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Betamethasone-21-pentanoate methanol solvate

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Comment

Glucocorticoids belong to the most effective drugs against inflammatory and auto immune deseases (Auphan, 1995; Besedovsky, 1986; Beato, 1995; Winiski *et al.*, 2007). Surprisingly, their polymorphism is only minor investigated. Therefore, we started systematic investigations on the polymorphism and pseudopolymorphism of these drugs (Sutichmezian *et al.*, 2006a; Sutichmezian *et al.*, 2006b; Sutichmezian *et al.*, 2006c; Näther *et al.*, 2006).

Within this project we also investigated betamethasone valerate, also known as 9-fluoro-11 β ,21-dihydroxy-16 β -methyl-3,20 -dioxypregna-1,4-dien-17-ylpentanoat, (II) (see Fig 3). For this compound we found an methanol solvate, which is still unknown. During our attempts to crystallize this solvate at higher temperatures, we obtained single crystals of the title compound, (I), which formed by a movement of the pentanoat group to position 21. To identify this product in all further investigations by X-ray powder diffraction, the single-crystal structure of this solvate was determined.

In the crystal structure of the title compound, (I), (Fig. 1) the molecules are connected *via* O—H \cdots O hydrogen bonding between the hydroxyl hydrogen atom at O5 and the carbonyl oxygen atom O1 (Tab.1). The molecules are additionally connected by O—H \cdots O hydrogen bonding between the hydroxyl hydrogen atom at O2 and the hydroxyl oxygen atom O7 of the solvent molecules and between the hydroxyl hydrogen atom attached to O7 and the carbonyl oxygen atom O6 (Fig. 2). This, the methanol molecules act as acceptors and donors. In the direction of the *a* axis channels are formed in which the methanol molecules are located (Fig. 2).

Experimental

Betamethasone valerate (9-Fluor-11 β ,21-dihydroxy-16 β -methyl-3,20 -dioxypregna-1,4-dien-17-ylpentanoat) was obtained from Symbiotec Pharmalab (India) as an enantiomeric pure compound. This compound was recrystallized at 70°C in an teflon lined steel autoclave. On cooling, single crystals of the title compound were obtained. The product is obtained as a pure phase, which was proven by comparison of the experimental X-ray powder pattern with that, calculated from single-crystal data.

Refinement

The C—H hydrogen atoms were positioned with idealized geometry (methyl H atoms allowed to rotate but not to tip) and were refined with fixed isotropic displacement parameters [$U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2 * U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ or $1.5 * U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for methyl groups] using a riding model with $d(\text{C}—\text{H}) = 0.95 \text{ \AA}$ for olefin, 1.00 \AA for methin, 0.99 \AA for methylen and 0.98 \AA for methyl H atoms. The position of the hydroxyl hydrogen atoms were located in difference map but they were positioned with idealized geometry allowed to rotate but not to tip with $d(\text{O}—\text{H}) = 0.84 \text{ \AA}$ and refined with fixed isotropic displacement parameters [$U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5 * U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$] using a riding model. Because no strong anomalous scattering atoms are present, the absolute structure and absolute configuration cannot be determined. Therefore, Friedel opposites were merged prior to refinement and the absolute configuration was assigned base on the known absolute configuration of the starting material.

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Figures

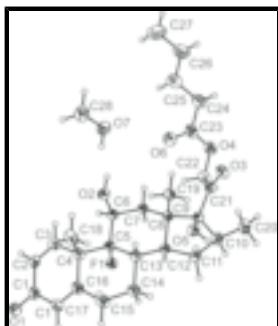
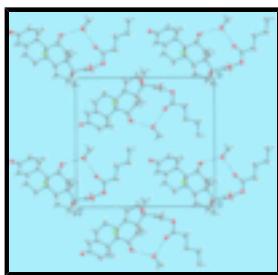


Fig. 1: View of the asymmetric unit of the title compound with labelling and displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level.

Fig. 2 Crystal structure of the title compound with view along the a axis (hydrogen bonding is shown as dashed lines).

