The Behavior of 3,3-Diphenylindan-1,2-dione Towards Alkyl Phosphites

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Summary. The reaction of 3,3-diphenylindan-1,2-dione with trimethyl phosphite in dry benzene at room temperature for about 15h led to the formation of a mixture containing dimethyl (3,3-diphenyl-2-methoxy-1-indenyl)phosphate and dimethyl (3,3-diphenyl-1*H*-2-oxo-1-indanyl)phosphate, whereas with triisopropyl phosphite, diisopropyl (3,3-diphenyl-2-isopropoxy-1-indenyl)phosphate is the only product. Treatment of the dione with dialkyl phosphites under different experimental conditions gave dialkyl (3,3-diphenyl-1-hydroxy-2-oxo-1-indanyl)phosphates. Reaction mechanisms are presented which account for the experimental results. Structural assignments of the new compounds are based on the spectroscopic evidences and two examples were elucidated by X-ray crystallography.

Keywords. 3,3-Diphenylindan-1,2-dione; Alkyl phosphites; X-Ray crystallography.

Introduction

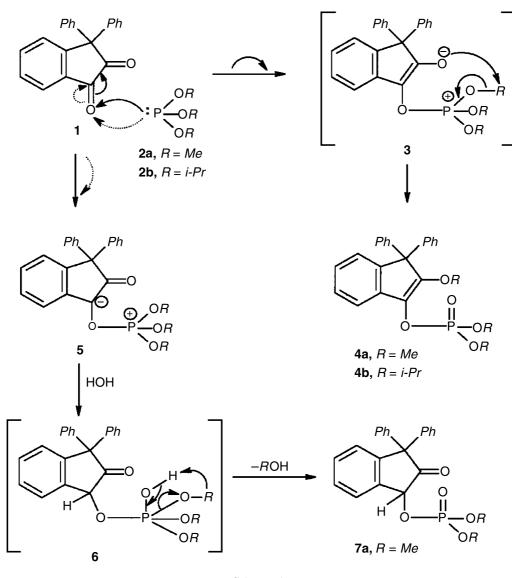
The reaction of phosphite esters with *o*-quinones and α -diketones has been extensively studied by several investigators [1–26]. It has been found that the course of the reaction depends on the nature of the carbonyl compounds. Thus, trialkyl phosphites react with α -dicarbonyl compounds, such as biacetyl [27, 28], phenanthrenequinone [27], *o*-chloranil [29], and 4-triphenylmethyl-1,2-benzoquinone [23], to form 1:1 adducts of cyclic unsaturated pentaoxyphosphoranes whereas, with acenaphenequinone [30, 31], isatin [32, 33], and 5,6-dihydrocyclopent[*fg*]acenaphthyl-ene-1,2-dione [34] they give 1:2 adducts constituting

cyclic saturated pentaoxyphosphoranes. In some cases, other types of α -diketones undergo alkylation *via* alkyl group translocation to afford the phosphate or the phosphonate esters [18, 20, 29, 35, 36]. Dialkyl phosphites react with α -dicarbonyl compounds to form 1:1 adducts of α -hydroxyphosphonates or *o*-quinol monophosphates [24–26, 29, 32, 34, 36–46]. From the course of these studies and in continuation with our previous paper [47], it seemed to be of interest to examine the reactivity of 3,3-diphenyl-1,2-dione as an asymmetrical α -diketone with alkyl phosphites.

Results and Discussion

We found that 3,3-diphenylindan-1,2-dione (1) reacted with trimethyl phosphite (2a) in dry benzene at room temperature to give a mixture of dimethyl (3,3-diphenyl-2-methoxy-1-indenyl)phosphate (4a) and dimethyl (3,3-diphenyl-1H-2-oxo-indanyl)phosphate (7a) (Scheme 1). These products were separated by column chromatography on silica gel as colorless crystalline products and their structures were established by different spectroscopic techniques as well as elemental analyses and molecular weight determination (MS). The IR spectrum of the phosphate 4a reveals the absence of a carbonyl absorption band around 1700 cm⁻¹. In addition, it exhibits intense bands at 1270 and 1065 cm⁻¹ corresponding to P=O and P-O-Me stretching vibrations [48]. Its ¹H NMR exhibits a doublet at $\delta = 3.84$ with $J_{\rm HP} = 11.10 \, \text{Hz}$ due to the two methoxy groups

