Scheme II. The Synthesis of Endo and Exo cIPs (DL Mixtures Were Used, but Only D-Forms Are Shown)^a



^aReagents and conditions: (a) 1.2 equiv ClP(OCH₃)N(iPr)₂, iPr₂NEt, CH₂Cl₂, 25 °C, 0.5 h; (b) 4 equiv tetrazole, THF-CH₃CN, 25 °C, 18 h; (c) excess S₈, toluene, 25 °C, 48 h; (d) 40 equiv Li, THF-NH₃, -78 °C, 5 min.

cifically converts the R_p isomer of DPPsI to inositol 1,2-cyclic thiophosphate (cIPs) (12) (${}^{31}P \delta 69.89$ ppm, characteristic of cyclic thiophosphates) as the predominant product. Thus despite differences in substrate specificity, structure, and function, PI-PLC exhibits the same stereospecificity as phosphatidylcholine-specific PLC (PC-PLC), which prefers the S_p isomer of thiophosphatidylcholine.10b-d

To elucidate the steric course of PI-PLC requires cIPs with known configuration. Thus, DL-cIPs was synthesized according to Scheme II. DL-1,4,5,6-Tetra-O-benzyl-myo-inositol (13; prepared by established procedures¹⁴) was phosphorylated by $ClP(OCH_3)N(iPr)_2$ to give 14 and 15, which were then treated with tetrazole in THF-CH₃CN to produce 16(a+b) via a novel intramolecular cyclization.¹⁵ Without isolation, 16 was treated with an excess of S_8 in toluene to give 17a (³¹P δ 84.41 ppm, exo-DL, i.e. D- R_p + L- S_p)¹⁶ and 17b (³¹P δ 82.65 ppm, endo-DL, i.e. $D-S_p + L-R_p$), which were separated by chromatography. Assignments of the configurations of 17a and 17b were based on four criteria, the first three of which had been established previously on model compounds 18a, 18b, and related systems: (i) The predominant form 17b should be endo since the predominant form of the phosphite 16 should be the least sterically hindered form 16b,¹⁷ and oxidation by sulfur is known to proceed with retention of configuration at phosphorus.¹⁸ (ii) The relative ³¹P

(16) The exo form of 17 and 19 is defined as the form in which sulfur and the inositol ring are on the opposite side of the five-membered ring. In the R/S designation, the axial position has higher priority than the equatorial

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The synthesis was completed by treating 17a and 17b with Li in THF-NH₃(1) to give 19a (exo^{16} , ³¹P δ 69.85 ppm, Figure 1C) and **19b** (endo, ³¹P δ 69.00 ppm, Figure 1D), respectively. The ${}^{31}P \delta$ of 19a coincides with that of 12, which was further confirmed by addition of 19a to the reaction mixture in Figure 1B (spectrum not shown). Thus the configuration of 12 should be $D-R_n$, and the steric course should be inversion at phosphorus. The result suggests that the conversion of PI to cIP catalyzed by PI-PLC from B. cereus involves direct attack of the 2-OH group to displace the diacylglycerol moiety of the substrate. The steric course of the formation of the noncyclic IP awaits future studies.

Application of phosphorothioates on PI-related systems has also been realized by other groups recently. Chemical synthesis of DL-cIPs²¹ by a different procedure has been reported, but the configuration was not determined. The phosphorothioate analogues of DL-myo-inositol phosphates have been synthesized²² and shown to be resistant to hydrolysis by phosphatases.^{22c}

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Novel Regioselectivity and C-F Bond Cleavage in the Reactions of Alkylplatinum(II) Complexes with Amide and Alkoxide Anions

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Recently there has been a surge of interest in the chemistry of complexes formed between amide or alkoxide anions and transition metals of the platinum group.1 Previous synthesis had avoided such complexes because the "hard and soft" acid and base concept had predicted weak metal-ligand bonding. Recent solution equilibrium data, however, have shown that these complexes have bond enthalpies comparable with those of alkyl complexes.² This communication reports some novel regioselectivities discovered from reacting amides with platinum(II) complexes and

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Scheme I



also describes products resulting from unanticipated C-F and C-O cleavage reactions.

The complex *trans*-PtClMeL₂ ($L = PPh_3$) reacts with OH⁻ or OMe⁻ to give trans-Pt(OH)MeL₂ and trans-Pt(OMe)MeL₂, respectively. The methoxide complex undergoes β -hydrogen transfer at elevated temperature to give trans-PtHMeL₂. By contrast *trans*-Pt(OMe)(CF₃)L₂ is stable because the electronegative CF₃ group enhances the π -stabilization of the Pt–OMe bond, thereby disfavoring β -hydrogen transfer.³ Treating *trans*-PtClMe(PCy₃)₂ with NaNH₂ gives the amide complex *trans*-Pt(NH₂)Me(PCy₃)₂. Thermodynamic considerations predict that the Pt-NMe₂ bond is weaker than either the Pt-NH₂ or the Pt-OMe bond,² and in agreement with this we observe trans-PtHMeL₂ as the reaction product from the reaction between *trans*-PtClMeL₂ ($L = PPh_3$, PCy_3) and LiNMe₂ in dry THF. Column chromatography of the product after a reaction time of 4 h gave 57% yield. For trans- $PtCl(CF_3)(PPh_3)_2$ we observe a different regioselectivity whereby

trans-PtClMeL₂ + LiNMe₂ \rightarrow trans-PtHMeL₂ + LiCl + MeN= CH_2 (1)

$$(L = PPh_3, PCy_3)$$

attack of NMe₂⁻ at the trifluoromethyl ligand results in a complementary redox reaction to give $Pt(PPh_3)_3$ (eq 2).⁵ We detect no $Pt(NMe_2)(CF_3)(PPh_3)_2$.

