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Correcting a previous preliminary communication, the reaction between diethyl N-benzoyl α -aminomethylphosphonate and PCl_5 is shown to afford the corresponding aminomethylphosphonic acids and monoesters instead of the previous mentioned oxazaphospholene.

Keywords: aminomethylphosphonates; aminomethylphosphonic acids and monoesters

INTRODUCTION

α -Aminomethylphosphonic acids **1**, mono- **2** and diesters **3** (Fig. 1), analogues of aminoacids in which a COOH group is replaced by PO_3H_2 , PO_3HR or PO_3R_2 , are of wide interest as biologically active molecules in biochemistry, medicine and plant protection^[1].

RESULTS

We directed our research to the synthesis of a heterocyclic five membered ring **4**, with a P-C-N unit, equivalent to an α -aminomethylphosphonic acid twice protected on the nitrogen atom and the phosphorus atom. We tried to

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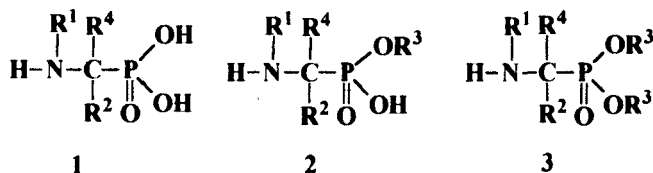


FIGURE 1

apply a cyclisation method first described, in a special case, by Drach and Lobanov^[3] (Fig. 2).

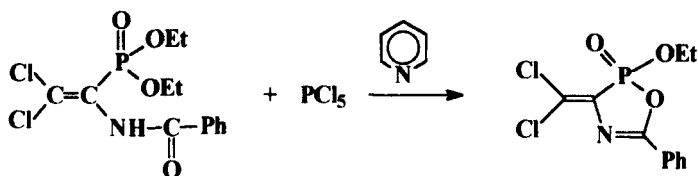


FIGURE 2

First in a preliminary communication^[2], we suggested indeed the formation of an oxazaphospholene cyclic structure **4** (Fig. 3), but further informations and analyses showed actually the formation of the corresponding mono ester **5** or the α -aminomethylphosphonic acid **6**, according to the amount of PCl_5 used (Table I). Other activating agents, such as Ph_3PBr_2 or $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}/\text{CCl}_4$, were also tried to promote the cyclisation but unsuccessfully.

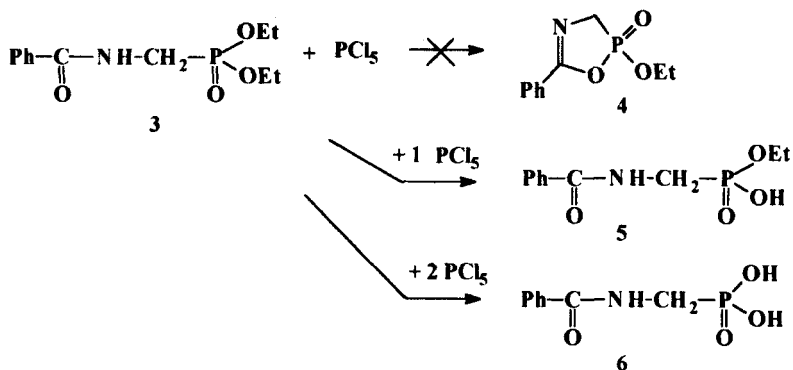


FIGURE 3

TABLE I Dependence of the formation of **5** and **6** from **3** on the amount of PCl_5 used.

$ \begin{array}{c} \text{Ph}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{NH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{P}(\text{OEt})_2 \\ \text{3} \end{array} + \text{Y} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{Ph}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{NH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{P}(\text{OEt})(\text{OH}) \\ \text{5} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{Ph}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{NH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{P}(\text{OH})_2 \\ \text{6} \end{array} $			
<i>Y</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Product</i>	<i>Yield (%)</i>
1 PCl_5 / pyridine	Saturated solution NaHCO_3	5	38
2 PCl_5 / pyridine	Saturated solution NaHCO_3	6	85
Ph_3PBr_2	Filtration	6	63
$\text{Ph}_3\text{P} / \text{CCl}_4 / \text{Et}_3\text{N}$	Filtration	No reaction	0

CONCLUSION

The various reactions investigated did not give the cyclic compound **4**, twice protected on the nitrogen atom and the phosphorus atom, but the mono-ester **5** with one equivalent of PCl_5 , and the α -aminomethylphosphonic acid **6** with two equivalents of PCl_5 or Ph_3PBr_2 .

EXPERIMENTAL

All the experiments were carried out under nitrogen, with anhydrous solvents. Melting points were determined with a Metler FP5 and a Wild Leitz 350 apparatus. The compounds are characterized by ^1H -NMR (200.132 MHz), ^{13}C -NMR (50.323 MHz) and ^{31}P -NMR (81.0 MHz). Elemental analyses were performed by the "Service Central de Micro-analyse du CNRS", in Montpellier. The infrared spectra were obtained using a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum 1000 recording spectrometer. Mass spectra were performed using Fast Atom Bombardment or Electronic Impact (70eV).

