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SYNTHESIS, COMPLEXES AND METAL EXTRACTION ABILITY OF R¹R²NC(X)NHP(Y)(OPh)₂

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The new 1,1-disubstituted 3-diphenoxy(thio)phosphoryl- (thio)ureas, $R^1R^2NC(X)NHP(OPh)_2$, HA, with X,Y = 0,S, were synthesized by addition of secondary amines to the corresponding P-iso(thio)cyanates. This reaction is reversible if X,Y = S. (PhO)₂P(Y)Cl reacts with H₂NC(X)NR₂ in the presence of an HCl acceptor only if X,Y = 0. Side reactions are observed. Phosphorylated derivatives of biuret were isolated from such a reaction mixture.

The compounds HA are acids forming neutral metal chelates MA_n . The following complexes of HA (X,Y = S) were isolated: CuA, NiA₂, CoA₂ and ZnA₂. Spectroscopic investigations (IR, UV-VIS, NMR, ESCA) and magnetic measurements show that the coordination takes place via the two sulfur atoms in the molecule. It was found by means of 1 H NMR spectroscopy, that the rotation barriers of the terminal NR₂ group are about 60 kJ/mol for the free ligand and rises by chelation.

The thiophosphorylated thioureas HA are excellent extractants for many metal ions. Under equivalent conditions the distribution ratios D of metal ions decrease in the sequence: Ag^{+} , Hg^{2+} , Bi^{3+} , Cd^{2+} , Pb^{2+} , Sc^{3+} , Tm^{3+} , Eu^{3+} , Zn^{2+} , Co^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Fe^{2+} . D drops with increasing acidity of the aqueous phase. The results are compared with results of other bidentate ligands like $(PhO)_2P(X)NHP(Y)(OPh)_2$, $[(PhO)_2P(O)]_nNH[C(O)Ph]_{2-n}$ and $[(PhO)_2P(O)]_nCH_2[C(O)Ph]_{2-n}$ (n = 0, 1, 2).