

# $\alpha$ -Amidoalkylating Agents from *N*-Acyl- $\alpha$ -amino Acids: 1-(*N*-Acylamino)alkyltriphenylphosphonium Salts

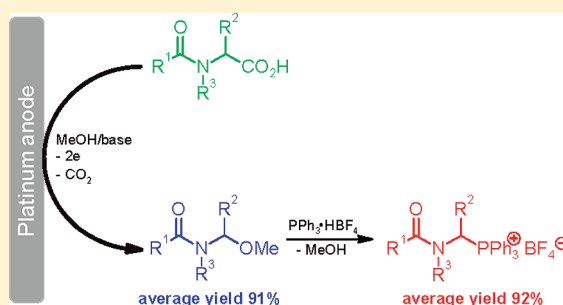
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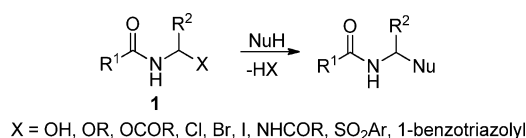
**ABSTRACT:** *N*-Acyl- $\alpha$ -amino acids were efficiently transformed in a two-step procedure into 1-(*N*-acylamino)alkyltriphenylphosphonium salts, new powerful  $\alpha$ -amidoalkylating agents. The effect of the  $\alpha$ -amino acid structure, the base used [MeONa or a silica gel-supported piperidine (SiO<sub>2</sub>–Pip)], and the main electrolysis parameters (current density, charge consumption) on the yield and selectivity of the electrochemical decarboxylative  $\alpha$ -methoxylation of *N*-acyl- $\alpha$ -amino acids (Hofer–Moest reaction) was investigated. For most proteino-genic and all studied unproteino-genic  $\alpha$ -amino acids, very good results were obtained using a substoichiometric amount of SiO<sub>2</sub>–Pip as the base. Only in the cases of *N*-acylated cysteine, methionine, and tryptophan, attempts to carry out the Hofer–Moest reaction in the applied conditions failed, probably because of the susceptibility of these  $\alpha$ -amino acids to an electrochemical oxidation on the side chain. The methoxy group of *N*-(1-methoxyalkyl)amides was effectively displaced with the triphenylphosphonium group by dissolving an equimolar amount of *N*-(1-methoxyalkyl)amide and triphenylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 30 min, followed by the precipitation of 1-(*N*-acylamino)alkyltriphenylphosphonium salt with Et<sub>2</sub>O.



## INTRODUCTION

$\alpha$ -Amidoalkylation reactions play an important role in organic synthesis as a valuable extension of the Mannich reaction.<sup>1–4</sup> Numerous  $\alpha$ -amidoalkylating reagents of a general structure **1** have been reported, where X represents some nucleofugal leaving group, usually OH, OR, OCOR, Cl, Br, I, NHCOR, SO<sub>2</sub>Ar, or 1-benzotriazolyl (Scheme 1).<sup>3,5–8</sup>

**Scheme 1.**  $\alpha$ -Amidoalkylating Agents and Their Reaction with Nucleophiles



Limitations and disadvantages of most of the above-mentioned amidoalkylating agents have been reviewed by Katritzky et al.<sup>3,9–11</sup>

Recently, we described a simple and efficient synthesis of 1-(*N*-acylamino)alkyltriphenylphosphonium salts **4** by hydrolysis and decarboxylation of 4-phosphoranylidene-5(4*H*)-oxazolones **2** or their alkylation products **3** (Scheme 2).<sup>12,13</sup> We have also demonstrated that phosphonium salts **4** display strong amidoalkylating

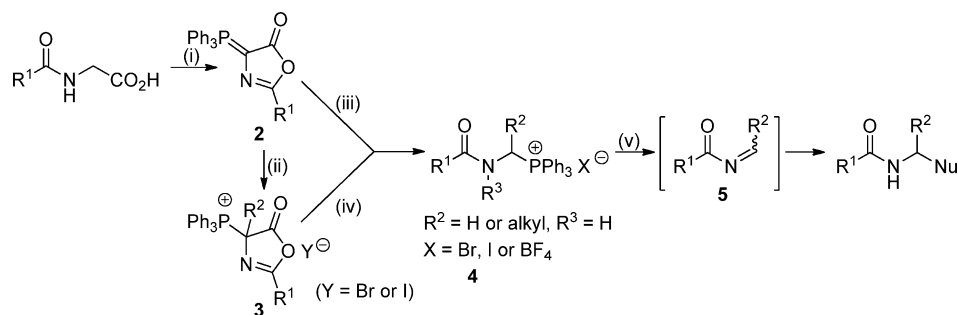
properties in the presence of organic bases such as DBU or (*i*-Pr)<sub>2</sub>EtN (Hünig's base).<sup>14</sup> They react smoothly with nitrogen, sulfur, and oxygen nucleophiles in the presence of Hünig's base to afford the expected amidoalkylation products usually in good or very good yields.<sup>14</sup>

$\alpha$ -Amidoalkylation of dialkyl malonates or acetylacetates requires the use of a much stronger base (DBU) and provides the best results under the influence of microwave irradiation.<sup>14</sup>  $\alpha$ -Amidoalkylation of enamines with 1-(*N*-acylamino)alkyltriphenylphosphonium salts in the presence of Hünig's base in a microwave reactor, followed by the hydrolysis of the corresponding iminium salt, produces the expected  $\alpha$ -[1-(*N*-acylamino)alkyl]ketones in good yields.<sup>14</sup>  $\alpha$ -Amidoalkylation of trialkylphosphites or dialkyl phosphonites with 1-(*N*-acylamino)alkyltriphenylphosphonium salts followed by a Michaelis–Arbuzov-like rearrangement offers a convenient and effective way to synthesize important  $\alpha$ -(*N*-acylamino)alkane-phosphonic or  $\alpha$ -(*N*-acylamino)alkanephosphonic acid esters, respectively.<sup>17</sup>

As we have demonstrated, the deprotonation and elimination of triphenylphosphine from the phosphonium salts **4** leads to the corresponding highly reactive *N*-acylimines **5**, which are

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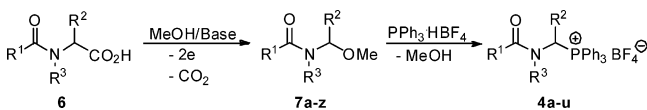
Scheme 2. Synthesis of 1-(*N*-Acylamino)alkyltriphenylphosphonium Salts 4 and Their Amidoalkylating Properties<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>(i) (a) DCC, (b)  $\text{Ph}_3\text{PBr}_2$ ,  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; <sup>15</sup> (ii)  $\text{R}^2\text{I}$  or  $\text{R}^2\text{Br}$ ; <sup>16</sup> (iii)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{HBF}_4$ ; <sup>12</sup> (iv)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; <sup>12</sup> (v)  $\text{NuH}$ ,  $(i\text{-Pr})_2\text{EtN}$ , or  $\text{DBU}$ . <sup>14</sup>

responsible for the strong amidoalkylating properties of this reaction system.<sup>14,18,19</sup>

In contrast to many other known amidoalkylating reagents,  $\alpha$ -(*N*-acylamino)alkyltriphenylphosphonium salts are stable, usually crystalline, easy-to-use compounds that can be stored for prolonged time under laboratory conditions and can be easily activated with organic bases, which is much more advantageous than the alternative usage of Lewis acids, usually recommended as catalysts for amidoalkylation reactions.

