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Structure of Methyl 14 β ,15-Cyclo-8 β ,16-epoxypimarate*

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Abstract. $C_{21}H_{32}O_3$, $M_r = 332.5$, triclinic, P1, a = 6.435 (1), b = 12.749 (5), c = 17.351 (4) Å, $\alpha = 87.60$ (3), $\beta = 100.70$ (2), $\gamma = 92.05$ (3)°, Z = 3, V = 1396.9 Å³, $D_x = 1.19$ g cm⁻³, λ (Mo K α) = 0.71069 Å, $\mu = 0.83$ cm⁻¹, F(000) = 546, T = 293 K, final R = 0.042 for 2807 observed reflections. The structure was solved by Patterson and Fourier recycling methods. The three conformers observed in the structure are very similar. Each molecule contains three *trans*-fused six-membered rings. Two are in slightly distorted chair conformations, the third is in the boat form. For each molecule, the five-membered ring adopts an envelope conformation.

Introduction. The 15,16-epoxide of methyl pimarate (1) on treatment with boron trifluoride-diethyl ether at low temperature (223 K) yielded a mixture of compounds from which an oxygen heterocycle diterpene (2) was obtained (Arreguy-San Miguel, Taran & Delmond, 1987). In order to choose between several structural hypotheses an X-ray analysis was undertaken.



The pentacyclic diterpene observed, having a cyclopropane ring linked to the C nucleus, can be considered as a potential intermediate during the carbocationic rearrangement of pimarane to the strobane skeleton (Herz, Prasad & Mohanraj, 1983).

Experimental. Crystal grown by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution. Colourless crystal of dimensions $0.1 \times 0.2 \times 0.3$ mm; Mo Ka radiation; graphite monochromator. Lattice parameters from least-squares adjustment to setting angles of 25 reflections with $11 < 2\theta < 24^{\circ}$. Correction for Lorentz and polarization effects. $\omega - 2\theta$ scans, $\theta_{\text{max}} = 24^{\circ}$; range of *hkl*: *h*-7 \rightarrow 7; *k*-14 \rightarrow 14; *l*0 \rightarrow 19. Intensity variation of the three standard reflections < 3%. 4387 unique reflections measured; 2807 with $I > 3\sigma(I)$. Solution by Patterson and Fourier recycling methods (Gilmore, 1984), starting from the hypothesis of a molecule with three regular cyclohexane rings. First, such a molecule with a supposed correct orientation was positioned in the cell. Then, after each of the 13 Fourier recycling steps, allowing localization of all the non-H atoms, the only atoms added in the procedure were those corresponding to classical intermolecular van der Waals interactions and able to form correct intramolecular distances. Refinement on F by block-diagonal least squares; anisotropic non-H atoms, isotropic parameters for H atoms (located geometrically or on ΔF map for the methyl groups). R = 0.042, wR = 0.048; $w = 1/\sigma^2(F_o)$ based on counting statistics; S = 0.99; $\Delta/\sigma_{mean} = 0.1$. Max. and min. heights in final $\Delta\rho$ map: +0.2 and -0.1 e Å⁻³. Atomic scattering factors from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1974) for non-H atoms and from Stewart, Davidson & Simpson (1965) for H atoms. Local programs CRISAFFI, CRISUTIL; Mini-6 92 Bull computer.

Table 1 lists atomic positional parameters and B_{eq} values while Table 2 gives interatomic distances and angles.[†]

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^{*} Methyl 2a,6,9a-trimethyl-3b,3-epoxymethanoperhydrocyclopropano[*i*]phenanthrene-6-carboxylate.

