

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

First Example of Stereoselective Aza-Perkow Reaction

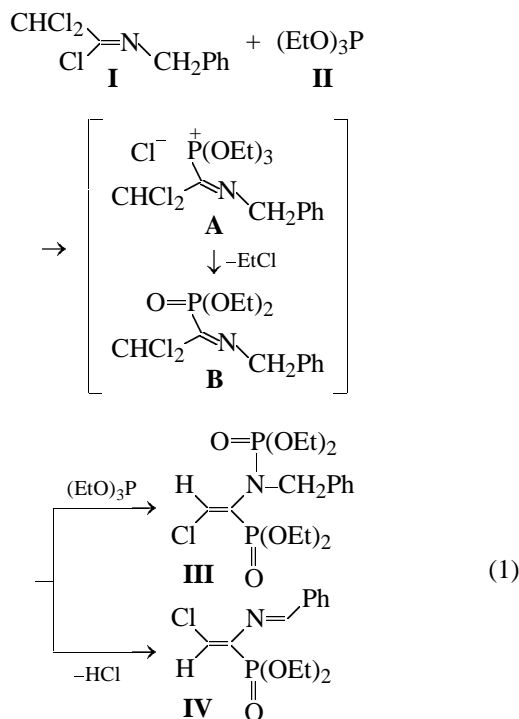
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Reactions of *N*-benzylpolychloroalkylimidoyl chlorides $R_{Hlg}CCl=NCH_2Ph$ with trialkyl phosphites proceed unusually and, depending on the number of α -atoms of chlorine, yield either *C,N*-diphosphorylated vinylamides ($R_{Hlg} = CCl_3$) [1] or *C*-phosphorylated azadienes ($R_{Hlg} = Me_2CCl$) [2]. The behavior of *N*-benzylchloroacetimidoyl chloride **I** in this reaction is of particular interest, because it furnishes information not only on the direction but also on stereochemistry of the process.

We have found that imidoyl chloride **I**, irrespective of the reactant ratio, reacts with 2 mol of triethyl phosphite to give chlorovinylphosphoramidate **III**. Note that it is the first example of the reaction of aza-Perkow type involving the $CHCl_2$ group. Analogous transformations were previously known only for the derivatives containing CCl_3 and CF_3 groups at the $C=N$ bond [3].



Only one geometric isomer of **III** was detected, which shows that the reaction of the aza-Perkow type is highly stereoselective. Large coupling constant between the phosphorus and the proton at the double bond ($^3J_{HP}$ 30.6 Hz) indicates the *trans* arrangement of the proton and phosphoryl group (cf. [4]).

Formation of diphosphorylated product **III** even at an excess of imidoyl chloride **I** shows that intermediates **A** and **B** exhibit considerably higher reactivity in relation to phosphite than the starting imidoyl chloride. For example, the ^{31}P NMR data show that the final mixture obtained in the reaction of equimolar amounts of compounds **I** and **II** (80–90°C, 1 h) contains bisphosphorylated vinylamide **III** (~65 mol %), azadiene **IV** (5–10%), and unidentified products (~25%). At a 1 : 2 ratio of **I** and **II** the yield of vinylamide decreases. Phosphorylated azabutadiene **IV** is evidently formed by dehydrochlorination of intermediates **A** and **B** (cf. [2]). It was prepared independently by the reaction of dichloroazadiene **V** with triethyl phosphite.



It is noteworthy that reactions (1) and (2) yield the same geometric isomer of phosphonate **IV**, and dehydrochlorination of **I** also yields a single geometric isomer of chloroazabutadiene **V**. The coupling constant between the phosphorus atom and the proton in azadiene **IV** ($^3J_{HP}$ 9.4 Hz) is considerably smaller than that in vinylamide **III** and suggests the *cis* location of hydrogen and the phosphoryl group. Thus, the aza-Perkow reaction as well as phosphorylation of chloroazadiene **V** yield sterically less hindered isomers of **III** and **IV**.

N-Benzylchloroacetimidoyl chloride **I** was prepared by the reaction of *N*-benzylchloroacetamide with phosphorus pentachloride. Yield 72%, bp 98–99°C/0.09 mm. 1H NMR spectrum ($CDCl_3$), δ , ppm:

4.75 s (2H, CH₂), 6.37 s (1H, Cl₂CH), 7.4 m (5H, Ph). Found, %: Cl 45.15; N 6.01. C₉H₈Cl₃N. Calculated, %: Cl 44.97; N 5.92.

(Z)-1-Chloro-2,3-bis(diethoxyphosphoryl)-4-phenyl-3-aza-1-butene III. A mixture of imidoyl chloride **I** and triethyl phosphite was heated in a Claisen flask at 80–90°C until the gas evolution ceased (~1 h) and then was distilled. Yield 35%, bp 173–179°C/0.05 mm Hg. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ, ppm: 1.4 m (12H, Me), 4.2 m (8H, OCH₂), 4.69 d (2H, CH₂N, ³J_{CH₂NP} 9.6 Hz), 6.45 d.d (1H, =CH, ³J_{HP} 30.6, ⁴J_{HP} 2.6 Hz), 7.3 m (5H, Ph). ³¹P NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ_P, ppm: 5.0 m (1P, NP), 9.7 d.m (1P, =CP, ³J_{PC=CH} 30.6 Hz). Found, %: Cl 7.60; N 3.32; P 14.28. C₁₇H₁₈ClNO₆P₂. Calculated, %: Cl 8.06; N 3.18; P 14.08.

4-Chloro-3-(diethoxyphosphoryl)-1-phenyl-2-aza-1,3-butadiene IV was prepared by heating of a 1 : 2 mixture of dichloroazadiene **V** and (EtO)₃P at 90–100°C for 1 h. Yield 35%. The compound was not isolated analytically pure; after distillation it contained about 25 mol % unidentified admixtures (δ_P 12, 7.1, and 3.8 ppm). The spectral characteristics of **IV** were close to those of the previously synthesized phosphorylated azadienes [2]. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ, ppm: 1.34 t (Me, J_{HH} 7.5 Hz), 4.2 m (OCH₂), 6.78 d (1H, CHCl, ³J_{HP} 9.4 Hz), 7.5 m and 7.8 m (Ph), 8.45 d (1H, CH=N, ⁴J_{HP} 1.8 Hz). ³¹P NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ_P, ppm: 9.8.

1,2-Dichloro-4-phenyl-2-aza-1,3-butadiene V. To a solution of imidoyl chloride **I** in ether an equimolar

amount of triethylamine was added at 20°C. A day later the precipitate was filtered off, the filtrate was evaporated, and the residue was distilled in a vacuum. Yield 88%, bp 97–100°C/0.09 mm Hg. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ, ppm: 6.88 s (1H, =CHCl), 7.4 m (3H) and 7.8 m (2H) (Ph), 8.44 (1H, =CHN). Found, %: Cl 34.82; N 6.79. C₉H₇Cl₂N. Calculated, %: Cl 35.44, N 7.0.

The ¹H and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian VXR-300 spectrometer, working frequencies 299.5 and 121.42 MHz, respectively. The chemical shifts were measured against internal TMS (¹H) and external 85% phosphoric acid (³¹P).

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