X-ray crystal structures of 1,2,4-tri-O-acetyl-5-deoxy-3-O-methyl-5-[(S)-phenylphosphinyl]- α -D-xylopyranose and its 5-[(S)-phenylphosphinothioyl] derivative, and conformations of D-xylopyranose analogs having a $C_6H_5P(=R)$ group in the hemiacetal ring

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ABSTRACT

X-ray crystallographic analyses are reported for the two title compounds (8 and 9), of which the former crystallized in two modifications (8a and 8b). In all three structures, the pyranose rings have the 4C_1 (D) conformation and the substituents at C-1 are axial and those at C-2-C-4 are equatorial. The phenyl rings are oriented equatorially with their planes nearly parallel to the axial P = R bond (R = O, S). The favored conformations of various P = R-in-ring D-xylopyranose acetates (R = O, S, lone-pair; 8-19) in solution are discussed. The inclination of the equatorial P-phenyl group of the α - and β -D-xylopyranose analogs 8-13 is similar to that observed in the solid, whereas the inclination of the axial phenyl ring of the R-5 epimers 14-19 is near 90° with respect to the equatorial R-R bond.

INTRODUCTION

We recently reported that 5-deoxy-5-[(ethoxy)phenylphosphinothioyl]-1,2-O-isopropylidene-3-O-methyl- α -D-xylofuranose (2) gave a moderate yield of 5-deoxy-3-O-methyl-5-(phenylphosphinothioyl)-D-xylopyranoses (4). The products were characterized as four separable triacetates (6), *i.e.*, 1,2,4-tri-O-acetyl-5-deoxy-3-O-methyl-5-[(S)-phenylphosphinothioyl]- α - (9) and - β -D-xylopyranose (12), and their 5-[(R)-phenylphosphinothioyl] epimers (15 and 18). The triacetates (6) were later found to be more efficiently prepared by sulfurization of the corresponding 5-phenylphosphino compounds (7) derived from the respective 5-phenylphosphinyl compounds 5 (refs. 1 and 3) by deoxygenation. As a consequence, compounds 6 have become available more easily by the sequence of $1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 6$.

The sugar analogs 4 having a ring-phosphinothioyl group are expected to be of interest from the viewpoint of the physicochemical properties and biological activity⁴.

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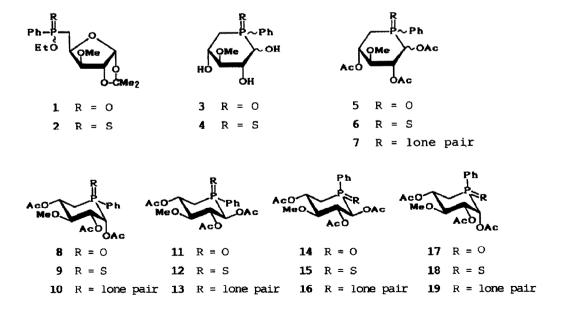
In particular, the P = S functional group is known to be effective in permeating the skin of insects and through slow oxidative desulfurization generating the active P = O form by the action of a microsomal oxidase in $vivo^5$.

Athough the approximate conformations of the four diastereoisomers of 5 and 6 [in (²H)chloroform] were derived from the n.m.r. spectral data, there remained some ambiguity in the assignments of the anomalous values of the ¹H-n.m.r. parameters, particularly for H-1, AcO-1, and two H-5 signals ¹. X-ray crystallographic analysis of the key diastereoisomers 8 (m.p. 202–203°) and 9 (m.p. 177–178°) could verify the validity of the assignments of the configurations and conformations (including the inclination of the *P*-phenyl ring) of the remaining triacetates.

EXPERIMENTAL

Colorless crystals of **8** and **9** were grown from ethyl acetate—hexane. Two crystals with different habits were found for **8**: **8a** (plate-shaped) was orthorhombic, $P2_12_1$, and **8b** (needles) was monoclinic, $P2_1$. The space group of **9** (needles) was orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$. Precise lattice constants and the intensity data for one octant (**8a** and **9**) and two octants (**8b**) were measured on a Stoe four-circle diffractometer with the ω -2 θ -scan technique with Ni-filtered Cu- K_{α} radiation.

