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The Crystal and Molecular Structure of Coriose

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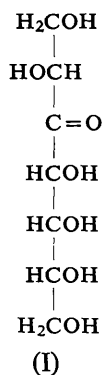
The crystal structure of coriose, $C_7H_{14}O_7$, a natural 3-heptulose, has been determined by the use of a symbolic addition procedure. The space group is $P2_1$ with two molecules in the unit cell of dimensions $a = 11.33$, $b = 7.460$, $c = 5.205$ Å and $\beta = 90.75^\circ$. The molecule is found in a novel α -furanose form with three *cis* hydroxyl groups. Owing to the twist of the five-membered ring, similar to that in adenosine monophosphate, three groups attached to the ring are quasi-equatorial and the other two are quasi-axial.

Introduction

Coriose, $C_7H_{14}O_7$, is a naturally occurring heptulose, extracted from *Coriaria japonica* A. Gray. The crystal

of coriose is obtained solvent-free either from aqueous ethanol, methanol or water. The same crystal (m.p. = 169 – 171°) is obtained also by evaporation of an aqueous solution to dryness at higher temperature, or by

lyophilization of the equilibrated aqueous solution, followed by exposure to the air. This evidence points to the fact that coriose has an unusually stable structure in the crystalline state. Coriose has been shown to be *D-althro*-3-heptulose (I) (Okuda & Konishi, 1968), which forms a hemiketal ring as indicated by the absence of the carbonyl band in the infrared spectrum. As to the hemiketal ring, there are four possible structures, α -pyranose, β -pyranose, α -furanose and β -furanose, of which α -pyranose may be regarded as the most stable on the basis of a conformational analysis (Eliel, Allinger, Angyal & Morrison, 1965). The actual conformation of crystalline coriose, corresponding to one of these, could not be determined by analysis of the proton magnetic resonance spectra, because of the unusually rapid transformation of the ring structure in solution, as shown by the quick mutarotation. The present investigation was carried out in order to determine the molecular and crystal structures, which might provide a basis for an explanation of some remarkable properties of this substance (Okuda, Osaki & Taga, 1969).



Experimental

Crystals were obtained as colourless pentagonal plates by slow evaporation of an aqueous ethanol solution. They were stable in air. The cell dimensions were determined at 24°C by least-squares calculations including only high-angle reflexions on zero-layer Weissenberg photographs (with $\lambda_{\text{Cu } K\alpha_1} = 1.54051 \text{ \AA}$), calibrated with NaCl ($a_0 = 5.639 \text{ \AA}$). The crystal density was measured at 25°C by the flotation method in a mixture of chloroform and bromoform. Crystallographic data are as follows: coriose (*D-althro*-3-heptulose), $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_7$, monoclinic, $a = 11.33 \pm 0.01$, $b = 7.460 \pm 0.005$, $c = 5.205 \pm 0.005 \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 90.75 \pm 0.05$, $V = 439.99 \text{ \AA}^3$, $D_m = 1.596 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$, $D_x = 1.584 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ (assuming $Z=2$), $\mu = 12.7 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (for Cu $K\alpha$). Systematic absences were observed only for $0k0$ reflexions with $k = \text{odd}$. Since coriose crystals are optically active, the space group is $P2_1$ (No. 4).

Intensities were recorded for layers 0 to 6 about the b axis and 0 to 4 about the c axis of equi-inclination Weissenberg photographs taken with Ni-filtered Cu $K\alpha$ radiation. The crystals used for the intensity measure-

ment were approximately cylindrical with mean diameters of 0.35 mm both for the b and c axes. The relative intensities were estimated visually by comparison with a standard scale, and corrected for Lorentz and polarization factors and for absorption effects. They were correlated and reduced to structure factors $|F_o|$ and normalized structure factors $|E|$ for 1046 independent reflexions (Rollett, 1965).

The values of the statistical averages for $|E|$ and $|E^2 - 1|$ were 0.887 and 0.775 compared with the theoretical values, 0.886 and 0.736, for a noncentrosymmetric space group.

Structure determination

The structure was determined directly by the application of the symbolic addition procedure (Karle & Karle, 1966*a, b*).

Initially three phases to specify the origin, and three symbols, were assigned (Hauptman & Karle, 1956), as listed in Table 1; symbols a and b must be 0 or π , but p lies somewhere in the range $0 < p < \pi$.

