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Bis(diethylamino)fluorophosphine reacts with N-benzimidazol-2-yl-N'-amidines to undergo the elimination of HF and diethylamine leading to the corresponding 2-substituted benzimidazolo-1,3,5,2-λ³-triazaphosphorines.

Keywords Amidines; Bis(diethylamino)fluorophosphine; HF elimination; *N*-benzimidazol-2-yl-*N'*-amidines; triazaphosphorine

INTRODUCTION

Triazaphosphorine chemistry has been extensively studied by Kaukorat et al. and by Schmidpeter and Weingand, who developed many access routes to these substrates.^{1–6} We are currently interested in developing new routes for the synthesis of new families of 2-substituted benzimidazolo-1,3,5,2-triazaphosphorines.^{7,8} These substrates contain a triazaphosphorine ring fused with a benzimidazole moiety, which are both important pharmacophore groups.^{9,10} We have been interested in the use of phosphines for accessing to triazaphosphorines. In this article, we report the unexpected condensation reaction of bis(diethylamino)fluorophosphine with amidines.

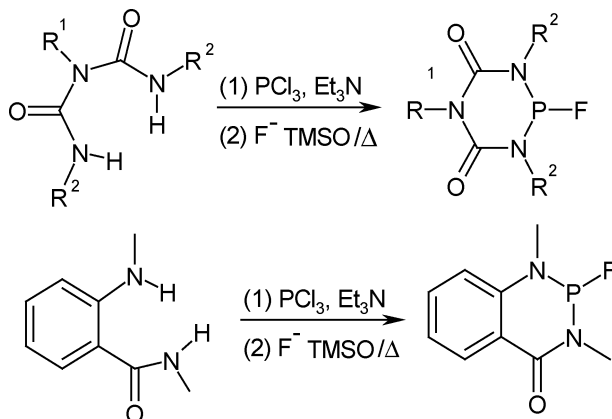
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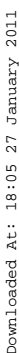
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Phosphines represent excellent starting compounds for the synthesis of triazaphosphorines when they are reacted with suitable reagents.^{1-4,8} If phosphines bear a leaving group such as dialkylamino moiety or halogen atoms, they could yield cyclic compounds by condensation with binucleophilic substrates like disubstituted diurea or 2-acetamidoaniline.¹⁻⁴ Neda et al. prepared 2-fluoro-1,3,5,2-triazaphosphorine-4,6-dione in a two step reaction; the first step consists in the formation of the chlorinated compound, and the second step is a chlorine-fluorine exchange reaction (Scheme 1).^{11,12}



SCHEME 1

Unlike bis(diethylamino)fluorophosphine, trifluorophosphine, mono-(alkyloxy)difluorophosphine and bis(alkyloxy)fluorophosphine, (RO)_nPF_{3-n}, n = 0,1,2 did not release easily the fluorine atom or the alkoxy group. Instead, they acted as nucleophilic reagents by giving the corresponding addition products.¹³⁻¹⁵ Bis(diethylamino)fluorophosphine carried two leaving groups and a fluorine atom and seemed to be an ideal starting product for the synthesis of 2-fluorinated benzimidazolo-1,3,5,2-λ³-triazaphosphorines. In contrast the *N*-benzimidazol-2-yl-*N'*-amidines, the reaction did not yield the expected 2-fluorinated benzimidazolo-1,3,5,2-λ³-triazaphosphorines, but gave a product bearing a diethylamino group at the phosphorus atom instead (Scheme 2). The formation of compounds **2** can be explained by the elimination of HF and HNEt₂. While the cleavage of the phosphorus-fluorine bond is more difficult than that of the phosphorus-nitrogen



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EXPERIMENTAL

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Triazaphosphorinse 2

To a solution of 2.0 mmol of amidine **1** in 10 mL of anhydrous toluene, 2.2 mmol of bis(diethylamino)fluorophosphine dissolved in 5 mL of toluene was added in dropwise. The mixture was refluxed for 3 to 6 h. The solution was allowed to reach r.t., the solvent was removed under vacuum, and the resulting yellowish solid was filtered off and washed twice with a mixture of diethyl ether/petroleum ether (1:1) to give the product **2** in a 90% yield.

NMR spectra were measured with a Bruker AC 200 spectrometer, and δ values are given in ppm using TMS as an internal standard for proton and ^{13}C as well as H_3PO_4 85% for ^{31}P as external standards. Melting points were recorded in an Electrothermal 9100 apparatus and are uncorrected. Elemental analysis were measured in a Perkin Elmer 2400 CHN elemental analyzer apparatus (Table I).

2a: m.p.: 139–141°C; yield: 93%; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 200.13 MHz): 0.80 (t, 6H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2$); 2.20 (s, 3H, CH_3); 2.85 (t, 4H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2$; $^3J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.0$ Hz); 4.65 (m, 2H, Ph-CH_2); 6.95–8.90 (m, 9H, aromatics), 11.75 (br, 1H)- ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 50.32 MHz): 14.2; 14.2; 24.3; 40.4; 40.8; 52.9; 109.6–129.03; 133.3; 136.6; 143.9; 151.1; 160.56- ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3 , 80.6 MHz): 80.0. Elemental analysis (calculated/found): C: 65.56/65.60; H: 6.88/6.89; N: 19.11/19.12.

