

# The Behavior of 2-Thioxo-4-thiazolidinones toward Organophosphorus Reagents

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**ABSTRACT:** The reaction of 2-thioxo-4-thiazolidinone (**1a**) with phosphorus ylides **2a** and **2b** afforded compounds **5** and **6**. On the other hand, formylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane (**2c**) reacts with **1a** and its *N*-methyl derivative **1b** to give the new complicated phosphonium ylides **7a,b**, respectively. Reactions of **1b** with ylides **2a** and **2d** gave rise to the olefinic compound **8** and the new phosphorane product **9**. Moreover, dialkyl phosphites **3a,b** and trialkyl phosphites **4a-c** react with **1a** to give both the alkylated products **10a-c** and the dimeric compounds **11,12**. A mechanism is proposed to explain the formation of the new products. © 1999 John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Heteroatom Chem 10: 337–341, 1999

## INTRODUCTION

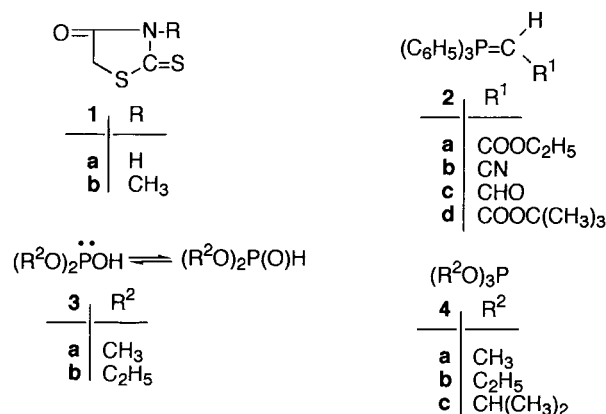
The chemistry of thiazolidinones has received considerable attention [1–3]. Many thiazolidinone derivatives exhibit high potential biological activities, such as anticonvulsant, tuberculostatic, anti-inflammatory, and antithyroidal activities, and are used as bactericidal, pesticidal, fungicidal, and insecticidal agents [3,4]. This together with our interest in organophosphorus chemistry [5–10] enhanced the synthesis of new phosphorus compounds incorporating such important nuclei that may possibly lead to further biological activity. The present study deals with the reaction of 2-thioxo-4-thiazolidinone (rhodanine, **1a**) and its 3-methyl derivative **1b** with resonance stabilized phosphonium ylides (**2a–e**). A

comparative study of the behavior of **1a** toward dialkyl phosphites **3a–b** and trialkyl phosphites **4a–c** is also reported (Scheme 1).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

When 2-thioxo-4-thiazolidinone (**1a**) was treated with one equivalent of ethoxycarbonylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane (**2a**) in refluxing benzene, compound **5** and triphenylphosphine oxide were isolated in good yields (Scheme 2).

Similarly, the reaction of 2-thioxo-4-thiazolidinone (**1a**) with cyanomethylenetriphenylphosphorane (**2b**) proceeds in refluxing toluene to give compound **6** in 90% yield. Triphenylphosphine oxide has also been isolated from the product mixture. The structural assignments for compounds **5** and **6** are based upon elemental and mass spectral analyses, IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (cf. Experimental).