Table 1. Phase assignments for specifying the origin and implementing equation (1)

h	φ_h	$ E_h $
-9 1 5	0	3.00
5 0 1	0	2.54
2 0 1	0	2.20
-5 0 1	a	2.07
9 0 0	b	2.97
1 3 1	p	2.03

The phase determining procedure, using the formula

$$\varphi_h = \langle \varphi_k + \varphi_{h-k} \rangle_{k_r}, \quad (1)$$

was applied first to $h0l$ reflexions with $|E| > 1.5$, since there are a relatively large number of $h0l$ reflexions with large enough $|E|$ values. During this stage 28 phases were determined in terms of a and b , and it became apparent that the symbols a and b should be 0 and π respectively. The next step was to apply formula (1) to general hkl reflexions, and 106 phases with $|E| > 1.5$ were determined in terms of the symbol p and it seemed likely that p was near 0 or π . Since p cannot be exactly 0 or π for a noncentrosymmetric crystal, p was initially assigned the value $\frac{1}{2}\pi$, and 117 phases with $|E| > 1.4$ were determined and refined by the use of the tangent formula (Karle & Karle, 1966*a*). An E map computed with these phases provided a reasonable structure, which gave an R value of 0.24 for reflexions with $\sin \theta < 0.8$.

Refinement

The refinement of the positional and thermal parameters was carried out first by four cycles of isotropic diagonal least-squares calculations, which reduced the R value to 0.13 for all the observed reflexions. A difference Fourier synthesis was then computed and all

the hydrogen atoms were revealed at reasonable positions with respect to the carbon and oxygen atoms. Inclusion of the hydrogen atoms and three more cycles of anisotropic block-diagonal refinement reduced the R index to 0.08, at which stage the refinement was terminated. The last shift of any parameter was less than the corresponding estimated standard deviation.

The final positional and thermal parameters are given in Tables 2 and 3. Parameters of the thermal ellipsoids are illustrated in Fig. 1. Observed and calculated values of the structure factors are listed in Table 4, the scattering factor values being taken from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1962).

Table 2. *Positional parameters in fractional coordinates*

The estimated standard deviations given in parentheses refer to the last decimal positions of the respective values.

	x/a	y/b	z/c
C(1)	0.4877 (6)	0.7860 (12)	0.2863 (16)
C(2)	0.4012 (6)	0.2454 (12)	0.8634 (14)
C(3)	0.2885 (6)	0.2638 (11)	0.6899 (14)
C(4)	0.1744 (6)	0.2404 (10)	0.8486 (14)
C(5)	0.1305 (6)	0.4365 (12)	0.8700 (14)
C(6)	0.1654 (7)	0.5158 (11)	0.6145 (14)
C(7)	0.1691 (4)	0.7184 (12)	0.6062 (16)
O(1)	0.3841 (4)	0.7385 (10)	0.1287 (12)
O(2)	0.3950 (5)	0.3657 (10)	0.0759 (10)
O(3)	0.2971 (4)	0.1389 (9)	0.4894 (10)
O(4)	0.0928 (4)	0.1370 (9)	0.6993 (10)
O(5)	0.0075 (4)	0.4501 (9)	0.9203 (10)
O(6)	0.2847 (4)	0.4448 (9)	0.5875 (11)
O(7)	0.1750 (5)	0.7929 (9)	0.3591 (11)
H(1)	0.491 (10)	0.901 (17)	0.357 (21)
H(2)	0.487 (10)	0.694 (18)	0.479 (25)
H(3)	0.393 (10)	0.110 (18)	0.935 (21)
H(4)	0.189 (10)	0.169 (18)	0.065 (22)
H(5)	0.162 (10)	0.488 (18)	0.033 (21)
H(6)	0.118 (10)	0.455 (18)	0.422 (21)
H(7)	0.238 (10)	0.751 (19)	0.752 (22)
H(8)	0.113 (10)	0.739 (19)	0.688 (22)
H(9)	0.382 (10)	0.646 (17)	0.097 (21)
H(10)	0.355 (10)	0.323 (18)	0.203 (22)
H(11)	0.334 (11)	0.092 (17)	0.341 (21)
H(12)	0.057 (11)	0.076 (18)	0.801 (21)
H(13)	-0.006 (13)	0.407 (16)	0.002 (26)
H(14)	0.173 (11)	0.912 (17)	0.365 (22)

Description and discussion

The conventional numbering and identification of the atoms are shown in Fig. 1. The molecule is the α -anomer with a furanose ring.

