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Phosphonochloridothionates have been found to react in the presence of Lewis acids with alkyl aryl ethers to give S-alkyl O-aryl phosphonothiolates and with alkyl halides to form products of the S-alkylation.

Key words: Alkyl aryl ethers; phosphonochloridothionates; alkylation; S-alkyl O-aryl phosphonothiolates; S-alkyl alkyl(aryl) dichlorophosphonium salts; conductivity.

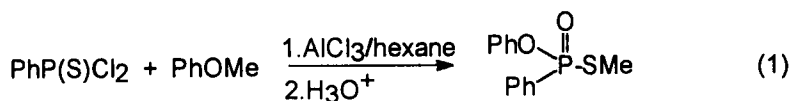
INTRODUCTION

The phosphorylation of aromatic compounds occurring in the presence of Lewis acids constitutes one of the important procedures for the construction of the P-C bond.¹ Although this method has been known for a long time² the only exact investigations of the reactions conditions were performed thirty years ago by Maier.³ The author found that the yields and composition of the products depend mainly on the molar ratio of substrates, temperature and reaction time. The only efficient catalysts of this reaction were found to be those forming stable adducts with thiophosphoryl trichloride, among them AlCl_3 or AlBr_3 . However, in the case of the oxygen or sulfur substituted aromatic hydrocarbons as the substrates (such as anisole, thiophene, furfural) the reaction with thiophosphoryl chlorides failed.

In this paper we would like to report on a new, unexpected reaction of phosphono- or phosphinochloridothionates with alkyl aryl ethers. Moreover, some new observations concerning alkylation of phosphorylochloridothionates under the influence of the Lewis acids catalysts will be discussed.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

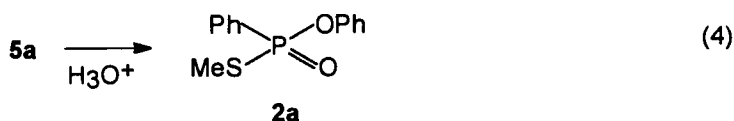
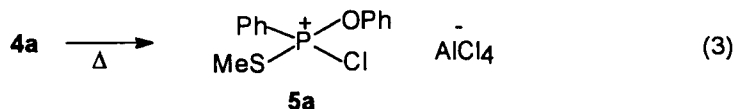
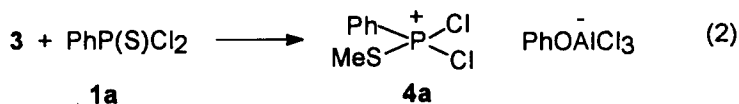
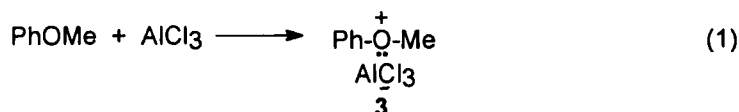
In the course of our studies on the synthesis of chiral chlorophosphines it was necessary to prepare chiral, racemic ring substituted phenyl(aryl)phosphinochloridothionates.⁴ For this purpose we turned our attention to the method described by Maier.³ However, we have unexpectedly found that phenylphosphonochloridothionate **1a** reacts with anisole in the presence of aluminium chloride in a quite different way. Thus, refluxing these components in hexane for 3 hr and decomposition of the reaction mixture with ice/HCl gave O-phenyl S-methyl phenylphosphonothiolate as the main product.



In order to elucidate this new reaction, its course was monitored by ^{31}P -NMR. In this case 1,2-dichloroethane was used as the solvent since it was expected that it should dissolve better phosphonium salts and aluminum chloride. Thus, after heating under reflux a dichloroethane solution of **1a** with anisole and AlCl_3 used in the equimolar ratio for 3 hr three signals were observed in the ^{31}P -NMR spectra. One of them at $\delta = 111.1$ ppm (29%), was ascribed to methylthio phenyldichlorophosphonium salt **4a**, the second at $\delta = 98.3$ ppm (36%) seems to correspond to methylthio-phenoxyphenylchlorophosphonium salt **5a**. The last peak at $\delta = 76$ ppm belongs undoubtedly to the unreacted substrate **1a**. It should be pointed out that the ^{31}P -NMR signals of the salt **4a** and **4b** were known since the corresponding standards were obtained by independent way in the form of trifluoromethanesulfonates.

