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ABSTRACT

Pyridoxonium salts of chiral linear and cyclic dithiophosphoric acids were obtained by the reactions of pyridoxine with bis{2-O-[2-methyl-(2S)-3-O-propionyl]}, bis{2-O-[1,4-O,O-dimethyl-(2S)-succinyl]}, and O,O-di-2-butyl dithiophosphoric acids, and cyclic dithiophosphoric acids of 1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinane, 1,3,2-dioxaphospholane, and 1,3,2-dioxaphosphepin structure. Syntheses of acetonide pyridoxonium O,O-dimenthyl dithiophosphates were carried out by the reaction of seven-membered pyridoxine acetonide with O,O-dimenthyl dithiophosphoric acids obtained from (-)-(1R,2S,5R)-menthol and (+)-(1S,2R,5S)-menthol. Diacetonide pyridoxonium bisdithiophosphonate was also prepared. The antibacterial and antifungal activities of pyridoxonium chiral linear and cyclic dithiophosphates were evaluated.

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Introduction

There is a considerable interest in vitamin B₆ (alkaloid pyridoxine and its derivatives) due to their biological activity. [1-5] Alkaloid vitamin B₆ is of significant interest for the treatment of common and life-threatening viral and microbial infections that are resistant to existing drugs.^[1,6] Among phosphorus containing pyridoxine derivatives,^[7] phosphonium salts of pyridoxine ketals have been reported to exhibit structural dependence with respect to Gram-positive bacteria.^[8,9] Thus, 5,6-bis[triphenylphosphonio(methyl)] 2,2,8-trimethyl-4H-[1,3]-dioxino[4,5-c]pyridine dichloride has an inhibitory effect against staphylococcal infection (minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC) was $5 \mu g \text{ mL}^{-1}$). A crucial role of the ketal protection group in phosphonium salts for their antibacterial properties was demonstrated.^[8] Bis(triphenylmethyl) phosphonium dichloride salts of pyridoxine are effective against biofilm-embedded Staphylococcus aureus and Staphylococcus epidermidis^[10] and cause impaired cell division.^[11] In contrast to phosphonium salts of pyridoxine, most dithiophosphates are known to be less toxic to warmblooded animals.^[12] The present work involves the synthesis of pyridoxonium salts of chiral and cyclic dithiophosphoric acids bearing pharmacophoric lactic, malic, cyclic, and mono-terpenyl functionalities as well as bisdithiophosphonic acids and evaluation of their bioactivity.

Results and discussion

Synthesis of chiral dithiophosphoric acids containing methyl (S)-(–)- α -lactic and dimethyl (S)-(–)- α -malic substituents

We believe that a simple, one-step reaction should be used to develop a technologically advanced and economical method for producing antimicrobial drugs. As reported,^[13–15] methods for the synthesis of biologically active ionic structures of dithiophosphoric acids bearing pyridinium cations by use of nicotinic, isonicotinic, and picolinic acids and (*S*)-(–)-nicotine have been developed. Among pyridine alkaloids, pyridoxine reacts with *O*,*O*-diterpenyl

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Table 1. Yields, analytical and ³¹P{¹H} NMR data of compounds obtained.

Comp.	Yield, %	Molecular formula	С	Н	Ν	Р	S	$^{31}\mathrm{P}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}~\delta$, ppm (solvent)
3a	74	$C_8H_{15}O_6PS_2$	34.74 31.78	4.93 5.00	-	7.57 7.40	15.05 15.33	87.4 (C ₆ H ₆)
3b	85	C ₁₂ H ₁₉ O ₁₀ PS ₂	34.74 34.45	4.93 4.58	-	7.57 7.40	15.05 15.33	84.6 (C ₆ H ₆)
5a	85	C ₁₆ H ₂₆ NO ₉ PS ₂	40.98 40.76	5.21 5.56	2.64 2.97	6.21 6.57	13.97 13.60	114.2 (EtOH-C ₆ H ₆)
5b	85	C ₂₀ H ₃₀ NO ₁₃ PS ₂	40.53 40.88	5.52 5.15	2.02 2.38	4.93 5.27	11.24 10.92	117.2 (EtOH-C ₆ H ₆)
5c	88	C ₁₆ H ₃₀ NO ₅ PS ₂	46.33 46.70	7.02 7.35	3.12 3.40	7.87 7.53	15.90 15.58	109.2, 110.8 (1:0.4) (EtOH-C ₆ H ₆)
5d	87	$C_{13}H_{22}NO_5PS_2$	42.14 42.50	6.40 6.04	3.48 3.81	8.12 8.43	17.82 17.45	111.1 (EtOH-C ₆ H ₆)
5e	86	C ₁₂ H ₂₀ NO ₅ PS ₂	40.44 40.78	5.32 5.70	3.64 3.96	8.99 8.76	18.43 18.15	111.3 (EtOH-C ₆ H ₆)
5f	86	C ₁₂ H ₂₀ NO ₅ PS ₂	41.12 40.78	5.34 5.70	3.58 3.96	8.44 8.76	18.52 18.15	125.6 (EtOH-C ₆ H ₆)
5g ^a	67	C ₂₀ H ₂₀ NO ₅ PS ₂	53.76 53.44	4.13 4.48	2.74 3.12	6.53 6.89	14.65 14.27	131.1 (EtOH-C ₆ H ₆)
5h	86	C ₃₁ H ₅₄ NO ₅ PS ₂	60.55 60.46	8.64 8.84	2.29 2.27	5.01 5.03	10.80 10.41	109.6 (EtOH)
5i	85	C ₃₁ H ₅₄ NO ₅ PS ₂	60.67 60.46	8.55 8.84	2.02 2.27	5.34 5.03	10.56 10.41	104.5 (EtOH)
5j	81	$C_{52}H_{62}N_2O_{12}P_2S_4$	57.25 56.92	5.33 5.70	2.23 5.32	5.32 5.65	12.01 11.69	105.9 (EtOH)

Table 2. Selected FTIR spectral data (cm^{-1}) of compounds obtained (film).

