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In a convenient one-pot sequence, treatment of 1,2-diketones with sodium in dry tetrahydrofuran followed by addition of phosphorodichloridate and phosphorothiodichloridate yields 2-oxo-p-1,3,2-dioxaphospholes and 2-thioxo-p-1,3,2-dioxaphospholes, respectively in moderate to good overall yields.

Key words: 1,2-diketones; phosphorodichloridate; phosphorothiodichloridate; dioxaphospholes; spectral studies.

The chemistry of cyclic organic compounds containing phosphorus atom is a rapidly growing field drawing much attention in recent times due to their preferential toxicity for cancer cells^{1,2}; when released in tissues and their potential applications in the technical fields, e.g. pesticides,³ lubricant additives and coating acids.⁴ Six-, seven- and nine-membered ring systems containing phosphorus and oxygen atoms have been synthesised by various workers.^{5–9} Five-membered ring system N, P, S-, N, P- and N, O, P-heterocyclic-compounds have also been synthesised.^{10–12} In continuation to our earlier work on synthesis of dioxaphospholes,¹³ some new fused heterocycles, which are not reported in literature, containing phosphorus, sulfur and oxygen have been synthesised in good yields from the easily available 1,2-diketones. These dioxaphospholes could be useful for the phosphorylation of alcohols.¹⁴

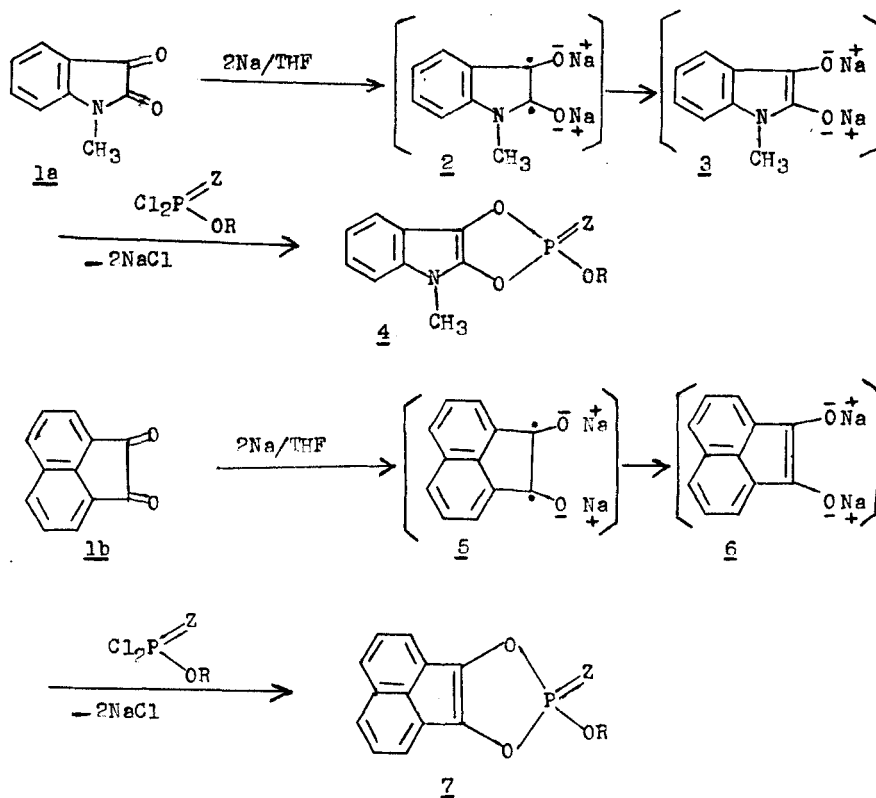
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The reaction of N-methylisatin (**1a**) with sodium in dry tetrahydrofuran followed by addition of phenyl or ethyl phosphorodichloridate gives a solid material identified as 2-phenoxy- and 2-ethoxy-4,5-N-methylisatin-2-oxo-p-1,3,2-dioxaphospholes **4a** and **4b**, respectively. The reaction of **1a** with sodium in dry tetrahydrofuran followed by addition of phenyl or ethyl phosphorothiodichloridate gives 2-phenoxy- and 2-ethoxy-4,5-N-methylisatin-2-thioxo-p-1,3,2-dioxaphospholes **4c** and **4d**, respectively. Similar treatment of acenaphthaquinone (**1b**) with phenyl or ethyl phosphorodichloridate and phenyl or ethyl phosphorothiodichloridate yields **7a–d**, respectively.

