

A K-75869 projekt támogatási időszaka alatt, a projekthez tartozó és kapcsolódó munkák ismertetése

A fölsorolás alapvetően négy területet érint. Ezek az - eredeti célhoz szorosan, vagy legalább koncepciójukban (és eszközeikben is) - illeszkedő kutatások:

- 1.) Reinecke-só és származékok előállítása: szokatlan kristályosítási technikák és nehezen kristályosítható anyagok szisztematikus vizsgálata, kémiai és szupramolekuláris szintézisek.
- 2.) A No-SPA® márkanéven ismert *Drotaverin-HCl* só új zárványainak, illetve új ko-kristályainak és sóinak előállítása.
- 3.) A tiokarbamid-alapú organokatalizátorok szerkezetvizsgálata, különös tekintettel a szolvatált és a só formákban előállíthatóakra.
- 4.) Olyan, "ad hoc" szerkezetvizsgálatok, amelyekben a projekt során megtanult technikák a kristályosításban vagy a méréstechnikában szerzett ismereteinkkel oldhatók meg. Ezek szerves vegyületeket, de szervetlen ionos kristályokat is érintenek. (Olyan munkákat sorolunk ide, ahol az ilyen jellegű ismeretek használata az általunk végzett munka szempontjából legalább 50% volt).

A fölsorolt munkák nagyobb része még kéziratban van. Ezek földogozása folyamatos, közlésüket a terület vezető lapjaiban (Crystal Growth and Designm CrytsEngComm) tervezük.



1.) Reinecke-só és származékok előállítása: szokatlan kristályosítási technikák és nehezen kristályosítható anyagok szisztematikus vizsgálata, kémiai és szupramolekuláris szintézisek.

Kristályosítottuk egy tucat új Reinecke-só származékát, beleértve eddig ismeretlen ferrocénium reineckátokat is.

Az alapanyag és első kation metatézis származéka szerkezetei az alábbi kéziratban.

Reinecke Complexes with Anion - Cation Layering

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Crystals composed from the Reinecke anion provide organic graphite-like structures, with simple N-heterocyclic cations e.g. BMIM · Reineckate they may also form layered non-centrosymmetric crystals.

The Reinecke salt¹ was known in the pharmaceutical analysis, in the analytics of natural compounds and of precious metals, its derivatives ("Reineckates") also appear as preferred components in anionic photoinitiation². Interesting homobinuclear complexes³, dinuclear heterometallic magnetic clusters⁴ and charge-transfer complexes⁵ were recently prepared by using the Reinecke anion or its derivatives. There are not many crystal structures known with the Reinecke anion³⁻⁶, even though interest persist for this class of complexes²⁻⁵. Perhaps not only of historical awareness is to realize that the idiom "*crystal engineering*" was actually first coined for and used in relation with the complexes of the Reinecke anion⁷. Successful attempts were also made to place Reinecke-anion derivatives in a supramolecular context³. We follow up the supramolecular chemistry of the Reinecke anion for several reasons. This anion offers a well-defined soft anion crystal environment, with its low charge dispersed over a voluminous, symmetric molecular mass with a polarizable electronic environment. The supramolecular chemistry makes versatile use of large, "soft" and structurally rigid (semi-rigid) anions such as carboranes, cyamelurates, fullerides⁸, together with the so-called weakly coordinating anions (WCAs)⁹. Similarly the PF₆⁻-anion was used in the building of e.g. catenanes and rotaxanes¹⁰. These approaches lead to tailoring of new solids with new properties. Also polyoxo-metallates¹¹, MOF frameworks¹², molecular perovskites¹³ can be devised using such tools. As materials with unusual properties and/or structures are also expected from crystallization experiments by the perusal of ionic liquids (ILs) for crystallization¹⁴, we also planned to make extensive use of ILs. Apart from a variety¹⁵ of possible tuning of the solution physical properties (viscosity, temperature and electric properties), outcome of experiments may strongly depend on the nature of the IL in such "Edisonian" experiments¹⁴. Some ILs which also contain large anions, were reported recently both in crystalline¹⁶ and also in the liquid state by neutron diffraction and molecular modeling¹⁷. Rare earth thiocyanate complexes were recently employed as anionic building blocks for low-melting

metal-containing ionic liquids¹⁸. A Cr³⁺ derivative anionic substance may also offer some tuning by providing a variety of valency and of spin states³⁻⁵.

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Scrutiny of the Reinecke salt structure¹⁹ reveals that the ammonium cation is surrounded very much like the alkylammonium cations in clathrate hydrates. The included water plays dielectric media role insulating neighbouring S atoms of thiocyanate ions. Thus this anion lends itself to crystal engineering using supramolecular chemistry tools. We first targeted crystalline Reineckates with an emphasis of simple aromatic N-heterocycles and ammines. A co-crystallization experiment using 1-butyl-3-methyl-imidazolium acetate (*BMIM* acetate) as IL solvent led to red crystals²⁰. This proved to be an anion-metathesis 1:1 complex **1** of the *BMIM* cation and the Reinecke anion† (**Re**-anions, Fig.1). The cation has a normal side chain configuration²¹ (C2N1CC torsion at ca. 99°). The anion, which may occupy high site - symmetry Wyckoff positions, can not adopt such here due to the *P*a space group. It may be also due to the space group, that separate cation-anion layering develops in this crystal (Fig.2.). A number of weak N-H … S and C-H … S contacts are also present. N5 … S2 and N6 … S3 interactions along the *b* axis stabilize isolated columns of **Re**-anions extending all through in the *ab* plane. Methyl and methylene C-H contacts from each of the opposite *BMIM* cations are stabilizing the **Re**-anion columns to thiocyanate S (2.89Å), C (2.64-2.88Å) and N (2.68Å) atoms. A *BMIM* C4-H to S1 contact is at 2.97Å. Noteworthy is to mention a methyl C-H contact to atom N3 of *BMIM* (2.73Å). Butyl and methyl terminal H atoms close approach (to 2.23Å) is also seen in the neighbouring *BMIM* cations. Shortest **Re**-anion Cr … *BMIM*-cation ring center distance is ca. 6.99Å, while *BMIM*-cation ring centres are ca. 6.46Å from each other. Length of the *b*-axis (ca. 6.86Å) is apparently defined by the **Re**-anions packing in this crystal. The ca. 6.58Å terminal methyl C-atom distances of the *BMIM*-cation are close to this value suggesting not only electronic but size matching as well.

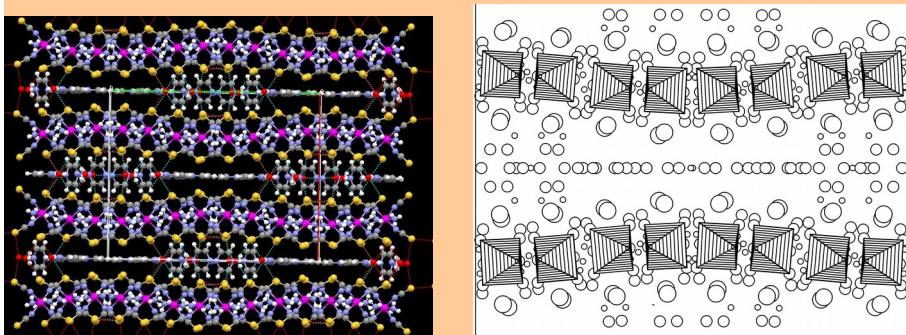
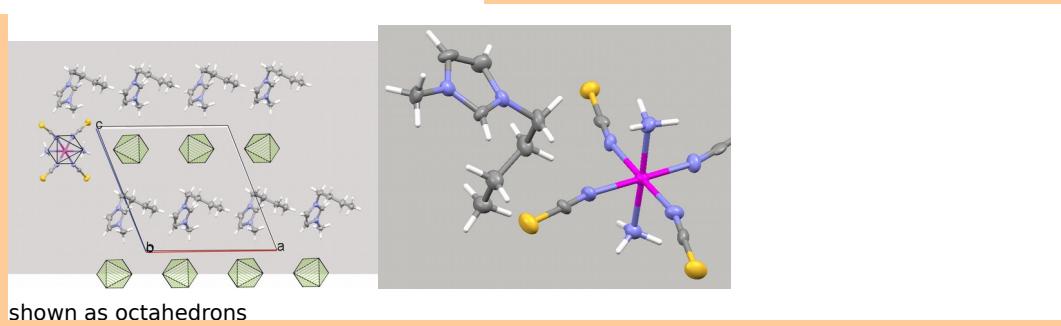
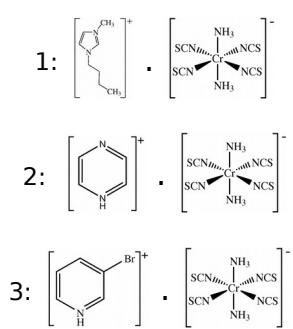
From an other crystallization we obtained a quaternary complex inclusion of the pyrazinium (pyrH⁺) **Re**-salt with neutral pyrazine (pyr) molecules and water resulting in 2 : 2 : 2 : 3 pyrH⁺ : **Re** : pyr : H₂O stoichiometry^{††} (and with an

