

scan-background technique, 2158 unique intensity data were recorded within the range  $0 \leq 2\theta \leq 50^\circ$ . The 1784 reflections with  $I \geq 3\sigma(I)$  were considered to be observed and were used in the subsequent analysis and refinement after correction for Lorentz and polarization effects. The structure was solved by the direct methods of MULTAN-80<sup>15</sup> and was refined by least squares with SHELX-76.<sup>16</sup> Hydrogen atoms were included in positions calculated from the geometry of the molecule (C-H = 1.08 Å) with a common isotropic thermal parameter which refined to a final value of  $U = 0.099$  (4) Å<sup>2</sup>. Full-matrix refinement with anisotropic thermal parameters for non-hydrogen atoms yielded a final

conventional  $R$  value of 0.056, with  $R_w = 0.072$ . The weighting scheme adopted was

$$W = 1.00 / (\sigma^2(F_o) + 0.037155(F_o)^2).$$

A final difference Fourier synthesis showed no peak  $>0.1 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$  (see supplementary material).

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## Reactions of Uracils. 10.<sup>1,2</sup> Novel Michael Adducts of Uracils and New Synthesis of Imidazo[5,1-*f*][1,2,4]triazines

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Upon treatment with ethyl propiolate (2a), cyanoacetylene (2b), and tetracyanoethylene (5) the 6-[(triphenylphosphoranylidene)amino]uracil 1 undergoes Michael addition to afford the 5-adducts 4a,b and 8. However, with diethyl azodicarboxylate Michael attack and then heterocyclic transformation occur to give the 6-(diaminomethylene)-1,2,4-triazine-1,2-dicarboxylate 11, which can be cyclocondensed to the imidazo[5,1-*f*][1,2,4]triazine 12.

Recently, a novel heterocyclic transformation reaction has been described involving an addition-rearrangement sequence of 6-aminouracils with acylenedicarboxylates leading to zwitterionic amidinium-pyridinedionates and pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]pyridines.<sup>4</sup>

In continuation of this work we now have studied the reaction of further potential Michael addition<sup>5</sup> partners on 1,3-dimethyl-2,4-dioxo-6-[(triphenylphosphoranylidene)amino]pyrimidine (1). From these ethyl propiolate (2a), cyanoacetylene (2b),<sup>6</sup> and tetracyanoethylene (5) give only the Michael adducts 4a,b and 7<sup>4,5</sup> as the intermediary carbanion resulting from Michael attack is so basic that prototropy occurs more rapidly than nucleophilic attack

at carbon 2; thus, no further transformation step<sup>4</sup> could be observed. From these intermediates 7 stabilizes spontaneously by evolution of HCN to give 8 (Scheme I).<sup>14</sup>

However, diethyl azodicarboxylate shows a behavior similar to the dialkyl acylenedicarboxylates:<sup>4</sup> instead of forming a final Michael product by prototropy, the terminal basic nitrogen atom attacks the 2-carbonyl group of the uracil moiety. As a consequence, heterocyclic transformation occurs; intermediate 10 stabilizes to 6-[(*N*-methylamino)-(N-(triphenylphosphoranylidene)amino)methylene]-3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-triazine-1,2-dicarboxylate 11.

Unprotected 6-amino- and 6-hydrazinopyrimidines have been shown by Taylor and Sowinski<sup>7</sup> to react with diethyl azodicarboxylate in refluxing chlorobenzene at 150–160 °C to give the Michael adducts, namely, 5-(1,2-dicarbethoxyhydrazino) derivatives, in a way assumed, such as 13.<sup>7</sup> However, in the present case, protective and steric effects of the iminophosphorane group in 1 disfavor an arrangement like 13. Furthermore, the extension of the enaminocarbonyl resonance in 1 by the iminophosphorane rest and the high polarity of the solvent (MeCN)<sup>8</sup> stabilize

