

Fig. 2. A view of the unit-cell contents of structure (I) along [100].


Fig. 3. A view of the unit-cell contents of structure (II) along [ $\overline{\mathrm{I}} \mathrm{O} \overline{\mathrm{I}}$ ].

The packing of the molecules is illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3 for musk tonalid and its precursor respectively. In both structures there are no intermolecular distances significantly shorter than the sum of the van der Waals radii.

The shortest intermolecular $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ distance in musk tonalid is $3.62(2) \AA[\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ through symmetry operation $1-x, 1-y, 1-z]$.

Matching of the two molecules [leaving out the substituent on $\mathrm{C}(6)$ and the H atoms] resulted in an r.m.s. value of $0.09 \AA$, which means that the addition of the osmophoric group has little influence on the geometry of the molecule. The largest difference between the corresponding atoms occurs at $\mathrm{C}(11)$ and $\mathrm{C}(12)$.

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# Structure of Solanida-2,4,6-triene 

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$1.12 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}, \quad \lambda(\mathrm{Cu} \mathrm{K} \mathrm{\overline{ } \mathrm{\alpha})}=1.54184 \AA, \quad \mu=$ $0.44 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, F(000)=832, R=0.042$ for 2253 unique observed reflections. The six-membered $A$ ring has a half-chair conformation, the $B$ ring exhibits a transitional form between sofa and half-chair conforma(c) 1990 International Union of Crystallography

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic temperature factors

| $B_{\text {eq }}=(4 / 3) \sum_{i} \sum_{j} \beta_{i j} \mathbf{a}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{j}$. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $B_{\text {eq }}\left(\AA^{2}\right)$ |
| N | 0.4033 (2) | 0.4403 (2) | -0.0223 (3) | $3 \cdot 9$ (1) |
| C(1) | 0.9075 (2) | 0.5947 (2) | 0.0058 (4) | 4.5 (1) |
| C(2) | 0.9777 (2) | 0.6648 (3) | -0.0189 (4) | $5 \cdot 5$ (2) |
| C(3) | 0.9685 (2) | 0.7429 (3) | -0.0963 (4) | $5 \cdot 4$ (2) |
| C(4) | 0.8885 (2) | 0.7651 (2) | -0.1531 (4) | 4.7 (1) |
| C(5) | 0.8186 (2) | 0.7175 (2) | -0.1180 (3) | $3 \cdot 8(1)$ |
| C(6) | 0.7388 (2) | 0.7383 (2) | -0.1764 (3) | $4 \cdot 2$ (1) |
| C(7) | $0 \cdot 6688$ (2) | 0.6904 (2) | -0.1483 (3) | 4.1 (1) |
| C(8) | 0.6663 (2) | 0.6079 (2) | -0.0522 (3) | 3.7 (1) |
| C(9) | 0.7540 (2) | 0.5623 (2) | -0.0344 (3) | 3.6 (1) |
| C(10) | 0.8201 (2) | 0.6425 (2) | -0.0064 (3) | $3 \cdot 8$ (1) |
| C(11) | 0.7534 (2) | 0.4765 (2) | 0.0632 (3) | $4 \cdot 1$ (1) |
| C(12) | 0.6888 (2) | 0.3980 (2) | 0.0278 (3) | $4 \cdot 2$ (1) |
| C(13) | 0.6019 (2) | 0.4429 (2) | 0.0126 (3) | 3.6 (1) |
| C(14) | 0.6063 (2) | 0.5241 (2) | -0.0916 (3) | $3 \cdot 7$ (1) |
| C(15) | 0.5145 (2) | $0 \cdot 5473$ (2) | -0.1229 (3) | 4.3 (1) |
| C(16) | 0.4725 (2) | 0.4454 (2) | -0.1138 (3) | 3.9 (1) |
| C(17) | 0.5364 (2) | 0.3728 (2) | -0.0516 (3) | $3 \cdot 8$ (1) |
| C(18) | 0.5703 (2) | $0 \cdot 4824$ (2) | 0.1446 (3) | 3.9 (1) |
| C(19) | 0.8018 (2) | 0.7008 (3) | 0.1191 (3) | 4.8 (2) |
| C(20) | 0.4847 (2) | 0.3031 (2) | 0.0347 (3) | 4.3 (1) |
| C(21) | 0.4982 (3) | 0.1932 (3) | 0.0049 (5) | $6 \cdot 3$ (2) |
| C(22) | 0.3945 (2) | 0.3355 (2) | 0.0096 (3) | $4 \cdot 1$ (1) |
| C(23) | 0.3337 (2) | 0.3229 (3) | $0 \cdot 1191$ (4) | 5.5 (2) |
| C(24) | 0.2499 (2) | 0.3692 (3) | 0.0829 (4) | 5.7 (2) |
| C(25) | $0 \cdot 2602$ (2) | 0.4763 (3) | 0.0401 (4) | $5 \cdot 3$ (2) |
| C(26) | 0.3255 (2) | 0.4847 (2) | -0.0654 (4) | 4.5 (1) |
| C(27) | 0.1774 (2) | 0.5203 (3) | -0.0043 (5) | 6.9 (2) |