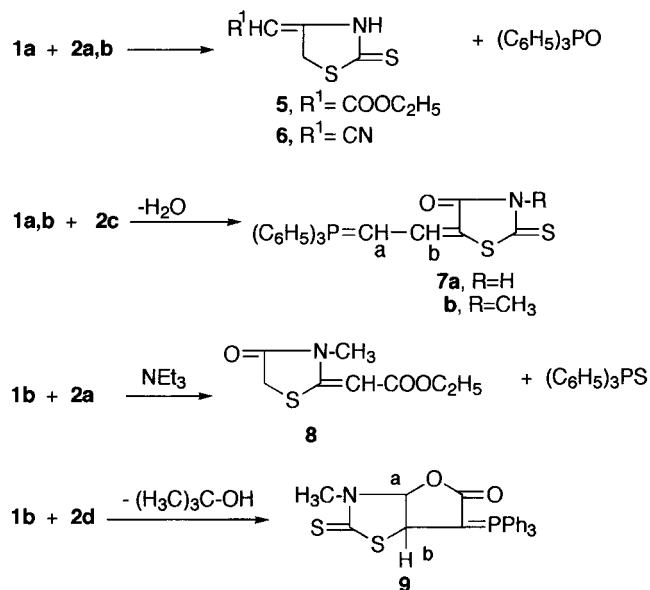
SCHEME 1

The reaction of **1a** with formylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane (**2c**) has also been investigated. Treatment of **1a** with mol equivalents of **2c** in refluxing toluene leads to the formation of the new phosphonium ylide **7a** as the sole reaction product. Triphenylphosphine and triphenylphosphine oxide are neither isolated nor identified in the reaction medium (Scheme 2).

Compound **7a** possesses an ylide-phosphorane structure, since it exhibits a positive shift in its  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\delta = +16.3$ ) spectrum in the region characteristic for this class of compounds [11]. On the basis of IR,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, MS and elemental analyses, the structure of compound **7a** was deduced (cf. Experimental). The formation of **7a** involves the condensation between the aldehydic group of **2c** and the active methylene group in **1a**.

We have also investigated the reaction of 2-thioxo-3-methyl-4-thiazolidinone (**1b**) with the same phosphonium ylides **2** to establish whether it would behave in a similar manner. We have found that the reaction product of *N*-methyl derivative **1b** with **2c**, in refluxing toluene, is assigned analogous structure **7b**, on the basis of IR,  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{31}\text{P}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, and mass spectral data (cf. Experimental).

The reaction of *N*-methyl derivative **1b** with ethoxycarbonylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane (**2a**) proceeds in refluxing toluene in the presence of triethylamine to give the olefinic product **8** in 90% yield along with triphenylphosphine sulfide (Scheme 2). The main features of the IR spectrum of **8** (in KBr) were the absence of the thiocarbonyl



SCHEME 2

absorption band appearing in the spectrum of **1b** at  $1175\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the presence of absorption bands at  $1710\text{ (C=O, ester)}$ ,  $1680\text{ (C=O, amide)}$  and at  $1623\text{ cm}^{-1}$  assigned for the olefinic stretching band. Moreover, the structure of the olefinic compound **8** is indicated by its analysis,  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, and mass spectral data (cf. Experimental).

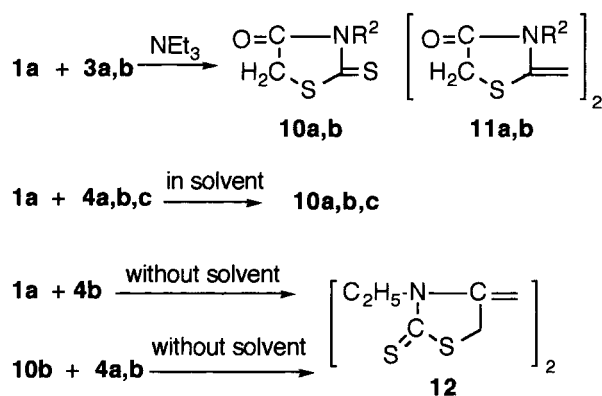
We have found that 2-thioxo-3-methyl-4-thiazolidinone (**1b**) reacts with an equimolar amount of tert-butoxycarbonylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane (**2d**) to give compound **9** in 65% yield (Scheme 2). Structure elucidation of product **9** has been determined on the basis of IR,  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, MS, and elemental analyses (cf. Experimental).

A possible explanation for the formation of product **9** is illustrated in Scheme 2. It may be considered that the lactone ylide **9** is formed by the lactonization of the dipolar ion via the extrusion of alcohol. Such an observation has been made before by Strandmann et al. [12].

It can be concluded that the reaction of the 2-thioxo-4-thiazolidinone (**1a,b**) with Wittig reagents lead to different products, depending on the nature of the phosphorus ylide used as well as on the stability of the addition products [13].

Moreover, the reaction of **1a,b** with **2c** represents a novel method for the preparation of new complicated phosphonium ylides **7** via a simple method.