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- 21** Distribution of the C2N1CC torsion angles for 1-alkyl, 3-methylimidazolium entities in the CSD prefer a torsion angle peaking between 90-120°.
- 22** Pyrazinium and 3-bromopyridinium Reineckate was prepared according to Christensen's method²³. To a solution of pyrazine / 3-bromopyridine in hydrochloric acid was added Reinecke salt. The light-red precipitate was filtered off and washed with cold water. This precipitate was then redissolved in an acetone-water mixture (1:2). Red crystals appeared on slow solvent evaporation after few days.
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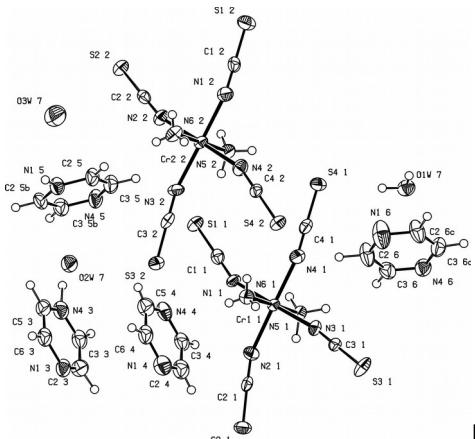


Fig. 3.
Asymmetric unit in **2** with displacement (50% probability) parameters and atomic numbering

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Table XX Caption

Compound	a/ \AA	b/ \AA	c/ \AA	$\beta/^\circ$	V/ \AA^3	Space group	R%
R104/Pyridine-Rk [®]	6,664(2)	12,804(3)	9,839(3)	92,892(4)	838,5	P2 ₁ /c	9,28
R131/Pirazine-Rk [®]	16,936(3)	12,563(2)	16,980(4)	102,931(8)	3521,3	P2 ₁	19,08
R130/BrPyr-Rk [®]	15,140(6)	10,012(7)	11,903(4)	90	1804,3	Pna2 ₁	4,86
R196/Bmim-Rk [®]	12.862(1)	6.861(1)	13.109(2)	111.16(1)	1078,9	Pa	5,8

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Engineering of Ferrocenium Reineckates: Synthesis and Crystal Structures

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Abstract

Introduction

Early ferrocene chemistry, especially those of ferrocenium and the cobaltocenium salts [1] was bound to the perusal of the Reinecke salt [2] precipitates in their analytics. By that time the Reinecke salt had a relative long history as an eminent precipitation forming analytical reagent, used mainly in the pharmaceutical analysis[3]. The analytic value of the Reinecke salt was based on its preponderance of entering into metathesis reactions with other mainly water soluble salts, especially with quaternary ammonium salts of naturally occurring aliphatic and aromatic amines[.] and their derivatives, amino acids[.] , drugs[.] and even precious metals[.]. Another interesting fact that the term „crystal engineering” was used first in conjunction with the Reinecke salt in 1954[4] . Thus this salt was also the very first instance of a compound being used conscientiously to the purpose[5]. Nevertheless growing crystals of a dominantly precipitate-forming agent

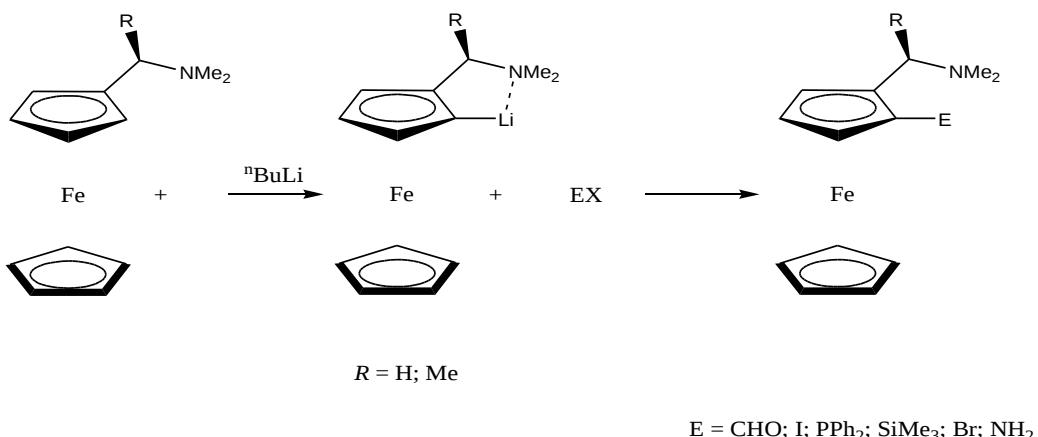
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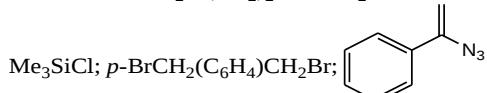
Szerves szintetikus munka: a Reinecke-sók Ferrocénium kationjainak előállítása

1.) Ferrocént tartalmazó kvaterner ammóniumsók előállítása

Kiindulási anyagként *N,N*-dimetilaminometilferrocént és (*S*)-(-)-*N,N*-dimetil-1- -ferroceniletamilint használunk. Ezeket metil-jodiddal szobahőmérsékleten kvaternerezzük (**1. ábra**). A kiindulási vegyületek azonban lítálhatóak is. A lítialást ⁷Li-al végezzük hexánban. A lítált komplexet a megfelelő elektrofilrel kvencselve jutunk a 2-szubsztituált termékhez.

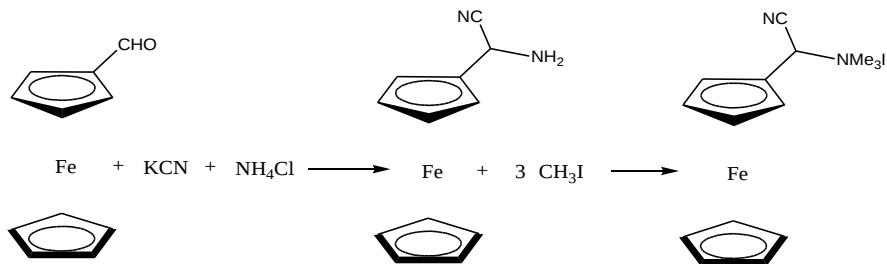


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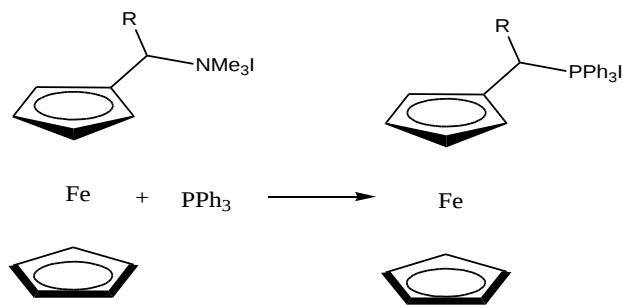
1. ábra

Ha a metilcsoportot cianocsoportra cseréljük, akkor a trimetilamin kihasadást elkerülhetjük. Ezt az anyagot Stecker-reakcióval állítjuk elő ferrocénkarboxaldehidből kiindulva (**2.ábra**).



2. ábra

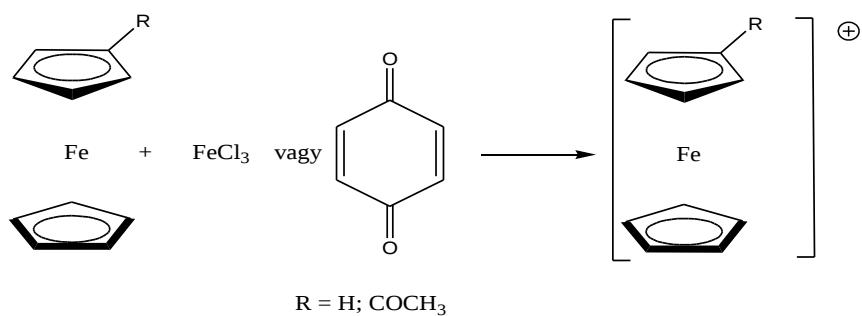
Az előállított kvaterner ammóniumsókat trifenil-foszfinnal foszfóniumsóvá alakíthatjuk (**3. ábra**).



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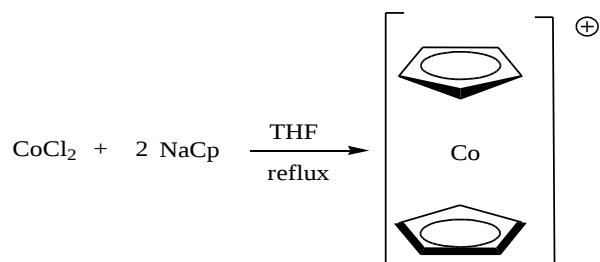
3. ábra

Ferrocíniumok előállítása hagyományos kémiai módszerekkel kétféleképpen lehetséges. A ferrocént vagy monoacetil ferrocént vas(III)-kloriddal, vagy kinoonal oxidálunk dietiléter oldószerben inert körülmények között[2.][3.] (**4. ábra**).



