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Notes for Authors

These Notes for Authors provide the submission and publication requirements of *Acta Crystallographica Section C: Crystal Structure Communications* as stipulated by the policies of the IUCr Commission on Journals for the rapid publication of crystal structure studies. They differ from the earlier requirements [*Acta Cryst.* (1996). C52, 265–278] in several major respects:

(a) Two separate publication approaches are offered; *full* and *CIF-access* papers.

(b) Stricter validation requirements will apply to CIF data.

(c) Printed papers will be reduced in format (*e.g.* coordinates will not normally be printed).

(d) Stricter time requirements apply to communications between authors and editors.

(e) The electronic submission of structure factors is required as part of a submission.

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1. Submission requirements

1.1. Method of submission

All papers must be submitted in Crystallographic Information File (CIF) ASCII format (MIME or other encoded formats should be avoided if possible), either by e-mail or on 3.5 in diskettes. CIFs for full papers should be sent to the e-mail address cifpub@iucr.ac.uk, whereas cif-access submissions should be sent to cifaccess@iucr.ac.uk.

Authors submitting by e-mail will be contacted about additional material required for submission *after* the CIF has completed the validation checks summarized in §3. At that time the Transfer of Copyright Agreement form (*Appendix 6*) should be posted to

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International Union of Crystallography
5 Abbey Square
Chester CH1 2HU
England

Telephone: 44 1244 342878

Fax: 44 1244 314888

Authors submitting on diskette should mail the diskette, the Transfer of Copyright Agreement form and any additional material (see §2) to the above address.

Large diagram files (if required for full submissions), and structure-factor lists in CIF format (necessary for all submissions), should be sent by ftp (*Appendix 2*). Note that structure factors should always be supplied in a separate CIF file.

1.2. Languages of submission

The languages of publication are English, French, German and Russian.

1.3. Author's warranty

The submission of a paper is taken as an implicit guarantee that the work is original, that it is the author(s) own work, that all authors concur with and are aware of the submission, that all workers involved in the study are listed as authors or given proper credit in the acknowledgements, that the results have not already been published (in any language or medium) or deposited in a public access database, and that the paper is not being considered and will not be offered elsewhere while under consideration for an IUCr journal. For these reasons, the submission must be made over the signature of at least one author.

1.4. Copyright

Except as required otherwise by national laws, the author must sign and submit a copy of the Transfer of Copyright Agreement form (*Appendix 6*) for each manuscript before it can be accepted.

1.5. Categories of submission

Section C publishes three categories of papers. The requested category must be specified in the submitted CIF as `_publ_requested_category`, using one of the codes listed below.

(a) Full papers describe one or more structure determinations. These submissions are validated (see §3) and peer reviewed. The accepted paper is printed in the journal and the CIF is accessible over the Internet. The category codes used to identify these papers are `FI` for inorganic, `FM` for metal–organic, and `FO` for organic structures.

(b) CIF-access papers describe one or more structure determinations. The submitted CIF is validated identically to (a) but the text is not peer reviewed. The title, authors and scheme of the paper will appear in the Table of Contents of the journal and the CIF is accessible over the Internet. The category codes used to identify these papers are `CI` for inorganic, `CM` for metal–organic, and `CO` for organic structures.

(c) *Addenda and Errata* are short printed papers describing additions to, comments on, or errata to existing *Section C* publications and are *not* intended for interim reports of work in progress. The text should not exceed 1000 words. *Addenda and Errata* are peer reviewed. The category code for these papers is `AD`.

1.6. Author checking of manuscripts

To avoid delays in editorial handling, authors are asked to pre-check their submission by e-mailing the CIF to checkcif@iucr.ac.uk. A check report will be returned automatically to the sender's e-mail address. The text and tables of a paper, as distributed to the Co-editors and referees, may be previewed by sending the CIF (after completing the pre-check) to princif@iucr.ac.uk. A PostScript file of the paper will be returned for local printing. Note that use of these automatic facilities does not constitute a submission to *Section C*.

1.7. Handling of manuscripts

Each submitted CIF is checked in Chester for completeness and data integrity. If incomplete or inadequate it will be returned to the author for correction. The data-validation criteria applied in these checks are summarized in §3, and more detailed information is available in the booklet *A Guide for Section C Authors*, which is currently in preparation, or from the web site <http://www.iucr.ac.uk/journals/acta/actac.html>. Papers accepted for publication will be assigned an IUCr data-validation number (e.g. IUC97-A0856). This will be published in the journal to allow retrieval of the CIF from the IUCr archives.

For CIF-access papers the title, authors and scheme (or synopsis) will normally appear in the journal within two months of data validation. Full papers will be forwarded, together with the *Check Report*, to a Co-editor, who is responsible for the review steps and future communications with the authors up to the acceptance stage. Failure to respond *within three months* to a communication from either a Co-editor or the Chester editorial staff will result in the automatic withdrawal of the paper. If major revisions are made to the submission the journal reserves the right to reset the date of receipt of the paper to the date of re-submission. Any amendments to a paper during its review **must be indicated on the printed manuscript provided**, as this document is used by the editorial staff to update and revise the archived CIF.

Once a paper is accepted, it is the responsibility of the Managing Editor to prepare the paper for printing and to correspond with the authors and/or the Co-editor to resolve publication ambiguities or inadequacies. The date of acceptance that will appear on the published paper will be the date on which the Managing Editor receives the last item needed.

1.8. Status of a submission

Authors may obtain information about the current status of a paper either from the web site <http://www.iucr.ac.uk/journals/status.html> or by sending an e-mail, containing the reference code of the paper and the author's name as the subject line (e.g. JA1325 Smith), to the address status@iucr.ac.uk.

1.9. Reprints

Twenty-five reprints of each printed article will be provided to the contact author free of charge.

1.10. Author grievance procedure

An author who believes that a paper has been unjustifiably treated by the Co-editor may appeal initially to the Section Editor, and then to the Editor-in-Chief if still aggrieved by the decision.

2. Publication requirements

The publication requirements for the text, tabular and graphical material are described in this section. The standards for numerical and codified data are summarized in §3, and a list of all

items required for submission is given in *Appendix 3*. Each item described in this section is required for a full paper submission. Only the items described in §§2.1, 2.2, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.9, 2.11 and 2.13 are required for a CIF-access submission.

2.1. Title and authors

The *Title* should be short and informative. Avoid complicated IUPAC names and redundant phrases such as '*Crystal Structure of ...*'. The full first name of each author is preferred. The e-mail address of the contact author should be included in the CIF using the data item `_publ_contact_author_email`. Note that new data items `_publ_section_title_footnote` and `_publ_author_footnote` are available for inserting footnotes to the title and to individual authors.

2.2. Abstract

The *Abstract* must be written in English and should summarize *only the most important aspects of the study*. It should not contain the crystal data. The systematic IUPAC name and the chemical formula should be given here, if they are not included in the *Title*.

2.3. Comment

The *Comment* is the descriptive section of the study. It should be as concise as possible and cover the following aspects of the study:

- (a) Why the structure determination was undertaken.
- (b) The origin of the material studied. General chemical background material and references should be included. Details of the chemical extraction, synthesis and crystallization processes should be given in the *Experimental* section (see §2.4).
- (c) Novel or unusual aspects of the coordination, geometry, conformation, crystal packing, etc. A discussion of geometry values that agree with established values (see *International Tables for Crystallography*, Volume C, §§9.4–9.6) is not warranted.

2.4. Experimental data

Experimental data (see *Appendix 3*) are tabulated under the sub-headings *Crystal data*, *Data collection* and *Refinement*. The descriptive text item `_publ_section_exptl_prep` should give sufficient information on the chemical and crystal preparation, and identification (e.g. on melting points and densities), to reproduce the experiment. Additional measurements (e.g. NMR spectra) supporting the crystallographic study may also be included. The item `_publ_section_exptl_refinement` details special aspects of the data collection, space-group identification, data processing, structure determination, refinement and hydrogen-atom treatment.

