

New di- and tricarboxylate phosphobetaines*

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New stable tricarboxylate phosphobetaines were synthesized based on 3-(diphenylphosphino)propionic acid and unsaturated dicarboxylic acids (maleic and itaconic). A new dicarboxylate phosphobetaine was synthesized based on 1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane, which did not contain any proton-donor reagents in its crystal lattice.

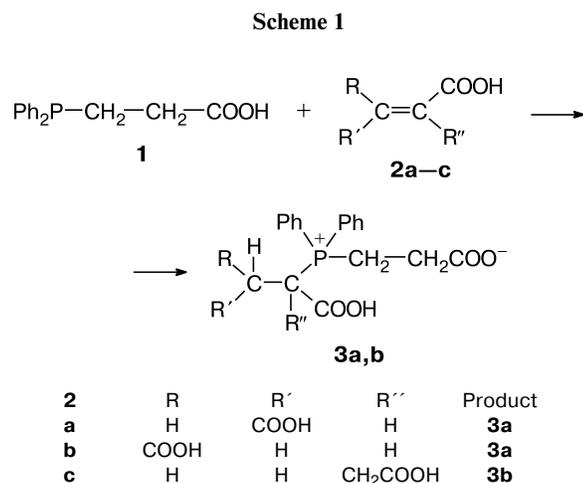
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Earlier, we have studied synthesis, structure, reactivity, and biological activity of carboxylate phosphobetaines based on various tertiary phosphines and unsaturated carboxylic acids.^{1–11}

Recently, we have studied phosphorylation reactions of 3-(diphenylphosphino)propionic acid (**1**) with unsaturated monocarboxylic acids such as acrylic, crotonic, methacrylic, and cinnamic to obtain stable dicarboxylate phosphobetaines, the structure of which was established by a combination of physicochemical methods.¹²

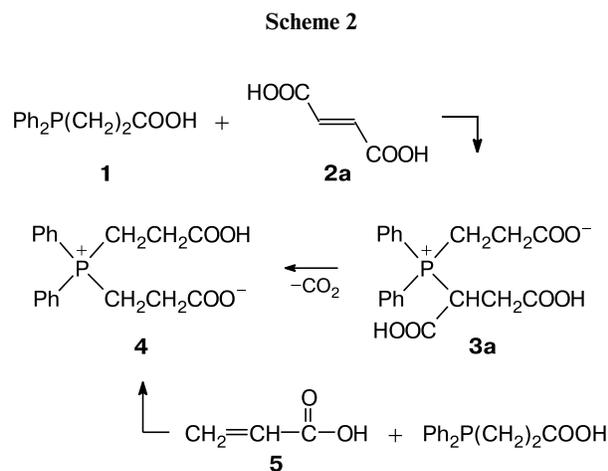
In the present work, we study reactions of acid **1** with unsaturated dicarboxylic acids, namely, fumaric (**2a**), maleic (**2b**), and itaconic (**2c**) (Scheme 1). It was supposed that the final product would contain three carboxy groups.

phines.^{13–16} These reactions are accompanied by decarboxylation, however, we detected the formation of tricarboxylate phosphobetaine **3a** by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy. Initially, the ³¹P NMR spectra of the reaction mixture exhibited two signals for the phosphorus atoms at δ_p 27 (**3a**) and 28.5 (**4**) (Scheme 2), with time, the intensity of the second signal increased, while that of the second signal decreased. The isolated crystalline product contains the only signal at δ_p 28.5 (**4**). The IR and NMR spectra, as well as melting points of the compound completely correspond to product **4** obtained in the studied earlier¹² reaction of 3-(diphenylphosphino)propionic (**1**) and acrylic acids (**5**) (see Scheme 2). It is obvious that the reaction course is accompanied by decarboxylation process.



The reaction of fumaric acid (**2a**) with acid **1** proceeds similarly to already known reactions of tertiary phosphines.

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Such a behavior of fumaric acid (**2a**) in the reactions with tertiary phosphines accompanied by decarboxylation of the intermediate product is quite expected.^{13–16} Nonetheless, in this case the ³¹P NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture for the first time exhibited two signals (tri- and

diethyl ether was poured to the reaction mixture, a precipitate formed was filtered on a Shott funnel, washed with diethyl ether, and dried *in vacuo*. The product **4** is well soluble in water and ethanol with heating, insoluble in acetonitrile, m.p. 236 °C (from ethanol). The yield was 0.591 g (82.08%). IR (Nujol), ν/cm^{-1} : 1680 (COO⁻). ¹H NMR (D₂O), δ : 2.38–2.45 (m, 4 H, CH₂C(O)); 3.04–3.11 (m, 4 H, PCH₂); 7.57–7.76 (m, 10 H, Ar). ¹³C NMR, δ : 16.73 (d, PCH₂, ¹J_{P,C} = 53.0 Hz); 27.28 (d, PCH₂CH₂, ²J_{P,C} = 3.0 Hz); 116.51 (d, C_{ipso}, ¹J_{P,C} = 85.0 Hz); 129.99 (d, C_o, ²J_{P,C} = 13.0 Hz); 132.86 (d, C_m, ³J_{P,C} = 10.0 Hz); 135.03 (d, C_p, ⁴J_{P,C} = 3.0 Hz); 175.87 (d, C(O)O, ³J_{P,C} = 14.5 Hz). ³¹P NMR, δ : 28.8. Found (%): C, 66.27; H, 5.50; P, 9.09. C₁₈H₁₉O₄P. Calculated (%): C, 65.45; H, 5.75; P, 9.39.