This synthesis involves the initial formation of diradical dianions **2** and **5**, by the electron transfer from sodium to diketones **1a** and **1b** followed by radical coupling

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to give the dianions 3 and 6,¹⁵ which attacks phenyl or ethyl phosphorodichloridate. Intramolecular nucleophilic attack with elimination of chloride ions (detected by the formation of silver chloride on addition of aqueous silver nitrate) leads to the formation of products 4a, 4b and 7a, 7b. The intermediates 3 and 6 react with phenyl or ethyl phosphorothiodichloridate with elimination of chloride ions to give rise to products 4c, 4d and 7c, 7d. Compounds 4 and 7 were characterised on the basis of their satisfactory elemental analyses and spectral data (Table I).



	4a & 7a	4b & 7b	4c & 7c	4d & 7d
Z	O	O	S	S
R	C ₆ H ₅	C ₂ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	C ₂ H ₅

EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points were uncorrected. The ir and nmr spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 720 and JEOL JNM FX-90Q spectrophotometers, respectively. The microanalyses were carried out using Coleman carbon-hydrogen analyser and Coleman nitrogen analyser and were in satisfactory agreement with the calculated values which are given in Table II.

N-Methylisatin (1a): *Procedure*.¹⁶ To a suspension of isatin (20 g) in ethanol (300 ml), ethanolic potassium hydroxide (100 ml, 10%) was added portion-wise during 20 min. with shaking. To the deep purple suspension, dimethylsulphate (freshly distilled) was added and the mixture was shaken for 30 min. The mixture was filtered and ethanol (340 ml) was removed from filtrate. The residue from the

TABLE I
Compounds 4a-d and 7a-d prepared

Product	Yield ^a (%)	m p (°C)	i r P=O ¹⁷	(Nujol) P=S	(cm ⁻¹) P—O—C	¹ nmr (CDCl ₃ /TMS) (ppm)
<u>4a</u>	62	192–93	1270	—	1205	3.30 (s, 3H, N—CH ₃); 7.5–7.8 (m, 9H arom.).
<u>4b</u>	56	178–80	1265	—	1054	1.30 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz); 3.40 (s, 3H, N—CH ₃); 4.40 (q, 2H, J = 7.1 Hz); 7.1 (m, 4H, arom.).
<u>4c</u>	58	197–99	—	740	1195	3.20 (s, 3H, N—CH ₃); 7.4–7.7 (m, 9H, arom.).
<u>4d</u>	52	184–85	—	725	1035	1.40 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz); 3.30 (s, 3H, N—CH ₃); 3.90 (q, 2H, J = 7.1 Hz); 7.2 (m, 4H, arom.).
<u>7a</u>	64	203–05	1285	—	1210	7.6–7.7 (m, 11H, arom.).
<u>7b</u>	57	189–90	1280	—	1040	1.34 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz); 4.20 (q, 2H, J = 7.1 Hz); 7.60 (m, 6H, arom.).
<u>7c</u>	60	209–11	—	755	1215	7.5–7.6 (m, 11H, arom.).
<u>7d</u>	56	199–200	—	745	1035	1.37 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz); 4.30 (q, 2H, J = 7.1 Hz); 7.50 (m, 6H, arom.).

^a Yields of isolated pure product.

