

The Crystal and Molecular Structure of Quinone 4-Oxime

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The crystal structure of quinone 4-oxime $C_6H_4O_2N$, has been determined from three dimensional X-ray diffraction data and refined by least squares methods. The space group is $P2_1/c$, $a = 7.209 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 28.14 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 6.671 \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 118.86^\circ$. The final correlation factor was 4.7 % and the estimated standard deviation in bond lengths for non-hydrogen atoms was in the range 0.003–0.004 Å. The asymmetric unit contains two molecules which are nearly equal as to corresponding bond lengths and angles. Two hydrogen bonds of significantly different length and a close packing of molecules are characteristic for the crystal structure. The bond lengths indicate a considerable degree of π -resonance in the molecules.

The present structure determination of quinone 4-oxime (I) is a part of a series of structural investigations of monomeric C-nitroso compounds and oximes derived from these by protonation or tautomeric proton exchange.

Lüttke¹ has demonstrated the ability of *p*-substituted nitrosobenzenes in forming dimers of the azodioxy-type to be heavily dependent upon the electron donating ability of the *para* substituent. An intramolecular charge transfer from the *para* substituent to the nitroso-group is probably preventing dimerisation.

A comparison of the molecular structure of these nitrosobenzenes and their corresponding oximes might indicate to what degree this intramolecular charge transfer is present in the nitroso compounds.

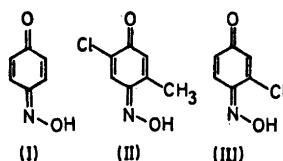
So far the crystal and molecular structure of *N,N*-dimethyl-*p*-nitrosoaniline² and its hydrochloride,³ have been investigated.

Spectroscopic investigations⁴ of (I) indicate that only the oxime in the tautomeric equilibrium between the oxime and the nitroso compound is forming crystals. Structure determinations of 3-methyl-6-chloro-⁵ (II) and 3-chloro-*p*-nitrosophenol⁵ (III) have shown these com-

pounds to occur in the quinone-oxime form in the crystal phase.

However, preliminary photographic investigations of crystals from diethyl ether solutions of (I), revealed a unit cell containing 8 molecules with the molecular weight of (I). Two of these molecules are thus constituting the asymmetric unit, as the space group is $P2_1/c$. (II) and (III) are shown to crystallize in the same space group, but with 1 molecule in the asymmetric unit.

The possibility of having both of the tautomeric forms in the unit cell was thus present. This possibility initiated the following structure determination.



EXPERIMENTAL

Yellow tabular crystals were grown by slow evaporation from a diethyl ether solution of commercially available *p*-nitrosophenol. From the systematic absences, $h0l$ with l odd, $0k0$ with k odd, the space group was determined to $P2_1/c$.

Three-dimensional data were collected, and unit cell parameters were determined on a SYNTEX-P1 computer controlled four-circle diffractometer with graphite monochromated MoK α radiation. The unit cell parameters were obtained using a least squares treatment of measurements of twelve reflections.

All measurements were done using a crystal with approximate dimensions $0.40 \times 0.21 \times 0.09 \text{ mm}^3$. The crystal was mounted with the c^* -axis nearly parallel to the goniometer head spindle axis.

The intensities were obtained using the $\omega - 2\theta$ scanning mode. Prior to each scan the intensity was measured with stationary crystal and

Table 1. Observed and calculated structure factors. The columns are: h , $10 \times F_{\text{obs}}$, $10 \times F_{\text{calc}}$.