$$3 trans-PtCl(CF_3)(PPh_3)_2 + 3LiNMe_2 \rightarrow 2Pt(PPh_3)_3 + 3CF_3NMe_2 + 3LiCl + Pt (2)$$

An alternate approach to π -stabilize metal alkoxides and amides is to use fluoro substituents on the tertiary phosphine rather than on the alkyl group. The complex *trans*-PtClMe($PPh_2C_6F_5$)₂ is unreactive to OH⁻ or OMe⁻, but trans-[PtMe(THF)- $(PPh_2C_6F_5)_2]X$ (X = ClO₄, BF₄, CF₃SO₃) reacts with aqueous KOH (twofold excess) to give the cyclometalated complex trans-PtMe(2-OC₆F₄PPh₂)($\overline{PPh_2C_6F_5}$) (1) (eq 3) in 68% yield after a reaction time of 30 min, followed by column chromatography.⁶ The single-crystal structure of **1** gives the bond distances

F), -148 t (1 F), -151 t (1 F), -159 t (2 F), -163 d (1 F), -176 t (1 F); ³J(FF) = 19-23 Hz.



Figure 1. Molecular structure and atom labeling scheme for C₃₇F₉O- P_2PtH_{23} shown with 50% thermal ellipsoids. The C7-C18 and C25-C36 series phenyl rings bonded to P1 and P2 are shown as the ipso atoms only.

Pt-O1 = 2.12 (1) Å, Pt-C37 = 2.08 (1) Å, O1-C2 = 1.31 (1) Å. An ORTEP representation is shown in Figure 1.⁷ This cytrans-[PtMe(THF)(PPh2C8F5)2]X + 2KOH



⁽⁷⁾ Crystal data: dimensions, $0.43 \times 0.43 \times 0.31$ mm; crystal system, monoclinic; space group, $P2_1/c$; a = 12.437 (2) Å, b = 25.749 (8) Å, c = 10.788 (2) Å, $\beta = 102.35$ (1)°; Z = 4; absorption coefficient = 43.71 cm⁻¹; Mo K α radiation with graphite monochromator; scan range $2\theta = 1-50^{\circ}$; 5614 unique reflections with 3958 $\geq 3\sigma(I)$. Structure solution was obtained by direct methods and refined to convergence with full-matrix when R = 3.7, R_w = 5.5.

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clometalated product results from nucleophilic atack by OH⁻ at the ortho carbon of a pentafluorophenyl ring. No reaction occurs between uncomplexed PPh₂C₆F₅ and aqueous KOH. The ortho substitution in complex 1 is therefore induced by platinum coordination. Two mechanistic pathways are plausible, each of which involves nucleophilic attack by hydroxide at the ortho carbon of the pentafluorophenyl ring (Scheme I). The first pathway involves an agostic interaction which induces ortho selectivity by the external nucleophile; the second pathway involves prior complexation of the hydroxide with platinum.⁸ We presently have no conclusive evidence to differentiate between intramolecular or external attack at the ortho carbon by the hydroxyl nucleophile. Complex 1 is protonated by HCl to give the ring-opened complex trans- $PtClMe(PPh_2C_6F_5)(PPh_2C_6F_4OH-2)$ (2) (eq 4).

$$trans-PtMe(2-OC_6F_4PPh_2)(PPh_2C_6F_5) + HCl \rightarrow trans-PtClMe(PPh_2C_6F_5)(PPh_2C_6F_4OH-2)$$
(4)

Methoxide ion (excess NaOMe in methanol) substitutes the fluorines at the ortho carbon atoms of the pentafluorophenyl ring in trans-[PtMe(THF)(PPh₂C₆F₅)₂]CF₃SO₃ to give trans-Pt- $(OMe)Me(PPh_2C_6F_3(OMe-2,6)_2)_2$ (3) in 82% yield. Complex 3 reacts with NaOH to give trans-PtMe(2-OC₆F₃(OMe-6)- PPh_2)($PPh_2C_6F_3$ (OMe-2,6)₂) (4) (eq 5).⁹ The conversion of 3

trans-IPtMe(THF)(PPh2C6F5)23X + 5NaOMe -

$$trans = Pt(OMe)Me(PPh_2C_6F_3(OMe = 2, 6)_2)_2 + NaX +$$



to 4 involves C-O bond cleavage.¹⁰ These reactions involve the conversion of a strong C-F bond into a weaker C-O bond. The formation of platinum alkoxide bonds in both 3 and 4 provides some driving force to the reaction, but solvation effects and the higher lattice energy of NaF as compared to NaOMe provide the dominant advantage.

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First Structural Evidence for Transannular P-N Bonding in the Phosphine Form of Cyclenphosphorane: An Open Tautomer?

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Evidence has shown that cyclenphosphorane (cyclenPH) exists only in the "closed" tautomer 1a in solution as well as in the solid



and gas phases.¹ Attempts to isolate the "open" form **1b** by coordination to transition metals have, thus far, been unsuccessful, except in the rare cases where it is forced into the bidentate structure A.² Reactions of cyclenPH with transition metals usually give the pentacoordinate structure B.3 It has been sug-



gested that this is due to the constraint of the 12-membered cyclen ring which stabilizes the trigonal-bipyramidal (tbp) geometry around phosphorus.^{3,4} We herein report the synthesis and X-ray crystal structure of the first monodentate P-bound transition-metal complex of 1b. The structure of this complex reveals a P-N transannular interaction, which yields a unique geometry for a phosphine ligand, and provides the first structural confirmation of the tbp constraining "bite" of the cyclen ring about phosphorus. Moreover, the geometry explains why this complex undergoes a

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