Fig. 3 Reaction scheme



2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16S,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy- 10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H -cyclopenta[a]phenanthren- 17-yl)-2-oxoethyl pentanoate methanol solvate

Crystal data

$C_{27}H_{37}FO_6 \cdot CH_4O$

$M_r = 508.61$

Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$

$a = 9.9980 (5)$ Å

$b = 15.7885 (9)$ Å

$c = 16.9696 (12)$ Å

$V = 2678.7 (3)$ Å³

$Z = 4$

$F_{000} = 1096$

$D_x = 1.261$ Mg m⁻³

$D_m = N$ Mg m⁻³

D_m measured by not measured

Melting point: not measured K

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

$\lambda = 0.71073$ Å

Cell parameters from 16982 reflections

$\theta = 2.4\text{--}28.0^\circ$

$\mu = 0.09$ mm⁻¹

$T = 166 (2)$ K

Needles, colorless

$0.15 \times 0.10 \times 0.04$ mm

Data collection

STOE IPDS-1
diffractometer

3009 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

$R_{int} = 0.049$

Monochromator: graphite

$\theta_{max} = 28.0^\circ$

$T = 166(2)$ K

$\theta_{min} = 2.4^\circ$

Phi scans

$h = -13 \rightarrow 12$

Absorption correction: none
 16982 measured reflections
 3595 independent reflections

$k = -19 \rightarrow 20$

$l = -22 \rightarrow 22$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 H-atom parameters constrained
 Least-squares matrix: full $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0728P)^2 + 0.2844P]$
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.042$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.114$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
 $S = 1.03$ $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.37 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 3595 reflections $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.17 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 330 parameters Extinction correction: SHELXL,
 Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct $F_c^* = kF_c[1 + 0.001xF_c^2\lambda^3/\sin(2\theta)]^{1/4}$
 Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
 Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
 Extinction coefficient: 0.015 (3)

Special details

Geometry. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

Refinement. Refinement of F^2 against ALL reflections. The weighted R -factor wR and goodness of fit S are based on F^2 , conventional R -factors R are based on F , with F set to zero for negative F^2 . The threshold expression of $F^2 > 2\text{sigma}(F^2)$ is used only for calculating R -factors(gt) etc. and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. R -factors based on F^2 are statistically about twice as large as those based on F , and R -factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	x	y	z	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	0.4547 (2)	0.35867 (12)	0.46094 (11)	0.0447 (5)
O2	0.7591 (2)	0.33239 (10)	0.10538 (10)	0.0341 (4)
H1O1	0.7493	0.3492	0.0588	0.051*
O3	0.86752 (19)	0.07486 (12)	-0.10976 (11)	0.0373 (4)
O4	0.6562 (2)	0.11246 (12)	-0.19919 (10)	0.0395 (4)
O5	0.60803 (17)	0.02899 (11)	0.02422 (11)	0.0339 (4)
H1O5	0.6045	-0.0240	0.0281	0.051*
O6	0.6920 (3)	0.23945 (14)	-0.14560 (12)	0.0545 (6)
O7	0.2372 (3)	0.11731 (13)	0.05510 (12)	0.0538 (6)
H1O7	0.2171	0.1575	0.0853	0.081*
F1	0.56997 (13)	0.19207 (9)	0.22638 (8)	0.0293 (3)
C1	0.5279 (3)	0.34132 (15)	0.40401 (14)	0.0321 (5)

