

Stereospecific cascade cyclization reaction with the formation of tetracyclic hexacoordinated phosphorus derivatives

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A new type of stereospecific cascade cyclization was observed in the phosphorylation reaction of *N,N'*-bis(salicylidene)ethylene-diimine with alkylenechlorophosphites, which resulted in the formation of tetracyclic hexacoordinated phosphorus derivatives containing the P–C–N fragment with a chiral carbon atom in the α -position to phosphorus.

The development of new approaches to the synthesis of cyclic structures involving intramolecular transformations of polyfunctional three- and four-coordinated phosphorus derivatives has been a subject of our latest interest. In particular, the addition of proton nucleophiles to chloromethyliso(thio)cyanatophosphonates-(phosphinates) resulted in a series of phosphorylated ureas, thioureas, uretanes and amides, which undergo intramolecular cyclization to give saturated and unsaturated phosphorus and organoelement heterocycles.^{1–3}

Note that cyclization reactions resulting in the formation of an asymmetric centre in the molecules of organophosphorus compounds, as a rule, proceed with high stereoselectivity and can be used in the synthesis of enantiopure substances.⁴ The stereoselective synthesis of organophosphorus compounds is of considerable current interest because they exhibit biological activity.

We have tested a new approach to obtain polycyclic phosphorus compounds *via* the reaction of alkylenechlorophosphites with diimine **1**, which was obtained from salicylic aldehyde and ethylene diamine in a 2:1 ratio.⁵ Phosphorylation of compound **1** with an equimolar amount of ethylenechlorophosphite **2a** without a base resulted in the formation of product **6a**[†] with the phosphorus chemical shift ³¹P {¹H} –118.41 ppm characteristic of a hexacoordinated phosphorus atom.

According to the elemental analysis, the product contained chlorine while IR spectra proved the presence of an ammonium fragment (NH⁺). Compound **6a** being treated by triethylamine gave product **7a**[‡] with a singlet δ_P –105.22 ppm in the ³¹P {¹H} NMR spectrum. Compound **7a** was characterized by 1D/2D ¹H, ¹³C and ³¹P NMR experiments (¹H–¹H COSY, ¹H–³¹P/¹H–¹³C HSQC/HMBC). This structure has two chiral centres, phosphorus and carbon atoms, that assume the formation of a diastereomeric mixture. However, the NMR spectra of products **6a**, **7a** indicate the formation of only one diastereomer, *i.e.*, the cascade cyclizations proceed stereospecifically. The correlation between experimental and calculated [GIAO B3LYP/6-31G(d)//HF/6-31G] proton chemical shifts showed that the only diastereomer possessing

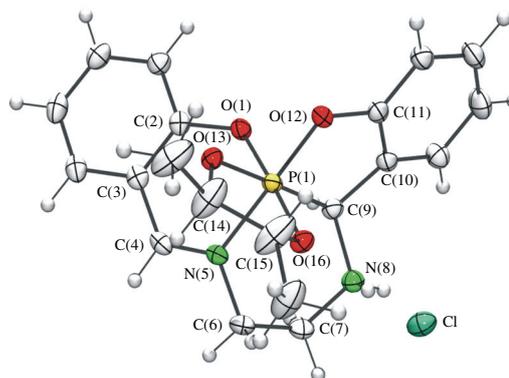
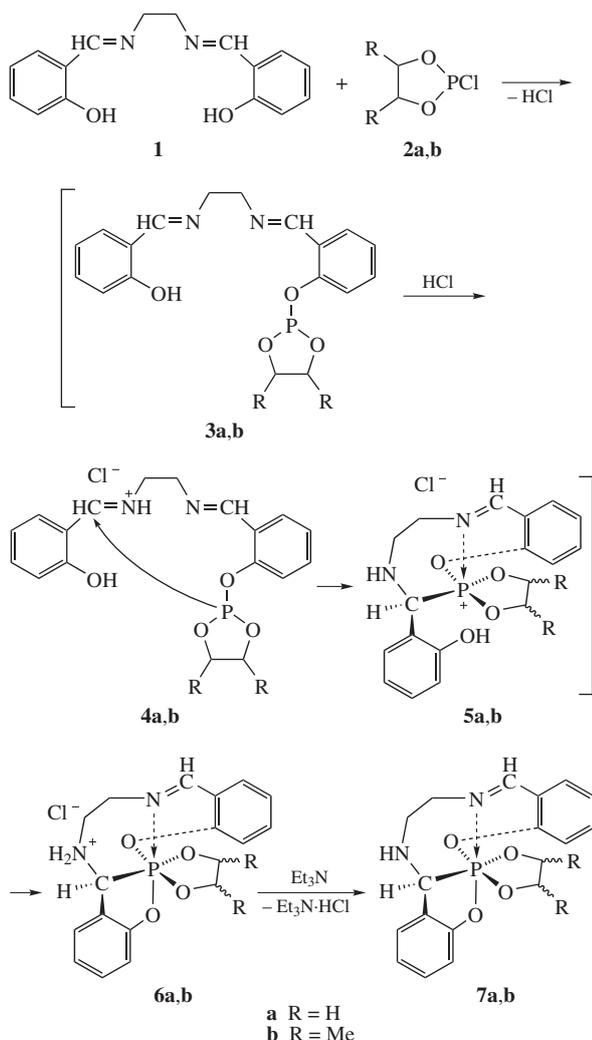
the opposite configurations of the chiral centres at carbon and phosphorus atoms is formed.