In this contribution, we report a new, convenient, very efficient, two-stage method for the synthesis of these powerful amidoalkylating agents from the *N*-acylated  $\alpha$ -amino acids as starting materials (Scheme 3).

Scheme 3. Transformation of *N*-Acyl- $\alpha$ -amino Acids into 1-(*N*-Acylamino)alkyltriphenylphosphonium Salts

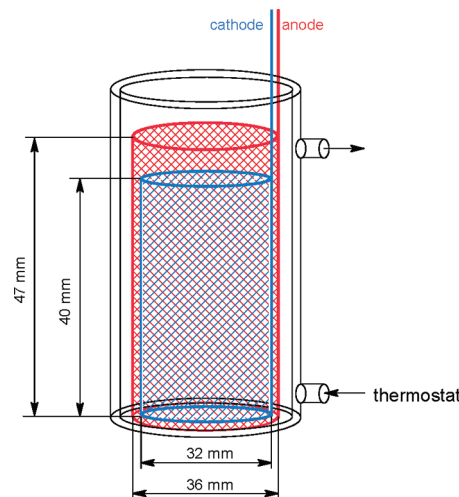
It is noteworthy that the possibility of employing in this synthesis a large variety of natural  $\alpha$ -amino acids (both proteinogenic and unproteinogenic acids) as well as a nearly infinite array of unnatural  $\alpha$ -amino acids provides potential access to a wide variety of structurally diverse amidoalkylating agents, which significantly broadens the scope of possible synthetic applications of 1-(*N*-acylamino)alkyltriphenylphosphonium salts as  $\alpha$ -amidoalkylating agents.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The first step of the transformation of *N*-acyl- $\alpha$ -amino acids into the corresponding 1-(*N*-acylamino)alkyltriphenylphosphonium salts involves the electrochemical decarboxylative  $\alpha$ -methoxylation of *N*-acyl- $\alpha$ -amino acids 6 to *N*-( $\alpha$ -methoxyalkyl)-amides 7 (the Hofer–Moest reaction). Since the pioneering works of Linstead et al.<sup>20</sup> on the electrolysis of *N*-acylamino acids, the Hofer–Moest decarboxylative  $\alpha$ -methoxylation of *N*-acyl- $\alpha$ -amino acids has been studied by a number of authors.<sup>21,22</sup> Most of those investigations, however, were limited to relatively simple *N*-acylated  $\alpha$ -amino acids such as glycine, sarcosine, hydrophobic  $\alpha$ -amino acids with a simple aliphatic substituent at the  $\alpha$ -position (alanine, valine, leucine, phenylalanine and their homologues), or proline and its cyclic homologues.<sup>20,23</sup> Matsumura et al.<sup>24–26</sup> and Onomura<sup>27</sup> also described the Hofer–Moest decarboxylative  $\alpha$ -methoxylation of *N,O*-acetals derived from serine, whereas Steckhan applied this reaction to oxazolidin-2-one-4-carboxylic acids derived from threonine<sup>28</sup> and

Kardasis et al.<sup>29</sup> to 2,5-piperazinediones derived from aminomalonic acid. The Hofer–Moest reactions were typically carried out in  $\text{MeOH}$ , in the presence of sodium methanolate,<sup>20,23–27</sup> organic bases ( $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ,  $(i\text{-Pr})_2\text{EtN}$ , or pyridine),<sup>28,30</sup> or inorganic bases ( $\text{NaOAc}$ ,<sup>20,29</sup>  $\text{LiH}$ ,  $\text{KOH}$ ,  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$ ).<sup>24</sup> Recently, Tajima et al. described the decarboxylative methoxylation of alanine and proline derivatives using 3-(1-piperidino)propyl functionalized silica gel ( $\text{SiO}_2\text{–Pip}$ ) as the base, ionizing the *N*-acyl- $\alpha$ -amino acid into the corresponding carboxylate ion.<sup>23</sup>

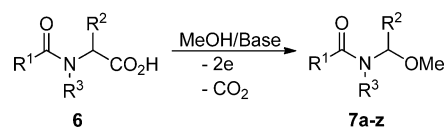
In our studies, the Hofer–Moest decarboxylative  $\alpha$ -methoxylation of *N*-acyl- $\alpha$ -amino acids was carried out in methanol, in an undivided cylindrical glass electrolyzer with a thermostatic jacket, a magnetic stirrer, and a cylindrical Pt mesh anode, at a constant current density (Figure 1).



**Figure 1.** Electrolytic cell for the Hofer–Moest decarboxylative  $\alpha$ -methoxylation of *N*-acyl- $\alpha$ -amino acids in the presence of  $\text{SiO}_2\text{–Pip}$ .

The effect of the  $\alpha$ -amino acid structure, applied base [ $\text{MeONa}$  or a silica gel supported piperidine ( $\text{SiO}_2\text{–Pip}$ )], and the main electrolysis parameters (current density, charge consumption) on the reaction yield and selectivity was investigated. The results obtained are provided in Table 1.

The decarboxylative  $\alpha$ -methoxylation of *N*-acyl- $\alpha$ -amino acids in the presence of  $\text{MeONa}$  was performed at a relatively low current density ( $1.1 \text{ A/dm}^2$ ) to avoid undesirable side reactions, e.g., the Kolbe reaction (Procedure A).<sup>22</sup> Alternatively, reactions were carried out in the presence of a substoichiometric amount of  $\text{SiO}_2\text{–Pip}$  (0.075 mol of piperidine per mol of substrate; Procedure B).

Table 1. Decarboxylative  $\alpha$ -Methoxylation of *N*-Acyl- $\alpha$ -amino Acids **6** to *N*-(1-Methoxyalkyl)amides **7**

