

Preparation and Structure of Phenylthioxophosphoranes Carrying *t*-Butyl and Dimethylaminomethyl or Dimethylaminoethyl Groups at the ortho-Positions

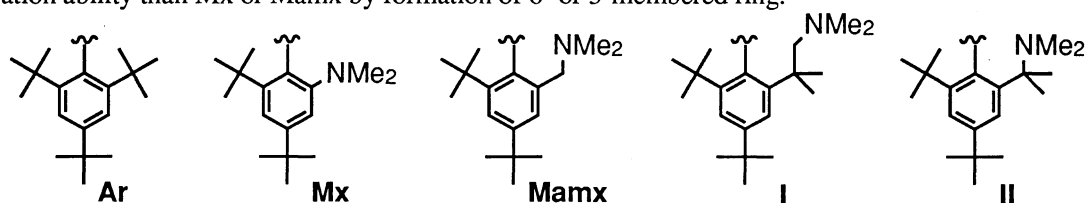
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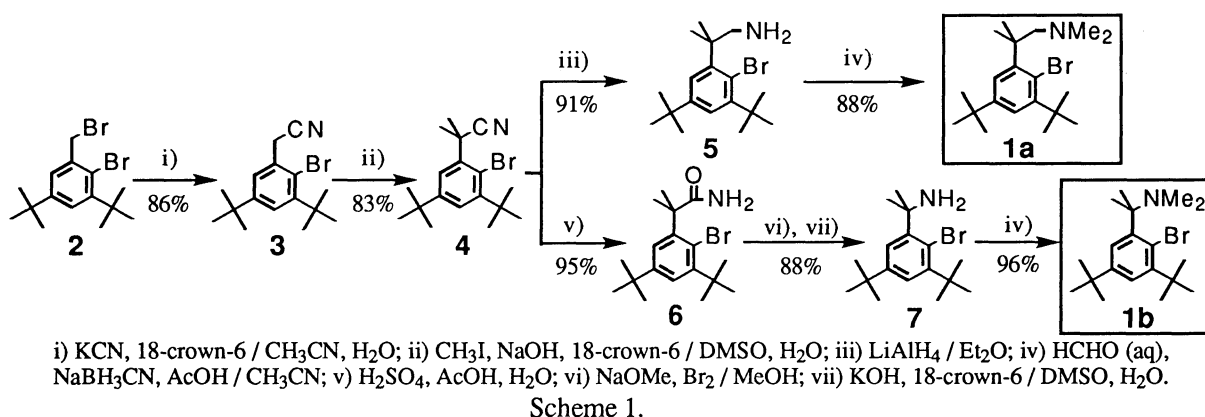
Dithioxophosphoranes and thioxophosphines carrying 2,4-di-*t*-butyl-6-(aminoalkyl)-phenyl groups were prepared and characterized. The intramolecular coordination of the nitrogen lone pair to the phosphorus atom was indicated by NMR and IR spectroscopy and was confirmed by X-ray crystallography.

Kinetic stabilization using bulky protecting groups is a useful method for investigation of low coordinated phosphorus compounds. Utilizing the extremely bulky 2,4,6-tri-*t*-butylphenyl (hereafter abbreviated to Ar group) as a sterically protecting auxiliary, we and others have successfully prepared various types of multiply bonded phosphorus compounds such as diphosphenes¹⁾ and dithioxophosphorane.²⁾ However, thioxophosphines are too reactive to be isolated even if being sterically protected with the Ar group.^{2c,3)}

