

Microwave-Assisted Phospha-Michael Addition of Dialkyl Phosphites, a Phenyl-*H*-Phosphinate, and Diphenylphosphine Oxide to Maleic Derivatives

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ABSTRACT: A series of new $>P(O)$ -substituted succinic derivatives was synthesized by the microwave-assisted phospha-Michael addition of dialkyl phosphites, ethyl phenyl-*H*-phosphinate, and diphenylphosphine oxide to *N*-phenyl and *N*-methyl maleimide, as well as to maleic acid anhydride. © 2012 Wiley Periodicals, Inc. *Heteroatom Chem* 23:235–240, 2012; View this article online at wileyonlinelibrary.com. DOI 10.1002/hc.21007

INTRODUCTION

The phospha-Michael addition is an important P–C bond-forming reaction in synthetic organic chemistry. The nucleophiles may include trivalent P-reagents, such as phosphines, phosphinites, and phosphonites, or more often $>P(O)H$ species, such as dialkyl phosphites, secondary phosphine oxides, and other related derivatives [1–6]. The addition of $>P(O)H$ species to α,β -unsaturated ketones and esters is usually carried out under basic conditions

to afford γ -ketophosphonates, γ -ketophosphinates, or γ -ketophosphine oxides. Asymmetric phospha-Michael variations using chiral P-reagents are also well known [7–9]. The addition of $>P(O)H$ species to α,β -unsaturated C=O or P=O compounds may lead to derivatives that are of potential biological activity [10,11].

A few maleic derivative-related phospha-Michael reactions are known from the literature. The adduct formed from the interaction of *N*-phenylmaleimide and diphenylphosphine oxide was isolated in 73% after boiling the components in toluene for 8 h [12]. Applying 1,5,7-triazabicyclo[4.4.0]dec-5-ene (TBD) as the catalyst and toluene as the solvent, the addition was already completed after 5 min at 26°C [13]. Besides diphenylphosphine oxide, diphenyl phosphite was also used as the reagent [13]. The η^1 –*N*-maleimidato ligand has also been shown to undergo the phospha-Michael reaction with $>P(O)H$ species in the coordination sphere [14]. *N*-Arylmaleimides were reacted with bis(pentafluorophenyl)phosphine oxide in chloroform at the boiling point [15]. It is noteworthy that the addition of silylphosphines to *N*-phenylmaleimide followed by oxidation with 30% hydrogen peroxide also led to maleimide- $>P(O)H$ adduct-type products [16].

One author of this article investigated the addition of $>P(O)H$ species under different conditions to simple model compounds [17,18]. Later

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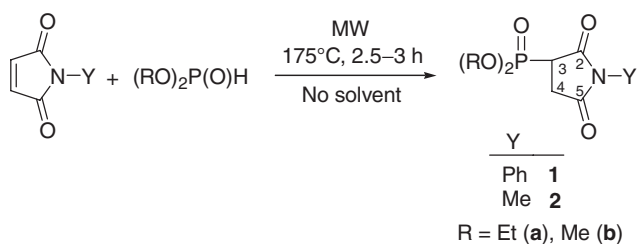
on, $>P(O)H$ species were added on the double bond of 1-phenyl-2-phospholene 1-oxide and 1-substituted-1,2-dihydrophosphinine oxides to afford a 3-($>P(O)$ -)phospholane oxide [19] and 3-($>P(O)$ -) 1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophosphinine oxides, respectively [20–22]. The bis(phosphinoxido) derivatives served as bidentate P-ligands after double deoxygenation and led to *cis* chelate ring Pt complexes on reaction with dichlorodibenzonitrile platinum [19,23]. Because of the unreactivity of the substrates, microwave (MW) irradiation was not useful in the phospho-Michael reaction of 2-phospholene 1-oxides and 1,2-dihydrophosphinine 1-oxides.

In this paper, we investigate the phospho-Michael additions of $>P(O)H$ species to maleic derivatives in which MW irradiation may promote the reaction.

