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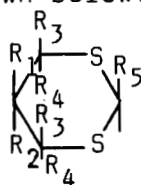
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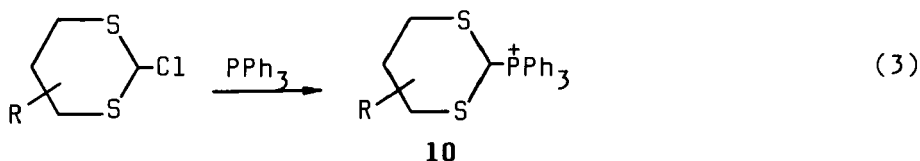
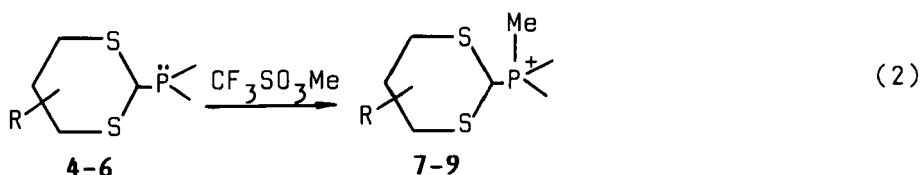
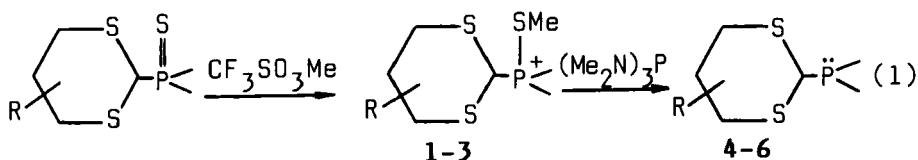
Abstract The synthesis and conformational analysis of 1,3-dithiane, 5,5-dimethyl-1,3-dithiane, 5-tert-butyl-1,3-dithiane and 4,6-dimethyl-1,3-dithiane containing different phosphonium and phosphino groups at the anomeric carbon atom are described.

In the course of our studies¹ on the anomeric effect in 1,3-heteroanes containing organophosphorus substituents we became interested in the conformation of 1,3-dithianes bearing the phosphino and phosphonium groups at the anomeric carbon atom. The conformational behavior of 2-phosphonio-1,3-dithianes was especially interesting in view of the reverse anomeric effect observed for the ammonium substituted heteroanes². In this communication we wish to report the synthesis and conformational analysis of a series of 2-substituted 1,3-dithianes shown below.



R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅									
				MeSP ⁺ Me ₂	MeSP ⁺ PhMe	MeSP ⁺ Ph ₂	P ⁺ Me ₂	P ⁺ PhMe	P ⁺ Ph ₂	P ⁺ Me ₃	P ⁺ Me ₂ Ph	P ⁺ MePh ₂	P ⁺ Ph ₃
H	H	H	H	1a	2a	3a	4a	5a	6a	7a	8a	9a	10a
Me	Me	H	H	1b	2b	3b	4b	5b	6b	7b	8b	9b	10b
Bu ^t	H	H	H	1c	2c	3c	4c	5c	6c	7c	8c	9c	10c
H	Bu ^t	H	H	1d	2d	3d	4d	5d	6d	7d	8d	9d	10d
H	H	H	Me	1e	2e	3e	4e	5e	6e	7e	8e	9e	10e
H	H	Me	H	1f	2f	3f	4f	5f	6f	7f	8f	9f	10f

2-Phosphino-1,3-dithianes **4-6** were prepared from the corresponding thiophosphoryl compounds utilizing alkylation-desulfurization procedure (eq.1) worked out in our Laboratory³. In the case of diastereomeric cis-trans dithianes it is necessary to control the alkylation time because methylthiomethylphenyl- and methylthiodiphenyl-phosphonium salts undergo epimerization. For the same reason it is advantageous to carry out the desulfurization reaction at -60°C .

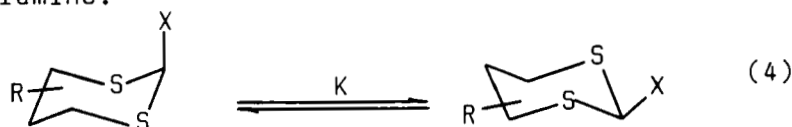


The phosphonium salts **7-9** were obtained by methylation of the phosphines **4-6** with methyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (eq.2) while triphenylphosphonium chlorides **10** were synthesized from the appropriate 2-chloro-1,3-dithianes and triphenylphosphine (eq.3).

The latter reaction with 2-chloro-5-tert-butyl- and 2-chloro-4,6-dimethyl-1,3-dithiane afforded a mixture of the diastereomeric triphenylphosphonium salts in a ratio 9:1. The axial position of the PPh_3^+ -group in major diastereomers was confirmed by X-ray analysis of the diastereomerically pure **10c** and ^1H -, ^{13}C - and ^{31}P NMR studies. Among many spectral parameters which may be used to assign the geometry of the dithianes **4-10**, the δ -effect values in ^{13}C NMR spectra are the most conclusive. Thus, these values are nega-

tive (-2.8 ± 4.8) when the 2-phosphonium or 2-phosphino substituents are axial and positive ($+0.7 \pm 2.4$) when they occupy an equatorial position.

In order to determine the equilibrium constants for the process, shown below, the equilibration of the diastereomeric pairs of 2-phosphonio-1,3-dithianes **8c-8f**, **9c-9f** and **10c-10f** was carried out in dichloromethane- d_2 solutions in the presence of catalytic amounts of triethylamine or diisopropylethylamine.



The equilibrium constants for the conformationally labile 1,3-dithianes were calculated using the γ -effect value as a conformational probe and cis and trans 5-tert-butyl-1,3-dithiane derivatives as reference systems. The correctness of this approach was checked experimentally for **10b** by the low-temperature ^{31}P NMR spectra (-100°C) showing two singlets for both conformers. The calculated and experimentally determined equilibrium constants are collected in Table I.

TABLE I Equilibrium constants for 2-phosphonio-1,3-dithianes (CD_2Cl_2 , 293K)

No	a	b	c,d	e,f
7	1.35	1.29	-	-
8	0.69	0.52	0.34	0.58
9	2.38	1.57	0.83	2.12
10	4.84	3.14	1.74	6.10

The data in Table I reveal that the triphenylphosphonium group shows a tendency to occupy an equatorial position. However, a rather bulky dimethylphenylphosphonium group

shows a small preference for an axial orientation. Similarly, in 5-tert-butyl-1,3-dithiane the methyldiphenylphosphonium group prefers also an axial position. Based on the above observations one can conclude that the reverse anomeric effect is not observed in the 1,3-dithiane systems investigated here and the conformational preference of the 2-phosphino or 2-phosphonium substituents depends on the normal anomeric effect and steric effect (1,3-syn diaxial interactions) operating in opposite directions.

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