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MESOMERIC PHOSPHONIUM YLIDES AND BETAINES CONTAINING IMIDAZOLE CYCLE

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Three types of high-polar phosphonium compounds (I-III) containing imidazole cycle were obtained from the readily available acylaminomethylphosphonium salts (1).

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 $R \stackrel{\stackrel{}{\longleftarrow} M }{-} M$ 
 $R \stackrel{\stackrel{}{\longleftarrow} M }{\longrightarrow} M$ 

R = Alk, Ar, Het; R' = H, Alk: X = H, OAcyl, SAlk, SAcyl

In spite of mesomeric character, these compounds react with electrophilic reagents in a regionelective manner. Depending on the nature of endo- and exocyclic nucleophilic centers they can show properties either of typical ylides or betaines. Many of them are valuable precursors in synthesis of new types of substituted imidazoles (IV,V).

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{I}}_{\mathbf{R}'} - \mathbf{R} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{h}_{3} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{n}^{-} \\
\mathbf{R}' + \mathbf{H} \mathbf{R} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{R}'} \mathbf{P}$$

R' = H, Alk: Y = H, SAlk, SAr, SHet,  $SO_2Alk$ 

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