General procedure for the synthesis of compound **5**

To a solution of compound **3** (17.5 mmol, 4.75 g) in anhydrous toluene (60 ml) and pyridine (19.25 mmol, 1.4 ml), at -5°C , is added dropwise a

solution of PCl_5 (17.5 mmol, 3.64 g) in anhydrous toluene (60 ml) during 30 min. After 12 h at 20°C , pyridinium chloride is filtered and the filtrate is dried under vacuum. The oil is washed by a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate until $\text{pH} = 7$, then extracted with chloroform. The aqueous phase is dried under vacuum and the white solid is washed with anhydrous ethanol and dried. A white solid (1.75 g, 38 % yield) is isolated and characterized by m.p. ($145\text{--}150^\circ\text{C}$), IR, ^{31}P , ^1H , ^{13}C NMR spectra.

General procedure for the synthesis of compound 6

- To a solution of compound **3** (46 mmol, 12.5 g) in anhydrous toluene (100 ml) and pyridine (8.2 ml), at -5°C , is added dropwise a solution of PCl_5 (92 mmol, 19.16 g) in anhydrous toluene (150 ml) during 1 h. After 12 h at 20°C , pyridinium chloride is filtered and the filtrate is dried under vacuum. The oil is washed by a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate until $\text{pH} = 7$, then extracted with chloroform. The aqueous phase is dried under vacuum and the white solid, washed with ether and anhydrous ethanol, is isolated (9.3 g, 85 % yield) and characterized by IR, ^{31}P , ^1H , ^{13}C NMR spectra.
- To a solution of triphenylphosphine (4 mmol, 1.05 g) in anhydrous toluene (20 ml), at -5°C , is added dropwise Br_2 (4 mmol) and after 2 h at 0°C , a solution of compound **3** (3.7 mmol, 0.97 g) in anhydrous toluene (20 ml). After 24 h at 20°C , the solution is filtered and the solid is washed with chloroform. A white solid is isolated (0.5 g, 63 % yield) and characterized by IR, ^{31}P , ^1H , ^{13}C NMR spectra.

Selected physical and spectral data : IR, ^{31}P , ^1H and ^{13}C NMR:

5 IR KBr (cm^{-1}) : 3430 f (NH), 1655 F (C=O), 1605 f, 1595 f, 1525 f, 1485 F (C=C arom.), 1260 F (P=O), 1140–1060 F (P-O); ^{31}P -NMR (D_2O) : δ 18.12; ^1H -NMR (D_2O) : δ 1.25 t (3H, CH_3 , $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.1$), 3.75 d (2H, CH_2 , $^2J_{\text{H-P}} = 12$; $^3J_{\text{H-P}} = 12$) ; 3.95 dd (2H, OCH_2 , $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = ^3J_{\text{H-P}} = 7.1$) ; 7.81 m (2H arom.), 7.57 m (3H arom.), ^{13}C -NMR (D_2O) : δ 18.85 d (1C, CH_3 , $^3J_{\text{C-P}} = 5.8$), 39.15 d (1C, CH_2 , $^1J_{\text{C-P}} = 147.7$) ; 64.45 d (1C, OCH_2 , $^2J_{\text{C-P}} = 5.8$) ; 136.31 s (1C, C_i) ; 173.17 d (1C, C=O, $^3J_{\text{C-P}} = 4.9$); M.S. FAB+(NBA) : $\text{M}+\text{H} = 266$; mp = $145\text{--}150^\circ\text{C}$.

6a (mono-sodium salt) IR KBr (cm^{-1}) 3440 F (NH), 1635 F (C=O), 1600 f, 1575 f, 1550 F, 1490 m (C=C arom.), 1255 F (P=O), 1215 m, 1155

F, 1120 F, 1050 F (P=O); $^{31}\text{P-NMR}$ (D_2O): δ 14.95; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (D_2O): δ 3.63 d (2H, CH_2 , $^2J_{\text{H-P}} = 12$; $^3J_{\text{H-P}} = 12.6$); 7.90 m (2H arom.), 7.65 m (3H arom.), $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (D_2O): δ 41.65 d (1C, CH_2 , $^1J_{\text{C-P}} = 140.7$); 136.10 s (1C, C_i); 173.30 d (1C, C=O, $^3J_{\text{C-P}} = 6.36$); **M.S. FAB+(NBA)**: $\text{M}+\text{H} = 238$.

6b Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_4\text{P}$: C, 44.6; H, 4.68; N, 6.51; O, 29.75. Found: C, 44.29; H, 4.40; N, 6.44; O, 29.34; **IR** KBr (cm^{-1}): 3372 F (NH), 1601 F (C=O), 1553 F, 1488 f, 1447 m, 1401 m (C=C arom.), 1214 F (P=O), 1145F, 1078 f, 1002 F (P-OH); $^{31}\text{P-NMR}$ (D_2O) δ 20.09; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (D_2O): δ 3.76 d (2H, CH_2 , $^2J_{\text{H-P}} = 12$; $^3J_{\text{H-P}} = 12.1$); 7.73 m (2H arom.), 7.5 m (3H arom.), $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (D_2O): δ 37.74 d (1C, CH_2 , $^1J_{\text{C-P}} = 151$); 139.96 s (1C, C_i); 173.29 d (1C, C=O, $^3J_{\text{C-P}} = 4.2$); **M.S. FAB+ (NBA)**: $\text{M}+\text{H} = 216$.

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