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# Structure of racemic duloxetine hydrochloride 

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Duloxetine hydrochloride (trade name Cymbalta) is marketed as a single enantiomer ( S )- N -methyl-3-(naphthalen-1-yloxy)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)propylaminium chloride, $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{NOS}^{+} \cdot \mathrm{Cl}^{-}$, which is twice as effective as the $(R)$-enantiomer in serotonin uptake. Here, we report the crystal structure of duloxetine hydrochloride in its racemic form (space group $P n a 2_{1}$ ), where it shows significant differences in the molecular conformation and packing in its extended structure compared to the previously reported $(S)$-enantiomer crystal structure. Molecules of this type, comprising aromatic groups with a single side chain terminated in a protonated secondary amine, are commonly found in active antidepressants. A Cambridge Structural Database survey of molecules with these features reveals a strong correlation between side-chain conformation and the crystal packing: an extended side chain leads to molecules packed into separated layers of hydrophobic and ionic hydrophilic phases. By comparison, molecules with bent side chains, such as racemic duloxetine hydrochloride, lead to crystal-packing motifs where an ionic hydrophilic phase is encapsulated within a hydrophobic shell.

## 1. Chemical context

Since 1957, major depressive disorder was mainly treated with tricyclic antidepressants, a typical example being imipramine [(1) in scheme; brand name Tofranil; Azima \& Vispo, 1958]. This family of tricyclic psychoactive drugs shares an aromatic or semi-aromatic tricyclic system and a flexible alkyl side chain of 2-3 carbon atoms with a terminal amine group. The primary mechanism of action is to block the reabsorption of the serotonin and norepinephrine neurotransmitters; however, other neurotransmitters were also blocked, leading to side effects including mouth dryness, blurred vision, and tachycardia. Increasing demand to treat mental disorders, such as depression and anxiety, has led to continuing efforts to develop new antidepressants with more specific binding and fewer side effects. The newer family of drugs such as fluoxetine [(2) in scheme; Wong et al., 1995; commercial name Prozac] came onto the market in 1986. This class of drugs act as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRI) and are widely prescribed. Subsequent development resulted in the sero-tonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (SNRI) drug duloxetine [(3) is $(S)$-duloxetine hydrochloride in the scheme] that came onto the market in 2004. All antidepressant drugs prior to duloxetine were formulated as racemates, whereas duloxetine was the first SNRI family drug sold as the chirally pure ( $S$ )-enantiomer, as it was shown to be at least 2.5 times more active than the $(R)$-enantiomer (Budău et al., 2017). The recognition that a specific enantiomer of an antidepressant (as well as for many other classes of drugs) leads to more specific receptor binding and lesser side effects, has led to intensive
research in this area by the pharmaceutical industry (Berton \& Nestler, 2006; Brooks et al., 2011).


The crystal structure of duloxetine hydrochloride can provide valuable data on conformations and offers an experimentally observed starting point for receptor binding calculations, if the crystal structure of a drug-biomolecule complex cannot be obtained (Kitchen et al., 2004). Earlier, the authors have reported the structure of the $(S)$-enantiomer [(3); Bhadbhade et al., 2009] and the acetone solvate of the (S)-enantiomer, [(3a); Marjo et al., 2011]. In view of the activity differences of the enantiomers, the X-ray structure determination of the hydrochloride salt of racemic duloxetine (4) was undertaken to examine the differences in molecular conformation, intermolecular interactions, and crystal packing in the respective crystals. The differences in the molecular interactions lead to clear changes in the FTIR and Raman spectra between the racemic and enantiopure crystal structures. This, to the best of our knowledge, is the first example of an SNRI drug to be characterized and compared both in its chirally pure and racemic forms. A Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC) survey of molecular packing was carried out by searching for molecules with side chains like those present in anti-depressants. A common packing motif was identified across all the examples in the survey that may be relevant to crystal-engineering studies.

## 2. Structural commentary

The chemical structure of (4) is shown in the scheme. The molecular structure of (4), which crysallizes in space group $P n a 2_{1}$, is shown in Fig. 1: in the arbitrarily chosen asymmetric molecule, atom C 11 has an $S$ configuration, but crystal symmetry generates a racemic mixture. A comparison of the $S$-enantiomers of the duloxetinium cations in (4), (3) and (3a) are shown in Fig. 2. A noticeable difference is seen in the sidechain conformations; torsion angles in the side chain are similar in (3) and (3a) but quite different in (4): the major difference is in the first $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ torsion angle, which is $64.5(3)^{\circ}$ (gauche) in (4) compared to 168.0 (3) ${ }^{\circ}$ in (3) and 164.3 (10) ${ }^{\circ}$ in (3a) (both anti). The orientation of the protonated amino group towards the end of the side chain is also different in (4) compared to the other two structures. It is interesting that the fully extended side-chain conformation [as in (3) and (3a)] could be correlated with a distinct layering of the hydrophobic and hydrophilic regions of the molecules, which has a relevance in altering the solubility (and therefore bioavailability) of the formulation. This will be discussed in the database survey section. The $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$anion has different interactions with