entry	substrate <b>6</b>	base	charge [F/mol]	<b>7</b>	yield [%]
1	<i>N</i> -Ac-Gly-OH	MeONa	3.5	<b>7a</b>	59
2	<i>N</i> -Ac-Gly-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.5	<b>7a</b>	96
3	<i>N</i> -Ac-D,L-Ala-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7b</b>	93
4	<i>N</i> -Piv-D,L-Ala-OH	MeONa	3.0	<b>7c</b>	97
5	<i>N</i> -Piv-D,L-Ala-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7c</b>	94
6	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Ala-OH	MeONa	3.0	<b>7d</b>	90
7	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Ala-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7d</b>	94
8	<i>N</i> -Cbz-D,L-Ala-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7d</b>	94
9	<i>N</i> -For-D,L-Ala-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7e</b>	82
10	<i>N</i> -Cbz-Aib-OH	MeONa	3.3	<b>7f</b>	93
11	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Phe-OH	MeONa	3.0	<b>7g</b>	92
12	<i>N</i> -Ac-D,L-Phe-OH	MeONa	3.0	<b>7h</b>	88
13	<i>N</i> -Ac-D,L-Phe-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7h</b>	93
14	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Phe-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7i</b>	98
15	<i>N</i> -Cbz-D,L-Val-OH	MeONa	3.0	<b>7j</b>	94
16	<i>N</i> -Cbz-D,L-Val-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.5	<b>7j</b>	97
17	<i>N</i> -Boc-L-Val-OH	MeONa	3.0	<b>7k</b>	81
18	<i>N</i> -Boc-L-Val-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7k</b>	92
19	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Leu-OH	MeONa	3.0	<b>7l</b>	93
20	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Leu-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.5	<b>7l</b>	86
21	<i>N</i> -Cbz-D,L-Leu-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7l</b>	91
22	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Pro-OH	MeONa	3.0	<b>7m</b>	91
23	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Pro-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7m</b>	93
24	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Asn-OH	MeONa	3.0	<b>7n</b>	63
25	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Asn-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7n</b>	93
26	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Gln-OH	MeONa	3.0	<b>7o</b>	74
27	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Gln-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7o</b>	95
28	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Ser( <i>O</i> - <i>t</i> -Bu)-OH	MeONa	3.0	<b>7p</b>	93
29	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Ser( <i>O</i> - <i>t</i> -Bu)-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7p</b>	94
30	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Asp( <i>O</i> - <i>t</i> -Bu)-OH	MeONa	3.0	<b>7q</b>	96
31	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Asp( <i>O</i> - <i>t</i> -Bu)-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7q</b>	79
32	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Glu( <i>O</i> - <i>t</i> -Bu)-OH	MeONa	3.0	<b>7r</b>	97
33	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Glu( <i>O</i> - <i>t</i> -Bu)-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7r</b>	88
34	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Tyr( <i>O</i> -Bn)-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.0	<b>7s</b>	80
35	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Lys( <i>N</i> -Cbz)-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7t</b>	74
36	<i>N</i> -Boc-L-His( <i>N</i> -Bn)-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	2.4	<b>7u</b>	91
37	<i>N</i> -Fmoc-L-Thr( <i>O</i> - <i>t</i> -Bu)-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7v</b>	68 <sup>a</sup>
38	<i>N</i> -Boc-D,L-Met-OH	MeONa	3.0	<b>7w</b>	— <sup>b</sup>
39	<i>N</i> -Boc-D,L-Met-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7w</b>	— <sup>b</sup>
40	<i>N</i> -Cbz-L-Cys( <i>S</i> -Bn)-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7x</b>	— <sup>b</sup>
41	<i>N</i> -Ac-D,L-Trp-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7y</b>	— <sup>b</sup>
42	<i>N</i> -Boc-L-Trp( <i>N</i> -Bn)-OH	MeONa	3.0	<b>7z</b>	— <sup>b</sup>
43	<i>N</i> -Boc-L-Trp( <i>N</i> -Bn)-OH	SiO <sub>2</sub> -Pip	3.75	<b>7z</b>	— <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup>A mixture of diastereoisomers in a molar ratio of 3:2. <sup>b</sup>A multicomponent reaction mixture.

In the latter case, the relatively high resistance of the electrolyte required the placement of electrodes as close to one another as possible (see Figure 1) and the reduction of current density to 0.3 A/dm<sup>2</sup>.

Upon the charge consumption of 3 F/mol, the substrate conversion was monitored using <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. If necessary, the electrolysis was continued until all of the starting material was consumed (see Table 1).

The decarboxylative  $\alpha$ -methoxylation of a variety of *N*-acyl- $\alpha$ -amino acids was investigated including  $\alpha$ -amino acid derivatives with functionalized side chains at the  $\alpha$ -position that were

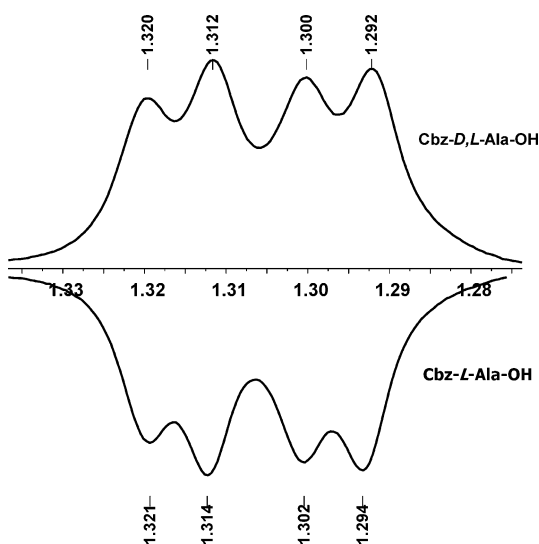
not yet explored in the Hofer–Moest reaction. It was demonstrated that, apart from the hydrophobic aliphatic and aromatic *N*-acyl- $\alpha$ -amino acids (alanine, valine, leucine, phenylalanine, and tyrosine), most extensively studied in this reaction, most other natural proteinogenic and unproteinogenic *N*-acyl- $\alpha$ -amino acids undergo a facile and efficient decarboxylative  $\alpha$ -methoxylation, including those with a functionalized neutral-polar side chain (asparagine, glutamine, serine, threonine), a protected acidic side chain (aspartic acid, glutamic acid), or a basic side chain (histidine, lysine). However, in the case of *N*-acylated cysteine, methionine, and tryptophan, our attempts

to carry out the Hofer–Moest reaction failed; in all of these cases, multicomponent reaction mixtures were obtained, probably because of the susceptibility of these  $\alpha$ -amino acids to electrochemical oxidation on the side chain. It appears that the nature of the *N*-acyl group does not markedly affect the course of the reaction.

Investigations on the effect of the base used in the reaction led to the conclusion that, in the most cases, better results were obtained using the silica gel supported piperidine. In a few cases of particularly hydrophilic amino acids (*N*-Ac-Gly-OH, *N*-Cbz-Asn-OH, *N*-Cbz-Gln-OH) the results were markedly improved. The obtained reaction yields using SiO<sub>2</sub>–Pip were usually very good or even excellent. The main advantage obtained when SiO<sub>2</sub>–Pip was used involved the simple workup procedure that eliminated the need to extract the product from an aqueous solution. Aqueous workups were especially difficult and ineffective in the case of products derived from polar, hydrophilic amino acids.

We also demonstrated that SiO<sub>2</sub>–Pip could be used afresh many times after separation by filtration and washing with methanol. Five successive runs using *N*-Cbz-*L*-Ala-OH and the same portion of SiO<sub>2</sub>–Pip afforded the expected product in yields 93.2%, 96.1%, 94.3%, 93.3%, and 93.9%, respectively.

The stereoselectivity of the Hofer–Moest reaction performed in the presence of SiO<sub>2</sub>–Pip was studied, by comparing the reaction products obtained from *N*-Cbz-*L*-Ala-OH and *N*-Cbz-*D,L*-Ala-OH. Beforehand we stated that doublets at 1.30–1.31 ppm of methyl groups of both enantiomers of the expected *N*-(1-methoxyethyl)amide **7d** were well separated in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra performed in the presence of quinine as a chiral solvating agent. As was expected, in both cases we obtained racemic mixtures of both enantiomers in a molar ratio of 1:1 (Figure 2).



**Figure 2.** Doublets of methyl groups of both enantiomers of *N*-(1-methoxyethyl)amide **7d** obtained from *N*-Cbz-*L*-Ala-OH and *N*-Cbz-*D,L*-Ala-OH at 1.30 ppm ( $J = 6.0$  Hz) and 1.31 ppm ( $J = 6.0$  Hz); CDCl<sub>3</sub>, **7d**:quinine molar ratio of 1:5.