4. ábra

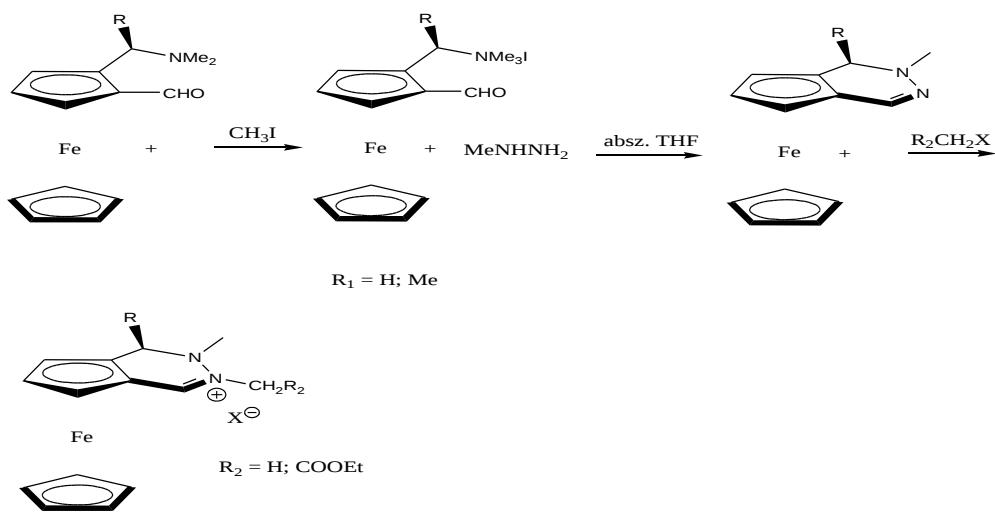
Kobaltocínium előállítása alkotóelemeiből kiindulva lehetséges. Ha reakciót nem inert körülmények között végezzük, akkor a megfelelő kobaltocínium-só képződik[1.](5.ábra).



5. ábra

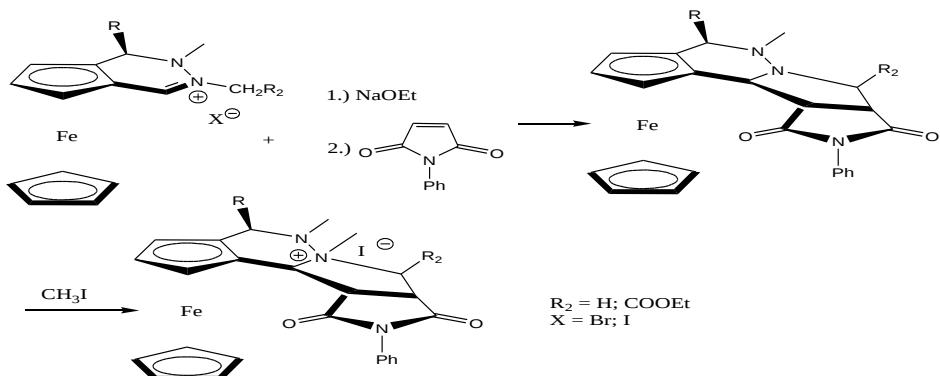
További kvaterner ammóniumsók előállítása

A kvaterner ammóniumsók esetében kihasználhatjuk azt, hogy a trimetilamin könnyen lehasad (6. ábra).



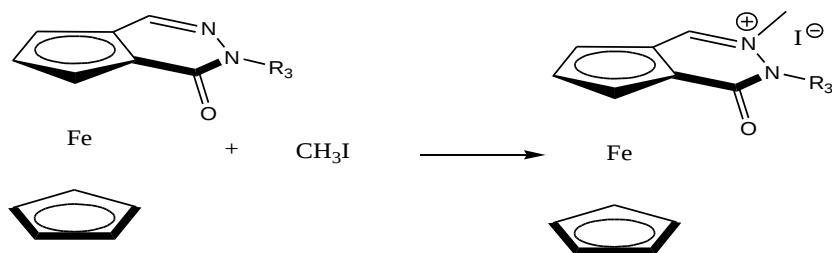
6. ábra

Az így kialakított sóból bázissal azometin ilidet állíthatunk elő, ami alkalmas 1,3-dipoláros cikloaddícióra (**7. ábra**).



7. ábra

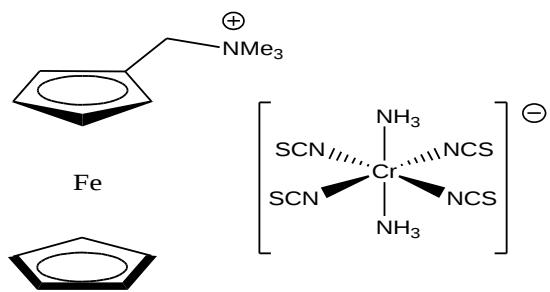
Kvaterner sókat előállíthatunk (*S*)-ferroceno[d]piridazin-1(2*H*)-on származékokból (**8. ábra**).



8. ábra

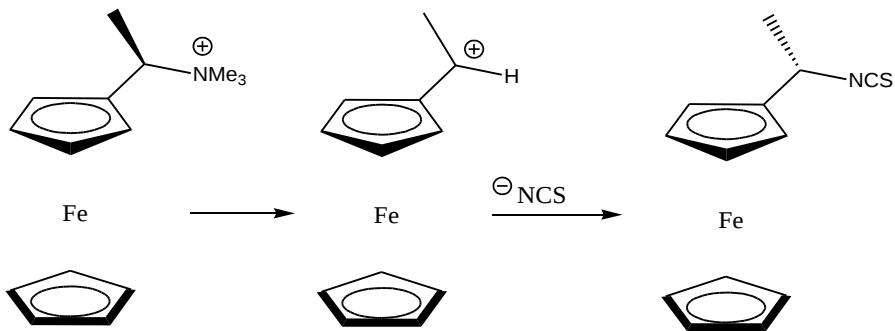
Elért eredmények

Reinecke sót eddig csak a *N,N,N*-trimetilammónium-metilferrocén jodid sójából sikerült előállítani (**9. ábra**).



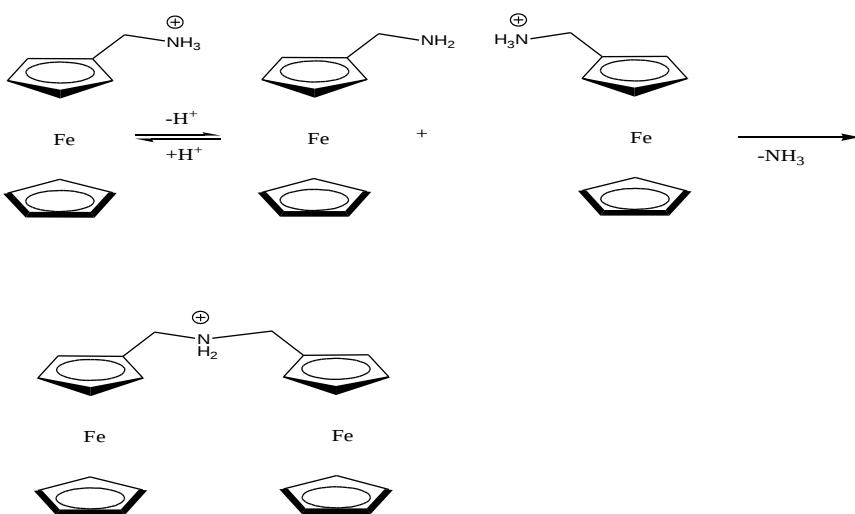
9. ábra

Az előző kation királis származékából kihasadt a trimetilamin és helyére az izocianát került. Ennek oka, hogy az elektronküldő metilcsoport és ferrocéne negatív része stabilizálja a képződő szekunder kationt (**10. ábra**).



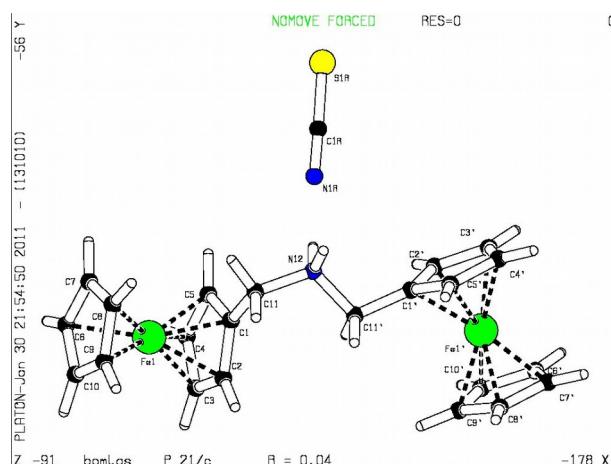
10. ábra

A ferrocenilmetilammónium kloridból áthidalta szerkezetet kaptunk. Ennek oka az, hogy az ammónium ion deprotoinálódik és egy másik hidroklorid sóból kilök egy ammóniát, miközben maga összekapcsolódik a másik egységgel (**11. ábra**).

