Linear Solvation Energy Relationships. 39. A Multiple Substituent Parameter Equation for β **Values (Hydrogen-Bond Acceptor Basicities) of XYZP=O Compounds**

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Phenol infrared spectral **shifts, Av(O-H,** free minus hydrogen bonded), formation constants of hydrogen-bonded complexes with phenol, enthalpies of formation of hydrogen-bonded complexes with 4-fluorophenol, and a multiple substituent parameter correlation are used to obtain β values, which scale the hydrogen-bond acceptor abilities of **54** substituted phosphine oxides, XYZP=O. The multiple substituent parameter equation that correlates these β values with generally satisfactory precision shows that additive substituent field/inductive effects cause the dominant structural effects. In addition, secondary effects due to π electron-donating and to polarizable substituents also may contribute significantly to increase the hydrogen-bond acceptor ability. Some systematic deviations from this equation are attributed to saturation and steric twisting effects on multiple substitution of π electron donor substituents such as $N(CH_3)_2$. Evidence is presented showing that alkyl phosphates in aqueous solutions have multiple hydrogen-bond acceptor sites so that their effective $\sum \beta$ values are significantly larger than the corresponding β_m values.

In earlier papers of this series $1-3$ we have reported the formulation of three scales of solute or solvent properties. A π^* scale of molecular dipolarity/polarizabilities, sometimes used in combination with a "polarizability correction" parameter, δ , measures the ability of a compound to stabilize a neighboring dipole or charge by virtue of dipole/dipole, charge/dipole, and dipole or charge/induced dipole interactions. An α scale of molecular HBD (hydrogen-bond donor) acidities measures a compound's ability to donate a share of a proton (accept an electron pair) in a solute-solvent or solute-solute hydrogen bond; a β scale of HBA (hydrogen-bond acceptor) basicities measures a compound's ability to accept a proton share (donate an electron pair). For certain types of "family dependent" properties, a coordinate covalency parameter, ξ , is used in combination with β .⁴

We have used these parameters to correlate, rationalize, and predict large numbers of diverse physicochemical and biochemical properties of solutes and solvents through linear solvation energy relationships of the following types. For properties of a single solute or set of reactants in a series of solvents

$$
XYZ = XYZ_{o} + h(\delta_{H}^{2})_{1}/100 + s(\pi^{*} + d\delta)_{1} + a\alpha_{1} + b\beta_{1}
$$
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and for properties of a series of solutes in a single solvent, or distribution between a pair of solvents

$$
XYZ = XYZ_0 + mV_2/100 + s(\pi^* + d\delta)_2 + a(\alpha_m)_2 + b(\beta_m)_2
$$
 (2)

Subscript 1 indicates that the parameter applies to solvent

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properties, subscript 2 to solute properties. The δ_H and V parameters in eq 1 and **2** measure the solvent and solute's contributions to the cavity term, δ_H being the Hildebrand solubility parameter, and V a measure of solute molar volume. The subscript m indicates that, for compounds which are capable of self-association, the parameter applies to non-self-associated "monomer" solutes. We use $V_2/100$ and $(\delta_H^2)_1/100$ so that the parameters measuring the cavity term should cover roughly the same range as the other parameters, which makes easier the evaluation of the relative contributions of the various terms to the solute-solvent interaction studied.

Methodology and Results

Correlation Equations for Estimation of β Values **of XYZP=O Bases.** In this paper we report additional β values for phosphine oxide derivatives XYZP= O (as solutes and solvents) and examine structure-property relationships in this series. Values of β have been reported earlier^{$5-7$} for 17 P=0 compounds $(1-17)$ of Table I). The latter were determined from formation constants, *K,,* and infrared spectral shifts, $\Delta \nu$ (O-H, free minus hydrogen bonded) of phenol complexes with the HBA bases. The experimental results were those of Gramstad and coworkers;⁸ the correlation equations used to back-calculate the β values are given by eq 3 and 4. Our practice, where possible, has been to obtain β values from averages of two or more β_i values derived from different types of measurements.