Comp.	ν (OH)	u(NH ⁺)	ν (SH)	ν (C = O)	ν[(P)O–C]	ν (P = S)	ν (P–S)
3a	-	-	2413	1745	1042	675	542
3b	-	-	2413	1741	1047	654	518
5a	3264	2730	-	1746	1042	695	571
5b	3358	2734	-	1741	1046	702	520
5c	3332	2736	-	-	1028	645	583
5d	3314	2708	-	-	1023	691	546
5e	3319	2729	-	-	1027	691	530
5f	3267	2722	-	-	1019	681	569
5g ^a	3375	2729	-	-	1040	691	565
5h	3357	2730	-	-	1043	668	572
5i	3343	2730	-	-	1025	672	522
5j	3320	2736	-	-	1031	694, 675	562, 559

^aIn KBr pellet.

dithiophosphoric acids to form chiral pyridoxonium salts bearing pharmacophoric functionalities possessed high antibacterial activity with MIC values against Gram-positive bacteria as low as $10 \,\mu\text{M}$ ($6 \,\mu\text{g}$ mL⁻¹).^[15] It should be emphasized that pyridoxonium *O*,*O*-di-(–)-menthyl dithiophosphate is active against clinical strains of antibioticresistant bacteria from burn wounds including methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*.^[15]

The specific systems of study in the present work are chiral dithiophosphoric acids, which can be obtained from natural chiral carboxylic acids. Among carboxylic acids, we have chosen methyl (S)-(-)- α -lactate and dimethyl (S)-(-)- α -maleate to obtain chiral dithiophosphoric acids. Methyl (S)-(-)- α -lactate reacted with 2,4-diaryl-1,3,2,4-dithiadiphosphetane 2,4-disulfide to give optically active 2-methyl-(2S)-3-O-propionyl aryldithiophosphonic acid as previously reported.^[16] We have established that methyl (S)-(-)- α -lactate **2a** reacts with phosphorus pentasulfide **1** in benzene at 20 °C for 2 h to form bis{2-O-[2-methyl-(2S)-3-O-propionyl]} dithiophosphoric acid **3a** (Scheme 1).

The acid **3a** is optically active $([\alpha]^{20}{}_D - 28.5 \text{ grad g}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2, c = 0.82$, ethanol). The yields, analytical, and ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR data of the compounds obtained are summarized in Table 1. Selected FTIR spectral data, ¹H NMR, and ¹³C and ¹³C{}^{1}H NMR data of the compounds are summarized in Tables 2–.4 The ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of **3a** in benzene reveals a singlet at $\delta = 87.4$ ppm. This resonance is situated in practically the same region as observed for other dithiophosphoric acids.^[17] In the ¹H NMR spectrum of **3a** in CDCl₃, a singlet at $\delta = 3.78$ ppm is attributed to the protons of the methoxy

group C^4H_3O . In the FTIR spectra of **3a**, similarly a band at 1745 cm⁻¹ for the O = C stretching vibrations exists.^[18]

Taking into account the ready formation of **3a** by use of methyl (S)-(-)- α -lactate, we decided to prepare the corresponding dithiophosphoric acid using dimethyl (S)-(-)- α -maleate. In fact, bis{2-O-[1,4-O,O-dimethyl-(2S)-succinyl]} dithiophosphoric acid **3b** was obtained by the reaction of tetraphosphorus decasulfide **1** with dimethyl (S)-(-)- α -malate **2b** in benzene at 20 °C for 2 h (Scheme 1).

A singlet at $\delta = 84.6 \text{ ppm}$ was situated in the ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of **3b** in benzene. Thus, the ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR spectral signal of **3b** shows no significant change in comparison with **3a**. In contrast to **3a**, the ${}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of **3b** in CDCl₃ reveals two singlets at $\delta = 3.65$ and 3.74 ppm, being attributable to the methyl protons of two C⁵H₃O and C⁶H₃O substituents. The data of FTIR spectra of **3a** and **3b** are very similar (see Table 2). Thus, chiral dithiophosphoric acids **3a** and **3b** can be transformed into pyridoxonium salt using pyridoxine.

Pyridoxine **4a** readily reacts with the enantiomerically pure acids **3a** and **3b** and racemic O,O-di-2-butyl dithiophosphoric acid **3c** in the mixture of benzene and ethanol (1:1) at $20 \degree C$ for 1-2 h to give pyridoxonium salts **5a-c** (Scheme 2).

A specific rotation value $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ -4.5 grad g^{-1} cm², c = 0.93 (ethanol) has been measured for 5a. Compound 5 b is also optically active ($[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ –2.1 grad g⁻¹ cm², c = 1.01, ethanol). The ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H{}$ NMR spectra of **5a-c** in the mixture of benzene and ethanol (1:1) reveal signals in the region of $\delta = 109$ -117 ppm, which are typical for the salts of dithiophosphoric acids.^[17] In the ¹H NMR spectrum of **5a**, the proton signals of the bis{2-O-[2-methyl-(2S)-3-O-propionyl]} substituent are shifted to high field in comparison with that of acid 3a. Thus, the signal of the protons of the C^4H_3O substituent of **5a** is situated at higher field ($\delta = 3.68$ ppm). In the ¹³C spectrum of 5a in the mixture of CD₃OD and CCl₄, the carbon atom of the same fragment C⁴H₃O exhibits a singlet at $\delta = 51.1$ ppm. In the FTIR spectrum of **5a**, the band of the C = O stretching vibrations appears in practically the same region (1745 cm^{-1}) as that for acid 3a (1745 cm⁻¹) (Table 2). In contrast to 5a, the ¹H NMR spectrum of 5 b in CDCl₃ reveals two singlets at $\delta = 3.71$ and 3.77 ppm, attributable to the methyl protons of two C⁵H₃O and C⁶H₃O substituents. The data of FTIR spectra of **5a** and **5b** are very similar (see Table 2). On the basis of the NMR spectra, it was established that 5c was formed as the