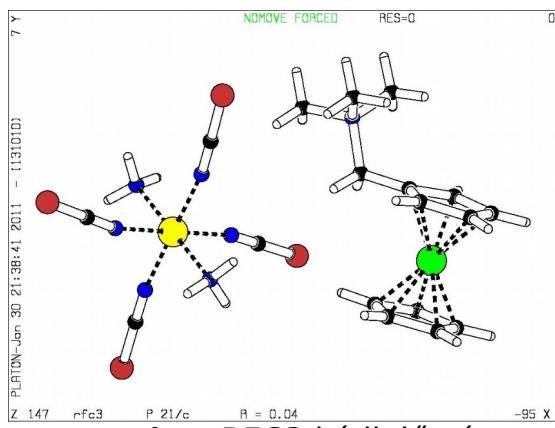


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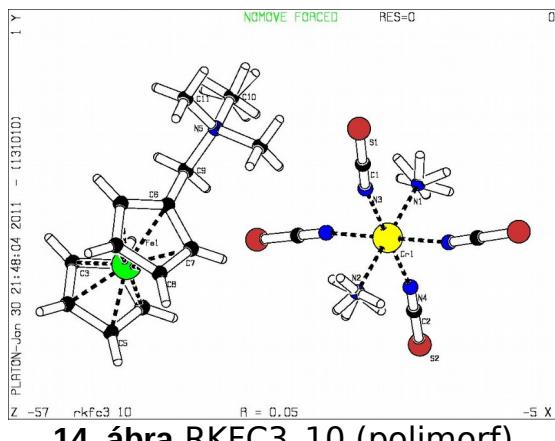
A ferrocinium reineckát sók sikeres szerkezetmeghatározásait az alábbi 6 szerkezet képviseli:



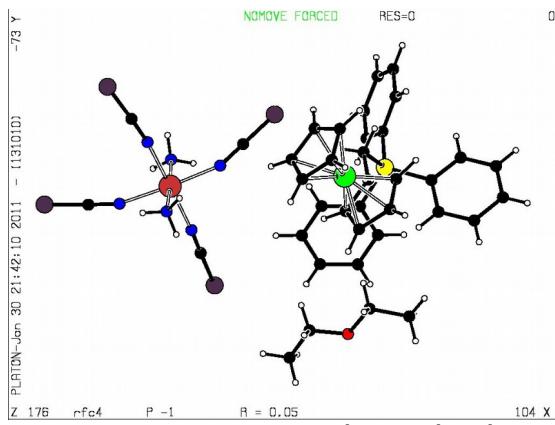
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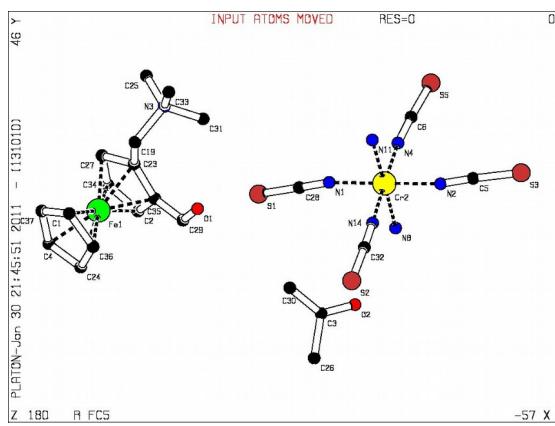
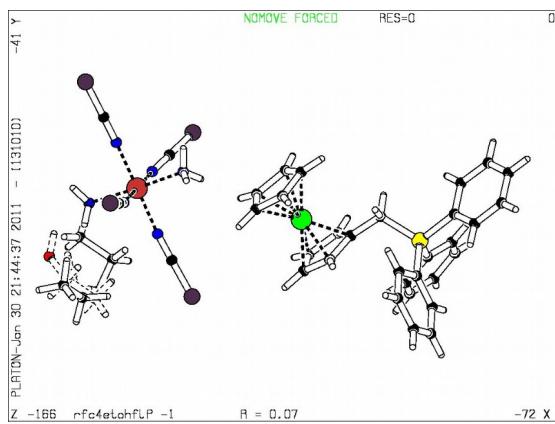


14. ábra RKFC3_10 (polimorf)



15. ábra RFC4 (dietiléter zárvány)

16. ábra RFC4_EtOH (etilakohol zárvány)



17. ábra RFC5_Aceton (Aceton zárvány)

Ahogy azt a 12-17. ábrák mutatják, ezek a sók polimorfia mellett gyakran oldószer zárványokkal képeztek kristályokat.

Kristálytani adataik és szerkezetfinomításuk jellemzői az alábbi táblázatban láthatók.

Compound Form	RKFC3_10 $C_{18}H_{14}CrFeN_7S_4$	Bomlas $C_{23}H_{24}Fe_2N_2S$	RFC3 $C_{18}H_{26}CrFeN_7S_4$	RFC4 $C_{37}H_{42}CrFeN_6OPS_4$	RFC4-EtOH $C_{37}H_{44}CrFeN_6O_2P$	RFC5-Aceton CxHy
F w	564.45	472.21	576.55	853.83	871.84	
Temp.	293(2) K	131(2) K	133(2) K	93(2) K	93(2) K	93(2) K
λ Å	Mo-K α	Mo-K α	Mo-K α	Cu-K α	Cu-K α	Cu-K α
SYST	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic	triclinic	monoclinic
Spgr	P 21/c	P 21/c	P -1	P -1	P -1	C 2/c
<i>a</i> = Å	32.954(3)	5.9011(2)	11.6117(6)	9.9509(2)	10.0033(2)	11.999(1)
<i>b</i> = Å	11.088(5)	26.5474(12)	6.4305(3)	13.6579(3)	13.7543(3)	22.8658(2)
<i>c</i> = Å	6.989(14)	13.5202(6) Å	33.8549(18)	16.4848(3)	16.4156(3)	22.351(2)
α =	90°	90°	90°	68.751(1)°	69.778(1)°	90°
β =	90°	107.525(2)°	93.367(2)°	79.905(1)°	78.482(1)°	98.988(6)°
γ =	90°	90°	90°	77.199(1)°	78.384(1)°	90°
Vol Å ³	2554(5)	2019.8(2)	2523.5(2)	2025.1(1)	2055.1(1)	6057.3
Z	4	4	4	2	2	8
Dens (calc)	1.468 Mg/m ³	1.553 Mg/m ³	1.518 Mg/m ³	1.400 Mg/m ³	1.409 Mg/m ³	-
μ mm ⁻¹	1.34	1.55	1.36	7.68	7.6	--
F(000)	1140	976	1188	886	906	-
Cryst colour	--	yellow	purple	red	red	-
descr	--	prism	platelet	prism	prism	-
size	x x mm	0.40 x 0.15	0.50 x 0.30	0.50 x 0.13 x 0.13	0.36 x 0.30 x 0.10	-
Abs corr		x0.15 mm	x0.05 mm	mm	mm	
transmiss	--	numerical	numerical	numerical	numerical	
θ -range	3.08 ≤ θ	3.07 ≤ θ	3.07 ≤ θ	6.58 ≤ θ ≤ 66.58	6.57 ≤ θ	
Refls collect	≤ 30.51 °	≤ 29.57 °	≤ 24.71 °	°	≤ 70.06 °	
Completted	60132	72623	29135	29298	29708	
Indep.refls [R(int)]	0.995	0.996	0.999	0.921	0.898	
Refls I>2σ(I)	4054 [0.080]	5650 [0.064]	4310 [0.098]	6591 [0.064]	7015 [0.080]	
Dat/estr /params	3355	4419	3274	6290	6418	
S on F ²	4054 /0 /158	5650 /0 /261	4310 /0 /285	6591 /0 /464	7015 /0 /483	
R1, wR2 [I>2σ(I)]	2.334	1.125	1.064	1.079	1.122	
R1, wR2 (all data)	0.045, 0.075	0.039, 0.083	0.044, 0.103	0.047, 0.119	0.069, 0.173	
shift/esd	0.058, 0.077	0.056, 0.092	0.066, 0.112	0.049, 0.126	0.075, 0.178	
peak-hol e.Å ⁻³	0.002; 0.000	0.001; 0.000	0.002; 0.000	0.000; 0.000	0.009; 0.000	

