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# A [3.1.0]-Fused $\mathbf{2}^{\prime}, \mathbf{3}^{\prime}$-Modified $\boldsymbol{\beta}$-D-Pyrazolo[3,4- $d$ ]pyrimidine Nucleoside $\dagger$ 

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#### Abstract

The furanose ring in 4,6-bis(methylthio)-2-(2,3-anhydro-1-deoxy- $\beta$-D-allofuranosyl)- 2 H -pyrazolo[3,4- $d$ ]pyrimidine, $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$, is almost planar with the epoxide ring in an exo orientation.

\section*{Comment} $3^{\prime}$-Deoxy and $2^{\prime}, 3^{\prime}$-dideoxy nucleosides are important in the treatment of AIDS (Connolly \& Hammer, 1992; Huryn \& Okabe, 1992). The potent antileish- $\dagger$ CDRI communication No. 5401. $\ddagger$ Present address: Ramananda College, Department of Physics, PO Bishnupur, Bankura, West Bengal, India.


manial activity of allopurinol riboside has generated considerable interest in pyrazolo[3,4- $d$ ]pyrimidine nucleosides (Hupe, 1986). Other pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine nucleosides with important biological properties have been reported (Rideout et al., 1983; Cottam, 1994). Our continued interest in pyrazolo[ $3,4-d]$ pyrimidines (Garg, Avasthi \& Bhakuni, 1989; Avasthi et al., 1993; Biswas, Chandra, Avasthi \& Maulik, 1995) and their nucleosides (Misra, Jain, Avasthi \& Bhakuni, 1990) has led us to report the first synthesis of 'hexofuranosyl nucleosides' of pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidines (Avasthi, Dev, Garg \& Bhakuni, 1991). Some $2^{\prime}, 3^{\prime}$-modified nucleosides effectively inhibit the action of several DNA polymerases including virus reverse transcriptase (Kraevskii et al., 1988; Chiggeavadze et al., 1989). This, together with the X-ray crystallographic studies on several [3.1.0]-fused $2^{\prime}, 3^{\prime}$-modified $\beta$-d nucleosides of various natural bases (Koole et al., 1991), has prompted us to report the synthesis and Xray structure of the [3.1.0]-fused $2^{\prime}, 3^{\prime}$-modified nucleoside of pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine, (2). To the best of our knowledge this is the first report describing the synthesis and X-ray study of a novel [3.1.0]-fused $2^{\prime}, 3^{\prime}$-modified nucleoside comprising a six-carbon furanose sugar and a pyrazolo[3,4- $d$ ] pyrimidine ring system, which is isomeric with the biologically important purine system.

(2)

The X-ray diffraction study of the nucleoside (2) showed three molecules ( $A, B$ and $C$ ) of similar conformation in one asymmetric unit, connected by intermolecular hydrogen bonding (Fig. 1). The pyrazolo[ $3,4-d$ ]pyrimidine bases together with the exocyclic methylthio groups attached at the 4 and 6 positions are planar. The furanose ring of the six-carbon sugar moiety of each molecule is flattened compared with $2^{\prime}$-deoxynucleosides, presumably due to fusion of the epoxide ring with the $\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ bond. This result is similar to that observed in many [3.1.0]-fused $2^{\prime}, 3^{\prime}$-modified nucleosides where the furanose ring is derived from a five-carbon sugar (Koole et al., 1991).
The $\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ and $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ atoms deviate [average value of -0.49 (2) $\AA$ in each case] in the same direction from the planes through atoms $\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right), \mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ and $\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)$. The epoxy $\mathrm{O}(23)$ atoms are further away from these planes [by -1.74 (2), $-1.72(2)$ and $-1.72(2) \AA$ for $A, B$ and $C$, respectively], while atoms $\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ and $\mathrm{O}\left(6^{\prime}\right)$ of the ethylene glycol moiety deviate in the opposite direction.


