# Kinetics and Mechanism of the Anilinolysis of Dibutyl Chlorothiophosphate in Acetonitrile ${ }^{\dagger}$ 

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#### Abstract

The nucleophilic substitution reactions of dibutyl chlorothiophosphate ( $\mathbf{4 S}$ ) with substituted anilines $\left(\mathrm{XC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NH}_{2}\right)$ and deuterated anilines $\left(\mathrm{XC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{ND}_{2}\right)$ are investigated kinetically in acetonitrile at $55.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The obtained deuterium kinetic isotope effects (DKIEs; $k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}$ ) are primary normal ( $k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}=1.10-1.35$ ). A concerted mechanism involving predominant frontside nucleophilic attack is proposed on the basis of the primary normal DKIEs and selectivity parameters. Hydrogen bonded, four-center-type transition state is proposed. The steric effects of the two ligands on the anilinolysis rates of the chlorothiophosphates are discussed. The anilinolyses of $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{S}$ systems are compared with those of their $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$ counterparts on the basis of the reactivities, thio effects, selectivity parameters, and DKIEs.


Key Words : Thiophosphoryl transfer reaction, Anilinolysis, Dibutyl chlorothiophosphate, Deuterium kinetic isotope effect

## Introduction

The kinetics and mechanism of the phosphoryl and thiophosphoryl transfer reactions involving tetracoordinated phosphorus atom have been studied extensively by this lab. Continuing the kinetic studies on the thiophosphoryl transfer reactions, the nucleophilic substitution reactions of dibutyl chlorothiophosphate ( $\mathbf{4 S}$ ) with substituted anilines $\left(\mathrm{XC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NH}_{2}\right)$ and deuterated anilines $\left(\mathrm{XC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{ND}_{2}\right)$ are investigated kinetically in acetonitrile (MeCN) at $55.0 \pm 0.1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Scheme 1). The aim of this work is to gain further systematic information into the phosphoryl and thiophosphoryl transfer reactions. The kinetic results of the anilinolyses of $\left(\mathrm{R}_{1} \mathrm{O}\right)\left(\mathrm{R}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right) \mathrm{P}(=\mathrm{S}) \mathrm{Cl}-$ type chlorothiophosphates (dimethyl $\left[1 \mathrm{~S}:(\mathrm{MeO})_{2} \mathrm{P}(=\mathrm{S}) \mathrm{Cl}\right]^{1 \mathrm{~g}}$ diethyl $\left[2 S:(E t O)_{2} \mathrm{P}(=\mathrm{S}) \mathrm{Cl}\right],{ }^{1 \mathrm{~g}}$ dipropyl $\left[3 \mathrm{~S}:(\mathrm{PrO})_{2} \mathrm{P}(=\mathrm{S}) \mathrm{Cl}\right]{ }^{1 \mathrm{x}}$ Y-aryl ethyl [5S: $\left.(\mathrm{EtO})\left(\mathrm{YC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{O}\right) \mathrm{P}(=\mathrm{S}) \mathrm{Cl}\right]$, ${ }^{\text {f }}$ and Y -aryl phenyl $\left[6 \mathbf{S}:(\mathrm{PhO})\left(\mathrm{YC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{O}\right) \mathrm{P}(=\mathrm{S}) \mathrm{Cl}\right]^{\text {1c }}$ chlorothiophosphates) are compared with those of $\left(\mathrm{R}_{1} \mathrm{O}\right)\left(\mathrm{R}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right) \mathrm{P}(=\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{Cl}$-type chlorophosphates (dimethyl [1O: $\left.(\mathrm{MeO})_{2} \mathrm{P}(=\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{Cl}\right]{ }^{1 \mathrm{~g}}$ diethyl $[\mathbf{2 O}:$ $\left.(\mathrm{EtO})_{2} \mathrm{P}(=\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{Cl}\right],{ }^{\text {lg }}$ dibutyl $\left[4 \mathrm{O}:(\mathrm{BuO})_{2} \mathrm{P}(=\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{Cl}\right]$, ${ }^{\text {ly }} \mathrm{Y}-$ aryl ethyl [50: $\left.(\mathrm{EtO})\left(\mathrm{YC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{O}\right) \mathrm{P}(=\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{Cl}\right]$, ${ }^{1 \mathrm{f}}$ and Y-aryl phenyl [60: $\left.(\mathrm{PhO})\left(\mathrm{YC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{O}\right) \mathrm{P}(=\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{Cl}\right]^{\text {1a }}$ chlorophosphates). The numbering of the substrates of 1-6 follows the sequence of the summation of the Taft's steric constants ${ }^{2}$ (or size) of the two ligands ( $\mathrm{R}_{1}$ and $\mathrm{R}_{2}$ ), and $\mathbf{O}$ and $\mathbf{S}$ represent the $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{S}$ systems, respectively. Henceforth, for convenience in expressing the substrates, $\left(\mathrm{R}_{1} \mathrm{O}\right)\left(\mathrm{R}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right) \mathrm{P}(=\mathrm{A}) \mathrm{Cl}$ is denoted as $A\left(\mathrm{R}_{1} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{R}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$ where $\mathrm{R}_{1}$ and $\mathrm{R}_{2}$ are alkyl and/or phenyl (aryl), and $A=O$ or $S$.

