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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
T = 190 K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005 \text{ \AA}$   
R factor = 0.054  
wR factor = 0.106  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 9.0For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Isopropyl 6-amino-2,5-anhydro-3,6-  
dideoxy-6-N-(2,5-anhydro-6-azido-  
3,6-dideoxy-L-arabino-hexonyl)-L-  
arabino-hexonateThe title compound,  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_4\text{O}_7$ , crystallizes with great  
difficulty as fine hair-like crystals. It is a significant material,  
because it displays a weak internal hydrogen bond which may  
help with the interpretation of the secondary structure  
preferences of this class of compounds.

## Comment

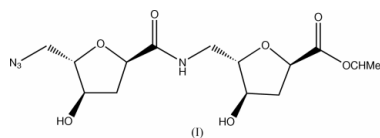
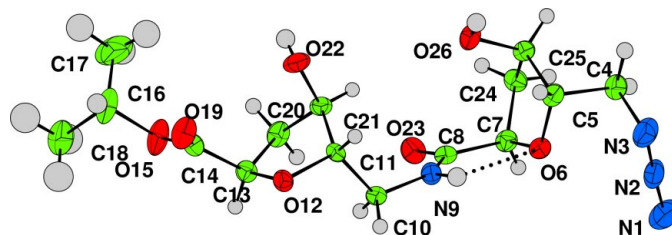
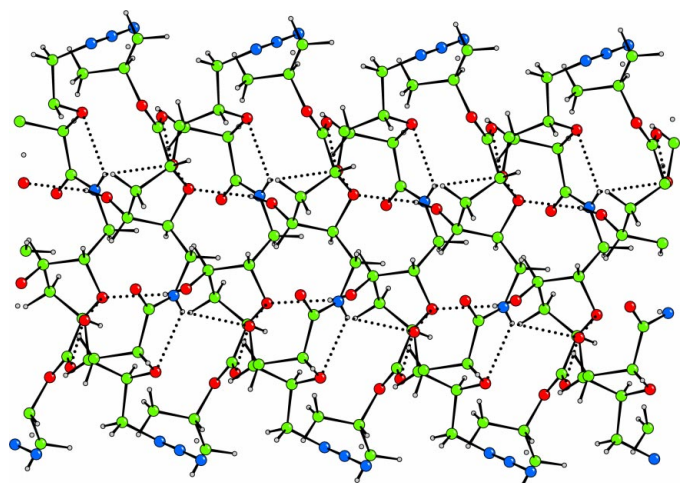
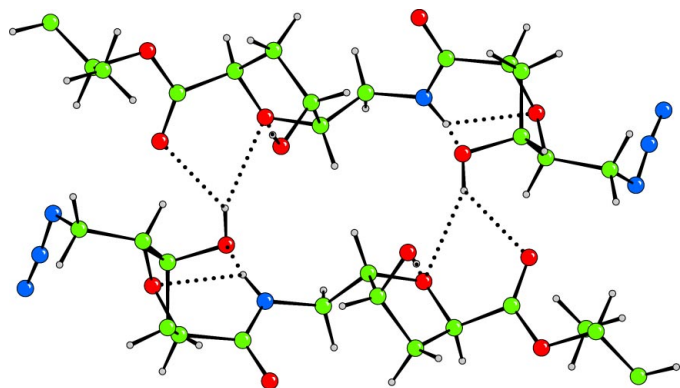
Sugar amino acids (SAAs) are sugars that contain amine and  
acid moieties and are extensively employed in the search for  
analogues of active peptides, predominantly as dipeptide  
isosteres (Schweizer, 2002). SAAs have also been utilized as  
chiral scaffolds that contain several orthogonal points of  
diversification (Sofia, 1998). Carbopeptoids are formed when  
SAAs are linked together *via* amide bonds and are of use as  
oligosaccharide mimics (Suhara *et al.*, 1996) and as foldamers  
(Gellman, 1998) (polymers with a strong tendency to adopt a  
specific compact conformation; Hill *et al.*, 2001). We have been  
able to identify several hydrogen-bonded conformations,  
analogous to known peptidic secondary structures, from  
carbopeptoids derived from furanose SAAs (Smith *et al.*,  
2003).The title dipeptide SAA (AE54; Fig. 1), (I), was synthesized  
as part of ongoing research to identify compact conformations  
in carbopeptoids. Its crystal structure is of particular interest  
to this work because of the weak hydrogen bond between the  
ring O atom of one furanose and the amide H atom of the  
other furanose ring [ $\text{O6} \cdots \text{H91} = 2.28(4) \text{ \AA}$  and  $\text{O6} \cdots \text{H91} - \text{N9} = 110(3)^\circ$ ]. Although this hydrogen bond is thought to be  
responsible for the conformation of the molecule, there has  
been no previous experimental evidence for this interaction.  
The crystal packing consists of helical rods with a hydrogen-  
bonded core and a hydrophobic exterior (Figs. 2 and 3).

Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), with displacement ellipsoids at the 50%  
probability level.



**Figure 2**  
The hydrogen-bonded helix in (I), viewed along the *a* axis. The *b* axis (the helix direction) is horizontal.



