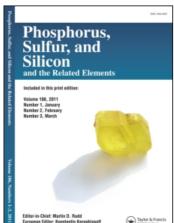
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PREPARATION, REACTIONS, AND NMR STUDIES OF 4-METHYL-4-PHOSPHA-TETRACYCLO [3.3.0.0^{2.8}.0^{3.6}] OCTANE 4-OXIDE AND DERIVATIVES

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The title compound which we¹ and others² have previously synthesized has now been extensively investigated. The tetracyclic phosphonium chloride 1 was prepared by treatment of norbornadiene with CH₃PCl₂ at 65-80°C for one week. Treatment of 1 with AICl₃/CH₂Cl₂ gave 2. Direct or "inverse" addition of water to 2 dictated the stereochemistry of the oxide 3. Stereoassignments of 3 were made based on lanthanide shift -- ¹H and ¹³C nmr studies studies. Extensive 2-D nmr studies (HETCOR, COSY) and triple irradiation experiments enabled chemical shift and coupling constant assignments.

The stereochemistry of conversion of $\underline{3}$ to $\underline{4}$ can be controlled by selection of the reducing reagent. Various derivatives of $\underline{4}$ (sulfide, selenide and salts) were then prepared.

An extensive low-temperature ^{31}P nmr study was made by treatment of the salt 5 with CH₃Li at -70°C. The initial phosphorane (P^V) intermediate ($^{31}P_{=}$ -100 ppm) gave rise to several ring-opened species as the temperature was increased. Structures consistent with these results are proposed.

Detailed ¹H, ¹³C, and ³¹P nmr data as well as studies of ring opening reactions will be presented.

1 R=CI, X=CI 2 R=CI, X=AICI₄ 5 R=CH₃, X=Br 3

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