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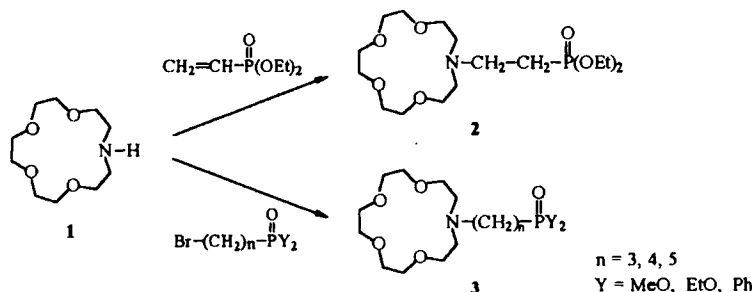
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It is well-known that complex forming ability of azacrown ethers can be modified by side chains with electron-donating atoms. We aimed at the synthesis of lariat ethers with phosphonoalkyl side chains. The phosphonoalkyl arms of two to five carbon atoms were introduced into azacrown 1 by alkylation.



The new products (2 and 3) were characterized by ³¹P, ¹³C and ¹H NMR, as well as mass spectroscopical methods. Complex forming ability of 2 and 3 was determined by the picrate extraction method^[1]. Introduction of the phosphonoalkyl moiety into the parent azacrown (1) decreases the extraction ability, but results in an increase in the selectivity towards the cations examined.

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