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C2	0.5175 (3)	0.38628 (15)	0.32881 (14)	0.0299 (5)
H2	0.4524	0.4296	0.3228	0.036*
C3	0.5977 (3)	0.36759 (14)	0.26878 (14)	0.0286 (5)
H3	0.5844	0.3969	0.2205	0.034*
C4	0.7082 (2)	0.30293 (16)	0.27228 (13)	0.0296 (5)
C5	0.6905 (2)	0.23474 (14)	0.20552 (12)	0.0244 (4)
C6	0.6600 (2)	0.27067 (14)	0.12304 (12)	0.0252 (4)
H6	0.5718	0.3003	0.1259	0.030*
C7	0.6487 (2)	0.20086 (14)	0.06002 (13)	0.0247 (4)
H7A	0.5648	0.1689	0.0687	0.030*
H7B	0.6431	0.2277	0.0074	0.030*
C8	0.7664 (2)	0.13873 (13)	0.06056 (12)	0.0233 (4)
C9	0.7443 (2)	0.05480 (14)	0.01248 (13)	0.0264 (5)
C10	0.8411 (3)	-0.01119 (15)	0.05322 (15)	0.0328 (5)
H10	0.7855	-0.0621	0.0656	0.039*
C11	0.8794 (3)	0.02912 (16)	0.13355 (14)	0.0331 (5)
H11A	0.8719	-0.0128	0.1767	0.040*
H11B	0.9719	0.0514	0.1323	0.040*
C12	0.7776 (2)	0.10131 (14)	0.14435 (13)	0.0265 (5)
H12	0.6896	0.0742	0.1565	0.032*
C13	0.8021 (2)	0.16737 (15)	0.20797 (13)	0.0288 (5)
H13	0.8897	0.1957	0.1973	0.035*
C14	0.8090 (3)	0.12488 (18)	0.28931 (14)	0.0397 (6)
H14A	0.8886	0.0876	0.2912	0.048*
H14B	0.7288	0.0889	0.2965	0.048*
C15	0.8168 (3)	0.1888 (2)	0.35744 (15)	0.0459 (7)
H15A	0.8055	0.1585	0.4081	0.055*
H15B	0.9062	0.2158	0.3576	0.055*
C16	0.7115 (3)	0.25614 (17)	0.35066 (14)	0.0331 (5)
C17	0.6280 (3)	0.27433 (17)	0.40949 (14)	0.0347 (6)
H17	0.6339	0.2424	0.4568	0.042*
C18	0.8407 (3)	0.35432 (19)	0.26525 (16)	0.0401 (6)
H18A	0.9170	0.3155	0.2676	0.060*
H18B	0.8464	0.3950	0.3087	0.060*
H18C	0.8419	0.3848	0.2150	0.060*
C19	0.8963 (2)	0.18166 (14)	0.03324 (13)	0.0267 (4)
H19A	0.9695	0.1404	0.0341	0.040*
H19B	0.9176	0.2288	0.0687	0.040*
H19C	0.8847	0.2032	-0.0205	0.040*
C20	0.9629 (3)	-0.04336 (18)	0.00755 (17)	0.0410 (6)
H20A	0.9336	-0.0683	-0.0424	0.062*
H20B	1.0095	-0.0863	0.0389	0.062*
H20C	1.0237	0.0040	-0.0031	0.062*
C21	0.7607 (3)	0.06993 (14)	-0.07560 (13)	0.0293 (5)
C22	0.6305 (3)	0.08233 (18)	-0.12067 (15)	0.0359 (6)
H22A	0.5816	0.0279	-0.1233	0.043*
H22B	0.5735	0.1236	-0.0924	0.043*
C23	0.6882 (3)	0.19431 (19)	-0.20325 (16)	0.0395 (6)
C24	0.7145 (3)	0.2230 (2)	-0.28574 (17)	0.0492 (8)

