(3S)-3-Hydroxyquinidine, the Major Biotransformation Product of Quinidine. Synthesis and Conformational Studies. X-Ray Molecular Structure of (3S)-3-Hydroxyquinidine Methanesulphonate

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(3S)-3-Hydroxyquinidine, the major metabolite of the Cinchona alkaloid quinidine, was prepared by synthetic chemical modification or microbial oxidation of quinidine. The structure of this metabolite has been demonstrated to be (3S)-3-hydroxyquinidine by ¹H and ¹³C NMR, IR, UV and mass spectral analysis. Previously published comparisons of the ¹³C NMR spectra of 3-hydroxyquinidine and model compounds were used to establish the absolute stereochemistry of the metabolite (see ref. 8). This assignment has been verified by single-crystal X-ray analysis of (3S)-3-hydroxyquinidine methanesulphonate. The gas- and solution-phase conformational preference of the metabolite derived from molecular modelling and NOE studies are compared with the conformation observed by X-ray crystallography.

(3S)-3-Hydroxyquinidine **5a** represents the most important pharmacologically active metabolite of quinidine **1a**.¹⁻⁷ In a preliminary report,⁸ we described the synthesis of 3-hydroxyquinidine and presented a ¹³C NMR study which suggested that the metabolite possessed the S configuration at C-3 and thus is (3S)-3-hydroxyquinidine **5a**. In this paper we give a full account of our original chemical synthesis and describe a microbial oxidation of quinidine to its 3-hydroxy derivative **5a**. In addition, we present a single-crystal X-ray analysis of the methanesulphonate salt of **5a** and a detailed ¹H NMR NOE study of compound **5a** which provides unequivocal proof of our original assignment and the results of a molecular modelling study of the conformational preferences of this compound.

Results

Synthesis -- Scheme 1 outlines the preparation of compound 5a. Quinidine 1a was converted into a mixture of α - and a'-10bromodihydroquinidine 2^9 by dissolution in conc. hydrobromic acid and passage of hydrogen bromide gas into the solution at 0 C for 6 h. Pure x-10-bromodihydroquinidine,^c which was isolated by chromatography, was subjected to reaction with 1,5-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-5-ene (DBU)¹⁰ in dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO) at 90 °C for 2 h to form apoquinidine methyl ether 3a. In later experiments we found that the crude mixture of α - and α' -bromodihydroquinidine 2 could be converted into compound 3a with DBU in higher overall yield. The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **3a** showed a new quartet at δ 5.20 for the olefinic proton at C-10, the absence of the typical 10- and 11-protons of quinidine, and a new doublet at δ 1.51 for the allylic methyl. Henry et al.⁹ obtained apoquinidine methyl ether in low yield by treatment of quinidine with hot sulphuric acid. Attempts to repeat this reaction were complicated by the need to separate compound 3a from a number of other products. Acetylation of compound 3a with acetic anhydride in pyridine gave the acetate 3b, which was characterized by a peak at 1725 cm⁻¹ in the IR spectrum and an MeCO resonance at δ 2.07 in the ¹H NMR spectrum. Since ozonization of $\Delta^{3(10)}$ -cinchona alkaloids similar to compound 3b is reported to proceed abnormally and to give the corresponding 3-acetyl derivatives,¹¹ we decided to investigate other



Scheme 1 Reagents and conditions: 1. HBr; ii, NaHCO₃; iii, DBU, DMSO, 90 °C. 2 h; iv, Ac₂O, pyridine; v, OsO₄, NaIO₄, 80°_o MeCO₂H, 4 °C; vi, CH₂=CHMgCl, THF; vii, (Ph₅CO)₂O, pyridine

| Table 1 | ^{1}H and ^{13}C | NMR assignmen | ts for quinidine | 1a and (3S)-3-hydrox | yquinidine 5a in [| ² H ₆]DMSO" |
|---------|----------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
|---------|----------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|

| | ¹ H NMR | | | | ¹³ C NMR | | |
|----------|--------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------|---------------------|-------|--|
| | la | | 5a | | 5a | 1a | |
| Carbon | δ | mult., <i>J</i> /Hz | δ | mult., J/Hz | | | |
| 2 syn | 3.00 | m | 3.34 | d, 12.3 | 40.2 | 5(0 | |
| 2 anti | 2.70 | br dd | 2.33 | d, 14.2 | 48.3 | 56.9 | |
| 3 | 2.18 | br dd, 8.1, 16.4 | | | 39.1 | 70.9 | |
| 4 | 1.68 | br s | 1.68 | br s | 27.8 | 33.3 | |
| 5x. | 1.40 | m | 1.85 | m | 26.2 | 20.4 | |
| 5β | 1.40 | m | 1.16 | m | 26.2 | 20.6 | |
| 6α,6β | 2.55, 2.63 | m | 2.58, 2.65 | m | 49.0 | 49.0 | |
| 7α . | 1.40 | m | 1.44 | m | 22.2 | 24.7 | |
| 7β | 1.90 | dd, 13.1, 4.4 | 1.85 | m | 23.3 | 24.7 | |
| 8 | 2.98 | m | 2.95 | dd, 8.2, 16.2 | 60.5 | 59.4 | |
| 9 | 5.29 | br m | 5.23 | d, 5.8 | 70.6 | 70.9 | |
| 10 | 6.08 | ddd, 17.3, 10.4, 7.9 | 6.30 | dd, 10.7, 17.3 | 141.2 | 144.3 | |
| 11 cis | 5.06 | br d, 10.3 | 5.08 | dd, 10.7, 2.0 | 114.2 | 112.0 | |
| 11 trans | 5.08 | br d, 17.3 | 5.31 | dd, 17.3, 2.0 | 114.3 | 112.0 | |
| 2′ | 8.67 | d, 4.5 | 8.67 | d, 4.5 | 147.5 | 147.5 | |
| 3′ | 7.49 | d. 4.5 | 7.49 | d. 4.5 | 118.9 | 118.9 | |
| 4′ | | | | , | 149.3 | 149.3 | |
| 5′ | 7.45 | d, 2.7 | 7.42 | d, 2.7 | 102.4 | 102.4 | |
| 6′ | | | | , | 156.7 | 156.8 | |
| 7′ | 7.37 | dd, 2.7, 9.1 | 7.38 | dd, 9.1, 2.7 | 120.9 | 120.9 | |
| 8′ | 7.91 | d. 9.1 | 7.92 | d. 9.1 | 131.1 | 131.1 | |
| 9′ | | | | | 127.0 | 126.9 | |
| 10′ | | | | | 143.8 | 143.8 | |
| 6'-OMe | 3.89 | S | 3.89 | S | 55.3 | 55.3 | |
| 9-OH | 5.64 | br s | 5.67 | br d, 4.7 | | | |