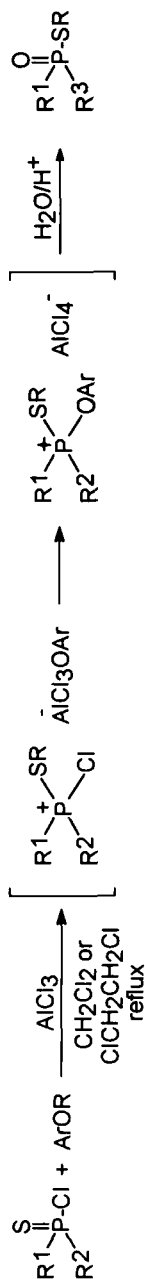
Furthermore, a 3-hour heating of this mixture causes an increase of the intensity of the peak at $\delta = 98.3$ ppm (53%), corresponding to **5a**, a decrease of the one at $\delta = 111.1$ ppm (17%) corresponding to the salt **4a** and only a slight decrease of the peak of the substrate (30%). This tendency of the intensity changes of these signals was still observed during further reflux of the reaction mixture which after 30 hr contained 65% of salt **5b**, 12% of **1a** and 23% of three other unidentified signals. The signal corresponding to salt **4a** disappeared completely. However, better results of the transformation **1a** \rightarrow **5a** (83%) were obtained when a half molar excess of anisole and AlCl_3 with respect to **1a** were refluxed for 15 hr. Finally the optimal conditions for a full conversion **1a** \rightarrow **5a** were found when **1a** and a twofold molar excess of anisole and AlCl_3 were heated for 17 hr.

Taking into account the known reactivity of aryl alkyl ethers towards Lewis acids, which form more or less stable oxonium salts⁵ and our results presented above, the following course of the reaction between anisole and AlCl_3 can be proposed.



Scheme 1

TABLE I

Data of the reaction of phosphono- or phosphinochloridothionates **1** with alkylaryl ethers in the presence of AlCl_3 

1

4

5

2

1			Ar	R	1:ArOR :AlCl ₃	4		5		2		
No	R ¹	R ²				No	³¹ P-NMR δ ppm	react. time h	³¹ P-NMR δ ppm/ CDCl ₃	% of 5 by ³¹ P- NMR	R ³	³¹ P-NMR δ ppm/ CDCl ₃
a.	Ph	Cl	Ph	Me	1:1:1	a.	111.1	27	98.6	64	PhO	55
a.	Ph	Cl	Ph	Me	1:1.5:1.5	a.	111.1	15.5	99.3	85	PhO	74
a.	Ph	Cl	Ph	Me	1:2:2	a.	111.1	17	98.3	100	PhO	
a.	Ph	Cl	Ph	Me	1:2:2	a.	110.6	23	98.0	14 ^a	PhO	
a.	Ph	Cl	pBr-Ph	Me	1:1:1	b.	111.5	9	99.6	9	pBrPhO	
a.	Ph	Cl	pBr-Ph	Me	1:2:2	b.	110.6	23	99.1	8 ^b	pBrPhO	
a.	Ph	Cl	pMePh	Me	1:2:2	c.	110.0	15			pMePhO	77
a.	Ph	Cl	α-Np	Me	1:1:1	d.	111.1	3	100.3	65	α-NpO	60
a.	Ph	Cl	Ph	Et	1:2:2	e.	108.3	21	96.5	78	PhO	74
b.	Et	Cl	Ph	Me	1:2:2	f.	132.7	17	118.2	35 ^c	PhO	30
b.	Et	Cl	α-Np	Me	1:2:2	g.		18	119.8	82	α-NpO	72
b.	Et	Cl	Ph	Et	1:2:2	h.	129.8	50	116.0	47	p-PhO	40
c.	Ph	Ph	Ph	Me	1:2:2	i.	94.4	5	87.4	90	Ph	64
c.	Ph	Ph	Ph	Et	1:1:1	j.	92.1	3 ^d	85.5	62	Ph	22
d.	PhO	Cl	Ph	Me	1:2:2	k.	69.2	19	40.5	55	PhO	48

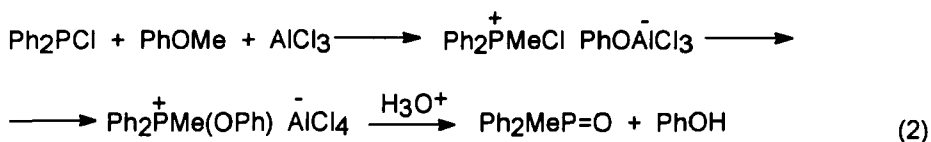
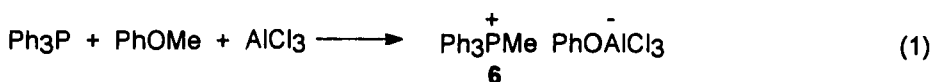
a) 50-55°, 82% of 4; b) 50-55°, 86% of 4; c) 53% of 4; d) 25% of 1.

The first step consists in the formation of the complex **3** which acts in the second step as an alkylating agent towards phosphonochloridothionate **1a** giving the salt **4a**. The third step involves the displacement of a chloride anion by a phenoxy group in the salt **4a** leading to a new salt **5a**, which after hydrolysis affords phenylphosphinothiolate **2a** as the final reaction product. As can be seen from Table I, the reaction is general for phosphono-, phosphino- or aryloxyphosphorochloridothionates and alkyl aryl ethers. However, alkoxyphosphorochloridothionates react with ether under these conditions with decomposition. In the case of an additional oxygen or nitrogen function in the aromatic ring of ethers the reaction does not proceed.