A similar racemization in a Hofer–Moest decarboxylative  $\alpha$ -methoxylation of *N*-acyl- $\alpha$ -amino acids carried out in the presence of sodium methoxide was reported by Matsumura et al.<sup>31</sup> In the case of the threonine derivative **7v** with the additional stereogenic center in the side chain, a mixture of both diastereomers was obtained.

The methoxy group of *N*-(1-methoxyalkyl)amides **7** was effectively displaced by the triphenylphosphonium group by heating a homogeneous mixture of the amide with triphenylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate at 45–70 °C under reduced pressure (0.1–0.2 mmHg) for 2 h (Table 2, Procedure C). In many cases, however, a higher reaction yield could be achieved by simply dissolving equimolar amounts of *N*-(1-methoxyalkyl)amide and triphenylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 30 min, followed by the precipitation of the product with Et<sub>2</sub>O (Table 2, Procedure D).

The *N*-(1-methoxyalkyl)amide derived from histidine (**7u**) was an exception; its reaction with an equimolar amount of triphenylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate resulted in the protonation of the imidazole moiety, without the displacement of the methoxy group. However, this transformation was achieved using two equivalents of triphenylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate per one equivalent of the corresponding *N*-(1-methoxyalkyl)amide affording a reaction mixture, which contained about 80% the expected phosphonium salt with the protonated imidazole moiety (see Experimental). Attempts to isolate the pure protonated phosphonium salt **4u** by crystallization failed.

## CONCLUSIONS

A new, convenient, efficient, two-stage transformation of *N*-acylated  $\alpha$ -amino acids into 1-(*N*-acylamino)alkyltriphenylphosphonium salts has been developed. The first step of the transformation consists in the electrochemical decarboxylative  $\alpha$ -methoxylation of *N*-acylated  $\alpha$ -amino acids to the corresponding *N*-(1-methoxyalkyl)amides (Hofer–Moest reaction) in the presence of a base (MeONa or SiO<sub>2</sub>–Pip). For most proteinogenic and all unproteinogenic  $\alpha$ -amino acids studied, very good results were obtained using a substoichiometric amount of the SiO<sub>2</sub>–Pip as a base. A significant advantage of the application of SiO<sub>2</sub>–Pip is the facile workup procedure of reaction mixtures, which eliminates a difficult extraction of the hydrophilic product from an aqueous solution. The Hofer–Moest decarboxylative  $\alpha$ -methoxylation of *N*-Cbz-*L*-Ala-OH in the presence of SiO<sub>2</sub>–Pip gave a racemic mixture of the expected benzyl *N*-(1-methoxyethyl)carbamate. The methoxy group of *N*-(1-methoxyalkyl)amides was effectively displaced by the triphenylphosphonium group by dissolving equimolar amounts of *N*-(1-methoxyalkyl)amide and triphenylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 30 min, followed by the precipitation of the product with Et<sub>2</sub>O or by heating a homogeneous mixture of the amide with triphenylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate at 45–70 °C under reduced pressure. The possibility of employing in this synthesis a large range of natural  $\alpha$ -amino acids (both proteinogenic and unproteinogenic), as well as an unlimited number of unnatural  $\alpha$ -amino acids, potentially provided access to a wide variety of structurally diverse amidoalkylating agents that significantly widen the scope of possible synthetic applications of 1-(*N*-acylamino)-alkyltriphenylphosphonium salts as  $\alpha$ -amidoalkylating agents.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General Methods.** Melting points were determined in capillaries and are uncorrected. IR spectra were measured on a FT-IR spectrophotometer (ATR method). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at operating frequencies of 300 and 75.5 MHz, respectively, using TMS as the resonance shift standard. <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra were recorded at operating frequencies of 121.5 or 242.8 MHz, with 80% orthophosphoric acid as an external resonance shift standard. All chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm, and coupling constants ( $J$ ) are in Hz.





(25.7 mg, 0.07 mmol). The composition of the obtained mixture was monitored using  $^1\text{H}$  NMR. After 10 min another portion of triphenylphosphine tetrafluoroborate (25.7 mg, 0.07 mmol) was added. After 40 min the reaction mixture contained about 80% of the expected phosphonium salt **4u** with the protonated imidazole moiety. Attempts to isolate the pure phosphonium salt by precipitation with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  failed.

**N-(Methoxymethyl)acetamide<sup>20</sup> (7a).** Colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.63 (br s, 1H), 4.66 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.0, 71.3, 55.8, 23.2 ppm; IR (ATR) 3300, 1664, 1538, 1369, 1280, 1127, 1060  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**N-(1-Methoxyethyl)acetamide<sup>20</sup> (7b).** Colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.10 (br s, 1H), 5.27 (dq,  $J$  = 9.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.33 (d,  $J$  = 5.7 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.2, 77.6, 55.5, 23.3, 21.4 ppm; IR (ATR) 3278, 1656, 1537, 1374, 1129, 1090, 1051  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**N-(1-Methoxyethyl)pivaloylamide (7c).** Colorless crystals, mp 65–66  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.78 (br s, 1H), 5.34 (dq,  $J$  = 9.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 1.34 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  178.5, 77.7, 55.5, 38.8, 27.5, 21.6 ppm; IR (ATR) 3327, 2969, 2936, 1645, 1526, 1194, 1126, 1091  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$ : C, 60.35; H, 10.76; N, 8.80. Found: C, 60.05; H, 11.03; N, 8.68.

**Benzyl N-(1-Methoxyethyl)carbamate<sup>32</sup> (7d).** Orange oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.36–7.30 (m, 5H), 5.20 (d,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 5.04 (dq,  $J$  = 10.2, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 1.32 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.8, 136.2, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 80.1, 66.7, 55.2, 21.6 ppm; IR (ATR) 3316, 1700, 1526, 1239, 1070  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**N-(1-Methoxyethyl)formamide<sup>33,34</sup> (7e).** Colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )<sup>a</sup> Major rotamer:  $\delta$  8.27 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (br s, 1H), 5.35 (ddq,  $J$  = 9.6, 0.7, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 1.36 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 3H); minor rotamer:  $\delta$  8.21 (d,  $J$  = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (br s, 1H), 4.64 (dq,  $J$  = 10.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.45 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )<sup>a</sup> Major rotamer:  $\delta$  161.1, 76.2, 55.7, 21.4 ppm; minor rotamer:  $\delta$  163.8, 81.5, 54.3, 21.8 ppm; IR (ATR) 3274, 2987, 1667, 1525, 1385, 1088, 1045  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . <sup>a</sup>Two rotamers in a molar ratio of 63:37.

