Synthesis and Structure of [Ph₃MeP]₃[Sb₃I₁₂]·Me₂C=O, [Ph₃MeP]₃[Sb₂I₉], [Ph₃MeP]₂[SbI₅], and [Ph₃MeP]₃[Sb₃I₁₂] Antimony Complexes

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Abstract—Complexes [Ph₃MeP]₃[Sb₃I₁₂]Me₂C=O (I), [Ph₃MeP]₃[Sb₂I₉] (II), and [Ph₃MeP]₂[SbI₅] (III) were obtained via the reaction of triphenylphosphonium iodide with antimony triiodide in acetone in 1:1, 3:2 and 2:1 molar ratios. Reaction of the complex III with antimony triiodide (1:1) affords [Ph₃MeP]₃[Sb₃I₁₂] (IV). The structure of the obtained complexes was confirmed by X-ray analysis.

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We have previously shown that the reaction of equimolar amounts of triphenylpentylphosphonium or triphenylpropylphosphonium iodide with antimony triiodide in an aprotic solvent results in the addition complexes containing the binuclear doubly charged anion, and the solvent is involved into the coordination sphere of the antimony atom: [Ph₃AmP]₂[Sb₂I₈· 2DMSO], [Ph₃PrP]₂[Sb₂I₈· 2C₄H₈O₂] [1].

The aim of this work is studying the reactions of antimony triiodide with triphenylphosphonium iodide in different molar ratios in acetone and determining the structure of the obtained complexes with Sb,I-containing anions.

The reaction of Ph₃MePI with SbI₃ in a 1:1 molar ratio produces the red-orange complex containing a trinuclear triply charged anion, which crystallizes as [Ph₃MeP]₃[Sb₃I₁₂]Me₂C=O solvate (I), mp 138°C.

$$3[Ph_3MeP]I + 3SbI_3 \xrightarrow{Me_2C=O} [Ph_3MeP]_3[Sb_3I_{12}] \cdot Me_2C=O.$$

Comparison of the structure of complexes obtained in [1] and complex I shows that the nature of the alkyl substituent of the phosphonium cation and the solvent nature influence the anions structure. Unlike DMSO and dioxane, acetone is not included into the coordination sphere of the antimony atom, but it presents in the crystal cell as a solvate molecule.

According to the X-ray diffraction (XRD), in the complex **I** crystal there are three types of the crystallographically independent [Ph₃MeP]⁺ cations, where the phosphorus atoms have a tetrahedral coordination (Fig. 1), the CPC bond angles [107.7(2)°–111.7(3)°] deviate slightly from the theoretical value (109°28'). The P–C bond lengths vary in the range of 1.776(6)–1.805(6) Å (Table 1).

In the anion the antimony atoms are hexacoordinated. In the octahedron ISbI trans-angles vary in the range of $163.45(2)^{\circ}-178.03(2)^{\circ}$. The antimony atoms lie in one plane. The iodine atoms perform a variety of structural features: there are the terminal iodine atoms (monodentate) I_{term}, bridging (bidentate) I_b and one tridentate iodine atom I_t. The average Sb-I_{term} bond lengths are 2.8231(9) Å [2.8014(9)– 2.8450(9) Å], Sb–I_b 3.1833(8) Å [2.9455(8)–3.4118(8) Å], Sb- I_t 3.2867(8) [3.2685(9)-3.3180(9) Å]. The average Sb–I bond length is slightly greater than the sum of the covalent radii of antimony and iodine atoms and is much less than the sum of their van der Waals radii (2.71 and 4.3 Å, respectively [2]). The average bond length value increases with increasing the coordination number of iodine atom.

Note that the anions $[Sb_3I_{12}]^{3-}$ containing μ_3 -iodine have not been reported earlier.

The intermolecular contacts involving the oxygen lone pair of the acetone molecules in the crystal are not

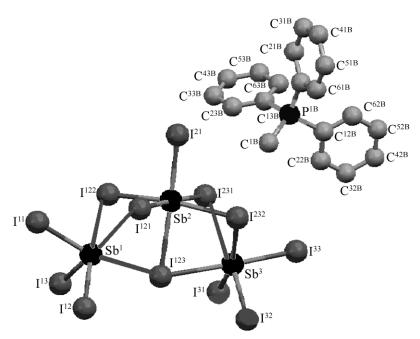


Fig. 1. Structure of one of the cations and anions of I (the acetone solvate molecule is not shown).

observed. Apparently, the absence of the significant intermolecular interactions causes the easy acetone removal from the crystals at room temperature. Thus, after 4–5 weeks the melting points of the crystals changes and becomes equal to 136°C.

