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**BEHAVIOUR OF  $\beta$ -KETO- $\delta$ -CARBETHOXYPHOSPHONATES AND PHOSPHINE OXIDES IN THE BIGINELLI MULTICOMPONENT REACTION: REGIOSELECTIVE SYNTHESIS OF 5-CARBETHOXY-6-PHOSPHONOMETHYL-3,4-DIHYDROPYRIMIDIN-2-ONES**

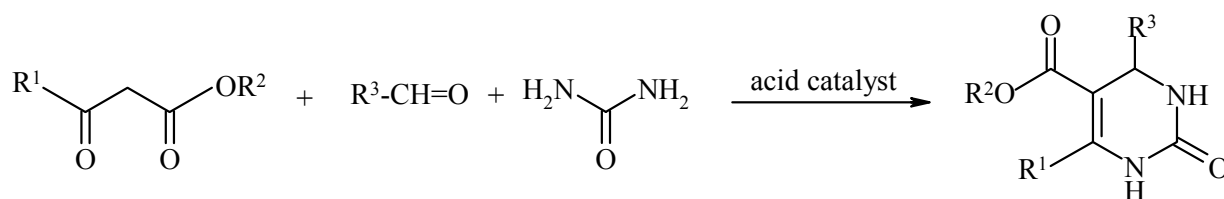
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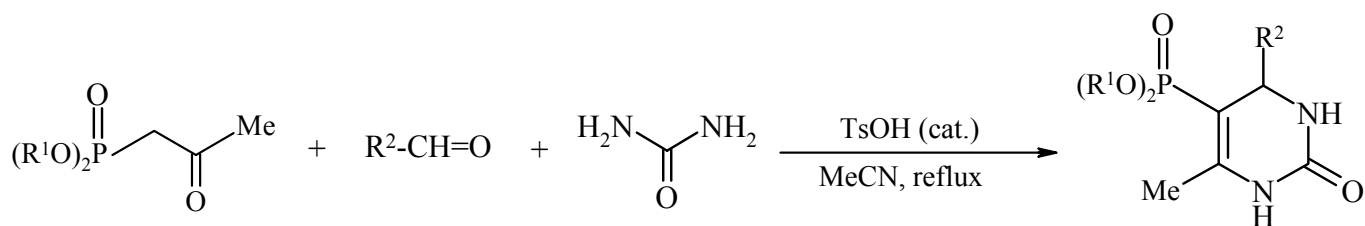
**Abstract** – An efficient one-pot synthesis of the novel 5-carbethoxy-6-phosphonomethyl-3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2-ones via a three-component Biginelli-type condensation of  $\beta$ -keto- $\delta$ -carbethoxyphosphonates and phosphine oxides with aldehydes and urea in the presence of a catalytic amount of acetic acid, is described. The reaction proceeded efficiently at room temperature to afford regioselectively the title compounds in good to high yields. The factors governing the regioselectivity of the reaction are discussed.

Multicomponent reactions (MCRs) represent one of the most important tools of organic synthesis and medicinal chemistry.<sup>1</sup> The diversity, efficiency and rapid access to small and highly functionalized organic molecules makes this approach of central current interest in the construction of combinatorial libraries and optimization in drug discovery process. The search for new MCRs on one hand, and the full exploitation of already known multicomponent reactions on the other hand, is therefore of considerable interest.

The Biginelli reaction<sup>2</sup> is an easy and useful three-component synthesis which involves the condensation of an aldehyde, urea, and a  $\beta$ -ketoester, under acid catalysis, to yield a 3,4-dihydropyrimidone derivative (Scheme 1). In this area, we have recently shown that  $\beta$ -ketophosphonates undergo a Biginelli-type condensation to give 5-phosphono-3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2-ones<sup>3</sup> (Scheme 2).

