

## Crystal and Molecular Structure of an Octahedral Iron(III) Complex with a Sulphur-containing Schiff-base Ligand: Bis(2-aminoethylthiosalicylideneiminato)iron(III) Chloride

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The crystal and molecular structure of the title compound (1) has been determined from diffractometer data by three-dimensional Patterson and Fourier methods and refined by block-diagonal least-squares to  $R$  0.077 for 1302 independent non-zero reflections. Crystals are monoclinic, space group  $P2_1/c$ , with  $a = 8.75(1)$ ,  $b = 21.92(2)$ ,  $c = 11.07(1)$  Å,  $\beta = 114.0(2)^\circ$ , and  $Z = 4$ . The iron atom is octahedrally co-ordinated by two terdentate Schiff-base ligands, with Fe-S(1) 2.21(1), Fe-N(1) (amine) 2.08(3), Fe-N(2) (imine) 1.93(2) Å; Fe...Cl is 4.51(1) Å.

CONSIDERABLE attention has recently been given to syntheses of iron(III) chelates of sulphur-containing compounds,<sup>1-4</sup> owing to their relationship to the iron-sulphur centre in biologically active iron-containing proteins. In relation to an extensive study of iron(III) chelates of sulphur-Schiff bases<sup>5</sup> we now report the X-ray crystal structure of the title compound which provides the first structural data for such a molecule.

### EXPERIMENTAL

Attempts to synthesize  $NN'$ -ethylenebis(thiosalicylideneiminato)iron(III) chloride,  $[\text{Fe}(\text{Ssalen})\text{Cl}]$  (the sulphur analogue of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{salen})\text{Cl}]$ ), by the reaction of iron(III) trichloride with a solution containing ethylenediamine and *o*-mercaptobenzaldehyde gave deep red air-stable crystals. Though the analytical figures were not in accord with the  $[\text{Fe}(\text{Ssalen})\text{Cl}]$  formulation ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{S}_2\text{FeCl}$ ), poor solubility prevented measurement of molecular weight and determination of n.m.r. spectra, which could potentially distinguish between the one quadridentate  $\{[\text{Fe}(\text{Ssalen}(\text{en}))\text{Cl}]\}$  or two terdentate ligand alternatives  $\{[\text{Fe}(\text{Ssal}:\text{N}[\text{CH}_2]_2\text{NH}_2)_2\text{Cl}]\}$ , bis(2-aminoethylthiosalicylideneiminato)iron(III) chloride ( $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4\text{S}_2\text{FeCl}$ ). Analytical data were in agreement with this empirical formula. Preliminary magnetic measurements indicated that the compound contained low-spin iron(III) ( $\mu_{\text{eff}}$ , 2.00 B.M.).<sup>5</sup>

Rotation, oscillation, and Weissenberg photographs taken with Cu- $K_\alpha$  radiation showed that the crystals were mono-

clinic, space group  $P2_1/c$ . Unit-cell parameters were determined by use of a standard Philips PW 1100 X-ray diffractometer computer program. Crystals of (1) were dark red and acicular, with a diamond cross-section.

*Crystal Data.*— $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClFeN}_4\text{S}_2$ ,  $M = 449.9$ , Monoclinic,  $a = 8.75(1)$ ,  $b = 21.92(2)$ ,  $c = 11.07(1)$  Å,  $\beta = 114.0(2)^\circ$ ,  $U = 1941$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $D_m = 1.53(1)$  (by flotation),  $Z = 4$ ,  $D_c = 1.54$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $F(000) = 932$ . Cu- $K_\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 1.5418$  Å;  $\mu(\text{Cu-}K_\alpha) = 96.1$  cm<sup>-1</sup>. Space group  $P2_1/c$  ( $C_{2h}^5$ , No. 14) from systematic absences:  $0k0$   $k$  odd,  $h0l$   $l$  odd.

*Intensity Measurements.*—Intensity data were measured on a Philips PW 1100 automatic X-ray diffractometer, with graphite-monochromated Cu- $K_\alpha$  radiation (a molybdenum tube was not available at the time), from a crystal of dimensions  $0.04 \times 0.10 \times 0.08$  mm. 3155 Unique reflections with  $6.0 < 2\theta(\text{Cu-}K_\alpha) \leq 130.0^\circ$  were collected, of which 1302 having  $I > 3\sigma(I)$  were used in the subsequent refinement. Three, nearly orthogonal, standard reflections, monitored every 2 h throughout data collection, showed a 3.5% drop in intensity, which was allowed for in the calculation of  $|F_o|$ .

