

Crystal structure of raltegravir potassium, C₂₀H₂₀FKN₆O₅

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The crystal structure of the potassium salt of raltegravir has been solved and refined using synchrotron X-ray powder diffraction data, and optimized using density functional techniques. Raltegravir potassium crystallizes in space group $P2_1/c$ (#14) with a = 15.61059(9), b = 8.14819(3), c = 16.12597(6) Å, $\beta = 94.1848(5)^{\circ}$, V = 2045.72(1) Å³, and Z = 4. The most prominent feature of the crystal structure is the chains of edge-sharing 7-coordinate KO₅N₂ parallel to the *b*-axis. The crystal structure can be described as having K-containing layers in the *bc*-plane, with double layers of CH₄F halfway between them. The raltegravir anion is not in the minimum-energy conformation, suggesting that coordination to the K and hydrogen bonds play a significant role in the solid-state structure. The powder pattern is included in the Powder Diffraction FileTM as entry 00-064-1499. © 2015 International Centre for Diffraction Data. [doi:10.1017/S0885715615000470]

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I. INTRODUCTION

Raltegravir potassium (marketed as Isentress[®]) was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on 12 October 2007 for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. It belongs to the integrase inhibitors class of drugs, working by inhibiting an HIV enzyme integrase that is responsible for the insertion of viral complimentary DNA into the host genome during the pathogenesis of HIV (Croxtall and Keam, 2009). Patent publications WO2010/140156 (Parthasaradhi et al., 2010) and WO2011/024192 (Jetti et al., 2011) described the production of different polymorphs of raltegravir potassium, including amorphous and crystalline forms I, II, III, and H1, but their crystal structures have not been reported. The systematic name (CAS registry number 871038-72-1) is potassium 4-[(4-fluorophenyl)methylcarbamoyl]-1-methyl-2-[2-[(5-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole-2-carbonyl)amino]propan-2-yl]-6-oxopyrimidin-5-olate. A two-dimensional molecular structure diagram of the anion is shown in Figure 1.

The presence of high-quality reference powder patterns in the Powder Diffraction File (PDF[®]; ICDD, 2014) is important for phase identification, particularly by pharmaceutical, forensic, and law enforcement scientists. The crystal structures of a significant fraction of the largest dollar volume pharmaceuticals have not been published, and thus calculated powder patterns are not present in the PDF-4 databases. Sometimes experimental patterns are reported, but they are generally of low quality. This structure is a result of a collaboration among ICDD, Illinois Institute of Technology, Poly Crystallography Inc., and Argonne National Laboratory to measure high-quality synchrotron powder patterns of commercial pharmaceutical ingredients, include these reference patterns in the PDF, and determine the crystal structures of these active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs). Even when the crystal structure of an API is reported, the single-crystal structure was often determined at low temperature. Most powder measurements are performed at ambient conditions. Thermal expansion (often anisotropic) means that the peak positions calculated from a low-temperature single-crystal structure often differ significantly from those measured at ambient conditions. These peak shifts can result



Figure 1. The molecular structure of the raltegravir anion.

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Figure 2. (Colour online) The Rietveld plot for the refinement of raltegravir potassium. The red crosses represent the observed data points, and the green line is the calculated pattern. The magenta curve is the difference pattern, plotted at the same vertical scales as the other patterns. The vertical scale has been multiplied by a factor of 4 for $2\theta > 2.5^{\circ}$ and by a factor of 20 for $2\theta > 11.0^{\circ}$.

