

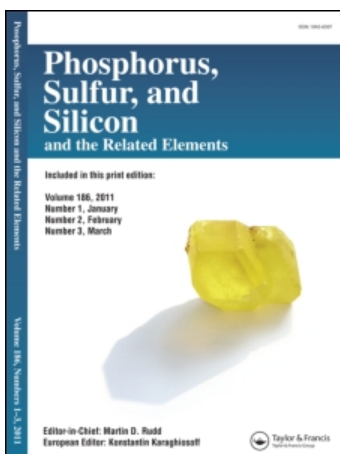
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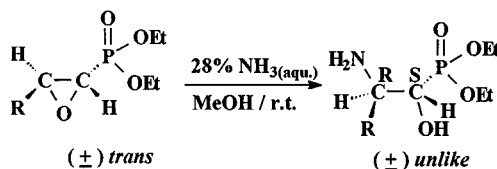
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Phosphonic acids with heteroatoms in the α and/or β positions have attracted considerable interests because of their use as inhibitors of proteolytic enzymes or agents affecting the growth of plants.

According to this fact, we have developed new, highly regio- and diastereoselective way of synthesis of 2-amino-1-hydroxy-2-arylethylphosphonic esters¹ and acids by opening of *trans* 1,2-epoxy-2-arylethylphosphonic esters with 28% $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq.})$ in methanol.

Concerning the diastereoselectivity, the obtained esters and acids are probably the unlike diastereoisomers. Conformational studies (NMR, IR) confirm $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ mechanism and show the formation of hydrogen bond between $(\text{NH}_2)\dots(\text{OH})$ moieties in case of esters, whereas for acids formation of hydrogen bond between $(\text{NH}_2)\dots(\text{P}=\text{O})$ predominate.²



SCHEME 1

In the case of trisubstituted epoxyphosphonates we observe rearrangement reaction, instead of expected $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ reaction.³

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