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*Synthetic and mechanistic aspects relevant to nucleophilic phosphorylation of imidoyl chlorides, their potentialities in preparing functionalized  $\alpha$ -aminophosphoryl compounds were discussed.*

**Keywords** Aminophosphonates; H-transfer; imidoyl chlorides; imines; phosphorylation; rearrangements

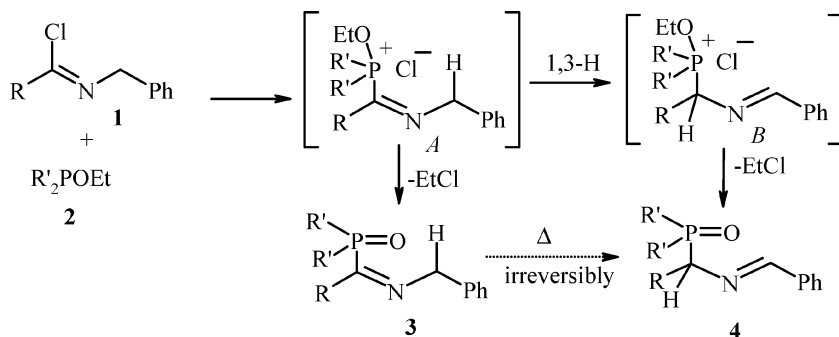
### INTRODUCTION

Imidoyl chlorides combine properties of imines and acid chlorides and are widely used in organic synthesis and in mechanistic studies. Phosphorylation of imidoyl chlorides represents a new synthetic tool for preparation of iminoalkylphosphonic derivatives and their transformations into various biorelevant functionalized aminophosphoryl compounds.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Phosphorylation of N-benzylimidoyl chlorides **1** is accompanied by prototropy (Scheme 1). The latter is favored by electron-withdrawing substituent R in imidoyl chloride **1** and electron-releasing group in phosphorus reagent **2** but the *nature of these effects* is essentially different. Acceptor groups R in imidoylchlorides **1** favor H-transfer *directly*, by increasing C-H acidity. Donor groups R' at phosphorus atom in compounds **2** increase relative stability of phosphonium intermediates A. With R' = OEt, the dealkylation ( $A \rightarrow \mathbf{3}$ ) proceeds faster than H-shift due to low stability of salt A, and the imidoylphosphonate **3** is the major product. With R=Ph, the lifetime of quasi-phosphonium salt is long enough for the H-shift  $A \rightarrow B$ , and the imine **4** becomes predominant.

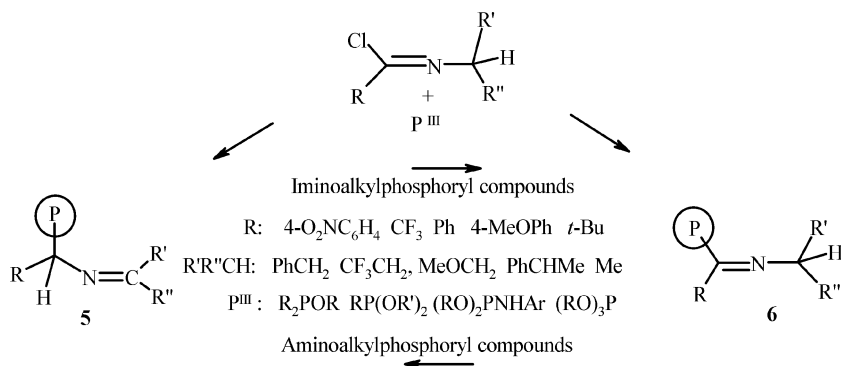
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			(EtO) <sub>3</sub> P	(EtO) <sub>2</sub> PPh	EtOPh <sub>2</sub>
3/4	R = <i>t</i> -Bu	( $\sigma_1$ -0.02)	95:5	60:40	5:95
	R = Ph	( $\sigma_1$ 0.10)	~70:30	—	30:70
	R = COOEt	( $\sigma_1$ 0.30)	~50:50	—	0:100
	R = CF <sub>3</sub>	( $\sigma_1$ 0.42)	~50:50	20:80	0:100