tions, while the $\dot{C}$ and $F$ rings are chairs. The five-membered $D$ and $E$ rings are in half-chair and envelope conformations respectively.

Introduction. During our synthetic studies directed towards a degradation of the indolizidine system in $3 \beta$-hydroxy- $5 \alpha, 6 \alpha$-epoxysolanidane $N$-oxide (1) we isolated several new side-products. Their structures were proposed on the basis of chemical and spectroscopic evidence, but conclusive proof was lacking for one of them, solanida-2,4,6-triene (2). The X-ray determination of the crystal and molecular structure of (2) is now described.

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Experimental. $3 \beta$-Hydroxy- $5 \alpha, 6 \alpha$-epoxy-solanidane $N$-oxide (1) was obtained by oxidation of solanidine

Table 2. Bond distances $(\AA)$, bond angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ and selected torsion angles ( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) with their e.s.d.'s in parentheses

| $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(16) \quad 1.46$ | 1.461 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12) \quad 1.531$ | 1.531 (5) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(22) \quad 1.46$ | 1.468 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13) \quad 1.531$ | 1.531 (4) |
| $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(26) \quad 1.45$ | 1.458 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14) \quad 1.543$ | 1.543 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2) \quad 1.49$ | 1.497 (5) | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(17) \quad 1.566$ | 1.566 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(10) \quad 1.55$ | 1.553 (5) | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(18) \quad 1.551$ | 1.551 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3) \quad 1.33$ | 1.336 (6) | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15) \quad 1.543$ | 1.543 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4) \quad 1.44$ | 1.444 (5) | $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(16)-1.543$ | 1.543 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5) \quad 1.34$ | 1.347 (5) | $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17) \quad 1.561$ | 1.561 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6) \quad 1.44$ | 1.444 (5) | $\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(20)-1.543$ | 1.543 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(10) \quad 1.53$ | 1.538 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(22) \quad 1.536$ | 1.536 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7) \quad 1.33$ | 1.332 (5) | $\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(21)-1.539$ | 1.539 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8) \quad 1.49$ | 1.497 (5) | $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(23) \quad 1.505$ | 1.505 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9) \quad 1.55$ | 1.551 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{C}(24) \quad 1.534$ | 1.534 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(14) \quad 1.54$ | 1.545 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(24)-\mathrm{C}(25)-1.528$ | 1.528 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10) \quad 1.54$ | 1.548 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(25)-\mathrm{C}(26) \quad 1.517$ | 1.517 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(11) \quad 1.54$ | 1.541 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(25)-\mathrm{C}(27) \quad 1.529$ | 1.529 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(19) \quad 1.547$ | 1.547 (5) |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(22)$ | $105 \cdot 3$ (4) | $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ | 7) 114.5 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(26)$ | $115 \cdot 8$ (4) | $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(18)$ | 8) $110 \cdot 2(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(26)$ | 112.8 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ | 7) 99.8 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 113.7 (5) | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(18)$ | 8) 112.4 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 121.5 (6) | $\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(18)$ | 8) 111.3 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $120 \cdot 6$ (6) | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | ) 111.8 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $122 \cdot 2$ (6) | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | ) $120 \cdot 0$ (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $122 \cdot 3$ (5) | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | (5) 104.4 