Hs	0, Ks	0	5	39	42	4	64	70	1	118	123	1	104	108	Hs	La, Ks	84	8	8	68	70	1	30
4	1041	1056	Hs	0, Ks	10	6	54	43	2	160	158	2	261	259	+ 5	88	53	+ 3	194	186	0	30	44
6	320	337	+ 6	58	55	Hs	0, Ks	21	4	61	57	3	35	35	+ 5	81	48	+ 2	184	179	2	39	39
Hs	0, Ks	1	+ 5	93	90	+ 5	49	59	Hs	1, Ks	5	4	121	117	+ 3	88	93	+ 1	378	373	Hs	2, Ks	16
+ 5	35	18	+ 4	131	126	+ 3	99	93	+ 5	44	42	6	43	40	+ 2	89	94	0	330	319	+ 3	73	77
+ 5	35	28	+ 3	294	291	+ 1	32	32	+ 4	35	30	Hs	1, Ks	14	+ 1	87	90	+ 1	347	343	+ 2	31	39
+ 4	92	39	+ 2	278	279	+ 3	98	93	+ 3	68	66	+ 4	70	70	+ 2	120	124	+ 2	211	204	+ 1	105	106
+ 3	73	72	+ 1	580	578	+ 5	53	59	+ 2	78	70	+ 5	53	58	+ 2	49	45	+ 2	174	171	+ 1	76	78
+ 2	47	38	0	393	379	Hs	0, Ks	22	+ 4	60	55	1	122	112	+ 2	104	108	+ 2	174	171	+ 3	39	35
+ 1	60	50	+ 1	578	565	+ 5	55	52	+ 1	196	203	+ 1	199	192	+ 2	104	108	+ 2	174	171	+ 3	39	35
+ 1	64	60	+ 2	256	279	+ 4	124	118	+ 1	134	136	+ 0	48	46	+ 1	104	108	+ 2	174	171	+ 3	39	35
+ 2	46	38	+ 3	255	291	+ 2	174	172	+ 2	190	193	+ 1	97	93	+ 2	77	77	+ 2	130	128	+ 2	204	197
+ 3	69	72	+ 4	123	126	+ 0	189	193	+ 3	144	147	+ 2	33	35	+ 2	96	98	+ 2	192	188	+ 2	204	197
+ 4	49	39	+ 5	66	90	+ 2	167	173	+ 4	101	108	+ 3	49	56	+ 2	38	35	+ 2	184	184	+ 1	94	95
Hs	0, Ks	2	+ 6	94	94	+ 4	119	116	+ 5	81	88	+ 4	95	92	+ 1	94	95	+ 2	184	184	+ 1	94	95
+ 6	119	123	Hs	0, Ks	11	Hs	0, Ks	23	+ 6	50	50	6	37	37	Hs	1, Ks	20	+ 0	33	33	+ 3	107	111
+ 5	72	63	+ 8	42	40	+ 4	38	34	Hs	1, Ks	6	Hs	1, Ks	18	+ 5	88	88	+ 1	87	20	+ 1	75	88
+ 4	242	237	+ 4	55	55	+ 5	3	51	+ 5	47	46	+ 6	89	82	+ 3	90	85	Hs	2, Ks	7	+ 0	38	39
+ 3	91	88	+ 3	65	63	+ 3	51	53	+ 5	48	44	+ 4	84	80	+ 6	86	40	+ 4	48	39	+ 2	42	44
+ 2	342	332	+ 2	58	64	+ 4	39	34	+ 104	+ 5	59	+ 4	157	153	+ 1	123	123	+ 2	112	102	Hs	2, Ks	18
+ 1	29	29	+ 1	86	86	+ 4	47	47	+ 20	+ 5	59	+ 4	157	153	+ 1	123	123	+ 2	112	102	Hs	2, Ks	18
+ 2	335	332	+ 3	83	83	+ 4	81	77	+ 1	360	376	+ 1	129	129	+ 3	88	84	+ 2	207	203	+ 3	109	113
+ 3	88	85	+ 3	83	83	+ 4	81	77	+ 1	360	376	+ 1	129	129	+ 3	88	84	+ 2	207	203	+ 3	109	113
+ 4	232	237	+ 4	55	55	+ 2	197	192	+ 0	381	392	+ 0	366	347	+ 2	61	54	+ 1	456	443	+ 0	96	104
+ 5	77	83	+ 8	41	40	0	200	214	+ 1	317	325	+ 1	113	117	+ 1	81	97	+ 0	276	262	+ 2	71	80
+ 6	115	123	Hs	0, Ks	12	+ 2	198	192	+ 2	317	307	+ 2	211	207	+ 0	98	61	+ 1	293	282	+ 4	52	51
+ 7	40	40	+ 7	55	54	+ 4	79	77	+ 3	129	126	+ 3	70	67	+ 1	90	103	+ 2	162	163	Hs	2, Ks	19
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+ 3	75	73	+ 5	113	112	+ 3	42	26	+ 5	33	31	+ 6	30	34	+ 3	69	70	+ 2	166	164	+ 4	56	46
+ 1	76	80	+ 4	88	84	Hs	0, Ks	16	+ 6	59	61	Hs	1, Ks	16	Hs	1, Ks	26	Hs	2, Ks	8	+ 3	81	80
+ 1	60	60	+ 3	234	220	+ 4	102	95	Hs	1, Ks	7	+ 7	86	49	+ 4	72	68	+ 7	45	51	+ 2	87	81
+ 2	29	17	+ 2	260	230	+ 2	158	158	+ 4	42	47	+ 5	44	44	+ 8	69	60	+ 6	132	140	+ 1	95	108
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+ 8	63	65	+ 3	231	220	+ 4	98	95	+ 1	317	325	+ 1	456	435	+ 1	83	60	+ 0	85	82	+ 4	74	73
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+ 5	34	45	+ 4	48	48	+ 5	41	46	+ 3	229	228	+ 2	38	35	+ 2	305	309	+ 0	111	110	+ 0	146	146
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+ 7	53	53	+ 3	47	44	+ 4	145	148	+ 3	275	264	+ 4	84	88	+ 2	224	229	+ 3	104	103	+ 4	87	86
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+ 9	73	73	+ 2	125	121	+ 1	226	238	+ 2	46	47	+ 4	75	75	+ 1	274	280	+ 7	68	68	+ 3	95	94
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+ 12	74	73	+ 2	80	73	+ 2	216	218	+ 3	78	75	+ 2	139	143	+ 2	136	143	+ 2	37	37	+ 1	301	307
+ 13	71	69	+ 4	76	68	+ 3	115	116	Hs	1, Ks	11	+ 4	72	68	+ 4	36	40	+ 0	108	106	+ 0	146	141
+ 14	53	50	+ 6	39	36	+ 4	45	42	+ 6	43</													