" Chemical shifts are reported as δ-values in parts per million (ppm) relative to SiMe₄ at 500 mHz for proton and at 125 MHz for carbon.



methods for the cleavage of the $\Delta^{3(10)}$ -olefinic bond. We found that the acetate **3b** was smoothly oxidized with osmium tetraoxide-sodium periodate¹² in 80% acetic acid at 4 °C to give (8*R*,9*S*)-6'-methoxy-3-oxoruban-9-yl acetate **4** in 75% yield. Compound **4** showed the absence of olefinic protons in the ¹H NMR spectrum and a strong peak at 1735 cm⁻¹ for the ketone carbonyl. Treatment of compound **4** with vinylmagnesium bromide in dry tetrahydrofuran (THF) at 25 °C gave a 60:40 mixture of products **5a** and **6** in 80% yield, which was separated by chromatography on Florisil. The mass spectrum of product **6**, the first component eluted, was essentially identical with the spectrum of the quinidine metabolite; however, the TLC R_f -values, as well as the IR, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectral properties of product **6**, although similar, were different from

| | ¹ H NMI | R | | | ¹³ C NMR | |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------|--------------------|---------------------|------------|
| | la •malea | la •maleate | | 5a-maleate | | 5a·maleate |
| Carbon | δ | mult., J/Hz | δ | mult., J/Hz | | |
| 2 syn | 4.52 | br dd, 10.3, 9.3 | 4.68 | br d, 13.7 | 40.2 | 57 / |
| 2 anti | 3.60 | m | 3.44 | br d, 13.9 | 47.5 | 37.4 |
| 3 | 2.62 | m | | | 37.8 | 70.8 |
| 4 | 1.90 | br s | 2.13 | br s | 28.0 | 34.4 |
| 5x | 1.77 | m | 2.43 | m | 72 7 | 10.0 |
| 5β | 1.77 | m | 1.53 | m, 1.9, 10.4, 11.3 | 23.7 | 19.9 |
| 6x | 3.33 | dd, 9.3, 22.3 | 3.43 | m | 48.5 | 10.1 |
| 6β | 3.60 | m | 3.53 | m, 9.4, 21.0 | 40.5 | 47.4 |
| 7 x | 2.62 | m | 1.42 | m | 19.4 | 21.7 |
| 7β | 1.16 | m | 2.57 | br t, 11.4 | 10.4 | 21.7 |
| 8 | 3.78 | t, 9.4 | 3.71 | br t, 8.9 | 60.4 | 59.5 |
| 9 | 6.73 | br s | 6.59 | br s | 67.5 | 69.2 |
| 10 | 6.21 | ddd, 10.3, 7.6, 17.5 | 6.68 | dd, 10.7, 17.2 | 138.1 | 143.4 |
| 11 <i>cis</i> | 5.24 | d, 10.3 | 5.34 | dd, 10.7, 1.5 | 116.0 | 1120 |
| 11 trans | 5.28 | d, 17.3 | 5.82 | 17.3, 1.5 | 110.9 | 113.9 |
| 2′ | 9.08 | d. 4.4 | 9.05 | d, 4.5 | 148.1 | 148.2 |
| 3' | 8.02 | d, 4.4 | 8.00 | d, 4.5 | 119.4 | 119.4 |
| 4′ | | | | | 146.0 | 147.1 |
| 5' | 7.66 | d, 2.5 | 7.85 | d, 2.6 | 101.2 | 102.1 |
| 6′ | | | | | 158.9 | 158.8 |
| | 7 47 | 44 25 0 2 | 7 46 | 44 26 0 2 | 122.6 | 1773 |

8.28

3.99

6.56

d, 9.2

s

s

132.5

126.5

145.1

56.2

169.7

132.4 126.9

145.3

169.5

56.2

" See footnote to Table 1.

, 8′ 9′

10′

6'-OMe

maleate

8.29

3.96

6.58

d, 9.2

s

s



those of the metabolite. It was clear from the method of synthesis, as well as the elemental analysis and spectral data, that compound 6 was the 3-hydroxy epimer of the metabolite. The second compound eluted from the column possessed m.p. TLC $R_{\rm f}$ -values, gas chromatographic retention time, IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and mass spectral properties identical with those of metabolite **5a**.¹³

(3S)-Hydroxyquinidine was also obtained by microbial oxidation of quinidine using *Cunninghamella verticillata*. The crude yields were in the order of 1%. This material was found to be identical in all respects with the material prepared by chemical synthesis.

NMR Study.—In order to obtain unambiguous ¹H NMR

Table 3NOEStudy (NOEDIFF) of (3S)-3-hydroxyquinidine 5amaleate in $[^{2}H_{s}]$ pyridine "

| Proton decoupled | ð | Proton observed | δ | Change (%) |
|---------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|---------------|
| 5x | 2.4 | 5β | 1.5 | 21.8 |
| | | 7x | 1.4 | 4.9 |
| | | 4 | 2.1 | 3.4 |
| 5β | 1.5 | 5α | 2.4 | 25.9 |
| 7x | 1.4 | 7β | 2.6 | 27.4 |
| | | 5x | 2.4 | 6.7 |
| | | 8 | 3.7 | 6.1 |
| | | 4 | 2.1 | 5.4 |
| | | 9 | | 4.3 |
| 7β | 2.6 | 7x | 1.4 | 20.2 |
| | | 10 | 6.7 | 11.0 |
| | | 3′ | 8.0 | 5.1 |
| | | 9 | | 3.5 |
| 8 | 3.7 | 7x | 1.4 | 5.8 |
| 10 | 6.7 | 11 <i>cis</i> | 5.3 | 6.5 |
| | | 7β | 2.6 | 6.1 |
| | | 5' | 7.8 | 5.8 |
| 3′ | 8.0 | 2′ | 9.1 | 21.6 |
| | | 9 | 6.6 | 16.1 |
| | | 2 svn | 4.7 | 2.4 |
| | | 11 trans | 5.8 | 3.6 |
| 5' | 7.8 | 8 | 3.8 | 6.0 |
| | | 2 syn | 4.7 | 2.5 |
| | | 11trans | 5.8 | 3.1 |

^a 5 mg/0.6 cm³ of 100% deuteriated [²H₅]pyridine degassed and sealed.



