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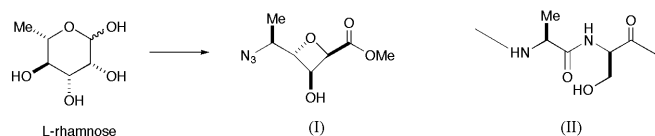
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Key indicatorsSingle-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 185\text{ K}$
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003\text{ \AA}$
 R factor = 0.051
 wR factor = 0.095
Data-to-parameter ratio = 10.8For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**Methyl 2,4-anhydro-5-azido-5,6-dideoxy-L-altronate**The title compound, $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$, was prepared from L-rhamnose as a conformationally restricted dipeptide isostere containing an oxetane ring. Its crystal structure was determined to confirm the synthetic product.

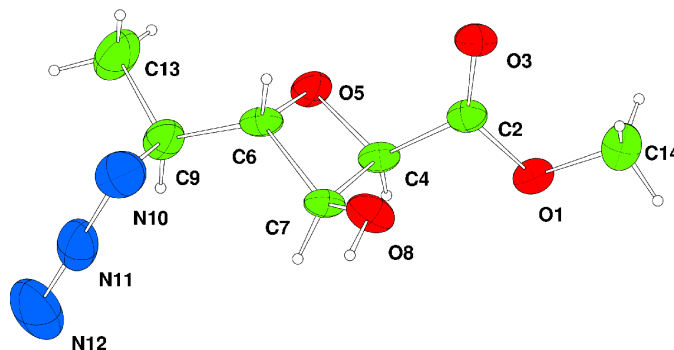
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CommentSugar amino acids (SAA) are an important class of peptidomimetics (Schweizer, 2002; Gruner *et al.*, 2002). In particular, D-amino acid scaffolds derived from pyranoses (Kriek *et al.*, 2003; El Oualid *et al.*, 2002) and furanoses (van Well *et al.*, 2003; Chakraborty *et al.*, 2002) provide a well established series of conformationally fixed dipeptide isosteres. The azido ester described here, (I), prepared from L-rhamnose, is among the first examples of building blocks for dipeptide isosteres which contain an oxetane ring; it may be viewed as a conformationally restricted dipeptide isostere of L-ala-D-ser, (II).Fig. 1 shows the asymmetric unit (I). Its absolute structure (C4 *R* conformation, and C6 and C9 *S* conformation) was assumed based on the known absolute structure of the starting material.

The crystal packing for (I) consists of slightly pleated ribbons of molecules linked by weak hydrogen bonds, with the sheets stacked in van der Waals contact (Fig. 2).

ExperimentalCompound (I) (Johnson *et al.*, 2004) was recrystallized from chloroform by solvent diffusion with hexane to give colourless plate-shaped crystals.**Figure 1**

The asymmetric unit of (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. H-atom radii are arbitrary.

Crystal data

C₇H₁₁N₃O₄
M_r = 201.18
 Monoclinic, *P*2₁
a = 4.6318 (2) Å
b = 9.8575 (5) Å
c = 10.6310 (6) Å
 β = 92.084 (2)°
V = 485.07 (4) Å³
Z = 2

D_x = 1.377 Mg m⁻³
 Mo Kα radiation
 Cell parameters from 1439 reflections
 θ = 5–32°
 μ = 0.11 mm⁻¹
T = 185 K
 Plate, colourless
 0.50 × 0.40 × 0.20 mm

Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan
DENZO/SCALEPACK (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997)
T_{min} = 0.96, *T_{max}* = 0.98
 4689 measured reflections

1733 independent reflections
 1733 reflections with *I* > 3σ(*I*)
R_{int} = 0.021
 θ_{max} = 32.0°
h = -6 → 6
k = -14 → 8
l = -15 → 15

Refinement

Refinement on *F*²
R[*F*² > 2σ(*F*²)] = 0.051
wR(*F*²) = 0.095
S = 1.01
 1733 reflections
 160 parameters
 Only coordinates of H atoms refined

w = 1/[σ²(*F*) + (0.034*P*)² + 0.093*P*],
 where *P* = (max(*F_o*², 0) + 2*F_c*²)/3
 (Δ/σ)_{max} < 0.001
 Δρ_{max} = 0.22 e Å⁻³
 Δρ_{min} = -0.23 e Å⁻³