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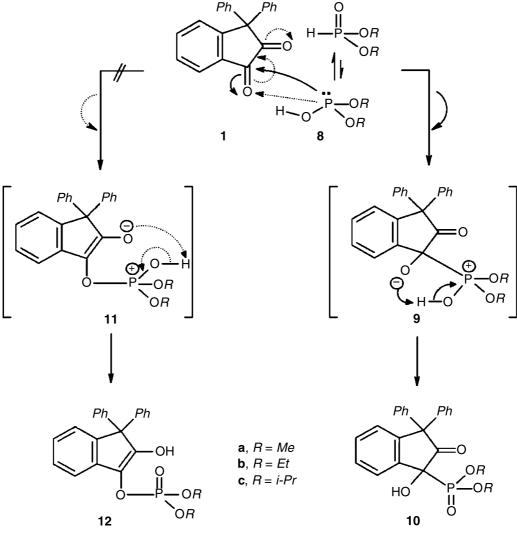




attached to phosphorus [48]. It also shows a signal at $\delta = 3.98$ for the methoxy group at C-2. Moreover, a single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis of **4a** (Fig. 1) confirms the established configuration. The other product **7a** shows characteristic bands in the IR spectrum at 1753 cm⁻¹ for the carbonyl group and at 1235 and 1056 cm⁻¹ due to the absorption of the P=O and P–O–*Me* groups. Its ¹H NMR disclosed the presence of two doublets at $\delta = 3.56$, 3.87 ppm with $J_{\rm HP} = 11.10$ Hz ascribed to the two methoxy groups attached to the phosphorus atom. The presence of a doublet at $\delta = 5.81$ ppm with $J_{\rm HP} = 10.5$ Hz for the proton at C-1 is also good evidence supporting structure **7a**.

A possible explanation for the course of the reaction of trimethyl phosphite (2a) with 3,3-diphenylindan-1,2-dione (1) is shown in Scheme 1. The reaction goes on two pathways to form the products 4a and 7a. The first pathway involves a nucleophilic attack by the phosphite-phosphorus on the carbonyl oxygen at position 1 in dione 1 to form the intermediate dipolar adduct 3a, which then undergoes group translocation with formation of the ether phosphate ester 4a. The second pathway is initiated by nucleophilic addition of the phosphite-phosphorus on the most reactive carbonyl at C-1 of the dione 1 to give the phosphonium species 5a, which in presence of unavoidable moisture can add water to furnish a transient intermediate 6a with pentavalent phosphorus followed by ejection of one mole of methanol to give the product 7a.





Scheme 2

Triisopropyl phosphite (**2b**) reacted with dione **1** in benzene solution to give as the sole product diisopropyl (3,3-diphenyl-2-isopropoxy-1-indenyl)phosphate (**4b**) as colorless crystals. Its structure was confirmed by elemental analyses, IR, ¹H NMR, and MS (*cf.* Experimental).

The reaction of dione 1 with dialkyl phosphites (2a-2c) in benzene solution or in absence of solvents gave colorless crystalline products of dialkyl (3,3-diphenyl-1-hydroxy-2-oxo-1-indanyl)phosphonates 10 and not the enol-phosphate esters 12 (Scheme 2). Similar results were obtained when the reactants in benzene solution were catalyzed by direct sunlight (photolysis) at ambient temperature. The assignment of structure 10 was based on the correct analytical values, IR, ¹H NMR, and molecular weight determination (MS). The IR spectra of the

