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# **3D/2D Hydrogen-Bond Network Preferences for Five New Ryanoid Derivatives**

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#### **Abstract**

Ryanoids are a family of natural compounds that are well known for their biological activity in plants as pesticides, and in mammalian muscle tissue as calcium permeability modulators. As part of an investigation of the structure-activity relationship of ryanoids, the crystal structures of five new compounds were elucidated: 2-deoxy-3-epiryanodol  $(C_{20}H_{32}O_7)$ , 3-deoxyryanodol hydrate (cinnzeylanol;  $2C_{20}H_{32}O_7.5.15H_2O$ ), 2-deoxyryanodol hydrate  $(2C_{20}H_{32}O_7.2.5H_2O)$ , 2,3-dideoxyryanodol hydrate  $(C_{20}H_{32}O_6.1.5H_2O)$  and 3a,4a,8,8btetrahydroxy - 2 - isopropyl - 4, 7 - dimethyl - 1 - methylene - 1,3a,4,4a,5,6, 7, 8,8a, 8b-decahydro- 8a,4- (epoxyethano) benzo[a]pentalen-10-one  $(C_{20}H_{28}O_6)$ . The numerous hydroxyl groups on the molecules modulate the crystal packing. Successive modifications on ring A in-

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duce major changes in the hydrogen-bond scheme, from a three-dimensional (3D) to a two-dimensional (2D) network.

#### **Comment**

Originally extracted from the *Ryania speciosa* Vahl plant, toxic ryanodine and its congener ryanoids show interesting properties other than their primary utility in plants as botanical pesticides (Jenden & Fairhurst, 1969; Jefferies & Casida, 1994) by modulating the calcium permeability of sarcoplasmic reticulum terminal cisternal membranes (Fairhurst & Hasselbach, 1970; Meissner, 1986; Lattanzio *et al.,* 1986). The binding of ryanodine to its corresponding receptor is complex and displays multiple affinities and cooperative binding (Lai *et al.,* 1989; Chu *et al.,* 1990; Carroll *et al.,*  1991; Pessah & Zimanyi, 1991). QSAR (quantitative structure/activity analysis) and CoMFA (comparative molecular field analysis) suggest that the binding of ryanodine to its receptor involves mainly the pyrrole and isopropyl groups buried deep inside the protein cleft (Welch *et al.,* 1994). These results are based on the study of 19 natural or synthetic ryanoids. In order to identify the structural features that are necessary to enhance biological activity and selectivity, several polyhydroxylated diterpenes were isolated from the usual source or synthesized to test their biological activity (Sutko *et al.,*  1997). The crystal structures were elucidated in order to establish their stereochemistry and conformation for further QSAR and CoMFA studies.



A general feature of the ryanoids is a highly polar  $\alpha$ face opposite to a much less polar  $\beta$  face. The molecules tend to crystallize in the form of an optimized hydrogen-bond network, in which all donors have an acceptor. This manuscript describes five new ryanoid derivatives and highlights their hydrogen-bonding capabilities. All the compounds were synthesized starting from anhydroryanodol or anhydroryanodine (Ruest & Dodier, 1996).

In a previous paper, we reported the crystal structure of 3-epiryanodol (Michel & Drouin, 1993). Its molecular packing is optimized to adopt a minimum energy as all hydroxyl donor groups have acceptors for intra- or intermolecular hydrogen bonds. The first modification to ring  $A$  is to remove the hydroxyl at position  $C2$ , thus giving 2-deoxy-3-epiryanodol [compound (1); Fig. 1]. All H atoms were located in a  $\Delta F$  map. This compound has similar cell parameters to those of its homolog 3-epiryanodol. Therefore, the crystal packing is very similar (Fig. 2). Indeed, the intermolecular hydrogenbond network of compound (1) is identical to that of 3-epiryandol. Atom 023 acts as a donor to 024, and



Fig. 1. Perspective view showing the labeling of the non-H atoms for compound (1). Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 30% probability level; H atoms are drawn as small circles of arbitrary radii.



Fig. 2. Molecular packing of compound (1), showing the hydrogenbonding interactions.

atom O26 is a donor to O27 (Table 1). The  $\beta$  face is linked to the  $\alpha$  face by O28, which is a donor to O26. The intramolecular hydrogen bonds are also very similar to those of 3-epiryandol. Atom 024 is a donor to 025, which is a donor to 023, and atom 027 is a donor to 026. This hydrogen-bond system results in an infinite 3D network.

