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2,2'-Biphenyl (cyclohexylamino)phosphonate: a hydrogen-bonded dimer

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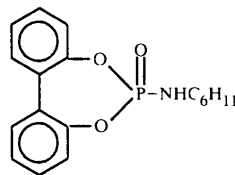
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Abstract

The structure of the title compound, C₁₈H₂₀NO₃P, reveals a hydrogen-bonding interaction between the NH group and the phosphoryl-O atom, resulting in a dimer; no interaction of the O atoms of the seven-membered 1,3,2-dioxaphosphepine ring with the NH proton is found.

Comment

We have recently described the structures of the amino phosphorus derivatives (C₆H₁₁NH)P(OCH₂CMe₂CH₂O), (1), (C₆H₁₁NH)P(OCH₂CMe₂CH₂O)(O₂C₆Cl₄), (2), (C₆H₁₁NH)P[{O-(^tBu)₂C₆H₂]₂CH₂], (3), and (C₆H₁₁NH)P[{O-(^tBu)₂C₆H₂]₂CH₂}(O₂C₆H₄), (4) (Said *et al.*, 1997). Whereas the tricoordinated compounds, (1) and (3), showed hydrogen bonding involving C₆H₁₁NH and an O atom of the six- or eight-membered ring, such a feature was absent in the pentacoordinated compounds, (2) and (4). In connection with this, we were interested in knowing the nature of the hydrogen bonding, if any, in cyclic phosphates bearing a primary amino group such as C₆H₁₁NH. Herein we report the results on one such phosphate, the title compound, (C₆H₁₁NH)PO(2,2'-OC₆H₄-C₆H₄O), (5). Compound (5), with a tetracoordinated P atom, was also chosen in order to study any conformational changes in the seven-membered ring, compared with tri- or pentacoordinated phosphorus compounds (Said *et al.*, 1997).



(5)

The molecular structure of (5) is shown in Fig. 1. The P—N bond length in (5) [1.609 (2) Å] is shorter than those observed in the tricoordinated aminophosphites (1) (mean 1.656 Å) and (3) [1.635 (3) Å], but is close to that observed for the aminophosphoranes (2) [1.619 (2) Å] and (4) (1.629 Å). The seven-membered phosphepine ring has a 'row-boat' conformation similar to several other phosphorus derivatives with this ring (Said *et al.*, 1996, and references therein), with O2 at the prow of the boat. Atoms P1, O1, C7 and C12 form the basal

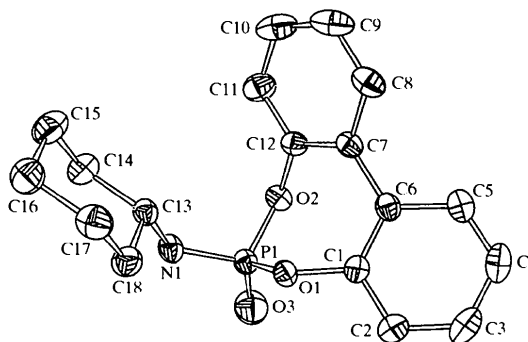


Fig. 1. The molecular structure of (5), with displacement ellipsoids plotted at the 25% probability level. For clarity, only non-H atoms are labelled.

plane, but this plane is more twisted (atoms C7 and C12 are above and below this plane, respectively, by *ca* 0.16 Å) than that in the pentacoordinated derivative, (2,6-Me₂C₆H₃O)₃P(2,2'-OC₆H₄-C₆H₄O) (Burton *et al.*, 1990).

Hydrogen bonding is present in (5). However, instead of the ring-O atom [*cf.* compounds (1) and (3) (Said *et al.*, 1997)], it is the phosphoryl-O atom which is involved in hydrogen bonding, resulting in a dimer [Fig. 2; N1—H \cdots O3(1 - x, -y, -z) 2.942 (3) Å]. This is perhaps logical, because the phosphoryl-O atom can be expected to have more *s*-character. Thus, although both (3) and (5) form dimers leading to the formation of an eight-membered ring (including H atoms) through hydrogen bonding, the types of participating atoms are different.

