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## PHOSPHORYLATION AND AMINE-INDUCED DEPHOSPHORYLATION OF 4-CHLOROCOUMARIN-3-CARBOXALDEHYDE AND 4- CHLORO-3-( $\beta$ , $\beta$ -DICYANOETHENYLIDENE)COUMARIN

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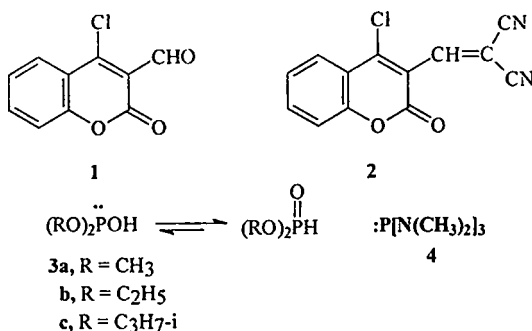
*4-Chlorocoumarin-3-carboxaldehyde (1) and 4-chloro-3-( $\beta$ ,  $\beta$ -dicyanoethenylidene)coumarin (2) produce their respective 1:1 phosphonate adducts (5a–c) and (6a–c) upon reaction with the appropriate dialkylphosphonates (3a–c). Compounds 5 undergo dechlorination and dephosphorylation upon reaction with certain primary aliphatic amines to yield 9 (or 10) according to the nature of the amine used. Compounds 1 and 2 undergo dechlorination through reaction with hexamethyl-phosphorustriamide 4 to give the respective 4-dimethylamino-derivatives (11a and 11b). Structural reasonings for the new compounds are based on compatible analytical and spectroscopic measurements. The mechanism for formation of compounds 11 also is discussed.*

**Keywords:** Amine-induced dephosphorylation; coumarins; dialkylphosphonates; hexamethylphosphorustriamide; phosphonates; reaction mechanism

It is widely realized that the activity of certain natural products, drugs and pesticides owes much to presence of a coumarin nucleus in their molecules.<sup>1,2</sup> Various widely used oral anticoagulants and rodenticides<sup>3</sup> also incorporate the same nucleus. Therefore, it appeared of interest to study the reaction of 4-chloro coumarin-3-carboxaldehyde (1) and 4-chloro-3-( $\beta$ ,  $\beta$ -dicyanoethenylidene)coumarin (2) with dialkylphosphites (3a–c) and hexamethylphosphorustriamide (4). Compound 2 is now prepared for the first time by reacting 1 with malononitrile in ethanol. Phosphorylation of compounds 1 and 2 may endow interesting

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biocidal potentialities to the new products. The present study runs thus in the line with our growing interest that searches for new organophosphorus compounds derived from heterocycles<sup>4-6</sup> for evaluating their biological activities.



## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

It has been now found that 4-chlorocoumarin-3-carboxaldehyde (**1**)\* reacts with dialkyl phosphites (**3a-c**) at 100°C in absence of solvent to give colorless phosphonate 1:1 adducts for which structures **5a-c** are respectively assigned.

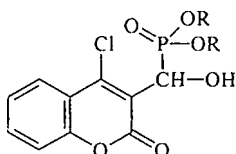
Structural reasoning for **5** are: Compatible elementary and molecular weight determinations (MS) were gained for **5a-c**. Positive chemical shifts were recorded for **5a** ( $\delta = 20.80$  ppm) [<sup>31</sup>P-NMR spectrum (vs 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>), confirming the presence of phosphorus-to-carbon linkage (phosphonate group).<sup>7</sup>

The IR spectrum (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) of 4-chloro-3-[( $\alpha$ -dimethoxyphosphoryl- $\alpha$ -hydroxy)methyl]coumarin (**5a**), taken as a representative example, showed absorption bands at 3250 (OH), 1685 (C=O, lactone), 1520 (C=C, aromatic), 1220 (P=O)<sup>8</sup>, 1050 (P-O-CH<sub>3</sub>)<sup>8</sup> and at 860 (C-Cl). The latter band appeared in the IR spectrum of **1** at 780.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **5a** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm) showed protons of the OCH<sub>3</sub> groups attached to phosphorus as two doublets (each with <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HP</sub> = 12 Hz) at 3.95 and 3.75. Apparently, the asymmetry of the molecule

\*Also known as 4-chloro-3-formylcoumarin and 4-chloro-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbaldehyde.