2.5. Acknowledgements

Acknowledgement should be given for any assistance provided to the study (see §1.3).

2.6. References

References to published work must be cited in the format detailed in §6. If reference is made to unpublished work, prior consent must be first obtained from the authors of that work.

2.7. Atomic sites

Except for structures involving special site symmetries, atom coordinate and displacement parameters *will not be printed*. These will be available to readers from the archived CIF. The `_atom_site_coordinate` and displacement parameters must be supplied with standard uncertainty values (see §5.1). The parameter constraints and restraints applied to the refinement process, and the anisotropic atomic displacement parameters

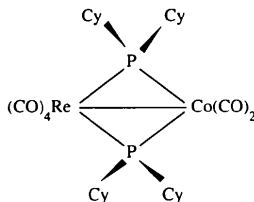
(as U^{ij}), must also be supplied. If atomic displacement parameters other than U or U^{ij} are used, the exact form of the displacement-factor expression should be indicated in `_publ_section_exptl_refinement`.

2.8. Selected geometrical data

Interatomic bond lengths, intermolecular non-bonded contact distances, bond angles and torsion angles should be supplied, but only values that are *novel* should be flagged for printing by setting the `_geom_.._flag` value to `yes`. The data to be printed will be reviewed by the Co-editor. All submitted geometry data will be accessible from the archived CIF.

2.9. Chemical scheme

A chemical structural diagram (see below) must be included for molecular compounds.



2.10. Crystallographic diagram

Only one crystallographic diagram is usually permitted for each structure presented in the paper. Diagram requirements are given in §4. A displacement ellipsoid diagram is required either for publication or to be used in the review process.

2.11. Contents requirements

The Table of Contents of the journal will list each paper with the title and author(s) and either a chemical structural diagram (see §2.9) for molecular compounds or a written synopsis for compounds that cannot be shown as a chemical structural diagram. The synopsis should be one or two sentences (less than 40 words) in length and should be given in `_publ_section_synopsis`.

2.12. Powder diffraction data

A CIF powder template and list of data items for inclusion in a powder diffraction paper are available by ftp (files `/pub/rietform.cif` and `/pub/rietreq.lst`, respectively). The numerical intensity of each measured point on the profile (as a function of scattering angle) will be deposited with the IUCr and sent by the Co-editor to the International Center for Diffraction Data (ICDD), 12 Campus Boulevard, Newton Square, PA 19073-3273, USA. These data will be checked and assigned an ICDD reference number which will, where possible, be published in the paper. Papers reporting Rietveld refinements should include a figure showing the diffraction profile and the difference between the measured and calculated profiles.

2.13. Structure factors

The reflection data h , k , l , Y_{meas} , σY_{meas} , Y_{calc} (where Y is I , F^2 , or F), should be supplied as an electronic file in CIF format. Authors should indicate if the Y values are corrected for absorption and extinction effects in this file and in the `_publ_section_exptl_refinement` section of the paper.

3. Data standards

A list of all data required for submission is given in *Appendix 3*. If the data are incomplete, inadequate or incorrect the author will be informed promptly. Authors are asked to pre-check each CIF (see §1.6) prior to submission. A more complete description of the data-validation checks applied to submitted CIFs is available from the web site <http://www.iucr.ac.uk/journals/acta/actac.html> and from the booklet *A Guide for Section C Authors*, which is in preparation.

The most important data requirements are summarized below.

`_chemical_formula_moiety`
`_chemical_formula_sum`

The chemical formula must be consistent with the atomic content specified by the `_atom_site_` information, and match the `_chemical_formula_weight` (see *Appendix 3*).

`_symmetry_space_group_name_H-M`

The space group must encompass the highest symmetry permitted by the diffraction intensities, and be appropriate to the `_cell_length_` and `_cell_angle_` values (see *Appendix 3*).

`_cell_formula_units_Z`

The number of formula units in the unit cell must comply with that expected from the chemical formula, the space group and the `_atom_site_` data.

`_exptl_crystal_colour`

The crystal colour should comply with the codes listed in *Appendix 4*.

`_exptl_absorpt_correction_type`

Permitted absorption-type codes are listed in *Appendix 4*. A type code must be accompanied by a reference to the method or the software used; this should be given in the field `_exptl_absorpt_process_details`. The need for absorption corrections, and the appropriate type of correction, is dependent on the μ value `_exptl_absorpt_coefficient_mu` and the crystal size values `_exptl_crystal_size_min_`, `_mid_` and `_max_`. If x is the medial size `_mid_`, the product μx provides a gauge to the type of correction needed. Analytical or numerical corrections are strongly recommended if μx exceeds 1.0 and mandatory if μx is above 3.0. If μx is below 0.1 corrections are usually unnecessary, otherwise ψ -scan or empirical methods are acceptable. Refined absorption methods are discouraged except in special circumstances. The transmission-factor limits `_exptl_absorpt_correction_T_min_` and `_max_` should agree with those expected for the crystal size and μ .

`_reflns_number_total`

The number of symmetry-independent reflections excludes the systematically extinct intensities. Authors are encouraged to use all of these reflections in the refinement of the structure parameters.

`_reflns_threshold_expression`

This is identical to the item `_reflns_observed_criterion_`. This threshold, which is based on multiples of σI , σF^2 or σF , serves to identify the significantly intense reflections, the number of which is given by `_reflns_number_gt_` (the new data name for `_reflns_number_observed_`). These reflections are used in the calculation of `_refine_ls_R_factor_gt_` (the new data name for `_refine_ls_R_factor_obs_`). The

multiplier in the threshold expression should be as small as possible.

`_diffrn_reflns_theta_max`

The θ_{\max} of measured reflections should be such that $\sin \theta_{\max}/\lambda$ exceeds 0.6 \AA^{-1} (*i.e.* $\theta_{\max} > 25^\circ$ for Mo $K\alpha$; $\theta_{\max} > 67^\circ$ for Cu $K\alpha$). This provides the minimum number of reflections recommended for an average structural study.

`_diffrn_measured_fraction_theta_max`

This is a new data item intended mainly for area-detector data, but is also useful as a general measure of data completeness. It is the fraction of unique (symmetry-independent) reflections measured out to `_diffrn_reflns_theta_max`. Ideally, this should be as close to 1.0 as possible.

`_diffrn_reflns_theta_full`

This a new data item intended mainly for area-detector data. θ_{full} is the diffractometer angle at which the measured reflection count is close to complete. The fraction of unique reflections measured out to this angle is given by `_diffrn_measured_fraction_theta_full`. Alternatively, a breakdown of data completeness and merging statistics as a function of θ may be requested if deemed necessary.

`_diffrn_reflns_av_R_equivalents`

Sufficient symmetry-equivalent reflections must be measured to provide a good estimate of the intensity repeatability. This is particularly important when absorption corrections are applied (this value is calculated *after* the corrections are applied to the intensities).

`_refine_ls_R_factor_gt`

This is identical to the item `_refine_ls_R_factor_obs`. This R value is calculated for the number of reflections `_reflns_number_gt` (the new name for `_reflns_number_observed`). Note that this value is not intended as a reliable gauge of structure precision; this is better determined from the standard uncertainties of the parameters (which depend on the number and the reliability of the measured structure factors used in the refinement process).

`_refine_ls_number_reflns`

The number of reflections used in the refinement should be as large as possible, and is expected to be an order of magnitude greater than the number of refined parameters `_refine_ls_number_parameters`. If the number of refinement reflections is set equal to `_reflns_number_gt`, then the σ multiplier in `_reflns_threshold_expression` should be kept as small as possible.