The temperature exerts considerable influence on the **4** \rightarrow **5** conversion. For instance, heating a mixture of **1a**/anisole/ AlCl_3 (1:2:2) in 1,2-dichloroethane at 50° for 13 hr gave **4a** in 75% yield and **5a** in only 4% as shown by ^{31}P -NMR.

The same tendency to slow down the conversion **4** \rightarrow **5** was observed for the electron-withdrawing substituents in the aromatic ring of ethers. Thus, **1a**/p-bromoanisole/ AlCl_3 (1:2:2) refluxed in ethylene chloride solution for 9 hr yielded **4b** in 23% and **5b** in 9%. This fact may be explained by lower nucleophilicity of the p-bromophenoxy anion towards the phosphorus centre in comparison with the phenoxy one.

The oxonium complex of the type **3** appears to be a weak alkylation agent. For instance, refluxing a mixture of anisole, triphenylphosphine and a twofold molar excess of AlCl_3 in ethylene chloride solution for 3.5 hr yields quantitatively triphenylmethylphosphonium salt **6**⁶ (^{31}P -NMR $\delta = 21.4$ ppm CDCl_3). Similarly, although with some difficulty, Ph_2PCl undergoes alkylation giving after hydrolysis the corresponding phosphine oxide (Equation 2).



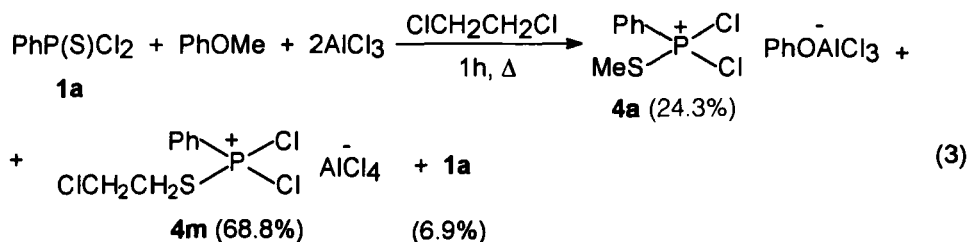
Scheme 2

The formation of a complex of the type $\text{PhP}^+(\text{S})\text{Cl} \text{ Al}^-\text{Cl}_4$, which could also explain the reaction under investigation and which was postulated as intermediate for the phosphorylation of aromatic hydrocarbons⁷ seems to be less likely as the first step of the title reaction shown in Scheme 1 on the basis of the following observations.

The reaction of **1a** with anisole and phenetole shows two different signals in the ^{31}P -NMR spectra at $\delta = 111.1$ ppm and $\delta = 108.3$ ppm, respectively, which can be ascribed to salts **4**. If the complex $\text{PhP}^+(\text{S})\text{Cl} \text{ Al}^-\text{Cl}_4$,⁷ $\delta = 109.1$ ppm were the initial, common intermediate, only one signal should be observed in the ^{31}P -NMR. This is, however, not the case. A more careful investigation of the products revealed the presence of a by-product which was found particularly in the experiments conducted for a long time (ca 30 hr). This by-product appeared to be O-

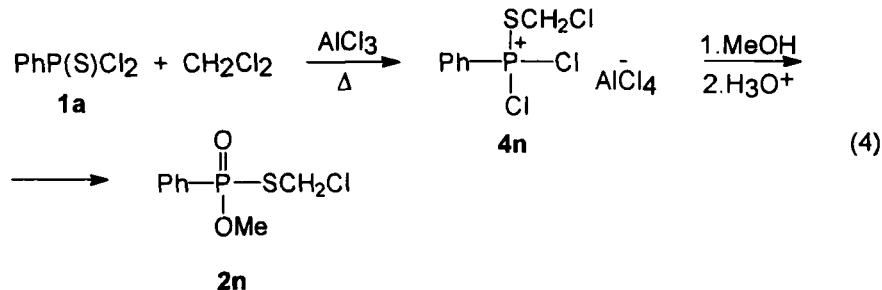
phenyl S-2-chloroethyl phenylphosphonothiolate. It is formed as a result of the alkylation of **1a** by the solvent.

Indeed, when **1a**, anisole and AlCl_3 were used in a ratio 1:1:2 and refluxed in ethylene chloride for 1 hr, three peaks at $\delta = 111.6$ (24.3%), 109.6 (68.5%) and 76.8 (6.9%) ppm were detected in the ^{31}P -NMR, corresponding to the salts **4a**, **4m** and **1a**, respectively.

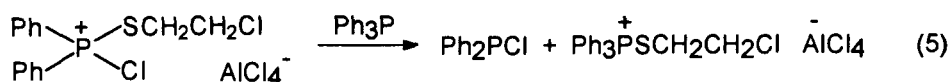


These results clearly indicate that the alkylation reaction of **1a** by ethylene chloride is faster than that by the complex **3**. It means that the complex **3** is formed rather slowly because of the heterogeneous conditions.