**Benzyl N-(1-Methoxy-1-methylethyl)carbamate<sup>35</sup> (7f).** Orange oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.36–7.30 (m, 5H), 5.14 (br s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  154.2, 136.4, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 84.5, 66.3, 49.3, 26.0 ppm; IR (ATR) 3331, 1713, 1530, 1264, 1072  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**Benzyl N-(1-Methoxy-2-phenylethyl)carbamate<sup>36</sup> (7g).** Colorless crystals, mp 85–86  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.39–7.18 (m, 10H), 5.14 (ddd,  $J$  = 10.8, 5.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d,  $J$  = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 2.93 (d,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.9, 136.2, 135.8, 129.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 126.7, 84.5, 66.3, 49.3, 26.0 ppm; IR (ATR) 3329, 1689, 1523, 1247, 1088, 1028  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**N-(1-Methoxy-1-phenylmethyl)acetamide<sup>37</sup> (7h).** Colorless crystals, mp 89–91  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.45–7.29 (m, 5H), 6.18 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.2, 139.2, 128.6, 128.5, 125.8, 81.3, 55.9, 23.3 ppm; IR (ATR) 3289, 1655, 1538, 1089, 1066  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**Benzyl N-(1-Methoxy-1-phenylmethyl)carbamate<sup>38</sup> (7i).** Colorless crystals, mp 77–79  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.42–7.31 (m, 10H), 5.89 (d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 3.47 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.9, 139.0, 136.1, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 125.8, 84.0, 67.1, 55.7 ppm; IR (ATR) 3288, 1693, 1537, 1250, 1086, 1048  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**Benzyl N-(1-Methoxy-2-methylpropyl)carbamate<sup>39</sup> (7j).** Colorless crystals, mp 97–99  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40–7.29 (m, 5H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 5.03 (d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dd,  $J$  = 10.4, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 1.90–1.74 (m, 1H), 0.94 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.4, 136.3, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 87.8, 66.9, 55.7, 33.0, 17.7, 17.1 ppm; IR (ATR) 3292, 1688, 1535, 1245, 1099, 1025  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**tert-Butyl N-(1-Methoxy-2-methylpropyl)carbamate<sup>40</sup> (7k).** Colorless crystals, mp 29–30  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.79 (d,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dd,  $J$  = 10.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 1.90–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 0.94 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.8, 87.1, 79.5, 55.6, 33.0, 28.3, 17.8, 17.2 ppm; IR (ATR) 3268, 1682, 1530, 1364, 1248, 1172, 1154, 1084, 1012  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**Benzyl N-(1-Methoxy-3-methylbutyl)carbamate<sup>39</sup> (7l).** Colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40–7.26 (m, 5H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 5.06 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.9, 6.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 1.80–1.63 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.51 (m, 1H), 1.42–1.33 (m, 1H), 0.92 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.0, 136.2, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 82.3, 66.8, 55.4, 44.5, 24.5, 22.6, 22.4 ppm; IR (ATR) 3320, 2955, 1700, 1523, 1224, 1088, 1046, 1026  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**N-(Benzoyloxycarbonyl)-2-methoxyproline<sup>41</sup> (7m).** Colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )<sup>a</sup>  $\delta$  7.40–7.26<sup>b</sup> (m, 5H), 5.17<sup>c</sup> and 5.16<sup>c</sup> (s, 2H), 5.26–5.20<sup>c</sup> and 5.17–5.16<sup>c</sup> (m, 1H), 3.57–3.48<sup>c</sup> and 3.45–3.32<sup>c</sup> (m, 2H), 3.39<sup>c</sup> and 3.26<sup>c</sup> (s, 3H), 2.20–1.65<sup>b</sup> (m, 4H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )<sup>a</sup>  $\delta$  155.7<sup>c</sup> and 154.8<sup>c</sup>, 136.6<sup>b</sup>, 128.4<sup>b</sup>, 127.9<sup>b</sup>, 127.7<sup>b</sup>, 89.1<sup>c</sup> and 88.5<sup>c</sup>, 67.0<sup>c</sup> and 66.8<sup>c</sup>, 55.9<sup>c</sup> and 55.3<sup>c</sup>, 45.8<sup>c</sup> and 45.7<sup>c</sup>, 32.5<sup>c</sup> and 31.9<sup>c</sup>, 22.6<sup>c</sup> and 21.6<sup>c</sup> ppm; IR (ATR) 2943, 1701, 1402, 1356, 1079  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . <sup>a</sup>Two diastereomers with stereogenic centers at  $\text{C}_\alpha$  and N. <sup>b</sup>Overlapping signals of both diastereomers. <sup>c</sup>Separate signals from both diastereomers.

**Benzyl N-(2-Carbamoyl-1-methoxyethyl)carbamate (7n).** Colorless crystals, mp 154–155  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.89 (d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.26 (m, 5H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (br s, 1H), 5.09 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.4, 7.4, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 2.46 (dd,  $J$  = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (dd,  $J$  = 14.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  170.6, 155.8, 136.9, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 80.7, 65.4, 54.4, 40.8 ppm; IR (ATR) 3382, 3324, 3189, 1687, 1653, 1527, 1277, 1218, 1102, 1041, 1016  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 57.13; H, 6.39; N, 11.10. Found: C, 56.93; H, 6.11; N, 11.05.

**Benzyl N-(3-Carbamoyl-1-methoxypropyl)carbamate (7o).** Colorless crystals, mp 132–133  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )  $\delta$  7.42–7.28 (m, 5H), 6.25 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (br s, 1H), 5.69 (br s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 4.79 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.6, 6.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.21 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.4, 7.4, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 1.91–1.70 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )  $\delta$  175.4, 157.2, 138.2, 129.5, 128.9, 128.6, 83.8, 67.0, 55.4, 31.2, 31.0 ppm; IR (ATR) 3406, 3308, 1683, 1661, 1533, 1270, 1054  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 58.63; H, 6.81; N, 10.52. Found: C, 58.32; H, 6.53; N, 10.43.

**Benzyl N-(2-tert-Butoxy-1-methoxyethyl)carbamate (7p).** Colorless crystals, mp 36–38  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.38–7.26 (m, 5H), 5.64 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 5.00 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.9, 3.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dd,  $J$  = 9.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (dd,  $J$  = 9.8, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.2, 136.3, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 82.0, 73.5, 66.9, 63.4, 55.8, 27.3 ppm; IR (ATR) 3344, 1696, 1526, 1268, 1195, 1098, 1055  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4$ : C, 64.03; H, 8.24; N, 4.98. Found: C, 63.80; H, 8.47; N, 4.92.

**Benzyl N-(2-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-1-methoxyethyl)carbamate (7q).** Colorless crystals, mp 48–50  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40–7.28 (m, 5H), 5.97 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.9, 5.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 2.61 (dd,  $J$  = 15.3, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd,  $J$  = 15.3, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.2, 155.9, 136.2, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 81.4, 80.1, 66.8, 55.7, 41.1, 28.0 ppm; IR (ATR) 3347, 1716, 1539, 1317, 1208, 1162, 1009  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_5$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 332.1468, found 332.1471.

**Benzyl N-(3-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-1-methoxypropyl)carbamate (7r).** Colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.41–7.28 (m, 5H), 5.27 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 5.20 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.9, 6.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.41–2.22 (m, 2H), 1.99–1.81 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.3, 156.0, 136.2, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 82.9, 80.5, 66.8, 55.6, 30.9, 30.4, 28.0 ppm; IR (ATR) 3324, 2978, 1705, 1523, 1248, 1151, 1047  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_5$ : C, 62.99; H, 8.05; N, 4.44. Found: C, 63.14; H, 8.05; N, 4.33.

**Benzyl N-[1-Methoxy-2-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)ethyl]-carbamate (7s).** Cream-colored crystals, mp 105–107 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.45–6.86 (m, 14H), 5.17–5.05 (m, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 5.00 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.87 (d,  $J$  = 5.1 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.9, 137.7, 137.0, 136.2, 130.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 114.8, 83.5, 70.0, 66.8, 55.7, 40.7 ppm; IR (ATR) 3307, 1698, 1534, 1511, 1260, 1237, 1048, 1025  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  414.1676, found 414.1679.