[†] Lists of structure factors, anisotropic thermal parameters and H-atom parameters have been deposited with the British Library Document Supply Centre as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 44321 (32 pp.). Copies may be obtained through The Executive Secretary, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

Discussion. Fig. 1 shows the molecular structure of the title compound and the atom labelling of molecule (I). The atom labelling of molecules (II) and (III) is

obtained by adding 30 and 60 respectively. The three independent molecules have the same absolute configuration. They are not exactly identical if the

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Table 2. Bond distances (Å; $\sigma = 0.006$ Å) and angles
$(^{\circ}; \sigma = 0.3^{\circ})$

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		$B_{\rm eq} = \frac{4}{3} \sum_l \sum_l \sum_l \sum_l \sum_l \sum_l \sum_l \sum_l \sum_l \sum_l$	$\sum_{j} \beta_{ij} \mathbf{a}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{j}$			(1)	(11)	(111)
	x	у	Z	Bea	C1-C2	1.531	1.534	1.535
Molecul	e (1)			~~	C1-C10	1.542	1.548	1.566
CI	230 (10)	1918 (5)	50 (4)	4.6 (3)	C2-C3	1.524	1.521	1.548
C2	-1468 (12)	1975 (6)	-695 (4)	5-9 (3)	C4-C5	1.563	1.551	1.552
C3	-1360 (11)	1024 (6)	-1183 (3)	5.5 (3)	C4-C18	1.524	1.553	1.493
C4	- 1036 (9)	-17(3) -31(4)	-740(3)	4.0 (3)	C4-C19	1.543	1.520	1.542
C6	69 (10)	-1081(4)	502 (3)	4.5 (3)	C5-C6	1.543	1.523	1.522
C7	2060 (9)	-1138 (4)	1128 (3)	4.0 (2)	C5-C10	1.559	1.560	1.552
C8	2252 (8)	-226 (4)	1674 (3)	3.3 (2)	C6C7	1.519	1.526	1.548
C9	2057 (8)	835 (4)	1213 (3)	3.2 (2)	C8-C9	1.539	1.518	1.522
C10	26 (8)	919 (4)	564 (3)	3.5 (2)	C8-C14	1.507	1.520	1.527
	2481 (9)	1///(4)	1/62 (4)	4.4 (3)	C8-028	1.461	1.455	1.462
C12	4399 (8)	629 (4)	2860 (3)	3.9(2)	C9-C10	1.564	1.566	1.574
C14	4263 (9)	-224 (4)	2279 (3)	3.7(2)	C9C11	1.548	1.566	1.566
C15	3685 (9)	-477 (5)	3066 (3)	4.3 (3)	C10-C20	1.539	1.536	1.551
C16	1361 (10)	-739 (5)	2903 (3)	4.7 (3)	$C_{12} = C_{12}$	1.522	1.525	1.550
C17	6582 (10)	986 (5)	3258 (4)	5.4 (3)	C13-C14	1.505	1.512	1.493
C18	-1199 (10)	-898 (5)	-1252(4)	$5 \cdot 3 (3)$	C13-C15	1.516	1.508	1.536
C 20	-1949 (9)	- 181 (0)	-026 (4)	4.7 (3)	C13-C17	1.509	1.519	1.488
C21	1319 (15)	-1689(8)	-1862 (6)	9.5 (6)	C14-C15	1.502	1.503	1.513
O22	754 (8)	-878 (4)	-1369 (3)	7.3 (3)	C15C16	1-499	1.506	1.500
O23	-2447 (9)	-1561 (5)	-1527 (4)	9.4 (4)	C16-C28	1.430	1.438	1.437
O28	553 (6)	-340 (3)	2127 (2)	4.1 (2)	C18-022	1.196	1.192	1.333
Molecul	e (II)				C21-022	1.462	1.453	1.455
C31	7555 (11)	-5884 (5)	3165 (4)	5.3 (3)		112.0		
C32	7009 (13)	-5957 (5)	3990 (4)	6.2 (4)	$C_2 = C_1 = C_{10}$	113-2	114.1	112-2
C33	7553 (11)	-4928 (5)	4403 (4)	5.7 (3)	$C_{2} = C_{3} = C_{4}$	113.3	113.1	111.4
C34	64 / / (9)	- 3971 (5)	3929 (4)	4.5 (3)	C3-C4-C5	107-2	107.8	107-2