Bond lengths in the molecule are given in Table 5. The C-C bond lengths range from 1.510 to 1.560 Å with mean value 1.539 Å and the C-OH bond lengths range from 1.403 to 1.467 Å with mean value 1.425 Å. No bond length differs from the corresponding mean value by more than 2σ except C(1)-O(1), 1.467 Å, which is greater than any C-OH bond length ever reported in pyranose sugars (Kim & Rosenberg, 1967) or than the corresponding C-OH bond length in L-ascorbic acid (Hvoslef, 1968). The ring C-O distances are 1.458 and 1.452 Å, which may be compared with the mean values of 1.455 and 1.426 Å derived from the furanose rings in nucleic acids (Sundaralingam & Jensen, 1965). The average values of C-H and O-H bond lengths are 1.07 and 0.87 Å respectively.

Valence angles are given in Table 6. The carbon valence angles inside the ring range from 101.6 to 106.2° with mean value 102.9°, and those outside the ring range from 108.0 to 113.7° with mean value 110.4°. The oxygen valence angle in the ring is 108.7° which may be compared with the mean value of 109.3° from the furanose rings in nucleic acids (Sundaralingam & Jensen, 1965).

With respect to the conformation of the furanose structure, the hydroxyl groups O(3)H, O(4)H and O(5)H are *cis* to each other and C(2) and C(7) are *trans* to these hydroxyl groups. The O(3)-O(4) and O(4)-O(5) distances are 2.573 and 2.783 Å respectively. These oxygen atoms are pushed away from each other. The five-membered ring is not strictly planar, but the four atoms other than C(5) are approximately in the same plane. The equation of the best plane through these four atoms is expressed as follows:

$$0.3603X + 0.4528Y + 0.8156Z = 5.060,$$

where the orthogonal axes of X and Y were chosen to coincide with the a and b axes respectively of the crys-

Table 3. *Thermal parameters of non-hydrogen atoms*

β as given here is defined by:

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

	β_{11}	β_{22}	β_{33}	β_{12}	β_{13}	β_{23}
C(1)	0.0007 (3)	0.0093 (14)	0.0200 (28)	-0.0004 (6)	-0.0021 (8)	-0.0026 (17)
C(2)	0.0009 (3)	0.0079 (13)	0.0144 (24)	-0.0003 (6)	-0.0002 (7)	0.0013 (16)
C(3)	0.0006 (3)	0.0069 (13)	0.0140 (24)	0.0004 (6)	0.0001 (7)	0.0008 (15)
C(4)	0.0010 (3)	0.0059 (13)	0.0137 (24)	-0.0019 (6)	0.0000 (7)	-0.0008 (15)
C(5)	0.0009 (3)	0.0080 (13)	0.0148 (24)	-0.0009 (6)	-0.0002 (8)	-0.0026 (16)
C(6)	0.0010 (3)	0.0061 (12)	0.0135 (24)	0.0002 (6)	0.0005 (7)	-0.0002 (15)
C(7)	0.0025 (4)	0.0056 (13)	0.0218 (29)	0.0003 (7)	0.0000 (9)	0.0015 (17)
O(1)	0.0009 (2)	0.0133 (13)	0.0256 (23)	-0.0007 (5)	-0.0025 (6)	-0.0040 (15)
O(2)	0.0018 (3)	0.0141 (12)	0.0125 (18)	-0.0002 (5)	0.0002 (6)	-0.0023 (14)
O(3)	0.0021 (3)	0.0086 (10)	0.0143 (18)	0.0001 (5)	0.0009 (6)	-0.0022 (13)
O(4)	0.0018 (2)	0.0058 (9)	0.0180 (19)	-0.0024 (5)	-0.0004 (6)	-0.0010 (12)
O(5)	0.0007 (2)	0.0094 (10)	0.0187 (19)	0.0003 (5)	0.0025 (6)	-0.0040 (12)
O(6)	0.0011 (2)	0.0068 (9)	0.0205 (19)	0.0006 (5)	0.0009 (6)	0.0044 (12)
O(7)	0.0015 (2)	0.0093 (10)	0.0207 (21)	0.0019 (5)	0.0007 (6)	0.0047 (13)

Table 4 (cont.)

