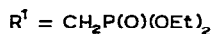
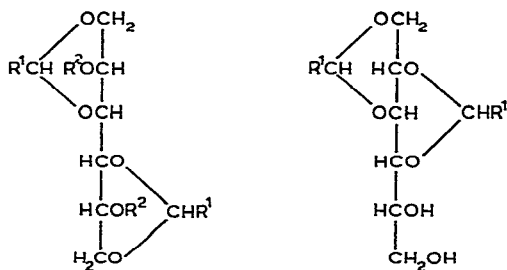


Diethoxyphosphinyldiethylidene acetals of D-mannitol and D-glucitol*

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Diethyl 2,2-diethoxyethylphosphonate reacted with D-mannitol in the presence of conc hydrochloric or hydrobromic acid, or anhydrous hydrogen chloride, to give a single product, namely, the di(phosphonoacetal) **1**. The formation of **1** was most rapid in the presence of hydrobromic acid. Syrupy **1** consumed practically no periodate, contained 6.8% of hydroxyl groups, and its dibenzoate (**2**) and diacetate (**3**) were syrupy. The chemical shifts of the acetal proton (δ 4.9) and the acetal carbon (δ 97.5) in the n.m.r. spectra of **1** were characteristic of a 1,3-dioxane system⁷. A dilute solution of **1** in CHCl_3 showed 1 μ absorption (3575 cm^{-1}) for hydrogen-



- 1 $R^2 = H$
- 2 $R^2 = Bz$
- 3 $R^2 = Ac$

*Phosphonated Acetals, Part V For Part IV, see ref 1

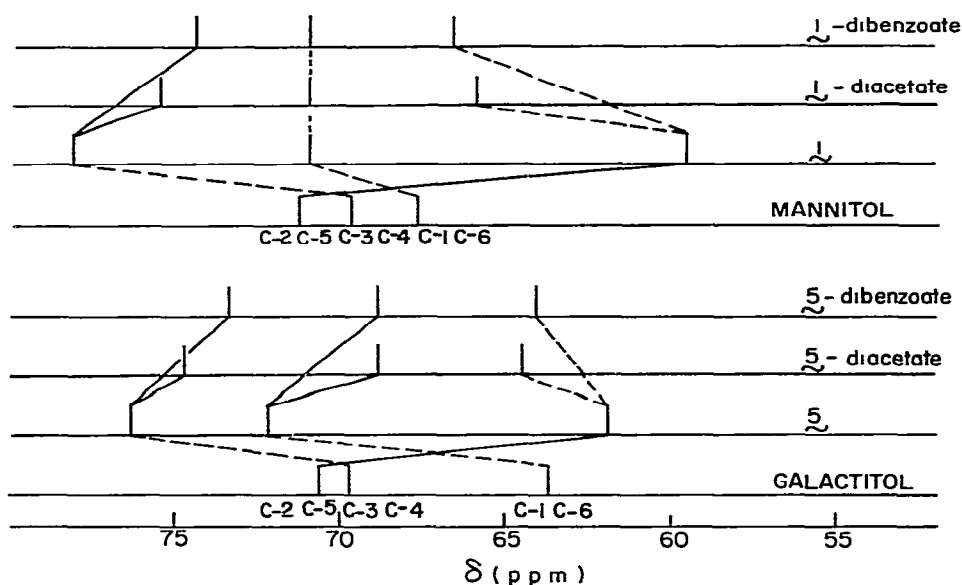


Fig 1 ^{13}C -Chemical shift data for the bis(2-diethoxyphosphinylethylidene) acetals of D-mannitol and -galactitol

bonded hydroxyl groups. Comparative ^{13}C -n m r spectroscopy of **1** with analogous compounds¹ confirmed the 1,3 4,6-diacetal structure. Thus, **1** is in accord with the Barker and Bourne rules.