C36	6297 (9)	-3933(4) -2980(4)	2594 (3)	3.7(2)	C3-C4-C18	108 - 1	107-3	106-8
C37	7329 (9)	-2879 (4)	1873 (3)	$4 \cdot 1 (3)$	C3-C4-C19	111-2	110.7	110.0
C38	6893 (9)	-3855 (4)	1388 (3)	3.7 (2)	C5-C4-C18	108.3	108.0	109-1
C39	7530 (9)	-4849 (4)	1891 (3)	3.8 (2)	$C_{18} = C_{4} = C_{19}$	114.0	115.5	115-5
C40	6478 (9)	-4981 (4)	2635 (3)	3.9 (2)	C4-C5-C6	113.8	113.4	112.2
C41	7359 (10)	-5844 (5)	1382 (4)	5.1 (3)	C4-C5-C10	115.9	115-3	116-2
C42 C43	7339 (10)	-3000(3) -4726(5)	520 (4) 150 (4)	$5 \cdot 2 (3)$ $4 \cdot 6 (3)$	C6C5C10	111-1	111.9	111.5
C44	7958 (9)	-3806(5)	674 (3)	4.3 (3)	C5-C6-C7	110-6	110.7	108-1
C45	6251 (11)	-3694 (5)	-40 (4)	5.3 (3)	C6C7C8	111.6	111-1	110-8
C46	4228 (11)	-3552 (6)	257 (4)	5.9 (3)	C7-C8-C14	111.3	113.0	112.1
C47	8842 (12)	-5000 (6)	-384 (4)	6.2 (4)	C°C8O28	108.3	107.8	108-4
C48	7453 (10)	-2980 (5)	4339 (3)	4.8 (3)	C9-C8-C14	109.7	109.9	110.3
C 50	4099 (10)	-5238(5)	2401 (4)	5.4 (3)	C9-C8-O28	108.9	109.7	109-9
C51	10610 (14)	-1996 (6)	4803 (5)	7.2 (4)	C14-C8-O28	104.9	104.9	104.8
O52	9540 (7)	-2890 (4)	4384 (3)	6.1 (2)	C8-C9-C10	114.2	113-8	114.2
O53	6482 (9)	-2336 (4)	4589 (3)	7.8 (3)		112-1	111.8	111-2
O58	4635 (6)	-3910 (3)	1066 (2)	4.6 (2)	C1-C10-C5	106-6	106.6	107-3
Molecul	e (111)				C1-C10-C9	108.8	108-4	107-1
C61	3450 (11)	-7035 (6)	8018 (4)	5.6 (3)	C1-C10-C20	109-0	109-8	109-6
C62	2678 (13)	-6170 (7)	8470 (4)	7.1 (4)	C5-C10-C9	106.5	106.0	106-4
C63	3083 (12)	-5071 (6)	8119(4)	6·3 (4)	C5-C10-C20	115.3	115-4	116-1
C 65	2021 (10)	-4958 (5)	6800 (3)	3·4 (3)	$C_{9} = C_{10} = C_{20}$	115.5	110-5	109-9
C66	2074 (11)	-5765 (5)	5909 (3)	5.0(3)	C11-C12-C13	111.7	111-3	113-2
C67	3424 (11)	-6482 (5)	5520 (3)	5.0 (3)	C12-C13-C14	115-4	115.5	114.9
C68	3220 (9)	-7625 (5)	5810 (3)	4.2 (3)	C12-C13-C15	121-1	122-8	118.3
C69	3707 (9)	-7738 (5)	6703 (3)	4.1 (3)	C12-C13-C17	115.3	114.9	115.7
C70	2428 (9)	-6995 (5)	7129 (3)	4.2 (3)	C14 -C13 -C15	59.6	59.7	59-8
C72	3043 (14)	-0710(6)	6363 (5)	7.7(4)	C14-C13-C17	117-1	117-2	117.9
C73	4417 (14)	-9472 (6)	5678 (5)	7.2(4)	C8-C14-C13	113-8	112.7	114.3
C74	4632 (10)	-8333 (5)	5454 (4)	5.2 (3)	C8-C14-C15	107.9	107-4	107.5
C75	3191 (13)	-9040 (6)	4895 (5)	7.4 (4)	C13-C14-C15	60.6	60.0	61-4
C76	988 (14)	-8652 (8)	4851 (5)	8.6 (5)	C13-C15-C14	59-8	60.3	58.8
C78	0249 (17)	-10106 (/)	2001 (7) 6032 (4)	9·8 (0)		11/-9	11/+/	119.0
C79	-408(11)	-3732 (3)	7173 (5)	5.0 (5) 7.5 (4)	C15-C16-O28	105.5	105.9	105.0
C80	80 (10)	-7385 (6)	7023 (4)	5.6 (3)	C4 - C18 - O22	113.5	113.3	114.5
C81	5669 (14)	-2883 (6)	6624 (6)	8.0 (5)	C4-C18-O23	125-5	124.7	125.0
O82	4845 (8)	-3869 (4)	6918 (3)	7.2 (3)	O22-C18-O23	121.0	122-1	120-5
083	1668 (9)	-3181 (5)	6722 (4)	8.7 (3)	C18-O22-C21	117.1	116.7	116.9
088	1062 (6)	-8011 (4)	5517(2)	5.4 (2)	C8-028-C16	110-1	110.7	110-9



