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The hydrogenation of the dihydrophosphinine oxides obtained from 3-methyl- or 3,5-dimethyl-1-alkoxy-2,5-dihydro-1H-phosphole oxides on ring enlargement gives the diastereoisomers of new hexahydrophosphinine oxides. Conformational analysis of the 3-methyl-products suggests the equilibria to be strongly biased toward structures with an equatorial C-methyl substituent. In contrast, the predominant diastereoisomer of the 3,5-dimethyl-product exists as an equilibrium of two conformers. A new P-chloro-hexahydrophosphinine has also been prepared from the ethoxy-derivative which is useful in the synthesis of the amino-product. The hexahydrophosphinine oxides are characterized by  $^{31}\text{P}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and mass spectroscopic methods.

**Key words:** Dihydrophosphinine oxide; hydrogenation; hexahydrophosphinine oxide; diastereoisomer; conformer; stereospecific coupling.

### INTRODUCTION

We have recently described a two-step method for the ring enlargement of P-alkyl-, P-phenyl- and P-alkoxy-substituted 2,5-dihydro-1H-phosphole 1-oxides to 1,2-dihydrophosphinine oxides.<sup>1–3</sup> Dichlorocarbene is added to the double bond of the dihydro-1H-phosphole oxide in the first step,<sup>1,3</sup> and the cyclopropane ring so formed is opened up thermally in the second step<sup>2,3</sup> to give the products in good yields. This method offers easier access to valuable dihydrophosphinines than the four-step procedure<sup>4</sup> involving ozonolysis of the dihydro-1H-phosphole oxide, intramolecular aldol-condensation of the intermediate dioxo-compound, reduction of the carbonyl function of the resultant tetrahydrophosphinine and dehydration.

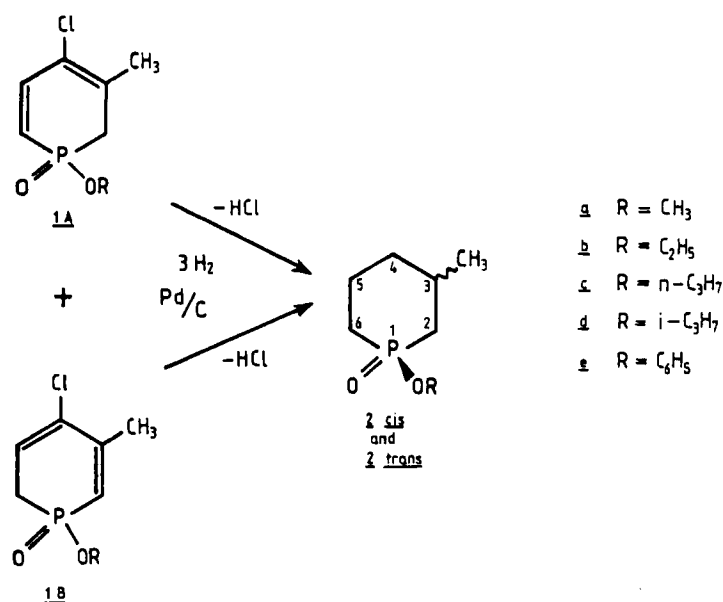
1,2-Dihydrophosphinine oxides are excellent starting materials for other P-heterocycles: their ring can be enlarged to a seven-membered phosphepine oxide,<sup>5</sup> or they can be used as dienes in the Diels-Alder reaction to produce new derivatives of the 2-phosphabicyclo[2.2.2]octa-5,7-diene ring system. These are of importance after P-deoxygenation, as precursors of low-coordinate phosphorus fragments.<sup>4,6,7</sup>

In this paper we show, how dihydrophosphinine oxides can be further utilized to afford hexahydrophosphinine oxides by a new approach.

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## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A number of substituted hexahydrophosphinine oxides (phosphorinane oxides)<sup>8-12</sup> including also P-hydroxy,<sup>10</sup> P-alkoxy<sup>11</sup> and P-amino<sup>12</sup> derivatives are known from the literature. To prepare new derivatives the alkoxy-dihydrophosphinine oxides (**1a-d**) together with the newly synthesized phenoxy-compound (**1e**) were subjected to hydrogenation. The mixtures containing the regioisomers (A and B) of **1** absorbed three equivalents of hydrogen at 450 kPa and room temperature in the presence of 5% palladium on carbon to give the desired hexahydrophosphinine oxides **2a-d** in a 41–52% yield after fractional distillation (Scheme I).



