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Abstract

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This thesis is concerned with the new applications of triethylphosphite and diethyl chlorophosphate in organic synthesis and synthesis of some new exciplex small molecules.

Development of efficient methods for preparation of β -hydroxyphosphonates via epoxide ring opening in the presence of triethylphosphite and preparation of benzoxazoles, preparation of nitriles from primary amides, preparation of nitriles from aldoximes, preparation of amides from ketoximes using Beckmann rearrangement, formylation of activated heteroaromatic rings in the presence of diethyl chlorophosphate is discussed in chapter one. In other work, according to importance of solvent free conditions in organic reactions, it is tried omitting solvent from above reactions.

Chapter two describes the synthesis of some new exciplex small molecules. In this chapter it is tried to synthesize some new exciplexes and investigate chemical structure and solvent effect on the wavelength and intensity of their fluorescence.

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CHAPTER 1

New Applications of Triethylphosphite and Diethyl Chlorophosphate in Organic Synthesis

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

It is now accepted that phosphorus compounds play a vital role in living processes and are essential, not only for hereditary processes, but also for the growth, development and maintenance of all plants and animals. They are present in soil, bones, teeth, and in blood and all cellular organisms. Energy transfer processes such as photosynthesis, metabolism, nerve function and muscle action all involve phosphorus compounds. Reversible phosphorylation is the most universal mechanism employed in nature for regulation the action of enzymes and other proteins involved in biochemical processes. The 20th century expansion of all phosphorus chemistry has been enormous and it has been paralleled by a great increase in both the diversity and volume of application of manufactured phosphorus compounds. In this work, it is attempted to study the application of some organophsphorus compounds in organic synthesis and then their new applications are reported.

The first compound we are interested is triethylphosphite which is an organophosphorus compound with the formula of P(OCH₂CH₃)₃. This colorless liquid is used as a ligand in organometallic chemistry and as a reagent in organic chemistry. Triethylphosphite is prepared by treating phosphorus trichloride with ethanol in the presence of a base, typically a tertiary amine (Scheme 1.1). ¹

$$PCl_3 + 3EtOH + 3R_3N \longrightarrow P(OEt)_3 + 3R_3NHCl$$

Scheme 1.1

This compound has wide applications in organic reactions. Reactions of triethylphosphite with alkyl or aryl halids, ^{2a} furfural oxime, ^{2b} *o*-hydroxybenzyl alcohol, ^{2c} iminium salts ^{2d} and 2-halo anilides ³ are some examples.

Synthesis of 2-(diethylphosphinyloxy) alkanephosphonates from epoxides is another application which is reported in literature (Scheme 1.2).⁴

Scheme 1.2

Pyrrolo [2, 3-d] - and pyrrolo [3, 2-d] pyrimidines are synthesized by treatment of 5-nitro-6-styryl derivatives with triethylphosphite (Scheme 1.3).⁵

NO₂ (EtO)₃P NO₂ under N₂ atmosphere ON NO₂
$$(EtO)_3$$
P

Scheme 1.3

There are many other similar examples in the literature.