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Erratum for Perkin II

Reaction of t-Butoxyl Radicals with Diborane

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1973, p. 420, r.h.s. Move lines 9 and 10 up to become lines 2 and 3. Thus the first two sentences of the second paragraph read:

'In the case of phosphorus, it has recently been shown that steric crowding around the central atom probably has an important bearing on the stability of phosphoranyl radicals. 5 Thus 5 the reactions of t-butoxyl radicals with PH₃, MePH₂, and Me₂PH at temperatures below

-70 °C yield initially the corresponding phosphoranyl radicals, Bu^tOPX₃, while with Me₃P both the phosphoranyl and methyl radicals are formed, and with Et₃P only the ethyl radical is formed. Similarly, it has been found that the stabilities towards β-scission [reaction (1b)] of Bu^tOP(OR)₃ radicals decrease by about an order of magnitude along the series R = Me, Et, Prⁱ, Bu^t.18'

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