`_refine_ls_number_parameters`

This is the number of coordinate, atomic displacement, scale, occupancy, constraint and restraint parameters refined independently in the least-squares process. It is possible, and sometimes desirable, to reduce that number by the appropriate application of geometric constraints and restraints.

`_refine_ls_hydrogen_treatment`

The codes which identify the treatment of H-atom parameters are listed in *Appendix 4*. Note the recent addition of `constr` and `mixed` treatment codes. Detailed text about the refinement of H-atom sites should be placed in

`_publ_section_exptl_refinement`. Authors must appreciate that the treatment of H-atom parameters determines largely how their hydrogen-bond geometry may be studied and discussed in the paper.

`_refine_ls_weighting_scheme`

Refinements based on unit weights are not acceptable.

`_refine_ls_shift/su_max`

This is identical to the item `_refine_ls_shift/esd_max`. It is the largest ratio of the refinement shift to standard uncertainty and typically is within ± 0.01 . A value outside ± 0.1 is considered unusual and values beyond this are a signal of incomplete refinement, unaccounted-for disorder or high correlation between parameters that should be constrained. Authors should explain the reasons for a high value in `_publ_section_exptl_refinement`.

`_refine_diff_density_min`

`_refine_diff_density_max`

These values are expected to be small, especially for light-atom structures. If their magnitudes exceed 1 e \AA^{-3} , the label and the distance of the closest atom site should be reported in `_publ_section_exptl_refinement`.

`_geom_`

All geometry values must originate from the submitted `_atom_site_fract_` values. Only novel geometry values of significance to the structure will be printed. These must be identified with a `_geom_..flag` value of yes in the submitted CIF; all other geometry values must be flagged with a no.

`_atom_site_`

Atomic coordinates for molecular structures should be supplied as connected sets. `atom_site_occupancy` values should be 1.0 except for disordered or non-stoichiometric atom sites. Atom sites constrained to model disorder must be indicated by `_atom_site_disorder_group`. The overall packing in the structure will be checked for significant vacant regions (*i.e.* voids) indicating omitted solvent molecules.

`_atom_site_aniso_U_`

Checks will be made for non-positive-definite anisotropic atomic displacement parameters. The ratio of maximum to minimum eigenvalues should not, except in special circumstances (*e.g.* disorder), exceed 5.

`_refine_ls_abs_structure_details`

This item should describe the method applied, and the number of Friedel-related (in contrast to symmetry-related) reflections used, in the measurement of the absolute configuration parameter (*e.g.* `_refine_ls_abs_structure_Flack`). The reliability of this parameter increases with the number of Friedel reflections, and as many pairs as possible should be involved.

4. Diagram requirements

4.1. Publication

Diagrams are only required for full papers. Normally only one diagram will be published per structure. For papers reporting molecular structures this should be a molecular diagram; otherwise it should be a packing or polyhedron diagram. Unique atom sites should be identified with labels consistent with those for the supplied atom coordinates. Distances and angles should

not be shown in the crystallographic diagram. A chemical structural diagram must be supplied for molecular compounds (see §2.9 for a typical example).

4.2. Submission

Authors submitting by e-mail will be contacted when the diagram material is required. Authors submitting on diskette may send the diagrams at the same time as submission of the CIF. Electronic submission as PostScript or HPGL files is preferred (see Appendix 2 for details) but high-quality prints may be sent by post or courier (see §1.1).

4.3. Quality

It is essential that diagrams be of *publication* quality. A clear, well presented crystallographic diagram encapsulates the stereochemistry, the geometry, and, if it is a displacement ellipsoid plot, the structural disorder and thermal motion.

4.4. Size

Each diagram should be provided separately without reduction. Diagrams will be reduced to fit an 80 mm column. The orientation and labelling of the diagram should take this into account.

4.5. Lettering and symbols

Fine-scale details and lettering must be large enough to be clearly legible (not less than 1.2 mm in height) when the diagram is one column (80 mm) in width. Atom site labels in crystallographic diagrams should match labels used in the atom site lists and text. The labels should not overlap ellipsoids or bonds. Descriptive matter should be placed in the legend. Packing diagrams must show the cell-axis directions (labelled *a*, *b*, *c*) and the cell origin (labelled *O*), but should normally exclude H-atom sites.

4.6. Numbering and legends

Diagrams and photographs are to be numbered as figures in a single series, normally in the order in which they are referred to in the text. A list of the legends ('figure captions') should be included in `_publ_section_figure_captions`. Legends of ellipsoid plots must state the probability limit used.

5. Nomenclature

5.1. Crystallographic nomenclature

Atom sites not related by space-group symmetry should be identified by unique labels composed of a number appended to the IUPAC chemical symbol (e.g. C5, C7 etc.). Label numbers *should not* be placed in parentheses. Chemical and crystallographic numbering should be in agreement wherever possible. Crystallographically equivalent atoms in *different* asymmetric units should be identified in diagrams and text with lower-case roman numeral superscripts appended to the original atom labels (e.g. C5ⁱ and C7^{iv}).

Space groups should be designated by the Hermann–Mauguin symbols. Standard cell settings, as listed in Volume A of *International Tables for Crystallography*, should be used unless objective reasons to the contrary are stated. A list of equivalent positions should also be supplied. Hermann–Mauguin symbols should be used for designating point groups and molecular symmetry. If there is a choice of origin, this should be stated in `_publ_section_exptl_refinement`. The choice of axes should normally follow the recommendations of the Commission on Crystallographic Data [Kennard, Speakman & Donnay (1967). *Acta Cryst.* **22**, 445–449].

Authors are encouraged to follow the recommendation of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and use the term standard uncertainty, abbreviated s.u., in place of the traditional term estimated standard deviation [see Schwarzenbach, Abrahams, Flack, Prince & Wilson (1995). *Acta Cryst.* **A51**, 565–569]. The standard uncertainty should be expressed as a number in parentheses following the numerical result and should be on the scale of the least significant digits of the result.

Anisotropic displacement parameters should be reported as *U* values with the indices *ij* given as superscripts [see Trueblood *et al.* (1996). *Acta Cryst.* **A52**, 770–781].

5.2. Nomenclature of chemical compounds

Names of chemical compounds and minerals should conform to the nomenclature rules of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), the International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (IUBMB), the International Mineralogical Association and other appropriate bodies. Any accepted trivial or non-systematic name may be retained, but the corresponding systematic (IUPAC) name should also be given. If help on assigning systematic names is sought from advisory sources, authors are requested to indicate the source consulted.

5.3. Units

The International System of Units (SI) is used except that the ångström (symbol Å, defined as 10⁻¹⁰ m) is generally preferred to the nanometre (nm) or picometre (pm) as the appropriate unit of length. Recommended prefixes of decimal multiples should be used rather than '×10ⁿ'.

6. References

References to published work must be indicated by giving the authors' names followed immediately by the year of publication, e.g. Neder, Frey & Schulz (1997) or (Neder, Frey & Schulz, 1997). Where there are six or more authors the reference in the text should be indicated in the form Smith *et al.* (1989) or (Smith *et al.*, 1989) *etc.*

In the reference list, entries for journals [abbreviated in the style of *Chemical Abstracts* (the abbreviations *Acta Cryst.*, *J. Appl. Cryst.* and *J. Synchrotron Rad.* are exceptions)], books, multi-author books, computer programs, personal communications and undated documents should be arranged alphabetically and conform with the following style:

- Bürgi, H.-B. (1989). *Acta Cryst.* **B45**, 383–390.
 Hervieu, M. & Raveau, B. (1983a). *Chem. Scr.* **22**, 117–122.
 Hervieu, M. & Raveau, B. (1983b). *Chem. Scr.* **22**, 123–128.
 Hummel, W., Hauser, J. & Bürgi, H.-B. (1997). In preparation.
 Jones, P. T. (1987). Personal communication.
 McCrone, W. C. (1965). *Physics and Chemistry of the Organic Solid State*, Vol. 2, edited by D. Fox, M. M. Labes & A. Weissberger, pp. 725–767. New York: Interscience.
 Perkins, P. (undated). PhD thesis, University of London, England.
 Sheldrick, G. M. (1993). SHELXL93. Program for the Refinement of Crystal Structures. University of Göttingen, Germany.
 Smith, J. V. (1988). *Chem. Rev.* **88**, 149–182.
 Smith, J. V. & Bennett, J. M. (1981). *Am. Mineral.* **66**, 777–788.
 Vogel, A. (1978). *Textbook of Practical Organic Chemistry*, 4th ed. London: Longman.