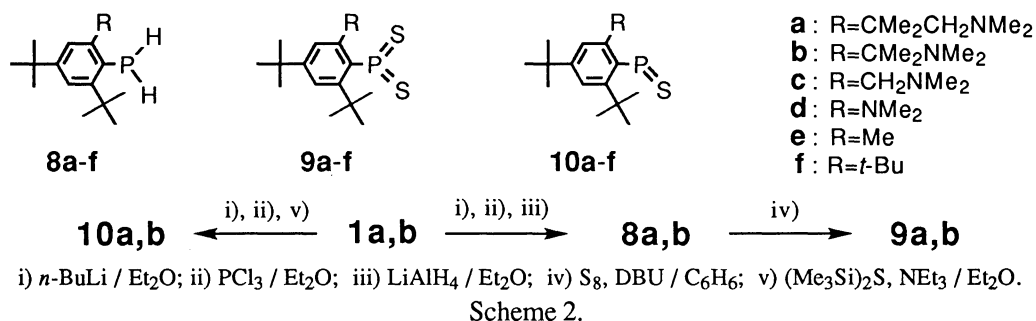
On the other hand, thermodynamic stabilization is an alternative method of stabilization of thioxophosphines. Recently, we have developed some novel stabilizing groups, such as 2,4-di-*t*-butyl-6-(dimethylamino)phenyl (Mx group)⁴⁾ and 2,4-di-*t*-butyl-6-(dimethylaminomethyl)phenyl (Mamx group),⁵⁾ having electron donating groups in their moieties. Using these substituents, dithioxophosphoranes as well as selenoxo- and thioxophosphines were prepared as stable compounds. In these compounds, the phosphorus-sulfur bonds are stabilized by both steric protection of the *o*-*t*-butyl group and thermodynamic stabilization caused by intramolecular coordination of the amino group of the substituents at ortho position. Now we developed novel stabilizing groups, 2,4-di-*t*-butyl-6-[1,1-dimethyl-2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]phenyl (I) and 2,4-di-*t*-butyl-6-[1-(dimethylamino)-1-methylethyl]phenyl (II), which are expected to have more protecting and coordination ability than Mx or Mamx by formation of 6- or 5-membered ring.



Sterically hindered bromobenzenes **1a**,⁶⁾ were prepared from 2-bromo-1-(bromomethyl)-3,5-di-*t*-butylbenzene (**2**)⁷⁾ as shown in Scheme 1 via **3**, **4**, and **5** (57% overall yield of **1a**) or via **3**, **4**, **6**, and **7** (57% overall yield of **1b**) by the analogous method reported previously.⁸⁾ The bromobenzene **1a** (368 mg; 1.08 mmol) was lithiated with butyllithium (1.5 equiv) under argon in ether (20 mL) at 0 °C and the resulting solution was added to an ethereal (20 mL) solution of PCl₃ (1.5 equiv), then the product was treated with lithium



aluminum hydride (2.0 equiv) to give the corresponding phosphine **8a**. The phosphine **8a** thus obtained was allowed to react with S₈ (5.4 mmol as S) in benzene (10 mL) in the presence of 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU; 0.3 equiv) at room temperature for 10 h to give the corresponding dithioxophosphorane **9a** (13% yield based on **1a**). Very similarly, **9b** was prepared from **1b** (3% yield based on **1b**). Formation of thioxophosphines **10a,b** was observed by ³¹P NMR and MS spectroscopy by the successive reaction of **1a,b** with butyllithium (1.6 equiv), PCl₃ (1.6 equiv), and hexamethyldisilathiane (0.5 equiv) as shown in Scheme 2.



³¹P NMR chemical shifts of the compounds **8a,b**, **9a,b**, **10a,b** and other related compounds are listed in Table 1. As for the phosphines **8a-f**, the effect of the amino group on the chemical shift are not apparent.⁹⁾ On the contrary, interaction of nitrogen to phosphorus in the dithioxophosphoranes **9a-d** is clearly shown by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy. The signals due to the dithioxophosphoranes **9a-d** appear at higher field by ca. 150 ppm than that of **9e,f**. This up-field shift is ascribable to the coordination of the nitrogen lone pair to the phosphorus atom in **9a-d**. In the case of **9a**, such internal coordination is performed by forming 6-membered ring, while 5- or 4-membered ring is formed in the case of **9b,c** or **9d**, respectively. Thus, the degree of observed up-field shift corresponds to the size of coordination ring. The largest up-field shift in **9a** indicates that 6-membered ring is highly efficient for the coordination. Efficiency of coordination is also indicated by IR spectroscopy, thus the absorption due to phosphorus-sulfur double bond shifts to lower wavenumber as the ring increases in size.

The six-membered ring coordination in **9a** was established by X-ray crystallographic analysis.¹⁰⁾ Figure 1 depicts a molecular structure drawing of **9a** where *p-t*-butyl group is disordered and one with the higher occupancy factor is shown for clarity. The P=S bonds for **9a** (1.956(4), 1.946(4) Å) are longer than those for **9f** (1.90 Å)^{2a)} and slightly longer than those for **9c** (1.944(4), 1.936(4) Å).⁵⁾ This elongated bond length indicates that the multiplicity of P=S is decreased by the coordination. The P-N distance for **9a** (1.918(9) Å) is almost the same as that for **9c** (1.921(8) Å) and the most striking difference between **9a** and **9c** is the bond angles C1-P1-N1: 99.1(5)° for **9a** and 88.2(4)° for **9c**.