The B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) geometry, bond angles, and natural bond order (NBO) charges of 4 S in the gas phase ${ }^{3}$ are


Scheme 1. The anilinolysis of dibutyl chlorothiophosphate ( $\mathbf{4 S}$ ) in MeCN at $55.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
shown in Figure 1. The MO theoretical structure shows that the two oxygens, sulfur, and chlorine have somewhat distorted tetrahedral geometry with the phosphorus atom at the center. The largest and smallest bond angles are $119.0^{\circ}$ and $98.6^{\circ}$, respectively, deviation of ca. $10^{\circ}$ from the bond angle of $109.5^{\circ}$ of the regular tetrahedral structure. The ground state (GS) structure of $\mathbf{4 S}$ in the gas phase does not have plane of symmetry although it has two same ligands of $(\mathrm{BuO})_{2}$.


Figure 1. The B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) geometry of dibutyl chlorothiophosphate (4S) in the gas phase.

[^0]Table 1. The Second-Order Rate Constants $\left(k_{\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{D})} \times 10^{4} / \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right)$, Selectivity Parameters ( $\rho_{\mathrm{X}}$ and $\beta_{\mathrm{X}}$ ), ${ }^{a}$ and DKIEs $\left(k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}\right)$ of the Reactions of Dibutyl Chlorothiophosphate (4S) with $\mathrm{XC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{D}_{2}\right)$ in MeCN at $55.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

| X | $k_{\mathrm{H}} \times 10^{4}$ | $k_{\mathrm{D}} \times 10^{4}$ | $k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $4-\mathrm{MeO}$ | $27.4 \pm 0.1^{b}$ | $25.0 \pm 0.2$ | $1.10 \pm 0.01^{g}$ |
| $4-\mathrm{Me}$ | $12.8 \pm 0.1$ | $11.1 \pm 0.1$ | $1.15 \pm 0.01$ |
| $3-\mathrm{Me}$ | $5.59 \pm 0.04$ | $4.68 \pm 0.02$ | $1.19 \pm 0.01$ |
| H | $3.22 \pm 0.01$ | $2.66 \pm 0.02$ | $1.21 \pm 0.01$ |
| $3-\mathrm{MeO}$ | $1.39 \pm 0.01$ | $1.11 \pm 0.01$ | $1.25 \pm 0.01$ |
| $4-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $0.670 \pm 0.003$ | $0.519 \pm 0.004$ | $1.29 \pm 0.01$ |
| $3-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $0.200 \pm 0.001$ | $0.148 \pm 0.001$ | $1.35 \pm 0.01$ |
| $-\rho_{\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{H} \text { and })}$ | $3.29 \pm 0.03^{c}$ | $3.42 \pm 0.03^{e}$ |  |
| $\beta_{\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{H} \text { and })}$ | $1.17 \pm 0.04^{d}$ | $1.21 \pm 0.04^{f}$ |  |

