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**3-Methoxy-16,16-dimethyl-5 $\alpha$ -androstan-17-one**

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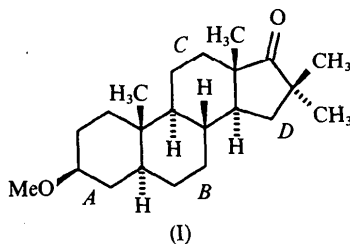
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**Abstract**The structure of the title compound, C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, is reported.**Comment**

The synthesis of the title compound, (I), has been reported in an earlier paper (Wölfling, Schneider &amp; Dombi, 1988).



The A and B, B and C, and C and D rings are *trans* fused. Rings A, B and C adopt chair conformations, whereas ring D shows a conformation midway between a 14 $\alpha$ -envelope and a 13 $\beta$ ,14 $\alpha$ -half chair. For structures of other 5 $\alpha$ -androstan derivatives see Duax & Norton (1975) and Griffin, Duax & Weeks (1984).

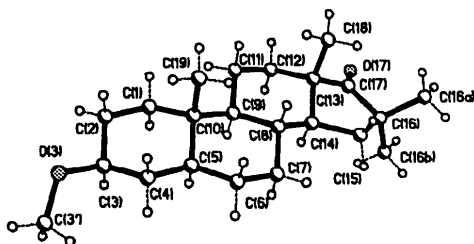


Fig. 1. The atomic numbering scheme for the title compound.

**Experimental***Crystal data*

C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 332.51  
 Orthorhombic  
*P*2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>  
*a* = 6.5620 (10) Å  
*b* = 13.583 (3) Å  
*c* = 22.488 (4) Å  
*V* = 2004.4 (6) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 4  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.102 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo *K* $\alpha$  radiation  
 $\lambda$  = 0.71072 Å  
 Cell parameters from 48 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 10–12.5°  
 $\mu$  = 0.068 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 293 (2) K  
 Needles  
 0.50 × 0.40 × 0.40 mm  
 Colorless

*Data collection*

Stoe AED-2 four-circle diffractometer  
 Profile fitting collection method  
 Absorption correction: none  
 2055 measured reflections  
 1769 independent reflections  
 1574 observed reflections  
 [*I* > 2 $\sigma$ (*I*)]

*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.0108  
 $\theta_{\max}$  = 22.50°  
*h* = -1 → 7  
*k* = -14 → 14  
*l* = -24 → 24  
 3 standard reflections  
 frequency: 90 min  
 intensity variation: none

*Refinement*

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R*(*F*) = 0.0363  
*wR*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.0960  
*S* = 0.968  
 1768 reflections  
 218 parameters  
 H-atom parameters not refined  
 Calculated weights  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0610P)^2 + 0.5000P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 ( $\Delta/\sigma$ )<sub>max</sub> = 0.009

$\Delta\rho_{\max}$  = 0.119 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min}$  = -0.116 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Extinction correction:  
 $F_c^* = kF_c[1 + (0.001\chi \times F_c^2\lambda^3/\sin 2\theta)]^{-1/4}$   
 Extinction coefficient:  
 $\chi$  = 0.012 (2)  
 Atomic scattering factors from *International Tables for Crystallography* (1992, Vol. C, Tables 4.2.6.8 and 6.1.1.4)

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> <sub>eq</sub>
C1	-0.1710 (6)	-0.5081 (2)	-0.17046 (13)	0.0542 (8)
C2	-0.1458 (6)	-0.6103 (2)	-0.14299 (14)	0.0601 (9)
C3	0.0256 (6)	-0.6124 (2)	-0.09872 (14)	0.0588 (9)
O3	0.0338 (5)	-0.7096 (2)	-0.07388 (11)	0.0802 (8)
C3'	0.2192 (9)	-0.7317 (3)	-0.0455 (2)	0.111 (2)
C4	-0.0051 (7)	-0.5341 (2)	-0.05120 (13)	0.0596 (9)
C5	-0.0294 (5)	-0.4321 (2)	-0.07904 (12)	0.0485 (8)
C6	-0.0393 (7)	-0.3510 (2)	-0.03240 (13)	0.0610 (10)
C7	-0.0396 (6)	-0.2493 (2)	-0.06111 (12)	0.0551 (9)
C8	-0.2041 (5)	-0.2385 (2)	-0.10876 (12)	0.0454 (8)
C9	-0.1922 (5)	-0.3235 (2)	-0.15461 (12)	0.0433 (7)
C10	-0.2058 (5)	-0.4262 (2)	-0.12412 (12)	0.0434 (7)
C11	-0.3390 (6)	-0.3094 (2)	-0.20691 (12)	0.0546 (9)
C12	-0.3254 (6)	-0.2081 (2)	-0.23612 (13)	0.0566 (9)
C13	-0.3512 (5)	-0.1277 (2)	-0.18950 (13)	0.0480 (8)
C14	-0.1893 (5)	-0.1407 (2)	-0.14117 (11)	0.0445 (7)
C15	-0.1946 (6)	-0.0435 (2)	-0.10730 (13)	0.0556 (9)
C16	-0.2234 (5)	0.0359 (2)	-0.15601 (13)	0.0525 (8)
C16A	-0.3700 (7)	0.1181 (2)	-0.1383 (2)	0.0787 (11)
C16B	-0.0203 (6)	0.0820 (2)	-0.1742 (2)	0.0668 (10)

$$U_{eq} = (1/3)\sum_i\sum_j U_{ij}a_i^*a_j^*a_i\cdot a_j$$

C17	-0.3084 (5)	-0.0230 (2)	-0.20887 (14)	0.0524 (8)
O17	-0.3305 (4)	0.0101 (2)	-0.25857 (10)	0.0719 (7)
C18	-0.5715 (5)	-0.1271 (3)	-0.1660 (2)	0.0679 (10)
C19	-0.4161 (5)	-0.4413 (2)	-0.09522 (15)	0.0605 (9)