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Num ber	Guest	1 : Guest ratio	Space Gr.	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	α (°)	β (°)	γ (°)	V (Å³)	T(K)
1	1	1: 0	P2₁/c	5.07	11.1 5	43.07		97		241 9	294(2)
1a	1-propanol	2: 1	P-1	12.1	14.1	15.7	81	90	71	251 3	117(2)
1b	2-propanol	2: 1	P-1	12.2	14.4	15.7	82	90	71	255 4	136(2)
1c	1-butanol	2: 1	P-1	12	14.4	15.6	98	91	109	252 8	120(2)
1d	tert-butanol	2: 1	P-1	12.3	14.1	16	80	89	69	256 5	113(2)
1e	1-pentanol (1-butanol)	2: 1	P-1	12.4	14.3	15.7	80	89	79	257 1	125(2)
1f	2-pentanol	2: 1	P-1	12.5	14.6	15.6	81	89	67	258 3	116(2)
1g	ethylene gly- col	2: 1	P-1	12.1	14.2	15.6	98	90	110	248 2	105(2)
1h	urea	2: 1	P-1	12.2	14.2	15.8	81	90	70	253 0	294(2)
1i	fluoroacetic acid	2:1	P-1	12.3	14.4	16.0	81	89	71	263 9	295(2)
1j	bromoacetic acid	1:1	P2₁/c	15.1	12.6	16.3		115 .2		279 8	93(2)
1k	propanoic acid	1: 1	P2₁/c	15.1	12.3	16.4		115		276 3	121(2)
1l	lactic acid	1: 1	P2₁/c	15.2	12.6	16.2		114		285 5	294(2)
1m	p-methylben- zyl-hydroper- oxide	1: 1	P2₁/c	16	12.7	15.2		98		305 3	93(2)
1n	ethanoic acid - water	1: 1: 1	Pbca	12.2	15.9	28.6				554 8	295(2)
2	trifluoroacetic acid	1 : 3	P-1	8.51	14.09	15.95	115	101	96	165 8	103(2)
3	maleic acid	2: 4	P-1	9.14	11.09	34.04	85	86	66	313 1	93(2)
4	oxalic acid	1: 2	P-1	5.5	12.1	20.6	94	95	96	134 8	93(2)

Table 1. summary of the basic crystallographic data of the associates of **1**.

A kézirat jelenlegi váza:

Crystal Engineering of the Drotaverin Salt Associates

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1. Abstract

Drotaverin hydrochloride salt is a long known anti-spasmolitic drug with pronounced tendency of forming solvent inclusions. 18 New crystal structures were produced from this salt to further exploring and to understanding this property. The studies reveal a robust host molecule and a fairly consistent way of inclusion formation from the anionic salt bridges to proton-donor guests. However, these experiments led to unexpected results in several cases. Recrystallization from an aged p-xylene solvent a decomposition product of p-xylene - peroxide crystallized forming a 1:1 salt: guest inclusion. In an other instance perusal of salicylic acid as cocrystallization partner formation of solvent - free drotaverin salt was observed via epitaxial crystal growth. An oxalic acid recrystallization revealed an anion-metathesis reaction. 1 more RELEVANT sentence

2. Introduction

The cocrystal and in general association formation of active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) (and polymorphs) of medicinal drugs appears to be an important area of pharmaceutical research¹⁻¹³ giving rise for various crystal engineering studies¹⁴⁻²⁰. Many of the supramolecular interactions observable in the crystalline state may determine some of the macroscopic, of physico - chemical properties such as of stability, of solubility, among others, under physiological conditions. Thus design of cocrystals became an important and developing area for desirable properties²¹⁻²⁴ using the crystal engineering approach for modulating the physical-chemical properties of the API. (17) *Guidance for Industry: Regulatory Classification of Pharmaceutical Co-crystals; Food and Drug Administration: Silver Spring, MD, December 2011.*

The hydrochloride salt of drotaverin (1-(3,4-Diethoxybenzyl)-6,7-diethoxy-3,4-dihydroisoquinolinium chloride) is a well - known anti - spasmolitic compound and is marketed under the trade name No-Spa® in Hungary (Fig. 1.). Formation of crystalline drotaverin salt associates were reported earlier for several solvents and in one case for a cocrystal²⁵⁻²⁶. Chemists were aware that it readily forms inclusions with a number of solvents, some many of them being undesirable in a pharmacological preparation. To understand the reasons of this phenomena as well as the good opportunity of a crystal engineering exercise a more systematic search for new crystal forms was initiated. Exploring the solvent space makes also sense in that obtaining cocrystal forms from solution may be hampered efficiently by solvent competition. Thus selection of solvents which either do not form clathrates or only rather labile ones may be an advantage at

cocrystal formation. Thus solvents that do not crystallize with the targeted drug were also sought.

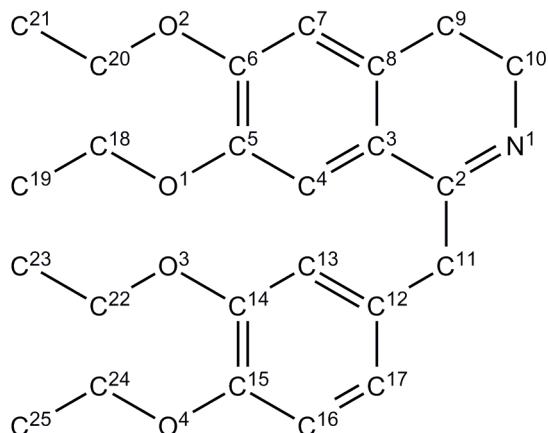


Fig. 1. Drotaverin base scheme

3. Experimental Section

All solvents were commercially available (by Sigma Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, etc.). Simple crystallisation techniques were resorted by reason of easy repeat and it open the way for a larger size repeat for the industry as well. 250 g No-Spa was a gift from the late Dr Hermecz (Sanofi Aventis-Chinoin).

Table 1

Table 2^{27,28}

(Crystallizations of the associate forms of **1**)

1 (1.6 g; 3.69 mmol) and salicylic acid (0.53 g, 3.8 mmol, 1.03 eq.) were mixed and dissolved in water (20 ml) in room temperature (at 21°C). The solubility was improved by heating (85 °C). The solution was cooled down slowly (about 2-3 hours). After an hour small colourless crystals appeared.

1a (**1**: *n*-propanol 2:1), **1** (20 mg, 0.0461 mmol) was dissolved partially in *n*-propanol solvent (0.5 mL), complete solubilisation took place at 50°C. Solution was cooled to room temperatures and diethyl ether (5-10 ml) was added to the closed system with vapour diffusion method. One or two days later yellow crystals appeared in the ampoule.

1b (**1**: *i*-propanol 2:1), **1** (20 mg, 0.0461 mmol) was dissolved partially in *i*-propanol (1.0 mL), complete solubilisation took place at 50°C. Solution was cooled to room temperatures and a few hours later yellow crystals appeared in the ampoule.

1c (**1**: *n*-butanol 2:1), **1** (20 mg, 0.0461 mmol) was dissolved partially in *n*-butanol (0.5 mL), Otherwise procedures at **1a** was followed.

1d (**1**: *tert*-butanol 2:1), **1** (32 mg, 0.0737 mmol) was dissolved partially in *tert*-butanol (2 mL). The temperature oscillated between 40 and 50°C. In the oscillation method gives better crystals in the neck of the ampoule than the slow cooling method. The colours of crystals were yellow.

1e (**1**: 1-pentanol 2:1), **1** (30 mg, 0.0691 mmol) was dissolved partially in *n*-pentanol (1.5 mL). Otherwise procedures at **1a** was followed.

1f (**1**: 2-pentanol 2:1), **1** (20.5 mg, 0.0472 mmol) was dissolved partially in 2-pentanol (2 mL). Otherwise procedures outlined at **1b** was followed.

1g (**1**: ethylene glycol 2:1), **1** (32.3 mg, 0.0744 mmol) was dissolved partially in ethylene-glycol (0.2 mL). Otherwise procedures outlined at **1b** was followed.

1h (**1**: urea 2:1), **1** (39.2 mg, 0.0903 mmol) and urea (5.6 mg, 0.0933 mmol, 1.03 eqv.) were dissolved partially in 1,3-propanediol (0.5 mL). Otherwise procedures outlined at **1b** was followed.

1i (**1**: fluoroacetic acid 2:1), **1** (20 mg, 0.0461 mmol) was dissolved in two drops trifluoroacetic acid (~10 μ L) and in acetone (40 μ L). After a few days crystals appeared in the ampoule.

1j (**1**: bromoacetic acid 1:1), **1** (20 mg, 0.0461 mmol) was dissolved in one spatula bromoacetic acid (~10 mg) and in acetone (200 μ L). After a few days crystals appeared in the ampoule.

1k (**1**: propanoic acid 1:1), **1** (10.6 mg, 0.0244 mmol) was dissolved partially in propanoic acid (2.0 mL). Otherwise procedures outlined at **1b** was followed.

1l (**1**: lactic acid 1:1), **1** (544.4 mg, 1.254 mmol) was dissolved partially in lactic acid (0.5 mL). Otherwise procedures outlined at **1b** was followed.