SCHEME 1

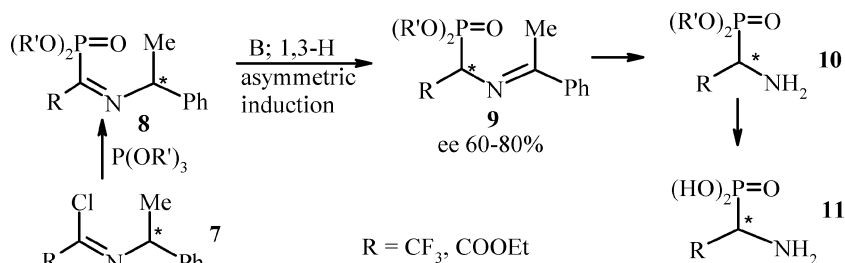
The regularities found allow purposeful preparing of imino- or aminoalkylphosphonic compounds (Scheme 2).



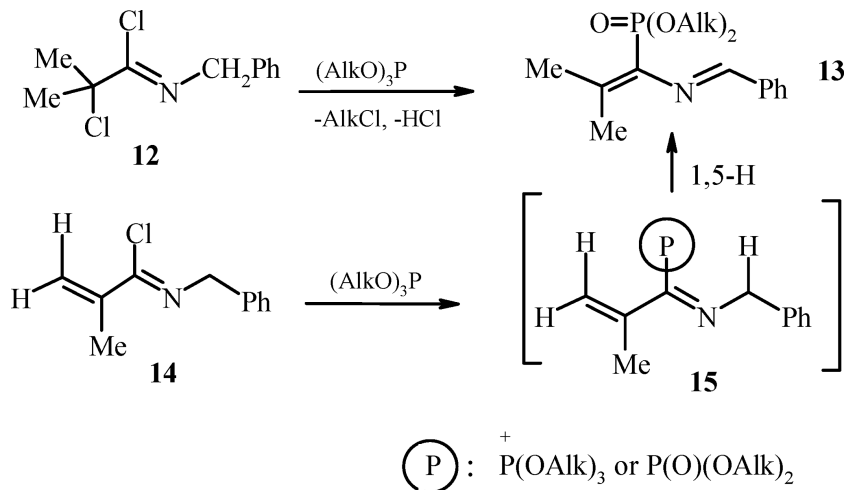
SCHEME 2

Transformation of imidoalkylphosphoryl compounds into  $\alpha$ -phosphorylated imines, e.g. **3**  $\rightarrow$  **4**, **5**  $\rightarrow$  **6**, being similar to biochemical trans amination reaction, is a fundamental property of N-alkylimidoalkyl phosphonates and an important preparative way to  $\alpha$ -aminophosphonic derivatives. We have found<sup>1</sup> that proton transfer in imines **8** is stereoselective and leads to enantiomerically enriched aminophosphonates **9,10** and aminophosphonic acids **11**. Scheme 3 demonstrates a new

approach to asymmetric synthesis of  $\alpha$ -aminophosphoryl derivatives, based on asymmetric induction during 1,3-proton transfer.



