

## A Convenient Method for the Synthesis of 1,3,2-Oxazaphospholidin-[3,2-a]-8-oxo-10-thio(or seleno)-[1,3,2]-benzodiazaphosphorines

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**Abstract:** A Convenient method for the synthesis of fused phosphorus heterocycle 1,3,2-oxazaphosphorin-[3,2-a]-8-oxo-10-thio(or seleno)-[1,3,2]-benzodiazaphosphorines was carried out in one pot by the reaction of Tris(diethylamino)phosphine with multifunctional compounds 2-(N-( $\beta$  or  $\gamma$ -hydroxyl) alkylene) amino-benzamides **1**. When  $\text{PCL}_3$  was used, only chlorinated product was obtained.

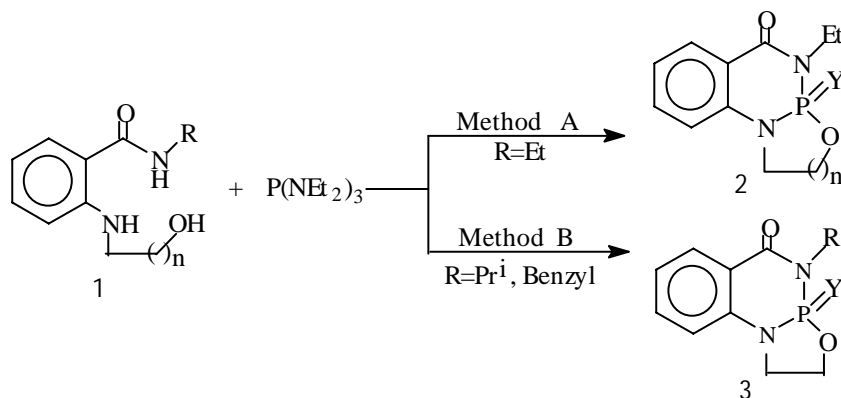
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Tris(diethylamino)phosphine was widely used as a cyclizing reagent in the synthesis of different phosphorus heterocycles<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, however, it was seldom reported that  $\text{P}(\text{NEt}_2)_3$  acted as a cyclocondensation reagent for compounds with groups of which one being quite different from the others in reactivity. Usually, the fused phosphorus heterocycles were prepared step by step in the ring closure<sup>5,6</sup>, while this paper focused on the utilization of  $\text{P}(\text{NEt}_2)_3$  for the synthesis of the fused heterocycles **2** and **3** conveniently in one pot. In contrast,  $\text{PCL}_3$  only gave the corresponding chlorinated product. The suggested mechanism involved Arbuzov reaction (**Scheme 2**).

### Experimental

$^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra were recorded with a BRUKER AC-P 200 Spectrometer ( $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent, TMS as internal, 85%  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  as outside standard) Melting Points were determined by Thomashoover melting point apparatus and the thermometer was uncorrected, the elemental analysis was carried out with Yanaco CHN CORDER MT-3 autoanalysis apparatus. The intermediates **1** were prepared by the reaction of corresponding amines with 2-bromoethanol or 3-bromopropanol in the presence of triethylamine in refluxing toluene for 15 h or so in good yields.

