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2-Furfurylidene-. (1a) and 2- thienylidene- 1,3- indandione (1b) produce the respective 1:1 adducts (8 a-f) upon reaction with the appropriate dialkyl phosphite (3 a-c). The reaction of 1a,b with trialkyl phosphite (2a-c) yield a mixture of the corresponding phosphonates (7a-d) (major) and (8a-d) (minor). Triphenylphosphine (2d) and hexamethylphosphorotriamide (2e) also reacted with 1a,b. The produced betaines (10a-c) were alkylated with methyl iodide to yield the respective phosphonium iodides (11a-d). Possible reaction mechanisms were discussed. Compatible elemental and spectroscopic results were gained for the new products.

Keywords: 2-Heteroylidene-1,3-indandiones; alkyl phosphites; tertiary phosphines; phosphonates; phosphonium salts

INTRODUCTION

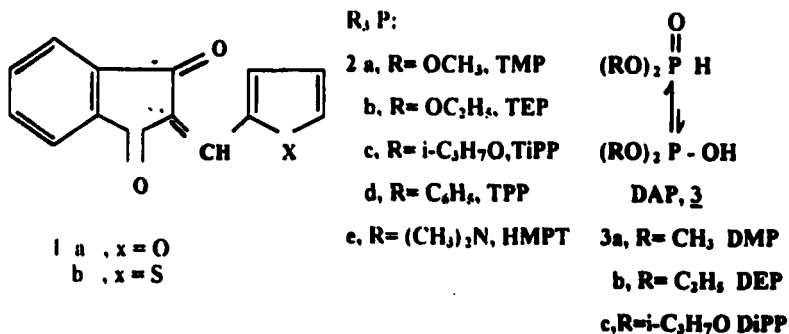
Many organophosphorus compounds broadly used as pesticides, incorporate heterocyclic moieties in their structures^{2,3}. Examples are the insecticides and acaricides; Curacron ®, Dursban ®, Supracide ®, Actellic ®, Hostathion ® and Knox-out ®.

In the search for additional representatives belonging to this class of active materials, we have now prepared new organophosphorus deriva-

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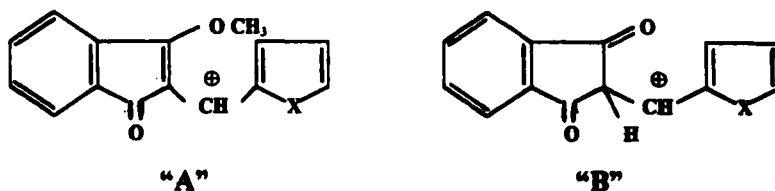
tives incorporating a furan and/or a thiophene moiety. Molecular design for the new products was based upon reacting 2-furfurylidene-1,3-indandione (**1a**) and/or 2-thienylidene-1,3-indandione (**1b**) with the appropriate organophosphorus reagents. The α,β -unsaturated carbonyl system in compounds **1** is expected to facilitate the addition of phosphorus nucleophiles⁴⁻⁷.



RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We have found that 2-furfurylidene-1,3-indandione (**1a**) reacts with trimethyl phosphite (**2a**, **TMP**) in the absence of solvent at 100 °C to give a mixture of two products which were resolved by column chromatography. The first (major, 80%) was assigned structure **7a** for the following reasons: (a) its microanalyses and molecular weight determination (**MS**) corresponded to $C_{17}H_{17}O_6P$. (b) the IR spectrum of **7a** (**KBr**, cm^{-1}) showed strong absorption bands at 1700 ($C=O$), 1590, 1610 ($C=C$, furan and aromatic), 1315 ($P=O$, free)⁸ and 1015 ($P-O-CH_3$)⁸. (c) the ^{31}P NMR spectrum of **7a** showed a +ve shift at 21.40 ppm which is in agreement with a phosphonate structure⁹. (d) its 1H NMR spectrum ($CDCl_3$, δ ppm scale) showed protons of the $P(O)(OCH_3)_2$ group as two doublets each with $^3J_{HP} = 12$ Hz at 3.65 and 3.8 ppm; indicating the non-magnetic equivalency of the OCH_3 groups due to the asymmetry of the molecule¹⁰. Apparently, this asymmetry due to presence of a stereo-centre would render the two methoxyl groups diastereotropic and hence anisochronous, resulting in the observed splitting pattern¹⁰⁻¹². The spectrum also showed signals at