${ }^{a}$ The $\Sigma$ values were taken from ref. 6 . The $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}$ values of X -anilines in water were taken from ref. 7. ${ }^{b}$ Standard deviation. ${ }^{c}$ Correlation coefficient, $\mathrm{r}=0.999 .{ }^{d} \mathrm{r}=0.999 .{ }^{e} \mathrm{r}=0.999 .{ }^{f_{\mathrm{r}}}=0.999 .{ }^{g}$ Standard error $\left\{=1 / k_{\mathrm{D}}\right.$ $\left.\left[\left(\Delta k_{\mathrm{H}}\right)^{2}+\left(k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}\right)^{2} \times\left(\Delta k_{\mathrm{D}}\right)^{2}\right]^{1 / 2}\right\}$ from ref. 8.

## Results and Discussion

The observed pseudo-first-order rate constants ( $k_{\text {obsd }}$ ) were found to follow Eq. (1) for all the reactions under pseudo-first-order conditions with a large excess of aniline nucleophile. The $k_{0}$ values were negligible ( $k_{0} \approx 0$ ) in MeCN . The second-order rate constants ( $k_{\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{D})}$ ) were determined for at least five concentrations of anilines. The linear plots of Eq. (1) suggest that there is no base-catalysis or noticeable side reaction and that the overall reaction is described by Scheme 1.

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\begin{equation*}
k_{\mathrm{obsd}}=k_{0}+k_{\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{D})}\left[\mathrm{XC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{D}_{2}\right)\right] \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The $k_{\mathrm{H}}$ and $k_{\mathrm{D}}$ values with X -anilines and deuterated X anilines, respectively, are summarized in Table 1, together with the DKIEs ( $k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}$ ) and Hammett $\rho_{\mathrm{X}}$ and Brönsted $\beta_{\mathrm{X}}$ selectivity parameters. The $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}(\mathrm{X})$ values of the X -anilines in water were used to obtain the Brönsted $\beta_{\mathrm{X}}$ values in MeCN , and this procedure was justified experimentally and theoretically. ${ }^{4}$ The values of $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}(\mathrm{X})$ and $\sigma_{\mathrm{X}}$ of the deuterated X -anilines are assumed to be identical to those of the X anilines. Perrin and coworkers reported that the basicities of $\beta$-deuterated analogs of benzylamine, $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}$-dimethylaniline and methylamine increase roughly by $0.02 \mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}$ units per deuterium, and that these effects are additive. ${ }^{5}$ Thus, the $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}(\mathrm{X})$ values of deuterated X -anilines may be slightly greater than those of X-anilines, however, the difference is too small to be taken into account. Figures 2 and 3 show the Hammett $\left(\log k_{\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{D})}\right.$ vs $\left.\sigma_{\mathrm{X}}\right)$ and Brönsted $\left[\log k_{\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{D})}\right.$ vs $\left.\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}(\mathrm{X})\right]$ plots, respectively, for substituent X variations in the nucleophiles. The stronger nucleophile leads to the faster rate as observed in a typical nucleophilic substitution reaction. The primary normal DKIEs ( $k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}>1$ ) are observed with all the nucleophiles. The values of DKIEs invariably increase as the nucleophile changes from the strongly to weakly basic anilines; from $\mathrm{X}=4-\mathrm{MeO}\left(k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}=1.10\right)$ to $\mathrm{X}=3-\mathrm{Cl}\left(k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}\right.$ $=1.35$ ).

