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Communication

A SIMPLE ROUTE TO 1,4-DIHYDRO-1 λ^5 ,4 λ^5 -DIPHOSPHORINES

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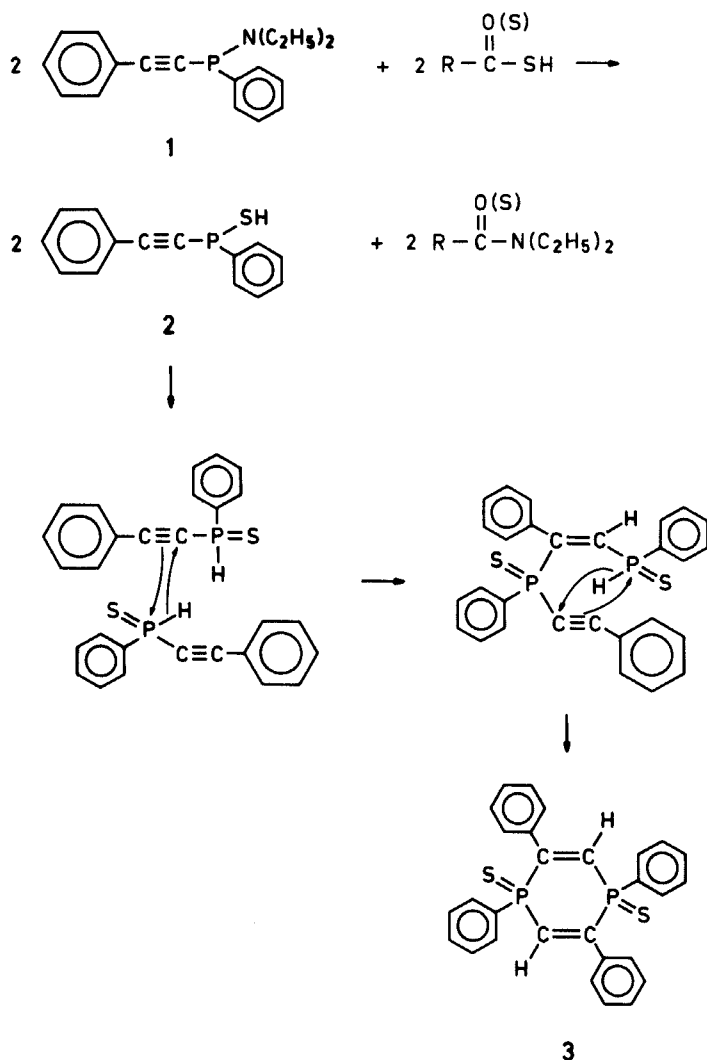
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Reaction between ethynylaminophosphanes with thiobenzoic acid or 3-oxobutanedithioic acid yield 1,4-dihydro-1 λ^5 ,4 λ^5 -diphosphorine 1,4-disulfides. The NMR data and the results of the x-ray structure determination of 1,4-dihydro-1,2,4,5-tetraphenyl-1 λ^5 ,4 λ^5 -diphosphorine 1,4-disulfide are described.

Key words: Dihydro-diphosphorine disulfides; crystal structure; NMR.

INTRODUCTION AND RESULTS

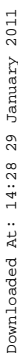
Compounds of the monocyclic 1,4-dihydro-1 λ^5 ,4 λ^5 -diphosphorine (or 1 λ^5 ,4 λ^5 -diphosphadihydrobenzene) class are almost unknown. The first representatives of this class were described by Märkl in 1975.¹ In this paper we describe a simple route to compounds of this type based on the reaction of ethynylaminophosphanes with thiobenzoic acid or 3-oxobutanedithioic acid, $\text{CH}_3\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{S})\text{SH}$. Reaction of the latter with phenyl(phenylethynyl)diethylaminophosphane **1** (Scheme I), for example, gives 1,4-dihydro-1,2,4,5-tetraphenyl-1 λ^5 ,4 λ^5 -diphosphorine 1,4-disulfide **3**, isolated after recrystallization from chloroform in the form of a colorless crystalline solvate that decomposes rapidly in air with loss of chloroform. We assume that the reaction proceeds via phenyl(phenylethynyl)mercaptophosphane **2**, which then rearranges to phenyl(phenylethynyl)phosphane sulfide. Two successive additions (one inter-, the other intramolecular) of P—H to the triple bond result in the formation of **3**.²



SCHEME I

Crystals of **3** recrystallized from 1,2-dichloroethane are solvent-free. They melt at 287°C. In the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (C_6D_6 , 85% H_3PO_4 reference) of **3**, the chemical shift is at 17.0 ppm. The $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}, ^{31}\text{P}\}$ NMR spectrum (C_6D_6 , TMS reference) of **3** shows chemical shifts for the endocyclic carbon atoms at 134.6 ppm (methyne C) and 144.6 ppm. The associated $^1\text{J}(\text{PC})$ values of 77.8 Hz and 73.0 Hz and the $^3\text{J}(\text{PP})$ value of 44.1 Hz were extracted from the ^{13}C satellites in the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum, which comprises the AB portion of an ABX spin system.³ The $^1\text{H}\{^{31}\text{P}\}$ NMR spectrum (C_6D_6 , TMS reference) of **3** shows a broad singlet for the olefinic hydrogen atoms with a chemical shift of 6.75 ppm.

The NMR data, together with the results of the X-ray structure determination (see Figure 1), confirm the structure of **3**.



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by differential Fourier synthesis. The calculations were done with SHELXTL,⁴ PLATON,⁵ and SCHAKAL.⁶ Atomic coordinates, bond lengths, bond angles, and thermal parameters are available on request from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.

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