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Diphosphites Derived from 1,3:1',3'-Di-O-benzylidenedipentaerythritol—Key Synthons for New Types of Phosphorus-Containing Compounds

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Abstract—A number of cyclic diphosphites were synthesized on the basis of an accessible diol, 1,3:1',3'-di-*O*-benzylidenedipentaerythritol. The resulting diphosphites were converted into complex covalent and coordination organophosphorus compounds.

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We recently synthesized first representatives of complete esters derived from dipentaerythritol and phosphorous acid and estimated prospects in their application as ligands for the preparation of coordination compounds of platinum subgroup metals [1]. While developing studies in this line, we made an attempt to build up structurally related systems containing only two phosphite moieties located symmetrically with respect to the central ether oxygen atom. For this purpose we examined phosphorylation of 1,3:1',3'-di-O-benzylidenedipentaerythritol (I) as a mixture of configurational isomers. A procedure for the synthesis of compound I was developed by us previously [2]. As phosphorylating agents we used accessible di- and trimethylene phosphorochloridites II-IV which are highly reactive at 0°C in the system dioxane-pyridine. The yield of target phosphites V-VII ranged from 59

to 80% (Scheme 1). The progress of the reactions was monitored by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy (δ_P 122–133 ppm). Diphosphites V–VII were purified by passing solutions of the crude products through a layer of silica gel. All tervalent phosphorus compounds V–VII were stable on storage at room temperature in an inert atmosphere. Among these, compounds VI and VII were the most stable.

The ¹H NMR spectra of phosphites V–VII contained signals from all protons present in the assumed structures. Compounds V–VII displayed in the spectra signals from methylene protons at δ 3.30–3.39 ppm, a broadened singlet from the CHC₆H₅ protons at δ 5.45 ppm, aromatic proton signals in the region δ 7.36–7.47 ppm, and doublets from the CH₂OP protons at δ 4.11–4.15 ppm with a characteristic ¹H–³¹P coupling constant. In addition, the spectrum of bis-



(ethylene phosphite) V contained a multiplet at δ 3.76– 4.09 ppm from methylene protons in the dioxaphospholane rings, and in the spectrum of bis(trimethylene phosphite) VI axial and equatorial protons in the dioxaphosphinane rings resonated as multiplets at δ 1.75, 2.33, and 4.41 ppm. The corresponding proton signals in the ¹H NMR spectrum of diphosphite VII were located at δ 3.97 and 4.54 ppm, and two singlets at δ 0.92 and 1.20 ppm were assigned to protons in the methyl groups.

Bis-phosphites V–VII were readily converted into the corresponding phosphorothioates VIII–X by treatment with elemental sulfur in dioxane at 30–60°C (reaction time 1–3 h; Scheme 2). Bis(O,O-ethylene phosphorothioate) VIII was isolated as an unstable oily substance, while six-membered cyclic thiophosphates IX and X were crystalline products which can be stored for several months in an inert atmosphere without appreciable decomposition. The observed difference in the stabilities of five- and six-membered cyclic thiophosphates is not suprising taking account geometric parameters of these systems.



The structure and purity of thiophosphates **VIII–X** were proved by ³¹P and ¹H NMR spectroscopy and TLC data. The ³¹P NMR spectra of **VIII–X** contained broadened singlets at δ_P 84.48, 62.10, and 62.11 ppm, respectively. Their ¹H NMR spectra (see Experimental) were similar to those of phosphites **V–VII** considered above and were fully consistent with the assumed structures.

Thiophosphates **VIII** and **IX** were used to synthesize novel phosphorus-containing choline amphiphiles **XI**, **XIIa**, and **XIIb**. Previously, structurally related phosphorus-free ammonium derivatives of dipenta-