Note that **inclusive** page numbers *must* be given.

APPENDIX 1 Guidelines for editing CIF text

A limited number of special characters (such as Greek letters, sub- and superscripts, and a few others) may be indicated in CIF text for typesetting purposes, using the special codes listed below. Authors are discouraged from trying to impose any particular style on the submitted text, and codes for italic and boldface characters have been omitted intentionally.

Greek letters

In general, the corresponding letter of the Latin alphabet, prefixed by a backslash character. The complete set is:

α	A	<code>\a</code>	<code>\A</code>	alpha
β	B	<code>\b</code>	<code>\B</code>	beta
χ	X	<code>\c</code>	<code>\C</code>	chi
δ	Δ	<code>\d</code>	<code>\D</code>	delta
ϵ	E	<code>\e</code>	<code>\E</code>	epsilon
φ	Φ	<code>\f</code>	<code>\F</code>	phi
γ	Γ	<code>\g</code>	<code>\G</code>	gamma
η	H	<code>\h</code>	<code>\H</code>	eta
ι	I	<code>\i</code>	<code>\I</code>	iota
κ	K	<code>\k</code>	<code>\K</code>	kappa
λ	Λ	<code>\l</code>	<code>\L</code>	lambda
μ	M	<code>\m</code>	<code>\M</code>	mu
ν	N	<code>\n</code>	<code>\N</code>	nu
\omicron	O	<code>\o</code>	<code>\O</code>	omicron
π	Π	<code>\p</code>	<code>\P</code>	pi
θ	Θ	<code>\q</code>	<code>\Q</code>	theta
ρ	R	<code>\r</code>	<code>\R</code>	rho
σ	Σ	<code>\s</code>	<code>\S</code>	sigma
τ	T	<code>\t</code>	<code>\T</code>	tau
υ	Υ	<code>\u</code>	<code>\U</code>	upsilon
ω	Ω	<code>\w</code>	<code>\W</code>	omega
ξ	Ξ	<code>\x</code>	<code>\X</code>	xi
ψ	Ψ	<code>\y</code>	<code>\Y</code>	psi
ζ	Z	<code>\z</code>	<code>\Z</code>	zeta

Accented letters

Accents should be indicated by using the following codes before the letter to be modified (*i.e.* use `\'e` for an acute e):

<code>\'</code>	acute (é)	<code>\"</code>	umlaut (ü)	<code>\=</code>	overbar (ō)
<code>\`</code>	grave (à)	<code>\~</code>	tilde (ñ)	<code>\.</code>	overdot (ô)
<code>\^</code>	circumflex (â)	<code>\;</code>	ogonek (ś)	<code>\<</code>	hacek (č)
<code>\,</code>	cedilla (ç)	<code>\></code>	Hungarian umlaut (ö)	<code>\(</code>	breve (ô)

Other characters

Other special alphabetic characters should be indicated as follows:

<code>\%a</code>	a-ring (â)	<code>\?i</code>	dotless i (ı)	<code>\&s</code>	German "ss" (ß)
<code>\/o</code>	o-slash (ø)	<code>\/l</code>	Polish l (ł)	<code>\/d</code>	barred d (đ)

Capital letters may also be used in these codes, so an ångström symbol (Å) may be given as `\%A`.

Superscripts and subscripts should be indicated by bracketing relevant characters with circumflex or tilde characters, thus:

superscripts	<code>Csp^3^</code>	for	<code>Csp³</code>
subscripts	<code>U~eq~</code>	for	<code>U_{eq}</code>

The closing symbol is essential to return to normal text.

Other codes are also recognized by the IUCr software. These are:

<code>\%</code>	degree (°)	<code>\times</code>	×
<code>--</code>	dash (<i>e.g.</i> 4-7)	<code>+-</code>	±
<code>---</code>	single bond (<i>e.g.</i> C—C)	<code>-+</code>	∓
<code>\db</code>	double bond (<i>e.g.</i> C=C)	<code>\square</code>	□
<code>\tb</code>	triple bond (<i>e.g.</i> C≡C)	<code>\neq</code>	≠
<code>\ddb</code>	delocalized double bond (<i>e.g.</i> C=C)	<code>\rangle</code>	⟩
<code>\sim</code>	~	<code>\langle</code>	⟨
(<i>N.B.</i> ~ is the code for subscript)		<code>\rightarrow</code>	→
<code>\simeq</code>	≈	<code>\leftarrow</code>	←
		<code>\infty</code>	∞

Note that `\db`, `\tb` and `\ddb` should always be followed by a space, *e.g.* C=C is denoted by `c\tb c`.

Complete text using T_EX

One further mechanism exists to allow the use of a wider range of special symbols. If, in a text field (one surrounded by semicolons), the first two non-blank characters are `%T`, the *entire contents of that field* will be passed unchanged to the T_EX formatting program. Hence, any symbols known to the powerful T_EX system may be used, and indeed arbitrarily complex text may be typeset. Any macros defined by the author are valid only through the field in which they are defined, however. It should be stressed that the usual CIF special symbols are not valid in such a field, *e.g.* `Ueq` would have to be denoted by `U$_{\rm eq}$`.

APPENDIX 2

Transferring large electronic files

File transfer protocol (ftp) should be used to transfer large electronic files exceeding 100 kb to the Editorial Office in Chester. Files need to be deposited in a directory called 'incoming/c' with a filename constructed from the *reference number* supplied by Chester.

Files containing reflection data in CIF format should be identified by the filename extension .hkl. Files containing diagrams in HPGL, PostScript or encapsulated PostScript format should be given the extensions .hpg, .ps or .eps, respectively. Multiple files for the same submission should be identified by filenames constructed as *ref.id.ext* where *id* indicates the contents, e.g. xz1087.fig1.ps and xz1087.fig2.ps.

The procedure for transferring files is shown below.

(i) On your workstation enter:	<code>ftp ftp.iucr.ac.uk</code>
(ii) Wait for Login: prompt and enter:	<code>anonymous</code>
(iii) Wait for Password: prompt and enter:	<code>your e-mail address</code>
(iv) Wait for ftp> prompt and enter:	<code>cd incoming/c</code>
(v) Transfer a file from your account (e.g. b28.cif) as an identifiable name (e.g. zb1032.hkl):	<code>put b28.cif zb1032.hkl</code>
(vi) Wait for ftp> prompt before sending another file	
(vii) Finish off the ftp session by entering:	<code>bye</code>
(viii) Send an e-mail to Chester (<code>checkin@iucr.ac.uk</code>) with a list of the files transferred by ftp	

APPENDIX 3

Required CIF data items

The detailed description of most required data items is provided in the published *CIF Core Dictionary* [Hall, Allen & Brown (1991). *Acta Cryst. A* **47**, 655–685] and subsequent revisions available from <http://www.iucr.ac.uk/CIF/>. A booklet entitled *A Guide for Section C Authors* is currently in preparation. Both the dictionary and guide are available free of charge from the IUCr Editorial Office in Chester (see §1.1 for address).