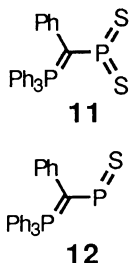
Table 1. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR and IR Data of **8**, **9**, and **10**

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	$\delta_{\text{P}}^{\text{a}}$	$\delta_{\text{P}}^{\text{a}}$	$\nu(\text{P}=\text{S})/\text{cm}^{-1}$		$\delta_{\text{P}}^{\text{b}}$	Ref.
a	-127.4	135.7	696	632	209.7	This work
b	-134.5	150.5	700	634	281.4	This work
c	-143.6	149.6	713	634	282.7	5
d	-141.6	170.6	725	653	388.5	4a,b
e	-143.0	285.2	—	—	—	11a,b
f	-129.9	298.2	792	660	—	11c,2c

a) Measured in CDCl_3 except for **9e** (in toluene); the reported value of **8e**: -149.9 (in C_6D_6).^{11a} b) Measured in C_6D_6 ; the reported value of **10d**: 382.0 (in $\text{THF}-d_8$).^{4a}

The ^{31}P NMR signals of thioxophosphines **10a-d** show a similar tendency observed in the case of dithioxophosphoranes **9a-d** and the degree of up-field shift due to the difference in the ring size is larger than that of the **9a-d**, thus **10a,b** resonate at $\delta_{\text{P}} = 209.7$ and 281.4 , higher than that for **10d** about 180 or 100 ppm, respectively. This fact also indicates that the coordination becomes more effective by the increased ring size. Although thioxophosphines **10a,b** did not decompose in CDCl_3 solution for one day, attempted isolation was not successful because of decomposition in the air.

The thermodynamically stabilized compounds **11** ($\delta_{\text{P}} = 243$)^{12a} and **12** ($\delta_{\text{P}} = 495.9$)^{12b} was reported by Schmidpeter et al. to resonate at lower field than **9a-d** and **10a-d**, respectively. This fact indicates the existence of the large electronic perturbation in **10a-d**.



In summary, preparations of thioxophosphines **10a,b** and dithioxophosphoranes **9a,b** were successful. ^{31}P NMR spectra and IR spectra indicated that ring size plays an important role in coordination structures. The new protecting groups **I**, **II** might be useful for stabilizing unstable molecules containing polarizable bonds.

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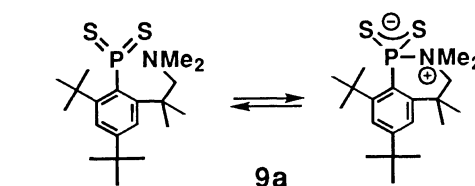
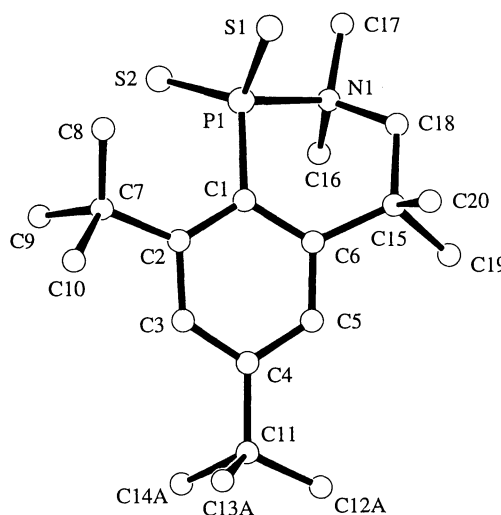


Fig. 1. Molecular structure of **9a**. Some important bond lengths (Å) and bond angles ($^\circ$): P1-S1, 1.956(4); P1-S2, 1.946(4); P1-C1, 1.83(1); P1-N1, 1.918(9); S1-P1-S2, 120.6(2); S1-P1-C1, 114.1(3); S2-P1-C1, 113.7(4); S1-P1-N1, 103.1(3); S2-P1-N1, 102.1(3); N1-P1-C1, 99.1(5); P1-C1-C2, 122.5(8); P1-C1-C6, 119.3(9); P1-N1-C18, 107.7(6); C1-C6-C15, 124(1); N1-C18-C15, 116.4(9); C6-C15-C18, 116.9(9).