The crystal structures were solved with the SHELXS⁶ and subsequent least-squares refinements were done with the XTAL program system⁷. Anomalous scattering coefficients of phosphorus, sulfur, and oxygen atoms were included in the structure factor calculation during refinement. The heavy atoms were refined with anisotropic temperature factors. For **8b**, most of the hydrogen atoms could be located from difference syntheses, and the remainder were fixed at calculated positions 100 pm apart



from the respective parent atom. For 8a and 9, all hydrogen atom positions were calculated. Because the hydrogen atom positions in the acetyl-methyl groups could be staggered with respect to the carbonyl oxygen atom or the ether oxygen atom, both possible positions, with half occupancy, were used. This type of disorder had previously been observed in several acetylated sugars^{8,9}. The isotropic temperature factors for the calculated hydrogen atoms were set at a value higher than the one of the corresponding parent atom. A summary of crystallographic and refinement data is given in Table I. The final atomic coordinates of 8a, 8b, and 9 are given in Tables II-IV*, respectively.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The three molecular structures are very similar, as can be seen from their SCHAKAL¹⁰ representations in Fig. 1, which also shows the atomic numbering scheme. A summary of the bond lengths and selected dihedral angles are listed in Tables V and VI. respectively. These values indicated that major differences exist only in the orientation of OAc-4, the torsion along the O-3-C-3 bond, and the inclination of the phenyl ring.

TABLE I Crystallographic and refinement data for compounds 8a, 8b, and 9

Data	8aa	8b ^a	94
Formula	C ₁₈ H ₂₁ O ₈ P	C ₁₈ H ₂₂ O ₈ P	C ₁₈ H ₂₃ O ₂ PS
Space group	P2,2,2,	$P2_1$	P2,2,2,
Lattice constants		•	
a (nm)	1.7097(4)	1.0472(2)	1.6962(5)
b (nm)	1.2964(4)	1.7254(4)	1.2684(4)
c (nm)	0.9235(3)	0.5812(1)	0.9701(4)
β (degree)	. ,	98.91(2)	` '
Cell volume (nm³)	2.0470	1.0374	2.0871
Crystal size (nm)	$0.25 \times 0.2 \times 0.1$	$0.65 \times 0.07 \times 0.07$	$0.325 \times 0.1 \times 0.05$
ρχ (g·cm ⁻³)	1.293	1.275	1.319
μ (Cu- K_n ,cm ⁻¹)	15.47	15.26	23.67
Reflections	1941	1963	1844
after merging	1941	1776	1844
unobserved (I < 2σ)	194	86	607
$R_{\scriptscriptstyle extsf{F}}$	5.1%	3.2%	6.9%
$\mathbf{w}_{R_{\mathbf{F}}}$	4.5%	2.7%	
s	3.15	2.32	
Function minimized	$\sum h[1/\sigma F(F o - F c)^2]$	$\sum h[1/\sigma F(F o - F c)^2]$	$\sum h(F o - F c)^2$

[&]quot; Numbers in parentheses are e.s.d. values.

^{*} A complete atom list, with the hydrogen atom parameters, all the temperature parameters included, a list of valence angles, and the list of observed and calculated structure factors can be obtained on request from Elsevier Scientific Publishing Company, BBA data Deposition, P.O. Box 1527, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Reference should be made to No. BBA/DD/480/Carbohydr. Res., 222 (1991) 11-21.