New names listed below are flagged with (*new*) and in some cases are followed by old names [in regular type and flagged with (*old*)] which are accepted but will be discontinued in the future. Authors may also include other data items in the CIF (see the two `_publ_manuscript_incl_extra_` entries towards the end of the list) provided their data names are also listed in the `_publ_contact_letter` text.

Text items

<code>_publ_contact_author_name</code>	Contact author's name (<i>new</i>)
<code>_publ_contact_author_address</code>	Contact author's address (<i>new</i>)
<code>_publ_contact_author</code>	Contact author's name and address (<i>old</i>)
<code>_publ_contact_author_email</code>	E-mail address to be published
<code>_publ_contact_author_fax</code>	For editorial communications
<code>_publ_contact_author_phone</code>	For editorial communications
<code>_publ_contact_letter</code>	Letter of submission, with date
<code>_publ_requested_journal</code>	'Acta Crystallographica Section C'
<code>_publ_requested_category</code>	Publication choice (FI FM FO CI CM CO AD) (<i>new</i>)
<code>_publ_section_title</code>	Title of paper (see §2.1)
<code>_publ_section_title_footnote</code>	Footnote to title of paper (<i>new</i>)
<code>_publ_author_name</code>	List of author(s) name(s)
<code>_publ_author_footnote</code>	Footnote(s) to author(s) name(s) (<i>new</i>)
<code>_publ_author_address</code>	Author(s) address(es) (see §2.1)
<code>_publ_section_synopsis</code>	Synopsis for compounds that cannot be shown as a chemical diagram (see §2.11)
<code>_publ_section_abstract</code>	Abstract of paper in English (see §2.2)
<code>_publ_section_comment</code>	Discussion of study (see §2.3)
<code>_publ_section_acknowledgements</code>	Acknowledgements (see §2.5)
<code>_publ_section_references</code>	References (see §2.6)
<code>_publ_section_figure_captions</code>	Legends to figures (see §4)
Experimental data (machine and author generated)	
<code>_publ_section_exptl_prep</code>	Compound preparation details (see §2.4)

<code>_chemical_formula_sum</code>	Chemical formula as sum of elements
<code>_chemical_formula_moiety</code>	Chemical formula in moieties
<code>_chemical_formula_weight</code>	Chemical formula mass (Da)
<code>_symmetry_cell_setting</code>	Code for cell setting (see <i>Appendix 4</i>)
<code>_symmetry_space_group_name_H-M</code>	Space-group symbol, including unique axis
<code>_symmetry_equiv_pos_as_xyz</code>	Equivalent positions in order used by <code>_geom_</code>
<code>_cell_length_a</code> <code>_cell_length_b</code> <code>_cell_length_c</code>	Unit-cell lengths (Å)
<code>_cell_angle_alpha</code> <code>_cell_angle_beta</code> <code>_cell_angle_gamma</code>	Unit-cell angles (°)
<code>_cell_volume</code>	Unit-cell volume (Å ³)
<code>_cell_formula_units_Z</code>	Number of formulae per unit cell
<code>_exptl_crystal_density_diffn</code>	Density calculated from unit cell and contents (Mg m ⁻³)
<code>_exptl_crystal_density_meas</code>	Density measured experimentally (Mg m ⁻³)
<code>_exptl_crystal_density_method</code>	Method used to measure density experimentally
<code>_diffn_radiation_type</code>	Radiation type (<i>e.g.</i> neutron or Mo K α)
<code>_diffn_radiation_wavelength</code>	Radiation wavelength (Å)
<code>_cell_measurement_reflns_used</code>	Number of reflections used to measure unit cell
<code>_cell_measurement_theta_min</code>	Minimum θ of reflections used to measure unit cell (°)
<code>_cell_measurement_theta_max</code>	Maximum θ of reflections used to measure unit cell (°)
<code>_cell_measurement_temperature</code>	Measurement temperature (K)
<code>_exptl_absorpt_coefficient_mu</code>	Linear absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)
<code>_exptl_crystal_description</code>	Crystal habit description
<code>_exptl_crystal_size_max</code>	Maximum dimension of crystal (mm)
<code>_exptl_crystal_size_mid</code>	Medial dimension of crystal (mm)
<code>_exptl_crystal_size_min</code>	Minimum dimension of crystal (mm)
<code>_exptl_crystal_size_rad</code>	Radius of spherical or cylindrical crystal (mm)
<code>_exptl_crystal_colour</code>	Crystal colour (see <i>Appendix 4</i>)
<code>_diffn_measurement_device_type</code>	Diffractionmeter make and type (<i>new</i>)
<code>_diffn_measurement_device</code>	Diffractionmeter make and type (<i>old</i>)
<code>_diffn_measurement_method</code>	Mode of intensity measurement and scan
<code>_diffn_detector_area_resol_mean</code>	Resolution of area detector (pixels mm ⁻¹) (<i>new</i>)
<code>_exptl_absorpt_correction_type</code>	Code for absorption correction (see <i>Appendix 4</i>)
<code>_exptl_absorpt_process_details</code>	Literature reference for absorption correction [<i>e.g.</i> '(North, Phillips & Mathews, 1968)']
<code>_exptl_absorpt_correction_T_min</code>	Minimum transmission factor from corrections
<code>_exptl_absorpt_correction_T_max</code>	Maximum transmission factor from corrections
<code>_diffn_reflns_number</code>	Total number of reflections measured
<code>_reflns_number_total</code>	Number of symmetry-independent reflections
<code>_reflns_number_gt</code>	Number of reflections > σ threshold (<i>new</i>)
<code>_reflns_number_observed</code>	Number of 'observed' reflections (<i>old</i>)
<code>_reflns_threshold_expression</code>	σ expression for F , F^2 or I threshold (<i>new</i>)
<code>_reflns_observed_criterion</code>	σ expression for 'observed' F , F^2 or I threshold (<i>old</i>)
<code>_diffn_reflns_theta_max</code>	Maximum θ of measured reflections (°)
<code>_diffn_reflns_theta_full</code>	θ to which available reflections are 'complete' (°) (<i>new</i>)
<code>_diffn_measured_fraction_theta_max</code>	Fraction of unique reflections measured to θ_{\max} (<i>new</i>)
<code>_diffn_measured_fraction_theta_full</code>	Fraction of unique reflections measured to θ_{full} (<i>new</i>)
<code>_diffn_reflns_av_R_equivalents</code>	R factor for symmetry-equivalent intensities
<code>_diffn_reflns_limit_h_min</code> <code>_diffn_reflns_limit_h_max</code>	Minimum/maximum h index of measured data
<code>_diffn_reflns_limit_k_min</code> <code>_diffn_reflns_limit_k_max</code>	Minimum/maximum k index of measured data
<code>_diffn_reflns_limit_l_min</code> <code>_diffn_reflns_limit_l_max</code>	Minimum/maximum l index of measured data
<code>_diffn_standards_number</code>	Number of standards used in measurement
<code>_diffn_standards_interval_count</code>	Number of measurements between standards
<code>_diffn_standards_interval_time</code>	Time (min) between standards

} (*alternate*)