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1–C2	1.331 (2)	C6–C7	1.533 (2)
O1–C14	1.445 (3)	C6–C9	1.521 (3)
C2–O3	1.204 (2)	C7–O8	1.405 (2)
C2–C4	1.513 (3)	C9–N10	1.486 (3)
C4–O5	1.439 (2)	C9–C13	1.515 (3)
C4–C7	1.540 (2)	N10–N11	1.234 (3)
O5–C6	1.451 (2)	N11–N12	1.132 (4)
C2–O1–C14	116.48 (17)	C7–C6–C9	117.75 (15)
O1–C2–O3	124.83 (18)	C4–C7–C6	84.73 (13)
O1–C2–C4	110.25 (15)	C4–C7–O8	114.53 (15)
O3–C2–C4	124.92 (17)	C6–C7–O8	117.18 (15)
C2–C4–O5	111.04 (14)	C6–C9–N10	105.37 (17)
C2–C4–C7	114.58 (14)	C6–C9–C13	111.88 (19)
O5–C4–C7	91.58 (13)	N10–C9–C13	110.54 (19)
C4–O5–C6	91.52 (12)	C9–N10–N11	113.4 (2)
O5–C6–C7	91.38 (13)	N10–N11–N12	174.7 (3)
O5–C6–C9	110.23 (15)		

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

<i>D</i> –H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> –H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> –H... <i>A</i>
O8–H5...O3 ⁱ	0.82 (4)	2.25 (3)	2.990 (2)	150 (3)
O8–H5...O5 ⁱ	0.82 (4)	2.32 (3)	2.962 (2)	135 (3)

Symmetry code: (i) -*x*, ½ + *y*, 1 - *z*.

Because the intensity data were collected with molybdenum radiation, there were no measurable anomalous differences, as a consequence of which it was admissible to merge Friedel pairs of reflections. The absolute structure of (I) was assumed to correlate with the known absolute structure of the L-rhamnose starting material. All H atoms were found in difference-density syntheses. They

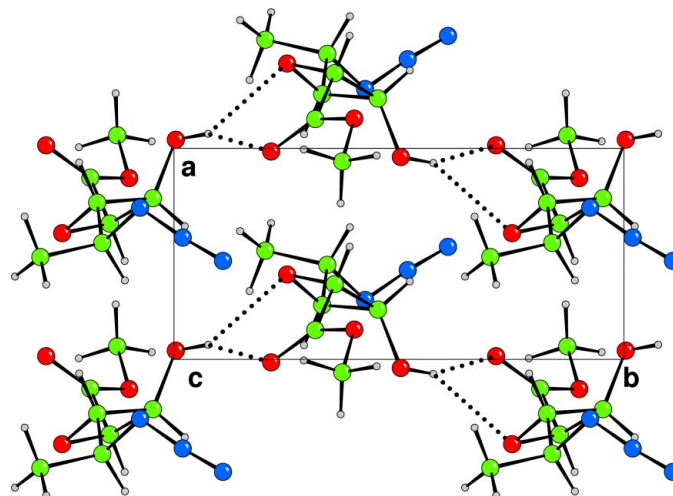


Figure 2

Packing diagram of (I), viewed down the *c* axis. The weakly hydrogen-bonded pleated ribbons in the *bc* plane are simply stacked along the *a* axis. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

were initially refined with soft restraints on the bonds to regularize their geometry (bond lengths to accepted values, angles either set by symmetry or to accepted values, and *U*_{iso} dependent upon the adjacent bonded atom), after which they were refined with riding constraints only.

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Nonius, 1997–2001); cell refinement: *DENZO/SCALEPACK*; data reduction: *DENZO/SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.*, 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: *CRYSTALS* (Betteridge *et al.*, 2003); molecular graphics: *CAMERON* (Watkin *et al.*, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *CRYSTALS*.

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