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 120.4 (5) | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 16) $102 \cdot 8$ (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 117.2 (5) | $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 114.5 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | $124 \cdot 3$ (5) | $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ | 101.8 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $122 \cdot 2$ (5) | $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ | (7) 107.7 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | $110 \cdot 6$ (4) | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 16) $103 \cdot 4$ (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $113 \cdot 1$ (4) | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | (20) 119.3 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | ) 107.7 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | 20) $105 \cdot 8$ (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | ) 111.4 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(22)$ | (22) 103.5 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | ) 111.9 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | 21) 113.7 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $1) \quad 114.5$ (4) | $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | 21) $112 \cdot 1$ (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | ) 110.6 (4) | $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | $103 \cdot 0$ (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | ) $110 \cdot 0$ (4) | $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(23)$ | 110.0 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(19)$ | 9) 108.5 (5) | $\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(23)$ | 23) 116.9 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | ) 108.3 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{C}(24)$ | (24) 109.9 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(19)$ | 9) 106.7 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{C}(24)-\mathrm{C}(25)$ | (25) 111.4 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(19)$ | 9) 112.7 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(24)-\mathrm{C}(25)-\mathrm{C}(26)$ | 26) $110 \cdot 8(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 2) 112.0 (5) | $\mathrm{C}(24)-\mathrm{C}(25)-\mathrm{C}(27)$ | 27) 111.4 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | 13) 111.5 (5) | $\mathrm{C}(26)-\mathrm{C}(25)-\mathrm{C}(27)$ | 27) 110.9 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | 14) $108 \cdot 3$ (4) | $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(26)-\mathrm{C}(25)$ | 110.0 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(19)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4) \quad 89.6$ (5) |  | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ $155 \cdot 5(6)$ <br> $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ $175.0(5)$ |  |
| $\begin{array}{ll}\mathrm{C}(18)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(8) \\ \mathrm{C}(27)-\mathrm{C}(25)-\mathrm{C}(24)-\mathrm{C}(23) & 176.4(4) \\ \mathrm{C}(21)\end{array}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(12) 167.2$ (5) |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(16) 125 \cdot 6(6) \\ & \mathrm{C}(19)-\mathrm{C}(10) \cdots \mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(18)-3.3(4) \end{aligned}$ |  | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{N}$$\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | $-\mathrm{N}-103.2$ (4) |
|  |  | $171 \cdot 2$ (6) |

with monoperphthalic acid in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3} / \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ at 277 K for 24 h (m.p. $545-546 \mathrm{~K}$, analysis calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{43} \mathrm{NO}_{3} \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}: \quad \mathrm{C} 68.35, \quad \mathrm{H} 10 \cdot 12 \%$; found C 68.53 , H $10.09 \%$ ).

Solanida-2,4,6-triene (2) was obtained, in addition to other side-products (Stanković, Miljković, Gaši \& Sakač, 1990) by refluxing compound (1) under an $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere in DMSO for 7 h . Purification on an alumina column (benzene), followed by recrystallization from acetone afforded pure transparent well shaped crystals (m.p. $441-442 \mathrm{~K}$; calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{39} \mathrm{~N} .{ }_{4}^{1} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ : C 84.92 , $\mathrm{H} 10.35 \%$; found C 85.14 , H $10.71 \%$ ). A crystal with dimensions $1.31 \times 0.98 \times$ 0.52 mm was mounted on a Siemens AED diffractometer. Data were collected using Ni -filtered $\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha$