SCHEME 3



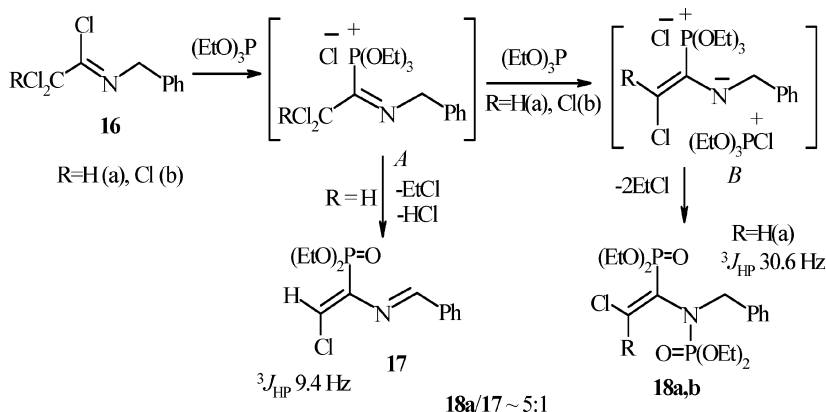
SCHEME 4

Specific influence of phosphoryl group is an important factor, defining stereoselectivity of prototropy. It is worth to note that analogs of imine **8** (R = CF<sub>3</sub>), bearing COOalk group instead of phosphoryl, undergo prototropic transfer with complete racemization,<sup>2</sup> although COOalk and (RO<sub>2</sub>)PO groups have close electronic parameters.

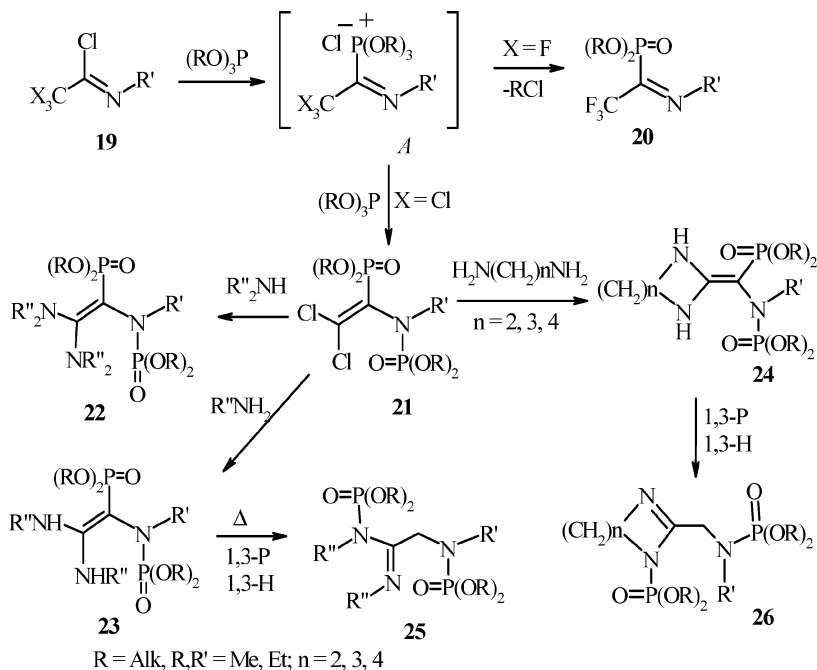
Phosphorylation of haloalkylimidoyl chloride **12** is accompanied by dehydrochlorination and leads to synthetically promising phosphorylated azadienes **13**, that can be prepared also from imidoyl chloride **14** via formal 1,5-H shift in **15** (Scheme 4).

Amassing of chlorine atoms in haloalkyl substituent of imidoyl chlorides **16** leads to domination, irrespective of reagents ratio, of C,N-diphosphorylated products **18** (Scheme 5). It was shown, for the first

time, that *aza*-Perkow type reaction of imino analogs of  $\alpha$ -halocarbonyl compounds with phosphites proceeds stereoselectively.



