

## The Crystal Structure and Absolute Configuration of 2,9-Diacetyl-9-azabicyclo[4,2,1]non-2,3-ene\*

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The crystal structure of 2,9-diacetyl-9-azabicyclo[4,2,1]non-2,3-ene,  $C_{12}H_{17}NO_2$ , has been determined by direct methods from 1257 independent reflexions measured with Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation on a Picker diffractometer. The title compound is the *N*-acetyl derivative of a toxin produced by *Anabaena flos-aquae* (blue-green freshwater algae). Crystal data are: space group  $P4_12_12$ ,  $D_m = 1.19 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ ,  $Z = 8$ ,  $D_c = 1.21 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ ,  $a = 7.335 (2)$ ,  $c = 42.294 (10) \text{ \AA}$ . The ring system is a novel one for a natural product; it is similar to that of tropane, but the piperidine ring is here replaced by an azacycloheptene ring. Two of the C-C bond lengths in the pyrrolidine ring differ significantly, the longer bond being adjacent to a C-H which appears to be involved in a weak intramolecular C-H...O hydrogen bond. The crystal packing is determined by van der Waals forces.

### Introduction

Certain strains of the blue-green freshwater algal species *Anabaena flos-aquae* have been shown to produce a relatively fast acting toxin (Gorham, 1962, and references cited therein). This toxin has different properties from the one isolated from *Microcystis aeruginosa* which was shown to be a probably cyclic polypeptide (Bishop, Anet & Gorham, 1959). The difficulty of isolating sufficient quantities of the *Anabaena* toxin prevented a rigorous proof of its structure by chemical methods, and the *N*-acetyl derivative was therefore investigated by X-ray diffraction. The structure which was found is in full agreement with that which Edwards (1971) proposed and is compatible with further chemical evidence (Edwards, Gorham, Hunter & Pike, 1972).

### Experimental

Well formed crystals of the title compound (hereafter referred to as DAN) were supplied by Dr O. E. Edwards of this Division. The crystals were uniaxial colourless prisms of square cross-section. The space group was deduced from systematic absences on precession and Weissenberg photographs to be  $P4_12_12$ . The density was measured by flotation in aqueous KI solution.

### Crystal data

2,9-Diacetyl-9-azabicyclo[4,2,1]non-2,3-ene,  
 $C_{12}H_{17}NO_2$ , F. W. 207.3. Tetragonal,  $a = 7.335 (2)$ ,  $c = 42.294 (10) \text{ \AA}$ .  $V = 2275.5 \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $D_m = 1.19 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ ,  $Z = 8$ ,  $D_x = 1.21 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ .  $\mu(\text{Cu } K\alpha) = 6.7 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Cell dimensions based on  $\lambda(\text{Cu } K\alpha_1) = 1.54051$ ,  $\lambda(\text{Cu } K\alpha_2) = 1.54433 \text{ \AA}$ .

A crystal of approximate dimensions  $0.25 \times 0.25 \times 0.22 \text{ mm}$  was mounted with its *a* axis parallel to the  $\phi$  axis of a Picker four-circle diffractometer. All meas-

urements were made at room temperature with Ni-filtered Cu radiation using a scintillation counter and pulse-height analyser. Unit-cell dimensions were obtained from  $2\theta$  values of high-angle axial reflexions. Intensities were measured by the  $\theta/2\theta$  scan method; the scan ranges varied from  $2.0$  to  $4.0^\circ$  in  $2\theta$ . Background was counted for 20 sec at each end of the scans. The intensity of a standard reflexion was monitored after every 20–40 reflexions. No perceptible deterioration of the crystal occurred during data collection. Only one sixteenth of the reciprocal lattice was surveyed. Of the 1257 independent reflexions accessible ( $2\theta \leq 130^\circ$ ) 1091 had counts above threshold. The threshold was defined as a net count of 70 or 10% of the total background count, whichever was higher. The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization factors, but absorption corrections were considered unnecessary and therefore were not applied.

