to be a rare case that two macrocyclic conformations can be structurally analysed in one crystal. The contact distances between the carbonyl-O atom and *ortho* protons of phenyl rings, which may be the important chiral sensors in the asymmetric epoxidation of olefins catalyzed by chiral ketones, vary from 4.08 (O1 $\cdots$ H29) to 6.37 (O1 $\cdots$ H33) for the conformer A, and from 4.75 (O7 $\cdots$ H51) to 6.46 Å (O7 $\cdots$ H43) for the conformer B.

## **Experimental**

(2S,3S,9S,10S)-6,13-Dimethylene-2,3,9,10-tetraphenyl-1,4,8,11tetraoxacyclotetradecane (1.51 g, 1.89 mmol) was ozonized at 195 K by passing an O<sub>3</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> stream through until the solution was saturated with O<sub>3</sub>. Excess O<sub>3</sub> was removed by the O<sub>2</sub> stream, and the triphenylphosphine (0.50 g, 1.89 mmol) was added portionwise to the reaction mixture. After stirring for 30–40 min at 195 K, the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature, and the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The product was purified chromatographically on silica gel (eluant ethyl acetate:hexane 2:1) and recrystallized from diethyl ether solution (yield 68%, m.p. 451–456 K).

#### Crystal data

$C_{34}H_{32}O_6$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$M_r = 550.00$ Tetragonal	$\lambda = 0.71073$ A Cell parameters from 25
P43212	reflections
a = 14.945(2) Å	$\theta = 7 - 14^{\circ}$
c = 39.572(2) Å	$\mu = 0.082 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$V = 8838.5 (17) \text{ Å}^3$	T = 293 (2)  K
Z = 12	Octahedron
$D_x = 1.210 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	$0.65 \times 0.50 \times 0.40$ mm
$D_m$ not measured	Colourless
Data collection Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer $\omega$ -2 $\theta$ scans Absorption correction: none 4476 measured reflections 4476 independent reflections 2158 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	$\theta_{max} = 24.97^{\circ}$ $h = 0 \rightarrow 12$ $k = 0 \rightarrow 17$ $l = 0 \rightarrow 47$ 3 standard reflections frequency: 120 min intensity decay: none

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.003$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.153 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.047$  $wR(F^2) = 0.150$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.166 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ S = 0.999Extinction correction: none 4476 reflections Scattering factors from 541 parameters International Tables for H atoms constrained Crystallography (Vol. C)  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.078P)^2]$ where  $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

### Table 1. Selected bond lengths (Å)

01C1	1.195 (6)	O6-C34	1.414 (6)
O2—C2	1.408 (6)	O6—C27	1.428 (6)
O2C3	1.434 (6)	C1C2	1.494 (7)

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O3C18	1.206(6)	C1C34	1.502 (7)
O4C17	1.394 (5)	C3—C10	1.519 (7)
O4C10	1.436 (5)	C17C18	1.490 (7)
O5—C19	1.417 (5)	C18—C19	1.492 (7)
O5—C20	1.430(5)	C20C27	1.544 (6)

The absolute configuration of the structure was determined by the chemical used.

Data collection: CAD-4 Software (Enraf-Nonius, 1989). Cell refinement: CAD-4 Software. Data reduction: Xtal3.2 (Hall et al., 1994). Program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997a). Program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997b). Molecular graphics: ORTEPIII (Johnson, 1997).

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# Methyl 1-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-L-alanyl-Lleucylamino)cyclooctane-1-carboxylate

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## Abstract

In the title compound,  $C_{24}H_{33}N_3O_6$ , an end-protected tripeptide, the peptide backbone adopts an incipient  $3_{10}$  helical conformation. The peptide units are *trans* 

Enraf-Nonius (1989). CAD-4 Software. Version 5.0. Enraf-Nonius, Delft, The Netherlands.

and show significant deviations from planarity. The tripeptide contains an intramolecular  $4 \rightarrow 1$  hydrogen bond.

## Comment

The  $C^{\alpha,\alpha}$ -disubstituted glycines used in the synthesis of peptides with restricted conformational flexibility have acquired increasing importance in the design of analogues of bioactive peptides (Toniolo & Benedetti, 1991). The use of 1-aminocycloalkane-1-carboxylic acid residues permits the introduction of completely hydrophobic side chains with limited conformational flexibility.

All peptide units are *trans* and show significant deviations from planarity. The conformation of the butoxycarbonyl (boc) group of (I), characterized by the torsion angles  $\theta_0 = C1-O1-C0'-N1$  and  $\omega_0 = O1-C0'-N1-CA$  is *trans-trans* (Benedetti *et al.*, 1980). The peptide chain backbone torsion angles are  $\varphi_1 = -64.0$  (3),  $\psi_1 = -25.2$  (3),  $\omega_1 = 177.6$  (2),  $\varphi_2 = -60.1$  (3),  $\psi_2 = -40.2$  (3),  $\omega_2 = -173.4$  (2) and  $\varphi_3 = 53.8$  (4),  $\psi_3 = 38.3$  (4),  $\omega_3 = 179.1$  (2)° and represent an incipient right-handed  $3_{10}$  helical structure.



The achiral residue  $Ac^8c$  (1-aminocyclooctane-1carboxylic acid) has been reported to show preference for both right- and left-handed helical conformations. In the present structure, (I), it is found to adopt a lefthanded 3<sub>10</sub> helical conformation (Benedetti, 1994). The side-chain conformation of this residue is  $tg^-$ .

