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Amino Acids in a Three-Component Synthesis of α -Aminophosphonates Derivatives

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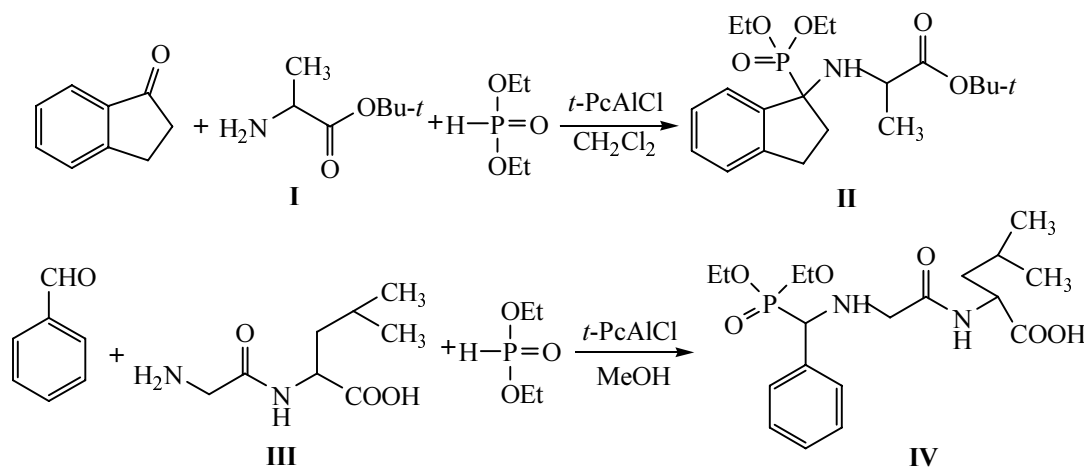
α -Aminophosphonic acids are bioisosteric phosphorus analogs of α -amino acids. Their biological activity, the existence of natural phosphonates, the proved interaction of phosphonates with numerous enzymes and receptors [1–5] prompt the researchers to look for new synthetic approaches to the α -aminophosphonates [6–11].

It is known that the formaldehyde reacts with some α -amino acids and under the conditions of Kabachnik–Fields reaction in the presence of diethyl phosphite gives rise to α -amino acids containing a phosphonate group [12]. However the attempts to extend this reaction to the other aldehydes and ketones were unsuccessful. We have demonstrated in the present study that: (1) Both amino acids and their esters, and also dipeptides can be brought into this reaction; (2) In this reaction can be involved aliphatic and aromatic aldehydes and ketones under the catalysis with tetra(*tert*-butyl)phthalocyanine aluminum chloride (*t*-PcAlCl).

Indan-1-one in reaction with L-alanine *tert*-butyl ester (**I**) in the presence of diethyl phosphite and *t*-PcAlCl as catalyst led to the formation of α -amino acid derivatives **II** in a 65% yield. Likewise, the benzaldehyde reacted with dipeptide, glycyl-leucine of the L series (**III**), in the presence of diethyl phosphite and *t*-PcAlCl as catalyst and formed dipeptide **IV** in a 70% yield. The structure of compounds **II** and **IV** was confirmed by ^1H , ^{13}C , ^{31}P NMR, and IR spectra.

We are actively investigating the application limits and synthetic opportunities of the catalytic version of this reaction with amino acids.

General procedure. To a solution of 1.5 mmol of amino acid ester hydrochloride in 40 ml of water was added 0.00165 mol of sodium hydroxide, and the mixture was vigorously shaken in a separatory funnel for 1 min. Then the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3×10 ml). The organic layer was separated, dried over



anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator. To 1.5 mmol of thus obtained amino acid ester **I** (or dipeptide **III**) was added 2 ml of dichloromethane (or methanol), 0.001 mol of a carbonyl compound, molecular sieves 4A, and 0.5 mmol of *t*-PcAlCl. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3–4 h, then 1.5 mmol of diethyl phosphite was added. The completion of the process was monitored by TLC. The dehydrating agent was removed and washed with dichloromethane. The solvent was evaporated on a rotary evaporator, the residue was dissolved in a minimal amount of a mixture chloroform–methanol, 50:1, and subjected to a column chromatography on silica gel (15×2–3 cm; eluent a mixture chloroform–methanol, 50:1).