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

C1—C2	1.528 (4)	C9—C10	1.557 (4)
C1—C10	1.542 (4)	C10—C19	1.539 (5)
C2—C3	1.502 (5)	C11—C12	1.527 (4)
C3—O3	1.435 (4)	C12—C13	1.524 (4)
C3—C4	1.521 (4)	C13—C17	1.513 (4)
O3—C3'	1.406 (5)	C13—C14	1.530 (4)
C4—C5	1.529 (4)	C13—C18	1.539 (5)
C5—C6	1.522 (4)	C14—C15	1.524 (4)
C5—C10	1.541 (4)	C15—C16	1.549 (4)
C6—C7	1.526 (4)	C16—C16A	1.527 (5)
C7—C8	1.528 (4)	C16—C16B	1.529 (5)
C8—C14	1.518 (4)	C16—C17	1.538 (4)
C8—C9	1.550 (3)	C17—O17	1.213 (3)
C9—C11	1.532 (4)		
C2—C1—C10	113.5 (2)	C1—C10—C9	109.9 (2)
C3—C2—C1	111.5 (3)	C12—C11—C9	113.9 (2)
O3—C3—C2	107.7 (3)	C13—C12—C11	110.1 (2)
O3—C3—C4	112.0 (2)	C17—C13—C12	117.1 (2)
C2—C3—C4	110.7 (3)	C17—C13—C14	100.6 (2)
C3'—O3—C3	114.0 (3)	C12—C13—C14	109.2 (2)
C3—C4—C5	111.1 (2)	C17—C13—C18	105.6 (3)
C6—C5—C4	112.2 (2)	C12—C13—C18	110.1 (3)
C6—C5—C10	112.6 (3)	C14—C13—C18	114.1 (2)
C4—C5—C10	113.3 (3)	C8—C14—C15	121.1 (2)
C5—C6—C7	111.3 (2)	C8—C14—C13	113.4 (2)
C6—C7—C8	112.6 (3)	C15—C14—C13	103.8 (2)
C14—C8—C7	112.1 (2)	C14—C15—C16	104.6 (2)
C14—C8—C9	109.2 (2)	C16A—C16—C16B	108.6 (3)
C7—C8—C9	111.1 (2)	C16A—C16—C17	110.7 (3)
C11—C9—C8	112.7 (2)	C16B—C16—C17	108.8 (3)
C11—C9—C10	114.5 (2)	C16A—C16—C15	113.7 (3)
C8—C9—C10	111.8 (2)	C16B—C16—C15	111.6 (3)
C19—C10—C5	112.9 (2)	C17—C16—C15	103.2 (2)
C19—C10—C1	108.7 (3)	O17—C17—C13	126.2 (3)
C5—C10—C1	107.2 (2)	O17—C17—C16	124.2 (3)
C19—C10—C9	110.9 (3)	C13—C17—C16	109.5 (2)
C5—C10—C9	107.1 (2)		

Data collection: *DIF4* (Stoe & Cie, 1989a). Cell refinement: *DIF4*. Data reduction: *REDU4* (Stoe & Cie, 1989b). Program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS86* (Sheldrick, 1990). Program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL92* (Sheldrick, 1992).

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## An Enantiomerically Pure 4-Oxo- $\alpha$ -amino Acid Derivative

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### Abstract

In the molecule of benzyl 2(*S*)-[(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-6-phenyl-5(*E*)-hexenoate,  $C_{24}H_{27}NO_5$ , the amine NH group does not form intramolecular hydrogen bonds with any of the three carbonyl groups present, even the most favourably positioned one, which would give a six-membered ring. Instead, weak intermolecular hydrogen-bonding interactions occur between the NH and CO groups of the amide units in adjacent molecules, linking them into a chain.

### Comment

Enantiomerically pure  $\alpha$ -amino acids can be prepared in various ways (Williams, 1989). Recent research into methods which do not involve the formation of one of the four bonds to the  $\alpha$  centre and which instead retain the chirality already established at this centre, has been successful in producing a wide range of protected 4-oxo- $\alpha$ -amino acids and protected phenylalanine analogues from an organozinc intermediate (Jackson, Wishart, Wood, James & Wythes, 1992). The title compound, (I), is one of these 4-oxo- $\alpha$ -amino acid derivatives. Its structure has been determined in order to confirm the enantiomeric purity and to investigate the hydrogen bonding which may be expected to occur between the amino group and one of the three carbonyl groups within the molecule.