Fig. 1. ORTEP (Johnson, 1965) diagram showing displacement ellipsoids at $50 \%$ probability for the non- H atoms of the three molecules ( $A, B$ and $C$ ) in one asymmetric unit. H atoms have been omitted for clarity. Intermolecular hydrogen bonding is shown by broken lines.

Least-squares planes through the atoms of the equilateral triangles formed by the epoxy $\mathrm{O}(23)$ atom with $\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ and $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ are inclined at angles of 82.5 (4), 82.3 (4) and $80.7(4)^{\circ}$ to the mean planes through the atoms of the sugar moieties for $A, B$ and $C$, respectively. Thus, the epoxy O atoms are exo oriented.

The epoxide ring has virtually the same impact on the furanoid conformation as has been observed with other [3.1.0]-fused $2^{\prime}, 3^{\prime}$-modified nucleosides (Koole et al., 1991). In the almost planar furanoid rings, the $\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ and $\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ bonds are shortened by $0.02-0.07 \AA$, and the $C\left(1^{\prime}\right)-C\left(2^{\prime}\right)-C\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ and $C\left(2^{\prime}\right)-$ $C\left(3^{\prime}\right)-C\left(4^{\prime}\right)$ bond angles are widened by $5-6^{\circ}$ compared with compounds having no epoxide ring fused to the sugar moiety. The conformation about the glycoside bond $\left[\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{N}(1)\right]$ is anti, with values of $91.8(8), 101.5(8)$ and $114.2(8)^{\circ}$ for $A, B$ and $C$, respectively. The most common conformation around the $\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ bond in normal nucleosides derived from five-carbon sugars is gauche-gauche (Sundaralingam, 1965). In the title nucleoside (2), however, the gauche-trans conformation was observed for $A, B$ and $C$, whereas in the closely related $2^{\prime}, 3^{\prime}-O$-anhydroadenosine, the gauche-gauche conformation (Koole et al., 1991) was observed. This difference is presumably due to the presence of an extra hydroxymethyl group at the $C\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ position. The molecules are packed in such a way that they form alternate columns, each consisting of stacked sugar and base moieties running along the $c$ axis of the unit cell (Fig. 2).
The unusual formation of the $\mathrm{N}-2$ product, 4,6-bis-(methylthio)-2-(2'-O-acetyl-5',6-di- $O$-methylsulfonyl- $\beta$ -D-glucofuranosyl)-2H-pyrazolo[3,4- $d$ ]pyrimidine, (1), as a major product during N -glycosidation (Avasthi et al., 1991) is further confirmed as a result of the structure determination of the epoxide derivative (2).


Fig. 2. Stereoview of the crystal-packing diagram.

## Experimental

A mixture of 4,6-bis(methylthio)-2-( $2^{\prime}-O$-acetyl- $5^{\prime}, 6-\mathrm{di}-O$ -methylsulfonyl- $\beta$-D-glucofuranosyl)-2H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine [(1), $0.801 \mathrm{~g}, 1.14 \mathrm{mmol}$; Avasthi et al., 1991] and methanolic ammonia ( 70 ml ) was kept at 278 K in a steel bomb for 48 h . Standard work-up followed by column chromatography gave epoxide (2) in $85 \%$ yield; m.p. $433 \mathrm{~K}(\mathrm{MeOH})$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 2.60\left(s, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{SCH}_{3}\right), 2.70(s$, $\left.3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{SCH}_{3}\right), 3.70\left[d d, J=4,12 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}\left(6^{\prime}\right)\right], 3.83[d d, J=3$, $\left.12 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}\left(6^{\prime \prime}\right)\right], 4.08\left[m, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}\left(5^{\prime}\right)\right], 4.14[d, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=3 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\left.\mathrm{H}\left(3^{\prime}\right)\right], 4.43$ [ $m, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ and $\left.\mathrm{H}\left(4^{\prime}\right)\right], 6.02\left[s, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}\left(1^{\prime}\right)\right]$, $8.15[s, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}(3)] ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 100 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 11.7,13.4$, $58.1\left[\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)\right.$ and $\left.\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)\right], 62.6\left[\mathrm{C}\left(6^{\prime}\right)\right], 70.5\left[\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)\right], 81.1,108.2$, 126.8 [C(3)], 157.9, 167.5, 168.2; correct elemental analysis was obtained for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$. Diffraction quality crystals were obtained by slow evaporation from 2-propanol at room temperature.