**Benzyl N-[5-(Benzyloxycarbonylamino)-1-methoxypentyl]-carbamate (7t).** Colorless crystals, mp 108–109 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.75 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H) 7.41–7.30 (m, 10H), 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 4.69 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.3, 6.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 2.97 (ddd,  $J$  = 6.3, 6.3, 6.3 Hz, 2H) 1.61–1.25 (m, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  156.2, 156.1, 137.3, 137.0, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 127.8, 127.7, 127.7, 83.1, 65.3, 65.1, 54.1, 40.1, 33.8, 29.0, 22.0 ppm; IR (ATR) 3291, 1689, 1541, 1258, 1227, 1042  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{Na}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  423.1890, found 423.1901.

**tert-Butyl N-[2-(1-Benzylimidazol-5-yl)-1-methoxyethyl]-carbamate (7u).** Orange oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.46 (br s, 1H), 7.40–7.10 (m, 5H), 6.74 (br s, 1H), 6.13 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.14–5.05 (m, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.89 (d,  $J$  = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.7, 137.6, 136.7, 136.0, 128.9, 128.2, 127.3, 117.3, 81.6, 79.3, 55.4, 50.8, 33.4, 28.3 ppm; IR (ATR) 3341, 2981, 2925, 1683, 1519, 1365, 1159, 1091, 1047, 741  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$  [ $\text{M}^+$ ] 332.1969, found 332.1981.

**Fluorenylmethyl N-(2-tert-Butoxy-1-methoxypropyl)-carbamate (7v).** Orange oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )<sup>a</sup>  $\delta$  7.80–7.28<sup>b</sup> (m, 8H), 5.57<sup>c</sup> (d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H) and 5.45<sup>c</sup> (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.77<sup>c</sup> (dd,  $J$  = 10.2, 2.7 Hz, 1H) and 4.65<sup>c</sup> (dd,  $J$  = 9.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.60–4.38<sup>b</sup> (m, 3H), 4.27–4.20<sup>b</sup> (m, 1H), 3.34<sup>c</sup> and 3.32<sup>c</sup> (s, 3H), 1.21<sup>c</sup> and 1.19<sup>c</sup> (s, 9H), 1.09<sup>b</sup> (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.6<sup>c</sup> and 156.1<sup>c</sup>, 143.9<sup>c</sup>, 143.8<sup>c</sup>, 142.9<sup>c</sup>, 141.3<sup>c</sup>, 127.6<sup>c</sup>, 127.2<sup>c</sup>, 127.0<sup>c</sup>, 127.0<sup>c</sup>, 125.0<sup>c</sup>, 124.7<sup>c</sup>, 120.1<sup>c</sup>, 120.0<sup>c</sup>, 86.0<sup>c</sup> and 85.0<sup>c</sup>, 74.1<sup>c</sup> and 74.0<sup>c</sup>, 69.0<sup>c</sup> and 68.1<sup>c</sup>, 66.7<sup>b</sup>, 56.0<sup>c</sup> and 55.4<sup>c</sup>, 47.2<sup>c</sup> and 47.1<sup>c</sup>, 28.5<sup>c</sup> and 28.4<sup>c</sup>, 19.5<sup>c</sup> and 18.1<sup>c</sup> ppm; IR (ATR) 2974, 2977, 1712, 1495, 1194, 1076, 738  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  406.1989, found 406.1995. <sup>a</sup>Two diastereomers in a molar ratio of 3:2. <sup>b</sup>Overlapping signals of both diastereomers. <sup>c</sup>Separate signals from both diastereomers.

**1-(N-Acetylamino)methyltriphenylphosphonium Tetrafluoroborate (4a).** Colorless crystals, mp 169–170 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.88–7.66 (m, 16H), 5.06 (dd,  $J$  = 6.3, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 135.2 (d,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz), 133.9 (d,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz), 130.2 (d,  $J$  = 12.6 Hz), 116.9 (d,  $J$  = 84.3 Hz), 36.9 (d,  $J$  = 58.3 Hz), 21.9 ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (121.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.0 ppm; IR (ATR) 3383, 1685, 1519, 1438, 1260, 1056, 1017  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{BF}_4\text{NOP}$ : C, 59.89; H, 5.03; P, 7.35. Found: C, 59.86; H, 4.76; P, 7.46.

**N-(1-Acetylamino)ethyltriphenylphosphonium Tetrafluoroborate (4b).** Colorless crystals, mp 154–155 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.87–7.62 (m, 16H), 5.92 (ddq,  $J$  = 9.0, 6.9, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (d,  $J$  = 0.9 Hz, 3H), 1.66 (dd,  $J$  = 17.4, 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.6, 135.3 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 134.1 (d,  $J$  = 9.4 Hz), 130.4 (d,  $J$  = 12.3 Hz), 116.7 (d,  $J$  = 82.0 Hz), 43.7 (d,  $J$  = 55.1 Hz), 22.2, 17.3 (d,  $J$  = 4.6 Hz) ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (121.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  28.1 ppm; IR (ATR) 3257, 3044, 1669, 1536, 1441, 1372, 1304, 1108, 1045  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{BF}_4\text{NOP}$ : C, 60.72; H, 5.33; P, 7.12. Found: C, 60.46; H, 5.18; P, 7.32.

**1-(N-Pivaloylamino)ethyltriphenylphosphonium Tetrafluoroborate (4c).** Colorless crystals, mp 163–164 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.85–7.68 (m, 16H), 5.80 (ddq,  $J$  = 7.5, 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (dd,  $J$  = 17.6, 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  179.3 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz), 134.8 (d,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz), 134.3 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz), 130.0 (d,  $J$  = 12.4 Hz), 117.8 (d,  $J$  = 82.0 Hz), 45.1 (d,  $J$  = 53.5 Hz), 38.4, 26.6, 17.3 (d,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz) ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (242.8 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  29.8 ppm; IR (ATR) 3373, 1660, 1511, 1438, 1184, 1053  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{29}\text{BF}_4\text{NOP}$ : C, 62.91; H, 6.12; P, 6.49. Found: C, 62.88; H, 6.37; P, 6.22.

**1-(N-Benzyloxycarbonylamino)ethyltriphenylphosphonium Tetrafluoroborate (4d).** Colorless crystals, mp 140–142 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.80–7.19 (m, 20H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (ddq,  $J$  = 9.0, 6.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d,  $J$  = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d,  $J$  = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (dd,  $J$  = 17.3, 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.1, 135.8, 135.2 (d,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz), 134.2 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz), 130.3 (d,  $J$  = 12.2 Hz), 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 116.6 (d,  $J$  = 81.2 Hz), 67.3, 46.7 (d,  $J$  = 55.0 Hz), 17.4 (d,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz) ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (242.8 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  27.2 ppm; IR (ATR) 3470, 1703, 1409, 1107  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{BF}_4\text{NO}_2\text{P}$ : C, 63.78; H, 5.16; P, 5.87. Found: C, 63.35; H, 5.23; P, 5.91.

