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## THE REACTIONS OF PHOSPHORYL - STABILIZED CARBANIONS WITH α,β-UNSATURATED CYCLOALKENONES DERIVATIVES

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Abstract The effects of the β-leaving group of the cycloalkenone on the regioselectivity of nucleophilic addition by RCHLiP(O)(OEt)<sub>2</sub> are discussed.

#### INTRODUCTION

The reactions of diethyl (lithiomethyl)phosphonate with cycloalkenones afford carbonyl addition products. In this work, using cycloalkenones bearing Cl or MeO substituent in the  $\beta$ -position, we found that the course of the reaction depends on the  $\beta$ -substituent.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The diethyl lithioalkylphosphonates 1 were found to add regioselectively across the C-C double bond of the  $\beta$ -methoxycycloalkenones 2 (X = OMe) with the elimination of CH<sub>3</sub>O to form the vinylketophosphonates 3. On the other hand, the same nucleophiles undergo carbonyl addition to the  $\beta$ -chlorocyclohexenones 2 (X = Cl) to afford the  $\beta$ hydroxyalkylphosphonates 4. The observed regioselectivity can be explained in terms of the stabilizing effect of MeO vs. Cl on the electrophilicity of C-3 relative to C-1.

RCHLiPO<sub>3</sub>Et<sub>2</sub> + 
$$(n)$$
  $(n)$   $(n)$ 

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