Compound (2), known as cinnzeylanol (3-deoxyryanodol; Fig. 3), crystallizes with two molecules per asymmetric unit, in which there are also 12 partiallyoccupied water molecule sites. The crystals are difficult to grow and were obtained by the slow vapor diffusion of water from atmospheric moisture into a methanol solution. The crystals arc cfflorescent. The data were collected at 173 K to avoid loss of water and crystal damage. The molecular packing is such that water molecules are disordered inside a water channel along the a axis (Fig. 4). The H atoms are very labile and difficult to locate. No H atoms were located for any of the water molecules. None of them is in a fully occupied position; occupancies range from 0.725 (11) to 0.253 (14). Many of the hydroxyls (022, O22', O24', 025 and 027') are donors to water molecules (Table 2). The intramolecular hydrogen bonds involve atom 024 as a donor to 025, 025 as a donor to 027, 025' as a donor to O24', and 027 as a donor to 022'. Atom 026 is an intermolecular donor to O26', and atom 026' is a donor to O16. Atom 028 is a donor to O28', and atom 028' is a donor to O26, which links the  $\beta$  face to the  $\alpha$  face. These intermolecular hydrogen bonds form the links between the water channels.

In compound (3), 2-deoxyryanodol (Fig. 5), the polarity of the  $\alpha$  face is reduced. The O22 atom is absent and 023 is in a pseudo-equatorial position, as found in natural ryanodol. There are two molecules of (3) in the asymmetric unit along with 2.5 water molecules. All the hydroxylic protons were located in a  $\Delta F$  map. The O25 atom is now a donor to 024 for intramolecular hydrogen bonding (Table 3 and Fig. 6). Atom 023 is a donor to



Fig. 3. Perspective view showing the labeling of the non-H atoms for compound (2). Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 30% probability level: H atoms are drawn as small circles of arbitrary radii.



Fig. 4. Molecular packing of compound (2), showing the hydrogenbonding interactions.

023', which is a donor to 041. The hydroxyl 023' atom cannot complete the network without the help of a water molecule (O41). The hydroxyl 025 atom is a donor to 024, which is a donor to 024'. The H24' proton does not form a hydrogen bond. Atom 025' forms a bridge to the second water molecule (040); atom 040 is a donor to 023 and O28', atom 026' is a donor to 027, atom 027 is a donor to 026, and, finally, atom 028 is a donor to 026' and atom 028' a donor to 026, which complete the 3D hydrogen-bond network. The  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  faces are linked by the 026 and 028 hydroxyl groups.



Fig. 6. Molecular packing of compound (3), showing the hydrogenbonding interactions.

Further modifications to ring A produce compound (4) (2,3-dideoxyryanodol; Fig. 7). This compound also crystallizes with two molecules in the asymmetric unit, in which 1.5 water molecules are also found. The water molecules 040 and O40a are disordered. The water molecule 040 is located in the special position 222, whereas O40a lies on a twofold axis near 040. All the hydroxylic protons were located in a  $\Delta F$  map. Atom 024 makes an intermolecular hydrogen bond to a symmetry-related 024 (Table 4 and Fig. 8). The hydroxyl 025 shares its H atom between 024 and O41 to form intra- and intermolecular hydrogen bonds, respectively. The positions for H25 and H25' were located in a  $\Delta F$  map and had very similar densities. Their occupancies were set to 50% and not refined. Atom 027 is an intramolecular donor to 026, atom 026 is a donor to 027, and atom 028 is a donor to





Fig. 5. Perspective view showing the labeling of the non-H atoms for compound (3). Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 30% probability level; H atoms are drawn as small circles of arbitrary radii.

Fig. 7. Perspective view showing the labeling of the non-H atoms for compound (4). Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 30% probability level; H atoms are drawn as small circles of arbitrary radii.

026 and an acceptor from O41. The water molecule O41 donates only one of its two H atoms. It is placed in the unit cell such that it could be an acceptor with respect to one O40a disordered water molecule, but the H atoms of O40a were not located. The water molecule O40a is potentially a donor to a symmetry-related O40a and to O41. Again, atoms 028 and 026 form the link between the  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  faces. The system still displays a 3D hydrogen-bond network.



Fig. 8. Molecular packing of compound (4), showing the hydrogenbonding interactions.

Compound (5) (Fig. 9) is produced when (4) is oxidized into a lactone (Dodier, 1996). It crystallizes with two molecules per asymmetric unit. There is only one intramolecular hydrogen bond per molecule: between O24 and O25, and O24' and O25' (Table 5 and Fig. 10). Atom 025 is a donor to 026, atom 025' is a donor to  $O26'$ , atom  $O27$  is a donor to  $O25$ , and atom  $O27'$  is a donor to  $O25'$ . Finally, the  $O26$  hydroxyl group is now a donor to the 028 ketone (026' is also a donor to O28'), providing the link between the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  faces.