4.15 (3H, OCH₃, s), 4.90 (1H, HC-P, d, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 30$ Hz) and at 6.30 – 8.60 (7H, aromatics and furans, m). (e) The mass spectrum of **7a** showed the molecular ion peak at m/z 348 (63.7%) which undergoes cleavage at the C-P bond *via* ejection of a $^{\bullet}\text{P}(\text{O})(\text{OCH}_3)_2$ radical to afford the base peak "A" (X=O) at m/z 239. (f) The ^{13}C NMR spectrum of adduct **7e**, taken as an example, consisted of 20 signals. Those due to carbon atoms attached to the oxygen and phosphorus atoms appeared in the sp^3 region¹⁵ in the following sequence: 15.40 (CH₃), 16.22 (CH₃), 32.39 (CH₃), 34.53 (P-CH), 62.70 (CH₂), 62.76 (CH₂) and 68.67 ppm (O-CH₂). The signal due to the C=O group appeared at 193.06 ppm. Signals due to carbon atoms of the thiophene ring appeared at 139.46, 120.20, 124.57 and 126.58. The aromatic and unsaturated carbon atoms (8C) appeared as a cascade of signals at 121.31, 126.96, 127.06, 129.85, 132.08, 132.41, 138.22 and 139.50 ppm.



The second product (minor; 5%) was assigned structure **8a** for the following reasons: Its microanalyses and molecular weight determination (MS) corresponded to C₁₆H₁₅O₆P. Its ^{31}P NMR spectrum (*vs.* 85% H₃PO₄) gave a signal at + 19.18 ppm (phosphonate)⁹. The ^1H NMR spectrum of **8a** (CDCl₃; δ ppm) showed protons of the magnetically non-equivalent OCH₃ groups attached to phosphorus as double doublets ($^3J_{\text{HP}}=12$ Hz) at 3.5 and 3.7. The HC-P proton (H_a) appeared as a double doublet ($^2J_{\text{HP}}= 26$ Hz and $J_{\text{HH}} = 4.5$ Hz) at 4.30 and 4.60. Similarly, the HC-C-P proton (H_b) also gave two doublets ($^3J_{\text{HP}} = 12$ Hz and $J_{\text{HH}}= 4.5$ Hz) at 3.55 and 3.72. The furans and aromatics (7H) gave a multiplet in the 6.1–8 ppm region. The mass spectrum of **8a** showed the molecular ion peak at m/z 334 (100%) which undergoes cleavage at the C-P bond *via* ejection of a $^{\bullet}\text{P}(\text{O})(\text{OCH}_3)_2$ radical to afford cation "B"

(X=O) at m/z 225 (75.4%). Moreover, **8a** was unequivocally prepared and identified (m.p. and comparative IR and ^1H NMR spectra) upon heating **1a** with dimethyl phosphite (DMP, **3a**) at 100 °C in the absence of solvent. The aforementioned spectral data are in favour of the keto-form **8a**. However, existence of **8a** in the alternative enol form (**9**, R = OCH₃); particularly in polar solvents, cannot be excluded. In favour of the latter idea is the finding that **8a** reacts with methyl iodide in boiling acetone in presence of anhydrous K₂CO₃ to yield **7a** (m.p. and comparative IR & ^1H NMR spectra).

The reaction of **1a** with triethyl-, (**2b**) and triisopropyl phosphites also yielded a binary mixture of **7b**, **8b** and **7c**, **8c**, in each case which could be resolved by column chromatography and identified by microanalytical and spectroscopic measurements.

In the same sense, 2-thienylidene-1,3- indandione (**1b**) reacted with trialkyl phosphites (**2 a-c**) in absence of solvent. In each reaction, a binary mixture of products (cf. **7 d-f** and **8 d-f**) was obtained. Compounds **8 d-f** were obtained and identified (m.p., comparative IR and ^1H -NMR spectra) by treating **1b** with dimethyl, diethyl and diisopropyl phosphites, respectively in absence of solvent at 100°C.

