

A Quick and Clean Procedure for Synthesis of α -Aminophosphonates in Aqueous Media

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ABSTRACT: A green and efficient procedure for the synthesis of α -aminophosphonates has been developed in water as a green and nonhazardous solvent, from condensation between aromatic aldehydes, aniline, and triphenyl phosphite at 80°C. This methodology has a number of advantages including clean reaction conditions, easy work-up, and environmentally friendly. © 2015 Wiley Periodicals, Inc. Heteroatom Chem. 0:1–6, 2015; View this article online at wiley-onlinelibrary.com. DOI 10.1002/hc.21263

INTRODUCTION

α -Aminophosphonates have received much attention due to their biological activity. Their uses as enzyme inhibitors, antibiotics, peptide mimics, herbicides, pharmacological agents, and many other applications are well documented [1–5]. The traditional Lewis acid-catalyzed addition of diethyl phosphite to aldimines has provided a useful method for the preparation of α -aminophosphonates [6–8]. However, these reactions cannot proceed smoothly by a one-pot method from aldehydes, amines, and diethyl phosphite since the water generated during the reactions can deactivate or decompose the catalysts [9]. Some new type of Lewis acids, such as metal triflates [10], scandium tris(dodecyl

sulfate) [11], lithium perchlorate [12], zirconium compounds [13, 14], Bønsted acids [15], lanthanide triflate [16], samarium diiodide [17], InCl_3 [18], $\text{TaCl}_5\text{-SiO}_2$ [19], bromodimethylsulfonium bromide [20], montmorillonite KSF [21], alumina-supported reagents as catalysts [22], amberlite-IR 120 [23], $\text{H}_3\text{PW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}$ [24], oxalic acid [25], and TiO_2 [26], were reported to be effective catalysts for this one-pot reaction. However, some of these procedures suffered from drawbacks such as the use of organic solvents, long reaction times, difficulties in work-up procedures, and relatively low yields and generally only dialkyl or trialkyl phosphites were used as phosphorus reagents. According to the wide range of biological properties of α -aminophosphonates, it is still necessary to develop a new simple, efficient, and general method, for this three-component reaction.

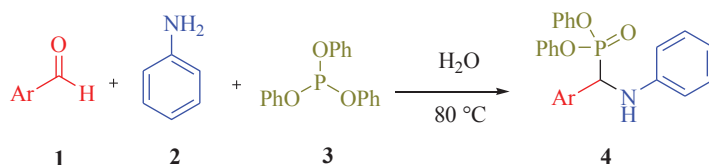
Recently, several procedures have been reported for the synthesis of α -aminophosphonates under solvent and catalyst free conditions with excellent yield, or using easily available catalysts; moreover, these procedures seems to be extremely simple [27–33]. In continuation with our investigation on the synthesis of α -aminophosphonates [34–42], herein we report a green and mild protocol for the synthesis of α -aminophosphonates in aqueous media without a catalyst (Scheme 1).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We have performed a set of preliminary experiments in the three-component reaction of benzaldehyde, aniline, and triphenyl phosphite in different solvents at different temperatures (25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90°C) in the mixture of solvent. As shown in Table 1,

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SCHEME 1 Synthesis of α -aminophosphonates in aqueous media at 80°C.TABLE 1 Optimization Reaction Conditions for the Synthesis of α -Aminophosphonates

Entry	Solvent	Temperature (°C)	Time (h)	Isolated Yield (%)
1	—	25	72	—
2	Acetonitrile	80	7	78
3	Ethanol	80	10	54
4	Ethanol : H ₂ O (1:1)	80	16	40
5	Ethanol : H ₂ O (1:2)	80	16	56
6	H ₂ O	25	72	—
7	H ₂ O	30	72	14
8	H ₂ O	40	40	30
9	H ₂ O	50	22	68
10	H ₂ O	60	16	73
11	H ₂ O	70	8	85
12	H₂O	80	3	90
13	H ₂ O	90	3	91
14	Dichloromethane	40	8	65
15	Ethyl acetate	80	8	62

the best solvent is water and the best temperature is 80°C.

Using this optimized condition, we prepared a wide variety of α -aminophosphonates using arylaldehydes, aniline, and triphenyl phosphite (Table 2).

Interestingly, a variety of aryl aldehydes including electron-withdrawing or -releasing substituents (ortho-, meta-, and para-substituted) participated well in this reaction and gave the product in good to excellent yield.

A plausible mechanism is shown in Scheme 2. It is believed to involve the formation of activated imine **A** by condensation of the aldehyde and amine [43–46]. Then phosphite is added to the C=N bond of imine **A** to give the phosphonium intermediate **B**. This phosphonium intermediate undergoes a reaction with water to give the α -aminophosphonate **4**.