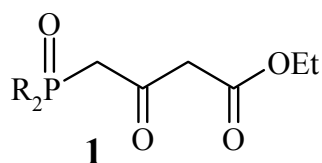


**Scheme 1.** Biginelli reaction



**Scheme 2.** Behaviour of  $\beta$ -keto phosphonates in the Biginelli reaction

Keeping in view of the above facts, we decided to investigate the behaviour of  $\beta$ -keto- $\delta$ -carbethoxyphosphonates and phosphine oxides **1** in the Biginelli reaction (Figure 1). Our main objective here was to compare the reactivity of carbons in the  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  positions with the keto function in order to identify the factors which appear to govern regioselectivity in such Biginelli reactions. The second goal of this work was the synthesis of novel 3,4-dihydropyrimidone derivatives bearing phosphoryl and ester groups. It is important to note here that dihydropyrimidone derivatives are associated with a wide range of biological properties including antimicrobial,<sup>4</sup> antiviral,<sup>5</sup> anti-inflammatory<sup>6</sup> and anticancer<sup>7</sup> activities. Most of these compounds are also medicinally important as calcium channel modulators.<sup>4</sup> Furthermore, it is known that phosphorus substituents regulate important biological functions<sup>8</sup> and the introduction of organophosphorus functionalities in the dihydropyrimidone core could improve the biological activity of such compounds.



