LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Synthesis of Phosphorus-Containing 7-Oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hepta-2,5-dienes

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Acetylenediphosphonates and 2-chloroacetylenephosphonates are highly reactive dienophiles, which enter into the cyclocondensation reactions with classical donor 1,3-alkadienes [1, 2].

The Diels–Alder reaction involving furan as a diene component are of particular interest due to the possibility of obtaining oxanorbornenes and oxanorbornadienes. The latter are widely used as intermediates in creating more complex ring structures [3, 4] and analogs of biologically active compounds [5, 6]. Oxanorbornadienedicarboxylates (isosteres of oxanorbornadienediphosphonates) are suitable linkers for binding thiol and amine fragments with serum albumin serving as a macromolecular carrier for the delivery of drugs into organs and target cells [7]. The literature data concerning the synthesis of oxanorbornadienylphosphonates are scarce [8–11].

In order to obtain new phosphorus-substituted oxanorbornadienes we performed the Diels-Alder reaction of tetramehyl acetylenediphosphonate **Ia** and dimethyl 2-chloroacetylenephosphonate **Ib** with furan and 2-methylfuran. The reactions resulted in the formation of the corresponding (7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]-hepta-2,5-dien-2-yl)phosphonates **II-IV** with 75–91% yields (Scheme 1).

The reactions were carried out under rigid conditions by prolonged heating (120°C) of a mixture of the corresponding acetylenephosphonate and 20% excess of furan or 2-methylfuran in a sealed tube under argon atmosphere in the absence of any solvent and in the presence of 1,4-hydroquinone as a polymerization inhibitor. The isolation and purification of the target compounds were carried out by vacuum distillation. The resulting compounds were colorless liquids.

Scheme 1.

 $X = PO(OMe)_2(\mathbf{a}), Cl(\mathbf{b}).$

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Interaction of dimethyl 2-chloroacetylphosphonate **Ib** with 2-methylfuran proceeded with low regioselectivity, resulting in the corresponding isomeric mixture of (7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hepta-2,5-dien-2-yl)phosphonates **IIIb** and **IVb** with a predominance of 1-methyl derivative **IIIb**.

Structure of **II–IV** was confirmed by 1 H, 13 C, 31 P NMR spectroscopy, and mass spectrometry. In the 1 H NMR spectra of (7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hepta-2,5-dien-2-yl)phosphonates **II–IV** there were characteristic doublet signals of methine (4.73–6.13 ppm) and vinyl protons (6.34–6.97 ppm). In the 13 C NMR spectra of **II–IV** the carbon atom C 1 at the double bond directly attached to the phosphorus atom resonated as a doublet signal at 134–155 ppm with a large spin-spin coupling constant ($^{1}J_{CP}$ 205–211 Hz). The chemical shift of the phosphorus of the synthesized (7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hepta-2,5-dien-2-yl)phosphonates **II–IV** was in the range of 12–14 ppm.

General procedure for the synthesis of compounds II–IV. A precooled ampule (–30°C) was charged with 12 mmol of the appropriate acetylene-phosphonate, 16 mmol of furan or 2-methylfuran, and 5 mol % of hydroquinone. The ampule was then flushed with argon and sealed. The reaction mixture was heated at 120°C for 8–12 h. The reaction progress was monitored by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy. After the reaction wascompleted, an excess of furan was removed in a vacuum. The reaction product was isolated by vacuum distillation.

Tetramethyl (7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hepta-2,5-dien-2,3-diyl)bisphosphonate (IIa). Yield 87% (3.24 g), mp 134–136°C (0.1 mmHg). 1 H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 3.65 d (12H, CH₃OP, $^{3}J_{HP}$ 12.0 Hz), 6.13 s (2H, CH), 6.97 d (2H, CH=, $^{3}J_{HH}$ 5.2 Hz). 13 C NMR spectrum, δ_C, ppm: 52.83 d (CH₃OP, $^{2}J_{CP}$ 5.8 Hz), 85.44 d.d (CH, $^{2}J_{CP}$ 16.2, $^{3}J_{CP}$ 6.5 Hz), 141.28 d (CH=, $^{3}J_{CP}$ 12.7 Hz), 155.38 d.d (CP, $^{1}J_{CP}$ 205.7, $^{2}J_{CP}$ 15.4 Hz). 31 P NMR spectrum: δ_P 13.39 ppm. Mass spectrum (HRMS-ESI), m/z: 333.1695 [M + Na]⁺ (calculated for C₁₀H₁₆O₇P₂Na: 333.1666).