Comp. (Solvent)	$\delta_{\!\!\prime}$ ppm
3a (CDCl ₃)	1.58 d (6H, C ¹ H ₃ CH, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.0$ Hz), 3.78 s (6H, C ⁴ H ₃ O), 5.12 d q (2H, POC ² HCH ₃ , ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.0$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{PH} = 14.6$ Hz), 6.27 m (1H, PSH).
3b (CDCl ₃)	2.77 d (4H, $C^{2}\overline{H}_{2}CH$, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ 6.0), 2.80 d (4H, $C^{2}\underline{H}_{2}CH$, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ 6.0), 3.65 s (6H, $\overline{C^{5}}\underline{H}_{3}$ O), 3.74 s (6H, $C^{6}\underline{H}_{3}$ O), 5.22 d t (2H, POC ² $\underline{H}CH_{2}$, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$
5a (CD ₃ OD)	6.0, $^{-7}\mu_1$ 13.6). 1.47 d [6H, C ¹ H ₃ CH ₂ , $^{3}J_{HH} = 7.0$ Hz], 2.63 s (3H, C ⁹ H ₃), 3.62 m (2H, POC ² H), 3.68 s (6H, C ⁴ H ₃ O), 4.74 s (2H, C ⁷ H ₂ O), 5.09 s (2H, C ⁸ H ₂ O), 8.17 s (1H, C ² H)
5b (CD ₃ OD)	2.55 s (3H, C^{9} H ₃), 2.74 d (4H, C^{3} H ₂ CH, $^{3}J_{HH} = 6.0$ Hz), 2.80 d (4H, C^{3} H ₂ CH, $^{3}J_{HH} = 4.9$ Hz), 3.71 s (6H, C^{5} H ₃ O), 3.77 s (6H, C^{6} H ₃ O), 4.66 s (2H, C^{7} H ₅ O), 5.04 s (2H, $\overline{C^{8}}$ H ₂ O), 5.28 d t (2H, POC ² HCH), $^{3}J_{HH} = 5.4$ Hz, $^{3}J_{DH} = 15.4$ Hz), 8.04 s (1H, C^{2} H).
5c (CD ₃ OD)	0.937 t [6H, C ⁴ H ₃ CH ₂ , ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.4$ Hz], 0.942 t [6H, C ⁴ H ₃ CH ₂ , ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.5$ Hz], 1.29 d [6H, C ¹ H ₃ CH, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 6.2$ Hz], 1.71 m (4H, C ³ H ₂), 2.61 s (3H, C ⁹ H ₂), 4.57 m (2H, C ² HOP), 4.67 s (2H, C ⁷ H ₂ O), 5.01 s (2H, C ⁸ H ₂ O), 8.05 s (1H, C ² H).
5d (CD ₃ OD)	0.92 s [6H, $(C^{7,8}H_3)_2$ C], 1.92 m (2H, C^4H_2 OP, 2H, C^6H_2 OP), 2.19 s (3H, $C^{9'}H_3$), 2.23 s (3H, $C^{9'}H_3$), 3.00 s (2H, $C^{7'}H_2$ O), 3.37 s (2H, $C^{8'}H_2$ O), 6.44 s (1H, $C^{2'}H_3$)
5e (CD ₃ OD)	1.261 d (3H, $C^{T}H_3$, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 6.2$ Hz), 1.264 d (3H, $C^{7}H_3$, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 6.2$ Hz), 1.61 m (2H, $C^{5}H_2$), 1.65 m (2H, $C^{5}H_2$), 1.81 m (2H, $C^{6}H_2$), 2.65 s (3H, $C^{7}H_3$), 4.56 m (1H, $C^{4}H$), 4.72 s (2H, $C^{7}H_3$ 0), 5.20 s (2H, $C^{8}H_3$ 0), 8.18 s (1H, $C^{2}H$).
5f (CD ₃ OD)	1.29 d (3H, C ⁶ H ₃ C ⁴ H, 3H, C ⁷ H ₃ C ⁵ H, ³ J _{HH} = 6.2 Hz), 2.66 s (3H, C ⁹ H ₃), 4.57 m (2H, POC ⁴ HC ⁵ HOP), 4.70 s (2H, C ⁷ H ₂ O), 5.11 s (2H, C ⁸ H ₂ O), 8.18 s (1H, C ² H)
5g (CD ₃ OD)	2.53 s (3H, C [°] H ₃), 4.59 s (2H, C ⁷ H ₂ O), 4.93 s (2H, C ⁸ H ₂ O), 6.94 m (1H, C ⁹ H, 1H, C ¹⁴ H), 7.21 m (1H, C ¹⁰ H, 1H, C ¹³ H), 7.26 m (1H, C ⁸ H, 1H, C ¹⁵ H), 7.36 m (1H, C ¹¹ H, 1H, C ¹² H), 7.91 s (1H, C ² H)
5h (CDCl ₃)	0.83 d (6H, C ⁸ H ₃ CH, ³ <i>J</i> _{HH} = 8.8 Hz), 0.86 d (6H, C ⁸ H ₃ CH, ³ <i>J</i> _{HH} = 8.8 Hz), 0.94 d (12H, (C ^{9,10} H ₃) ₂ CH, ³ <i>J</i> _{HH} = 6.6 Hz), 0.95 d (12H, (C ^{9,10} H ₃) ₂ CH, ³ <i>J</i> _{HH} = 6.6 Hz), 1.15 m [2H, (CH ₃) ₂ C ⁷ H], 1.43 m (2H, CH ₃ C ⁵ H), 1.49 s (12H, (C ^{TT,12'} H ₃) ₂ C), 2.69 s (3H, C ^{9'} H ₃), 1.69 m (4H, C ⁴ H ₂), 1.99 d (2H, C ⁶ H ₂ , ³ <i>J</i> _{HH} = 11.7 Hz), 2.09-2.21 m (4H, C ³ H ₂), 2.38 d (2H, C ⁶ H ₂ , ³ <i>J</i> _{HH} = 11.7 Hz), 3.44 d d t (2H, POCHC ² H, ³ <i>J</i> _{HH} = 6.6 Hz), 4.46 d d t (2H, POC ¹ H, ³ <i>J</i> _{HH} = 6.6 Hz, ³ <i>J</i> _{PH} = 11.0 Hz), 4.80 s (2H, OC ^{7'} H ₂), 5.10 s (2H, OC ^{8'} H ₂), 8.01 s (1H, C ^{2'} H).