Figure 1
The molecular structure of (4) with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level.
the duloxetinium cations in the three crystalline forms with different side-chain conformations. Although the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ hydrogen bond is present in all three, as expected, other weaker interactions ( $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ ) show variations (Fig. 2). The $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ hydrogen bond in (4) formed by the thiophene $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{H} 13$ grouping is the shortest of the three structures. The thiophene ring is orientationally disordered in (3) (Bhadbhade et al., 2009), while in (4) the same ring is stabilized in a single orientation, probably because of the shorter $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ contact ( $2.75 \AA$ ) compared to the longer one ( $2.99 \AA$ ) in (3); the acetone molecule makes $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \pi$ contacts to stabilize the orientation of the thiophene ring in (3a). In the three crystalline forms (Fig. 2), the dihedral angle between the mean planes through the naphthalene ring system and thiophene ring are similar in (3) and (4) [85.53 (6) ${ }^{\circ}$ and $87.4(6)^{\circ}$, respectively] and slightly smaller in (3a) [80..0 (4) ${ }^{\circ}$.

The overlay of the three molecules in (3), (3a) and (4) shows this side-chain conformational difference clearly (Fig. 3a); the side chains are almost related by a virtual mirror perpendicular to the plane of the paper (shown in red that passes through C11-C16). Interestingly, the first six conformers generated for the $S$-form of the molecule in (4) using the Mercury software (Macrae et al., 2020), show that both these


Figure 2
Views with displacement ellipsoids plotted at $50 \%$ probability level of the $S$-isomer of duloxetine in (a) (4) (purple), (b) (3) (dark green) and (c) (3a) (light green) in similar orientations. Significant contact distances (in A) of the chloride ion with the cation are shown.

Table 1
Hydrogen-bond geometry $\left(\AA{ }^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}\right)$.

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{~N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 N \cdots \mathrm{Cl} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 0.97 | 2.23 | $3.127(2)$ | 154 |
| $\mathrm{~N} 1-\mathrm{H} 2 N \cdots \mathrm{Cl} 1$ | 0.97 | 2.15 | $3.106(2)$ | 168 |
| $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{H} 13 \cdots \mathrm{Cl} 1$ | 0.93 | 2.75 | $3.590(3)$ | 151 |
| ${\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{H} 15 \cdots \mathrm{Cl} 1^{\mathrm{ii}}}_{\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{H} 181 \cdots \mathrm{Cl} 1^{\mathrm{iii}}}$ | 0.93 | 2.86 | $3.685(3)$ | 149 |
| $\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{H} 183 \cdots \mathrm{~S}^{\text {iv }}$ | 0.96 | 2.83 | $3.634(3)$ | 142 |

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+2,-y+1, z-\frac{1}{2}$; (ii) $x-\frac{1}{2},-y+\frac{3}{2}, z$; (iii) $x, y, z-1$; (iv) $x+\frac{1}{2},-y+\frac{3}{2}, z$.
conformations are likely to exist for a single molecule. An overlap of the six computationally generated conformers (light purple) with the experimentally observed conformation (in dark purple) is shown in Fig. $3 b$.

The differences in side-chain conformation also affect the Raman spectra where the methylene scissoring mode at $1440 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ for (4) splits into a doublet for (3). The peaks due to methylene rocking between $700-750 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ in the infrared are similar for (3) and (3a), but change in intensity for (4) (Fig. S3, supporting information).

## 3. Supramolecular features

The strong $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ hydrogen bonding interaction in (4) (Table 1), which propagates along a crystallographic $2_{1}$ screw axis in all three crystals, as imposed by this symmetry, can only exist between the molecules of the same chirality. Thus, in the crystal of (4), both the $S$ - and $R$-enantiomers form their own separate helices. In fact, this 'chiral resolving' feature of the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ interaction was exploited in achieving the resolution of a key intermediate of duloxetine with $(S)$-mandelic acid (Sakai et al., 2003). However, in the case of (4), there was only a single crystalline phase, and we did not observe any conglomerates. A Rietveld analysis of the powder X-ray diffraction data of racemic duloxetine hydrochloride demonstrated that the bulk crystalline material is the same phase as that found in the single-crystal measurements (Fig. S2, supporting information). A single helix in each of the three structures viewed perpendicular to and down the helix axis is shown in Fig. 4. As seen from the two views of the helix, the


Figure 3
(a) Overlap of experimentally observed conformations of (3), (3a) and (4); (b) six best conformers generated for the $S$-form of the molecule in (4) (light purple) using CSD-discovery (Mercury; Macrae et al., 2020) the dark purple one is the experimentally observed conformation.

(a)

(d)

(b)

(e)

(c)

(f)

Figure 4
Two views of the helices generated by $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ hydrogen bonding across the $2_{1}$ screw axis in (4), (3) and (3a) looking perpendicular to [in $(a),(b)$ and $(c)]$ and down $[$ in $(d),(e)$ and $(f)]$ the axis of the helix in the three structures, respectively.
helix formed by (3) and (3a) are very similar, molecules with their extended side chains forming an 'opened up' assembly, whereas the folded side chain is somewhat 'closed' in (4). The hydrogen-bonding parameters are given in Table 1.