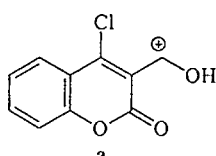
due to the presence of a stereo-center would render the two methoxyl groups diastereotropic and hence anisochronous; resulting thus in the observed splitting pattern.<sup>9</sup> The spectrum revealed the P-**CH** proton as a doublet ( $^2J_{HP} = 22$  Hz) at 5.50. The spectrum also showed a multiplet in the region 8.00–7.40 (4H, aromatics) and a broad singlet at 4.25 (OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O).



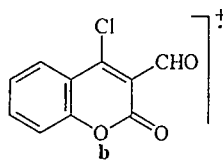
**5a**, R = CH<sub>3</sub>  
**b**, R = C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>  
**c**, R = C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>-i

The mass spectrum of **5a** showed the molecular ion peak at  $m/z$  318 (320) which corresponded to C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClO<sub>6</sub>P. Loss of  $\cdot P(O)(OCH_3)_2$  radical from  $M^+$  afforded the base peak (cation **a**) at  $m/z$  209 (211). Meanwhile, loss of  $H(O)P(OCH_3)_2$  molecule from  $M^+$  afforded cation **b** at  $m/z$  208 (210) which corresponded to the molecular ion peak of compound **1** itself [MS:  $m/z$  208 (210), C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>5</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub>]. This behavior of **5a** under electron impact recalls its thermolysis upon heating under reduced pressure which yields compound **1** and dimethyl phosphite **3a** (see Experimental).

The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of **5a** showed signals at 53.69 (**C**-OH), 67.24 (O**C**H<sub>3</sub>), 68.54 (O**C**H<sub>3</sub>), 116.88, 118.16, 120.97, 125.43, 126.28, 133.47, 151.70, 159.96, coumarin ring carbon atoms and at 211.40 (**C**=O).

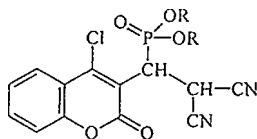


**a**  
 $m/z = 209$  (211)



**b**  
 $m/z = 208$  (210)

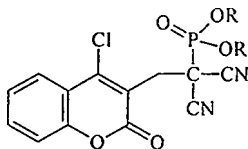
In the same sense, 4-chloro-3-( $\beta,\beta$ -dicyanoethenylidene)coumarin (**2**) reacted with dialkylphosphonates (**3a-c**) to give colorless phosphonate 1:1 adducts for which structure **6a-c** were assigned respectively.

6a, R = CH<sub>3</sub>b, R = C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>c, R = C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>-i

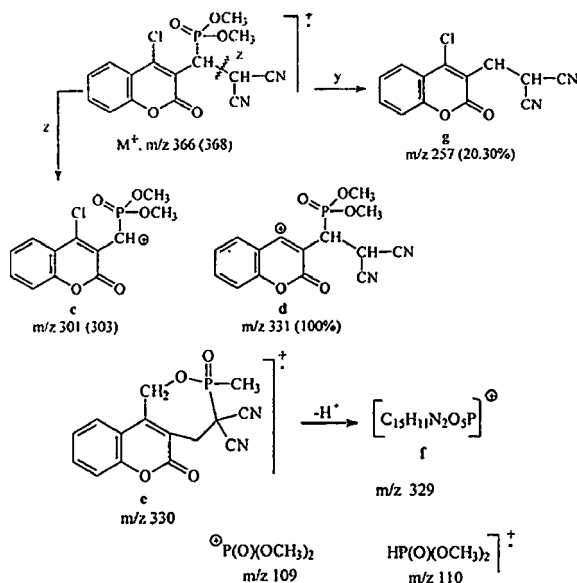
Compatible elementary and molecular weight determinations (MS) were gained for all adducts. They showed positive chemical shifts in the region 15–20 ppm (vs. H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) in their <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra; indicating that they are phosphonate in nature.<sup>7</sup>