In a separate experiment, a mixture of **1a** and AlCl_3 was refluxed in CH_2Cl_2 for 4 hr to give the product which exhibited only one signal in ^{31}P -NMR spectrum ($\delta = 109.8$ ppm) and a characteristic doublet in ^1H -NMR spectra at $\delta = 5.21$ ppm ($^5J_{\text{P-S-C-H}} = 28.4$ Hz). This spectral data are well consistent with the structure of salt **4n** (Equation 4).



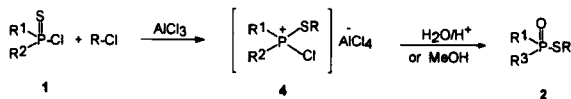
The salts of the type **4** represent very interesting substrates for further transformations. For instance, both chlorine atoms can be replaced by the methoxy group upon treatment with methanol to form a new salt, which after hydrolysis yields phosphonothiolate **2n** (Equation 4). Diphenylchlorophosphine was also obtained in a satisfactory yield when the salt **4** was reacted with triphenylphosphine (Equation 5).⁴



Some examples of alkylation products and their derivatives are collected in Table II.

TABLE II

Data of the alkylation reaction of **1** with alkyl chlorides in the presence of AlCl_3



1			R	4				2		
No	R ¹	R ²		No	reaction time h	³¹ P-NMR δ ppm*	% of 4 by ³¹ P-NMR	R ³	³¹ P-NMR δ ppm	yield
a.	Ph	Cl	CH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	m.	13	109.4	100	OMe	45.5	60.1
a.	Ph	Cl	CH ₂ Cl	n.	4.5	109.8	100	OMe	43.3	30
a.	Ph	Cl	CH ₂ Cl	o.	12	109.5	100	OEt	41.2	29
c.	Ph	Ph	CH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	p.	3.5	92.7	100	Ph	44.2	52
c.	Ph	Ph	i-Pr	r.	4	89.8	92	Ph	42.3	67
c.	Ph	Ph	cyclohexyl	s.	13	89.9	61	Ph	43.6	31
d.	PhO	Cl	CH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	t.	2.5	89.7	100	OMe	25.5	37
e.	Cl	Cl	CH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	u.	12	85.2	100			

In the light of the results presented above and other findings the structure of the complexes described by Maier⁷ should be verified. The ³¹P-NMR chemical shifts of these complexes given by Maier⁷ correspond exactly to the shifts of our salts obtained by alkylation of **1** with methylene chloride (see Table III). For example, a freshly prepared 1:1 mixture of **1a** and AlCl₃ in CH₂Cl₂ in a NMR tube at room temperature, showed two signals in ³¹P-NMR at $\delta = 109.6$ ppm (25.5%) and $\delta = 88.1$ ppm (74.5%). The first peak undoubtedly belongs to the salt **4n** and the second one may be ascribed to a complex **1a** · AlCl₃. Almost the same value of the chemical shift of a complex **1a** · AlCl₃ was noticed when the spectrum was recorded in bromobenzene ($\delta = 86.9$ ppm). Other spectra **1** · AlCl₃ measured in bromobenzene (see Table III) are collected in Table III.

TABLE III

Chemical shift of $R^1(R^2)P(S)Cl \cdot nAlCl_3$ ^{31}P -NMR spectra in PhBr and CH_2Cl_2 , ⁷

1			AlCl ₃ n	³¹ P-NMR δ ppm in PhBr	³¹ P-NMR δ ppm in CH ₂ Cl ₂	³¹ P-NMR δ ppm 4
Compound	R ¹	R ²				
1a	Ph	Cl	1	86.9	109.1	109.8
1a	Ph	Cl	2	94.8		
1c	Ph	Ph	1	83.7	90.4	86.1 (91.3) ^a
1c	Ph	Ph	2	81.5	90.4	
1e	Cl	Cl	1	32.3	84.8	85.2
1e	Cl	Cl	2	31.9		
1e	Cl	Cl	3	30.3		

a, a small amount

In order to confirm the presence of ionic species in a bromobenzene solution of the molar complexes of $1 \cdot \text{AlCl}_3$, the molar conductivity measurements were per-

formed. The value of the molar conductivity of complexes $1 \cdot \text{AlCl}_3$ in bromobenzene are by one order lower than that given by Maier.⁷

TABLE IV
Conductances of complex $1 \cdot \text{AlCl}_3$ in bromobenzene^a (conc. 0.59 molare temp. 20°)

