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3R-Substituted and Norbornane-Annelated 1H-Phospholanoxides: Synthesis and Structure †

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Abstract: A method for the synthesis of 3R-substituted and norbornane-annelated 1H-phospholan oxides has been developed. The method is based on the in situ substitution of the Al atom by the P atom in five-membered cyclic alumolanes using phosphorus trichloride. Substituted alumolanes were prepared by the reaction of cycloalumination of aliphatic and aromatic α -olefins and norbornene derivatives with triethylaluminum in the presence of bis(cyclopentadienyl)zirconium(IV) dichloride catalyst.

Keywords: phospholanes; heterocyclic compounds; organoaluminum compounds; zirconocene dichloride; cycloalumination; metal complex catalysis



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1. Introduction

The development of new methods for the synthesis of five-membered cyclic organophosphorus compounds due to practical demands is an important area of the chemistry of organoelement compounds [1]. The topic is relevant and arouses constant interest among researchers due to the practical importance of the derivatives of phospholanes, phospholenes, and phosphols, which are widely used in asymmetric catalysis [2], in organic and organoelement chemistry as effective reagents, synthons for fine organic synthesis, and as precursors of biologically active compounds.

Some of the new and promising directions for the synthesis of cyclic organophosphorus compounds include methods based on the direct conversion of metallacarbocycles into the corresponding phospholenes and phosphols. This is a direct transformation of zirconacyclopentenes [3,4], zirconacyclopentadienes [5–9], and titanacyclopentadienes [10].

Recently, we have developed a universal method for the synthesis of phospholanes and phospholenes of various structures, promising for their practical application, based on the use of the reaction of catalytic cycloalumination of unsaturated compounds (alkenes, alkynes, α , ω -diolefins, and norbornenes) through the stage of formation of alumolanes (aluminacyclopentanes and aluminacyclopentenes) based on the substitution of aluminum atoms in alumolanes with phosphorus atoms using alkyl(aryl) phosphorodichlorides (III) [11–13]. However, the replacement of the aluminum atom in substituted alumolanes with a phosphorus atom using PHal₃ has hardly been studied. Therefore, in the development of ongoing research on the development of effective methods for the synthesis of cyclic organophosphorus compounds, and in order to develop the synthesis of new practically important cyclic organophosphorus compounds, we studied the reaction of alumolanes with phosphorus trichloride.

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2. Results and Discussion

Initially, we found that 3-butyl-1-ethylaluminacyclopentane 1a, obtained in situ by cycloalumination of 1-hexene with Et_3Al in the presence of 5 mol% of Cp_2ZrCl_2 , reacts with phosphorus trichloride after hydrolysis to form 3-butyl-1H-phospholan oxide 2a as a mixture of syn- and anti-isomers in a 1:1 ratio (Scheme 1). The yield of the reaction products strongly depends on the reaction conditions (Table 1).

R
$$\xrightarrow{\text{Et}_3\text{Al}, [Zr]} \xrightarrow{\text{Al}} \xrightarrow{\text{R}} \xrightarrow{\text{1. PCl}_3 (3 \text{ equiv})} \xrightarrow{\text{P}} \xrightarrow{\text{R}} \xrightarrow{\text{R}} \xrightarrow{\text{R}} \xrightarrow{\text{R}} \xrightarrow{\text{P}} \xrightarrow{\text{R}} \xrightarrow{\text{P}} \xrightarrow{\text{R}} \xrightarrow{\text{P}} \xrightarrow{\text{R}} \xrightarrow{\text{P}} \xrightarrow{\text{P}$$

 $R = n-C_4H_9$ (a), $n-C_6H_{13}$ (b), $n-C_8H_{17}$ (c), Bn (d).

Scheme 1. The synthesis of the 3-alkyl(aryl)-1*H*-phospholane oxides **2a**–**d**.

Table 1. Optimization of the reaction for the preparation of 2a.

| Run | The Ratio of [1-Hexene]:[PCl ₃] | Solvent | Solvent Volume, mL | Yield of 2a, % |
|-----|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 1:1 | CH ₂ Cl ₂ | 15 | 56 ¹ |
| 2 | 1:1 | CH_2Cl_2 | 15 | 74 |
| 3 | 1:2 | CH_2Cl_2 | 15 | 80 |
| 4 | 1:3 | CH_2Cl_2 | 15 | 85 |
| 5 | 1:3 | CH_2Cl_2 | 15 | 63 ¹ |
| 6 | 1:3 | CH_2Cl_2 | 30 | - |
| 7 | 1:3 | CH_2Cl_2 | 7 | 93 |
| 8 | 1:3 | toluene | 15 | - |

¹ PCl₃ was added in several portions.