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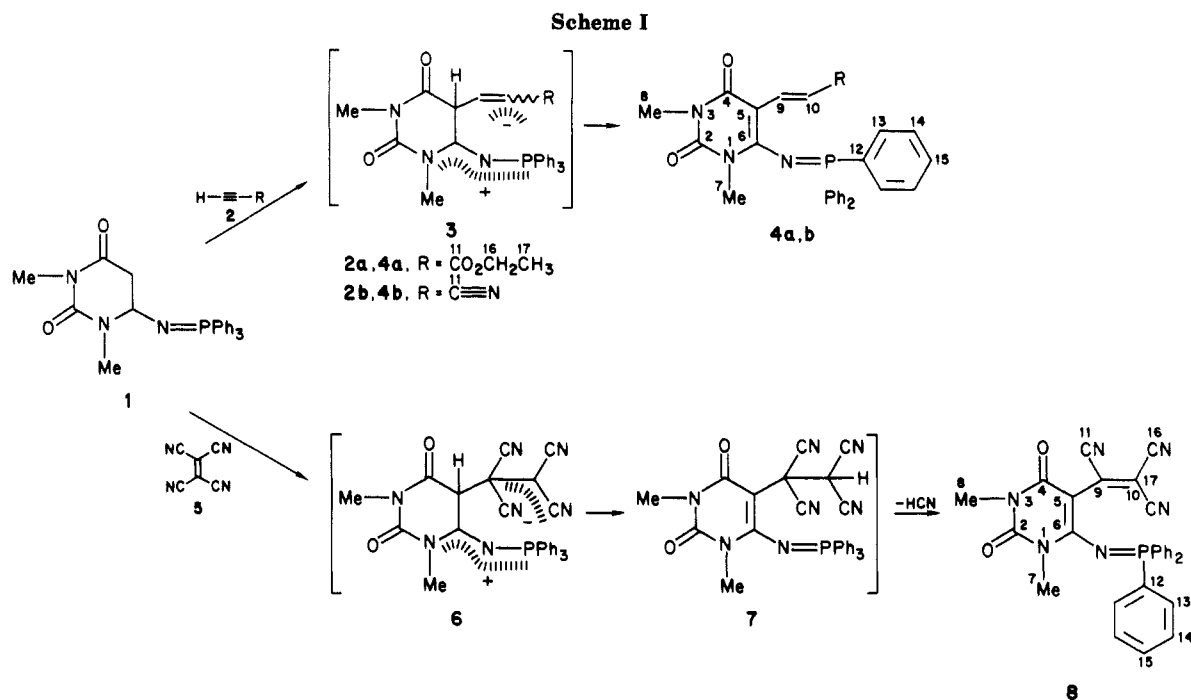
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the transient and less basic hydrazone anion<sup>9</sup> of Michael adduct 10, so that its nucleophilic attack at carbon 2 is favored. (Scheme II).

The subsequent cyclocondensation step<sup>4</sup> can only be performed under forcing conditions (8 h, 160 °C) and occurs in lower yield, leading to the imidazo[5,1-*f*][1,2,4]-triazine 12. Due to a weak conjugation 12 displays in the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum unusually large *J*<sub>PC</sub> couplings (C-5, 7 Hz; C-4a, 26 Hz; C-4, no coupling) for the polarized enamine<sup>2,10</sup> moiety. All analytical and spectroscopic data are in best agreement with the constitutions of 4a,b, 8, 11, and 12.

Much attention has been focused on imidazo[5,1-*f*]-[1,2,4]triazines as bronchodilators,<sup>11</sup> as antiviral agents,<sup>12</sup> and as adenosine isosteres;<sup>13</sup> this procedure offers a simple access to this interesting class of biologically active principles.

### Experimental Section

Spectra were obtained on the following instruments: IR spectra, Perkin-Elmer 157-G; <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra, Bruker WH-90; <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra, Bruker WP-80, WH-90, and AC-200, Me<sub>4</sub>Si as internal standard; MS, MS-30 and MS-50 of the A.E.I. (Kratos). Melting points are uncorrected. Elemental analyses were performed by Analytical Laboratory of the Institute.