	TABLE I.	Rietveld-refined	crystal	structure of	raltegravir	potassium.
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Crystal data	
	$\beta = 94.1848(5)^{\circ}$
$M_{\rm W} = 482.51$	$V = 2045.72(1) \text{ Å}^3$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Z=4
a = 15.61059(9) Å	Synchrotron radiation, $\lambda = 0.413906$ Å
$b = 8.148 \ 19(3) \text{ Å}$	T = 295 K
c = 16.12597(6) Å	Cylinder, 1.5 mm diameter
Data collection	
11-BM APS diffractometer	Scan method: step
Specimen mounting: Kapton capillary	$2\theta_{\min} = 0.5^{\circ}, \ 2\theta_{\max} = 50^{\circ}, \ 2\theta_{step} = 0.001^{\circ}$
Data collection mode: transmission	
Refinement	
Least-squares matrix: full	23 999 data points
Rp = 0.061	Profile function: CW profile function number 4 with 21 terms. Pseudovoigt profile
	coefficients as parameterized in Thompson et al. (1987). Asymmetry correction of Finger
	et al. (1994). Microstrain broadening by Stephens (1999). $\#1(GU) = 4.786 \#2(GV) = -$
	0.126 #3(GW) = 0.063 #4(GP) = 0.000 #5(LX) = 0.727 #6(ptec) = 0.00 #7(trns) = 0.00 #8
	(shft) = 0.0000 #9(sfec) = 0.00 #10(S/L) = 0.0011 #11(H/L) = 0.0011 #12(eta) = 0.7911
	$\#13(S400) = 5.5 \times 10^{-3} \#14(S040) = 3.1 \times 10^{-2} \#15(S004) = 6.4 \times 10^{-4} \#16(S220) = 1.6 $
	10^{-2} #17(S202) = 8.9×10 ⁻⁴ #18(S022) = 7.1×10 ⁻⁴ #19(S301) = -2.3×10 ⁻³ #20(S103)
	= 3.5×10^{-5} #21(S121) = -4.4×10^{-3} Peak tails are ignored where the intensity is below
	0.0020 times the peak Aniso. Broadening axis 0.0 0.0 1.0
$R_{\rm wp} = 0.074$	121 parameters
$R_{\rm exp} = 0.059$	71 restraints
$R(F^2) = 0.116\ 10$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.04$
$\chi^2 = 1.690$	Background function: GSAS background function number 1 with three terms. Shifted
	Chebyshev function of first kind 1: 151.8672: -36.71653: 16.8773

