

Microwave-assisted synthesis of α -aminophosphine oxides by the Kabachnik-Fields reaction applying amides as the starting materials

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General information

The reactions were carried out in a 300 W CEM Discover microwave reactor (CEM Microwave Technology Ltd., Buckingham, UK) equipped with a pressure controller applying 20–120 W under isothermal conditions.

HPLC-MS experiments were performed with an Agilent 1200 liquid chromatography system coupled with a 6130 quadrupole mass spectrometer equipped with an ESI ion source (Agilent Technologies, Palo Alto, CA, USA). Analysis was performed at 40 °C on a Gemini C18 column (150 mm × 4.6 mm, 3 μ m; Phenomenex, Torrance, CA, USA) with a mobile phase flow rate of 0.6 ml/min. Composition of eluent A was 0.1% NH_4HCO_3 in water; eluent B was 0.1% HCO_2NH_4 and 8% water in acetonitrile. 0→3 min 5% B, 3→13 min gradient, 13→20 min 95% B. The injection volume was 5 μ L. The chromatographic profile was registered at 222 nm. The MSD operating parameters were as follows: positive ionization mode, scan spectra from m/z 100 to 1000, drying gas temperature 300 °C, nitrogen flow rate 12 L/min, nebulizer pressure 60 psi, capillary voltage 2500 V.

The ^{31}P , ^{13}C , ^1H NMR spectra were taken on a Bruker AV-300 or DRX-500 spectrometer operating at 121.5, 75.5 and 300 or 202.4, 125.7 and 500 MHz, respectively, in CDCl_3 solution. Chemical shifts are downfield relative to 85% H_3PO_4 and TMS. The couplings are given in Hz. Electrospray high-resolution MS measurements were performed on a Thermo Velos Pro Orbitrap Elite Hybrid Mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Bremen, Germany). The ionization method was ESI and operated in positive ion mode. The capillary temperature was set at 275°C. Samples were infused into the ESI source MeOH solutions at a flow rate of 3 μ L/min. Resolving power of 60,000 (FWHM) at m/z 400. Data acquisition and analysis were accomplished with Xcalibur software version 3.0 (Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.).

General procedure for the synthesis of acylated α -aminophosphine oxides (1a-d, 2a-d and 3a-d)

A mixture of 5.0 mmol of the amide (0.29 g of acetamide, 0.37 g of propionamide or 0.61 g of benzamide), 0.50 mmol (0.02 g) of paraformaldehyde and 0.50 mmol of the secondary phosphine oxide (0.11 g of diphenylphosphine oxide, 0.12 g of di(*p*-tolyl)phosphine oxide, 0.13 g of bis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)phosphine oxide or 0.12 g of dibenzylphosphine oxide) was heated at 220 °C or 240 °C in a closed vial in a CEM Discover microwave reactor equipped with a pressure controller for 3.5 h. The crude product so obtained was dissolved in dichloromethane, and the excess of amide was removed by extraction with 3x15 mL of water. The combined organic phases were dried (Na₂SO₄). Evaporation of the solvent left a residue that was passed through a 1 cm silica gel layer using 10% methanol in dichloromethane as the eluent to afford the title products as white crystals. Most of the aminophosphine oxides were recrystallized from acetone. The following compounds were thus prepared:

[(Acetylamino)methyl]diphenylphosphine oxide (1a)

Yield: 72% (0.16 g); Mp: 174-175 °C; ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ 32.3; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 22.8 (CH₃), 39.1 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 78.9, P(O)CH₂), 128.8 (d, ²J_{CP} = 11.9, C₂), 130.6 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 99.9, C₁), 131.0 (d, ³J_{CP} = 9.7, C₃), 132.4 (d, ⁴J_{CP} = 2.8, C₄), 170.6 (d, ³J_{CP} = 4.9, C(O)); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.95 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.24 (t, ²J_{HP} = ³J_{HH} = 5.9, 2H, NHCH₂), 7.36–7.60 (m, 6H, C₃, C₄), 7.65–7.83 (m, 4H, C₂), 7.93–8.09 (br, 1H, NH). [M+H]⁺_{found} = 274.09969, C₁₅H₁₇NO₂P requires 274.09914.