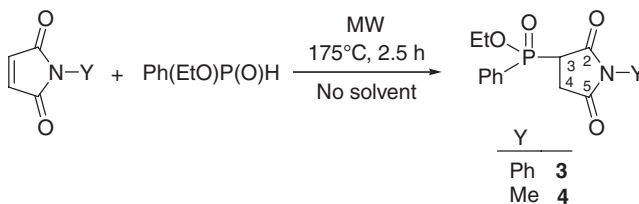
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the first experiments, dialkyl phosphites, such as diethyl phosphite and dimethyl phosphite, were reacted with *N*-phenyl- and *N*-methylmaleimides (NPMI and NMMI) under solventless conditions and MW irradiation. Completion of the additions at 150°C required a reaction time of 6–7 h. Applying a reaction temperature of 175°C, the addition of dialkyl phosphites to NPMI was complete after 2.5 h, whereas with NMMI the reaction time was 3 h. This experience is the consequence of the somewhat more enhanced reactivity of NPMI as compared to NMMI. The 3-($>P(O)$ -)substituted succinimide derivatives (**1a**, **1b**, **2a**, and **2b**) were obtained in 71–95% yields after column chromatography (Table 1, entries 1–4; Scheme 1).

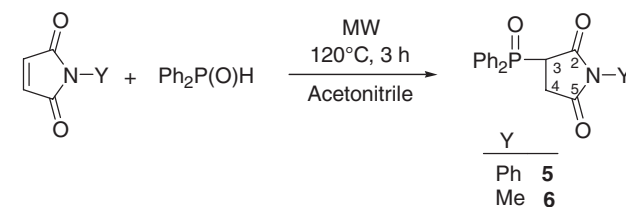
The addition of ethyl phenyl-*H*-phosphinate to maleimide derivatives was carried out under similar conditions (MW, 175°C, 0.5–3 h) to afford 3- $P(O)PhEtO$ -succinimides **3** and **4** (Scheme 2). Be-



SCHEME 1



SCHEME 2



SCHEME 3

cause of the P-chiral center in the reagent and the prochiral center in the substrate, the Michael adducts (**3** and **4**) were formed as a ~51:49 mixture of two diastereomers. The yields of products **3** and **4** were 92% and 80%, respectively (Table 1, entries 5 and 6).

Diphenylphosphine oxide could already be added on the double bond of maleimides at 120°C/3 h on MW irradiation. The 3- $Ph_2P(O)$ -succinimides **5** and **6** were obtained in 97% and 98% yields, (Table 1, entries 7 and 8; Scheme 3).

The succinimides (**1a**, **1b**, **2a**, **2b**, **3**, **4**, and **6**) were characterized by ^{31}P , ^{13}C , and 1H NMR, as well as mass spectral methods. Adducts **1a** and **5** are known from the literature [24,12,13], but for compound **1a** no characterization has been provided. For this, compound **1a** was also characterized fully by us. As a consequence of the stereogenic C_3 center, diastereotopy of the P-substituents could be observed in the ^{13}C and 1H NMR spectra of compounds **1a**, **1b**, **2a**, and **2b** and in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum of product **6**.

Comparative thermal experiments were also carried out (Table 2). Regarding the addition of diethyl

TABLE 1 Phospho-Michael Reactions with Maleic Derivatives under MW Conditions

Starting Materials	T (°C)	t (h)	Yield (%)	Entry
NPMI + (EtO) $_2$ P(O)H	175	2.5	83 (1a)	1
NPMI + (MeO) $_2$ P(O)H	175	2.5	81 (1b)	2
NMMI + (EtO) $_2$ P(O)H	175	3	95 (2a)	3
NMMI + (MeO) $_2$ P(O)H	175	3	71 (2b)	4
NPMI + (EtO)PhP(O)H	175	2.5	92 (3) ^a	5
NMMI + (EtO)PhP(O)H	175	3	80 (4) ^a	6
NPMI + Ph $_2$ P(O)H	120	3	97 (5)	7
NMMI + Ph $_2$ P(O)H	120	3	98 (6)	8
MAA + (EtO) $_2$ P(O)H	120	3	49 (7)	9
MAA + Ph $_2$ P(O)H	120	3	66 (8)	10

^aAs a ca 1:1 mixture of two isomers.

