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# 3-Chloromethyl-5-methoxy-4-methoxycarbonyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,3]oxaphosphole monohydrate

The title compound crystallizes as a monohydrate,  $C_7H_{10}PO_5Cl·H_2O$ . In the crystal structure, two symmetryrelated oxaphosphole molecules are linked through hydrogen bonds with the water molecule of crystallization.

#### Comment

The title compound, (I), is a completely original and highly functionalized phosphorus heterocycle (Manz et al., 1997; Kozlov & Sedlov, 1968; Trishin et al., 1995) with potential biological activity as an agrochemical (Kafarski & Lejczak, 1991). It was obtained by an unusual cyclization reaction using bis(chloromethyl)phosphinic chloride as a 1,2-dielectrophile and dimethyl malonate as a 1,3-dinucleophile. The combination of these two reagents in the presence of two equivalents of sodium hydride in tetrahydrofuran led to the formation of the phosphorus heterocycle.



The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1 and selected geometric parameters are given in Table 1. Compound (I) crystallizes incorporating a water molecule, which is tightly linked to the oxaphosphole through hydrogen bonding. The bonds lengths are close to those generally found in similar compounds:  $P-C$  bonds range from 1.755 (2) to 1.838 (2) Å, C-O single bonds are in the range 1.300 (2)-1.456 (2) A, while the C= $\overline{O}$  distance is 1.207 (2) A. In the

# O<sub>5</sub>  $C<sub>4</sub>$ ĆЗ  $C<sub>2</sub>$  $O<sub>2</sub>$

#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of the title compound, (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme. The H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radius and the hydrogen bond as double dashed lines.

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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  $T = 293 K$ Mean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.002$  Å  $R$  factor = 0.044  $wR$  factor = 0.132 Data-to-parameter ratio = 21.6

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#### Figure 2

Crystal packing diagram of the title compound, (I). Hydrogen bonds are indicated as double dashed lines.

crystal structure, the packing of the molecules is stabilized by weak  $O-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds  $[O \cdots O] = 2.894 (2)$  Å involving the carbonyl group and an H atom of the water molecule (Taft et al., 1996). Details are given in Fig. 2 and Table 2. The water molecule is also involved, through its second H atom, in a weak hydrogen bond  $[0 \cdots 0]$  = 2.863 (2)  $\AA$  with atom O1 on the phosphorus. The O $\cdot \cdot \cdot$ O distances and also  $O \cdot \cdot H \cdot \cdot O$  angles are comparable to those found in water for weak hydrogen bonding. The positions of all of the atoms in the molecule (except for O1, C1 and Cl, which are out of plane) deviate by less than  $0.06 \text{ Å}$  from the mean plane. This indicates that the molecule is almost flat, which is consistent with a strong conjugation of the  $sp^2$  system involving the olefinic ester and the O atoms of the alkoxy groups (methoxy and heterocycle).

## Experimental

The reaction was carried out under nitrogen using Schlenk techniques. The solvents were dried by standard procedures, distilled and stored under nitrogen prior to use. All reactions were monitored by TLC (Merck, SIL G/UV254) or <sup>31</sup>P NMR. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AC-200 or Avance-250 spectrometer and referenced to the solvent as internal standard. In a three-necked round-bottomed flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer, a condenser and a dropping funnel, 10.98 g (83.2 mmol, 1 equivalent) of dimethyl malonate in 20 ml of anhydrous THF was added dropwise to a suspension of 4.19 g (174.6 mmol, 2.1 equivalent) of sodium hydride (96%) in 200 ml of anhydrous THF at 253 K. Subsequently, when hydrogen gas had evolved, 15.09 g (83.2 mmol, 1 equivalent) of bis(chloromethyl)phosphinic chloride in 20 ml of THF was added slowly at 253 K without exceeding 273 K. The reaction was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was then concentrated, using a rotary evaporator to remove THF, and 100 ml of water was added. The solution was extracted three times with 50 ml of chloroform. The organic layers were dried over MgSO4, and concentrated to afford a yellow oil which crystallized slowly. The resulting solid was filtered, washed with acetone to give the pure oxaphosphole (12.16 g, 50.6 mmol; 61% yield). Colourless plate-like crystals were obtained by crystallization from a hexane-ether mixture. M.p. 411-414 K; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 81.01 MHz): 49.28 p.p.m. (s) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 200.13 MHz): 3,72 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3,86 (dd, 1H,  $^{2}I = 14.1 \text{ Hz}^{-2}I = 0.2 \text{ Hz} \text{ PCH}$  Cl), 4.07 (dd, 1H,  $^{2}I =$  $J_{\text{HH}}$  = -14.1 Hz,  $^{2}J_{\text{PH}}$  = -9.2 Hz, PCH<sub>2</sub>Cl), 4,07 (dd, 1H,  $^{2}J_{\text{HH}}$  =

 $j_{\text{PH}} = -10.3 \text{ Hz}, \text{PCH}_2\text{Cl}, 4.05 \text{ (s, 3H, CH}_3), 4.53 \text{ (dd, 1H)}$ <br>  $j_{\text{H}} = -14.1 \text{ Hz}^{-2}I = -9.6 \text{ Hz} \text{ PCH} \text{O} \text{A} \text{ } 71 \text{ nm} \text{m} \text{ (d, 1H)}^{-2}I = -14.1 \text{ Hz}^{-2}I$  $J_{\text{HH}} = -14.1 \text{ Hz}, {}^{2}J_{\text{PH}} = -9.6 \text{ Hz}, \text{PCH}_{2}\text{O}, 4.71 \text{ p.p.m.} (d, 1H, {}^{2}J_{\text{HH}} =$  $-14.1$  Hz, PCH<sub>2</sub>O); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50.32 MHz): 35.14 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 84.1 Hz, PCH<sub>2</sub>Cl), 51.00 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 57.25 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 66.87 (d,  $^{1}J_{\text{PC}}$  = 66.2 Hz, PCH<sub>2</sub>O), 71.71 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 119.1 Hz, PC=), 162.90 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 7.8 Hz, CO<sub>2</sub>Me), 174.91 p.p.m.  $[d, {}^{2}J_{PC} = 33.1 \text{ Hz}, = C(OMe)]$ ; MS FAB<sup>+</sup> (NBA Matrix):  $m/z = 241 (100\%) ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>), m/z = 209 (85\%)$  $([M-MeO^-]^+).$ 

Crystal data



2695 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2 (F_o^2) + (0.0758P)^2]$  $+ 0.1891P$ 

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$  $\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 0.47 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\text{min}} = -0.45$  e  $\AA^{-3}$ 

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

 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.040$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 30.1^{\circ}$  $h = -10 \to 10$  $k = -12 \rightarrow 11$  $l = -12 \rightarrow 12$ 

Data collection

Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur CCD diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: none 9001 measured reflections 3113 independent reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.044$  $wR(F^2) = 0.132$  $S = 1.10$ 3113 reflections 144 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

## Table 1

Selected geometric parameters  $(A)$ .









H atoms attached to the C atoms were included in calculated positions and treated as riding atoms using SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997) default parameters: C-H = 0.96-0.97 Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(H)$  =  $1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . H atoms of the water molecule were located in a Fourier difference map and were refined isotropically.

Data collection: CrysAlis CCD (Oxford Diffraction, 2001); cell refinement: CrysAlis RED (Oxford Diffraction, 2001); data reduction: CrysAlis RED; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure:  $SHELXL97$  (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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