Furthermore, this study has been extended to include the reaction of **1a** with alkyl phosphites to examine whether the *S*-alkyl and the *N*-alkyl derivatives could be preferentially formed. When **1a** is allowed to react with freshly distilled dimethyl phosphite (**3a**), in 1 : 2 molar ratio in boiling toluene and in the presence of triethylamine, the known *N*-methyl-2-thioxo-4-thiazolidinone [14] (**10a**) and the compound **11a** are isolated (cf. Experimental, Scheme 3).



SCHEME 3

The IR spectrum of **11a** reveals the absence of C=S and NH absorption bands recorded at 1175 and 3235  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , respectively, in the starting thiazolidinone **1a**. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound **11a** lacks the C=S signal recorded in compound **1a** at  $\delta = 195.7$ .

Similarly, the reaction of **1a** with diethyl phosphite (**3b**) proceeds in boiling toluene and in the presence of triethylamine, to give the known [15] 2-thioxo-3-ethyl-4-thiazolidinone (**10b**) in 35% yield and the compound **11b** in 45% yield (cf. Experimental). The structure elucidation for compound **11b** is deduced from its elemental analysis,  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, and mass spectral data (cf. Experimental).

It is worth mentioning that compounds **10** and **11** are also formed when the reaction of rhodanine (**1a**) and dialkyl phosphites **3a,b** is conducted without solvents. Products **11a,b** are presumably formed via desulfurization of compound **10** (due to the presence of excess dialkyl phosphite).

The reaction of **1a** with trialkyl phosphites **4a-c** has also been investigated. When **1a** is allowed to react with one equivalent of trialkyl phosphites **4a-c**, in boiling benzene, the alkylated compounds **10a-c** are also obtained in good yield. The structures of compounds **10a-b** are deduced from comparative IR,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, and mass spectral data with authentic samples (cf. Experimental) [14,15].

The IR spectrum of **10c** lacks the NH absorption band appearing in the spectrum of **1a** at 3235  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

When **1a** is allowed to react with triethyl phosphite **4c**, in absence of solvent at 70°C for 2 hours, compound **12** is isolated in 80% yield (Scheme 3). The structure of compound **12** is deduced from its analysis, IR,  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, and mass spectral data. The IR spectrum of product **12** lacks both the carbonyl and amide absorption bands at 1680 and 3235  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Moreover, the presence of two quartets in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **12** suggests both the *Z* and *E* isomeric forms in equal percentage.

It is worth mentioning that when *N*-ethyl derivative **10b** is allowed to react with excess trimethyl and triethyl phosphites, without solvent at 80°C, the same compound **12** is isolated in 90% yield (cf. Experimental).

The results obtained in the present study have shown that alkyl phosphites can alkylate compounds of type **1a** to give the corresponding *N*-alkyl and not the *S*-alkyl derivatives. Moreover, the alkylating power of the phosphorus compounds studied increases in the order  $(\text{R}^2\text{O})_2\text{P-OH} < (\text{R}^2\text{O})_3\text{P}$ . The fact that dialkyl phosphites (DAP) are intermediate in alkylating power might be explained in terms of the presence of these compounds as tautomeric mixtures [16] of the trivalent and pentavalent states.

## Experimental

All melting points are uncorrected. Benzene (thiophene free), toluene, and petroleum ether (boiling range, 60–80°C) were dried over sodium. Carbethoxymethylene-, cyanomethylene-, formylmethylene- and tert-butoxycarbonylmethylenetriphenylphosphoranes were prepared according to established procedures [17–19]. Dialkyl, trialkyl phosphites were prepared according to established procedures and were purified by fractional distillation [20–23]. The IR spectra were measured in KBr with a Perkin-Elmer infracord Spectrophotometer (model 157, Grating). The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  with JNM-GX-400 Spectrometer, Jeol. The  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra were recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (vs.  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  as external standard) with a JNM-PS-100 Spectrometer, Jeol.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were taken in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  with JNM-PS-100 and JNM-GX-400 Spectrometer, Jeol. The mass spectra were run at 70 eV with Kratos MS equipment and a Varian MAT 311 A Spectrometer.