**SCHEME 5**

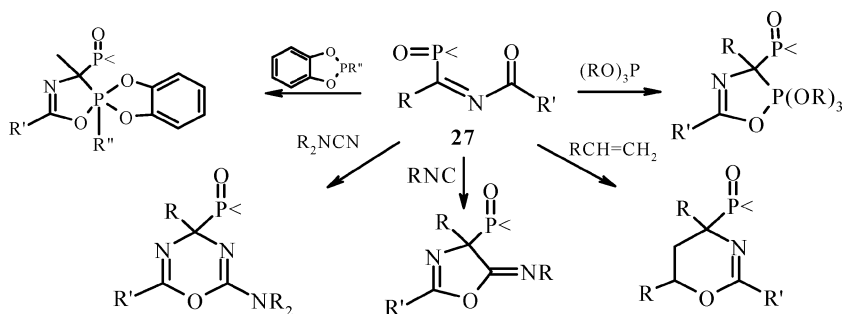


**SCHEME 6**

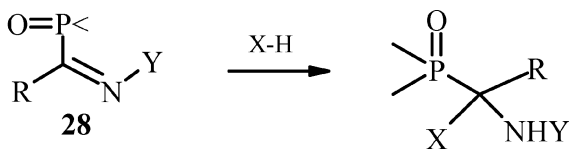
The nature of halogen atom determines the cause of phosphorylation of imidoyl chlorides **19** bearing  $\text{CF}_3$  or  $\text{CCl}_3$  group (Scheme 6).

In the first case ( $X = F$ ) imidoylphosphonates **20** are formed, while chloroderivatives produce C,N-diphosphorylated enamides **21**, able for further functionalization due to high mobility of chlorine atoms. In particular, they react with primary or secondary amines to give ketene aminals **22**, **23**. Interaction with diamines leads to 5-, 6-, and 7-membered heterocyclic compounds **24**. Compounds **22–24** are stable at ambient conditions. At the same time, both acyclic and heterocyclic N-H keteneaminals **23**, **24** on heating undergo unusual C→N transfer of phosphoryl group, accompanied by N → C proton shift. The approach can be used for preparation of functionalized amidines **25**, **26**.

Phosphorylation of imidoyl chlorides bearing EWG group at N atom leads to activated imidoylphosphonates, representing new promising building blocks for preparation of acyclic and heterocyclic aminophosphoryl derivatives. Schemes 7 and 8 below demonstrates some examples of synthetic application of activated C-phosphorylated imines **27**, **28**.



SCHEME 7

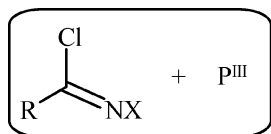


X-H:  $R_2P(O)H$ ,  $ROH$ ,  $RSH$ ,  $RNH_2$ , enamines, electron rich aromatic and heteroaromatic compounds

SCHEME 8

### Reactivity of Imidoylchlorides on Interaction with $P^{III}$ Compounds

In a whole, electron-withdrawing substituents in imidoylchloride and electron-releasing in  $P^{III}$  compound increase reactivity (Scheme 9).

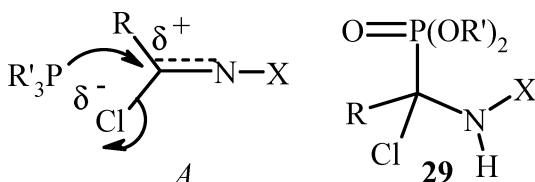

 $X = \text{RCO}, \text{ArSO}_2 > \text{R}_2\text{PO} > \text{Ar} > \text{Alk}$ 
 $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2 > \text{MeOCH}_2\text{CH}_2 > \text{Me}$ 
 $\text{P}^{\text{III}}: \text{Ph}_2\text{POEt} > \text{PhP}(\text{OEt})_2 > (\text{AlkO})_3\text{P} > (\text{ArO})_3\text{P}$ 
 $(\text{RO})_2\text{PF} > (\text{RO})_2\text{PCl}$ 

### SCHEME 9

At the same time, we have found some peculiarities of substituents effect. Thus, N-benzyl- or N-phenylimidoyl chlorides bearing donor- (*t*-Bu), or acceptor ( $\text{CF}_3$ ) substituent at imine C atom, react with  $(\text{EtO})_3\text{P}$  with almost the same relative rates.

