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# Dendrosterone, a Stigmastane-Type Steroid 

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#### Abstract

C}_{29} \mathrm{H}_{44} \mathrm{O}_{5}\), monoclinic, $P 2_{1}, a=17.551$ (2), $b$ $=7.280$ (1), $c=10.654$ (3) $\AA, \beta=104.64$ (1) ${ }^{\circ}, Z=$ $2, V=1317.4 \AA^{3}, \rho_{c}=1 \cdot 19 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$. Dendrosterone has been isolated as a glucoside from Dendrobium ochreatum Lindl. The X-ray determination proved that dendrosterone has a steroid skeleton.


Introduction. Dendrosterone has been isolated as a glucoside from Dendrobium ochreatum Lindl. (Behr, Berg, Karlsson, Leander, Pilotti \& Wiehager, 1975). Detailed spectroscopic studies and chemical degradation of dendrosterone indicated that it must have either a steroid or a triterpene skeleton, but all attempts to determine a complete structure were unsuccessful. An X-ray analysis of dendrosterone was therefore undertaken. Three-dimensional data were collected from a crystal of approximate volume $0.002 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$; a Philips PW 1100 diffractometer, graphite-monochromated $\mathrm{Cu} K \propto$ radiation, and a $\theta-2 \theta$ scan procedure were used. Intensities were measured for all independent reflexions with $2 \theta \leq 140^{\circ}$. Of these, 1697 reflexions had $I_{\text {net }} \geq 3 \sigma\left(I_{\text {net }}\right)$ and were used in the structure refinement. The usual Lorentz and polarization corrections were applied to the data. Lattice constants were obtained from least-squares refinement of the $2 \theta$ angles for 25 reflexions.

The structure has been solved with the multisolution program MULTAN of Germain, Main \& Woolfson (1971). A number of $E$ maps gave probable partial structures (the $A, B$ and $C$ ring system, see Fig. 2) located in different parts of the unit cell. Phases from one of these partial structures could be used as a basic set for further refinements. The structure was refined by a least-squares procedure with the weighting scheme of Hughes (1941). Except for the H atom bonded to $O(21)$, which could not be located, the positions of the

H atoms were partly deduced from a difference synthesis and partly estimated from chemical considerations. The H positional and thermal parameters

Table 1. Positional parameters $\left(\times 10^{4}\right)$ of the nonhydrogen atoms with e.s.d.'s in parentheses

|  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| C(1) | $6260(3)$ | $10816(10)$ | $3526(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $7110(3)$ | $10991(11)$ | $3429(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $7558(3)$ | $9196(11)$ | $3761(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $7162(3)$ | $7670(11)$ | $2902(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $6308(3)$ | $7445(9)$ | $2986(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $5872(3)$ | $5885(10)$ | $2200(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)$ | $5064(3)$ | $5519(10)$ | $2384(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $4560(3)$ | 7273 | $2204(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)$ | $5012(3)$ | $8852(9)$ | $3028(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)$ | $5806(3)$ | $9244(10)$ | $2683(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $4500(3)$ | $10563(10)$ | $3028(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $3715(3)$ | $10114(10)$ | $3365(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $3254(3)$ | $8640(10)$ | $2461(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $3787(3)$ | $6938(10)$ | $2603(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $3234(4)$ | $5417(11)$ | $1912(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $2446(4)$ | $5857(10)$ | $2244(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(17)$ | $2548(3)$ | $7805(0)$ | $2900(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(18)$ | $2975(3)$ | $9372(12)$ | $1081(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(19)$ | $5675(3)$ | $9768(11)$ | $1250(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(20)$ | $8358(2)$ | $9359(10)$ | $3695(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(21)$ | $6152(3)$ | $4967(10)$ | $1481(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(22)$ | $1760(3)$ | $8835(0)$ | $2613(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(23)$ | $1810(4)$ | $10686(11)$ | $3329(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(24)$ | $1140(3)$ | $7700(10)$ | $3021(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(25)$ | $1274(2)$ | $7009(9)$ | $4090(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(26)$ | $358(3)$ | $7529(10)$ | $2055(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(27)$ | $-265(3)$ | $6486(0)$ | $2532(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(28)$ | $-64(3)$ | $4426(10)$ | $2744(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(29)$ | $-460(4)$ | $3576(11)$ | $1484(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(30)$ | $-1007(2)$ | $4695(9)$ | $784(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(31)$ | $-1067(3)$ | $6386(10)$ | $1532(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(32)$ | $-353(5)$ | $3543(12)$ | $3828(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(33)$ | $-348(3)$ | $2062(9)$ | $1093(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(34)$ | $-1296(4)$ | $7952(11)$ | $620(7)$ |
|  |  |  |  |