$$
\Delta \nu
$$
(O—H, phenol:O=PXYZ) =
-199.6 + 671 β cn⁻¹ (ref 7, eq 5d) (3)

 $\log K_f$ (phenol:HBA) = -1.05 + 4.31 β (ref 7, eq 4) **(4)**

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To expand the data base for HBA basicity of $P=0$ compounds, we have used eq 3 and 4 with additional log K_f and $\Delta \nu$ (OH) values reported by Gramstad and coworkers⁸ to arrive at β_i values for compounds 18-28 of Table I. We have also used another set of infrared spectral shifts obtained for the phenol complexes by Raevskii and co-workers, $9-11$ as well as enthalpies of formation of 4fluorophenol complexes reported by Arnett and co-workers,¹² and a multiple substituent parameter correlation (linear free energy relationship) to arrive at further β_i values for compounds 18-54 of Table I.

Discussing seriatim the individual calculations: (a) Formation constants of the phenol complexes in CCl₄ were used with eq 4 to arrive at β_1 values for compounds 18-28. (b) Phenol infrared shifts reported by Gramstad were used with eq 3 to arrive at β_2 values for compounds 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, and 27. (c) Earlier β values for compounds 1-6, 8-15, and 17 and β_1 values for compounds 20, 22, 25, 26, and 28 were correlated with $\Delta \nu (O-H)$ data of Raevskii and his co-workers⁹⁻¹¹ (which are indicated by footnote e in Table I) to arrive at eq 5 which, although quite precise,

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Linear Solvation Energy Relationships

$$
\Delta \nu \text{(O--H, phenol:O==PXYZ)} =
$$

(-136.5 ± 17.3) + (575.9 ± 21.2) β cm⁻¹ (5)

$$
n = 19, r = 0.989, \text{sd} = 11.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}
$$

is seen to differ significantly from eq 3, the equation based on the Gramstad group's data for the same property. Equation 5 was then used to back-calculate β_2 values for compounds **20,22,25-27,** and **29-54.** [It is not evident to us why Gramstad's and the Raevskii group's data should lead to such different equations; $\Delta\Delta\nu_{\rm calcd}$ values (eq 3 minus eq 5) of -6 cm⁻¹ at $\beta = 0.6$, $+13$ cm⁻¹ at $\beta = 0.8$, and $+32$ cm⁻¹ at β = 1.0 reflect a systematic trend in the data which may derive from instrumental, concentration, or temperature differences. Since $\Delta \nu$ (O–H) depends on the strength of the hydrogen bond, and since formation constants for complexation between phenol and the HBA bases are quite temperature sensitive,^{8a} we suspect temperature effects. It is clear, however, that serious errors may arise if one uses the data from one source with the correlation equation from the other to derive new β_i values.] (d) Enthalpies of formation of 4-fluorophenol:O-PXYZ complexes reported by Arnett, Mitchell, and Murty¹² were next used to derive β_3 values; the ΔH_f data used were those obtained in the pure base as the solvent. Correlation of ΔH_f with the earlier β values of compounds 2, 3, and 8, and the β_2 values of compounds **29-33** (which are indicated by footnote fin Table I) led to eq 6, which was then used to back-calculate ΔH_f (4-FC₆H₄OH:O=PXYZ) =

$$
(0.43 \pm 0.12) + (7.94 \pm 0.16)\beta \text{ kcal/mol} \quad (6)
$$

 $n = 8, r = 0.9988, sd = 0.09$ kcal/mol

 β_3 values for compounds 29-33. (e) The final set (4) of β_i values was next obtained from a multiple substituent parameter equation containing terms in $\sum \sigma_{\alpha}$, $\sum \sigma_{\text{F}}$, and $\sum \sigma_{\text{R}}$, where σ_{α} measures substituent polarizability, $\sigma_{\rm F}$ substituent field effect, and σ_R substituent resonance effect.¹³ The derivation of the equation and the reasons for the choice of the data set used in the correlation are discussed in detail below. **(f)** Finally the β_i values for compounds 18-54 were averaged to obtain the β_{ave} values listed in the last column of Table I. None of our back-calculations indicated that any of the earlier β values for compounds 1-17 required revision and, accordingly, these remained unchanged.

