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1-Deoxy-D-arabinitol

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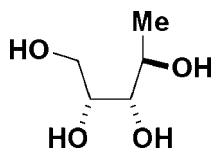Correspondence e-mail: sarah.jenkinson@chem.ox.ac.uk

Addition of methyl lithium to D-erythrono-1,4-lactone followed by acid deprotection was shown, by X-ray crystallography, to give 1-deoxy-D-arabinitol, $C_5H_{12}O_4$, rather than 1-deoxy-D-ribitol as the major product. The crystal structure exists as hydrogen-bonded chains of molecules running parallel to the c axis which are further linked together by hydrogen bonds. Each molecule is a donor and an acceptor for four hydrogen bonds.

Related literature

For related literature see: Izumori (2002, 2006); Granstrom et al. (2004); Beadle et al. (1992); Skytte (2002); Levin (2002); Howling & Callagan (2000); Bertelsen et al. (1999); Takata et al. (2005); Menavuvu et al. (2006); Sui et al. (2005); Hossain et al. (2006); Zehner et al. (1994); Donner et al. (1999); Yoshihara et al. (2008); Takai & Heathcock (1985); Zissis & Richtmyer (1954).

Experimental

Crystal data

$C_5H_{12}O_4$
M_r = 136.15
Tetragonal, $I4_1$
a = 12.9873 (5) Å
c = 8.3679 (3) Å
V = 1411.41 (9) Å^3

Z = 8
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
μ = 0.11 mm^{-1}
T = 150 K
$0.25 \times 0.25 \times 0.25$ mm

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R_{int} = 0.020

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$ = 0.043
$wR(F^2)$ = 0.123
S = 1.00
855 reflections
82 parameters

1 restraint
H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta\rho_{max}$ = 0.34 e Å^{-3}
$\Delta\rho_{min}$ = −0.39 e Å^{-3}

Table 1
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

D—H$\cdots A$	D—H	H$\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	D—H$\cdots A$
O8—H8$\cdots$O8^i	0.96	1.76	2.698 (4)	164
O6—H6$\cdots$O6^{ii}	1.00	1.98	2.712 (4)	128
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O1—H1$\cdots$O4^{iv}	1.05	2.03	2.712 (3)	120

Symmetry codes: (i) $y + \frac{1}{2}, -x + 1, z - \frac{1}{4}$; (ii) $y, -x + \frac{3}{2}, z + \frac{1}{4}$; (iii) $-y + \frac{3}{2}, x, z - \frac{1}{4}$; (iv) $-y + 1, x - \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{4}$.

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Nonius, 2001); cell refinement: *DENZO/SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *DENZO/SCALEPACK*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR92* (Altomare et al., 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: *CRYSTALS* (Betteridge et al., 2003); molecular graphics: *CAMERON* (Watkin et al., 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *CRYSTALS*.

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supporting information

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S1. Comment

The demand for the large scale production of rare sugars by biotechnological (Izumori, 2006; Izumori, 2002; Granstrom *et al.*, 2004) and chemical (Beadle *et al.*, 1992) methods is driven by the demand for alternative foodstuffs (Skytte, 2002) and D-tagatose itself is used as a low calorie sweetener (Levin, 2002; Howling & Callagan, 2000; Bertelsen *et al.* 1999) Rare monosaccharides have been found to demonstrate interesting pharmaceutical properties, for example, D-psicose (Takata *et al.*, 2005; Menavuvu *et al.*, 2006) and D-allose (Sui *et al.*, 2005; Hossain *et al.*, 2006) have significant chemotherapeutic properties and D-tagatose has been found to be an anti-hyperglycemic agent (Zehner *et al.*, 1994; Donner *et al.*, 1999) and therefore potentially useful in the treatment of diabetes.

The methodology developed by Izumori *et al.* (2002, 2006) for the interconversion of tetroses, pentoses and hexoses by enzymatic oxidation, inversion at C3 with a single epimerase, and reduction to the aldose has been seen to be generally applicable for the 1-deoxy ketohexoses (Yoshihara *et al.*, 2008). In order to investigate the viability of this process to the corresponding pentoses and thus to evaluate their therapeutic potential 1-deoxy-D-arabinitol was synthesized, in 3 steps, from 2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-D-erythronolactone **1** (Fig.1). It has previously been seen that the four diastereomeric tetraols are very difficult to distinguish between by NMR spectroscopy (Takai & Heathcock, 1985). X-ray crystallography confirmed that the major product was the arabinitol **4** rather than the ribitol **3** which differs only in the stereochemistry at the C2 position (Fig. 2).