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$
$M_{r}=356.42$
Orthorhombic
$P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$
$a=7.529(4) \AA$
$b=20.689(12) \AA$
$c=30.469(16) \AA$
$V=4746(5) \AA^{3}$
$Z=12$
$D_{x}=1.496 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
$D_{m}$ not measured
Data collection
Nicolet $R 3 \mathrm{~m} / V$ diffractometer
$\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: none
4742 measured reflections
4742 independent reflections 2850 observed reflections $[I>2 \sigma(I)]$

Refinement
Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R(F)=0.052$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.087$

Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$\lambda=0.71073 \AA$
Cell parameters from 40 reflections
$\theta=7.2-12.5^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.362 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=293 \mathrm{~K}$
Prismatic
$0.44 \times 0.36 \times 0.28 \mathrm{~mm}$
Colourless
$\theta_{\text {max }}=25^{\circ}$
$h=0 \rightarrow 8$
$k=0 \rightarrow 24$
$l=0 \rightarrow 36$
2 standard reflections monitored every 98 reflections intensity decay: none
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\text {max }}=0.027$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.313 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {min }}=-0.268 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$
$S=1.106$
4705 reflections
683 parameters
H atoms: see text

| $w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}^{2}\right)+(0.0217 P)^{2}\right.$ |
| :---: |
| $\quad$ |
| $\quad+5.02 P]$ |
| where $P=\left[\max \left(F_{o}^{2}, 0\right)\right.$ |
|  |
| $\left.\quad+2 F_{c}^{2}\right] / 3$ |