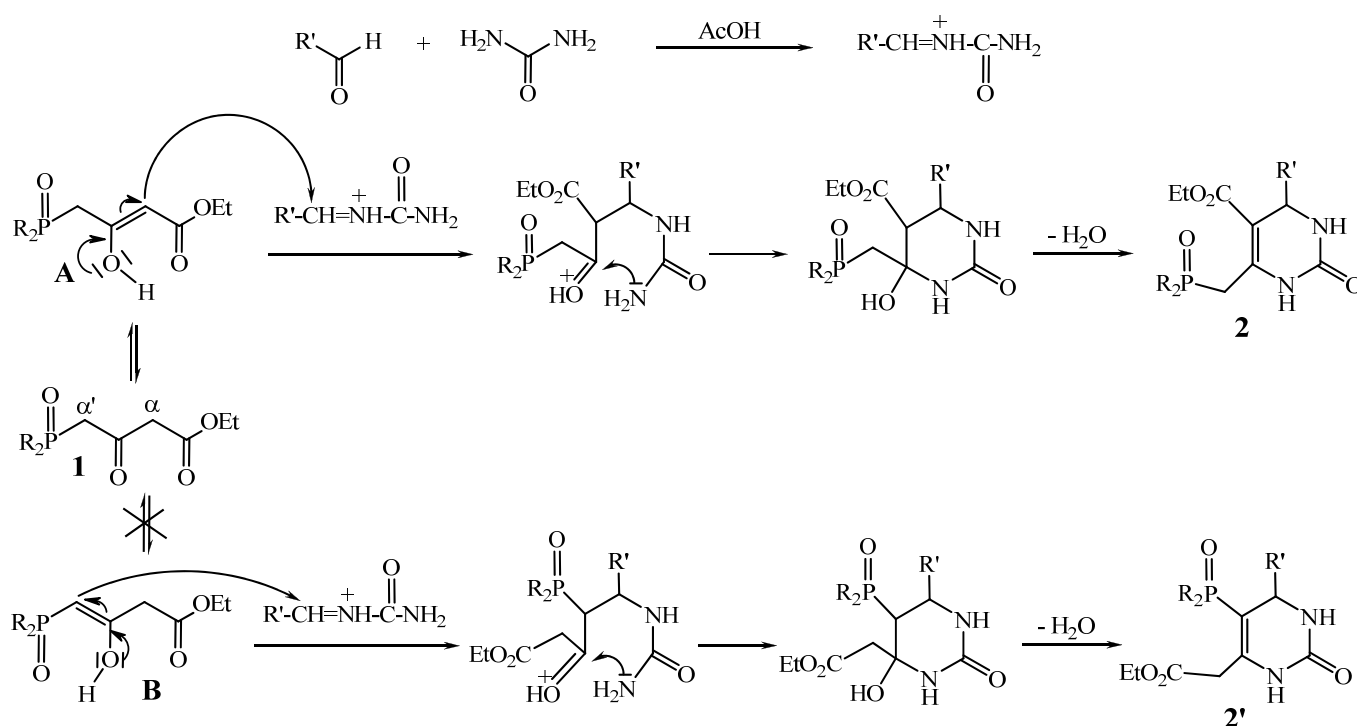
**Figure 1**

The starting  $\beta$ -keto- $\delta$ -carbethoxyphosphonates and phosphine oxides **1** were easily prepared according to reported procedures.<sup>9</sup> In theory, the condensation of these compounds with aldehydes and urea, performed under the Biginelli reaction conditions can lead either to the dihydropyrimidone derivative **2** or **2'**, or to a mixture of these compounds. The reaction pathway<sup>2</sup> was assumed to proceed via a nucleophilic attack of urea on the aldehyde giving rise to an iminium intermediate. The interception of this last one by the keto-ester phosphonate through its enol tautomers, leads after intramolecular cyclization and dehydration to the dihydropyrimidones **2** and **2'** (Scheme 3).

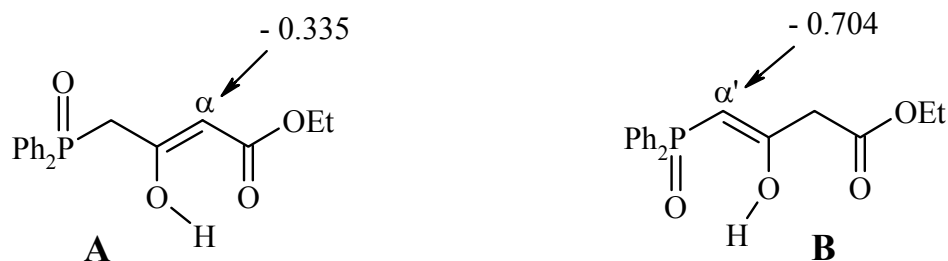
The reaction was found to be completely regioselective and furnished exclusively the **2**-regioisomers in good to high yields. The orientation of the reaction towards the formation of pyrimidones **2** can be attributed to the reactivity of carbons at the  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  positions relative to the keto function. These carbons reacting through their enol tautomer forms, we can easily realize that the  $\alpha$ -carbon, despite it is less nucleophilic, is more reactive than the other one probably because it corresponds to the more stable enolic form. Indeed theoretical RHF/6-31G calculation, performed with Gaussian 03 program, showed that the  $\alpha'$ -carbon is more nucleophilic than the other one (Scheme 4) and that the energies of tautomers **A** are much lower than those of tautomers **B** with a stabilization of about 9 kcal/mol in favour of the form **A**. These results strongly suggest that the regioselectivity of the reaction is governed, not by the nucleophilicity of  $\alpha$ - and  $\alpha'$ -carbons, but by the stability of the corresponding enolic forms.

Experimentally, the reaction was achieved by treatment of keto-ester phosphonates **1** with equimolar quantities of aldehyde and urea, using a catalytic amount of acetic acid, in ethanol as solvent, and stirring the mixture at 25 °C for 48–72 h. The scope of the reaction was assessed with a range of keto-ester phosphonates and aldehydes. All substrates reacted in good to high yields (Table 1).

It is important to note here that raising the temperature and using other solvents (MeCN, THF) showed no changes in regioselectivity but resulted in a decrease in yields of products **2**. Furthermore, when the reaction was carried out at 0 °C, no product was observed even after a prolonged period of time.