Under the optimal conditions developed, we synthesized 3-hexyl-1H-phospholan oxide **2b**, 3-octyl-1H-phospholan oxide **2c**, and 3-benzyl-1H-phospholan oxide **2d** in 83–94% yields (Scheme 1). The isolated products **2b**–**d** are the mixtures of syn/anti-isomers in a 1:1 ratio.

The reaction of styrene with Et_3Al in the presence of Cp_2ZrCl_2 leads to the formation a mixture of 3-phenyl-1-ethylaluminacyclopentane 1e and 2-phenyl-1-ethylaluminacyclopentane 1e (Scheme 2) in a 1:2 ratio, respectively, which react in situ with PCl_3 to give a mixture of 3-phenyl-1H-phospholan oxide 2e and 2-phenyl-1H-phospholan oxide 2f. In this case, the ratio of the formed syn/anti-isomers of 2e and 2f is 1:1.

Scheme 2. The synthesis of a mixture of 3-substituted 2e and 2-substituted 2f 1H-phospholane oxides.

The cycloalumination of norbornene followed by the treatment of alumolane formed with PCl_3 gave (3aR,4R,7S,7aS)-octahydro-4,7-methanophosphindole 1-oxide **2g** as a mixture of *syn*- and *anti*-isomers in a 2:1 ratio with a total yield of 87% (Scheme 3).

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Scheme 3. The synthesis of (3aR,4R,7S,7aS)-octahydro-4,7-methanophosphindole 1-oxide 2g.

The structure of the synthesized cyclic organophosphorus compounds was proved by mass spectrometry and ¹H, ¹³C, ³¹P NMR spectroscopy, as well as homo- and heteronuclear 2D correlation experiments (COSY ¹H-¹H, HSQC, HMBC).

3. Conclusions

An original one-pot method for the synthesis of 3R-substituted and norbornane-annelated 1*H*-phospholan oxides by the reaction of substituted alumolanes with phosphorus trichloride is proposed. The obtained cyclic 1*H*-phosphine oxides are of practical interest as key monomers for the synthesis of new catalysts for homogeneous catalysis.

4. Experimental Part

The $^1\text{H},\,^{13}\text{C},\,$ and ^{31}P NMR spectra were acquired on a Bruker Avance-400 instrument (400, 100, and 162 MHz, respectively) in CDCl3. The two-dimensional homonuclear (COSY) and heteronuclear ($^1\text{H}-^{13}\text{C}$ HSQC and $^1\text{H}-^{13}\text{C}$ HMBC) NMR spectra were acquired according to the standard procedures of Bruker. The mass spectra (GC-MS) were recorded on a Shimadzu GC-2010 instrument equipped with a GCMSQP2010 Ultra mass selective detector and a Supelco 5 ms capillary column (60 m \times 0.25 mm \times 0.25 µm); the carrier gas was helium; the injector temperature was 260 °C; the interface temperature was 260 °C; and the ion source temperature was 200 °C. Chromatographic analysis was performed on a Shimadzu GC-9A gas chromatograph using a 2000 \times 2 mm column; the stationary phase consisted of silicone SE-30 (5%) on a Chromaton N-AW-HMDS carrier (0.125–0.160 mm); the carrier gas was helium (30 mL/min); and the temperature program from 50 to 300 °C at the rate of 8 °C/min. The reactions with organometallic compounds were accomplished under dry argon flow. The solvents were dried and distilled immediately prior to use. Commercially available Cp2ZrCl2, phosphines (Acros), and 92% AlEt3 (from Redkinsk Experimental Factory) were used.

3-Substituted 1*H***-phospholane oxides 2a–g. General procedure**. A round-bottomed flask was charged at 0 °C with Cp_2ZrCl_2 (0.073 g, 0.25 mmol), alkene or norbornene (5 mmol), and Et_3Al (0.75 mL, 5 mmol) in a dry argon atmosphere. The temperature was brought to 40 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 4 h. Then, the reaction mixture was cooled to -(5-10)°C, and CH_2Cl_2 (7 mL) with phosphorus trichloride (15 mmol, 3 equiv) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4–6 h until the solution became discolored. The mixture was then hydrolyzed with water; the reaction products were extracted with CH_2Cl_2 ; and the organic phase was dried with MgSO₄. The solvent was evaporated, and the residue was vacuum-distilled to give 1*H*-phospholane oxides **2a–g** as colorless oils.

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