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters $\left(\AA^{2}\right)$

| $U_{\mathrm{eq}}=(1 / 3) \sum_{i} \sum_{j} U_{i j} a_{i}^{*} a_{j}^{*} \mathbf{a}_{i} . \mathbf{a}_{j}$. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {eq }}$ |
| S(4A) | 1.0064 (4) | 0.7870 (1) | 0.6012 (1) | 0.055 (1) |
| $\mathrm{S}(68)$ | 0.8500 (4) | 0.7992 (1) | 0.7669 (1) | 0.052 (1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(7 A)$ | 0.8891 (9) | 0.6827 (3) | 0.7294 (2) | 0.040 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime} A\right)$ | 0.8670 (7) | 0.4856 (2) | 0.6117 (2) | 0.040 (1) |
| $\mathrm{O}(23 A)$ | 1.0668 (8) | 0.3974 (3) | 0.6532 (2) | 0.048 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3 A A)$ | 0.9717 (11) | 0.6789 (4) | 0.6517 (2) | 0.035 (2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(5 A)$ | 0.9229 (9) | 0.7798 (3) | 0.6858 (2) | 0.041 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4 A)$ | 0.9612 (11) | 0.7474 (3) | 0.6499 (3) | 0.035 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime} A\right)$ | 0.5102 (9) | 0.4309 (3) | 0.6860 (2) | 0.057 (2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1 A)$ | 0.9453 (9) | 0.5853 (3) | 0.6904 (2) | 0.037 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime} A\right)$ | 0.9069 (11) | 0.4223 (4) | 0.6741 (3) | 0.041 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime} A\right)$ | 0.7716 (10) | 0.4429 (3) | 0.6416 (2) | 0.038 (2) |
| C (7AA) | 0.9308 (11) | 0.6495 (4) | 0.6919 (3) | 0.036 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime} A\right)$ | 0.6172 (11) | 0.4774 (4) | 0.6630 (3) | 0.040 (2) |
| C(S6A) | 0.8059 (16) | 0.7457 (4) | 0.8116 (3) | 0.063 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime} A\right)$ | 1.0631 (11) | 0.4624 (4) | 0.6696 (3) | 0.039 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(6^{\prime} A\right)$ | 0.4169 (8) | 0.4720 (3) | 0.6011 (2) | 0.056 (2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2 A)$ | 1.0001 (9) | 0.5746 (3) | 0.6484 (2) | 0.037 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime} A\right)$ | 1.0240 (11) | 0.5088 (3) | 0.6319 (3) | 0.037 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3 A)$ | 1.0160 (11) | 0.6283 (3) | 0.6241 (2) | 0.039 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6 A)$ | 0.8893 (12) | 0.7461 (4) | 0.7229 (3) | 0.040 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(6^{\prime} A\right)$ | 0.5056 (13) | 0.5144 (4) | 0.6305 (3) | 0.048 (2) |
| C (S4A) | 0.9881 (9) | 0.8695 (4) | 0.6181 (4) | 0.072 (3) |
| $\mathrm{S}(6 B)$ | 0.8346 (4) | 0.7965 (1) | 1.1033 (1) | 0.057 (1) |
| $\mathrm{S}(4 B)$ | 0.8822 (4) | 0.7812 (1) | 0.9336 (1) | 0.058 (1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(7 B)$ | 0.8611 (9) | 0.6803 (3) | 1.0662 (2) | 0.042 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3 A B)$ | 0.8932 (11) | 0.6748 (3) | 0.9859 (2) | 0.035 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3 \mathrm{~B})$ | 0.9212 (11) | 0.6236 (4) | 0.9577 (3) | 0.041 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{S} 6$ B) | 0.8067 (18) | 0.7423 (4) | 1.1486 (2) | 0.072 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime} B\right)$ | 0.6757 (11) | 0.4438 (3) | 0.9746 (2) | 0.040 (2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2 \mathrm{~B})$ | 0.9208 (8) | 0.5707 (3) | 0.9822 (2) | 0.035 (2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(5 B)$ | 0.8631 (9) | 0.7764 (3) | 1.0200 (2) | 0.040 (2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1 B)$ | 0.8967 (8) | 0.5819 (3) | 1.0262 (2) | 0.035 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime} B\right)$ | 0.7740 (7) | 0.4847 (2) | 0.9454 (2) | 0.037 (1) |
| C(4B) | 0.8818 (11) | 0.7430 (4) | 0.9842 (3) | 0.039 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(23 B)$ | 0.9616 (7) | 0.3920 (2) | 0.9856 (2) | 0.051 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(6^{\prime} B\right)$ | 0.3217 (8) | 0.4742 (3) | 0.9351 (2) | 0.056 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(6^{\prime} B\right)$ | 0.4105 (12) | 0.5169 (4) | 0.9636 (3) | 0.053 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime} B\right)$ | 0.8080 (11) | 0.4196 (3) | 1.0076 (2) | 0.042 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime} B\right)$ | 0.9685 (11) | 0.4576 (3) | 1.0014 (3) | 0.042 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(I^{\prime} B\right)$ | 0.9350 (11) | 0.5047 (4) | 0.9648 (3) | 0.038 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7 A B)$ | 0.8811 (11) | 0.6469 (3) | 1.0281 (2) | 0.034 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6 \mathrm{~B})$ | 0.8562 (12) | 0.7433 (4) | 1.0591 (3) | 0.042 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime} B\right)$ | 0.5220 (11) | 0.4800 (4) | 0.9965 (3) | 0.047 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime} \mathrm{B}\right)$ | 0.4165 (9) | 0.4348 (3) | 1.0201 (2) | 0.063 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{S4B})$ | 0.8738 (18) | 0.8645 (4) | 0.9487 (3) | 0.068 (3) |
| $\mathrm{S}(4 \mathrm{C})$ | 0.6048 (4) | 0.2224 (1) | 0.7695 (1) | 0.053 (1) |
| S(6C) | 0.5082 (4) | 0.2086 (1) | 0.9376 (1) | 0.069 (1) |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime} C\right)$ | 0.6463 (7) | 0.5206 (2) | 0.7773 (2) | 0.038 (1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(5 \mathrm{C})$ | 0.5486 (9) | 0.2279 (3) | 0.8554 (2) | 0.045 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6 \mathrm{C})$ | 0.5188 (13) | 0.2620 (4) | 0.8930 (3) | 0.043 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7 A C)$ | 0.5155 (11) | 0.3576 (3) | 0.8605 (2) | 0.033 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{C})$ | 0.5620 (11) | 0.2610 (4) | 0.8189 (3) | 0.038 (2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2 \mathrm{C})$ | 0.5058 (9) | 0.4329 (3) | 0.8139 (2) | 0.035 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime} C\right)$ | 0.7402 (10) | 0.5629 (3) | 0.8068 (3) | 0.038 (2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1 \mathrm{C})$ | 0.4934 (9) | 0.4221 (3) | 0.8581 (2) | 0.037 (2) |
| N (7C) | 0.5052 (10) | 0.3241 (3) | 0.8991 (2) | 0.044 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3 \mathrm{C})$ | 0.5325 (11) | 0.3796 (3) | 0.7901 (2) | 0.040 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | 0.8899 (11) | 0.5274 (4) | 0.8307 (3) | 0.042 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | 0.9901 (10) | 0.5731 (4) | 0.8549 (2) | 0.065 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(23 \mathrm{C})$ | 0.4459 (8) | 0.6108 (2) | 0.8167 (2) | 0.048 (2) |


