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BRIEF COMMUNICATIONS

On the Structure of $Al_2(SeO_3)_3 \cdot 6H_2O$

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The structure of the compound $Al_2(SeO_3)_3 \cdot 6H_2O$ was recently described (*1*) as trigonal with space group $P31c$ (No. 159). It has been kindly pointed out by Professor Richard Marsh (*2*) that this structure is better described in the hexagonal space group $P\bar{6}2c$ (No. 190). A refinement in the latter space group against the single-crystal X-ray data led to final agreement factor of $R = 2.61\%$ and $R_w = 2.80\%$. The revised atomic coordinates are given in Table I.

There are no other significant changes in the description of the structure.

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TABLE I

ATOMIC COORDINATES (WITH e.s.d.'s) IN SPACE GROUP $P\bar{6}2c$
HEXAGONAL: $a = 8.8020(6)$ Å, $c = 10.7070(8)$ Å

Atom	x/a	y/b	z/c	U(equiv)/Å^2
Al(1)	0.6667	0.3333	0.0333(2)	0.0143
Se(1)	0.38176(6)	0.25734(7)	0.2500	0.0136
O(1)	0.5174(4)	0.6845(4)	0.4287(3)	0.0192
O(2)	0.6213(4)	0.1344(4)	0.1281(3)	0.0178
O(3)	0.2363(6)	0.3247(6)	0.2500	0.0195
H(1)	0.19(1)	0.409(9)	0.378(6)	0.05(2)[a]
H(2)	0.08(1)	0.48(1)	0.420(7)	0.04(2)[a]

Note. U(equiv) = $(U_1U_2U_3)^{1/3}$.
[a] U(iso).

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