The side chain of leucine has  $\chi_1 = 177.9(2), \chi_{21} =$ 66.3 (5),  $\chi_{22} = -168.0 \, (4)^{\circ}$  representing a  $t(g^+t)$  conformation which is moderately favoured (Benedetti et al., 1983). The endocyclic torsion angles relating the cyclooctyl ring to the peptide chain, N3-C3A-C3B1-C3G1 and N3-C3A-C3B2-C3G2 are 175.5(3) and  $-61.8(5)^{\circ}$ , respectively, as observed in cyclooctane ring systems. All other endocyclic bond angles have values higher than those expected for a regular tetrahedral carbon angle. The Ac<sup>8</sup>c ring is in twist boat-chair conformation. The cycloalkane ring is appreciably distorted, resembling a chiral intermediate in the pseudo-rotational pathway from the boat-chair to the twisted-boat-chair conformation (Anet, 1974; Dunitz, 1967; Hendrickson, 1967). The Ac<sup>8</sup>c ring is nearly perpendicular to the adjacent peptide unit, the dihedral angle being 84.1 (2)°. N3 (Ac<sup>8</sup>c) and O0' (boc group) are connected by a  $4 \rightarrow 1$ hydrogen bond (Venkatachalam, 1968; Toniolo, 1980; Rose et al., 1985).



Fig. 1. View showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme in the molecular structure. Dashed line represents the  $4 \rightarrow 1$  hydrogen bond. Only the disordered atoms with the higher occupancy are shown.

#### **Experimental**

The crystals were obtained by slow evaporation of a methanol/water solution at room temperature.

Crystal data

$C_{24}H_{33}N_{3}O_{6}$ $M_{r} = 459.53$ Monoclinic $P2_{1}$ $a = 11.375 (3) \text{ Å}$ $b = 10.438 (3) \text{ Å}$ $c = 12.577 (4) \text{ Å}$ $\beta = 115.80 (2)^{\circ}$ $V = 1344.4 (7) \text{ Å}^{3}$ $Z = 2$ $D_{r} = 1.135 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å Cell parameters from 25 reflections $\theta = 5-22^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.082 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 (2) K Needle $0.30 \times 0.19 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$ Colourless
$D_x = 1.135 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ $D_m$ not measured	Colourioss

Data collection

Siemens R3m/V diffractom-	$R_{\rm int} = 0.022$
eter	$\theta_{\rm max} = 25.67^{\circ}$
$\omega$ scans	$h = 0 \rightarrow 13$
Absorption correction: none	$k = 0 \rightarrow 12$
2835 measured reflections	$l = -15 \rightarrow 13$
2696 independent reflections	2 standard reflections
2513 reflections with	every 98 reflections
$I > 2\sigma(I)$	intensity decay: <2%

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.068$  $wR(F^2) = 0.186$  S = 1.091 2684 reflections 286 parameters H-atom parameters constrained  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.015$   $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.368 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.245 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ Extinction correction: none Scattering factors from International Tables for Crystallography (Vol. C)

## Table 1. Selected torsion angles (°)

01-C0'-N1-C1A	- 169.7 (2)
C1-01-C0'-N1	-169.5 (2)
C0' - N1 - C1A - C1'	-64.0(3)
N1-C1A-C1'-N2	-25.2 (3)
C1AC1'N2C2A	177.6 (2)
C1'-N2-C2A-C2'	-60.1 (3)
N2C2AC2BC2G	177.9 (2)
C2A-C2B-C2G-C2D1	66.3 (5)
C2AC2BC2GC2D2	-168.0 (4)
N2-C2A-C2'-N3	-40.2 (3)
C2A-C2'-N3-C3A	- 173.4 (2)
C2'-N3-C3A-C3'	53.8 (4)
N3-C3A-C3'-O4	38.3 (4)
C3AC3'O4C4M	179.1 (2)
N3C3AC3B1C3G1	175.5 (3)
N3-C3A-C3B2-C3G2	-61.8 (5)

Three of the cyclooctane ring atoms (C3D1, C3D2 and C3E) showed positional disorder, a feature not unexpected in an eight-membered ring. This was modelled in terms of two unequal sites of occupancies 0.6 and 0.4. The disordered atoms were allowed to refine with isotropic displacement parameters (Mukhopadhyyay *et al.*, 1998). All the H atoms (except the disordered atoms) were geometrically fixed and allowed to ride on the corresponding non-H atoms. Two of the cyclooctane ring distances were restrained.

Data collection: P3 Software (Siemens, 1991). Cell refinement: P3 Software. Data reduction: SHELXTL-Plus (Sheldrick, 1991). Program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 1990). Program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL93 (Sheldrick, 1993). Molecular graphics: ZORTEP (Zsolnai, 1997). Software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL93 and PARST (Nardelli, 1983, 1995).

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# Trichloro[(Z)-2-chloro-1,2-diphenylvinyl]tellurium(IV)

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#### Abstract

In the title structure,  $[Te(C_{14}H_{10}Cl)Cl_3]$  or  $C_{14}H_{10}Cl_4Te$ , the Te atom is in a pseudo-trigonal bipyramidal configuration, with the lone pair of electrons, a vinyl-C atom and a Cl atom occupying the equatorial positions and the other two Cl atoms occupying the axial positions. Distances and angles are: Te—Cl 2.280 (2), 2.463 (5) and 2.469 (5), and Te—C 2.132 (7) Å; Cl— Te—Cl 174.15 (12), 87.9 (2) and 89.4 (2), and Cl—Te— C 86.8 (5), 88.4 (5) and 97.8 (2)°.

#### Comment

Vinylic tellurides are emerging as important synthetic reagents (Comasseto *et al.*, 1997). The most popular method of preparing such reagents consists of the addition of nucleophilic tellurium to acetylenes (Comasseto, 1993). The addition of electrophilic tellurium to acetylenes as a method of accessing vinylic tellurides has been studied much less (Comasseto *et al.*, 1997). Recently, we developed a method of preparing tri- and tetrasubstituted vinylic tellurides by means of the addi-