- 6) Selected spectroscopic data: **1a**: Colorless oil, ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 1.60 (6H, s, CMe_2CH_2), 3.08 (6H, s, NMe_2), and 2.17 (2H, s, CH_2); ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 28.6 (CMe_2CH_2), 47.6 (NMe_2), and 67.1 (CH_2); MS (70 eV, EI) m/z 366 (M^+-H). **1b**: Colorless crystals, mp 72.5–75.0 °C; ^1H NMR δ = 1.54 (6H, s, CMe_2NMe_2) and 2.15 (6H, s, NMe_2); ^{13}C NMR δ = 22.8 (CMe_2NMe_2) and 38.2 (NMe_2); MS m/z 353 (M^+). **3**: Colorless crystals, mp 79.0–80.0 °C; ^1H NMR δ = 3.90 (2H, s, CH_2CN); ^{13}C NMR δ = 37.5 (CH_2CN); IR 2248 cm^{-1} ($\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$); MS m/z 307 (M^+). **4**: Colorless crystals, mp 157.5–159.0 °C; ^1H NMR δ = 1.93 (6H, s, CMe_2CN); ^{13}C NMR δ = 28.9 (CMe_2CN); IR 2227 cm^{-1} ($\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$); MS m/z 335 (M^+). **5**: Colorless crystals, mp 176.0–178.0 °C; ^1H NMR δ = 1.11 (2H, br. s, NH_2), 1.41 (6H, s, CMe_2CH_2), and 3.29 (2H, s, CH_2); ^{13}C NMR δ = 27.8 (CMe_2CH_2) and 51.3 (CH_2NH_2); IR 3392 (N-H) and 3303 (N-H) cm^{-1} . **6**: Colorless crystals, mp 179.0–181.5 °C; ^1H NMR δ = 1.70 (6H, s, $\text{CMe}_2\text{C}=\text{O}$) and 5.26 (2H, br. s, NH_2); ^{13}C NMR δ = 50.5 ($\text{CMe}_2\text{C}=\text{O}$); IR 3294 (br. N-H), 3153 (br. N-H), and 1691 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} . **7**: Colorless crystals, mp 174.5–176.0 °C; ^1H NMR δ = 1.73 (6H, s, CMe_2NH_2) and 2.33 (2H, br. s, NH_2); ^{13}C NMR δ = 31.7 (CMe_2N) and 55.5 (CMe_2N); MS m/z 325 (M^+). **9a**: Colorless crystals, mp 278.0–280.0 °C; ^1H NMR δ = 1.59 (6H, s, CMe_2CH_2), 3.05 (6H, d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 7.7$ Hz, NMe_2), and 4.00 (2H, br. s, CH_2NMe_2); ^{13}C NMR δ = 45.4 (s, NMe_2) and 66.7 (s, CH_2); Found: m/z 383.1883. Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{34}\text{NPS}_2$: M, 383.1870. **9b**: Colorless crystals, mp 264.0–265.0 °C; ^1H NMR δ = 1.97 (6H, s, CMe_2NMe_2) and 3.01 (6H, d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 8.4$ Hz, NMe_2); ^{13}C NMR δ = 42.4 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 2.51$ Hz, NMe_2); Found: m/z 369.1693. Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{32}\text{NPS}_2$: M, 369.1714. **10a** (not isolated): MS m/z (rel intensity) 351 (M^+ ; 4), 304 ($\text{M}^+-\text{Me}-\text{S}$; 32), and 58 ($\text{CH}_2\text{NMe}_2^+$; 100). **10b** (not isolated): MS m/z 337 (M^+ ; 54), 290 ($\text{M}^+-\text{Me}-\text{S}$; 95), and 57 ($t\text{-Bu}^+$; 100).
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- 9) Studies on the relationship between the structure and the chemical shift about **8** are in progress from the view point of both theoretical calculation and systematic modification of the substituent at ortho position.
- 10) Crystal data of **9a**: Recrystallized from CHCl_3 . $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{34}\text{NPS}_2$, $M_r = 383.59$. Monoclinic, space group $P2_1/a$, $a = 12.356(6)$, $b = 10.07(1)$, $c = 18.31(1)$ Å; $\beta = 104.39(5)^\circ$; $V = 2206(2)$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $\rho = 1.155$ gcm^{-3} , $\mu = 3.16$ cm^{-1} ; 4137 independent reflections with $2\theta \leq 50.1^\circ$ were recorded on a four-circle diffractometer (MoK α radiation, graphite monochromator). Of these, 1557 with $I > 3\sigma(I)$ were judged as observed. The structure was solved with SHELXS86. p - t -Butyl was disordered and they were solved into two positions of t -butyl groups from the difference maps, and their occupancy factor were refined to be 0.67 and 0.33. Hydrogen atoms were included at calculated position except for the p - t -butyl. All hydrogen atoms and the disordered carbon atoms were refined isotropically. $R = 0.076$, $R_w = 0.080$. Further details of the crystal structure investigation are available on request from Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, GB-Cambridge CB2 1EZ (UK).
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