Fig. 3 ORTEP drawing of (3S)-3-hydroxyquinidine methanesulphonate (1:1) (5a·MeSO₃H).

assignments of compound 5a, the ¹H NMR assignments of quinidine 1a obtained under identical conditions were required. The assignments for the ¹H NMR resonances for compounds 1a and 5a were achieved by using 2D homonuclear proton correlation (COSY)^{14,15} and 2D proton/carbon correlation $(\text{HETCOR})^{16}$ techniques; the results in [²H₆]DMSO are shown in Table 1 and the ¹H 500 MHz spectrum in Fig. 1. A comparison of the ¹H spectra of compounds **1a** and **5a** showed significant shift differences for the 10-, 11-trans, 2-, and 5-proton multiplets as well as the loss of the 3-proton for compound 1a. A downfield shift of 0.3 ppm for the 10-, 11-trans and 2-syn protons was observed for compound 5a compared with the signal for quinidine, along with a -0.3 ppm shift for the 2-antiproton. One of the 5-protons was also shifted by 0.5 ppm downfield. All ¹³C assignments for compounds 1a and 5a were consistent with published ¹³C data,¹⁷ with the exception of the C-3' and C-7' carbons which were reassigned. Since the 7protons are on the same side as the 3-vinyl group in structure 5a and on the opposite side in compound 6, we had hoped to

 Table 4
 Values of important dihedral angles from the X-ray structure of (3S)-3-hydroxyquinidine methanesulphonate

| Dih | edral Atoms | Value |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|
| Φ1 | C(3')-C | C(4') - C(9) - C(8) - 94.9 |
| Φ2 | C(3')-C | C(4') - C(9) - O 27.4 |
| Φ3 | C(4')-C | C(9)-C(8)-N(1) - 157.7 |
| Φ4 | C(4')-C | C(9)-C(8)-C(7) 79.1 |
| Φ5 | O-C(9) | - C(8) N(1) 78.2 |
| Φ6 | H C(9) | C(8) H 88.6 |
| Φ7 | C(7′)-C | C(6')-O-C -177.6 |
| Φ8 | C(2)-C | (3)-C(10)-C(11) 111.6 |
| Φ9 | N(1)-C | C(2)-C(3)-C(4) 12.7 |
| Φ10 |) N(1)-C | C(6) - C(5) - C(4) 13.4 |
| Φ11 | N(1)~C | C(7) - C(8) - C(4) 11.7 |

establish the stereochemistry at C-3 by evaluating the NOE between the 7 β - and 5 β -proton with the 10-protons. Unfortunately, in [²H₆]DMSO the overlap of the 5 α - and 7 β -proton signals prevented such a study. In order to alleviate this problem the spectra of compound **5a** and its maleate were obtained in several solvent systems. Fortunately, we found a suitable separation for 7 β - and 5 α -proton resonances in [²H₅]pyridine (Fig. 2). Table 2 lists the ¹H and ¹³C NMR assignments for **1a** maleate and **5a** maleate, again achieved by using the COSY ^{14.15} and HETCOR ¹⁶ techniques. The assignments for **1a** maleate are similar to those reported by Chazin and Colebrook for quinidine hydrochloride in [²H₆]DMSO ¹⁸ and those for quinidine in [²H₆]benzene reported by Dijkstra *et al.*¹⁹ The results of the NOE study on **5a** maleate in [²H₆]pyridine are shown in Table 3.

X-Ray. —Of various salts tried, only the methanesulphonate proved suitable for single-crystal X-ray structure determination. Fig. 3 shows an ORTEP drawing of the structure obtained. Table 4 lists some of the important dihedral angles which define the overall conformation of the compound.

Molecular Modelling Studies.—Models of quinidine 1a and 3-hydroxyquinidine 5a were constructed using the atomic coordinates obtained for these compounds from X-ray crystallographic studies.²⁰ The model structures were refined by an initial energy minimization using the MAXIMIN2 forcefield.*

Systematic conformational searches were then performed on the models of quinidine and 3-hydroxyquinidine by concerted scanning of the C-3'-C-10 (Φ 8), C-6'-O-6' (Φ 7), C-4'-C-9 (Φ 1) and C-9-C-8 (Φ 3) rotatable bonds at 5° increments. A set of sterically allowed conformations and estimated relative energies was obtained by this method for each compound. At this point in the modelling study it was determined that quinidine and 3hydroxyquinidine are virtually identical in conformational behaviour. The modelling studies were therefore continued with quinidine as a model for the conformational preferences of both compounds.

An energy map of the quinidine conformational data set was created by plotting graphs of the allowed $\Phi 1$ and $\Phi 3$ torsional angles energy contoured at 0.5 kcal mol⁻¹ † increments. Six local-energy minima were identified by examination of this plot of the quinidine conformational energy surface. The structure of each of the six local-energy minima was refined by another minimization using the MAXIMIN2 force-field. The final structures of the local energy minima are shown in Fig. 4. The $\Phi 1$ and $\Phi 3$ torsional angles of these six conformations, along with those found in the X-ray crystallographic structures of

^{*} SYBYL Molecular Modeling System, Tripos Associates, St. Louis, MO. † 1 cal = 4.184 J.



Fig. 4 'Ball and stick' renderings of the six calculated local-energy minima of quinidine. Hydrogen atoms are omitted. Carbon atoms are unshaded, oxygen atoms are shaded light grey and nitrogen atoms are shaded dark grey.



Fig. 5 Quinidine local-energy minima

quinidine and 3-hydroxyquinidine and in other published modelling studies on quinidine, are summarized in Table 5 and displayed in Fig. 5. The vicinity of the six local-energy minima in this Figure are indicated by ovals labelled according to the corresponding quinidine conformational families I-VI (see Fig. 6). The solid-state structures of quinidine and 3-hydroxyquinidine, all four of the Dijkstra conformers,¹⁹ and five of the ten Marrer conformers ²¹ can be seen to be associated with four of the six conformers identified by this study. Dijkstra's 'quinidine-1' conformer and one of the Marrer conformations are closely related to the global-energy minimum 1. Local energy minimum IV is very close in structure to both the observed solid-state structures of quinidine and 3-hydroxyquinidine, Dijkstra's global-energy minimum ('quinidine-3') conformer, and two of the Marrer conformations. Dijkstra's 'quinidine-2' and a Marrer conformer are related to conformer III, and Dijkstra's 'quinidine-4' and another Marrer conformation are related to conformer IIa. The new conformations IIb and IIc, although relatively close in structure to conformer II, were determined to be distinct local-energy minima by the thorough conformational search described above. Neither of these conformers was identified by the Dijkstra or Marrer modelling studies.