In all compounds, several intermolecular and intramolecular hydrogen bonds occur. It is well known that the stabilization energy of a hydrogen bond is much greater than that of typical van der Waals interactions (Brock & Dunitz, 1994). Thus, intermolecular hydrogen bonds are favored during the process of crystallization. Compound (1) crystallizes in an identical fashion to its homolog 3-epiryanodol. Removing the 022 hydroxyl does not affect the crystal packing since 022 is not involved in any intermolecular hydrogen bond. In this particular crystal system, the 023 and 026 atoms



Fig. 9. Perspective view showing the labeling of the non-H atoms for compound (5). Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 30% probability level; H atoms are drawn as small circles of arbitrary radii.



Fig. 10. Molecular packing of compound (5), showing the hydrogenbonding interactions.

are anchors on the  $\beta$  face. Atom O23 remains an important factor for crystal packing because it acts as a donor and an acceptor for two intermolecular hydrogen bonds. The  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  faces are linked by atom O28 as a donor to 026. In contrast, removing atom 023 changes drastically the capability for hydrogen bonding since one of the two molecular anchors disappears. The modifications in the hydroxyl groups on ring A result in a molecular packing in which water molecules are essential to complete the 3D network [compounds (2), (3) and (4)]. In (2), many water molecules are needed in order to complete a suitable crystal arrangement. The molecular packing is such that all hydroxyls on the  $\alpha$ face are oriented toward the water channel. The link between the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  faces is conserved. In (3), the orientation of 023 causes the compound to pack differently than its homolog (1). Again, it crystallizes with water molecules trapped inside the lattice. With the help of water molecules in two fully occupied sites, the crystal packing is almost completely optimized; all hydroxyls are involved in hydrogen bonding. The intermolecular hydrogen-bond network is still 3D. Again, the  $\beta$  face is linked to the  $\alpha$  face by an O28-to-O26 hydrogen bond. Further reducing the hydrophilic character of the  $\alpha$  face makes the isopropyl groups regroup, favoring van der Waals interactions, as in compounds (4) and (5). The absence of hydroxyl groups at C2 and C3 makes ring A more hydrophobic. Compound (4) crystallizes so as to place the isopropyl moieties face to face. One water molecule is trapped inside this hydrophilic cavity, where it cannot interact with any hydroxyl groups for hydrogen bonding. Finally, the capacity of 028 for hydrogen-bond donation is removed when oxidizing (4) is oxidized to form the lactone (5). Since atom 028 can no longer be a donor to 026, the roles are reversed: 028 is now an acceptor from O26, thus linking the  $\alpha$  face to the  $\beta$ face. The 3D nature of the hydrogen-bond network is reduced to two dimensions. The resulting crystal packing is characterized by an infinite 2D hydrogen-bonded network forming a layer system. Van der Waals forces stabilize the crystal by linking the 2D layers *via* the isopropyl groups.

#### **Experimental**

The compounds were prepared as indicated in the *Comment*  (Ruest & Dodier, 1996).

## **Compound (1)**

*Crystal data Data collection*   $C_{20}H_{32}O_7$  Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation<br>  $M_r = 384.46$   $\lambda = 1.54184 \text{ Å}$  $a = 8.9913(5)$  Å  $\theta = 30-40^{\circ}$ <br>  $b = 13.1001(10)$  Å  $\mu = 0.807$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  $b = 13.1001(10)$  Å  $\mu = 0.807$  mm<br>  $c = 16.6041(10)$  Å  $T = 293(1)$  K  $c = 16.6041 (10)$  Å  $T = 29$ <br> $V = 1955.7 (2)$  Å<sup>3</sup> Prism  $V = 1955.7$  (2)  $\text{\AA}^3$ <br>Z = 4  $D_x = 1.306 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  Colorless  $\overline{D}_m$  not measured *Refinement* 

#### *Data collection*

Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer  $\theta$ /2 $\theta$  scan Absorption correction: none 2203 measured reflections 2203 independent reflections 2134 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $\lambda = 1.54184 \text{ Å}$ Orthorhombic Cell parameters from 24<br> $P2_12_2$  $0.30 \times 0.30 \times 0.20$  mm

> $\theta_{\text{max}} = 71.96^{\circ}$  $h = 0 \rightarrow 11$  $k = 0 \rightarrow 16$  $l = 0 \rightarrow 20$ 3 standard reflections frequency: 60 min intensity decay: < **1%**

*Refinement* 



Table 1. *Hydrogen-bonding geometry*  $(A, \circ)$  for  $(I)$ 



**Compound (2)** 

# *Crystal data*



Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ Cell parameters from 24 reflections  $\theta = 15 - 20^{\circ}$  $\mu = 0.10$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  $T = 293 \text{ K}$ Block  $0.30 \times 0.30 \times 0.30$  mm Colorless

 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.012$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 24.89^{\circ}$  $h = 0 \rightarrow 11$  $k = 0 \rightarrow 16$  $l=0\rightarrow 34$ 