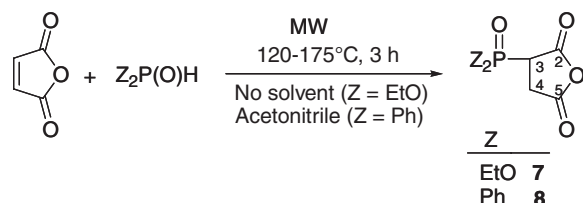
TABLE 2 Phospha-Michael Reactions with Maleimide Derivatives under Thermal Conditions

Starting Materials	Solvent	T (°C)	t (h)	Conversion (%)	Yield (%)	Entry
NPMI + (EtO) ₂ P(O)H	PhMe	110	24	0		1
NPMI + (EtO) ₂ P(O)H	<i>o</i> -xylene	144	12	32 (1a)		2
NPMI + (EtO) ₂ P(O)H	—	175	3.5	84 (1a) ^a	72	3
NMMI + (EtO) ₂ P(O)H	—	175	4	69 (2a) ^a		4
NPMI + Ph ₂ P(O)H	PhMe	110	8	100 (5)	93 (73 [12])	5

^aNo improvement on further heating.

phosphite to NPMI, there was no reaction at all in boiling toluene after a 24-h reaction time (Table 2, entry 1). Carrying out the reaction in *o*-xylene at the boiling point (144°C) for 12 h, the conversion was 32% (Table 2, entry 2). Applying a reaction temperature of 175°C for 3.5 h in the absence of any solvent, the conversion was 84% that did not increase on additional heating. In this case, product **1a** was isolated in 72% (Table 2, entry 3). The similar reaction of NMMI with diethyl phosphite led to a conversion of 69% after 4 h (Table 2, entry 4). Finally, the addition of diphenylphosphine oxide to NPMI had to be carried out in toluene as the solvent and it was found that at 110°C the reaction took place in a quantitative conversion after 8 h (Table 2, entry 5). It can be seen that the thermal phospha-Michael additions were slower than the MW variations; moreover, except in one case, the final conversions were not quantitative.

Phospha-Michael additions to maleic acid anhydride (MAA) were also investigated under MW irradiation. The addition of diethyl phosphite and diphenylphosphine oxide to MAA could be best accomplished at 120°C and 175°C, respectively, to furnish the corresponding adducts (**7** and **8**) after a reaction time of 3 h (Scheme 4). In these cases, the yield of products **7** and **8** was 49% and 66%, respectively (Table 1, entries 9 and 10). The adducts (**7** and **8**) were characterized by ³¹P, ¹³C, and ¹H NMR, as well as the mass spectral data. Duplication of the ethoxy and a part of the phenyl carbon atom signals in the ¹³C NMR spectra of compounds **7** and **8**, respectively, referred to the phenomenon of diastereotopy.

**SCHEME 4**

In summary, a series of >P(O)-substituted maleic derivatives was synthesized by the MW-assisted and, in most cases, solvent-free phospha-Michael addition of dialkyl phosphites, ethyl phenyl-*H*-phosphinate, or diphenylphosphine oxide to *N*-substituted maleimides or maleic anhydride, in most instances with competent (on average 81%) yields and in a short (2.5–3 h) reaction time. The thermal phospha-Michael additions were slower and, in almost all cases, the final conversions were not quantitative. The advantage of the MW-assisted method developed is that there is no need for a solvent and catalyst. At the same time, a temperature of 120–175°C has to be applied. A literature method describes analogous reactions at room temperature in the presence of TBD as the catalyst in a toluene solution in quite a short reaction time [13]. The advantage of this method is that the reactions may be carried out at room temperature; the disadvantage is that there is a need for a solvent and a catalyst.

EXPERIMENTAL

General

The ¹³C and ¹H NMR spectra were obtained in a CDCl₃ solution on a Bruker DRX-500 spectrometer operating at 125.7 and 500.1 MHz, respectively. The ¹³C and ¹H chemical shifts are referred to as TMS. ³¹P NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker AV-300 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are downfield relative to 85% H₃PO₄. Mass spectrometry was performed on a ZAB-2SEQ instrument. The reactions were carried out in a 300-W CEM Discover focused microwave reactor equipped with a pressure controller applying 30–50 W under isothermal conditions.

General Procedure for the Preparation of 2-(Dialkoxyphosphonyl)succinimide Derivatives **1** and **2**

A mixture of 2.0 mmol of maleimide (0.35 g of *N*-phenylmaleimide or 0.22 g of *N*-methylmaleimide) and 2.0 mmol of the >P(O)H species (0.28 mL of

diethyl phosphite or 0.18 mL of dimethyl phosphite) was heated at 175°C in a vial in the MW reactor for 2.5 h (NPMI) and for 3 h (NMMI). The water formed was removed in vacuo. Column chromatography (silica gel 3% methanol in dichloromethane) of the residue afforded the products (**1a**, **1b**, **2a**, and **2b**) as oils.

