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### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
T = 150 K  
Mean  $\sigma(C-C)$  = 0.002 Å  
R factor = 0.044  
wR factor = 0.074  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.2

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The ring size of both the lactone and the ketal protecting group in the title compound, C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, have been established by X-ray crystallographic analysis. The crystal structure consists of hydrogen-bonded spirals parallel to the *b* axis.

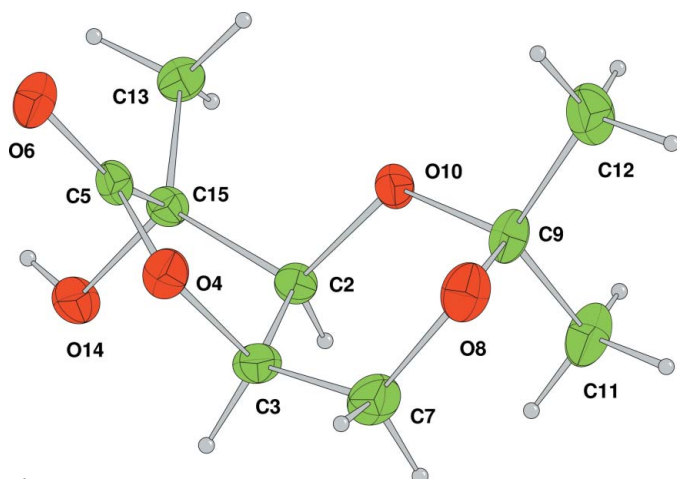
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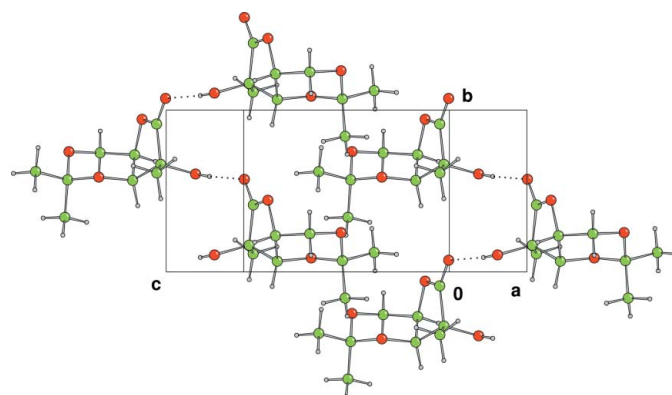
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## supporting information