Atom	χ^a	y^a	z^a	\mathbf{U}_{eq} , $\mathbf{U}(\mathring{A}^2)$
P-5	0.07043(9)	0.5793(1)	0.1783(2)	4.14(5) × 10 ⁻²
O-5	0.0023(2)	0.5743(3)	0.2755(4)	5.4(1)
C-51	0.1354(4)	0.6862(5)	0.2118(7)	4.5(2)
C-52	0.1980(4)	0.7109(5)	0.1225(7)	5.4(2)
C-53	0.2456(4)	0.7953(6)	0.1564(9)	7.0(3)
C-54	0.2310(4)	0.8503(6)	0.282(1)	7.7(3)
C-55	0.1699(4)	0.8264(6)	0.3709(9)	7.0(3)
C-56	0.1214(4)	0.7429(5)	0.3372(8)	5.6(2)
C-1	0.1264(3)	0.4610(5)	0.1967(6)	4.0(2)
O-1	0.1993(2)	0.4706(3)	0.1154(4)	4.2(1)
C-11	0.2666(4)	0.4455(6)	0.1840(7)	5.8(3)
O-11	0.2681(3)	0.4182(5)	0.3065(5)	9.7(2)
C-12	0.3351(4)	0.4642(7)	0.0900(7)	8.1(3)
C-2	0.0794(3)	0.3702(5)	0.1356(6)	3.9(2)
O-2	0.1247(2)	0.2765(3)	0.1469(4)	4.6(1)
C-21	0.1268(4)	0.2318(5)	0.2801(8)	5.5(3)
O-21	0.0945(3)	0.2646(4)	0.3841(5)	6.5(2)
C-22	0.1761(4)	0.1357(5)	0.2723(9)	7.2(3)
C-3	0.0608(3)	0.3814(5)	-0.0271(6)	3.9(2)
O-3	0.0171(2)	0.2959(3)	-0.0716(5)	5.1(2)
C-31	0.0554(5)	0.2299(6)	-0.169(1)	9.2(4)
C-4	0.0103(3)	0.4769(5)	-0.0552(6)	4.1(2)
O-4	0.0012(2)	0.4778(3)	-0.2131(4)	4.6(1)
C-41	-0.0707(4)	0.4584(6)	-0.2672(7)	6.2(3)
O-41	-0.1281(3)	0.4592(5)	-0.1947(6)	9.3(2)
C-42	-0.0663(5)	0.4428(7)	-0.4270(8)	8.3(3)

^a Numbers in parentheses are e.s.d. values.

As indicated by the ring-torsion angles (Table VI) and the Cremer-Pople puckering parameters¹¹⁻¹³ (Table VII), the pyranose rings of all three structures have 4C_1 (D) conformations. In all molecules, OAc-1 is in axial position and OAc-2, OAc-4, and OMe-3 group are in equatorial position. OAc-1, -2, and -4 have the usual *syn*-parallel arrangement of the C-O bond with the C-H bond of the adjacent ring-atom (see the dihedral angles C-il-O-i-C-i-H-i,i = 1,2, or 4).

The phosphinyl oxygen atom O-5 in **8a** and **8b**, and phosphinothioyl sulfur atom S-5 in **9** are in axial and the phenyl groups on P in equatorial position. The bond lengths around the phosphorus atom (180–183 pm for P-5–C-1, P-5–C-5, and P-5–C-51, and 147–148 pm for P-5–O-5) agree well with those previously observed investigations of P(=O)-containing hexopyranose analogs **20–25** (refs. 14–17) and pentofuranose analogs ^{18,19}. The length of the P=S bond (195.3 pm), measured for the first time in the series of P-in-ring sugars, is also within the normal range (186–195 pm) observed for various aliphatic and alicyclic phosphinothioyl-containing compounds^{20–22}.

The inclination of the phenyl ring for the three compounds and for the comparable pyranose analogs 20–22 (refs. 14, 15) is illustrated in Fig. 2A. With respect to the