CONCLUSION

α -Aminophosphonates derivatives have been prepared via the one-pot three component reaction from aromatic aldehydes, aniline, and triphenyl phosphite

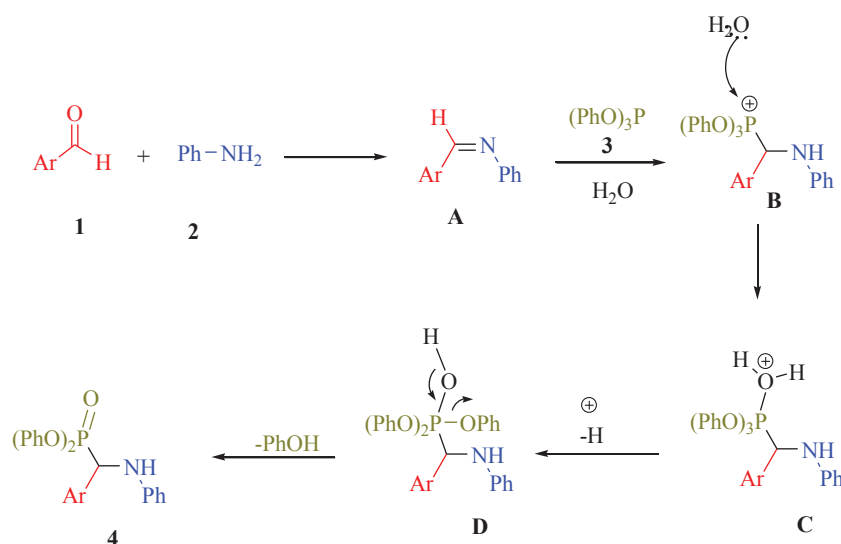
in water at 80°C. This method has many advantages such as clean reaction conditions, easy work-up, and the absence of hazardous catalyst.

EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points and IR spectra were measured on an Electrothermal 9100 apparatus (UK) and a Shimadzu IR-460 spectrometer (Japan), respectively. ¹H, ¹³C, and ³¹P NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker DRX-400 Avance spectrometer (Germany) with CDCl₃ as a solvent. All reagents were purchased from Merck (Darmstadt, Germany) and Fluka (Buchs, Switzerland) and used without any purification.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of α -Aminophosphonates **4a–l**

A mixture of arylaldehydes **1** (1.0 mmol), aniline **2** (1.0 mmol), and triphenyl phosphite **3** (1.0 mmol) in H₂O (1 mL) was stirred at 80°C for the appropriate time (Table 2). After completion of the reaction (as indicated by TLC), the solution was filtered and



SCHEME 2 Plausible mechanism for the synthesis of α -aminophosphonates derivatives.

the solid phase (product) was washed with water to afford pure α -aminophosphonates. Spectral data for the selected compounds are presented below.

Diphenyl Phenyl(phenylamino)methylphosphonate 4a. ^1H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 4.82 (1H, br, NH), 5.21 (1H, d, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 24.7$ Hz, CHP), 6.69–7.62 (20H, m, H_{Ar}); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 56.0 (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 154.7$ Hz, CHP), 114.0 (s, 2C_{ortho} , NHPh), 118.8 (s, C_{para} , NHPh), 120.2 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.5$ Hz, 2C_{ortho} , OPh), 120.6 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.5$ Hz, 2C_{ortho} , OPh), 125.1 (s, C_{para} , OPh), 125.3 (s, C_{para} , OPh), 128.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 5.8$ Hz, 2C_{ortho} , C_{Ar}), 128.3 (s, C_{para} , C_{Ar}), 128.7 (d, $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 2.6$ Hz, 2C_{meta} , C_{Ar}), 129.2 (s, 2C_{meta} , NHPh), 129.5 (s, 2C_{meta} , OPh), 129.6 (s, 2C_{meta} , OPh), 134.7 (s, C_1 , C_{Ar}), 145.8 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 15.1$ Hz, C_{ipso} , NHPh), 150.1 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 9.2$ Hz, C_{ipso} , OPh), 150.3 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 9.2$ Hz, C_{ipso} , OPh).