<code>_diffrn_standards_decay_%</code>	Percentage decrease in standards intensity
<code>_refine_ls_structure_factor_coef</code>	Code for F , F^2 or I used in least-squares refinement (see <i>Appendix 4</i>)
<code>_refine_ls_R_factor_gt</code>	R factor of F for reflections > threshold (<i>new</i>)
<code>_refine_ls_R_factor_obs</code>	R factor of F for 'observed' reflections (<i>old</i>)
<code>_refine_ls_wR_factor_ref</code>	R factor of coefficient for refinement reflections (<i>new</i>)
<code>_refine_ls_wR_factor_obs</code>	R factor of coefficient for 'observed' reflections (<i>old</i>)
<code>_refine_ls_goodness_of_fit_ref</code>	Goodness of fit S for refinement reflections (<i>new</i>)
<code>_refine_ls_goodness_of_fit_obs</code>	Goodness of fit S for 'observed' reflections (<i>old</i>)
<code>_refine_ls_number_reflns</code>	Number of reflections used in refinement
<code>_refine_ls_number_parameters</code>	Number of parameters refined
<code>_refine_ls_weighting_scheme</code>	Code for weight type (see <i>Appendix 4</i>)
<code>_refine_ls_weighting_details</code>	Weighting expression (<i>new</i>)
<code>_refine_ls_hydrogen_treatment</code>	Code for H-atom treatment (see <i>Appendix 4</i>)
<code>_refine_ls_shift/su_max</code>	Maximum shift/s.u. ratio after final refinement cycle (<i>new</i>)
<code>_refine_ls_shift/esd_max</code>	Maximum shift/e.s.d. ratio after final refinement cycle (<i>old</i>)
<code>_refine_diff_density_max</code> <code>_refine_diff_density_min</code>	Maximum/minimum values of final difference map ($e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$)
<code>_refine_ls_extinction_method</code>	Description of extinction methods applied
<code>_refine_ls_extinction_coef</code>	Extinction coefficient applied in corrections
<code>_refine_ls_abs_structure_details</code>	Absolute structure method and Friedel-pair number
<code>_refine_ls_abs_structure_Flack</code>	Measure of absolute structure
<code>_refine_ls_abs_structure_Rogers</code>	Measure of absolute structure
<code>_publ_section_exptl_refinement</code>	Special details of the refinement (see §2.4)
<code>_computing_data_collection</code>	Reference to data-collection software
<code>_computing_cell_refinement</code>	Reference to cell-refinement software
<code>_computing_data_reduction</code>	Reference to data-reduction software
<code>_computing_structure_solution</code>	Reference to structure-solution software
<code>_computing_structure_refinement</code>	Reference to structure-refinement software
<code>_computing_molecular_graphics</code>	Reference to visualization software
<code>_computing_publication_material</code>	Reference to publication preparation software
<code>loop_</code>	
<code>_atom_type_symbol</code>	Atom type symbol (usually element symbol)
<code>_atom_type_description</code>	Description of atom type
<code>_atom_type_scatter_source</code>	Reference to scattering factors applied
<code>_atom_type_scatter_dispersion_real</code>	Real anomalous-dispersion value applied
<code>_atom_type_scatter_dispersion_imag</code>	Imaginary anomalous-dispersion value applied
<code>loop_</code>	
<code>_atom_site_label</code>	Unique label identifying the atom site
<code>_atom_site_fract_x</code>	Fractional coordinates of atom site
<code>_atom_site_fract_y</code>	
<code>_atom_site_fract_z</code>	
<code>_atom_site_U_iso_or_equiv</code>	Isotropic atomic displacement parameter, or equivalent from anisotropic atomic displacement parameters
<code>_atom_site_occupancy</code>	Occupancy fraction for site (default is 1.0)
<code>_atom_site_disorder_assembly</code>	Code that identifies functional group suffering disorder (<i>new</i>)
<code>_atom_site_disorder_group</code>	Code that identifies disorder group
<code>_atom_site_adp_type</code>	Atomic displacement parameter type (<i>new</i>)
<code>_atom_site_thermal_displace_type</code>	Atomic displacement parameter type (<i>old</i>)
<code>loop_</code>	
<code>_atom_site_aniso_label</code>	Unique label identifying the atom site

<code>_atom_site_aniso_U_11</code>	Elements of anisotropic atomic displacement parameter tensor
<code>_atom_site_aniso_U_22</code>	
<code>_atom_site_aniso_U_33</code>	
<code>_atom_site_aniso_U_12</code>	
<code>_atom_site_aniso_U_13</code>	
<code>_atom_site_aniso_U_23</code>	
<code>loop_</code>	
<code>_geom_bond_atom_site_label_1</code>	Labels identifying the atom sites 1 and 2
<code>_geom_bond_atom_site_label_2</code>	
<code>_geom_bond_site_symmetry_1</code>	Symmetry codes (e.g. 2_554) for atom sites 1 and 2
<code>_geom_bond_site_symmetry_2</code>	
<code>_geom_bond_distance</code>	Distance between atom sites 1 and 2 (Å)
<code>_geom_bond_publ_flag</code>	Flag for print request (yes or no)
<code>loop_</code>	
<code>_geom_angle_atom_site_label_1</code>	Labels identifying the atom sites 1, 2 and 3
<code>_geom_angle_atom_site_label_2</code>	
<code>_geom_angle_atom_site_label_3</code>	
<code>_geom_angle_site_symmetry_1</code>	Symmetry codes for atom sites 1, 2 and 3
<code>_geom_angle_site_symmetry_2</code>	
<code>_geom_angle_site_symmetry_3</code>	
<code>_geom_angle</code>	Angle between atom sites 1, 2 and 3 (°)
<code>_geom_angle_publ_flag</code>	Flag for print request (yes or no)
<code>loop_</code>	
<code>_geom_torsion_atom_site_label_1</code>	Labels identifying the atom sites 1, 2, 3 and 4
<code>_geom_torsion_atom_site_label_2</code>	
<code>_geom_torsion_atom_site_label_3</code>	
<code>_geom_torsion_atom_site_label_4</code>	
<code>_geom_torsion_site_symmetry_1</code>	Symmetry codes for atom sites 1, 2, 3 and 4
<code>_geom_torsion_site_symmetry_2</code>	
<code>_geom_torsion_site_symmetry_3</code>	
<code>_geom_torsion_site_symmetry_4</code>	
<code>_geom_torsion</code>	Torsion angle between atom sites 1, 2, 3 and 4 (°)
<code>_geom_torsion_publ_flag</code>	Flag for print request (yes or no)
<code>loop_</code>	
<code>_geom_hbond_atom_site_label_D</code>	Donor-atom label in hydrogen bond (<i>new</i>)
<code>_geom_hbond_atom_site_label_H</code>	H-atom label in hydrogen bond (<i>new</i>)
<code>_geom_hbond_atom_site_label_A</code>	Acceptor-atom label in hydrogen bond (<i>new</i>)
<code>_geom_hbond_site_symmetry_D</code>	Symmetry code for donor site (<i>new</i>)
<code>_geom_hbond_site_symmetry_H</code>	Symmetry code for H-atom site (<i>new</i>)
<code>_geom_hbond_site_symmetry_A</code>	Symmetry code for acceptor site (<i>new</i>)
<code>_geom_hbond_distance_DH</code>	Donor atom-to-H-atom distance (Å) (<i>new</i>)
<code>_geom_hbond_distance_HA</code>	H-atom-to-acceptor atom distance (Å) (<i>new</i>)
<code>_geom_hbond_distance_DA</code>	Donor atom-to-acceptor atom distance (Å) (<i>new</i>)
<code>_geom_hbond_angle_DHA</code>	Donor—H··acceptor angle (°) (<i>new</i>)
<code>_geom_hbond_publ_flag</code>	Flag for print request (yes or no) (<i>new</i>)
Author requested items	
<code>loop_</code>	
<code>_publ_manuscript_incl_extra_item</code>	Additional CIF item submitted for publication
<code>_publ_manuscript_incl_extra_defn</code>	Is item defined in Core dictionary? (yes or no)
Structure-factor lists should be submitted as separate files	
<code>loop_</code>	
<code>_refln_index_h</code>	Miller indices <i>h</i> , <i>k</i> and <i>l</i>
<code>_refln_index_k</code>	
<code>_refln_index_l</code>	
<code>_refln_F_meas</code>	Measured <i>F</i>
<code>_refln_F_squared_meas</code>	Measured <i>F</i> ²

