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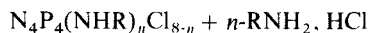
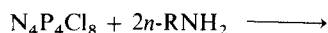
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The bis(amino)hexachlorocyclo-tetraphosphazenes, 2-*trans*-6-N₄P₄(NHR)₂Cl₆, R = Me, Prⁿ, Prⁱ, Buⁿ, CH₂Ph, Ph, are obtained from the reaction of N₄P₄Cl₈ with four mol. equivalents of the appropriate amine. Isomers with 2,4-structures have been isolated for R = Buⁿ, CH₂Ph. The ¹H and ³¹P NMR spectra of these bis(amino) compounds and of their dimethylamino derivatives, 2-*trans*-6-N₄P₄(NMe₂)₆(NHR)₂ are discussed.

Detailed studies of the reactions of the tetrameric chloride, N₄P₄Cl₈, with ethylamine¹ and *t*-butylamine² have been reported recently.



(R = NHEt, *n* = 1, 2, 3, 4, 8; R = NHBu^t, *n* = 1, 2, 3, 8)

All these (amino)chloro derivatives have non-geminal structures. This observation may be contrasted with the exclusive formation of geminal compounds in the reactions of *t*-butylamine with the trimeric chloride, N₃P₃Cl₆, and the isolation of gem.-N₃P₃(NHEt)₄Cl₂.³ The difference in behaviour between the trimeric and tetrameric systems is due to the much greater reactivity of N₄P₄Cl₈.⁴

An interesting feature of the reactions of the tetrameric chloride, N₄P₄Cl₈, with amines concerns the replacement of the second chlorine atom. Reactive amines such as ethylamine¹ and dimethylamine⁵ give 2,6-substituted products almost exclusively. Both 2,6- and 2,4-substituted derivatives are obtained from reactions with less reactive

amines *t*-butylamine,² *N*-methylaniline⁶ and dibenzylamine.⁷ The relative yield of these bis isomers can vary markedly with the reaction solvent.^{2,6}

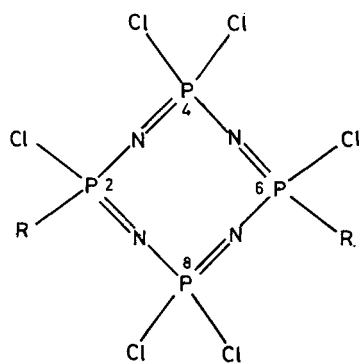
In this paper, we describe the reactions of the tetrameric chloride with four mol. equivalents of various primary amines whose reactivities differ. The structures of the bis(amino)-derivatives, N₄P₄(NHR)₂Cl₆, isolated in these reactions have been deduced from their ¹H and ³¹P NMR spectra and also from NMR data for their dimethylamino derivatives, N₄P₄(NHR)₂(NMe₂)₆.

EXPERIMENTAL

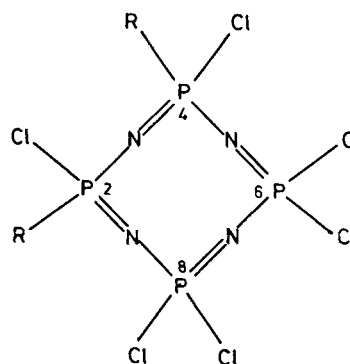
Octachlorocyclo-tetraphosphazene was purified by recrystallisation from light petroleum to constant m.p. 124°C. Aniline, benzylamine and triethylamine were distilled under reduced pressure; aliphatic primary amines were used as supplied. Dimethylamine was generated from an aqueous solution and dried over potassium hydroxide before condensation at -70°C. Organic solvents were purified by conventional methods; light petroleum refers to the fraction b.p. 40-60°C unless stated otherwise.

