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## Communication

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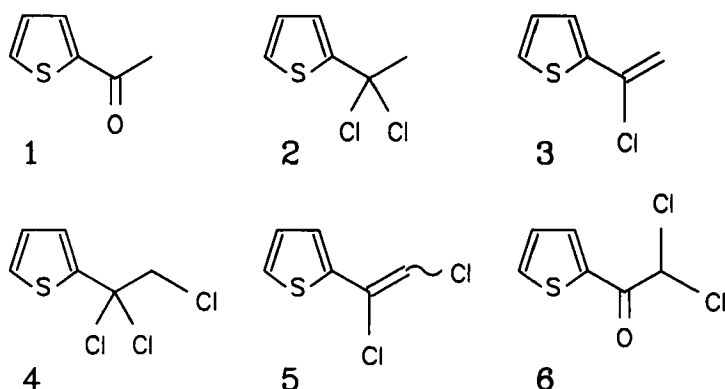
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The treatment of 2-acetylthiophene with phosphorus pentachloride led, besides other products reported in previous studies, to 2-(2-thienyl)-2-chloroethenephosphonic acid in 16% yield. This compound was transformed, in the course of purification attempts, into 2-(2-thienyl)-2-oxoethanephosphonic acid. Full spectroscopic data for both compounds are provided.

**Key words:** 2-Acetylthiophene, Carbon-Phosphorus Bond, Phosphonic Acids, Phosphorus Pentachloride, 2-(2-Thienyl)-2-chloroethenephosphonic Acid, 2-(2-Thienyl)-2-oxoethanephosphonic Acid.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The treatment of 2-acetylthiophene (**1**) with phosphorus pentachloride was previously studied by F. F. Nord and co-workers.<sup>1</sup> They assumed that the reaction yields, after distillation of the crude reaction mixture, 1,1-dichloro-1-(2-thienyl)ethane (**2**) and 1-chloro-1-(2-thienyl)ethene (**3**).



Scheme 1

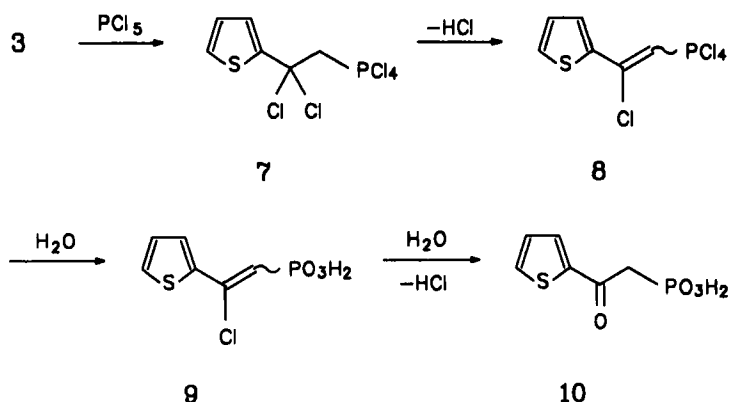
In 1983, revising the work of Nord, J. Kagan and his team<sup>2</sup> applied this reaction to **1** as well as to acetophenone and other methylketones. In the case of **1**, the main products of the reaction were **2**, **3**, 1-(2-thienyl)-1,1,2-trichloroethane (**4**), E

and *Z* isomers of 1,2-dichloro-1-(2-thienyl)ethene (**5**) and 2-(dichloroacetyl)thiophene (**6**), the *gem*-dihalide **2** being a minor component accounting only for 5% of the mixture. Distillation afforded the major components **3** and **5** (instead of **2**, as in Nord's results). A pathway, based on several chlorination and dehydrochlorination steps, was proposed to explain the formation of the products (e.g.,  $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5$ ).

Both papers don't mention the presence of compounds having a carbon-phosphorus bond. As we report now, a product of this kind has been found when, in connection with other work, we repeated the reactions between **1** and  $\text{PCl}_5$ .

During the aqueous work-up, the formation of 2-(2-thienyl)-2-chloroethenephosphonic acid (**9**) in 16% yield was observed. This compound was transformed, in the course of purification attempts, into 2-(2-thienyl)-2-oxoethanephosphonic acid (**10**). The other products isolated after distillation were essentially the same as those described by Kagan.

It is known that  $\text{PCl}_5$  can add to double bonds.<sup>3</sup> As is shown in Scheme 2, an addition of  $\text{PCl}_5$  to **3** could be the first step to **9** through a parallel route to the pathway cited above.



Scheme 2

The final hydrolytic step was previously observed by L. Maier<sup>4</sup> in the case of analogous phenyl compounds. In addition, this report provides spectroscopic data consistent with those showed by **9** and **10**.