The molecules are linked by three hydrogen bonding systems and the structure consists of alternating spiral chains of O6—H6···O6 or O8—H8···O8 hydrogen-bonded molecules running parallel to the *c*-axis (Fig. 3) interconnected by O1—H1···O4—H4···O1 hydrogen bonds (Fig.4). Each molecule is a donor and acceptor for 4 hydrogen bonds (Fig. 5).

In summary, the stereochemistry at C2 of the title compound 1-deoxy-D-arabinitol **4** was firmly established by X-ray crystallography, the absolute configuration is determined by the use of D-erythronolactone as the starting material. As well as the potential biological properties of 1-deoxy ketoses, they are likely to provide a new set of building blocks for the synthesis of a wide variety of complex biomolecules.
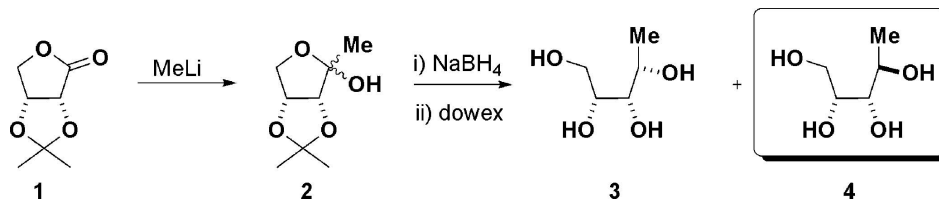
S2. Experimental

The title compound was recrystallized from hot methanol: m.p. 398–400 K; $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ +0.8 (*c*, 8 in H_2O) {Lit. (Zissis & Richtmyer, 1954) m.p. 129–131°C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +0.7 (*c*, 10 in H_2O; *l*, 4)}.
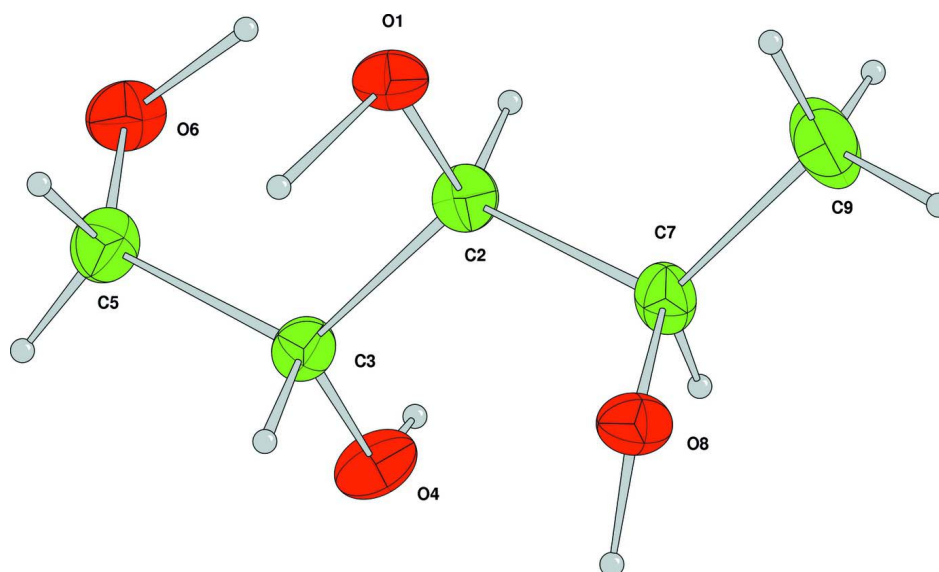
S3. Refinement

In the absence of significant anomalous scattering, Friedel pairs were merged and the absolute configuration assigned from the starting material.

The H atoms were all located in a difference map, but those attached to carbon atoms were repositioned geometrically. The H atoms were initially refined with soft restraints on the bond lengths and angles to regularize their geometry (C—H in the range 0.93–0.98, O—H = 0.82 Å) and U_{iso}(H) (in the range 1.2–1.5 times U_{eq} of the parent atom), after which the positions were refined with riding constraints.

Figure 1

Synthetic scheme.