The formation of polycyclic product **6a** can be described as follows. First, as it was proved by NMR spectroscopy, the replacement of chlorine by the *o*-OH group of a salicylic fragment affords phosphite **3a** (δ_P 129.1 ppm) and hydrogen chloride. The latter protonates an imine nitrogen atom thus increasing the electrophilicity of the C=N bond. Second, the P^{III} atom attacks the activated imino group with the formation of the P–C bond to give an asymmetric carbon atom. The next step is the stereospecific cyclization of oxaphosphorine *via* an attack of the second phenolic group at the phosphorus atom, which leads to a new chiral centre at the phosphorus atom; it is determined by the configuration of the chiral carbon atom. The stereochemistry of these interactions most likely depends on the coordination of nitrogen to phosphorus already at the early steps, and it is clearly pronounced in products **6** and **7**. The P–N coordination bond lengths in compounds **6a** and **7a** are 1.951(2) and 1.996(2) Å, respectively. Similar intramolecular coordination was observed earlier in pentacoordinated phosphorus derivatives.^{6–8}

In order to analyze the diastereoselectivity of these reactions, we introduced asymmetry into the initial cyclic chlorophosphite and studied the interaction of racemic *d,l*-2,3-dimethylethylenechlorophosphite **2b** with imine **1**. The reaction proceeds in a similar way to give products **6b** and **7b** in high yields with the

[‡] *1,1-Ethylenedioxy-3,4,11,12-dibenzo-6,9-diaza-2,13-dioxo-1-phosphabicyclo[8.3.0^{1,10}]tridecatri-3,5,11-ene 7a*. The mixture of **6a** (0.9 g, 2.28 mmol) and triethylamine (0.23 g, 2.28 mmol) in methylene chloride (10 ml) was heated for 0.5 h at 40 °C. After 12 h, triethylamine hydrochloride was removed, **7a** was isolated after solvent removal in a vacuum. Yield, 43%; mp 177 °C. IR (ν/cm^{-1}): 1635 (C=N), 3345 (NH). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.09 (d, 1H, *J* 4.0 Hz), 7.43 (d, 1H, *J* 7.3 Hz), 7.34 (d, 1H, *J* 7.4 Hz), 7.31 (dd, 1H, *J* 8.2, 1.9 Hz), 7.16 (d, 1H, *J* 7.4 Hz), 6.97 (d, 1H, *J* 5.0 Hz), 6.95 (d, 1H, *J* 7.4 Hz), 6.89 (d, 1H, *J* 8.2 Hz), 6.86 (d, 1H, *J* 7.6 Hz), 4.66 (ddd, 1H, *J* 11.6, 11.6, 3.2 Hz), 4.15 (s, 1H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.65 (m, 1H), 3.43 (m, 1H), 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.09 (ddd, 1H, *J* 11.6, 11.4, 2.9 Hz), 2.4 (br. m, NH). ¹³C NMR (100.57 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 162.0 (d, *J*_{CP} 13.5 Hz), 162.0 (d, *J*_{CP} 3.9 Hz), 155.0 (d, *J*_{CP} 13.8 Hz), 136.1, 131.0, 128.2 (d, *J*_{CP} 1.9 Hz), 126.8 (d, *J*_{CP} 22.8 Hz), 126.5 (d, *J*_{CP} 21.8 Hz), 120.3 (d, *J*_{CP} 3.9 Hz), 120.1 (d, *J*_{CP} 0.3 Hz), 119.6 (d, *J*_{CP} 5.1 Hz), 119.3 (d, *J*_{CP} 1.3 Hz), 112.3 (d, *J*_{CP} 10.6 Hz), 69.5 (d, *J*_{CP} 192.3 Hz), 65.6 (d, *J*_{CP} 3.2 Hz), 60.2, 58.7 (d, *J*_{CP} 2.2 Hz), 49.9 (d, *J*_{CP} 2.6 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162.96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : –105.48. MS, *m/z*: 358.3 [M]⁺. Found (%): C, 60.11; H, 5.18; N, 7.72; P, 8.37. Calc. for C₁₈H₁₉N₂O₄P (%): C, 60.33; H, 5.34; N, 7.81; P, 8.64.

