Synthesis of 1-[(O,O-diphenyl phosphonyl)arylmethyleneamino carbonylmethyl]uracils

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Abstracts: A new series of compounds, 1-[(O,O-diphenyl phosphonyl)arylmethylene aminocarbo-nylmethyl]uracils, were synthesized in yield of 54.6-72.0% with DCC/BtOH as the coupling reagent, and their biological activities are being tested.

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Recently, the derivatives of N-1 pyrimidines or N-9 purines, substituted by a phosphonyl group were found as a new class of antiviral agents with a broad spectrum of activities against retroviruses and DNA virus^{1,2}. And at the same time, α -aminophosphonic acids also exhibit various interesting biological activities. Some of them have been employed as anticancer, antibacterial and antibiotics³⁻⁵. So we designed and synthesized the title compounds in order to search for new biologically activitive substances. The synthetic route is shown in **Scheme I**.

Scheme I



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The key intermediate **2** was obtained in 91% yield by adding the aqueous solution of bromoacetic acid to the mixture of potassium hydroxide and uracil in water at 45 °C. To the mixture of **2** and 1-hydroxybenzotrizole (BtOH) in DMF at 0°C was dropped slight excess of DCC in DMF resulting in the intermediate **3**, to which (unseparated) was then added a solution of α -aminophosphonate⁶ in DMF giving the title compounds **4**. Some of experimental results were listed in the **Table I**. The structures of **4** were characterized by ¹HNMR, ³¹PNMR, elemental analysis and IR⁷.

 Table I
 Experimental data of compounds 4

Compd.	R	State	m.p.(°C)	yield (%)
4a	Ph	White Solid	197-198	69.1
4b	p-Cl-Ph	White Solid	204-205	66.5
4c	<i>p</i> -Me-Ph	White Solid	196-197	72.0
4d	o-MeO-Ph	White Solid	177-178	62.4
4e	m-NO ₂ -Ph	Yellow Solid	168-169	54.6
4f	p-NO ₂ -Ph	Yellow Solid	223-224	55.1

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- 7. Selected spectroscopic data for compound 4d:
- ¹HNMR δ (DMSO): 3.76 (s, 3H), 4.48 (q, 2H), 5.54 (d, 1H), 6.40 (dd, 1H), 6.84 \sim 7.60 (m, 15H), 9.50 (d,1H), 11.26 (s, 1H); ³¹PNMR δ (DMSO): 19.98; EA: Calcd: C (59.89), H (4.64), N (8.06), Found: C (59.93), H (4.59), N (8.26). IR (KBr,cm⁻¹): 3429, 3279, 3052, 2940, 2837, 1682, 1548, 1488, 1382, 1237, 1186, 1025, 953.

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