phosphonates 10a-10c showed the characteristic absorption band at $3150 \,\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ attributable to the stretching frequency of an OH function. They exhibit intense bands at 1230 cm⁻¹ corresponding to the P=O and at 1050 cm^{-1} for P-O-C (alkyl) stretching vibration. Also, they show a strong absorption band at 1750 cm⁻¹ due to the carbonyl group. The ¹H NMR spectrum of 10a, taken as an example, is consistent with the α -hydroxyphosphonate structure. It disclosed the two anisotropic methoxy groups attached to phosphorus appearing as two doublets (each with $J_{\rm HP} = 10.8$ Hz) at $\delta = 3.39$, 3.98 ppm. The anisotropy is expected to be induced by the chiral carbon bearing the phosphorus atom. A singlet at $\delta = 2.52 \text{ ppm}$ exchangeable with D_2O appears for the OH proton. Further evidence supporting structure 10a is the single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis (Fig. 2).

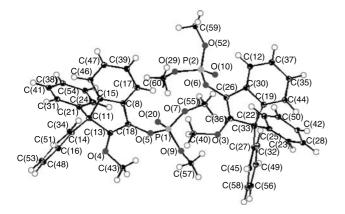


Fig. 1. ORTEP perspective view of 4a

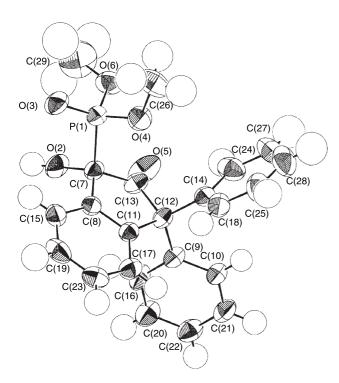


Fig. 2. ORTEP perspective view of 10a

A mechanism that accounts for the formation of compounds 10 from the reaction of dione 1 with dialkyl phosphites 8 is depicted in Scheme 2. This involves initial nucleophilic addition of the phosphite-phosphorus to the more reactive carbon atom in position 1 to yield the phosphonium intermediate 9, which affords the final α -hydroxyphosphonates 10.

Conclusion

From the results obtained above it is shown that the reaction of 3,3-diphenylindan-1,2-dione (1) as an

asymmetrical α -diketone with trimethyl phosphite (2a) gave a mixture of the phosphate esters 4a and 7a, whereas with triisopropyl phosphite (2b), compound 4b is the only product. Dialkyl phosphites 8 reacted with dione 1 under different experimental conditions to afford the α -hydroxyphosphonates 10. This means that in dione 1 the carbonyl group at C-1 is more reactive than the one at C-2, which is sterically hindered by the adjacent phenyl groups.

Experimental

Melting points were determined on an Electrothermal digitalmelting-point apparatus. Trialkyl phosphites [49, 50] were purified by prolonged treatment with sodium ribbon, followed by fractional distillation. Dialkyl phosphites [51, 52] were freshly distilled. The IR spectra were recorded in KBr disks on a Jasco *Fourier* Transform Infrared spectrophotometer model FT/IR-3000E. The ¹H NMR spectra were recorded in deuterated chloroform (CDCl₃) on a Varian Mercury VX-300 spectrometer (300 MHz), using tetramethylsilane (*TMS*) as an internal reference. Mass spectra (EI-MS) were determined at 70 eV on a Finnigan MAT SSQ 7000 spectrometer. 3,3-Diphenylindan-1,2-dione was prepared according to the previously reported method [53].

X-Ray Structure Determination

The crystal data were measured at T = 298 K on a Kappa CCD Enraf Nonius FR 590 diffractometer. The crystal structure was solved and refined using maXus (Nonius, Delft and MacScience, Japan). Mo-K_{α} radition ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) and a graphite monochromator were used for data collection. Further details of the structure dtermination (complete bond lengths and angles, H atom coordinates, structure factors, temperature factors) were deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, United Kingdom. Any request should be accompanied by the full literature citation and the CCDC reference numbers 643748 (**4a**) and 643749 (**10a**).

Reaction of 3,3-Diphenylindan-1,2-dione (1) with Trimethyl Phosphite (2a)

A mixture of 0.6 g 1 (2 mmol) and 3 cm³ 2a in 20 cm³ dry benzene was stirred at room temperature for about 15 h. Then, the volatile materials were evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel using petroleum ether (bp 60–80°C) and acetone as eluent to give the two products 4a and 7a.

