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STUDIES ON ORGANOPHOSPHORUS COMPOUNDS VI¹⁻⁵: UTILITY OF LAWESSON'S REAGENT FOR SYNTHESIS OF THIAPHOSPHORINE, THIOXANTHENE, AND THIAPHOSPHOLE DERIVATIVES

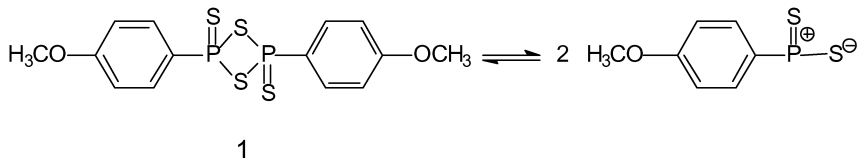
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Arylidene malonate derivatives 2a–c reacted with Lawesson's reagent (1) LR in equimolar ratio to yield the oxathiaphosphorine derivatives 3a–c. The behaviour of LR towards cyclic ketones was also examined and yielded the thioxanthene derivatives 5a,b. On the other hand, arylidene pyrazolone 8 reacted with LR to give the phosphole 10. Aminobenzenethiophene 11 reacted with LR under reflux to produce the corresponding thiazaphosphorine 12.

Keywords: Arylidene; lawesson's reagents; phosphole; thiaphosphorines; xanthene

The reagent 2,4-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,2,4-dithiadiphosphetane-2,4-disulfide **1** (LR; Scheme 1) has been shown to be quite versatile in thionation of different carbonyl compounds,⁶ and it is also known that nucleophiles attack **1** at the phosphorus atom.^{7,8} In certain cases where the substrate contains two functional groups, phosphorus heterocycles are formed.^{9,10}

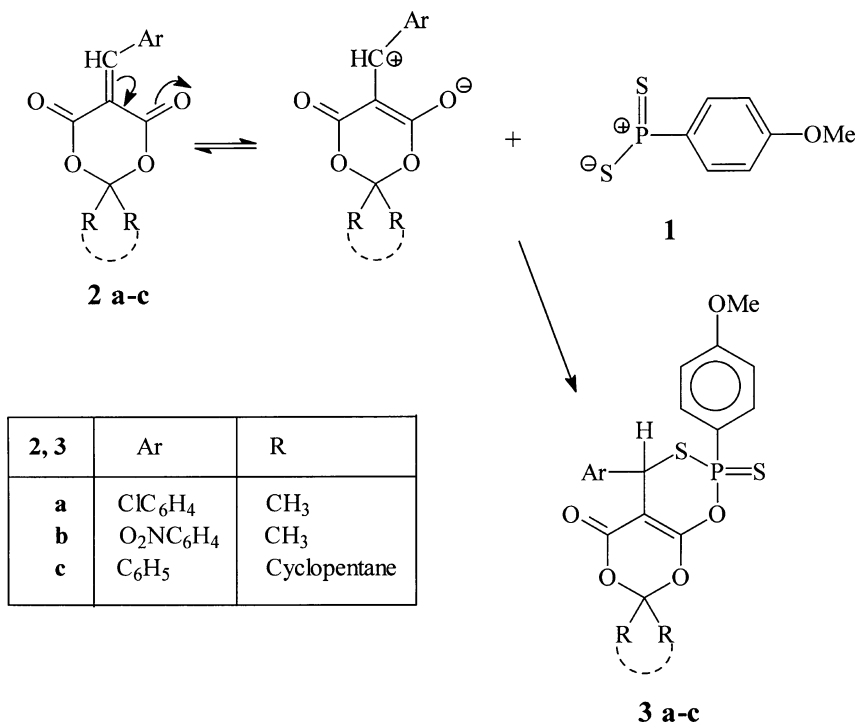


SCHEME 1

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In continuation of our medicinal chemistry program directed towards the development of new procedures for the synthesis of phospholes and phosphorus-related heterocyclic compounds,¹⁻⁵ we report an easy facile synthetic methodology for the synthesis of 4H-1,3,2-oxathiaphosphorine derivatives and related heterocyclic compounds.

The key precursor Lawesson's reagent **1** reacted with an equimolar amount of arylidene malonate **2a** in acetonitrile at room temperature to yield 4H-1,3,2-oxathiaphosphorine **3a**. The formation of **3a** is assumed to proceed via a dipolar cycloaddition reaction (Scheme 2).