Compound	specific conductance χ $\text{cm}^{-1} \Omega^{-1}$	equivalent conductivity Λ $\Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^2 \text{Mol}^{-1}$	equivalent conductivity Λ^2 $(\Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^2 \text{Mol}^{-1})^2$	colour of solution
sat. $\text{PhBr} \cdot \text{AlCl}_3$	$2.70 \cdot 10^{-7}$		$0.66 \cdot 10^{-7}$	dark pink
$\text{P(S)Cl}_2 \cdot \text{AlCl}_3^a$	$12.83 \cdot 10^{-6}$		6.711 $0.396 \cdot 10^{-12}^c$	dark orange
$\text{PhP(S)Cl}_2 \cdot \text{AlCl}_3$	$2.71 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.459	7.674	bright orange
$\text{PhP(S)Cl}_2 \cdot 2\text{AlCl}_3^b$	$5.20 \cdot 10^{-4}$		12.38 $0.73 \cdot 10^{-2}$	bright orange
$\text{Ph}_2\text{P(S)Cl} \cdot \text{AlCl}_3$	$2.36 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.40	3.677	bright yellow
$\text{Ph}_2\text{P(S)Cl} \cdot 2\text{AlCl}_3^b$	$8.77 \cdot 10^{-4}$		10.37 $0.612 \cdot 10^{-2}^c$	dark yellow
$(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3\text{PS} \cdot \text{AlCl}_3$	$2.53 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.429	$0.2723 \cdot 10^{-1}$ $0.92 \cdot 10^{-2}^c$	bright yellow

a. specific conductance of pure solvent $4.7 \cdot 10^{-7} \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$

b. the complex is not completely dissolved

c. specific conductance

Unfortunately, is not possible to compare the molar conductivity of the complexes $1 \cdot \text{AlCl}_3$ with a molar conductivity of any ammonium salts⁷ since the latter are extremely insoluble in bromobenzene.

In conclusion, the value of ^{31}P -NMR shifts and conductivity of the complexes $1 \cdot \text{AlCl}_3$ given by Maier⁷ refer, in fact, to the alkylation products of **1** by methylene chloride and constitute also the examples of a new alkylation reaction of phosphorochloridothionates discussed in the present papers.

EXPERIMENTAL

All boiling and melting points are uncorrected. ^1H -NMR and ^{31}P -NMR spectra were measured with a Bruker AC-200 instrument. MS spectra were obtained with an LKB-900S spectrometer. Conductances were measured by means of a Conductivity Meter type OK-102/1 equipped with a Philips PW electrode with cell constant 0.94. Aryl(diaryl)phosphono- or phosphinochloridothionates were obtained by addition of sulfur to commercially available aryl(diaryl)chlorophosphines.⁸ Ethylphosphonochloridothionate was a commercial substrate; AlCl_3 was from the Fluka AG company. Solvents were distilled and dried by conventional methods.

S-alkyl O-aryl aryl(alkyl)phosphonothiolates. A general procedure. A mixture of **1**, alkyl aryl ether and AlCl_3 in a proportion given in Table I was refluxed in methylene or ethylene chloride for a few hours (Table I). The progress of the reaction was controlled by ^{31}P -NMR. Then, the mixture was poured on crushed ice and acidified with hydrochloric acid (3–5 ml). The organic layer was separated and the water solution was extracted with CHCl_3 (2×20 ml). The organic layers were combined and dried over MgSO_4 . After concentration the residue was purified by distillation or column chromatography. The solvent used and some properties of the corresponding esters are given below.

S-methyl O-phenyl phenylphosphonothiolate 2a, (hexane), b.p. 140–145/0.2–0.3 mmHg; n_D^{20} 1.5997, ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 44.8 ppm, ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 2.18 ppm (d, 3, SCH_3 , $^3J_{\text{PSCH}}$ 13.09 Hz), δ = 7.2–7.6 and 7.9–8.05 ppm (2m, 10, Har).

Anal. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2\text{PS}$ Calcd. C, 59.08; H, 4.96; P, 11.72

Found C, 58.90; H, 4.94; P, 11.68

MS m/e 264 (M^+), 217 ($\text{Ph}(\text{PhO})\text{PO}^+$), 171 ($\text{PhP}(\text{O})\text{SMe}^+$), 124 ($\text{PhP}(\text{O})^+$), 77 (Ph^+).

S-methyl O-p-bromophenyl phenylphosphonothiolate, 2b (ethylene chloride) isolated by TLC (toluene: acetone:i-PrOH 4:1:0.2) in 92% purity, ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 45.6 ppm, (an impurity at δ = 12.92 ppm), ^1H (CDCl_3), δ = 2.18 ppm (d, 3, SCH_3 , $^3J_{\text{PSCH}}$ 12.21 Hz), δ = 7.15–7.60 and 7.90–8.05 ppm (2m, 10, Har), MS (gas chromatography) m/e (rel intensity) 343 (M^+ , 3.5) 342 (14.8), 341 (8), 174 (9), 169 (11), 142 (4), 142 (7), 141 (100), 77 (48).

S-methyl O-p-tolyl phenylphosphonothiolate, 2c (ethylene chloride), b.p. 122/0.3 mmHg, n_D^{20} 1.5940, ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 44.7 ppm, ^1H (CDCl_3) δ = 2.14 ppm (d, 3, SCH_3 , $^3J_{\text{PSCH}}$ 10.22 Hz), δ = 2.29 ppm (s, 3, CH_3), δ = 7.05–7.25, 7.40–7.60 and 7.90–8.02 ppm (3m, 9, Har).