**1-(N-Formylamino)ethyltriphenylphosphonium Tetrafluoroborate (4e).** Colorless crystals, mp 121–122 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.11 (s, 1H), 7.91–7.67 (m, 16H), 6.05 (ddq,  $J$  = 9.3, 7.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (dd,  $J$  = 17.1, 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.2, 135.5 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz), 134.1 (d,  $J$  = 9.4 Hz), 130.6 (d,  $J$  = 12.4 Hz), 116.2 (d,  $J$  = 82.4 Hz), 41.2 (d,  $J$  = 57.7 Hz), 17.2 (d,  $J$  = 4.3 Hz) ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (121.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  27.6 ppm; IR (ATR) 3174, 3009, 1661, 1525, 1438, 1105, 1047  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NOP}$  [ $\text{M}^+$ ] 334.1355, found 334.1365.

**1-(N-Benzyloxycarbonylamino)-2-phenylethyltriphenylphosphonium Tetrafluoroborate (4g).** Colorless crystals, mp 152–154 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.82–7.09 (m, 25H), 7.03 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 5.75–5.63 (m, 1H), 4.86 (d,  $J$  = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d,  $J$  = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (ddd,  $J$  = 14.4, 11.1, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (ddd,  $J$  = 14.0, 4.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.3 (d,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz), 135.9, 135.3 (d,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz), 134.2 (d,  $J$  = 9.4 Hz), 130.5 (d,  $J$  = 12.2 Hz), 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 127.8, 127.7, 127.7, 127.5, 116.6 (d,  $J$  = 81.3 Hz), 67.1, 52.7 (d,  $J$  = 51.5 Hz), 37.0 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz) ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (242.8 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  26.5 ppm; IR (ATR) 3329, 1720, 1522, 1439, 1236, 1109, 1061  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{31}\text{BF}_4\text{NO}_2\text{P}$ : C, 67.68; H, 5.18; P, 5.13. Found: C, 67.49; H, 5.61; P, 4.71.

**1-(N-Acetylamino)phenylmethyltriphenylphosphonium Tetrafluoroborate (4h).** Colorless crystals, mp 221–222 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.40 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.90–7.09 (m, 20H), 6.96 (dd,  $J$  = 9.8, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.5, 135.3 (d,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz), 134.5 (d,  $J$  = 9.1 Hz), 130.1 (d,  $J$  = 12.3 Hz), 130.1, 130.0, 129.4, 129.3, 115.8 (d,  $J$  = 80.6 Hz), 53.9 (d,  $J$  = 52.6 Hz), 22.2 ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (121.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  24.7 ppm; IR (ATR) 3341, 3291, 1690, 1520, 1438, 1097, 1054  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{NOP}$  [ $\text{M}^+$ ] 410.1668, found 410.1682.

**1-(N-Benzyloxycarbonylamino)phenylmethyltriphenylphosphonium Tetrafluoroborate (4i).** Colorless crystals, mp 177–179 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.82–7.04 (m, 26H), 6.64 (dd,  $J$  = 9.9, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d,  $J$  = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d,  $J$  = 12.6 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.2, 135.7, 135.3 (d,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz), 134.6 (d,  $J$  = 9.1 Hz), 130.2 (d,  $J$  = 12.3 Hz), 129.4, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 115.8 (d,  $J$  = 80.8 Hz), 67.6, 56.5 (d,  $J$  = 54.0 Hz) ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (121.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  23.9 ppm; IR (ATR) 3314, 1703, 1526, 1438, 1055, 1011  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_2\text{P}$  [ $\text{M}^+$ ] 502.1930, found 502.1935.

**1-(N-Benzyloxycarbonylamino)-2-methylpropyltriphenylphosphonium Tetrafluoroborate (4j).** Colorless resin.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.80–7.15 (m, 20H), 7.01 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.38–5.29 (m, 1H), 4.88 (d,  $J$  = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d,  $J$  = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.73–2.59 (m, 1H), 1.00 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.3, 135.7, 134.8 (d,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz), 134.4 (d,  $J$  = 9.4 Hz), 130.1 (d,  $J$  = 12.3 Hz), 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 117.9 (d,  $J$  = 80.3 Hz), 67.1, 55.7 (d,  $J$  = 48.1 Hz), 29.6 (d,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz), 21.2 (d,  $J$  = 4.7 Hz), 19.2 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz) ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (121.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  27.5 ppm; IR (ATR) 3332, 2970, 1713, 1518, 1438, 1233, 1054  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{31}\text{BF}_4\text{NO}_2\text{P} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ : C, 62.84; H, 5.80; P, 5.40. Found: C, 62.63; H, 5.82; P, 5.24.

**1-(N-tert-Butoxycarbonylamino)-2-methylpropyltriphenylphosphonium Tetrafluoroborate (4k).** Colorless crystals, mp 116–117 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.85–7.62 (m, 15H), 6.59 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.8, 8.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.70–2.54 (m, 1H), 1.19 (s, 9H), 0.98 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.5, 134.7, 134.6 (d,  $J$  = 9.1 Hz),



130.0 (d,  $J = 12.2$  Hz), 118.7 (d,  $J = 80.1$  Hz), 80.8, 55.1 (d,  $J = 46.7$  Hz), 29.5 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz), 27.8, 21.2 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz), 19.2 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz) ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (242.8 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  27.7 ppm; IR (ATR) 3346, 2976, 1702, 1508, 1438, 1250, 1154, 1054  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $2\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{33}\text{BF}_4\text{NO}_2\text{P}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : C, 61.15; H, 6.46; P, 5.84. Found: C, 61.09; H, 6.30; P, 5.43.

**1-(*N*-Benzyloxycarbonylamino)-3-methylbutyltriphenylphosphonium Tetrafluoroborate (4l).** Colorless crystals, mp 93–94 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.80–7.19 (m, 20H), 6.90 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.64–5.51 (m, 1H), 5.02 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.34–2.20 (m, 1H), 1.98–1.83 (m, 1H), 1.45–1.32 (m, 1H), 0.95 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.5 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz), 135.9, 135.2 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 134.0 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz), 130.3 (d,  $J = 12.2$  Hz), 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 116.6 (d,  $J = 81.4$  Hz), 67.3, 49.5 (d,  $J = 53.8$  Hz), 39.5 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz), 25.3 (d,  $J = 12.2$  Hz), 22.2, 20.8 ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (242.8 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  26.2 ppm; IR (ATR) 3315, 2957, 1698, 1525, 1344, 1223, 1045  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $2\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{33}\text{BF}_4\text{NO}_2\text{P}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : C, 64.37; H, 5.93. Found: C, 64.09; H, 5.96.

***N*-Benzyloxycarbonyl-2-pyrrolidinyltriphenylphosphonium Tetrafluoroborate (4m).** Colorless crystals, mp 88–90 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.77–7.07 (m, 20H), 6.15–5.79 (m, 1H), 4.81 (d,  $J = 12.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.73 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H); 3.71–3.56 (m, 1H), 3.31–3.02 (m, 1H), 2.89–2.60 (m, 1H), 2.31–2.07 (m, 1H), 2.07–1.84 (m, 1H), 1.71–1.40 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  154.7 (d,  $J = 1.4$  Hz), 135.2, 134.7 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 134.1 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz), 129.9 (d,  $J = 12.2$  Hz), 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 117.5 (d,  $J = 82.5$  Hz), 67.7, 55.6 (d,  $J = 55.3$  Hz), 47.9, 30.3, 24.2 ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (242.8 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  27.2 ppm; IR (ATR) 3064, 1698, 1485, 1439, 1357, 1191, 1109, 1058  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_2\text{P}$  [ $\text{M}^+$ ] 466.1930, found 466.1940.

