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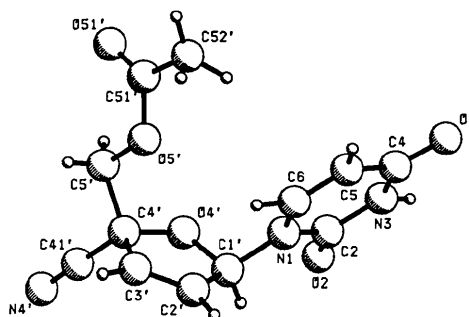


Fig. 1. *PLUTO* (Motherwell & Clegg, 1978) drawing of the molecule.

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Structure of a 4'-C-Branched 2',3'-Didehydro-2',3'-dideoxyuridine

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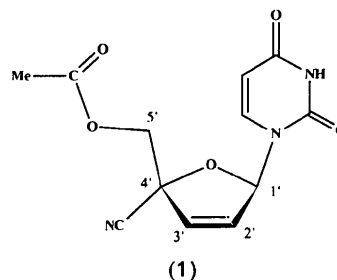
Abstract

The structure of a 4'-C-branched 2',3'-unsaturated uracil nucleoside, 4'-cyano-2',3'-didehydro-2',3'-dideoxyuridine 5'-acetate, has been determined. The *N*-glycoside torsion angle χ has a value of $-82.7(3)^\circ$ in the *anti* range. The C4'—C5' side-chain conformation is *+sc* with $\gamma = 47.2(4)^\circ$. The sugar ring is essentially planar. The conformational parameters are in accordance with the IUPAC-IUB Joint Commission on Biochemical Nomenclature [*Pure Appl. Chem.* (1983), 55, 1273–1280] guidelines.

Comment

Despite the recent finding that 4'-cyanothymidine acts as a potent inhibitor of the replication of human immunodeficiency virus (O-Yang, Wu, Fraser-Smith & Walker, 1992), only two methods for introducing carbon substituents to the 4'-position of nucleosides have been available. These are 4'-hydroxymethylation of nucleoside 5'-aldehydes (Youssefyeh, Tegg, Verheyden, Jones & Moffatt, 1977) and a Claisen-type rearrangement of nucleoside 4',5'-enamines (Secrist & Winter, 1978). A new approach to produce a series of 4'-C-branched 2',3'-unsaturated uracil nucleosides has been disclosed quite recently (Haraguchi, Tanaka, Itoh, Saito & Miyasaka, 1992), wherein carbon

nucleophiles generated from organosilicon reagents of various types can be transferred to a 3',4'-unsaturated derivative through an allylic rearrangement. The use of trimethylsilyl cyanide in this reaction gave an epimeric mixture of two 4'-cyano derivatives from which the title compound (1) was isolated as the major product after deprotection followed by acetylation. This molecule shows an *anti* conformation with respect to the sugar ring: $\chi(\text{C2—N1—C1'—O4'}) = -82.73(3)^\circ$. The sugar ring is essentially planar. The maximum displacement from the least-squares plane is 0.023 Å (O4'). The C4'—C5' side-chain conformation is *+sc* with the torsion angle $\gamma(\text{C3'—C4'—C5'—O5'}) = 47.2(4)^\circ$. Two weak C—H—O intermolecular hydrogen bonds are observed: O2—C1'(1 - x , 1/2 + y , 2 - z) 3.174(4) Å and O4—C1'(x, y, 1 + z) 3.148 Å.



Experimental

Crystal data

C₁₂H₁₁N₃O₅
M_r = 277.24
 Monoclinic
*P*2₁
a = 14.870 (1) Å
b = 5.411 (1) Å
c = 8.150 (1) Å
 β = 95.71 (2)°
V = 652.5 (1) Å³
Z = 2
D_x = 1.411 Mg m⁻³

Cu *K*α₁ radiation
 λ = 1.5405 Å
 Cell parameters from 20 reflections
 θ = 29.0–30.5°
 μ = 0.913 mm⁻¹
T = 297 K
 Plate
 0.55 × 0.50 × 0.08 mm
 Clear

Data collection

Rigaku AFC-5 diffractometer

 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.014$ $\theta_{\text{max}} = 60^\circ$ $\omega/2\theta$ scans $h = -16 \rightarrow 16$

Absorption correction: none

 $k = 0 \rightarrow 6$ $l = 0 \rightarrow 9$

1196 measured reflections

3 standard reflections

1165 independent reflections

monitored every 150

1056 observed reflections

reflections

 $[F > 3\sigma(F)]$

intensity variation: <3%

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.164$ Final $R = 0.047$ $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.228 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ $wR = 0.046$ $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.315 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ $S = 3.04$

1056 reflections

Atomic scattering factors

225 parameters

from *International Tables*

All H-atom parameters refined

for *X-ray Crystallography*

(1974, Vol. IV)