The IR spectrum (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) of **6a** taken as example, revealed the presence of absorption bands at 2220 (CN), 1260 (P=O, free), 1050 (P–O–CH<sub>3</sub>) and 765 (C–Cl). The latter band appeared in the spectrum of **2** at 760 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **6a** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm) showed protons of the two methoxyl groups attached to phosphorus (6H) as two doublets (each with <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HP</sub> = 12 Hz) at 3.95 and 3.80. The exocyclic methine protons (2H) appeared in doublet patterns. That of the CH–P group appeared at 4.50 (2d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HP</sub> = 18 Hz) while that of the P–C–CH grouping appeared at 5.2 (2d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HP</sub> = 12 Hz). The multiplet (4H) due to the aromatic protons appeared in the region 8.00–7.35 ppm. Presence of an AB-system due to protons of the P–CH–CH-grouping and lack of a signal due to protons of a methylene group (–CH<sub>2</sub>–C–P) rules out an alternative structure like **7**.

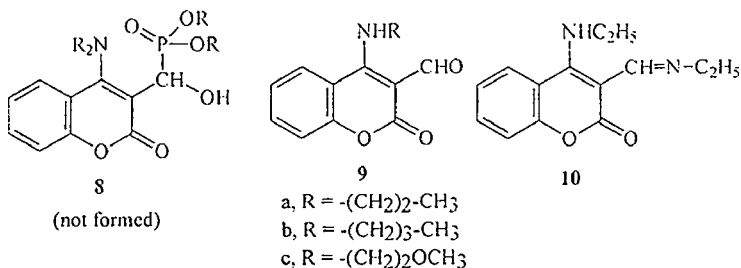
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(not formed)

The mass spectrum of **6a** showed the molecular ion peak at *m/z* 366 (368); corresponding to C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>P. Loss of CH(CN)<sub>2</sub> radical from M<sup>+</sup> yields cation **c** at *m/z* 301 (303). Meanwhile, loss of Cl radical from M<sup>+</sup> affords cation **d** at *m/z* 331 (base peak). The molecular ion peak of **6a** can also eject a neutral HCl molecule to give a radical cation of type **e** (*m/z* 330). Cation **g** at *m/z* 257 is most probably formed via expulsion of P(O)(OCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> radical from M<sup>+</sup>. The same process also can afford cations **h**, *m/z* 109 and **i**, *m/z* 110 respectively.



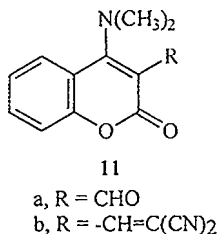
Compounds **6** regenerate the appropriate starting materials (**2** + **3**) upon thermolysis under reduced pressure.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **6a** showed signals at 39.98 ( $-\underline{\text{CH}}$ ), 42.30 ( $-\underline{\text{CH}}$ ), 53.68 ( $\text{O}\underline{\text{CH}}_3$ ), 55.11 ( $\text{O}\underline{\text{CH}}_3$ ), 110.76, 111.29, 117.70 (125.65), 126.81, 134.20, 152.11, 158.85 coumarin ring carbon atoms, 117.07, 117.94 ( $\underline{\text{CN}}_2$ ) and 201 ( $\underline{\text{C}}=\text{O}$ ).

In an attempt to obtain new structures incorporating both P and N moieties as in the case of a variety of broadly used biocides,<sup>10–12</sup> we have investigated the reaction of certain amines with compounds **5**. The beseeched products **8**, however, could not be formed. Instead, compounds **5** underwent amine-induced dephosphorylation yielding aminated products of type **9**.