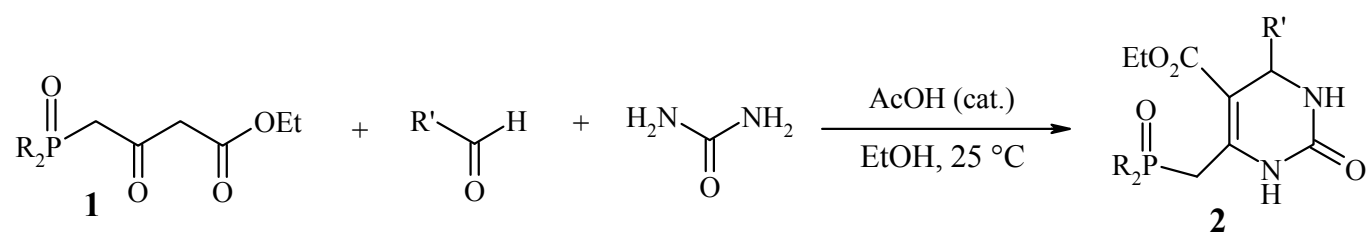


**Scheme 3.** Regioselective synthesis of dihydropyrimidones **2**



**Scheme 4.** Calculated Mulliken charges of  $\alpha$ - and  $\alpha'$ -carbons in enolic forms **A** and **B**

**Table 1.** Synthesis of dihydropyrimidones **2**



| Entry | R   | R'                          | Product   | Yield (%) <sup>a</sup> | Reaction Time (h) <sup>b</sup> | $\delta^{31}\text{P}$ (ppm) <sup>c</sup> |
|-------|-----|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1     | Ph  | Ph                          | <b>2a</b> | 92                     | 48                             | 31.1                                     |
| 2     | Ph  | Et                          | <b>2b</b> | 73                     | 72                             | 30.0                                     |
| 3     | Ph  | <i>i</i> Pr                 | <b>2c</b> | 80                     | 72                             | 26.3                                     |
| 4     | Ph  | <i>i</i> Pr-CH <sub>2</sub> | <b>2d</b> | 86                     | 60                             | 25.6                                     |
| 5     | EtO | Ph                          | <b>2e</b> | 88                     | 48                             | 23.2                                     |
| 6     | EtO | <i>i</i> Pr                 | <b>2f</b> | 79                     | 60                             | 19.9                                     |
| 7     | EtO | <i>i</i> Pr-CH <sub>2</sub> | <b>2g</b> | 84                     | 72                             | 20.1                                     |
| 8     | MeO | Ph                          | <b>2h</b> | 89                     | 48                             | 28.4                                     |
| 9     | MeO | Et                          | <b>2i</b> | 70                     | 72                             | 33.3                                     |
| 10    | MeO | <i>i</i> Pr                 | <b>2j</b> | 86                     | 72                             | 33.4                                     |
| 11    | MeO | <i>i</i> Pr-CH <sub>2</sub> | <b>2k</b> | 78                     | 60                             | 33.5                                     |

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield.

<sup>b</sup> The progress of the reactions was monitored by TLC.

<sup>c</sup> 121.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.

The structures of dihydropyrimidones **2** were established through IR, NMR ( $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{31}\text{P}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ) and mass spectral data. The IR spectra of compounds **2** showed characteristic absorption bands around 1700 and 1650  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  attributable respectively to the C=O of amide and ester groups. The later is moved towards the low frequencies because of the conjugation with the pyrimidone nucleus. We observed, on the other hand, a broad band in the region 3200-3400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  corresponding to the N-H vibrators. Another band ascribable to the P=O group is present at nearly 1250  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra showed in particular the presence of broad singlets at 6 and 9 ppm, corresponding to the protons of NH groups. The  $\text{CH}_2\text{-P}$  protons appear in the region included between 3.5 and 4.5 ppm as a doublet ( $^2J_{\text{PH}} = 9\text{-}15$  Hz) and in some cases as two multiplets indicating that they are not magnetically equivalent. We observed also a triplet and quartet towards 1 and 4 ppm respectively, attributable to the protons of the ethoxycarbonyl group.

Other evidence of structure for compounds **2** is provided by  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR. We observed in particular a doublet at 30-45 ppm, ascribable to the  $\text{CH}_2\text{-P}$  carbon. Such a doublet is characteristic of the coupling with phosphorus with a  $^1J_{\text{CP}}$  coupling constant of about 60-140 Hz. We observed, on the other hand, the characteristic signals of amide and ester carbons around 150 and 160 ppm respectively.

Structures of compounds **2** were supported additionally by the mass spectra which showed the correct molecular ion peaks.

In conclusion, we successfully developed an efficient and regioselective multicomponent synthesis of novel dihydropyrimidone derivatives bearing phosphoryl and ester groups, from the Biginelli-type condensation of  $\beta$ -keto- $\delta$ -carbethoxyphosphonates and phosphine oxides with aldehydes and urea in the presence of a catalytic amount of acetic acid. The regioselectivity of the reaction was found to be governed, not by the nucleophilicity of  $\alpha$ - and  $\alpha'$ -carbons relative to the keto function, but by the stability of the corresponding enolic forms.