R	<i>t</i> -Bu	Ph	$\text{CF}_3$	R	<i>t</i> -Bu	$\text{CHCl}_2$	$\text{COOEt}$	$\text{CF}_3$
$\sigma_p$	-0.197	-0.01	0.54	$\sigma_p$	-0.197	-0.01	0.45	0.54
$E_s$	-1.54	-2.48	-1.16	$E_s$	-1.54	-1.54	—	—
$k_{\text{rel}}$	8.5	1	7.6	$k_{\text{rel}}$	15	1	5	15

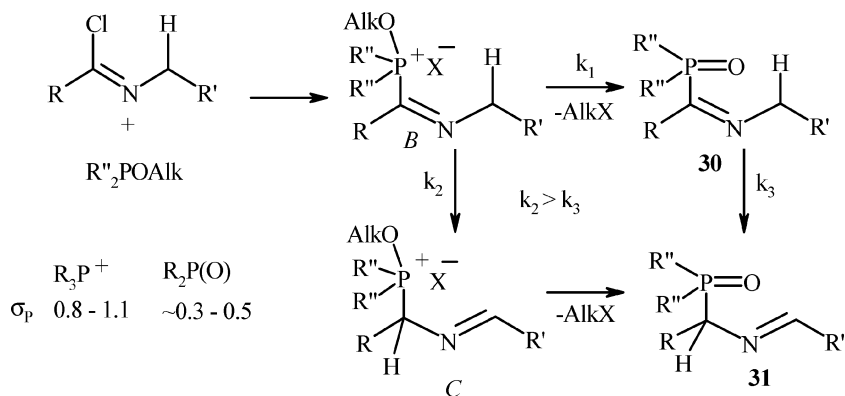
These data indicate on realization of different mechanism of phosphorylation in the series. It is likely that with  $\text{R} = t\text{-Bu}$  the dissociation of C—Cl bond in transition state *A* dominates over creation of new P—C bond (Scheme 10). This is favored by steric shielding of imine C atom with *t*-Bu group. With  $\text{R} = \text{CF}_3$ , on the contrary, the formation of new P—C bond dominates.



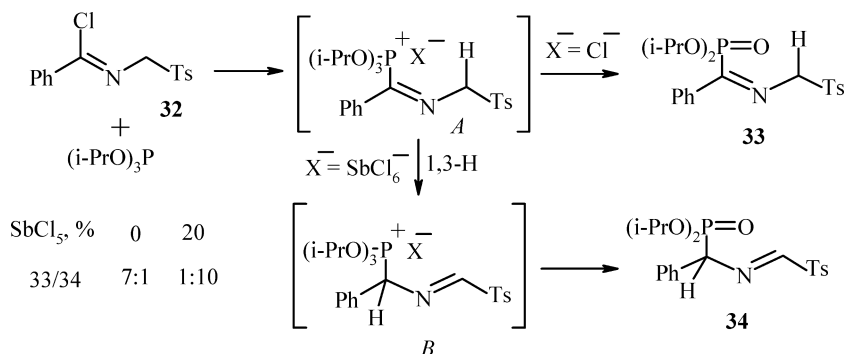
### SCHEME 10

The formation of stable adducts **29**, found for highly electrophilic imidoyl chlorides ( $\text{R} = \text{CF}_3, \text{CCl}_3, \text{X} = \text{ArSO}_2, \text{R}_2\text{PO}$ ), can be considered as limiting case of the above mechanism.

*Elementotropic rearrangements, accompanying phosphorylation of imidoyl chlorides.* Dynamic processes are typical for phosphorylated aza-allylic systems whereas effects of phosphorus-containing groups are crucial for their realization. Generation of phosphonium center *B* during phosphorylation of imidoyl chlorides facilitates rearrangements, as electronic parameters of phosphoryl and phosphonium groups essentially differ (Scheme 11).

**SCHEME 11**

By varying stability of intermediates *B* and rates of competing reactions ( $k_1$  and  $k_2$  in Scheme 11), it is possible, in principle, to alter the reaction direction. Generation of phosphonium ions is particularly favorable for H-transfer. For example, by changing stability of quasi-phosphonium salt *A* (Scheme 12) one can prepare imidoyl- (**33**) or alkylideneaminophosphoryl compound (**34**).

**SCHEME 12**

The above approach can be applied for the design and interpretation of prototropic and elementotropic rearrangements in other related systems.

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