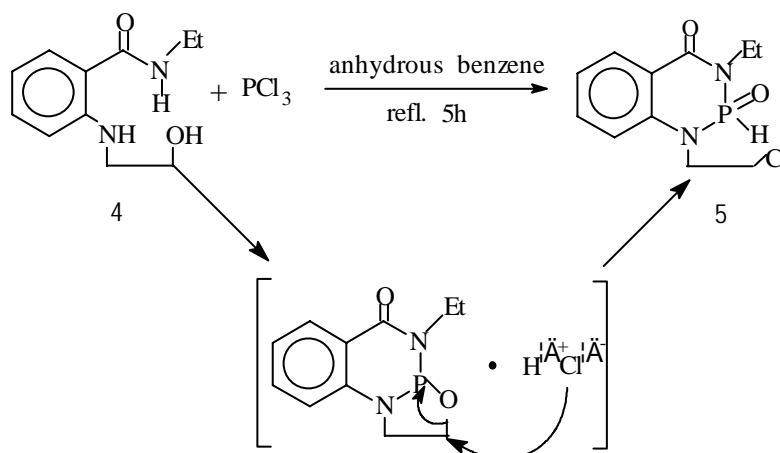
Scheme 1



**2a:** n=1 Y=S, **2b:** n=1 Y=Se, **2c:** n=2 Y=S, **2d:** n=2 Y=Se

**3a:** R=Pr<sup>i</sup> Y=S, **3b:** R=Pr<sup>i</sup> Y=Se, **3c:** R=Benzyl Y=S, **3d:** R=Benzyl Y=Se

Scheme 2



#### Synthesis of **2a** (Method A)

0.55 g (2.2 mmol) of  $\text{P}(\text{NEt}_2)_3$  was dropped into 30 mL anhydrous benzene at room temperature, and then 0.051 g (0.2 mmol) of iodine was added at  $70^\circ\text{C}$ . After stirring for 15 min, 0.42 g (2 mmol) of **1** was added, the solution was heated at  $75^\circ\text{C}$  for 2.5 h. After the addition of an equivalent amount of  $\text{S}_8$  or Se, and refluxing for another 1.5 h, the product was isolated and purified by flash chromatography with ethyl acetate-petroleum ether (1:1 by vol.) as the eluent and recrystallization from a mixture of chloroform and petroleum ether. 0.25 g of **2a** was obtained. yield: 46.6%, m.p.  $130\text{--}132^\circ\text{C}$ .

*Synthesis of 3a (Method B)*

The intermediate **1** (0.44g, 2mmol) was heated directly with equal molar P(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at 110-120 °C for 2.5-3 h, followed by oxidation with a slight excess of sulfur or selenium and refluxing in anhydrous benzene. The product was purified according to method A. 0.23g of **3a** was obtained. yield: 41.2%, m.p. 186-188 °C.

*Synthesis of 5*

A suspension of 2.08g (0.01mole) **4** in 100 mL anhydrous benzene was heated until the mixture became transparent, Then equimolar PCL<sub>3</sub> was dropped in within 30 min, After refluxing for 5h, the mixture was concentrated, and the product was isolated by flash chromatography. 1.67g of **5** was obtained. yield: 61.5%, m.p. 99-101 °C.

*<sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>31</sup>P NMR, Elemental Analysis or MS of selected compounds*

**2a:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 8.13-7.03 (m,4H,Ar-H), 4.64-4.16 (m,3H), 3.98-3.64 (m,3H), 1.36-1.29 (t, 3H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=7.07Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR: 71.94 ppm; Elemental Analysis: Calcd (%) C: 49.25, H: 4.85, N: 10.44; Found (%) C: 49.12, H: 4.95, N: 10.36

**2c:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 8.14-6.88 (m,4H,Ar-H), 4.84-4.68 (m,1H), 4.44-4.28 (m,1H), 3.94-3.72 (m,4H), 2.4-2.02 (m,2H), 1.38-1.31 (t,3H); <sup>31</sup>P NMR: 65.44 ppm; Elemental Analysis: Calcd (%) C: 51.06, H: 5.32, N: 9.93; Found (%) C: 51.06, H: 5.42, N: 9.65

**5:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 8.2-6.9 (m,4H), 7.87 (d,1H), 3.60-4.10 (m,6H), 1.32 (t,3H); MS: 272 (M<sup>+</sup>, 22.7%) 274 (M<sup>+</sup>+2,7.6%)

**Results and Discussion**

It is facile to use Tris(diethylamino)phosphine instead of PCL<sub>3</sub> as cyclization reagent for the synthesis of the title compounds. PCL<sub>3</sub> only gives the chlorinated product. The suggested mechanism involves fused heterocycle which then undergoes Arbuzov reaction.

It seems that the synthetic method depends on the bulky groups of the substrates. In the presence of ethyl, the reaction can be carried out under mild condition when the iodine was employed as catalyst, while method B resulted in complicated products (unisolable). It must be initiated under strong conditions such as high temperature and vigorously stirring when bulky substituents appeared in the substrates (method B), however, higher temperature (>150 °C) usually led to the formation of a polymer. Lower temperature (<80 °C) gave poor yields of desired products. In addition, a slight excess of Tris(diethylamino)phosphine would favor for good yield both for method A and method B.

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