Table 2. Positional $\left(\times 10^{3}\right)$ and isotropic thermal $\left(\times 10^{2}\right)$ parameters of the hydrogen atoms

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $B\left(\AA^{2}\right)$ |  | $x$ | $\underline{ }$ | $z$ | $B\left(\AA^{2}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| H1(C1) | 621 | 1055 | 436 | 372 | H1(C18) | 276 | 857 | 29 | 444 |
| H2(C1) | 600 | 1212 | 336 | 372 | H2(C18) | 353 | 948 | 94 | 444 |
| H1(C2) | 718 | 1147 | 254 | 447 | H3(C18) | 282 | 1068 | 83 | 444 |
| H2(C2) | 764 | 1188 | 410 | 447 | H1(C19) | 592 | 910 | 63 | 364 |
| $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{C} 3)$ | 757 | 897 | 460 | 369 | H2(C19) | 507 | 924 | 90 | 364 |
| $\mathrm{Hl}(\mathrm{C} 4)$ | 719 | 788 | 213 | 394 | H3(C19) | 558 | 1102 | 90 | 364 |
| $\mathrm{H} 2(\mathrm{C} 4)$ | 747 | 650 | 309 | 394 | $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{C} 22)$ | 163 | 895 | 170 | 299 |
| H(C5) | 628 | 712 | 393 | 296 | H1(C23) | 213 | 1160 | 301 | 555 |
| H1(C7) | 487 | 481 | 187 | 411 | H2(C23) | 204 | 1032 | 425 | 555 |
| $\mathrm{H} 2(\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 511 | 507 | 333 | 411 | H3(C23) | 142 | 1107 | 322 | 555 |
| H (C8) | 431 | 748 | 131 | 218 | H1(C26) | 40 | 715 | 122 | 350 |
| H(C9) | 514 | 839 | 392 | 288 | H2(C26) | 22 | 870 | 170 | 350 |
| H1(C11) | 444 | 1099 | 228 | 433 | $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{C} 27)$ | -34 | 687 | 333 | 272 |
| H2(C11) | 481 | 1159 | 345 | 433 | H(C28) | 49 | 439 | 276 | 358 |
| H 1 (C12) | 338 | 1126 | 329 | 395 | H(C31) | -163 | 598 | 190 | 328 |
| H2(C12) | 383 | 966 | 429 | 395 | H1(C32) | -21 | 435 | 450 | 532 |
| H (C14) | 398 | 653 | 354 | 310 | H2(C32) | -105 | 360 | 360 | 532 |
| H1(C15) | 304 | 538 | 71 | 480 | H3(C32) | -21 | 240 | 429 | 532 |
| H2(C15) | 351 | 406 | 197 | 480 | H1(C34) | -103 | 804 | 13 | 477 |
| H1(C16) | 219 | 482 | 258 | 442 | H2(C34) | -140 | 911 | 194 | 477 |
| H2(C16) | 207 | 586 | 136 | 442 | H3(C34) | -177 | 770 | 11 | 477 |
| H(C17) | 264 | 767 | 368 | 269 |  |  |  |  |  |




Fig. 1. A stereoscopic view of the molecule. H atoms have been omitted. The O atoms are represented by shaded ellipsoids.

(a)

(b)

Fig. 2. (a) Bond distances $(\AA)$ and (b) bond angles $\left(^{\circ}\right)$ in the molecule.
were held constant throughout the refinement. The isotropic thermal parameters for the H atoms were chosen to be equal to those of the final isotropic value of their parent atoms. The atomic scattering factors for
non-hydrogen atoms are those listed in International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1962) and for H that of Stewart, Davidson \& Simpson (1965). The final $R$ value is 0.053 . The positional parameters of the non-

