), \mathrm{C}(13)$ and $\mathrm{C}(14)$

$$
0.3544 X+0.5515 Y+0.7551 Z=6.0176
$$

$[\mathrm{C}(9) 0.022, \mathrm{C}(11)-0.022, \mathrm{C}(13) 0.022, \mathrm{C}(14)-0.022, \mathrm{C}(8)$ $0.682, \widetilde{ }(12)-0.674, \mathrm{C}(15) 0.366, \mathrm{C}(16)-0.211, \mathrm{C}(17)$ $-0.726, C(18) 1.450]$

Plane (vi): $\mathrm{C}(15), \mathrm{C}(16)$ and $\mathrm{C}(17)$

$$
0.0735 X-0.4705 Y-0.8794 Z=-1.6757
$$

[C(13)-0.501, C(14) 0.211, C(18) -2.029, C(20) -0.689 ]

Table 2 (cont.)
Dihedral angles $\left(^{\circ}\right)$ between normals to planes

| Plane $A$ | Plane $B$ | Angle |
| :---: | :---: | ---: |
| (i) | (ii) | 113.0 |
| (ii) | (iii) | 4.5 |
| (iii) | (iv) | 95.9 |
| (iv) | (v) | 89.1 |
| (v) | (vi) | 153.8 |



Fig. 3. The molecular packing viewed along the unit-cell $b$ axis.

Ring $A$ adopts a boat conformation in which the atoms defining the bow and stern, $\mathrm{C}(3)$ and $\mathrm{C}(10)$ respectively, are bridged by $\mathrm{O}(1)$. The asymmetry parameters (Duax \& Norton, 1975) for ring $A$ are $\Delta C_{s}^{\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)}=8.5^{\circ}$ and $\Delta C_{s}^{\mathrm{C}(3)}=9.3^{\circ}$. The environment about C(4) is planar [see Table 2(b)] as would be expected for $s p^{2}$-hybridization.

The ring $A$ moiety is linked to the remainder of the molecule via $\mathrm{C}(6)$ and $\mathrm{C}(7)$, previously part of ring $B$ in the ergosterol skeleton; the torsion angle $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-$ $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ is $-140 \cdot 0^{\circ}$. The atom $\mathrm{O}(2)$ bridges $\mathrm{C}(7)$ and $C(8)$ to give an epoxide ring.

Ring $C$ adopts the chair conformation with asymmetry parameters $\Delta C_{s}^{\mathrm{C}(1)}=1 \cdot 2^{\circ}, \Delta C_{2}^{\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(11)}=2.5^{\circ}$ and $\Delta C_{2}^{\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)}=5 \cdot 2^{\circ}$. The $C / D$ ring junction is trans and the sum of the absolute values of the endocyclic torsion angles involving the common $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ bond is $105.0^{\circ}$. The pseudo-rotational phase angle and maximum torsional angle (Altona, Geise \& Romers, 1968) for ring $D$ are $13.2^{\circ}$ and $45.4^{\circ}$ respectively, indicating that the ring has a conformation intermediate between a $13 \beta, 14 \alpha$ half chair and a $13 \beta$ envelope.

In the $17 \beta$ side chain, which lies approximately in the plane of the $C$ and $D$ rings, the H substituents at $\mathrm{C}(17)$ and $\mathrm{C}(20)$ are in an antiperiplanar conformation and $\mathrm{C}(22)$ is antiperiplanar with respect to the $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ bond; the torsion angle $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(17)-$ $\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(22)$ is $-179 \cdot 2^{\circ} . \mathrm{C}(21)$ is synclinal with respect to the $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ bond; the torsion angle $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ is $-55.8^{\circ}$. The conformation of this portion of the molecule is closely similar to that found in the structures of other sterols in which the $D$ ring is fully saturated (Duax \& Norton, 1975, and references cited therein).

The molecular packing is shown by a stereodrawing along the $b$ axis in Fig. 3. The molecules pack in layers approximately parallel to (i01). There are no intermolecular contacts that are significantly shorter than the sum of the corresponding van der Waals radii.

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# Crystal and Molecular Structure of 1,3,7-Trimethyl-2,6-purinedione Hydrochloride Dihydrate (Caffeine Hydrochloride Dihydrate) 

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Crystals of the compound $\mathrm{C}_{8} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{ClN}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{2} .2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ are monoclinic, $a=12.391$ (4), $b=6.524$ (1), $c=$ 17.167 (6) $\AA, \beta=118.82(3)^{\circ}, Z=4$, space group $P 2_{1} / c$. The structure was determined by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares procedures to a final $R$ of 0.064 for 1752 reflections with $I \geq 3 \sigma(I)$. The fused-ring system is essentially planar and protonated at the 9 -position. The crystal contains two major types of hydrogen bonding involving $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ interactions.

## Introduction

The crystal structure determination of caffeine (I) hydrochloride dihydrate was undertaken primarily to provide the necessary information to complement an electron nuclear double resonance (ENDOR) study on this compound. The renewed interest in this area is due

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to the discovery that caffeine will inhibit the postradiation repair of chromosomal aberrations in irradiated DNA (e.g. Konoplyannikov, 1975).

## Experimental

The colourless, prismatic crystals were grown by evaporation from a saturated solution of caffeine in hydrochloric acid. The crystal chosen for study ( ca 0.4 $\times 0.3 \times 0.2 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) was mounted with $b$ parallel to the goniostat axis. Unit-cell and space-group data were obtained from film and diffractometer measurements. The unit-cell parameters were refined by a least-squares treatment of $\sin ^{2} \theta$ values for 22 reflections measured


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