Product **2e** was purified by column chromatography. The two sets of signals in the <sup>31</sup>P, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the products (**2a-e**) reveal the presence of two diastereoisomers (*cis* and *trans*). The product compositions together with the <sup>31</sup>P and <sup>1</sup>H NMR data are listed in Table I, while the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral parameters are provided in Table II. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR assignments were performed on the basis of an earlier example<sup>9</sup> and were confirmed by spectra obtained by the "Attached Proton Test" technique.

The mass spectra of the hexahydrophosphinine oxides (**2a-e**) exhibit the appropriate molecular ion and the absence of the chlorine atom. In the case of products **2a** and **2b** the P(O)OR + H<sup>+</sup> fragment is the base peak and characteristic fragmentation of the methyl-substituted hetero ring, like the loss of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(28), C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>(42) or C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>(43), C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>6</sub>(54) and C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>8</sub>(68) can also be observed. This kind of behavior is also displayed by other saturated phosphinine oxides.<sup>13</sup> The mass spectra of the propoxy-products (**2c** and **2d**) contain only a few signals; the loss of the propenyl group (C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, 41) gave the base peak. Product **2e** gives a spectrum similar to that of **2a** and **2b**. Mass spectral data have been gathered in Table III.

TABLE I  
 $^{31}\text{P}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data for 3-methyl-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexahydrophosphinine 1-oxides (2a-e, 4 and 5)  
 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

|           |              | $^{31}\text{P}$ $\delta$ | $^1\text{H}$ $\delta$ ( $J_{\text{PH}}$ ) |                   |                   |              | others  |                          |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------|--------------------------|
|           |              |                          | $\text{C}_3\text{-CH}_3$                  | $\text{H}_2$      | $\text{H}_3$      | $\text{H}_4$ |         |                          |
| <b>2a</b> | <i>cis</i>   | 63 <sup>a,b</sup>        | 51.9                                      | 1.04, dd<br>(2.7) | 3.69, d<br>(10.7) | -            | -       | 1.1-2.4, m               |
|           | <i>trans</i> | 37                       | 50.6                                      | 1.04, dd<br>(2.7) | 3.68, d<br>(10.8) | -            | -       | 1.1-2.4, m               |
| <b>2b</b> | <i>cis</i>   | 62 <sup>a,b</sup>        | 50.7                                      | 1.02, dd<br>(2.7) | 4.00, m           | 1.31, t      |         | 1.4-2.2, m               |
|           | <i>trans</i> | 38                       | 49.4                                      | 1.02, dd<br>(2.7) | 4.06, m           | 1.34, t      |         | 1.4-2.2, m               |
| <b>2c</b> | <i>cis</i>   | 63 <sup>a,c</sup>        | 51.1                                      |                   | 3.63, m           |              | 0.68, t | 0.8-2.0, m               |
|           | <i>trans</i> | 37                       | 49.7                                      |                   | 3.59, m           |              | 0.62, t | 0.8-2.0, m               |
| <b>2d</b> | <i>cis</i>   | 69 <sup>a,b</sup>        | 50.0                                      | 1.02, dd<br>(2.9) | 4.64, m           | 1.30, d      |         | 1.2-2.3, m               |
|           | <i>trans</i> | 31                       | 48.6                                      | 1.02, dd<br>(2.9) | 4.61, m           | 1.32, d      |         | 1.2-2.3, m               |
| <b>2e</b> | <i>cis</i>   | 55 <sup>a,c</sup>        |   | 1.07, dd<br>(3.0) |                   |              |         | 1.0-2.4, m<br>6.8-7.3, m |
|           | <i>trans</i> | 45                       |   | 1.07, dd<br>(3.0) |                   |              |         | 1.0-2.4, m<br>6.8-7.3, m |
| <b>4</b>  | <i>e</i>     |                          |   | 1.04, dd<br>(3.7) |                   |              |         | 1.4-2.6, m               |
| <b>5</b>  | <i>cis</i>   | 74 <sup>a,c</sup>        |   | 1.04, dd<br>(2.7) | 2.45, d<br>(10.0) |              |         | 1.2-2.4, m               |
|           | <i>trans</i> | 26                       |   | 1.04, d<br>(2.7)  | 2.42, d<br>(10.5) |              |         | 1.2-2.4, m               |