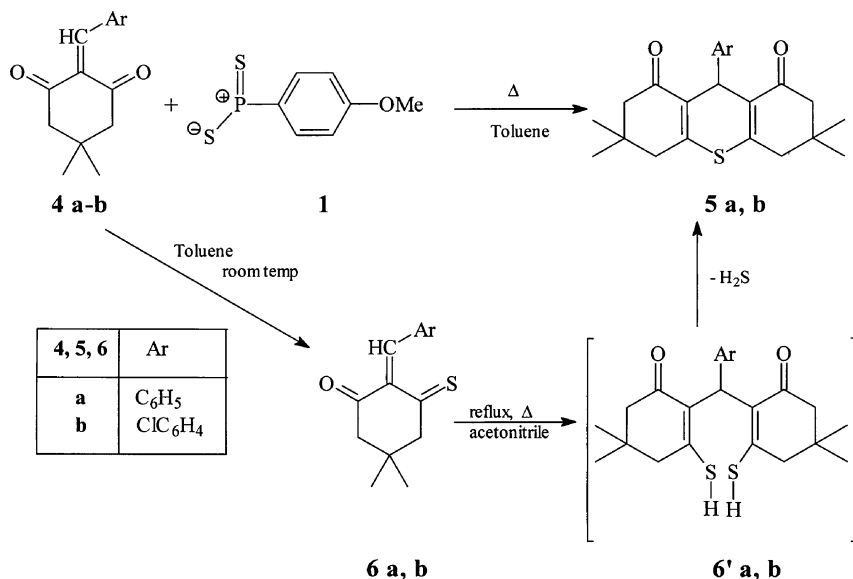


SCHEME 2

The structure **3a** was confirmed from its analysis and spectroscopic data. The ¹H NMR spectrum showed signals at $\delta = 1.60$ and $\delta = 1.75$ for two CH₃ protons (singlets), $\delta = 3.70$ for OCH₃ (singlet), $\delta = 4.10$ ppm for CH proton (singlet), and $\delta = 6.80$ – 7.70 and $\delta = 7.90$ – 8.40 for aromatic protons (multiplet). The IR spectrum of compound **3a** revealed two bands at 2960 and 2925 for the CH₃ groups, a band at 1690 cm⁻¹ for (C=O) and a band at 1605 for C=C. The mass spectrometry and the

microanalytical data supported the proposed structure. Similarly, the arylidene malonate derivatives **2b,c** reacted with **1** to yield the corresponding phosphorine derivatives **3b,c**. The structure of the products was also confirmed by analysis and spectroscopic data (see the Experimental section below).

The study was also extended to the behavior of Lawesson's reagent **1** on 2-arylidene-5,5-dimethyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione **4**. We explained before that when the reaction was carried out at room temperature, the thione derivative **6** was formed.⁵ This report explains the possibility of formation of 1,8-dioxo-9-aryl-1,2,4,5,7,8-hexahydro-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl thioxanthene **5a,b** in high yield when the reaction was carried out in toluene under reflux (Scheme 3).



SCHEME 3

The thioxanthene **5** was also obtained by reacting compound **4** with LR at room temperature to give the thione derivative **6**, which dimerized and cyclized by loss of H₂S upon refluxing in toluene. Similarly, xanthene's derivatives **7** (Figure 1) were previously prepared by us¹¹ and others.¹²⁻¹⁶

The structures of **5a,b** was verified from analytical and spectroscopic evidence. The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **5a** showed signals at $\delta = 0.90$ and 1.10 ppm for CH₃ (singlets), $\delta = 2.15$ and $\delta = 2.45$ ppm for CH₂ groups (doublets), $\delta = 4.70$ ppm for the CH group (singlet),

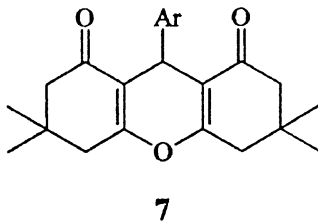


FIGURE 1

and $\delta = 6.95\text{--}7.35$ ppm for aromatic protons (multiplet). The mass spectrometry of **5a,b** showed ion peaks at $m/z = 366$ $[M]^+$ and $400.5[M]^+$, respectively, (see Experimental section below).