Multiple Substituent Parameter Equation for Estimation of β **Values of XYZP=0 Bases.** The σ_{α} , $\sigma_{\rm F}$, and σ_R values used in the correlations are assembled in Table II. The **54** compounds of Table I have either **known** substituent parameters¹³ or parameter values that could be estimated. It was assumed **as** an initial simplification that the sum of the substituent parameters for X, Y, and Z could be used for each of the three kinds of substituent effects. This gave correlation equation 7. The $\sum \sigma_{\alpha}$, $\sum \sigma_{\rm F}$,

$$
\beta = (0.84 \pm 0.02) - (0.08 \pm 0.01) \sum \sigma_{\alpha} - (0.46 \pm 0.01) \sum \sigma_{\rm F} - (0.17 \pm 0.01) \sum \sigma_{\rm R} (7)
$$

$$
n = 54, r = 0.979, \text{sd} = 0.037
$$

and $\sum \sigma_R$ values for this data set show very low colinearity; $r(\sigma_{\alpha} \text{ vs } \sigma_{\text{F}})$ = -0.049; $r(\sigma_{\alpha} \text{ vs } \sigma_{\text{R}})$ = 0.416; $r(\sigma_{\text{F}} \text{ vs } \sigma_{\text{R}})$ = -0.097 . Since phosphine oxide, $H_3P=0$, is an unknown compound, there is no direct confirmation of the value of the intercept $(\beta = 0.84 \pm 0.02$ for H₃P==0). Consequently, noncolinearity of the independent variables is particularly crucial for obtaining a valid correlation equation.

Table **11.** Substituent Parameters Used in Correlations'

| substituent | σ_α | $\sigma_{\rm F}$ | $\sigma_{\mathbf{R}}$ |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| н | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| CH ₃ | -0.35 | 0.00 | -0.08 |
| C_2H_5 | -0.49 | 0.00 | -0.07 |
| $n\text{-}C_{3}H_{7}$ | -0.54 | 0.00 | -0.07 |
| i -C ₃ H ₇ | -0.62 | 0.00 | -0.07 |
| $n\text{-}C_{4}\text{H}_{9}$ | -0.57 | 0.00 | -0.07 |
| t -C ₄ H ₀ | -0.75 | 0.00 | -0.07 |
| CH ₃ O | -0.17 | 0.25 | -0.42 |
| C_2H_8O | -0.23 | 0.25 | -0.45 |
| $n\text{-}C_{3}H_{7}O$ | (-0.26) | (0.25) | (-0.46) |
| i -C ₃ H ₇ O | (-0.29) | (0.24) | (-0.47) |
| $n\text{-}C_{4}H_{9}O$ | (-0.27) | (0.25) | (-0.46) |
| C_8H_8O | (-0.38) | 0.38 | -0.32 |
| CH ₂ Cl | -0.54 | 0.23 | -0.06 |
| CHCl ₂ | (-0.62) | (0.35) | (-0.03) |
| $_{\rm CCl_3}$ | -0.70 | 0.44 | 0.00 |
| F | 0.13 | 0.44 | -0.25 |
| Сl | -0.43 | 0.45 | -0.17 |
| $\rm{C_8H_8}$ | -0.81 | 0.10 | -0.22 |
| $\rm (CH_3)_2N$ | -0.44 | 0.10 | -0.64 |
| $\rm{C_2H_2S}$ | (-0.74) | (0.24) | (-0.27) |
| $C_{\alpha}H_{\alpha}S$ | (-0.90) | (0.26) | (0.00) |
| сн—сн, | -0.50 | 0.06 | (-0.15) |

"From ref **13.** Values in parentheses have been estimated from these and other known values, cf. Hehre, W. J.; Pau, C.-F.; Headley, A. D.; Taft, R. W.; Topsom, R. D. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1986, *108,* **1711.** All **of** these substituent parameters apply for nonsolvated substituents and for π -electron-donor substituents with maximal orbital overlap with the conjugated acceptor center.