TABLE III Atomic parameters, and U_{eq} and U values for 8b

Atom	x ^u	y^a	z^a	U_{eq} , $U(\mathring{A}^2)$
P-5	0.62306(8)	0.22050(-)	0.3619(1)	$4.80(2) \times 10^{-2}$
O-5	0.5633(2)	0.2378(2)	0.5713(4)	6.7(1)
C-51	0.7591(3)	0.2820(2)	0.3361(6)	5.6(1)
C-52	0.8296(4)	0.2778(2)	0.1539(8)	6.6(1)
C-53	0.9342(4)	0.3279(3)	0.154(1)	8.4(2)
C-54	0.9641(5)	0.3812(3)	0.326(1)	9.5(2)
C-55	0.8916(7)	0.3862(4)	0.502(1)	10.8(3)
C-56	0.7904(6)	0.3364(3)	0.5091(8)	8.2(2)
C-1	0.6771(3)	0.1196(2)	0.3709(5)	4.9(1)
O-1	0.7490(2)	0.1069(2)	0.1818(3)	5.08(7)
C-11	0.8619(4)	0.0670(2)	0.2317(7)	6.3(1)
O-11	0.9013(3)	0.0427(2)	0.4210(5)	9.0(1)
C-12	0.9281(4)	0.0623(3)	0.0238(8)	9.1(2)
C-2	0.5605(4)	0.0661(2)	0.3478(6)	5.5(1)
O-2	0.6030(3)	-0.0130(2)	0.3388(4)	6.54(9)
C-21	0.6396(4)	-0.0493(3)	0.5443(8)	7.3(2)
O-21	0.6417(4)	-0.0186(2)	0.7251(6)	10.7(2)
C-22	0.6795(5)	-0.1319(3)	0.5020(9)	9.3(2)
C-3	0.4649(4)	0.0773(2)	0.1229(6)	6.0(1)
O-3	0.3587(3)	0.0266(2)	0.1352(5)	8.7(1)
C-31	0.3433(6)	-0.0332(4)	-0.032(1)	13.7(3)
C-4	0.4112(4)	0.1585(3)	0.0938(6)	5.5(1)
O-4	0.3288(2)	0.1580(2)	-0.1309(4)	6.9(1)
C-41	0.2187(4)	0.1968(3)	-0.1547(8)	7.7(2)
O-41	0.1872(4)	0.2354(3)	-0.0043(6)	14.9(2)
C-42	0.1417(6)	0.1847(5)	-0.394(1)	9.8(2)
C-5	0.5128(3)	0.2213(3)	0.0921(5)	5.3(1)

[&]quot; Numbers in parentheses are e.s.d. values.

P = O or P = S bond, the inclination angles are 9.3, -0.2, and 6° , respectively, for 8a, 8b, and 9, all of which have an axial OAc-1, but have no bulky, axial substituent at C-5. Because 22, which has an axial methyl group at C-5 but no axial substituent at C-1, has¹⁵ the angle of -13.6° , the angles of the opposite inclination of the P-phenyl ring of 8a and 9 are reasonable. It has been shown in all of these cases that the phenyl ring tends to align so as to avoid close contact primarily with the equatorial hydrogen atoms (or substituents) at C-1 and C-5 and, supplementarily, with axial substituent group(s) at C-1 or C-5 (or both).

Conformational analysis of tri-O-acetyl-5-deoxy-3-O-methyl-5-phenylphosphinyl-, -phenylphosphinothioyl-, and -phenylphosphino-D-xylopyranoses. — With the precise structures of 8 and 9 in the solid state known, the structural analysis of these compounds and their analogs in solution could be made more systematically. Thus, the assignments of all signals, previously made^{1,2} for the key diastereoisomers 8 and 9 by the analysis of the δ and J values in the n.m.r. spectra, have been proved to be correct. This, in turn, verified the assignments of the analogs 11, 14, 17, and 12, 15, 18,; as well as

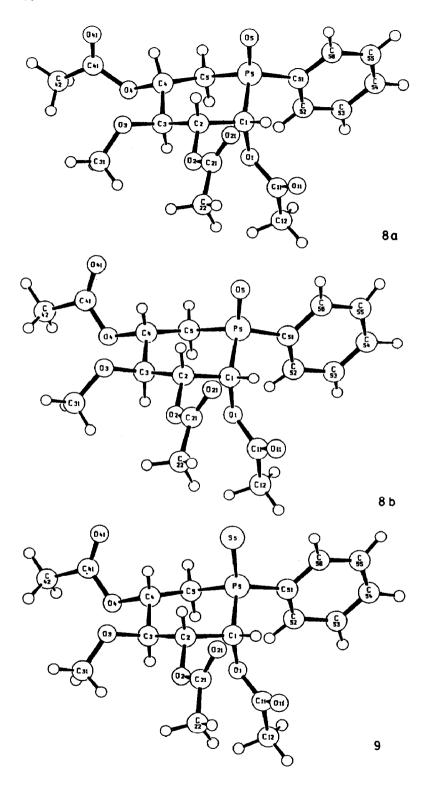


Fig. 1. SCHAKAL representations of the molecular structures of 8a, 8b, and 9.