Anal. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{PS}$	Calcd.	C, 60.24;	H, 5.77;	P, 11.09
	Found	C, 59.99;	H, 5.46;	P, 11.46

S-methyl O- α -naphthyl phenylphosphonothiolate 2d (ethylene chloride) b.p. 220 (temp of oven)/0.2 mmHg, n_D^{20} 1.6492, ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 45.4 ppm; ^1H (CDCl_3), δ = 2.19 ppm, (d, 3, SCH_3 , $^3J_{\text{PSCH}}$ 14.20 Hz), δ = 7.50–8.18 ppm (m, 12, Har).

Anal. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2\text{PS}$	Calcd.	C, 64.95;	H, 4.81;	P, 9.85
	Found	C, 65.03;	H, 4.83;	P, 10.27

S-ethyl O-phenyl phenylphosphonothiolate 2e (without solvents, 100°) b.p. 140°/0.3 mmHg, n_D^{20} 1.5913, ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 44.0 ppm; ^1H (CDCl_3), δ = 1.20 ppm (t, 3, CH_3 , $^3J_{\text{HCHH}}$ 7.41 Hz, $^4J_{\text{PSCCH}}$ 0.47 Hz), δ = 2.71–2.90 ppm (m, 2, CH_2), δ = 7.13–8.04 ppm (m, 10, Har).

Anal. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2\text{PS}$	Calcd.	C, 60.41;	H, 5.43;	P, 11.13
	Found	C, 60.72;	H, 5.39;	P, 11.76

S-methyl O-phenyl ethylphosphonothiolate 2f (hexane) b.p. 125/0.2 mmHg, n_D^{20} 1.5503; ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 59.6 ppm, ^1H (CDCl_3), δ = 2.24 ppm (d, 3, SCH_3 , $^3J_{\text{PSCH}}$ 12.71 Hz), δ = 1.32 (2t, 3, CH_3 , $^3J_{\text{PCCCH}}$ 22.52 Hz, $^3J_{\text{HCHH}}$ 7.63 Hz), δ = 2.15 ppm (m, 2, CH_2), δ = 7.14–7.35 ppm (m, 5, Har).

Anal. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2\text{PS}$	Calcd.	C, 49.99;	H, 6.06;	P, 14.32
	Found	C, 50.42;	H, 6.11;	P, 13.99

S-methyl O- α -naphthyl ethylphosphonothiolate 2g (ethylene chloride) purified by column chromatography (hexane and hexane-toluene as eluents) and distillation b.p. 160–175 (temp. of oven)/0.2 mmHg, n_D^{20} 1.6123 ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 60.6 ppm, ^1H (CDCl_3), δ = 2.25 ppm, (d, 3, SCH_3 , $^3J_{\text{PSCH}}$ 12.77 Hz), δ = 1.45 ppm, (2t, 3, CH_3 , $^3J_{\text{PCCCH}}$ 22.52 Hz, $^3J_{\text{HCHH}}$ 7.65 Hz), δ = 2.32 ppm, (m, 2, CH_2), 7.26–8.09 ppm (m, 7, Har).

Anal. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2\text{PS}$	Calcd.	C, 58.63;	H, 5.68;	P, 11.63
	Found	C, 58.49;	H, 5.62;	P, 12.20

S-ethyl O-phenyl ethylphosphonothiolate 2h (ethylene chloride), b.p. 150° (temp. of oven)/15 mmHg, n_D^{20} 1.5390, ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 59.4 ppm, ^1H (CDCl_3), δ = 1.21 ppm (t, 3, CH_3 , $^3J_{\text{HCHH}}$ 7.46 Hz), δ = 1.31 ppm (2t, CH_3 , $^3J_{\text{PCCCH}}$ 22.54 Hz, $^3J_{\text{HCHH}}$ 7.48 Hz), δ = 2.04–2.19 ppm (m, 2, CH_2), δ = 2.76–2.88 ppm (m, 2, S- CH_2), δ = 7.13–7.32 ppm (m, 5, Har), MC m/e (rel intensity) 230 (19.2 M^+), 170 (8.2), 141 (16.7), 109 (22.5), 105 (23.3), 94 (100).

S-methyl diphenylphosphinothiolate 2i (ethylene chloride) b.p. 160° (temp. of oven)/0.1 mmHg, n_D^{20} 1.6335, ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 45.5 ppm, ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 2.22 ppm (d, 3, SCH_3 , $^3J_{\text{PSCH}}$ 12.08 Hz, δ = 7.42–7.54 and 7.82–7.93 (2m, 10, Har).

Anal. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{OPS}$	Calcd.	C, 2.89;	H, 5.28
	Found	C, 62.33;	H, 5.06

S-ethyl diphenylphosphinothiolate 2j (without solvents, 100°) purified by TLC (toluene:Aceton, 4:1), m.p. 70–74°, lit⁹ 75–6°, ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 43.6 ppm, ^1H (CDCl_3), δ = 1.28 ppm, (t, 3, CH_3 , $^3J_{\text{HCHH}}$ 7.48); δ = 2.81 (2q, 2, $^2J_{\text{PCH}}$ 10.71 Hz); δ = 7.42–7.53 ppm and 7.81–7.93 ppm (2m, 10, Har).