***N*-(1-Diethylphosphinylindan-1-yl)-L-alanine tert-butyl ester (II).** Yield 65%. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 980, 1180 (P–O–Alk), 1250 (P=O), 1730 (C=O), 3320, 3470 (NH). ^1H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 1.12 t, 1.15 t, 1.22 t, 1.24 t (6H, 2CH₃ of ethyl), 1.16 d (3H, CH₃ Ala), 1.31 s (9H, *t*-Bu), 1.91–2.11 m, 2.50–2.67 m (2H, C²H₂ of ring), 2.63 br.m (1H, NH), 2.86–2.98 m (2H, C³H₂ of ring), 3.19 q, 3.40 q (1H, CH Ala), 3.59–4.15 m (4H, 2OCH₂), 7.10–7.18 m, 7.42–7.45 m (4H_{arom}). ^{13}C NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 16.23–16.43 m (CH₃, of ethyl), 21.76 s, 22.00 s (CH₃ Ala), 27.81 s (CH₃, *t*-Bu), 30.23 s (C³H₂ of ring), 33.36 c, 34.16 c (C²H₂ of ring), 51.80 d, 52.01 d (CH Ala, J 12.2, 9.5 Hz), 62.51 d, 62.83 d, 62.88 d, 63.23 d (2OCH₂, $^2J_{\text{CP}}$ 6.7, $^2J_{\text{CP}}$ 4.0, $^2J_{\text{CP}}$ 8, $^2J_{\text{CP}}$ 6.8 Hz), 68.81 d, 68.90 d (α -C, $^1J_{\text{CP}}$ 160.6, $^1J_{\text{CP}}$ 162.0 Hz), 80.52 s, 80.60 s (C, *t*-Bu), 124.53, 125.78, 126.29, 128.25, 140.10, 141.16, 144.60, 145.7 (C_{arom}), 175.80, 175.95 (C=O, Ala). ^{31}P NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 23.84, 24.07. Found, %: C 60.44; H 8.13; N 3.45. C₂₀H₃₂NO₅P. Calculated, %: C 60.44; H 8.12; N 3.52.

***N*-(α -Diethylphosphinylbenzyl)glycyl]-L-leucine (IV).** Yield 70%. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 980, 1190 (P–O–Alk), 1250 (P=O), 1690 (C=O, amide), 1745 (C=O, acid), 3280 (NH). ^1H , δ , ppm: 0.94 d, 0.99 d (6H, 2CH₃ Leu), 1.07–1.13 t, 1.27–1.36 t (6H, 2CH₃, of ethyl), 1.16 d (3H, CH₃); 1.57–1.81 m [3H, CH₂, $\underline{\text{CH}}(\text{CH}_3)_2$], 3.13 (H_A), 3.40 (H_B) (2H, Gly AB system, $^2J_{\text{HH}}$ 17.0 Hz); 3.30 d (α -CH, J_{HP} 11.3 Hz), 3.64–3.78 m, 3.87–3.97 m, 4.06–4.30 m (4H, 2OCH₂), 4.50–4.55 m [1H, $\underline{\text{CH}}(\text{COOH})$], 7.34–7.43 m (5H_{arom}). ^{31}P NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 23.13,

23.41. Found, %: C 55.05; H 7.53; N 6.66. C₁₉H₃₁N₂O₆P. Calculated, %: C 55.06, H 7.54; N 6.76.

^1H , ^{31}P , and ^{13}C NMR spectra were registered on a spectrometer VXR-400 (400 MHz) in CDCl₃ using TMS as internal reference. IR spectra were recorded on spectrophotometers UR-20 and Specord IR75 from solutions in tetrachloromethane. Elemental analysis was carried out on a CHN analyzer Vario-II. The reaction progress was monitored and the purity of compounds obtained was checked by TLC on Silufol UV-254 plates.

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