TABLE IV Atomic parameters, and $U_{\rm eq}$ and U values for 9

Atom	x^a	y^a	z^a	$U_{eq}, U(\mathring{A}^2)$
C-1	0.5511(7)	0.6103(9)	0.281(1)	5.6(4) × 10 ⁻²
O-1	0.5704(4)	0.6861(6)	0.3858(7)	5.3(3)
C-11	0.6060(8)	0.647(1)	0.499(1)	6.9(5)
O-11	0.6247(6)	0.5584(8)	0.518(1)	9.4(4)
C-12	0.620(1)	0.735(1)	0.601(2)	10.0(7)
C-2	0.6098(6)	0.619(1)	0.165(1)	5.4(4)
O-2	0.6886(4)	0.6055(5)	0.2190(9)	5,4(3)
C-21	0.7127(8)	0.504(1)	0.243(1)	6.9(5)
O-21	0.6751(5)	0.4297(7)	0.211(1)	7.9(4)
C-22	0.7901(8)	0.504(1)	0.313(1)	6.9(5)
C-3	0.6113(7)	0.7259(9)	0.093(1)	5.0(4)
O-3	0.6629(5)	0.7212(7)	-0.023(1)	6.7(3)
C-31	0.7368(9)	0.765(1)	-0.010(2)	10.7(7)
C-4	0.5307(7)	0.7569(9)	0.040(1)	5.1(4)
0-4	0.5428(5)	0.8625(7)	-0.0184(8)	7.0(3)
C-41	0.5062(8)	0.885(1)	-0.138(1)	7.3(6)
O-41	0.4590(7)	0.8270(9)	-0.187(1)	12.3(5)
C-42	0.533(1)	0.989(1)	-0.194(2)	10.0(7)
C-5	0.4649(7)	0.762(1)	0.144(1)	6.7(5)
P-5	0.4521(2)	0.6333(3)	0.2178(4)	5.7(1)
S-5	0.4236(2)	0.5246(3)	0.0842(4)	9.0(2)
C-51	0.3867(7)	0.643(1)	0.364(1)	6.0(4)
C-52	0.3926(8)	0.723(1)	0.462(2)	7.2(5)
C-53	0.344(1)	0.720(1)	0.575(2)	9.2(7)
C-54	0.2862(9)	0.647(2)	0.584(2)	10.8(8)
C-55	0.2774(9)	0.569(1)	0.487(2)	10.5(8)
C-56	0.3285(9)	0.569(1)	0.377(2)	8.9(6)

[&]quot; Numbers in parentheses are e.s.d. values.

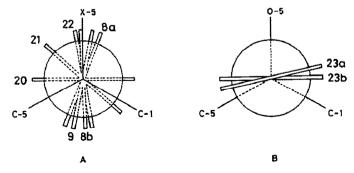


Fig. 2. "Newman" projection down the P-C(phenyl) bond in the equatorial (A) and axial (B) case, illustrating the inclination of the phenyl ring. The digits mark the phenyl rings for compounds 8a (8a), 8b (8b), 9 (9), 20 (20), 21 (21), 22 (22), and 23 (23a, 23b).