*Reaction of 2-Thioxo-4-thiazolidinone (1a) with Carbethoxymethylene-triphenylphosphorane (2a).* A mixture of **1a** (0.13 g, 1.0 mmol), ylide **2a** (0.33 g, 1.0 mmol), and 30 mL of dry toluene was refluxed for 4 hours. The volatile materials were evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residual substance was chromatographed on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate/toluene (5:95) as eluent to give product **5** as colorless crystals, yield 60%, m.p. 122–123°C. Anal. calcd for  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_9\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2$  (203.27): C, 41.36; H, 4.46; N, 6.90; S, 31.55. Found: C, 41.30; H, 4.50; N, 6.80; S, 31.48%. MS,  $m/z$  (%): 203 (100) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] using CI mode. IR: at 3235  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (NH), 1710 (C=O, ester), and 1622  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C=C, olefinic).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: signals at  $\delta = 1.34$  (t, 3H,  $J_{\text{HH}} = 6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.23 (q, 2H,  $J_{\text{HH}} = 6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.51 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.43 (s, 1H, =CH), and at  $\delta = 11.52$  (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: signals at  $\delta = 167.6$  (C=O, ester), 189.8 (C=S), 61.5 ( $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 32.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 13.2 ( $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), and at  $\delta = 133.2, 117.3$  (C=CH). Triphenylphosphine oxide was also isolated and identified.

Similarly, **1a** reacts with **2b** in dry toluene and was refluxed for 5 hours. The use of eluent acetone/petroleum ether (15:85) gave compound **6** as crystals, yield 90%, m.p. 171–172°C. Anal. calcd for  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}_2\text{S}_2$  (156.23): C, 38.44; H, 2.59; N, 17.93; S, 41.05. Found: C, 38.40; H, 2.63; N, 17.88; S 41.10%. MS,  $m/z$  (%): 156 (100) [ $\text{M}^+$ ]. IR: 3095  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (NH), 2884 (CN) and 1596  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C=C, olefinic).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta = 3.91$  (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.82 (s, 1H, =CH), 13.50 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta =$

190.3 (C=S), 107.9 (=CH-CN), 117.3 (=CHCN), and 32.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>). Triphenylphosphine oxide was also isolated and identified.

*Reaction of 2-Thioxo-4-thiazolidinone (1a) with Formylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane (2c).* A mixture of **1a** (0.13 g, 1.0 mmol), ylide **2c** (0.30 g, 1.0 mmol), and dry toluene was refluxed for 8 hours. The volatile materials were evaporated in vacuo, and the residual substance was chromatographed on a silica gel column using eluent: methanol/chloroform (2:98) to give adduct **7a** as yellow crystals, yield 70%, m.p. 208–209°C. Anal. calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NOPS<sub>2</sub> (419.51): C, 65.85; H, 4.33; N, 3.34; P, 7.38; S, 15.29. Found: C, 65.80; H, 4.36; N, 3.30; P, 7.30; S, 15.20%. MS, m/z (%): 419 (95) [M<sup>+</sup>]. IR: ν = 3225 (NH), 1175 (C=S), 1700 (C=O), 1680, 1510 (C=P), 1430, 990 cm<sup>-1</sup> (P-C, Phenyl) [24]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ = 7.22 (dd, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HP</sub> = 18 Hz, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6 Hz, H-a), 7.51 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HP</sub> = 10.5 Hz, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6 Hz, H-b), 7.33–7.82 (m, 15H, aromatic), and at δ = 8.75 (s, NH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: signals at δ = 195.6 (C=S), 169.6 (C=O, thiazolidinone), 139.4 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 28 Hz, C<sup>b</sup>H=C), 148.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 7.5 Hz, =C), 137.3 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 133 Hz, P=C) [25]. <sup>31</sup>P NMR: δ = +16.0.

Similarly, **1b** (0.14 g, 1.0 mmol) was reacted with ylide **2c** (0.30 g, 1.0 mmol) in 30 mL of dry toluene to give compound **7b** as a reddish yellow solid (eluent: chloroform/methanol, 95:05), yield 75%, m.p. 161–162°C. Anal. calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NOPS<sub>2</sub> (433.53): C, 66.50; H, 4.65; N, 3.23; P, 7.14; S, 14.80. Found: C, 66.45; H, 4.60; N, 3.20; P, 7.10; S, 14.75%. MS, m/z (%): 433 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>]. IR: 1175 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=S), 1700 (C=O), 1685, 1515 (C=P), and 1435, 995 cm<sup>-1</sup> (P-C, phenyl). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ = 3.43 (s, 3H, N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.12 (dd, J<sub>HP</sub> = 18 Hz, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6 Hz, 1H, H-a), 7.61 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HP</sub> = 10.5 Hz, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6 Hz, 1H, H-b), 7.31–7.82 (m, 15H, aromatic). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ = 31.2 (s, N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 136.0 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 133 Hz, P=C), 169.0 (C=O, thiazolidinone), 198.0 (C=S), 139.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 28 Hz, C<sup>b</sup>H=C), and 148.0 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 7.5 Hz, =C). <sup>31</sup>P NMR: δ = +16.0.