H	FO	FC	H	FO	FC	H	FO	FC	H	FO	FC	H	FO	FC	H	FO	FC	H	FO	FC	H	FO	FC	H	FO	FC
K.L.= 6	0		7	25	24	4	52	50	3	47	45	4	62	53	3	29	32	4	21	17	3	21	26	K.L.= 9	2	
1	72	78	8	17	13	5	43	36	4	21	22	K.L.= 7	4	4	47	43	5	47	36	4	70	57	0	87	85	
2	18	17	9	77	81	6	33	30	5	80	72	1	17	21	5	58	54	6	10	7	K.L.= 9	0	K.L.= 9	-2		
3	14	49	K.L.= 7	1		7	81	79	6	42	38	2	35	32	6	40	31	K.L.= 8	2	1	73	67	1	35	34	
4	142	137	1	74	86	8	96	89	7	56	53	3	15	14	7	52	56	1	68	62	2	12	10	K.L.= 9	2	
5	38	35	2	44	44	K.L.= 7	2		K.L.= 7	3		4	34	37	K.L.= 8	1	2	59	50	3	13	13	1	47	28	
6	96	92	3	59	61	1	25	31	1	51	53	K.L.= 8	0	1	21	22	3	51	40	4	16	15	K.L.= 2	0		
7	58	47	4	80	93	2	65	63	2	29	30	1	44	39	2	21	31	4	39	36	K.L.= 9	1	0	372	390	
8	34	31	5	33	31	3	75	81	3	30	28	2	21	21	3	0	5	5	43	39	0	40	39	0	250	251
9	57	55	6	25	18	4	25	26	4	70	68	3	25	29	4	67	62	K.L.= 8	3	K.L.= 9	-1	0	190	195		
K.L.= 7	1		7	17	14	5	47	47	5	33	28	4	72	77	5	36	38	0	58	50	1	27	19	0	70	66
0	113	124	8	56	46	6	38	40	6	11	11	5	94	81	6	33	35	K.L.= 8	-3	2	53	44	1	71	51	
K.L.= 7	-1		0	86	80	7	45	36	7	65	73	6	46	41	7	61	56	1	77	65	3	70	64	1	289	328
1	35	36	K.L.= 7	2		8	22	28	K.L.= 7	4		7	29	20	K.L.= 8	2	2	36	31	4	60	65	K.L.= 4	-4		
2	68	73	0	59	42	K.L.= 7	3		0	78	71	K.L.= 8	1	0	48	40	3	49	44	K.L.= 9	1	10	59	61		
3	10	18	K.L.= 7	-2		0	49	37	K.L.= 7	-4		0	47	58	K.L.= 8	-2	4	48	36	1	21	27	K.L.= 2	4		
4	68	76	1	71	70	K.L.= 7	-3		1	32	32	K.L.= 8	-1	1	27	24	K.L.= 8	3	2	41	34	11	26	38		
5	76	91	2	39	45	1	28	26	2	52	51	1	83	69	2	50	36	1	21	18	3	23	22	K.L.= 6	-1	
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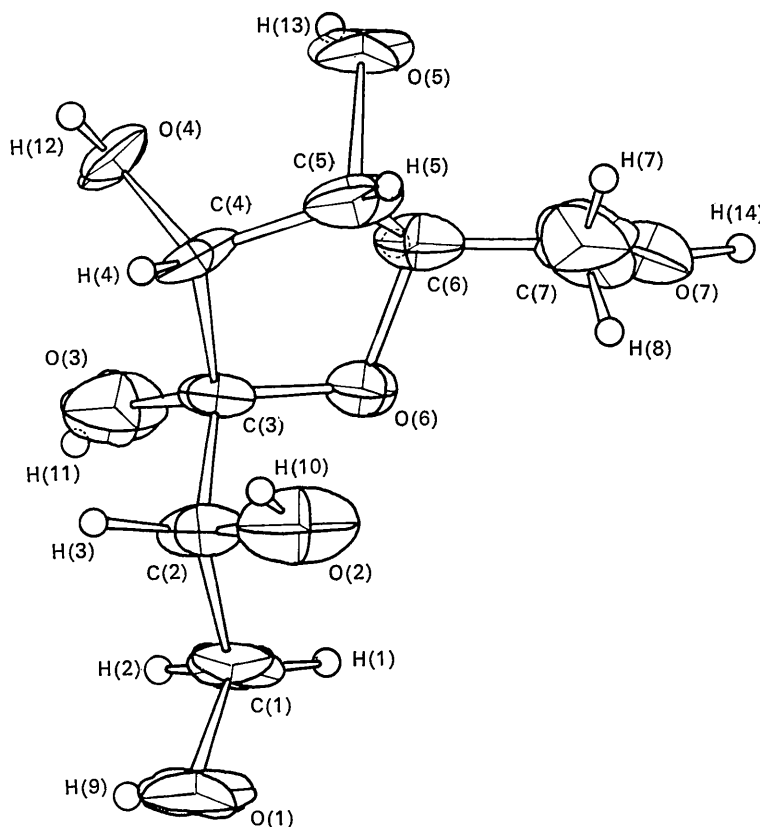


Fig. 1. Identification and numbering of the atoms in the molecule.

