5-Thioxo- or 5-Oxo-dihydro-1,2,4,3-triazaphosphole: Novel and Stable Cyclic **Dicoordinated Phosphorus Compounds: Synthesis and Properties**

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Novel, stable cyclic dicoordinated phosphorus compounds, 5-thioxo- and 5-oxo-dihydro-1,2,4,3-triazaphosphole have been prepared and characterized.

Although the chemistry of dicoordinated phosphorus compounds has been extensively investigated in recent years, the number of heterocycles with P=X (X = CR, N, P) double bonds remains scarce.¹ In the reported examples, the heterocycles are normally stabilised by several intracyclic double bonds.² Thus, triazaphosphole³ and diazaphosphole⁴ heterocyclic systems with two double bonds are stabilised by conjugation, whereas dihydroazaphospholes are not stable and readily oligomerise to tetraphosphazanes, even at low temperatures.5

We have found that the novel 5-thioxo- and 5-oxo-dihydro-1,2,4,3-triazaphospholes 4 and 8 can be prepared readily from the corresponding semicarbazide 2 or thiosemicarbazide 1. These compounds are the first stable dicoordinated phosphorus heterocycles containing only one intracyclic double bond. Compounds 4 and 8 can be methylated or silvlated to give new functionalised triazaphospholes substituted at the 5 position with an SMe or OSiMe₃ group respectively.

Thus, reaction of stoichiometric amounts of tris(dimethylamino)phosphine with 1 in boiling toluene gave, after three molecules of dimethylamine had been evolved, 1-methyl-5thioxodihydro-1,2,4,3-triazaphosphole 4 in 60% yield as a solid which can formally exist as various isomers depending upon the position of the proton.†

Addition of diethylamine or triethylamine to 4 gave in quantitative yield the salt 3a (B = HNEt₂) or 3b (B = NEt₃), analogues of a diazaphospholium salt,6 which could be methylated with methyl iodide to give the 1-methyl-5-methylthio-1,2,4,3-triazaphosphole 5 (Scheme 1).†

The ³¹P and ¹⁵N NMR data for 5 agree with those of 1,2,4,3-triazaphospholes.⁷ The ³¹P NMR signal of **4** is less deshielded than those of triazaphospholes owing to less electron delocalization. Note that ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ is smaller for 4 (6.25 Hz) than for triazaphosphole 5 (16 Hz). $v_{C=S}$ (1430 cm^{-1}) is not observed in the IR spectrum of 5.

The conversion of 4 to 3a is readily reversible: solvent

5: b.p. 35 °C (10^{-2} Torr); ³¹P NMR (C₆D₆): δ 257.6; ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 2.67 (s, CH₃S), 3.86 (d, ⁴J_{HP} 0.9 Hz, CH₃N); ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆): δ 160.4 (d, J_{HP} 15.9 Hz, C=N), 39.6 (s, CH₃N), 16.42 (s, CH_3S) ; ¹⁵N NMR (C_6D_6): $\delta - 10.4$ (d, ¹J_{NP} 85.6 Hz, P=N), -87 (d, $^{1}J_{NP}$ 85.6 Hz, P–N), -156 (s, N-CH₃).

3a: ³¹P NMR (C_5D_5N): δ 244.5; ¹³C NMR (C_5D_5N): δ 177.92 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ 14.5 Hz, C=S), 42.95 (s, CH₂N), 41.97 (s, CH₃N), 12.69 (s, CH₃CH₂); **3b**: ${}^{31}P$ NMR [C₅D₅N): δ 245.8; ${}^{13}C$ NMR (C₅D₅N): δ 177.73 (d, ²J_{CP} 9.9 Hz), 46.02 (s, CH₂N), 41.47 (s, CH₃N), 9.42 (s, CH_3CH_2).

8: ³¹P NMR (xylene): δ 242; ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆): δ 169.5 (d, ²J_{CP} 13.9 Hz), 150–110 (*m*, Ph); ¹⁵N NMR (C₆D₆): δ –106 (d, ¹J_{NP} 90 Hz, N_4 , -135 (d, ${}^{1}J_{NP}$ 79 Hz, N_2), -99.9 (s, N_1); IR v/cm⁻¹ (CH₃CN) 3334 (NH), 1671 (C=O).

7a: b.p 85 °C (10-2 Torr); ³¹P NMR (C₅D₅N, 102 °C): δ 244; ¹H NMR (\dot{C}_5D_5N , 102 °C): δ 0.34 [s, OSi(Me₃)₃], 7–7.4 (m, Ph); ¹³C NMR (C₅D₅N, 102 °C): δ 1.50 [s, OSi(CH₃)₃], 110–150 (m, Ph), 170.63 (d, ²J_{CP} 14.7 Hz, C=N); ¹⁵N NMR (C₇D₈, 75 °C): δ 83.1 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm NP}$ 2.2 Hz, N₁), -105.1 (d, ${}^{1}J_{\rm NP}$ 85.9 Hz, N₄), -123.6 (d, ${}^{1}J_{\rm NP}$ 91.8 Hz, N₂).

evaporation of a solution of **3a** under low pressure at room temperature evolves diethylamine and affords 4 in quantitative yield.

The salts of general structure 3 can be also prepared by an alternative route shown in Scheme 1. Reaction of 1 with PBr₃ in dichloromethane at 0 °C followed by the addition of two equivalents of triethylamine gave a bromotriazaphospholidine intermediate (³¹P NMR δ 144) which with a further two equivalents of base (HNEt₂ or NEt₃) gave the salt **3a** or **3b**.† The ³¹P NMR spectrum of the reaction solution shows only one signal at δ 245 attributed to 3.

Compounds 3a and 3b were not isolated; the ³¹P chemical shifts (244) of these anions are nearer than those of the dihydrotriazaphosphole 4 (208) to triazaphosphole chemical shifts (255). For this reason we propose a semi-delocalised structure (X)

The 5-oxodihydrotriazaphosphole 8 (Scheme 2) was prepared in one step by the reaction of 1-phenylthiosemicarbaz-



Scheme 2

 $^{^{+}}$ 4: m.p. 161–163 °C; 31 P NMR (32.44 MHz, C₅D₅N): δ 208; 1 H NMR (80 MHz, C_5D_5N): δ 3.56 (s, 3H, CH₃), 13.26 (br, NH); ¹³C NMR $(20.15 \text{ MHz}, C_5D_5N)$: δ 176.9 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ 6.25 Hz, C=S), 41.3 (s, CH₃); IR (CH₂Cl₂) v/cm⁻¹ 3380 (NH), 1430.4 (C=S).

If the same reaction is carried out in boiling acetonitrile, an intermediate cyclic aminophosphine 6 [³¹P NMR (MeCN) 93.3] is obtained. Treatment of 6 with trimethylsilyl chloride afforded a mixture of the triazaphosphole 7a and its oligomer 7b (³¹P NMR δ 74–100, m). A temperature controlled equilibrium exists between 7a and 7b, as for the dicoordinated phosphorus derivatives of diamines.⁵

The trimethylsilyloxy group position was determined from the ¹⁵N NMR spectrum of **7a**, analogous to 2,5-disubstituted triazaphospholes.^{7†}

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