Structural support for **7d** are (a) correct elementary and molecular weight determinations (MS) corresponded to C₁₇H₁₇O₅PS. (b) Its IR spectrum (KBr, cm⁻¹) revealed the presence of strong absorption bands at 1700 (>C=O), 1610, 1600, 1590 (C=C), 1315 (P=O, free) and 1020 (P-O-CH₃). (c) The ^{31}P NMR spectrum (vs, 85% H₃PO₄) recorded a +ve shift at 20.18 ppm (phosphonate)⁹. Its ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ scale ppm) showed protons of the P(O)(OCH₃)₂ group as two doublets (each with $^3J_{\text{HP}}$ = 12 Hz) at 3.60 and 3.75. Signals at 4.20 (3H, OCH₃, s) and at 6.9 – 7.5 (7H, thienyl and benzene ring protons, m) were also observed in the spectrum. The doublet ($^2J_{\text{HP}}$ = 30 Hz) present at δ 4.95 ppm is attributed to the CH-P proton.

The mass spectrum of **7d** showed the molecular ion peak at m/z 364 (24.6%) which ejected a $^{\bullet}\text{P(O)(OCH}_3)_2$ radical to give the base peak "A" (X=S) at m/z 255.

Evidences for structure **8d** are: correct elementary and molecular weight determinations (MS) were compatible with the molecular formula; C₁₆H₁₅O₅PS. Its ^{31}P NMR spectrum (CD Cl₃, vs. 85% H₃PO₄) recorded a +ve shift at 19.24 ppm (phosphonate)⁹. The ^1H NMR spectrum of **8d**

(CDCl₃, δ ppm) showed protons of the P(O)(OCH₃)₂ group as two doublets (each with $^3J_{\text{HP}} = 12$ Hz) at 3.65 and 3.70. The HC P proton (H_a) appeared as two doublets (each with $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 28$ Hz) at 4.70 and 4.45; the HC-C-P proton (H_b) also gave two doublets each with ($^3J_{\text{HP}} = 12$ Hz) at 3.65 and 3.55. Protons of the thiophene ring and benzene ring (7H) gave a multiplet in the 6.75 – 8.00 ppm region. The mass spectrum of 8d showed the molecular ion peak at m/z 350 (100%) which ejects a $\cdot\text{P}(\text{O})(\text{OCH}_3)_2$ radical to give ion "B" (X = S) at 241 (93%). Upon treatment with CH₃I in boiling acetone in the presence of anhydrous K₂CO₃, compound 8d yielded 7d.

It is worthy to note that the 1:1 adducts (8 a-f) formed *via* reacting (1a,b) with the appropriate dialkyl phosphite (3 a-c, DAP) regenerate the starting materials upon heating above their m.ps, under reduced pressure.

The behaviour of 1a,b with tertiary phosphines, namely, triphenylphosphine (TPP, 2d) and hexamethylphosphorotriamide (HMPT, 2e) was also investigated. Thus 1a,b reacted with TPP in boiling THF to give brown crystalline products for which the phosphonium betaine structures 10a and 10c were respectively assigned. In the same sense, 1a,b reacted with hexamethylphosphorotriamide (2e, HMPT) to give the respective betaines 10b and 10d. Correct elemental and spectroscopic structural support were gained for all adducts. Compounds 10 a-d were converted upon reaction with methyl iodide to give the respective phosphonium iodides 11a-d. The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 11a (in D₂O) showed a signal at 3.30 ppm (OCH₃).

It is evident that the reaction of 1 a,b with the tervalent phosphorus reagents 2 a-c proceeds *via* nucleophilic attack by phosphorus on the terminal C atom of the conjugated system in 1 to afford the intermediate phosphonium species 4. In the case R = C₆H₅ or = N(CH₃)₂, this resonance stabilized structure (cf. 10) constitutes the final products. In the case R = O-alkyl, the intermediate 4 undergoes a process of intramolecular (or most probably intermolecular) group translocation¹³ to afford adducts 7 a-f (major). During the same process, intermediate 4 (R = O-alkyl.) can be solvated by unavoidable moisture as do many phosphobetaine structures^{13,14} to give intermediate 6 with pentavalent phosphorus. The latter decomposes. *via* expulsion of ROH molecule to give compounds 8 a-f (minor). In favour of this idea is the finding that compounds 8 constitute the sole products when the reaction of 1a,b with trialkyl phosphites 2 a-c is performed in the presence of controlled amounts of a protonating

agent e.g., H_2O or CH_3COOH , (cf. experimental). However, the reaction of water with the zwitter ion **4** could give rapid protonation of the anion site which would generate hydroxide ion. The latter can attack the R group on the phosphorus (via an $\text{S}_\text{N}2$ mechanism) to give the final products (**8**).