The synthesized compounds might show enhanced biological activity due to the presence of both dihydropyrimidone and phosphoryl moieties. Furthermore they contain an activated phosphonomethyl group that enable them to perform Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction resulting in various dihydropyrimidones with alkenyl substituents, which can be modified to give additional dihydropyrimidone derivatives. These studies are ongoing in our laboratory and will be reported in due course.

## EXPERIMENTAL

$^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{31}\text{P}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded with DMSO- $d_6$  as the solvent, on a Bruker-300 spectrometer. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to TMS (internal reference) for  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and

relative to 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (external reference) for <sup>31</sup>P NMR. The coupling constants are reported in Hz. For the <sup>1</sup>H NMR, the multiplicities of signals are indicated by the following abbreviations: s: singlet, d: doublet, t: triplet, q: quartet, m: multiplet. Mass spectra were determined on an Agilent 5975B spectrometer, under electronic impact (EI) conditions. IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet IR200 spectrometer. The progress of the reactions was monitored by TLC. Purification of products was performed by column chromatography using silica gel 60 (Fluka).

**General procedure for the synthesis of 5-carbethoxy-6-phosphonomethyl-3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2-ones 2.** A mixture of β-keto-δ-carbethoxyphosphonate or phosphine oxide **1** (0.01 mol), aldehyde (0.01 mol), urea (0.015 mol) and glacial acetic acid (0.1 mL), in ethanol (10 mL) was stirred at 25 °C for 48-72 h (Table 1). The reaction mixture was then concentrated under vacuum. The residue obtained was chromatographed on a silica gel column using Et<sub>2</sub>O as eluent.

**2a:** Clear yellow solid; mp 107-108 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 0.96 (t, 3H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 3.53 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>-P); 3.86 (q, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 4.76 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>-P); 5.44 (s, 1H, CH-N); 6.59 (br s, 1H, N-H); 6.76-7.75 (m, 15H, arom-H); 8.43 (br s, 1H, N-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 15.2 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 31.6 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 62.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-P); 55.4 (s, CH-N); 65.8 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 102.8 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 7.5 Hz, O=C-C=C); 142.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 9.0 Hz, O=C-C=C); 151.9 (s, N-C=O); 165.5 (d, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 2.3 Hz, O-C=O); phenyl carbons: δ = 125.5, 126.5, 127.5, 127.9, 128.5, 128.6, 128.8, 129.4, 130.9, 131.2, 131.8, 132.3; IR (neat): ν<sub>P=O</sub> = 1234 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ν<sub>C=O (ester)</sub> = 1642 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ν<sub>C=O (amide)</sub> = 1703 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ν<sub>NH</sub> = 3248-3371 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-HRMS: calculated for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P, 460.1552 (M<sup>+</sup>); found: 460.1554.

**2b:** White solid; mp 173-174 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 0.76 (t, 3H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH); 1.19 (t, 3H; <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 2.08-2.20 (m, 2H, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH); 3.94 (q, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 4.03 (t, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.0 Hz, CH-N); 4.06 (d, 2H, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>PH</sub> = 15.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-P); 6.68 (br s, 1H, N-H); 7.37-7.85 (m, 10H, arom-H); 9.13 (br s, 1H, N-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 13.8 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH); 15.8 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 23.8 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH); 45.3 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 58.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-P); 51.0 (s, CH-N); 60.5 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 106.2 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 7.3 Hz, O=C-C=C); 135.9 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 9.7 Hz, O=C-C=C); 154.1 (s, N-C=O); 160.6 (s, O-C=O); phenyl carbons: δ = 120.6, 128.1, 128.3, 130.7, 130.9, 131.7, 131.8, 132.0; IR (neat): ν<sub>P=O</sub> = 1261 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ν<sub>C=O (ester)</sub> = 1643 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ν<sub>C=O (amide)</sub> = 1691 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ν<sub>NH</sub> = 3328-3350 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-HRMS: calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P, 412.1552 (M<sup>+</sup>); found: 412.1556.

