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Reaction of Bis(trimethylsilyl) Inden-2-ylphosphonate with Azomethines

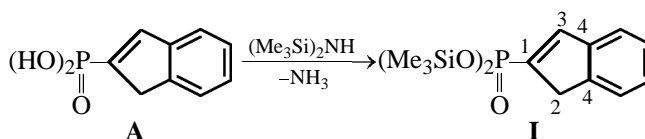
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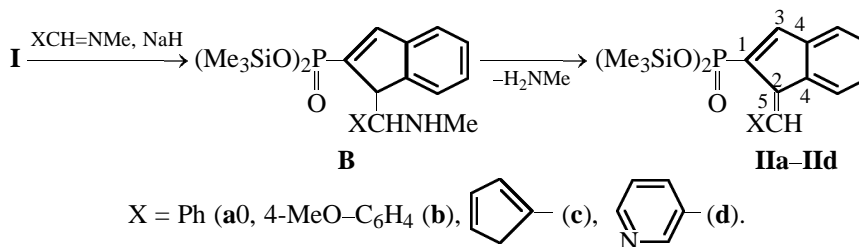
Recently we developed convenient methods for preparing 2-phosphorus-substituted derivatives of indane and indane-1-carboxylic acid containing various functional groups and heterocyclic fragments, which present interest as promising ligands and biologically active compounds [1]. In the present work we studied the reaction of bis(trimethylsilyl) inden-2-

ylphosphonate (**I**) with azomethines, leading novel 2-phosphorus-substituted indene derivatives **II**. Starting phosphonate **I** was obtained in high yield by the reaction of bis(trimethylsilyl)amine with inden-2-ylphosphonic acid (**A**). The synthesis of the latter compound was described previously [2].



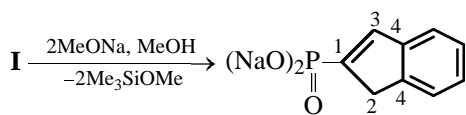
The reaction of phosphonate **I** with azomethines in diethyl ether with stirring in the presence of a sodium hydride initiator involves liberation of methylamine and formation of phosphonates **II** in high yields. Ac-

cording to the reaction scheme, intermediate adduct **B** is formed by a base-catalyzed addition of the indene as a CH acid by the double bond of the azomethine followed by methylamine liberation.

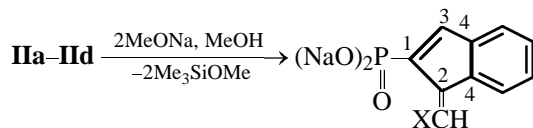


Treatment of phosphonates **I** and **II** with dilute methanolic sodium methylate gives water-soluble disodium salts **III** and **IV**. These salts are hygroscopic white (**III**) or lemon yellow crystals (**IV**).

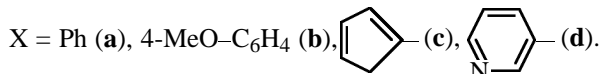
The NMR spectra of compounds **I–IV** contain characteristic signals of substituted indene, aromatic, and heterocyclic fragments. The spectral parameters of these signals are listed below. In the ^1H NMR



III



IVa-IVd



spectra, the signals of these fragments partially or completely overlap in the range 6.5–8.00 ppm.

Bis(trimethylsilyl) inden-2-ylphosphonate (I). A mixture of 100 g of bis(trimethylsilyl)amine and 43 g of inden-2-ylphosphonic acid prepared according to [2] was refluxed until ammonia no longer evolved and then distilled in a vacuum to give 66.4 g of ester **I**, yield 89%, bp 149°C (1 mm), mp 52°C. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 3.50 s (C²H₂), 7.1–7.4 m (5CH, C₉H₇), 0.21 d (Me₆Si₂, ⁴J_{PH} 4.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 137.31 d (C¹, ¹J_{PC} 208.2 Hz), 39.57 d (C², ²J_{PC} 15.2 Hz), 141.86 d (C³, ²J_{PC} 14.7 Hz), 142.54 d (C⁴, ³J_{PC} 21.3 Hz) and 144.6 d (C⁴, ³J_{PC} 12.3 Hz), 0.60 s (CSi). ³¹P NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: –1.11 s.