[†] *1,1-Ethylenedioxy-3,4,11,12-dibenzo-6-aza-9-ammonia-2,13-dioxo-1-phosphabicyclo[8.3.0^{1,10}]tridecatri-3,5,11-ene chloride 6a*. The mixture of **1** (1.34 g, 5.0 mmol) and **2a** (0.64 g, 5.0 mmol) in methylene chloride (15 ml) was kept for 24 h, the residue was removed by filtration, washed with diethyl ether and dried in a vacuum. Yield, 82%; mp 211 °C. IR (ν/cm^{-1}): 1628 (C=N), 2928, 3437 (NH₂⁺). ³¹P NMR (162.96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : –118.41. MS, *m/z*: 394.8 [M]⁺. Found (%): C, 54.99; H, 4.97; N, 6.72; P, 7.56. Calc. for C₁₈H₂₀ClN₂O₄P (%): C, 54.75; H, 5.10; N, 7.09; P, 7.84.

Figure 1 Molecular structure of compound **6b**.

C(15) carbon atoms]. Therefore, we can conclude that the polycyclic skeleton in two diastereomers is the same; two sets of signals in the NMR spectra correspond to diastereomers with different orientations of methyl substituents at the dioxaphospholane cycle. Experimentally observed difference in H(14) and H(15) (3.71 and 3.14 ppm, respectively) is in good agreement with calculated values (3.72 and 3.17 ppm, respectively) for the major diastereomer. For the minor diastereomer of **7b** with reverse configurations of Me-substituted C(14) and C(15) carbon atoms, non-equivalence of H(14) and H(15) protons is also reverted (3.23 vs. 3.79 ppm) in full agreement with calculations (3.31 vs. 3.91 ppm).

As shown by X-ray single crystal diffraction, the crystal taken from the crystallized mixture of diastereomers **6b** was a single racemic diastereomer with opposite configurations of chiral centres at carbon and phosphorus, the one, which is the major component in solution (Figure 1).^{††}

The [B3LYP/6-31G(d,p), Gaussian-98] calculations⁹ of both diastereomers of **6b** and **7b** performed with full geometry optimization showed that the (*S,R*)/(*R,S*) diastereomer is much more stable than the (*S,S*)/(*R,R*) diastereomer ($\Delta G^{298} = 4.59$ and 4.72 kcal mol⁻¹ for **6b** and **7b**, respectively). The diastereomers of **7b** with the same configuration of phosphorus and carbon C(9) chiral centres but the inverse configuration of the C(14) and C(15) carbon atoms in the dioxaphospholane ring have small energy difference $\Delta E(\text{HF}/6-31\text{G}) = 0.3$ kcal mol⁻¹ ($\Delta G^{298} = 0.26$ kcal mol⁻¹).

To summarize, a new type of cascade cyclization has been discovered, which yields new polycyclic six-coordinated phosphorus compounds. This cyclization results in the stereospecific

only difference that two diastereomers are formed according to NMR data in a ratio of 2:1 (**6b**)[§] or 4:1 (**7b**)[¶].