CONCLUSION

As a corollary to this work, new organophosphorus compounds incorporating heterocyclic moieties were prepared (cf. **7**, **8**, **10** and **11**). They possess structural functionalities to which many active principles used as pesticides owe their potentialities^{2,3}. In principle, attack by the P-reagents on the α , β unsaturated carbonyl system in **1** is carbophilic in nature; creating thus a *carbon-to-phosphorus* linkage in the new molecules. The intermediate phosphonium species (cf. **10**) initially formed in these reactions can be trapped by CH_3I to afford phosphonium iodide salts of type **11**.

EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points are uncorrected. The IR spectra were recorded using UNICAM SP 1100 or PU 7912 infracords. The ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on Jeol GLMEX 270 MHz spectrometer (super conducting magnet) in CDCl_3 using TMS as an internal standard. ^{31}P -NMR spectra were recorded with Jeol GLMEX 270 MHz spectrometer in CDCl_3 (vs 85% H_3PO_4). The mass spectra were obtained with Finnigan MAT-SSQ 7000 Spectrometer at 70 eV. 2-Furfurylidene-1,3-Indandione⁽¹⁶⁾, and 2-thienyldene-1,3-Indandione⁽¹⁷⁾ were prepared by known procedures. The phosphorus reagents **2a-e** and **3a-c** were available from Aldrich Co. The phosphites were freshly distilled before use.

Reaction of 2-furfurylidene-1,3-indandione **1a** and 2-thienyldene-1,3-indandione **1b** with Trialkyl phosphites **2a – c**

General procedure

A mixture of **1a** (or **1b**) (0.005 mol) and trialkyl phosphites (trimethyl-, triethyl-, and triisopropyl phosphite, 0.05 mol) was heated at 100 °C for 4 hr

in absence of solvent. The reaction mixture was then worked up by column chromatography. The fraction that eluted by 95:5 v/v pet. ether: acetone yielded phosphonates **7** a-f. The fraction eluted by 85:15 v/v pet. ether: acetone gave a substance which was collected, recrystallized to give phosphonate **8** a-f.

Phosphonate **8a** was also obtained by reacting **1a** (0.005 mol) with trimethyl phosphite (0.05 mol) at 100°C for 2 hr in presence of H₂O (1 ml). After evaporation of the volatile materials in *vacuo*, the residual substance was treated with pet. ether 40/60 (5 ml). The solid material was collected and recrystallized from cyclohexane to give **8a** (m.p., mixed m.p.), yield 90%.

Physical, analytical and spectral data of compounds **7(a – f)** and **8(a – f)** are presented in tables I and II.

Reaction of 2-furfurylidene-1,3-indandione **1a** and 2-thienylidene – 1,3-indandione **1b** with dialkyl phosphites **3 a-c**

General procedure

A mixture of **1a** (or **1b**) (0.01 mol) and dialkyl phosphites (dimethyl-, diethyl-, and diisopropyl phosphite, 5 ml) was heated in the absence of solvent at 100 °C for 4 – 6 hr. After removing the volatile materials in *vacuo*, the residue was triturated with light petroleum and left to cool. The solid so formed was collected and recrystallized from a suitable solvent to give compounds **8a-f**. Physical and analytical data and IR spectra for compounds **8a-f** are presented in tables I and II.

Action of heat on phosphonate **8a**

Compound **8a** (0.05 g) was heated in a cold finger sublimator at 230 °C (bath temperature) under reduced pressure (5 mm/Hg) for 30 minutes. The compound that sublimed was collected (85%), recrystallized from ethyl alcohol to give greenish crystals, proved to be 2-furfurylidene – 1,3-indandione **1a**(m.p, mixed m.p 203 °C and comparative IR spectra).

Dimethyl phosphite was detected in the receiver by the development of a violet color on addition of 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid in the presence of alkali¹⁸.