Data were collected with a  $\theta$ — $2\theta$  scan and a symmetric-scan range of  $\pm 1.30^\circ$  in  $2\theta$  from the calculated Bragg scattering angle at a scan rate of  $0.02^\circ$  s<sup>-1</sup>. No reflection was sufficiently strong to require the insertion of an attenuation filter.

Intensity data were processed with a modified program of Hornstra and Stubbe.<sup>6</sup> Background-corrected intensities were assigned standard deviations according to:  $\sigma(I) =$

<sup>1</sup> B. A. Averill, T. Herskovitz, R. H. Holm, and James A. Ibers, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1973, **95**, 3523.

<sup>2</sup> L. Que, jun., M. A. Bobrik, James A. Ibers, and R. H. Holm, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1974, **96**, 4168, and refs. therein.

<sup>3</sup> R. Mason and J. A. Zubieta, *Angew. Chem. Internat. Edn.*, 1973, **12**, 390.

<sup>4</sup> Stephen J. Lippard, *Accounts Chem. Res.*, 1973, **6**, 280.

<sup>5</sup> K. S. Murray, R. M. Slade, and B. O. West, unpublished results.

<sup>6</sup> J. Hornstra and B. Stubbe, PW 1100 Data Processing Program, Philips Research Laboratories, Eindhoven, Holland.

$[CT + (t_0/t_b)^2(B_1 + B_2) + (pI)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , where  $CT$  is the total integrated peak count obtained in a scan time  $t_0$ ,  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are background counts each obtained in time  $\frac{1}{2}t_0$ , and  $I = CT - (t_0/t_b)(B_1 + B_2)$ . The value of  $p$  was selected as 0.04 and introduces a 4% uncertainty to account for 'machine errors'. The values of  $I$  and  $\sigma(I)$  were then corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. Neither extinction nor absorption corrections were applied.

**Structure Solution and Refinement.**—In the least-squares calculations, the function  $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$  was minimized, where  $w$  is the weight,  $1/\sigma^2(F)$ , of each individual reflection.

The position of the iron atom was derived from a three-dimensional Patterson map. Two structure-factor calculations, each followed by a difference-Fourier synthesis, led to the positions of all non-hydrogen atoms. Four cycles of full-matrix least-squares refinement, varying alternately the positional parameters, then isotropic thermal parameters of all atoms, gave  $R$  0.092 and  $R'$  0.095, where  $R' = [\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum w|F_o|^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

To enable simultaneous refinement of all parameters with the limited computer store available, final refinement was by the block-diagonal least-squares method. Six cycles of refinement, with anisotropic thermal parameters for iron and chlorine, gave  $R$  0.085 and  $R'$  0.091. Idealized positions of all hydrogen atoms (Table 1) were then calculated

TABLE 1

Idealized hydrogen-atom positions ( $\times 10^3$ ), numbered according to the carbon atom to which they are attached, except where indicated

	$x/a$	$y/b$	$z/c$
H(1A) *	120	448	422
H(1B) *	-20	418	335
H(3)	341	477	-115
H(4)	470	413	-213
H(5)	573	318	-127
H(6)	562	285	71
H(7)	280	503	58
H(8A)	251	526	315
H(8B)	146	542	168
H(9A)	-30	520	281
H(9B)	-66	476	163
H(3A) †	395	440	495
H(3B) †	510	423	440
H(12)	62	148	290
H(13)	-103	105	85
H(14)	-218	165	-105
H(15)	-177	272	-88
H(16)	168	230	426
H(17A)	254	352	566
H(17B)	337	288	581
H(18A)	541	367	633
H(18B)	540	328	516

\* Attached to N(1). † Attached to N(3).

assuming the appropriate trigonal or tetrahedral geometry and C-H 0.95 and N-H 0.87 Å.<sup>7</sup> A final refinement cycle, with the hydrogen atoms included as fixed contributions and each given a temperature factor 1.0 Å<sup>2</sup> greater than  $B$  of the atom to which they are bonded, gave  $R$  0.077 and  $R'$  0.075. A final difference synthesis had no major character-

\* See Notice to Authors No. 7 in *J.C.S. Dalton*, 1974, Index issue.

