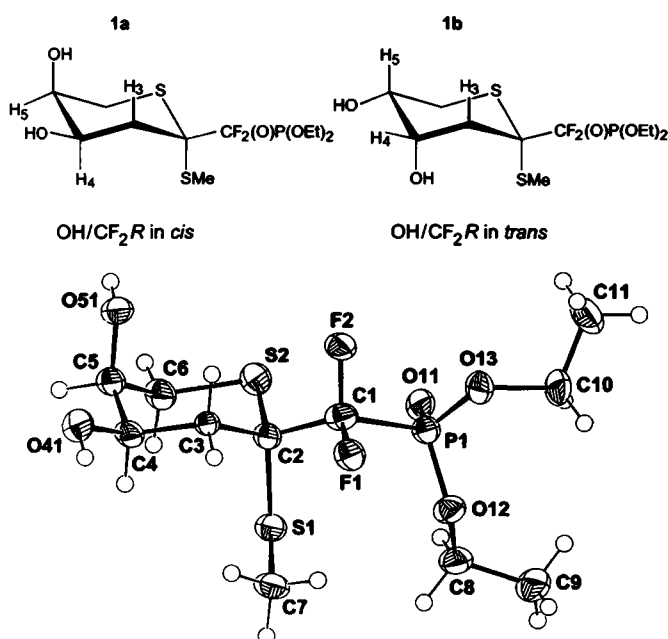


Crystal structure of diethyl 2-(4,5-dihydroxy-2-methylsulfanyl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-4*H*-thiopyranyl)difluoromethylphosphonate, $C_{11}H_{21}F_2O_5PS_2$, a thioglycoside analogue bearing a difluorophosphonate group

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and **1b** resulted from the position α or β of the two hydroxyls (figure, top). By assuming that the less bulky SCH_3 substituent on the anomeric carbon was placed in an axial position, the structure of the major diastereoisomer **1a** has been studied by X-ray diffraction to assign the relationship between the hydroxyls and the difluorophosphonate group. The results allowed us to confirm the *cis* relative configuration of the two hydroxyl groups with the difluoromethylphosphonate group, and to assign a (*R,R,S*) absolute configuration for the three stereogenic centers (C2, C4 and C5) created during the reaction sequence (figure, bottom).

Table 1. Data collection and handling.

Crystal:	colorless, parallelepipedic, size $0.060 \times 0.180 \times 0.200$ mm
Wavelength:	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation ($0.71073 \text{ \AA}$)
μ :	4.79 cm^{-1}
Diffractometer, scan mode:	Enraf-Nonius CAD4, $\omega/2\theta$
$2\theta_{\text{max}}$:	47.68°
$N(hkl)_{\text{measured}}$, $N(hkl)_{\text{unique}}$:	4150, 2338
Criterion for I_{obs} , $N(hkl)_{\text{gt}}$:	$I_{\text{obs}} > 2 \sigma(I_{\text{obs}})$, 1722
$N(\text{param})_{\text{refined}}$:	190
Programs:	SHELXS-97 [3], SHELXL-97 [4], ORTEP-III [5]

Abstract

$C_{11}H_{21}F_2O_5PS_2$, monoclinic, $P12_1/c1$ (no. 14), $a = 7.607(2) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 7.711(2) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 26.981(5) \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 97.19(3)^\circ$, $V = 1570.2 \text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 4$, $R_{\text{gt}}(F) = 0.058$, $wR_{\text{ref}}(F^2) = 0.161$, $T = 113 \text{ K}$.

Source of material

The title compound has been obtained by hetero Diels-Alder reaction between the diethyl phosphonodifluorodithioacetate and the butadiene followed by *cis*-dihydroxylation using the modified Sharpless conditions [1]. Single crystals were obtained at room temperature by slow evaporation of a concentrated methanol/hexane solution.

Discussion

Due to the importance of carbohydrates in biological systems and their involvement in several diseases, disruption of their biosynthetic pathway by elaboration of glycosyltransferase inhibitors has shown a growing interest in the drug design discovery [2]. In that field, we have been interested in the synthesis of sulfur-containing difluoromethylphosphonate glycosides such as the title compound. The *cis*-dihydroxylation reaction using the modified Sharpless conditions gave a mixture of two compounds in 8:2 ratio separable by chromatography. These diastereoisomers **1a**

Table 2. Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in $\text{\AA}^2$).