Dimethyl (3,3-*diphenyl-2-methoxy-1-indenyl*)*phosphate* (**4a**, C₂₄H₂₃O₅P)

Yield 48%; colorless crystals, mp 143–144°C (benzene/*n*-hexane); IR: $\bar{\nu} = 1651 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (C=C), 1270 (P=O), 1065 (P–O–C) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.84$ [d, $J_{\text{HP}} = 11.10 \text{ Hz}$, P(OCH₃)₂], 3.98 (s, C–OCH₃), 7.09–7.38 (m, 14ArH) ppm; MS: m/z (%) = 422 (M⁺, 91).

Crystallographic Data of 4a

C₂₄H₂₃O₅P, M_r = 422.417, orthorombic, crystallizes in space group $Pca2_1$, a = 16.2867(2), b = 8.68360(10), c = 30.4146(5) Å, V = 4301.45(10) Å³, Z = 8, $D_c = 1.305$ g cm⁻¹, $\theta = 2.910-24.407^\circ$, absorption coefficient μ (Mo-K_{α}) = 0.16 mm⁻¹, F(000) = 1776. The unique reflections measured 2908, of which 2172 reflections with threshold expression $I > 3\sigma(I)$ were used in the structural analysis. Convergence for 541 variable parameters by least-squares refinement on F^2 with $\omega = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + 0.10000F_0^2]$. The final agreement factors were R = 0.043 and wR = 0.084 with a goodness-of-fit of 2.043.

Dimethyl (3,3-*diphenyl-1H-2-oxo-1-indanyl*)*phosphate* (**7a**, C₂₃H₂₁O₅P)

Yield 25%; colorless crystals, mp 108–109°C (dichloromethane/*n*-hexane); IR: $\bar{\nu} = 1753$ (C=O), 1235 (P=O), 1056 (P–O–C) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.56$, 3.87 [2d, $J_{\rm HP} =$ 11.10 Hz, P(OCH₃)₂], 5.81 (d, $J_{\rm HP} = 10.5$ Hz, CH–O–P), 6.90–7.86 (m, 14ArH) ppm; MS: m/z (%) = 408 (M⁺, 21).

Reaction of 3,3-Diphenylindan-1,2-dione (1) with Triisopropyl Phosphite (2b)

A mixture of 0.6 g 1 (2 mmol) and 2 cm³ 2b in 20 cm³ dry benzene was stirred at room temperature for about 10h and the mixture was worked up according to the described procedure for the phosphite 2a. The chromatographic separation on silica gel using *n*-hexane/acetone as eluent gave the only product 4b.

Diisopropyl (3,3-diphenyl-2-isopropyl-1-indenyl)phosphate (**4b**, C₃₀H₃₅O₅P)

Yield 62%; colorless crystals, mp 96–97°C (chloroform/*n*-hexane); IR: $\bar{\nu} = 1645$ (C=C), 1271 (P=O), 1014 (P–O–C) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.97$ [d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H, C–OCH(*CH*₃)₂], 1.24, 1.36 {2d, J = 6.3 Hz, 12H, P[OCH (*CH*₃)₂]₂}, 4.75, 4.77 {2 quintets, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H, P[O*CH* (CH₃)₂]₂}, 5.08 [quintet, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H, C–O*CH*(CH₃)₂], 7.03–7.45 (m, 14ArH) ppm; MS: m/z (%) = 506 (M⁺, 10).