Dimethyl (3-chloro-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hepta-2,5-dien-2-yl)phosphonate (IIb). Yield 91% (2.54 g), mp 80–83°C (0.1 mmHg). 1 H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 3.34 d (6H, CH₃OP, $^{3}J_{HP}$ 13.6 Hz), 4.90 br.s (1H, CH), 5.32 br.s (1H, CH), 6.84–6.88 m (2H, CH=). 13 C NMR spectrum, δ_C, ppm: 52.25 d (CH₃OP, $^{2}J_{CP}$ 4.7 Hz), 85.90 d (CH, $^{2}J_{CP}$ 13.5 Hz), 87.60 d (CH, $^{3}J_{CP}$ 12.9 Hz), 134.70 d (CP, $^{1}J_{CP}$ 211.4 Hz), 140.86 (CH=), 144.65

(CH=), 164.10 d (CCl, ${}^2J_{\text{CP}}$ 5.4 Hz). ${}^{31}\text{P}$ NMR spectrum: δ_{P} 12.64 ppm. Mass spectrum (HRMS-ESI), m/z: 259.5738 $[M + \text{Na}]^+$ (calculated for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{CIO}_4\text{PNa}$: 259.5786).

Tetramethyl (1-methyl-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2,5-dien-2,3-diyl)bisphosphonate (IIIa). Yield 75% (2.26 g), mp 138–140°C (0.1 mmHg). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 1.40 br.s (3H, CH₃), 3.57 d (12H, CH₃OP, $^3J_{\rm HP}$ 12.7 Hz), 6.24 br.s (2H, CH), 6.71 d (1H, CH=, $^3J_{\rm HH}$ 4.8 Hz), 7.05 t (1H, CH=, $^3J_{\rm HH}$ 4.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ_C, ppm: 51.67 d and 53.86 d (CH₃OP, $^2J_{\rm CP}$ 6.0 Hz), 86.13 d.d (CH, $^2J_{\rm CP}$ 14.0, $^3J_{\rm CP}$ 6.2 Hz), 93.45 d.d (C, $^2J_{\rm CP}$ 13.8, $^3J_{\rm CP}$ 6.5 Hz), 142.67 d and 145.78 d (CH=, $^3J_{\rm CP}$ 12.5 Hz), 147.29 d.d (CP, $^1J_{\rm CP}$ 210.7, $^2J_{\rm CP}$ 15.8 Hz). ³¹P NMR spectrum: δ_P 12.76 ppm. Mass spectrum (HRMS-ESI), m/z: 347.1962 [M + Na]⁺ (calculated for C₁₁H₁₈O₇P₂Na: 347.1932).

Dimethyl (1-methyl-3-chloro-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]-hepta-2,5-dien-2-yl)phosphonate (IIIb). Yield 75% (2.26 g) [together with the isomer IVb, content 78%], mp 84–87°C (0.1 mmHg). 1 H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 1.45 br.s (3H, CH₃), 3.28 d (12H, CH₃OP, $^{3}J_{HP}$ 12.0 Hz), 4.73 m (1H, CH), 6.56 d (1H, CH=, $^{3}J_{HH}$ 4.0 Hz), 6.76 t (1H, CH=, $^{3}J_{HH}$ 4.2 Hz). 13 C NMR spectrum, δ_C, ppm: 16.36 br.s (CH₃), 52.14 d (CH₃OP, $^{2}J_{CP}$ 6.0 Hz), 86.89 d (CH, $^{3}J_{CP}$ 12.1 Hz), 94.97 d (CCH₃, $^{2}J_{CP}$ 14.1 Hz), 135.80 d (CP, $^{1}J_{CP}$ 207.3), 141.89 (CH=), 147.50 (CH=), 165.86 br.s (CCl). 31 P NMR spectrum: δ_{P} 13.16 ppm. Mass spectrum (HRMS-ESI), m/z: 273.6039 [M + Na] $^{+}$ (calculated for C₉H₁₂ClO₄PNa: 273.6052).

Dimethyl (4-methyl-3-chloro-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]-hepta-2,5-dien-2-yl)phosphonate (IVb). Yield 75% (2.26 g) [together with the isomer **IIIb**, content 22%], mp 84–87°C (0.1 mmHg). 1 H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 1.28 br.s (3H, CH₃), 3.33 d (12H, CH₃OP, $^{3}J_{HP}$ 12.0 Hz), 5.16 m (1H, CH), 6.34 d (1H, CH=, $^{3}J_{HH}$ 5.1 Hz), 6.78 t (1H, CH=, $^{3}J_{HH}$ 5.1 Hz). 13 C NMR spectrum, δ_C, ppm: 19.96 (CH₃), 53.14 d (CH₃OP, $^{2}J_{CP}$ 5.6 Hz), 84.27 d (CH, $^{2}J_{CP}$ 14.1 Hz), 93.89 d (CCH₃, $^{3}J_{CP}$ 12.0 Hz), 135.49 d (CP, $^{1}J_{CP}$ 210.3), 143.94 (CH=), 145.65 (CH=), 166.37 br.s (CCl). 31 P NMR spectrum: 5 P 12.72 ppm. Mass spectrum (HRMS-ESI), m/z: 273.6039 [M + Na] $^{+}$ (calculated for C₉H₁₂ClO₄PNa: 273.6052).

¹H, ¹³C and ³¹P NMR spectra (CDCl₃) were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 spectrometer [400.13 (¹H), 100.61 (¹³C), 161.98 MHz (³¹P)]. Mass spectra (HRMS-ESI) were registered on a Bruker micrOTOF spectrometer.

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