Chemical shifts (¹H and ¹³C) for most of the skeleton nuclei of these diastereomers are very similar, the major difference being observed for H(14) and H(15) protons [at the C(14) and

[§] *1,1-Dimethylethylenedioxy-3,4,11,12-dibenzo-6-aza-9-ammonia-2,13-dioxo-1-phosphabicyclo[8.3.0^{1,10}]tridecatri-3,5,11-ene chloride 6b* (mixture of diastereomers, 2:1). Yield, 95%; mp 206–209 °C. IR (ν/cm^{-1}): 1629 (C=N), 3433 (NH₂⁺). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : major isomer: 10.6 (br. s, 1H), 8.40 (d, 1H, *J* 5.6 Hz), 8.17 (d, 1H, *J* 7.7 Hz), 7.45 (dd, 1H, *J* 7.7, 7.7 Hz), 7.40 (d, 1H, *J* 7.20 Hz), 7.18 (dd, 1H, *J* 7.7, 7.7 Hz), 7.00 (dd, 1H, *J* 7.7, 7.7 Hz), 6.90 (d, 1H, *J* 7.7 Hz), 6.85 (m, 2H), 5.03 (dd, 1H, *J* 12.2, 12.2 Hz), 4.32 (d, 1H, *J* 8.6 Hz), 4.23 (d, 1H, *J* 12.2 Hz), 4.08 (d, 1H, *J* 12.2 Hz), 3.64 (m, 1H), 3.32 (dd, 1H, *J* 12.2, 12.2 Hz), 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.4 (br. s, NH), 1.02 (d, 3H, *J* 5.6 Hz), 0.98 (d, 3H, *J* 6.3 Hz); minor isomer: 8.42 (d, 1H, *J* 6.8 Hz), 8.15 (d, 1H, *J* 7.7 Hz), 4.75 (dd, 1H, *J* 11.7, 11.7 Hz), 4.30 (d, 1H, *J* 11.3 Hz), 4.20 (m, 1H), 4.10 (m, 1H), 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.34 (m, 1H), 3.06 (m, 1H), 1.12 (d, 3H, *J* 5.6 Hz), 0.86 (d, 3H, *J* 6.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100.62 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : major isomer: 164.3 (d, *J*_{CP} 2.2 Hz), 160.5 (d, *J*_{CP} 12.8 Hz), 155.2 (d, *J*_{CP} 9.9 Hz), 137.2 (s), 131.8 (s), 130.4 (s), 127.9 (d, *J*_{CP} 20.5 Hz), 121.1 (s), 120.0 (d, *J*_{CP} 5.6 Hz), 119.6 (s), 119.1 (d, *J*_{CP} 6.6 Hz), 113.0 (d, *J*_{CP} 13.6 Hz), 74.5 (s), 73.6 (s), 65.1 (d, *J*_{CP} 208.0 Hz), 58.0 (s), 47.3 (s), 17.0 (d, *J*_{CP} 16.9 Hz), 16.9 (d, *J*_{CP} 9.5 Hz); minor isomer: 165.5 (d, *J*_{CP} 2.2 Hz), 160.6 (d, *J*_{CP} 12.1 Hz), 155.0 (d, *J*_{CP} 9.9 Hz), 137.0 (s), 131.5 (s), 130.4 (s), 127.6 (d, *J*_{CP} 20.9 Hz), 121.1 (s), 119.9 (d, *J*_{CP} 5.6 Hz), 119.6 (s), 119.3 (d, *J*_{CP} 6.6 Hz), 112.8 (d, *J*_{CP} 13.6 Hz), 73.4 (s), 72.7 (d, *J*_{CP} 1.5 Hz), 64.6 (d, *J*_{CP} 206.1 Hz), 56.5 (s), 47.7 (s), 18.2 (d, *J*_{CP} 9.5 Hz), 17.7 (d, *J*_{CP} 17.7 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162.96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -118.21 (major isomer), -118.50. Found (%): C, 56.44; H, 5.72; N, 6.38; P, 7.26. Calc. for C₂₀H₂₄ClN₂O₄P (%): C, 56.79; H, 5.72; N, 6.62; P, 7.32.