Having established the conformational preference of the central rotatable bonds of quinidine, the torsion of the methoxy group was considered separately. Energy optimizations were performed on multiple starting structures at 5° increments of the methoxy group by using the MM2-87²² force field and AM1²³ semiempirical quantum mechanics calculations (with full geometry optimization). Four local-energy minima were identified by this method, with $\Phi 7 = 0^\circ$, +90, 180° and -90°. The $\Phi 7 \sim 0^\circ$ (5' syn) and $\Phi 7 \approx 180^\circ$ (7' syn) conformations were found to be ~ 1.7 kcal mol⁻¹ lower in energy than the 90° conformations.

Discussion

Structure of Compound 5a.—In our preliminary report⁸ we used a detailed ¹³C NMR analysis of the chemical shifts of the C-5 and C-7 methylenes of compounds 1a, 1b, 5b and 6 to assign the stereochemistry at position C-3 of compound 5a. The chemical shift of C-7 for compound 1b (δ_C 24.49) was shifted downfield relative to that in 1a (δ_C 23.3), whereas the chemical shift of C-5 in compounds 1a (δ_C 26.4) and 1b (δ_C 26.1) were essentially identical. The observation that the C-5 and C-7

 Table 5
 Local-energy minima of quinidine and 3-hydroxyquinidine: observed and calculated dihedral angles

| Conformer family | Relative energy | Φ1 | Φ3 | Compound | Data so | ource |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------|---------|--------------------|---------|------------|
| IV | | - 100.6 | - 162 | quinidine | X-ray | Ref. 20 |
| IV | | - 94.9 | -157.7 | 3-hydroxyquinidine | X-ray | This work |
| IV | | -93.8 | -156.4 | J | | |
| I | 0.4 | 104.5 | - 53.4 | Ouinidine | Model | Pof 10 |
| II | 0.6 | - 71.7 | - 56.6 | Quindine | | Kel. 19 |
| III | 4 | 84.4 | 178.6 | J | | |
| II | | -83 | -60 | J | | |
| VI | 1.5 | -92 | 48 | | | |
| | 1.8 | 114 | -135 | | Model | |
| I | 1.8 | 114 | - 51 | | | |
| VI | 1.9 | - 99 | 81 | Quiniding | | Def 21 |
| V | 2.1 | 94 | 49 | Quintaine | | Rel. 21 |
| IV | 3.7 | -102 | -161 | | | |
| IV | 3.8 | -105 | 174 | | | |
| III | 5.6 | 91 | -165 | | | |
| | 7.6 | 6 | -167 | } | | |
| I | | 96.9 | - 59.1 | 1 | | |
| IV | 0.1 | -102.9 | - 165.6 | | | |
| IIa | 0.3 | -66.9 | -45.1 | Quinidina | Madal | This much |
| IIb | 0.7 | - 34.7 | -38.8 | Quintaine | woder | I his work |
| III | 2.3 | 80.4 | -168.3 | | | |
| IIc | 2.5 | -101.3 | -90 | J | | |

OMe OMe I 11 Φ1+90° $\Phi 1 - 90^{\circ}$ $\Phi 3 - 60^{\circ}$ $\phi 3 - 60^{\circ}$ 'closed" "closed" OMe ЭМе 1 V 111 $\phi 1 + 90^{\circ}$ $\phi 1 - 90^{\circ}$ Φ3 180° Φ3 180° 'open' "open" OMe OMe ۷1 $\phi_{1+90^{\circ}}$ $\phi 1 - 90^{\circ}$ ϕ 3 + 60° $\Phi 3 + 60^{\circ}$ Fig. 6 Quinidine conformational families

resonances of compound **5b** ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 20.34 and 26.15, respectively) showed similar differences in chemical shift relative to compound **5a** ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 20.6 and 24.7, respectively) suggested that the structure for compound **5a** was that of the 3-*S* isomer. The assignment was supported by comparison of the γ -effect on C-5 and C-7 of compound **5a** and **5b** to model compounds **7a**–**d**. The chemical-shift assignment of C-5 and C-7 for compounds **1a**, **1b**,

5a, 5b, 6, and the corresponding positions in 7a-d used in this analysis, was based on standard 13 C NMR chemical-shift theory 24 and arguments made for other cinchona alkaloids. 17 Thus it was apparent that the structural assignment to compound 5a is dependent on the correctness of the 13 C NMR assignments. While the assignments were reasonable, we felt that additional evidence was needed to allow us confidently to assign structure 5a to the major quinidine metabolite. Both 1 H NMR NOE studies and X-ray crystallographic analysis can provide such information. Initially, the needed evidence was obtained from a detailed NOE study of compound 5a, a study which also provided some information on the solution conformations of this compound.

The NOEs observed for 5a maleate in 100% deuteriated $[^{2}H_{5}]$ pyridine provided convincing evidence that the originally assigned stereochemistry of compound 5a as (3S)-3-hydroxyquinidine is correct. In particular, irradiation of the 5β-proton showed no NOE enhancement of the 10-proton, whereas irradiation of the 7β-proton gave an 11% enhancement of the 10proton. In addition, irradiation of the 10-proton showed a 6% enhancement of the 7\beta-proton with no enhancement of the 5βproton. The smaller enhancement (6%) for the 7 β -proton is expected since the NOE for a hydrogen is dependent upon all possible relaxation processes and the 7\beta-proton has stronger relaxation pathways (i.e., 7β -H and 7α -H) than does the 10proton.¹⁸ Owing to the rigid nature of the quinuclidine rings, these NOE results require that the 7 β -proton and 3-vinyl substituent be on the same side of the quinuclidine ring. Therefore the observed NOEs for the 7 β - and 5 β -proton with the 10-proton are uniquely consistent with the (3S)-3-hydroxyquinidine structure 5a as the major metabolite of quinidine. Furthermore, the structure and absolute stereochemistry of compound 5a were unambiguously established by single-crystal X-ray analysis. The final co-ordinates are given in Table 6, and the structure is depicted in Fig. 3. Hence, the microbial oxidation of of quinidine takes place with retention of configuration, *i.e.* the original hydrogen is 'replaced' by the hydroxy group, in agreement with previous reports of the microbial oxidation of quinidine²⁵ and in agreement with literature references which indicate preferential retention for such transformations.^{25.27} At the same time, this confirms the structure of the (3S)-3-hydroxydihydroquinidine, which can be prepared by microbial oxidation of dihydroquinidine, and has been linked chemically to the corresponding