*Reaction of Carbethoxymethylenetriphenylphosphorane (2a) with 2-Thioxo-3-methyl-4-thiazolidinone (1b).* A mixture of **2a** (0.34 g, 1.0 mmol), **1b** (0.14 g, 1.0 mmol), 30 mL of dry toluene and a few drops of triethylamine was refluxed for 4 hours. After evaporation of the volatile material under reduced pressure, the residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography by using the eluent acetone/petroleum ether (30:70) to yield adduct **8** as colorless crystals, yield 90%, m.p. 88–89°C. Anal. calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S (201.24): C, 47.75; H, 5.51; N, 6.96; S, 15.93. Found: C, 47.70; H, 5.56; N, 6.90; S, 15.90%. MS, m/z (%) = 201 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ = 1.25

(t, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6 Hz, 3H, C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.25 (q, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6 Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.62 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.71 (s, 3H, N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.52 (s, 1H, =CH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ = 166.3 (C=O, ester), 169.9 (C=O, amide), 14.1 (C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 62.03 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 34.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 109.2 (=CH), 35.2 (N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 86 (C=CH). Triphenylphosphine sulfide was also isolated from the reaction mixture and identified.

*Reaction of Tert-butoxycarbonylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane (2d) with 2-Thioxo-3-methyl-4-thiazolidinone (1b).* A mixture of **2d** (0.37 g, 1.0 mmol) and **1b** (0.14 g, 1.0 mmol) in 30 mL of dry toluene was refluxed for 6 hours. The volatile material was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue subjected to silica gel column chromatography, the eluent being ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (95:05); **9** was obtained as yellow crystals from ethyl acetate, yield 65%, m.p. 263–264°C. Anal. calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>PS<sub>2</sub> (499.53): C, 64.13; H, 4.48; N, 3.12; P, 6.89; S, 14.26. Found: C, 64.10; H, 4.53; N, 3.6; P, 6.82; S, 14.20%. MS, m/z (%): 449 (90) [M<sup>+</sup>]. IR: 1665 (C=O, pyrone), 1175 (C=S), 1670, 1510 (C=P), 1430, 995 cm<sup>-1</sup> (P-C, phenyl). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ = 3.32 (s, N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.01 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HP</sub> = 10 Hz, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.5 Hz, H-a), 5.05 (d, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.5 Hz, 1H, H-b), and at δ = 7.52–7.89 (m, 15H, aromatic). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ = 194.3 (C=S), 170.5 (d, C=O, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 19 Hz), 30.4 (N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 65.3 (C<sup>a</sup>-H), 59.4 (d, C<sup>b</sup>-H, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 23 Hz), 134.6 (d, P=C, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 130 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR: δ = 18.7.

*Reaction of 2-Thioxo-4-thiazolidinone (1a) with Dimethyl Phosphite 3a.* To a suspension of **1a** (0.13 g, 1.0 mmol) in dry benzene was added dimethyl phosphite (0.15 g, 2.0 mmol) and a few drops of triethylamine, and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 4 hours. The volatile material was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue subjected to silica gel column chromatography; by use of the eluent acetone/petroleum ether (2:98), 3-methyl-2-thioxo-4-thiazolidinone (**10a**) was obtained as crystals, m.p. 67°C (mixed m.p. and comparative IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, MS with authentic sample) [14].