Diphenyl(2-nitrophenyl)(phenylamino)methylphosphonate 4b. ^1H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 4.59 (1H, br, NH), 6.62 (1H, d, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 27.0$ Hz, CHP), 6.70–8.10 (19H, m, H_{Ar}); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 55.5 (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 154.2$ Hz, CHP), 113.8 (s, 2C_{ortho} , NHPh), 119.3 (s, C_{para} , NHPh), 119.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.1$ Hz, 2C_{ortho} , OPh), 120.6 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.1$ Hz, 2C_{ortho} , OPh), 125.4 (s, C_{para} , OPh), 125.7 (s, C_{para} , OPh), 125.5 (d, $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 2.1$ Hz, C_3 , C_{Ar}), 129.1 (s, C_4 , C_{Ar}), 129.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.6$ Hz, C_6 , C_{Ar}), 129.5 (s, 2C_{meta} , NHPh), 129.7 (s, 2C_{meta} , OPh), 129.8 (s, 2C_{meta} , OPh), 131.02 (s, C_5 , C_{Ar}), 133.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 3.2$ Hz, C_1 , C_{Ar}), 144.8 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 14.7$ Hz, C_{ipso} , NHPh), 149.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 6.0$ Hz, C_2 , Ar), 149.9 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 9.5$ Hz, C_{ipso} , OPh), 150.1 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 9.5$ Hz, C_{ipso} , OPh).

Diphenyl(3-nitrophenyl)(phenylamino)methylphosphonate 4c. ^1H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 4.66 (1H, br, NH), 5.27 (1H, d, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 25.3$ Hz, CHP), 6.63–8.46 (19H, m, H_{Ar}); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 55.5 (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 152.4$ Hz, CHP), 114.0 (s, 2C_{ortho} , NHPh), 119.5 (s, C_{para} , NHPh), 120.4 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.1$ Hz, 2C_{ortho} , OPh), 120.4 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.1$ Hz, 2C_{ortho} , OPh), 123.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 5.6$ Hz, C_2 , C_{Ar}), 123.4 (s, C_4 , C_{Ar}), 125.6 (s, C_{para} , OPh), 125.7 (s, C_{para} , OPh), 129.4 (s, 2C_{meta} , NHPh), 129.6 (s, 2C_{meta} , OPh), 129.7 (s, 2C_{meta} , OPh), 130.4 (s, C_5 , C_{Ar}), 134.0 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 5.1$ Hz, C_6 , C_{Ar}), 137.6 (s, C_1 , C_{Ar}), 145.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 14.6$ Hz, C_{ipso} , NHPh), 148.5 (s, C_3 , C_{Ar}), 150.0 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 9.4$ Hz, C_{ipso} , OPh), 150.1 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 9.4$ Hz, C_{ipso} , OPh).

Diphenyl(4-nitrophenyl)(phenylamino)methylphosphonate 4d. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 5.02 (1H, brs, NH), 5.25 (1H, d, $^2J_{\text{PH}} = 26.0$ Hz, CHP), 6.61 (2H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, H_{Ar}), 6.81 (1H, t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, H_{Ar}), 6.97–7.33 (11H, m, H_{Ar}), 7.78 (2H, dd, $J = 8.8$, 2.4 Hz, H_{Ar}), 8.22 (2H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, H_{Ar}); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 55.2 (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 152.4$ Hz, CHP), 113.9 (s, 2C_{ortho} , NHPh), 119.4 (s, C_{para} , NHPh), 120.0 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 3.9$ Hz, 2C_{ortho} , OPh), 120.4 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 3.9$ Hz, 2C_{ortho} , OPh), 123.8 (s, C_{meta} , C_{Ar}), 125.6 (s, C_{para} , OPh), 125.7 (s, C_{para} , OPh), 128.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 5.4$ Hz, C_{ortho} , C_{Ar}), 129.3 (s, 2C_{meta} , NHPh), 129.8 (s, 4C_{meta} , 2OPh), 142.7 (s, C_{ipso} , C_{Ar}), 145.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 14.6$ Hz, C_{ipso} , NHPh), 147.7 (s, C_{para} , C_{Ar}), 149.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 9.1$ Hz, C_{ipso} , OPh), 150.0 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 9.1$ Hz, C_{ipso} , OPh); ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3 , 161.97 MHz) δ : 13.3.

55.7, 61.0 (2s, $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$), 112.5 (s, C_4 , C_{Ar}), 114.2 (s, 2C_{ortho} , NHPH), 119.0 (s, C_{para} , NHPH), 120.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.6$ Hz, C_6 , C_{Ar}), 120.2 (s, C_5 , C_{Ar}), 120.4 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.1$ Hz, 2C_{ortho} , OPh), 120.8 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.1$ Hz, 2C_{ortho} , OPh), 124.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 2.5$ Hz, C_1 , C_{Ar}), 125.2 (s, C_{para} , OPh), 125.4 (s, C_{para} , OPh), 129.2 (s, 2C_{meta} , NHPH), 129.6 (s, 2C_{meta} , OPh), 129.7 (s, 2C_{meta} , OPh), 147.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 14.5$ Hz, C_{ipso} , NHPH), 150.3 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 9.7$ Hz, C_{ipso} , OPh), 150.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 9.7$ Hz, C_{ipso} , OPh), 152.4 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 1.3$ Hz, C_2 , C_{Ar}), 156.04 (s, C_3 , C_{Ar}).