The Schiff base **10** was formed only when ethylamine was used in the transamination reaction. Compatible elementary and spectroscopic data were obtained for compounds **9a–c** and **10**. Elementary analyses and molecular weight determination (MS) of **9c**, taken as a representative example, corresponded to  $C_{13}H_{13}NO_4$ . Its IR spectrum (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ ) showed bands at 3400 (NH), 1680 (C=O), 1610, 1550 (C=C) and 1260 (C–O, stretching). The  $^1H$  NMR of **9c** ( $CDCl_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm) showed signals at 12.15 (NH, s), 8.05–7.30 (4H, aromatics, m), 10.20 (C=CH, s), 4.10 (CH<sub>2</sub>, d,  $J_{HH} = 9$  Hz), 3.80 (CH<sub>2</sub>, d,  $J_{HH} = 9$  Hz), 3.50 (3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>, s), and 3.35 (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, d,  $J_{HH} = 9$  Hz). Its  $^{13}C$  NMR spectrum showed signals due to the C=O groups at 211.82 (C=O, pyrone) and at 191.84 ppm (C–O, aldehyde). The coumarin-ring carbon atoms appeared as a cascade of signals at 106.76, 114.12, 118.89, 123.63, 127.37, 134.45, 155.46, and 159.73 ppm. The spectrum also showed signals at 70.40 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 59.40 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 47.52 (CH<sub>2</sub>). This conclusion is also confirmed by Distortion less Enhancement by Polarization Transfer (DEPT) measurement.

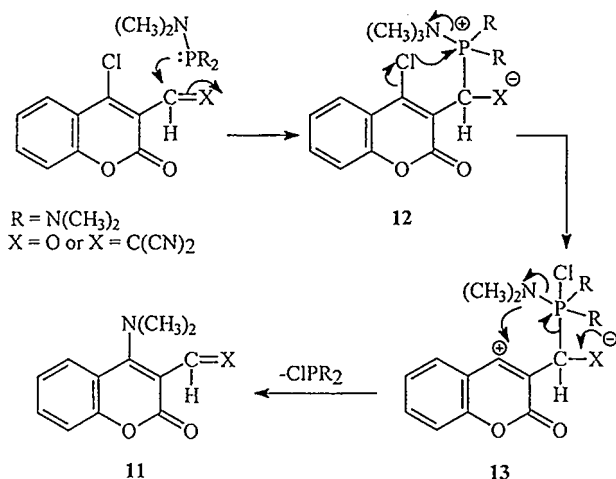
The behavior of compounds **1** and **2** toward hexamethylphosphorotriamide **4** also was investigated. The reactions proceeded in tetrahydrofuran at ambient temperature to give products devoid of phosphorus (**11a** and **11b** respectively).



Compounds **11a** and **11b** were unequivocally prepared and identified (m.p., mixed m.p. and comparative IR and MS spectra) upon reacting **1** and **2**, respectively with dimethylamine in tetrahydrofuran.

The reaction mechanism is depicted in Scheme 1. Initial nucleophilic attack by the phosphine-phosphorus atom on **1** (or **2**) would produce a betaine of structure like **12**.<sup>13b</sup> By virtue of the great affinity of phosphonium ions to halides,<sup>13a</sup> would facilitate formation of a transient betaine of type **13**. The latter in which phosphorus can act as a good leaving group due to its bulkiness<sup>13a</sup> decomposes then to afford **11**.

Analytic and spectroscopic data recorded for compound **11** afford strong support for the postulated mechanism.



SCHEME 1

## CONCLUSION

Apparently, 4-chloro-3-coumarincarboxaldehyde (**1**) and 4-chloro-( $\beta,\beta$ -dicyanoethenylidene)coumarin (**2**) undergo preferential attack by dialkylphosphonates (**3a–c**) at position-3 to give phosphonate 1:1 adducts of types **5** and **6** respectively. Adducts **5** undergo amine-induced dephosphorylation and dechlorination upon reaction with aliphatic primary amines. In terms of the Hard-Soft-Acid-Base (HSAB) principle,<sup>14,15</sup> the reacting amines may be considered as softer (stronger) bases, than dialkyl phosphonates (**3**).

Hexamethylphosphorotriamide **4** induces chlorine displacement in **1** and **2** to yield the respective 4-(dimethylamino)- derivatives **11**. To the best of our knowledge, this represents a new era for utilising **4** as an aminating agent.

## EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points are uncorrected. The IR spectra were recorded in KBr using UNICAM SP 1100 or PU 7912 Infracords. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on Jeol GLMEX 270 MHz Spectrometer (Super conducting magnet) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  using TMS as an internal standard,  $^{31}\text{P}$ -NMR spectra were recorded with Jeol GLMEX 270 MHz Spectrometer in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (vs. 85%  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ ). The mass spectra were obtained with Finnigan MAT-SSQ 7000 Spectrometer at 70 eV.



