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# Conformational Preference of the 2-Diphenylphosphinoyl Group in 1,3-Dioxane. Is There an O-C-P(O) Anomeric Effect?<sup>†</sup>

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Summary: The use of counterpoise substituents permitted the quantitative determination of the large equatorial preference of the 2-diphenylphosphinoyl group in 1,3-dioxane,  $\Delta G^{\circ}_{307\text{K}}[P(0)Ph_2] = -3.23 \text{ kcal/mol.}$  This result contrasts strongly with the significant axial preference of the same group in the 1,3-dithiane ring (+1.0 kcal/mol). Nevertheless, evaluation of the different steric requirements in these heterocycles reveals that the magnitude of the O-C-P(O) and S-C-P(O) anomeric effects in the sulfur and oxygen heterocycles is quite similar, close to 3 kcal/ mol.

Sir: Recently, the lack of manifestation of an anomeric effect in 2-diphenylphosphinoyl-1,3-dioxane (1) was reported,<sup>1,2</sup> i.e., the equatorial conformer predominates (eq 1).



This result could be surprising at first sight in view of the strong axial preference of the 2-diphenylphosphinoyl group of 1,3-dithiane,  $\Delta G^{\circ}[P(O)Ph_2] = +1.0 \text{ kcal/mol}^{3-5}$ (eq 2), and because anomeric effects involving second-row elements have been predicted to be much less important than those with first-row elements.<sup>6,7</sup>



<sup>†</sup>S-C-P Anomeric Interactions. 7.



Nevertheless, because of the shorter C-O bonds (ca. 1.43 Å) relative to the C-S bonds (ca. 1.82 Å), the steric repulsion of the axial diphenylphosphinoyl group (A value =  $2.74 \text{ kcal/mol}^8$  could dominate over the O-C-P(O)

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Table I. Ambient Temperature <sup>13</sup>C NMR Signal Assignments in Compounds 1-5 (ppm from Me,Si (CDCl<sub>1</sub>))<sup>a</sup>

| C(2)   | C(4)   | C(5)   | C(6)  | Cipso   | Cortho   | C <sub>meta</sub>                                      | Cpara  | other  | -  |  |
|--------|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 101.35 | 67.85  | 25.64  | 67.85   | 129.47  | 131.80   | 127.82   | 131.72   | _  |  |  |
| (118)  | (9)  |  | (9)   | (101)   | (8.5)  | (12)   |  |  |  |  |
| 37.15  | 26.97  | 24.91  | 26.97   | 132.17  | 131.07   | 128.30   | 131.69   | -  |  |  |
| (70)   |  |  |   | (100)   | (9)  | (12)   | (2.5)  |  |  |  |
| 100.14 | 67.88  | 43.02  | 67.88   | 129.14  | 131.95   | 127.97   | 131.91   | d  |  |  |
| (115)  | (9)  |  | (9)   | (99)  | (10)   | (12)   |  |  |  |  |
| 100.86 | 69.96  | 43.33  | 69.96   | 129.20  | 131.87   | 127.92   | 131.87   | е  |  |  |
| (118)  | (11)   |  | (11)  | (100)   | (10)   | (12)   |  |  |  |  |
| 101.37 | 74.76  | 33.33  | 68.11   | 129.74  | 132.25   | 128.16   | 132.01   | f  |  |  |
| (119)  | (10)   |  | (11)  | (100)   | (9)  | (12)   | (2)  | •  |  |  |
| 95.35  | 68.76  | 31.03  | 63.30   | 130.37  | 131.95   | 128.37   | 132.01   | g  |  |  |
| (109)  | (7)  |  | (7)   | (96)  | (9)  | (12)   |  | -  |  |  |
| 107.25 | 72.45  | 33.01  | 66.64   |   | -  |  | -  | h  |  |  |
| 99.58  | 67.29  | 29.15  | 61.87   | -   |  | -  | -  | i  |  |  |
|        | $\begin{array}{c} C(2)\\ \hline 101.35\\ (118)\\ 37.15\\ (70)\\ 100.14\\ (115)\\ 100.86\\ (118)\\ 101.37\\ (119)\\ 95.35\\ (109)\\ 107.25\\ 99.58 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c cccc} C(2) & C(4) \\ \hline 101.35 & 67.85 \\ (118) & (9) \\ 37.15 & 26.97 \\ (70) \\ \hline 100.14 & 67.88 \\ (115) & (9) \\ 100.86 & 69.96 \\ (118) & (11) \\ 101.37 & 74.76 \\ (119) & (10) \\ 95.35 & 68.76 \\ (109) & (7) \\ 107.25 & 72.45 \\ 99.58 & 67.29 \\ \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c cccccc} \hline C(2) & C(4) & C(5) \\ \hline 101.35 & 67.85 & 25.64 \\ (118) & (9) & & \\ 37.15 & 26.97 & 24.91 \\ (70) & & & \\ 100.14 & 67.88 & 43.02 \\ (115) & (9) & & \\ 100.86 & 69.96 & 43.33 \\ (118) & (11) & & \\ 101.37 & 74.76 & 33.33 \\ (119) & (10) & & \\ 95.35 & 68.76 & 31.03 \\ (109) & (7) & & \\ 107.25 & 72.45 & 33.01 \\ 99.58 & 67.29 & 29.15 \\ \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | $\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $ | $\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $ | $\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $ | $\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $ | $\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $ |  |