Figure 2

The title compound with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitary radius.
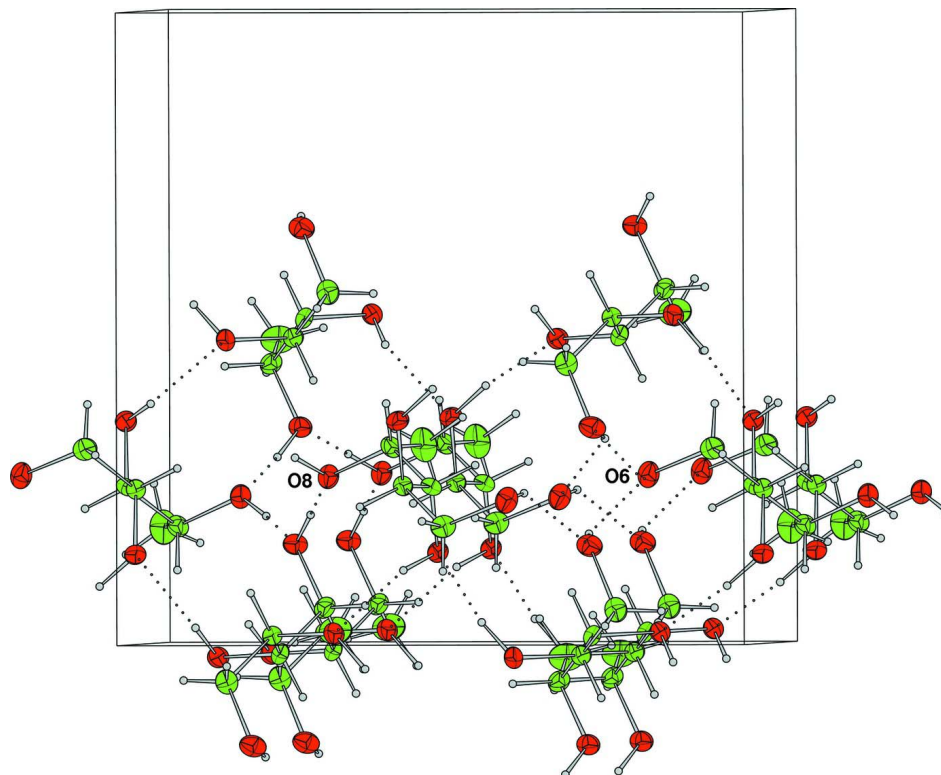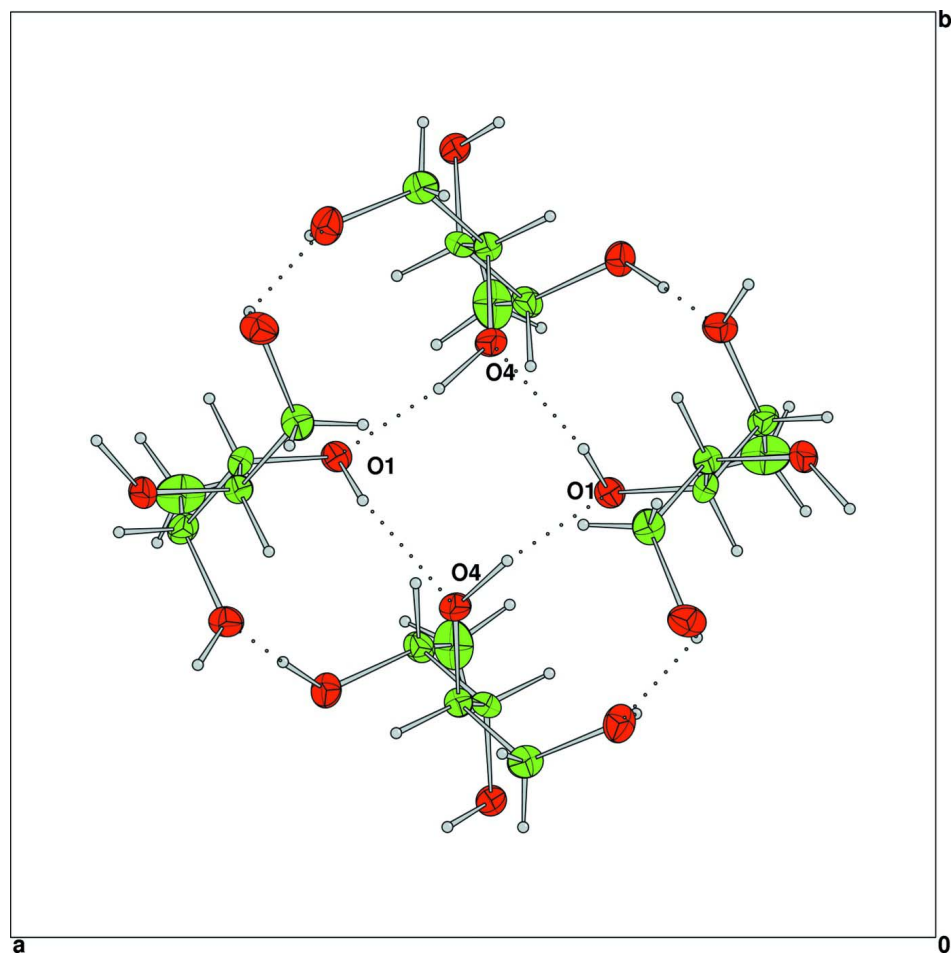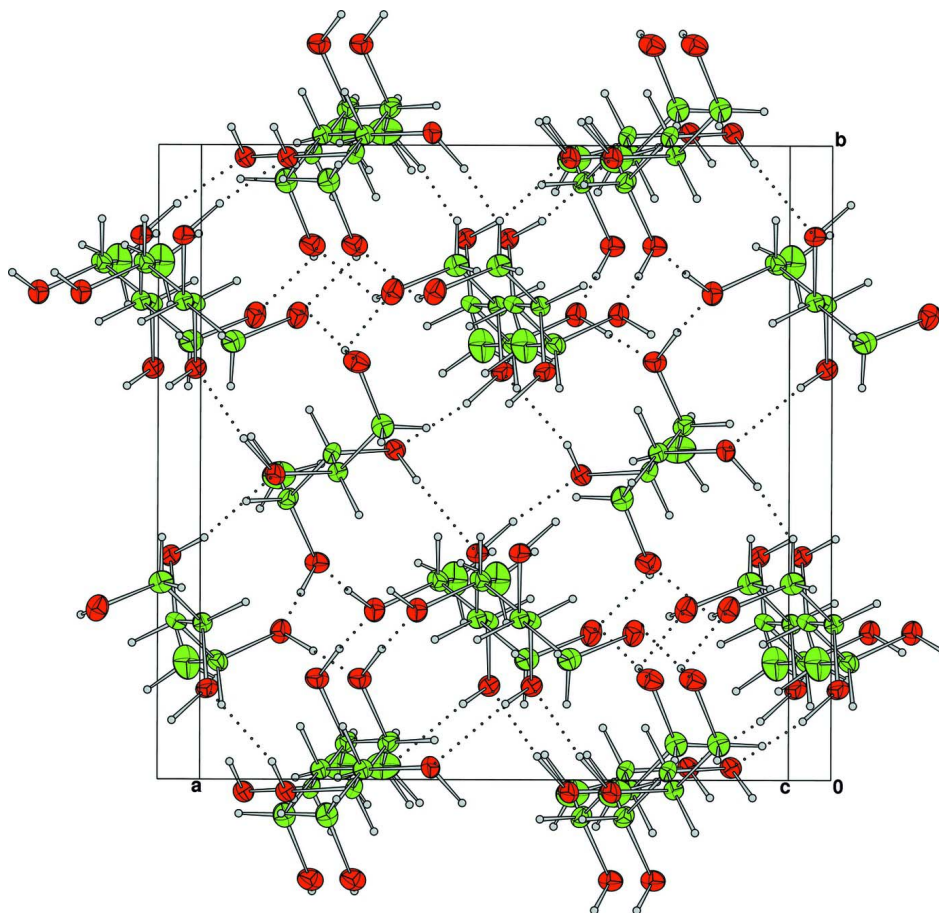
Figure 3