The second-order rate constants $\left(k_{\mathrm{H}}\right)$ with unsubstituted


Figure 2. The Hammett plots $\left(\log k_{\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{D})} v s \sigma_{\mathrm{X}}\right)$ of the reactions of dibutyl chlorothiophosphate (4S) with $\mathrm{XC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{D}_{2}\right)$ in MeCN at $55.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


Figure 3. The Brönsted plots $\left[\log k_{\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{D})} v s \mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}(\mathrm{X})\right]$ of the reactions of dibutyl chlorothiophosphate (4S) with $\mathrm{XC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{D}_{2}\right)$ in MeCN at $55.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
aniline, NBO charges at the reaction center P atom [B3LYP/ $6-311+G(d, p)$ level of theory] in the gas phase, ${ }^{3}$ summations of the Taft's steric constants of $\mathrm{R}_{1}$ and $\mathrm{R}_{2}\left[\Sigma E_{\mathrm{S}}=E_{\mathrm{S}}\left(\mathrm{R}_{1}\right)+\right.$ $\left.E_{\mathrm{S}}\left(\mathrm{R}_{2}\right)\right],{ }^{2}$ Brönsted coefficients $\left(\beta_{\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{H})}\right)$, cross-interaction constants (CICs; $\rho_{\mathrm{XY}}$ ), ${ }^{9}$ and DKIEs $\left(k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}\right)$ of the reactions of $\mathbf{1 S}$-6S with $\mathrm{XC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{D}_{2}\right)$ in MeCN at $55.0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ are summarized in Table 2. The observed sequence of the anilinolysis rates is $\mathbf{1 S}>\mathbf{2 S}>\mathbf{4 S}>\mathbf{3 S}>\mathbf{5 S}>\mathbf{6 S}$, giving the relative rates of $9.9(\mathbf{1 S}): 5.1(\mathbf{2 S}): 3.2(\mathbf{4 S}): 3.0(\mathbf{3 S}): 2.8(\mathbf{5 S})$ $: 1(\mathbf{6 S})$. These results are not consistent with expectations for the positive charge at the reaction center P atom, suggesting that the inductive effects of the two ligands do not play any role to decide the reactivity of anilinolysis of $\left(\mathrm{R}_{1} \mathrm{O}\right)\left(\mathrm{R}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right) \mathrm{P}$ $(=\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{Cl}$-type substrates. The sequence of the anilinolysis rates of $\mathbf{1 S}-6 \mathrm{~S}$ is almost inversely proportional to the size of the two ligands; ${ }^{10}$ the greater the size of the two ligands, the rate becomes slower. These results indicate that the steric effects of the two ligands play an important role to determine the reactivity of the chlorothiophosphate.

The Taft's Eq. (2) can be used to rationalize the steric

Table 2. Summary of the Second-Order Rate Constants $\left(k_{\mathrm{H}} \times 10^{3} / \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right)$ with $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{NH}_{2}$, NBO Charges at the Reaction Center P Atom, Summations of the Taft's Steric Constants of $\mathrm{R}_{1}$ and $\mathrm{R}_{2}\left[\Sigma E_{\mathrm{S}}=E_{\mathrm{S}}\left(\mathrm{R}_{1}\right)+E_{\mathrm{S}}\left(\mathrm{R}_{2}\right)\right]$, Brönsted Coefficients ( $\left.\beta_{\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{H})}\right)$, CICs $\left(\rho_{\mathrm{XY}}\right)$, and DKIEs ( $k_{\mathrm{H}} /$ $k_{\mathrm{D}}$ ) for the Reactions of $\mathbf{1 S}-\mathbf{6 S}$ with $\mathrm{XC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{D}_{2}\right)$ in MeCN at $55.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

| substrate | $10^{3} k_{\mathrm{H}}{ }^{a}$ | charge at P | $-\Sigma E_{\mathrm{s}}{ }^{b}$ | $\beta_{\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{H})}$ | $\rho_{\mathrm{XY}}$ | $k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}$ | ref. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 S}: \mathrm{S}(\mathrm{MeO}, \mathrm{MeO})$ | 1.09 | 1.687 | 0.00 | 0.993 | - | $0.945-1.06$ | 1 g |
| 2S: $\mathrm{S}(\mathrm{EtO}, \mathrm{EtO})$ | 0.512 | 1.701 | 0.14 | 0.977 | - | $1.01-1.10$ | 1 g |
| 3S: $\mathrm{S}(\mathrm{PrO}, \mathrm{PrO})$ | 0.300 | 1.702 | 0.72 | 1.14 | - | $1.11-1.35$ | 1 x |
| 4S: $\mathrm{S}(\mathrm{BuO}, \mathrm{BuO})$ | 0.322 | 1.703 | 0.78 | 1.17 | - | $1.10-1.35$ | this work |
| $\mathbf{5 S}: \mathrm{S}\left(\mathrm{EtO}, \mathrm{YC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{O}\right)$ | $0.280^{c}$ | $1.687^{c}$ | $2.55^{c}$ | $1.10-1.19$ | -0.28 | $1.06-1.27$ | 1 f |
| 6S: $\mathrm{S}\left(\mathrm{PhO}^{c}, \mathrm{YC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{O}\right)$ | $0.101^{c}$ | $1.661^{c}$ | $4.96^{c}$ | $1.34-1.41$ | -0.22 | $1.11-1.33$ | 1 c |

