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SIGMATROPIC REARRANGEMENTS IN PHOSPHORYLATED 2-AZAALLYLIC SYSTEMS

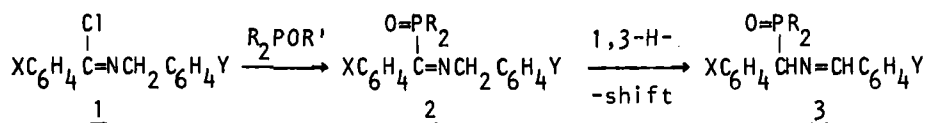
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Allylic and heteroallylic compounds are classical objects of organic chemistry and can serve as models in the investigation of various theoretical problems. The anions and 1,3-dipoles generated from azaallylic derivatives are widely used in the synthesis of cyclic and acyclic nitrogen-containing compounds.

Our communication deals with the migrations of proton, phosphoryl and dithiophosphate groups in 2-azaallylic triad.

1,3-Prototropic rearrangements

The methylene-azomethine system is one of the least labile prototropic triads. Thus, prototropic equilibrium $p\text{-RC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}=\text{NCH}_2\text{Ph} \rightleftharpoons p\text{-RC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2\text{N}=\text{CHPh}$ occurs only at high temperature in the presence of a strong base, the equilibrium constant ($\lg K$) being linearly dependent on the σ_p -constants of substituents.¹ We have shown that phosphorylation of imidoylchlorides 1, containing both electron withdrawing and electron donating substituents in benzene rings, leads initially to imidoylphosphonates 2 which isomerize to phosphonates 3 under mild conditions, even in the absence of a base.

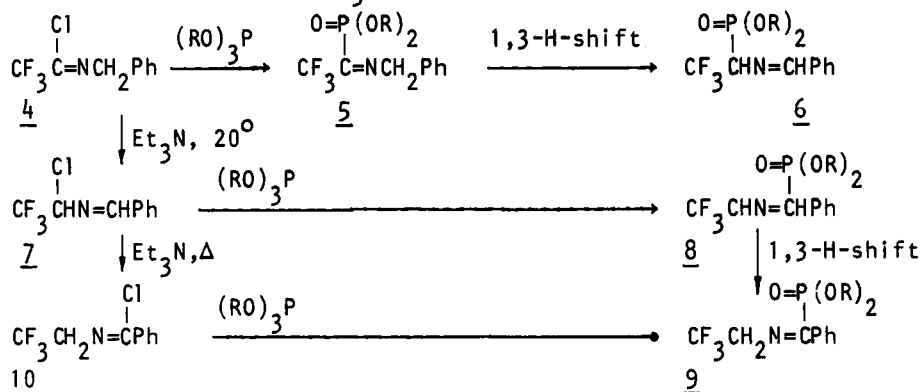


Y = H; X = 4-MeO, 4-Me, H, 4-Cl, 2-Cl, 4-Br, 4-NO₂; X = H; Y = 2-F, 3-F, 4-F, 4-NO₂

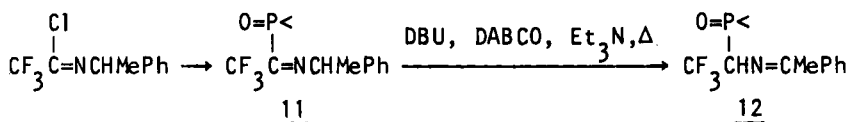
Thus, the electronic nature of X- and Y-substituents has no influence on the prototropic equilibrium: in all cases the equilibrium is completely shifted towards the compounds in which the phosphoryl group is attached to the sp³-carbon atom of C=N-C triad. This is explained by the effective conjugation of the benzene ring and the C=N bond in isomers 3 and steric hindrance to such conjugation in compounds 2.

Interesting results were obtained in phosphorylation of chloro-

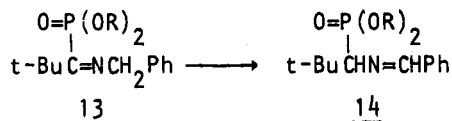
azomethines containing CF_3 -group instead of Ph-substituent:



Chloroazomethines 4, 7, 10 are kinetically stable at room t° but undergo base catalyzed irreversible isomerisation by prototropic and chlorotropic shifts.² Unlike this, phosphorus derivatives 5, 8 undergo 1,3-H-shift to give phosphonates 6 and 9, even at 20° in the absence of base. In phosphonates 11 the lability of the NCH-proton is decreased due to the Me-group and the conversion to 12 can be performed only at high temperature under base catalysis.