Proton NMR spectra were recorded with Joel MH 100 and Varian HR 100/220 spectrometers. Most phosphorus NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker WH 90 spectrometer operating at 36.43 MHz, but some were obtained with a Jeol C60 HL spectrometer. Infrared spectra were recorded in

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2,6 - Product
 $R = \text{NHEt}, \text{NHBU}^t$;
 $\text{NMe}_2, \text{NMePh}$



2,4 - Product
 $R = \text{NHBU}^t; \text{NMePh}$

potassium bromide discs using a Carl Zeiss UR 10 spectrophotometer. Mass spectrometric data were obtained with an AEI MS 902 spectrometer (PCMU Service, Harwell, U.K.).

Preparation of $\text{N}_4\text{P}_4(\text{NHR})_2\text{Cl}_6$ Derivatives

General procedure The major product from the reaction of $\text{N}_4\text{P}_4\text{Cl}_8$ (1) with four mol. equivalents of a primary amine is 2,6- $\text{N}_4\text{P}_4(\text{NHR})_2\text{Cl}_6$, a product that can easily be crystallised from the reaction mixture. TLC examination of the residues obtained after removing the bulk of the major product invariably shows the presence of two other components with R_f values greater and less than that of the 2,6-bis(amino) derivative. These products can be identified as the mono(amino)-

derivative, $\text{N}_4\text{P}_4(\text{NHR})\text{Cl}_7$, and one of the other bis(amino) isomers. In some cases, column chromatographic separation of the mixtures was attempted and 2,4-bis(amino) isomers were obtained. A typical experiment is described below and other details are summarised in Table I.

Reaction of $\text{N}_4\text{P}_4\text{Cl}_8$ (1) with four mol. equivalents of Benzylamine

Benzylamine (8.56 g, 80 mmol), diluted with diethylether (25 ml), was added (30 min) to a well-stirred solution of the octachloride (1) (9.28 g, 20 mmol) in diethyl ether (200 ml) at 0°C . Stirring was continued for a further 3 hr at 0°C . Benzylamine hydrochloride was filtered off and evaporation of the filtrate

TABLE I
 Preparation of Bis(amino)hexachlorocyclooctatetraphosphazenes, $\text{N}_4\text{P}_4(\text{NHR})_2\text{Cl}_6$

N ₄ P ₄ Cl ₈ (I)		Amine		Reaction solvent ^a		Time of addition of amine h	Total reaction time h	Products and yields				
g	mmol	g	mmol					No.	g	m.p. °C	%	
9.28	20	MeNH ₂	2.42 ^b	80	Et ₂ O	225	0.5	2.5	(2)	5.10	144 ^c	56
9.28	20	Pr ⁿ NH ₂	4.72	80	Et ₂ O	225	0.75	1.5	(4)	3.87	115 ^d	38
9.28	20	Pr ⁱ NH ₂	4.72	80	Et ₂ O	225	1.0	2.0	(5)	4.10	122 ^e	40
9.28	20	Bu ⁿ NH ₂	5.84	80	Et ₂ O	225	0.5	2.0	(6)	4.78	114 ^f	44
									(7)	0.65	liq.	6
9.28	20	PhNH ₂	7.52	80	CH ₃ CN ^g	170	0.5	2.5	(11)	2.42	166 ^h	24

^a Reaction carried out at 0°C .

^b Reaction carried out using aqueous amine in the presence of anhydrous sodium sulfate (*cf.* Ref. 1); in other cases, anhydrous amine was used.

^c Lit.⁸ m.p. 143° .

^d Lit.⁹ m.p. 110° .

^e Lit.⁹ m.p. 121° .

^f Analysis—Found: C, 18.2; H, 3.9; N, 15.8. Calc. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{20}\text{Cl}_6\text{N}_6\text{P}_4$: C, 17.9; H, 3.8; N, 15.7%. Isomer (7) was characterized by mass spectrometry [$m/e = 537$ corresponding to $(\text{C}_8\text{H}_{20}^{35}\text{Cl}_6\text{N}_6\text{P}_4)^+$].

