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Abstract The reaction of the ions $>\text{P}-\text{O}^-$ and $>\text{P}-\text{S}^-$ with α -bromocarboxylic esters proceeds through the nucleophilic displacement on bromine which results in the release of an enol anion as a nucleofuge.

The anions of the type $>\text{P}-\text{O}^-$ and $>\text{P}-\text{S}^-$ in reaction with α -bromocarboxylates yield debrominated products. ^{31}P NMR spectra of the products of the reductive debromination reaction as well as the reaction of bromophosphate with the phosphite anion present the same picture. Methyl 1-bromo-2,2-diphenylcyclopropanecarboxylate with dibenzylphosphine oxide at the presence of sodium methanolate also yields the debrominated product and methyl dibenzylphosphinate. On the other hand, bromophosphate is captured by an enolate of α -bromoamide to form N-phosphorylated amide. The debromination of methyl 1-bromo-2,2-diphenylcyclopropanecarboxylate with 2-mercapto-5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinan sodium salt yields 2-bromo-2-thiono-5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinan. These suggest that the X-philic substitution operates in the reaction in focus.