<sup>7</sup> M. R. Churchill, *Inorg. Chem.*, 1973, **12**, 1213.

<sup>8</sup> 'International Tables for X-Ray Crystallography,' vol. III, Kynoch Press, Birmingham, 1962.

<sup>9</sup> W. R. Busing, K. O. Martin, and H. A. Levy, ORFLS, A Fortran Crystallographic Least-Squares Program, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Tennessee, Report ORNL TM 305, 1962.

istics greater than 0.4 eÅ<sup>-3</sup>. Final observed and calculated structure factors are given in Supplementary Publication No. SUP 21288 (16 pp., 1 microfiche).\*

Final parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms are listed in Table 2 together with their estimated standard deviations,

TABLE 2

Atomic positional ( $\times 10^4$ ) and isotropic thermal parameters ( $\times 10$ )

	$x/a$	$y/b$	$z/c$	$B/\text{Å}^2$
Fe	2255(5)	3825(2)	2812(4)	*
Cl	7094(9)	4860(3)	3945(7)	*
S(1)	4061(8)	3294(3)	2308(7)	27(1)
N(1)	687(25)	4353(9)	3389(21)	33(5)
N(2)	2403(21)	4557(9)	1903(19)	23(4)
C(1)	4267(29)	3600(11)	932(25)	27(6)
C(2)	3667(29)	4186(10)	416(25)	24(5)
C(3)	3824(31)	4377(12)	-765(27)	32(6)
C(4)	4584(33)	4006(12)	-1345(28)	41(7)
C(5)	5213(32)	3447(12)	-833(28)	39(7)
C(6)	5103(32)	3249(12)	324(27)	36(6)
C(7)	2910(31)	4625(11)	964(27)	32(6)
C(8)	1727(30)	5094(11)	2311(26)	32(6)
C(9)	206(33)	4886(12)	2485(28)	35(6)
S(2)	83(9)	3532(3)	1019(7)	32(2)
N(3)	4231(23)	4097(9)	4557(21)	28(5)
N(4)	2148(24)	3132(9)	3882(21)	30(5)
C(10)	-176(29)	2736(11)	1074(24)	26(5)
C(11)	493(28)	2385(12)	2209(25)	30(6)
C(12)	162(33)	1743(12)	2120(27)	37(6)
C(13)	-821(31)	1496(12)	927(27)	36(6)
C(14)	-1480(33)	1839(13)	-206(29)	39(7)
C(15)	-1194(28)	2468(12)	-108(26)	29(6)
C(16)	1497(28)	2590(12)	3535(24)	28(6)
C(17)	3129(30)	3251(12)	5304(26)	31(6)
C(18)	4719(30)	3558(11)	5432(26)	31(6)

\* For Cl and Fe anisotropic temperature factors were employed of the form:  $T = \exp[-(\beta_{11}h^2 + \beta_{22}k^2 + \beta_{33}l^2 + 2\beta_{12}hk + 2\beta_{13}hl + 2\beta_{23}kl)]$ , with parameters ( $\times 10^4$ )

	$\beta_{11}$	$\beta_{22}$	$\beta_{33}$	$\beta_{12}$	$\beta_{13}$	$\beta_{23}$
Fe	129(7)	14(1)	65(4)	1(3)	42(5)	2(2)
Cl	162(14)	16(2)	78(9)	-5(4)	72(10)	-1(3)

which were derived from the inverse least-squares matrix. Atomic scattering factors used were taken from ref. 8.

**Calculations.**—The major calculations during refinement were carried out by use of modified versions of the full-matrix least-squares refinement program of Busing, Martin, and Levy,<sup>9</sup> the block-diagonal least-squares program of Shiono,<sup>10</sup> and the Fourier program of White.<sup>11</sup> All diagrams were drawn by use of the program ORTEP.<sup>12</sup> All calculations were performed on the Monash University CDC 3200 computer.

#### DESCRIPTION AND DISCUSSION OF STRUCTURE

The crystallographic asymmetric unit contains  $[\text{Fe}(\text{S-sal}:\text{N}[\text{CH}_2]_2\text{NH}_2)_2]\text{Cl}$ . The structural configuration of the cation is shown in Figure 1.