### Structure determination and refinement

The structure was determined by the symbolic addition procedure and tangent refinement (Karle & Karle, 1966). Because of various computer program restrictions, these calculations were done assuming the orthorhombic sub-group ( $P2_12_12_1$ ) symmetry rather than the tetragonal symmetry. A full octant of data was generated from the independent reflexions and normalized structure-factor amplitudes were calculated for all reflexions. Two origin-defining reflexions were chosen according to the criteria for the tetragonal space group (Hauptman & Karle, 1956), and their *hkl* equivalents were also assigned the appropriate phase values to maintain the tetragonal symmetry, taking into account the shift of origin between space groups  $P4_12_12$  and  $P2_12_12_1$ . During the symbolic addition procedure, which was done manually, equivalent pairs of reflexions (*hkl* and *khl*) were always checked as their phases were determined to ensure that the phase values were

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Table 1. Fractional coordinates, vibration tensor components ( $\text{\AA}^2$ ) for the expression  $T = \exp[-2\pi^2(H_{11}a^{*2}h^2 + \dots + 2U_{23}b^*c^*kl + \dots)]$ , and their e.s.d.'s

	$x$ ( $\times 10^4$ )	$y$ ( $\times 10^4$ )	$z$ ( $\times 10^5$ )	$U_{11}$ ( $\times 10^4$ )	$U_{22}$ ( $\times 10^4$ )	$U_{33}$ ( $\times 10^4$ )	$2U_{23}$ ( $\times 10^4$ )	$2U_{13}$ ( $\times 10^4$ )	$2U_{12}$ ( $\times 10^4$ )
C(1)	538 (4)	3921 (4)	7403 (7)	323 (14)	401 (15)	471 (18)	-104 (27)	-129 (25)	80 (26)
C(2)	-230 (4)	3157 (4)	4339 (7)	268 (13)	490 (17)	453 (9)	-162 (28)	-30 (25)	78 (24)
C(3)	-836 (4)	1435 (4)	4111 (7)	331 (15)	550 (18)	471 (18)	-269 (30)	-47 (27)	11 (29)
C(4)	-982 (5)	34 (4)	6654 (8)	517 (18)	380 (16)	680 (18)	-226 (30)	-88 (33)	-102 (28)
C(5)	623 (4)	-259 (4)	8918 (7)	494 (17)	430 (17)	616 (18)	173 (30)	123 (31)	-28 (31)
C(6)	1263 (4)	1407 (4)	10766 (7)	393 (16)	514 (17)	462 (18)	192 (28)	22 (28)	-88 (27)
C(7)	-231 (5)	2458 (5)	12452 (8)	491 (19)	759 (24)	544 (18)	-228 (38)	303 (31)	-375 (36)
C(8)	-855 (4)	3925 (5)	10179 (7)	320 (15)	686 (21)	562 (18)	-446 (33)	-57 (28)	90 (31)
N(9)	2014 (3)	2784 (3)	8631 (5)	259 (10)	461 (13)	426 (9)	113 (22)	-22 (20)	-20 (22)
C(10)	-359 (4)	4443 (4)	1685 (7)	482 (18)	585 (19)	507 (18)	86 (31)	-121 (30)	98 (32)
C(11)	-1035 (7)	3843 (7)	-1504 (8)	1187 (35)	1130 (36)	526 (18)	251 (49)	-514 (49)	-664 (62)
O(12)	102 (4)	6031 (4)	2043 (6)	1331 (26)	618 (15)	743 (18)	368 (28)	-526 (35)	-201 (34)
C(13)	3746 (4)	2753 (4)	7627 (6)	282 (13)	555 (17)	417 (18)	63 (28)	-93 (24)	7 (25)
C(14)	4315 (4)	4145 (6)	5229 (8)	379 (17)	912 (26)	598 (18)	453 (39)	19 (31)	-121 (37)
O(15)	4847 (3)	1659 (4)	8681 (6)	358 (11)	845 (17)	761 (18)	454 (28)	24 (24)	291 (22)

related as required by the tetragonal space group. Several tangent refinement calculations were run, based on different starting symbol values and extending gradually down to reflexions with  $E \geq 1.50$ . The convergence in one run appeared better than in the others although the resulting  $R_{\text{Karle}}$  (Karle & Karle, 1966) value, 0.28, was higher than usual for a correct structure in this laboratory. The  $E$  map which was calculated on the basis of this set of phases showed all but one of the non-hydrogen atoms in the molecule. The last atom was easily located on a difference map.