A striking difference in the helical chain packing in the three structures (Fig. 4) is the entanglement of aromatic groups. The naphthalene ring systems are interlocked with the neighbouring helices in chiral structures (3) and (3a) (Fig. $4 b$ and $c$ ) whereas these large aromatic groups do not make interhelical contacts in (4) (Fig. 4a); rather, the thiophene rings protrude to make interhelical contacts. Comparison of intermolecular interactions is shown in more detail only between structures (3) and (4), since (3a) contains an additional interacting solvent (acetone) molecule (Fig. 5).

In (4), the thiophene ring $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{H} 14$ grouping makes $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \pi$ contacts with one of the rings of the naphthalene unit ( $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 5 / \mathrm{C} 10$ ) from the neighbouring helix as shown in Fig. $6 a$, i.e., the $S$-isomer makes this contact with the $R$-isomer and vice versa. Conversely, in (3) (Fig. 6b), the naphthalene groups interlock with each other ( $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H} 7$ and $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H} 8$ make contacts with atoms C9 and C6, respectively) along the helix and the thiophene rings make contacts with the neighbouring helix ( $\mathrm{C} 13 A-\mathrm{H} 13 A$ with the thiophene ring). The locking of molecules in the herringbone pattern of $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \pi$ contacts between the naphthalene groupings and the the adjacent


Figure 5
Differences in the packing of the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ linked helices in structures of (a) (4) (the helix of the $S$-isomer is dark purple and that of the $R$-isomer is light purple), (b) (3) and (c) (3a) (acetone included is shown in blue). All are shown with the $2_{1}$ screw axis (marked) in the plane of the paper.

(a)

(b)

Figure 6
Difference in the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \pi$ engagement of aromatic groups in $(a)(4)$ and (b) (3) with molecules viewed down the screw axis. The colour scheme is same as before; the $S$-isomer is dark purple and the $R$-isomer is light purple.
thiophene rings may explain the significantly higher melting point of (3) (441 K) compared to (4) (410 K). Although these interactions are not considered to be strong, this herringbone pattern of interlocking molecules is known to result in a higher melting point in aromatic systems with a similar V-shaped geometry (Gao et al., 2017).

## 4. Database survey

A Cambridge Structural Database (CSD, Version 22.3.0; Groom et al., 2016) search was carried out for common antidepressants and molecules similar to these drugs. The search allowed examination of any correlation between the side chain conformation and the molecular organization in the solid state and how the duloxetine structures behave within this group. Molecular packing is relevant in the design of co-crystals that can modulate the solubilities, and therefore bio-availabilities, of the formulations. Structural studies of co-crystals are indeed reported for fluoxetine (Childs et al., 2004) and vortioxetine (Zhou et al., 2016); however, there are no such studies of the co-crystals of duloxetine so far.

The CSD search was carried out on three molecular classes differing in their side chains. The three classes corresponded to (i) those with an imipramine-type side chain, (ii) a citalo-pram-type side chain (linked to the aromatic residues via a carbon atom), and (iii) a fluoxetine-type that includes the duloxetine structures. Fig. 7 shows three antidepressant molecules; the highlighted side chain was used as a fragment in the CSD search using the program CONQUEST (Bruno et al.,


Figure 7
Cambridge Database search carried out only for the specific side chains (highlighted) that are present in three commonly prescribed antidepressant molecules (a) imipramine (b) citalopram and (c) fluoxetine. The torsion angles $\tau 1, \tau 2, \tau 3$ and $\tau 4$ describe the side-chain conformation.


Figure 8
Selected examples of molecular packing: (a) imipramine as its bromide salt (IMIPRB) with all four torsion angles close to $\pm 180^{\circ}$, and (b) as its picrate salt, MIGQID, with $\tau 3$ deviating from $180^{\circ}$.
2002). A table of torsion angles is available in the deposited supporting information (S8); selected molecular packing diagrams are shown in Fig. 8.

There were 28 structures for the imipramine-like class of which 9 contained the imipramine molecular cation (including the chloro derivative) and 19 were analogues of imipramine. The number of hits for citalopram-like molecules are fewer in number (8). The fluoxetine-like molecules gave 21 hits and included the three duloxetine structures from this laboratory.

Three tables of torsion angles (S8) and the molecular packing diagrams viewed down suitable directions (S9) are included in the supporting information. Representative packing diagrams (Fig. 8a) show the aromatic groups clustered together and alkyl amino chains and anions separated from the hydrophobic aromatic groups. When the $\tau 3$ torsion angle deviates significantly from $180^{\circ}$, corresponding to a bend at the chain terminus, the hydrophobic-hydrophilic segregation no longer occurs (Fig. 8b). Although there are fewer structures in the citalopram category, all have the four torsion angles close to $\pm 180^{\circ}$, indicating a fully extended side chain. As observed in molecules with an imipramine-like side chain, these molecules pack with their aromatic and alkyl amino chains forming distinct layers and representative examples are shown in Fig. 9.