1m (**1**: 1-(hydroperoxymethyl)-4-methylbenzene 1:1), **1** (21.4 mg, 0.0493 mmol) was dissolved in p-xylene (1.0 mL). Otherwise procedures outlined at **1b** was followed.

2 (**1**: acetylic acid: water 1:1:1), **1** (244 mg, 0.562 mmol) was dissolved in acetylic-acid (1.0 mL). Otherwise procedures outlined at **1b** was followed.

3 (**1**: maleic acid 2:4), **1** (203.9 mg, 0.470 mmol) and maleic acid (475.9 mg, 4.099 mmol, 8.72 eqv.) were dissolved partially in water (1.0 mL). Otherwise procedures outlined at **1b** was followed.

4 (**1**: oxalic acid 1:2), **1** (20.8 mg, 0.0479 mmol) and oxalic acid (5.8 mg, 0.0644 mmol, 1.34 eqv.) were mixed and dissolved in room temperature in butanone (0.5 mL). The solvent evaporated for a few weeks and crystals appeared in the ampoule.

5 (**1**: trifluoroacetic acid 1:3), **1** (20 mg, 0.0461 mmol) was dissolved in trifluoroacetic acid (~200 μ L). After a few days crystals appeared in the brown resin/dense oil.

An alternate way was found to crystallize **1**. **1** (9 mg, 0.0207 mmol) was dissolved in acetone (3.0 mL) Otherwise procedures at **1a** was followed.

Through **1j** crystallisation the chloride anion was exchanged with bromide anion. Bromide anion was not use for crystallisation, the logic explanation is the decomposition of the bromoacetic acid.

Single crystal XRD, general procedures

Intensity data were collected on a Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID diffractometer²⁹⁻³⁰ (graphite monochromator, Mo-K α and Cu-K α radiaton). Data reductions were made by program using programs CrystalClear²⁹ and program SORTAV³⁰.

Numerical³¹ or empirical³² absorption correction was applied to the data. Structures were solved by direct methods³³ (and subsequent difference syntheses) by using programs PLATON³⁴, WinGX³⁵ and SIR2008³⁶⁻³⁷. International Table³⁸ was used to define the order of scattering factors, space groups. Anisotropic full-matrix least-squares refinement³³ on F² for all non-hydrogen

atoms. The weighting scheme applied was $w = 1/[\sigma^2(Fo^2) + (aP)^2 + bP]$ where $P = (Fo^2 + 2Fc^2)/3$; and a, b were variable parameters through the refining. The electron residual density were observed through the refinement by using programs pxx and weed.

Most of the hydrogen atomic positions were calculated from assumed geometries. Hydrogen atoms were included in structure factor calculations but they were not refined. The isotropic displacement parameters of the hydrogen atoms were approximated from the $U(eq)$ value of the atom they were bonded to. Programs Xseed³⁹, WinGX³⁵ and ISOS⁴⁰⁻⁴¹ were used for cell transformation and for isostructurality and cell similarity calculations.

Molecular graphics and cavity calculations were made by using program Platon³⁴. Program Mercury⁴² was used to check Inter-molecular potentials⁴³⁻⁴⁴. Hirshfeld surface calculations⁴⁵ and fingerprint plots⁴⁶ were made by using program CrystalExplorer.

Cambridge Structural Database⁴⁷ was used to checking other similar structures by using program CCDC Conquest⁴⁸. Distances, angles and torsion angles of known structures were analysed by using the program Vista part of the program CCDC Conquest.

Further crystallographic measurement details are in the Table 3 or in the supplementary information.

Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) for the crystal structure have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication number CCDC xxxyyz.

Table 3.

4. Result and Discussion

4.1 The unsolvated pure **1** crystal

The drotaverin HCl salt **1** crystallized without any guest molecules in only one instance providing the first solvent free crystal structure at all. We found a solvent (water), which did not give solvent crystals with drotaverin and salicylic acid, which do not give cocrystals⁴⁹. In the measured crystal the donor and acceptor sites of the salicylic acid directed outward organise the arrangement of drotaverin molecules at the connecting surfaces⁵⁰. All crystals seems like twins with polarizer (Fig. 2.) This structure has the second largest cell axis from the analysed crystals. The chloride anion has a hydrogen bond toward the protonated nitrogen and chloride anion has six C - H ... Cl⁻ interaction more.

Fig. 2.

4.2. The triclinic crystal forms(**1a** - **1i**, **6a**, **6b**)

7 New alcohol solvated crystals were crystallised with the drotaverinium salt. Additionally the urea co-crystal as well as a monofluoroacetic acid inclusion belongs to this group. General description of such triclinic forms is as follows. In the asymmetric unit, there are always two drotaverin salts and one solvent / guest molecule as well. Thus the general host : guest ratio is 2 : 1, for this line, as first described by Simon et al. for the ethanol

and benzene inclusions²⁵. The hydrogen bridge motifs are alike in these structures (Fig. 3.). The principal ionic link is between the drotaverinium cations and chloride anions for each formula units. Next one of the two anions binds the protic guest solvent as a strong hydrogen bridge acceptor. The unequal involvement in guest binding might give a clue for the 2:1 stoichiometry and *vice versa*.

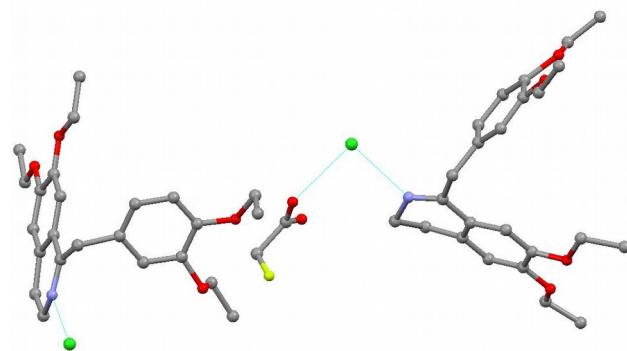


Fig. 3.

These [crystals](#) are isostructural, have the same space group $P-1$, and approximately similar cell parameters ranging from/to: $a : 12.0 - 12.5 \text{ \AA}$, $b : 14.1 - 14.6 \text{ \AA}$, $c : 15.6 - 16.0 \text{ \AA}$, angles $\alpha : 80 - 82^\circ$, $\beta : 89 - 91^\circ$, $\gamma : 67 - 79^\circ$, and volumes $2480 - 2630 \text{ \AA}^3$. Cell similarity and isostructurality calculations quantify these results⁴⁰⁻⁴¹ (Fig. 4., Table 4.). The numerical model used involves the position of the host drotaverin and chloride position in the same part of the unit cell without the hydrogen atoms. It is also instructive to examine larger deviations from similarity as indicated for **1c**, **1d**, **1e** and especially for **1f**. These structures have a (3 carbon - 5 carbon) long alcohol guest molecule. The longest racemes 2-pentanol guest molecule (**1f**) needs the largest cavity and stretched out the structure the most. The other cause is the two configurations of the 2-pentanol in the same place that needs more space once more.

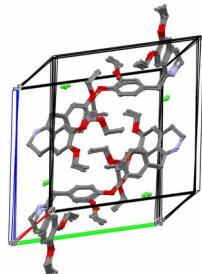


Fig. 4.

Table 4.

4.2. **The monoclinic** crystal forms **1j**, **1k**, **1l** and **1m**

In this branch of inclusions the host : guest ratio changes for 1:1, the unit cell symmetry is monoclinic $P2_1/c$, [being three crystal structures **1j** - **1l** are isostructural](#) (Tabl. 5.). It is notable, however, that the unit cell volumes accounting for $Z=4$ formula units with 1:1 ratio are only larger approximately corresponding to two more guests in their respective unit cells, as compared for the basic $P-1$ unit with also four drotaverinium salts

and with **only** two solvent / guest molecules. Thus packing and density will only moderately vary under these circumstances.

Table 5.

The **guests** of **1j-1l** crystals have lower pK_a value as related to the applied alcohols so the acidity can be also one of the factors causing the the key to understand the change from the $P\text{-}1$ space group for the $P2_1/c$ one. The weaker organic acids in this group can not replace compete with HCl molecule as the anionic component yet, for drotaverin molecule but searching they can be in the second best hydrogen acceptor position and break the 2:1 host: guest motifs. However, the organization of the crystal structures in $P2_1/c$ space group are very similar with to the $P\text{-}1$ structures. The voids are very similar as well (Fig. 5a. and Fig. 5b.).

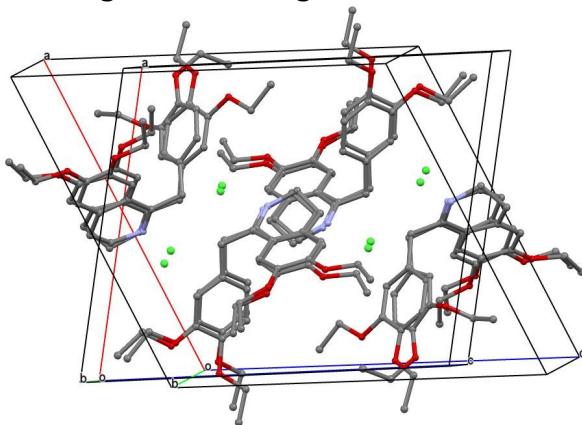


Fig. 5.

