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## Key indicators

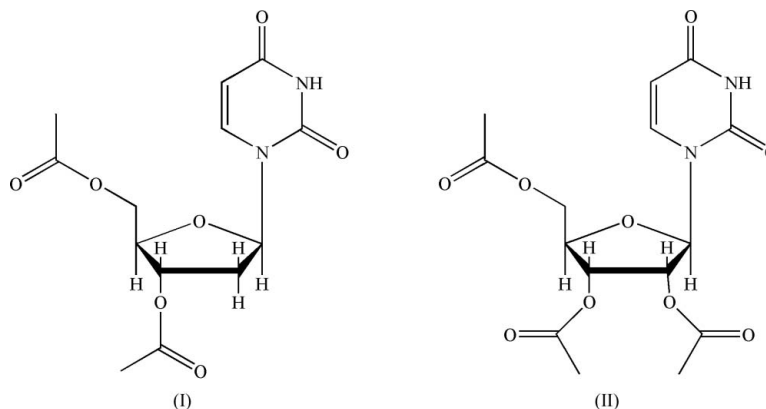
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 294$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.004$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.038  
 $wR$  factor = 0.088  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 9.0For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.2'-Deoxy-3',5'-di-*O*-acetyluridine

In the molecule of the title compound,  $C_{13}H_{16}N_2O_7$ , the furanose ring adopts an envelope conformation. In the crystal structure, intermolecular  $N-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds link the molecules, and these may be effective in the stabilization of the structure.

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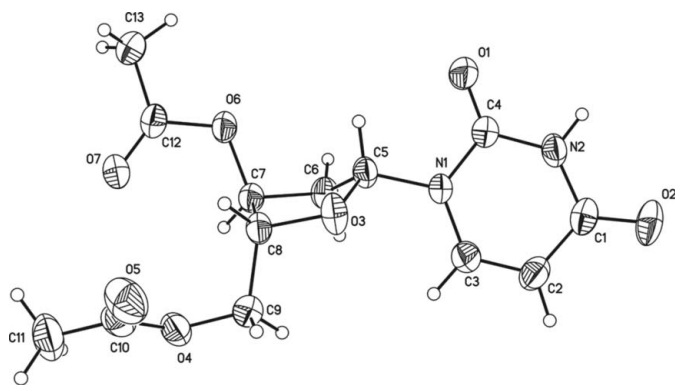
## Comment

Uridine is a unique component of RNA structures. Hydrogen-bond behaviours of uridines have attracted considerable attention not only for the secondary and tertiary structures of RNAs but also for their therapeutic applications (Hulme *et al.*, 2005; Luchansky *et al.*, 2000; Yang & Rodgers, 2004). Although, as an important model compound, the photo-reactive activity (Haga *et al.*, 1994) and hydrogen-bond behaviours in solution (Weisz *et al.*, 1997) of the title compound, (I), have been investigated, its crystal structure has not been reported yet. The structure of the analogous 2',3',5'-tri-*O*-acetyluridine, (II), has been reported (Low & Wilson, 1984).

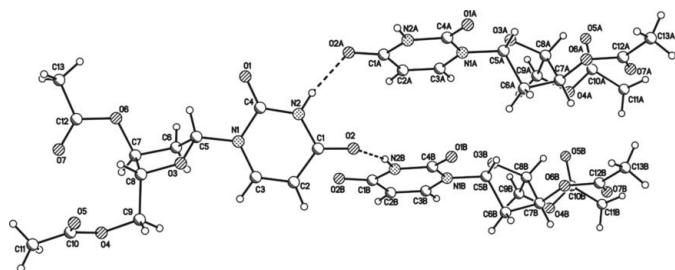


In the molecule of (I) (Fig. 1), the bond lengths and angles (Table 1) are within normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987). In (I), the  $O3-C5$  bond is a little shorter than the  $O3-C8$  bond; the corresponding bonds in (II) are nearly the same. On the other hand, the acetyl carbonyl bonds,  $O7-C12$  and  $O5-C10$ , in (I) are longer than the corresponding ones [1.184 (9), 1.185 (9) and 1.180 (11) Å] in (II). Ring A ( $O3/C5-C8$ ) has an envelope conformation with atom C6 displaced by 0.598 (3) Å from the plane of the other four ring atoms.

In the crystal structure,  $N-H \cdots O$  intermolecular hydrogen bonds (Table 2) link the independent molecules (Fig. 2), which may be effective in the stabilization of the structure. Dipole-dipole and van der Waals interactions are also effective in the molecular packing.



**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.



**Figure 2**  
A partial packing diagram of (I). Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

## Experimental

As a known compound (Haga *et al.*, 1994; Weisz *et al.*, 1997), the synthesis of (I) was achieved according to a similar literature procedures (Lohrmann & Khorana, 1964). Acetic anhydride (4 ml) was added to an anhydrous pyridine solution (10 ml) of 2'-deoxyuridine (2.282 g, 10 mmol), stirred at room temperature for 4 h and then poured into ice-water (100 ml). The mixture was evaporated to dryness. Chromatography [dichloromethane-methanol (99:1)] gave (I) as a white solid (yield 2.811 g, 90%). Slow evaporation of a 2-propanol solution of (I) at 278 K yielded single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis after a period of 7–8 weeks.

### Crystal data

$C_{13}H_{16}N_2O_7$   
 $M_r = 312.28$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1$   
 $a = 11.284$  (2) Å  
 $b = 5.3270$  (11) Å  
 $c = 13.184$  (3) Å  
 $\beta = 109.91$  (3)°  
 $V = 745.2$  (3) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 2$   
 $D_x = 1.392$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.11$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
 Block, colourless  
 $0.45 \times 0.20 \times 0.20$  mm

### Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID IP  
 diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.950$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.977$

3709 measured reflections  
 1842 independent reflections  
 1274 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.034$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.088$   
 $S = 1.05$   
 1842 reflections  
 204 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of  
 independent and constrained  
 refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.044P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.18$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.16$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Extinction correction: SHELXL97  
 Extinction coefficient: 0.092 (7)

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O3—C5	1.427 (3)	O5—C10	1.213 (4)
O3—C8	1.459 (3)	O7—C12	1.213 (4)
O5—C10—O4	122.3 (3)	O7—C12—O6	121.5 (3)
O5—C10—C11	127.9 (3)	O7—C12—C13	126.8 (2)
O4—C10—C11	109.8 (3)	O6—C12—C13	111.7 (2)
C4—N1—C5—O3	138.1 (2)	C6—C7—C8—O3	−20.2 (3)
C5—C6—C7—C8	35.3 (3)	C7—C8—C9—O4	62.5 (3)

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$N2-HN2\cdots O2^i$	0.87 (4)	1.98 (3)	2.831 (3)	165 (3)

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

The H atom of the NH group was located in a difference synthesis and refined isotropically [ $N-H = 0.87$  (4) Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(H) = 0.063$  (10) Å<sup>2</sup>]. The remaining H atoms were positioned geometrically, with  $C-H = 0.93, 0.98, 0.97$  and  $0.96$  Å for aromatic, methine, methylene and methyl H, respectively, and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(H) = xU_{\text{eq}}(C)$ , where  $x = 1.5$  for methyl H, and  $x = 1.2$  for all other H atoms. In the absence of significant anomalous scattering effects, Friedel pairs were merged.

Data collection: RAPID-AUTO (Rigaku/MS, 2000); cell refinement: RAPID-AUTO; data reduction: CrystalStructure (Rigaku/MS, 2000); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1997b); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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