4-Chloro-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxaldehyde was prepared by a known procedure.<sup>17</sup> The phosphorus reagents and amines were available from Aldrich Co. The phosphites were freshly distilled before use.

Physical and spectral data of the new compounds are compiled in Tables I and II.

### Preparation of 4-Chloro-3-( $\beta$ , $\beta$ -dicyanoethenylidene)-coumarin (2)

A mixture of **1** (2.08 g, 0.01 mmol) and malononitrile (0.66 g, 0.01 mmol) in 50 ml absolute ethanol was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. The solid formed was collected then recrystallized from cyclohexane to give **2** as yellow crystals, yield 79%. Physical and analytical data of compound **2** are presented in Table I. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum showed a multiplet due to the aromatic protons in the  $\delta$  8.00–7.30 region wherein emerged a singlet (1H) at  $\delta$  7.80 due to the exocyclic ethylenic proton.

### Reaction of 4-Chlorocoumarin-3-carboxaldehyde (1) and 4-chloro-3-( $\beta$ , $\beta$ -dicyanoethenylidene)coumarin (2) with Dialkyl Phosphites (3a–c)

#### General Procedure

A mixture of **1** (0.01 mmol) and dialkyl phosphite (dimethyl-, diethyl-, and diisopropyl phosphites, 5 ml) was heated in the absence of solvent at 100°C for 2–4 h. After removing the volatile materials in vacuo, the residue was triturated with light petroleum and left to cool. The solid so formed was collected and recrystallized from a suitable solvent to give compounds **5a–c**.

Similarly compounds **6a–c** were isolated upon reacting **2** with **3a–c** (yield 80%). Physical, analytical and spectral data for compounds **5a–c** and **6a–c** are presented in Tables I and II.

### Action of Heat on Phosphonate 5a

Compound **5a** (0.05 g) was heated in a cold finger sublimator at 230°C (bath temperature) under reduced pressure (5 mm/Hg) for 30 min. The compound that sublimed was collected (85%), recrystallized from ethyl alcohol to give yellow crystals, proved to be 4-chlorocoumarin-3-carboxaldehyde (**1**) (m.p., mixed m.ps. 123°C, and comparative IR spectra). Dimethyl phosphite was detected in receiver by the development of a violet color on addition of 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid in the presence of alkali.<sup>16</sup>

TABLE I Physical, Analytical, IR, and MS Spectral Data of Compounds **2**, **5a-c**, **6a-c**, **9a-c**, **10**, and **11a,b**

Comp.	Yield <sup>a</sup> (%)	m.p. (°C)	Mol. form (m. wt.)	Anal. (Calcd./Found)					IR cm <sup>-1</sup>			
				C	H	Cl	N	P	M + M/z %	C=O	C≡C	CN
<b>2</b>	79	198–200	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (256.64)	60.83 60.56	1.96 2.10	13.81 14.00	10.91 11.15	—	256 (100)	1750	1600	2210
<b>5a</b>	80	151–153	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> ClO <sub>6</sub> P (318.64)	45.23 45.00	3.79 4.00	11.12 10.94	— 10.01	9.72 10.01	318 (8.40)	1220	1050	3250
<b>5b</b>	75	106–108	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>16</sub> ClO <sub>6</sub> P (346.70)	48.50 48.82	4.65 4.94	10.22 10.58	— 8.64	8.93 8.64	346 (100)	1200	1050	3300
<b>5c</b>	85	95–98	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>20</sub> ClO <sub>6</sub> P (374.75)	51.28 50.98	5.37 4.97	9.46 9.63	— 7.89	8.26 7.89	374 (100)	1220	1000	3440
<b>6a</b>	60	160–162	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>12</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> P (366.69)	49.13 49.45	3.29 3.50	9.66 9.83	7.63 7.92	8.44 8.50	366 (10.35)	1260	1050	2220
<b>6b</b>	65	125–127	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>16</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> P (394.72)	51.72 52.00	4.08 4.34	8.98 9.11	7.09 6.85	7.84 7.50	394 (16.99)	1253	1049	2260
<b>6c</b>	70	105–107	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>20</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> P (422.80)	53.97 54.24	4.76 5.01	8.38 8.55	6.62 6.93	7.32 7.54	422 (30.15)	1263	1096	2200
<b>9a</b>	70	185–187	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>13</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> 231.25	67.52 67.88	5.66 5.95	—	6.06 5.86	—	231 (50.18)	HC=O 1700	NH 3400	C≡C 1600
<b>9b</b>	60	158–160	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>15</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> 245.27	68.55 68.90	6.16 6.45	—	5.71 5.95	—	245 (66.55)	1705	3420	1605
<b>9c</b>	65	125–127	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>13</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> 247.24	63.15 63.50	5.29 4.95	—	5.66 6.00	—	247 (30.45)	1710	3400	1605
<b>10</b>	75	102–104	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> 244.29	68.83 69.02	6.60 6.35	—	11.46 11.85	—	244 (30.68)	C=O 1700	NH 3400	CH=N 1640
<b>11a</b>	75	130–132	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> 217.22	66.35 66.00	5.10 4.95	—	6.44 6.21	—	217 (100)	HC=O 1702	—N-(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> 2942	C≡C 1567
<b>11b</b>	80	75–77	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> 265.27	67.91 68.23	4.17 4.45	—	15.84 16.03	—	265 (100)	C=O 1704	—N-(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> 2930	CN 2209