2 standard reflections frequency: 60 min intensity decay: < **1%** 



Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.062$  $wR(F^2) = 0.152$  $S = 1.038$ 6176 reflections 560 parameters H atoms constrained  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0796P)^2]$ + 1.0322P] where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.021$  $\Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.374 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\text{min}} = -0.297 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ Extinction correction: none Scattering factors from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (Vol. IV)



#### Compound  $(3)$

 $2C_{20}H_{32}O_7.2.5H_2O$  Cu K $\alpha$  radiation<br>  $M_r = 813.98$   $\lambda = 1.54184 \text{ Å}$  $M_r = 813.98$   $\lambda = 1.54184 \text{ Å}$ <br>Orthorhombic Cell parameters  $a = 9.0121 (10)$  Å  $\theta = 30-40^{\circ}$ <br>  $b = 18.080 (4)$  Å  $\mu = 0.83$  mm  $c = 25.476$  (3) Å  $T = 293$  K  $V = 4150.9$  (11)  $\AA^3$  Prism  $D_x = 1.302 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  $D_m$  not measured

## *Data collection*

Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer  $\theta$ /2 $\theta$  scan Absorption correction: none 4670 measured reflections 4541 independent reflections 3995 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

#### *Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.055$  $wR(F^2) = 0.159$  $S = 1.041$ 4540 reflections 523 parameters H atoms constrained  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1016P)^2]$ + 1.0931P] where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$  $\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 0.489 \text{ e}^{\frac{1}{2} \times 3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\text{min}} = -0.220 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

# Cell parameters from 24  $\mu = 0.83$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  $Z = 4$  0.20 × 0.20 × 0.20 mm<br> $D_x = 1.302$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup> Colorless  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.036$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 71.92^{\circ}$

 $h = 0 \rightarrow 10$  $k = 0 \rightarrow 21$  $l=0\rightarrow 31$ 2 standard reflections frequency: 60 min intensity decay:  $<$  1%

Extinction correction: *SHELXL93* (Sheldrick, 1993) Extinction coefficient: 0.00023 (8) Scattering factors from *Inte national Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (Vol. IV) Absolute structure: Flack (1983) Flack parameter =  $0.3(3)$ 

# Table 2. *Hydrogen-bonding geometry* ( $\AA$ ,  $\degree$ ) for (2) Table 3. *Hydrogen-bonding geometry* ( $\AA$ ,  $\degree$ ) for (3)







 $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ 

 $0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.20$  mm

#### Compound (5)

*Crystal data* 

 $C_{20}H_{28}O_6$  Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation<br>  $M_r = 728.85$   $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ Monoclinic Cell parameters from 24  $P2<sub>1</sub>$  reflections  $a = 9.7509$  (5) Å  $\theta = 30-40^{\circ}$ <br>  $b = 10.3005$  (8) Å  $\mu = 0.092$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  $b = 10.3005$  (8) Å  $c = 19.5609$  (13) Å  $T = 293$  (2) K  $\beta = 101.937 (5)^{\circ}$  Irregular<br>  $V = 1922.2 (2) \text{ Å}^3$  0.20 × 0  $Z = 2$  Colorless  $D_x = 1.259$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup> *Dm* not measured

*Data collection* 

Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer  $\theta$ /2 $\theta$  scans Absorption correction: none 3460 measured reflections 3321 independent reflections 2517 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.007$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 22.42^{\circ}$  $h=-10\rightarrow 10$  $k = 0 \rightarrow 10$  $l = 0 \rightarrow 20$ 2 standard reflections frequency: 60 min intensity decay:  $\langle 1\%$ 

*Refinement* 



## Table 5. *Hydrogen-bonding geometry* ( $\AA$ ,  $\degree$ ) for (5)



It should be noted that the two independent molecules of compound (2) are related by a non-crystallographic  $2<sub>1</sub>$  screw axis parallel to the  $c$  axis, and that the two independent molecules of compound (3) are related by a non-crystallographic  $2<sub>1</sub>$  screw axis parallel to the *a* axis.

Data collection and cell refinement were performed with *NRCCAD* (Le Page *et al.,* 1986). For (1) and (2), equivalent reflections were grouped and averaged according to Le Page & Gabe (1979). For all compounds, data reduction was performed using the *NRCVAX* package (Gabe *et al.,* 1989). *NRCVAX* was used for the solution of structures (2) and (3), while *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.,* 1993) was used for structures (I), (4) and (5). *SHELXL93* (Sheldrick, 1993) was used for all refinements. Molecular graphics were prepared using versions of *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976) in *NRCVAX* and *Xtal\_GX* (Hall & du Boulay, 1995). *SHELXL93* was used to prepare the data for publication.

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