The following products were thus prepared:

2-(Diethoxyphosphonyl)-N-phenylsuccinimide (1a) [24]. Yield: 0.52 g (83%); ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 20.0; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 16.45 ($J = 5.8$, CH_3), 16.50 ($J = 5.9$, CH_3), 30.9 ($J = 4.0$, C_4), 39.7 ($J = 141.4$, C_3), 63.4 ($J = 6.7$, OCH_2), 63.9 ($J = 6.6$, OCH_2), 126.5 ($\text{C}_{2'}$)*, 128.9 ($\text{C}_{4'}$), 129.3 ($\text{C}_{3'}$)*, 131.8 ($\text{C}_{1'}$), 171.4 ($J = 5.7$, C=O), 174.2 ($J = 5.7$, C=O), *may be reversed; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.36 (t, $J = 7.3$, 3H, CH_3), 1.41 (t, $J = 7.3$, 3H, CH_3), 3.12–3.22 (m, 2H, C(4)H_2), 3.41–3.53 (m, 1H, C(3)H), 4.20–4.34 (m, 4H, OCH_2), 7.27–7.51 (m, 5H, Ar); $[\text{M} + \text{H}]_{\text{found}}^+ = 312.1006$, $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_5\text{P}$ requires 312.1001.

2-(Dimethoxyphosphonyl)-N-phenylsuccinimide (1b). Yield: 0.46 g (81%); ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 22.7; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 30.8 ($J = 3.9$, C_4), 39.4 ($J = 143.0$, C_3), 53.6 ($J = 6.8$, OCH_3), 54.5 ($J = 6.6$, OCH_3), 126.6 ($\text{C}_{2'}$)*, 129.1 ($\text{C}_{4'}$), 129.4 ($\text{C}_{3'}$)*, 131.7 ($\text{C}_{1'}$), 171.3 ($J = 5.4$, C=O), 174.0 ($J = 6.2$, C=O), *may be reversed; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 3.10–3.27 (m, 2H, C(4)H_2), 3.43–3.56 (m, 1H, C(3)H), 3.87 ($J = 10.0$, 3H, OCH_3), 3.91 ($J = 10.8$, 3H, OCH_3), 7.27–7.51 (m, 5H, Ar); $[\text{M} + \text{H}]_{\text{found}}^+ = 284.0681$, $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_5\text{P}$ requires 284.0688.

2-(Diethoxyphosphonyl)-N-methylsuccinimide (2a). Yield: 0.47 g (95%); ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 20.1; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 16.58 ($J = 5.9$, CH_2CH_3), 16.62 ($J = 5.8$, CH_2CH_3), 25.6 (NCH_3), 30.9 ($J = 3.8$, C_4), 39.7 ($J = 143.2$, C_3), 63.3 ($J = 6.7$, OCH_2), 63.7 ($J = 6.6$, OCH_2), 172.4 ($J = 5.1$, C=O), 175.2 ($J = 6.2$, C=O); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.36 (t, $J = 7.0$, 3H, CH_2CH_3), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.0$, 3H, CH_2CH_3), 2.97–3.05 (m, 2H, C(4)H_2), 3.03 (s, 3H, NCH_3), 3.25–3.38 (m, 1H, C(3)H), 4.17–4.28 (m, 4H, OCH_2); $[\text{M} + \text{H}]_{\text{found}}^+ = 250.0843$, $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_5\text{P}$ requires 250.0844.

2-(Dimethoxyphosphonyl)-N-methylsuccinimide (2b). Yield: 0.31 g (71%); ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 20.7; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 25.4 (NCH_3), 30.4 ($J = 3.8$, C_4), 38.8 ($J = 144.7$, C_3), 53.4 ($J = 6.8$, OCH_3), 54.2 ($J = 6.6$, OCH_3), 171.9 ($J = 5.1$, C=O), 174.8 ($J = 6.7$, C=O); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 2.94–2.98 (m, 2H, C(4)H_2), 3.01 (s, 3H, NCH_3), 3.29–3.42 (m, 1H, C(3)H), 3.84 ($J = 11.0$, 3H, OCH_3), 3.87 ($J = 10.9$,

3H, OCH_3); $[\text{M} + \text{H}]_{\text{found}}^+ = 222.0531$, $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_5\text{P}$ requires 222.0531.