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Fractional atom	ic coordinates and isotropic displacer	nent parameters ($Å^2$)		
	x	у	Z	$U_{\rm iso}$
C1	0.0214 (2)	0.2598 (6)	0.5221 (3)	0.0705 (12)
C2	0.0935 (3)	0.2138 (4)	0.4817 (2)	0.0705 (12)
C3	0.1721 (2)	0.2900 (6)	0.5018 (3)	0.0705 (12)
C4	0.1786 (2)	0.4122 (5)	0.5623 (3)	0.0705 (12)
C5	0.1065 (3)	0.4581 (4)	0.6026 (2)	0.0705 (12)
C6	0.0279 (2)	0.3819 (6)	0.5825 (3)	0.0705 (12)
H7	0.0891 (5)	0.1295 (6)	0.4400 (3)	0.0826 (15)
H8	0.2218 (3)	0.2583 (9)	0.4740 (4)	0.0826 (15)
H9	0.1109 (5)	0.5424 (6)	0.6443 (3)	0.0826 (15)
H10	-0.0218 (3)	0.4136 (9)	0.6103 (4)	0.0826 (15)
F11	-0.0555 (3)	0.1912 (5)	0.5012 (3)	0.0705 (12)
C12	0.2648 (4)	0.4833 (7)	0.5907 (4)	0.0178 (10)
N13	0.3364 (3)	0.4239 (6)	0.5484 (3)	0.0178 (10)
C14	0.4103 (4)	0.3928 (8)	0.5915 (3)	0.0178 (10)
015	0.4246 (3)	0.4343 (5)	0.6673 (2)	0.0178 (10)
C16	0.4797 (3)	0.3025 (7)	0.5508 (3)	0.0149 (6)
N17	0.5493 (3)	0.2643 (6)	0.6006 (2)	0.0149 (6)
C18	0.6147 (3)	0.1861 (7)	0.5699 (3)	0.0149 (6)
N19	0.6104 (3)	0.1340 (6)	0.4866 (2)	0.0149 (6)
C20	0.5387 (3)	0.1579 (8)	0.4353 (3)	0.0149 (6)
C21	0.4670 (3)	0.2405 (8)	0.4671 (3)	0.0149 (6)
O22	0.5328 (3)	0.1045 (5)	0.3623 (2)	0.0149 (6)
O23	0.3964 (3)	0.2677 (5)	0.4175 (2)	0.0149 (6)
C24	0.6812 (4)	0.0368 (7)	0.4544 (3)	0.0149 (6)
C25	0.6962 (3)	0.1758 (6)	0.6294 (3)	0.0308 (10)
C26	0.6783 (4)	0.2309 (7)	0.7146 (4)	0.0308 (10)
C27	0.7695 (4)	0.2787 (7)	0.5981 (4)	0.0308 (10)
N28	0.7202 (3)	-0.0009 (6)	0.6343 (3)	0.0308 (10)
C29	0.7886 (4)	-0.0574 (7)	0.6786 (4)	0.0308 (10)
O30	0.8580 (3)	0.0379 (5)	0.6966 (3)	0.0308 (10)
C31	0.8006 (4)	-0.2249 (7)	0.7151 (5)	0.0579 (12)
N32	0.7389 (3)	-0.3066 (7)	0.7459 (4)	0.0579 (12)
N33	0.7820 (4)	-0.4456 (6)	0.7850 (4)	0.0579 (12)
C34	0.8615 (3)	-0.4242 (8)	0.7689 (5)	0.0579 (12)
O35	0.8805 (3)	-0.2885 (6)	0.7282 (3)	0.0579 (12)
C36	0.9346 (5)	-0.5427 (8)	0.7986 (4)	0.0579 (12)
H37	0.256 89	0.617 93	0.574 46	0.0232 (14)
H38	0.277 69	0.4757	0.654 89	0.0232 (14)
H39	0.333 99	0.380 05	0.488 66	0.0232 (14)
H40	0.654 87	-0.07722	0.427 02	0.0194 (8)
H41	0.700 68	0.107 99	0.396 61	0.0194 (8)
H42	0.732 75	0.019 55	0.4954	0.0194 (8)
H43	0.647 78	0.344 01	0.71636	0.0400 (13)
H44	0.632 67	0.136 66	0.7458	0.0400 (13)
H45	0.736 39	0.22611	0.755 52	0.0400 (13)
H46	0.735 94	0.397 49	0.584 03	0.0400 (13)
H47	0.817 89	0.290 94	0.643 89	0.0400 (13)
H48	0.790 71	0.230 43	0.540 97	0.0400 (13)
H49	0.674 43	-0.098 37	0.627 45	0.0753 (16)
H50	0.921 95	-0.59203	0.859 43	0.0753 (16)
H51	0.973 74	-0.57723	0.740 69	0.0753 (16)
H52	0.924 47	-0.66746	0.757 05	0.0753 (16)
K53	0.452 33(14)	0.1455 (2)	0.760 49 (11)	0.0411 (7)

in failure of default search/match algorithms to identify a phase, even when it is present in the sample. High-quality reference patterns measured at ambient conditions are thus critical for easy identification of APIs using standard powder diffraction practices.

II. EXPERIMENTAL

Raltegravir potassium, a commercial reagent purchased from Jalor-Chem Co. Ltd., was used as-received. The white

powder was packed into a 1.5 mm diameter Kapton capillary, and rotated during the measurement at ~50 cycles s⁻¹. The powder pattern was measured at 295 K at beam line 11-BM (Lee *et al.*, 2008; Wang *et al.*, 2008) of the Advanced Photon Source at Argonne National Laboratory using a wavelength of 0.413 906 Å from 0.5° to 50° 2 θ with a step size of 0.001° and a counting time of 0.1 s/step. The pattern was indexed on a primitive monoclinic unit cell having a = 15.6156, b = 8.1485, c = 16.1334 Å, $\beta = 94.165^\circ$, V =2047.44 Å³, and Z = 4 using DICVOL06 (Louër and Boultif, TABLE II. DFT-optimized (CRYSTAL09) crystal structure of raltegravir potassium. The lattice parameters were fixed at the experimental values.