The anions are united into the chains extending along the crystallographic *a* axis due to the interactions of I···I type (Fig. 2). The I···I distances are 3.922 Å while the van der Waals radii sum in 4.2 Å [2]. Cations are located between the anions chains. The cations and

anions are connected by the multiple intermolecular I···H–C hydrogen bonds. The I···H distances are 3.10–3.18 Å for the van der Waals radii sum of 3.3 Å [2].

An increase in the concentration of antimony triiodide in the reaction mixture with triphenylmethylphosphonium iodide does not change the complex composition and anion structure. Thus, regardless of the molar ratio of antimony triiodide and triphenylmethylphosphonium iodide (1:1, 1:1.5, 1:2 and 1:3) the same product **I** was obtained. In contrast, the

Table 1. Bonds lengths and valence angles in the structures I, II and IV

Во	nd d, Å	Angle	e ω, deg	Bone	d d, Å	Angle	ω, deg		
I									
$Sb^{1}-I^{11}$	2.8132(9)	$I^{11}Sb^{1}I^{12}$	97.494(16)	Sb^2-I^{123}	3.2735(10)	$I^{21}Sb^2Sb^3$	130.346(13)		
Sb^1-I^{12}	2.8224(7)	$I^{11}Sb^{1}I^{122}$	89.393(15)	$Sb^2 - I^{231}$	3.1110(8)	$I^{21}Sb^2I^{121}$	91.139(15)		
$Sb^{1}-I^{13}$	2.8042(7)	I ¹¹ Sb ¹ I ¹²³	166.667(16)	Sb ² –I ²³²	3.0972(8)	$I^{21}Sb^2I^{123}$	178.031(15)		
$Sb^{1}-I^{121}$	3.4118(8)	$I^{12}Sb^{1}I^{121}$	101.39(3)	Sb ³ –I ³¹	2.8314(8)	$I^{21}Sb^2I^{231}$	91.133(14)		
$Sb^{1}-I^{122}$	3.3154(8)	$I^{12}Sb^{1}I^{122}$	172.654(15)	Sb ³ –I ^{31A}	2.831(5)	$I^{121}Sb^2Sb^3$	123.389(16)		
$Sb^{1}-I^{123}$	3.3180(9)	$I^{13}Sb^{1}I^{12}$	92.68(3)	Sb ³ –I ³²	2.8014(8)	$I^{121}Sb^2I^{123}$	87.605(13)		
$Sb^2 - I^{21}$	2.8450(9)	$I^{13}Sb^{1}I^{121}$	163.451(16)	Sb^3-I^{32A}	2.888(6)	$I^{121}Sb^2I^{231}$	177.312(16)		
$Sb^2 - I^{121}$	2.9505(8)	$I^{13}Sb^{1}I^{122}$	89.25(3)	$Sb^3 - I^{33}$	2.8443(8)	$I^{121}Sb^2I^{232}$	94.43(2)		
Sb ² –I ¹²²	2.9455(8)	I ¹²² Sb ¹ I ¹²¹	75.73(2)						

Table 1. (Contd.)