| $\mathrm{O}\left(6^{\prime} C\right)$ | $1.0983(8)$ | $0.5347(3)$ | $0.7708(2)$ | $0.056(2)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime} C\right)$ | $0.6026(11)$ | $0.5869(4)$ | $0.8385(3)$ | $0.042(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{S} 4 C)$ | $0.5998(14)$ | $0.1393(4)$ | $0.7860(3)$ | $0.052(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3 A C)$ | $0.5408(11)$ | $0.3298(3)$ | $0.8195(2)$ | $0.032(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime} C\right)$ | $0.4865(12)$ | $0.4991(4)$ | $0.7961(3)$ | $0.039(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(6^{\prime} C\right)$ | $1.0055(13)$ | $0.4913(4)$ | $0.7982(3)$ | $0.049(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime} C\right)$ | $0.4444(11)$ | $0.5467(4)$ | $0.8322(3)$ | $0.044(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{S} 6 C)$ | $0.459(2)$ | $0.2629(5)$ | $0.9815(3)$ | $0.102(5)$ |

Table 2. Selected torsion angles $\left(^{\circ}\right)$

|  | Molecule |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | ---: |
|  | $A$ | $B$ | $C$ |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | $170.2(6)$ | $172.2(6)$ | $173.0(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ | $-73.1(8)$ | $-69.6(9)$ | $-69.9(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(6^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(6^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)$ | $66.6(10)$ | $66.0(10)$ | $66.6(10)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(6^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(6^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ | $-55.5(10)$ | $-55.7(10)$ | $-54.2(10)$ |

The title structure was solved by direct methods and refined anisotropically on non-H atoms using full-matrix least-squares methods. All H atoms were placed geometrically in idealized positions and allowed to ride on their parent atoms for the final cycles of refinement. 13 reflections [most disagreeable; $\Delta\left(F^{2}\right) / \sigma>6.0$ ] were suppressed during the last cycles of refinement. All calculations were performed on a PC/AT 486 DX Computer.

Data collection: Nicolet program package. Cell refinement: Nicolet program package. Data reduction: Nicolet program package. Program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 1990). Program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL93 (Sheldrick, 1993). Molecular graphics: NRCVAX (Gabe, Le Page, Charland, Lee \& White, 1989). Software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL93 and NRCVAX.

