# Letters to the Editor

# Synthesis of cavity systems by cyclophosphorylation of 1,7-dihydroxynaphthalene with phosphorous triamides

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Previously, 1-3 it was shown that macrocyclic systems can be synthesized by the reactions of equimolar amounts of phosphorous amides 1a,b with dihydroxyarenes whose hydroxy groups are symmetrically positioned. Note that there is no problem of regioselectivity in their cyclophosphorylation.

In the present work, an unsymmetrical diatomic phenol, namely, 1,7-dihydroxynaphthalene (2), was successfully cyclophosphorylated with phosphamides for the first time. Containing the  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -hydroxy groups in the different rings, this diol reacts with equimolar amounts of phosphamides 1a,b in MeCN at 20 °C to give cyclobisamidophosphites 3a,b in 50% yields (Scheme 1).

The products obtained were characterized by  $^1H$  and  $^{31}P$  NMR spectroscopy and X-ray diffraction analysis. According to the X-ray data,\* compounds  $\bf 3a$  and  $\bf 4b$  include two dinaphthol fragments connected successively via the  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -O atoms by the phosphamide groups, which are trans-oriented to the cavity of the molecule. The  $^{31}P$  NMR spectra of compounds  $\bf 3a$ , $\bf b$  each show two singlets with a slight difference in their chemical shifts. We believe that these compounds exist in solutions as two conformers. Compounds  $\bf 3a$ , $\bf b$  exhibit the essential chemical properties of amidophosphites.  $\bf 4$  Thus, they can add sulfur to give  $\bf 4a$ , $\bf b$ , be oxidized to

Scheme 1

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P(NR<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> + HO  $\frac{8}{5}$   $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{4}$ 

<sup>\*</sup> X-ray studies were carried out by A. I. Stash and V. K. Bel'skii and will be published elsewhere.

**5a,b**, and form complexes with Rhacac(CO)<sub>2</sub> (**6a,b**), always retaining its macrocyclic structure. Compounds **3a,b—6a,b** can be regarded as a new type of phosphorus-containing cavity systems, which are of interest for creating supramolecular constructions.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker WH-250 spectrometer (250.13 MHz) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker WP-80 spectrometer with proton decoupling (32.4 MHz) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> as the standard.

**Cyclo[bis(naphthalene-1,7-diyl dialkylamidophosphites)] (3a,b).** Phosphorous triamide **1a,b** (4.5 mmol) was added to a solution of diol **2** (4.5 mmol) in 20 mL of dry MeCN, and the reaction mixture was stirred at ~20 °C for 4 h. The precipitate that formed was washed with MeCN and then with benzene several times. The residue was recrystallized from methylene chloride. Compound **3a**: yield 50%, m.p. 191–192 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, 8: 2.88 (d, 12 H, NMe,  $^3J_{\text{H,P}} = 9.4$  Hz); 7.01 (d, 2 H, H(2),  $^3J_{\text{H(2),H(3)}} = 7.7$  Hz); 7.26 (dd, 2 H, H(6),  $^3J_{\text{H(6),H(8)}} = 2.2$  Hz,  $^3J_{\text{H(6),H(5)}} = 8.3$  Hz); 7.34 (dd, 2 H, H(3),  $^3J_{\text{H(3),H(4)}} = 8.3$  Hz); 7.82 (d, 2 H, H(5),  $^3J_{\text{H(5),H(6)}} = 8.3$  Hz); 8.7 (s, 2 H, H(8),  $^4J_{\text{H,H}} = 2.2$  Hz).  $^3\text{P}$  NMR,  $^3$ : 135.1 (s), 135.6 (s). Found (%): C, 61.58; H, 5.24; P, 13.18.  $C_{24}H_{24}N_{2}O_{4}P_{2}$ . Calculated (%): C, 61.79; H, 5.18; P, 13.28. Compound **3b**: yield 49%, m.p. 173–174 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $^3$ : 1.23 (t, 12 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Me,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.3$  Hz); 3.32 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>,  $^3J_{\text{H,P}} = 9.0$  Hz); 7.10 (d, 2 H, H(2),  $^3J_{\text{H(3),H(2)}} = 7.7$  Hz); 7.24 (dd, H(6),  $^3J_{\text{H(6),H(5)}} = 8.5$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{H(6),H(8)}} = 2.6$  Hz); 7.28 (dd, 2 H, H(3),  $^3J_{\text{H(3),H(4)}} = 8.1$  Hz,  $^3J_{\text{H(3),H(2)}} = 7.7$  Hz); 7.26 (d, 2 H, H(4),  $^3J_{\text{H(4),H(3)}} = 8.1$  Hz); 7.80 (d, H(5),  $^3J_{\text{H(5),H(6)}} = 8.5$  Hz); 8.71 (dd, 2 H, H(2), 7.80 (d, H(5),  $^3J_{\text{H(5),H(6)}} = 8.5$  Hz); 8.71 (dd, 2 H, H(8),  $^4J_{\text{H,P}} = 1.7$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{H(8),H(6)}} = 2.6$  Hz).  $^3I_{\text{P}}$  NMR,  $^3I_$ 