${ }^{a}$ The values with unsubstituted aniline at $55.0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. ${ }^{b}$ Note that the value of $\Sigma E_{\mathrm{S}}$ is not $E_{\mathrm{S}}\left(\mathrm{R}_{1} \mathrm{O}\right)+E_{\mathrm{S}}\left(\mathrm{R}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$ but $E_{\mathrm{S}}\left(\mathrm{R}_{1}\right)+E_{\mathrm{S}}\left(\mathrm{R}_{2}\right)$ because of the lack of data of Taft's steric constants of $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{O}$. ${ }^{c}$ The value with $\mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{H}$.


Figure 4. The plot of $\log k_{\mathrm{H}} v s \Sigma E_{\mathrm{S}}$ for the reactions of $\mathbf{1 S}-6 \mathrm{~S}$ with $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{NH}_{2}$ in MeCN at $55.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
effects of the two ligands on the reaction rate where $k_{\mathrm{H}}$ is the second-order rate constant with unsubstituted aniline in MeCN at $55.0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, E_{\mathrm{S}}$ is the Taft's steric constant $\left[E_{\mathrm{S}}(\mathrm{R})=\right.$ $0(\mathrm{Me}),-0.07(\mathrm{Et}),-0.36(\mathrm{Pr}),-0.39(\mathrm{Bu})$, and $-2.48(\mathrm{Ph})], \Sigma E_{\mathrm{S}}$ is the summation of the steric constants of the two ligands, and $\delta$ is the sensitivity coefficient. ${ }^{2}$ Herein, it should be noted that the value of $\Sigma E_{\mathrm{S}}$ is not $E_{\mathrm{S}}\left(\mathrm{R}_{1} \mathrm{O}\right)+E_{\mathrm{S}}\left(\mathrm{R}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$ but $E_{\mathrm{S}}\left(\mathrm{R}_{1}\right)+E_{\mathrm{S}}\left(\mathrm{R}_{2}\right)$, since the data of Taft's steric constant of $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{O}$ is not available. Figure 4 shows the plot of $\log k_{\mathrm{H}}$ with unsubstituted aniline $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{NH}_{2}\right)$ against the summation of the Taft's steric constants of the two ligands of the reactions of six chlorothiophosphates (1-6) in MeCN at $55.0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, giving the sensitivity coefficients of: $\delta=0.16(\mathrm{r}=0.878)$ with six substrates of $\mathbf{1 S} \mathbf{- 6 S} ; \delta=0.17(r=0.915)$ with five substrates of $\mathbf{1 S}, \mathbf{2 S}, \mathbf{4 S}, \mathbf{5 S}$, and $\mathbf{6 S}$; $\delta=0.18(\mathrm{r}=0.959)$ with four substrates of $\mathbf{1 S}, \mathbf{2 S}, \mathbf{5 S}$, and $\mathbf{6 S}$; $\delta=0.13(\mathrm{r}=$ 0.967 ) with four substrates of $\mathbf{2 S}, \mathbf{4 S}, \mathbf{5 S}$, and $\mathbf{6 S}$; and $\delta=$ $0.21(r=0.998)$ with three substrates of $\mathbf{1 S}, \mathbf{5 S}$, and $\mathbf{6 S}$.