Solvents of crystallization: **5b,c**, **10** cyclohexane, **6b,c** pet. ether 60–80°C, **11a,b** acetone-pet. ether 40–60°C.  
<sup>a</sup> approximated.

TABLE II <sup>31</sup>P NMR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectral Data of Compounds **5b**, **c**, **6b**, **c**, **9a**, **b**, **10** and **11a**, **b**

Comp.	<sup>31</sup> P NMR	<sup>1</sup> H NMR <sup>a</sup>	<sup>13</sup> C NMR
<b>5a</b>	20.80	3.75, 3.95 [2* d, 6H, P-(O-C-CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ], 4.25 [brs, 1H, OH], 5.50 [d, 1H, <sup>2</sup> J <sub>HP</sub> = 22 Hz, P-CH], 7.40–8.00 [m, 4H, aromatics].	11.32 (CH <sub>3</sub> ), 23.49 (CH <sub>2</sub> ), 49.59 (CH <sub>2</sub> ), 96.43, 114.23, 118.85, 123.64, 127.64, 134.46, 155.50, 159.55 coumarin ring carbon atoms, 191.87 (CHO), 211.82 (C=O).
<b>5b</b>	19.20	1.25 [d of t, 6H, P-(O-C-CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ], 4.15 [d of quint, 5H, P-(O-CH <sub>2</sub> -C) <sub>2</sub> and OH], 5.6 [d, 1H, <sup>2</sup> J <sub>HP</sub> = 18 Hz, P-CH], 7.4–8.05 [m, 4H, aromatics].	15.53 (CH <sub>3</sub> ), 16.94 (CH <sub>3</sub> ), 42.49 (CH <sub>2</sub> ), 54.73 (CH <sub>2</sub> ), 92.18, 115.50, 118.31, 123.06, 126.57, 132.32, 154.29, 156.28 (coumarin ring carbon atoms), 160.73 (CH=N), 201.20 (C=O).
<b>5c</b>	18.00	1.25 [m, 12H, P-(O-C-CH <sub>3</sub> )], 4.4 [bs, OH], 4.75 [d of sept., 2H, P-(O-CH-C) <sub>2</sub> ], 7.4–8.00 [m, 4H, aromatics].	15.35 (CH <sub>3</sub> ), 20.24 (CH <sub>3</sub> ), 95.01, 115.34, 121.55, 124.22, 126.57, 134.32, 155.30, 163.11 (coumarin ring carbon atoms), 190.28 (CHO), 201.20 (C=O).
<b>6b</b>	18.00	1.4 [d of t, 6H, P-(O-C-CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ], 4.25 [d of quint, 4H, P-(O-CH <sub>2</sub> -C) <sub>2</sub> ], 4.5 [2d, 1H, <sup>2</sup> J <sub>HP</sub> = 19.8 Hz, P-CH], 5.25 [2d, 1H, <sup>3</sup> J <sub>HP</sub> = 19.8 Hz, CH(CN) <sub>2</sub> ], 7.35–8.05 [m, 4H, aromatics].	
<b>6c</b>	14.79	1.4 [m, 12H, P-(O-C-CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ], 4.4 [2d, 1H, <sup>2</sup> J <sub>HP</sub> = 19 Hz, P-CH], 4.85 [d of sept. 2H, P-(O-CH-C) <sub>2</sub> ], 5.2 [2d, 1H, <sup>3</sup> J <sub>HP</sub> = 19 Hz, CH(CN) <sub>2</sub> ], 7.35–8.00 [m, 4H, aromatics].	
<b>9a</b>		1.1 [t, 3H, (-C-CH <sub>3</sub> )], 1.95 [q, 2H, -CH <sub>2</sub> -Cl], 3.95 [t, 2H, N-CH <sub>2</sub> -Cl], 7.1–8.05 [m, 4H, aromatics], 10.1 [s, 1H, CHOH], 12.05 [s, 1H, NH].	
<b>9b</b>		1.0 [t, 3H, (-C-CH <sub>3</sub> )], 1.9, 4.2 [m, 6H, -(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> -Cl], 7.1–8.0 [m, 4H, aromatics], 10.1 [s, 1H, CHOH], 12.05 [s, 1H, NH].	
<b>10</b>		1.1 [t, 3H, C-CH <sub>3</sub> ], 1.5 [t, 3H, (-C-CH <sub>3</sub> )], 3.5 [q, 2H, CH <sub>2</sub> ], 4.0 [q, 2H, -(CH <sub>2</sub> -C)], 7.1–8.05 [m, 4H, aromatics], 8.65 [s, 1H, CH=N].	
<b>11a</b>		3.5 [2s, 6H, (-N-CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ], 7.20–8.10 [m, 4H, aromatics], 8.50 [s, 1H, CHOH].	
<b>11b</b>		3.6 [2s, 6H, (-N-CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ], 7.20–7.80 [m, 4H, aromatics], 8.20 [s, 1H, CH=C(CN) <sub>2</sub> ].	