C11—H11B	0.9900	C28—H28C	0.9800
C12—C13	1.521 (3)		
C6—O2—H1O1	109.5	C13—C14—H14B	109.0
C23—O4—C22	114.3 (2)	C15—C14—H14B	109.0
C9—O5—H1O5	109.5	H14A—C14—H14B	107.8
C28—O7—H1O7	109.5	C16—C15—C14	111.9 (2)
O1—C1—C17	120.9 (2)	C16—C15—H15A	109.2
O1—C1—C2	121.9 (2)	C14—C15—H15A	109.2
C17—C1—C2	117.1 (2)	C16—C15—H15B	109.2
C3—C2—C1	121.2 (2)	C14—C15—H15B	109.2
C3—C2—H2	119.4	H15A—C15—H15B	107.9
C1—C2—H2	119.4	C17—C16—C15	122.3 (2)
C2—C3—C4	124.3 (2)	C17—C16—C4	122.4 (2)
C2—C3—H3	117.9	C15—C16—C4	115.2 (2)
C4—C3—H3	117.9	C16—C17—C1	122.6 (2)
C3—C4—C16	112.32 (19)	C16—C17—H17	118.7
C3—C4—C18	105.5 (2)	C1—C17—H17	118.7
C16—C4—C18	107.5 (2)	C4—C18—H18A	109.5
C3—C4—C5	110.70 (19)	C4—C18—H18B	109.5
C16—C4—C5	107.44 (19)	H18A—C18—H18B	109.5
C18—C4—C5	113.38 (19)	C4—C18—H18C	109.5
F1—C5—C6	103.42 (17)	H18A—C18—H18C	109.5
F1—C5—C13	106.20 (17)	H18B—C18—H18C	109.5
C6—C5—C13	114.95 (18)	C8—C19—H19A	109.5
F1—C5—C4	103.86 (16)	C8—C19—H19B	109.5
C6—C5—C4	115.12 (18)	H19A—C19—H19B	109.5
C13—C5—C4	111.82 (18)	C8—C19—H19C	109.5
O2—C6—C7	113.29 (18)	H19A—C19—H19C	109.5
O2—C6—C5	107.81 (18)	H19B—C19—H19C	109.5
C7—C6—C5	112.45 (18)	C10—C20—H20A	109.5
O2—C6—H6	107.7	C10—C20—H20B	109.5
C7—C6—H6	107.7	H20A—C20—H20B	109.5
C5—C6—H6	107.7	C10—C20—H20C	109.5
C8—C7—C6	113.44 (18)	H20A—C20—H20C	109.5
C8—C7—H7A	108.9	H20B—C20—H20C	109.5
C6—C7—H7A	108.9	O3—C21—C9	124.9 (2)
C8—C7—H7B	108.9	O3—C21—C22	120.2 (2)
C6—C7—H7B	108.9	C9—C21—C22	114.9 (2)
H7A—C7—H7B	107.7	O4—C22—C21	110.8 (2)
C7—C8—C19	111.41 (17)	O4—C22—H22A	109.5
C7—C8—C12	107.84 (17)	C21—C22—H22A	109.5
C19—C8—C12	112.66 (18)	O4—C22—H22B	109.5
C7—C8—C9	115.37 (19)	C21—C22—H22B	109.5
C19—C8—C9	109.53 (17)	H22A—C22—H22B	108.1
C12—C8—C9	99.53 (16)	O6—C23—O4	122.4 (3)
O5—C9—C21	106.5 (2)	O6—C23—C24	124.9 (3)
O5—C9—C8	107.51 (18)	O4—C23—C24	112.6 (2)
C21—C9—C8	111.22 (17)	C23—C24—C25	113.6 (3)
O5—C9—C10	109.46 (18)	C23—C24—H24A	108.9

