Synthesis and Structure of Phosphorylated Acetals

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Abstract—The Kabachnik–Fields reaction in a triple system (aminoacetal–paraform–diethyphosphite) resulted in the formation of the previously unknown aminophosphonates that contained the acetyl group and also their monoesters. Structures of the products were confirmed by ¹H NMR, IR spectra and X-ray diffraction analysis. The MALDI mass spectra indicated that the presence of *N*-hydroxyethoxyphosphorylmethylaminomethyl groups underlies the ability of these compounds to self-assembly with the formation of *n*-dimensional H-bonded associations.

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Search for ligands that are capable to form new biologically active complexes with metal ions and organic substrates is an actual trend in bioorganic and supramolecular chemistry [1, 2]. Synthesis of the aminophosphonate group containing receptors that are able to form complex compounds and demonstrate variable biological activity is quite promising [3–7]. It is established that such compounds and their derivatives are applied as amino acids and metal cations carriers as well as promoters of biological accessibility of medical drugs [8-10]. Aminophosphonates complexes with actinides are suggested for application in medical diagnostics [4]. The modification of substituents at N and P atoms can lead to compounds possessing selectivity towards certain kinds of organic and inorganic substrates. In this respect the synthesis of acetals functionalized with the aminophosphonate groups is of pronounced interest.

It is established that aminoacetals and their derivatives are universal structural blocks in synthesis of new heterocycles [11, 12], derivatives of diarylmethane series [13, 14] and calix[4]resorcinarene macrocycles [15]. The presence of phosphonate fragments in aminoacetals allows application of the latter in design-

ing of new phosphorus-containing linear polyphenols, macro(hetero)cyclic structures that are prone to selective recognition of substrates based on principles of multi-points bonding and exhibiting specific complexes formation activity.

In earlier research [16] of reaction of calix[4] resorcinarenes with phosphorylated α -aminoacetal \mathbf{Ia} and formaldehyde we had obtained in high yields previously unknown macrocyclic receptors that contained [N-diethoxyphosphorylmethyl-N-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)amino]methyl fragments on the upper rim of the molecule. It is also known that the necessary condition for effective recognition is the presence of a fragment with a negative charge in the molecule of a receptor [3]. Based on the above the synthesis of calix-[4]resorcinarenes containing charged phosphorus-containing fragments on the upper rim of molecules was of certain interest.

In the present study the reaction of diethylacetal of aminobutyraldehyde with diethylphosphite and paraformaldehyde with the ratio of starting compounds 1:1:1 in the presence of p-toluenesulfonic acid (Kabachnik–Fields reaction) resulted in the formation of the new phosphorylated γ -aminoacetal **IIb**.

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} O \\ \\ H_2N(CH_2)_nCH(OR)_2 + CH_2O + & HP(OEt)_2 \\ \end{array} \xrightarrow{\Delta, C_6H_6} \begin{array}{c} O \\ \\ \\ -H_2O \end{array} \xrightarrow{(EtO)_2PCH_2NH(CH_2)_nCH(OR)_2} \\ \end{array}$$

$$n = 1$$
, R = Me (**Ia, IIa**); $n = 3$, R = Et (**Ib, IIb**).

The reaction completed within 3 h followed with the neutralization of the reaction mixture with potassium carbonate, filtering off the precipitate, evaporation of the filtrate in a vacuum of a water-jet pump, and its distillation in a vacuum of an oil-pump.

Aiming at preparation of acetals with charged aminophosphate fragments in the molecules compounds **Ha**, **Hb** were subjected to hydrolysis. It was shown that under mild conditions (acetone, room temperature) a selective hydrolysis of one alkoxy group at P atom occurred to give monoethyl esters of aminoethylphosphonic acids **HHa**, **HIB**.

$$(EtO)_{2}PCH_{2}NH(CH_{2})_{n}CH(OR)_{2}$$

$$IIa, IIb$$

$$EtO$$

$$O = -PCH_{2}^{+}NH_{2}(CH_{2})_{n}CH(OR)_{2}$$

$$n = 1$$
, R = Me (IIa, IIIa); $n = 3$, R = Et (IIb, IIIb).