2-[(Carboxymethyl)diphenylphosphonio]acetate (7a). A solution of maleic acid (**2b**) (0.23 g, 0.0019 mol) in acetonitrile (3 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of triphenylphosphine **6a** (0.5 g, 0.0019 mol) in acetonitrile (5 mL) with continuous stirring. The reaction reached completion within several minutes to form a white precipitate of **7a**, which was insoluble in organic solvents. Attempted isolation of crystalline product **7a** led to its decarboxylation. The precipitate remained stable under the layer of diethyl ether. ¹H NMR (D₂O), δ : 2.71–2.78 (m, 1 H, PCH); 2.89 (dd, 2 H, CH₂, $J = 51.8$ Hz, $J = 17.1$ Hz); 2.43–2.57 (m, 2 H, PCH₂); 7.54–7.85 (m, 15 H, Ar). ³¹P NMR, δ : 25.0. The decarboxylation product **8a** was characterized by IR spectra, ¹H, ¹³C, and ³¹P NMR spectra, and X-ray diffraction.⁵

3,3'-[Propane-1,3-diylbis(diphenylphosphonionediyl)]dipropionate (10). A solution of maleic acid (**2b**) (0.28 g, 0.0024 mol) in acetonitrile (5 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of 1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane (**9**) (0.5 g, 0.0012 mol) in acetonitrile (5 mL) with continuous stirring. The reaction mixture was allowed to stand for 1 days at room temperature, showing signs of decarboxylation. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*. A precipitate formed was filtered on a Shott funnel, washed with diethyl ether, and dried *in vacuo*, which resulted in the formation of colorless crystals with m.p. 234 °C (from acetonitrile). The yield was 0.510 g (65.4%). IR (Nujol), ν/cm^{-1} : 1580 (COO⁻). ¹H NMR (D₂O), δ : 1.38–1.52 (m, 2 H, PCH₂CH₂CH₂); 2.14–2.27 (m, 4 H, CH₂C(O)); 2.83–3.01 (m, 8 H, PCH₂); 7.44–7.78 (m, 20 H, Ar). ¹³C NMR, δ : 17.59 (s, CH₂CH₂CH₂); 19.92 (d, PCH₂CH₂C(O)O, ¹J_{P,C} = 52.2 Hz); 23.71 (dd, PCH₂CH₂CH₂, ¹J_{P,C} = 52.3 Hz, ¹J_{P,C} = 16.9 Hz); 31.04 (s, CH₂C(O)O); 118.72 (d, C_{ipso}, ¹J_{P,C} = 85.0 Hz); 132.61 (d, C_o, ²J_{P,C} = 6.3 Hz); 135.18 (d, C_m, ³J_{P,C} = 4.3 Hz); 137.70 (s, C_p); 179.89 (d, C(O)O, ³J_{P,C} = 12.3 Hz). ³¹P NMR, δ : 27.8. Found (%): C, 70.73; H, 5.90; P, 11.00. C₃₃H₃₄O₄P₂. Calculated (%): C, 71.22; H, 6.11; P, 11.15.

3-Carboxy-2-[(triphenylphosphonio)methyl]propanoate (11). A solution of itaconic acid (**2c**) (0.81 g, 0.0062 mol) in diethyl ether (5 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of triphenylphosphine **6a** (1.63 g, 0.0062 mol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) with continuous stirring. The reaction mixture was allowed to stand for one week at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* to give a white crystalline product. The precipitate was filtered on a Shott funnel, washed with diethyl ether, and dried *in vacuo*, m.p. 162 °C (from ethanol). The yield was 1.537 g (62.99%). IR (Nujol), ν/cm^{-1} : 1590 (COO⁻); 1720 (COOH); 1730 (COOH). ¹H NMR (D₂O), δ : 2.26–2.54 (dd, 2 H, PCH₂CH₂, $J = 51.51$ Hz, $J = 7.25$ Hz); 2.85 (m, 1 H, CH); 3.11–3.63 (dd, 2 H, PCH₂, $J = 130.29$ Hz, $J = 13.83$ Hz); 7.30–7.81 (m, 15 H, Ar). ¹³C NMR, δ : 23.65 (d, PCH₂, ¹J_{P,C} = 53.9 Hz); 37.92

(s, CH₂C(O)); 38.98 (d, PCH₂CH, ²J_{P,C} = 12.4 Hz); 117.74 (d, C_{ipso}, ¹J_{P,C} = 86.9 Hz); 129.91 (d, C_o, ²J_{P,C} = 12.7 Hz); 133.46 (d, C_m, ³J_{P,C} = 9.6 Hz); 134.96 (d, C_p, ⁴J_{P,C} = 2.0 Hz); 175.96, 176.98 (both s, COO⁻, COOH). ³¹P NMR, δ : 21.8. ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃), δ : 23.6. Found (%): C, 70.67; H, 5.37; P, 7.68. C₂₃H₂₁O₄P. Calculated (%): C, 70.41; H, 5.36; P, 7.91.

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