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## 3-O-Ethyl-L-ascorbic acid

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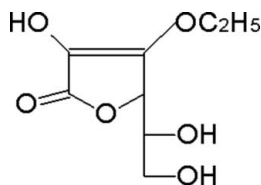
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 293$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.040;  $wR$  factor = 0.138; data-to-parameter ratio = 7.5.

In the crystal structure of the title compound,  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$ , molecules are linked to each other by  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonding.

## Related literature

For general background, see: Nihro *et al.* (1992); Satoh *et al.* (1994).



## Experimental

## Crystal data

 $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$  $M_r = 204.18$ Orthorhombic,  $P2_12_12_1$  $a = 4.6690$  (9) Å $b = 11.939$  (2) Å $c = 16.794$  (3) Å $V = 936.2$  (3) Å<sup>3</sup> $Z = 4$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation $\mu = 0.13$  mm<sup>-1</sup> $T = 293$  (2) K

0.20 × 0.20 × 0.10 mm

## Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4

diffractometer

Absorption correction: none

1973 measured reflections

1024 independent reflections

882 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.028$ 

3 standard reflections

every 200 reflections

intensity decay: none

## Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$  $wR(F^2) = 0.138$  $S = 1.00$ 

1024 reflections

137 parameters

1 restraint

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.18$  e Å<sup>-3</sup> $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.26$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{O2}-\text{H2A}\cdots\text{O5}^{\text{i}}$	0.83 (3)	2.06 (3)	2.873 (3)	168 (5)
$\text{O5}-\text{H5A}\cdots\text{O3}^{\text{ii}}$	0.91 (5)	1.90 (4)	2.748 (4)	154 (4)
$\text{O6}-\text{H6A}\cdots\text{O6}^{\text{iii}}$	0.87 (5)	1.87 (5)	2.715 (4)	163 (4)

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

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *XCAD4* (Harms & Wocadlo, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

Supplementary data and figures for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: XU2411).

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#### S1. Comment

L-Ascorbic acid has been widely employed as an antioxidant for stabilization of nutrients. However, the low lipophilicity of it and its susceptibility to thermal and oxidative degradation restricts its field of application and has raised considerable interest in the study of ascorbic acid derivatives with increased lipophilicity and stability. The title compound is one of the lipophilic ascorbic acid derivatives, which exhibit antioxidative properties (Nihro *et al.*, 1992) and can be used as antioxidant in food (Satoh *et al.*, 1994). As part of our ongoing study on ascorbic acid derivatives, we report here the crystal structure of the title compound (Fig. 1).