Table 5. Bond lengths

The estimated standard deviations given in parentheses refer to the last decimal positions of the respective values.

	Length		Length
C(1)-C(2)	1.520 (13) Å	C(1)-H(1)	0.93 (13) Å
C(2)-C(3)	1.560 (13)	C(1)-H(2)	1.21 (14)
C(3)-C(4)	1.554 (12)	C(2)-H(3)	1.08 (13)
C(4)-C(5)	1.550 (13)	C(4)-H(4)	1.25 (14)
C(5)-C(6)	1.510 (13)	C(5)-H(5)	1.00 (13)
C(6)-C(7)	1.521 (13)	C(6)-H(6)	1.21 (14)
C(1)-O(1)	1.467 (12)	C(7)-H(7)	1.11 (15)
C(2)-O(2)	1.427 (12)	C(7)-H(8)	0.80 (15)
C(3)-O(3)	1.403 (11)	O(1)-H(9)	0.71 (13)
C(4)-O(4)	1.427 (11)	O(2)-H(10)	0.87 (14)
C(5)-O(5)	1.425 (12)	O(3)-H(11)	0.95 (13)
C(6)-O(6)	1.458 (11)	O(4)-H(12)	0.81 (14)
C(7)-O(7)	1.404 (12)	O(5)-H(13)	0.95 (14)
C(3)-O(6)	1.452 (11)	O(7)-H(14)	0.89 (13)

The O(1)-C(1)-C(2)-O(2) dihedral angle is 68.7° and the O(1)-O(2) bond is *gauche*. O(2)-C(2)-C(3)-O(3) is *trans* and accordingly the atom O(2) is stretched over the furanose ring. The distance from O(2) to O(6) in the ring is 2.85 Å, but O(2)-O(6) is not an intramolecular hydrogen bond, since the hydrogen atom attached to O(2) is not found in the appropriate position. The O(7)-C(7)-C(6)-O(6) dihedral angle is 111.8°, and the orientation of the C(7)-O(7) part with regard to the ring is stereochemically unstable. This might be the consequence of the three hydrogen bonds from hydroxyl groups in the neighboring molecule.

The crystal structure is illustrated in Fig. 2, as viewed in orthographic projection along the *c* axis. The crystal is composed of a three-dimensional hydrogen bond network, as can be seen in the Figure. It should be

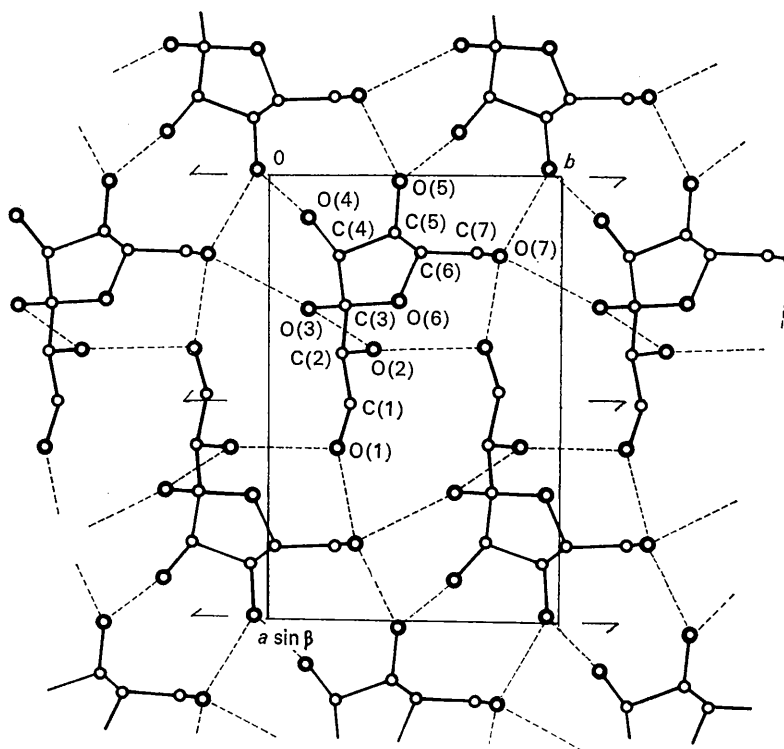


Fig. 2. Projection of the atomic positions along the c axis; hydrogen bonds are shown by dashed lines.