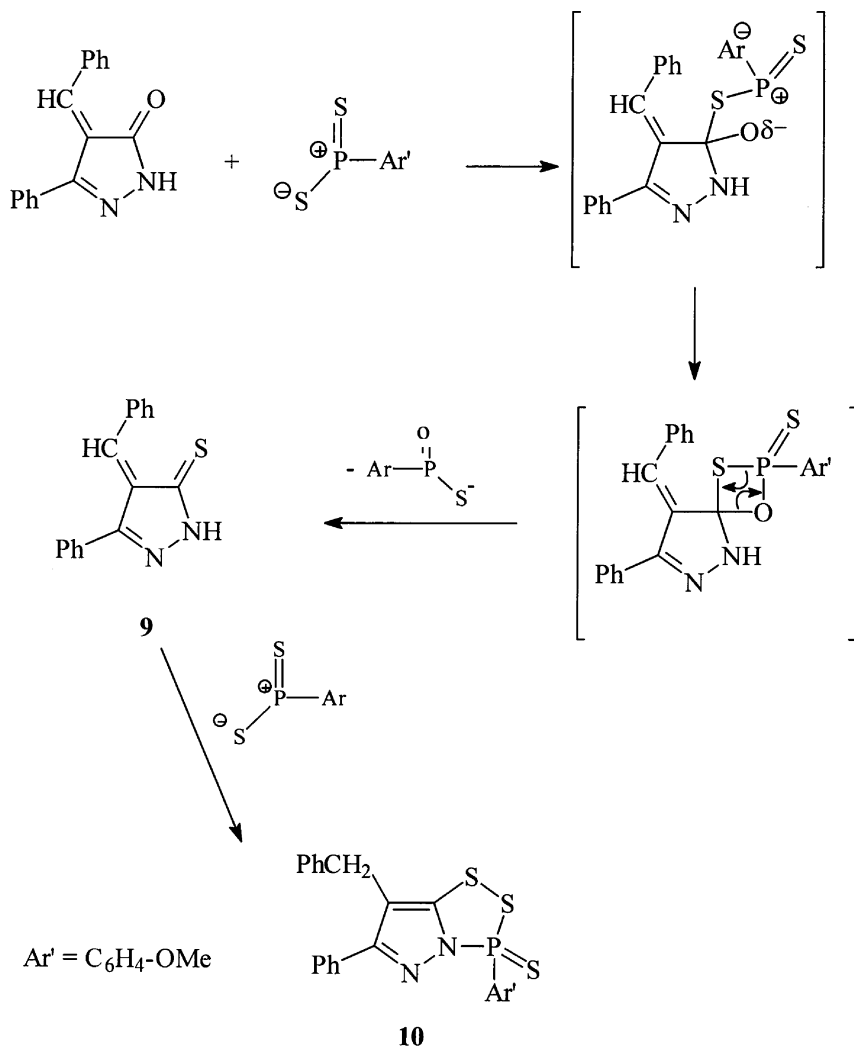
Our study was also extended to the effect of Lawesson's reagent on the arylidene heterocyclic ketones. Arylidene pyrazolone derivative **8** reacted with LR in benzene under reflux for 3 h to form 1,2,5,4 dithiazaphosphole derivative **10** (Scheme 4). It is believed that the phosphole **10** may be formed via the thione **9**, which is initially formed by a betaine mechanism. The interaction of the thione **9**, with another species from LR leads to the formation of the phosphole derivative **10**. Lawesson et al. previously reported similar formation of phosphole derivatives.⁹

The investigation was also concerned with the behavior of aminobenzothiophene derivative **11** towards LR. When one mole equivalent of compound **11** was allowed to react with one mole equivalent of LR in dry toluene under reflux, 1,3,2 thiazaphosphorine derivative **13** was formed. The reaction was believed to proceed by loss of ethanol to form the phosphorine derivative **12**, which undergoes further thionation with LR to form the final product **13**. The ^{31}P NMR chemical shift for compound **13** was 72.3 ppm which is in complete accordance with shifts recorded for structures incorporated the moiety **14**^{8,17} (Scheme 5).

EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points are uncorrected. Solvents used were distilled and dried over sodium sulphate. IR spectra were taken in KBr on a OK9712 IR spectrometer. ^1H NMR were recorded on Varian EM360- 60 MHz spectrometer with dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) and CDCl_3 as solvents and tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal reference.