Analysis of all three groups shows a strong correlation in molecular packing with the side chain conformation. A fully extended side chain leads to packing of molecules that have distinctly separated layers: a hydrophobic layer where the aromatic residues engage in $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \pi$ and $\pi-\pi$ interactions and a hydrophilic layer of alkylamino side chains bearing a positively charged nitrogen atom and anion. By comparison, bent or folded side chains do not show such a marked distinction. We define a layered structure here as one where the aromatic groups assemble via classical intermolecular interactions ( $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \pi, \pi-\pi$ ) into sheets extending infinitely in two dimensions. These aromatic sheets are separated by a charged layer of aliphatic chains and anions. Non-layered structures are classified by those where discrete ionic hydrophilic regions are encapsulated by a hydrophobic shell.


Figure 9
Selected examples of molecules with shorter side chains: (a) fluoxetine with all three side-chain torsion angles $\sim 180^{\circ}$; packing in three crystalline environments of duloxetine; (b) chirally pure $S$-isomer, (3), (c) the acetone solvate of the $S$-isomer, (3a) and (d) racemic duloxetine, (4).

The last category, with molecules having a shorter fluox-etine-like chain, follow a similar pattern. The first 10 entries have $\tau 1, \tau 2$ and $\tau 3$ torsion angles close to $\pm 180^{\circ}$ leading to clustering of the aromatic groups into layers separating the hydrophilic side chains and anions (Fig. 9a). In the cases where $\tau 2$ or $\tau 3$ deviates significantly from $\pm 180^{\circ}$ (entries 11-18), this has not made a significant difference to the molecular organization and the separation still seems to take place. Presumably this is due to reduced demand for space from the shorter chain in these molecules.

It is interesting that the structures of duloxetine do not follow this pattern of molecular association observed in the previous three classes (Fig. $9 b, c$ and $d$ ). The $S$-form (3) does show the layered structure with naphthalene groups engaged in $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \pi$ contacts forming a layer, but the next layer has an alkylamino chain and the thiophene ring as well in it (Fig. $9 b$ ). Similar packing is observed in the $S$-form of the acetone solvate (3a) (Fig. 9c) and the structure of the racemate does not show any type of layering, with molecules interacting discretely with each other without any clustering of the naphthalene groups observed in chiral structures (Fig. 9d).

The analysis of molecular packing from the CSD search points to three factors responsible in the molecular organization: (i) molecules with a fully extended side chain (all sidechain torsion angles approach $180^{\circ}$ ) with small organic anions or halide ions form well-separated layers; (ii) large aromatic organic anions interact and disrupt aromatic clustering of the
aromatic groups in the molecule (see, for example, Figure S9 in the supporting information, REZBII and ZUWHOO); (iii) larger aromatics, like naphthalene, tend to self-interact causing the aromatic heterocyclics to protrude into the hydrophilic layer, as in the (3) and (3a) forms and $S$-acetone.

Co-crystal formation utilizing the amine hydrochlorides has been carried out to explore the improvement in active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) (Childs et al., 2004). Duloxetine has a desirable profile as a next-generation anti-depressant, yet no studies on varying co-crystals with this molecule have emerged. The CSD analysis presented above provides a valuable crystal-engineering approach for undertaking such investigations with a view to improving the biological efficacy of this pharmaceutical.

## 5. Synthesis and crystallization

Duloxetine hydrochloride as the ( $S$ )-enantiomer (3), and the racemate (4), were supplied by Arrow Pharmaceuticals as fine microcrystalline powders. Compound (4) was crystallized from its anhydrous ethanol solution by slow evaporation to produce thin long plates. The crystal structures of (3) and (3a) have been reported previously (Bhadbhade et al., 2009; Marjo et al., 2011).

Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC): the melting points of (3) and (4) were measured using a TA Instruments 2010 DSC V4.4E in an aluminium pan under a nitrogen atmosphere with a heating rate of $5^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{min}^{-1}$ (Fig. S1, supporting information). Crystals of (3a) were very unstable and unsuitable for DSC measurements.

FTIR spectroscopy was performed using a PerkinElmer Spectrum 100 FTIR spectrometer fitted with a deuterated triglycine sulfate (dTGS) detector. Spectra were recorded as pure crystalline powders applied using a piston against a diamond/ZnSe ATR crystal. Each spectrum was an average of 64 scans with a spectral resolution of $4 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$.

Raman spectroscopy was performed using a PerkinElmer Raman Station 400F spectrometer, equipped with a highresolution echelle spectrograph and a 785 nm excitation source ( $\sim 100 \mathrm{~mW}$ at the sample). 64 scans were acquired, and the baseline corrected for fluorescence.

Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD): A sample of (4) (1g) was dissolved with slight warming in anhydrous ethanol ( 10 ml ) and the solution allowed to evaporate under a stream of nitrogen over several hours in a foil-covered beaker. The resulting oil was left to stand overnight to produce a crystalline mass that was collected and packed into a 20 mm stainless steel sample holder and X-ray diffraction peaks between $5^{\circ}$ and $80^{\circ}$ of $2 \theta$ measured using $\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha$ radiation on a MPD X-ray diffractometer (PANalytical, Netherlands) fitted with a Pixel array detector. A Rietveld analysis of the data was performed using the single-crystal data CIF file of (4) to simulate the powder diffraction pattern using the High Score Plus package (PANalytical, Netherlands). The refinement included an allowance for preferred orientation of the crystallites, as well as some refinement of the lattice dimensions, resulting in a weighted profile $R$-factor of $14.69 \%$.

Table 2
Experimental details.

| Crystal data |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Chemical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{NOS}^{+} \cdot \mathrm{Cl}^{-}$ |
| $M_{\mathrm{r}}$ | 333.86 |
| Crystal system, space group | Orthorhombic, $P n a 2_{1}$ |
| Temperature $(\mathrm{K})$ | 100 |
| $a, b, c(\AA)$ | $14.587(3), 17.250(3), 6.8040(14)$ |
| $V\left(\AA^{3}\right)$ | $1712.1(6)$ |
| $Z$ | 4 |
| Radiation type | Synchrotron, $\lambda=0.71073 \AA$ |
| $\mu\left(\mathrm{~mm}^{-1}\right)$ | 0.35 |
| Crystal size $(\mathrm{mm})$ | $0.04 \times 0.02 \times 0.01$ |
|  |  |
| Data collection | $3-\mathrm{BM} 1$ Australian Synchrotron |
| Diffractometer | $18750,2573,2546$ |
| No. of measured, independent and |  |
| $\quad$ observed $[I>2 \sigma(I)]$ reflections | 0.022 |
| $R$ | 23.9 |
| $\theta_{\text {int }}$ | 0.569 |
| max $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |  |
| (sin $\theta / \lambda)_{\text {max }}\left(\AA^{-1}\right)$ | $0.025,0.066,1.10$ |
| Refinement | 2573 |
| $R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right], w R\left(F^{2}\right), S$ | 200 |
| No. of reflections | 1 |
| No. of parameters | H-atom parameters constrained |
| No. of restraints | $0.13,-0.31$ |
| H-atom treatment | Flack $x$ determined using 1143 |
| $\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}, \Delta \rho_{\text {min }}\left(\mathrm{e} \AA{ }^{-3}\right)$ | quotients $\left[\left(I^{+}\right)-\left(I^{-}\right)\right] /\left[\left(I^{+}\right)+\left(I^{-}\right)\right]$ |
| Absolute structure | $($Parsons et al., 2013) |
|  | $0.048(12)$ |
| Absolute structure parameter |  |

Computer programs: BLU-ICE (McPhillips et al., 2002), XDS (Kabsch, 1993), SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008), SHELXL2013 (Sheldrick, 2015) and Mercury (Macrae et al., 2020).

## 6. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2. All non-H atoms were treated anisotropically and H atoms (fixed at stereochemically reasonable positions) were kept isotropic.

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## supporting information

## Structure of racemic duloxetine hydrochloride

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## Computing details

Data collection: BLU-ICE (McPhillips et al., 2002); cell refinement: XDS (Kabsch, 1993); data reduction: XDS (Kabsch, 1993); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure:

SHELXL2013 (Sheldrick, 2015); molecular graphics: Mercury (Macrae et al., 2020).

## (S)-N-Methyl-3-(naphthalen-1-yloxy)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)propylaminium chloride

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$a=14.587$ (3) $\AA$
$b=17.250(3) \AA$
$c=6.8040(14) \AA$
$V=1712.1(6) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$
$F(000)=704$

## Data collection

3-BM1 Australian Synchrotron diffractometer
Radiation source: Synchrotron BM
$\mathrm{Si}<111>$ monochromator
$\varphi$ scans
18750 measured reflections
2573 independent reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
Least-squares matrix: full
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.025$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.066$
$S=1.10$
2573 reflections
200 parameters
1 restraint
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods
$D_{\mathrm{x}}=1.295 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
Synchrotron radiation, $\lambda=0.71073 \AA$
Cell parameters from 9980 reflections
$\theta=2.5-22.5^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.35 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=100 \mathrm{~K}$
Thin plates, colourless
$0.04 \times 0.02 \times 0.01 \mathrm{~mm}$

2546 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.022$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=23.9^{\circ}, \theta_{\text {min }}=2.7^{\circ}$
$h=-16 \rightarrow 16$
$k=-19 \rightarrow 19$
$l=-7 \rightarrow 7$