^g Reaction carried out in boiling solvent.

^h Lit.⁸ m.p. 166° .

yielded an oil. The oil was extracted with boiling light petroleum (b.p. 60–80°) and the solution was filtered. The filtrate was concentrated to ca. 10 ml and cooled to 0°. Three crops of crystals were obtained. These crops were combined and recrystallized from light petroleum-benzene (3:1) to give 2,6-bis(benzylamino) hexachlorocyclophosphazetetrane, $N_4P_4(NHCH_2Ph)_2Cl_6$ (**9**), m.p. 150° (3.64 g, 34%) [Found: C, 27.7; H, 2.9; N, 13.4. Calculated for $C_{14}H_{16}Cl_6N_6P_4$: C, 27.8; H, 3.0; N, 13.3%]. The mother liquor contained four components (TLC) and these were chromatographed over silica gel (120 g). Elution with light petroleum-benzene (3:1) gave unreacted $N_4P_4Cl_8$ (**1**) (0.20 g, 2.2%) and mono(benzylamino) heptachlorocyclophosphazetetrane, $N_4P_4(NHCH_2Ph)(Cl)_7$, m.p. 68° (0.20 g, 1.9%) [Found: C, 16.3; H, 1.7; N, 13.6. Calculated for $C_7H_8Cl_7N_5P_4$: C, 15.7; H, 1.5; N, 13.9%] which was recrystallised from light petroleum. Elution with light petroleum-benzene (1:1) gave a further quantity of compound (**9**) (0.55 g) and its 2,4-isomer (**10**), liq (1.0 g, 9.3%) [$m/e = 505$ corresponding to parent ion ($C_{14}H_{14}^{35}Cl_4N_6P_4$)⁺].

Reactions of $N_4P_4Cl_8$ (**1**) with four mol. equivalents of benzylamine were also carried out in methyl cyanide and chloroform. The relative yields of isomers (**9**) and (**10**) were 3:2 and 2:3 respectively. [Visual estimates from TLC, eluant: light petroleum-benzene (2:1)].

Preparation of $N_4P_4(NMe_2)_6(NHR)_2$ and $N_4P_4(NMe_2)_6(NHR)_2 \cdot HCl$ Derivatives

General An excess of dimethylamine was added to a solution of the appropriate bis(amino)hexachloro- compound, $N_4P_4(NHR)_2Cl_6$ in an organic solvent at 0°C. The mixture was then heated under reflux for 3–4 h (condenser cooled at 0°). Complete substitution was only achieved in diethyl ether when $R = Me$; in methyl cyanide, good yields of the hydrochloride adducts, $N_4P_4(NMe_2)_6(NHR)_2HCl$, $R = Pr^i$ (**14A**), Pr^t (**15A**), Bu^i (**16A**) were obtained and there was no evidence for the presence of the respective free bases (**14–16**). (The latter are easily prepared by treating the hydrochloride adducts with triethylamine). Reactions carried out in boiling chloroform are complex as bicyclic phosphazenes¹⁰ are also formed when $R = Me$, Pr^i , Bu^i and CH_2Ph . The details are summarised in Table II and a typical experiment is described below.

Reaction of 2,6- $N_4P_4(NHPr^i)_2Cl_6$ (**4**) with an Excess of Dimethylamine in Methyl Cyanide

Dimethylamine (9.2 g, 200 mmol) was added to a solution of compound (**4**) 1.50 g, 3 mmol) in methyl cyanide (75 ml) at 0°C.