Table 1. Continued.

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* 1	182	184	* 3	27	8	0	113	123	* 5	78	70	Hg	4, K ₂	17	* 5	57	70	* 2	149	155	* 8	40	52									
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1	131	131	* 1	43	35	Hg	3, K ₂	19	* 3	114	107	* 6	67	57	* 3	84	85	0	103	134	* 3	94	104									
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* 1	41	54	* 2	292	272	* 1	387	382	* 2	256	246	* 4	36	57	* 4	279	275	* 1	38	37	* 6	35	36									
Hg	2, K ₂	29	0	294	279	0	88	89	q	1	98	102	* 2	67	70	* 3	40	48	0	40	38	* 8	52	67								
* 1	38	36	2	177	175	1	324	316	0	194	191	0	72	83	* 2	334	326	Hg	5, K ₂	23	* 4	55	59									
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* 2	36	27	* 7	43	47	* 8	94	83	3	44	43	3	43	55	Hg	5, K ₂	7	Hg	5, K ₂	24	* 1	35	41									
0	62	63	* 8	85	91	120	3	144	143	4	53	55	Hg	5, K ₂	19	* 8	62	68	* 4	39	9	* 3	39	39								
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* 2	76	76	* 5	20	11	* 1	164	159	* 6	73	73	* 4	87	81	6	121	116	* 1	40	34	* 6	42	51									
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* 6	32	28	* 8	35	36	* 3	46	40	1	79	79	* 2	156	260	3	107	107	Hg	5, K ₂	26	* 3	42	28									
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4	44	41	* 3	191	206	-	3	116	112	Hg	4, K ₂	7	* 6	140	145	* 2	70	72	* 4	145	146	* 6	53	45								
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* 6	73	78	* 1	254	270	* 1	84	71	* 3	37	42	* 4	217	217	* 6	56	57	0	149	142	* 5	56	54									
* 5	59	58	* 8	292	284	1	49	45	* 2	118	121	* 3	123	136	* 5	36	43	Hg	6, K ₂	3	* 3	113	101									
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4	47	56	* 3	186	184	Hg	3, K ₂	24	* 2	44	46	* 2	50	Hg	5, K ₂	5	* 6	39	35	Hg	6, K ₂	2	* 3	113	101							
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* 7	62	71	* 1	134	125	* 4	153	148	* 6	94	93	* 0	42	43	* 4	68	70	* 7	47	57	Hg	7, K ₂	0									
* 6	65	68	* 0	84	89	* 3	40	29	Hg	5, K ₂	29	* 5	41	33	* 6	67	67	* 3	111	104	* 6	126	125	* 2	45	36						
* 5	117	114	* 1	38	34	* 2	154	150	* 4	153	156	Hg	4, K ₂	22	* 2	81	87	* 5	103	111	Hg	7, K ₂	1									
* 4	132	139	Hg	3, K ₂	12	* 0	93	97	* 3	104	105	Hg	4, K ₂	27	* 1	98	95	* 6	185	185	* 4	155	155	* 2	45	46						
* 3	182	180	* 4	136	135	* 2	34	28	Hg	4, K ₂	26	* 1	153	153	* 1	47	50	* 5	140	139	* 3	234	234	* 4	153	153						
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3	83	78	* 4	86	85	* 5	66	62	* 4	41	42	* 3	94	99	* 2	89	73	* 7	135	135	* 5	45	53									
5	58	56	* 3	148	138	* 3	80	75	* 5	48	54	* 2	60	49	* 3	135	136	* 5	232	229	* 4	44	43									
Hg	3, K ₂	4	* 1	137	139	0	37	24	* 3	88	77	* 5	40	35	* 1	122	124	* 1	195	186	Hg	7, K ₂	7									
* 7	71	73	* 0	98	91	* 1	84	80	* 8	40	30	Hg	5, K ₂	21	* 1	66	71	Hg	6, K ₂	4	* 5	43	42									
* 5	53	50	* 8	37	37	* 5	45	42	* 6	52	52	Hg	5, K ₂	6	* 4	42	42	* 7	70	65	* 5	36	36									
* 4	182	183	* 3	143	143	* 3	103	107	* 5	39	39	Hg	4, K ₂	20	* 2	83	83	* 3	177	177	* 4	150	149	* 2	45	45						
0	38	22	Hg	3, K ₂	14	* 3	108	102	* 1	111	115	* 3	104	101	* 1	101	101	Hg	4, K ₂	22	* 5	110	100	* 1	120	120	* 3	40	35			
* 5	243	243	* 3	107	116	* 4	145	144	Hg	4, K ₂	20	* 1	116	116	* 2	81	81	Hg	5, K ₂	24	* 3	137	137	Hg	6, K ₂	11						
0	125	126	* 2	156	157	* 7	36	30	* 2	31	31	* 3	103	108	* 4	48	48	Hg	5, K ₂	24	* 2	67	67	Hg	7, K ₂	9						
1	232	236	* 3	325	325	* 5	81	80	* 7	36	27	* 4	283	289	* 0	33	37	Hg	6, K ₂	8	* 2	70	7									