[¶] *1,1-Dimethylethylenedioxy-3,4,11,12-dibenzo-6,9-diaza-2,13-dioxo-1-phosphabicyclo[8.3.0^{1,10}]tridecatri-3,5,11-ene 7b*: (mixture of diastereomers, 4:1). Yield, 87%; mp 168–172 °C. After heating **7b** with benzene (15 ml) (1 h at 80 °C), the solution was filtered and evaporated in a vacuum. The individual major isomer was isolated. Yield, 37%; mp 172–173 °C. IR (ν/cm^{-1}): 1630 (C=N), 3377 (NH). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.07 (d, 1H, *J* 3.4 Hz), 7.42 (dd, 1H, *J* 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.33 (d, 1H, *J* 7.6 Hz), 7.23 (dd, 1H, *J* 7.8, 1.5 Hz), 7.16 (dd, 1H, *J* 8.2, 7.6 Hz), 6.96 (d, 1H, *J* 7.6 Hz), 6.93 (dd, 1H, *J* 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 6.89 (d, 1H, *J* 8.2 Hz), 6.86 (dd, 1H, *J* 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 4.91 (ddd, 1H, *J* 11.3, 11.3, 2.9 Hz), 4.13 (s, 1H), 3.71 (m, 1H), 3.69 (d, 1H, *J* 11.3 Hz), 3.48 (dd, 1H, *J* 13.7, 2.9 Hz), 3.14 (m, 1H), 3.08 (dd, 1H, *J* 11.3, 13.7 Hz), 2.3 (br. m, NH), 1.17 (d, 3H, *J* 6.1 Hz), 1.08 (d, 3H, *J* 5.9 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100.62 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 162.3 (d, *J*_{CP} 13.1 Hz), 161.6 (d, *J*_{CP} 3.2 Hz), 155.3 (d, *J*_{CP} 13.8 Hz), 135.9 (s), 130.9 (s), 128.2 (d, *J*_{CP} 2.2 Hz), 126.8 (d, *J*_{CP} 21.8 Hz), 126.7 (d, *J*_{CP} 21.8 Hz), 120.4 (d, *J*_{CP} 3.5 Hz), 119.8 (s), 119.7 (d, *J*_{CP} 4.8 Hz), 119.2 (d, *J*_{CP} 1.0 Hz), 112.4 (d, *J*_{CP} 10.9 Hz), 74.1 (s), 72.5 (d, *J*_{CP} 1.9 Hz), 70.0 (d, *J*_{CP} 193.3 Hz), 65.8 (d, *J*_{CP} 2.6 Hz), 49.9 (s), 17.5 (d, *J*_{CP} 8.3 Hz), 17.3 (d, *J*_{CP} 17.3 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162.96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -107.22. Found (%): C, 62.03; H, 5.77; N, 7.26; P, 7.83. Calc. for C₂₀H₂₃N₂O₄P (%): C, 62.12; H, 5.95; N, 7.24; P, 8.01.

formation of the P–C–N fragment with a chiral carbon atom in the α -position. The reaction can be used to synthesize enantiopure aminophosphonic acid derivatives, which are of importance in bioorganic chemistry.¹⁰

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^{††} X-ray crystal structure analysis for **6b**: C₂₀H₂₈ClN₂O₆P, *M* = 458.86, colourless crystal, 0.40 × 0.25 × 0.05 mm, monoclinic, space group *P*2₁/*c* (no. 14), at 198 K: *a* = 8.4519(1), *b* = 25.2317(3) and *c* = 10.2769(2) Å, β = 102.543(1)°, *V* = 2139.30(5) Å³, *d*_{calc} = 1.425 g cm⁻³, μ = 0.293 mm⁻¹, empirical absorption correction (0.892 ≤ *T* ≤ 0.986), *Z* = 4, λ = 0.71073 Å, ω and φ scans, 31079 reflections collected ($\pm h, \pm k, \pm l$), [(*sin*θ)/λ] = 0.67 Å⁻¹, 5497 independent (*R*_{int} = 0.086) and 4033 observed reflections [*I* ≥ 2σ(*I*)], 293 refined parameters, *R* = 0.050, *wR*₂ = 0.126, maximum residual electron density 0.94 (−0.76) e Å⁻³, hydrogen atoms calculated and refined as riding atoms. The structures were solved by a direct method using the SHELXS program and refined by the full-matrix least-squares using the SHELXL-97 program on all *F*² data.¹¹ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The final residuals were *R* = 0.0433, *R*_w = 0.0801. Data collection: images were indexed, integrated, and scaled using the APEX2 data reduction package.¹² The figure was made using the PLATON program.¹³

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