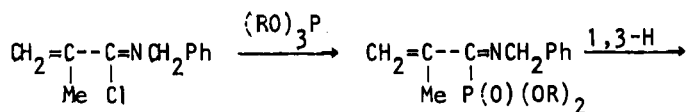


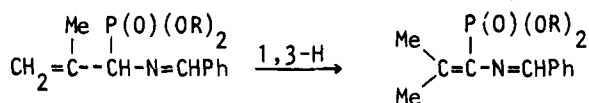
If CF_3 - in 5 is replaced by t-Bu-group, the 1,3-H-shift in 13 occurs only at $140\text{--}160^\circ$. This difference is connected mainly with the polar



effects of CF_3 - and t-Bu-groups. In 13 the steric properties of phosphoryl groups in series $(\text{MeO})_2\text{P}(\text{O}) < (\text{EtO})_2\text{P}(\text{O}) < (\text{i-PrO})_2\text{P}(\text{O}) < (\text{Me}_3\text{SiO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})$ have little influence on 1,3-H-shift. As a result of steric hindrance to conjugation of the C=N bond with the Ph-ring on the contrary, the facility of isomerization 8 \rightarrow 9 is decreased in the series $\text{EtOP}(\text{O})\text{F} > \text{i-PrP}(\text{O})\text{F}$; $(\text{EtO})_2\text{P}(\text{O}) > (\text{i-PrO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})$.

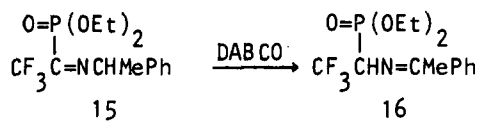
When alkenyl- and Ph-substituents are attached to 1,3-atoms of C=N-C triad, phosphorylated azadienes with longest conjugation chain are formed:





Stereoselectivity of 1,3-H-shift. Asymmetric induction

We have found that the base-catalyzed isomerization 15 → 16 is stereoselective and leads to asymmetric induction at chiral center formed as a result of 1,3-H-shift.



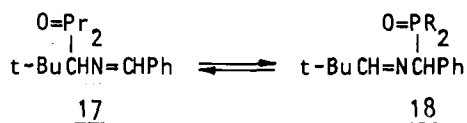
Enantiomeric purity (E.P.) of 16 was determined from its PMR-spectra. It must be noted that isomerization 15 → 16 can be accompanied by a racemization of 15 and/or 16 in reaction conditions. So the values of E.P. for 16 at different degrees of conversion 15 → 16 (Et_3N , 90°) were determined:

[16]/[15]	0.4	0.6	2.2	6.7
E.P. %	80	40	34	22

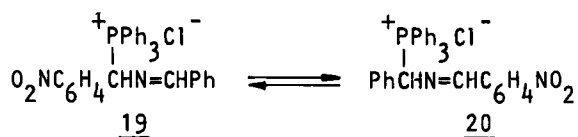
From the obtained data it follows that at low conversion levels the value of E.P., and consequently the degree of stereoselectivity, exceeds 80%. Thus, stereospecificity of proton transfer in the α -phosphorylated imines, models of biochemical trans-amination reactions, can be accomplished without any participation of enzymes.

Phosphorotropic migrations

We have shown the possibility of phosphoryl groups migration in the C-N-C-system

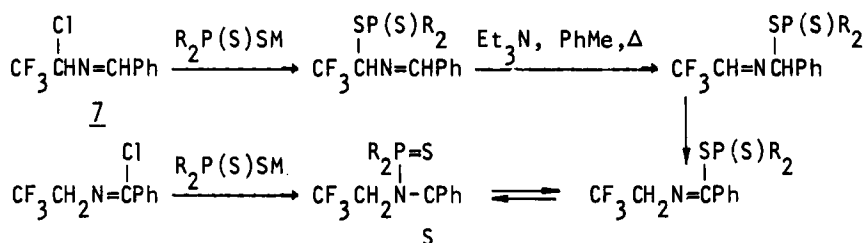


The facility of migration decreases in the series $\text{Ph}_2\text{P(OR)} > (\text{Me}_3\text{SiO})_2\text{P(OR)} > (\text{EtO})_2\text{P(OR)}$. In some cases thermal phosphorotropic shift is accompanied by E-Z-isomerization at the C=N bond. One of the driving forces in rearrangement 17 → 18, which is accompanied by the destruction of preferable N-benzylidene structure, is apparently the steric hindrance at the sp^3 -carbon atom in 17. At the same time the migration of Ph_3P -group in the nitrophenyl-substituted C-N-C triad proceeds under the mild conditions, the equilibrium being settled at 20° :



Migration of dithiophosphoryl groups

We have found that imines 21, when heated in the presence of nitrogen bases, undergo migration of dithiophosphoryl-substituent followed by prototropic rearrangements and phosphorotropic tautomerism in the S-C-N-triad.



The results presented above provide a basis for the synthesis and mechanistic study of phosphorylated azaallylic derivatives.

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