The terdentate nature of the Schiff-base ligands is confirmed, the meridional conformation being similar to

<sup>10</sup> R. Shiono, Department of Crystallography, University of Pittsburgh, U.S.A.

<sup>11</sup> J. C. B. White, Melbourne University Fourier Program, MUF3. See J. S. Rollett in 'Computing Methods and the Phase Problem in X-Ray Crystal Analysis,' eds. R. Pepinsky, J. M. Robertson, and J. C. Speakman, Pergamon Press, Oxford, 1961, p. 87.

<sup>12</sup> C. K. Johnson, ORTEP, Fortran Ellipsoid Plot Program for Crystal Structure Illustrations, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Tennessee, Report ORNL 3794, 1965.

that found in (2), bis(2-aminoethylsalicylideneiminato)-chromium(III) iodide  $[\text{Cr}(\text{sal}:\text{N}[\text{CH}_2]_2\text{NH}_2)_2]\text{I}$ ,<sup>13</sup> in both cases only one mole of the aromatic aldehyde having condensed with the diamine.

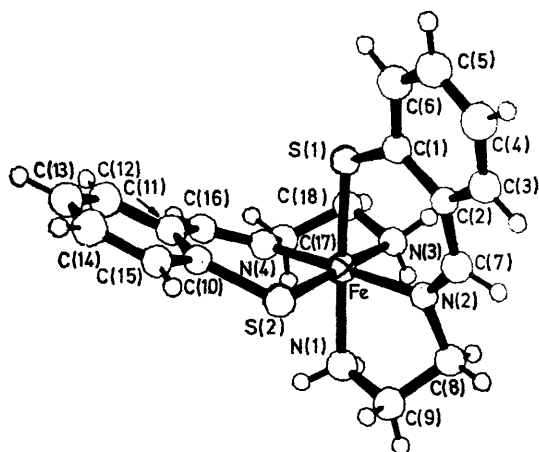


FIGURE 1 Molecular structure and atom-numbering system for the cation

The thiosalicylideneiminate moieties,  $(-\text{S}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\cdot\text{CH}\cdot\text{N}-)$ , of (1), which in themselves are tolerably

TABLE 3

Equations of least-squares planes in the form  $AX + BY + CZ - D = 0$ , where  $X, Y, Z$  are co-ordinates in Å referred to an orthogonal system of axes having  $X$  along the  $a$  axis,  $Y$  in the  $(a, b)$  plane, and  $Z$  along the  $c^*$  axis, and related to the fractional co-ordinates of Table 2 by the matrix equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 8.751 & 0 & -4.498 \\ 0 & 21.920 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 10.118 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}$$

Distances (Å) of relevant atoms from the planes are given in square brackets

Plane (1): S(1), C(1)—(7), N(2)

$$-0.7104X - 0.4054Y - 0.5754Z + 6.0922 = 0$$

[S(1) 0.03(1), C(1) -0.01(3), C(2) -0.02(3), C(3) 0.03(3), C(4) 0.04(3), C(5) 0.01(3), C(6) -0.05(3), C(7) -0.08(3), N(2) 0.05(2), N(1) 0.91(2), C(8) -0.12(3), C(9) 0.97(3)]

Plane (2): S(2), C(10)—(16), N(4)

$$0.9678X - 0.1641Y - 0.1908Z + 1.8175 = 0$$

[S(2) -0.02(1), C(10) 0.01(3), C(11) -0.01(3), C(12) 0.00(3), C(13) 0.00(3), C(14) 0.03(3), C(15) -0.01(3), C(16) -0.07(3), N(4) 0.07(2), N(3) 1.06(2), C(17) -0.03(3), C(18) 1.12(3)]

Plane (3): S(1), S(2), N(1), N(3)

$$0.3759X + 0.7881Y - 0.4874Z - 5.4765 = 0$$

[S(1) 0.02(1), S(2) -0.02(1), N(1) 0.02(2), N(2) -0.02(2), Fe 0.01(1)]

Plane (4): S(1), N(1), N(2), N(4)

$$-0.4865X - 0.3419Y - 0.8040Z + 5.5702 = 0$$

[S(1) 0.00(1), N(1) 0.00(2), N(2) 0.00(2), N(4) 0.00(2), Fe 0.07(1)]