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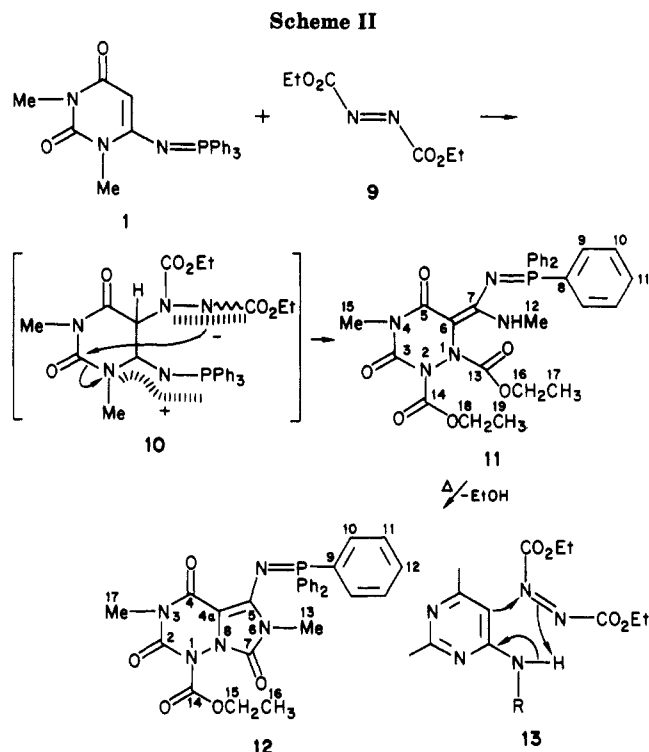
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**Ethyl 1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-1,3-dimethyl-2,4-dioxo-6-[(triphenylphosphoranylidene)amino]-5-pyrimidine- $\alpha$ -propenoate (4a).** A solution of 2.07 g (5 mmol) of 1 and 0.73 g (7.5 mmol) of ethyl propionate 2a in 50 mL of ethanol was heated for 19 h. The solvent was then evaporated until precipitation began, which was completed by standing at 6 °C. The crude product was washed with cold ethanol and recrystallized from  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ /ether to give yellow crystals (1.68 g, 65.6%): mp 214 °C; IR (KBr) 1705, 1680, 1640 (CO), 1600, 1530 (C=C), 1440 (N=P)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.38–7.80 (m, 15 H), 7.24 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 16 Hz, *J* = 0.5 Hz), 6.58 (d, 1 H, *J* = 16 Hz), 3.89 (q, 2 H, *J* = 7 Hz), 3.47 (s, 3 H), 3.33 (s, 3 H), 1.02 (t, 3 H, *J* = 7 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.19 (C-17, q), 27.63 (C-8, q), 32.06 (C-7, q), 58.79 (C-16, t), 95.55 (C-5, d, *J* = 3 Hz), 112.32 (C-10, d), 128.34 (C-12, d, *J* = 106 Hz), 129.83 (C-14, dd, *J* = 20 Hz), 132.41 (C-13, dd, *J* = 11 Hz), 132.86 (C-15, dd, *J* = 2 Hz), 139.20 (C-9, d), 151.98 (C-2, s), 157.26 (C-6, d, *J* = 10 Hz), 162, 74 (C-4, d, *J* = 1 Hz),

168.58 (C-11, s); MS;  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 513 (M, 19), 183 (100). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{29}H_{28}N_3O_4P$ : C, 67.83; H, 5.50; N, 8.18. Found: C, 67.77; H, 5.56; N, 8.04.

**1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-1,3-dimethyl-2,4-dioxo-6-[(triphenylphosphoranylidene)amino]-5-(2-cyanoethenyl)pyrimidine (4b).** To a solution of 4.16 g (10 mmol) of 1 in 10 mL of MeCN was added dropwise 0.51 g (10 mmol) of cyanoacetylene 2b in 10 mL of MeCN. The solution was stirred for 4 days at ambient temperature. Precipitation occurred after addition of ether; recrystallization from  $CH_2Cl_2$ /ether gave yellow crystals (0.71 g, 15.2%): mp 206 °C; IR (KBr) 2225 (C≡N), 1640 (CO), 1560 (C=C), 1430 (N=P)  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.38–7.80 (m, 15 H), 6.87 (d, 1 H,  $J = 16$  Hz), 6.20 (d, 1 H,  $J = 16$  Hz), 3.44 (s, 3 H), 3.31 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  27.60 (C-8, q), 32.09 (C-7, q), 89.11 (C-10, d), 95.75 (C-5, d,  $J = 2$  Hz), 121.06 (C-11, s), 128.20 (C-12, d,  $J = 107$  Hz), 129.51 (C-14, dd,  $J = 13$  Hz), 132.24 (C-13, dd,  $J = 10$  Hz), 133.30 (C-15, dd,  $J = 3$  Hz), 144.57 (C-9, d), 151.67 (C-2, d,  $J = 1$  Hz), 157.14 (C-6, d,  $J = 10$  Hz), 162.26 (C-4, d,  $J = 1$  Hz); high-resolution MS,  $m/z$  (relative intensity) for  $C_{27}H_{23}N_4O_2P$  found 466.1546 (M, 93.5), calcd 466.1554, 350 (100). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{27}H_{23}N_4O_2P$ : C, 69.52; H, 4.97; N, 12.01. Found: C, 69.33; H, 5.03; N, 11.83.