erythritol were extensively studied with a view to obtain surface-active dendrimers [3]. Multiionic compounds XI, XIIa, and XIIb were synthesized by alkylation of trimethylamine with thiophosphates VIII and IX (Scheme 3). The reaction of VIII with trimethylamine was carried out at 50°C (reaction time 2–3 h). As might be expected, the alkylation of trimethylamine with dithiophosphate IX occurred at 110°C [4]. The vields of XI and XIIa/XIIb were 60 and 75%, respectively. The ³¹P NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture formed in the reaction with bis(O,O-ethylene phosphorothioate) VIII contained a singlet at δ_P 59.32 ppm, which is typical of acyclic O,O-dialkyl phosphorothioates. In the ³¹P NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture obtained from thiophosphate IX, apart from the signal at δ_P 56.37 ppm belonging to *O*-(3-trimethylammoniopropyl) phosphorothioate XIIa, we observed a signal at δ 18.36 ppm, typical of S-(3-trimethylammoniopropyl) derivative **XIIb**, the signal intensity ratio being 2:1. The formation of S-alkyl phosphorothioate XIIb indicates that the reaction of trimethylamine with compound IX is accompanied by thionethiol isomerization [5]. We failed to isolate compounds XIIa and XIIb as individual substances.

The structure of phosphocholines **XI**, **XIIa**, and **XIIb** was proved by ³¹P and ¹H NMR spectroscopy. The ¹H NMR spectra of these compounds retained signals from protons in the dipentaerythritol skeleton, and signals from methyl protons in the ammonium fragments were present at δ 2.97 (**XI**) and 3.30 ppm (**XIIa/XIIb**). The chemical shift of the SCH₂ protons in compound **XIIb** was characteristic (δ 2.72 ppm).

At the next stage of our study, we made an attempt to use phosphites V-VII as ligands in the synthesis of coordination compounds with transition metals (*d* elements). The best results were obtained with bis-phosphite VII as ligand and platinum and palladium salts. Bis-phosphite VII reacted with an equimolar amount of (diacetonitrile)dichloroplatinum(II) in chloroform at room temperature to give a mixture of two complexes. According to the MALDI-TOF data, one of these com-



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plexes was monomeric (XIII; it contained two phosphorus atoms), while the other (XIV) contained four phosphorus atoms (Scheme 4); the ratio of complexes XIII and XIV was 9:1. Mixture XIII/XIV was isolated by precipitation from chloroform with hexane; it was a powder stable on storage on exposure to air. The ¹H NMR spectrum of XIII/XIV contained signals typical of initial ligand VII. Like analogous complexes obtained from complete esters of unsubstituted dipentaerythritol [1], the coordination entities in complexes XIII and XIV have square–planar configuration characterized by a broadened phosphorus signal at δ_P 70.59 ppm ($J_{P,Pt} = 5843.37$ Hz) in the ³¹P NMR spectrum. The value of $J_{P,Pt}$ indicates *cis* arrangement of the phosphorus atoms [6, 7].

Scheme 4.
VII +
$$(MeCN)_2PtCl_2 \longrightarrow VII \cdot PtCl_2 + 2VII \cdot 2PtCl_2$$

XIII XIV

Likewise, the reaction of VII with palladium(II) chloride gave (according to the MALDI-TOF data) a mixture of monomeric and dimeric complexes XV and XVI involving one or two substituted dipentaerythritol molecules and two or four phosphorus atoms, respectively (Scheme 5). The reaction was carried out in methylene chloride at room temperature. Precipitation from methylene chloride with hexane gave powder-like mixture XV/XVI (ratio 6:1) which is stable on storage. The ¹H NMR spectrum of that mixture contained signals typical of initial ligand VII, and in the ³¹P NMR spectrum we observed a broad-ened singlet at δ 94.38 ppm.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Scheme 5.} \\ \text{VII} + \text{PdCl}_2 & \longrightarrow & \text{VII} \cdot \text{PtCl}_2 + 2 \text{VII} \cdot 2 \text{PtCl}_2 \\ & \text{XV} & \text{XVI} \end{array}$$

To conclude, we have proposed an efficient procedure for the synthesis of novel bis(O,O-di- and trimethylene phosphites) which are promising as synthons for new covalently bonded organophosphorus compounds and their complexes with transition metals.