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\begin{equation*}
\log k_{\mathrm{H}}=\delta \Sigma E_{\mathrm{S}}+\mathrm{C} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
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The DKIEs are one of the strong tools to clarify the reaction mechanism. The DKIEs have provided a useful means to determine the TS structures in the nucleophilic substitution reactions, and how the reactants, especially through changes in substituents, alter the TS structures.

Incorporation of deuterium in the nucleophile has an advantage in that the $\alpha$-DKIEs reflect only the degree of bond formation. When partial deprotonation of the aniline occurs in a rate-limiting step by hydrogen bonding, the $k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}$ values are greater than unity, primary normal $\left(k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}>1.0\right) .^{11}$ The greater the extent of the hydrogen bond, the value of $k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}$ becomes greater. In contrast, the DKIEs can only be secondary inverse ( $k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}<1.0$ ) in a normal $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{N}} 2$ reaction, since the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{D})$ vibrational frequencies invariably increase upon going to the TS because of an increase in steric congestion in the bond-making process. ${ }^{12}$ The greater the degree of the steric congestion in the TS, the value of $k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}$ becomes smaller.

The attacking direction of aniline nucleophile can be semiquantitatively divided into three groups on the basis of the magnitudes of the $k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}$ values: (i) predominant backside attack TSb (Scheme 2) when $k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}<1$; (ii) the fraction of


TSb


TSf

Scheme 2. Backside attack TSb and frontside attack TSf ( $\mathrm{L}=\mathrm{H}$ or D).
the frontside attack TSf (Scheme 2) is greater than that of backside attack TSb when $1.0<k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}<1.1$ : (iii) predominant frontside attack TSf when $k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}>1.1$.

As seen in Table 2, the DKIEs of $\mathbf{1 S}\left(k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}=0.95-1.06\right)^{1 \mathrm{~g}}$ are secondary inverse with the strongly basic anilines and primary normal with the weakly basic anilines, while those of $2 \mathbf{S}\left(k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}=1.01-1.10\right){ }^{1 \mathrm{~g}} 3 \mathbf{S}\left(k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}=1.11-1.35\right), \mathbf{4 S}\left(k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}\right.$ $=1.10-1.35), \mathbf{5 S}\left(k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}=1.06-1.27\right)^{1 \mathrm{f}}$ and $\mathbf{6 S}\left(k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}=1.11-\right.$ $1.33)^{1 \mathrm{c}}$ are primary normal. The CICs are also one of the strong tools to clarify the reaction mechanism. ${ }^{9}$ The negative values of $\rho_{X Y}$ imply that the anilinolyses of 5 S and $\mathbf{6 S}$ proceed through a concerted $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{N}} 2$ mechanism. ${ }^{13}$ The authors accordingly proposed that the anilinolysis of 1 S proceeds through a concerted mechanism and the attacking direction gradually changes from backside to frontside as the aniline changes from the strongly basic to weakly basic. A concerted

Table 3. Comparison of the Anilinolyses of the $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{S}$ Systems ( $\mathbf{1 S}, \mathbf{2 S}, \mathbf{4 S}, \mathbf{5 S}$, and $\mathbf{6 S}$ ) with those of their $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$ Counterparts $(\mathbf{1 O}, \mathbf{2 O}, \mathbf{4 0}$, $\mathbf{5 0}$, and $\mathbf{6 O}$ ) in MeCN at $55.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