Refinement was by the block-diagonal least-squares method, minimizing  $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$ . All the hydrogen atoms were located on difference maps and were eventually included in the refinement isotropically. Scattering factor values for C, N and O were those of Hanson, Herman, Lea & Skillman (1964), and those of Stewart, Davidson & Simpson (1965) were used for bonded hydrogen.

Various weighting schemes were employed during the course of refinement to minimize variations of  $\langle w\Delta^2 \rangle$  with  $|F_o|$  or  $\sin^2 \theta$ . The final scheme was  $w = 1/[1 + \{(|F_o| - P_2)/P_1\}^2]$  with  $P_1 = 5.0e$  and  $P_2 = 12.0e$ . Two reflexions, 2,0,16 and 215, were given zero weight during the later cycles because their observed amplitudes appear to be in error, perhaps because of contributions from double reflexions.

Anomalous scattering corrections were introduced for the oxygen atoms when the refinement was nearly complete. The values used ( $\Delta f' = 0$ ,  $\Delta f'' = 0.1$ ) were taken from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1962). Structure factors were calculated for one absolute configuration in the space group  $P4_12_12$  and for the opposite absolute configuration in the enantiomorphous space group  $P4_32_12$ . The conventional  $R$  value was 0.0487 and the weighted  $R\{[\sum w(\Delta F)^2 / \sum wF_o^{2/1/2}]\}$  was 0.0593 for space group  $P4_12_12$ , while for the other space group these values were 0.0491 and 0.0596 respectively. Using Hamilton's (1965) test, the ratio 0.0596/0.0593 is sufficiently greater than unity to reject at the 0.005 significance level the absolute con-

figuration corresponding to space group  $P4_32_12$ . The ten reflexions showing the most significant anomalous dispersion effect, *i.e.* with the largest values of  $[F_c(hkl) - F_c(\bar{h}\bar{k}\bar{l})]^2 / \sigma^2(F_o)$ , showed conventional  $R$  values of 0.020 and 0.025 for the accepted and rejected absolute configurations respectively. One further cycle of least-squares calculations using the correct absolute configuration concluded the refinement. The final  $R$  value for 1089 observed reflexions is 0.0483.

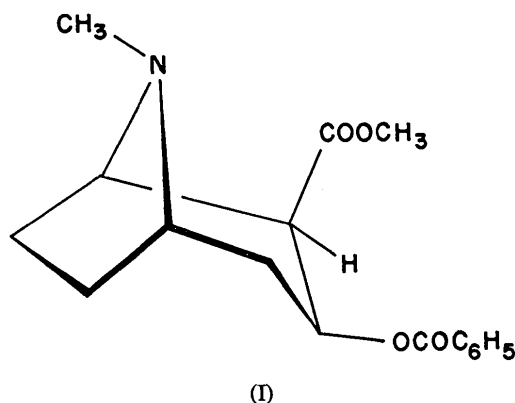
Final parameters and their e.s.d.'s are given in Tables 1 and 2. Observed and calculated structure amplitudes based on these parameters are listed in Table 3. A difference map calculated from the final structure factors showed no density higher than  $0.17 \text{ e.\AA}^{-3}$  or lower than  $-0.15 \text{ e.\AA}^{-3}$ . The calculated standard deviation of the difference density (Cruickshank, 1959) is  $0.042 \text{ e.\AA}^{-3}$ . Of the four peaks more than  $3\sigma$  in height, three are apparently spurious while one may represent  $\pi$  bonding density for the C(10)-O(12) bond.

Table 2. Hydrogen atom parameters and their e.s.d.'s

The number of the carbon atom to which the hydrogen is bonded is obtained by dropping the least significant digit of the hydrogen atom number. The e.s.d.'s of the thermal parameters have been multiplied by 10.