Crystal data	
C20H20FKN6O5	
Mw = 482.51	
Monoclinic, P21/c	
<i>a</i> = 15.610 59 Å	
<i>b</i> = 8.148 19 Å	
<i>c</i> = 16.125 97 Å	

 $\beta = 94.1844^{\circ}$ $V = 2045.72 \text{ Å}^3$ Z = 4

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic displacement parameters (A^2	2)
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	x	у	z	U _{iso} */Ueq
C1	0.018 82	0.260 82	0.522 99	0.0705
C2	0.088 50	0.207 92	0.481 86	0.0705
C3	0.168 21	0.281 14	0.502 58	0.0705
C4	0.177 83	0.403 32	0.563 31	0.0705
C5	0.105 26	0.452 40	0.603 44	0.0705
C6	0.025 10	0.381 67	0.583 70	0.0705
H7	0.080 30	0.111 86	0.435 58	0.0826
H8	0.223 47	0.238 80	0.471 84	0.0826
H9	0.111 89	0.544 63	0.651 94	0.0826
H10	-0.03152	0.422 62	0.612 82	0.0826
F11	-0.06252	0.191 24	0.501 90	0.0705
C12	0.263 06	0.486 22	0.587 89	0.0178
N13	0.335 88	0.417 15	0.54941	0.0178
C14	0.411 59	0.388 35	0.593 60	0.0178
015	0.425 51	0.432 37	0.667 64	0.0178
C16	0 476 66	0.295.31	0 549 72	0.0149
N17	0 549 45	0.259.37	0 598 85	0.0149
C18	0.612.95	0.180.74	0.570.55	0.0149
N19	0.610.35	0.129.68	0.487.58	0.0149
C20	0.538.28	0.125.00	0.433.22	0.0149
C21	0.464.63	0.245.18	0.466.48	0.0149
022	0.536.83	0.109.45	0.359.85	0.0149
022	0.397.15	0.268.38	0.416.89	0.0149
C24	0.679.60	0.040.63	0.449.84	0.0149
C25	0.694.69	0.165.05	0.629.83	0.0308
C26	0.675.72	0.222.00	0.02985	0.0308
C20	0.07572	0.222.00	0.50714	0.0308
N28	0.704 00	0.27719	0.537 14	0.0308
N20 C20	0.72175	-0.010 33	0.670.01	0.0308
020	0.850.21	-0.055 14	0.606 70	0.0308
C31	0.859.51	0.033.02	0.09070	0.0508
N22	0.799.34	-0.227 83	0.712 18	0.0579
N32 N22	0.73870	-0.312 80	0.74278	0.0579
N33	0.77791	-0.430 21	0.77970	0.0579
025	0.839 38	-0.439 22	0.708.01	0.0579
033	0.87741	-0.500 58	0.72619	0.0379
C30	0.929 08	-0.333 91	0.793.04	0.0379
H3/	0.256.89	0.01/93	0.57440	0.0232
H38	0.277.69	0.47570	0.654 89	0.0232
H39	0.333 99	0.380 05	0.488 66	0.0232
H40	0.654 87	-0.07722	0.427 02	0.0194
H41	0.700 68	0.10799	0.396 61	0.0194
H42	0.73275	0.019 55	0.495 40	0.0194
H43	0.64/ /8	0.344 01	0.716.36	0.0400
H44	0.632.67	0.136.66	0.745 80	0.0400
H45	0.73639	0.22611	0.755.52	0.0400
H46	0.735 94	0.397 49	0.584 03	0.0400
H4/	0.81/89	0.290 94	0.643 89	0.0400
H48	0.79071	0.230 43	0.540 97	0.0400
H49	0.674 43	-0.098 37	0.627 45	0.0753
H50	0.993 97	-0.497 21	0.78573	0.0753
H51	0.921 65	-0.672 59	0.75616	0.0753
H52	0.925 17	-0.587 59	0.863 51	0.0753
K53	0.452 25	0.150 86	0.760 67	0.0411

2007). The space group was indicated to be $P2_1/c$ by EXPO2009 (Altomare *et al.*, 2009). A search of this cell in the Cambridge Structural Database (Allen, 2002) yielded 85 hits, but no crystal structure for raltegravir potassium.