The structure of compounds **IIb**, **IIIa**, **IIIb** was established by ¹H, ³¹P NMR spectroscopy, XRD analysis of compounds **IIIa**, **IIIb**, the composition was determined with MALDI mass spectrometry and element analysis.

The ¹H NMR spectrum of **IIb** contained a doublet signals of the methylene groups (3.13 ppm) that indicated the formation of the P–CH₂–N bonds. The

methyl and methylene groups of the ethoxy radical bonded to the methine carbon were nonequivalent as showed two triplets (1.17, 1.18 ppm) and two multiplets (3.41–3.51, 3.58–3.66 ppm) respectively. In the IR spectrum of **IIb** absorption bands appeared assigned to the following bonds: P–O–C (1041, 1066 cm⁻¹), C–O–C (1135, 1108 cm⁻¹), P=O (1220 cm⁻¹), NH (3440 cm⁻¹).

Products IIIa, IIIb were white crystalline compounds soluble in water and ethanol. ³¹P NMR spectra of IIIa, IIIb contained singlet signals at 8.5 and 11.7 ppm respectively that indicated the homogeneity of obtained compounds. The N-methylene group signals in ¹H NMR spectrum of IIIa, IIIb were registered at 3.04-3.08 ppm and the methine proton of the acetal group, as a triplet at (4.60–5.00 ppm), whereas in the spectra of IIa, IIb the signals of the corresponding protons were registered at (2.70-2.80 ppm) and (4.49 ppm) respectively. In the IR spectra of IIIa, IIIb the absorption bands of the following bonds were observed: P-O-C (1041-1082 cm⁻¹), C-O-C (1108-1135 cm⁻¹), P=O (1220 cm⁻¹), NH_2^+ (1610–1613, 2236–2764, 3440–3424 cm⁻¹). The downfield shift of the methine and methylene protons bonded to the N atom in the NMR spectra and the analysis of IR spectra indicate that the compounds IIIa, **IIIb** were zwitter ionic.

XRD study of monoesters of aminophosphonates **IIIa**, **IIIb** was aimed at the determination of their spatial structure.

The geometry of compounds **IIIa**, **IIIb** is presented in the corresponding Figs. 1 and 2. According to the

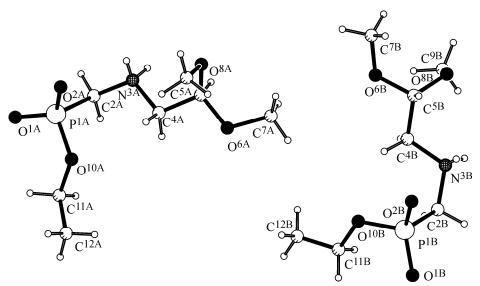


Fig. 1. General view of a molecule of compound IIIa in a crystal.

data in the asymmetrical part of the unit cell of the compound IIIa two independent molecules are present and in the unit cell of **IIIb** there is one molecule. Geometrical characteristics of the molecules of crystalline compounds IIIa and IIIb, i.e. bonds length and bonds angles, are within the range typical of each type of bonds. The presence of H-bond centers in the molecules leads to formation of infinitely long parallel zig-zag chains in both compounds. In compound IIIa the parallel chains were directed along the diagonal b0c and formed by the H-bonds NH···O between the molecules A and B separately (Fig. 3). Similar chains in the crystalline compound IIIb were directed along the 0a axis and bonded by CH···O interactions weaker than NH···O bonds, forming layers in the a0b plain (Fig. 4, Table 1).

MALDI mass spectra of compounds **IIIa**, **IIIb** that contained the hydroxy group revealed the trend in these compounds to self-assembly with the formation of dimeric, trimeric, and tetrameric H-bonded associations of the following composition $[M_n]H^+$ (n = 2-4). Figure 5 demonstrates as an example the mass spectrum of compound **IIIa**.

