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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 193 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.036 wR factor = 0.091 Data-to-parameter ratio = 18.5

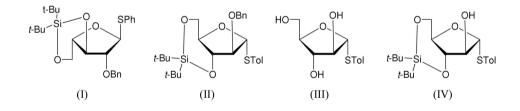
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# *p*-Tolyl 2-O-benzyl-3,5-O-(di-*tert*-butyl-silanediyl)-1-thio-*α*-D-arabinofuranoside

In the title compound,  $C_{27}H_{38}O_4SSi$ , the furanose ring adopts a nearly perfect  $E_4$  envelope conformation, while the sixmembered ring containing the Si atom exists in an approximate half-chair conformation. The conformation about the glycosidic linkage is that favored by the *exo*-anomeric effect. Received 14 December 2006 Accepted 16 December 2006

#### Comment

A recent paper by Zhu *et al.* (2006) reports an efficient and highly stereoselective synthesis of  $\beta$ -L-arabinofuranosides using a thioglycoside donor protected at O3 and O5 with a silyl acetal (I). Our group has a long-standing interest in the synthesis of D-arabinofuranosides from mycobacteria (Yin *et al.*, 2002; Yin & Lowary, 2001; Han *et al.*, 2003) and thus we prepared an analogous donor, (II), from the previously reported D-arabinofuranosyl thioglycoside, (III) (D'Souza *et al.*, 2000), in two steps *via* (IV) in 88% overall yield. The title compound, (II), was crystalline and an X-ray study was undertaken to confirm the structure of the molecule and also to make structural comparisons with computational work reported earlier on (I) (Zhu *et al.*, 2006).



The attachment of the silicon acetal to the monosaccharide results in the furanose ring being locked into a near-perfect  $E_4$ conformation in which C4 is displaced below the plane formed by C1, C2, C3 and O4 (Fig. 1). The pseudorotational phase angle (P) of the furanose ring is  $57.0^{\circ}$  and the puckering amplitude  $(\tau_m)$  is 43.1° (Altona & Sundaralingam, 1972). This conformation differs slightly from previous density functional theory calculations on (I), which suggested an envelope conformation with C3 displaced from the plane (Zhu et al., 2006). The six-membered ring in (II) exists in a distorted halfchair conformation, in which Si, O3, O5, and C5 are approximately coplanar while C4 is displaced below, and C3 above, this plane. Here too there are slight differences from the computed structure of (I) in which the conformation of this ring was shown to be more chair-like (Zhu et al., 2006). The conformation about the C1-S bond in (II) is that favored by the exo-anomeric effect (Lemieux & Koto, 1974), the C11-S-C1-C2 torsion angle being  $-164.11(13)^{\circ}$ . In the  $E_4$ conformation adopted by the furanose ring, the thioglycoside

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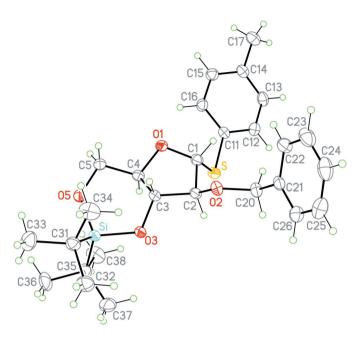
9410 measured reflections

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.019$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 26.4^{\circ}$ 

5524 independent reflections

4875 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 



#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (II). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms are shown as arbitrarily small spheres.

unit is oriented pseudoaxially and the benzyloxy substitutent at C2 is pseudo-equatorially disposed.

### **Experimental**

p-Tolyl 3,5-O-(di-t-butylsilanediyl)-1-thio-α-D-arabinofuranoside (IV). To a solution of (III) (3.00 g, 11.7 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (92 ml) and DMF (19 ml) at 273 K was added 2,6-lutidine (5.50 ml, 47.2 mmol) and di-t-butylsilvl bis(trifluoromethanesulfonate) (3.93 ml. 10.8 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 4.5 h, after which it was concentrated in vacuo, diluted with EtOAc and washed successively with water and brine. The organic layer was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated in vacuo to give a residue that was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes, 10:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford (IV) as a white, amorphous solid (yield 3.17 g, 93%). Data for (IV):  $R_{\rm F}$  0.49 (5:1 hexanes/EtOAc);  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$  +155.6 (c 0.7, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.42 (d, 2H, J = 8.1 Hz, ArH), 7.13 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 5.25 (d, 1H, J = 5.9 Hz, H-1), 4.31–4.34 (dd, 1H, J = 4.6, 4.6 Hz, H-5), 4.12-4.15 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.98-4.02 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.92-3.96 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.88-3.91 (m, 1H, H-4), 2.33 (s, 3H, ArCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.57 (d, 1H, J = 3.2 Hz, OH), 1.06 [s, 9H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.98 [s, 9H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>4</sub>SSi + Na: 419.1683, found: 419.1680. Analysis calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>4</sub>SSi: C 60.57, H 8.13, S 8.08%; found: C 60.09, H 8.06, S 7.66%.

p-Tolyl 2-O-benzyl-3,5-O-(di-t-butylsilanediyl)-1-thio-α-Darabinofuranoside (II). Benzyl bromide (1.66 ml, 14.0 mmol) and NaH (0.36 g, 15.1 mmol) were added to a solution of (IV) (1.50 g, 3.78 mmol) in dry THF (28 ml) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 9.5 h at 273 K. The reaction was quenched by the addition of CH<sub>3</sub>OH and the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed sequentially with a solution of 1 N HCl, a saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, water and brine. The organic phase was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was then purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes, 15:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to give the product as a white, amorphous solid (yield 1.75 g, 95%), which was recrystallized from hexanes-EtOAc (m.p. 349-351 K). Data for (II): R<sub>E</sub> 0.77 (5:1 hexanes/EtOAc);  $[\alpha]_{D}$  +157.2 (c 0.8, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): § 7.41-7.43 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.31-7.39 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.09–7.10 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.36 (d, 1H, J = 5.4 Hz, H-1), 4.80 (ABq, 2H, J = 12.0 Hz, PhCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.32–4.34 (m, 1H, H-5), 4.13–4.15 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.97-3.98 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.95-3.96 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.89-3.92 (m, 1H, H-4), 2.33 (s, 3H, ArCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.08 [s, 9H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.99 [s, 9H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>4</sub>SSi + Na: 509.2153, found: 509.2152. Analysis calculated for C27H38O4SSi: C 66.62, H 7.87, S 6.59%; found: C 66.82, H 7.89, S 6.10%.

#### Crystal data

$C_{27}H_{38}O_4SSi$	Z = 2
$M_r = 486.72$	$D_x = 1.196 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Monoclinic, P2 <sub>1</sub>	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
a = 14.2256 (15)  Å	$\mu = 0.19 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
b = 6.4531 (7)  Å	T = 193 (2) K
c = 15.0426 (16)  Å	Prism, colorless
$\beta = 101.8651 \ (14)^{\circ}$	$0.52 \times 0.41 \times 0.15 \text{ mm}$
$V = 1351.4 (2) \text{ Å}^3$	

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART 1000 CCD PLATFORM area-detector diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2003)  $T_{\min} = 0.809, T_{\max} = 0.972$ 

# Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0466P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.036$	+ 0.1539P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.091$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.04	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
5524 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.22 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
299 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.15 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	Absolute structure: Flack (1983),
	2491 Friedel pairs
	Flack parameter: 0.00 (6)

H atoms were placed in idealized positions (C-H = 0.95-1.00 Å) and refined as riding with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ .

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2003); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Bruker, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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