3-(Ethyl phenylphosphinyl)succinimide Derivatives **3** and **4**

These compounds were prepared similarly using the same amount of maleimide with 2.0 mmol (0.30 mL) of ethyl phenylphosphonate. The products were obtained as oils.

3-(Ethylphenylphosphinyl)-N-phenylsuccinimide (3). Yield: 0.63 g (92%); ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 35.1 (51%) and 35.5 (49%); for the two isomers: ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 16.61 and 16.70 (CH_2CH_3), 30.3 ($J = 1.8$) and 30.5 ($J = 2.8$) (C_4), 42.6 ($J = 92.7$) and 43.3 ($J = 92.5$) (C_3), 62.56 ($J = 5.7$) and 62.64 ($J = 6.2$) (OCH_2), 126.5 and 126.7 ($\text{C}_{3'}$)^a, 129.0 ($\text{C}_{4'}$), 129.05 ($J = 11.5$) and 129.11 ($J = 9.9$) ($\text{C}_{3''}$)^b, 129.3 and 129.4 ($\text{C}_{2'}$)^a, 131.7 and 131.9 ($\text{C}_{1'}$), 132.7 ($J = 10.2$) ($\text{C}_{2''}$)^b, 133.6 ($J = 2.9$) and 133.7 ($J = 2.8$) ($\text{C}_{4''}$), 171.7 ($J = 2.6$) and 171.9 ($J = 5.5$) (C=O), 173.9 ($J = 4.6$) and 174.2 ($J = 4.2$) (C=O)^{a,b} may be reversed, $\text{C}_{1'}$, $\text{C}_{2'}$, $\text{C}_{3'}$, and $\text{C}_{4'}$ refer to the corresponding carbon atoms of the *N*-phenyl ring, whereas $\text{C}_{2''}$, $\text{C}_{3''}$, and $\text{C}_{4''}$ refer to the respective carbon atoms of the *P*-phenyl ring; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.36 (t, $J = 7.1$) (CH_2CH_3), 1.42 (t, $J = 7.1$) (CH_2CH_3) total intensity 3H, 2.98–3.37 (m, 2H, C(4)H_2), 3.50–3.73 (m, 1H, C(3)H), 4.00–4.34 (m, 2H, OCH_2), 6.98–7.94 (m, 10H, Ar); $[\text{M} + \text{H}]_{\text{found}}^+ = 344.1045$, $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4\text{P}$ requires 344.1052.

3-(Ethylphenylphosphinyl)-N-methylsuccinimide (4). Yield: 0.45 g (80%); ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 35.60 (51%) and 35.63 (49%); for the two isomers: ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 16.46 and 16.53 (CH_2CH_3), 25.2 and 25.4 (N-CH_3), 29.9 ($J = 2.2$) and 30.2 ($J = 2.2$) (C_4), 42.4 ($J = 94.9$) and 42.8 ($J = 94.3$) (C_3), 62.2 ($J = 6.2$) and 62.5 ($J = 6.4$) (OCH_2), 128.92 ($J = 13.4$) and 128.94 ($J = 13.2$) ($\text{C}_{3''}$)*, 132.37 ($J = 10.2$) and 132.41 ($J = 10.0$) ($\text{C}_{2''}$)*, 133.4 ($J = 2.8$) and 133.5 ($J = 2.9$) ($\text{C}_{4''}$), 172.5 (broad, d, $J = 5.3$) (C=O), 174.9 ($J = 4.9$) and 175.0 ($J = 5.0$) (C=O) *tentative assignment, $\text{C}_{2''}$, $\text{C}_{3''}$, and $\text{C}_{4''}$ refer to the corresponding carbon atoms of the *P*-phenyl ring; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.33 (t, $J = 7.1$) (CH_2CH_3), 1.39 (t, $J = 7.0$) (CH_2CH_3) total intensity 3H, 2.72–3.15 (m, C(4)H_2), 2.85 (s, NCH_3), and 3.00 (s, NCH_3) overlapped, total intensity 5H, 3.35–3.55 (m, 1H, C(3)H), 3.99–4.30 (m, 2H, OCH_2), 7.49–7.90 (m, 5H, Ar); $[\text{M} + \text{H}]_{\text{found}}^+ = 282.0898$, $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4\text{P}$ requires 282.0895.