Table 6. Bond angles for covalent bonds of non-hydrogen atoms

The estimated standard deviation is less than 0.7° for all angles.

C(1)–C(2)–C(3)	111.3°	C(5)–C(4)–O(4)	110.1°
C(2)–C(3)–C(4)	111.3	C(4)–C(5)–O(5)	113.3
C(3)–C(4)–C(5)	101.7	C(6)–C(5)–O(5)	113.7
C(4)–C(5)–C(6)	102.3	C(5)–C(6)–O(6)	101.6
C(5)–C(6)–C(7)	114.8	C(7)–C(6)–O(6)	109.2
C(2)–C(1)–O(1)	109.1	C(6)–C(7)–O(7)	115.0
C(1)–C(2)–O(2)	108.8	C(3)–O(6)–C(6)	108.7
C(3)–C(2)–O(2)	110.2	O(3)–C(3)–O(6)	110.3
C(2)–C(3)–O(3)	107.9	C(2)–C(3)–O(6)	108.3
C(4)–C(3)–O(3)	112.8	C(4)–C(3)–O(6)	106.2
C(3)–C(4)–O(4)	108.0		

Table 7. Deviations (\AA) of the atoms from the best plane*

Atoms marked † were included in the least-squares calculation of the best plane.

C(1)	1.009	O(1)	1.937
C(2)	1.050	O(2)	2.328
C(3)†	–0.080	O(3)	–1.312
C(4)†	0.045	O(4)	–1.268
C(5)	0.619	O(5)	0.375
C(6)†	–0.053	O(6)†	0.084
C(7)	0.616	O(7)	–0.152

* See text.

All the hydroxyl groups in the structure contribute their hydrogen atoms to a hydrogen bond. O(7) accepts two hydrogen bonds and O(4) accepts none. All other oxygen atoms accept one hydrogen bond.

Hydrogen-bond lengths are given in Table 9. O(2)---O(3) and O(7)---O(3) lengths may be rather great, but the positions of the hydrogen atoms attached to these oxygen atoms indicate that they are hydrogen bonds.

The coriose studied here is the first case where a furanose structure has been established in a crystal of a monosaccharide, although such a structure has often been found among the sugar derivatives. All other monosaccharides hitherto analysed have a pyranose form. In the case of *D-manno-3-heptulose*, another member of 3-heptulose, the furanose forms may be

noted here that the hydrogen bond O(2)---O(3) is actually an intermolecular hydrogen bond between two molecules separated by a translation along the c axis.

Table 8. *Bond lengths and angles of coriose and AMP*

C-C bond lengths			C-O bond lengths		
	Coriose	AMP		Coriose	AMP
C(3)-C(4)	1.554 Å	1.509 Å	C(3)-O(6)	1.452 Å	1.445 Å
C(4)-C(5)	1.550	1.544	C(6)-O(6)	1.458	1.476
C(5)-C(6)	1.510	1.520	C(4)-O(4)	1.427	1.438
C(6)-C(7)	1.521	1.525	C(5)-O(5)	1.425	1.400
Internal angles of the ring			External angles of the ring		
	Coriose	AMP		Coriose	AMP
C(3)-O(6)-C(6)	108.7°	108.3°	C(3)-C(4)-O(4)	108.0°	107.0°
C(4)-C(3)-O(6)	106.2	106.7	C(5)-C(4)-O(4)	110.1	110.0
C(5)-C(6)-O(6)	101.6	104.0	C(4)-C(5)-O(5)	113.3	115.4
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	101.7	101.7	C(6)-C(5)-O(5)	113.7	115.6
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	102.3	99.9	C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	114.8	119.1
			O(6)-C(6)-C(7)	109.2	107.9

Table 9. *Hydrogen bond lengths*

The estimated standard deviation is 0.012 Å for all bond lengths in the Table.

Bond	Length
O(1)---O(2)	2.798 Å
O(2)---O(3)	2.964
O(3)---O(7)	3.002
O(4)---O(5)	2.686
O(5)---O(7)	2.773
O(7)---O(1)	2.700

regarded as being less unfavourable than that of coriose, since the number of *cis* substituents is less in the former. Even in this case the actual form found in the monohydrate crystal is β -pyranose (Taga & Osaki, 1969). Thus the furanose form in crystalline coriose is a novel one and might be a consequence of the possible stabilizing effect due to the elaborate three-dimensional network of hydrogen bonds.

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