**1-(*N*-Benzyloxycarbonylamino)-2-carbamoyl ethyltriphenylphosphonium Tetrafluoroborate (4n).** Colorless crystals, mp 151–152 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.84–7.10 (m, 20H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.11–5.98 (m, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.92 (d,  $J = 12.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d,  $J = 12.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.21 (ddd,  $J = 15.3$ , 8.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.91–2.75 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.2, 155.7 (d,  $J = 4.2$  Hz), 135.6, 135.3 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 134.4 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz), 130.4 (d,  $J = 12.4$  Hz), 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 116.4 (d,  $J = 81.7$  Hz), 67.6, 48.8 (d,  $J = 56.9$  Hz), 36.4 ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (242.8 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  27.1 ppm; IR (ATR) 3361, 1722, 1682, 1525, 1439, 1255, 1108, 1058  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{P}$  [ $\text{M}^+$ ] 483.1838, found 483.1814.

**1-(*N*-Benzyloxycarbonylamino)-3-carbamoylpropyltriphenylphosphonium Tetrafluoroborate (4o).** Colorless crystals, mp 122–124 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )  $\delta$  7.91–7.19 (m, 20H), 6.30 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 5.98–5.80 (m, 1H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 5.09 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d,  $J = 12.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.44–2.35 (m, 2H), 2.35–2.25 (m, 1H), 1.82–1.67 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )  $\delta$  174.3, 157.4 (d,  $J = 5.1$  Hz), 137.4, 136.4 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 135.4 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz), 131.1 (d,  $J = 12.3$  Hz), 129.6, 129.2, 128.8, 117.6 (d,  $J = 82.7$  Hz), 68.3, 49.0 (d,  $J = 60.6$  Hz), 30.2, 27.0 ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (242.8 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  26.3 ppm; IR (ATR) 3367, 1716, 1673, 1525, 1439, 1241, 1109, 1058  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{30}\text{BF}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{P}$ : C, 61.66; H, 5.17. Found: C, 61.79; H, 5.49.

**1-(*N*-Benzyloxycarbonylamino)-2-*tert*-butoxyethyltriphenylphosphonium Tetrafluoroborate (4p).** Colorless crystals, mp 146–147 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.80–7.11 (m, 20H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.83–5.63 (m, 1H), 4.89 (d,  $J = 12.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.05 (ddd,  $J = 10.4$ , 10.4, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (ddd,  $J = 29.1$ , 9.0, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 0.78 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.0, 135.6, 134.7 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz), 134.6, 129.7 (d,  $J = 12.5$  Hz), 128.3, 128.0, 127.8, 117.9 (d,  $J = 82.4$  Hz), 75.1, 67.2, 59.2, 51.9 (d,  $J = 51.8$  Hz), 26.6 ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (242.8 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  32.0 ppm; IR (ATR) 3304, 2981, 1716, 1519, 1438, 1230, 1074  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{35}\text{BF}_4\text{NO}_3\text{P}$ : C, 64.12; H, 5.89; P, 5.17. Found: C, 63.83; H, 5.87; P, 4.79.

**1-(*N*-Benzyloxycarbonylamino)-2-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl ethyltriphenylphosphonium Tetrafluoroborate (4q).** Colorless resin.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.83–7.13 (m, 20H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 8.7$

Hz, 1H), 6.06 (m, 1H), 4.85 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d,  $J = 12.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.29–3.06 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.8 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz), 156.0, 135.6, 134.8 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 134.7 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz), 130.0 (d,  $J = 12.4$  Hz), 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 117.3 (d,  $J = 82.1$  Hz), 82.4, 67.2, 47.3 (d,  $J = 54.7$  Hz), 37.1 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz), 27.7 ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (121.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  29.1 ppm; IR (ATR) 3329, 2981, 1721, 1523, 1439, 1232, 1051  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (FD) calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{35}\text{NO}_4\text{P}$  [ $\text{M}^+$ ] 540.2304, found 540.2308.

**1-(*N*-Benzyloxycarbonylamino)-3-*tert*-butoxycarbonylpropyltriphenylphosphonium Tetrafluoroborate (4r).** Colorless crystals, mp 84–86 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.83–7.19 (m, 20H), 6.79 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.89–5.75 (m, 1H), 5.01 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d,  $J = 12.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.67–2.42 (m, 2H), 2.25–2.02 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.9, 156.5 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 136.0, 135.1 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 134.1 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz), 130.3 (d,  $J = 12.4$  Hz), 128.3, 127.8, 127.7, 116.5 (d,  $J = 81.5$  Hz), 81.2, 67.2, 48.8 (d,  $J = 56.8$  Hz), 30.1 (d,  $J = 13.7$  Hz), 27.9, 26.1 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz) ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (121.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  26.9 ppm; IR (ATR) 3304, 1717, 1520, 1439, 1230, 1074  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{37}\text{BF}_4\text{NO}_4\text{P}$ : C, 63.66; H, 5.81; P, 4.83. Found: C, 63.30; H, 6.14; P, 5.11.

**1-(*N*-Benzyloxycarbonylamino)-2-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)ethyltriphenylphosphonium Tetrafluoroborate (4s).** Colorless crystals, mp 139–140 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.81–6.78 (m, 29H), 7.00 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.64 (ddd,  $J = 19.0$ , 9.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 4.86 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.33 (ddd,  $J = 14.3$ , 10.7, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (ddd,  $J = 14.4$ , 4.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.1, 156.3 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 136.8, 135.9, 135.2 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 134.2 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz), 130.4 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz), 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 127.0, 116.7 (d,  $J = 80.5$  Hz), 115.2, 69.8, 67.0, 52.8 (d,  $J = 50.0$  Hz), 36.2 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz) ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (121.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  26.2 ppm; IR (ATR) 3139, 1709, 1511, 1439, 1331, 1246, 1057, 1036  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{37}\text{BF}_4\text{NO}_3\text{P}$ : C, 69.40; H, 5.26; P, 4.37. Found: C, 69.00; H, 5.48; P, 4.21.

**1-Benzyl-5-[2-(*N*-*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)-2-triphenylphosphonioethyl]imidazolium Ditetrafluoroborate (4u).** (Prepared *in situ*)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.62 (br s, 1H), 7.84–7.26 (m, 21H), 6.38 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.93–5.78 (m, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 3.35–3.21 (m, 2H), 1.08 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  154.9 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz), 135.4, 134.3 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz), 132.8, 130.5 (d,  $J = 12.4$  Hz), 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 122.1, 117.8 (d,  $J = 85.9$  Hz), 81.5, 53.4, 48.3 (d,  $J = 55.1$  Hz), 27.6, 26.2 (d,  $J = 11.2$  Hz) ppm;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (121.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  26.2 ppm.

## ■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

### Supporting Information

NMR spectra of *N*-(1-methoxyalkyl)amides **7c**, **7n–7v** and 1-(*N*-acylamino)alkyltriphenylphosphonium salts **4**; IR spectra and  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of selected 1-(*N*-acylamino)alkyltriphenylphosphonium salts. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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