TABLE V

Bond lengths for 8a, 8b, and 9

Bond	Length ^a (pm)	Length ^a (pm)		
	8a	8b	9	
P-5-O-5	147.2(4)	148.3(3)		
P-5-S-5	•	, ,	195.3(5)	
P-5-C-51	180.3(6)	180.1(4)	181(1)	
P-5C-1	181.6(6)	182.9(3)	181(1)	
P-5-C-5	180.8(6)	179.7(3)	180(1)	
C-51-C-52	138.9(9)	138.3(6)	139(2)	
C-51-C-56	139.2(9)	137.8(6)	137(2)	
C-52-C-53	140(1)	139.5(7)	137(2)	
C-53-C-54	138(1)	135.9(8)	136(2)	
C-54-C-55	137(1)	137(1)	137(3)	
C-55-C-56	140(1)	137.0(9)	137(3)	
C-1-O-1	146.0(7)	144.2(4)	143(1)	
C-1-C-2	153.3(8)	151.9(5)	151(2)	
O-1-C-11	135.3(7)	136.0(5)	135(2)	
C-11O-11	118.5(8)	119.0(5)	118(2)	
C-11-C-12	147.9(9)	148.6(6)	151(2)	
C-2O-2	144.4(7)	143.9(5)	145(1)	
C-2-C-3	154.2(8)	153.1(5)	153(2)	
O-2-C-21	136.1(8)	135.1(5)	136(2)	
C-21-O-21	118.7(9)	117.4(6)	118(2)	
C-21-C-22	150(1)	151.6(7)	148(2)	
C-3-O-3	139.9(7)	142.6(5)	142(1)	
C-3-C-4	153.1(9)	151.0(6)	151(2)	
O-3-C-31	140(1)	141.1(7)	138(2)	
C-4-0-4	146.7(7)	145.0(4)	147(1)	
C-4-C-5	153.2(9)	151.9 (6)	151(2)	
O-4-C-41	135.1(8)	132.2(5)	135(2)	
C-41-O-41	118.8(9)	118.6(7)	119(2)	
C-41-C-42	149(1)	150.9(8)	150(2)	

[&]quot; Numbers in parentheses are e.s.d. values.

5-phenylphosphino analogs 10, 13, 16, and 19. For comparative, conformational study, selected ¹H-n.m.r. parameters for these P sugars, together with those for the corresponding diastereoisomers of P-ethyl congeners 26–37 (ref. 2), are summarized in Table VIII. Characteristic features newly obtained are as follows.

(a) Anomalous downfield shifts (0.7–0.55 p.p.m.) and the concomitant upfield shifts (0.4–0.2 p.p.m.) were observed for H-5a and AcO-1, respectively, signals of 8, 9, and 10, when compared with the δ values of the corresponding proton signals of P-ethyl congeners 26, 27, and 28 (ref. 2), the values of which can be regarded as inherent ones in this type of sugar analogs (excluding the anisotropic effect by the phenyl ring). These characteristic data and the above-described X-ray results led to the conclusion that the conformation of the P-phenyl group of 8–10 in (2 H)chloroform would be similar to those for the solid state (see Fig. 2A); this conformation accounts for the unusual δ

TABLE VI Selected dihedral angles for 8a, 8b, and 9

Sequence	Angle ^a (degrees)			
	8a	8b	9	
C-1-C-2-C-3-C-4	-61.9(6)	-58.7(4)	-55(1)	
C-2-C-3-C-4-C-5	61.9(6)	58.8(4)	57(1)	
C-3-C-4-C-5-P-5	-60.9(5)	-60.2(4)	-62(1)	
C-4-C-5-P-5-C-1	53.9(4)	55.0(3)	56.5(9)	
C-5-P-5-C-1-C-2	-54.7(4)	-54.8(2)	-57.1(9)	
P-5-C-1-C-2-C-3	61.5(5)	59.2(3)	60(1)	
O-5-P-5-C-5-C-4	-63.8(5)	-62.6(3)		
S-5-P-5-C-5-C-4	•	` '	-60.7(9)	
O-5-P-5-C-1-C-2	68.1(4)	66.5(2)	. ,	
S-5-P-5-C-1-C-2	,	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	63.2(8)	
C-51-P-5-C-1-C-2	-166.9(4)	-169.7(2)	-170.7(8)	
C-56-C-51-P-5-O-5	9.3(6)	-0.2(5)	· · ·	
C-56-C-51-P-5-S-5	• •	•	6(1)	
O-1-C-1-P-5-C-5	64.6(4)	65.8(2)	63.3(9)	
O-2-C-2-C-3-C-4	178.3(4)	-178.1(3)	-175.4(9)	
O-3-C-3-C-4-C-5	-179.7(6)	176.5(3)	177.5(9)	
O-4-C-4-C-5-P-5	-174.9(4)	-176.8(2)	-178.6(7)	
C-51-P-5-C-5C-4	166.9(4)	169.2(3)	169.7(8)	
O-11-C-11-O-1-C-1	-I(1)	0.4(7)	3(2)	
O-21-C-21-O-2-C-2	0(1)	-2.4(6)	7(2)	
O-41-C-41-O-4-C-4	14(1)	4.1(7)	8(2)	
C-11-O-1-C-1-H-1	10.5(7)	20(2)	18(1)	
C-21-O-2-C-2-H-2	-39.0(7)	-36(2)	-42(1)	
C-31-O-3-C-3-H-3	6.6(8)	6(2)	18(2)	
C-41-O-4-C-4-H-4	-33.0(7)	27(2)	25(1)	

[&]quot; Numbers in parentheses are e.s.d. values.