<code>_refln_F_sigma</code>	} (<i>alternate</i>)	Standard uncertainty of F
<code>_refln_F_squared_sigma</code>		Standard uncertainty of F^2
<code>_refln_F_calc</code>	} (<i>alternate</i>)	Calculated F
<code>_refln_F_squared_calc</code>		Calculated F^2

APPENDIX 4 Standard codes for data items

Cell-setting codes

The following codes should be used with `_symmetry_cell` and `_setting`.

triclinic	rhombohedral
monoclinic	trigonal
orthorhombic	hexagonal
tetragonal	cubic

Colour codes

The following colour codes should be used with `_exptl_crystal_colour`. The code may be constructed from three attributes *appearance*, *intensity* and *base colour*, in that order, of which only the base-colour string is mandatory. The colour code may be enclosed in quotes (e.g. 'light blue'), or the attribute strings may be joined by underscore characters (e.g. `metallic_gold`). Colour codes constructed from two base colours are also allowed (e.g. `red-brown`).

Appearance	Intensity	Base colour
metallic	dark	white
lustrous	light	black
translucent	intense	blue
fluorescent	pale	violet
clear		red
		pink
		yellow
		gold
		silver
		bronze
		grey
		orange
		green
		colourless
		brown
		purple

Absorption-type codes

The following codes should be used with `_exptl_absorpt_correction_type`. Note that this data item should contain only the type code. A reference to the computer program used to apply the absorption corrections should be given in `_exptl_absorpt_process_details`.

none	No absorption corrections applied (<i>default</i>)
analytical	Analytical corrections applied using crystal faces (e.g. Tompa method)
integration } numerical } gaussian }	Numerical integration corrections applied using crystal faces

empirical	Corrections using intensity measurements
psi-scan	Corrections using ψ -scan measurements
multi-scan	Corrections using symmetry-related measurements
refdelf	Corrections as part of the refinement model
cylinder	Corrections for a cylinder mounted on the φ axis
sphere	Corrections for a sphere

Structure-factor codes

The following codes should be used with `_refine_ls_structure_factor_coef`.

F	Structure-factor magnitude
Fsqd	Structure factor squared
Inet	Net intensity

H-atom treatment codes

The following codes should be used with `_refine_ls_hydrogen_treatment`. Note that this data item should only contain the type code. Any detailed text about the determination and refinement of H-atom parameters should be placed in `_publ_section_exptl_refinement`.

none	No H atoms present (<i>default</i>)
undef	H-atom parameters are not defined
noref	No refinement of H-atom parameters
refall	H-atom parameters are refined independently
refxyz	H-atom coordinate parameters are refined only
refU	H-atom displacement parameters are refined only
constr	H-atom parameters are constrained to parent site (e.g. riding model)
mixed	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

Weighting-scheme codes

The following codes should be used with `_refine_ls_weighting_scheme`. Note that this data item should contain only the type code. The weighting expression should be given in `_refine_ls_weighting_details`.

sigma	Based on measured s.u.'s (<i>default</i>)
calc	Calculated weights applied

Co---Re bond is symmetrically bridged by two dicyclohexylphosphanido groups.

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The Co atom has distorted tetrahedral coordination from two carbonyl ligands and the bridging P atoms. These bridging atoms and four of the carbonyl groups give rise to distorted octahedral coordination at the Re atom. The central CoReP₂ ring is nearly planar; the maximum deviation from the best plane is 0.02 Å with a dihedral angle of 2.2°. With respect to the different metal atomic radii, the ring may be regarded as regular. It shows two equal M---P bond lengths for Co [2.111(1) and 2.116(1) Å] as well as for Re [2.541(1) and 2.544(1) Å]. The enclosed ring angles at both P atoms are acute [72.8(1) and 72.9(1)°], and the P---M---P angles reflect the distorted coordination polyhedron of each metal atom [121.3(1) and 92.9(1)° for Co and Re, respectively]. The most interesting structural feature is the Co---Re single bond which meets the requirement of 18 valence electrons for each metal atom and has a length of 2.786(1) Å. We have established, by use of the Cambridge Structural Database (Allen et al., 1979), that the only other cobalt--rhenium cluster reported so far is [Co₂Re(μ³-C₆H₄Me₄)(CO)₁₀] (Jeffery, Lewis, Lewis & Stone, 1985), with Co---Re bond lengths of 2.686(1) and 2.720(1) Å. This triangular cluster has distinctly different bonding and bridging patterns, so direct comparison of the heteronuclear bond lengths of both compounds is not possible. However, . . .

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; Fig. 1. Molecular structure showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms are omitted for clarity.

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Fig. 2. Packing diagram viewed down the a axis. Note the solvent molecule in the centre of the cell.

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; Synthesis was carried out by reaction of Re₂(CO)₁₀, Co₂(CO)₈ and HP(C₆H₁₁)₂ (molar ratio 1:1:2) in xylene solution for 10 h at 423 K in a glass tube. Recrystallization was from MeOH.

Use the fields _publ_section_exptl_prep for details of the chemical and crystal preparation, and _publ_section_exptl_refinement for special aspects of the structure determination and refinement.

_publ_section_exptl_refinement

; The enclosed CH₃OH solvent molecule had a site occupation factor of 0.5. Cyclohexyl H atoms were fixed at ideal positions with common isotropic displacement parameters (U^{iso} = 0.08 Å²). Structure solution and refinement used SHELXTL-Plus (Sheldrick, 1990). Other programs include PARST (Nardelli, 1983).

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data_(I)

CHEMICAL DATA

_chemical_name_systematic
; [Hexacarbonyl-1-κ⁴C, 2-κ²C-bis(μ-dicyclohexylphosphido-1:2-κ²P) cobalt-rhenium(Co Re) 0.5 methanol solvate]
;