<sup>a</sup> tentatively assigned as the *cis* isomer  
<sup>b</sup> determined on the basis of the  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR intensities  
<sup>c</sup> determined on the basis of the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR intensities  
<sup>e</sup> only one set of signals could be detected

TABLE II  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR data for 3-methyl-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexahydrophosphinine 1-oxides (2a-e, 4 and 5) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

|    |                           | <sup>13</sup> C δ (J <sub>PC</sub> ) |                |                          |                |                |                                 |                          |                          |                  |                  |
|----|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|    |                           | C <sub>2</sub>                       | C <sub>3</sub> | C <sub>4</sub>           | C <sub>5</sub> | C <sub>6</sub> | C <sub>3</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub> | C <sub>2</sub> '         | C <sub>3</sub> '         | C <sub>4</sub> ' | C <sub>5</sub> ' |
| 2a | <i>cis</i> <sup>a</sup>   | 33.8<br>(83.5)                       | 29.4<br>(2.9)  | 34.0<br>(6.6)            | 20.8<br>(3.6)  | 24.9<br>(85.7) | 22.8<br>(14.7)                  | 49.3<br>(6.6)            | -                        | -                | -                |
|    | <i>trans</i> <sup>a</sup> | 33.7<br>(83.5)                       | 30.4<br>(4.4)  | 33.7<br>(6.5)            | 21.8<br>(5.1)  | 24.3<br>(87.2) | 23.1<br>(16.9)                  | 48.9<br>(6.6)            | -                        | -                | -                |
| 2b | <i>cis</i> <sup>a</sup>   | 34.5<br>(83.1)                       | 29.3<br>(2.9)  | 34.0<br>(6.6)            | 20.8<br>(3.6)  | 25.5<br>(85.7) | 22.9<br>(16.9)                  | 58.6<br>(6.6)            | 15.6<br>(5.2)            | -                | -                |
|    | <i>trans</i> <sup>a</sup> | 34.3<br>(84.3)                       | 30.3<br>(5.1)  | 33.7<br>(6.5)            | 21.8<br>(5.2)  | 25.0<br>(86.4) | 23.1<br>(16.1)                  | 58.2<br>(5.8)            | 15.5<br>(5.9)            | -                | -                |
| 2c | <i>cis</i> <sup>a</sup>   | 35.1<br>(84.3)                       | 30.1<br>(3.7)  | 34.7<br>(6.6)            | 21.5<br>(3.7)  | 26.1<br>(86.5) | 23.5<br>(16.1)                  | 65.2<br>(6.6)            | 23.8 <sup>b</sup><br>(6) | 9.5              | -                |
|    | <i>trans</i> <sup>a</sup> | 35.0<br>(83.5)                       | 31.0<br>(5.1)  | 34.3<br>(7)              | 22.4<br>(5.1)  | 25.6<br>(87.9) | 23.7<br>(16.1)                  | 64.7<br>(5.8)            | 23.8 <sup>b</sup><br>(6) | 9.6              | -                |
| 2d | <i>cis</i> <sup>a</sup>   | 35.6<br>(84.3)                       | 29.9<br>(3.0)  | 34.4<br>(5.9)            | 21.4<br>(3.7)  | 26.5<br>(86.5) | 23.4<br>(16.8)                  | 68.0<br>(6.6)            | 23.7<br>(3.6)            | -                | -                |
|    | <i>trans</i> <sup>a</sup> | 35.4<br>(84.2)                       | 30.7<br>(4.4)  | 34.1<br>(6.5)            | 22.3<br>(5.1)  | 26.0<br>(85.7) | 23.3<br>(15.4)                  | 67.7<br>(7.3)            | 23.7<br>(3.6)            | -                | -                |
| 2e | <i>cis</i> <sup>a</sup>   | 35.0<br>(83.5)                       | 29.9<br>(3.0)  | 34.4<br>(6.6)            | 21.3<br>(3.6)  | 26.1<br>(85.7) | 23.4<br>(15.3)                  | 150.4<br>(8.8)           | 120.0<br>(8.8)           | 129.1            | 124.0            |
|    | <i>trans</i> <sup>a</sup> | 34.7<br>(82.8)                       | 30.9<br>(5.1)  | 34.0<br>(7.3)            | 22.3<br>(5.1)  | 25.4<br>(84.3) | 23.5<br>(16.8)                  | 150.4<br>(8.8)           | 120.0                    | 129.1            | 124.0            |
| 4  | c                         | 41.8<br>(66.7)                       | 31.7<br>(4.2)  | 34.1 <sup>b</sup><br>(6) | 22.9<br>(5.2)  | 33.0<br>(68.1) | 23.7<br>(19.1)                  | -                        | -                        | -                | -                |
| 5  | <i>cis</i> <sup>a</sup>   | 33.4<br>(77.0)                       | 29.3<br>(2.9)  | 34.9 <sup>b</sup><br>(6) | 21.1<br>(4.4)  | 24.0<br>(81.3) | 23.7<br>(15.4)                  | 34.6 <sup>b</sup><br>(4) | -                        | -                | -                |
|    | <i>trans</i> <sup>a</sup> | 33.3<br>(73.3)                       | 30.3<br>(4.4)  | 34.3<br>(5.1)            | 21.9<br>(5.2)  | 24.5<br>(83.3) | 23.1<br>(14.2)                  | 36.0<br>(3.7)            | -                        | -                | -                |