S-methyl O, O-diphenyl phosphorothiolate 2k (ethylene chloride) b.p. 180° (temp. of oven)/0.1 mmHg, n_D^{20} 1.5759; lit.¹⁰, b.p. 145–7/0.01 mmHg, n_D^{20} 1.5765, ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 22.2 ppm, ^1H (CDCl_3), δ = 2.29 (d, 3, SCH_3 , $^3J_{\text{PSCH}}$ 16.14 Hz), δ = 7.04–7.29 ppm (m, 10, Har).

Alkylation of phosphino- or phosphonochloridothionates with alkyl halides/ AlCl_3 . A general procedure. A mixture of **1** and AlCl_3 in a molar ratio 1:1 to 1:2 was refluxed in methylene chloride, ethylene chloride or hexane with the corresponding alkyl chloride (some excess) for a few hours (Table II). After ^{31}P -NMR control, an alcohol (5 ml) was added at low temp. (–30 ÷ –50). The mixture was then warmed to room temp. and stirred for 2 days. The isolation of the products was achieved by decomposition of the mixture with ice/ HCl , extraction with CHCl_3 (2 × 30 ml) and drying over MgSO_4 . After concentration the residue was distilled or chromatographed. Some properties of thiolates **2** are presented below.

O-methyl *S*-2-chloroethyl phenylphosphonothiolate **2m**. 1a: AlCl_3 (1:2), $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ (15 ml); b.p. 140 (temp. of oven)/0.2 mmHg; n_D^{20} 1.5681; ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 45.5 ppm, ^1H (CDCl_3), δ = 3–3.15 ppm (m, 2, $-\text{SCH}_2-$), δ = 3.61 ppm (t, 2, CH_2Cl , $^3J_{\text{HCH}}$ 7.40 Hz), δ = 3.87 (d, 3, OMe, $^3J_{\text{POCH}}$ 12.48 Hz), δ = 7.46–7.58 and 7.79–7.91 ppm (2m, 5, Har).

Anal. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2\text{PSCl}$ Calcd. C, 43.12; H, 4.82; P, 12.36
Found C, 43.13; H, 4.90; P, 12.48

O-methyl *S*-chloromethyl phenylphosphonothiolate **2n**. 1a: AlCl_3 (1:1.5), CH_2Cl_2 (20 ml); b.p. 140° (temp. of oven)/0.2 mmHg, n_D^{20} 1.5788, ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 43.3 ppm, ^1H (CDCl_3), δ = 3.89 ppm, (d, 3, OMe, $^3J_{\text{POCH}}$ 12.67 Hz), δ = 4.79 ppm, (d, 2, CH_2 , $^3J_{\text{PSCH}}$ 16.36 Hz), δ = 7.43–7.59 and 7.77–7.90 ppm (2m, 5, Har), MC m/e (rel intensity) 236 (7, M^+), 191 (60), 193 (15), 155 (100), 77 (14).

O-ethyl *S*-chloromethyl phenylphosphonothiolate **2o**. 1a: AlCl_3 (1:2), CH_2Cl_2 (20 ml); b.p. 120° (temp. of oven)/0.3 mmHg, n_D^{20} 1.5622; ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 41.2 ppm, ^1H (CDCl_3), δ = 1.42 ppm (t, 3, $-\text{CH}_3$, $^3J_{\text{HCH}}$ 7.09 Hz), δ = 4.24–4.39 (m, 2, OCH_2), δ = 4.83 ppm (d, 3, SCH_2Cl , $^3J_{\text{PSCH}}$ 17.64 Hz), δ = 7.43–7.58 and 7.81–7.93 (2m, 5, Har).

Anal. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2\text{PSCl}$ Calcd. C, 43.12; H, 4.83; P, 12.36
Found C, 43.76; H, 5.06; P, 12.37

S-2-chloroethyl diphenylphosphinothiolate **2p**. 1b: AlCl_3 (1:1.5), $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ (15 ml); b.p. 175° (temp. of oven)/0.2 mmHg, ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 44.2 ppm, ^1H (CDCl_3), δ = 3.04–3.15 ppm (2t, 2, SCH_2 , $^3J_{\text{HCH}}$ 7.76 Hz, $^3J_{\text{PSCH}}$ 12.67 Hz), δ = 3.63 ppm (t, 2, CH_2Cl , $^3J_{\text{HCH}}$ 7.76 Hz), δ = 7.43–7.57 and 7.81–7.92 ppm (2m, 10, Har), MS m/e (rel intensity), 297 (1.4 M^+), 234 (1.4 M^+), 234 (100), 201 (97), 110 (3.3), 77 (5.4).