Here another data_ block header introduces the structural data for the compound reported. This is optional for a single-compound paper, but should be used to separate structures in a multi-compound paper.

```

_chemical_formula_moiety 'C30 H44 Co O6 F2 Re,0.5(C H4 O)'
_chemical_formula_sum 'C30.5 H46 Co1 O6.5 F2 Re1'
_chemical_formula_iupac '[Co Re (C12 H22 F)2 (C O)6].0.5C H3 O H'
_chemical_formula_weight 823.7

# CRYSTAL DATA
_symmetry_cell_setting triclinic
_symmetry_space_group_name_H-M 'P -1'

loop_
  _symmetry_equiv_pos_as_xyz
  'x, y, z'
  '-x, -y, -z'

_cell_length_a 10.452(3)
_cell_length_b 11.664(4)
_cell_length_c 15.641(4)
_cell_angle_alpha 94.37(2)
_cell_angle_beta 89.75(2)
_cell_angle_gamma 111.87(2)
_cell_volume 1763.8(8)
_cell_formula_units_Z 2
_cell_measurement_reflns_used 40
_cell_measurement_theta_min 7
_cell_measurement_theta_max 16
_cell_measurement_temperature 293

_exptl_crystal_description prism
_exptl_crystal_colour red
_exptl_crystal_size_max 0.50
_exptl_crystal_size_mid 0.34
_exptl_crystal_size_min 0.28
_exptl_crystal_size_rad ?
_exptl_crystal_density_diffn 1.551
_exptl_crystal_density_meas ?
_exptl_crystal_density_method 'not measured'
_exptl_crystal_F_000 826
_exptl_absorpt_coefficient_mu 4.07
_exptl_absorpt_correction_type psi-scan
_exptl_absorpt_process_details
  '(North, Phillips & Mathews, 1968)'
_exptl_absorpt_correction_T_min 0.131
_exptl_absorpt_correction_T_max 0.320

# EXPERIMENTAL DATA
_diffn_radiation_type 'Mo K $\alpha$ '
_diffn_radiation_wavelength 0.71073
_diffn_measurement_device_type 'Siemens R3m/V'
_diffn_measurement_method '\w--2\q'
_diffn_reflns_number 15189
_diffn_reflns_av_R_equivalents 0.022
_diffn_reflns_theta_max 27.5
_diffn_reflns_limit_h_min -13
_diffn_reflns_limit_h_max 13
_diffn_reflns_limit_k_min -15
_diffn_reflns_limit_k_max 15
_diffn_reflns_limit_l_min -21
_diffn_reflns_limit_l_max 21
_diffn_standards_number 4
_diffn_standards_interval_count 400
_diffn_standards_interval_time ?
_diffn_standards_decay_% 0

# REFINEMENT DATA
_refine_special_details ?

_reflns_number_total 8161
_reflns_number_gt 6813
_reflns_threshold_expression 'F>4\sigma(F)'

_refine_ls_structure_factor_coef F
_refine_ls_R_factor_gt 0.038
_refine_ls_wR_factor_ref 0.034
_refine_ls_hydrogen_treatment noref
_refine_ls_number_reflns 6813
_refine_ls_number_parameters 379
_refine_ls_goodness_of_fit_ref 1.583
_refine_ls_weighting_scheme calc
_refine_ls_weighting_details 'w = 1/[\sigma^2(F) + 0.0001F^2]'

_refine_ls_shift/su_max 0.001
_refine_diff_density_max 0.95
_refine_diff_density_min -0.80
_refine_ls_extinction_method none
_refine_ls_extinction_coef ?
_atom_type_scatter_source 'SHELXTL-Plus (Sheldrick, 1990)'

```

The sum and moiety formulae should be present, and entered according to the rules of the CIF Dictionary. Do not indicate sub- or superscripts.

`_chemical_formula_iupac` is used to express chemical formulae according to IUPAC rules.

The full Hermann-Mauguin space-group symbol should be used, with a space between each separate component of the symbol.

Loop all symmetry equivalent positions for the space group, including any for lattice centring and a centre of symmetry.

Do not include the units of physical quantities – these are included in the definitions for each data name.

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Comment lines in the CIF are never parsed by software, but can be used to improve the visual layout of the file.

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Fields denoted `*_special_details` are not normally printed in the published paper, but may contain information (often generated by the refinement program) important for critical review purposes.

We accept the convention that a single occurrence of `_atom_type_scatter_source` is taken to refer to all atoms. But a preferable layout lists data for each atom species, e.g.

```

loop_
  _atom_type_symbol
  _atom_type_scatter_dispersion_real
  _atom_type_scatter_dispersion_imag
  _atom_type_scatter_source
  C .017 .009
; International Tables for X-ray Crystallography
  (Vol. IV)
;
  N .029 .018
; International Tables for X-ray Crystallography
  (Vol. IV)
;

```

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# ATOMIC COORDINATES AND DISPLACEMENT PARAMETERS

loop_
  _atom_site_label
  _atom_site_fract_x
  _atom_site_fract_y
  _atom_site_fract_z
  _atom_site_U_iso_or_equiv
  _atom_site_adp_type
  _atom_site_type_symbol
Re 0.2227(1) -0.0032(1) 0.1460(1) 0.042(1) Uani Re
Co 0.2347(1) 0.1392(1) 0.2992(1) 0.046(1) Uani Co
P1 0.3589(1) 0.2221(1) 0.1970(1) 0.044(1) Uani P
P2 0.1068(2) -0.0511(1) 0.2891(1) 0.046(1) Uani P
C1 0.3087(6) 0.0299(6) 0.0346(4) 0.057(4) Uani C
O1 0.3569(5) 0.0449(5) -0.0308(3) 0.079(3) Uani O
C2 0.0662(6) 0.0396(6) 0.1118(4) 0.056(4) Uani C
O2 -0.0268(5) 0.0626(5) 0.0927(3) 0.087(4) Uani O
C3 0.3789(7) -0.0423(6) 0.1896(4) 0.063(4) Uani C
O3 0.4690(5) -0.0639(5) 0.2137(4) 0.109(4) Uani O
... ..

loop_
  _atom_site_aniso_label
  _atom_site_aniso_U_11
  _atom_site_aniso_U_22
  _atom_site_aniso_U_33
  _atom_site_aniso_U_23
  _atom_site_aniso_U_13
  _atom_site_aniso_U_12
  _atom_site_aniso_type_symbol
Re .045(1) .045(1) .036(1) .001(1) .002(1) .021(1) Re
Co .050(1) .048(1) .042(1) -.001(1) .006(1) .015(1) Co
P1 .044(1) .045(1) .044(1) .004(1) .002(1) .018(1) P
P2 .049(1) .046(1) .042(1) .004(1) .004(1) .018(1) P
... ..

# MOLECULAR GEOMETRY

loop_
  _geom_bond_atom_site_label_1
  _geom_bond_atom_site_label_2
  _geom_bond_site_symmetry_1
  _geom_bond_site_symmetry_2
  _geom_bond_distance
  _geom_bond_publ_flag
Re Co . 2.786(1) yes
Re P1 . 2.544(1) yes
Re P2 . 2.541(1) yes
Re C1 . 1.955(6) no
Re C2 . 1.967(4) no
Re C3 . 1.987(5) no
... ..

loop_
  _geom_angle_atom_site_label_1
  _geom_angle_atom_site_label_2
  _geom_angle_atom_site_label_3
  _geom_angle
  _geom_angle_publ_flag
Co Re P1 46.4(1) yes
Co Re P2 46.5(1) yes
Co Re C1 134.8(2) no
P1 Re P2 92.9(1) yes
P1 Re C1 88.4(2) no
Re Co P1 60.8(1) yes
... ..

loop_
  _geom_hbond_atom_site_label_D
  _geom_hbond_atom_site_label_H
  _geom_hbond_atom_site_label_A
  _geom_hbond_distance_DH
  _geom_hbond_distance_HA
  _geom_hbond_distance_DA
  _geom_hbond_angle_DHA
  _geom_hbond_site_symmetry_A
O6 H6 O3 0.98(3) 1.69(3) 2.664(3) 172(3) 2_675
O6 H6 O4 0.98(3) 1.71(2) 2.661(3) 166(3) .
... ..

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```

Ensure that there are no spaces between values and their s.u.'s.

Authors are required to provide the U^j values for checking purposes.

It is essential to check (especially if the U^j values are manually entered, or imported from another file) that the order of data names in the loop header corresponds to the order of values tabulated.

This table is not usually published, but will be available over the Internet.

The geometry tables are generated from CIF data loops. Bond symbols must not be entered in these loops.

In this example, the symmetry code for each atom site has the default value denoted by '.' (in such circumstances, these values need not appear at all, as in the following table). Suppose the first set of entries in this list included a symmetry code as below:

```
Re Co . 1_565 2.786(1) yes
```

The specific atom site undergoing a symmetry transformation (here the Co site) is labelled with a symbol 1_565, where the number preceding the underscore is the sequence number of the symmetry operation in the `_symmetry_equiv_pos_as_xyz` loop (in this example, that would be 'x,y,z'), and the digits following the underscore refer to unit translations along the x, y and z axes respectively, where the base cell is located at 555. So the example cited would refer to the symmetry operator 'x,1+y, z', and the resultant table entry would be printed as

```
Re—Coi 2.786 (1)
```

with a footnote to the table:

Symmetry code: (i) x, 1+y, z.

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Hydrogen-bond details should be included using the new `_geom_hbond_` data items.

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