<sup>a</sup>

tentative assignment

<sup>b</sup> one part of the doublet is overlapped

<sup>c</sup> only one set of signals could be detected

TABLE III  
Mass spectroscopic data for hexahydrophosphinine oxides 2a-e, 4, and 5

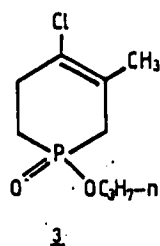
| Compound             | M <sup>+</sup> <sup>a</sup> | M-15 | M-28 | M-29            | M-41 | M-42 | M-43 | M-54 | M-68 | P(O)YH | 68 | 69 | 55 | 56 | 41  |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|------|------|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Relative Intensity % |                             |      |      |                 |      |      |      |      |      |        |    |    |    |    |     |
| 2a                   | 40                          | 25   | 15   |                 |      | 20   |      | 37   | 35   | 100    | 6  |    |    | 42 | 50  |
| 2b                   | 49                          | 30   | 28   | 32 <sup>b</sup> |      |      | 33   | 33   | 32   | 100    | 20 |    |    | 42 | 91  |
| 2c                   | 3                           | 4    |      |                 | 100  |      |      |      |      |        |    | 5  |    | 9  | 33  |
| 2d                   | 3                           | 9    |      |                 | 100  |      |      |      |      |        |    | 6  |    | 15 | 37  |
| 2e                   | 80                          | 45   | 12   |                 |      | 18   | 15   | 12   | 60   | 100    | 20 |    |    |    | 64  |
| 4                    | 33                          | 15   | 26   |                 |      | 30   |      | 75   | 16   |        | 58 | 71 |    |    | 100 |
| 5 <sup>c</sup>       | 9                           | 1    |      |                 |      |      | 12   |      |      | 23     | 2  | 4  |    |    | 13  |

a m/e values for the molecular ions are: 162, 176, 190, 190, 224, 166, 175 respectively

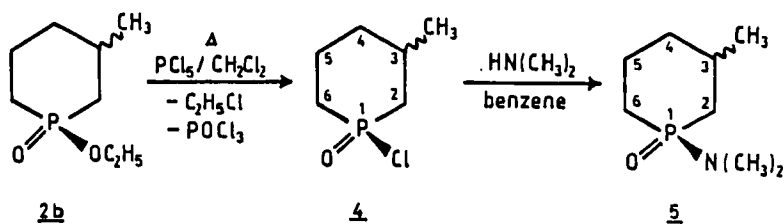
b from the loss of the ethyl group

c base peak: m/z 44

To obtain information on the course of the reduction, an experiment was conducted in which the hydrogenation of 1c was interrupted before completion. After the work-up procedure a mixture was obtained which, according to its <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum, contained an intermediate along with the isomers of the reduced product (2c). On the basis of the mass spectrum obtained by GC-MS, the structure of the intermediate can be formulated as 3. The m/z value for the molecular ion is 222 with one chlorine atom present. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum also supports the structure as no CH signal is present in the sp<sup>2</sup> region. It can be concluded that the hydrogenation of the disubstituted double bond is the slowest process.