**Figure 3**  
The hydrogen-bonded helix, viewed along its axis, the cell *b* axis.

## Experimental

The title material was one of only two compounds to crystallize out of trials with four related substances. For each material, crystallization was attempted by solvent evaporation (EtOAc/cyclohexane, EtOAc/diethyl ether, EtOAc/40–60 petroleum ether) and solvent diffusion (EtOAc/diethyl ether, EtOAc/40–60 petroleum ether, dichloromethane/diethyl ether, dichloromethane/40–60 petroleum ether). This material crystallized by solvent diffusion from dichloromethane/40–60 petroleum ether as a cotton-wool-like mass, but containing two long fine needles. On cutting, one of these broke into a fibrous mass, so the second needle was used as found. The data were corrected simultaneously for absorption and irradiated volume effects by the multi-scan method (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997), giving correction factors in the range 1–1.99.

### Crystal data

$C_{15}H_{24}N_4O_7$   
 $M_r = 372.38$   
Monoclinic,  $P2_1$   
 $a = 9.7238$  (3) Å  
 $b = 5.6312$  (2) Å  
 $c = 16.2836$  (5) Å  
 $\beta = 92.0137$  (14)°  
 $V = 891.08$  (5) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$

$D_x = 1.388$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
Cell parameters from 1985 reflections  
 $\theta = 5$ –27°  
 $\mu = 0.11$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 190$  K  
Needle, colourless  
12.30 × 0.02 × 0.01 mm

### Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(*DENZO/SCALEPACK*;  
Otwinowski & Minor, 1997)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.5$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.99$   
3754 measured reflections

2204 independent reflections  
2204 reflections with  $I > 10\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.02$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$   
 $h = -12 \rightarrow 12$   
 $k = -7 \rightarrow 7$   
 $l = -21 \rightarrow 21$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 10\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.106$   
 $S = 0.95$   
2204 reflections  
244 parameters  
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F^2) + (0.0472P)^2 + 0.453P]$ , where  
 $P = [2\max(F_o^2, 0) + F_c^2]/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.51$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.41$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

N1—N2	1.131 (4)	C11—O12	1.456 (3)
N2—N3	1.218 (4)	O12—C13	1.437 (3)
N3—C4	1.483 (5)	C13—C20	1.533 (4)
C4—C5	1.518 (4)	C13—C14	1.508 (4)
C5—C25	1.524 (4)	C14—O19	1.197 (3)
C5—O6	1.436 (4)	C14—O15	1.328 (3)
O6—C7	1.440 (3)	O15—C16	1.475 (4)
C7—C24	1.527 (5)	C16—C18	1.497 (6)
C7—C8	1.517 (4)	C16—C17	1.424 (7)
C8—O23	1.232 (3)	C20—C21	1.515 (4)
C8—N9	1.337 (4)	C21—O22	1.433 (4)
N9—C10	1.456 (3)	C24—C25	1.526 (4)
C10—C11	1.528 (4)	C25—O26	1.431 (3)
C11—C21	1.506 (4)		
N3—N2—N1	172.6 (4)	C20—C13—C14	112.8 (3)
C4—N3—N2	114.5 (3)	C20—C13—O12	106.3 (2)
C5—C4—N3	112.3 (3)	C14—C13—O12	108.9 (2)
C25—C5—O6	107.3 (2)	O19—C14—O15	123.9 (3)
C25—C5—C4	111.3 (3)	O19—C14—C13	125.8 (3)
O6—C5—C4	109.4 (2)	O15—C14—C13	110.3 (2)
C7—O6—C5	110.1 (2)	C16—O15—C14	116.6 (2)
C24—C7—C8	112.9 (2)	C18—C16—C17	114.6 (5)
C24—C7—O6	105.2 (2)	C18—C16—O15	105.2 (3)
C8—C7—O6	113.1 (2)	C17—C16—O15	108.0 (4)
O23—C8—N9	124.3 (2)	C21—C20—C13	102.6 (2)
O23—C8—C7	118.7 (2)	O22—C21—C11	106.9 (2)
N9—C8—C7	117.0 (2)	O22—C21—C20	111.7 (2)
C10—N9—C8	122.6 (2)	C11—C21—C20	102.0 (2)
C11—C10—N9	113.8 (2)	C25—C24—C7	102.8 (2)
C21—C11—O12	104.2 (2)	O26—C25—C5	112.3 (2)
C21—C11—C10	114.6 (2)	O26—C25—C24	107.3 (2)
O12—C11—C10	107.5 (2)	C5—C25—C24	102.7 (2)
C13—O12—C11	109.2 (2)		

The small volume of the sample led to a data set which contained many weak reflections [20% with  $I < 2\sigma(I)$ ]. The data were, however, adequate to characterize the material unambiguously. H atoms on carbon were found in a difference map, but were then positioned geometrically and refined with riding constraints. Other H atoms were located in the map and their positions were refined. The terminal isopropyl group was found to librate about the O15—C16 bond, but not sufficiently to justify a disorder model.

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Nonius, 1997–2001); cell refinement: *DENZO/SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *DENZO/SCALEPACK*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.*, 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: *CRYSTALS* (Watkin *et al.*, 2001); molecular graphics: *CAMERON*

(Watkin *et al.*, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *CRYSTALS*.

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