 Table 3.
 ¹H NMR data of compounds obtained.

Table 4. ${}^{13}C$ and ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR data of compounds obtained.

Comp. (Solvent)	δ , ppm
3b (CDCl ₃)	38.34 t (s) $(C^{3}H_{2}, {}^{1}J_{CH} = 131.3 \text{ Hz})$, 38.38 t (s) $(C^{3}H_{2}, {}^{1}J_{CH} = 130.6 \text{ Hz})$, 52.1 q (s) $(C^{6}H_{3}O, {}^{1}J_{CH} = 147.5 \text{ Hz})$, 52.8 q (s) $(C^{5}H_{3}O, {}^{1}J_{CH} = 148.5 \text{ Hz})$, 71.93 d d (d) $(POC^{2}H, {}^{1}J_{CH} = 149.7 \text{ Hz}, {}^{2}J_{CP} = 19.8 \text{ Hz})$, 71.97 d d (d) $(POC^{2}H, {}^{1}J_{CH} = 150.4 \text{ Hz}, {}^{2}J_{CP} = 19.4 \text{ Hz})$, 72.11 d d (d) $(POC^{2}H, {}^{1}J_{CH} = 149.7 \text{ Hz}, {}^{2}J_{CP} = 15.8 \text{ Hz})$, 72.15 d d (d) $(POC^{2}H, {}^{1}J_{CH} = 150.4 \text{ Hz}, {}^{2}J_{CP} = 16.5 \text{ Hz})$, 171.1 m (s) $(O-C^{4}=O)$, 173.6 s (s) $(O-C^{1}=O)$.
5a ^a (CD ₃ OD, CCl ₄)	13.3 s (C ⁹ H ₃), 18.65 s (C ¹ H ₃), 18.69 s (C ¹ H ₃), 51.1 s (C ⁴ H ₃ O), 58.3 s (C ⁸ H ₂ O), 58.5 s (C ⁷ H ₂ O), 70.4 d (POC ² H, ${}^{3}J_{PH} = 7.0$ Hz), 130.3 s (C ² H), 136.2 s (C ³), 138.5 s (C ⁴), 142.4 s (C ⁶), 153.2 s (C ⁵ OH), 173.29 s (O-C ³ =O), 173.34 s (O-C ³ =O).
$\mathbf{5b}^{\mathrm{b}}$ (CD ₃ OD, CCl ₄)	15.7 q ($C^{9}H_{3}$, $^{1}J_{CH}$ = 129.9 Hz), 37.7 t ($C^{3}H_{2}$, $^{1}J_{CH}$ = 130.6 Hz), 51.4 q ($C^{6}H_{3}$ O, $^{1}J_{CH}$ = 146.7 Hz), 51.8 q ($C^{5}H_{3}$ O, $^{1}J_{CH}$ = 147.5 Hz), 58.5 t ($C^{8}H_{2}$ O, $^{1}J_{CH}$ = 146.0 Hz), 61.7 t ($C^{8}H_{2}$ O, $^{1}J_{CH}$ = 141.6 Hz), 67.1 d d (POC'H, $^{2}J_{PH}$ = 8.8 Hz, $^{1}J_{CH}$ = 146.0 Hz), 133.0 d ($C^{2'}$ H, $^{1}J_{CH}$ = 185.6), 134.7 c ($C^{3'}$), 135.7 c ($C^{4'}$), 143.8 c ($C^{6'}$), 152.9 c ($C^{5'}$ OH), 170.9 c ($O^{-C^{1}}$ =O), 173.4 c ($O^{-C^{4}}$ =O).
5c ^c (CD ₃ OD, CCl ₄)	8.88 q (s) $(C^{4}H_{3}, I_{J_{CH}} = 125.1 \text{ Hz})$, 13.3 q (s) $(C^{9'}H_{3}, I_{J_{CH}} = 131.0 \text{ Hz})$, 20.1 q (s) $(C^{1}H_{3}, I_{J_{CH}} = 126.2 \text{ Hz})$, 30.18 t (s) $(C^{3}H_{2}, I_{J_{CH}} = 126.2 \text{ Hz})$, 30.23 t (s) $(C^{3}H_{2}, I_{J_{CH}} = 126.2 \text{ Hz})$, 57.7 t (s) $(C^{9'}H_{2}O, I_{J_{CH}} = 143.4 \text{ Hz})$, 58.5 t (s) $(C^{7'}H_{2}O, I_{J_{CH}} = 146.4 \text{ Hz})$, 74.7 d (d) $(POC^{2}H, I_{J_{PH}} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, I_{J_{CH}} = 140.9 \text{ Hz})$, 126.3 d (s) $(C^{2'}H, I_{J_{CH}} = 189.3 \text{ Hz})$, 135.3 s (s) $(C^{3'})$, 140.3 s (s) $(C^{4'})$, 140.9 s (s) $(C^{6'})$, 153.4 s (s) $(C^{5'}OH)$.
5e ^c (CD ₃ OD, CCl ₄)	14.5 q (s) $(C^{9}H_{3}, {}^{1}J_{CH} = 130.8 \text{ Hz})$, 21.89 q (s) $(C^{7}H_{3}, {}^{1}J_{CH} = 126.3 \text{ Hz})$, 21.95 q (s) $(C^{7}H_{3}, {}^{1}J_{CH} = 126.6 \text{ Hz})$, 34.36 t (s) $(C^{7}H_{2}, {}^{1}J_{CH} = 127.4 \text{ Hz})$, 34.38 t (s) $(C^{7}H_{2}, {}^{1}J_{CH} = 127.4 \text{ Hz})$, 57.1 t (s) $(C^{8}H_{2}O, {}^{1}J_{CH} = 141.3 \text{ Hz})$, 58.4 t (s) $(C^{7}H_{2}O, {}^{1}J_{CH} = 143.7 \text{ Hz})$, 64.5 d t (d) $(C^{6}H_{2}OP, {}^{1}J_{CH} = 145.1 \text{ Hz})$, 72.30 d (s) $(C^{4}H, {}^{1}J_{CH} = 146.2 \text{ Hz})$, 130.4 d (s) $(C^{2}H, {}^{1}J_{CH} = 188.5 \text{ Hz})$, 136.6 s (s) (C^{3}) , 138.5 s (s) (C^{4}) , 142.1 s (s) (C^{6}) , 153.5 s (s) $(C^{5}OH)$.
5h ^c (CDCl ₃)	16.5 q (s) $(C^{6}H_{3}, I_{J_{CH}} = 130.6 Hz)$, 21.4 q (s) $(C^{9'}H_{3}, I_{J_{CH}} = 125.1 Hz)$, 22.2 q (s) $[(C^{9,10}H_{3})_{2}C, I_{J_{CH}} = 126.2 Hz)$, 22.2 q (s) $[(C^{9,10}H_{3})_{2}C, I_{J_{CH}} = 126.2 Hz)$, 22.2 q (s) $[(C^{9,10}H_{3})_{2}C, I_{J_{CH}} = 126.2 Hz)$, 22.2 q (s) $[(C^{9,10}H_{3})_{2}C, I_{J_{CH}} = 126.2 Hz)$, 22.2 q (s) $[(C^{9,10}H_{3})_{2}C, I_{J_{CH}} = 126.2 Hz)$, 23.6 q (s) $[(C^{11/12'}H_{3})_{2}C, I_{J_{CH}} = 126.2 Hz)$, 25.2 t (s) $(C^{3}H_{2}, I_{J_{CH}} = 128.4 Hz)$, 25.8 d (s) $(C^{7}H, I_{J_{CH}} = 125.4 Hz)$, 31.6 d (s) $(C^{5}H, I_{J_{CH}} = 123.3 Hz)$, $\overline{3}4.4$ t (s) $(C^{4}H_{2}, I_{J_{CH}} = 124.7 Hz)$, 34.5 t (s) $(C^{4}H_{2}, I_{J_{CH}} = 124.7 Hz)$, 34.5 t (s) $(C^{4}H_{2}, I_{J_{CH}} = 128.4 Hz)$, 43.2 t (s) $(C^{6}H_{2}, I_{J_{CH}} = 129.8 Hz)$, 45.0 t (s) $(C^{6}H_{2}, I_{J_{CH}} = 128.4 Hz)$, 48.9 d (s) $(C^{2}H, I_{J_{CH}} = 118.1 Hz)$, 49.0 d (s) $(C^{2}H, I_{J_{CH}} = 118.1 Hz)$, 60.6 t (s) $(C^{6}H_{2}, I_{J_{CH}} = 146.0 Hz)$, 78.3 d (d) $(POC^{1}H, I_{J_{CH}} = 116.6 Hz, I_{J_{CP}} = 9.2 Hz)$, 103.1 s (s) $(C^{10'})$, 128.6 d (s) $(N = C^{2'}H, I_{J_{CH}} = 187.1 Hz)$, 136.4 s (s) $(C^{3'})$, 141.4 s (s) $(C^{4'})$, 144.8 s (s) $(C^{5'})$, 152.4 s (s) $(C^{5'}OH)$.
5j ^a (acetone- <i>d</i> ₆)	19.1 s (C ^{9′} H ₃), 24.4 s [(C ^{11′,12′} H ₃) ₂ C], 59.5 s (C ⁸ ′H ₂ O), 61.1 s (C ^{7′} H ₂ O), 67.0 s (C ² H ₂ O), 70.2 s (OC ³ H ₂ C ⁴ H ₂ O), 72.6 s (POC ¹ H ₂ , POC ⁶ H ₂), 101.6 s [(CH ₃) ₂ C ^{10′}], 115.7 s (C ^{8′} HC ^{12′} H), 119.7 s (C ^{3′} HC ^{5′} H), 122.6 s (C ^{10′} H), 126.3 s (C ^{1′} P), 131.0 s (C ^{9′} HC ^{11′} H), 132.0 s (C ^{3′}), 132.1 s (C ^{4′}), 132.3 d (PCC ² ^{2′} HC ^{6′} HCP, ² / _{CP} = 13.2 Hz), 133.1 s (C ^{4′}), 138.8 s (C ^{2′} H), 146.8 s (C ^{5′} OH), 158.7 s (C ^{6′} CH ₃), 162.6 s (C ^{7′} O), 168.5 s (C ^{4′} O).