## EXPERIMENTAL

NMR spectra were taken on a Perkin-Elmer R-24 (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR) and a Varian XL-200 (<sup>13</sup>C-NMR and <sup>31</sup>P-NMR) spectrometers, using TMS or H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> as standard. Mass spectra (MS) were recorded on a Hewlett-Packard 5330 A spectrometer. This instrument was connected to a Hewlett-Packard 5995 A chromatograph in the GC/MS experiments. IR and UV spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 683 and Hewlett-Packard 8450 A spectrophotometers. Elemental analyses were performed by Institut de Química Bio-Orgànica de Catalunya C.S.I.C. (Barcelona, Spain).

**Reaction of 2-Acetylthiophene (1) with  $\text{PCl}_5$ .** 90.40 g (0.717 mol) of **1** were added, with stirring, to 199.12 g (0.955 mol) of  $\text{PCl}_5$  covered with 120 mL of dry benzene. Within 10 min a vigorous reaction began with evolution of HCl; the temperature rose to 50°C. When the reaction subsided and the temperature began to fall, the mixture was heated to 70°C for 2 h. The resulting clear reddish solution was allowed to cool and poured carefully over a mixture of 600 g of crushed ice and 200 mL of EtOEt.

At this point, the final system showed, besides the organic and aqueous layers, a third green syrupy phase with marked acidic character. The layers were separated and the aqueous one was extracted with EtOEt ( $3 \times 200$  mL). The combined ethereal extracts were washed with water and saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution, dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated. The resulting residue was distilled (3 torr) and three cuts (18.09 g bp  $59-68^\circ\text{C}$ , 13.07 g bp  $69-75^\circ\text{C}$  and 32.51 g bp  $77-89^\circ\text{C}$ ) were obtained. All of them were mixtures of the same components at different rates but no pure products were isolated. The compounds were identified by  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) and GC/MS analysis as Z-5 (20%,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ :  $\delta = 6.6$  (s, 1H, CH); MS: 182/180/178,  $\text{M}^+$ ), E-5 (11%,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ :  $\delta = 6.3$  (s, 1H, CH); MS: 182/180/178,  $\text{M}^+$ ), 3 (19%,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ :  $\delta = 5.25, 5.6$  (2d, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ); MS: 146/144,  $\text{M}^+$ ), and unreacted starting material 1 (5%).

The third layer separated during the hydrolysis of the crude reaction mixture, solidified after being repeatedly washed with benzene and EtOEt. The resulting deep-green crystalline material was identified as 9 (26.20 g, 16%). Recrystallization attempts from benzene led, with release of acidic vapors and in quantitative yield, to a new solid, yellowish, crystalline, and stable, identified as 10. An analytical sample was obtained by several crystallizations from acetone.

The not previously reported compounds 9 and 10 showed the following data:

9: mp  $100-105^\circ\text{C}$  (dec);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $d_6$ -acetone)  $\delta = 6.45$  (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{HCP}} = 7$  Hz,  $\text{C}=\text{CH}-\text{P}$ ), 7.0, 7.5 (2m, 3H, arom), 9.45 (br, 2H,  $\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2$ );  $^{31}\text{P-NMR}$  ( $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta = 7.33$  (d,  $J_{\text{PCH}} = 6.8$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta = 116.99$  (dd,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 188.8$  Hz,  $\text{C}=\text{CH}-\text{P}$ ), 128.51, 128.69, 129.90, 136.83 (d, d, d, s, ring), 141.19 (sd,  $J_{\text{CCP}} = 18.0$  Hz,  $\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{P}$ ); IR (KBr): 3400–2500, 2400–2000, 1585, 1510, 1420, 1350, 1150, 1010, 940, 770, 725  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; UV (EtOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\epsilon$ ) = 204 (11100), 289 (12700); Anal. (quali): positive for S, P and Cl.

10: mp  $156-157^\circ\text{C}$  (acetone);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $d_6$ -acetone)  $\delta = 3.65$  (d, 2H,  $J_{\text{HCP}} = 22$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2-\text{P}$ ), 7.2, 7.9 (2m, 3H, arom); 9.05 (br, 2H,  $\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2$ );  $^{31}\text{P-NMR}$  ( $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta = 14.78$  (t,  $J_{\text{PCH}} = 22.0$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta = 41.82$  (td,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 122.2$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2-\text{P}$ ), 128.84, 135.14, 135.37, 144.36 (d, d, d, s, ring), 186.23 (sd,  $J_{\text{CCP}} = 6.1$  Hz,  $\text{C}=\text{O}$ ); MS  $m/e$  (%) = 206 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 7.7), 126 (15.0), 111 (100), 83 (13.2), 81 (13.3); IR (KBr): 3300–2500, 2400–2100, 3120, 3000, 2940, 1660, 1520, 1420, 1360, 1300, 1195, 1130, 1070, 1015, 760, 750  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; UV (EtOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\epsilon$ ) = 205 (3600), 263 (9400), 282 (7800) Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_7\text{O}_4\text{PS}$ : C: 34.96; H: 3.42. Found: C: 35.18; H: 3.40.

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