Bis(trimethylsilyl) (1-benzylideneinden-2-yl)-phosphonate (IIa). To a solution of 4.5 g of phosphonate **I** in 10 ml of diethyl ether, 1.6 g of *N*-benzylidene-*N*-methylamine and 0.1 g of sodium hydride was added with stirring. After 2 h, the solvent was removed, and the residue was distilled in a vacuum to give 4.3 g of phosphonate **IIa**, yield 75%, bp 212°C (2 mm Hg), mp 74°C. ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 135.93 d (C¹, ¹J_{PC} 208.3 Hz), 136.25 d (C², ²J_{PC} 14.9 Hz), 141.94 d (C³, ²J_{PC} 12.3 Hz), 139.14 d (C⁴, ³J_{PC} 16.0 Hz) and 141.71 d (C⁴, ³J_{PC} 18.4 Hz), 136.83 d (C⁴, ³J_{PC} 6.1 Hz). ³¹P NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: –2.87 s.

Phosphonates **IIb–IIId** were prepared in a similar way.

Bis(trimethylsilyl) (4-methoxybenzylideneinden-2-yl)phosphonate (IIb). Yield 78%, bp 210°C (1.5 mm Hg), mp 89°C. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 3.84 s (CH₃O). ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 135.28 d (C¹, ¹J_{PC} 206.2 Hz), 136.14 d (C², ²J_{PC}

14.8 Hz), 140.92 d (C³, ²J_{PC} 11.9 Hz), 138.92 d (C⁴, ³J_{PC} 17.0 Hz), and 141.61 d (C⁴, ²J_{PC} 12.1 Hz), 137.08 s (C⁵), 159.96 s (=CO), 55.18 s (CH₃O). ³¹P NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: –2.55 s.

Bis(trimethylsilyl) (1-furfurylideneinden-2-yl)-phosphonate (IIc). Yield 74%, bp 210°C (2 mm Hg), mp 61°C. ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 133.82 d (C¹, ¹J_{PC} 205.6 Hz), 135.51 d (C², ²J_{PC} 15.6 Hz), 140.60 d (C³, ²J_{PC} 12.3 Hz), 134.93 d (C⁴, ³J_{PC} 16.4 Hz) and 141.40 d (C⁴, ³J_{PC} 21.7 Hz), 127.84 s (C⁵), 144.88 s (=CHO), 151.69 s (=CO). ³¹P NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: –2.22 s.

Bis(trimethylsilyl) [1-(pyridin-3-ylmethylene)-inden-2-yl]phosphonate (IIId). Yield 72%, bp 200°C (1 mm Hg), mp 65°C. ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 133.33 d (C¹, ¹J_{PC} 208.2 Hz), 135.85 d (C², ²J_{PC} 12.3 Hz), 142.70 d (C³, ²J_{PC} 12.5 Hz), 141.25 d (C⁴, ³J_{PC} 15.9 Hz) and 141.93 d (C⁴, ³J_{PC} 20.9 Hz), 136.75 s (C⁵), 149.10 s (C=N) and 149.53 s (C=N). ³¹P NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: –3.3 s.

Disodium inden-2-ylphosphonate (III). To a solution of 1.1 g of sodium methylate in 30 ml of methanol, a solution of 3.4 g of phosphonate **I** in 5 ml of diethyl ether was added with stirring and cooling to 10°C. The resulting mixture was heated to boiling, the solvent was distilled off, and the residue was kept in a vacuum (1 mm Hg) for 1 h to give 2.3 g (96%) of salt **III**. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 3.65 s (C²H₂), 7.2–7.6 m (5 CH, C₉H₇). ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 147.11 d (C¹, ¹J_{PC} 176.2 Hz), 40.68 d (C², ²J_{PC} 11.9 Hz), 135.91 d (C³, ²J_{PC} 10.7 Hz), 144.64 d (C⁴, ³J_{PC} 18.9 Hz) and 145.62 d (C⁴, ³J_{PC} 10.7 Hz). ³¹P NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 10.70 s. Found, %: C 44.91; H 3.03. C₉H₇Na₂O₃P. Calculated, %: C 45.02; H 2.94.