| ligands | $10^{3} k_{\mathrm{H}}{ }^{a}$ | charge at P | $\beta_{\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{H})}$ | $\rho_{\mathrm{XY}}$ | $k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $(\mathrm{MeO}, \mathrm{MeO})$ | $1.09 / 4.28^{b}$ | $1.687 / 2.226^{b}$ | $0.99 / 0.96^{b}$ | - | $0.945-1.06 / 0.80-0.98^{b}$ |
| $(\mathrm{EtO}, \mathrm{EtO})$ | $0.512 / 2.82$ | $1.701 / 2.236$ | $0.98 / 1.06$ | - | $1.01-1.10 / 0.71-0.92$ |
| $(\mathrm{BuO}, \mathrm{BuO})$ | $0.322 / 2.06$ | $1.703 / 2.239$ | $1.17 / 1.11$ | - | $1.10-1.35 / 0.86-1.10$ |
| $\left(\mathrm{EtO}, \mathrm{YC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{O}\right)$ | $0.280 / 2.00$ | $1.687 / 2.233$ | $1.10-1.19 / 1.09-1.20$ | $-0.28 /-0.60^{b}$ | $1.06-1.27 / 1.07-1.28$ |
| $\left(\mathrm{PhO}, \mathrm{YC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{O}\right)$ | $0.101 / 0.891$ | $1.661 / 2.230$ | $1.34-1.41 / 1.24-1.68$ | $-0.22 /-1.31$ | $1.11-1.33 / 0.61-0.87$ |

${ }^{a}$ The value with unsubstituted aniline $\left(k_{\mathrm{H}} \times 10^{3} / \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right) .{ }^{b}$ The value of $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{S} /$ its counterpart $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$ system.
mechanism was proposed for the anilinolysis of $\mathbf{2 S}$ in which the fraction of the frontside attack TSf is greater than that of backside attack TSb on the basis of $1.01<k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}<1.10$. A concerted mechanism involving predominant hydrogenbonded, four-center-type TSf was proposed for the anilinolyses of $\mathbf{3 S}, \mathbf{5 S}$, and $\mathbf{6 S}$ on the basis of the large primary normal DKIEs. In the present work of $\mathbf{4 S}$, thus, the authors propose a concerted mechanism involving predominant hydrogenbonded, four-center-type TSf on the basis of the primary normal DKIEs.
The second-order rate constants, NBO charges at the reaction center P atom, Brönsted coefficients $\left(\beta_{\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{H})}\right)$, CICs ( $\rho_{\mathrm{XY}}$ ), and DKIEs ( $k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}$ ) for the reactions of $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{S}$ systems and their $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$ counterparts with $\mathrm{XC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{D}_{2}\right)$ in MeCN at $55.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ are summarized in Table 3 to compare both systems. The sequence of the anilinolysis rates of the $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$ systems are inversely proportional to the size of the two ligands, indicating that the steric effects are the dominant factor over the inductive effects of the two ligands. The anilinolysis rates of the $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$ systems are $4-9$ times faster than their $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{S}$ counterparts: $\quad k_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{1 O}) / k_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{1 S})=3.9 ; \quad k_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{2 O}) / k_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{2 S})=5.5$; $k_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{4 O}) / k_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{4 S})=6.4 ; k_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{5 O}) / k_{\mathrm{H}}(5 \mathrm{~S})=7.1 ; k_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{6 O}) / k_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{6 S})=$ 8.8. The ratio of $k_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{O}) / k_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{S})$ increases as the size of the ligands becomes larger, indicating that the $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{S}$ systems are more sensitive to the steric effects of the two ligands compared to the $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$ systems, i.e., $k_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{1 O}) / k_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{6 O})=4.8$ and $k_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{1 S}) / k_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{6 S})=10.8$. It is well known that the $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$ systems are generally more reactive than their $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{S}$ counterparts for several reasons, the so-called 'thio effect', which is mainly the electronegativity difference between O and S and favors $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$ over $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{S} .{ }^{14}$ The magnitude of the positive charge of the reaction center P atom for the $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$ system are greater ( $0.54-$ 0.57 ; see third column in Table 3) than that for its $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{S}$ counterpart system which may represent the electronegativity difference between O and S , although the calculated NBO charges are not in MeCN but in the gas phase. There is no consistency for both systems between: (i) $\beta_{\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{H})}$ and $\rho_{\mathrm{XY}}$; (ii) $\beta_{\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{H})}$ and $k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}} ; \beta_{\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{H})}$ and the attacking direction of nucleophile. The sign of $\rho_{\mathrm{XY}}$ of $\mathbf{5 0}$ and $\mathbf{6 0}$ is negative, the same as in 5 S and $\mathbf{6 S}$, which indicates the $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{N}} 2$ mechanism. However the magnitudes of $\rho_{\mathrm{XY}}$ of $\mathbf{5 0}$ and $\mathbf{6 0}$ are greater than those of $\mathbf{5 S}$ and $\mathbf{6 S}$, suggesting that the degree of bond formation of $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$ system is greater than that of $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{S}$ system. ${ }^{13}$ The DKIEs of the $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{S}$ systems are primary normal except 1S with the weakly basic anilines while those of the $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$ systems are secondary inverse except 40 with the
weakly basic anilines and 50. The fraction of the frontside nucleophilic attack of the $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{S}$ system is greater than that of the $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$ system because of the greater electrophilicity of reaction center P in $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$ compared to $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{S}$. In other words, when the degree of steric hindrance is more or less significant, the lesser electrophilicity of P in $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{S}$ leads to a frontside attack with a hydrogen bonded four-center-type TSf rather than a backside attack. Meanwhile, the greater electrophilicity of P in $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$ overcomes the steric hindrance and enables a backside attack until the severe steric hindrance prohibits backside attack and consequently frontside attack becomes predominant. ${ }^{15}$