EXPERIMENTAL

The ¹H NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker WM-250 spectrometer (250 MHz) relative to tetramethylsilane as internal reference; proton signals were assigned using two-dimensional NMR techniques. The ${}^{31}P-{}^{1}H$ NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker WP-80SY instrument at 32.4 MHz using 85% phosphoric acid as external reference. Single-isotope (¹²C) molecular weights were determined by mass spectrometry on a Bruker UltraFlex instrument (Bruker Daltonics, Germany; positive ion detection in the reflector mode; nitrogen laser, $\lambda = 337$ nm; accelerating voltage 25 kV). The elemental compositions were determined on a Perkin-Elmer 2400 analyzer. Column chromatography was performed using a 10-mm (i.d.) column packed with silica gel L ($100-250 \mu m$); $R_{\rm f}$ values were determined by TLC on Silufol UV-254 plates using benzene-dioxane (3:1, A), hexane-dioxane (3:1, B), chloroform-methanol (3:1, C), or chloroform-methanol-water (65:25:4, D) as eluent. The melting points were measured in sealed capillaries by heating at a rate of 1 deg/min. All syntheses with tervalent phosphorus compounds were carried out under dry argon.

5,5'-Oxydimethylenebis(2-phenyl-1,3-dioxan-5ylmethanol) (I, a mixture of three conformers) was synthesized as described in [2]; 2-chloro-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane (II) [8], 2-chloro-1,3,2-dioxaphosphinane (III) [9], and 2-chloro-5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaphosphinane (IV) [10] were prepared by known methods. Their physical constants coincided with those reported in the literature.

5,5'-Oxydimethylenebis[5-(1,3,2-dioxaphospholan-2-yloxymethyl)-2-phenyl-1,3-dioxane] (V). A solution of 0.5 g (1.16 mmol) of bis-acetal I in 5 ml of anhydrous pyridine was added dropwise to a solution of 0.29 g (2.32 mmol) of 2-chloro-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane (II) in 5 ml of anhydrous dioxane under stirring at 0°C. The mixture was kept for 0.5 h at that temperature and was allowed to warm up to room temperature over a period of 0.5 h. The formation of bisphosphite V was monitored by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy (dioxane; δ_P 132.98 ppm, br.s). Pyridine hydrochloride was filtered off, the filtrate was passed through 1.5 g of silica gel, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was evacuated at a residual pressure of 1 mm for 1 h at 40°C. Yield 0.4 g (59%), $n_{\rm D}^{20} = 1.5930, R_{\rm f} 0.79$ (A). ¹H NMR spectrum (C₆D₆), δ , ppm: 3.26 s and 3.36 s (4H, CH₂OCH₂), 3.76 m and 4.09 m (6H, CH₂OP, ${}^{3}J_{HP} = 9.97$ Hz), 4.38 m (4H, H_{ax}) and 4.55 m (4H, H_{eq}) (CH₂OCH, ²J = 7.93 Hz), 5.44 br.s (2H, CHC₆H₅), 7.36 br.s (6H, *m*-H, *p*-H), 7.48 br.s (4H, o-H). ³¹P NMR spectrum (benzene): δ_P 132.96 ppm, br.s. Found, %: C 55.13; H 6.04; P 10.23. C₂₈H₃₆O₁₁P₂. Calculated, %: C 55.08; H 5.94; P 10.15. M 610.52.

5,5'-Oxydimethylenebis[5-(1,3,2-dioxaphosphinan-2-yloxymethyl)-2-phenyl-1,3-dioxane] (VI) was

synthesized in a similar way from 0.4 g (2.84 mmol) of 2-chloro-1,3,2-dioxaphosphinane (III) and 0.6 g (1.42 mmol) of compound I using 8 ml of anhydrous dioxane and 8 ml of anhydrous pyridine. The formation of bis-phosphite VI was monitored by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy (dioxane; δ_P 129.82 ppm, br.s). Yield 0.47 g (80%), mp 104–106°C, $R_{\rm f}$ 0.90 (A). ¹H NMR spectrum (C₆D₆), δ , ppm: 1.75 m (2H, H_{ea}) and 2.23 m (2H, H_{ax}) (OCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 3.31 s and 3.41 s (4H, CH₂OCH₂), 3.93 m (8H, H_{ax}) and 4.41 m (8H_{eq}) $(OCH_2CH_2CH_2O, CH_2OCH, ^2J = 9.35, ^3J_{HP} =$ 11.60 Hz), 4.15 d (4H, CH₂OP, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HP}} = 12.10$ Hz), 5.45 br.s (2H, CHC₆H₅), 7.36 br.s (6H, *m*-H, *p*-H), 7.46 br.s (4H, o-H). ³¹P NMR spectrum (benzene): δ_P 129.80 ppm, br.s. Found, %: C 56.37; H 6.29; P 9.64. C₃₀H₄₀O₁₁P₂. Calculated, %: C 56.42; H 6.31; P 9.70. M 638.57.