1m: Analogous to the benzene inclusion²⁵ xylene was applied as solvent for the crystal growth. After finding the initial structure model large residual electron density was found close to one of the methyl termini of the supposed *p*-xylene molecule. Based on their geometry these additional peaks were assigned as O atoms. Thus a hydroperoxide auto-oxidation product was assumed, in line with the literature evidences⁵¹⁻⁵⁴. Subsequently new sample was crystallised using the same xylene batch and fresh crystals were used to re-measure pertinent data with the same outcome. Thus one may conclude that **1** selectively includes the hydroperoxy derivative preferring the impurity with a more productive hydrogen bond system over the abundant xylene solvent (Fig. 6.). *p*-Xylene is part of the fraction of benzyl, toluene and the xylene isomers (BTX) in the petrol industry. The separation is a lengthy separation method with/by using distillation, adsorption or crystallization as these molecules are important for chemical industry. *p*-Xylene is the precursor to terephthalic acid and the intermediary of the oxidation between *p*-xylene and therephthalic acid is this peroxide compound. more references at least: 51-54 .

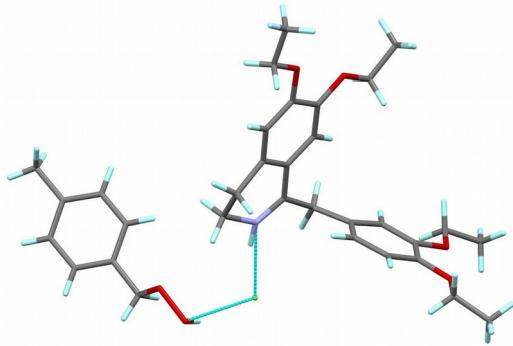


Fig. 6.

Other hydroperoxide containing molecules were searched in the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC)⁴⁷. More than 140 crystal structures were found containing a hydroperoxide fragment. The O-O distance (1.478(6) Å) of solved structure is within the limit of acceptability (where the mean is 1.462 with 0.001 error Å), and the measured C-O-O angle (108.1(5) °) within margin of error is indistinguishable from the earlier measured crystal data (where the mean is 108.05(12) °). (The distance and angle analysis is in Fig. 7a. and Fig. 7b.). It seems the crystal phase is stopped between the oxidation from *p*-xylene to *p*-methylbenzoic acid.

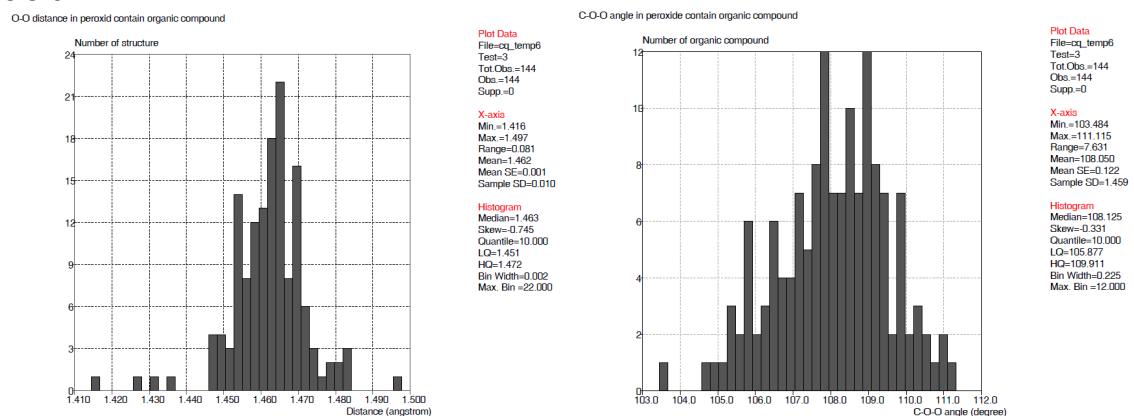


Fig. 7a. and Fig. 7b.

4.4. Ternary and other unusual forms 2, 3, 4 and 5

2: This is the highest symmetry of all the studied forms and has a half occupancy water molecule in the asymmetric unit. **2** is the first obtained crystal structure with water molecule inside and the first three component system. The water is hydrogen bonded to two ether oxygen of ethoxy group. The distances between them and water are 2.978(5) Å (O1_1 ... O3_2) and 3.056(6) Å (O4_1 ... O3_2). Water molecule has two other weaker ether type interactions to O2_1 (3.37(1) Å) and to O3_1 (3.32(1) Å).

3,4,5: After successful crystallisation of drotaverin with maleic acid (pK_a : ~1.9 and 6.1) (**3**) and oxalic acid (pK_a : ~1.3 and 4.3) (**4**) further low pK_a value acids were sought. Trifluoroacetic acid (pK_a : ~0.2) (**5**) seemed and proved to be a strong mono-carboxylic acid, and for monitoring the spread in this pK_a area mono-fluoroacetic acid (pK_a : ~2.6) (**1i**) and bromoacetic acid (pK_a : ~2.86) (**1j**) (Table 5.) were also tested.

Table 6.

3.4 Cocrystals: These compounds are also related to salt solvates, an extremely well-known class of crystalline solids which also contain ions and neutral molecules (usually water or the solvent from which the crystal was grown), and some researchers now define co-crystals as being composed of two or more normally solid compounds in order to distinguish co-crystals from solvates.

When inorganic ions are present in the co-crystal, the compound can be clearly described as having both ions and neutral species, and Braga et al. have advocated reserving the term ionic co-crystal for these structures. Defining the ions in an ionic co-crystal becomes more complicated if there are multiple possible ionization states for the components, and the stoichiometry implies that some must be neutral and others must be ionized.

Kelley, reference be cited! In this particular case, we succeed replacing the chloride anion by/through salt metathesis into a maleate and oxalate anion^{49,55}. In these cocrystal structures are the oxalate, maleate anion and neutral maleic acid oxalic acid form as guest as well. These two structures have the same *P*-1 space group, but they have different ratio in the asymmetric unit (**3**: drotaverin: maleic acid: maleate = 2: 2: 2; **4**: drotaverin: oxalic acid:oxalate = 1: 1: 1). Between the anions, there is a neutral form of guest and these guests make a layer as the anions as well. Compared to the two drotaverin molecules in the asymmetric unit of structure **3** little differences can be found (Fig. 8.). The differences are the place of ethoxy group of the drotaverin molecules. It causes a non-realised inversion centre in the asymmetric unit between them. The median of the atomic position of the two drotaverin give a nearly perfect position for an inversion centre (a axis: 0.491; b axis: 0.499; c axis: 0.250) (Fig. 9a. and Table 7.). Without the differences of the drotaverin molecules, the consequent can be a half-long c axis (Fig. 9b.). Maybe the perfect alternating two different ethoxy groups cause this long c axis and not a half long c axis with a disorder in the ethoxy population.

Fig. 8.

Fig. 9a.

Fig. 9b.

Table 7.

5: We were able to produce a new structure that contains trifluoroacetic acid molecules in the crystal lattice. There is counter trifluoroacetate anion and two trifluoroacetic acid molecules as guest in the asymmetric unit as well. It has drotaverin guest ratio (1: 3) in the *P* -1 space group. This crystal structure has another hydrogen bonds motive as well. In this case, the chloride anion was replaced with trifluoroacetate anion. It has not a general hydrogen bond. Anion and cation layers are separated in the unit cell. The anion has two trifluoroacetic acid neighboroughs. The cation H-N part of the isoquinoline is shielded with hydrogen bonds of the two ether oxygen of the ethoxy group of another drotaverin molecule organised by the symmetry centre (N1 ... O3 distance is 2.835(2) and N1 ... O4 distance is 3.105(2) Å). This O3 oxygen has a π interaction to the phenyl ring of the neighboroughing molecule. The distance between the O3 and the centre of phenyl ring is 3.24(1) Å. The ethyl of O3 ethoxy group turn out from the benzene plane for the isoquinoline N-H --- O bond (Fig 10. and Fig. 11.).

Fig. 10.

Fig. 11.

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4.6. Conformation of drotaverin molecules: Only one fragment has larger conformational changes in the molecule. This point was defined with a torsion angle between the part of isoquinoline and part of benzyl. The

asymmetry of 3,4-Diethoxybenzyl gives four extreme opportunity for conformation changes to explain the two drotaverin in the asymmetric unit (Scheme 2a. and Scheme 2b.) in two dimension. If the free rotating bond goes around it describe a conic. Nevertheless, all the point of the circle of conic the phenyl group can rotate around.

Fig. 12.

Fig. 13.

All the case the space group of the crystal structures are centrosymmetric. It means the positive or negative signs of torsion angle are irrelevant.