Table 1. Continued.

Hs	1, Ks	3	=	1	88	38	Hs	3, Ks	16	Hs	4, Ks	15	=	1	48	51	=	9	60	60	Hs	6, Ks	24	=	1	95	87				
-	8	41	-	1	47	41	-	8	60	-	8	51	35	-	Hs	5, Ks	3	-	Hs	6, Ks	7	-	4	88	75						
Hs	1, Ks	12	Hs	1, Ks	36	Hs	3, Ks	18	Hs	4, Ks	19	4	52	51	-	8	65	65	-	2	94	88	-	6	92	74					
-	2	42	-	0	33	-	0	33	-	2	52	51	-	7	68	66	Hs	5, Ks	4	-	Hs	6, Ks	9	-	3	94	78				
Hs	1, Ks	19	Hs	2, Ks	23	Hs	3, Ks	10	3	67	91	Hs	5, Ks	16	-	Hs	6, Ks	19	-	2	54	41	Hs	6, Ks	3						
-	2	40	-	43	5	45	-	33	4	66	75	Hs	4, Ks	21	-	Hs	6, Ks	19	-	Hs	7, Ks	8	-	6	96	86					
Hs	1, Ks	23	Hs	2, Ks	30	Hs	3, Ks	20	3	53	51	3	73	66	-	6	54	30	-	2	74	64	-	4	97	89					
-	2	49	-	62	2	69	-	58	-	7	71	Hs	4, Ks	29	-	Hs	5, Ks	16	-	Hs	6, Ks	21	-	Hs	7, Ks	12					
Hs	1, Ks	26	Hs	2, Ks	33	Hs	3, Ks	22	-	4	54	52	-	8	42	38	-	6	39	44	-	6	58	54	Hs	8, Ks	9				
-	2	52	-	31	3	52	-	84	-	7	78	69	-	2	63	57	Hs	5, Ks	24	-	5	91	79	-	0	56	61	-	3	46	27
Hs	1, Ks	33	-	1	59	62	Hs	3, Ks	24	Hs	4, Ks	30	-	5	54	28	-	1	88	84	Hs	7, Ks	13	Hs	8, Ks	10					
-	2	55	52	Hs	2, Ks	34	-	6	97	91	-	4	81	71	Hs	5, Ks	25	-	0	62	50	-	5	39	40	-	6	87	74		
-	1	61	70	-	3	66	62	Hs	3, Ks	30	-	4	102	81	1	54	40	Hs	6, Ks	23	Hs	8, Ks	1	-	4	113	98				
Hs	1, Ks	34	-	1	57	59	-	4	59	68	-	1	62	32	Hs	6, Ks	0	-	5	64	55	-	7	99	92	-	2	104	89		
-	3	61	45	0	46	38	1	48	47	0	76	61	2	92	86	-	3	74	62	-	5	132	125	Hs	7, Ks	13					
-	1	66	56	1	49	42	2	63	66	Hs	4, Ks	32	Hs	8, Ks	3	-	1	53	47	-	3	135	123	-	6	39	40				
Hs	1, Ks	38																													