TABLE II
Microanalytical data for compounds 4 and 7

Compound	Molecular Formula	C		H		N	
		Calc.	(Found)	Calc.	(Found)	Calc.	(Found)
<u>4a</u>	C ₁₅ H ₁₂ NO ₄ P	59.80	(59.69)	3.98	(3.74)	4.65	(4.76)
<u>4b</u>	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ NO ₄ P	52.17	(51.94)	4.74	(4.50)	5.53	(5.32)
<u>4c</u>	C ₁₅ H ₁₂ NO ₃ PS	56.78	(56.54)	3.78	(3.63)	4.41	(4.28)
<u>4d</u>	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ NO ₃ PS	49.07	(48.84)	4.46	(4.22)	5.20	(5.34)
<u>7a</u>	C ₁₈ H ₁₁ O ₄ P	67.08	(66.88)	3.41	(3.29)		
<u>7b</u>	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ O ₄ P	61.31	(61.12)	4.01	(3.82)		
<u>7c</u>	C ₁₈ H ₁₁ O ₃ PS	63.90	(63.69)	3.25	(3.12)		
<u>7d</u>	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ O ₃ PS	57.93	(57.72)	3.79	(3.62)		

filtration was added to hot water (60 ml). The concentrated alcoholic solution was added and the mixture was heated to give a clear solution. On cooling N-methylisatin (17.7 g, 80%) separates as orange-red needles, mp 133–35°C (Lit.¹⁶ 131–32°C).

$C_{10}H_7NO_2$ Calc. C, 67.08; H, 4.34; N, 8.70
(161) Found C, 67.21; H, 4.16; N, 8.54%.

2-Phenoxy- & 2-Ethoxy-4,5-N-methylisatin-2-oxo-P-1,3,2-dioxaphospholes 4a & 4b; General Procedure. Sodium pieces (1 g, 0.044 mole) were slowly added to dry THF (70 ml) in a three-necked round bottomed flask, fitted with a condenser, a mercury trap and a pressure equalizing addition funnel with constant stirring under a nitrogen atmosphere. A solution of diketone **1a** (2.1 g, 0.013 mole) in dry THF (10 ml) was added dropwise. Stirring at reflux temperature was continued for 8 h and the contents were allowed to cool. Phenyl or ethyl phosphorodichloridate (2 ml) was slowly added and the mixture was heated under reflux for 1 h. The contents were allowed to stand at room temperature for about 2 h. THF was removed by distillation under reduced pressure, the residual matter was treated with ether. The ethereal layer was washed 2–3 times with water and dried with anhydrous sodium sulphate. The ether was removed on a rotary evaporator and the residual material was crystallised from benzene/ethanol. Addition of silver nitrate solution to the aqueous layer gave a white precipitate of silver chloride.

2-Phenoxy and 2-Ethoxy-4,5-N-methylisatin-2-thioxo-p-1,3,2-dioxaphospholes 4c & 4d; General Procedure. In place of phenyl or ethyl phosphorodichloridate in the above method phenyl or ethyl phosphorothiodichloridate (2 ml) was slowly added and the products were crystallised from benzene/petroleum ether.

2-Phenoxy- and 2-Ethoxy-4,5-acenaphthene-2-oxo-p-1,3,2-dioxaphospholes 7a & 7b; General Procedure. Phenyl or ethyl phosphorodichloridate (2 ml) was slowly added in the reaction with acenaphthaquinone (**1b**; 2.2 g; 0.012 mole) following the above procedure for compounds **4a** and **4b**. The products were crystallised from benzene/ethanol.

2-Phenoxy- and 2-Ethoxy-4,5-acenaphthene-2-thioxo-p-1,3,2-dioxaphospholes 7c & 7d; General Procedure. In place of phenyl or ethyl phosphorodichloridate, phenyl or ethyl phosphorothiodichloridate (2 ml) was slowly added into the reaction with acenaphthaquinone (**1b**; 2.2 g, 0.012 mole) following the above procedure for compounds **4c** and **4d**. The products were crystallised from benzene/petroleum ether.

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