[(Acetylamino)methyl]di-*p*-tolylphosphine oxide (1b)

Yield: 85% (0.13 g); Mp: 162-163 °C; ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ 31.4; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 21.6 (C₄CH₃), 22.9 (s, C(O)CH₃), 39.0 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 78.6, NHCH₂), 127.4 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 102.7, C₁), 129.6

(d, $^2J_{CP} = 12.3$, C₂), 130.9 (d, $^3J_{CP} = 10.0$, C₃), 142.9 (d, $^4J_{CP} = 2.7$, C₄), 170.4 (d, $^3J_{CP} = 2.3$, C(O)); 1H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.94 (s, 3H, C(O)CH₃), 2.39 (s, 6H, C₄CH₃), 4.18 (t, $^2J_{HP} = ^3J_{HH} = 5.0$, 2H, NHCH₂), 7.26 (d, $^3J_{HH} = 8.0$, 4H, C₃H), 7.61 (dd, $^3J_{HP} = 11.5$, $^3J_{HH} = 7.8$, 4H, C₂H), 7.66–7.84 (br, 1H, NH). $[M+H]^+_{\text{found}} = 302.13000$, C₁₇H₂₁NO₂P requires 302.13044.

[(Acetylamino)methyl]bis-3,5-dimethylphenylphosphine oxide (1c)

Yield: 75% (0.09 g); Mp: 172-174 °C; ^{31}P NMR (CDCl₃) δ 31.8; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 21.3 (C₃CH₃), 22.9 (C(O)CH₃), 38.9 (d, $^1J_{CP} = 77.6$ NHCH₂), 128.4 (d, $^2J_{CP} = 9.7$, C₂), 130.3 (d, $^1J_{CP} = 99.6$, C₁), 134.1 (d, $^3J_{CP} = 2.8$, C₃), 138.6 (d, $^4J_{CP} = 12.7$, C₄), 170.4 (d, $^3J_{CP} = 5.0$, C(O)); 1H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.95 (s, 3H, C(O)CH₃), 2.33 (s, 12H, C₃CH₃), 4.17 (t, $^2J_{HP} = ^3J_{HH} = 6.0$, 2H, NHCH₂), 7.15 (s, 2H, C₄H), 7.35 (d, $^3J_{HP} = 12.0$, 4H, C₂H). $[M+H]^+_{\text{found}} = 330.16148$, C₁₉H₂₅NO₂P requires 330.16174.

[(Acetylamino)methyl]dibenzylphosphine oxide (1d)

Yield: 93% (0.14 g); Mp: 110-112 °C; ^{31}P NMR (CDCl₃) δ 41.0; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 22.8 (CH₃), 35.0 (d, $^1J_{CP} = 60.1$, P(O)CH₂), 36.9 (d, $^1J_{CP} = 72.9$, NHCH₂), 127.2 (d, $^5J_{CP} = 2.9$, C₄), 128.9 (d, $^4J_{CP} = 2.5$, C₃), 129.7 (d, $^3J_{CP} = 5.2$, C₂), 130.9 (d, $^2J_{CP} = 7.5$, C₁), 170.9 (d, $^3J_{CP} = 4.0$, C(O)); 1H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.93 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.97–3.17 (m, 4H, P(O)CH₂), 3.47 (t, $^2J_{HP} = ^3J_{HH} = 5.0$, 2H, NHCH₂), 7.16–7.34 (m, 10H, ArH), 7.42–7.57 (br, 1H, NH). $[M+H]^+_{\text{found}} = 302.13022$, C₁₇H₂₁NO₂P requires 302.13044.

[(Propionylamino)methyl]diphenylphosphine oxide (2a)

Yield: 91% (0.13 g); Mp: 153-154 °C; ^{31}P NMR (CDCl₃) δ 34.0; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 9.9 (CH₃), 29.4 (CH₂CH₃), 38.8 (d, $^1J_{CP} = 78.4$, NHCH₂), 128.8 (d, $^2J_{CP} = 11.9$, C₂), 130.6 (d, $^1J_{CP} = 99.7$, C₁), 131.0 (d, $^3J_{CP} = 9.8$, C₃), 132.4 (d, $^4J_{CP} = 2.8$, C₄), 174.2 (d, $^3J_{CP} = 4.6$, C(O)); 1H

NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.99 (t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.6$, 3H, CH₃), 2.17 (q, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.6$, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 4.25 (t, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = ^3J_{\text{HH}} = 5.9$, 2H, NHCH₂), 7.16–7.61 (m, 7H, C₃H, C₄H, NH), 7.67–7.87 (m, 4H, C₂H). [M+H]⁺_{found} = 288.11489, C₁₆H₁₉NO₂P requires 288.11479.