Table 2. Fractional atomic coordinates for non-hydrogen atoms, anisotropic thermal vibration parameters and their estimated standard deviations (multiplied by 10^3). The temperature factors are expressed as:

$$\exp - (B_{11}h^2 + B_{22}k^2 + B_{33}l^2 + B_{12}hk + B_{13}hl + B_{23}kl)$$

Atom	x	y	z	B_{11}	B_{22}	B_{33}	B_{12}	B_{13}	B_{23}
O1A	34866	12195	23468	2947	96	4055	178	4271	70
	34	7	34	72	3	82	27	127	26
O4A	93700	-4462	23582	3030	90	3874	177	4008	-4
	41	7	36	81	3	83	27	136	26
O1B	68125	41747	24385	3645	99	3763	-207	4255	-10
	38	7	37	85	3	76	26	136	25
O4B	33424	21535	21341	3644	99	4609	-117	4199	47
	41	8	40	91	3	98	29	154	29
N4A	98096	311	24160	2570	108	2721	74	2807	33
	39	10	37	87	4	79	29	142	28
N4B	54777	22982	25803	3102	116	3325	-47	2948	53
	49	10	45	105	4	95	34	165	30
C1A	49883	9414	24594	2380	87	2257	-1	2511	-42
	48	10	46	102	4	90	34	163	31
C2A	47018	4269	25472	2420	96	3164	-110	3577	-28
	54	11	51	112	5	110	38	188	36
C3A	62275	1233	25468	2576	81	2829	-97	2864	-47
	50	11	51	113	4	99	36	175	33
C4A	82401	2917	24958	2017	91	2106	28	2222	35
	47	9	46	93	4	89	32	151	30
C5A	86005	8003	25286	2265	108	2849	-95	3052	73
	54	10	51	108	4	104	37	177	35
C6A	70876	11070	25350	2760	80	2964	-56	3189	68
	51	10	52	111	4	108	35	178	33
C1B	64877	37461	25279	2952	101	2482	-187	2984	-29
	51	10	48	107	4	96	40	166	35
C2B	42669	35650	21389	2897	107	3577	90	3701	107
	59	12	55	119	5	126	42	204	38
C3B	38615	31006	21485	2741	102	3439	-122	3339	6
	57	11	53	124	5	122	38	200	36
C4B	56484	27620	25724	3013	87	2640	-19	2748	39
	56	10	52	117	5	101	38	180	33
C5B	78674	29356	30182	2898	120	4447	116	3503	14
	64	13	62	128	5	152	45	228	42
C6B	82700	33983	30151	2416	122	4203	-117	3338	-45
	59	12	57	112	5	139	40	207	41

a quadrant with $2\theta < 55^\circ$. 1504 unique reflections with intensities larger than $2.0 \times \sigma(I)$ were regarded as observed.

The intensity data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. Atomic form factors were those of Doyle and Turner⁶ for oxygen, nitrogen, and carbon, and of Stewart *et al.*⁷ for hydrogen. All programs applied during the structure investigations are described in Ref. 8.

CRYSTAL DATA

1,4-Benzoquinone monoxime, $C_8H_6O_2N$, monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$.
 $a = 7.209(3) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 28.14(1) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 6.671(3) \text{ \AA}$,
 $\beta = 118.86(3)^\circ$, $V = 1185 \text{ \AA}^3$, $M = 123.11$,
 $F(000) = 512$,
 $Z = 8$, D_{obs} (flotation) = 1.37 g/cm^3 , $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.380 \text{ g/cm}^3$.

STRUCTURE DETERMINATION

The structure was solved by the symbolic addition procedure. A preliminary scale factor and an overall isotropic thermal factor ($B = 3.0 \text{ \AA}^2$) were determined using the statistical methods of Wilson.⁹ A U -map, computed with 400 reflections with $U \geq 0.110$ revealed the positions of all non-hydrogen atoms in two independent

Table 3. Fractional atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and isotropic thermal parameters with estimated standard deviations for hydrogen atoms.

Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>B</i>
H2A	3362	326	2567	3.5
	47	9	41	7
H3A	5996	-191	2527	2.9
	43	10	37	6
H5A	9911	909	2531	2.4
	45	9	37	6
H6A	7242	1446	2419	3.5
	43	9	40	6
HOA	10729	-595	2454	4.7
	54	11	47	8
H2B	3137	3797	1826	3.8
	45	10	41	7
H3B	2375	2972	1849	4.2
	52	10	45	7
H5B	9001	2711	3280	5.3
	55	11	50	8
H6B	9737	3520	3328	5.4
	55	11	47	8
HOB	3412	1796	2045	12.8
	78	18	66	1.5

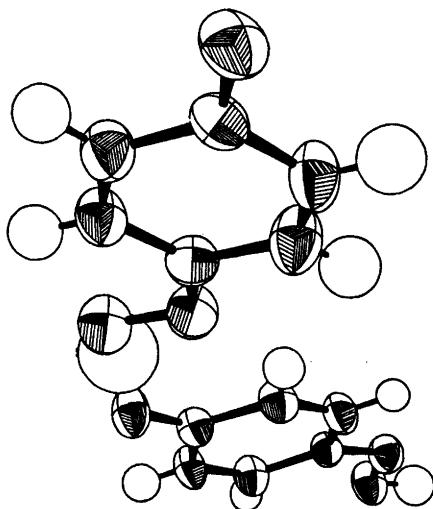


Fig. 1. 50 % probability ellipsoids.

molecules of (I). Fourier and subsequent least-squares refinements of non-hydrogen atomic parameters reduced the conventional *R*-factor to 0.08. At this stage positional parameters for hydrogen atoms were calculated from stereochemical considerations. Least-squares full-matrix refinements of positional and thermal parameters of all atoms converged with a conventional *R*-factor of 0.047 and a weighted *R*-factor ($R_w = (\sum W\Delta^2 / \sum WF_o^2)^{1/2}$) of 0.042. The goodness of fit, expressed by $\sum W\Delta^2 / (M - n)$ where *M* is the number of reflections and *n* is the number of parameters refined, is 2.2.

A comparison of observed and calculated structure factors is given in Table 1. Final parameters are listed in Table 2 for non-hydrogen atoms, and in Table 3 for hydrogen atoms. Magnitudes and directions of the principal axes of the vibrational ellipsoids are given in Fig. 1.

The r.m.s. discrepancy between the atomic vibrational tensor components obtained in the structure determination and those calculated from a rigid-body analysis was 0.0028 \AA^2 for molecule A and 0.0023 \AA^2 for molecule B.

The translational r.m.s. amplitudes of vibration along the principal axes are 0.20 , 0.19 , and 0.19 \AA for A and 0.21 , 0.21 , and 0.20 \AA for B. The r.m.s. librational amplitudes are 6.8 , 3.7 , and 2.1° in A and 8.7 , 3.5 , and 2.5° in B. The coordinates were adjusted according to this

Table 4. Bond lengths (Å) and angles (°).

Bond lengths Distance (Å)			Hydrogen bond lengths Distance (Å)		
O1A—C1A	1.2428(31)	O4B—N4B	1.3623(34)	O1A—HOB	1.6356
C1B—C1B	1.2328(32)	C1A—C2A	1.4658(40)	N4A—C4A	1.3021(33)
O4A—N4A	1.3713(31)	C3A—C4A	1.4409(40)	C1A—C6A	1.4518(40)
N4B—C4B	1.3103(34)	C2B—C3B	1.3353(41)	C4A—C5A	1.4495(38)
C2A—C3A	1.3290(42)	O4B—HOB	1.0094	C1B—O2B	1.4601(43)
C5A—C6A	1.3297(40)			C4B—C5B	1.4401(46)
C1B—C6B	1.4466(42)				
C3B—C4B	1.4393(41)				
C5B—C6B	1.3296(45)				
Bond angles Angle (°)			Angle (°)		
O1A—C1A—C6A	122.20(25)	O1A—C1A—C2A	120.48(25)		
C1A—C2A—C3A	121.27(28)	C2A—C3A—C4A	120.79(27)		
C3A—C4A—C5A	118.27(25)	C4A—C5A—C6A	121.37(28)		
C5A—C6A—C1A	120.78(27)	C6A—C1A—C2A	117.31(25)		
C3A—C4A—N4A	126.52(24)	N4A—C4A—C5A	115.22(25)		
C4A—N4A—O4A	112.84(23)	O1B—C1B—C2B	121.25(28)		
O1B—C1B—C6B	122.03(30)	C1B—C2B—C3B	121.97(33)		
C2B—C3B—C4B	120.02(32)	C3B—C4B—C5B	118.68(29)		
C4B—C5B—C6B	121.22(34)	C5B—C6B—C1B	121.34(34)		
C6B—C1B—O2B	116.72(29)	C3B—C4B—N4B	126.57(32)		
N4B—C4B—C5B	114.76(31)	C4B—N4B—O4B	112.30(23)		
Dihedral angle (°)			Dihedral angle (°)		
C3A—C4A—N4A—O4A	−68(46)	C5A—C4A—N4A—O4A	179.14(23)		
C4A—N4A—O4A—HOA	174.15	C2A—C1A—O1A—HOB	174.66		
C3B—C4B—N4B—O4B	21(48)	C5B—C4B—N4B—O4B	179.52(29)		
C4B—N4B—O4B—HOB	−174.37	C2B—C1B—O4A—HOA	9.65(24)		