TABLE I Physical, analytical and IR spectral Data of compounds 7a-f, 8a-f, 10a-d and 11a-d

Yield ^a %	<i>m.p</i> °C	<i>Mol. Form</i> (<i>M. wt.</i>)	<i>Anal. (Calcd. /Found)</i>				<i>M</i> ⁺ <i>m/z</i> (%)	<i>IR cm</i> ⁻¹		
			<i>C</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>		<i>C = O</i>	<i>P = O</i>	<i>P - O</i>
75	86	C ₁₇ H ₁₇ O ₆ P 348.29	58.62 59.02	4.92 5.01	8.89 8.99	-	348 (63.70)	1700	1180	1000
70	70	C ₂₀ H ₂₃ O ₆ P 390.37	61.53 61.27	5.93 6.04	7.93 7.96	-	390 (55.32)	1700	1180	1000
85	90	C ₂₃ H ₂₉ O ₆ P 432.45	63.88 64.15	6.75 6.84	7.16 6.88	-	432 (45.05)	1700	1240	1000
80	85	C ₁₇ H ₁₇ O ₅ PS 364.35	56.04 56.42	4.70 5.03	8.50 8.28	8.80 8.50	364 (24.67)	1700	1180	1000
75	73	C ₂₀ H ₂₃ O ₅ PS 406.43	59.10 58.85	5.70 5.32	7.62 8.00	7.88 7.52	406 (37.08)	1700	1220	1000
85	70	C ₂₃ H ₂₉ O ₅ PS 448.51	61.59 61.12	6.51 6.39	6.90 6.67	7.14 7.46	448 (25.08)	1689	1248	1000
80	73	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ O ₆ P 334.26	57.49 57.18	4.52 4.81	9.26 9.50	-	334 (100)	1720	1250	1000
75	80	C ₁₈ H ₁₉ O ₆ P	59.67	5.28	8.54	-	362	1700	1200	1000

Yield ^d %	<i>m.p</i> °C	<i>Mol. Form</i> (<i>M. wt.</i>)	<i>Anal. (Calcd. /Found)</i>				<i>M</i> ⁺ <i>m/z</i> (%)	<i>IR cm</i> ⁻¹		
			<i>C</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>		<i>C = O</i>	<i>P = O</i>	<i>P - O</i>
		362.31	59.99	5.68	8.98		(66.42)			
85	85	C ₂₀ H ₂₃ O ₆ P	61.53	5.93	7.93	-	390	1720	1200	1000
		390.37	61.29	6.30	8.20		(33.35)			
75	110	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ O ₅ PS	54.85	4.31	8.84	9.15	350	1708	1182	1000
		350.32	55.12	4.73	9.21	8.99	(100)			
70	70	C ₁₈ H ₁₉ O ₅ PS	57.13	5.06	8.18	8.47	378	1700	1200	1000
		378.38	56.90	4.88	7.88	8.24	(40.19)			
80	90	C ₂₀ H ₂₃ O ₅ PS	59.10	5.70	7.62	7.88	406	1700	1200	1000
		406.43	60.32	6.01	7.33	8.02	(41.78)			
65	170	C ₃₂ H ₂₃ O ₃ P	79.00	4.76	6.36	-	486	1720	-	C-P
		486.50	78.84	5.15	6.70		(7.01)			1400
70	140	C ₂₀ H ₂₆ N ₃ O ₃ P	62.00	6.76	7.99	-	387	1680	-	1400
		387.42	61.82	6.46	8.00		(5.54)			
60	130	C ₃₂ H ₂₃ O ₂ PS	76.47	4.61	6.16	6.37	502	1720	-	1400
		502.57	76.82	4.34	6.52	6.74	(15.51)			
75	170	C ₂₀ H ₂₆ N ₃ O ₂ PS	59.53	6.49	7.67	7.94	403	1685	-	1400

