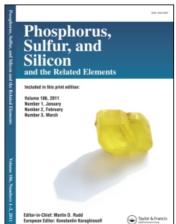
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Phosphorylation and dephosphorylation of proteins are very important in life process. Phosphopeptides are the most useful mimics in study of such function—modification relationships. Therefore, to synthesize and select appropriate building blocks is important.

After careful selection, we report that $BocSer[PO_3(^iPr)_2]OH$ and $BocSer[PO_3(cPen)_2]OH$ (cPen=cyclopentyl) are excellent building blocks for Boc-strategy. Dialkyl N,N-ethylphosphoramidites $(RO)_2PNEt_2$ ($\mathbf{1a}\ R=^iPr$, $\mathbf{1b}\ R=cPen$) were prepared simply and conveniently by a traditional two-step reaction. 2 $\mathbf{2a}$ and $\mathbf{2b}$ were obtained by the following step. The overall reaction time was only 3–4 h, and the purification process was very simple. $\mathbf{2a}$ and $\mathbf{2b}$ are both completely suitable for the general Boc-strategy in solid-phase peptide synthesis. We have successfully obtained a phosphopeptide[c-Fos(371–379), Ser374 phosphorylated], using $\mathbf{2a}$ as one of its building blocks.

SCHEME 1

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