Salts **IVa–IVd** were prepared in a similar way.

Disodium (1-benzylideneinden-2-yl)phosphonate (IVa). Yield 97%. ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 143.22 d (C¹, ¹J_{PC} 174.4 Hz), 136.09 d (C², ²J_{PC} 8.4 Hz), 136.68 d (C³, ²J_{PC} 9.8 Hz), 139.98 d (C⁴, ³J_{PC} 12.09 Hz) and 143.64 d (C⁴, ³J_{PC} 20.4 Hz), 136.43 s (C⁴). ³¹P NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 7.81 s. Found, %: C 58.43; H 3.41. C₁₆H₁₁Na₂O₃P. Calculated, %: C 58.55; H 3.38.

Disodium (4-methoxybenzylideneinden-2-yl)-phosphonate (IVb). Yield 97%. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 3.78 s (CH₃O). ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 143.31 d (C¹, ¹J_{PC} 172.9 Hz), 135.97 d (C², ²J_{PC}

8.3 Hz), 135.65 d (C^3 , $^2J_{PC}$ 9.5 Hz), 139.76 d (C^4 , $^3J_{PC}$ 12.8 Hz) and 143.57 d (C^4 , $^3J_{PC}$ 16.0 Hz), 137.08 s (C^5), 159.08 s (=CO), 55.54 s (CH_3O). ^{31}P NMR spectrum, δ_P , ppm: 8.11 s. Found, %: C 56.89; H 3.74. $C_{17}H_{13}Na_2O_4P$. Calculated, %: C 57.00; H 3.66.

Disodium (1-furfurylideneinden-2-yl)phosphonate (IVc). Yield 95%. ^{13}C NMR spectrum, δ_C , ppm: 143.86 d (C^1 , $^1J_{PC}$ 173.3 Hz), 135.78 d (C^3 , $^2J_{PC}$ 11.4 Hz), 136.49 d (C^4 , $^3J_{PC}$ 12.1 Hz) and 143.52 d (C^4 , $^3J_{PC}$ 17.4 Hz), 128.32 s (C^5), 145.45 s (=CHO), 152.18 s (=CO). ^{31}P NMR spectrum, δ_P , ppm: 8.32 s. Found, %: C 52.64; H 2.91. $C_{14}H_9Na_2O_4P$. Calculated, %: C 52.85; H 2.85.

Disodium [1-(pyridin-3-ylmethylene)inden-2-yl]phosphonate (IVd). Yield 98%. ^{13}C NMR spectrum, δ_C , ppm: 143.30 d (C^1 , $^1J_{PC}$ 175.5 Hz), 135.97 d (C^2 , $^2J_{PC}$ 7.2 Hz), 137.82 d (C^3 , $^2J_{PC}$

11.6 Hz), 142.91 d (C^4 , $^3J_{PC}$ 11.8 Hz) and 144.08 d (C^4 , $^3J_{PC}$ 16.8 Hz), 137.26 s (C^5), 149.68 s (C=N) and 150.04 s (C=N). ^{31}P NMR spectrum, δ_P , ppm: 7.26 s. Found, %: C 54.59; H 3.04. $C_{15}H_{10}NNa_2O_3P$. Calculated, %: C 54.73; H 3.06.

The NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian VXR-400 spectrometer in $CDCl_3$ or D_2O (**III**, **IV**) against TMS (1H , ^{13}C) and 85% phosphoric acid in D_2O (^{31}P).

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