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## (*-*)-*epi*-Inosose-2<sup>1</sup>

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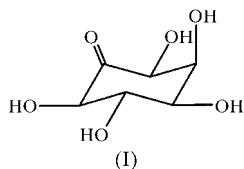
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The structure of the title compound, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, was determined to confirm the position of the keto group in the molecule prepared enantioselectively by a bioconversion from *myo*-inositol. There are two independent molecules showing similar geometry.

### Comment

*myo*-Inositol has only one axial hydroxyl group and has essentially mirror symmetry. Crystal structures have been reported for *myo*-inositol (Rabinowitz & Kraut, 1964), *myo*-inositol dihydrate (Lomer *et al.*, 1963), *myo*-inositol tetra-aquamagnesium dichloride (Blank, 1973) and *myo*-inositol calcium bromide pentahydrate (Cook & Bugg, 1973). The crystal structure and molecular dynamics analysis of an optically active *myo*-inositol derivative have been reported recently (Dillen *et al.*, 2000).

The title compound, (I), was prepared enantioselectively by a bioconversion from *myo*-inositol (Takahashi *et al.*, 2000).



### Experimental

Crystals of (I) were grown from an aqueous ethanol solution.

<sup>1</sup> Systematic name: (*-*)-2*L*-2,3,4,6/5-pentahydroxycyclohexanone.

### Crystal data

C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	D <sub>x</sub> = 1.696 Mg m <sup>-3</sup>
M <sub>r</sub> = 178.14	Mo K $\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, P2 <sub>1</sub>	Cell parameters from 25
<i>a</i> = 11.197 (2) Å	reflections
<i>b</i> = 8.932 (2) Å	$\theta$ = 13.9–15.0°
<i>c</i> = 6.976 (2) Å	$\mu$ = 0.155 mm <sup>-1</sup>
$\beta$ = 90.21 (2)°	<i>T</i> = 298 (1) K
<i>V</i> = 697.7 (3) Å <sup>3</sup>	Prism, colourless
<i>Z</i> = 4	0.7 × 0.4 × 0.15 mm

### Data collection

Rigaku AFC-7R diffractometer	<i>h</i> = 0 → 16
θ–2θ scans	<i>k</i> = 0 → 13
2250 measured reflections	<i>l</i> = -10 → 10
2151 independent reflections	3 standard reflections
2086 reflections with <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )	every 150 reflections
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.005	intensity decay: none
$\theta_{\max}$ = 30°	

### Refinement

Refinement on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0417P)^2]$
<i>R</i> ( <i>F</i> ) = 0.024	+ 0.0965 <i>P</i> ]
<i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ) = 0.068	where <i>P</i> = ( <i>F</i> <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> + 2 <i>F</i> <sub>c</sub> <sup>2</sup> )/3
<i>S</i> = 1.13	(Δ/σ) <sub>max</sub> < 0.001
2151 reflections	Δρ <sub>max</sub> = 0.30 e Å <sup>-3</sup>
298 parameters	Δρ <sub>min</sub> = -0.16 e Å <sup>-3</sup>
All H-atom parameters refined	Extinction correction: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997)
	Extinction coefficient: 0.027 (5)

**Table 1**  
Selected geometric parameters (Å).

O1—C7	1.205 (2)	O51—C57	1.207 (2)
O2—C8	1.419 (2)	O52—C58	1.401 (2)
O3—C9	1.425 (2)	O53—C59	1.440 (2)
O4—C10	1.428 (2)	O54—C60	1.427 (2)
O5—C11	1.424 (2)	O55—C61	1.424 (2)
O6—C12	1.418 (2)	O56—C62	1.414 (2)

**Table 2**  
Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
O2—H2···O53 <sup>i</sup>	0.76 (3)	2.09 (3)	2.856 (2)	177 (3)
O3—H3···O54 <sup>i</sup>	0.84 (3)	1.96 (3)	2.786 (2)	166 (3)
O4—H4···O53 <sup>ii</sup>	0.73 (3)	2.49 (3)	3.123 (2)	145 (3)
O5—H5···O56 <sup>iii</sup>	0.82 (3)	1.97 (3)	2.785 (2)	173 (4)
O6—H6···O4 <sup>iv</sup>	0.76 (3)	2.10 (3)	2.828 (2)	163 (3)
O52—H52···O3 <sup>v</sup>	0.85 (4)	2.04 (4)	2.856 (2)	161 (3)
O53—H53···O51 <sup>v</sup>	0.81 (3)	2.06 (3)	2.845 (2)	164 (3)
O54—H54···O55 <sup>vi</sup>	0.83 (3)	1.94 (3)	2.767 (2)	172 (2)
O55—H55···O6 <sup>vii</sup>	0.81 (3)	1.98 (3)	2.782 (2)	170 (3)
O56—H56···O2	0.89 (4)	2.06 (4)	2.938 (2)	170 (3)

Symmetry codes: (i) 1 − *x*,  $\frac{1}{2} + \text{y}$ , 1 − *z*; (ii) 1 − *x*,  $\frac{1}{2} + \text{y}$ , −*z*; (iii) 2 − *x*,  $\frac{1}{2} + \text{y}$ , −*z*; (iv) 2 − *x*,  $\text{y} - \frac{1}{2}$ , −*z*; (v) 1 − *x*,  $\text{y} - \frac{1}{2}$ , −*z*; (vi) 1 − *x*,  $\text{y} - \frac{1}{2}$ , 1 − *z*; (vii) 2 − *x*,  $\text{y} - \frac{1}{2}$ , 1 − *z*.

All H atoms were located from difference syntheses and refined isotropically; the O—H and C—H lengths are 0.73 (3)–0.85 (4) and 0.91 (2)–1.01 (2) Å, respectively. The absolute structure was assumed based on the known absolute configuration of the title compound (Posternak, 1946).

Data collection: *MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control Software* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1993); cell refinement: *MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control Software*; data reduction: *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1999); program(s) used to solve struc-

ture: *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.*, 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *TEXSAN*.

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