**1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-1,3-dimethyl-2,4-dioxo-6-[(triphenylphosphoranylidene)amino]-5-(1,2,2-tricyanoethenyl)pyrimidine (8).** A solution of 4.16 g (10 mmol) of 1 and 1.28 g (10 mmol) of TCNE (5) in 50 mL of MeCN was stirred 10 min at ambient temperature. Then the mixture was kept at -18 °C for crystallization. After filtration, the crude product obtained was purified by column chromatography (Alox N, activity 1; 10/1  $CHCl_3$ /acetone): 2.6 g (50.4%); yellow crystals, mp 222 °C; IR (KBr) 2240 (C≡N), 1710, 1645 (CO), 1520 (C=C), 1440 (N=P)  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40–7.84 (m, 15 H), 3.36 (s, 3 H), 3.29 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  28.74 (C-8, q), 32.21 (C-7, q), 90.05 (C-10, s), 95.31 (C-5, d,  $J = 4$  Hz), 112.25, 112.64 (C-16, C-17, s, s), 114.55, 114.61 (C-11, s, s, isomer configurations), 126.27 (C-12, d,  $J = 107$  Hz), 129.86 (C-14, dd,  $J = 13$  Hz), 132.92 (C-13, dd,  $J = 11$  Hz), 133.84 (C-15, dd,  $J = 3$  Hz), 134.97 (C-9, s), 151.03 (C-2, s), 158.21 (C-4, s), 158.30 (C-6, d,  $J = 8$  Hz); MS;  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 516 (M, 100). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{29}H_{21}N_6O_2P$ : C, 67.44; H, 4.10; N, 16.27. Found: C, 67.90; H, 4.10; N, 16.41.

**Diethyl 1,2,3,4,5,6-Hexahydro-4-methyl-3,5-dioxo-6-[(N-methylamino)-(N-(triphenylphosphoranylidene)amino)methylene]-1,2,4-triazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (11).** A suspension of 2.05 g (5 mmol) of 1 and 0.87 g (5 mmol) of diethyl azodicarboxylate (9) in 30 mL MeCN was heated at reflux for 6 h. After

the mixture was cooled, ether was added until precipitation began. Crystallization was finalized at -18 °C; recrystallization from  $CH_2Cl_2$ /ether gave 2.7 g (91.9%) of white crystals: mp 179 °C; IR (KBr) 3335 (NH), 1770, 1745, 1700 (CO), 1625, 1590 (C=C), 1430 (N=P)  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.22–7.95 (m, 16 H), 3.99 (q, 2 H,  $J = 7$  Hz), 3.61 (q, 2 H,  $J = 7$  Hz), 3.29 (s, 3 H), 3.16 (d, 3 H,  $J = 10$  Hz; s, after H/D exchange), 1.16 (t, 3 H,  $J = 7$  Hz), 0.82 (t, 3 H,  $J = 7$  Hz);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  14.01 (C-17, q), 14.40 (C-19, q), 27.84 (C-15, q), 31.40 (C-12, q), 60.95 (C-16, t), 62.50 (C-18, t), 106.44 (C-6, d,  $J = 13$  Hz), 128.71 (C-10, dd,  $J = 14$  Hz), 130.04 (C-8, d,  $J = 100$  Hz), 132.40 (C-9, dd,  $J = 7$  Hz), 132.74 (C-11, d), 152.10 (C-13, s), 153.75 (C-14, s), 155.24 (C-3, s), 158.16 (C-7, d,  $J = 11$  Hz), 161.74 (C-5, d,  $J = 9$  Hz); MS,  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 589 (M, 0.5), 317 (100). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{30}H_{32}N_5O_6P$ : C, 61.12; H, 5.47; N, 11.88. Found: C, 60.9; H, 5.7; N, 11.6.

