

## 2,3:4,6-Di-*O*-isopropylidene-2-keto-L-gulonic Acid Monohydrate\*

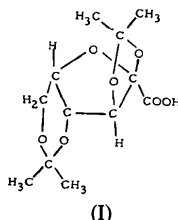
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**Abstract.**  $C_{12}H_{18}O_7 \cdot H_2O$ ,  $M_r = 292.28$ , m.p. 100–101 °C, orthorhombic,  $P2_12_12_1$ ,  $a = 9.214$  (1),  $b = 10.108$  (1),  $c = 15.806$  (1) Å [ $\lambda(\text{Cu } K\alpha_1) = 1.54051$  Å],  $V = 1472.09$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $D_x = 1.319$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ . The structure was solved by *MULTAN* and refined to  $R(F) = 0.028$  for 1789 reflections measured with graphite-monochromated Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation on a CAD-4 diffractometer. The gulofuranose ring has a twist conformation, the dioxolane ring is an envelope, and the dioxane ring is a distorted chair. The molecule contains sequences of six and four C–O bonds with bond lengths ranging from 1.406 (2) to 1.445 (2) Å. The water molecule accepts a hydrogen bond from the carboxylic acid hydroxyl groups and donates two hydrogen bonds: one to the carboxylic acid keto O atom and the other to one of the dioxane ether O atoms.

**Introduction.** 2,3:4,6-Di-*O*-isopropylidene-2-keto-L-gulonic acid monohydrate, DAG (I), a derivative of L-ascorbic acid, has been used to resolve amines (Brossi & Teitel, 1970; Teitel, O'Brien & Brossi, 1972).



The compound was obtained from Roche Chemical Company and recrystallized from 95% ethanol–water solution at room temperature. A crystal with dimensions  $0.34 \times 0.34 \times 0.40$  mm was used to measure  $3757 hkl$  and  $\bar{h}\bar{k}l$  reflections by  $\theta$ – $2\theta$  scans to  $\theta = 78^\circ$ , using a scan width of  $3.0^\circ + 0.42^\circ \tan \theta$ . Absorption corrections were applied with *ABSOR* (Templeton & Templeton, 1973) using  $\mu(\text{Cu } K\alpha) = 9.15$  cm<sup>-1</sup>. The minimum, maximum and mean corrections to  $F_o^2$  were 1.229, 1.394, and 1.284 respectively. The  $R$  factor be-

tween symmetry-equivalent reflections was 0.013. These were averaged to give 1789 independent reflections, of which 33 had  $F_o^2 \leq \sigma(F_o^2)$ .

The structure was solved with *MULTAN* (Germain, Main & Woolfson, 1971) using 200 reflections with  $E \geq 1.52$  for phase generation. The twenty highest peaks on the  $E$  map corresponded to all of the non-hydrogen atoms. Refinement was by full-matrix least squares using *FLINUS*, a local version of *ORFLS* (Busing, Martin & Levy, 1962), to minimize  $\sum w|F_o - kF_c|^2$ , with  $w^{-1} = [\sigma_c^2(F_o^2) + (0.015F_o^2)^2]/4F_o^2$ , where  $\sigma_c$  is from counting statistics. All the H atoms were located from a difference Fourier synthesis. The non-hydrogen and H atom parameters were refined anisotropically and isotropically respectively, together with a Zachariasen isotropic extinction parameter (Coppens & Hamilton, 1970), which refined to  $0.26(3) \times 10^4$ . The final  $R = \sum |F_o - kF_c|/\sum |F_o|$ ,  $R_w = (\sum w|F_o - kF_c|^2/\sum w|F_o|^2)^{1/2}$  for 1789 reflections were 0.028 and 0.034 respectively.

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) for the non-hydrogen atoms in 2,3:4,6-di-*O*-isopropylidene-2-keto-L-gulonic acid monohydrate

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>
C(1)	6132 (2)	4899 (2)	1485 (1)
C(2)	7166 (2)	5310 (1)	779 (1)
C(3)	8789 (2)	5353 (2)	1013 (1)
C(4)	9147 (2)	6819 (2)	978 (1)
C(5)	8079 (2)	7327 (2)	323 (1)
C(6)	7782 (2)	8790 (2)	414 (1)
C(7)	8479 (2)	3811 (2)	-50 (1)
C(8)	8582 (4)	2452 (2)	346 (3)
C(9)	8713 (4)	3824 (3)	-989 (2)
C(10)	8718 (2)	8733 (2)	1832 (1)
C(11)	8212 (3)	9057 (3)	2717 (1)
C(12)	10163 (3)	9388 (2)	1621 (1)
O(1A)	6569 (2)	3837 (2)	1869 (1)
O(1B)	5038 (2)	5482 (2)	1663 (1)
O(2)	7068 (1)	4369 (1)	125 (1)
O(3)	9480 (1)	4701 (1)	338 (1)
O(4)	8828 (1)	7323 (1)	1798 (1)
O(5)	6773 (1)	6584 (1)	497 (1)
O(6)	7583 (1)	9155 (1)	1280 (1)
WO	4803 (2)	8172 (2)	1798 (1)

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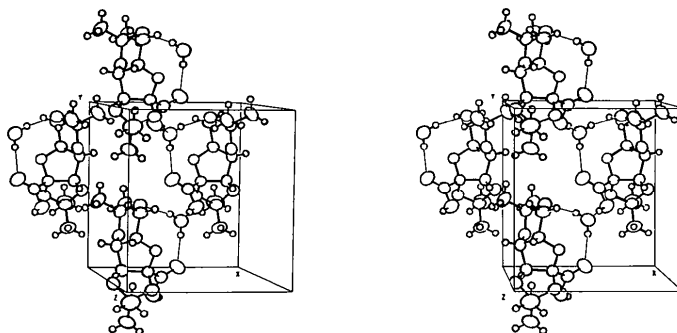
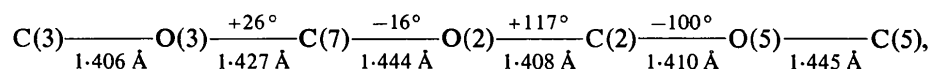


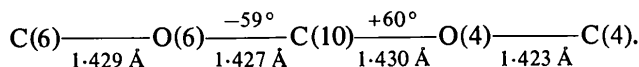
Fig. 4. The unit-cell contents of 2,3:4,6-di-O-isopropylidene-2-keto-L-gulonic acid monohydrate, viewed down the *b* axis. The thin lines are hydrogen bonds.

C—O bonds which originate at C(3) and terminate at C(5). These are



A stereoview of the contents of the unit cell is shown in Fig. 4.

where the angles refer to the bond torsion angles. The four-bond sequence C(7)—C(5) resembles that occurring in methyl pyranosides, where both experiment and theory agree that the inner bonds are shorter than the outer bonds by about 0.03 Å (Jeffrey, Pople, Binkley & Vishveshwara, 1978). There is, however, another four C—O bond sequence where these differences are not observed, *i.e.*



Further experimental and theoretical study is necessary to understand these differences. The C—C distances in this molecule lie in the normal range of 1.500 to 1.541 Å.

The hydrogen bonding consists of short finite chains, shown in Fig. 3, which link the water molecules to the carboxylic acid groups. The closest intermolecular methyl—methyl contacts are C(9)···C(12) 3.868 Å, C(8)···C(12) 3.972 Å, and C(9)···C(11) 3.976 Å.

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