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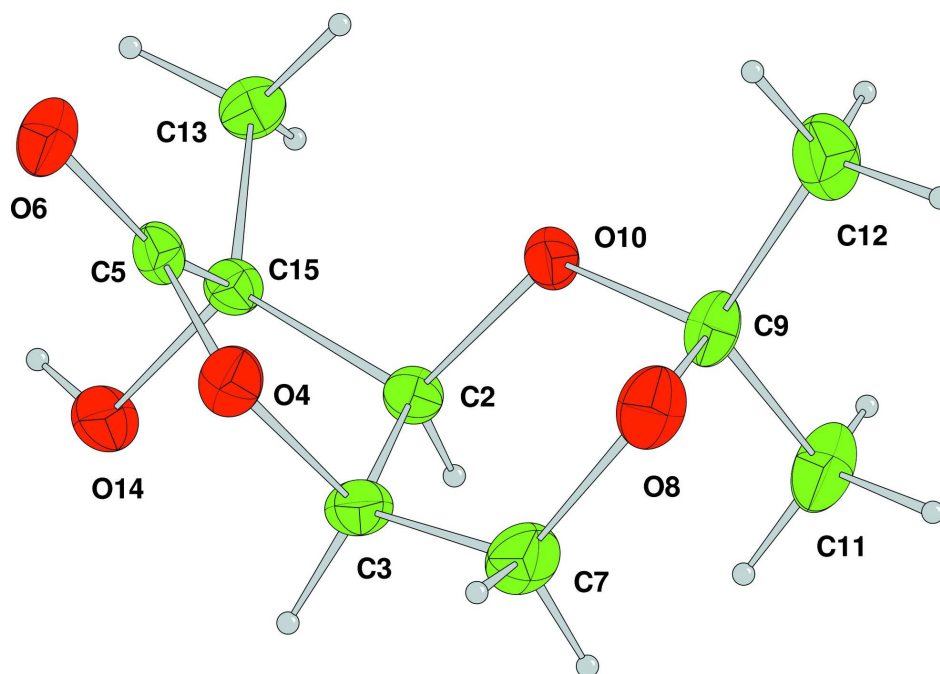
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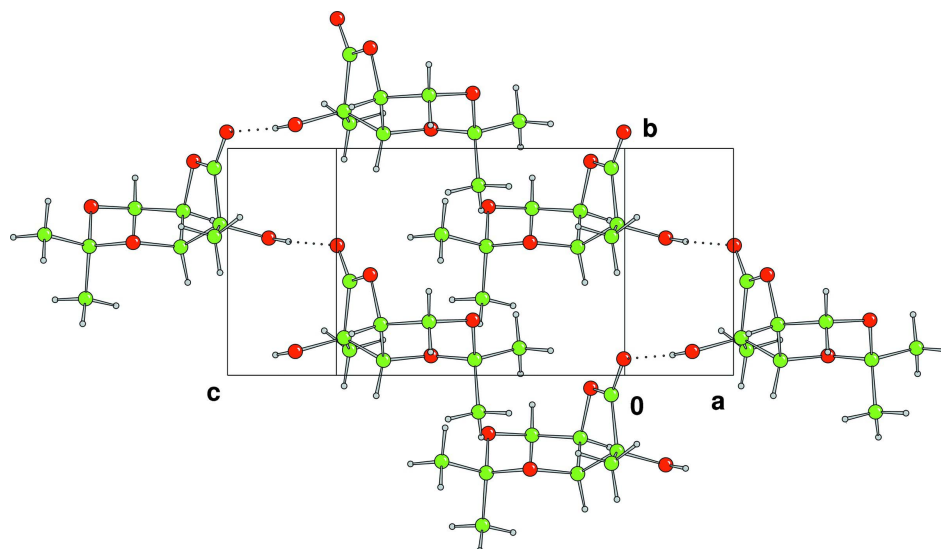
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	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C15	0.3718 (2)	0.6651 (3)	0.12110 (16)	0.0178
C2	0.25213 (19)	0.5660 (3)	0.18739 (15)	0.0184
C3	0.1006 (2)	0.7239 (3)	0.13919 (17)	0.0224
O4	0.17777 (14)	0.94293 (19)	0.13389 (12)	0.0229
C5	0.3328 (2)	0.9145 (3)	0.12495 (15)	0.0186
O6	0.41821 (15)	1.0723 (2)	0.11673 (12)	0.0263
C7	-0.0008 (2)	0.7359 (3)	0.23305 (18)	0.0293
O8	0.10426 (16)	0.7433 (2)	0.37196 (12)	0.0287
C9	0.2271 (2)	0.5693 (3)	0.41041 (17)	0.0241
O10	0.33568 (13)	0.5859 (2)	0.33001 (10)	0.0202
C11	0.1474 (3)	0.3382 (3)	0.3982 (2)	0.0342
C12	0.3401 (3)	0.6203 (4)	0.55389 (17)	0.0359
C13	0.55828 (19)	0.6121 (3)	0.18621 (16)	0.0223
O14	0.30492 (14)	0.6050 (2)	-0.02003 (10)	0.0248

H21	0.2210	0.4095	0.1608	0.0219*
H31	0.0257	0.6832	0.0454	0.0259*
H71	-0.0734	0.6026	0.2171	0.0361*
H72	-0.0703	0.8703	0.2135	0.0359*
H111	0.2352	0.2273	0.4293	0.0549*
H112	0.0802	0.3068	0.3029	0.0551*
H113	0.0743	0.3331	0.4548	0.0544*
H121	0.4335	0.5066	0.5825	0.0553*
H122	0.2716	0.6088	0.6138	0.0542*
H123	0.3885	0.7681	0.5587	0.0549*
H131	0.6208	0.6964	0.1394	0.0328*
H132	0.5756	0.4529	0.1770	0.0330*
H133	0.5967	0.6557	0.2803	0.0330*
H1	0.3875	0.5895	-0.0472	0.0382*