Bond d, Å		Angle ω , deg		Bond d, Å		Angle ω, deg	
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$Sb^{1}-I^{123}$	3.1023(4)	$I^{123}Sb^{1}I^{121}$	85.156(11)	Sb^2-I^{23}	2.8554(4)	$I^{22}Sb^2I^{123}$	171.715(14)
$Sb^{1}-I^{122}$	3.2365(4)	$I^{13}Sb^{1}I^{122}$	94.306(12)	Sb ² –I ²²	2.8979(5)	$C^{1B}P^{1B}C^{11B}$	108.0(2)
Sb^1-I^{13}	2.9072(4)	$I^{13}Sb^{1}I^{121}$	174.166(14)	Sb^2-I^{21}	2.8485(4)	$C^{1B}P^{1B}C^{12B}$	109.7(2)
$Sb^{1}-I^{12}$	2.9369(4)	$I^{12}Sb^{1}I^{121}$	94.539(12)	P ^{1B} -C ^{1B}	1.785(5)	$C^{1B}P^{1B}C^{13B}$	108.8(2)
$Sb^{1}-I^{121}$	3.1858(4)	$I^{121}Sb^1I^{122}$	83.840(11)	P ^{1B} -C ^{11B}	1.786(5)	$C^{11B}P^{1B}C^{13B}$	111.5(2)
Sb^1-I^{11}	2.8621(4)	$I^{11}Sb^{1}I^{122}$	172.571(15)	P ^{1B} -C ^{12B}	1.786(5)	$C^{12B}P^{1B}C^{11B}$	110.0(2)
$Sb^2 - I^{123}$	3.1895(5)	$I^{11}Sb^{1}I^{121}$	88.759(12)	P ^{1B} -C ^{13B}	1.794(5)	$C^{12B}P^{1B}C^{13B}$	108.7(2)
	l	l		IV			I
Sb^1-I^{11}	2.7953(9)	$I^{11}Sb^{1}I^{12}$	94.01(3)	$Sb^3 - I^{123}$	3.2599(9)	$I^{232}Sb^2I^{231}$	83.84(2)
$Sb^{1}\!\!-\!\!I^{12}$	2.8146(9)	$I^{11}Sb^{1}I^{121}$	161.25(3)	Sb ³ -I ²³¹	3.3701(11)	$I^{31}Sb^{3}I^{123}$	93.89(3)
$Sb^{1}-I^{13}$	2.8120(9)	$I^{11}Sb^{1}I^{123}$	91.63(3)	Sb ³ –I ²³²	3.2680(10)	$I^{31}Sb^{3}I^{232}$	169.05(4)
$Sb^{1}-I^{121}$	3.4405(10)	$I^{12}Sb^{1}I^{121}$	102.28(3)	P ^{1A} -C ^{11A}	1.800(11)	$I^{32}Sb^3I^{33}$	95.45(3)
$Sb^{1}-I^{122}$	3.2899(9)	$I^{12}Sb^{1}I^{122}$	171.59(3)	P ^{1A} -C ^{12A}	1.805(11)	$I^{32}Sb^3I^{123}$	86.42(3)
$Sb^{1}-I^{123}$	3.3017(9)	$I^{12}Sb^{1}I^{123}$	93.53(3)	P ^{1A} -C ^{13A}	1.788(11)	$I^{32}Sb^3I^{231}$	167.95(3)
$Sb^2 - I^{21}$	2.8490(9)	$I^{13}Sb^{1}I^{123}$	166.82(3)	P ^{1A} -C ^{1A}	1.799(11)	$I^{33}Sb^3I^{31}$	96.01(3)
$Sb^2 - I^{121}$	2.9385(9)	I ¹²² Sb ¹ I ¹²¹	75.15(2)	P ^{1B} -C ^{11B}	1.801(12)	$I^{33}Sb^3I^{123}$	169.72(3)
$Sb^2 - I^{122}$	2.9497(9)	$I^{21}Sb^2I^{121}$	91.88(3)	P ^{1B} -C ^{12B}	1.781(10)	$I^{232}Sb^3I^{231}$	76.98(2)
$Sb^2 - I^{123}$	3.2136(9)	$I^{21}Sb^2I^{123}$	177.96(3)	P ^{1B} -C ^{13B}	1.792(11)	$C^{11A}P^{1A}C^{12A}$	111.2(5)
$Sb^2 - I^{231}$	3.0963(9)	$I^{21}Sb^2I^{232}$	96.54(3)	P ^{1B} -C ^{1B}	1.748(12)	$C^{13A}P^{1A}C^{11A}$	108.5(5)
$Sb^2 - I^{232}$	3.0884(9)	I ¹²¹ Sb ² I ¹²³	87.48(2)	P ^{1C} -C ^{11C}	1.786(10)	$C^{13A}P^{1A}C^{12A}$	110.2(5)
$Sb^{3}-I^{31}$	2.8495(12)	I ¹²¹ Sb ² I ²³¹	176.00(3)	P ^{1C} -C ^{12C}	1.798(11)	$C^{13A}P^{1A}C^{1A}$	109.3(5)
$Sb^{3}-I^{32}$	2.8105(11)	I ¹²¹ Sb ² I ²³²	94.29(3)	P ^{1C} -C ^{13C}	1.786(10)	$C^{1A}P^{1A}C^{11A}$	110.0(5)
$Sb^{3}-I^{33}$	2.8375(10)	I ¹²² Sb ² I ²³²	169.58(3)	P ^{1C} -C ^{1C}	1.775(11)	$C^{1A}P^{1A}C^{12A}$	107.7(5)