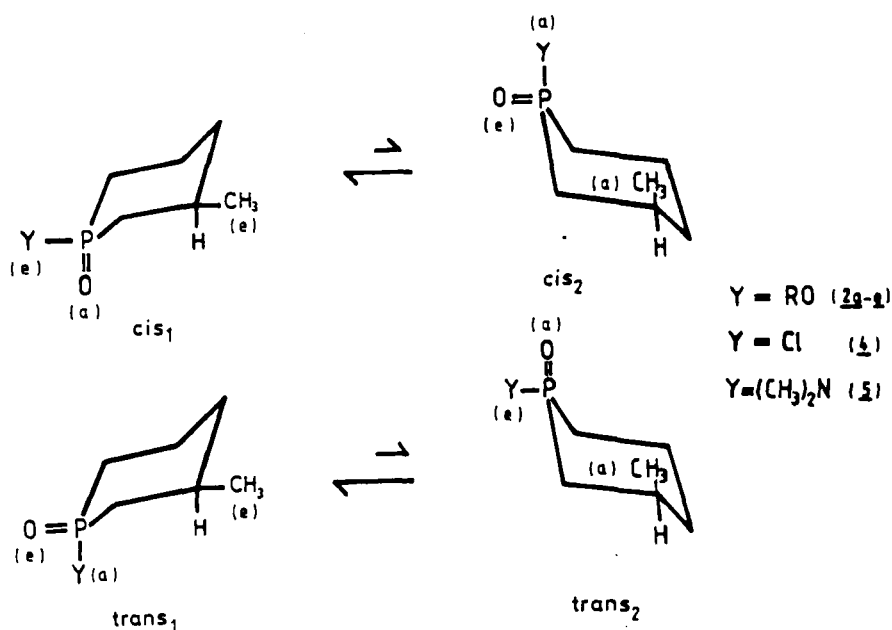
A new P-chloro-hexahydrophosphinine oxide (4) was also prepared from the ethoxy-compound (2b) which gave the amide 5 on reaction with two equivalents of dimethylamine in benzene at 0°C (Scheme II). Intermediate 4 was identified as



SCHEME II

a crude product, while the amide (5) could be obtained in pure form on distillation. Spectral parameters for both 4 and 5 resemble those for the alkoxy-hexahydrophosphinines (2a-e). Isomeric composition and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data for products 4 and 5 can be found in Table I, while the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and mass spectral features are listed in Tables II and III, respectively.

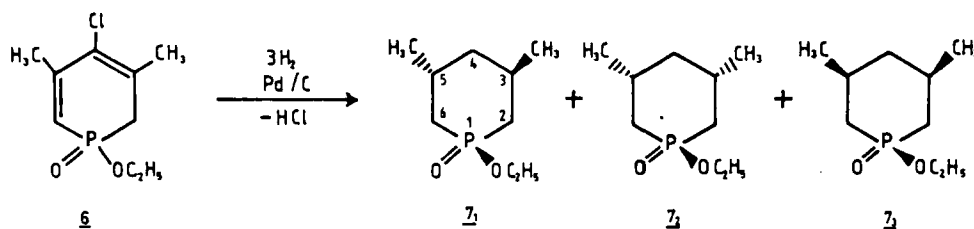
A  $\text{cis}_1 \rightleftharpoons \text{cis}_2$  and a  $\text{trans}_1 \rightleftharpoons \text{trans}_2$  type of equilibrium can be visualized for both diastereoisomers of the hexahydrophosphinine oxides prepared (2, 4 and 5) (Scheme III). A conformational assignment can be made, if the values of the  $^3J_{\text{PC}}$  coupling