A raltegravir anion was built and its conformation optimized using Spartan'14 (Wavefunction, 2013), and saved as a mol2 file. This file was converted into a Fenske–Hall Z-matrix file using OpenBabel (O'Boyle *et al.*, 2011). Initial



Figure 3. (Colour online) Comparison of the refined and optimized structures of raltegravir potassium. The Rietveld-refined structure is colored red and the DFT-optimized structure is in blue.



Figure 4. (Colour online) The molecular structure of raltegravir potassium, with the atom numbering. The atoms are represented by 50% probability spheroids.

attempts to solve the structure by simulated annealing techniques using this molecule and a potassium atom failed. Since the potassium cation would almost certainly be coordinated to the ionized hydroxyl oxygen, a potassium was added to O23 at a distance of 2.64 Å, and the geometry of the complex was optimized in Spartan '14 using molecular mechanics techniques. The hydrogen atoms were removed, and the molecule was saved as a .mol2 file. This file was converted into a MOPAC-format file using OpenBabel. This converted file was used to solve the structure using the simulated annealing module of EXPO2013 (Altomare *et al.*, 2013).

Rietveld refinement was carried out using General Structure Analysis System (GSAS) (Larson and Von Dreele, 2004). Only the 1°–25° portion of the pattern was included in the refinement. The C1-H10 phenyl group was refined as a rigid body. All other non-H bond distances and angles were subjected to restraints, based on a Mercury/Mogul Geometry Check (Bruno et al., 2004; Sykes et al., 2011) of the molecule. The Mogul average and standard deviation for each quantity were used as the restraint parameters. The restraints contributed 5.21% to the final χ^2 . Isotropic displacement coefficients were refined, grouped by chemical similarity. The hydrogen atoms were included in calculated positions, which were recalculated during the refinement (Materials Studio; Accelrys, 2013). The U_{iso} of each hydrogen atom was constrained to be $1.3 \times$ that of the heavy atom to which it is attached. The peak profiles were described using profile function #4 (Thompson et al., 1987; Finger et al., 1994), which includes the Stephens (1999) anisotropic strain broadening model. The background was modeled using a three-term shifted Chebyshev polynomial and a five-term diffuse scattering (Debye) function, to model the scattering from the Kapton capillary and any amorphous component of the sample. The final refinement of 121 variables using 24 070 observations (23 999 data points and 71 restraints) yielded the residuals $R_{wp} = 0.074$, $R_p = 0.061$, and $\chi^2 = 1.690$. The largest peak (0.45 Å from N17) and hole (1.95 Å from C18) in the difference Fourier map were 0.64 and -0.73 e Å-3, respectively. The Rietveld plot is included as Figure 2. The largest errors are in the shapes and intensities of a few low-angle peaks.

A density functional geometry optimization (fixed experimental unit cell) was carried out using CRYSTAL09 (Dovesi *et al.*, 2005). The basis sets for the H, C, N, and O atoms were those of Gatti *et al.* (1994), the basis set for F was that of Nada *et al.* (1993), and the basis set for K was that of Dovesi *et al.* (1993). The calculation used eight *k*-points and the B3LYP functional.



Figure 5. (Colour online) The crystal structure of raltegravir potassium, viewed down the *b*-axis.

TABLE III. Un	usual geometrica	l features in	raltegravir	potassium
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Quantity	Z-score	Optimized	Average	
Bonds				
C18–N19	3.94	1.399	1.334 (17)	
C16–N17	3.25	1.369	1.329 (12)	
Angles				
C24-N19-C18	4.08	124.88	119.79 (125)	
C16-C21-C20	4.00	115.62	120.10 (112)	
C24-N19-C20	3.95	113.76	117.34 (91)	
O23-C21-C16	3.64	126.67	123.40 (90)	
O30-C29-C31	3.21	117.79	120.87 (96)	
C16-N14-N13	3.16	115.96	120.47 (143)	
Torsions				
C18-C25-N28-C29		173.1		
C26-C25-C18-N17		10.3		
C27-C25-C18-N17		-108.4		
N28-C25-C18-N17	7 127.0			
N28-C25-C18-N19	-60.0			
N32-C31-C29-C28		-36.9		