increase in the triphenylmethylphosphonium iodide concentration in the initial solution affects the composition and structure of the complex. The reaction of antimony triiodide with triphenylmethylphosphonium iodide in 3:2 molar ratio results in the formation of $[Ph_3MeP]_3[Sb_2I_9]$ complex (II).

$$3[Ph_3MeP]I + 2SbI_3 \rightarrow [Ph_3MeP]_3[Sb_2I_9].$$

The complex **II** is orange crystals melting at 188°C. The structure of the complex **II** was determined by the X-ray diffraction analysis (Fig. 3). Coordination of the phosphorus atoms in the three

types of crystallographically independent [Ph₃PMe]⁺ cations is close to tetrahedral: CPC angles are 107.2(2)°-113.0(2)°, P-C distances vary in the range of 1.783(5)-1.797(5) Å. Thus, the geometric parameters of the cations in the complexes **I** and **II** differ only slightly (Table 1).

In the binuclear anion $[Sb_2I_9]^{3-}$ the antimony atoms have octahedral coordination, the terminal SbI_3 fragments are in virtually eclipsed conformations. The axial ISbI angles are $169.90(1)^{\circ}-174.17(1)^{\circ}$. The $I_{term}SbI_b$ angles between the terminal and bridging bonds vary in the range of $81.96(1)^{\circ}-95.88(1)^{\circ}$; the

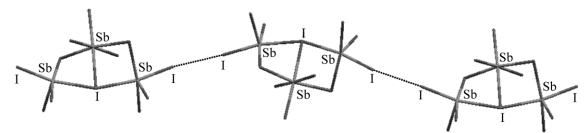


Fig. 2. The $[Sb_3I_{12}]^{3-}$ ions chain in the crystal of I.

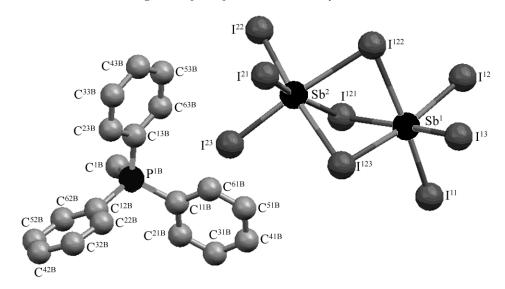


Fig. 3. The structure of II.

 $I_{term}SbI_{term}$ angles between the terminal bonds are in the range from $90.78(1)^{\circ}$ to $95.55(1)^{\circ}$. The SbI_bSb [77.41(1)°–80.67(1)°] and I_bSbI_b angles [84.24(1)°–86.32(1)°] in the [Sb_2I_2] metallocycles are much less than 90° . The pair distances $Sb-I_b$ between the antimony and bridging iodine atoms are not equivalent and equal 3.1023(4)–3.2770(4) Å. The $Sb-I_{term}$ bond lengths [2.8485(4)–2.9369(4) Å] are smaller than $Sb-I_{br}$. In the crystal of \mathbf{H} the anions are isolated. Cations and anions are connected by the multiple intermolecular hydrogen $I\cdots H-C$ bonds.

A further increase in the concentration of triphenylmethylphosphonium iodide in the reactions with antimony triiodide (2:1) leads to the formation of $[Ph_3MeP]_2[SbI_5]$ complex (III) as bright yellow crystals with mp 180°C.

$$2[Ph_3MeP]I + SbI_3 \rightarrow [Ph_3MeP]_2[SbI_5].$$

Previously, we obtained similarly a bismuth complex $[Ph_3MeP]_2[BiI_5]$, in which the $[BiI_5]^{2-}$ anion has the ideal trigonal-bipiramidal configuration [3].