	$x/a$ ( $\times 10^3$ )	$y/b$ ( $\times 10^3$ )	$z/c$ ( $\times 10^4$ )	$B(\text{\AA}^2)$
H(11)	92 (4)	522 (4)	679 (7)	3.7 (6)
H(31)	-132 (4)	108 (4)	216 (6)	3.2 (6)
H(41)	-99 (5)	-92 (5)	552 (7)	4.5 (7)
H(42)	-215 (4)	32 (4)	796 (7)	4.6 (7)
H(51)	169 (4)	-80 (4)	764 (7)	3.8 (7)
H(52)	24 (4)	-126 (5)	1049 (7)	4.8 (7)
H(61)	216 (5)	99 (5)	1223 (7)	4.6 (8)
H(71)	-122 (5)	165 (5)	1283 (8)	5.6 (9)
H(72)	31 (5)	302 (5)	1435 (8)	6.2 (9)
H(81)	-202 (4)	367 (4)	939 (6)	4.1 (7)
H(82)	-78 (4)	506 (4)	1140 (7)	4.7 (7)
H(111)	-81 (9)	296 (8)	-195 (13)	14.6 (18)
H(112)	-91 (7)	480 (7)	-311 (10)	9.2 (13)
H(113)	-231 (9)	334 (9)	-117 (13)	11.7 (18)
H(141)	459 (7)	520 (6)	609 (11)	10.6 (13)
H(142)	546 (6)	378 (6)	464 (10)	8.3 (11)
H(143)	366 (5)	435 (5)	351 (8)	5.3 (9)





### Thermal motion

The anisotropic thermal parameters were used in an analysis of rigid-body motion with the procedure described by Schomaker & Trueblood (1968). Various rigid-body models were used, comprising different combinations of atoms. The best fit between the observed  $U_{ij}$ 's and those calculated from the translation and libration tensors was obtained for the 7-atom model C(1)···C(6), N(9). For this calculation the r.m.s.  $\Delta U_{ij}$  was  $0.0023 \text{ \AA}^2$ , roughly the same as the e.s.d.'s of the observed  $U_{ij}$ 's (see Table 1). Some of the results obtained from this calculation are listed in Table 4. Maximum libration occurs about an axis nearly parallel with the C(4)–C(5) bond. Libration corrections have been calculated for the bond lengths and angles not involving hydrogen atoms; those for the bond angles were in all cases less than the corresponding e.s.d.'s and were therefore omitted. Uncorrected bond lengths and angles with their e.s.d.'s are given in Table 5, while the corrected bond lengths, on which further discussion is based, are shown in Fig. 2. The C(10)–C(11), C(10)–O(12), C(13)–C(14) and C(13)–O(15) bond lengths have been corrected for 'riding motion' using the procedure of Busing & Levy (1964). It appears that the corrections to the C(10)–C(11) and C(10)–O(12) bond lengths may be overestimated. The average C–H bond length is  $0.94 \text{ \AA}$  (e.s.d.  $0.04 \text{ \AA}$ ) and the average of the C–C–H angles [excluding those at C(3)] is  $108.9^\circ$  (e.s.d. about  $2^\circ$ ).

Table 4. Rigid-body vibrational tensors

The L (libration) tensor is referred to the crystal axes  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , while the reduced T (translation) and reduced S (screw) tensors, obtained after S was symmetrized, are referred to the directions of the principal axes of L.

L and direction	$4.86^\circ$	–0.766	0.260	–0.588
cosines	4.01	–0.638	–0.423	0.644
	2.13	–0.081	0.868	0.490
T and direction	$0.209 \text{ \AA}$	0.525	–0.833	0.175
cosines	0.192	0.312	–0.003	–0.950
	0.161	0.792	0.554	0.258
S and direction	0.004	0.725	–0.400	–0.561
cosines	0.000	0.499	0.866	0.027
	–0.004	0.475	–0.299	0.828
E.s.d. of $U_{ij}$			$0.0017 \text{ \AA}^2$	
$[\{U_{ij}(\text{meas}) - U_{ij}(\text{calc})\}^2]^{1/2}$			$0.0023 \text{ \AA}^2$	

Table 5. Bond lengths and angles

(a) Uncorrected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and their e.s.d.'s.

