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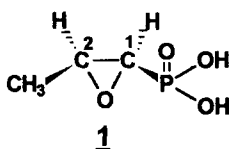
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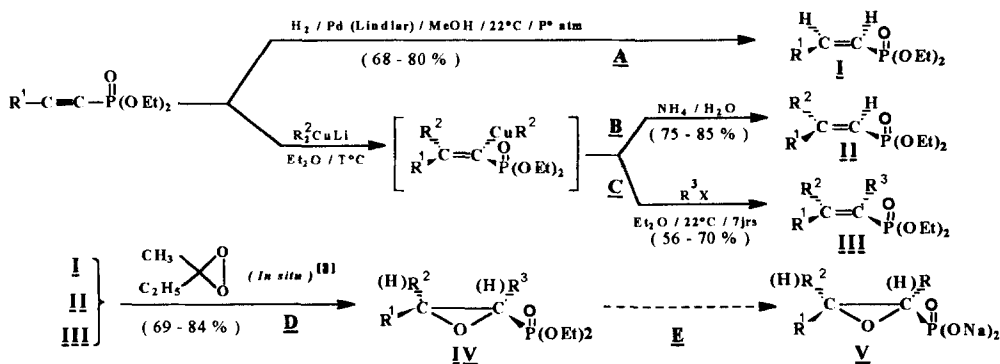
Abstract: In the aim to carry out a quantitative reactivity/structure/biological activity relationship, a general four step synthesis, gives us access to a number of new phosphomycin analogues. A new synthesis of di- and tri-substituted vinylphosphonates *via* cuprate reactions and their epoxidation by dioxirane are described.

Phosphomycin **1** [(-)(1R,2S) 1,2-epoxypropylphosphonic acid] has been isolated in 1969 from *streptomyces* and described as a large spectrum antibiotic.^[1]



The strategic point for the biological activity seems to be the C₂ carbon of the molecule.^[2] For this reason we decided to synthesize new phosphorus analogues with differently substituted C₂ and C₁ carbon atoms in the aim to carry out a quantitative reactivity / structure / biological activity relationship.

We present here our first results concerning the preparation of a series of compounds through the following pathway:



R¹ = alkyl, aryl; R² = alkyl, aryl; R³ = alkyl, halogen, fonctional groups.

The **B** and **C** reactions exhibit high stereo and regioselectivity and constitute a new access to di- and tri-substituted vinylphosphonates^[4]. The **D** reaction is stereospecific and constitute the first epoxidation of vinylphosphonates by dioxirane.

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