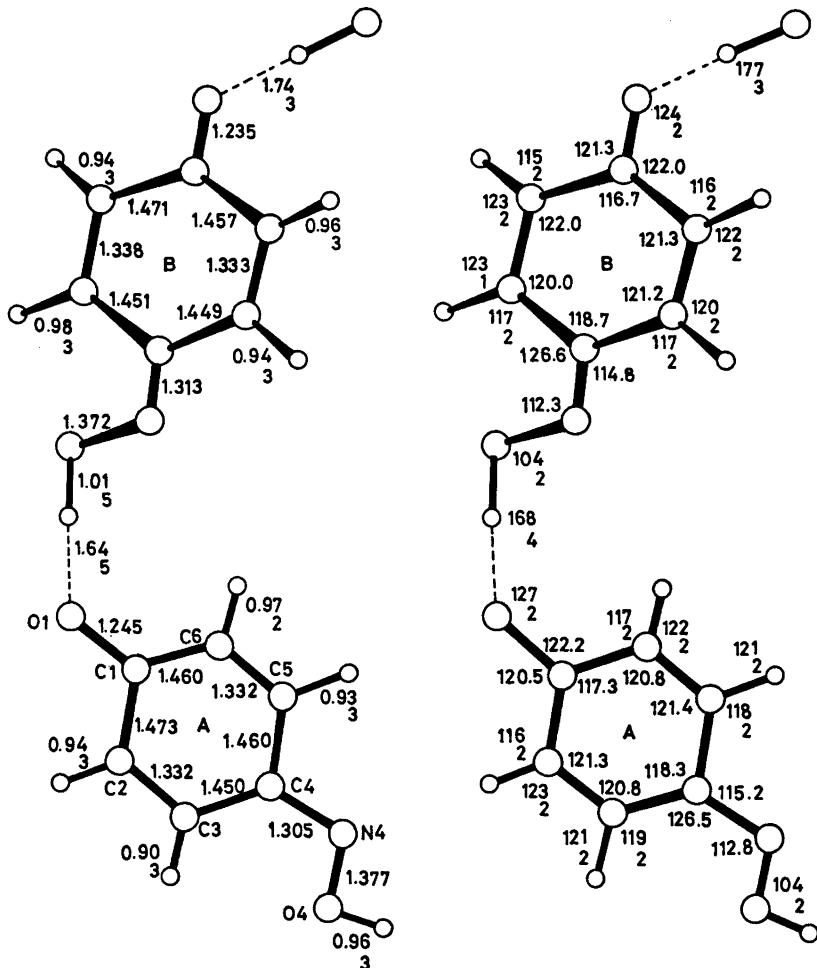


Fig. 2. Bond angles and bond lengths (corrected).

libration. Uncorrected bond lengths and angles are given in Table 4. The bond lengths corrected for the librational effects and angles may be found in Fig. 2. Estimated standard deviations were calculated from the correlation matrix. Standard deviations are 0.004 Å in carbon–carbon bond lengths, 0.003 Å in carbon–nitrogen, carbon–oxygen and nitrogen–oxygen bond lengths, and 0.3° in angles involving non-hydrogen atoms. Deviations from least-squares planes are given in Table 5.

DISCUSSION

The packing of molecules in the crystal is shown in Fig. 3.