If the asymmetric unit has one drotaverin, it has very similar conformation except the case of **2**, **6***. If the asymmetric unit has two drotaverin, the first has the same conformation as the case of the one drotaverin per asymmetric unit. The second drotaverin in the asymmetric unit has other conformation from 11 cases 10 times, except the case of **3**. It was clear for us: the conformational energy is similar.

The sum of the torsion angle of the two drotaverin in the asymmetric unit has a nearly 202(4) degree in all the 10 case, except **3**. It means the plane of two phenyl group have a nearly reverse placement (Diagram 1.).

Fig. 14.

The ethoxy part of the drotaverin has a higher flexibility. In most of the cases, the terminal ethoxy groups can be found in the plane of the phenyl or of the isoquinoline rings. We could observe a rule of the place of the ethoxy group. In 5 structures the terminal ethoxy group of isoquinoline turns out of the plane of the aromatic ring. The guest is stabilized by the hydrogen bond to the neighbour C11 atom, and if the guest shape is good and long enough, the ethoxy groups of isoquinoline turn out of plane for more cavities to the guest (Fig. 10.).

Fig. 15.

4.7. Conformation of drotaverin molecules: There are four diethoxy groups in the benzyl groups as a flexible part in the molecule as well. They have a cavity around them; they have diffuse electron density, larger disorder and ellipsoid in the final x-ray diffraction picture.

4.8. Conformation of drotaverin molecules: On other **quiet** rigid part on the drotaverin structure is the two CH₂ part of the isoquinoline. These parts have a stabilize-like C-H ... O interaction with the neighbour drotaverin.

4.9. Intermolecular (drotaverin - drotaverin) interactions: There is a π - π and bifurcal CH-O interactions between the hydroisoquinoline moieties of neighbouring drotaverins (fig. 11.). It is a frequently occurring interaction, 30 of 34 drotaverin structures has this kind of intermolecular interactions. Between these two neighbours molecules have an inversion centre. / The connection between these two neighbours molecules is an inversion centre. (The only two different structures are **2**, **3**, **4** and hydrochloride forms (**1**). The hydrochloride structure has only a drift (elcsúszás). / in the case of hydrochloride crystal 1, the interaction is weaker because the two isoquinoline are drift in the crystal.)

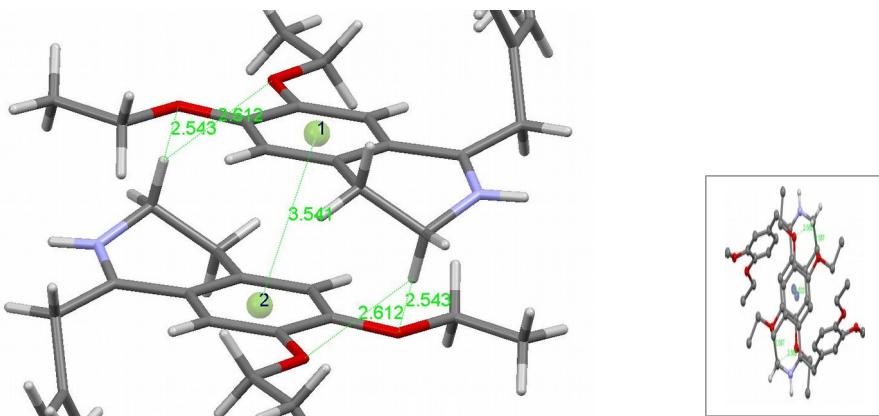


Fig. 16. Bent lementeni

All structures have a similar cohesive interaction between two neighbour drotaverin molecules.

There are some interaction between two 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline part of drotaverin molecules in the part of / around an inversion centre. The π - π interaction between the unsaturated part of isoquinoline and the ether-HC interaction are strong stabilizer / establishment interactions. CH_2 part of molecules was stabilized by ether-HC interaction. We could not find any disorder of the two CH_2 part. In the acetic acid structure is a non-series-egyedi structure in the present case, because the second CH_2 from N had ether-HCH interaction. That reason gave the other conformation for the two CH_2 as the other structures.

By using Hirshfeld surface, we can visualise the full weak interaction network. It seems there are a few differences between the drotaverin molecules. We compared the drotaverins in the *P*-1 (**1d**) structure and a *P* 21/c structure (**1k**) (Fig. 12a.). In other case, the chloride anion free drotaverin structures (**2, 3, 4**)

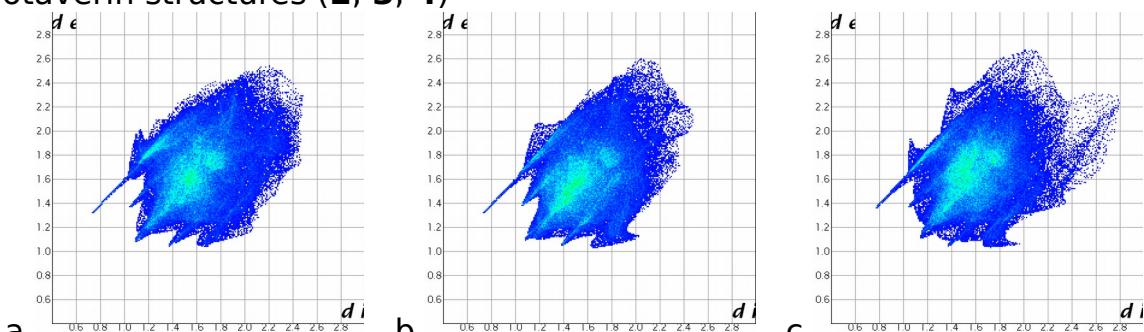


Fig. 17. Bent lementeni

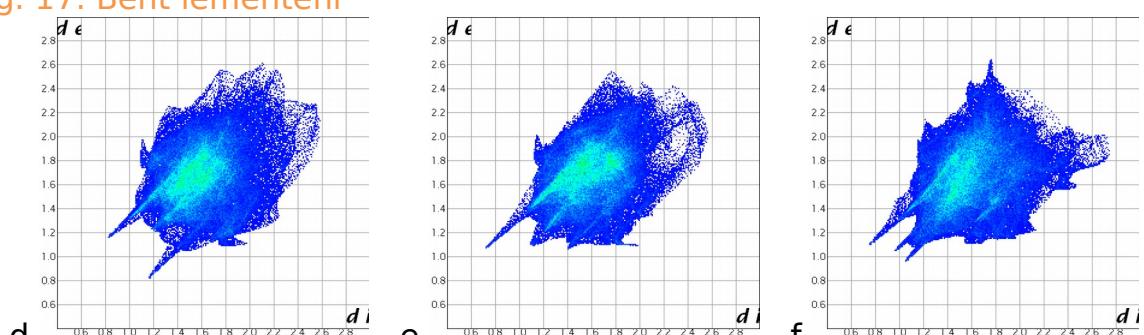


Fig. 18. Bent lementeni

5. Conclusion

The investigation of the structural conformational possibility is an important researching area in the case of the drotaverin API molecules. The other important area is the creating of new polymorphs and cocrystals with APIs.

In the article, we have studied the formation of 18 new crystal forms of drotaverin. In 12 cases, we have made a solvates containing crystal of drotaverin. In three cases, we have made cocrystals, and only in one case, we have made the simplest crystal structure only with chloride ion without partners. The guest of cocrystals was easily available for all laboratory and many of the solid partners was harmless for the human body.

The solvates of the alcohols (**1a-1g**), the thiourea (**1h**) and monofluoroacetic acid (**1i**) containing crystal structures are isostructural. The molecules with harder carboxylic acid part give diverse crystal structure. We "successfully" crystallized peroxide as well.

More than 800,000 organic crystal structures well known in the CCDC. One of every three structures has the space group P 21/c and one of every five has P-1. The sixth most frequent space group is Pbca. Although drotaverin is only one organic molecule the characteristic space groups are observable here: 12 of 18 crystal structures have the same P-1 space group (**1a-1i, 2, 3, 4**), 5 have P21/c space group (**1, 1j- 1m**) and one structure has Pbca (**1n**).

Almost all the case has a same contact between the molecules in the crystals. Same C-H ... O π-π and CH-π interaction. Only a few harder acidity partners could replace the chloride anion and break these motifs.

The flexible -CH₂- part between the isoquinoline ring and phenyl ring gave two differential conformations that appeared in the two drotaverin in the asymmetric unit except in the structure with maleinic acid (**2**) and 1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-7H-1,3-dimethyl-2,6-dioxopurine-7-acetate monohydrate (**5***).

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Mindezt amellett, hogy a 2012-ben megkezdett, 2014- ben záródó átszervezés előzményei és utóhatásai jelentősen befolyásolták a projekt személyi feltételeit.

Összeségében tehát e projekt lehetővé tette legalább 80 olyan kristály – és molekulászerkezet felderítését, amelyek jó része a standard megközelítések és kezelésmódok számára elérhetetlen lett volna.