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
H -atom parameters constrained
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}\right)+(0.0442 P)^{2}+0.4827 P\right]$ where $P=\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}{ }^{2}\right) / 3$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\text {max }}<0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.13 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {min }}=-0.31 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$
Absolute structure: Flack $x$ determined using 1143 quotients $\left[\left(I^{+}\right)-\left(I^{-}\right)\right] /\left[\left(I^{+}\right)+\left(I^{-}\right)\right]$(Parsons et al., 2013)
Absolute structure parameter: 0.048 (12)

## Special details

Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\AA^{2}$ )

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {iso }} * / U_{\text {eq }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S1 | 0.68113 (4) | 0.71438 (4) | 0.79051 (11) | 0.02191 (19) |
| O1 | 0.71913 (12) | 0.54577 (10) | 0.6675 (3) | 0.0164 (4) |
| N1 | 0.99472 (15) | 0.60728 (13) | 0.4867 (3) | 0.0195 (5) |
| H2N | 0.9985 | 0.5990 | 0.6275 | 0.023* |
| H1N | 0.9870 | 0.5571 | 0.4246 | 0.023* |
| C1 | 0.56705 (17) | 0.45396 (14) | 0.6123 (4) | 0.0151 (5) |
| H1 | 0.5858 | 0.4864 | 0.5109 | 0.018* |
| C2 | 0.49137 (19) | 0.40762 (15) | 0.5880 (4) | 0.0187 (6) |
| H2 | 0.4598 | 0.4082 | 0.4692 | 0.022* |
| C3 | 0.46130 (18) | 0.35931 (15) | 0.7416 (4) | 0.0201 (6) |
| H3 | 0.4096 | 0.3285 | 0.7245 | 0.024* |
| C4 | 0.50779 (17) | 0.35750 (14) | 0.9157 (5) | 0.0187 (6) |
| H4 | 0.4868 | 0.3256 | 1.0163 | 0.022* |
| C5 | 0.58737 (16) | 0.40314 (13) | 0.9468 (4) | 0.0154 (5) |
| C6 | 0.63645 (19) | 0.40149 (15) | 1.1258 (4) | 0.0199 (6) |
| H6 | 0.6181 | 0.3682 | 1.2258 | 0.024* |
| C7 | 0.7104 (2) | 0.44843 (16) | 1.1528 (4) | 0.0211 (6) |
| H7 | 0.7417 | 0.4473 | 1.2720 | 0.025* |
| C8 | 0.74062 (18) | 0.49916 (15) | 1.0014 (4) | 0.0167 (5) |
| H8 | 0.7908 | 0.5314 | 1.0223 | 0.020* |
| C9 | 0.69579 (17) | 0.50056 (14) | 0.8253 (4) | 0.0150 (5) |
| C10 | 0.61698 (16) | 0.45263 (13) | 0.7919 (4) | 0.0129 (5) |
| C11 | 0.80007 (17) | 0.59323 (14) | 0.6816 (4) | 0.0136 (5) |
| H11 | 0.8499 | 0.5628 | 0.7395 | 0.016* |
| C12 | 0.78314 (16) | 0.66411 (13) | 0.8064 (4) | 0.0141 (5) |
| C13 | 0.84199 (18) | 0.69974 (14) | 0.9345 (4) | 0.0173 (5) |
| H13 | 0.9006 | 0.6816 | 0.9620 | 0.021* |
| C14 | 0.8036 (2) | 0.76766 (16) | 1.0212 (4) | 0.0217 (6) |
| H14 | 0.8344 | 0.7985 | 1.1118 | 0.026* |
| C15 | 0.7175 (2) | 0.78229 (15) | 0.9574 (5) | 0.0232 (6) |
| H15 | 0.6822 | 0.8241 | 0.9990 | 0.028* |
| C16 | 0.82355 (17) | 0.61227 (14) | 0.4678 (4) | 0.0165 (6) |
| H161 | 0.8271 | 0.5643 | 0.3938 | 0.020* |
| H162 | 0.7742 | 0.6430 | 0.4122 | 0.020* |
| C17 | 0.91328 (16) | 0.65628 (13) | 0.4429 (4) | 0.0162 (5) |
| H171 | 0.9176 | 0.6752 | 0.3089 | 0.019* |
| H172 | 0.9133 | 0.7008 | 0.5298 | 0.019* |
| C18 | 1.08132 (18) | 0.64242 (16) | 0.4174 (5) | 0.0247 (6) |
| H183 | 1.0898 | 0.6918 | 0.4797 | 0.037* |


| H181 | 1.0788 | 0.6493 | 0.2775 | $0.037^{*}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H182 | 1.1317 | 0.6090 | 0.4501 | $0.037^{*}$ |
| Cl1 | $1.03494(4)$ | $0.57061(3)$ | $0.92525(11)$ | $0.02290(19)$ |

