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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 143 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.040 wR factor = 0.100 Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.3

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© 2003 International Union of Crystallography Printed in Great Britain – all rights reserved In the title compound,  $C_{18}H_{26}SO_7$ , the absolute configuration was confirmed as *S* at all three chiral centres. Molecules are linked by three  $C-H\cdots O$  contacts.

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## Comment

The title compound, (I), is a representative of a class of compounds important in the synthesis of polyhydroxyalkyl derivatives (Holy, 1978, 1982).



The molecule of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The absolute configuration is confirmed as S at all three chiral centres C2, C3 and C4.

The conformation of the five-membered ring C2/C3/C10/O8/C9 is approximately twist (local diad through O9 and the midpoint of C3-O8) and that of C4/C5/C13/O6/C7 is approximately envelope (local mirror though C4 and the midpoint of C13-O6).

Molecules are linked by three C–H···O contacts that may be regarded as weak hydrogen bonds (Table 2); one, H4···O17, is much shorter than the others. The two contacts with purely translational symmetry operators link the molecules to form layers parallel to the *ac* plane at  $y \simeq \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}$  (Fig. 2).

#### **Experimental**

The title compound was synthesized starting from L-arabitol, as described by Holy (1982). Single crystals were formed when the mother liquor was left undisturbed.

Crystal data	
$C_{18}H_{26}O_7S$ $M_r = 386.45$ Monoclinic, $P2_1$ $a = 7.9957 (10) \text{\AA}$ $b = 14.527 (3) \text{\AA}$ $c = 8.3194 (14) \text{\AA}$ $\beta = 94.93 (2)^{\circ}$ $V = 962.8 (3) \text{\AA}^3$ $Z = 2$	$D_x = 1.333 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K $\alpha$ radiation Cell parameters from 52 reflections $\theta = 10-11.5^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.20 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 143 (2)  K Plate, colourless $0.70 \times 0.50 \times 0.15 \text{ mm}$
Data collection	
Stoe Stadi4 diffractometer $\omega/\theta$ scans Absorption correction: none 4605 measured reflections 4154 independent reflections 3891 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.018$	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^{\circ}$ $h = -10 \rightarrow 10$ $k = -16 \rightarrow 18$ $l = -10 \rightarrow 10$ 3 standard reflections frequency: 60 min intensity decay: 1.3%



The molecule of the title compound, (I), in the crystal. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. H-atom radii are arbitrary.

Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0531P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$	+ 0.2455P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.100$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.04	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
4154 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.23 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
240 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.24 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	Absolute structure: Flack (1983
-	Elack parameter = $0.01(7)$

#### Table 1

Selected torsion angles (Å).

09-C2-C3-08	29.19 (19)	C3-C2-O9-C10	-37.49 (19)
O7-C4-C5-O6	-33.0(2)	C2-O9-C10-O8	31.7 (2)
C4-C5-O6-C13	24.3 (2)	C3-O8-C10-O9	-12.0(2)
C5-C4-O7-C13	30.2 (2)	C4-O7-C13-O6	-16.1(2)
C2-C3-O8-C10	-10.7(2)	C5-O6-C13-O7	-6.2(2)

### Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
C4-H4···O17 <sup>i</sup>	1.00	2.48	3.396 (3)	152
$C15-H15C\cdots O8^{ii}$	0.98	2.61	3.509 (3)	153
$C24-H24\cdots O17^{iii}$	0.95	2.63	3.521 (3)	156
$C15 - H15C \cdots O8^{n}$ $C24 - H24 \cdots O17^{iii}$	0.98 0.95	2.61 2.63	3.509 (3) 3.521 (3)	1

Symmetry codes: (i) x, y, 1 + z; (ii)  $-x, \frac{1}{2} + y, 2 - z$ ; (iii) 1 + x, y, z.

Methyl H atoms were identified in difference syntheses, idealized and then refined using rigid methyl groups (C-H = 0.98 Å and H-





Packing diagram of (I), projected parallel to the b axis. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonds have been omitted.

 $C-H = 109.5^{\circ}$ ) allowed to rotate but not tip. Other H atoms were included using a riding model, with C-H = 0.95 ( $sp^2$ ), 0.99 (methylene) or 1.00 Å (methine). The absolute configuration was based on 1849 Friedel pairs.

Data collection: *DIF*4 (Stoe & Cie, 1992); cell refinement: *DIF*4; data reduction: *REDU*4 (Stoe & Cie, 1992); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *XP* (Siemens, 1994); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97.

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