A number of signals of ions in mass spectrum of **IIIa** makes it possible to suggest that the molecules are involved in intermolecular interactions leading to the formation both of ions $[nM + H]^+$ and the salts with Na⁺ and K⁺. The mass spectrum contains a protonated molecular ion $[M + H]^+$ (m/z 228) and the corresponding cationated forms m/z 250 and 266 (Fig. 5). The composition of the claster ions is presented in

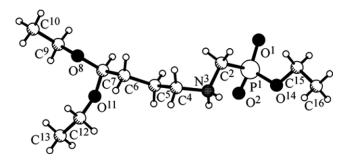


Fig. 2. Geometry of a molecule of compound IIIb in a crystal.

Table 2. The similar pattern was observed in the mass spectrum of compound IIIb. The results were supported by measuring the exact masses and composition of the most informative molecular and fragment ions in the spectra of compounds IIIa, IIIb.

On the contrary the mentioned above associates were not formed by compounds \mathbf{Ha} , \mathbf{Hb} . Their mass spectra contained only entirely protonated $[M+H]^+$ and cationated $[M+Na]^+$ and $[M+K]^+$ ions. Presumably these compounds were not able to form intermolecular hydrogen bonds of the type $CH_2NH\cdots O=P$ that could have led to associates. Thus the formation of dimeric and trimeric structures could result from the existence intermolecular hydrogen bonds of the type $P-OH\cdots O=P$ [3]. This conclusion is supported indirectly by the fact that addition of salts of univalent cations Li^+ , Na^+ , K^+ , Cs^+ to species \mathbf{HIa} , \mathbf{HIb} led to disintegration of the associates. In the corresponding mass spectra there were registered only cationated ions salts of metals.

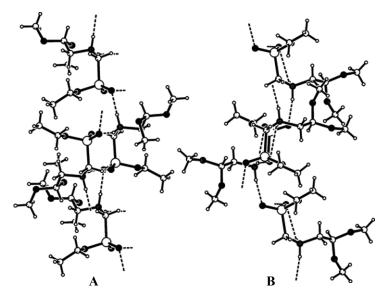


Fig. 3. Hydrogen bonds system in a crystal of compound IIIa.

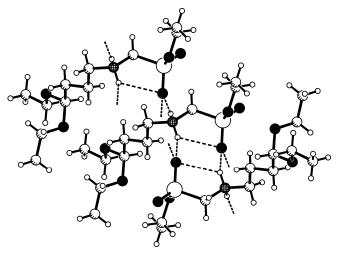


Fig. 4. Hydrogen bonds system in a crystal of compound IIIb.

The established properties of the synthesized compounds and also the presence of acetal and secondary amino groups in their molecules provide a possibility of their application as precursors in targeted design of new linear and macrocyclic ligands prone to self-association and selective recognition of substrates.

EXPERIMENTAL

 1H and ^{31}P NMR spectra were registered on a spectrometer by Bruker AVANCE-400 at operating frequency 400 and 100.62 MHz respectively. IR spectra were recorded on a spectrophotometer UR-20 in the range 400–3600 cm $^{-1}$ from mulls in mineral oil, MALDI mass spectra were measured on an instrument ULTRAFLEX III. Measurements were made using plastic and metal plates. 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid was used as a matrix. On the plates were applied in succession 0.50 μL of matrix solution (0.1% in ethanol), 0.5 μL solution of specimens under study (0.010 and 0.002% solutions in ethanol), and in case of

additional ionization of samples with metal cations 0.5 μL of the salt solution (0.01% in ethanol) on top of the sample.

X-Ray experiment was carried out on a diffractometer Bruker SMART Apex II (graphite monochromator, $\lambda \text{Mo}K_{\alpha}$ 0.71073 A). No correction for extinction was introduced because of its low level. The structure was solved by the direct method and refined by isotropic followed by anisotropic approximation with the program SHELX [19]. Hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions. All calculations were made with the programs WinGX [20] and APEX2 [21]. Figures are drawn with the program PLATON [22].

The X-ray data were deposited in Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center [CCDC 923751 (IIIa), CCDC 828931 (IIIb)].

Crystals of the compound **IIIa** are monoclinic, at 20°C: a 22.62(2), b 10.888(10), c 9.666(9) Å, β 99.95(1)°, V 2345(4) Å³, Z 8 (two independent molecules), d_{calc} 1.287 g/cm³, space group $P2_1/c$, μ Mo 2.33 cm⁻¹. There were measured 4579 intensities of independent reflections, 2842 of those with $I \ge 2\sigma$. Resulting deviation factors R 0.1447, R_W 0.4085.

