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# Antiviral Nucleic Acid Derivatives. 

# II.* Crystal Structure of 5-Vinyl-2'-deoxyuridine 

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$\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ is orthorhombic, space group $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$, with $a=4.861$ (5), $b=16.70$ (1), $c=14.01$ (1) $\AA, Z=$ 4. The structure was refined by least squares calculations to $R=5.9 \%$ for 748 observed counter amplitudes. The pyrimidine ring is planar with the vinyl group inclined at $12^{\circ}$ to it and the glycosidic torsion angle is $39^{\circ}$ (anti conformation). The sugar ring has the $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$-exo conformation, and the arrangement about $\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ is such that $\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ is oriented gauche-trans with respect to $\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ and $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$.

## Introduction

The 5-substituted uracils and the corresponding nucleosides have recently attracted attention because of their antiviral activity. 5-Vinyl-2'-deoxyuridine first appeared in the literature in 1975, having been prepared by two different routes (Sharma \& Bobek, 1975; Barwölff \& Langen, 1975a). Since then studies have been made of its antiviral characteristics (Cheng, Domin, Sharma \& Bobek, 1976; de Clercq, 1977) and also its mode of action (Barwölff \& Langen, 1975b).

Interest in the title compound in this laboratory has stemmed not only from its potential antiviral activity, but also from its ability to replace thymidine in the DNA of some organisms (Jones \& Walker, 1975).

## Experimental

Suitable crystals were obtained from methanol-water. Cell dimensions and intensities were measured on a Stoe two-circle computer-controlled diffractometer with

[^0]graphite-monochromated Mo $K$ radiation and a scintillation counter. The $\omega$-scan technique was employed with a scan speed of $0.6^{\circ} \mathrm{min}^{-1}$ and 30 s background counts at the beginning and end of each scan. For layers 0 kl and $1 \mathrm{kl}, \Delta \omega$ was $1.4^{\circ}$ and for the higher layers it was calculated from $\left(A+B \sin \mu / \tan \theta^{\prime}\right)^{\circ}$, where $\mu$ is the equi-inclination angle, $2 \theta^{\prime}$ is the azimuth angle, and $A$ and $B$ were assigned the values of 1.0 and $0 \cdot 5$. 1644 reflexions were scanned, of which $748[I>$ $2 \cdot 5 \sigma(I)$ ] were used in the analysis.

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}, \quad M_{r}=254 \cdot 2$, orthorhombic, $a=$ 4.861 (5), $b=16.70$ (1), $c=14.01$ (1) $\AA, U=1137$ $\AA^{3}, Z=4, D_{c}=1.485 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}, F(000)=536$. Systematic absences: $h 00, h$ odd; $0 k 0, k$ odd; $00 l, l$ odd. Space group $P 22_{1} 2_{1}$. Mo $K$ r radiation, $\lambda=$ $0.71069 \AA$ A $; \mu\left(\right.$ Mo $K(r)=0.75 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$.

## Structure determination

The structure was solved by direct methods with SHELX (Sheldrick, 1975), the $E$ map revealing the

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates $\left(\times 10^{4}\right)$
Table 2. Molecular dimensions
(a) Bond lengths ( $\AA$ )

| N(1)-C(2) | $1 \cdot 38$ (1) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | 1.51(1) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 1.22(1) | $\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ | 1.52 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | 1.37 (1) | $\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ | 1.53 (2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 1.36 (1) | $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{O}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ | 1.42 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 1.23 (1) | $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)$ | 1.52 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 1.47 (1) | $\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ | 1.50 (2) |
| C(5)--C(7) | 1.44 (2) | $\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ | 1.45 (1) |
| C(7)--C(8) | 1.27 (2) | $\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | 1.47 (1) |
| C(5)-C(6) | 1.36 (1) | $\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | 1.43 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 1.36 (1) |  |  |
| $N(3)-H\|N(3)\|$ | $0 \cdot 8$ (1) | $\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{H} 2\left\|\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)\right\|$ | 1.0 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{H}\|\mathrm{C}(6)\|$ | 1.0 (1) | $\left.\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{H} \mid \mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)\right]$ | 1.0 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{H}\|\mathrm{C}(7)\|$ | $0 \cdot 9$ (1) | $\mathrm{O}\left(3^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{H}\left\|\mathrm{O}\left(3^{\prime}\right)\right\|$ | 0.7 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{H}\| \| \mathrm{C}(8) \mid$ | $0 \cdot 9$ (1) | $\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{H}\left[\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)\right]$ | 1.0 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{H} 2\|\mathrm{C}(8)\|$ | $1 \cdot 1$ (1) | $\left.\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{H} 1 \mid \mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)\right]$ | $1 \cdot 1$ (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{H}\left\|\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)\right\|$ | 0.9 (1) | $\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{H} 2\left\|\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)\right\|$ | 1.0 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{H} \\|\left\|\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)\right\|$ | 0.9 (1) | $\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{H}\left[\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)\right]$ | $0 \cdot 7$ (1) |