5,5'-Oxydimethylenebis[5-(5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2dioxaphosphinan-2-yloxymethyl)-2-phenyl-1,3-dioxanel (VII) was synthesized in a similar way from 0.23 g (1.39 mmol) of 2-chloro-5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaphosphinane (IV) and 0.3 g (0.7 mmol) of compound I using 5 ml of anhydrous dioxane and 5 ml of anhydrous pyridine. The formation of bis-phosphite VII was monitored by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy (dioxane; δ_P 121.88 ppm, br.s). Yield 0.38 g (79%), mp 148–150°C, R_f 0.95 (A). ¹H NMR spectrum (C_6D_6) , δ , ppm: 0.92 br.s and 1.20 br.s (12H, CH₃), 3.30 s and 3.39 s (4H, CH₂OCH₂), 3.92 m (4H, H_{ax}) and 4.49 m (4H, Hea) (CH2OCH), 3.97 m (4H, Hax) and 4.54 m (4H, H_{eq}) [OCH₂C(CH₃)₂CH₂O, ²J = 11.33 Hz], 4.11 d (4H, CH₂OP, ${}^{3}J_{HP} = 6.81$ Hz), 5.45 br.s (2H, CHC₆H₅), 7.37 br.s (6H, m-H, p-H), 7.47 br.s (4H, o-H). ³¹P NMR spectrum (benzene): δ_P 122.88 ppm, br.s. Found, %: C 58.69; H 6.89; P 8.87. C₃₄H₄₈O₁₁P₂. Calculated, %: C 58.78; H 6.96; P 8.92. M 694.67.

5,5'-Oxydimethylenebis[5-(2-thioxo-1,3,2 λ^5 -dioxaphospholan-2-yloxymethyl)-2-phenyl-1,3-dioxane] (VIII). Finely powdered sulfur, 0.02 g (0.69 mmol), was added at room temperature to a solution of 0.2 g (0.33 mmol) of bis-phosphite V in 3 ml of anhydrous dioxane, and the mixture was heated to 30°C and kept for 0.5 h at that temperature. Excess sulfur was filtered off, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To remove traces of sulfur, the residue was dissolved in 3 ml of acetone, the solution was filtered, and the solvent was distilled off. This procedure was repeated once more. The product was additionally purified by chromatography on a column charged with 8 g of silica gel and filled with benzene. Compound **VIII** was eluted using 20 ml of benzene– dioxane (10:1). The eluate was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was evacuated at a residual pressure of 1 mm for 2 h at 40°C. Yield 0.12 g (55%); $n_D^{20} = 1.5995$; $R_f 0.70$ (A), 0.30 (B). The ¹H NMR spectrum of **VIII** (CDCl₃) was similar to the spectrum of bis-phosphite **V**. ³¹P NMR spectrum (chloroform): δ_P 84.47 ppm, br.s. Found, %: C 49.92; H 5.41; P 9.25. C₂₈H₃₆O₁₁P₆S₂. Calculated, %: C 49.85; H 5.38; P 9.18. *M* 674.65.