**2c:** Clear yellow solid; mp 135-136 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 0.83 (t, 3H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 1.30 (d, 6H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.0 Hz, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH); 3.76 (m, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O and (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH); 3.85 (d, 2H, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>PH</sub> = 15.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-P); 5.73 (br s, 1H, N-H); 6.05 (d, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.0 Hz, CH-N); 6.29 (br s, 1H, N-H); 7.26-7.61 (m, 10H, arom-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 16.1 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 20.8 (s,

(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH); 22.1 (s, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH); 32.3 (s, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-CH); 32.7 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 75.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-P); 56.2 (s, CH-N); 60.5 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 107.8 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 7.8 Hz, O=C-C=C); 132.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 8.3 Hz, O=C-C=C); 156.1 (s, N-C=O); 166.5 (s, O-C=O); phenyl carbons: δ = 118.8, 128.5, 128.7, 130.5, 130.4, 131.6, 131.9, 132.0; IR (neat): ν<sub>P=O</sub> = 1267 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ν<sub>C=O (ester)</sub> = 1658 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ν<sub>C=O (amide)</sub> = 1684 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ν<sub>NH</sub> = 3240-3359 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-HRMS: calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P, 426.1708 (M<sup>+</sup>); found: 426.1709.

**2d**: Yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 0.75 (d, 6H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.0 Hz, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH); 1.08 (t, 3H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 1.98-2.03 (m, 2H, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH-CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.18-2.25 (m, 1H, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH-CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.80-4.10 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>-P and CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 5.78 (t, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.0 Hz, CH-N); 6.53 (br s, 1H, N-H); 7.36-7.79 (m, 10H, arom-H); 8.67 (br s, 1H, N-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 13.5 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 20.1 (s, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH-CH<sub>2</sub>); 22.8 (s, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH-CH<sub>2</sub>); 26.8 (s, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH-CH<sub>2</sub>); 30.0 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 81.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-P); 31.4 (s, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH-CH<sub>2</sub>); 47.2 (s, CH-N); 59.8 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 101.9 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 6.8 Hz, O=C-C=C); 141.9 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 9.8 Hz, O=C-C=C); 151.4 (s, N-C=O); 164.1 (s, O-C=O); phenyl carbons: δ = 126.8, 127.0, 127.4, 129.4, 130.8, 130.6, 131.2, 132.5; IR (neat): ν<sub>P=O</sub> = 1228 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ν<sub>C=O (ester)</sub> = 1670 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ν<sub>C=O (amide)</sub> = 1722 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ν<sub>NH</sub> = 3229-3375 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-HRMS: calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P, 440.1865 (M<sup>+</sup>); found: 440.1862.

**2e**: Yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 1.07-1.30 (m, 9H, 3 CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 3.59 (d, 2H, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>PH</sub> = 12 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-P); 3.90-4.15 (m, 6H, 3 CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 5.72 (s, 1H, CH-N); 5.79 (br s, 1H, N-H); 7.15-7.63 (m, 5H, arom-H); 9.32 (br s, 1H, N-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 13.4 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 15.9 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 4.5 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-P); 28.2 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 144.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-P); 53.9 (s, CH-N); 61.9 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 62.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 6.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-P); 101.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 8.9 Hz, O=C-C=C); 144.6 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 9.8 Hz, O=C-C=C); 152.4 (s, N-C=O); 165.3 (s, O-C=O); phenyl carbons: δ = 126.0, 128.1, 128.3, 128.8; IR (neat): ν<sub>P=O</sub> = 1237 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ν<sub>C=O (ester)</sub> = 1655 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ν<sub>C=O (amide)</sub> = 1698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ν<sub>NH</sub> = 3248-3359 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-HRMS: calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>P, 396.1450 (M<sup>+</sup>); found: 396.1457.