(b) Bond angles; mean estimated standard deviation $1.0^{\circ}$

| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 121.8 | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | $124 \cdot 6$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | 121.6 | $\mathrm{~N}(1)-\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | $107 \cdot 8$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | $116 \cdot 6$ | $\mathrm{~N}(1)-\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ | $114 \cdot 3$ |
| $\mathrm{~N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | $113 \cdot 6$ | $\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ | $107 \cdot 1$ |
| $\mathrm{~N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 124.3 | $\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ | $102 \cdot 0$ |
| $\mathrm{~N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $122 \cdot 1$ | $\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)$ | $102 \cdot 6$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $128 \cdot 6$ | $\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{O}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ | $111 \cdot 6$ |
| $\mathrm{~N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $115 \cdot 5$ | $\mathrm{O}\left(3^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)$ | $108 \cdot 1$ |
| $\mathrm{~N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 120.9 | $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ | $113 \cdot 1$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $123 \cdot 6$ | $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | $104 \cdot 3$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $116 \cdot 0$ | $\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ | $112 \cdot 5$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 119.2 | $\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ | $107 \cdot 3$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 124.8 | $\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | 109.6 |

$C(5)-C(7)-C(8) \quad 129.6$
(c) Selected torsion angles. The sign convention is as defined by Klyne \& Prelog (1960).

| $C\left(1^{\prime}\right)-C\left(2^{\prime}\right)-C\left(3^{\prime}\right)-C\left(4^{\prime}\right)$ | $-36 \cdot 9$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| $C\left(2^{\prime}\right)-C\left(3^{\prime}\right)-C\left(4^{\prime}\right)-O\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | $34 \cdot 3$ |
| $C\left(3^{\prime}\right)-C\left(4^{\prime}\right)-O\left(1^{\prime}\right)-C\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | $-18 \cdot 3$ |
| $C\left(4^{\prime}\right)-O\left(1^{\prime}\right)-C\left(1^{\prime}\right)-C\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ | $-5 \cdot 5$ |
| $O\left(1^{\prime}\right)-C\left(1^{\prime}\right)-C\left(2^{\prime}\right)-C\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ | $26 \cdot 7$ |
| $O\left(1^{\prime}\right)-C\left(4^{\prime}\right)-C\left(5^{\prime}\right)-O\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ | $52 \cdot 4$ |
| $C\left(3^{\prime}\right)-C\left(4^{\prime}\right)-C\left(5^{\prime}\right)-O\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ | 170.2 |
| $O\left(3^{\prime}\right)-C\left(3^{\prime}\right)-C\left(4^{\prime}\right)-C\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ | $153 \cdot 9$ |
| $O\left(1^{\prime}\right) C\left(1^{\prime}\right)-N(1)-C(6)$ | $38 \cdot 7$ |



Fig. 1. Stereoscopic view of the nucleoside.
$5.9 \%$. Final atomic coordinates are in Table 1.* The weighting scheme was $w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}(F)\right]$, where $\sigma(F)$ is the standard deviation in the observed amplitudes based on counting statistics.

## Results and discussion

The stereochemistry of the molecule is illustrated in Fig. 1, which also shows the numbering of the atoms. Molecular dimensions are in Table 2 and the results of mean-plane calculations in Table 3.