Refining of hydrogen atom parameters and the final bond lengths involving non-hydrogen atoms showed that the two independent molecules both were oximes. All A-molecules are situated near planes parallel to the ab planes at $Z = 1/4, 3/4$ whereas the B-molecules have a tilt of 12° to these planes.

Owing to two $\text{O}4\text{H}\cdots\text{O}1$ hydrogen bonds, the molecules are forming chains along the screw axes. The repeating unit along these chains is one A- and one B-molecule. Close-packing and normal van der Waals contacts are found in the direction of the a and c^* axes.

The hydrogen bond lengths are quite normal. Interestingly, the hydrogen bond crossing the screw axes is substantially longer (0.07 Å) than

Table 5. Deviations (in Å) of atoms from least-squares planes through the atoms C1A, C2A, C3A, C4A, C5A, C6A, and C1B, C2B, C3B, C4B, C5B, C6B.

Plane A				Plane B			
C1A	-0.0301	O1A	-0.095	C1B	-0.0164	O1B	-0.0613
C2A	-0.0166			C2B	0.0087		
C3A	0.0094			C3B	0.0048		
C4A	-0.0219	O4A	-0.123	C4B	-0.0108	O4B	-0.0710
C5A	0.0075	O4A	-0.078	C5B	0.0025	N4B	-0.0496
C6A	0.0185			C6B	0.0111		

The angle between planes A and B is 12.6°.

the other hydrogen bond. Hadzi (1956)¹⁰ observed a splitting of the νOH band of about 150 cm⁻¹ in IR spectra from (I) in the solid state. Probably this splitting is explained by the presence of two different hydrogen bonds in the structure. Packing effects are probably causing the difference between the two bonds. According to investigations by Craven *et al.*¹¹ of hydrogen bonding effects on the molecular

structure, the hydrogen bonds are probably causing the slight difference between the two C1—O1 and the two N4—O4 bond lengths. These differences are significant while other differences between corresponding bond lengths are not significant.

The bond lengths and angles in (I) are of the same order as corresponding bond lengths and angles in (II) and (III), and the similarity between (I) and the cation of *N,N*-dimethyl-*p*-nitroaniline hydrochloride³ is remarkable. No significant differences are found between corresponding bond lengths and angles in (I) and this last oxime. Even the slight (but significant) difference between the C1—C2 and the C1—C6 bond lengths is found in both structures.

A comparison of (I) and 1,4-benzoquinone¹² shows that the C=O and the C=C double bonds are possibly slightly (but not significantly) longer, and the C—C single bonds significantly shorter in (I) than those in 1,4-benzoquinone.

The CN bond lengths [1.302(3) Å and 1.310(3) Å] are significantly longer than the corresponding bond lengths in formaldehyde oxime¹³ [1.276(5) Å] and 1,4-cyclohexandione dioxime¹⁴ [1.276(3) Å]. Accordingly the NO bond lengths [1.362(3) and 1.373(3) Å] are significantly shorter than those of formaldehyde oxime and 1,4-cyclohexandione dioxime [1.408(5) and 1.411(3) Å, respectively]. The CN and NO bond lengths in these last two oximes are pure double and single-bond bond lengths.¹⁵

Thus, the difference between (I) and 1,4-benzoquinone and the last two oximes indicates that the following structure contributes considerably to resonance in (I):

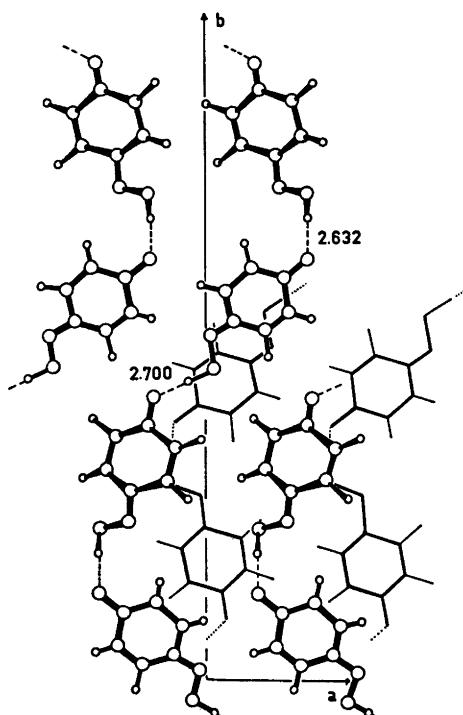


Fig. 3. Packing of molecules. The view is down c^* .



CNDO/2¹⁶ calculations indicate a considerable degree of delocalisation of π -bonds in (I).

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