**2f**: Yellow solid; mp 214-216 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 0.78 (d, 6H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.0 Hz, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH); 1.00-1.21 (m, 10H, 3 CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O and (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH); 3.80-4.10 (m, 8H, 3 CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O and CH<sub>2</sub>-P); 4.57 (d, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 9.0 Hz, CH-N); 7.09 (br s, 1H, N-H); 9.02 (br s, 1H, N-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 13.8 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 15.7 (s, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH); 16.0 (s, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH); 17.4 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 4.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-P); 32.2 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 122.3 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-P); 34.4 (s, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH); 55.5 (s, CH-N); 61.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 6.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-P); 63.2 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O); 98.5 (s, O=C-C=C); 147.9 (s, O=C-C=C); 153.9 (s, N-C=O); 161.5 (s, O-C=O); IR (neat): ν<sub>P=O</sub> = 1246 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ν<sub>C=O (ester)</sub> = 1663 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ν<sub>C=O (amide)</sub> = 1716 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ν<sub>NH</sub> = 3219-3362 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-HRMS: calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>P, 362.1607 (M<sup>+</sup>); found: 362.1602.

**2g:** Brown oil;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta = 0.86$  (d, 6H,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.0$  Hz,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$ ); 1.18-1.31 (m, 11H, 3  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$  and  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH-CH}_2$ ); 1.95-2.24 (m, 1H,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH-CH}_2$ ); 3.95-4.12 (m, 9H, 3  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-P}$  and  $\text{CH-N}$ ); 7.01 (br s, 1H, N-H); 7.91 (br s, 1H, N-H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75.5 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta = 13.7$  (s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ); 14.0 (d,  $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.5$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O-P}$ ); 20.4 (s,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH-CH}_2$ ); 21.4 (s,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH-CH}_2$ ); 23.7 (s,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH-CH}_2$ ); 28.1 (s,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH-CH}_2$ ); 43.7 (d,  $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 129.8$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-P}$ ); 49.6 (s,  $\text{CH-N}$ ); 60.5 (s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ); 61.9 (d,  $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 6.0$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O-P}$ ); 101.9 (s,  $\text{O=C-C=C}$ ); 147.0 (s,  $\text{O=C-C=C}$ ); 154.9 (s,  $\text{N-C=O}$ ); 162.2 (s,  $\text{O-C=O}$ ); IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{P=O}} = 1239$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{C=O (ester)}} = 1665$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{C=O (amide)}} = 1712$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{NH}} = 3224\text{-}3372$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; EI-HRMS: calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{P}$ , 376.1763 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); found: 376.1759.

**2h:** Clear brown solid; mp 165-166  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta = 1.07$  (t, 3H,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.0$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ); 3.65 (d, 2H,  $^2J_{\text{PH}} = 12.0$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-P}$ ); 3.94 (d, 6H,  $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 3.0$  Hz, 2  $\text{CH}_3\text{-O}$ ); 4.02 (q, 2H,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.0$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ); 5.13 (s, 1H,  $\text{CH-N}$ ); 6.96 (br s, 1H, N-H); 7.17-7.33 (m; 5H; arom-H); 9.13 (br s, 1H, N-H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75.5 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta = 15.1$  (s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ); 43.1 (d,  $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 113.2$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-P}$ ); 55.1 (d,  $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 6.1$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-O-P}$ ); 59.7 (s,  $\text{CH-N}$ ); 65.7 (s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ); 102.6 (d,  $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 8.6$  Hz,  $\text{O=C-C=C}$ ); 145.4 (s,  $\text{O=C-C=C}$ ); 153.2 (s,  $\text{N-C=O}$ ); 164.5 (s,  $\text{O-C=O}$ ); phenyl carbons:  $\delta = 126.5, 126.7, 127.8, 128.5$ ; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{P=O}} = 1234$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{C=O (ester)}} = 1659$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{C=O (amide)}} = 1695$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{NH}} = 3219\text{-}3281$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; EI-HRMS: calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{P}$ , 368.1137 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); found: 368.1134.