SCHEME III

constants are considered. A coupling of  $\sim 18$  Hz is expected<sup>14</sup> for the  $\text{cis}_1$  and  $\text{trans}_1$  forms where the  $\text{P}-\text{C}_2-\text{C}_3-\text{CH}_3$  dihedral angle is  $180^\circ$ , while a coupling of  $\sim 3$  Hz is predicted for the  $\text{cis}_2$  and  $\text{trans}_2$  forms with a dihedral angle of  $\sim 60^\circ$ . The measured  $^3J_{\text{PC}}$  couplings of 14–19 Hz suggest the predominance of the  $\text{cis}_1$  and  $\text{trans}_1$  forms where the methyl group is in the equatorial position. The lack of the special  $\gamma$ -upfield effect in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the products (2, 4 and 5) also confirms the above conclusion, as such effect should be present if the skeleton methyl group was in the axial position.<sup>9</sup> A similar conformational situation was described for the P-methyl substituted hexahydrophosphinine derivatives.<sup>9</sup> With respect to products 2 and 5 the assignment of the  $\text{cis}_1$  and  $\text{trans}_1$  structures to the two series of data is tentative.

Finally, the 3,5-dimethyl-dihydrophosphinine oxide (6) was subjected to hydrogenation. The expected hexahydrophosphinine oxide was formed as a 75–15–10% mixture of three diastereoisomers ( $7_1$ ,  $7_2$  and  $7_3$ ) (Scheme IV). The methyl groups in the predominant diastereoisomer ( $7_1$ ) are not equivalent as shown by the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of the product ( $\delta_{\text{C}} = 20.5$  and 22.1 for the two methyl groups). The measured  $^3J_{\text{PC}}$  couplings of 6.7 and 11.6 Hz for the two methyl groups in  $7_1$



SCHEME IV

suggest the existence of a conformational equilibrium with a ~2:3 participation of the two (possible) conformers.

The skeletal methyl groups are equivalent in both of the minor diastereoisomers ( $\delta_C = 23.9$  for  $7_2$  and  $\delta_C = 23.7$  for  $7_3$ , tentative assignment) and occupy equatorial positions ( $^3J_{PC} = 17.9$  and  $16.4$  Hz, respectively).

## EXPERIMENTAL

$^{31}\text{P}$ ,  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were taken on a JEOL FX 100 instrument operating at 40.26, 100.0 and 25.0 MHz, respectively. Chemical shifts are downfield relative to 85% phosphoric acid (for  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR) and to tetramethylsilane (for  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR) and have a positive sign. All coupling constants are given in Hertz. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Specord 75 spectrometer. Mass spectra were obtained on an MS 25-RFA instrument at 70 eV.

The regioisomeric mixtures of the alkoxy-dihydrophosphinine oxides (1a–d) were prepared as described earlier.<sup>3</sup> The phenoxy-compound (1e) was prepared similarly (vide infra) from the 2,5-dihydro-3-methyl-1-phenoxy-1H-phosphole 1-oxide (8).

**6,6-Dichloro-1-methyl-3-phenoxy-3-phosphabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane 3-oxide (9).** A mixture of 3.0 g (14.4 mmol) of **8**, 80 ml of alcohol-free chloroform, 33.0 g (0.178 mol) of sodium trichloroacetate and 0.4 g (1.76 mmol) of triethylbenzylammonium chloride was stirred at reflux for 24 h, then the solid phase was filtered off and the solvent evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using chloroform as the eluant to give 1.8 g (43%) of **9**:  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  +85.7;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.57 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.0–7.5 (m, 5H, Ar);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.6 ( $^3J_{PC} = 7.3$ ,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 24.1 ( $^1J_{PC} = 89.4$ ,  $\text{C}_4$ ), 29.7 ( $^1J_{PC} = 90.1$ ,  $\text{C}_2$ ), 30.3 ( $^2J_{PC} = 13.2$ ,  $\text{C}_1$ ), 31.4 ( $^2J_{PC} = 11.0$ ,  $\text{C}_5$ ), 71.3 ( $^3J_{PC} = 12.5$ ,  $\text{C}_6$ ), 119.6 ( $^3J_{PC} = 4.6$ ,  $\text{C}_2$ ), 124.3 ( $\text{C}_4$ ), 129.3 ( $\text{C}_3$ ), 149.7 ( $^2J_{PC} = 9.5$ ,  $\text{C}_1$ ); MS, *m/e* (relative intensity) 290 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 40), 225 (100), 197 (24), 141 (35), 140 (32), 94 (52), 77 (75). Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_2\text{P}$ : C, 49.49; H, 4.50. Found: C, 49.71; H, 4.65.