Crystals of compound **IIIb**, $C_{11}H_{26}NO_5P$, are triclinic, at 20°C: a 5.009(2), b 8.644(3), c 18.356(7) Å, α 91.757(5)°, β 95.154(5)°, γ 96.382(5)°, V 786.0(5) ų, Z 2, d_{calc} 1.197 g/cm³, space group P-1, μ Mo 0.187 cm⁻¹. There were measured 3031 intensities of independent reflections, 2061 of those have $I \ge 2\sigma$. Resulting deviation factors R 0.0517, R_W 0.1485.

Diethyl-(4,4-diethoxybutylamino)methyl phosphonate (IIb). The mixture of 3 g of aminobutyraldehyde diethylacetal, 2.57 g of diethylphosphite, and 0.53 g of paraformaldehyde in 15 mL of benzene was refluxed in a flask with Dean-Stark trap for 3–4 h. The

Table 1. Hydrogen bonds data for crystals of compounds IIIa, IIIb

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Inte	raction	Operation of symmetry	D–H, Å	H···A, Å	D···A, Å	D–H···A, deg					
IIIa											
$N^{3A}-H^{3}$	31A O^{2A}	-x, 1-y, -z	0.90	1.90	2.72(1)	152					
$N^{3A}-H^{3}$	32A ····O 1A	-x, $-1/2 + y$, $1/2 - z$	0.90	1.74	2.63(1)	170					
$N^{3B}-H^{3}$	$^{\mathrm{B1B}}$ ···· O^{1B}	1-x, $1/2+y$, $3/2-z$	0.90	1.86	2.75(1)	170					
$N^{3B}-H^{3}$	32B ···· O^{2B}		0.90	2.58	2.93(1)	104					
$N^{3B}-H^{3}$	32B ···· O^{2B}	1-x, 1-y, 1-z	0.90	1.79	2.66(1)	162					
			IIIb								
$N^3 - H^{31}$	\cdots O ²	intra	0.90	2.52	3.030(3)	117					
$N^3 - H^{31}$	\cdots O ²	1 - x, $1 - y$, $-z$	0.90	2.02	2.769(3)	140					
$N^3 - H^{32}$	O ²	1+x,y,z	0.90	1.79	2.671(3)	168					

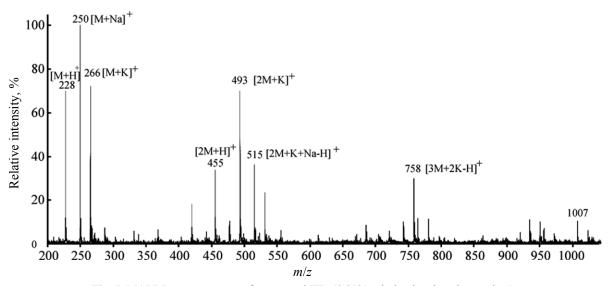


Fig. 5. MALDI mass spectrum of compound IIIa (0.01% solution in ethanol on a plate).

reaction was monitored by 31 P NMR spectra. It was followed by 0.5 h refluxing with 160 mg of K₂CO₃, the precipitate was filtered off, the residue was evaporated in a vacuum. Yield 5.4 g (93%). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 1041, 1066 (POC); 1135, 1108 (COC), 1220 (P=O), 2256–2470 (NH⁺), 3440 (NH). NMR 1 H (CDCl₃, 20°C), δ, ppm (J, Hz): 1.17 t (3H, OCH₂CH₃, $^{3}J_{HH}$ 7.05), 1.31–1.36 m (6H, POCH₂CH₃,), 1.52–1.63 m [4H, (CH₂)₂CH], 2.84–2.86 m (2H, NCH₂), 3.13 d (2H, PCH₂, $^{2}J_{PH}$ 12.54), 3.43–3.51 m (2H, OCH₂), 3.58–3.66 m (2H, OCH₂), 4.11–4.15 m (4H, POCH₂), 4.49 t (1H, CH, $^{3}J_{HH}$ 5.31). 31 P NMR spectrum, δ_{P} , ppm: 26.52. Found, %: C 49.50; H 9.69, N 4.42; P 9.90; C₁₃H₃₀NO₅P. Calculated, %: C 50.15; H 9.71; N 4.50; P 9.95.