Atomic displacement parameters $\left(\AA^{2}\right)$

|  | $U^{11}$ | $U^{22}$ | $U^{33}$ | $U^{12}$ | $U^{13}$ | $U^{23}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| S1 | $0.0157(3)$ | $0.0237(3)$ | $0.0264(4)$ | $0.0031(3)$ | $-0.0013(3)$ | $0.0015(3)$ |
| O1 | $0.0184(9)$ | $0.0167(9)$ | $0.0139(10)$ | $-0.0067(7)$ | $-0.0032(7)$ | $0.0038(7)$ |
| N1 | $0.0194(11)$ | $0.0141(11)$ | $0.0249(14)$ | $-0.0019(8)$ | $-0.0022(9)$ | $-0.0016(9)$ |
| C1 | $0.0157(12)$ | $0.0097(12)$ | $0.0198(15)$ | $0.0033(10)$ | $-0.0006(11)$ | $0.0011(10)$ |
| C2 | $0.0182(14)$ | $0.0154(13)$ | $0.0223(15)$ | $0.0007(11)$ | $-0.0053(11)$ | $0.0010(11)$ |
| C3 | $0.0149(13)$ | $0.0126(13)$ | $0.0330(18)$ | $-0.0011(10)$ | $0.0002(11)$ | $-0.0004(11)$ |
| C4 | $0.0190(12)$ | $0.0117(12)$ | $0.0255(15)$ | $0.0012(9)$ | $0.0067(12)$ | $0.0034(12)$ |
| C5 | $0.0172(12)$ | $0.0107(10)$ | $0.0182(14)$ | $0.0040(9)$ | $0.0051(11)$ | $-0.0018(11)$ |
| C6 | $0.0297(15)$ | $0.0131(13)$ | $0.0168(15)$ | $-0.0030(11)$ | $0.0051(11)$ | $0.0029(10)$ |
| C7 | $0.0293(15)$ | $0.0187(14)$ | $0.0153(16)$ | $-0.0005(12)$ | $-0.0018(12)$ | $-0.0002(11)$ |
| C8 | $0.0183(12)$ | $0.0143(12)$ | $0.0175(13)$ | $-0.0033(10)$ | $-0.0024(11)$ | $0.0003(10)$ |
| C9 | $0.0168(12)$ | $0.0117(11)$ | $0.0165(14)$ | $0.0021(10)$ | $0.0037(11)$ | $-0.0010(11)$ |
| C10 | $0.0152(12)$ | $0.0082(10)$ | $0.0154(13)$ | $0.0045(9)$ | $0.0007(11)$ | $-0.0017(10)$ |
| C11 | $0.0135(12)$ | $0.0128(12)$ | $0.0145(13)$ | $-0.0023(10)$ | $-0.0017(10)$ | $0.0012(11)$ |
| C12 | $0.0142(11)$ | $0.0145(11)$ | $0.0137(14)$ | $-0.0003(10)$ | $-0.0009(11)$ | $0.0035(11)$ |
| C13 | $0.0181(12)$ | $0.0182(12)$ | $0.0156(13)$ | $0.0029(10)$ | $-0.0018(11)$ | $0.0028(11)$ |
| C14 | $0.0324(15)$ | $0.0155(13)$ | $0.0172(14)$ | $-0.0016(12)$ | $0.0019(12)$ | $0.0002(11)$ |
| C15 | $0.0307(15)$ | $0.0153(12)$ | $0.0237(16)$ | $0.0036(10)$ | $0.0082(13)$ | $0.0032(12)$ |
| C16 | $0.0167(13)$ | $0.0178(12)$ | $0.0149(15)$ | $-0.0028(9)$ | $-0.0023(10)$ | $0.0004(11)$ |
| C17 | $0.0189(12)$ | $0.0139(11)$ | $0.0158(14)$ | $-0.0005(9)$ | $0.0001(11)$ | $0.0007(12)$ |
| C18 | $0.0172(13)$ | $0.0286(14)$ | $0.0283(16)$ | $0.0002(10)$ | $0.0018(13)$ | $-0.0045(14)$ |
| C11 | $0.0234(3)$ | $0.0141(3)$ | $0.0311(4)$ | $-0.0013(2)$ | $-0.0104(3)$ | $0.0026(3)$ |

Geometric parameters (A, ${ }^{\circ}$ )

| S1-C15 | $1.715(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H} 7$ | 0.9300 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| S1-C12 | $1.726(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $1.365(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $1.370(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H} 8$ | 0.9300 |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 11$ | $1.440(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $1.434(3)$ |
| N1-C18 | $1.478(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12$ | $1.509(4)$ |
| N1-C17 | $1.488(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 16$ | $1.531(4)$ |
| N1-H2N | 0.9700 | $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{H} 11$ | 0.9800 |
| N1-H1N | 0.9700 | $\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 13$ | $1.369(4)$ |
| C1-C2 | $1.373(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 14$ | $1.426(4)$ |
| C1-C10 | $1.423(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{H} 13$ | 0.9300 |
| C1-H1 | 0.9300 | $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 15$ | $1.353(4)$ |
| C2-C3 | $1.407(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{H} 14$ | 0.9300 |
| C2-H2 | 0.9300 | $\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{H} 15$ | 0.9300 |
| C3-C4 | $1.365(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{C} 17$ | $1.523(3)$ |
| C3-H3 | 0.9300 | $\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{H} 161$ | 0.9700 |
| C4-C5 | $1.419(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{H} 162$ | 0.9700 |