 $^{a13}C{^{1}H} NMR;$

^{b13}C NMR;

^cIn parentheses is a view of signal in ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR.



Scheme 1. Synthesis of dithiophosphoric acids 3a and 3b.

mixture of stereoisomers as the racemic acid **3c** was used. The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **5c** in the mixture of benzene and ethanol (1:1) shows two signals at $\delta = 109.2$ and 110.8 ppm in integral ratio 1:0.4. In the ¹³C spectrum of **5c** in the mixture of CD₃OD and CCl₄, the carbon atom of the fragment of C³H₂ gives two triplets at $\delta = 30.18$ ppm (¹J_{CH} = 126.2 Hz) and 30.23 ppm (¹J_{CH} = 126.2 Hz).

We have chosen cyclic dithiophosphoric acids because they and their derivatives have recently attracted attention due to the antimicrobial activity ^[19,20] Pyridoxine **4a** reacts with 1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinanes **3d,e**, 1,3,2-dioxaphospholane **3f**, and 1,3,2-dioxaphosphepin **3g** in the mixture of



Scheme 2. Synthesis of pyridoxonium dithiophosphates 5a-c.



Scheme 3. Synthesis of pyridoxonium cyclic dithiophosphates 5d-g.

benzene and ethanol in the ratio 1:1 at 20 °C for 1–2 h to give pyridoxonium cyclic dithiophosphates **5d-g** (Scheme 3). However, to carry out the reaction with 1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinanes **3d**, heating at 50 °C for 2 h was required.