<sup>a</sup>C/P coupling constants in parentheses. <sup>b</sup>Taken from ref 2. <sup>c</sup>Taken from ref 3. <sup>d</sup>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C, 28.42; (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C, 31.67. <sup>e</sup>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>8</sub>C, 26.94; (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C, 30.24. <sup>f</sup>CH<sub>3</sub>, 21.67. <sup>g</sup>CH<sub>3</sub>, 18.29. <sup>h</sup>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C, 24.56; (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C, 34.78; CH<sub>3</sub>-C(4), 21.53. <sup>i</sup>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C, 24.50; (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C, 34.44; CH<sub>3</sub>-C(4), 21.53. <sup>i</sup>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C, 24.50; (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C, 24.50; (CH<sub></sub> 16.41.

anomeric effect in 1. A quantitative evaluation of the conformational preference of the phosphorus substituent was therefore necessary in order to establish the contribution of an anomeric effect, in any.

#### Results

cis- and trans-2-(diphenylphosphinoyl)-5-tert-butyl-1,3-dioxanes (cis- and trans-3) were prepared as shown in Scheme I. <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>31</sup>P NMR data for cis- and trans-3 (Table I) indicate that the tert-butyl group is completely  $(\geq 95\%)$  equatorial in trans-3, but completely axial in the cis isomer (eq 3).<sup>9</sup> Because the conformational energy of the 5-t-Bu in 1,3-dioxane is 1.4 kcal/mol,<sup>10</sup> and because  $\Delta G^{\circ} > 1.7 \text{ kcal/mol}$  in eq 3, a minimum  $\Delta G^{\circ}[P(O)Ph_2]$  $\gtrsim$  3.1 kcal/mol, favoring 1-eq, is determined.



Better results were achieved in the 4-methyl series, where the methyl group acts as a more demanding counterpoise (2.87 kcal/mol).<sup>10</sup> The synthesis of cis- and trans-2-(diphenylphosphinoyl)-4-methyl-1,3-dioxane (cisand trans-4) was carried out as shown in Scheme I. Most useful is the <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shift for the methyl group: 21.67 and 18.29 ppm in the cis and trans isomers, respectively. By comparison,  $\delta(CH_3) = 16.41$  ppm in the pure axial methyl model trans-2-tert-butyl-4-methyl-1,3-dioxane (trans-5, Table I).<sup>11</sup> Application of Eliel's equation<sup>12</sup> [K =  $(\delta_{eq} - \delta_{mobile})/\delta_{mobile} - \delta_{ax}$  = (21.67 - 18.29)/(18.29 - 16.41) = 1.80] provided  $\Delta G^{\circ}_{307K}$  = +0.36 kcal/mol (eq 4), and therefore  $\Delta G^{\circ}_{307K}$ [P(O)Ph<sub>2</sub>] = -3.23 kcal/mol in the absence of the 4-methyl group (eq 1).

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#### Discussion

The anomeric effect is usually defined as the *tendency* of an electronegative substituent to assume the axial rather than the equatorial orientation at anomeric carbons.<sup>13</sup> Manifestation of an anomeric effect in 1 would require that the magnitude of such effect overcomes the stringent steric hindrance experienced by axial 2-substituents. For example, the equatorial preference of a methyl group in cyclohexane amounts to 1.74 kcal/mol,<sup>14</sup> whereas it increases (by a factor of 2.2) to 3.9 kcal/mol in 2-methyl-1,3-dioxane.<sup>10</sup> Thus, the expected size of the diphenylphosphinoyl group in 1 is ca.  $2.2 \times 2.74 \text{ kcal/mol}^8 = 6.0 \text{ kcal/mol}^{.15}$ The difference between this value and the one experimentally obtained, ca. 3.2 kcal/mol, affords an anomeric effect worth ca. 2.8 kcal/mol!