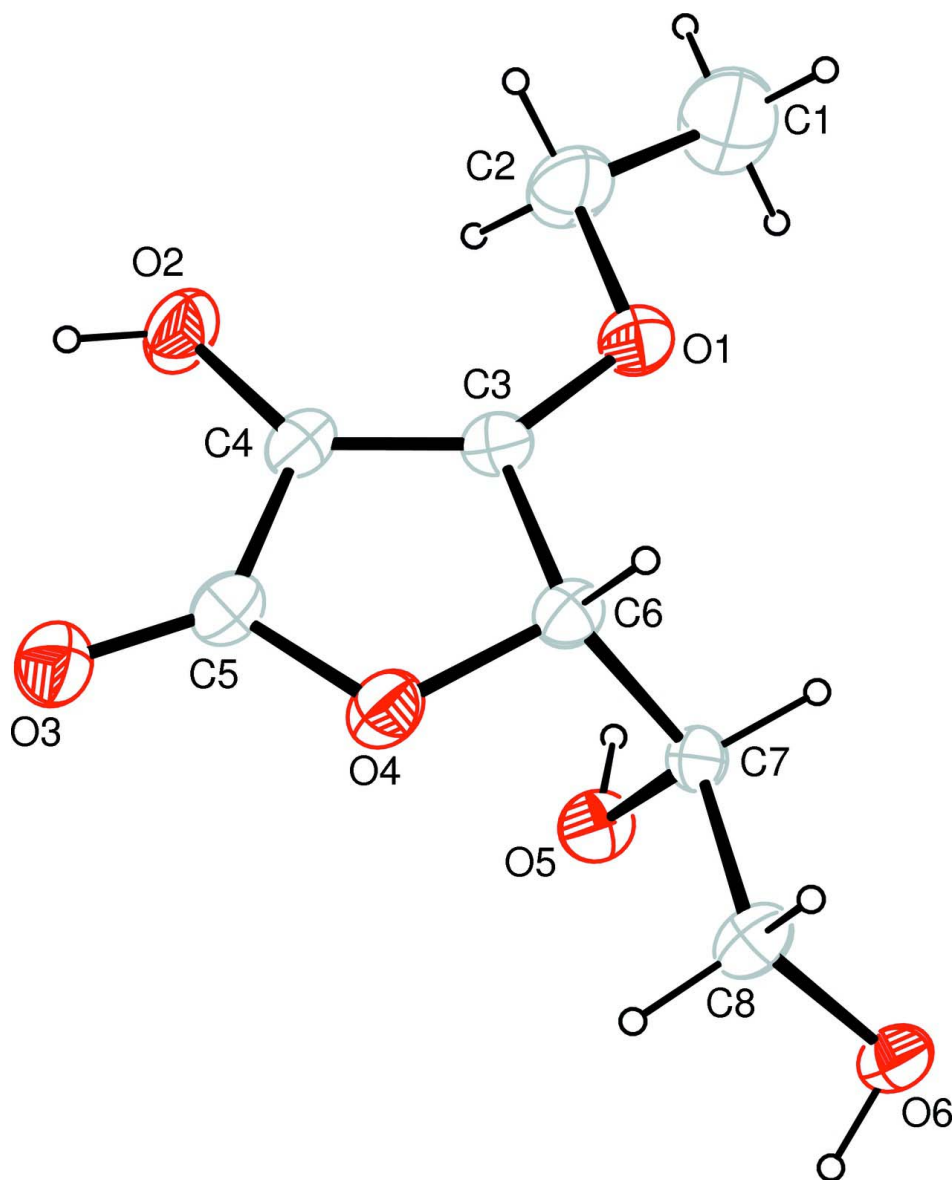
The geometrical parameters of the compound are normal. The C3—C4 bond distance of 1.332 (5) Å and O3—C5 bond distance of 1.215 (4) Å indicate typical C=C and O=C double bonds. Molecules are linked to each other by O—H···O hydrogen bonding (Table 1).

#### S2. Experimental

0.1 mol 5,6-*O*-Isopropylidene L-ascorbic acid was dissolved in 100 ml DMSO at room temperature, and 0.12 mol NaHCO<sub>3</sub> was added with stirring. After the addition of 0.1 mol ethyl bromide, the mixture was stirred at 313 K for 6 h. The solvent was distilled off at 333 K under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in 50 ml water and extracted five times with ethyl acetate (100 ml/time). The collected organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was evaporated at reduced pressure. 100 ml 0.1 M HCl was added to the residue, refluxed for 15 min and then the solvent was evaporated at reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate; single crystals were obtained by slow evaporation of the ethyl acetate solution.

#### S3. Refinement

Hydroxyl H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and positional parameters were refined,  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ . Other H atoms were positioned geometrically with C—H = 0.96–0.98 Å and refined using a riding model with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  (for methyl). As no significant anomalous scattering effect, Friedel pairs were merged.

**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of (I), with atom labels and 30% probability displacement ellipsoids for non-H atoms.

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$b = 11.939$  (2) Å

$c = 16.794$  (3) Å

$V = 936.2$  (3) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 432$

$D_x = 1.449$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Melting point: 385 K

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å

Cell parameters from 25 reflections

$\theta = 10\text{--}13^\circ$

$\mu = 0.13$  mm<sup>-1</sup>

$T = 293$  K

Plate, colourless

$0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.10$  mm

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4  
diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

$\omega/2\theta$  scans

1973 measured reflections

1024 independent reflections

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$R_{\text{int}} = 0.028$

$\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.2^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\text{min}} = 2.1^\circ$

$h = 0 \rightarrow 5$

$k = 0 \rightarrow 14$

$l = -20 \rightarrow 20$

3 standard reflections every 200 reflections

intensity decay: none

Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$

$wR(F^2) = 0.138$

$S = 1.00$

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Primary atom site location: structure-invariant

direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier

map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from  
neighbouring sites

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent  
and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1P)^2 + 1.3P]$

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$

$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.18 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.26 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Extinction correction: *SHELXL*,

$F_c^* = kF_c[1 + 0.001x F_c^2 \lambda^3 / \sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$

Extinction coefficient: 0.121 (14)

Special details

**Experimental.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$ 1.39 (3H, t), 3.86 (2H, m), 3.96 (1H, m), 4.54 (2H, q), 4.71 (1H, d) p.p.m.