Salts **5d,e** containing the six-membered cycle in the dithiophosphate anions give signals at $\delta = 111.3$ and 111.3 ppm, respectively, in the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra in the mixture of benzene and ethanol (1:1), similarly to the pyridoxonium salts **5a-c** bearing linear substituents at the



Scheme 4. Synthesis of acetonide pyridoxonium O,O-dimenthyl dithiophosphates 5 h,i.

phosphorus atom. Unlike **5d,e**, the ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR spectra of five- and seven-membered cyclic salts 5f and 5e in the mixture of benzene and ethanol (1:1) show signals at $\delta = 125.6$ and 131.1 ppm, respectively. These resonances are shifted toward downfield in comparison with the data of 5d,e. It should be emphasized that 1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinane salt 5e and 1,3,2-dioxaphospholane salt 5f contain the same structural fragment C⁴HOP the protons of which give multiplets at $\delta = 4.56$ and 4.57 ppm, respectively, in the ¹H NMR spectra in CD₃OD. The singlet due to the protons of the methyl substituent C^{9'}H₃ of the pyridoxonium cation of 1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinane salt **5d** is shifted to high field ($\delta = 2.19 \text{ ppm}$) compared to that of other pyridoxonium cyclic dithiophosphates **5e-g** ($\delta = 2.65 - 2.53$ ppm) as well as to linear salts **5ac** ($\delta = 2.63 - 2.55$ ppm). The carbon atom of the same substituent C^{9'}H₃ of pyridoxonium cation of **5a-c** appears as a quartet at $\delta = 13.3 - 15.7 \text{ ppm} ({}^{1}J_{\text{CH}} = 125 - 130 \text{ Hz})$ in the $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ spectra in CD₃OD and as a singlet in the $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}$ NMR spectra. In the ¹H NMR spectrum in CD₃OD, 1,3,2dioxaphosphepin 5d exhibits a singlet at $\delta = 6.44$ ppm due to the presence of the fragment C^{2'}H of pyridoxonium cation. This resonance is shifted to high field compared to that of other salts **5a-f** ($\delta = 7.91 - 8.18$ ppm).

This approach was extended to pyridoxine acetonide, bearing an isopropylidene ether linker and possessing antibacterial activity^[8,9] Among chiral dithiophosphoric acids, we used O,O-dimenthyl dithiophosphoric acids **3 h,i** prepared from (-)-(1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-menthol and (+)-(1*S*,2*R*,5*S*)menthol^{.[21]} Seven-membered pyridoxine acetonide **4 b** reacts with **3 h** in dried ethanol at 50 °C for 1.5 h to form acetonide pyridoxonium O,O-di-(-)-menthyl dithiophosphate **5 h**. Isomeric acetonide pyridoxonium O,O-di-



Scheme 5. Synthesis of diacetonide pyridoxonium bisdithiophosphonate 5j.

(+)-menthyl dithiophosphate **5i** was obtained similarly (Scheme 4).

The resonances at $\delta = 109.6$ and 104.5 ppm observed in the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra in ethanol of **5 h** and **5i** are situated in practically the same region as observed for in other linear salts **5a-c**. In the ¹H NMR spectrum in CDCl₃ of **5 h**, a singlet at $\delta = 1.49$ ppm was assigned to protons of three methyl groups of the isopropylidene fragment (C^{11',12'}H₃)₂C. In the ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of **5 h**, the carbon atoms C^{11'} and C^{12'} of the same fragment (C^{11',12'}H₃)₂C^{10'} reveal a quartet at $\delta = 23.6$ ppm (¹J_{CH} = 126.2 Hz). The carbon atom C^{10'} of this fragment (C^{11',12'}H₃)₂C^{10'} gives a singlet at $\delta = 103.1$ ppm. The FTIR and NMR data of the isomeric acetonide pyridoxonium O,O-di-(+)-menthyl dithiophosphate **5i** are identical to those of **5 h**. In the ESI mass spectrum of **5 h**, a peak at *m/e* 655.5 is assigned to the ion [M + K]+ (calculated *M* 615.9).

It was interesting to establish whether phosphorus dithioacids containing several dithiophosphoryl groups are capable to form pyridoxonium salts. Among them, bisaryldi-thiophosphonic acids containing a tri(ethyleneglycol) linker between two phosphorus atoms are considered to yield diammonium salts by passing anhydrous gaseous ammonia through the benzene solutions of these acids^{-[22]} 1,8-Triethyleneoxy-bis-(4-phenoxyphenyldithiophosphonic) acid **3j** prepared by the reaction of 2,4-bis-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-

1,3,2,4-dithiadiphosphetane 2,4-disulfide with tri(ethyleneglycol)^[22] reacts with pyridoxine acetonide **4b** in dry ethanol at 50 °C for 2 h to give acetonide pyridoxonium bisdithiophosphonate **5j** (Scheme 5).

In spite of the presence of two phosphorus atoms and two pyridoxonium cations in salt **5j**, its ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum in ethanol exhibits a singlet at $\delta = 105.9$ ppm. This indicates the equivalence and the similar environment of both phosphorus atoms in **5j**. In the ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum in acetone- d_6 , two carbon atoms of the fragments POC¹H₂ and POC⁶H₂ of triethyleneoxy linker appear as a singlet at $\delta = 72.6$ ppm. A singlet at $\delta = 126.3$ ppm has been assigned to two carbon atoms of both fragments C^{1°}P, whereas, in the FTIR spectrum of **5j**, the stretching vibrations of the P=S bond appear as two bands at 694 and 675 cm^{-1} . Two bands at 562 and 559 cm⁻¹ are due to the stretching vibrations of the P–S bond. Thus, dithiophosphoric and bisdithiophosphonic acids readily form pyridoxonium salts with pyridoxine as well as its acetonide.