C(1)–C(2)	1.520 (4)
C(1)–C(8)	1.556 (4)
C(1)–N(9)	1.462 (4)
C(2)–C(3)	1.343 (4)
C(2)–C(10)	1.469 (4)
C(3)–C(4)	1.491 (4)
C(4)–C(5)	1.532 (5)
C(5)–C(6)	1.525 (4)
C(6)–C(7)	1.518 (5)
C(6)–N(9)	1.463 (4)
C(7)–C(8)	1.514 (5)
N(9)–C(13)	1.339 (3)
C(10)–C(11)	1.503 (5)
C(10)–O(12)	1.223 (4)
C(13)–C(14)	1.498 (5)
C(13)–O(15)	1.223 (4)

(b) Bond angles ( $^\circ$ ) and their e.s.d.'s.

C(2)–C(1)–C(8)	113.6 (2)
C(2)–C(1)–N(9)	111.5 (2)
C(8)–C(1)–N(9)	102.7 (2)
C(1)–C(2)–C(3)	122.1 (3)
C(1)–C(2)–C(10)	116.0 (2)
C(3)–C(2)–C(10)	121.9 (3)
C(2)–C(3)–C(4)	128.3 (3)
C(3)–C(4)–C(5)	119.5 (3)
C(4)–C(5)–C(6)	116.4 (3)
C(5)–C(6)–C(7)	115.2 (3)
C(5)–C(6)–N(9)	110.7 (2)
C(7)–C(6)–N(9)	102.2 (2)
C(6)–C(7)–C(8)	106.3 (3)
C(1)–C(8)–C(7)	106.2 (3)
C(1)–N(9)–C(6)	109.5 (2)
C(1)–N(9)–C(13)	126.8 (2)
C(6)–N(9)–C(13)	122.8 (2)
C(2)–C(10)–C(11)	121.3 (3)
C(2)–C(10)–O(12)	120.0 (3)
C(11)–C(10)–O(12)	118.8 (3)
N(9)–C(13)–C(14)	117.8 (3)
N(9)–C(13)–O(15)	121.5 (3)
C(14)–C(13)–O(15)	120.7 (3)

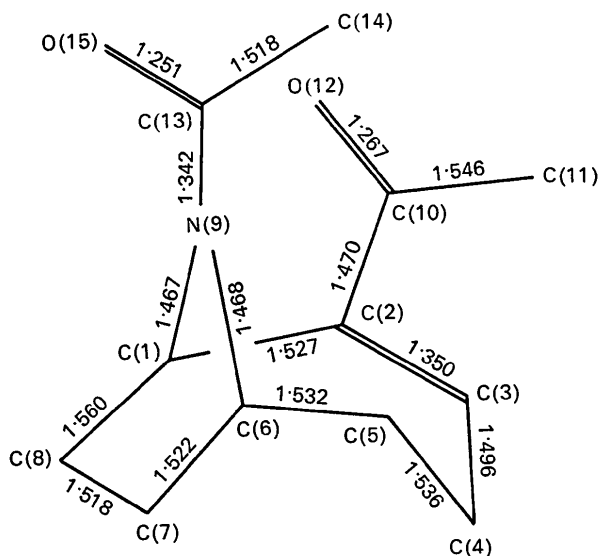


Fig. 2. Bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) including libration corrections.