Reaction of 3,3-Diphenylindan-1,2-dione (1) with Dialkyl Phosphites (8a–8c), General Procedures

a) In Absence of Solvent

A mixture of 0.6 g **1** (2 mmol) was dissolved in 3 cm³ of the appropriate dialkyl phosphites (**8**) at 40°C. Then, the solution was left at room temperature. After about two weeks, 10 cm³ mixture of benzene/petroleum ether (bp 60–80°C) (1:5) was added and the solution was left in the ice-chest overnight. The colorless crystals, thus formed, were filtered off and recrystal-lized from a suitable solvent to give the α -hydroxyphosphonates **10a–10c**.

b) In Presence of Solvent

A mixture of 0.6 g 1 (2 mmol) and $2 \text{ cm}^3 8$ in 20 cm^3 dry benzene was heated under reflux on a steam bath at 70° C for about 40 h. Then, the solution was concentrated under reduced pressure, followed by dropwise addition of petroleum ether (bp 60–80°C), upon which the colorless crystals

c) Photochemical Reaction

To a solution of $0.6 \text{ g} \mathbf{1}$ (2 mmol) in 15 cm^3 dry benzene, 2 cm³ $\mathbf{8}$ were added. The mixture was exposed to sunlight for 10 days (June). At the end of the experiment, the dione $\mathbf{1}$ was changed into colorless crystals, filtered off, and proven to be the α -hydroxyphosphonates **10a**-**10c**. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was treated with benzene/petroleum ether (bp 60–80°C) to give an additional amount of the colorless products **10a**-**10c**.

Dimethyl (3,3-*diphenyl-1-hydroxy-2-oxo-1-indanyl*) *phosphonate* (**10a**, C₂₃H₂₁O₅P)

Yield 76%; colorless crystals, mp 175–176°C (chloroform/*n*-hexane); IR: $\bar{\nu} = 3161$ (OH), 1757 (C=O), 1234 (P=O), 1055 (P–O–C) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 2.52$ (s, OH), 3.39, 3.98 [2d, $J_{\rm HP} = 10.8$ Hz, P(OCH₃)₂], 6.80–7.83 (m, 14ArH) ppm; MS: m/z (%) = 408 (M⁺, 3).

Crystallographic Data of 10a

C₂₃H₂₁O₅P, M_r = 408.390, monoclinic, crystallizes in space group $P2_1/c$, a = 15.2201(3), b = 8.9602(2), c = 17.7349(7)Å, V = 2064.94(10) Å³, Z = 4, $D_c = 1.314$ g cm⁻¹, $\theta = 2.910-$ 27.485°, absorption coefficient μ (Mo-K_{α}) = 0.16 mm⁻¹, F(000) = 856. The unique reflections measured 5324, of which 2491 reflections with threshold expression $I > 3\sigma(I)$ were used in the structural analysis. Convergence for 262 variable parameters by least-squares refinement on F^2 with $\omega = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + 0.10000F_0^2]$. The final agreement factors were R = 0.048 and wR = 0.091 with a goodness-of-fit of 1.780.

Diethyl (3,3-diphenyl-1-hydroxy-2-oxo-1-indanyl)

phosphonate (**10b**, C₂₅H₂₅O₅P)

Yield 74%; colorless crystals, mp 184–185°C [benzene/ petroleum ether (bp 60–80°C)]; IR: $\bar{\nu}$ = 3157 (OH), 1757 (C=O), 1230 (P=O), 1051 (P–O–C) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.04, 1.06 [2t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H, P(OCH₂*CH*₃)₂], 3.12 (broad s, OH), 3.65–3.99 [m, 4H, P(O*CH*₂CH₃)₂], 6.84– 7.82 (m, 14 ArH) ppm; MS: *m*/*z* (%) = 436 (M⁺, 8).

Diisopropyl (3,3-diphenyl-1-hydroxy-2-oxo-1-indanyl) phosphonate (**10c**, C₂₇H₂₉O₅P)

Yield 71%; colorless crystals, mp 181–182°C (chloroform/*n*-hexane); IR: $\bar{\nu} = 3134$ (OH); 1757 (C=O), 1226 (P=O), 1047 (P–O–C) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.01$, 1.02, 1.09, 1.10 {4d, J = 6.3 Hz, 12H, P[OCH(CH_3)₂]}, 2.82 (broad s, OH), 4.50–4.67 {m, 2H, P[OCH(CH₃)₂]₂}, 6.83–7.82 (m, 14ArH) ppm; MS: m/z (%) = 464 (M⁺, 100).

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