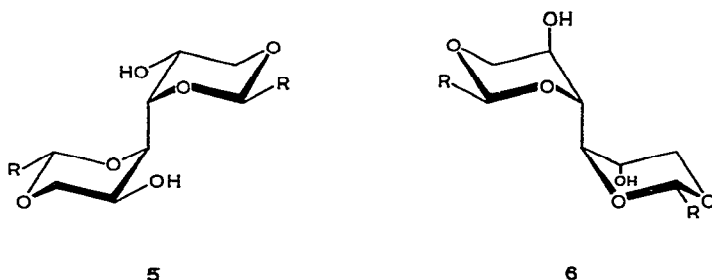
D-Glucitol reacted with diethyl 2,2-diethoxyethylphosphonate to give a mixture of products in the thermodynamically controlled phase, including a non-phosphorus-containing substance (anhydride). The phosphorus-containing derivatives were mainly two diacetals together with a small proportion of a monoacetal. Repeated chromatography on silicic acid gave a yellow, syrupy diacetal that contained a terminal, vicinal diol group (periodate consumption, 0.90 and 0.93 mol, formaldehyde liberation, 1.04 and 1.21 mol). The ^1H - (δ 5.00) and ^{13}C -n m r data (δ 97.32) for the acetal proton and carbon show the acetal to be of the 1,3-dioxane type. Since the acetal rings involve four contiguous hydroxyl groups, this product must be the 1,3 2,4-diacetal **4**.

The other di(phosphonoacetal) could not be purified and its structure was not determined. However, we can arrive at some conclusions by comparing conformations of the only diacetal obtained from D-mannitol with the 1,3 4,6-diacetal obtained from galactitol¹ (Fig 1).

Assignment of the chemical shifts of the carbon atoms of the sugar alcohols proved to be specifically linked to the configuration of each carbon atom^{8,9}, and to their substitutions¹⁰. Fig 1 shows a correlation of the chemical shifts for the ^{13}C -n m r signals of the 1,3 4,6-diacetals of galactitol and mannitol and their dibenzoates and diacetates. As expected, acetalation causes positive (downfield) shifts on the substituted carbon atoms, whereas the β and γ effects are negative (upfield shifts).

The α -effect on C-1 for 1,3 4,6-di-*O*-(2-diethoxyphosphinylethylidene)galactitol is ~ 8.5 p p m, and 6.7 p p m for C-3 due to the β effect of C-4. Similar results are observed for the dibenzoate and diacetate. Substitution of an equatorial hydroxyl group causes smaller α -effects (~ 2.4 p p m) than substitution of an axial group (~ 6.7 p p m). The results are consistent with the conformations depicted in 5 and 6.

For the conformational array $\text{O}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}^{13}$, upfield shifts were observed for the marked ^{13}C -nucleus when the oxygen atom is antiperiplanar¹¹. Thus (see Fig. 1), $\Delta\delta$ (acetal-parent hexitol) for C-3 of D-mannitol exhibits a greater α -effect compared to C-1, despite the β -effect of C-4, HO-2 is gauche to C-4 for the galactitol diacetal 5, whereas the arrangement is antiperiplanar in the mannitol diacetal 6.



The compact 1,3:4,6-conformation 5 was suggested as more favorable, by considering ring oxygen-hydroxyl dipolar interactions and hydrogen-bonding¹². On the other hand, the conformation 6 of acetal 1 is supported by the ^{13}C -n m r data and by the strong hydrogen-bonding that is probably due to a bifurcated hydrogen-bond¹³ between HO-2 and O-1 and O-3.

EXPERIMENTAL

Instrumentation and analytical methods have been described¹.