Table 3. Torsion angles $\left(^{\circ}\right)$ in the molecule

| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 57.4 | $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $-50 \cdot 5$ | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(24)$ | $175 \cdot 2$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)$ | $-56 \cdot 6$ | C(9)-C(8)-C(14)-C(13) | 57.6 | $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(24)$ | $55 \cdot 1$ |
| C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-C(10) | 55.1 | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | -61.5 | $\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(24)-\mathrm{C}(26)$ | $-132 \cdot 2$ |
| C(4)-C(5)-C(10)-C(1) | -51.2 | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 58.2 | $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(24)-\mathrm{C}(26)-\mathrm{C}(27)$ | $-176.2$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 50.9 | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | -55.0 | $\mathrm{C}(24)-\mathrm{C}(26)-\mathrm{C}(27)-\mathrm{C}(28)$ | 67.9 |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | -55.4 | $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $50 \cdot 8$ | $\mathrm{C}(24)-\mathrm{C}(26)-\mathrm{C}(27)-\mathrm{C}(31)$ | 178.2 |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 51.8 | $\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 48.5 | $\mathrm{C}(27)-\mathrm{C}(28)-\mathrm{C}(29)-\mathrm{O}(30)$ | $-17.7$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | -50.3 | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | -36.4 | $\mathrm{C}(28)-\mathrm{C}(29)-\mathrm{O}(30)-\mathrm{C}(31)$ | $-3.0$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 57.4 | C(14)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17) | 9.8 | $\mathrm{C}(29)-\mathrm{O}(30)-\mathrm{C}(31)-\mathrm{C}(27)$ | 22.5 |
| C(8)-C(9)-C(10)-C(5) | $-61 \cdot 1$ | $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | 19.7 | $\mathrm{O}(30)-\mathrm{C}(31)-\mathrm{C}(27)-\mathrm{C}(28)$ | -31.2 |
| C(9)-C(10)-C(5)-C(6) | 58.9 | C(16)-C(17)-C(13)-C(14) | $-41 \cdot 0$ | $\mathrm{C}(31)-\mathrm{C}(27)-\mathrm{C}(28)-\mathrm{C}(29)$ | 29.6 |
| C(10)-C(5)-C(6)-C(7) | $-56 \cdot 6$ |  |  |  |  |




Fig. 3. A stereoscopic view of the molecular packing. The origin is at the bottom left corner of the cell, with $+a$ pointing to the right and $+b$ upwards. The $c$ axis is directed towards the reader.
hydrogen atoms are listed in Table 1 and those for the H atoms in Table 2.*

Discussion. The result of the structure determination of (I) is illustrated in Fig. 1. Fig. 2 shows the bond lengths and angles involving the non-hydrogen atoms. Standard deviations, based solely on least-squares parameters, are of the order of $0.008 \AA$ for the bonds and $0.5^{\circ}$ for the angles. A wide range of $\mathrm{C}\left(s p^{3}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(s p^{3}\right)$ bond lengths is found ( 1.496 to $1.571 \AA$ ). This is probably due both to interaction between non-bonded neighbouring substituents and to the ring closure.

(I)

The four rings $A, B, C$ and $D$ are trans-fused. As shown by the intra-ring torsion angles (Table 3) the $A$,

[^0]$B$ and $C$ rings have chair conformations, and the fouratom group $C(5), C(6), C(7), O(21)$ shows small deviations from planarity, maximally $0.005 \AA$. The conformation of the $D$ ring is intermediate between a half-chair and a $C(13)$-envelope, as shown by the parameters $\Delta=11.0^{\circ}$ and $\varphi_{m}=48.7^{\circ}$ (Altona, Geise \& Romers, 1968) and by the torsion angles ( $c f$. Table 3 ). The conformations of the $C(17)$ side chain and the $\gamma$-lactone ring are also given in Table 3. The group $\mathrm{C}(22), \mathrm{C}(24), \mathrm{O}(25), \mathrm{C}(26)$ is planar within $0.009 \AA$. The $\gamma$-lactone ring has a $\mathrm{C}(27)$-envelope conformation, as shown by the torsion angle $\mathrm{C}(28)-\mathrm{C}(29)-\mathrm{O}(30)-$ $C(21)=-3.0^{\circ}$. The atom $C(27)$ deviates by $0.52 \AA$ from the plane defined by the other four atoms, which are coplanar within $0.016 \AA$. The atom group $C(28)$, $\mathrm{C}(29), \mathrm{O}(30), \mathrm{O}(33)$ is planar within $0.009 \AA$.

The arrangement of molecules is shown in Fig. 3. Molecules related by the twofold screw axis are weakly hydrogen bonded to one another, the hydroxyl group of one donating a proton to form a hydrogen bond with the carbonyl $O$ atom of the next. The distance $\mathrm{O}(28) \cdots \mathrm{O}(25)$ is $2.99 \AA$.