Chemical shifts are expressed as δ units (ppm). The mass spectra were recorded on Kratos (75 eV) MS equipment. Microanalysis was carried out in the Analytical Data Unit at National Research Centre.

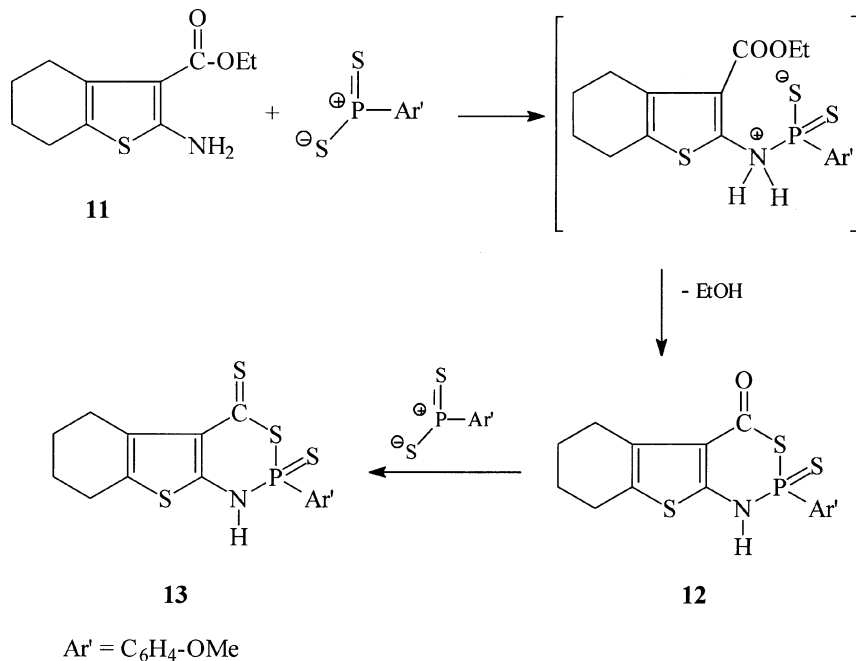


SCHEME 4

4H-1,3,2-Oxathiaphosphorine Derivatives (3a–c)

To a suspension of each of **2a–c** (0.01 mole) in dry acetonitrile (30 ml), **1** (0.01 mole) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum and the residue was triturated with benzene.

3a: white crystals, m.p. 189–190°C, recrystallized from benzene, yield 2.66 g (57%). IR: ν = 2960, 2925 (2CH₃), 1690 (CO), 1605 (C=C).



SCHEME 5

^1H NMR (DMSO): δ = 1.60 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.75 (s, 3H, CH_3), 3.70 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.10 (s, 1H, CH), 6.80–7.70 (m, 4H, aromatic protons) and 7.95–8.45 ppm (m, 4H, aromatic protons). MS: m/z = 468.5 (M^+). Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_5\text{S}_2\text{ClP}$ (468.5): C, 51.22; H, 3.84; S, 13.66; Cl, 7.57; P, 6.61. Found: C, 51.20; H, 3.81; S, 13.65; Cl, 7.58; P, 6.60.

3b: yellow crystals, m.p. 234°C , recrystallized from methanol, yield 2.87 g (60%). IR: ν = 2965, 2930 (2CH_3), 1680 (C=O), 1604 (C=C). ^1H NMR (DMSO): δ = 1.35 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.65 (s, 3H, CH_3), 3.65 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.20 (s, 1H, CH), 6.67–7.60 (m, 4H, aromatic protons), and 7.75–8.15 ppm (m, 4H, aromatic protons). MS: m/z = 479 (M^+). Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_7\text{S}_2\text{P}$ (479): C, 50.10; H, 3.75; N, 2.92; S, 13.36; P, 6.47. Found: C, 50.00; H, 3.75; N, 2.90; S, 13.33; P, 6.45.