Packing diagram showing the O6—H6···O6 and O8—H8···O8 hydrogen bonds.

Figure 4

Packing diagram showing the O1—H1···O4—H4···O1 hydrogen bonds.

Figure 5

Packing diagram for the compound projected along the *c*-axis. Each molecule is a donor and an acceptor for 4 hydrogen-bonds.

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750 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$		$h = -16 \rightarrow 16$
$R_{int} = 0.020$		$k = -11 \rightarrow 11$
$\theta_{max} = 27.5°$, $\theta_{min} = 5.3°$		$l = -10 \rightarrow 10$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods
Least-squares matrix: full	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.043$	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
$wR(F^2) = 0.123$	
$S = 1.00$	H-atom parameters constrained
855 reflections	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F^2) + (0.07P)^2 + 1.26P]$, where $P = (max(F_o^2,0) + 2F_c^2)/3$
82 parameters	
1 restraint	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.002$
	$\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.34$ e Å^{-3}
	$\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.39$ e Å^{-3}

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

	x	y	z	U_{iso}*/U_{eq}
O1	0.64776 (13)	0.51955 (15)	0.6622 (3)	0.0211
C2	0.75127 (18)	0.5139 (2)	0.6068 (4)	0.0186
C3	0.7537 (2)	0.4842 (2)	0.4296 (4)	0.0187
O4	0.85700 (13)	0.48073 (16)	0.3723 (3)	0.0237
C5	0.6897 (2)	0.5564 (2)	0.3268 (4)	0.0235
O6	0.73116 (15)	0.65798 (14)	0.3242 (3)	0.0250
C7	0.8135 (2)	0.4417 (2)	0.7135 (4)	0.0208
O8	0.76689 (14)	0.34124 (13)	0.7126 (3)	0.0216
C9	0.8162 (3)	0.4788 (2)	0.8844 (4)	0.0371
H21	0.7853	0.5822	0.6286	0.0184*
H31	0.7208	0.4168	0.4126	0.0196*
H51	0.6985	0.5315	0.2238	0.0277*
H52	0.6191	0.5542	0.3475	0.0271*
H71	0.8827	0.4379	0.6604	0.0259*
H91	0.8413	0.4265	0.9544	0.0541*
H92	0.8595	0.5396	0.8958	0.0548*
H93	0.7474	0.4971	0.9202	0.0552*
H1	0.6194	0.4722	0.5703	0.0308*
H8	0.7975	0.2944	0.6379	0.0334*
H6	0.7418	0.6761	0.4388	0.0359*
H4	0.9070	0.5369	0.3651	0.0365*

Atomic displacement parameters (Å^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
O1	0.0197 (10)	0.0197 (9)	0.0240 (12)	0.0010 (7)	0.0042 (9)	−0.0023 (9)
C2	0.0139 (13)	0.0193 (12)	0.0225 (16)	−0.0037 (9)	0.0006 (12)	−0.0001 (13)
C3	0.0176 (14)	0.0167 (12)	0.0218 (17)	−0.0006 (9)	−0.0011 (12)	0.0010 (13)
O4	0.0169 (9)	0.0213 (9)	0.0329 (14)	0.0015 (7)	0.0061 (10)	0.0035 (10)
C5	0.0223 (14)	0.0269 (15)	0.0214 (16)	0.0014 (11)	0.0013 (13)	0.0032 (15)
O6	0.0308 (11)	0.0215 (10)	0.0227 (12)	0.0025 (8)	0.0056 (11)	0.0046 (10)

C7	0.0201 (13)	0.0204 (13)	0.0218 (16)	−0.0035 (10)	−0.0045 (13)	−0.0004 (13)
O8	0.0254 (10)	0.0189 (10)	0.0204 (12)	0.0010 (7)	0.0049 (10)	0.0000 (9)
C9	0.053 (2)	0.0332 (16)	0.0253 (15)	−0.0023 (15)	−0.0149 (15)	−0.0036 (13)

Geometric parameters (Å, º)

O1—C2	1.424 (3)	C5—H51	0.927
O1—H1	1.051	C5—H52	0.934
C2—C3	1.532 (3)	O6—H6	0.997
C2—C7	1.527 (4)	C7—O8	1.438 (3)
C2—H21	1.008	C7—C9	1.510 (5)
C3—O4	1.425 (3)	C7—H71	1.004
C3—C5	1.520 (4)	O8—H8	0.959
C3—H31	0.985	C9—H91	0.954
O4—H4	0.978	C9—H92	0.974
C5—O6	1.425 (3)	C9—H93	0.972
C2—O1—H1	93.6	C3—C5—H52	114.4
O1—C2—C3	110.4 (2)	O6—C5—H52	113.8
O1—C2—C7	109.9 (3)	H51—C5—H52	106.4
C3—C2—C7	113.6 (2)	C5—O6—H6	104.9
O1—C2—H21	108.0	C2—C7—O8	109.4 (2)
C3—C2—H21	112.9	C2—C7—C9	111.7 (2)
C7—C2—H21	101.7	O8—C7—C9	107.7 (3)
C2—C3—O4	110.7 (2)	C2—C7—H71	104.2
C2—C3—C5	112.4 (2)	O8—C7—H71	109.3
O4—C3—C5	110.1 (2)	C9—C7—H71	114.4
C2—C3—H31	110.8	C7—O8—H8	113.9
O4—C3—H31	109.4	C7—C9—H91	111.2
C5—C3—H31	103.2	C7—C9—H92	111.4
C3—O4—H4	128.4	H91—C9—H92	108.7
C3—C5—O6	111.9 (2)	C7—C9—H93	110.4
C3—C5—H51	104.0	H91—C9—H93	107.4
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