TABLE II
Reactions of Bis(amino)hexachlorocyclophosphazenes with an excess of dimethylamine

Compound No.	Me ₂ NH				Reaction solvent		Products and yields		
	g	mmol	g	mmol	ml		No.	g	%
(2)	2.26	5	11.5	250	Et ₂ O	200	(12) ^a	1.60	70
(2)	4.50	10	22.5	500	CHCl ₃	200	(12) ^b	2.30	46
(4)	3.00	6	11.5	250	CHCl ₃	150	(14) ^c		36
(5)	2.10	4	9.2	200	MeCN	100	(15A) ^d	1.5	66
(5)	2.10	4	9.2	200	CHCl ₃	100	(15A)	1.2	52
(6)	1.20	2.2	7.0	150	MeCN	60	(16A) ^e	0.89	64
(6)	2.00	3.7	9.2	200	CHCl ₃	150	(16)		65
(9)	2.00	3.3	9.2	200	CHCl ₃	100	(17)	0.05	^f
(9)	2.00	3.3	9.2	200	MeCN	150	(17)		70
(11)	0.50	0.87	7.0	200	CHCl ₃	50	(18) ^g	0.35	66

^a m.p. 41–43°C. Anal. Found: C, 33.5; H, 8.8; N, 33.2. Calc. for $C_{14}H_{44}N_{12}P_4$: C, 32.6; H, 8.7; N, 32.6.

^b $N_4P_4(NMe_2)_5(NHMe)(NMe)^{10}$ (30%) also isolated.

^c Yield estimated by ³¹P NMR after reaction mixture heated with Et₃N; $N_4P_4(NMe_2)_5(NHPr^i)(NPr^i)^{10}$ (54%) also formed.

^d $N_4P_4(NMe_2)_6(NHPr^i)_2 \cdot HCl$ (**15A**), m.p. 137°C. [Found: C, 35.2; H, 8.7; N, 27.3. Calc. for $C_{18}H_{53}ClN_{12}P_4$: C, 36.2; H, 8.9; N, 28.2%].

^e $N_4P_4(NMe_2)_6(NHBu^i)_2 \cdot HCl$ (**16A**), m.p. 151–152°C. [Found: C, 38.3; H, 9.1; N, 26.9; Cl, 6.1. Calc. for $C_{20}H_{57}ClN_{12}P_4$: C, 38.3; H, 9.1; N, 26.9; Cl, 5.7%]. $N_4P_4(NMe_2)_5(NHBu^i)(NBu^i)^{10}$ (8%) also formed.

^f $N_4P_4(NMe_2)_6(NHBu^i)_2$ (**16**), liq. [Found: C, 41.4; H, 9.9; N, 27.9; Calc. for $C_{20}H_{56}N_{12}P_4$: C, 40.6; H, 9.6; N, 28.6%]. Yield estimated as in (c); $N_4P_4(NMe_2)_5(NHBu^i)(NBu^i)^{10}$ (22%) also formed.

^g $N_4P_4(NMe_2)_6(NHCH_2Ph)_2$ (**17**), m.p. 108–110°, isolated after column chromatography (silica gel; eluant ethyl acetate). [$m/e = 655$ corresponding to $(M - 1)^+$; $M = C_{26}H_{51}N_{12}P_4$]. Further characterised by ¹H and ³¹P NMR. The latter technique indicates the overall yield of compound (**17**) is 40%; $N_4P_4(NMe_2)_5(NHCN_2Ph)(NCH_2Ph)^{10}$ (40%) is also formed.

^h Not isolated; visual estimate from TLC; small quantity (~10%) of $N_4P_4(NMe_2)_5(NHCH_2Ph)(NCH_2Ph)^{10}$ also present.

ⁱ $N_4P_4(NMe_2)_6(NHPh)_2$ (**18**), m.p. 162–163°. [Found: C, 44.8; H, 7.7. Calc. for $C_{24}H_{48}N_{12}P_4$: C, 45.8; H, 7.6%].