1,3:4,6-Di-O-(2-diethoxyphosphinylethylidene)mannitol (1) — D-Mannitol (4 g) and diethyl 2,2-diethoxyethylphosphonate (11.55 g) were allowed to react in the presence of conc. hydrochloric acid (10 ml). After 8 days, the mixture was processed in the usual way¹, and chloroform extraction yielded a colourless syrup (11.15 g), n_D^{25} 1.4680, which showed only one component, R_F 0.6, in t l c (Found 12.95 $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_{12}\text{P}_2$ calc. P, 12.2). ^1H -N m r (60 MHz) δ 1.28 (t, 12 H, J 7 Hz, 4 Me), 2.22 (dd, 4 H, $J_{\text{H,H}}$ 5, $J_{\text{P,H}}$ 19 Hz, 2 PCH_2), 3.35–4.0 (m, 10 H, protons of sugar skeleton), 4.11 (quin, 8 H, J 7 Hz, 4 POCH_2), and 4.9 (2 H, acetal protons), ^{13}C -n m r (22.62 MHz) δ 16.49, 16.23 (Me), 35.14, 28.84 (PCH_2), 62.25, 61.95 (POCH_2), 59.51 (C-1,5), 71.06 (C-1,6), 79.22 (C-3,4), and 97.53 (acetal carbon), ^{31}P -n m r (109.3 MHz) δ -26.68. Mass spectrum m/e 505 (2.25%), 223 (100), 283 (22.2), 355 (3.1), 253 (4.4), and 447 (5.3). I r data $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{CHCl}_3}$ 3575 (OH), 3540 (OH), 1200

(P=O), 1030–1040 (P-O-Et), and 1400 cm^{-1} (O-C-O) Periodate-ion consumption 0.12 (3 h) and 0.18 mol (24 h)

Catalysis with $\sim 48\%$ hydrobromic acid for 5 days gave 5% (at room temperature) and 10% (at 40°) of 1,4-anhydro-D-mannitol (m.p. 156–158°)

The dibenzoate **2** of **1** was a yellow syrup (Found P, 8.9 $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}_{14}\text{P}_2$ calc P, 8.7) ^{13}C -N.m.r. (22.63 MHz) δ 16.53, 16.27 (Me), 35.04, 29.04 (PCH_2), 62.19, 61.93 (POCH_2), 65.88 (C-2,5), 71.02 (C-1,6), 75.60 (C-3,4), 97.45 (acetal C), 128.26–133.66 (Ph), and 149.67 (C=O), ^{31}P -n.m.r. (109.3 MHz) δ -26.7

The diacetate **3** of **1** was a syrup, n_D^{25} 1.4350 ^{13}C -N.m.r. (22.62 MHz) δ 16.49, 16.23 (Me), 20.81 (CH_3CO), 34.84, 28.62 (PCH_2), 62.61, 61.95 (POCH_2), 66.61 (C-2,5), 71.06 (C-1,6), 74.51 (C-3,4), 100.5 (acetal C), and 169.75 (C=O)

1,3,2,4-Di-O-(2-diethoxyphosphinylethylidene)-D-glucitol (4) — The reaction of D-glucitol with diethyl 2,2-diethoxyethylphosphonate, as described above, gave a syrupy mixture containing mainly di(phosphonoacetals) (97.8%), n_D^{25} 1.4604 (Found P, 12.8 $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_{12}\text{P}_2$ calc P, 12.25), containing (t.l.c.) components with R_F 0.48 and 0.37. The mixture could not be fractionated by solvent extraction or crystallization. Chromatography on Dowex-1 (HO^-) resin, alumina, or diethylaminoethyl-cellulose (DE52) was unsuccessful. Elution of the syrup from silicic acid, with chloroform-methanol (9:1), gave fractions containing the component having R_F 0.52, n_D^{25} 1.4610 ^1H -N.m.r. (60 MHz) δ 1.33 (t, 12 H, 4 Me), 2.1, 2.2 (dd, 4 H, PCH_2), 3.35–4.0 (sugar protons), 4.1 (quin, POCH_2), and 5.0 (m, 2 H, dioxane acetal proton), ^{13}C -n.m.r. (22.63 MHz) 97.32 (acetal carbon). Mass spectrum m/e 505 ($\text{M}^+ - 1$, 1.07%), 476 ($\text{M}^+ - 30$, 2.36), 475 ($\text{M}^+ - 31$, 9.4), 461 ($\text{M}^+ - 45$, 1.33), 445 ($\text{M}^+ - 61$, 1.28), 355 ($\text{M}^+ - 151$, 2.83), 283 (6.56), 223 (15.46), 181 (78), and 153 (23.83). Periodate-ion consumption 0.90 (3 h) and 0.93 mol (24 h), formaldehyde liberation 1.04 and 1.21 mol

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