**11a** (eluent 20:80) was obtained as orange crystals, yield 35%, m.p. 210–211°C. Anal. calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (230.31): C, 41.72; H, 4.38; N, 12.16; S, 27.84. Found: C, 41.69; H, 4.42; N, 12.12; S, 27.80%. MS, m/z (%): 230 (25) [M<sup>+</sup>], 115 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>-115]. IR: 1680 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O, amide), 1625 (C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ = 3.45 [s, 6H, 2(N-CH<sub>3</sub>)] and 3.89 [s, 4H, 2(CH<sub>2</sub>)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ = 167.5 (C=O, thiazolidinone), 152.5 (C=C), 39.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.2 (N-CH<sub>3</sub>).

Similarly, thiazolidinone **1a** (0.13 g, 1.0 mmol) was reacted with diethyl phosphite **3b** (0.18, 2.0 mmol) in 30 mL dry toluene to give 3-ethyl-2-thioxo-4-thiazolidinone (**10b**) [eluent: ethyl acetate/petro-

leum ether (2:98), yield 35%, m.p. 38°C] (mixed m.p., comparative IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, MS spectra with authentic sample) [15].

**11b**: Eluent (15:85), as yellowish green crystals, yield 45%, m.p. 228°C. Anal. calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (258.36): C, 46.49; H, 5.46; N, 10.84; S, 24.82. Found: C, 46.45; H, 5.43; N, 10.82; S, 24.80%. MS, m/z (%): 258 (25) [M<sup>+</sup>], 179 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>-179]. IR: 1685 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O, amide), 1625 (C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ = 1.29 [t, 6H, 2(N-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)], 3.95 [q, 4H, 2(N-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)], 3.8 [s, 4H, 2(CH<sub>2</sub>)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ = 165.9 (C=O), 152.4 (C=C), 40.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.01, 11.75 (N-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>).

The same reaction of **1a** and dialkyl phosphites **3a,b** was carried out without solvent to give adducts **11a** (yield 80%) and **11b** (yield 70%).

*Reaction of 2-Thioxo-4-thiazolidinone (1a) with Trialkyl Phosphites in the Presence of Solvent: General Method.* Starting material **1a** (1.0 mmol), alkyl phosphites **4a-c** (1.0 mmol) in dry benzene, and each reaction mixture was refluxed for 4 hours. The volatile materials were evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography by using the eluent stated.

**10a.** Eluent: acetone/petroleum ether (2:98), m.p. 67°C [15].

**10b.** Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (2:98), m.p. 38°C [16].

**10c.** Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (5:95), m.p. 61–62°C, yield (70%).

IR: 1680 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O, amide), 1175 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=S). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ = 1.40 [d, 6H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], 3.80 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.15 (septet, 1H, CH, J<sub>HH</sub> = 6 Hz).

*Reaction of 2-Thioxo-4-thiazolidinone (1a) with Triethyl Phosphite 4b in Absence of Solvent.* A mixture of thiazolidinone **1a** (0.13 g) and 10 mL of triethyl phosphite **4b** was refluxed at 70°C. After evaporation of the volatile materials under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column using acetone/petroleum ether (25:75) as eluent to give compound **12** as greenish yellow crystals, yield 60%, m.p. 179°C. Anal. calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (290.49): C, 41.36; H, 4.86; N, 9.64; S, 44.15. Found: C, 41.33; H, 4.84; N, 9.63; S, 44.15%. MS, m/z (%): 290 (90) [M<sup>+</sup>]. IR: 1175 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=S). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ = 1.34 [t, 6H, 2(N-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)], 3.82 [s, 4H, 2(CH<sub>2</sub>)], 3.95 (q, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.1 (q, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>).

*Reaction of 3-Ethyl-2-thioxo-4-thiazolidinone (10b) with Trimethyl Phosphite 4a in Absence of Solvent.* A mixture of **10b** (0.16 g) and 10 mL of trimethyl phosphite **4a** was refluxed at 80°C for 3

hours. The volatile material was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue subjected to silica gel column chromatography, eluent acetone/petroleum ether (25:75), to give compound **12** as greenish yellow crystals, yield 90% (m.p. and mixed m.p. 179°C). MS, m/z (%): 290 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ = 1.34 [t, 6H, 2(N-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>)], 3.82 [s, 4H, 2(C-CH<sub>2</sub>)], 3.95 (q, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.12 (q, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ = 195.5 (C=S), 148.6 (C=C), 38.4 (N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.73 (N-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>).

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