Calculated weights

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F) + 0.065F^2]$ Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters (\AA^2)

$$U_{\text{eq}} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^*$$

	x	y	z	U_{eq}
N1	0.6336 (1)	0.2698	1.1042 (2)	0.036 (1)
C2	0.5788 (1)	0.0789 (8)	1.1509 (3)	0.035 (1)
O2	0.5522 (1)	-0.0867 (7)	1.0594 (2)	0.045 (1)
N3	0.5579 (1)	0.0943 (8)	1.3112 (3)	0.045 (1)
C4	0.5877 (2)	0.2666 (10)	1.4267 (3)	0.048 (2)
O4	0.5639 (1)	0.2516 (9)	1.5669 (2)	0.065 (1)
C5	0.6460 (2)	0.4532 (10)	1.3699 (4)	0.052 (2)
C6	0.6663 (2)	0.4484 (9)	1.2136 (3)	0.043 (2)
C1'	0.6539 (1)	0.2643 (8)	0.9332 (3)	0.035 (1)
C2'	0.6847 (2)	0.5056 (8)	0.8707 (3)	0.042 (1)
C3'	0.7648 (2)	0.4824 (9)	0.8187 (4)	0.046 (1)
C4'	0.7970 (2)	0.2202 (8)	0.8419 (4)	0.044 (1)
C41'	0.8046 (2)	0.0991 (9)	0.6798 (4)	0.052 (1)
N4'	0.8110 (2)	0.0056 (10)	0.5563 (4)	0.075 (2)
O4'	0.7275 (1)	0.0984 (7)	0.9185 (2)	0.044 (1)
C5'	0.8864 (2)	0.1901 (10)	0.9483 (5)	0.058 (1)
O5'	0.8797 (1)	0.3374 (8)	1.0909 (3)	0.064 (1)
C51'	0.9422 (2)	0.3024 (10)	1.2185 (5)	0.060 (2)
O51'	1.0015 (2)	0.1574 (11)	1.2134 (5)	0.104 (1)
C52'	0.9287 (3)	0.4722 (14)	1.3569 (6)	0.073 (1)

Table 2. Geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$)

N1—C6	1.370 (4)	C2'—C3'	1.309 (4)
N1—C2	1.392 (4)	C3'—C4'	1.504 (6)
N1—C1'	1.455 (3)	C4'—O4'	1.422 (4)
C2—O2	1.206 (4)	C4'—C41'	1.489 (5)
C2—N3	1.375 (3)	C4'—C5'	1.521 (5)
N3—C4	1.367 (5)	N4'—C41'	1.139 (5)
C4—O4	1.232 (4)	C5'—O5'	1.420 (6)
C4—C5	1.437 (6)	O5'—C51'	1.338 (4)
C5—C6	1.338 (4)	C51'—O51'	1.184 (6)
C1'—O4'	1.431 (4)	C51'—C52'	1.483 (8)
C1'—C2'	1.491 (6)		

C6—N1—C2	121.7 (2)	C3'—C2'—C1'	110.3 (3)
C6—N1—C1'	122.9 (2)	C2'—C3'—C4'	109.8 (3)
C2—N1—C1'	115.4 (2)	O4'—C4'—C41'	108.0 (3)
O2—C2—N3	122.7 (3)	O4'—C4'—C3'	104.8 (3)
O2—C2—N1	123.2 (2)	O4'—C4'—C5'	109.4 (3)
N3—C2—N1	114.1 (3)	C41'—C4'—C3'	110.8 (3)
C4—N3—C2	127.4 (3)	C41'—C4'—C5'	108.6 (3)
O4—C4—N3	119.4 (4)	C3'—C4'—C5'	115.0 (3)
O4—C4—C5	125.7 (4)	N4'—C41'—C4'	179.5 (5)
N3—C4—C5	114.9 (3)	C4'—O4'—C1'	110.0 (3)
C6—C5—C4	119.6 (4)	O5'—C5'—C4'	106.2 (3)
C5—C6—N1	122.2 (3)	C51'—O5'—C5'	117.2 (3)
O4'—C1'—N1	109.0 (2)	O51'—C51'—O5'	121.9 (4)
O4'—C1'—C2'	104.9 (2)	O51'—C51'—C52'	126.5 (4)
N1—C1'—C2'	114.2 (2)	O5'—C51'—C52'	111.6 (4)

Data collection and cell refinement: *AFD* (Rigaku Corporation, 1985a). Data reduction and structure refinement: *RCRYSTAN* (Rigaku Corporation, 1985b). Program used to solve structure: *SAPI85* (Yao, Zheng, Qian, Han, Gu & Fan, 1985). Molecular graphics: *ACV* (Stardent Computer Inc, 1990). Software used for publication material: *XPACK* (Yamaguchi, 1987). The ω -scan width was $(1.3 + 0.14 \tan \theta)^\circ$ and the scan speed was $32^\circ \text{ min}^{-1}$. Refinement was by full-matrix least-squares methods.

Lists of structure factors, anisotropic thermal parameters and H-atom coordinates have been deposited with the British Library Document Supply Centre as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 55476 (6 pp.). Copies may be obtained through The Technical Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England. [CIF reference: AS1021]

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