TABLE VII

Cremer-Pople puckering parameters

Parameters	Compounds exa	mined		Ideal ⁴ C ₁ (D) confor-
	8a"	8b ²	9"	— mation
q ₂ ,q ₃ (pm)	5.1(5),64.7(6)	8.8(3),63.0(4)	13(1),63(1)	0, Q
ϕ (degree)	8(7)	1(3)	-3(5)	free_
Q(pm)	64.9(6)	63.6(4)	64(1)	$\sqrt{1/6}$ × bond length
θ (degree)	4.5(5)	8.0(3)	11(1)	ő

[&]quot;Numbers in parentheses are e.s.d. values.

TABLE VIII

Characteristic ¹H-n.m.r. parameters (δ) for 5-deoxy-5-phosphinyl-, -phosphinothioyl-, and -phosphino-D-xylopyranoses^α

Compound	H-1	H-5a	<i>H-5</i> e	AcO-1
8(26)		2.49(1.95)		1.98(2.17)
9(27)		2.91(2.22)		1.94(2.20)
10(28)		2.52(1.88)		1.77(2.18)
11(29)	5.60(5.21)	2.05(1.70)		1.93(2.15)
12(30)	5.79(5.35)	2.44(2.00)		1.91(2.14)
13(31)	5.58(5.26)	2.03(1.55)		1.92(2.08)
14(32)	` ,		3.01(2.61)	
15(33)			3.23(2.67)	
16(34)			2.70(2.10)	
17(35)	6.10(5.68)		3.00(2.49)	
18(36)	6.11(5.61)		3.16(2.55)	
19(37)	6.07(5.59)		2.54(2.05)	

^a Values (500-MHz ¹H-n.m.r., CDCl₃) from refs. 1 and 2. For parameters not listed in this Table (including those for other ring protons), the differences between the δ values of the corresponding *P*-phenyl and *P*-ethyl compounds is, in almost all cases, within +0.2 p.p.m.

values of H-5a and AcO-1 of these compounds, as well as for those of 5-phenyl-phosphino derivative 10. The P-phenyl ring of 8 in solution may possess an average inclination between the 8a and 8b forms.

- (b) A similar tendency was observed (but a slightly less extent) for the δ values of H-5a and AcO-1 signals of the β -D anomers 11, 12, and 13, as compared with those of the corresponding compounds 29, 30, and 31 (see Table VIII). A downfield shift of almost the same extent (0.4–0.3 p.p.m.) could also be noticed for the H-1a signals of these P-phenyl compounds. Because of the absence of a bulky, axial substituent at C-1, the inclination of the P-phenyl group of 11, 12, and 13 with respect to P = O or P = S bond, thus, is considered to be even smaller than that observed in the case of 8–10.
- (c) For the ring-phosphorus epimers 14–16 and 17–19, in which the phenyl ring is linked axially, significant downfield shifts (0.6–0.4 p.p.m.) were observed for H-5e and

H-1 (particularly for the α -D anomers 17-19), as compared with the δ values of the corresponding P-ethyl congeners 32-34 and 35-37 (see Table VIII). This tendency for an anisotropic effect can be explained by assuming that the inclination of the phenyl ring in solution is similar to that observed for the L-idopyranose analog 23 (which crystallized in two modifications¹⁶, 23a and 23b) in the solid state; namely, the inclination of the phenyl ring with respect to the P=O or P=S bond is near 90° (see Fig. 2B). This conformation is most likely to minimize the steric repulsion between the P-phenyl ring and the ring protons (particularly H-2 and H-4 at the 1,3-diaxial positions).

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