Table 3. Ring-puckering coordinates and asymmetry parameters

| Ring | $Q(\AA)$ | $\varphi\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | $\theta\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | $\Delta C_{s}(\mathrm{pm})^{*}$ | $\Delta C_{2}(\mathrm{pm})^{*}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Six-membered |  |  |  |  |  |
| A | 0.293 (4) | 327.3 (8) | $60 \cdot 8$ (7) | - | 1.3[C(3)-C(4)] |
| B | 0.377 (3) | $253 \cdot 1$ (5) | 51.4 (4) | 9.4[C(6)] | $15 \cdot 5[\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)]$ |
| C | 0.055 (3) | 292 (3) | $5 \cdot 3$ (3) | - |  |
| $F$ | 0.033 (4) | 27 (7) | 3.4 (4) | - | - |
| Five-membered |  |  |  |  |  |
| D | 0.463 (3) | 193.9 (4) | - | - | $4 \cdot 7[\mathrm{C}(16)]$ |
| E | 0.427 (3) | $139 \cdot 2$ (5) | - | $4.8[\mathrm{~N}]$ |  |



Fig. 1. (a) A perspective view of molecule showing atomic labeling. Carbon atoms are indicated by number only. (b) The conformation of the steroid skeleton. A view of the molecule parallel to the least-squares plane of $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ atoms.
radiation. The refined lattice parameters were obtained by a least-squares procedure from the setting angles of 30 reflections with $10<\theta<30^{\circ}$. The intensities were collected in the range $3<\theta<70^{\circ}$, $\theta-2 \theta$ step-scanning mode, minimum scan speed $0.05^{\circ} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$, profile analysis with the method of Lehmann \& Larsen (1974), scan amplitude $\theta-0.6^{\circ}$ $<\theta<\theta+0.6^{\circ}+(\Delta \lambda / \lambda) \tan \theta, h 0$ to $19, k 0$ to $16, l 0$ to 11. A standard reflection was measured after every 50 reflections and remained constant throughout the experiment. Of 2439 independent reflections, 2253 with $F_{o}>5 \sigma\left(F_{o}\right)$ were considered as observed and used for calculation. Data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects but not for absorption. A correction was also performed for extinction ( $f_{\text {ext }}=$ $2.945 \times 10^{-5}$ ).

The phase problem was solved with the SHELX (Sheldrick, 1976) program. The best $E$ map gave all non-H atoms ( $R=0.24$ ). Full-matrix least-squares refinement, $\sum w\left(\Delta F^{2}\right)$ minimized, 254 parameters


Fig. 2. The packing arrangement looking down the $c$ axis.
refined. The refinement was terminated at $R=0.042$, $w R=0.051, \quad R_{\text {tot }}=0.044, \quad S=0.69, \quad w=\left[\sigma^{2}\left(\mathrm{~F}_{o}\right)+\right.$ $\left.0.25 \times 10^{-4} F_{o}^{2}\right]^{-1}$. Maximum peak heights in final $\Delta \rho$ map within $\pm 0.13 \mathrm{e}^{-3} \AA^{-3}$. The H -atom positions were generated from assumed geometries and were taken into account without refinement in structurefactor calculations with isotropic temperature factors $B_{i H}=B_{i C}+1 \AA^{2}$. Scattering factors were taken from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1962, Vol. III).