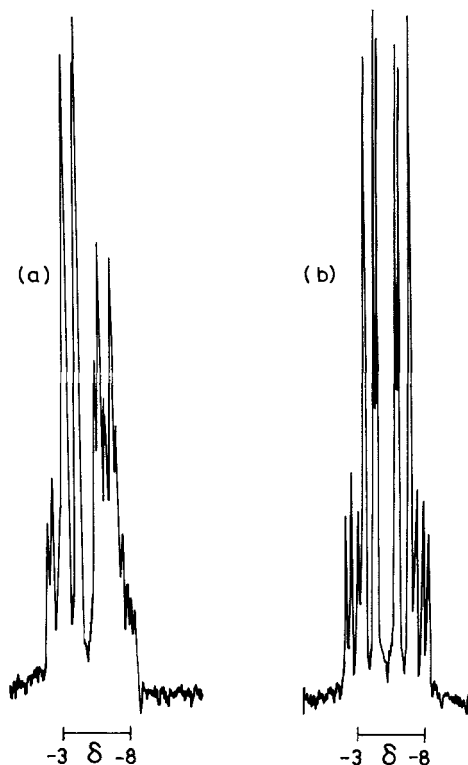
The mixture was heated under reflux for 3 hr and the precipitated dimethylamine hydrochloride removed by filtration. The filtrate was evaporated to give a viscous mass which was digested with light petroleum. This extract was filtered to remove a further quantity of Me_2NH , HCl . The remaining solution was slightly turbid but it became clear after addition of a few drops of methylene chloride. After 48 h at 0° , crystals were deposited which on recrystallisation from light petroleum-methylene chloride (2:1) gave *hexakis (dimethylamino)-2,6-bis(n-propylamino)cyclotetraphosphazetene hydrochloride*, $\text{N}_4\text{P}_4(\text{NMe}_2)_6(\text{NHPr}^n)_2 \cdot \text{HCl}$ (**14A**), m.p. $148-149^\circ$ (1.20 g, 68.3%) [Found: C, 35.6; H, 9.6; N, 27.3. Calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{53}\text{ClN}_{12}\text{P}_4$: C, 36.2; H, 9.0; N, 28.1%]. Compound (**14A**) was heated with an excess of triethylamine in boiling benzene for 1 h to give the parent base, *hexakis (dimethylamino) - 2-trans-6-bis(n-propylamino)cyclotetraphosphazetene*, $\text{N}_4\text{P}_4(\text{NMe}_2)_6(\text{NHPr})_2$ (**14**), liq. [Found: C, 38.1; H, 9.2; N, 29.6. Calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{52}\text{N}_{12}\text{P}_4$: C, 38.6; H, 9.3; N, 30.0%].

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The tetrameric chloride (**1**) reacts with four mol. equivalents of primary amine, RNH_2 ($R = \text{Me}$, Et^1 , Pr^n , Pr^i , Bu^n and CH_2Ph , in diethyl ether to give bis(amino)hexachloro-derivatives, $\text{N}_4\text{P}_4(\text{NHR})_2\text{Cl}_6$ (**2-6**) in 35-55% yield.¹¹ The bis(anilino)-derivative, $\text{N}_4\text{P}_4(\text{NHPh})_2\text{Cl}_6$ (**11**), was prepared in methyl cyanide but the yield (24%) showed no improvement on that reported by Moeller and coworkers⁸ for an analogous reaction in benzene. A second component with a TLC R_f value slightly lower than that of the major product was detected in every reaction. In three cases ($R = \text{Bu}^n$, CH_2Ph , Ph), this compound was present in sufficient quantity for separation by column chromatography. The isomeric *n*-butylamino (**7**) and benzylamino (**10**) compounds were isolated in this way.

Phosphorus and proton NMR data for these bis(amino)-derivatives (**2-11**) are given in Table III. The ^{31}P NMR spectra of the major products of the reactions are of the A_2B_2 type and indicate 2,6-structures. In every spectrum, signals arising from the $\equiv\text{PCl}_2$ groups are downfield from those arising from $\equiv\text{PCl}(\text{NHR})$ groups. This conclusion is borne out by a comparison of the ^{31}P NMR spectra recorded with and without broad band proton decoupling (see Figure).

