

1,3:4,6-Di-*O*-benzylidene-*N*-cinnamyl-2,5-dideoxy-2,5-imino-L-*iditol*Chu-Yi Yu<sup>a,\*</sup> and Ying Fu<sup>a,b</sup><sup>a</sup>Beijing National Laboratory for Molecular Science (BNLMS), Laboratory for Chemical Biology, Institute of Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing 100080, People's Republic of China, and <sup>b</sup>Graduate University of The Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing 100049, People's Republic of China

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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 113$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.040  
 $wR$  factor = 0.094  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 11.2For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.

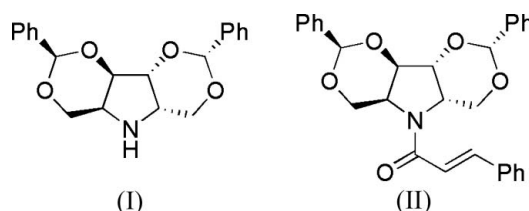
In the crystal structure of the title compound,  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_5$ , the molecules assemble into a network structure by both intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonding and  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$  stacking interactions.

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## Comment

The  $C_2$ -symmetric pyrrolidine, 1,3:4,6-di-*O*-benzylidene-2,5-dideoxy-2,5-imino-L-*iditol*, (I), has been shown (Shing, 1988; Masaki *et al.*, 1992) to be an efficient chiral auxiliary in a variety of reactions, *e.g.* in the Diels–Alder cycloaddition reaction (Defoin *et al.*, 1991), radical addition reaction (Veit *et al.*, 1993) or in photochemical reactions (Giese *et al.*, 1996). We are also interested in asymmetric synthesis, employing (I) as a chiral auxiliary. Thus, we prepared the title compound, 1,3:4,6-di-*O*-benzylidene-2,5-dideoxy-2,5-imino-*N*-cinnamyl-L-*iditol*, (II), as a major reaction intermediate.



An intramolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bond is present (Table 1). The crystal packing of the title compound is stabilized by intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonding, as well as  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$  stacking interactions (Fig. 2). The phenyl ring

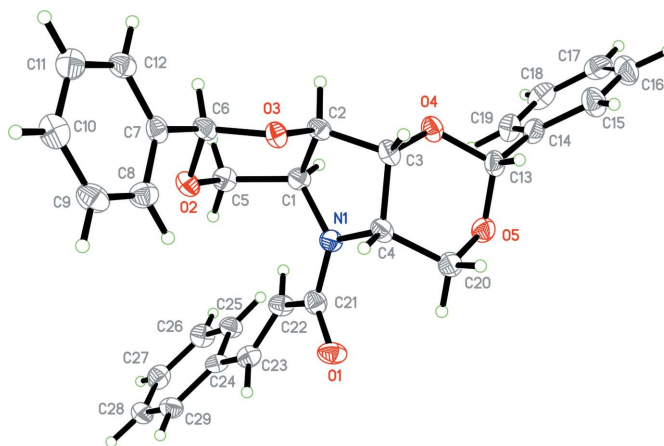


Figure 1

View of the molecular structure of (II), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms are represented by circles of arbitrary size.

C14–C19 at  $(x, y, z)$  makes a dihedral angle of  $86.8(7)^\circ$  with the phenyl ring C7–C12 at  $(x - 1, y, z)$ . The distance between C16 in the molecule at  $(x, y, z)$  and the centroid of phenyl ring C7–C12 at  $(x - 1, y, z)$  is  $3.683 \text{ \AA}$ , indicative of C–H $\cdots\pi$  bonding.

### Experimental

The title compound was prepared by adding cinnamyl chloride (1.5 equivalents) to a solution of (I) (1.0 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (15 ml) in the presence of triethylamine (3.0 equivalents). The pure product was obtained in 83% yield after purification by column chromatography, using ethyl acetate–petroleum ether (1:3) as the eluant. Suitable crystals were obtained by evaporation of an ethyl acetate solution (m.p. 387 K).  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = +244.31$  ( $c$  0.83  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). ESI–MS calculated for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_5$ :  $[M + \text{H}]^+$ : 470.2; found: 470.4.

#### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_5$	$Z = 2$
$M_r = 469.52$	$D_x = 1.139 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Monoclinic, $P2_1$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 13.373(5) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 5.7653(18) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 113(2) \text{ K}$
$c = 17.964(6) \text{ \AA}$	Block, colourless
$\beta = 98.653(5)^\circ$	$0.32 \times 0.22 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$
$V = 1369.2(8) \text{ \AA}^3$	

#### Data collection

Rigaku Saturn diffractometer	8139 measured reflections
$\omega$ scans	3555 independent reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (Jacobson, 1998)	2777 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.976$ , $T_{\text{max}} = 0.985$	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.038$
	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.9^\circ$

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0496P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.094$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.002$
$S = 0.96$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.23 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
3555 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.21 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
318 parameters	Extinction correction: <i>SHELXL97</i>
H-atom parameters constrained	Extinction coefficient: $0.022(2)$

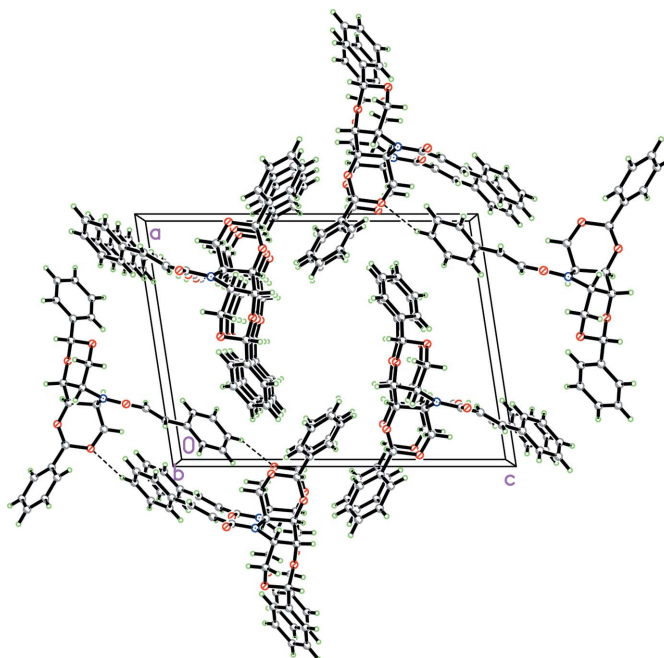
**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

$D\text{---}H\cdots A$	$D\text{---}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{---}H\cdots A$
C20–H20B $\cdots$ O1	0.99	2.36	2.990 (3)	121
C27–H27 $\cdots$ O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.95	2.55	3.427 (3)	154

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x + 2, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z$ .

In the absence of significant anomalous dispersion effects, Friedel pairs were averaged. All H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model, with C–H =  $0.95\text{--}1.00 \text{ \AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .



**Figure 2**

The molecular packing of (II), viewed along the  $b$  axis.

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku/MSC, 2005); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalClear*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MSC, 2005).

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