[(Propyonylamino)methyl]di-*p*-tolylphosphine oxide (2b)

Yield: 62% (0.15 g); Mp: 146–148 °C; ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ 31.6; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 9.9 (CH₂CH₃), 21.6 (C₄CH₃), 29.4 (CH₂CH₃), 38.9 (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 78.7$, NHCH₂), 127.4 (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 102.5$, C₁), 129.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 129.5$, C₂), 131.0 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 10.0$, C₃), 142.8 (d, $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 1.7$, C₄), 174.2 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 2.3$, C(O)); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.00 (t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.5$, 3H, CH₃CH₂), 2.16 (q, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.6$, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 2.38 (s, 6H, C₄CH₃), 4.19 (t, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = ^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.1$, 2H, NHCH₂), 7.26 (d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.8$, 4H, C₃H), 7.31–7.44 (br, 1H, NH), 7.62 (dd, $^3J_{\text{HP}} = 11.7$, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.5$, 4H, C₂H). [M+H]⁺_{found} = 316.14566, C₁₈H₂₃NO₂P requires 316.14609.

[(Propyonylamino)methyl]bis-3,5-dimethylphenylphosphine oxide (2c)

Yield: 66% (0.10 g); Mp: 164–165 °C; ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ 32.0; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 9.9 (CH₂CH₃), 21.3 (C₃CH₃), 29.5 (CH₂CH₃), 38.8 (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 77.7$, NHCH₂), 128.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 9.7$, C₂), 130.3 (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 99.4$, C₁), 134.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 2.9$, C₃), 138.5 (d, $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 12.6$, C₄), 174.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.9$, C(O)); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.01 (t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.6$, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 2.17 (q, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.6$, CH₂CH₃), 2.33 (s, 12H, C₃CH₃), 4.18 (t, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = ^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.0$, 2H, NHCH₂), 7.07–7.13 (br, 1H, NH), 7.15 (s, 2H, C₄H), 7.35 (d, $^3J_{\text{HP}} = 12.0$, 4H, C₂H). [M+H]⁺_{found} = 344.17694, C₂₀H₂₇NO₂P requires 344.17739.

[(Propyonylamino)methyl]dibenzylphosphine oxide (2d)

Yield: 57% (0.14 g) as white crystals. Mp: 142–144 °C. ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ 41.2; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 9.7 (CH₃), 29.3 (CH₂CH₃), 35.1 (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 60.3$, P(O)CH₂), 36.7 (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 72.7$,

NHCH₂), 127.3 (d, ⁵J_{CP} = 2.9, C₄), 128.9 (d, ⁴J_{CP} = 2.5, C₃), 129.8 (d, ³J_{CP} = 5.2, C₂); 130.8 (d, ²J_{CP} = 7.6, C₁), 174.5 (d, ³J_{CP} = 4.0, C(O)); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.10 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.6, 3H, CH₃), 2.15 (q, ³J_{HH} = 7.6, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 2.99–3.22 (m, 4H, P(O)CH₂), 3.56 (t, ²J_{HP} = ³J_{HH} = 5.4, 2H, NHCH₂), 6.70–6.81 (br, 1H, NH), 7.15–7.39 (m, 10H, ArH). [M+H]⁺_{found} = 316.14555, C₁₈H₂₃NO₂P requires 316.14609.

[(Benzoylamino)methyl]diphenylphosphine oxide (3a)

Yield: 78% (0.14 g); Mp: 239–240 °C; ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ 31.2; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 39.5 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 78.1, NHCH₂), 127.3 (C₂*), 128.4 (C₃*), 128.8 (d, ²J_{CP} = 12.0, C₂), 130.6 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 100.0, C₁), 131.0 (d, ³J_{CP} = 9.7, C₃), 131.6 (C₁'), 132.3 (d, ⁴J_{CP} = 2.9, C₄), 133.8 (C₄'), 167.6 (d, ³J_{CP} = 4.6, C(O)), *may be reversed; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.48 (t, ²J_{HP} = ³J_{HH} = 6.0, 2H, NHCH₂), 7.25–7.33 (m, 2H, C₃H), 7.37–7.58 (m, 7H, C₃H, C₄H, C₄H), 7.72–7.85 (m, 6H, C₂H, C₂H), 7.92–8.00 (br, 1H, NH). [M+H]⁺_{found} = 336.11470, C₂₀H₁₉NO₂P requires 336.11479.