3-(Diphenylphosphinoyl)succinimide Derivatives **5** and **6**

A mixture of 2.0 mmol of maleimide (0.35 g of *N*-phenylmaleimide or 0.22 g of *N*-methylmaleimide) and 2.0 mmol (0.40 g) of diphenylphosphine oxide in 3 mL of acetonitrile was heated at 120°C in a vial in the MW reactor for 3 h. The workup was similar as mentioned above. Yield: 0.75 g (97%) of compound **5** and 0.61 g (98%) of compound **6**, both as white crystals.

3-(Diphenylphosphinoyl)-*N*-phenylsuccinimide (**5**). mp: 132–134°C, mp [12,14]: 134–136°C; ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 30.4, δ_P [25,14]: 31.2; [M + H]⁺_{found} = 376.0934, C₂₂H₁₉NO₃P requires 376.0922.

3-(Diphenylphosphinoyl)-*N*-methylsuccinimide (**6**). mp: 164°C; ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 30.4; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 25.3 (CH₃), 30.1 (*J* = 2.0, C₄), 42.6 (*J* = 63.1, C₃), 128.9 (*J* = 12.4, C_{3'})^a, 129.2 (*J* = 12.4, C_{3''})^a, 130.8 (*J* = 108.7, C_{1'})^b, 130.9 (*J* = 107.3, C_{1''})^b, 131.6 (*J* = 20.4, C_{2'})^a, 131.7 (*J* = 20.2, C_{2''})^a, 132.9 (*J* = 2.7, C_{4'})^c, 132.9 (*J* = 2.7, C_{4''})^c, 173.0 (*J* = 3.6, C=O), 174.9 (*J* = 4.3, C=O), ^atentative assignment, ^{b,c}may be reversed; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 2.83 (s, CH₃), 2.88–3.22 (m, 2H, C(4)H₂), 3.91–4.00 (m, 1H, C(3)H), 7.47–7.96 (m, 10H, ArH); [M + H]⁺_{found} = 314.0946, C₁₇H₁₇NO₃P requires 314.0946.

2-(Diethoxyphosphonyl)succinanhydride (**7**)

A mixture of 6.0 mmol (0.60 g) of maleic anhydride and 6.0 mmol (0.78 mL) of diethyl phosphite was heated at 120°C in a vial in the MW reactor for 3 h. The water formed was removed in vacuo. Column chromatography (silica gel, 3% methanol in dichloromethane) of the residue afforded 0.69 g (49%) of adduct **7** as an oil. ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 21.8; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 16.56 (*J* = 6.1, CH₃), 16.59 (*J* = 6.0, CH₃), 31.6 (*J* = 4.4, C₄), 41.4 (*J* = 131.1, C₃), 64.2 (*J* = 2.7, OCH₂), 64.3 (*J* = 2.9, OCH₂), 171.5 (*J* = 5.0, C=O), 175.4 (*J* = 19.2, C=O); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.0, 3H, CH₃), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.0, 3H, CH₃), 2.76–3.12 (m, 2H, C(4)H₂), 3.45–3.58 (m, 1H, C(3)H), 4.13–4.23 (m, 4H, OCH₂); [M + H]⁺_{found} = 237.0533, C₈H₁₄O₆P requires 237.0528.

3-(Diphenylphosphinoyl)succinanhydride (**8**)

A mixture of 6.0 mmol (0.60 g) of maleic anhydride and 6.0 mmol (1.2 g) of diphenylphosphine oxide in 3 mL of acetonitrile was heated at 120°C in a vial in

the MW reactor for 3 h. The workup was similar as mentioned above. Yield: 1.2 g (66%) of compound **8** as a dense oil. ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 34.6; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 31.1 (C₄), 44.4 (*J* = 59.8, C₃), 128.9 (*J* = 12.0, C_{3'} and C_{3''}), 130.8 (*J* = 9.7, C_{2'})^{*}, 130.9 (*J* = 88.3, C_{1'} and C_{1''}), 131.3 (*J* = 9.7, C_{2''})^{*}, 132.3 (*J* = 2.8, C_{4'}), 132.5 (*J* = 2.9, C_{4''}), 168.2 (*J* = 2.9, C=O), 171.1 (*J* = 14.7, C=O), ^{*}tentative assignments regarding the C₂ and C₃ carbon atoms of the phenyl rings; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 2.78–2.90 and 3.22–3.32 (m, 2H, C(4)H₂), 3.99–4.17 (m, 1H, C(3)H), 7.45–7.90 (m, 10H, Ar); [M + H]⁺_{found} = 301.0610, C₁₆H₁₄O₄P requires 301.0630.

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