Ethyl-(2,2-dimethoxyethylamino)methylphosphonate phosphonate IIIa. 0.50 g of compound IIa was kept in aqueous acetone for 7 days. There was formed 0.25 g (55%) of the compound IIIa, mp 147–149°C (decomp). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 1043, 1082 (POC), 1107, 1134 (COC), 1219 (P=O), 2236–2883 (NH⁺), 3424 (NH). ¹H NMR spectrum (D₂O, 20°C), δ, ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.26 t (3H, OCH₂CH₃, ³*J*_{HH} 6.98), 3.044 s (2H, NCH₂), 3.054 d (2H, PCH₂, ²*J*_{PH} 17.44), 3.39 s (6H, OCH₃), 3.95–4.02 (2H, OCH₂, ³*J*_{HH} 6.98), 5.00 m (1H, CH, ³*J*_{HH} 5.39). ³¹P NMR spectrum: δ_P 8.52 ppm. Found, %: C 37.14; H 7.98; N 6.02; P 13.50; C₇H₁₈NO₅P. Calculated, %: C 37.01; H 7.99; N 6.17; P 13.63.

Ethyl-(4,4-diethoxybutylamino)methyl phosphonate IIIb. The procedure was similar to that of IIIa.

0.5 g of **Hb** gave 0.20 g (44%) of the compound **HIb**, mp 145–146°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 1041, 1066 (POC), 1108 1134 (COC), 1220 (P=O), 1613, 2236–2604 (NH⁺), 3440 (NH). ¹H NMR spectrum, (D₂O, 20°C), δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.13 T (6H, OCH₂C \underline{H}_3 , ³ J_{HH} 7.06), 1.21 t (3H, POCH₂C \underline{H}_3 , ³ J_{HH} 7.06), 1.64–1.71 m (4H, (C \underline{H}_2)₂CH], 3.08–3.13 m (4H, NCH₂, PCH₂), 3.51–3.59 m (2H, OCH₂), 3.64–3.71 m (2H, OCH₂), 3.87–3.95 m (2H,

Table 2. Composition and point masses of ionic peeks for the specimens **IIIa**, **IIIb**

Sample	m/z	$M_{ m exp}$	Composition	$M_{ m calc}$
IIIa	266	266.0523	C ₇ H ₁₈ NO ₅ PK	266.0560
	455	455.1902	$C_{14}H_{37}N_2O_{10}P$	455.1923
	493	493.1412	$C_{14}H_{36}N_2O_{10}PK$	493.1482
	515	515.1285	$C_{14}H_{35}N_2O_{10}P_2NaK$	515.1301
	758	758.1879	$C_{21}H_{53}N_3O_{15}P_3K_2$	758.1963
IIIb	306	306.1484	C ₁₁ H ₂₆ NO ₅ PNa	306.1440
	322	322.1186	C ₁₁ H ₂₆ NO ₅ PK	322.1180
	475	475.2336	$C_{18}H_{41}N_2O_8P_2$	475.2333
	513	513.1748	$C_{18}H_{40}N_2O_8P_2K$	513.1896
	567	567.3104	$C_{22}H_{53}N_2O_{10}P_2$	567.3169
	605	605.2702	$C_{22}H_{53}N_2O_{10}P_2K$	605.2734
	888	888.4238	$C_{33}H_{79}N_3O_{15}P_3K$	888.4282
	956	956.3702	$C_{33}H_{77}N_3O_{14}P_3K_2Na_2$	956.3688

POCH₂), 4.60 t (1H, CH, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ 5.32). ${}^{31}P$ NMR spectrum, (D₂O): $δ_{P}$ 11.66 ppm. Found, %: C 46.36; H 9.15; N 4.42; P 9.90; C₁₁H₂₆NO₅P. Calculated, %: C 46.63; H 9.25; N 4.94; P 10.93.

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