S-*i*-Propyl diphenylphosphinothiolate **2r**. 1b: AlCl_3 (1:1), hexane (20 ml) and $i\text{PrCl}$ (5 ml); b.p. 170 (temp. of oven)/0.05 mmHg, m.p. 107–110°; ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 42.3 ppm, ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 1.34 ppm (d, 6, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)(\text{CH}_3)$, $^3J_{\text{HCH}}$ 6.82 Hz), δ = 3.36–3.47 ppm (m, 1, $\text{CH}=\text{}$), δ = 7.41–7.52 and 7.82–7.93 (2m, 10, Har).

Anal. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{OPS}$ Calcd. C, 65.19; H, 6.20; P, 11.21
Found C, 64.78; H, 6.21; P, 11.20

S-cyclohexyl diphenylphosphinothiolate **2s**. 1b: AlCl_3 (1:1), $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11}\text{Cl}$ (15 ml) temp. 40–50°; b.p. 180 (temp. of oven)/0.05 mmHg, m.p. 81–85°, ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 43.6 ppm, ^1H -NMR, δ = 1.22–1.67 and 1.90–1.98 ppm (2m, 10, Hcyclohexyl), δ = 3.21–3.36 ppm (m, 1, $-\text{SCH}$), δ = 7.43–7.53 and 7.81–7.93 ppm (2m, 10, Har).

Anal. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{OPS}$ Calcd. C, 68.33; H, 6.69; P, 9.79
Found C, 68.50; H, 6.79; P, 9.63

S-2-chloroethyl *O*-methyl *O*-phenyl phosphorothiolate **2t**. 1d: AlCl_3 (1:2), $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ (15 ml); b.p. 125–140 (temp. of oven)/0.05–0.01 mmHg, n_D^{20} 1.5400, ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 25.5 ppm, ^1H (CDCl_3), δ = 3.17 ppm (2t, CH_2S , $^3J_{\text{PSCH}}$ 18.12 Hz, $^3J_{\text{HCH}}$ 7.49 Hz), δ = 3.59 ppm (t, 2, CH_2Cl , $^3J_{\text{HCH}}$ 7.49 Hz), δ = 3.88 (d, 3, OMe, $^3J_{\text{POCH}}$ 12.92 Hz), δ = 7.20–7.36 ppm (m, 5, Har).

Anal. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3\text{PSCl}$ Calcd. C, 40.53; H, 4.53; P, 11.61
Found C, 40.68; H, 4.60; P, 12.29

Methyltriphenylphosphonium salt 6. A mixture of Ph_3P (9.0 g, 0.0345 m), AlCl_3 (46 g, 0.0345 m) and anisole (3.7 g, 0.0345 m) was refluxed in 30 ml ClCH_2Cl for 12 hr. ^{31}P -NMR chemical shift of the salt **6** was observed at δ = 22.12 ppm, lit.¹⁰ for Ph_3PMeX^+ , δ from 18.8 to 22.7 ppm. The solution was directly used for ^{31}P -NMR study of the displacement of a chlorine atom by the phenoxy group in phosphono- and phosphonochloridothionates.⁶

Diphenylmethylphosphine oxide from diphenylmethylchlorophosphonium salt. A mixture of Ph_2PCl (0.82 g, 3.75 mM), AlCl_3 (0.5 g, 3.75 mM) and anisole (5 ml) was refluxed for 2 hr. Then, the mixture was poured on ice/HCl and extracted with chloroform (3 × 15 ml). The soln was dried over Me_2SO_4 and after concentration, the residue was distilled and redistilled to give 0.4 g (50% yield) diphenylmethylphosphine oxide, m.p. 114–117, lit.¹¹, m.p. 111.5–112; ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 30.6 ppm.

Diphenylchlorophosphine from diphenylphosphinochloridothionate 1c. Diphenylphosphinochloridothionate **1c** (4.9 g, 0.0195 m) and AlCl_3 (2.6 g, 0.0195 m) were refluxed in dichloroethane (20 ml) for 1 hr. Then, Ph_3P (5.1 g, 0.0195 m) was added and the mixture was refluxed for 1.5 hr. Dichloroethane was evaporated in vacuum and from the residue a crude product was distilled off (4.2 g); redistillation of this product gives diphenylchlorophosphine 2.7 g (63% yield) b.p. 103–5/0.2 mmHg, n_D^{20} 1.6360, ^{31}P -NMR (CDCl_3), δ = 81.4 ppm, lit.¹², b.p. 114/0.6 mmHg, n_D^{20} 1.6365, ^{31}P -NMR, δ = 81.6 ppm.

S-2-chloroethyltrichlorophosphonium salt **4u**. Thiophosphoryl chloride **1e** (2.3 g, 0.0136 m) and AlCl_3 (4 g, 0.030 m) were refluxed in ethylene dichloride (15 ml) for 12 hr. The solution exhibited one peak in ^{31}P -NMR spectrum at $\delta = 85.2$ ppm. The salt was neither isolated nor transformed.

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