## Packing and hydrogen bonding

The arrangement of the molecules in the unit cell is shown in Fig. 2, and the shorter intermolecular contact distances are listed in Table 4. All the H atoms linked to N and O take part in hydrogen bonding forming an infinite three-dimensional network.
$\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ of the reference molecule donates a H atom

* Lists of observed and calculated structure amplitudes and anisotropic thermal parameters have been deposited with the British Library Lending Division as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 33254 ( 7 pp.). Copies may be obtained through The Executive Secretary, International Union of Crystallography, 13 White Friars, Chester CHI INZ, England.


## Table 3. Mean-plane calculations with deviations $(\AA)$ of atoms from least-squares planes

Distances marked with an asterisk refer to atoms defining the plane.

|  | (I) | (II) | (III) | (IV) | (V) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N(1) | 0.007* |  | 0.859 | $1 \cdot 110$ | $1 \cdot 116$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)$ | -0.006* |  |  |  |  |
| N(3) | -0.002* |  |  |  |  |
| C(4) | 0.009* | 0.286 |  |  |  |
| C(5) | -0.009* | 0* |  |  |  |
| C(6) | 0.001* | -0.236 |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 0.010 |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 0.027 |  |  |  |  |
| C(7) | -0.025 | 0* |  |  |  |
| C(8) | 0.177 | $0^{*}$ |  |  |  |
| C(1') | 0.027 |  | -0.104* | -0.030* | 0* |
| C( $2^{\prime}$ ) |  |  | 0.207* | $0.018{ }^{*}$ | 0.139 |
| C( $3^{\prime}$ ) |  |  | -0.233* | -0.572 | -0.462 |
| C(4') |  |  | 0.169* | --0.019* | 0* |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(\mathrm{I}^{\prime}\right)$ |  |  | -0.038* | 0.031** | $0^{*}$ |
| C( $5^{\prime}$ ) |  |  | 1.573 | 1.317 | 1.337 |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ |  |  | 1.901 | 1.827 | 1.759 |

Equations of planes ( $x, y$ and $z$ are in $\AA$ )
(I) $0.6974 x+0.0335 y-0.7160 z=-2.6011$
(II) $0.6503 x-0.1758 y-0.7390 z=-2.9871$
(III) $-0.9401 x-0.0395 y-0.3386 z=-1.7343$
(IV) $-0.8739 x-0.1639 y-0.4576 z=-1.9555$
(V) $-0.9027 x-0.1624 y-0.3985 z=-1.7039$

Interplanar angles

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\begin{array}{llll}
\text { (I)-(II) } & 12.4^{\circ} & \text { (I)-(III) } & 65.5^{\circ}
\end{array}
$$

forming a hydrogen bond with $\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ at $\frac{1}{2}+x,-\frac{1}{2}-y$, $1-z$, of length $2.76 \AA . \mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ also acts as an acceptor in the symmetry-related hydrogen bond with $\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ at $-\frac{1}{2}+x,-\frac{1}{2}-y, \quad 1-z$. The other hydrogen bonds involve interactions $\mathrm{O}\left(3^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}(4)$ and $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ so that $\mathrm{O}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ also acts both as a donor and as an acceptor. All other contacts correspond to normal van der Waals interactions.

## Stereochemistry and conformation of the molecule

(a) The pyrimidine base. The pyrimidine ring is planar to well within the limits of experimental error. The substituents all lie close to the plane of the ring. This is somewhat unusual since $\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ is generally displaced by ca $0 \cdot 1 \AA$ from this plane in other nucleo-


Fig. 2. The contents of the unit cell projected along $x$. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

Table 4. The shorter intermolecular contact distances ( $\AA$ )
For contacts between the heavier atoms distances up to $3.4 \AA$ are listed; for those involving H atoms, distances up to $2 \cdot 3 \AA$ are shown.

| $\mathrm{O}\left(3^{\prime}\right) \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(4^{\mathrm{i}}\right)$ | 2.75 | $\mathrm{~N}(3) \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(3^{\prime \text { iii }}\right)$ | 2.87 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right) \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime \text { ii }}\right)$ | 2.76 | $\mathrm{O}(2) \cdots \mathrm{C}\left(8^{\prime}\right)$ | 3.19 |
| $\mathrm{H}\left\|\mathrm{O}\left(3^{\prime}\right)\right\| \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(4^{\mathrm{i}}\right)$ | 2.08 | $\mathrm{H}\|\mathrm{N}(3)\| \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(3^{\prime \text { iii }}\right)$ | 2.10 |
| $\mathrm{H}\left\|\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)\right\| \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ | 2.13 |  |  |