3c: white crystals, m.p. 233°C , recrystallized from benzene, yield 2.99 g (65%). IR: ν = 1675 (C=O), 1602 (C=C). ^1H NMR (DMSO): δ = 0.90–1.31 (m, 8H, 4CH_2), 3.68 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.25 (s, 1H, CH), 6.69–7.63 (m, 4H, aromatic protons), and 7.78–8.18 ppm (m, 5H, aromatic protons). MS: m/z = 460 (M^+). Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_5\text{S}_2\text{P}$ (460): C, 57.39; H, 5.83; S, 13.91; P, 6.73. Found: C, 57.36; H, 5.81; S, 13.50; P, 6.74.

1,8-Dioxo-9-aryl-1,2,4,5,7,8-hexahydro3,3,6,6,-tetramethylthioxanthene (5a,b)

To a solution of each of **4a,b** (0.01 mole) in toluene (25 ml), LR (0.05 mole) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum, the remaining residue was treated with petroleum: ether 40 : 60. The solid product formed was collected by filtration.

5a: yellow crystals, m.p. 185°C, recrystallized from benzene, yield 2.74 g (75%). IR: $\nu = 1655$ (C=O), 1605 (C=C) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.95$ (s, 6H, 2CH₃), 1.10 (s, 6H, 2CH₃), 2.15 (s, 2H, CH₂), 2.20 (s, 2H, CH₂), 2.45 (dd, 4H, 2CH₂), 4.71 (s, 1H, CH), 6.95–7.35 (m, 5H, aromatic protons); MS: $m/z = 366$ (M^+). Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ (366): C, 75.40; H, 7.10; S, 8.74. Found: C, 75.38; H, 7.00; S, 8.71.

5b: yellow crystals, m.p. 234°C, recrystallized from methanol, yield 3.12 g (78%). IR: $\nu = 1660$ (C=O), 1604 (C=C) cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.95$ (s, 6H, 2CH₃), 1.05 (s, 6H, 2CH₃), 2.20 (d, 2H, CH₂), 2.28 (d, 2H, CH₂), 2.52 (dd, 4H, 2CH₂), 4.47 (s, 1H, CH), 6.80–7.28 (m, 4H, aromatic protons). MS: $m/z = 400.5$ (M^+). Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_2\text{SCl}$ (400.5): C, 68.91; H, 6.24; S, 7.99; Cl, 8.86. Found: C, 68.88; H, 6.23; Cl, 8.83; S, 7.95.

Reaction of Arylidene Pyrazolone with Lawesson's Reagent

A solution of **8** (0.01 mol) and LR (0.01 mol) in dioxane (20 ml) was heated under reflux for 5 h. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The remaining residue was treated with benzene. The solid product formed was collected by filtration.

11: yellow crystals, m.p. 212°C, recrystallized from benzene, yield 1.51 g (54%). IR: $\nu = 2920$ (CH₃), 1512 (C=C) cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (DMSO): $\delta = 3.72$ (s, 3H, CH₃), 5.07 (s, 2H, CH₂), 6.90–7.08 (m, 4H, aromatic protons), 7.11–7.22 (m, 5H, aromatic protons), 7.24–7.59 (m, 5H, aromatic protons). MS: $m/z = 466$ (M^+). Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{S}_3\text{OP}$ (466): C, 59.22; H, 4.07; N, 6.00; S, 20.60; P, 6.65. Found: C, 59.20; H, 4.05; N, 6.02; S, 20.64; P, 6.63.

Reaction of Aminobenzethiophene with LR

A solution of **11** (0.01 mol) and LR (0.01 mol) in toluene (30 ml) was refluxed for 8 h. The reaction was followed up by TLC. After complete reaction, the solvent was evaporated under vacuum and the remaining residue was treated with n-hexane and left overnight. The solid product formed was collected by filtration.

13: yellow crystals, m.p. 70°C, recrystallized from methanol, yield 2.77 g (70%). IR: $\nu = 3440$ (NH), 2923 (CH₃), 1519 (C=C) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (DMSO): $\delta = 0.90$ (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.24 (m, 2H, CH₂), 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.05 (m, 2H, CH₂), 4.23 (m, 2H, CH₂), 6.99 (d, 2H, aromatic protons), 7.71 (d, 2H, aromatic protons). MS: $m/z = 397$ (M⁺). Anal. Calc. for C₁₆H₁₆NOPS₄ (397): C, 48.36; H, 4.03; N, 3.52; P, 7.80; S, 32.24. Found: C, 48.33; H, 4.00; N, 3.52; P, 7.60; S, 32.22.

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