A 2,6-nongeminal structure was also assigned to the bis(anilino)-derivative prepared by Moeller and co-workers⁸ as its ^{31}P NMR spectrum (16.2 — NMe_2 region of the spectra (Table III). The latter trum of this compound recorded at 36.4 MHz shows two sharp triplets with some minor second-order splittings. The considerable upfield shift of



The ^{31}P FT NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , 36.43 MHz) of 2-*trans*-6- $\text{N}_4\text{P}_4(\text{NHPr})_2\text{Cl}_6$ (**5**); (a) normal spectrum; (b) with broadband proton decoupling.

$\delta_{\text{PCl}(\text{NHPh})}$ for the bis(anilino)-compound (**11**) compared to the analogous chemical shift for the straight-chain alkylamino compounds is presumably due to the shielding of the aromatic group. The nongeminal structure of these bis(amino)-derivatives may also be inferred from the chemical shift of the *N-H* protons³ (Table III).

The $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of the second bis isomer isolated from the reaction of $\text{N}_4\text{P}_4\text{Cl}_8$ (**1**) with *n*-butylamine (or benzylamine) is of the $\text{AA}'\text{BB}'$ type; a 2,4-structure is indicated for compounds (**7**) and (**10**). Thus, the formation of a 2,4-isomer in significant quantities is observed with sluggishly reacting amines as noted earlier for *t*-butylamine.^{2,13}

The phosphorus NMR spectra of the hexadimethylamino derivatives, $\text{N}_4\text{P}_4(\text{NMe}_2)_6(\text{NHR})_2$ (**12-18**) are of the A_2B_2 type, an observation that is consistent with the 2,6-disposition of the primary amino substituents. Their proton NMR spectra contain two doublets¹⁴ in the ratio 2:1 in the — NMe_2 region of the spectra (Table III). The latter observation is only consistent with a 2-*trans*-6

TABLE III

Hydrogen-1 and phosphorus-31 NMR data^a for the cyclophosphazene derivatives, $N_4P_4(NHR)_2Cl_6$ (**2** – **11**) and $N_4P_4(NMe_2)_6(NHR)_2$ (**12** – **18**)

Compound number	R	δ_{NH}	1H δ_{NCH_3}	$\delta_{N(CH_3)_2}$	^{31}P		
2	Me	3.1	2.75 ^b (NHCH ₃)		– 2.2 (broad singlet)		
3	Et ^c	^d	3.12		δ_{PCl_2} – 3.4, $\delta_{P(Cl)(NHEt)}$ – 4.9, $^2J(P - P)$ 46.0 Hz		
4	<i>n</i> -Pr	^d	3.06		– 3.4 (broad singlet)		
5	<i>i</i> -Pr	2.9			δ_{PCl_2} – 4.0, $\delta_{P(Cl)(NHPi^d)}$ – 7.4, $^2J(P - P)$ 38.3 Hz		
6	<i>n</i> -Bu	^d	2.98		δ_{PCl_2} – 3.4, $\delta_{P(Cl)(NHBu^a)}$ – 4.6, $^2J(P - P)$ 40.0 Hz		
7	<i>n</i> -Bu	^d	3.03		AA'BB', centre δ – 3.3		
8	<i>t</i> -Bu ^e	3.1			δ_{PCl_2} – 6.1, $\delta_{P(Cl)(NHBu^f)}$ – 10.6, $^2J(P - P)$ 38.3 Hz		
9	CH ₂ Ph ^f	3.5 ^g	4.22		δ_{PCl_2} – 2.9, $\delta_{P(Cl)(NHCH_2Ph)}$ – 5.5, $^2J(P - P)$ 39.2 Hz		
10	CH ₂ Ph	3.4 ^g	4.05		AA'BB' spectrum ^e		
11	Ph	5.4			δ_{PCl_2} – 3.0, $\delta_{P(Cl)(NHPh)}$ – 12.0, $^2J(P - P)$ 40.3 Hz		
					$\delta_{P(NMe_2)_2}$ $\delta_{P(NMe_2)(NHR)}$ $^2J(P - P)$ Hz		
12	Me ^h	2.1	2.48 (NHCH ₃)	2.60[2] ⁱ 2.64[1]	9.4	10.2	42.5
13	Et ^c	2.1	2.87	2.60[2] 2.63[1]	9.2	6.8	41.2
14	<i>n</i> -Pr	2.2	2.83	2.64[2] 2.67[1]	9.4	7.2	41.5
15	<i>i</i> -Pr	2.1		2.60 ^j	7.7	4.6	41.9
16	<i>n</i> -Bu	2.0	2.8 ₀	2.61[2] 2.63[1]	9.4	7.4	41.2
17	CH ₂ Ph	<i>k</i>	4.09	2.63[2] 2.67[1]	9.6	7.1	40.3
18	Ph	4.91 ^l		2.37[1] 2.67[2]	11.6	0.8	40.8

