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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 150 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.006 Å R factor = 0.032 wR factor = 0.058 Data-to-parameter ratio = 7.0

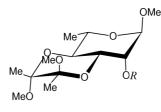
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# Methyl (2'*R*,3'*R*)-2-azido-2,6-dideoxy-3,4-O-(2',3'-dimethoxybutane-2',3'-diyl)-*a*-L-glucopyranoside

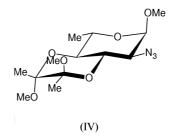
Unlike other  $\alpha$ -mannopyranoside-2-sulphonates, the 2-*O*-trifluoromethylsulfonyl (trifluoromethanesulfonate) derivative, (II), underwent an S<sub>N</sub>2 displacement with an azide ion to give methyl (2'*R*,3'*R*)-2-azido-2,6-dideoxy-3,4-*O*-(2',3'-dimethoxybutane-2',3'-diyl)- $\alpha$ -L-glucopyranoside, C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, (IV), in preference to the E2 reaction. Received 11 December 2001 Accepted 30 January 2002 Online 8 February 2002

## Comment

There are two, essentially identical, independent molecules in the asymmetric unit of the title compound, (IV). The structure of one of these molecules is shown in Fig. 1. There are no unusual bond lengths or angles. Comparison with the structure of (III) (Barnes *et al.*, 2002) shows that the original configuration is preserved at all centres except for inversion of the configuration at the reaction centre C2. In the absence of a heavy atom, the absolute configuration of (IV) could not be determined but the alternate assumption that the entire configuration had reversed, apart from C2, is untenable.



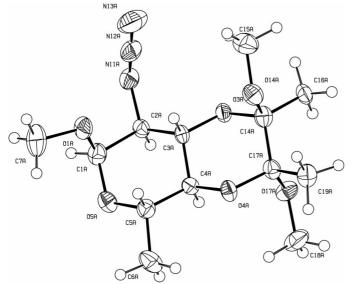
(I) R = H(II)  $R = SO_2CF_3$ (III)  $R = SO_2C_6H_4Me-p$ 



## **Experimental**

(II) and (IV) were prepared as described for the D-enantiomers (Dix *et al.*, 2001) Analysis of (IV), found: C 49.34, H 7.59, N 13.18%; calculated: C 49.20, H 7.31, N 13.24%.  $[\alpha]_D -291^\circ$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Crystals from ethyl acetate/hexane.

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### Figure 1

The structure of one of the independent molecules of (IV), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids.

## Crystal data

| C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>23</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>6</sub> | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| $M_r = 317.34$                                                | Cell parameters from 250                  |
| Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$                                    | reflections                               |
| a = 10.065 (4)  Å                                             | $\theta = 2.1 - 25.0^{\circ}$             |
| b = 10.512 (16)  Å                                            | $\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$              |
| c = 30.696 (10)  Å                                            | T = 150 (2)  K                            |
| $V = 3248 (5) \text{ Å}^3$                                    | Block, colourless                         |
| Z = 8                                                         | $0.32 \times 0.18 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$ |
| $D_x = 1.298 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$                               |                                           |
| Data collection                                               |                                           |
|                                                               | <b>D</b> 0.0 <b>=</b> 0                   |

Enraf-Nonius FAST system diffractometer Absorption correction: none 11775 measured reflections 2861 independent reflections 1724 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   $R_{\rm int} = 0.073$ 

Refinement

| Refinement on $F^2$<br>$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$ | H-atom parameters constrained<br>$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0051P)^2]$ |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $wR(F^2) = 0.058$                                      | where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$                                           |
| S = 0.72                                               | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.027$                                      |
| 2861 reflections                                       | $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.14 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$                |
| 409 parameters                                         | $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.15 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$               |

Details of the data collection are given in Darr et al. (1993). Owing to a lack of any significant anomalous dispersion effects, the absolute configuration cannot be determined from the diffraction experiment. Friedel pairs have been merged prior to refinement. All H atoms were introduced at calculated positions as riding atoms (C-H = 0.97-0.98 Å, with a displacement parameter equal to 1.2 (CH) or 1.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>) times that of the parent atom.

Data collection: MADNES (Pflugrath & Messerschmidt, 1990); cell refinement: MADNES; data reduction: MADNES; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: PLUTON92 (Spek, 1992) and PLATON92 (Spek, 1992); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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