Biological evaluation

Pyridoxonium dithiophosphates **5a-g** (concentration in DMSO was 1%) were studied for *in vitro* against *Escherichia coli, Bacillus cereus* (ATCC 19637), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (ATCC 27853), *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC 29213), and

Table 5. Antimicrobial activity of 5a-5 g^a.

Comp.	B. cereus	Ps. aeruginosa	S. aureus	C. albicans
5a	8	11	8	15
5b	10	12	_	12
5e	12	12	8	-
5f	10	12	8	16
5g	12	-	10	18
Cefazolin (1% in DMSO)	25	-	38	13

^aInhibition zone in mm.

Candida albicans (ATCC 885-653) (Table 5). The antibiotic cefazolin was applied as control sample (1% in DMSO)^{.[23]} Inspection of Table 5 proves that all prepared compounds exhibit remarkable antifungal activity toward the tested C. albicans (growth inhibition zones of 12-18 mm) as compared to cefazolin (13 mm). Salt 5 g containing an aryl cyclic dithiophosphate anion shows higher activity against all tested microorganisms (10-18 mm). The salts 5a-g exhibit the same activity against B. cereus (8-12 mm) and P. aeruginosa (11-12 mm) as compared to Slayt (12 mm). The evaluated salts reveal moderate activity against E. coli (8-10 mm) and S. aureus (8-10 mm). In general, the pyridoxonium salts 5f and 5g containing cyclic dithiophosphate anions are more active antimicrobials than the linear salts 5a and 5b. Thus, the results for 5g seem promising for carrying out the next steps in the antimicrobial activity study.

Conclusions

Chiral linear and cyclic dithiophosphoric and bisdithiophosphonic acids readily react with pyridoxine and pyridoxine acetonide to give pyridoxonium dithiophosphates and bisdithiophosphonates. The reactions proceed via an increase of the coordination number at nitrogen. Dithiophosphoric acids bearing (S)-(-)- α -lactic and (S)-(-)- α -malic scaffolds as well as cyclic fragments have not been previously introduced into the reactions with pyridoxine. We have prepared the first representative of a diacetonide pyridoxonium salt of bisdithiophosphonic acids. The synthesis of new pyridoxonium salts of dithiophosphoric and bisdithiophosphonic acids is important for obtaining new antimicrobial drugs.

Experimental

General

A flow of dry argon was used for all reactions. Benzene and by ethanol were dried distillation over sodium. Tetraphosphorus decasulfide (purity 99%), methyl (S)-(-)- α -lactate 2a (purity 98%), dimethyl (S)-(-)- α -malate 2b (purity 98%), pyridoxine 4a (purity 98%), 2,3-butanediol (purity 98%), 2,2'-biphenol (purity 99%), and (-)-(1 R,2S,5R)-menthol (purity 99%) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Co. (St. Louis, MO, USA). 2,2-Dimethylpropane-1,3-diol (purity 98%) was purchased from Fluka kemika. Butane-1,3-diol (purity 99%) was purchased from Merck (Kenilworth, NJ, USA). (+)-(1S,2R,5S)-Menthol (purity 99%) was purchased from Alfa Aesar (Heysham, UK). Racemic O,O-di-2-butyl dithiophosphoric acid 3c was obtained by the reaction of 2-butanol with P_4S_{10} ^[13] 2-Mercapto-5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinane

2-sulfide 3d, 2-mercapto-4-methyl-1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinane 2-sulfide 3e and 2-mercapto-4,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane 2-sulfide 3f were obtained by the reaction of tetraphosphorus decasulfide with 2,2-dimethylpropane-1,3-diol, butane-1,3-diol and butane-2,3-diol respectively in 1:2 molar ratio in dry benzene^[14] 2-Mercaptodibenzo[d.f][1-3]-dioxaphosphepin 6-sulfide 3g was synthesized by the reaction of P_4S_{10} (1) with 2,2'-biphenol by refluxing in xylene^{.[24]} O,O-Di[(-)-(1R,2S,5R)-2-isopropyl-5-methylcyclohex-1-yl] dithiophosphoric acid **3 h** and its isomer **3i** were prepared by the reactions of 1 with (-)-(1R,2S,5R)-menthol and (+)-(1S,2R,5S)-menthol respectively^[21] Seven-membered pyridoxine acetonide 4 b was obtained by the reaction of pyridoxine with acetone^[25] 1,8-Triethyleneoxy-bis(4-phenoxyphenyldithiophosphonic) acid 3j was similarly synthesized by the reaction of 2,4-bis(4-phenoxyphenyl)-1,3,2,4-dithiadiphosphetane 2,4-disulfide with tri(ethyleneglycol).^[22]

Melting points (uncorrected) were detected by use of an Electrothermal IA9000 apparatus (Bibby Scientific Ltd., Staffordshire, Great Britain). FTIR spectra (KBr tablets or films) were recorded with a Bruker Tensor 27 spectrometer (Bruker BioSpin AG, Fällanden, Switzerland) in the range 400-4000 cm⁻¹. Bands are designated as ν = the stretching vibration. The ¹H (400 MHz), ¹³C, and ¹³C $\{^{1}H\}$ (100.6 MHz) spectra were run on a Bruker Avance III 400 spectrometer (Bruker BioSpin AG, Fällanden, Switzerland) in CDCl3 or CD₃OD. Multiplicity of signal is denoted in the NMR spectra m = multiplet, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet. The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker Avance-400 spectrometer (161.9 MHz) (Bruker BioSpin AG, Fällanden, Switzerland) in benzene with 85% H₃PO₄ as an external reference. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded with a Bruker Compass DataAnalysis 4.0 instruments (Bruker Daltonik GmbH, Bremen, Germany) in acetone performing in the ESI mode. Optical rotations were determined on a Perkin-Elmer 341 polarimeter at 20 °C (Norwalk, CT, USA) (D-line of sodium, 589 nm, a path length 5.52 cm, c = 1%) and presented as specific rotations $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$. Compositions of carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, and sulfur atoms were obtained on a EuroEA3000 CHNS-O Analyzer (EuroVector S.p.A., Milano, Italy). Compositions of phosphorus were determined by method of pyrolysis on a nonserial instrument. The Supplemental Materials contain sample ¹H, ¹³C, and ³¹P NMR spectra of the products (Figures S1–S18).

