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Communication

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I report in this communication my finding on the formation of ammonium salt of 3-ethyl-2-oxo-1,4,2-oxazaphosphorinane via the thermolysis of poly(urethane phosphonate).

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Hydroxyalkyl carbamates (R¹R²NC(O)OCH₂CH₂OH) are known to be thermally unstable^[1] and when decomposed depending on their type a number of different compounds can be obtained.

Herein I report the initial results related to the formation of ammonium salt of 3-ethyl-2-oxo-1,4,2-oxazaphosphorinane via thermal decomposition of poly(urethane phosphonate)^[2] obtained via transesterification of phosphonic acid diesters with hydroxyalkyl carbamate^[3] based on propylene carbonate and 2-aminoethanol. I and co-authors recently have shown that *via* transesterification of phosphonic acid diesters with hydroxyalkylcarbamate poly(urethane phosphonate)s (3) with the following repiting units could be prepared.^[2] It was established that the poly(urethane phosphonate) (3) obtained *via* transesterification of phosphonic acid diesters (1) with hydroxyalkylcarbamate (2) based on the propylene carbonate and 2-aminoethanol ($X = CH_3$) at temperatures higher than 160°C undergoes a thermal decomposition resulting in the formation of the ammonium salt of 3-ethyl-2-oxo-1,4,2-oxazaphosphorinane (4) (Scheme I). The urethane group of poly(urethane phosphonate) undergoes thermal decomposition

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accompanied by the evolution of CO₂. The formation of ammonium salt of 3-ethyl-2-oxo-1,4,2-oxazaphosphorinane does not depend on the type of phosphonic acid diesters. It was established that ammonium salt of 3-ethyl-2-oxo-1,4,2-oxazaphosphorinane was formed at the transesterification of dimethyl, or diethyl, or dibutyl, or disopropyl, or diphenyl phosphonates with hydroxyalkylcarbamate based on the propylene carbonate and 2-aminoethanol. On the other hand when carry out the transesterification of those diesters with hydroxyalkylcarbamate obtained from the ethylene carbonate and 2-aminoethanol no formation of ammonium salt of 3-ethyl-2-oxo-1,4,2-oxazaphosphorinane is observed. When carry out the transesterification of alkyl dialkyl esters of phosphonic acids [(RO)₂P(O)R] with hydroxyalkylcarbamate obtained from

the propylene carbonate and 2-aminoethanol no formation of ammonium salt of 3-ethyl-2-oxo-1,4,2-oxazaphosphorinane is observed. This suggested that: (i) ammonium salt of 3-ethyl-2-oxo-1,4,2-oxazaphosphorinane is formed as a result of the thermal decomposition of a unit of the poly(urethane phosphonate) with the determined structure which is obtained during of transesterification reaction; (ii) in the formation of ammonium salt of 3-ethyl-2-oxo-1,4,2-oxazaphosphorinane P-H group takes part.

The ammonium salt of 3-ethyl-2-oxo-1,4,2-oxazaphosphorinane can be easily isolated in high purity in 18–20% yield. The structure of the ammonium salt of of 3-ethyl-2-oxo-1,4,2-oxazaphosphorinane was confirmed by ¹H, ¹³C, ³¹P NMR spectroscopy and IR spectroscopy, elemental analysis and FAB masspectroscopy. The salt is soluble only in water and decompose at 303°C when heated.

It should be noted that the thermal decomposition of poly(urethane phosphonate) provides a convinient single step preparative method for ammonium salt of 3-ethyl-2-oxo-1,4,2-oxazaphosphorinane. There are no literature data about the synthesis of ammonium salt of 3-ethyl-2-oxo-1,4,2-oxazaphosphorinane.

EXPERIMENTAL

 1 H, 13 C, 31 P NMR sperctra were recorded on a GE NMR Omega, 400 MHz in D_{2} O as a solvent.

General Procedure

A mixture of phosphonic acid diesters and hydroxyalkyl carbamate, based on propylene carbonate and 2-aminoethanol, in molar ratio 1:1 was heated at 150°C for 3h and after that at 165°C for 4h. The ammonium salt of 3-ethyl-2-oxo-1,4,2- oxazaphosphorinane was separated with absolutly methanol and dried under the vacuum.

FOOTNOTES

¹H NMR (D_2O) of ammonium salt of 3-ethyl-2-oxo-1,4,2-oxazaphosphorinane, δ in ppm: 1.02–1.05, t, 3H,2J(H,H) = 7.3 Hz, CH₃ (H₈); 1.64–1.80, m, H; 1.83–1.97, m, H, CH₂ (H_{7a}, H_{7b}); 3.16–3.37, m, 3H, CH₂ (H₅) and CH (H₃); 4.18–4.36, m, 2H, P-OCH₂ (H₆); ¹³C{H}DEPT 135 NMR (D_2O), δ in ppm:

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10.11, CH₃ (C₈); 21.4, CH₂ (C₇); 44.7, CH₂ (C₅); 54.56–57.28, d, 1J(P,C) = 136.7 Hz, CH (C₃); 64.42, CH₂ (C₆); ¹³C NMR (D₂O), δ in ppm: 8.15–11.90, q, 1J(C,H) = 125.8 Hz, CH₃, (C₈); 20.14–22.71, t, 1J(C,H) = 133.2 Hz, CH₂, (C₇); 43.16–44.03, t, 1J(C,H) = 148.0 Hz, CH₂, (C₅); 54.56–57.28, t, 1J(C,H) = 140.6 Hz, CH, (C₃); 61.48–64.24, t, 1J(C,H) = 148.0 Hz, CH₂, (C₆). ³¹P{H} NMR (D₂O), δ in ppm: 10.21.

IR spectral (KBr) data for 4: ν /cm⁻¹ 3420 (+ NH₂), 2992 (CH₃CH₂), 1616 (+NH₂), 1215 (P=O), 1082 (POCH₂), 1049 (N-C), 771 (P-C).

Elemental analysis for $C_5H_{12}NO_3P$: Calcul. %: C = 36.36; H = 7.27; N = 8.48; P = 18.78. Found, %: C = 36.35; H = 7.39; N = 8.48; P = 18.64. MS (FAB) MH⁺ 166.1.

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