**Cyclo-***O*, *O*-[bis(naphthalene-1,7-diyl dialkylamidothiophosphates)] (4a,b) were obtained by the reactions of cyclophosphites 3a,b with sulfur in methylene chloride at ~20 °C. Compound 4a: yield 91%, m.p. 297–298 °C.  $^{31}P$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 67.4 (s). Found (%): C, 54.38; H, 4.44; P, 11.61.  $C_{24}H_{24}N_2O_4P_2S_2$ . Calculated (%): C, 54.33; H, 4.56; P, 11.68. Compound 4b: yield 90%, m.p. 281–282 °C.

<sup>31</sup>P NMR, δ: 66.4 s. Found (%): C, 57.36; H, 5.44; P, 10.61. C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 57.33; H, 5.50; P, 10.56.

**Cyclo[bis(naphthalene-1,7-diyl dialkylamidophosphates)] (5a,b)** were obtained by oxidation of cyclophosphites **3a,b** with  $CO(NH_2)_2 \cdot H_2O_2$ . Compound **5a**: yield 92%, m.p. 249—250 °C. <sup>31</sup>P NMR,  $\delta$ : 1.62 (s). Found (%): C, 57.91; H, 4.79; P, 12.37.  $C_{24}H_{24}N_2O_6P_2$ . Calculated (%): C, 57.84; H, 4.85; P, 12.43. Compound **5b**: yield 89%, m.p. 268—270 °C. <sup>31</sup>P NMR,  $\delta$ : 1.2 (s). Found (%): C, 60.59; H, 5.80; P, 11.22.  $C_{28}H_{32}N_2O_6P_2$ . Calculated (%): C, 60.65; H, 5.82; P, 11.17.

Bis[acetylacetonatocarbonylrhodium(1)] μ-cyclo[bis(naphthalene-1,7-diyl dialkylamidophosphites)] (6a,b) were obtained by the reactions of compounds 3a,b with two moles of Rhacac(CO)<sub>2</sub> in methylene chloride at ~20 °C. Compound 6a: yield 96%, m.p. 236–240 °C. <sup>31</sup>P NMR, δ: 135.6 (d,  $^3J_{\rm P,Rh}=263.0$  Hz). Found (%): P, 6.72; Rh, 22.38. C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>10</sub>P<sub>2</sub>Rh<sub>2</sub>. Calculated (%): P, 6.69; Rh, 22.22. Compound 6b: yield 94%, decomp. 233–236 °C. <sup>31</sup>P NMR, δ: 136.0 (d,  $^3J_{\rm P,Ph}=261.5$  Hz). Found (%): C, 48.80; H, 4.86; P, 6.28. C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>10</sub>P<sub>2</sub>Rh<sub>2</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 48.90; H, 4.72; P, 6.30.

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