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# Eremofortin D, a Valencane-Class Sesquiterpene 

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Abstract. $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{O}_{6}$, monoclinic, $P 2_{1}, a=11.253$ (3), $b=6.341$ (3), $c=11.539$ (5) $\AA, \beta=93.0(2)^{\circ}, Z=2$. The structure was solved by direct methods and refined to $R=5.7 \%$. The molecule is characterized by two trans ring junctions.

Introduction. A single crystal of eremofortin D, grown from ethyl acetate-CCl ${ }_{4}$, was mounted on a Philips PW 1100 automatic diffractometer. 1565 reflexions were measured with $\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha$ radiation, monozhromated with a graphite crystal. The structure was solved by MULTAN (Germain, Main \& Woolfson, 1971). The E map corresponding to the best figure of merit gave all the heavy atoms. Refinement was carried out by fullmatrix least squares using a modified version of ORFLS (Busing, Martin \& Levy, 1962). The thermal parameters of the non-hydrogen atoms were anisotropic. All H atoms were introduced in the refinement procedure at their positions found in electron-density difference maps. Their thermal factors were kept isotropic at the values of the atoms to which they were bonded.

The scattering factors were those of Doyle \& Turner (1968) for heavy atoms, and those of Stewart, Davidson \& Simpson (1965) for H atoms.

The final $R$ was $5 \cdot 7 \%$. Fractional coordinates for the heavy atoms are given in Table 1 and those for H in Table 2.*

[^1]Discussion. Eremofortin D has been isolated from a culture of Penicillium roqueforti as previously reported (Moreau, Gaudemer, Lablache-Combier \& Biguet, 1976): m.p. $209-211^{\circ} \mathrm{C},|a|_{\mathrm{D}}=+91^{\circ}(c=1 \cdot 17 \%$, $\left.\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;(\varphi)_{589}=+282^{\circ},(\varphi)_{578}=+295^{\circ},(\varphi)_{546}=$ $+334^{\circ},(\varphi)_{436}=+570^{\circ},(\varphi)_{365}=+891^{\circ} ; M_{r}=324 \cdot 36$.

Table 1. Fractional coordinates $\left(\times 10^{4}\right)$ for the heavy atoms
The e.s.d.'s are given in parentheses.

| C(1) | 6119 (3) | 13608 (7) | 816 (3) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C(2) | 5168 (3) | 14545 (7) | 1471 (3) |
| C(3) | 5160 (3) | 14339 (7) | 2767 (3) |
| C(4) | 6333 (3) | 13500 (6) | 3333 (3) |
| C(5) | 6884 (3) | 11646 (6) | 2657 (3) |
| C(6) | 8108 (3) | 11042 (6) | 3266 (3) |
| C(7) | 8738 (3) | 9553 (7) | 2523 (3) |
| C(8) | 8920 (3) | 10257 (6) | 1287 (3) |
| C(9) | 7754 (3) | 10869 (7) | 662 (3) |
| C(10) | 7155 (3) | 12501 (7) | 1437 (3) |
| C(11) | 9621 (3) | 7874 (7) | 2766 (3) |
| C(12) | 10246 (4) | 7532 (8) | 1670 (4) |
| C(13) | 10189 (4) | 7274 (9) | 3913 (3) |
| C(14) | 6188 (3) | 13089 (7) | 4633 (3) |
| C(15) | 6076 (3) | 9698 (6) | 2624 (3) |
| C(16) | 3088 (3) | 13750 (8) | 2954 (4) |
| C(17) | 2197 (4) | 12127 (11) | 3299 (5) |
| O(1) | 4952 (2) | 12619 (6) | 804 (3) |
| O(2) | 8373 (2) | 7342 (5) | 2556 (3) |
| O(3) | 9718 (2) | 11993 (0) | 1415 (2) |
| O(4) | 9502 (2) | 8528 (5) | 761 (2) |
| O(5) | 4192 (2) | 12966 (5) | 3080 (3) |
| O (6) | 2864 (3) | 15496 (7) | 2627 (4) |


[^0]:    * Lists of structure factors and anisotropic thermal parameters of the non-hydrogen atoms have been deposited with the British Library Lending Division as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 32706 ( 4 pp .). Copies may be obtained through The Executive Secretary, International Union of Crystallography, 13 White Friars, Chester CH1 1NZ, England.

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