**2i:** Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta = 1.10$  (t, 3H,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.0$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}$ ); 1.13 (t, 3H,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.0$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ); 1.48-1.58 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}$ ); 3.54 (d, 2H,  $^2J_{\text{PH}} = 9.0$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-P}$ ); 3.89-4.09 (m, 8H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$  and 2  $\text{CH}_3\text{-O}$ ); 5.30 (t, 1H,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.0$  Hz,  $\text{CH-N}$ ); 6.48 (br s, 1H, N-H); 9.99 (br s, 1H, N-H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75.5 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta = 13.7$  (s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}$ ); 18.2 (s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ); 26.0 (s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}$ ); 43.6 (d,  $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 99.6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-P}$ ); 51.9 (d,  $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 6.8$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-O-P}$ ); 56.0 (s,  $\text{CH-N}$ ); 61.0 (s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ); 101.7 (d,  $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 8.2$  Hz,  $\text{O=C-C=C}$ ); 131.8 (s,  $\text{O=C-C=C}$ ); 153.9 (s,  $\text{N-C=O}$ ); 161.4 (s,  $\text{O-C=O}$ ); IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{P=O}} = 1273$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{C=O (ester)}} = 1659$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{C=O (amide)}} = 1728$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{NH}} = 3364\text{-}3372$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; EI-HRMS: calculated for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{P}$ , 320.1137 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); found: 320.1131.

**2j:** Brown oil;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta = 0.90$  (d, 6H,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.0$  Hz,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$ ); 1.14 (t, 3H,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.0$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ); 1.12-1.19 (m, 1H,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$ ); 3.59 (d, 2H,  $^2J_{\text{PH}} = 12.0$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-P}$ ); 4.01 (d, 6H,  $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 3.0$  Hz, 2  $\text{CH}_3\text{-O}$ ); 4.05 (q, 2H,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.0$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ); 4.10 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.0$  Hz,  $\text{CH-N}$ ); 6.51 (br s, 1H, N-H); 10.02 (br s, 1H, N-H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75.5 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta = 13.7$  (s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ); 19.0 (s,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$ ); 20.8 (s,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$ ); 28.9 (s,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$ ); 43.6 (d,  $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 99.6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-P}$ ); 49.4 (s,  $\text{CH-N}$ ); 51.9 (d,  $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 6.0$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-O-P}$ ); 61.0 (s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ); 103.4 (d,  $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 8.7$  Hz,  $\text{O=C-C=C}$ ); 140.6 (s,  $\text{O=C-C=C}$ ); 154.0 (s,  $\text{N-C=O}$ ); 161.3 (s,  $\text{O-C=O}$ ); IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{P=O}} = 1239$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{C=O (ester)}} = 1663$

$\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{C=O (amide)}} = 1716 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{NH}} = 3119\text{-}3199 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ; EI-HRMS: calculated for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{P}$ , 334.1294 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); found: 334.1299.

**2k:** Brown oil;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta = 0.85$  (d, 6H,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$ ); 1.15 (t, 3H,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ); 2.22-2.24 (m, 2H,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH-CH}_2$ ); 3.33-3.40 (m, 1H,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH-CH}_2$ ); 3.35 (d, 2H,  $^2J_{\text{PH}} = 12.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-P}$ ); 3.39 (d, 6H,  $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 3.0 \text{ Hz}$ , 2  $\text{CH}_3\text{-O}$ ); 3.79 (q, 2H,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ); 4.50 (t, 1H,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{CH-N}$ ); 6.32 (br s, 1H, N-H); 9.22 (br s, 1H, N-H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75.5 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta = 13.7$  (s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ); 18.1 (s,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH-CH}_2$ ); 20.8 (s,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH-CH}_2$ ); 24.4 (s,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH-CH}_2$ ); 36.4 (s,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH-CH}_2$ ); 42.3 (s,  $\text{CH-N}$ ); 47.0 (d,  $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 118.5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-P}$ ); 51.9 (d,  $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 9.7 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-O-P}$ ); 60.7 (s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ); 102.6 (s,  $\text{O=C-C=C}$ ); 133.3 (s,  $\text{O=C-C=C}$ ); 154.0 (s,  $\text{N-C=O}$ ); 166.5 (s,  $\text{O-C=O}$ ); IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{P=O}} = 1273 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{C=O (ester)}} = 1659 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{C=O (amide)}} = 1724 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{NH}} = 3294\text{-}3389 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ; EI-HRMS: calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{P}$ , 348.1450 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); found: 348.1453.

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