<sup>a</sup>NMR measurements run in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

## Reaction of Phosphonate **5a** with Amines

### *General Procedure*

A solution of the amine (propylamine, butylamine methoxy-ethyl amine) (2 mmol) in absolute methanol (20 ml) was added dropwise at 0–5°C to a stirred mixture of **5a** (1 mmol) in the same solvent over a period of 30 min. Upon cooling for 2 h, the crystalline product which separated was collected by filtration, washed successively with methanol, and water then recrystallized from a suitable solvent to give compounds **9a–c**. After concentrating the filtrates under reduced pressure additional products were obtained; for more details see Tables I and II.

## Reaction of Phosphonate **5a** with Ethylamine

A solution of ethylamine (2 mmol) in absolute ethanol (20 ml) was added dropwise at 0–5°C to a stirred mixture of **5a** (1 mmol) in the same solvent (5 ml) over a period of 10 min. On cooling, the crystalline product which separated was collected by filtration, washed successively with ethanol and water, then recrystallized from cyclohexane. (Tables I and II).

## Reaction of **1** and **2** with Hexamethylphosphorotriamide (HMPT) (**4**)

### *General Procedure*

A mixture of **1** (2.08 g, 0.01 mmol) and HMPT (0.01 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) was kept at room temperature for 2 h and the solid formed was collected, then recrystallized from petroleum ether (40–60°C)/ether to give **11a** (yield: 75%). Similarly **11b** was isolated upon reacting **2** with **4** (yield 85%). Physical, analytical and spectral data of compounds **11a,b** are presented in Tables I and II.

## Reaction of **1** and **2** with Dimethylamine

### *General Procedure*

A mixture of **1** (0.01 mmol) and dimethylamine (0.01 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) was refluxed for 4–6 h and the solid formed was collected and proved to be **11a** (m.p., mixed m.p. and comparative IR and MS spectra). Similarly **11b** was isolated upon reacting **2** (0.01 mmol) and diethylamine (0.01 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (50 ml).

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