It is of interest to compare this value with that estimated in 2: it has been shown<sup>16</sup> that the  $\Delta G^{\circ}(2$ -tert-butyl) in 1,3-dithianes is about 60% of  $\Delta G^{\circ}(tert-butyl)$  in cyclohexane. Thus, the expected size of the diphenylphosphinoyl group in 2 is 60% of 2.74 kcal/mol,<sup>8</sup> which affords an anomeric effect equal to  $1.0 + (0.60 \times 2.74) =$ 2.64 kcal/mol.<sup>15</sup>

By the same token, a 2-methyl group in 1,3-oxathiane shows an equatorial preference of 3.25 kcal/mol,<sup>17</sup> larger by a factor of 1.87 than its A value. The expected equatorial preference of the 2-diphenylphosphinoyl group in 1,3-oxathiane is therefore  $1.87 \times 2.74 = 5.12$  kcal/mol. The

<sup>(9)</sup> For comparison:  $\delta(C(CH_3)_3) = 27.68$  ppm in trans-2-methyl-5-tert-butyl-1,3-dioxane;  $\delta(C(CH_3)_3) = 29.71$  ppm in cis-2-methyl-5-tert-butyl-1,3-dioxane: Jones, A. J.; Eliel, E. L.; Grant, D. M.; Knoeber, M. C.; Bailey, W. F. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1971, 93, 4772-4777. Perhaps even more significant, the <sup>31</sup>P NMR chemical shifts (36.23 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for cis- and trans-3 are identical,  $\delta = 23.98$  ppm, showing the exclusively equatorial orientation of the diphenylphosphinoyl group in both isomers. equilibrium or intra difficult with a solution of the axial phosphorus in the difficult and a solution of the axial phosphorus in the difficult and oxathiane analogues).<sup>2b</sup>

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Seen in this light, it appears that the anomeric effects operative in O-C-P(O) and S-C-P(O) segments are of similar magnitude, close to 3 kcal/mol.<sup>18</sup>

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**Registry No.** cis-3, 122700-51-0; trans-3, 122700-52-1;  $(\pm)$ -cis-4, 122700-53-2;  $(\pm)$ -trans-4, 122700-54-3;  $(\pm)$ -cis-5, 122700-55-4;  $(\pm)$ -trans-5, 122700-56-5;  $(\pm)$ -CH<sub>3</sub>CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH, 18826-95-4; HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH(Bu-t)CH<sub>2</sub>OH, 2819-05-8; CIPPh<sub>2</sub>, 1079-66-9; HC(OCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 149-73-5; pivaldehyde, 630-19-3.

## Catalytic Palladium-Mediated Tetraene Carbocyclizations<sup>1</sup>

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Summary: A new palladium-catalyzed carbocyclization of substrates containing two 1,3-diene moieties leads to the efficient, stereoselective preparation of functionalized cyclopentanes and pyrrolidines. Treatment of tetraenes with 5 mol % of a palladium catalyst and 2–10 equiv of an H–X trapping reagent effects carbocyclization under mild reaction conditions (25–65 °C) in good-to-excellent yields (50–94%) and with good-to-excellent stereoselectivity (5 to >20:1,trans:cis). Of particular note is the exceptional versatility of this methodology; versatility arising from the fact that the tetraene substrate is regioselectively coupled to an H–X (X = C, N, O, S) trapping reagent during the course of the cyclization.

Sir: The palladium-catalyzed linear telomerization of 1,3-butadiene was first reported in 1967 from the groups of Smutny and Hagihara.<sup>2</sup> Since those early reports the methodology has been extended to include the use of other metal catalysts, a few substituted 1,3-dienes, and a wide range of H-X trapping reagents (X = nucleophilic carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, or sulfur). The chemical yield, catalytic efficiency, and isomer selectivity observed in the telomerizations of 1,3-butadiene-derived linear dimers have found use as intermediates in synthesis.<sup>3</sup> The field has been independently reviewed by Smutny, Tsuji, Jolly, and Behr.<sup>4</sup> In recent years Jolly has spectroscopically and/or crystallographically characterized intermediates consistent with the proposed catalytic cycle outlined in Scheme I.<sup>5,6</sup>

Scheme I. A Proposed Catalytic Cycle for the Palladium-Catalyzed Telomerization of 1,3-Butadiene and Substituted 1,3-Dienes<sup>5</sup>



To date, the use of telomerization methods as a cyclization strategy for the direct construction of functionalized ring systems has found limited utility.<sup>7</sup> This is perhaps not surprising. Substituted 1,3-dienes typically telomerize with much less facility than 1,3-butadiene, and mixtures of isomeric linear-dimer products are obtained. From our experience with catalytic iron-mediated ene carbocyclizations<sup>8</sup> and from the growing list of other catalytic metal-mediated carbocyclization methods,<sup>9-12</sup> it is apparent

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