Table 6 Fractional atomic co-ordinates $(\times 10^4)$ for non-hydrogen atoms with estimated standard deviations in parentheses for compound **5a** methanesulphonate. (Parameter marked by an asterisk was not varied.)

| | X | y | 2 |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C(1) | 8 148(8) | 8 124(8) | 7 502(7) |
| C(2) | 8 046(7) | 7 743(9) | 6 232(7) |
| N(3) | 6 962(6) | 7 111(8) | 5 326(6) |
| C(4) | 5 849(7) | 6 854(7) | 5 699(7) |
| C(5) | 4 707(8) | 6 110(8) | 4 773(7) |
| C(6) | 3 561(8) | 5 852(8) | 5 057(7) |
| C(7) | 3 448(7) | 6 289(8) | 6 249(8) |
| C(8) | 4 548(7) | 6 972(8) | 7 199(7) |
| C(9) | 5 776(8) | 7 248(7) | 6 936(7) |
| C(10) | 6 988(7) | 7 895(8) | 7 864(7) |
| O(11) | 2 203(5) | 6 017(6) | 6 382(5) |
| C(12) | 2 028(9) | 6 499(9) | 7 577(9) |
| C(13) | 7 077(8) | 8 262(8) | 9 271(7) |
| O(14) | 8 024(6) | 9 308(6) | 9 855(6) |
| C(15) | 7 524(8) | 7 040(9) | 10 149(7) |
| C(16) | 9 115(7) | 6 741(8) | 10 658(8) |
| C(17) | 9 643(8) | 6 330(8) | 12 131(8) |
| C(18) | 9 560(7) | 7 471(8) | 13 042(7) |
| C(19) | 8 044(8) | 8 015(9) | 12 416(8) |
| N(20) | 7 114(6) | 7 097(7) | 11 368(6) |
| C(21) | 7 226(9) | 5 742(8) | 11 969(8) |
| C(22) | 8 686(8) | 5 201(8) | 12 240(8) |
| C(23) | 10 610(8) | 8 540(8) | 13 146(8) |
| C(24) | 11 480(9) | 9 038(9) | 14 307(9) |
| O(25) | 9 700(5) | 6 979(6) | 14 334(5) |
| S(26) | 3 485(2) | 7 728(*) | 1 022(2) |
| O(27) | 4 448(5) | 8 156(6) | 383(5) |
| O(28) | 2 036(5) | 8 053(7) | 261(5) |
| O(29) | 3 705(6) | 6 337(6) | 1 387(5) |
| C(30) | 4 008(11) | 8 587(10) | 2 548(10) |

quinidine 5a in that the latter can be hydrogenated to give the identical 3-hydroxydihydroquinidine.^{27,*}

Conformation of Compounds 1a and 5a.—The overall conformation of cinchona alkaloids is determined by the quinolineto-C-9 dihedral angle (Φ 1) and the quinuclidine-to-C-9 dihedral angle (Φ 3). These two torsions determine the geometric relationship between the rigid quinoline and quinuclidine ring systems. Conformations with Φ 1 = +90° or -90° are expected to be lowest in energy, as first pointed out by Prelog²⁸ and Meurlig,²⁹ since these two dihedral angles place the bulky quinuclidine in a less sterically demanding region perpendicular to the planar quinoline ring. The second dihedral should adopt an angle near one or more of the three possible staggered conformations with Φ 3 = -60°, 180° or +60°. Two of these three conformations should be accessible ($\Phi 3 = -60^{\circ}$ or 180°). Dijkstra *et al.*^{19,30} have termed these alternatives the 'open' ($\Phi 3 \approx 180^{\circ}$) and 'closed' ($\Phi 3 \approx -60^{\circ}$) conformations. The third conformation ($\Phi 3 \approx +60^{\circ}$) would be expected to be highly unstable as two large groups would be in a sterically unfavourable eclipsed relationship. Newman projections of the six theoretically possible quinidine conformational families are illustrated in Fig. 6.

It is interesting to compare the conformation of 5a methanesulphonate observed in both the solid state and solution with results found in the literature for other quinidine derivatives. Compound 5a methanesulphonate is in 'open' conformation IV (Fig. 4) with $\Phi 1 = -94.4^{\circ}$ and $\Phi 3 = -157.7^{\circ}$. Similar 'open' conformations are found in the solid state for quinidine,³¹ quinidine ethanolate,²⁰ (10R)-10,11-dihydroxy-10,11-dihydroquinidine,³² cinchonium cation,³³ 10-hydroxy-10-methyl-10,11dihydroquinidine, and quinidinium Δ -(-)₅₄₆-bis(oxalato)(1,10-phenanthroline)chromate(III) monohydrate.³⁴ A similar 'open' conformation is found in solution by use of NMR techniques.^{19,30,35} In general, the 'open' conformation is preferred for all free bases with a C-9-hydroxy group, as well as for all protonated or complexed forms.^{19,30} The close analogy between the conformations found in the solid state and in solution indicates that intramolecular forces predominate in determining the overall conformation of cinchona alkaloids, rather than solid-state or solvent interactions.³¹ The 6'-methoxy group in the X-ray crystallographic structure is essentially in the 5'-syn conformation, coplanar with the quinoline ring (see Table 4, Φ 7).

A comparison of the various molecular modelling studies with the observed structures is also instructive. Dijkstra and coworkers found four conformations for dihydroquinidine using a grid search and the MM2-87 and MMX force fields. These conformations correspond to the four theoretically most likely conformations I-IV (Fig. 5). Three of the four Dijkstra conformations are relatively close in energy (within 1 kcal mol⁻¹) with the global-energy minimum calculated to be very close to conformation IV, the same conformation found in the solid state. Marrer, on the other hand, identified ten possible local-energy-minimum conformations over a range of 7.6 kcal mol⁻¹ above the global-energy-minimum conformation.²¹ The global-energy-minimum conformation found by this worker was related to the 'closed' conformation II, with the lowest energy 'open' conformation (IV) 3.7 kcal mol⁻¹ above the globalenergy minimum.

