

N-ALKOXY-N-CHLOROUREAS IN THE SYNTHESIS OF THE PHOSPHORUS CONTAINING N-ALKOXYUREAS

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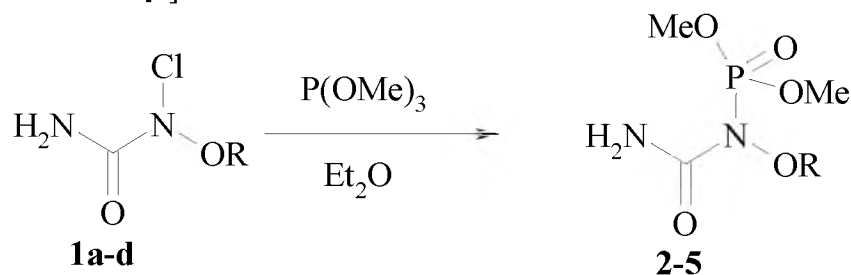
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The different kinds of the substituted ureas use as pharmaceutical materials. The chemical properties of *N*-alkoxy-*N*-chloroureas allow to create the new reaction strategies that give access to such new biological relevant scaffolds. But the nucleophilic substitution of the chlorine atom in *N*-alkoxy-*N*-chloroureas by *P*-nucleophiles remained unstudied.

As a rule the common *N*-phosphorylureas are obtained as the result of the amines interaction with dialkylisocyanatidophosphate, e.g. [1,2]. But the interaction of *N*-alkoxy-*N*-chloroureas with trimethylphosphite or triphenylphosphine had never been reported before. The *N*-alkoxy-*N*-chloroureas interaction with *P*-nucleophiles had not been reported as well. The synthesis of the *N*-phosphorylureas from other *N*-chloroureas is either unknown.

We have studied the interaction *N*-alkoxy-*N*-chloroureas **1a-d** with trimethyl phosphite in ether. The *N*-alkoxy-*N*-chloroureas **1a-d** react with trimethyl phosphite selectively forming the *N*-alkoxy-*N*-phosphoryl ureas **2-5** [3].

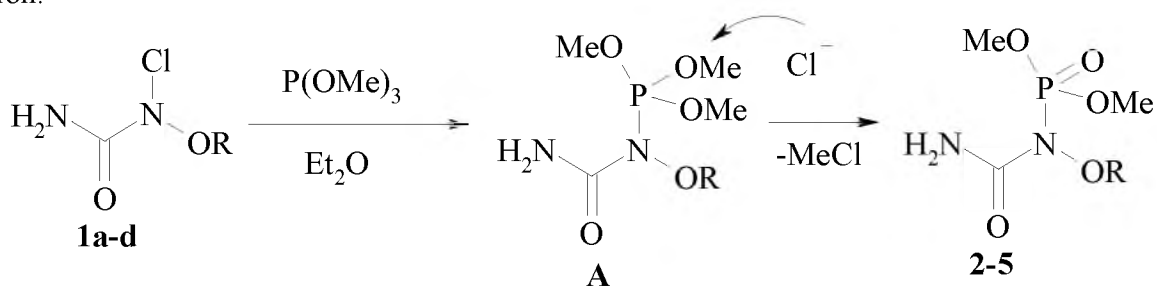


R=Me(**1a,2**), Et(**1b,3**), n-Bu(**1c,4**), i-Pr(**1d,5**)

The structure of *N*-alkoxy-*N*-phosphorylureas **2-5** has been proved by the ¹H, ¹³C, ³¹P NMR spectra and mass spectra. Also, structure of compounds **2,4** has been confirmed by the XRD study [3]. In compounds **2,4** both nitrogen atoms have the planar configuration. The carbamoyl group and the N–O bond lie within the plane. Thus, it has been found that *N*-alkoxy-*N*-(dimethoxyphosphoryl)ureas have a number of structural features different from those of anomeric ureas.

The obtained *N*-alkoxy-*N*-(dimethoxyphosphoryl)ureas **2-5** are the products of the nucleophilic substitution at the nitrogen atom. This reaction is new synthetic route to the *N*-phosphorylureas.

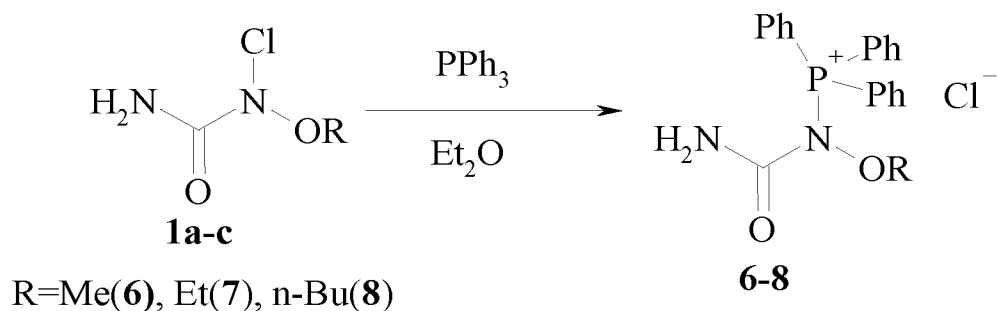
It may be proposed this is another possible mechanism of *N*-alkoxy-*N*-phosphorylureas **2-5** formation.



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At the first stage the labile *N*-alkoxy-*N*-(trimethoxyphosphonium)urea chlorides **A** formed by the nucleophilic substitution at the nitrogen in the *N*-alkoxy-*N*-chloroureas **2a-c**. At the second stage the *O*-demethylation of the intermediate **A** by the chloride anion takes place (this is the kind of Arbuzov reaction). It yields *N*-alkoxy-*N*-(dimethoxyphosphoryl)ureas **2-5**.

We had found that *N*-alkoxy-*N*-chloroureas **1a-c** interact with triphenylphosphine selectively yielding the compounds **6-8**.



The structure of *N*-alkoxy-*N*-(triphenylphosphonium)ureas chlorides **6-8** has been characterized by the ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{31}P NMR spectra. These compounds easily decompose by the action of the moisture of air and in the protonic solvents.

Thus, the possibility of the N-P bond formation by *N*-alkoxy-*N*-chloroureas interaction with *P*-nucleophiles become clear.

Compounds **2-8** are the unknown kinds of *N*-alkoxyureas and may be regarded as the potential biologically active scaffolds.

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