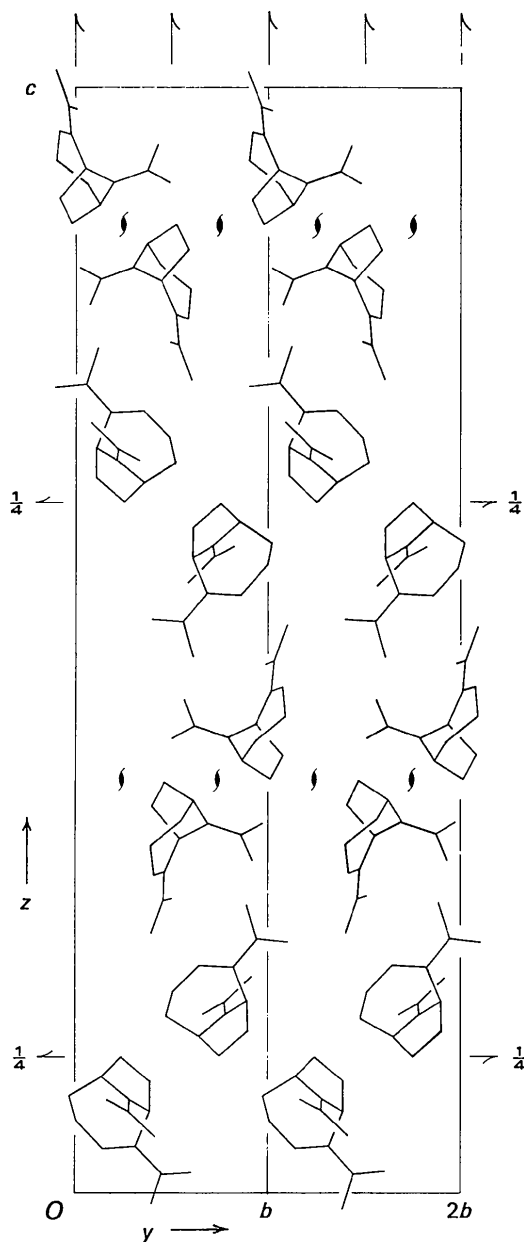


Fig. 3. Projection of the structure down the  $a$  axis.

#### Bond lengths and angles

Most of the bond lengths and angles found in this structure (DAN) are quite normal, but a few require comment. C(1)–C(8) (1.560 Å) is significantly ( $\sim 6\sigma$ ) longer than C(6)–C(7) (1.522 Å), whereas one might have expected them to be equal. A comparable difference has been found in the structure of *L*-cocaine hydrochloride (Gabe & Barnes, 1963) where the corresponding bond lengths are 1.562 and 1.525 Å. Whether this effect is due to the electron-withdrawing groups (acetyl in the present case, carbomethoxy in cocaine) at C(2) is not clear. The equivalent bond lengths in the pyrrolidine ring of scopolamine *N*-oxide

hydrobromide (Huber, Fodor & Mandava, 1971) do not differ significantly. That structure, like cocaine, also has a tropane nucleus, but does not have a side chain on the carbon atom adjacent to the bridgehead. The stretching of the C(1)–C(8) bond is probably not because of H(11)···H(82) repulsion in the present case, as the H(61)···H(72) and H(72)···H(82) distances, 2.20 and 2.11 Å respectively, are both less than the H(11)···H(82) distance (2.32 Å).

In the present structure, bond length C(1)–C(2) (1.527 Å) is significantly longer than C(3)–C(4) (1.496 Å), probably because the C(1)–C(2) bond is between more highly substituted atoms. The N(9)–C(13) bond (1.342 Å) is considerably shorter than the 1.393 Å quoted by Birnbaum (1970) as representing a  $C_{sp^2}$ –N single-bond length, but it is much closer to the value 1.333 Å quoted by Sutton (1965) as a typical value for the C–N bond length in a N–C=O group. This suggests that considerable double-bond character, which the N(9)–C(13) bond clearly shows, is usually found in such cases. The partial double bond character of the N(9)–C(13) bond is also suggested by the near-coplanarity of the C(13), C(14), O(15) acetyl group with C(1), C(6), N(9).

The substitution of the piperidine ring in cocaine by the azacycloheptene ring in DAN increases the distance across the ring at the bridge only slightly, from 2.35 Å in *L*-cocaine hydrochloride (Gabe & Barnes, 1963) to 2.39 Å [C(1)···C(6)] here. This slight increase is reflected in small increases, averaging 2.9°, of the C(1)–C(8)–C(7), C(6)–C(7)–C(8), and C(1)–N(9)–C(6) angles in DAN from values of the corresponding angles in the cocaine structure.