5,5'-Oxydimethylenebis[5-(2-thioxo-1,3, $2\lambda^5$ -dioxaphosphinan-2-yloxymethyl)-2-phenyl-1,3-dioxane] (IX) was synthesized in a similar way from 0.4 g (0.62 mmol) of compound VI and 0.05 g (1.4 mmol) of sulfur in 10 ml of anhydrous dioxane (40°C, 1 h). The product was purified by chromatography on a column charged with 15 g of silica gel and filled with benzene using 35 ml of benzene-dioxane (5:1) as eluent. The eluate was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was evacuated at a residual pressure of 1 mm for 2 h at 40°C. Yield 0.37 g (83%); mp 124–125°C; R_f 0.8 (A), 0.35 (B). The ¹H NMR spectrum of IX (CDCl₃) was similar to that of bis-phosphite VI. ³¹P NMR spectrum (chloroform): δ_P 62.10 ppm, br.s. Found, %: C 51.35; H 5.80; P 8.89. C₃₀H₄₀O₁₁P₂S₂. Calculated, %: C 51.27; H 5.74; P 8.82. M 702.70.

5.5'-Oxydimethylenebis[5-(5,5-dimethyl-2thioxo-1,3,2 λ^5 -dioxaphosphinan-2-yloxymethyl)-2phenyl-1,3-dioxane] (X) was synthesized in a similar way from 0.3 g (0.43 mmol) of compound VII and 0.03 g (0.91 mmol) of sulfur in 6 ml of anhydrous dioxane (60°C, 3 h). The product was purified by chromatography on a column charged with 10 g of silica gel and filled with benzene using 25 ml of benzene-dioxane (3:1) as eluent. The eluate was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was evacuated at a residual pressure of 1 mm for 2 h at 40°C. Yield 0.25 g (80%); mp 232–233°C; R_f 0.85 (A), 0.40 (B). The ¹H NMR spectrum of **X** (CDCl₃) was similar to the spectrum of bis-phosphite VII. ³¹P NMR spectrum (chloroform): δ_P 62.11 ppm, br.s. Found, %: C 56.24; H 6.71; P 8.64. C₃₄H₄₈O₁₁P₂S₂. Calculated, %: C 56.19; H 6.66; P 8.52. M 726.74.

0,0'-5,5'-Oxydimethylenebis(2-phenyl-1,3-dioxan-5-ylmethylene) bis[0-(2-trimethylammonioethyl) phosphorothioate] (XI). An ampule was charged with a solution of 0.1 g (0.15 mmol) of thiophosphate VIII and 0.09 g (1.4 mmol) of trimethylamine in 5 ml of anhydrous benzene. The ampule was sealed and heated for 2 h at 50°C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the oily residue was washed with benzene (2×5 ml) and hexane (2× 5 ml) and dried for 2 h at 40°C under reduced pressure (1 mm). Yield 0.07 g (60%); mp 215–217°C (becomes wet at 120°C); R_f 0.00 (A), 0.65 (C), 0.45 (D). ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ , ppm: 2.77 br.s (18H, NCH₃), 2.97 br.m (4H, NCH₂), 3.30 br.m (4H, CH₂OCH₂), 3.76 m (4H, H_{ax}) and 4.27 m (4H, H_{eq}) (CH₂OCH), 3.87 m (4H, POCH₂CH₂N), 4.13 m (4H, CH₂OP), 5.42 br.s (2H, CHC₆H₅), 7.34 br.s (6H, *m*-H, *p*-H), 7.45 br.s (4H, *o*-H). ³¹P NMR spectrum (chloroform): δ_P 59.32 ppm, br.s. Found, %: C 51.56; H 6.84; P 7.78. C₃₄H₅₄N₂O₁₁P₂S₂. Calculated, %: C 51.50; H 6.86; P 7.81. *M* 792.87.