**Ethyl 1,2,3,4,6,7-Hexahydro-3,6-dimethyl-2,4,7-trioxo-5-[(triphenylphosphoranylidene)amino]imidazo[5,1-f]-[1,2,4]triazine-1-carboxylate (12).** 11 (3.66 g, 6.7 mmol) was heated to 160 °C in vacuo (0.2 torr) for 8 h. After the mixture was cooled, the resulting crude melted product was dissolved in  $CH_2Cl_2$  and purified by column chromatography on Alox N (activity 1) with  $CHCl_3$ /acetone (10/1). The isolated material was recrystallized from  $CH_2Cl_2$ /ether: yield, 1.71 g (47%); white crystals, mp 220 °C; IR (KBr) 1810, 1780, 1735 (CO), 1580, 1555 (C=C), 1445 (N=P)  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.38–7.87 (m, 15 H), 4.27 (q, 2H,  $J = 7$  Hz), 3.18 (s, 3 H), 2.67 (s, 3 H), 1.27 (t, 3 H,  $J = 7$  Hz);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  14.14 (C-16, q), 24.99 (C-17, q), 25.31 (C-13, q), 62.92 (C-15, t), 81.93 (C-4a, d,  $J = 26$  Hz), 125.10 (C-9, d,  $J = 101$  Hz), 129.20 (C-11, dd,  $J = 12$  Hz), 133.14 (C-10, dd,  $J = 11$  Hz), 133.55 (C-12, d), 149.67 (C-14, s), 156.43 (C-7, s), 161.90 (C-2, s), 167.79 (C-4, s), 177.50 (C-5, d,  $J = 7$  Hz); high-resolution MS,  $m/z$  (relative intensity) for  $C_{28}H_{26}N_5O_5P$  found 543.1667 (M, 52), calcd 543.1666, 262 (100). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{28}H_{26}N_5O_5P$ : C, 61.87; H, 4.82; N, 12.88. Found: C, 61.59; H, 4.95; N, 12.66.

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## Synthesis of Dihydro-1,4-oxathiins by Rearrangement of 1,3-Oxathiolane Sulfoxides<sup>1</sup>

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A new synthesis of 5,6-dihydro-2-methyl-1,4-oxathiin-3-carboxylic acid derivatives by ring expansion of corresponding 1,3-oxathiolane 3-oxides is described. Oxidation of 2-methyl-*N*-phenyl-1,3-oxathiolane-2-acetamide (7a) and 2-methyl-1,3-oxathiolane-2-acetic acid methyl ester (7b) gave a mixture of *cis* and *trans* sulfoxides 8 and 9, major and minor, respectively. Assignments of the *cis* and *trans* sulfoxides were based on the aromatic solvent induced  $^1H$  NMR shifts and the regioselectivity and relative ease of purely thermal reactions of the two isomers. With PTSA as acid catalyst in  $C_6H_6$ -DMF at 50 °C both the *cis* and *trans* sulfoxides 8a and 9a were transformed via sulfenic acid 5a and thioisulfinate 10a to a 5:4:1 mixture of  $\beta$ -hydroxy sulfide 2a, dihydro-1,4-oxathiin 1a, and acetoacetanilide 12a in quantitative yield. This mixture was dehydrated in refluxing benzene with PTSA to obtain the desired 5,6-dihydro-2-methyl-*N*-phenyl-1,4-oxathiin-3-carboxamide (1a) in high yield (90%). Similar results were obtained for the *cis* and *trans* sulfoxide esters 8b and 9b. In the absence of an acid catalyst the *cis* sulfoxide 8a at 50 °C underwent a sigmatropic rearrangement to give 5a, followed by dimerization to 10a. The *cis* sulfoxide 8b rearranged to 10b even below room temperature. The *trans* sulfoxides 9 required more drastic conditions (in DMF at 100 °C) for the conversion to isomeric dihydrooxathiin 4 via sulfenic acid 6. The mechanism of formation of 1a and 2a from thioisulfinate 10a is also discussed.

We have been interested in the synthesis of 5,6-dihydro-2-methyl-1,4-oxathiin-3-carboxylic acid derivatives

1 since compounds of this class<sup>2</sup> show remarkable antifungal activity.<sup>3</sup> A previous synthesis, developed by Kulka