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The refined atom coordinates of raltegravir potassium are reported in Table I, and the coordinates from the density functional theory (DFT) optimization in Table II. The root-mean-square deviation of the non-hydrogen atoms is 0.06 Å, and the maximum deviation is 0.16 Å, at the methyl group C36 (Figure 3). The excellent agreement between the refined and optimized structures is strong evidence that the structure is correct (van de Streek and Neumann, 2014). The discussion of the geometry uses the DFT-optimized structure. The asymmetric unit (with atom numbering) is illustrated in Figure 4, and the crystal structure is presented in Figure 5.

Most bond distances, angles, and torsion angles fall within the normal ranges indicated by a Mercury Mogul Geometry Check, but several geometrical features are flagged as unusual (Table III). Many of these occur in the C_4N_2 ring C16–C21 in the center of the molecule; this ring is also close to the K coordination. Several unusual torsion angles occur in the C25–C31 portion of the molecule, but there are only a few comparison angles. Apparently, the geometry of this molecule is somewhat unusual.

The most prominent feature of the crystal structure is the chains of edge-sharing 7-coordinate K parallel to the *b*-axis. The coordination is KO_5N_2 , and the K–N bonds are the longest, as expected from the bond valence r_0 (2.13 and 2.26 Å for K–O and K–N, respectively) (Breese and O'Keefe, 1991). The raltegravir molecule chelates to the K through

N17 and O15. The bond valence sum for the K is 1.01. The Mulliken overlap populations are small and positive (<0.008 e), suggesting that the K–O/N bonds have a small degree of covalent character, but are mainly ionic.

Conformational analysis of the raltegravir anion (Hartree–Fock/3-21G/water) suggests that the solid-state conformation is at least 22 kcal mole⁻¹ higher in energy than the minimum-energy conformation, and that K coordination and the hydrogen bonds contribute significantly to the observed structure. An analysis of the contributions to the total crystal energy using the Forcite module of Materials Studio (Accelrys, 2013) suggests that significant contributions to the crystal energy come from bond, angle, and torsion distortion terms. The crystal energy appears to be dominated by electrostatic contributions, which in this force-field-based analysis include hydrogen bonds. The hydrogen bonds are better analyzed using the results of the DFT calculation.

The carbonyl oxygen O23 participates in two strong hydrogen bonds (Table IV). The N13–H39····O23 bond is intermolecular. The graph sets (Etter, 1990; Bernstein *et al.*, 1995; Shields *et al.*, 2000) are S1,1(6) and R1,1(7), hydrogen bonds, respectively; the seven-membered ring includes the K. Several weak C–H···O/F hydrogen bonds (both intra- and inter-molecular) apparently help determine the conformation of the raltegravir anion in the solid state. The crystal structure can be described as having K-containing layers in the *bc*-plane, with double layers of CH₄F phenyl rings halfway between them.

The Bravais–Friedel–Donnay–Harker (Bravais, 1866; Friedel, 1907; Donnay and Harker, 1937) morphology suggests that we might expect platy morphology for raltegravir potassium, with {100} as the principal faces. A second-order spherical harmonic preferred orientation model was included in the refinement, but the texture index was only 1.002; preferred orientation was not significant for this rotated capillary specimen. The powder pattern of raltegravir potassium is included in the PDF as entry 00-064-1499.

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TABLE IV. Hydrogen bonds in raltegravir potassium.

D–H…A	D-H (Å)	H…A (Å)	D…A (Å)	D-H···A (°)	Overlap (e)	
N13-H39····O23	1.024	1.818	2.692	141.1	0.067	
N28-H49O23	1.036	1.887	2.902	165.5	0.068	
C12-H38…O15	1.091	2.393	2.793	103.5	0.014	
C24-H40O22	1.089	2.567	2.63	81.1	0.005	
C36-H51O30	1.091	2.328	3.376	160.6	0.021	
C27-H47···O30	1.086	2.336	2.89	109.7	0.006	
C36-H50…F11	1.093	2.432	3.507	169.2	0.009	

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