0,0'-5,5'-Oxydimethylenebis(2-phenyl-1,3-dioxan-5-ylmethylene) bis[O-(3-trimethylammoniopropyl) phosphorothioate] (XIIa) and 0,0'-5,5'oxydimethylenebis(2-phenyl-1,3-dioxan-5-ylmethylene) bis[S-(3-trimethylammoniopropyl) phosphorothioate] (XIIb) (mixture of isomers) were synthesized in a similar way from 0.2 g (0.28 mmol) of thiophosphate IX and 0.17 g (2.79 mmol) of trimethylamine in 5 ml of anhydrous benzene (100-110°C, 3 h). Yield 0.18 g (75%); mp 270–273°C (becomes wet at 200°C); $R_f 0.00$ (A), 0.58 (C), 0.20 (D). ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃–CD₃OD, 99:1), δ, ppm: 1.94 br.m (4H, POCH₂CH₂CH₂); 2.72 br.m (4H, PSCH₂CH₂CH₂); 2.85 s, 2.98 s, and 3.08 s (4H, CH₂OCH₂); 3.08 m (4H, H_{ax}) and 4.15 m (4H, H_{eq}) (CH₂OCH); 3.30 br.s (18H, NCH₃); 3.45 br.m (4H, CH₂N); 3.68 br.m (4H, POCH₂CH₂); 3.88 br.m (4H, CH₂OP); 5.37 br.s (2H, CHC₆H₅); 7.29 br.s (6H, m-H, p-H); 7.39 br.s (4H, o-H). ³¹P NMR spectrum (chloroform–methanol, 99:1), δ_P, ppm: 18.36 br.s (**XIIb**), 56.37 br.s (**XIIa**); intensity ratio 2:1. Found, %: C 52.62; H 7.09; P 7.60. C₃₆H₅₈N₂O₁₁P₂S₂. Calculated, %: C 52.67; H 7.12; P 7.55. M 820.92.

Platinum complexes XIII/XIV. (Diacetonitrile)dichloroplatinum(II), 0.05 g (0.14 mmol), was added in one portion under stirring to a solution of 0.1 g (0.14 mmol) of bis-phosphite **VII** in 2 ml of anhydrous chloroform. The mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at room temperature, mixture **XIII/XIV** was precipitated with hexane, the liquid phase was separated by decanting, and the precipitate was repeatedly washed with benzene and hexane and dried for 1 h at 50°C under reduced pressure (1 mm). Yield 0.15 g, ratio **XIII**: **XIV** = 9:1, mp 287–289°C (decomp.), R_f 0.6 (C). ³¹P NMR spectrum (chloroform): δ_P 70.59 ppm, br.s (¹ $J_{P,Pt}$ = 5843.37 Hz). Found, %: C 42.48; H 5.36; P 6.23. C₃₄H₄₈O₁₁P₂·PtCl₂ (**XIII**), C₆₈H₉₆O₂₂P₄·Pt₂Cl₄ (XIV). Calculated, %: C 42.51; H 5.04; P 6.45. M 960.69 (XIII), 1920.49 (XIV). Mass spectrum, m/z(¹²C, ¹⁹⁵Pt): 925.25 $[M - C1]^+$, 1884.32 $[M - C1]^+$. Calculated [M - C1] (¹²C, ¹⁹⁵Pt): 924.78 (XIII), 1885.03 (XIV).

Palladium complexes XV/XVI. Bis-phosphite VII, 0.15 g (0.22 mmol), was dissolved in 5 ml of methylene chloride, 0.05 g (0.26 mmol) of PdCl₂ was added in one portion under stirring, and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Unreacted palladium(II) chloride was filtered off, and mixture XV/XVI was precipitated with hexane. The liquid phase was separated by decanting, and the precipitate was washed with hexane and dried for 1 h at 50°C under reduced pressure (1 mm). Yield 0.19 g, ratio **XV**: **XVI** = 6:1, mp 230–232°C (decomp.), $R_f 0.65$ (C). ³¹P NMR spectrum (chloroform): δ_P 94.38 ppm, br.s. Found, %: C 46.79; H 5.41; P 7.07. C₃₄H₄₈O₁₁P₂· $PdCl_2$ (XV), $C_{68}H_{96}O_{22}P_4 \cdot Pd_2Cl_4$ (XVI). Calculated, %: C 46.83; H 5.55; P 7.10. M 872.03 (XV), 1744.09 (**XVI**). Mass spectrum, m/z (¹²C, ¹⁰⁶Pd): 835.62 [*M*- $Cl]^+$, 1707.27 $[M - Cl]^+$. Calculated [M - Cl] (¹²C, ¹⁰⁶Pd): 835.78 (**XV**), 1707.02 (**XVI**).

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