Diphenyl(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenylamino) methylphosphonate 4j. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 3.70 and 3.85 (6H, 2s, $2 \times \text{OMe}$), 4.93 (1H, t, $^3J_{\text{NH}} = 8.8$ Hz, NH), 5.77 (1H, dd, $^2J_{\text{PH}} = 25.2$, $^3J_{\text{NH}} = 9.6$ Hz, CHP), 6.68–7.32 (18H, m, H_{Ar}); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 48.9 (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 157.8$ Hz, CHP), 55.7, 56.3 (2s, $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$), 11.9 (d, $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 2.1$ Hz, C_5 , C_{Ar}), 113.9 (s, C_4 , C_{Ar}), 114.2 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.9$ Hz, C_2 , C_{Ar}), 114.7 (s, C_{ortho} , NHPH), 118.9 (s, C_{para} , NHPH), 120.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.4$ Hz, 2C_{ortho} , OPh), 120.7 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.4$ Hz, 2C_{ortho} , OPh), 120.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 5.0$ Hz, C_1 , C_{Ar}), 125.0 (s, C_{para} , OPh), 125.2 (s, C_{para} , OPh), 129.2 (s, 2C_{meta} , NHPH), 129.5 (s, 2C_{meta} , OPh), 129.6 (s, 2C_{meta} , OPh), 146.2 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 15.0$ Hz, C_{ipso} , NHPH), 151.6 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 9.7$ Hz, C_{ipso} , OPh), 151.6 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 9.7$ Hz, C_{ipso} , OPh), 154.0 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 3.0$ Hz, C_2 , C_{Ar}), 155.3 (s, C_5 , C_{Ar}).

Diphenyl(phenylamino)(p-tolyl) methylphosphonate 4k. ^1H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 2.35 (3H, s, CH_3), 4.79 (1H, br, NH), 5.17 (1H, d, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 24.6$ Hz, CHP), 6.71–7.41 (19H, m, H_{Ar}); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 21.4 (s, CH_3), 55.9 (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 153.9$ Hz, CHP), 114.2 (s, 2C_{ortho} , NHPH), 118.9 (s, C_{para} , NHPH), 120.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.3$ Hz, 2C_{ortho} , OPh), 120.7 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.3$ Hz, 2C_{ortho} , OPh), 125.2 (s, C_{para} , OPh), 125.3 (s, C_{para} , OPh), 125.4 (s, C_4 , C_{Ar}), 128.7 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 2.1$ Hz, C_6 , C_{Ar}), 128.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 6.2$ Hz, C_2 , C_{Ar}), 129.2 (s, C_5 , C_{Ar}), 129.2 (s, 2C_{meta} , NHPH), 129.6 (s, 2C_{meta} , OPh), 129.7 (s, 2C_{meta} , OPh), 134.4 (s, C_3 , C_{Ar}), 138.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 2.5$ Hz, C_1 , C_{Ar}), 145.6 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 14.7$ Hz, C_{ipso} , NHPH), 150.2 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 10.1$ Hz, C_{ipso} , OPh), 150.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 10.1$ Hz, C_{ipso} , OPh).

Diphenyl(phenylamino)(m-tolyl) methylphosphonate 4l. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 3342 (N-H); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 2.35 (3H, s, CH_3), 4.79 (1H, bs, NH), 5.17 (1H, d, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 24.6$ Hz, CHP), 6.71–7.41 (19H, m, H_{Ar}); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.6 MHz) δ : 21.46 (s, CH_3), 55.96 (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 153.9$ Hz, CHP), 114.20 (s, 2C_{ortho} , NHPH), 118.95 (s, C_{para} , NHPH), 120.36 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.3$ Hz, 2C_{ortho} ,

OPh), 120.75 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.3$ Hz, 2C_{ortho} , OPh), 125.24 (s, C_{para} , OPh), 125.39 (s, C_{para} , OPh), 125.41 (s, C_4), 128.71 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 2.1$ Hz, C_6), 128.95 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 6.2$ Hz, C_2), 129.25 (s, C_5), 129.29 (s, 2C_{meta} , NHPH), 129.61 (s, 2C_{meta} , OPh), 129.76 (s, 2C_{meta} , OPh), 134.40 (s, C_3), 138.51 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 2.5$ Hz, C_1), 145.63 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 14.7$ Hz, C_{ipso} , NHPH), 150.29 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 10.1$ Hz, C_{ipso} , OPh), 150.40 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 10.1$ Hz, C_{ipso} , OPh). ^{31}P NMR (161.97 MHz) δ : 15.51. MS m/z (%): 429 (17) [M+], 196 (100), 178 (15), 140 (20), 104 (34), 77 (42). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{P}$: C, 72.72; H, 5.63; N, 3.26. Found: C, 72.51; H, 5.70; N, 3.39.

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