| C4-H4 | 0.9300 |
| :---: | :---: |
| C5-C6 | 1.413 (4) |
| C5-C10 | 1.423 (4) |
| C6-C7 | 1.362 (4) |
| C6-H6 | 0.9300 |
| C7-C8 | 1.422 (4) |
| C15-S1-C12 | 92.03 (13) |
| C9-O1-C11 | 118.4 (2) |
| C18-N1-C17 | 112.7 (2) |
| C18-N1-H2N | 109.1 |
| C17-N1-H2N | 109.1 |
| C18-N1-H1N | 109.1 |
| C17-N1-H1N | 109.1 |
| $\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~N}$ | 107.8 |
| C2-C1-C10 | 120.4 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1$ | 119.8 |
| C10-C1-H1 | 119.8 |
| C1-C2-C3 | 120.4 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2$ | 119.8 |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2$ | 119.8 |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 2$ | 120.2 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H} 3$ | 119.9 |
| C2-C3-H3 | 119.9 |
| C3-C4-C5 | 121.6 (3) |
| C3-C4-H4 | 119.2 |
| C5-C4-H4 | 119.2 |
| C6-C5-C4 | 122.1 (2) |
| C6-C5-C10 | 119.8 (2) |
| C4-C5-C10 | 118.1 (2) |
| C7-C6-C5 | 120.4 (2) |
| C7-C6-H6 | 119.8 |
| C5-C6-H6 | 119.8 |
| C6-C7-C8 | 120.9 (3) |
| C6-C7-H7 | 119.5 |
| C8-C7-H7 | 119.5 |
| C9-C8-C7 | 119.9 (2) |
| C9-C8-H8 | 120.0 |
| C7-C8-H8 | 120.0 |
| C8-C9-O1 | 125.4 (2) |
| C8-C9-C10 | 120.9 (2) |
| O1-C9-C10 | 113.8 (2) |
| C5-C10-C1 | 119.4 (2) |
| C5-C10-C9 | 118.1 (2) |
| C10-C1-C2-C3 | 1.2 (4) |
| C1-C2-C3-C4 | -0.7 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | -0.5 (4) |


| $\mathrm{C} 17-\mathrm{H} 171$ | 0.9700 |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 17-\mathrm{H} 172$ | 0.9700 |
| $\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{H} 183$ | 0.9600 |
| $\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{H} 181$ | 0.9600 |
| $\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{H} 182$ | 0.9600 |

122.5 (2)
111.4 (2)
104.0 (2)
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110.78 (19)
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111.8 (2)
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124.1
113.9 (2)
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112.38 (19)
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178.3 (2)
-1.4 (3)

| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $-179.6(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12$ | $-76.4(3)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $1.2(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 16$ | $161.1(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $-177.4(2)$ | $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 13$ | $143.3(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $1.7(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 13$ | $-99.8(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $-0.8(4)$ | $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{S} 1$ | $-40.0(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $-0.7(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{S} 1$ | $76.9(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{O} 1$ | $\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{S} 1-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 13$ | $-0.6(2)$ |  |
| $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $178.9(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{S} 1-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 11$ | $-177.8(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $3.4(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 14$ | $177.5(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $-176.9(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 15$ | $0.5(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{S} 1$ | $-0.2(4)$ |  |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{S} 1-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{C} 14$ | $-0.2(3)$ |  |
| $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $-0.8(3)$ | $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{C} 17$ | $0.4(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $-1.0(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{C} 17$ | $-174.42(19)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 17-\mathrm{C} 16$ | $64.5(3)$ |  |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $-0.4(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{C} 17-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $166.0(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $-179.3(2)$ | $-0.5(3)$ | $70.1(3)$ |

Hydrogen-bond geometry $\left({ }^{( },{ }^{\circ}\right)$

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | D-H | $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{A}$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 N \cdots \mathrm{Cl1}{ }^{\text {i }}$ | 0.97 | 2.23 | 3.127 (2) | 154 |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 2 N \cdots \mathrm{Cl} 1$ | 0.97 | 2.15 | 3.106 (2) | 168 |
| C13-H13 ${ }^{\text {Cl }}$ Cl1 | 0.93 | 2.75 | 3.590 (3) | 151 |
| C15-H15 $\cdots$ Cl1 ${ }^{\text {ii }}$ | 0.93 | 2.86 | 3.685 (3) | 149 |
| C18—H181 ${ }^{\text {Cl1 }}{ }^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.96 | 2.83 | 3.634 (3) | 142 |
| C18-H183 $\cdots \mathrm{S}^{\text {iv }}$ | 0.96 | 2.98 | 3.829 (3) | 148 |

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+2,-y+1, z-1 / 2$; (ii) $x-1 / 2,-y+3 / 2, z$; (iii) $x, y, z-1$; (iv) $x+1 / 2,-y+3 / 2, z$.