Discussion. The final atomic positions and equivalent isotropic temperature factors for non- H atoms are given with their e.s.d.'s in Table 1.* Bond lengths, angles and relevant torsion angles are listed in Table 2. A perspective view of the molecule with the atomlabelling system is shown in Fig. 1(a). The conformation of all six rings can be seen clearly from Fig. 1(b). The puckering parameters (Cremer \& Pople, 1975)

[^1]and asymmetry parameters (Duax, Weeks \& Rohrer, 1976) are listed in Table 3. Ring $A$ has a $1 \alpha, 10 \beta$ half-chair conformation, ring $B$ exhibits a transition form between $9 \alpha$ envelope (sofa) and $9 \alpha, 10 \beta$ halfchair, while rings $C$ and $F$ adopt a chair conformation. The five-membered $D$ ring has a $13 \beta, 14 \alpha$ halfchair conformation, while ring $E$ is in an envelope form with the N atom at the flap. The $\beta$-axial $\mathrm{C}(18)$ methyl group is almost eclipsed with the $\mathrm{C}(19)$ methyl moiety as shown by the non-bonded torsion angle $\mathrm{C}(19)-\mathrm{C}(10) \cdots \mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(18)=-3.3(4)^{\circ}$. The position of the $\mathrm{C}(27)$ methyl group is equatorial, while $\mathrm{C}(21)$ assumes an $\alpha$-pseudo-equatorial position.

The packing arrangement along $\mathbf{c}$ is presented in Fig. 2. The interactions between molecules, which lie
almost parallel to the diagonals of the $a b$ plane, occur only through van der Waals contacts.

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# Structure and Conformation of a Novel $N$-Glycosylimidazole Nucleoside: Ethyl 5-Amino-1-(2,3-O-isopropylidene- $\beta$-ribofuranosyl)imidazole-4-carboxylate 

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#### Abstract

C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{6}, M_{r}=327 \cdot 7\), tetragonal, $\mathrm{P4}_{3}, a$ $=9 \cdot 154$ (2), $c=19 \cdot 066$ (5) $\AA, V=1597 \cdot 7$ (7) $\AA^{3}, Z=$ $4, D_{m}=1.35(1), D_{x}=1.361 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}, \lambda=0.71069 \AA$, $\mu($ Mo $K \alpha)=0.68 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, \quad F(000)=696, \quad T=298 \mathrm{~K}$, final $R=0.030$ for 1062 observed reflections. In the crystal structure the imidazole base planes are mutually perpendicular rather than parallel and the only intermolecular hydrogen-bonding distance is $2 \cdot 90$ (2) $\AA$ from the ribofuranosyl $\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ to $\mathrm{N}(3)$ in the imidazole ring. Close intramolecular approaches are 2.84 (2) $\AA$ from the imidazole amino $\mathrm{N}(5)$ to ethoxy $\mathrm{O}(7)$ [rather than to carboxy $\mathrm{O}(6)$ ] and $3 \cdot 14$ (2) $\AA$ from $\mathrm{N}(5)$ to the sugar $\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$. The bicyclic furanodioxalane group has a flattened ' $W$ ' shape with both rings in an envelope form (sugar pucker ${ }^{0} T_{1}$ ) and the conformation of the glycosidic linkage $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ is within the syn range.


Introduction. For the synthesis of aminoimidazole nucleosides, related to active intermediates in de novo purine nucleotide biosynthesis and to natural nucleosides with anti-tumour activity, the use of 2,3-O-isopropylidene-D-ribofuranosylamine (I) has been developed by G. Shaw and co-workers (e.g. Mackenzie, Shaw \& Thomas, 1976). Thus, its
toluene-p-sulfonate in ethanolic NaOH can react with the imidate formed from refluxing ethyl $\alpha$-amino- $\alpha$-cyanoacetate and triorthoformate in acetonitrile to give a gum from which the title $\beta$-nucleoside, EARIC, was eventually recrystallized from ethanol (Cusak, Hildick, Robinson, Rugg \& Shaw, 1973). $220 \mathrm{MHz}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectroscopy (Jones, Mokoena, Robinson \& Shaw, 1981) shows that in DMSO solution EARIC assumes a dynamic conformational equilibrium between $N$ - and $S$-type furanose ring-puckering modes; the preferred glycosidic rotational conformation is anti and the preferred exocyclic $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}$ is gg . A single-crystal X-ray analysis performed on EARIC now indicates an $S$-type conformation in the solid state.

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