**3- and 5-Methyl-4-chloro-1,2-dihydro-1-phenoxyphosphinine 1-Oxide (1Ae and 1Be)** were prepared by the thermolysis of **9** performed as described for the alkoxy-substituted adducts.<sup>3</sup> Reaction time: 16 h, yield: 44%,  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  +32.4 for the major isomer (72%) and +31.5 for the minor isomer (28%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.03 and 2.13 (s, total intensity 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.90 (d,  $^2J_{PH} = 18$ ) and 2.88 (dd,  $^2J_{PH} = 18$ ,  $^3J_{HH} = 5$ ) total intensity 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.0–7.5 (m, 5H, Ar); MS, *m/e* (relative intensity) 254 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 47), 219 (6), 161 (18), 160 (28), 94 (100), 77 (38). Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClO}_2\text{P}$ : C, 56.58; H, 4.75. Found: C, 56.74; H, 4.89.

**1-Ethoxy-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexahydro-3-methylphosphinine 1-Oxide (2b).** To the mixture of 7.1 g (34.5 mmol) of **1Ab** and **1Bb** in 150 ml of absolute ethanol was added 1.0 g of 5% palladium on carbon and the suspension then hydrogenated at 450 kPa and room temperature until 3 equivalents of hydrogen were absorbed. The mixture was filtered, the solvent evaporated and the residue distilled *in vacuo* to yield 2.5 g (41%) of **2b** as a 62–38% mixture of two diastereoisomers; bp 82–84°C (0.1 mm Hg) IR (neat) 2940, 1460, 1410, 1250, 1210, 1040  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2\text{P}$ : C, 54.51; H, 9.73. Found: C, 54.75; H, 9.86.

The other *P*-substituted hexahydrophosphinine oxides (**2a**, **c–e**) were prepared similarly from the regioisomeric mixture (A and B) of the dihydrophosphinine oxides (**1a**, **c–e**) using the appropriate alcohol as the solvent.



*1,2,3,4,5,6-Hexahydro-1-methoxy-3-methylphosphinine 1-Oxide (2a)*. Yield 50%; bp 92–94°C (0.1 mm Hg); IR (neat) 2930, 1440, 1390, 1230, 1190, 1020 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $M_{\text{found}} = 162.0832$ , C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P requires 162.0810.

*1,2,3,4,5,6-Hexahydro-3-methyl-1-(1-propoxy)phosphinine 1-Oxide (2c)*. Yield 43%; bp 82–86°C (0.1 mm Hg); IR (neat) 2980, 1480, 1430, 1270, 1220, 1020 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

Anal. Calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P: C, 56.81; H, 10.07.

Found: C, 57.11; H, 10.18.

Interrupting the hydrogenation (of **1c**) at ~50% conversion the fraction collected in the range of 92–120°C (0.1 mm Hg) contained ~70% of **3**; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ +44.3; GC-MS, m/e (relative intensity) 222 (M<sup>+</sup>, 13), 180 (48), 43 (72), 41 (100).

*1,2,3,4,5,6-Hexahydro-3-methyl-1-(2-propoxy)phosphinine 1-Oxide (2d)*. Yield 52%; bp 88–94°C (0.1 mm Hg); IR (neat) 2940, 1460, 1390, 1250, 1200, 1000 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

Anal. Calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P: C, 56.81; H, 10.07.

Found: C, 56.62; H, 9.90

*1,2,3,4,5,6-Hexahydro-3-methyl-1-phenoxyphosphinine 1-Oxide (2e)*. Ethanol was used as the solvent and the product purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 3% methanol in chloroform); yield, 73%; IR (neat) 2950, 1610, 1510, 1470, 1220, 940 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

Anal. Calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P: C, 64.26; H, 7.65.