Equation 7 shows that the field/inductive effects of substituents are the major ones that determine the hydrogen-bond acceptor ability of the phosphine oxides. These effects are shown to be nearly additive by the satisfactory precision of eq 7. The substituent polarizability and resonance effect terms in eq 7 are both found to be statistically significant at the 95+% confidence level (by the Student t-test). Thus, if the polarizability effect term (with the smallest coefficient of σ) is excluded, sd increases to 0.053 and the correlation coefficient worsens to 0.955. The presence of this term in eq 7 is expected on the grounds that the $P=O$ dipole will induce a dipole in a polarizable substituent, thus increasing the value of **8.** Similarly, the presence of the resonance effect term in eq 7 is expected since the P= \overline{O} group is a weak π -electron acceptor (weak in comparison to a $C=O$ group, for example), and thus π -electron-donor substituents increase the β value.

Discussion and Conclusions

Evaluation and Partitioning of Substituent Effects. In order to obtain further evidence regarding the effects of nonadditivity of σ_R values, three additional correlation equations were determined: (a) From the entire data set of 54, 12 trisubstituted phosphine oxides, XYZP=O, for which $\sum \sigma_R$ is less negative than -0.25 were excluded. This resulted in eq **7a.** (b) A correlation was obtained for only

$$
\beta = (0.91 \pm 0.02) - (0.10 \pm 0.01) \sum \sigma_{\alpha} - (0.48 \pm 0.01) \sum \sigma_{F} - (0.19 \pm 0.00) \sum \sigma_{R} (7a)
$$

$$
n = 42, r = 0.984, sd = 0.033
$$

the 15 $X_3P=O$ compounds of Table I. This resulted in eq 7b. (c) The 14 compounds in Table I of the family

$$
\beta = (1.01 \pm 0.02) - (0.01 \pm 0.01) \sum \sigma_{\alpha} - (0.47 \pm 0.01) \sum \sigma_{\rm F} - (0.09 \pm 0.01) \sum \sigma_{\rm R}
$$
 (7b)

$$
n = 15, r = 0.995, \text{sd} = 0.022
$$

 $(C_2H_5O)_2XP=O$ (which includes $X = H$) were correlated, giving eq 7c.

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$$
\beta = (0.79 \pm 0.02) - (0.12 \pm 0.03)\sigma_{\alpha} - (0.41 \pm 0.04)\sigma_{\text{F}} - (0.14 \pm 0.04)\sigma_{\text{R}} \tag{7c}
$$

$$
n = 14, r = 0.957, \text{sd} = 0.025
$$

The independent variables in eq 7a retained a very similar level of mutual noncolinearity as for eq 7; only *r* for σ_{α} vs $\sigma_{\rm R}$ increased slightly to 0.530. It is seen that eq 7a is quite similar to eq 7 for the entire data set, although there is a small improvement in precision of fit, with ρ_R and ρ_a having increased in magnitude slightly and ρ_F remaining constant at -0.47 ± 0.01 .

Equation 7b for the $X_3P=O$ family reveals quite significant movements in the values of ρ_{α} , $\rho_{\rm R}$, and the intercept (calculated value for $H_3P=0$), but ρ_F remains the same **as** for eq 7 and 7a. Compared to eq 7, the intercept has increased by 0.17, ρ_a has become statistically not significant, and ρ_R has decreased in magnitude by a factor of 2.

The coefficients of σ_{α} , σ_{F} , and σ_{R} in eq 7c for the $(C_2H_5O)_2XP=O$ family are not different within the combined uncertainties of the estimates from those in eq 7 for the whole data set. The estimate of the β value for $(C_2$ - $H₅O₂HP=O$ differs by 1 sd from the experimental value and can be used to estimate the value of $\beta = 0.93 \pm 0.05$ for $H_3P=0$.