Plane (5): S(2), N(2)—(4)

$$0.8215X - 0.4848Y - 0.3000Z + 4.3878 = 0$$

[S(2) 0.01(1), N(2) -0.01(2), N(3) 0.01(2), N(4) -0.01(2), Fe 0.05(1)]

planar (Table 3), are inclined at an angle of  $21^\circ 45'$  and  $23^\circ 24'$ , respectively, with the mean planes formed by

Fe,S(1),N(2) and Fe,S(2),N(4), whereas in (2) the salicylideneiminate-moiety forms angles of only  $4^\circ 24'$  and  $9^\circ 42'$  with the corresponding Cr co-ordination planes. This twist of the Schiff-base results mainly from the lengthening of the Fe-S with respect to the Cr-O bond by *ca.* 0.3 Å, bond lengths and angles within the co-ordination ring of the ligand remaining constant. This twist also confers on the sulphur atom tetrahedral geometry, the mean Fe-S-C angle being  $110.2^\circ$ , whereas in (2) the mean Cr-O-C angle is  $129.7^\circ$ .

The ethylenediamine bridge in each ligand takes on an asymmetric gauche conformation, similar to that in complexes of the quadridentate Schiff-base dianion, ethylenediaminebis(salicylideneiminate), C(9) and C(18) being

TABLE 4

Bond lengths (Å) and angles ( $^\circ$ )

(a) Distances			
Fe-S(1)	2.21(1)	Fe-N(2)	1.93(2)
Fe-S(2)	2.21(1)	Fe-N(3)	2.09(2)
Fe-N(1)	2.08(2)	Fe-N(4)	1.95(2)
S(1)-C(1)	1.74(3)	S(2)-C(10)	1.76(2)
C(1)-C(2)	1.42(3)	C(10)-C(11)	1.39(3)
C(2)-C(3)	1.43(4)	C(11)-C(12)	1.43(4)
C(3)-C(4)	1.36(4)	C(12)-C(13)	1.36(4)
C(4)-C(5)	1.37(4)	C(13)-C(14)	1.37(4)
C(5)-C(6)	1.39(5)	C(14)-C(15)	1.40(4)
C(1)-C(6)	1.41(4)	C(15)-C(10)	1.38(3)
C(2)-C(7)	1.44(4)	C(11)-C(16)	1.44(3)
C(7)-N(2)	1.29(4)	N(4)-C(16)	1.30(3)
N(2)-C(8)	1.47(4)	N(4)-C(17)	1.48(3)
C(8)-C(9)	1.49(4)	C(17)-C(18)	1.50(4)
N(1)-C(9)	1.48(3)	N(3)-C(18)	1.48(3)
Fe...Cl		4.51(1)	
(b) Angles			
S(1)-Fe-S(2)	93.6(3)	N(1)-Fe-N(3)	87.6(8)
S(1)-Fe-N(2)	95.7(6)	N(1)-Fe-N(4)	92.6(9)
S(1)-Fe-N(3)	88.6(6)	S(2)-Fe-N(2)	89.4(6)
S(1)-Fe-N(4)	87.6(7)	S(2)-Fe-N(4)	94.8(7)
N(1)-Fe-S(2)	90.2(6)	N(3)-Fe-N(2)	92.3(8)
N(1)-Fe-N(2)	83.7(8)	N(3)-Fe-N(4)	83.5(9)
Fe-S(1)-C(1)	111.0(9)	Fe-S(2)-C(10)	109.4(9)
S(1)-C(1)-C(2)	123.3(20)	S(2)-C(10)-C(11)	124.6(20)
C(1)-C(2)-C(7)	126.6(23)	C(10)-C(11)-C(16)	127.5(24)
C(2)-C(7)-N(2)	129.0(25)	C(11)-C(16)-N(4)	126.6(24)
Fe-N(2)-C(7)	129.3(18)	Fe-N(4)-C(16)	130.7(18)
Fe-N(2)-C(8)	112.7(15)	Fe-N(4)-C(17)	111.0(16)
N(2)-C(8)-C(9)	106.7(21)	N(4)-C(17)-C(18)	107.2(21)
C(8)-C(9)-N(1)	107.7(22)	C(17)-C(18)-N(3)	106.7(21)
Fe-N(1)-C(9)	105.8(16)	Fe-N(3)-C(18)	106.8(15)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	118.4(23)	C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	119.0(24)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	120.2(25)	C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	119.2(26)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	121.9(27)	C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	122.3(27)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	119.6(27)	C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	118.3(26)
C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	120.9(26)	C(14)-C(15)-C(10)	121.3(25)
C(6)-C(1)-C(2)	118.8(24)	C(15)-C(10)-C(11)	119.7(24)