When adding an equimolar amount of antimony triiodide to the complex III acetone solution, the complex IV is formed, which composition differs from that for the complex I only in the absence of acetone solvate. The geometric parameters of the cation and anion of IV are practically coincided with those parameters of the compex I.

$$3[Ph_3MeP]_2[SbI_5] + 3SbI_3 \rightarrow 2[Ph_3MeP]_3[Sb_3I_{12}].$$
IV

In the crystal of the complex **IV** there are three types of the crystallographically independent cations. Coordination of the phosphorus atoms in the $[Ph_3PMe]^+$ cation (Fig. 4) is close to tetrahedral [CPC $107.(5)^\circ-111.6(5)^\circ$, P-C 1.748(12)-1.805(11) Å].

In the $[Sb_3I_{12}]^{3-}$ trinuclear anions the antimony atoms have octahedral coordination; the iodine atoms are characterized by the coordination numbers 1, 2, and 3. The axial ISbI angles are $161.25(3)^{\circ}-177.96(3)^{\circ}$. The $I_{term}SbI_{term}$ angles between the terminal bonds vary in the range of $91.84(2)^{\circ}-97.63(3)^{\circ}$. The SbI_3 terminal fragments $[Sb-I_{term}\ 2.7953(9)-3.0963(9)\ Å]$ are almost

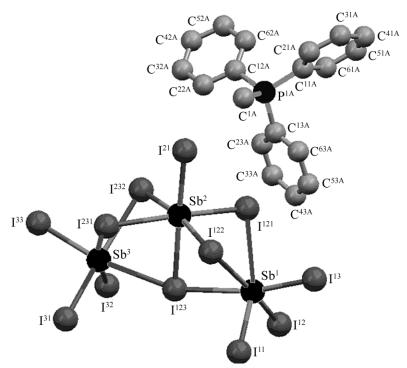


Fig. 4. The structure of one of the cations and anions of IV.

in the eclipsed conformations. Pair distances between the antimony and bridging iodine atoms [Sb– I_b 2.9497(9)–3.4405(10) Å] are not equivalent. The distances between the iodine atoms with the coordination number 3 (Sb– I_{term}) and the antimony atoms are 3.2136(9), 3.2599(9) and 3.3017(9) Å. The average values of the Sb– I_{term} , Sb– I_b and Sb– I_t bonds lengths are 2.8764(9), 3.2342(9) and 3.2584(9) Å, respectively.

The geometric parameters of the complexes I and IV are very similar, suggesting that the presence of the acetone solvate molecules in the crystals of I has no significant effect on the bond lengths and angles in the cations and anions. In crystals of IV the I···I distance in the anions chains are 3.917 Å. The weak I···H–I hydrogen bonds are observed between the cations and anions.

Thus, the initial reagents ratio defines the composition and structure of the complex anion of the adduct formed in the reactions of antimony iodide with methyltriphenylphosphonium iodide. The complexes **I–IV** acetone and dimethyl sulfoxide solutions are found to conduct electricity.

EXPERIMENTAL

The IR spectra were recorded on a FTIR 1201 spectrometer from KBr pellets. X-ray diffraction was

performed on a Bruker-Nonius X8Apex diffractometer (MoK_{α} -radiation, λ 0.71073 Å, graphite monochromator). The data collection as well as the unit cell parameters editing and refinement were made with SADABS [4], SMART and SAINT-Plus programs [5]. All calculations were performed with SHELXL/PC program [6]. The main crystallographic data and refinement of the structures **I**, **II**, **IV** are shown in Table 2, the main bond lengths and angles in Table 1.

Complex I. A mixture of 0.60 g (1.50 mmol) of triphenylmethylphosphonium iodide, 0.75 g (1.50 mmol) of antimony iodide and 30 ml of acetone was kept at room temperature for 24 h. Reddish-orange crystals are formed. Yield 1.21 g (87%), mp 138°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 616, 685, 717, 741, 785, 996, 1113, 1169, 1189, 1331, 1440, 1484, 1589, 1706, 2901, 2974, 3051. Found, %: C 25.39; H 2.53. $C_{60}H_{60}OI_{12}P_3Sb_3$. Calculated, %: C 25.91; H 2.16.