Taken all together, eq 7, 7a, 7b, and 7c lead us to the following conclusions: (i) The substituent effects on β values for XYZP=O compounds are determined largely by field/indudive effects, and these are well correlated by $\sum \sigma_F$ (additivity is excellent). (ii) Although of secondary importance, substituent resonance and polarizability effects also contribute to the hydrogen-bond basicities of XYZP=O compounds. Highly polarizable substituents or strong π donor substituents may increase β values by 0.1-0.3 unit. (iii) The β value for the unknown parent $H_3P=0$ can be estimated only crudely as ca. 0.90 ± 0.05 due to errors introduced by nonadditivity of the secondary substituent resonance and polarizability effects. (iv) Saturation and steric twisting from coplanarity reduce π -electron-donating substituent effects so that σ_R values are not strictly additive with successive substitution (see below, Steric Effects). The errors introduced by the use of $\sum \sigma_R$ for strong π -electron-donor substituents like (C- H_3)₂N appear in the secondary terms, i.e., in values of the intercept and the coefficient of substituent polarizability, σ_{α} . The reduced $\sigma_{\rm R}$ coefficient in eq 7b compared to that in eq 7 is a real manifestation of this effect. (v) Donor π -electron delocalization to P=0 probably reduces the polarizing interaction with substituents at phosphorus. This is suggested by the lack of a statistically significant σ_{α} value in eq 7b. (vi) Equation 7 appears to be the preferred equation for generally useful predictions. Correlation equations such as 7a, 7b, and 7c can only be useful if applied to a family having a wide range of β values.

In conclusion, we point out that we have not used all the data on $\Delta \nu$ (O-H) reported by Raevskii and co-workers, $9-11$ but rather have treated a representative sampling of their 243 experimental determinations. Readers interested in estimating β values for additional XYZP= α compounds are advised to use eq **5** and 7 together with the additional Raevskii data. As a check of eq 7, we have, however, used some of their additional data for the families $Cl₂XP=O$, $(CH₃)₂XP=0$, HXP=0, and $CH₃X₂P=0$ to arrive independently at eq 8 which is seen to agree quite well with

$$
\beta = 0.86 - 0.07 \sigma_{\alpha} - 0.47 \sigma_{\rm F} - 0.17 \sigma_{\rm R} \tag{8}
$$

$$
n = 47, r = 0.980
$$

eq 7. It is important to note that the range of β values

within each of the four separate families proved to be too small to permit reliable correlations within the families but, as expressed by eq 8, the combined data for all four of these families do give a satisfactory result.

Steric Effects. The largest deviation from eq 7 is for hexamethylphosphoramide $(\beta_{\text{obsd}} = 1.05, \beta_{\text{calcd}} = 1.12)$. Also the β values for trialkylphosphine oxides are undercalculated by 0.04 to 0.07. These systematic deviations are in accord with the expectation that there is nonadditivity of σ_R values for strong π -electron donors like N(CH₃)₂. Errors introduced by the additivity assumption apparently are relatively small because the coefficient of $\sum \sigma_R$ is only about one-third as large as that for $\sum \sigma_F$.

Both saturation and steric twisting effects can act to reduce π -donor substituent effects with each successive substitution. The β value for $(C_2H_5O)_2(CH_3)_2N]P=O$ is 0.13 unit larger than that for $(C_2H_5)_2HP=0$, whereas the β value for $[(CH_3)_2N]_3P=O$ is only 0.21 unit (rather than 0.39 unit) larger than the estimated value for $H_3P=O$ (eq. *7).*

The gas-phase proton-transfer basicities of the phosphine oxides in the series $(CH_3)_{3-n}[(CH_3)_2N]_nP=0$ show similar nonadditive trends for substitution of $(CH_3)_2N$ for CH₃. The basicity difference for compounds with $n = 1$ and $n = 0$ is 4.2 kcal/mol; for $n = 2$ compared to $n = 1$, the difference is 3.1 kcal/mol; and for $n = 3$ compared to $n = 2$, the difference is 2.6 kcal/mol.^{14a} The reduced π -donor resonance effects of the $(CH_3)_2N$ substituents on successive substitution that are implied are in part imposed by steric considerations.

For hexamethylphosphoramide, maximal overlap of orbitals would require a conformation like **8a,** in which the three nitrogen lone pairs (represented by the arrows) are parallel to and in the same direction **as** the P=O axis and wherein all six methyl groups lie in the same plane. Such a conformation, although electronically favored, is strongly disfavored sterically.