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## 11,12,4"-Tri-O-methylazithromycin Monohydrate

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#### Abstract

The title compound, $\left[2 R-\left(2 R^{*}, 3 S^{*}, 4 R^{*}, 5 R^{*}, 8 R^{*}, 10 R^{*}\right.\right.$,$\left.\left.11 R^{*}, 12 S^{*}, 13 S^{*}, 14 R^{*}\right)\right]$-13-[(2,6-dideoxy-3-C-methyl-3- $O$-methyl-4- $O$-methyl- $\alpha$-L-ribo-hexopyranosyl)oxyl-2-ethyl-10-hydroxy-3,4-dimethoxy-3,5,6,8,10,12,14-heptamethyl-11- $\{[3,4,6$-trideoxy-3-(dimethylamino)- $\beta$ -D-xylo-hexopyranosyljoxy\}-1-oxa-6-azacyclopentadecan-15-one monohydrate $\mathrm{C}_{41} \mathrm{H}_{78} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{12} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, is an $O$-methylated derivative (in positions O11, O12 and O4") of the 15 -membered semisynthetic azalide antibiotic azithromycin. The aglycone ring adopts a 'foldedout' conformation, as found for azithromycin in the solid state, thus indicating that the introduced methyl groups do not essentially affect the molecular conformation. Both the $\alpha$-L-cladinose and the $\beta$-D-desosamine sugars are in the expected chair conformations. The intramolecular hydrogen bond of 2.750 (9) $\AA$ between the methylated atom N 9 a and the hydroxyl O atom O 61 is characteristic of this compound and the whole class of the analogous compounds. Both H atoms of the wa-


ter molecule participate in hydrogen bonding with the aglycone as well as with the cladinose ring.

## Comment

Azithromycin (Đokić et al., 1988; Bright et al., 1988) is a new semisynthetic broad-spectrum macrolide antibacterial which belongs to a recently described subclass of antibiotics called azalides. As reported in our previous paper (Kobrehel et al., 1991), a new series of $O$-methylazithromycin derivatives has been synthesized and structurally characterized by two-dimensional NMR correlation spectroscopy. The title compound (I) was prepared by a synthetic route using $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{O}, 3^{\prime}-\mathrm{N}$-bis(benzyloxycarbonyl)-$N$-dimethylazithromycin as bisprotected intermediate (bis -CBz route). Thus, $O$-methylation with an excess of methyl iodide and sodium hydride in DMF at room temperature, the usual deprotection and reductive $3^{\prime}-\mathrm{N}$-methylation, also afforded $11,12,4^{\prime \prime}$-tri- O methylazithromycin, as a by-product of the previously described $6,11,4^{\prime \prime}$-tri- $O$-methyl derivative (Kobrehel et al., 1991).

(I)

As part of our broader research on such 15membered azalides (Dokić et al., 1986, 1988, 1995; Kamenar, Mrvoš-Sermek, Vicković \& Nagl, 1990; Kamenar, Mrvoš-Sermek, Banić, Nagl \& Kobrehel, 1991; Kamenar, Mrvoš-Sermek, Nagl \& Kobrehel, 1996; Lazarevski et al., 1993), we have undertaken the X-ray structure analysis of the title compound. Up to now, the only X-ray analysis of an $O$-methylated macrolide was that of clarithromycin, the $6-O$-methylated derivative of erithromycin A (Iwasaki, Sugawara, Adachi, Morimoto \& Watanabe, 1993).

The molecular structure of $11,12,4^{\prime \prime}$-tri- $O$-methylazithromycin, as of the other azalides, is characterized by a ring-expanded 15 -membered macrocyclic framework which contains a methyl-substituted endocyclic N atom at position 9a of the erythromycin A aglycone ring. The $\alpha$-L-cladinose and $\beta$-D-desosamine sugars are linked to the azalactone ring at positions C 3 and C 5 , respectively. The hydrogen-bonding geometry (Vicković, 1988) is listed in Table 2 and an ORTEP92 (Vicković, 1994) view of the molecule is shown in Fig. 1.