Complex II. A mixture of 0.60 g (1.50 mmol) of triphenylmethylphosphonium iodide and 0.50 g (1.00 mmol) of antimony(III) iodide and 30 ml of acetone was kept at room temperature for 24 h. Reddish-orange crystals are formed. Yield 1.00 g (91%), mp 188°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 434, 510, 686, 714, 738, 786, 890, 998, 1118, 1166, 1338, 1438, 1482, 1586, 2903, 2971, 3055. Found, %: C 29.18; H 2.47. $C_{57}H_{54}I_9P_3Sb_2$. Calculated, %: C 29.23; H 2.31.

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Table 2. Crystallographic data, experiment and refinement parameters for the structures I, II and IV

D		Value					
Parameter	I	Ш	IV				
M	2778.04	2217.51	2719.96				
<i>T</i> , K	100.0(2)	100.0(2)	100.0(2)				
Crystal system	Rhombic	Monoclinic	Rhombic				
Space group	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	P2 ₁ /c	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$				
a, Å	12.688(4)	24.0594(7)	12.6185(3)				
b, Å	20.257(6)	14.6930(4)	20.0383(5)				
c, Å	30.300(8)	18.9255(5)	30.1373(8)				
β, deg	_	93.0630(10)	_				
V, Å ³	7788(4)	6680.7(3)	7620.3(3)				
Z	4	4	4				
$d_{\rm calc}$, g cm ⁻³	2.369	2.205	2.371				
μ, mm ⁻¹	5.887	5.073	6.012				
F(000)	5048	4080	4920				
Crystal form (size, mm)	Prism (0.39×0.24×0.22)	Plate (0.19×0.06×0.02)	Prism (0.28×0.19×0.17				
Collection data range on θ , deg	1.21–37.65	1.76–31.55	1.22–29.83				
Reflections indices intervals	$-21 \le h \le 20$, $-34 \le k \le 19$, $-37 \le l \le 50$	$-32 \le h \le 33$, $-17 \le k \le 20$, $-22 \le l \le 26$	$-16 \le h \le 8,$ $-28 \le k \le 27,$ $-39 \le l \le 39$				
Reflections measured	38330	19136	19085				
Independent reflections	30733	13285	16095				
Refinement variables	727	643	671				
GOOF	1.005	1.027	0.853				
<i>R</i> -Factors on $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$	$R_1 0.0474,$	R_1 0.0357,	R_1 0.0449,				
	$wR_2 \ 0.0765$	$wR_2 \ 0.0540$	$wR_2 \ 0.1187$				
R-Factors on all reflections	R_1 0.0665,	R_1 0.0726,	R_1 0.0590,				
	$wR_2 \ 0.0863$	$wR_2 \ 0.0616$	$wR_2 \ 0.1317$				
Residual electron density (min/max), e A ⁻³	1.468/–1.561	-1.022/1.089	-1.693/1.917				

Complex III. A mixture of 0.81 g (2.00 mmol) triphenylmethylphosphonium iodide, 0.50 g (1.00 mmol) of antimony(III) iodide and 30 ml of acetone was kept at room temperature for 24 h. Reddish-orange crystals are formed. Yield 1.20 g (92%), mp 180°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 440, 508, 691, 722, 738, 790, 889, 1001, 1112, 1163, 1191, 1318, 1334, 1438, 1481,

1589, 2904, 2979, 3047. Found, %: C 34.47; H 2.64. $C_{38}H_{36}I_{5}P_{2}Sb.$ Calculated, %: C 34.78; H 2.75.

Complex IV. A mixture of 0.39 g (0.30 mmol) of compound **III** and 0.15 g (0.30 mmol) of antimony triiodide of antimony(III) iodide and 30 ml of acetone was kept at room temperature for 24 h. Reddish-orange

crystals form. Yield 0.47 g (87%), mp 136°C. IR spectrum, v, cm $^{-1}$: 689, 721, 744, 783, 888, 997, 1118, 1169, 1188, 1337, 1442, 1485, 2900, 2974, 3056. Found, %: C 25.07; H 2.02. $C_{57}H_{54}I_{12}P_3Sb_3$. Calculated, %: C 25.14; H 1.98.

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