Fig. 1. Molecular structure and numbering of atoms.

orientations of some methyl hydrogens are taken into consideration. They exhibit some rotation of the methyl groups depending on the intermolecular packing environments.

Corresponding bond lengths in the three molecules are comparable. The exception is the C4–C18 bond for molecules (II) and (III) where a difference of 0.040 (6) Å is observed. The largest difference among corresponding valence angles, of the order of 4.5 (3)°, is associated with the C12–C13–C15 angle.

In all the molecules, all the ring junctions are *trans*. Rings A and B are in the chair form, while the C rings are in the boat form (Bucourt, 1974). The 4α methoxycarbonyl group of atoms C18-O22-O23-C21, and the corresponding atoms by adding 30 and 60, are coplanar. The torsion angles of type C3-



Fig. 2. Stereoview showing molecular packing for the title compound.

C18-O23 with values in the range $122-131^{\circ}$ indicate an anticlinal conformation of these groups with respect to the C4-C5 type bonds.

Fig. 2 shows molecular packing in the unit cell. There are no intermolecular contacts shorter than the sum of the van der Waals radii of corresponding atoms.

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[O-(Dioxa-2,5 hexyl) Oxime]-9 de l'Erythromycine A Hydratée

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Abstract. $C_{41}H_{76}N_2O_{15}H_2O$, antibiotic CID name roxithromycin, proprietary name Rulid, $M_r = 854\cdot99$, orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$, $a = 24\cdot195$ (8), $b = 16\cdot935$ (6), $c = 11\cdot686$ (5) Å, V = 4788 Å³, Z = 4, $D_x =$ $1\cdot184$ (1) g cm⁻³, λ (Cu Ka) = $1\cdot5418$ Å, $\mu = 6\cdot4$ cm⁻¹, T = 293 K, R = 0.047 for 5569 unweighted reflections. The erythronolid ring, cladinose and desosamine have the same conformation in this compound and in erythromycin A. This compound and the enantiomer of anhydroerythromycin A cyclic carbonate N-methyl iodide, (9S)-9,11-dideoxy-9,11-{imino[2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethylidene]oxy}erythromycin, also have the same conformation for atoms C(1) to C(6), C(10) to O(14) and for the two sugars. The 9-(O-2,5-dioxahexyl) oxime chain is directed towards C(8) and bonded by an intramolecular hydrogen bond to O(6A) and to the water molecule. Some intermolecular hydrogen bonds occur between the molecules themselves and between the molecule and the water. The van der Waals signature displayed on a graphics system shows strong

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