Although the strongly coupled motions of the central $\Phi 1$ and Φ 3 rotatable bonds determine the overall conformation of quinidine, the possibility exists that these rotations may be perturbed somewhat by interaction with the methoxy and vinyl groups. This question was examined by performing systematic conformational searches while varying all four rotatable bonds. Previously published conformational searches have apparently been performed with fixed vinyl and methoxy groups. As in the Dijkstra modelling study, conformations belonging to the four theoretically most likely conformation families I-IV were identified as viable local-energy minima. Mapping the conformation space of quinidine at 5° resolution and 0.5 kcal mol⁻¹ energy contours suggested the existence of a total of three local-energy minima related to conformer family II (IIa, IIb and IIc in Fig. 5 and Table 5). These distinct local-energy minima apparently arise from interactions of the quinidine 3'- and 5'protons with the quinuclidine C-9 and C-2 protons. The globalenergy minimum identified using the MAXIMIN2 force field was related to the 'closed' conformation I, calculated to be only $0.1 \ \rm kcal \ mol^{-1}$ lower in energy than the 'open' conformer observed in the solid state, IV. These results do not suggest a strong steric preference for either conformation although electrostatic (dipole-dipole) or matrix effects may account for the observed preference for conformer IV.

^{*} It should be noted that both quinidine and dihydroquinidine possess the (3R)-configuration. On replacing the 3-H with the 3-OH group (with retention) the configuration according to the Cahn-Ingold-Prelog rules changes to (3S) for both compounds. A number of references in the literature (and corresponding reporting in Chemical Abstracts) to (3R)-hydroxydihydroquinidine and other derivatives appear to be erroneous.

 Table 7
 Selected inter-ring proton- proton distances (Å) (from the six calculated local-energy minima of quinidine)

| | 3'-2x | 3′7β | 3′~9 | 5'-2a | 5′-8 | 5′-10 |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| I | 2.472 | 4.768 | 2.388 | 5.561 | 2.401 | 6.100 |
| IV | 4.634 | 2.678 | 3.611 | 4.993 | 2.460 | 6.250 |
| IIa | 4.866 | 4.843 | 3.732 | 2.472 | 4.786 | 3.148 |
| ПР | 4.105 | 4.845 | 3.767 | 3.665 | 4.909 | 3.831 |
| Ш | 5.401 | 4.659 | 2.398 | 3.978 | 4.335 | 2.591 |
| IIc | 5.680 | 4.319 | 3.587 | 2.601 | 3.540 | 4.689 |
| | | | | | | |

An examination of the NOE data acquired for 3-hydroxyquinidine was undertaken to determine which of the predicted conformations of quinidine system can be detected in solutions of this compound. Inter-ring proton-proton NOE enhancements were detected for proton pairs 3'-2 syn, 3'-7 β , 3'-9, 5'-2 syn, 5'-8 and 5'-10. The distances between these protons in each of the predicted local energy minimum conformations is shown in Table 7. Each of these pairs of protons is brought into suitable proximity in the predicted local-energy-minimum conformations to account for the observed enhancements. Conformation I accounts uniquely for the NOE between protons 3'-H and 2' syn. Likewise, the existence of conformations III and IV in solution is strongly supported by the 5'-10 and 3'-7 β enhancements. An NOE between 3'- and 8-protons that would have verified the existence of any of the family (species II) of conformations was not observed.

Molecular mechanics and semiempirical quantum mechanics calculations with full geometry optimization showed local minimum-energy conformations for the methoxy group at $\Phi 7 \approx 0^{\circ}$, +90, 180° and -90°. The $\Phi 7 \approx 0^{\circ}$ (5' syn) and $\Phi 7 \approx 180^{\circ}$ (7' syn) conformations (methoxy group in the plane of the quinoline ring) are found to be ~ 1.7 kcal mol⁻¹ lower in energy by both semiempirical calculations (AM1) and the Allinger (MM2-87) force field. Force-field calculations based only on steric contributions yield lower energies for conformations with the methoxy group orthoganol to the quinoline ring. 5'-syn conformation is generally observed to be the favoured conformation in the solid-state and solution.

The vinyl group is expected to point away from the centre of the quinuclidine ring system and nitrogen atom in the most stable conformation with a dihedral angle $\Phi 8$ of $100-180^\circ$. The angle observed for **5a** methanesulphonate is 111.6° . The corresponding values observed in the solid state are 109.6° for quinidine,³¹ 123° for quinidine ethanolate¹⁹ and 18° for quinidine (-)-1,1'-dimethylferrocene-3-carboxylic acid salt.³⁶ In solution, NMR data showed a similar conformation for the vinyl group of quinidine.³⁵

The quinuclidine ring system is expected to twist somewhat to relieve the strain from the various eclipsed interactions. The X-ray structure shows a right-handed twist to give values for the dihedral angles of $\sim +12 - 13^{\circ}$ for the connecting chains N-1-C-C-C-4 (see Table 1, $\Phi 9-\Phi 11$). (A right-handed twist corresponds to a positive value for the corresponding N-1-C-C-C-4 dihedral angle.) Most, if not all, cinchona alkaloids and derivatives possessing the quinidine configuration at C-8 seem to prefer the right-handed twist, as evidenced by X-ray diffraction studies and NMR data.^{19,30}

Finally, it is tempting to speculate on which conformation of quinidine and (3S)-3-hydroxyquinidine is the active one at the receptor on the sodium channel and thus responsible for the antiarrhythmic activity. Generally, it is accepted that the active form of quinidine is the protonated form.³⁷ (The same holds true for most other antiarrhythmic agents.) Clearly, the preferred conformation for quinidine and (3S)-3-hydroxyquinidine is related to conformer family IV with values of $\sim -90^{\circ}$ for $\Phi 1$ and $\sim -160^{\circ}$ for $\Phi 3$. The latter corresponds to an O-C-9-C-8-N-1 angle of $\sim 80^{\circ}$. However, other conformations are also

energetically accessible,^{19,21,30} and thus it cannot be excluded *a* priori that another conformation represents the active one bound to the receptor. Marrer has suggested, based upon comparing quinidine with the antiarrhythmics lidocaine and EO-122 via molecular modelling, an active conformation defined by $\Phi 1$ and $\Phi 3$ dihedral angles of $+114^{\circ}$ and -51° , respectively.²¹ This corresponds to a type-II quinidine conformation. However, this conformation does not seem to have been observed so far either in the solid state or in solution. (A 'closed' conformation of type I has been found by Dijkstra for (*p*-chlorobenzoyl)dihydroquinidine where $\Phi 1 \approx -90^{\circ}$.)^{19,30}

Experimental

Synthesis.—M.p.s were determined on a Thomas-Hoover capillary-type apparatus or a Kofler hot stage and are uncorrected. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker WM-500 spectrometer. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Model 267 grating spectrophotometer. All optical rotations were recorded at the sodium D line with a Perkin-Elmer Model 141 polarimeter (1-dm cell). Microanalyses were carried out by Micro-Tech Laboratories, Skokie, IL.

