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THE FIRST EXAMPLE OF 1,1-σ-COMPLEXES OF PHOSPHORUS NUCLEOPHILES.

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We report on the first phosphorus 1,1- σ -complexes, relatively stable in DMSO. Adducts of this type are important as possible intermediates in nucleophilic aromatic substitution reactions but for phosphorus nucleophiles 1,1- σ -complexes were never detected [1]. We have found that interaction of $\underline{1}$ with $\underline{2}$ in DMSO leads initially to 1,3- σ -complexes $\underline{3}$ which slowly rearrange to 1,1- σ -complexes $\underline{4}$.

PicCHO

1

$$R_2P(X)H$$

2

 $R = Alk, Ph; X = 0, S$

OHC

 $P(X)R_2$
 $O_2N = O_2N$
 $O_2N = O_2N$

The effect of R and X on the σ -complexation and mechanism of 1,3-phosphorotropic rearrangement 3 \rightarrow 4 will be discussed. The results obtained show that nucleophillic phosphorylation of electron-deficient aromatics can, in principle, proceed by addition-elimination S_NAr mechanism. The capability of phosphorus atom to change its coordination number provides new pathways (in particular, those involving five-coordinated intermediates) of aromatic substitution for phosphorus nucleophiles.

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