^a 1H NMR: CDCl₃ solution, TMS as internal standard; $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR: CD₂Cl₂ solution, 85% H₃PO₄ as external reference ($\delta = 0$), upfield shifts are negative.

^b $^3J^*(P-H) = 18.5$ Hz; signal with second order effects.

^c Data from Ref. 1.

^d Obscured by N-CH₂ signal.

^e See Ref. 12.

^f Note reversal of assignment of δ_{PCl_2} and $\delta_{P(Cl)(NHCH_2Ph)}$ from that given in Ref. 12.

^g $^2J(H-H) = 6.5$ Hz.

^h Proton NMR spectrum measured at 220 MHz.

ⁱ Numbers in parentheses refer to relative intensities.

^j Broad lines.

^k Obscured by NMe₂ signals.

^l $^2J(P-H) = 7.0$ Hz.

structure for these products. This arrangement of substituent groups is also implied for the chloro-precursors (**2–4**, **6**, **9**, **11**) provided there is no net inversion of configuration during the dimethylaminolysis reaction.³ Corroborative evidence for the 2-*trans*-6 assignment to the derivatives, $N_4P_4(NHR)_2Cl_6$, R = Me, Et, Prⁿ, Buⁿ, CH₂Ph, is implicit in the observation that these compounds can undergo trans-annular nucleophilic reactions to give bicyclic phosphazenes.¹⁰

The 1H and $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of the hydrochlorides (**14A–16A**) show broader signals than

those observed for the respective free bases (**14–16**); the NHR and NMe₂ resonances for the hydrochloride adducts are deshielded by *ca.* 0.5 and *ca.* 0.05 ppm respectively. The data suggest that protonation occurs at a ring nitrogen atom of these hydrochlorides.^{3,15} The broadening of the signals is probably due to rapid exchange of the proton among the ring nitrogen atoms at ambient temperature.² Further evidence for ring protonation is provided by the upward shift of the ring stretching frequency, $\nu(P=N)$ ¹⁶, in the infrared spectra of the hydrochloride adducts (**14A–16A**) (1290–1300

cm^{-1}) compared to the free bases (**14–16**) ($1260\text{--}1265\text{ cm}^{-1}$). The appearance of bands at $920\text{--}950\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $2620\text{--}2670\text{ cm}^{-1}$ [$\text{P}=\text{N}^+(\text{H})\text{—P}$] in the infrared spectra of these hydrochlorides is also indicative of ring protonation.¹⁵

The NMR spectroscopic data for the dimethylamino derivatives, $\text{N}_4\text{P}_4(\text{NMe}_2)_6(\text{NHR})_2$, are not only useful for deducing the structures of their chloro precursors but they also provide an informative comparison with data for the corresponding bicyclic phosphazenes, $\text{N}_4\text{P}_4(\text{NMe}_2)_5(\text{NHR})(\text{NR})$, particularly when it is difficult to separate the latter from the reaction mixture.¹⁰

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