**Geometry.** All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement.** Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted  $R$ -factor  $wR$  and goodness of fit  $S$  are based on  $F^2$ , conventional  $R$ -factors  $R$  are based on  $F$ , with  $F$  set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating  $R$ -factors(gt) etc. and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement.  $R$ -factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on  $F$ , and  $R$ -factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	0.5474 (6)	0.5579 (2)	0.82156 (13)	0.0513 (7)
C1	0.6281 (17)	0.6421 (5)	0.9472 (3)	0.0896 (18)
H1A	0.5996	0.6352	1.0036	0.134*
H1B	0.5371	0.7093	0.9285	0.134*
H1C	0.8295	0.6455	0.9359	0.134*
O2	0.1035 (7)	0.3667 (2)	0.85756 (15)	0.0563 (8)
H2A	0.027 (12)	0.305 (2)	0.851 (3)	0.084*
C2	0.5046 (14)	0.5463 (4)	0.90741 (19)	0.0664 (14)
H2B	0.3016	0.5418	0.9192	0.080*
H2C	0.5953	0.4782	0.9262	0.080*
C3	0.4076 (7)	0.4855 (2)	0.77537 (18)	0.0385 (8)
O3	-0.0350 (7)	0.2854 (2)	0.69573 (15)	0.0555 (7)
C4	0.2202 (8)	0.4033 (3)	0.78834 (19)	0.0401 (8)
O4	0.2730 (6)	0.41543 (19)	0.65249 (13)	0.0451 (7)

C5	0.1347 (8)	0.3595 (3)	0.7110 (2)	0.0419 (8)
O5	0.0863 (5)	0.64292 (19)	0.67658 (15)	0.0419 (6)
H5A	0.088 (11)	0.671 (3)	0.727 (3)	0.063*
O6	0.3693 (6)	0.7318 (2)	0.53918 (14)	0.0466 (7)
H6A	0.213 (11)	0.729 (4)	0.511 (3)	0.070*
C6	0.4518 (7)	0.4996 (2)	0.68745 (17)	0.0355 (8)
H6B	0.6523	0.4838	0.6744	0.043*
C7	0.3734 (7)	0.6151 (3)	0.65672 (17)	0.0329 (7)
H7A	0.5026	0.6705	0.6804	0.039*
C8	0.4004 (9)	0.6198 (3)	0.56722 (18)	0.0427 (9)
H8A	0.5861	0.5910	0.5514	0.051*
H8B	0.2544	0.5729	0.5432	0.051*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
O1	0.0599 (17)	0.0583 (14)	0.0356 (11)	−0.0134 (14)	−0.0067 (13)	0.0078 (11)
C1	0.122 (5)	0.091 (3)	0.056 (3)	−0.020 (4)	0.007 (3)	−0.013 (2)
O2	0.0731 (19)	0.0566 (14)	0.0391 (12)	−0.0154 (17)	0.0083 (14)	0.0088 (12)
C2	0.096 (4)	0.068 (2)	0.0350 (16)	−0.016 (3)	−0.005 (2)	0.0046 (17)
C3	0.0394 (17)	0.0395 (15)	0.0365 (15)	0.0018 (17)	−0.0037 (15)	0.0049 (13)
O3	0.0678 (17)	0.0441 (13)	0.0544 (14)	−0.0087 (15)	−0.0043 (15)	0.0031 (11)
C4	0.0452 (19)	0.0366 (16)	0.0385 (16)	0.0016 (15)	0.0020 (16)	0.0092 (13)
O4	0.0605 (16)	0.0383 (12)	0.0364 (11)	−0.0028 (12)	0.0032 (12)	0.0020 (9)
C5	0.0473 (19)	0.0352 (15)	0.0432 (18)	0.0034 (18)	0.0011 (17)	0.0056 (14)
O5	0.0367 (13)	0.0485 (12)	0.0406 (12)	0.0064 (12)	0.0060 (11)	0.0020 (10)
O6	0.0455 (14)	0.0504 (13)	0.0440 (13)	−0.0009 (13)	−0.0044 (12)	0.0163 (11)
C6	0.0328 (16)	0.0358 (15)	0.0378 (15)	0.0055 (15)	0.0032 (14)	0.0039 (13)
C7	0.0293 (15)	0.0367 (15)	0.0326 (15)	−0.0029 (14)	0.0023 (13)	0.0023 (12)
C8	0.054 (2)	0.0394 (16)	0.0345 (16)	0.0045 (19)	0.0078 (17)	0.0044 (14)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