2b: m.p.: 123–125°C; yield: 89%; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 200.13 MHz): 0.82 (t, 6H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2$); 2.22 (s, 3H, CH_3); 2.85 (t, 4H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2$; $^3J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.1$ Hz); 4.55 (m, 2H, Py-CH_2); 6.90–8.95 (m, 9H, aromatics), 11.50 (br, 1H)- ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 50.32 MHz): 13.9; 14.2; 24.6; 40.1; 40.5; 52.5; 109.1–129.3; 133.5; 136.9; 144.4; 151.5; 160.9- ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3 , 80.6 MHz): 79.8. Elemental analysis (calculated/found): C: 62.11/62.08; H: 6.58/6.55; N: 22.87/22.85.

TABLE I Synthesized Triazaphosphorines

Substrate	R ¹	R ²	$\delta^{31}\text{P}$
2a	Me	Ph-CH ₂	80.0
2b	Me	Py-CH ₂	79.8
2c	Me	Ph-CH-CH ₃	79.1
2d	Me	Ph	79.3
2e	Et	Fu-CH ₂	79.5
2f	Et	Ph	80.9
2g	Et	<i>n</i> -Bu	79.1

2c: m.p.: 144–146°C; yield: 95%; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 200.13 MHz): 0.80 (t, 6H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2$); 1.38 (d, 3H, CH_3 ,); 2.30 (s, 3H, CH_3); 2.85 (t, 4H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2$; $^3J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.3$ Hz); 4.11 (q, H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}$); 7.00–7.95 (m, 9H, aromatics), 11.88 (br, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 50.32 MHz): 14.1; 14.2; 21.8; 39.4; 39.8; 42.9; 109.6–127.3; 137.3; 138.6; 141.9; 153.1; 162.1. ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3 , 80.6 MHz): 79.1. Elemental analysis (calculated/found): C: 66.29/66.31; H: 7.17/7.15; N: 18.41/18.38.

2d: m.p.: 129–131°C; yield: 79%; NMR: ^1H : 0.79 (t, 6H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2$); 2.10 (s, 3H); 2.85 (t, 4H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2$; $^3J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.2$ Hz); 7.14–7.75 (m, 9H); 11.20 (br, 1H). ^{13}C : 14.0; 14.2; 24.93; 39.2; 39.5; 109.5–129.2; 130.1; 133.3; 141.4; 143.6; 150.9; 159.3. ^{31}P : 79.3. Elemental analysis (calculated/found): C: 64.76/64.71; H: 6.58/6.50; N: 19.87/19.92.

2e: m.p.: 112–114°C; yield: 86%; NMR: ^1H : 0.84 (t, 6H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2$); 1.22 (t, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2$); 2.30 (q, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2$); 2.82 (d, 4H, $^3J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.0$ Hz); 3.82 (s, 2H); 6.37 (d, 1H); 7.24–7.72 (m, 6H); 11.80 (br, 1H). ^{13}C : 10.9; 14.1; 14.2; 29.20; 38.3; 38.6; 40.7; 106.6–129.3; 140.3; 155.1; 164.0. ^{31}P : 79.5. Elemental analysis (calculated/found): C: 61.61/61.59; H: 6.80/6.74; N: 18.91/19.02; O: 4.32/4.35.

2f: m.p.: 151–153°C; yield: 97%; NMR: ^1H : 0.80 (t, 6H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2$); 1.21 (t, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2$); 2.33 (q, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2$); 2.80 (d, 4H, $^3J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.0$ Hz); 7.00–7.82 (m, 9H); 11.58 (br, 1H). ^{13}C : 11.2; 14.1; 14.2; 28.9; 38.3; 38.6; 107.1–124.3; 131.1; 140.9; 144.2; 146.7; 1490.8; 159.1. ^{31}P : 80.9. Elemental analysis (calculated/found): C: 65.59/65.56; H: 6.88/6.91; N: 19.11/19.09.

2g: m.p.: 118–120°C; yield: 91%; NMR: ^1H : 0.95 (t, 6H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2$); 1.06 (t, 3H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2$); 1.21 (t, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2$); 1.33 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$); 1.55 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$); 2.33 (q, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2$); 2.57 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{-N}$); 2.91 (d, 4H, $^3J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.0$ Hz); 7.24–7.52 (m, 4H); 11.28 (br, 1H). ^{13}C : 9.2; 13.7; 14.1; 14.2; 20.1; 25.3; 31.4; 38.2; 38.6; 39.7; 115.2–126.0; 137.9; 138.8; 143.5; 162.1. ^{31}P : 79.1. Elemental analysis (calculated/found): C: 62.59/62.41; H: 8.17/8.44; N: 20.27/20.22.

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