[(Benzoylamino)methyl]di-*p*-tolylphosphine oxide (3b)

Yield: 78% (0.15 g); Mp: 253–255 °C; ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ 31.4; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 21.6 (C₄CH₃), 39.6 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 77.9, NHCH₂), 126.8 (C₂*), 127.3 (C₃*), 127.5 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 102.7, C₁), 129.6 (d, ²J_{CP} = 12.3, C₂), 131.1 (d, ³J_{CP} = 10.1, C₃), 131.5 (C₁'), 133.8 (C₄'), 142.9 (d, ⁴J_{CP} = 2.9, C₄), 167.6 (d, ³J_{CP} = 4.6, C(O)), *may be reversed; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.37 (s, 6H, C₄CH₃), 4.41 (t, ²J_{HP} = ³J_{HH} = 6.1, 2H, NHCH₂), 7.11–7.48 (m, 7H, C₃H, C₃H, C₄H), 7.66 (dd, ³J_{HP} = 11.6, ³J_{HH} = 7.8, 4H, C₂H), 7.75 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7.1, 2H, C₂H), 7.79–7.87 (br, 1H, NH). [M+H]⁺_{found} = 364.14580, C₂₂H₂₃NO₂P requires 364.14609.

[(Benzoylamino)methyl]bis-3,5-dimethylphenylphosphine oxide (3c)

Yield: 58% (0.12 g); Mp: 200-201 °C; ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3) δ 30.9; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 21.3 (C_3CH_3), 39.6 (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 77.3$, NHCH_2), 127.3 (C_2^*), 128.4 (C_3^*), 128.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 9.6$, C_2), 130.5 (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 99.4$, C_1), 131.5 ($\text{C}_{1'}$), 134.0 (C_4'), 134.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 2.8$, C_3), 138.5 (d, $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 12.6$, C_4), 167.6 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4.9$, $\text{C}(\text{O})$), *may be reversed; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 2.35 (s, 12H, C_3CH_3), 4.45 (t, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = ^3J_{\text{HH}} = 5.2$, 2H, NHCH_2), 7.18 (s, 2H, C_4H), 7.29–7.50 (m, 7H, C_2H , C_3H , C_4H), 7.56–7.69 (br, 1H, NH), 7.80 (d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.1$, 2H, C_2H); $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+_{\text{found}} = 392.17688$, $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_2\text{P}$ requires 392.17739.

[(Benzoylamino)methyl]dibenzylphosphine oxide (3d)

Yield: 64% (0.11 g); Mp: 148-149 °C; ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3) δ 43.3; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 35.1 (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 60.1$, $\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2$), 37.5 (d, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 72.3$, NHCH_2), 127.2 (d, $^5J_{\text{CP}} = 2.9$, C_4), 127.4 (C_2^*), 128.4 (C_3^*), 128.9 (d, $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 2.4$, C_3), 129.8 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 5.2$, C_2), 130.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 7.7$, C_1), 131.7 ($\text{C}_{1'}$), 133.4 (C_4'), 167.7 (d, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 3.6$, $\text{C}(\text{O})$), *may be reversed; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 3.10–3.22 (m, 4H, $\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2$), 3.74 (t, $^2J_{\text{HP}} = ^3J_{\text{HH}} = 5.4$, 2H, NHCH_2), 7.21–7.27 (m, 6H, C_2H , C_4H), 7.27–7.32 (m, 4H, C_3H), 7.35–7.41 (m, 4H, C_3H), 7.45–7.50 (m, 1H, C_4H) 7.69–7.74 (br, 1H, NH), 7.81 (d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.4$, 2H, C_2H). $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+_{\text{found}} = 364.14580$, $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_2\text{P}$ requires 364.14609.



