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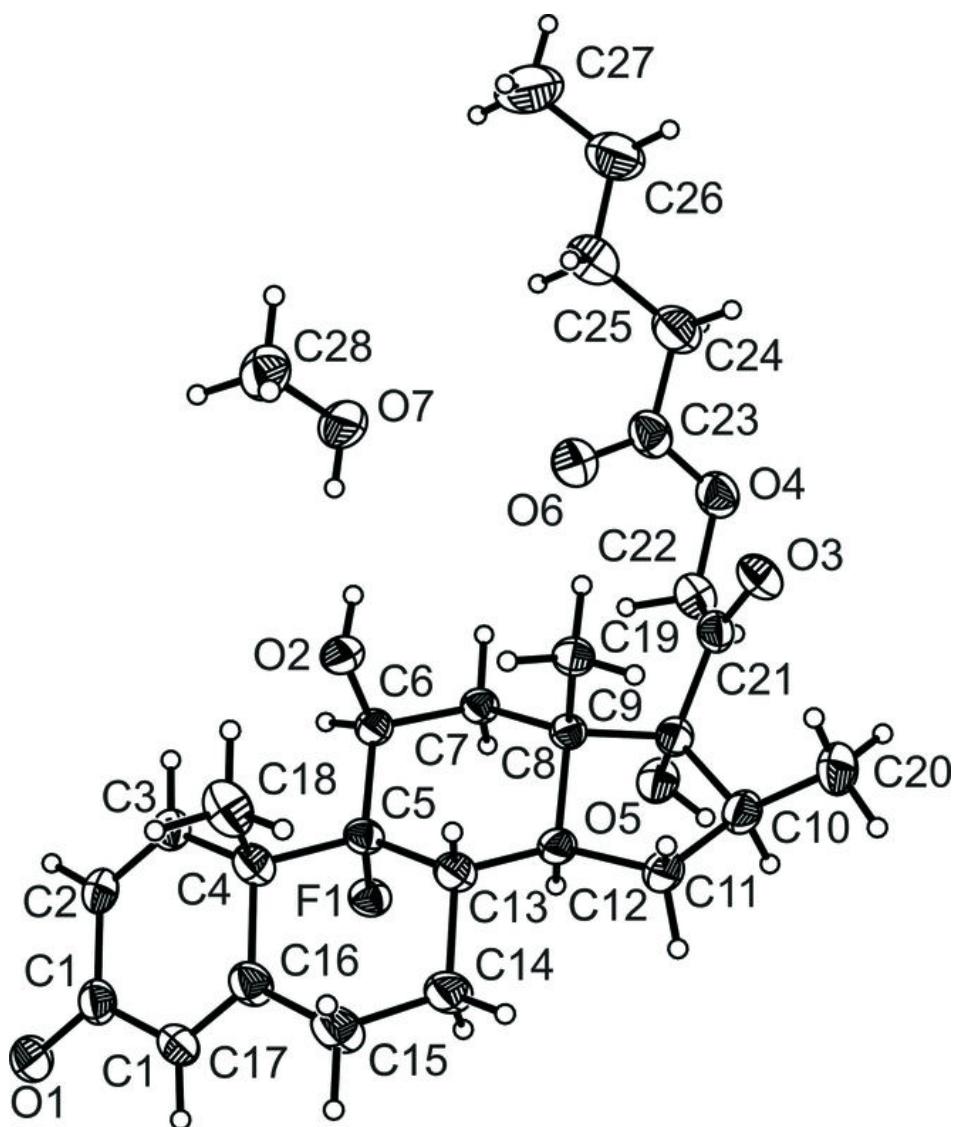
C21—C9—C10	117.8 (2)	C25—C24—H24A	108.9
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C20—C10—C11	112.6 (2)	C25—C24—H24B	108.9
C20—C10—C9	119.0 (2)	H24A—C24—H24B	107.7
C11—C10—C9	105.36 (18)	C26—C25—C24	114.5 (3)
C20—C10—H10	106.4	C26—C25—H25A	108.6
C11—C10—H10	106.4	C24—C25—H25A	108.6
C9—C10—H10	106.4	C26—C25—H25B	108.6
C12—C11—C10	104.20 (19)	C24—C25—H25B	108.6
C12—C11—H11A	110.9	H25A—C25—H25B	107.6
C10—C11—H11A	110.9	C27—C26—C25	113.1 (3)
C12—C11—H11B	110.9	C27—C26—H26A	109.0
C10—C11—H11B	110.9	C25—C26—H26A	109.0
H11A—C11—H11B	108.9	C27—C26—H26B	109.0
C13—C12—C11	119.1 (2)	C25—C26—H26B	109.0
C13—C12—C8	113.76 (18)	H26A—C26—H26B	107.8
C11—C12—C8	102.81 (17)	C26—C27—H27A	109.5
C13—C12—H12	106.8	C26—C27—H27B	109.5
C11—C12—H12	106.8	H27A—C27—H27B	109.5
C8—C12—H12	106.8	C26—C27—H27C	109.5
C12—C13—C14	110.2 (2)	H27A—C27—H27C	109.5
C12—C13—C5	109.73 (19)	H27B—C27—H27C	109.5
C14—C13—C5	110.97 (19)	O7—C28—H28A	109.5
C12—C13—H13	108.6	O7—C28—H28B	109.5
C14—C13—H13	108.6	H28A—C28—H28B	109.5
C5—C13—H13	108.6	O7—C28—H28C	109.5
C13—C14—C15	113.0 (2)	H28A—C28—H28C	109.5
C13—C14—H14A	109.0	H28B—C28—H28C	109.5
C15—C14—H14A	109.0		

Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$)

$D\text{—H}\cdots A$	$D\text{—H}$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{—H}\cdots A$
O2—H1O1 \cdots O7 ⁱ	0.84	2.01	2.845 (3)	176
O5—H1O5 \cdots O1 ⁱⁱ	0.84	1.95	2.773 (2)	165
O7—H1O7 \cdots O6 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.84	1.94	2.771 (3)	171

Symmetry codes: (i) $x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z$; (ii) $-x+1, y-1/2, -z+1/2$; (iii) $x-1/2, -y+1/2, -z$.

Fig. 1



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Fig. 2