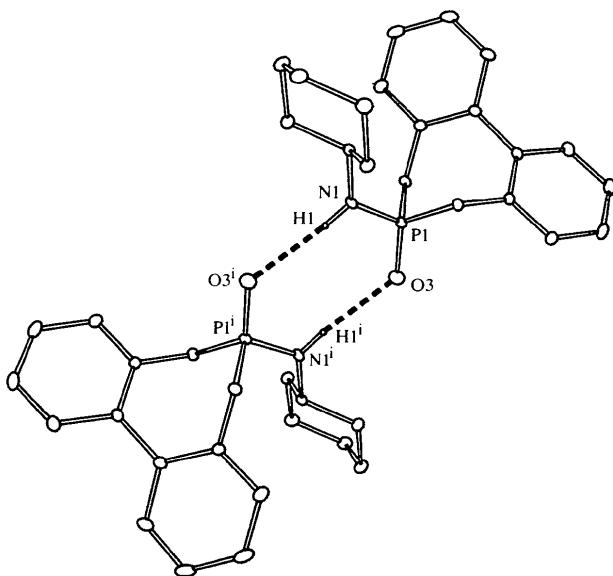


Fig. 2. The hydrogen-bonding interactions in (5) [symmetry code: (i) 1 - x, -y, -z].

Experimental

The title compound was obtained by air-oxidation of the phosphite (C₆H₁₁NH)P(2,2'-OC₆H₄-C₆H₄O) (Said *et al.*, 1995). It was crystallized from a dichloromethane-hexane mixture (m.p. 432–434 K). IR: 3200 cm⁻¹ [ν (NH)]; ¹H NMR (p.p.m.): 0.80–3.20 (*m*, 11H, cyclohexyl protons), 6.80–7.70 (*m*, 8H, aromatic protons); ³¹P NMR: 11.1 p.p.m.; analysis calculated for C₁₈H₂₀NO₃P: C 65.65, H 6.07, N 4.25%; found: C 65.15, H 4.45, N 4.10%. The crystal used for analysis was inserted into a Lindemann capillary.

Crystal data

C₁₈H₂₀NO₃P
M_r = 329.32

Mo K α radiation
 λ = 0.71073 Å

Monoclinic
P2₁/c
a = 11.834 (2) Å
b = 12.159 (4) Å
c = 12.438 (4) Å
 β = 112.77 (2)°
V = 1650.4 (8) Å³
Z = 4
D_x = 1.325 Mg m⁻³
D_m not measured

Cell parameters from 24 reflections
 θ = 11–13°
 μ = 0.181 mm⁻¹
T = 293 (2) K
Block
0.3 × 0.2 × 0.2 mm
White

Data collection

Enraf-Nonius MACH-3 diffractometer
 ω scans
Absorption correction: none
3030 measured reflections
2890 independent reflections
2058 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

R_{int} = 0.037
 θ_{max} = 24.97°
h = -14 → 13
k = 0 → 14
l = 0 → 14
3 standard reflections
frequency: 90 min
intensity decay: 2%

Refinement

Refinement on F²
R = 0.044
wR = 0.148
S = 1.08
2890 reflections
212 parameters
H atoms: see below
w = 1/[\sigma²(F_o²) + (0.0817P)² + 0.684P]
where P = (F_o² + 2F_c²)/3

(Δ/σ)_{max} < 0.001
 $\Delta\rho_{max}$ = 0.20 e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{min}$ = -0.641 e Å⁻³
Extinction correction: none
Scattering factors from
International Tables for Crystallography (Vol. C)

Table 1. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

P1—O3	1.422 (3)	O2—C12	1.401 (3)
P1—O1	1.602 (2)	C1—C6	1.388 (4)
P1—O2	1.605 (2)	C6—C7	1.476 (4)
P1—N1	1.609 (2)	C7—C12	1.393 (4)
O1—C1	1.413 (3)		
O3—P1—O1	118.9 (1)	C1—O1—P1	121.1 (2)
O3—P1—O2	107.9 (1)	C12—O2—P1	123.6 (2)
O1—P1—O2	101.1 (1)	C6—C1—O1	119.6 (2)
O3—P1—N1	116.2 (1)	C1—C6—C7	122.8 (2)
O1—P1—N1	100.7 (1)	C12—C7—C6	121.8 (2)
O2—P1—N1	111.0 (1)	C7—C12—O2	119.3 (2)

The structure was solved by conventional methods using *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1990) and refined by full-matrix least-squares methods (*SHELXL97*; Sheldrick, 1997). All non-H atoms were refined anisotropically. All H atoms except the amine-H atom were placed at idealized positions using a riding model; the amine-H atom was located from a difference map and refined isotropically.

Data reduction: *Xtal3.4* (Hall *et al.*, 1995). Molecular graphics: *ORTEX5j* (McArdle, 1995).