O1—C3	1.332 (4)	C4—C5	1.456 (5)
O1—C2	1.462 (4)	O4—C5	1.353 (4)
C1—C2	1.444 (7)	O4—C6	1.432 (4)
C1—H1A	0.9600	O5—C7	1.421 (4)
C1—H1B	0.9600	O5—H5A	0.91 (4)
C1—H1C	0.9600	O6—C8	1.425 (4)
O2—C4	1.356 (4)	O6—H6A	0.87 (5)
O2—H2A	0.83 (3)	C6—C7	1.516 (4)
C2—H2B	0.9700	C6—H6B	0.9800
C2—H2C	0.9700	C7—C8	1.510 (4)
C3—C4	1.332 (5)	C7—H7A	0.9800
C3—C6	1.500 (4)	C8—H8A	0.9700
O3—C5	1.215 (4)	C8—H8B	0.9700
C3—O1—C2	116.5 (3)	O3—C5—C4	129.0 (3)

C2—C1—H1A	109.5	O4—C5—C4	109.9 (3)
C2—C1—H1B	109.5	C7—O5—H5A	107 (3)
H1A—C1—H1B	109.5	C8—O6—H6A	103 (4)
C2—C1—H1C	109.5	O4—C6—C3	104.2 (2)
H1A—C1—H1C	109.5	O4—C6—C7	111.0 (3)
H1B—C1—H1C	109.5	C3—C6—C7	113.8 (3)
C4—O2—H2A	110 (4)	O4—C6—H6B	109.2
C1—C2—O1	109.1 (4)	C3—C6—H6B	109.2
C1—C2—H2B	109.9	C7—C6—H6B	109.2
O1—C2—H2B	109.9	O5—C7—C8	107.7 (3)
C1—C2—H2C	109.9	O5—C7—C6	111.1 (3)
O1—C2—H2C	109.9	C8—C7—C6	110.7 (3)
H2B—C2—H2C	108.3	O5—C7—H7A	109.1
O1—C3—C4	134.8 (3)	C8—C7—H7A	109.1
O1—C3—C6	115.7 (3)	C6—C7—H7A	109.1
C4—C3—C6	109.5 (3)	O6—C8—C7	110.8 (3)
C3—C4—O2	129.9 (3)	O6—C8—H8A	109.5
C3—C4—C5	107.4 (3)	C7—C8—H8A	109.5
O2—C4—C5	122.6 (3)	O6—C8—H8B	109.5
C5—O4—C6	109.1 (2)	C7—C8—H8B	109.5
O3—C5—O4	121.1 (3)	H8A—C8—H8B	108.1
C3—O1—C2—C1	-169.9 (4)	C5—O4—C6—C3	1.1 (3)
C2—O1—C3—C4	3.1 (6)	C5—O4—C6—C7	-121.7 (3)
C2—O1—C3—C6	179.3 (3)	O1—C3—C6—O4	-178.1 (3)
O1—C3—C4—O2	1.1 (6)	C4—C3—C6—O4	-0.9 (4)
C6—C3—C4—O2	-175.3 (3)	O1—C3—C6—C7	-57.1 (4)
O1—C3—C4—C5	176.8 (4)	C4—C3—C6—C7	120.0 (3)
C6—C3—C4—C5	0.4 (4)	O4—C6—C7—O5	61.3 (3)
C6—O4—C5—O3	178.3 (3)	C3—C6—C7—O5	-55.8 (4)
C6—O4—C5—C4	-1.0 (4)	O4—C6—C7—C8	-58.3 (4)
C3—C4—C5—O3	-178.9 (4)	C3—C6—C7—C8	-175.4 (3)
O2—C4—C5—O3	-2.8 (6)	O5—C7—C8—O6	67.1 (4)
C3—C4—C5—O4	0.3 (4)	C6—C7—C8—O6	-171.2 (3)
O2—C4—C5—O4	176.4 (3)		

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

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