*Atomic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C15	0.0187 (8)	0.0185 (7)	0.0161 (8)	-0.0012 (6)	0.0057 (6)	-0.0027 (6)
C2	0.0198 (7)	0.0176 (7)	0.0175 (7)	-0.0014 (6)	0.0061 (6)	-0.0023 (6)
C3	0.0171 (8)	0.0232 (8)	0.0247 (8)	-0.0016 (7)	0.0042 (6)	0.0007 (6)
O4	0.0227 (6)	0.0202 (6)	0.0271 (6)	0.0043 (5)	0.0101 (5)	0.0042 (5)
C5	0.0214 (8)	0.0218 (8)	0.0136 (7)	0.0006 (6)	0.0072 (6)	0.0004 (6)
O6	0.0342 (7)	0.0210 (6)	0.0286 (6)	-0.0032 (6)	0.0172 (5)	0.0009 (5)
C7	0.0202 (8)	0.0336 (10)	0.0359 (10)	0.0032 (8)	0.0117 (7)	0.0050 (8)
O8	0.0310 (7)	0.0287 (7)	0.0327 (7)	0.0044 (5)	0.0190 (6)	0.0012 (6)
C9	0.0281 (8)	0.0247 (8)	0.0255 (8)	-0.0008 (7)	0.0168 (7)	0.0023 (7)
O10	0.0204 (5)	0.0240 (6)	0.0170 (5)	0.0005 (5)	0.0073 (4)	0.0024 (5)
C11	0.0439 (12)	0.0287 (10)	0.0374 (11)	-0.0060 (9)	0.0234 (9)	0.0037 (8)
C12	0.0444 (11)	0.0417 (11)	0.0241 (9)	-0.0041 (9)	0.0149 (8)	0.0001 (8)
C13	0.0198 (7)	0.0230 (8)	0.0248 (8)	-0.0003 (7)	0.0087 (6)	-0.0008 (7)
O14	0.0260 (6)	0.0315 (7)	0.0179 (5)	-0.0026 (5)	0.0088 (4)	-0.0058 (5)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

C15—C2	1.522 (2)	O8—C9	1.422 (2)
C15—C5	1.532 (2)	C9—O10	1.4391 (19)
C15—C13	1.508 (2)	C9—C11	1.522 (3)
C15—O14	1.4350 (18)	C9—C12	1.507 (2)
C2—C3	1.523 (2)	C11—H111	0.961
C2—O10	1.4204 (18)	C11—H112	0.981
C2—H21	0.987	C11—H113	0.988
C3—O4	1.471 (2)	C12—H121	1.002
C3—C7	1.504 (2)	C12—H122	0.987
C3—H31	0.997	C12—H123	0.967
O4—C5	1.3447 (19)	C13—H131	0.972
C5—O6	1.206 (2)	C13—H132	0.974
C7—O8	1.419 (2)	C13—H133	0.961

C7—H71	0.982	O14—H1	0.838
C7—H72	0.973		
C2—C15—C5	100.84 (13)	C7—O8—C9	113.68 (13)
C2—C15—C13	117.01 (13)	O8—C9—O10	108.96 (13)
C5—C15—C13	112.97 (14)	O8—C9—C11	112.85 (14)
C2—C15—O14	106.60 (12)	O10—C9—C11	111.11 (15)
C5—C15—O14	105.06 (13)	O8—C9—C12	106.30 (15)
C13—C15—O14	113.04 (13)	O10—C9—C12	105.17 (14)
C15—C2—C3	102.22 (13)	C11—C9—C12	112.06 (16)
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C15—C2—H21	113.2	C9—C11—H112	110.0
C3—C2—H21	112.7	H111—C11—H112	108.6
O10—C2—H21	111.3	C9—C11—H113	108.8
C2—C3—O4	103.79 (12)	H111—C11—H113	109.5
C2—C3—C7	113.95 (15)	H112—C11—H113	110.2
O4—C3—C7	109.62 (15)	C9—C12—H121	108.7
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O4—C3—H31	108.5	H121—C12—H122	109.1
C7—C3—H31	110.4	C9—C12—H123	110.2
C3—O4—C5	109.70 (12)	H121—C12—H123	109.6
C15—C5—O4	110.20 (14)	H122—C12—H123	110.8
C15—C5—O6	128.67 (15)	C15—C13—H131	108.5
O4—C5—O6	121.08 (15)	C15—C13—H132	109.1
C3—C7—O8	112.36 (14)	H131—C13—H132	109.5
C3—C7—H71	107.8	C15—C13—H133	109.7
O8—C7—H71	109.3	H131—C13—H133	109.0
C3—C7—H72	109.5	H132—C13—H133	110.9
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