Apoquinidine Methyl Ether **3a**.—A. From pure α -10-Bromodihydroquinidine. A stirred mixture of α -10-bromodihydroquinidine **2** (6.74 g, 0.017 mol) (isolated in 10% yield by hydrobromination of quinidine),⁹ DBU (2.79 g, 0.018 mol) and dry DMSO (80 cm³) was heated at 85–90 °C for 2 h. The cooled reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with methylene dichloride. The extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was recrystallized from diethyl ether-hexane to give apoquinidine methyl ether **3a** (4.25 g, 79%), m.p. 178–180 °C (lit.,⁹ 180– 181 °C). An analytical sample recrystallized from aq. acetone had m.p. 85–95 °C; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 1.51 (d, *Me*CH), 3.94 (s, MeO), 5.20 (q, =CH Me) and 5.58 (d, CHOH); $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{25}$ + 178.25° (c 0.40, EtOH) (lit.,⁹ m.p. 90–100 °C); $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{15}$ + 193.2° (Found: C, 73.7; H, 7.4; N, 8.65. Calc. for C₂₀H₂₄N₂O₂: C, 74.04; H, 7.46; N, 8.64%).

B. From crude α - and α' -Bromodihydroquinidine 2. A solution of quinidine (5.0 g, 0.015 mol) in 48% hydrobromic acid (15 cm³) was saturated with hydrogen bromide at 0 °C and stirred at this temperature for 1 H and then at 25° C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was cooled again to 0° C and neutralized, 50% aq. sodium hydroxide and extracted with chloroform. The extracts were washed (water), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure to give crude bromo compound 2.

A solution of the crude bromo mixture 2 and DBU (2.79 g, 0.018 mol) in dry DMSO (18 cm³) was heated at 85–90 °C for 2 h. The cooled reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with methylene dichloride. The extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was recrystallized from diethyl ether-hexane to give apoquinidine methyl ether **3a** (3.25 g, 65%), m.p. 178–180 °C (lit., ⁹ 180–181 °C).

Apoquinidine Methyl Ether 9-Acetate **3b**.—A solution of apoquinidine methyl ether **3a** (4.2 g, 0.013 mol) in pyridine (30 cm³)–acetic anhydride (30 cm³) was stirred at 25 °C for 16 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with water, made alkaline with conc. ammonium hydroxide, and extracted with methylene dichloride. The residue obtained was dried under high vacuum and was then recrystallized from diethyl ether–hexane to give the *title compound* (3.89 g, 82%), m.p. 110–112 °C; v_{max} -(CS₂)/cm⁻¹ 1724 (acetate C=O); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 1.52 (d, MeCH), 2.07 (s, MeCO), 3.94 (s, MeO), 5.22 (m, =CHMe) and 6.48 (d, CHOAc); $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{24}$ + 61.09° (c 0.568, EtOH) (Found: C, 72.2; H, 7.4; N, 7.8. C₂₂H₂₆N₂O₃ requires C, 72.10; H, 7.15; N, 7.65%).

(8R,9S)-6'-Methoxy-3-oxoruban-9-yl Acetate 4.---A mixture of apoquinidine methyl ether 9-acetate 3b (2.5 g, 0.0068 mol) osmium tetraoxide (0.63 g) in 80% acetic acid (20 cm³) was stirred at 25 °C for 3 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to 4 °C, powdered sodium metaperiodate (1 g) was added, and the mixture was stirred continually for 16 h and then was filtered, and the solids obtained were washed with acetic acid. The combined filtrate and washings were concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was dissolved in water, treated with an excess of aq. sodium hydrogen carbonate, and extracted with chloroform. The dried (Na2SO4) extracts were concentrated to small volume and chromatographed on a Florisil column with chloroform-ethyl acetate (60:40) as the eluent. The product fractions were concentrated and the solid obtained was recrystallized from acetone-diethyl ether mixture to give the *title compound* (1.8 g, 75%), m.p. 162-163 °C; $v_{max}(CS_2)/cm^{-1}$ 1735 (ketone C=O) and 1742 (acetate C=O); $\delta_{\rm H}({\rm CDCl}_3)$ 2.14 (s, MeCO), 3.95 (s, MeO) and 6.53 (d, CHOAc); $[\alpha]_{D}^{24}$ + 58.46° (c 0.40, EtOH) (Found: C, 68.0; H, 6.4; N, 8.0. C₂₀H₂₂N₂O₄ requires C, 67.78; H, 6.26; N, 7.91%).

(3S)-3-Hydroxyquinidine 5a and (3R)-3-Hydroxyquinidine 6. To a stirred solution of a 1.98 mol dm⁻³ solution of vinylmagnesium chloride in THF (15.2 cm³) under nitrogen at 0 °C was added a solution of compound 4 (2.67 g, 7.5 mmol) in dry THF (10 cm³). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for an additional 45 min and was then quenched with 6 mol dm⁻³ hydrochloric acid. The mixture was made alkaline with 7 mol dm⁻¹ ammonium hydroxide and extracted with methylene dichloride. The extracts were concentrated, and the resulting oil was treated with 5% alcoholic potassium hydroxide for 1 h, diluted with water, and again extracted with methylene dichloride. The dried (Na₂SO₄) extracts were concentrated under reduced pressure to give an oil, which was chromatographed on Florisil with a methylene dichloride-methanol gradient as the eluent. The first component eluted was (3R)-3-hydroxyquinidine 6 (0.915 g, 32%). A sample recrystallized from ethyl acetate had m.p. 188–190 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +132.42° (c 0.91, EtOH) (Found: C, 68.9; H, 7.1; N, 7.95. C₂₀H₂₄N₂O₃•0.5 H₂O requires C, 68.75; H, 7.20; N, 8.00%).

The second component eluted from the column was (3*S*)-3-hydroxyquinidine **5a** (1.38 g, 48%). A sample recrystallized from methyl acetate had m.p. 204–206 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{23} + 248.52^\circ$ (*c* 0.54 g, MeOH) (lit.,¹³ m.p. 211–212 °C).

The maleate salt had m.p. 225–226 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{2.3}$ + 190.55° (*c* 0.54 g, MeOH) (lit.,⁸ m.p. 225–226 °C).