Indeed, Bollinger and co-workers^{14b} have calculated dipole moments as functions of conformation for the various HMPA conformers, using "rigid dipole" summations (i.e., lone pairs at angles of **Oo,** 90°, and 180° from the direction of the P-0 axis). They found that structure **8a** would require a dipole of 5.82 D, compared with the experimental dipole of 4.19 D (in cyclohexane). The "rigid dipole" conformation which corresponded most closely to the experimental moment was that shown in **8b,** in which one lone pair is parallel to the $P=O$ bond, but in the opposite direction, and the two others are in a plane perpendicular to P-0. In the nonrigid system, this is equivalent to a "high pitch" propeller arrangement of the dimethylamine groups, which is also intuitively preferred.

Further, such a propellar arrangement was also found by Steudel and co-workers¹⁵ in an X -ray diffraction study of the structure of $HMPA-2S_7NH$. Angles of 113.8°, 84.5°, and 107.3' were found between the 0-P-N planes and the

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bisectors of the P-N-C planes (which correspond to the lone pair-N-P planes). These may be regarded as the angles of twist from maximal orbital overlap.

Multifunctional Acceptor Effects, a Caveat. The 0 values derived here are intended to be used **as** measures of the HBA basicities of the XYZP=0 compounds acting **as** either solutes or solvents. There has been a complication, however, insofar as predictions of octanol/water partition coefficients or aqueous solubilities of $(RO)_{3}P=O$ and possibly $(RO)_2XP=O$ and $(RO)XYP=O$ compounds are concerned.

Using β values from Table I together with equations which we have reported for octanol/water partition coefficients¹⁶ and aqueous solubilities¹⁷ of organic nonelectrolytes has led to serious overpredictions of log K_{ow} and serious underpredictions of log $S_{\rm w}$. We believe that this is because these compounds act as multifunctional hydrogen-bond acceptors in water, hydrogen bonding at both the $P=O$ and $R-O-P$ oxygens to either different or the same water clusters. In HBD solvents other than water,

such interactions at multiple HBA sites are very much less apt to occur. In water, however, *effective* $\sum \beta$ values rather than the β values reported here are required to predict solubility and partition properties of the trialkyl phosphates.

We have calculated from octanol/water partition constants¹⁸ that $\sum \beta$ has values from 1.00 to 1.10 for methyl through *n*-butyl phosphates (compared to $\beta = 0.77 - 0.82$) in Table I). These values were confirmed by the finding that the $\sum \beta$ values for the trialkyl phosphates allowed the calculation of cyclohexane/water partition coefficients through the correlation equation for that bilayer system. This is strong confirmation, since the equation for cyclohexane/water partition has significantly larger $m: -s, -a$, and *-b* coefficients in eq 2 than does that for octanol/water partition.

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Mild and Regiospecific Reduction of Masked 1,3-Dicarbonyl Derivatives to Monocarbonyl Compounds and Primary and Secondary Amines

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The regiospecific reduction of masked 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds **to** the corresponding saturated monocarbonyl **3** or iminic **4** compounds via 3-amino-2-alkenimines **1** is described. The formation of **3** or **4** can be explained in terms of a double reduction process from 1. **A** simple method for the synthesis of primary and secondary amines **6** is also described.

We have been interested for some years in the readily available 3-amino-2-alkenimine systems 1 **,1,2** both as synthons in the preparation of a wide range of heterocycles³ and in the preparation of β - and γ -difunctionalized compounds by reduction processes. $^{4-6}$ In particular, the reduction of **1** with sodium in i-PrOH **as** protic cosolvent led to a diastereoisomeric mixture of γ -diamines 2^4 (Scheme I).

In connection with these studies, we now describe the behavior of systems **1,** direct precursors of the 1,3-dicarbonyl derivatives,² when treated with lithium metal in the absence of a proton source; this process allows the regiospecific reduction of 1 to saturated carbonyl or iminic

compounds **3** and **4.7** In addition, a new method for the synthesis of amines of type **6** is also described.

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