Synthesis

Bis{2-O-[2-methyl-(2S)-3-O-propionyl]} dithiophosphoric acid (3a)

 P_4S_{10} 1 (1.0 g, 2.3 mmol) was added to the solution of methyl (S)-(-)- α -lactate 2a (1.88 g, 18.1 mmol) in 15 mL of anhydrous benzene under dry argon flow with stirring at 20 °C. The suspension obtained was stirred at 20 °C for 2 h, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure (0.5 mm Hg) at 40 °C for 1 h and then at 0.02 mm Hg at 40 °C for 1 h and gave 3a (2.0 g, 74%) as oily liquid (Tables 1–4)

Bis{2-O-[1,4-O,O-dimethyl-(2S)-succinyl]} dithiophosphoric acid (3 b)

Acid **3b** was obtained similarly as oily liquid from **1** (0.34 g, 0.77 mmol) and dimethyl (*S*)-(–)- α -malate **2a** (1.0 g, 0.77 mmol) (Tables 1–4)

Pyridoxonium bis{2-O-[2-methyl-(2S)-3-O-propionyl]} *dithiophosphate (5a). general procedure*

The mixture of pyridoxine **4a** (0.17 g, 1.0 mmol) and acid **3a** (0.3 g, 0.99 mmol) in 5 mL of ethanol and 5 mL of benzene was stirred at 20 °C for 2 h. The clear solution obtained was concentrated under reduced pressure (0.5 mm Hg) at 40 °C for 1 h and then at 0.02 mm Hg at 40 °C for 1 h and gave **5a** (0.4 g, 85%) of as yellow semisolid (Tables 1–4)

Pyridoxonium bis{2-O-[1,4-O,O-dimethyl-(2S)-succinyl]} dithiophosphate (5 b) Yellow semisolid (Tables 1–4)

Pyridoxonium O,O-di-2-butyl dithiophosphate (5c) Yellow semisolid (Tables 1–4)

Pyridoxonium 2-mercapto-5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinane 2-sulfide (5d) Yellow semisolid (Tables 1–4)

Pyridoxonium 2-mercapto-4-methyl-1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinane 2-sulfide (5e) Yellow semisolid (Tables 1–4)

Pyridoxonium 2-mercapto-4,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane 2-sulfide (5f) Yellow semisolid (Tables 1–3)

Pyridoxonium 2-mercaptodibenzo[d.f][*1*–*3*]-dioxaphosphepin 6-sulfide (5 g) White solid, m.p.: 144-146 °C (Tables 1–3)

1,5-Dihydro-3,3,8-trimethyl-9-hydroxy-[1, 3]dioxepino-[5,6-c]pyridinium O,O-di[(–)-(1R,2S,5R)-2-isopropyl-5methylcyclohex-1-yl] dithiophosphate (5 h). general procedure

The mixture of 1,5-dihydro-3,3,8-trimethyl[1, 3]dioxepino-[5,6-*c*]pyridin-9-ol **4b** (0.07 g, 0.3 mmol) and acid **3h** (0.14 g, 0.3 mmol) in 10 mL of dried ethanol was heated at 50 °C for 1.5 h. The clear solution obtained was concentrated under reduced pressure (0.5 mm Hg) at 40 °C for 1 h and then at 0.02 mm Hg at 40 °C for 1 h and gave salt **5h** (0.18 g, 86%) as semisolid (Tables 1–3)

1,5-Dihydro-3,3,8-trimethyl-9-hydroxy-[1, 3]dioxepino-[5,6-c]pyridinium O,O-di[(+)-(1S,2R,5S)-2-isopropyl-5methylcyclohex-1-yl] dithiophosphate (5i)

Semisolid (Tables 1 and 2). The mass spectrum of ESI (acetone) m/e: 655.5 [M+K]+ (calculated M 615.9). The FTIR and ¹H NMR data of **5 h** are similar to those of isomeric **5i**.

Bis(1,5-dihydro-3,3,8-trimethyl-9-hydroxy-[1, 3]dioxepino-[5,6-c]pyridinium) 1,8-triethyleneoxy bis(4-phenoxyphenyldithiophosphonate) (5j)

The mixture of 1,8-triethyleneoxy-bis(4-phenoxyphenyldithiophosphonic) acid **3j** (0.16 g, 0.24 mmol) and pyridoxine acetonide **4b** (0.1 g, 0.48 mmol) in 10 mL of dry ethanol was heated at 50 °C for 2 h. The mixture was filtered. The filtrate was evaporated at reduced pressure (0.5 mm Hg) at 40 °C for 1 h and then in vacuum (0.02 mm Hg) for 1 h to give **5j** (0.21 g, 81%) as semisolid (Tables 1–4)

Antimicrobial assay

Pyridoxonium dithiophosphates 5a,b and 5c-g (1% DMSO solutions) were studied by use of bacterial and fungal cultures of Escherichia coli, Bacillus cereus (ATCC 19637), Pseudomonas aeruginosa (ATCC 27853), Staphylococcus aureus (ATCC 29213), and Candida albicans (ATCC 885-653) by gel diffusion test on Mueller-Hinton agar. Daily cultures of bacteria and fungi were washed with physiological solution from beef nutrient agar and standardized according to the turbidity standard up to 0.5 by McFarland (1.5×108) CFU mL^{-1}). Bacterial and fungal cultures (0.4 mL) were added to melted and cooled (at 45 °C) Mueller-Hinton agar (10 mL). The mixture was stirred and poured on sterile Petri dishes (90 mm) and allowed to solidify. The agar plate was punched with a sterile borer with 6 mm diameter size, and holes were filled with the test compounds. Antimicrobial activity of cefazolin was measured as 1% solution in DMSO (Table 5). Petri dishes were incubated at 35 °C for 24-48 h in incubator. After the incubation period, the diameter of the growth inhibition zones was measured with an accuracy of 0.1 mm.

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