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Scalarolide and scalarin, sesterterpenes from *Cacospongia* and *Ircinia* sponges

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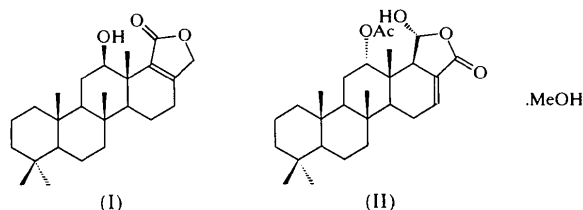
Abstract

The structures of scalarolide (12 β -hydroxyscalar-17-en-24,25-olide) [alternative name (5 α ,12 β)-17a,17-lactone-12-hydroxy-17-(hydroxymethyl)-4,4,8-trimethyl-D-homoandrost-17-ene-17a-carboxylic acid], C₂₅H₃₈O₃, from a *Cacospongia* sponge and scalarin (12 α -acetoxy-25 α -hydroxyscalar-16-en-25,24-olide) methanol solvate {alternative name [5 α ,12 α ,17a β (R)]- γ -lactone-12-(acetyloxy)-17a-(dihydroxymethyl)-4,4,8-trimethyl-D-homoandrost-16-ene-17-carboxylic acid methanol solvate}, C₂₇H₄₀O₅·CH₄O, from an *Ircinia* sponge have been verified.

Comment

Tetracyclic sesterterpenes with a scalarane skeleton occur frequently as metabolites of sponges of the family Thorectidae (order dictyoceratida) (Faulkner, 1997) which includes the genera *Cacospongia* and *Ircinia*.

Such compounds have biological importance (Rueda *et al.*, 1997) and their investigation has attracted much interest. During an investigation of the dictyoceratida sponges we have examined the constituents of two unnamed sponges of the genera *Cacospongia* and *Ircinia* which have yielded the known scalarane sesterterpenes scalarolide (Walker *et al.*, 1980) and scalarin (Fattorusso *et al.*, 1972), respectively. The structures and relative stereochemistry of the title compounds (I) and (II) have been verified by X-ray crystallography.



Compounds with a scalarane-type skeleton which have been examined by this method previously include the homoscalarane 22-acetoxy-24-methyl-12,24-dioxoscalar-16-en-25-al (Kazlauskas *et al.*, 1980), the bishomoscalaranes (20*S*,24*S*)-20-acetoxy-12 β -hydroxy-20,24-dimethyl-25-norscalar-17-ene-18,24-carbolactone (Croft *et al.*, 1983), methyl 12 α -acetoxy-20,24-dimethyl-16,24-dioxoscalara-14,17-dien-25-oate (Declercq *et al.*, 1985) and 24-*O*-methyl scalaridysin-B (16 β -acetoxy-24 α -methoxy-20,24-dimethyl-12-oxoscalar-24,25-oxide) (Kitagawa *et al.*, 1989), heteronemin (16 β ,25 α -diacetoxy-12 β -hydroxyscalar-17(24)-en-24,25-oxide) (Patil *et al.*, 1991), 12-deacetoxyscalaradial, (scalar-16-en-24,25-dicarboxaldehyde) (De Rosa *et al.*, 1994), scalaradial (Puliti *et al.*, 1995) and 3 β ,25 α -dihydroxy-20,24-dimethylscalar-16-en-24,25-oxide (Jaspers *et al.*, 1997).

The structure determinations verify the chemical composition and relative stereochemistry. The figures show the same absolute stereochemistry as scalarane (Kazlauskas *et al.*, 1980). Both molecules show a skeletal distortion similar to that observed for (20*S*,24*S*)-20-acetoxy-12 β -hydroxy-20,24-dimethyl-25-norscalar-17-ene-18,24-carbolactone (Croft *et al.*, 1983) in that the distances between atoms in the sequence C4, C5, C10, C9, C8, C14, C13, C18 tend to be longer than expected (see Tables 1 and 2). In addition, the angles around C5, C9 and C14 tend to be larger than the tetrahedral value. This has been rationalized in terms of non-bonded hydrogen contacts (Croft *et al.*, 1983). Both molecules also show the bend in the molecular skeleton as found for scalaradial which has been ascribed to interactions between the axial methyl groups (Puliti *et al.*, 1995). An indication of the degree of bending is given by the angle between the mean planes of the A and C rings, 26.4(2) and 30.4(1) $^\circ$ for scalarolide (I) and scalarin (II), respectively.