0.40(3) and 0.38(3) Å above, and C(8) and C(17) 0.30(3) and 0.34(3) Å below their associated planes, Fe, N(1), N(2) and Fe, N(3), N(4) (Table 3).

The iron atom is octahedrally co-ordinated by the Schiff-base ligands, being only slightly displaced from the centre of the octahedron towards N(1) and N(4) [planes (3), (4), and (5), Table 3].

Pertinent ligand intramolecular bond distances and angles, listed in Table 4, are in close agreement with those

<sup>13</sup> A. P. Gardner, B. M. Gatehouse, and J. C. B. White, *Acta Cryst.*, 1971, **B27**, 1505.

documented<sup>14</sup> for oxygen Schiff-base complexes. The S-C bond lengths [1.74(3) and 1.76(2) Å] are close to the single-bond distance (1.78 Å) calculated from the covalent radii of sulphur (1.04 Å) and *sp*<sup>2</sup> carbon (0.74 Å), and

TABLE 5

Comparison of iron-nitrogen distances in iron-oxygen Schiff-base complexes

Schiff-base complex	Fe-N
[(Fe(salen)) <sub>2</sub> O], 2py <sup>a</sup>	2.089(18), 2.112(18), 2.087(21), 2.059(20)
[(ClFe(salen)) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>a</sup>	2.098(9), 2.091(10)
[(ClFe(salen)) <sub>2</sub> ], MeNO <sub>2</sub> <sup>a</sup>	2.099(11), 2.064(10)
[(Fe(salen)) <sub>2</sub> O], CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup>	2.101(12), 2.116(10), 2.098(12), 2.105(10)
[Cl(N-Pr <sup>n</sup> -sal) <sub>2</sub> Fe] <sup>c</sup>	2.09(2)
[(N-Pr <sup>n</sup> -sal) <sub>2</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> O] <sup>c</sup>	2.14(2), 2.14(2), 2.13(2), 2.14(2)
[(N- <i>p</i> -ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> -sal) <sub>2</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> O] <sup>c</sup>	2.11(2), 2.15(2), 2.18(2), 2.18(2)
[(Fe(salen)) <sub>2</sub> O] <sup>c</sup>	2.12(1), 2.12(1), 2.11(1), 2.12(1)
(1) <sup>d</sup>	2.08(2), 1.93(2), 2.09(2), 1.95(2)

<sup>a</sup> Ref. 14. <sup>b</sup> P. Coggon, A. T. McPhail, F. E. Mabbs, and V. N. McLachlan, *J. Chem. Soc. (A)*, 1971, 1014. <sup>c</sup> J. E. Davies and B. M. Gatehouse, *Acta Cryst.*, 1972, **B28**, 3641; 1973, **B29**, pp. 1934, 2651; *Cryst. Struct. Comm.*, 1972, **1**, 118. <sup>d</sup> Present work.

indicate minimal interaction between the  $\pi$ -system of the phenyl group and the *d* orbitals of the sulphur atom.

The lengths of the Fe-S bonds [2.21(1) Å, Table 4] are significantly shorter than the sum of the appropriate

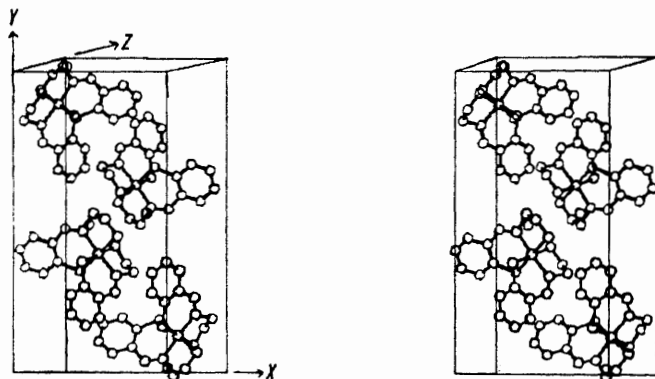


FIGURE 2 Packing of the molecule in the unit cell. Thermal ellipsoids have been assigned the same value and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity

covalent radii (Fe 1.34 and S 1.04 Å), suggesting  $\pi$  interaction between the sulphur and iron *d* orbitals, similar to that found in the S-bonded sulphinates,  $[(\pi-C_5H_5)Fe(CO)_2(SO_2 \cdot C_6F_5)]$ <sup>15</sup> and  $[(\pi-C_5Me_5)Fe(CO)_2(SO_2 \cdot CH_2 \cdot CH \cdot Ph)]$ ,<sup>15</sup> and Fe-SR bond lengths in synthetic analogues of iron-sulphur proteins.<sup>1,2</sup>

Another notable feature of the iron-ligand bonding is the short Fe-N(imine) distances [1.93(2) and 1.95(2) Å] compared with Fe-N(amine) distances [2.08(3) and 2.09(2)

<sup>14</sup> M. Calligaris, G. Nardin, and L. Randaccio, *Co-ordination Chem. Rev.*, 1972, **7**, 385.

<sup>15</sup> Alan D. Redhouse, *J.C.S. Dalton*, 1974, 1107; Melvyn R. Churchill and John Wormald, *Inorg. Chem.*, 1971, **10**, 572.

Å] and Fe-N(imine) distances of *ca.* 2.1 Å in iron-oxygen Schiff-base complexes (Table 5). This shortening of the Fe-N(imine) distance is similar to that found in the low-spin complex  $[Fe(terpy)_3][ClO_4]_3$ ,<sup>16</sup> in which the

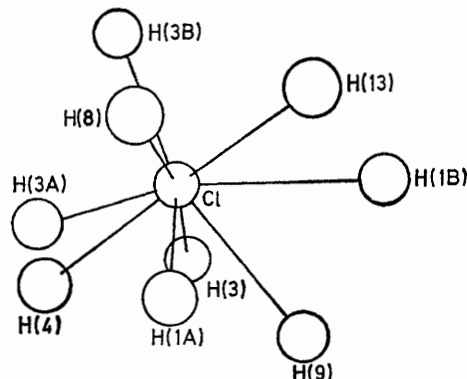


FIGURE 3 The hydrogen-atom environment for each chlorine atom, based on the predicted hydrogen-atom positions. Hydrogen-atom numbering is shown in Table 1

central nitrogen of the terpyridine ligand is bound more strongly to the iron.

Packing within the unit cell is shown in Figure 2, and differs from that of complex (2),<sup>13</sup> which crystallizes in space group *P* $\bar{1}$ . Strong hydrogen bonds are found between the chloride ion and hydrogen on N(1) and N(3) of several related molecules. Figure 3 shows the nature of the hydrogen bonding to chlorine and Table 6 the

TABLE 6

Chlorine-hydrogen distances (Å) and angles (°)

A...Cl	A-H...Cl	A-H...Cl	A-H...Cl
N(3 <sup>f</sup> )...Cl	3.30	H(3A)...Cl	2.43
N(3)...Cl	3.30	H(3B)...Cl	2.43
N(1)...Cl	3.29	H(1A)...Cl	2.45
C(13)...Cl	3.70	H(13)...Cl	2.88
C(4)...Cl	3.63	H(4)...Cl	2.97
C(3)...Cl	3.68	H(3)...Cl	3.05
C(8)...Cl	3.84	H(8)...Cl	3.10
N(1 <sup>f</sup> )...Cl	3.62	H(1B)...Cl	3.13
C(9)...Cl	3.69	H(9A)...Cl	3.11

$I = 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$

A...Cl and A-H...Cl distances and angles; three of the four hydrogen atoms attached to the amine nitrogens are, by the criteria of Hamilton and Ibers,<sup>17</sup> strongly hydrogen bonded to the chloride.

Apart from hydrogen-bonding distances there are no unusual intermolecular contacts, the shortest being 3.27 Å between C(15) and C(16).

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<sup>17</sup> W. C. Hamilton and J. A. Ibers, 'Hydrogen Bonding in Solids,' Benjamin, New York, 1968.