Atom	Site	x	y	z	U_{iso}
H(41)	4e	-0.2961	1.2604	0.1778	0.056
H(51)	4e	-0.5741	0.8390	0.2450	0.053
H(3A)	4e	-0.2202	1.0186	0.1294	0.037
H(3B)	4e	-0.3975	0.9215	0.1402	0.037
H(4)	4e	-0.1351	1.0551	0.2177	0.036
H(5)	4e	-0.3438	1.0059	0.2740	0.037
H(6A)	4e	-0.2980	0.7056	0.2830	0.043
H(6B)	4e	-0.1216	0.7941	0.2683	0.043
H(7A)	4e	0.2691	0.9746	0.1474	0.060
H(7B)	4e	0.0724	1.0509	0.1367	0.060
H(7C)	4e	0.1352	0.9018	0.1016	0.060
H(8A)	4e	0.2319	0.3874	0.1426	0.046
H(8B)	4e	0.3338	0.5506	0.1227	0.046
H(9A)	4e	0.4685	0.2947	0.1005	0.068
H(9B)	4e	0.3804	0.3904	0.0509	0.068
H(9C)	4e	0.2838	0.2271	0.0722	0.068
H(10A)	4e	-0.0774	0.2804	-0.0058	0.050
H(10B)	4e	-0.0797	0.1750	0.0455	0.050
H(11A)	4e	-0.2833	0.0588	-0.0193	0.087
H(11B)	4e	-0.3873	0.2396	-0.0230	0.087
H(11C)	4e	-0.3811	0.1241	0.0265	0.087

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Table 3. Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å²).

Atom	Site	x	y	z	U ₁₁	U ₂₂	U ₃₃	U ₁₂	U ₁₃	U ₂₃
S(1)	4e	0.0684(2)	0.7828(2)	0.17643(5)	0.0260(6)	0.0246(7)	0.0496(8)	0.0017(5)	0.0029(5)	−0.0007(6)
S(2)	4e	−0.2491(2)	0.6196(2)	0.20333(5)	0.0422(7)	0.0210(7)	0.0501(8)	−0.0006(6)	0.0110(6)	0.0013(6)
P(1)	4e	−0.0935(2)	0.4631(2)	0.09675(5)	0.0290(7)	0.0186(7)	0.0467(8)	−0.0001(5)	0.0083(5)	−0.0019(6)
F(1)	4e	−0.1597(3)	0.7861(3)	0.0695(1)	0.039(2)	0.022(2)	0.044(2)	−0.000(1)	0.007(1)	0.002(1)
F(2)	4e	−0.3828(3)	0.6468(4)	0.0941(1)	0.025(1)	0.029(2)	0.055(2)	0.002(1)	0.001(1)	−0.007(1)
O(11)	4e	−0.0986(4)	0.3410(4)	0.1383(1)	0.037(2)	0.021(2)	0.048(2)	0.002(2)	0.013(2)	−0.001(2)
O(12)	4e	0.0948(4)	0.5049(4)	0.0826(1)	0.028(2)	0.027(2)	0.051(2)	0.001(2)	0.011(2)	0.002(2)
O(13)	4e	−0.2015(4)	0.4115(4)	0.0459(1)	0.036(2)	0.025(2)	0.053(2)	0.006(2)	0.005(2)	−0.009(2)
O(41)	4e	−0.3498(4)	1.1992(4)	0.1968(1)	0.040(2)	0.017(2)	0.058(2)	0.005(2)	0.013(2)	0.003(2)
O(51)	4e	−0.5287(4)	0.9026(4)	0.2248(1)	0.027(2)	0.025(2)	0.054(2)	0.001(1)	0.009(2)	0.001(2)
C(1)	4e	−0.2044(6)	0.6746(6)	0.1062(2)	0.028(3)	0.021(3)	0.049(3)	0.000(2)	0.008(2)	0.006(2)
C(2)	4e	−0.1709(6)	0.7659(6)	0.1569(2)	0.024(2)	0.020(3)	0.044(3)	0.002(2)	0.003(2)	−0.003(2)
C(3)	4e	−0.2718(6)	0.9421(6)	0.1533(2)	0.023(2)	0.016(3)	0.054(3)	−0.001(2)	0.011(2)	−0.009(2)
C(4)	4e	−0.2623(6)	1.0347(6)	0.2046(2)	0.028(2)	0.019(3)	0.043(3)	−0.002(2)	0.004(2)	−0.001(2)
C(5)	4e	−0.3485(6)	0.9341(6)	0.2430(2)	0.029(3)	0.019(3)	0.045(3)	0.001(2)	0.006(2)	−0.001(2)
C(6)	4e	−0.2461(7)	0.7654(6)	0.2558(2)	0.034(3)	0.020(3)	0.052(3)	0.002(2)	0.003(2)	−0.001(2)
C(7)	4e	0.1451(6)	0.9463(7)	0.1359(2)	0.027(3)	0.030(3)	0.062(4)	−0.006(2)	0.003(2)	−0.002(3)
C(8)	4e	0.2593(6)	0.4486(7)	0.1122(2)	0.025(3)	0.034(3)	0.057(3)	0.000(2)	0.006(2)	−0.003(3)
C(9)	4e	0.3564(7)	0.3300(7)	0.0813(2)	0.035(3)	0.036(3)	0.067(4)	0.007(2)	0.011(3)	−0.003(3)
C(10)	4e	−0.1503(7)	0.2511(7)	0.0210(2)	0.048(3)	0.026(3)	0.051(3)	0.004(2)	0.014(2)	−0.010(2)
C(11)	4e	−0.3144(8)	0.1607(8)	−0.0005(2)	0.051(4)	0.036(3)	0.083(5)	−0.003(3)	−0.004(3)	−0.025(3)

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