Symmetry code
$\begin{array}{lrrr}\text { (i) } & \frac{1}{2}-x, & -y, & -\frac{1}{2}+z \\ \text { (ii) } & \frac{1}{2}+x, & -\frac{1}{2}-y, & 1-z \\ \text { (iii) } & -x, & \frac{1}{2}+y, & \frac{1}{2}-z\end{array}$
sides (Young \& Morris, 1973). The vinyl group is inclined at $12^{\circ}$ to the pyrimidine ring.

Bond lengths and angles agree quite well with averaged values for uridines published by Voet \& Rich (1970) and with those in thymidine (Young, Tollin \& Wilson, 1969), $2^{\prime}$-deoxyuridine (Rahman \& Wilson, 1972) and 5 -chloro- $2^{\prime}$-deoxyuridine (Young \& Morris, 1973). Our bond-length and angle measurements are not, however, sufficiently accurate (e.s.d.'s $0.01-0.02$ $\AA$ for lengths, $1^{\circ}$ for angles) to discuss these in detail. In particular it does not seem possible to decide whether there is any conjugation between the vinyl group and the pyrimidine ring, or whether the shortness ( $1.27 \AA$ ) of $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ is significant.
(b) The deoxyribose residue. To a good approximation the sugar ring can be described in terms of the envelope conformation. $\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right), \mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right), \mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)$ and $\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ are coplanar to within $\pm 0.03 \AA$ and $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ is displaced by $0.57 \AA$ from the four-atom plane, on the opposite side to $\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$. The sugar therefore has the $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$-exo conformation, ${ }_{3} E$ (Sundaralingam, 1975). Alternatively its conformation can be described as a half-chair, $\mathrm{C}\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ and $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ being displaced by 0.14 and $0.46 \AA$ on opposite sides of the three-atom plane defined by $\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$, $\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)$ and $\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$, denoted ${ }_{3} T^{2}$ (Sundaralingam, 1975). The ${ }_{3} E$ pucker is unusual for the sugar rings of $2^{\prime}$ deoxy nucleosides, although thymidine and deoxyadenosine (Watson, Sutor \& Tollin, 1965) also have this conformation.

The conformation about $\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ is gauchetrans as defined by torsion angles $\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)-$ $\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)=52^{\circ}$ and $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right)=$ $170^{\circ}$. A similar conformation occurs in thymidine and 5 -chloro- and 5 -bromo- ${ }^{2}$-deoxyuridine (Iball, Morgan \& Wilson, 1966). Bond lengths and angles agree to within the limits of experimental error with those determined for the deoxyribose residues of other nucleosides. As usual, $\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ is shorter than $\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)-$ $\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$, the difference in this case being $0.04 \AA$.
(c) The glycosidic link. The conformation about the glycosidic bond is anti (Sundaralingam, 1969), the torsion angle $\mathrm{O}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ being $39^{\circ}$. This compares with 26 and $28^{\circ}$ for the two independent molecules in the crystal structure of $2^{\prime}$-deoxyuridine, $39^{\circ}$ for thymidine and with angles in the range 42-63 ${ }^{\circ}$ for the 5 -halogeno- $2^{\prime}$-deoxyuridines.
(d) Overall conformation. The main conformational parameters which define the shape of the molecule are the torsion angles about the glycosidic bond and $\mathrm{C}\left(4^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ of the sugar residue, and the nature of the sugar-ring pucker. In the present case, in standard nomenclature (Sundaralingam, 1975), the conformation is anti, gauche-trans ( $t$ ), $\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ )exo $\left({ }_{3} E\right.$ or ${ }_{3} T^{2}$ ). Of related nucleosides only thymidine has this overall conformation.*

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* Crystals of thymidine and the title compound are virtually isomorphous. Our atomic coordinates are related to those published for thymidine $\left(x_{T}, v_{T}, z_{7}\right)$ by $x \sim \frac{1}{4}-x_{T}, y \sim \frac{1}{9}-z_{T}, z \sim \frac{3}{4}-y_{r}$.


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