Found: C, 64.06; H, 7.75.

The isomeric composition, <sup>31</sup>P and <sup>1</sup>H NMR data for products **2a–e** are listed in Table I, while the <sup>13</sup>C NMR and mass spectral parameters can be found in Table II and Table III, respectively.

*1-Chloro-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexahydro-3-methylphosphinine 1-Oxide (4)*. To the 15 ml dichloromethane solution of 1.96 g (11.1 mmol) of **2b** was added 2.67 g (12.8 mmol) of phosphorus pentachloride. The mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature and for 3.5 h at reflux. Evaporation of the volatile components *in vacuo* provided 1.75 g of crude **4**; <sup>13</sup>C NMR, Table II; MS, Table III.  $M_{\text{found}} = 166.0333$ , C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClOP requires 166.0314.

*1-Dimethylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexahydro-3-methylphosphinine 1-Oxide (5)*. The mixture of 2.1 ml (31.7 mmol) of dimethylamine and 10 ml of benzene was added dropwise to the solution of 1.75 g (~10.5 mmol) of crude **4** in 10 ml of benzene with external ice cooling and stirring. On completion of the addition, the cooling bath was removed and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. Then the precipitate was filtered off and the solvent evaporated. Fractional distillation of the residue *in vacuo* gave 1.4 g (76%) of **5**; bp 92–98°C (0.1 mm Hg); IR (neat) 2930, 1460, 1400, 1290, 1190, 980 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Anal. Calc. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NOP: C, 54.82, H, 10.36.

Found: C, 54.55, H, 10.12

*3,5-Dimethyl-1-ethoxy-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexahydrophosphinine 1-Oxide (7)*. 4-Chloro-1,2-dihydro-3,4-dimethyl-1-ethoxyphosphinine 1-oxide (**6**)<sup>16</sup> was hydrogenated as the monomethyl-derivative (**1b**) and gave a mixture of three diastereoisomers of **7**. Yield 65%; bp 87–92°C (0.15 mm Hg); IR (neat) 2940, 1440, 1390, 1240, 1180, 1020 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS, m/z (relative intensity) 190 (M<sup>+</sup>, 39), 175 (40), 161 (18), 148 (32), 147 (26), 122 (38), 108 (20), 93 (100), 65 (70), 55 (56), 41 (94).

**7<sub>1</sub>**: (75%) <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 16.2 (<sup>3</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 5.6, C<sub>3</sub>), 20.5 (<sup>3</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 6.7, C<sub>3</sub>—CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.1 (<sup>3</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 11.6, C<sub>5</sub>—CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.6 (<sup>2</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 3.6, C<sub>3</sub>), 26.1 (<sup>2</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 3.4, C<sub>5</sub>), 32.0 (<sup>1</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 83.5, C<sub>2</sub>), 33.5 (<sup>1</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 84.7, C<sub>6</sub>), 40.2 (<sup>3</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 7.6, C<sub>4</sub>), 59.2 (<sup>2</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 6.1, C<sub>2</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.33 (t, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>—CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.12 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.9, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>PH</sub> = 3.3, C<sub>3</sub>—CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.08 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.9, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>PH</sub> = 2.0, C<sub>5</sub>—CH<sub>3</sub>) total intensity 6H, 4.06 (m, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>).

**7<sub>2</sub>**: (15%) <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 15.3 (<sup>3</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 9.1, C<sub>3</sub>), 23.9 (<sup>3</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 17.9, C—CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.2 (<sup>2</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 1.4, C<sub>3</sub>), 33.9 (<sup>1</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 85.2, C<sub>2</sub>), 43.7 (<sup>3</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 4.6, C<sub>4</sub>), 59.6 (<sup>2</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 6.6, C<sub>2</sub>).

**7<sub>3</sub>**: (10%) <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 15.5 (<sup>3</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 9.5, C<sub>3</sub>), 23.7 (<sup>3</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 16.4, C—CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.8 (<sup>2</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 3.0, C<sub>3</sub>), 33.5 (<sup>1</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = ~85, C<sub>2</sub>), 43.1 (<sup>3</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 5.6, C<sub>4</sub>), 60.0 (<sup>2</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 6.5, C<sub>2</sub>).

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