Yield ^a %	<i>m.p</i> °C	Mol. Form (<i>M. wt.</i>)	Anal. (Calcd. /Found)				<i>M</i> ⁺ <i>m/z</i> (%)	IR <i>cm</i> ⁻¹		
			<i>C</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>		<i>C = O</i>	<i>P = O</i>	<i>P - O</i>
		403.48	59.23	6.61	7.25	7.90	(38.3)			
85	> 300	C ₃₃ H ₂₆ IO ₃ P	63.07	4.17	4.92	-	-	628	1709	14
		628.44	63.32	4.57	5.20			(55.4)		
80	> 300	C ₂₁ H ₂₉ IN ₃ O ₃ P	47.64	5.52	5.85	-	7.93	529	1700	14
		529.36	47.3	5.93	5.52		7.64	(38.94)		
87	> 300	C ₃₃ H ₂₆ IO ₂ PS	61.49	4.06	4.80	4.97	-	644	1720	14
		644.512	61.82	3.95	5.15	4.65		(33.35)		
83	> 300	C ₂₁ H ₂₉ IN ₃ O ₂ PS	46.24	5.35	5.67	5.87	7.70	545	1700	14
		545.42	46.55	5.73	5.25	4.93	7.46	(42.50)		

crystallization: 7_{b,c}, 8_{a,c,f} cyclohexane, 7_e pet. ether 40 – 60, 7_f, 8_{b,c} pet. ether 60 – 80, 10_{b,d} ethylacetate-ether, 11_{a-d} DMF/H₂O.

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TABLE II ^{31}P NMR and ^1H NMR Spectral Data of Compounds 7_{b-f} , 8_{b-f} and $10_{b,d}$

^{31}P NMR	^1H NMR ^a
0.08	1.2 (t, 3H, C-O-C-CH ₃), 1.4[d of t, 6 H, P-(O-C-(CH ₃) ₂), 4.1 [d of quint, 4 H, P-(O-CH ₂ -C) ₂], 4.75(quartet, 2H, C-O-CH ₂ -C), 1 H, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 30$ Hz, P-CH-), 6.3–7 (m, 7H, aromatics and furans).
0.8	1.2 [d, 6H, C-O-C-(CH ₃) ₂], 1.4 (m, 12 H, P-[O-C-(CH ₃) ₂] ₂), 4.7 (d of sept., 2H, P-(O-CH-C) ₂), 4.85(d, 1H $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 30$ Hz, P-CH-), 5.2 (sept., 1H C-O-CH-C), 6.2–7.5 (m, 7H, aromatics and furans).
0.27	1.2 (t, 3H, C-O-C-CH ₃), 1.35 [d of t, 6H, P-(O-C-CH ₃) ₂], 4.2[d of quint, 4H, P-(O-CH ₂ -C) ₂], 4.7(q, 2H, C-O-CH ₂ -C), 5.00 $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 26$ Hz, P-CH-), 6.9–7.55 (m, 7H, aromatics and thiophenes).
0.38	1.25[d, 6H, C-O-C-(CH ₃) ₂], 1.35[m, 12H, P-(O-C-(CH ₃) ₂) ₂], 4.65 [d of sept., 2 H, P-(O-CH-C) ₂], 4.85 (d, 1H $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 30$ Hz, P-CH-), 5.2 (sept., 1H, C-O-CH-C), 6.85–7.60 (m, 7H, aromatics and furans).
0.84	1.20 [d of t, 6H, P-(O-C-CH ₃) ₂], 4.00 (d of quint., 4H, P-(O-CH ₂ -C) ₂], 3.6 (2d, $^3J_{\text{HP}} = 12$ Hz, H _b , P-C-CH), 4.50 (2d, H _a , $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 26$ Hz P-CH), 6.10–8.00 (m, 7H, aromatics and furans).
1.18	1.2 [m, 12 H, P-(O-C-(CH ₃) ₂) ₂], 3.65 (2d, H _b , $^3J_{\text{HP}} = 12$ Hz P-C-CH-), 4.3 (2d, H _a , $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 27$ Hz, P-CH-), 4.6 [d of Sept., 2H, P-(O-CH-C) ₂], 6.25–8.00 (m, 7H, aromatics and furans).
0.84	1.3 [d of t, 6H, P-(O-C-(CH ₃) ₂), 3.75 (d of quint., 4 H P-(OCH ₂ -C) ₂], 4.0 (2d, H _b , $^3J_{\text{HP}} = 12$ Hz, P-C-CH-), 4.75 (2d, H _a , $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 26$ Hz, P-CH-), 6.85–8.00 (m, 7H, aromatics and thiophenes).
0.84	1.2 [m, 12 H, P-(O-C-(CH ₃) ₂) ₂], 4.25 (2d, H _b , $^3J_{\text{HP}} = 12$ Hz, P-C-CH), 4.7 (2d, H _a , $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 26$ Hz, P-CH), 4.65 (d of sept., 2H, P-(O-CH-C) ₂), 6.80–8.05 (7H, aromatics and thiophenes).
0.84	2.75 (m, 18H, P-[N-(CH ₃) ₂] ₃), 5.45 (d, 1H, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 26$ Hz P-CH), 6.25–8.00 (m, 7H, aromatics and furans).
0.84	2.80 (m, 18H, P-[N-(CH ₃) ₂] ₃), 5.33 (d, 1H, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 26$ Hz P-CH), 6.80–8.20 (m, 7H, aromatics and furans).