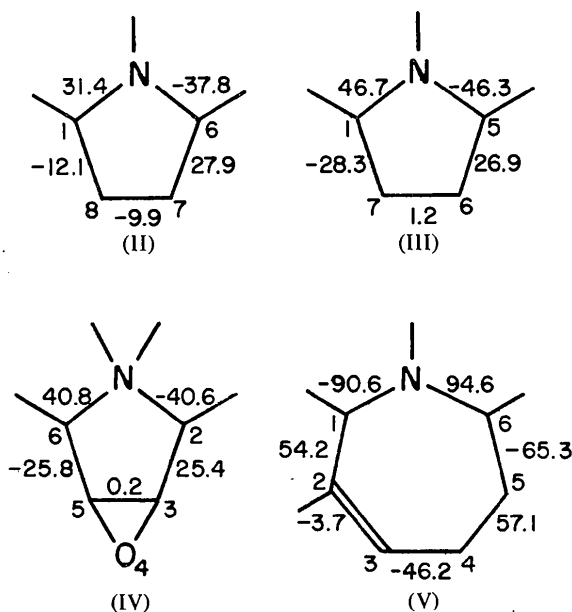
There appears to be considerable attraction between H(11) and O(12) in the present structure. The H(11)···O(12) distance is only 2.18 Å, significantly less than a normal H···O van der Waals contact (2.6 Å). Although the C(1)–C(2)–C(10) angle (116.0°) is comparable with the corresponding C–C–C angle in isobutylene [115.3° (Scharpen & Laurie, 1963)], it is significantly less than the corresponding two angles (118.3 and 118.4°) in all-*trans*-retinal<sub>1</sub> (Hamanaka, Mitsui, Ashida & Kakudo, 1972). Also, the combined electron-withdrawing effects of the *N*-acetyl group and the conjugated double bond and carbonyl group mean that the hydrogen at C(1) is relatively acidic in nature. These factors together suggest that the interaction between H(11) and O(12) is attraction rather than repulsion. H(11)–C(1)–C(2) and H(11)–C(1)–C(8) angles, 103 and 112° respectively, are at least consistent with this hypothesis, although they cannot be considered very significant proof. The C(1)–H(11)···O(12) angle is 115°; a similar value (112.9°) has been observed in the structure of hydroxyproline determined by neutron diffraction (Koetzle, Lehmann & Hamilton, 1972; Koetzle, 1971) for the N–H···O angle. In that structure the H···O distance is 2.08 Å, and an intramolecular hydrogen bond is quite definitely present. In the *L*-cocaine hydrochloride structure (Gabe & Barnes, 1963) there

is also a relatively short intramolecular H...O distance (2.41 Å) between the hydrogen atom attached to C(1) and the ether oxygen of the adjacent carbomethoxy group. It may be that this H...O interaction in the two structures is also a factor in the difference of the two C-C bond lengths in the pyrrolidine ring discussed earlier.

The opening of the C(2)-C(3)-C(4) angle in DAN (to 128.3°) serves to increase the H(42)...H(71) distance to a normal van der Waals contact value, 2.37 Å. The H(42)...H(81) distance is 2.53 Å. O(15) in the *N*-acetyl group does not seem to be attracted towards H(61). The H(61)...O(15) distance is 2.52 Å, the C(6)-N(9)-C(13) angle is 122.8°, and the N(9)-C(6)-H(61) angle is 111°.

### Conformation

The pyrrolidine ring is approximately envelope-shaped, with C(1), C(6), C(7), C(8) coplanar within 0.06 Å and N(9) displaced 0.49 Å from the mean plane. The azacycloheptene ring has a distorted chair form. C(1), C(2), C(3), C(4) are significantly non-planar ( $\chi^2 = 63.1$ ) and the dihedral angle between that mean plane and the plane defined by C(5), C(6), N(9) is 20.0°. Torsional angles within the pyrrolidine ring show more asymmetry in the DAN structure (II) than in cocaine hydrochloride (III) or scopolamine *N*-oxide hydrobromide (IV). Torsional angles for the azacycloheptene ring in DAN are also shown (V). The sign convention is that of Klyne & Prelog (1960).



As expected in a conjugated double-bond system, the C(10), C(11), O(12) acetyl group is nearly coplanar with C(1), C(2), C(3). The dihedral angle between those two planes is 3.9°, while the other acetyl group is bent out of the C(1), C(6), N(9) plane by 6.9°, toward C(3).

### Packing arrangement

The molecular packing is shown in Fig. 3. None of the intermolecular contacts is shorter than the corresponding van der Waals distance.

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