## Experimental Section

Materials. Dibutyl chlorothiophosphate (commercially available) and HPLC grade acetonitrile (water content is less than $0.005 \%$ ) was used for kinetic studies without further purification. Anilines were redistilled or recrystallized before use as previously described. ${ }^{1}$ Deuterated anilines were synthesized by heating anilines and deuterium oxide ( 99.9 atom $\% \mathrm{D}$ ) and one drop of HCl as catalyst at $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 72 hr , and after numerous attempts, anilines were deuterated more than $98 \%$, as confirmed by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR.

Kinetic Procedure. Rates were measured conductometrically at $55.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The conductivity bridge used in this work was a self-made computer automated $\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{D}$ converter conductivity bridge. Pseudo-first-order rate constants, $k_{\text {obsd }}$ were measured by curve fitting analysis in origin program with a large excess of anilines, [substrate] $=1 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$ and [Xaniline] $=(0.1-0.5) \mathrm{M}$. Second-order rate constants, $k_{2}$, were obtained from the slope of a plot of $k_{\text {obsd }}$ vs [X-aniline] with five concentrations of anilines. The pseudo-first-order rate constant values ( $k_{\mathrm{obsd}}$ ) were the average of at least three runs that were reproducible within $\pm 3 \%$.

Product Analysis. Dibutyl chlorothiophosphate was reacted with excess aniline, for more than 15 half-lives at $55.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in MeCN . The aniline hydrochloride salt was separated by filtration. Acetonitrile was evaporated under reduced pressure. The product was isolated with ether by a work-up process and dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. After filtration the product was isolated by evaporating the solvent under reduced pressure. The analytical and spectroscopic data of the product gave the following results (see 'Supplementary Materials'):
$(\mathbf{B u O})_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{P}(=\mathbf{S}) \mathbf{N H C}_{6} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{5}}$. Brown liquid; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ (400
$\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 0.80-0.92\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}, 2 \mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{Bu}\right), 1.30-1.40(\mathrm{~m}$, $\left.4 \mathrm{H}, 2 \mathrm{CH}_{2}, \mathrm{Bu}\right), 1.59-1.66\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, 2 \mathrm{CH}_{2}, \mathrm{Bu}\right), 3.93-4.02$ (m, 2H, $\left.\mathrm{OCH}_{2}, \mathrm{BuO}\right), 4.08-4.16\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}, \mathrm{BuO}\right), 5.04$ ( $\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}$ ), 6.94-6.98 ( $\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, phenyl), 7.20-7.26 (d, $J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, phenyl); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ $13.47\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{Bu}\right), 18.70\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}, \mathrm{Bu}\right), 31.83,31.91\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}, \mathrm{Bu}\right)$, $66.62,66.90\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{2}, \mathrm{BuO}\right), 117.33,117.59,121.97,129.19$, 139.39 ( $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$, aromatic); ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(162 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ 70.77 (s, 1P, P=S); MS (EI) $m / z 301\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$.

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