OCl₃

The reaction of Phosphonates **8a**, **8d** with methyl iodide

A mixture of **8a** (0.2 g), methyl iodide (5 g) and anhydrous K_2CO_3 (5 g) in dry acetone (100 ml) was refluxed for 12 hr. The inorganic material was filtered and washed with a small amount of dry acetone. After evaporation of the filtrate and washings to dryness, the residue was recrystallized from pet. ether (b.p. 40 – 60 °C) to give yellow crystals m.p. 86°C proved to be **7a** (m.p., mixed m.p. and comparative IR spectra).

Similarly, compound **7d** was obtained (yield 80%) and identified (m.p., mixed m.p. and comparative IR spectra) upon refluxing a mixture of **8d** (0.2 g), methyl iodide (5 g) in acetone (100 ml) for 12 hr., in presence of anhydrous K_2CO_3 (5 g).

Reaction of **1 a,b** with Triphenylphosphine **2d**

General procedure

A mixture of **1a** (2.24 g, 0.01 mol) and TPP **2d** (0.01 mol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) was refluxed for 12 hr. The solid product was collected and recrystallized from benzene to give **10a**

Similarly, **10b** was isolated upon reacting **1b** with **2d** (cf. Tables I and II).

Reaction of **1 a,b** with Hexamethyl phosphorotriamide **2e**

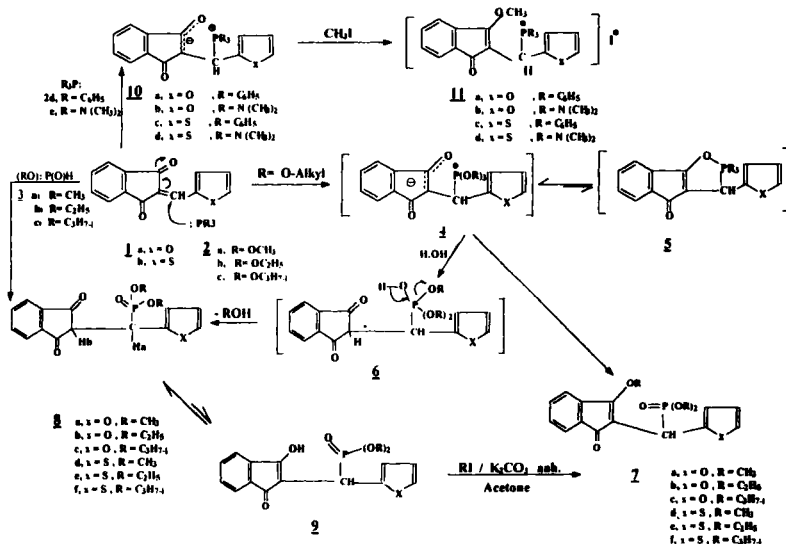
General procedure

A mixture of **1a** (2.24 g, 0.01 mol) and HMPT **2e** (0.01 mol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) was kept at room temperature for 2 hr. and the solid formed was collected then recrystallized from ethylacetate to give **10b**.

Similarly, **10d** was isolated upon reacting **1b** with **2e** (yield 85%). Physical, analytical and spectral data of compounds **10 (b,d)** are presented in tables I and II.

The reaction of the phosphonium betaines **10a**, **10d** with methyl iodide

A mixture of **10a** or **10d** (0.2 gm), methyl iodide (3 gm) in dry tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) was left at room temperature for 6 hr. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was recrystallized from DMF/H₂O to give white



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crystals, m.p > 300°C. Physical, analytical data and IR spectra for compounds 11a, 11d are presented in tables I and II.

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