(3S)-3-Hydroxyquinidine 9-Benzoate **5b**.—A solution of (3S)-3-hydroxyquinidine (50 mg) in pyridine (5 cm³) containing benzoic anhydride (35 mg) was stirred at 40–50 °C for 25 h. The cooled reaction mixture was diluted with water, made alkaline with aq. ammonium hydroxide, and extracted with methylene dichloride. The dried (K_2CO_3) extracts were concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was recrystallized from acetone–hexane to give monobenzoate **5b**, m.p. 185–186 °C. An analytical sample recrystallized from the same solvent mixture had m.p. 188–189 °C (Found: C, 72.8; H, 6.5; N, 6.15. $C_{27}H_{28}N_2O_4$ requires C, 72.95; H, 6.35; N, 6.30%).

Preparation of (3S)-3-Hydroxyquinidine **5a** by Microbial Oxidation of Quinidine.—A 2-dm³ Erlenmeyer flask containing a nutrient solution (500 cm³) made up of 3% glucose, 1% corn steep liquor, 0.2% NaNO₃, 0.1% KH₂PO₄, 0.2% K₂HPO₄, 0.05% MgSO₄-7 H₂O, 0.002% FeSO₄-7 H₂O and 0.05% KCl and sterilized in an autoclave for 30 min at 120 °C, was inoculated with a 7-day-old slanted-tube culture of the strain *Cunninghamella verticillata* (ATCC 8983) and was shaken for 2.5 days on a rotary shaker. Six of these germination cultures

were used to inoculate a 75-dm³ steel fermentor filled with a medium (47 dm³) having the same composition as the germination cultures, and germination was carried out under aeration (15 dm³ min⁻¹) and agitation (200 rpm) at 29 °C. After an incubation period of 12 h, the substrate was added as a solution of quinidine (25 g) in dimethylformamide (250 cm³), and fermentation was continued for 264 h. The culture was filtered and basified, and the solution was extracted with isobutyl methyl ketone. The organic phase was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was chromatographed twice on a silica gel column with gradient elution (5 dm³ methylene dichloride/4.5 dm³ methylene dichloride + 0.5 dm³ methanol). The fraction containing the (3S)-3-hydroxyquinidine was recrystallized from acetone to yield a first crop of 145 mg, m.p. 201-204 °C. The compound was identical with the sample synthesized in the previous experiment.

NMR Experiments.—All NMR experiments were carried out on either a modified Bruker WM-250 MHz instrument with an Aspec-3000 computer with array and graphics display processors or a Bruker AMX-500 MHz NMR with a 32532 coprocessor. All spectra were obtained by using a 5 mm switchable ${}^{1}\text{H}/{}^{13}\text{C}$ probe using SiMe₄ as reference at 0.0 ppm at 300 K. The 2D proton correlation experiment used was the COSY-45 experiment described by Ernst ${}^{14.15}$ using a 2 K data size with one zero-fill in the F1 dimension and a shifted sine bell weighted function for both dimensions. The 2D proton–carbon correlation was obtained by using the HETCOR experiment described by Bax, 16 with a J_{CH} -value of 140 Hz with a 2 K data size and one zero-fill in F1. A shifted sine bell squared weighting function was used in both dimensions.

NOE data were obtained on a 5 mg sample of the maleate salt of the product dissolved in 100% [²H₅]pyridine. The sample was placed in an NMR tube, degassed, and sealed under vacuum. The NOE experiment was run with a 3 s relaxation delay at various decoupling powers to obtain maximum NOE suppression. At optimum decoupler power a series of NOE experiments were run with various relaxation delays to obtain the most reproducible data. The experiment was then run using an NOEDIFF automation program with optimum decoupler power and relaxation delay. The reference spectrum was run under the same conditions with decoupling at an off-peak reference at 10 ppm. Three separate sets of experimental data were acquired with 320 transients each. Each integral value was compared with the reference and the difference was determined. The values for the three experiments were then averaged. NOE difference data were confirmed by using a 2D-NOESY experiment at 500 MHz.

Single-crystal X-Ray Structure Determination of (3S)-Hydroxyquinidine Methanesulphonate (1:1).—Solutions of (3S)-3-Hydroxyquinidine (20 mg, 0.059 mmol) in acetone (3 cm³) and 0.58 mol dm⁻³ methanesulphonic acid in acetone (0.1 cm³; 0.058 mmol) were combined and heated gently to complete dissolution. Slow crystallization resulted in large crystals, m.p. 207–209 °C, suitable for X-ray structure determination; $\delta_{\rm H}$ -([²H₆]DMSO) 1.30 (1 H, m), 1.58 (1 H, m), 1.91 (1 H, m), 2.09 (2 H, m), 2.32 (3 H, s), 2.9–3.6 (3 H, m), 3.7–4.4 (3 H, m), 3.97 (3 H, s), 5.28 (1 H, d), 5.43 (1 H, d), 5.90 (1 H, br), 6.21 (1 H, dd), 6.47 (1 H, br), 7.36 (1 H, s), 7.45 (1 H, d), 7.58 (1 H, d), 8.00 (1 H, d), 8.75 (1 H, d) and 10.26 (1 H, br).

Crystal data. $C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_3$ ·MeSO₃H, M = 436.52. Monoclinic, a = 10.248(3), b = 10.209(3), c = 10.741(3) Å, $\beta = 112.28(1)^\circ$, V = 1039.86 Å³, T = 118 K, Mo-K_X radiation, $\lambda = 0.710$ 69 Å, space group P2₁, $D_m = 1.394$ 174, Z = 2, $D_x = 1.394$ g cm⁻³. Crystal dimensions $0.25 \times 0.25 \times 0.25$ mm, μ (Mo-K_X) = 1.872 cm⁻¹.

Data collection and processing. A computer-controlled Picker

four-circle goniostat equipped with a Furnas Monochromator (HOG crystal) and Picker X-ray generator (Mo-K_{α} radiation, $\lambda = 0.710$ 69 Å) was employed in the study and the sample was cooled to -155 °C. A total of 1444 unique intensities were measured with 6° $\leq 20 \leq 45^{\circ}$. Of these, 1292 were observed (F > 2.336 F) and corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects.

Structure analysis and refinement. The structure was solved by using the MULTAN 18 interactive crystallographic program, and was refined by using full-matrix least-squares. The function minimized was $\Sigma \omega (|F_o| - |F_o|)^2$ with $\omega = 1/(\sigma F)^2$ to give an unweighted residual value R(F) of 0.0466 and a weighted value of 0.0464.

The refined fractional co-ordinates are shown in Table 6, and the resulting molecular structure is illustrated in Fig. 3.*

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