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## Fourier Transform <sup>1</sup>H NMR and IR Spectra of Novel O-Aryl-O-ethyl-2-chloroethyl Phosphonates

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Fifteen novel O-aryl-O-ethyl-2-chloroethyl phosphonates with their FT-<sup>1</sup>H NMR and IR spectral data are reported.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Organophosphorus compounds have added attractions because of their widespread use as pesticides, insecticides and nerve gases<sup>1,2</sup>. The proton magnetic resonance spectra of organophosphorus compounds exhibit a characteristic feature of splitting the signals of the protons proximate to phosphorus atom. This is because phosphorus present<sup>3</sup> in nature in 100 % abundance as <sup>31</sup>P with the spin quantum number <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. Infrared spectroscopy also gives characteristic peaks<sup>4</sup> for the identification of organophosphorus compounds. Recently, we have synthesized a series of novel O-ethyl-O-aryl-2-chloroethyl phosphonates which showed good fungitoxicity<sup>5</sup> and nematotoxicity<sup>6</sup>. Herein, the detailed <sup>1</sup>H NMR and IR spectra of these compounds are reported.

### EXPERIMENTAL

The phosphonates (1-15) were synthesized by condensing 2-chloroethyl phosphonyl chloride first with ethanol followed by substituted phenols in the presence of triethyl amine<sup>5</sup>. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian EM-360L,60 MHz instrument using CCl<sub>4</sub> as solvent with TMS as internal standard (chemical shifts in  $\delta$  ppm and *J* values in Hz). The IR spectra were obtained by a Perkin-Elmer 457 spectrophotometer (liquid samples as liquid film or in CCl<sub>4</sub> and solid samples in KBr discs).

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 2-chloroethyl phosphonyl chloride (precursor of the prepared phosphonates 1-15) showed two doublets of triplets at 3.2 and 3.95  $\delta$  accounting for O=P-CH<sub>2</sub> and Cl-CH<sub>2</sub>, respectively. Both these doublets have coupling constants 16 Hz and 8 Hz for H-P coupling and H-H coupling, respectively. When the two chlorine atoms of 2-chloroethyl phosphonyl chloride were replaced by

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O-ethyl and O-phenyl groups, as in case of phosphonate **1**, the coupling constant  ${}^{2}J_{\text{H-P}}$  increases by 2 units and  ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-P}}$  by 4 units.  ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-P}}$  is further increased by 6-10 units in case of more -I groups introduced in the phenolic moieties as in other phosphonates **2-15**. Table-1 shows the comparison between the coupling constants of the phosphonates and their precursor.



The <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts and coupling constants of various protons are presented in Table-2. The coupling constants  ${}^{2}J_{\text{H-P}}$  and  ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-H}}$  are found to be 18-19 Hz and 8 Hz, respectively for all the phosphonates, but  ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-P}}$  for compound 11 (R=2-Cl,4-NO<sub>2</sub>) and 13 (R=2,4,5-Cl<sub>3</sub>) is found to be 22 Hz and that for **14** (R=2,4,6-Cl<sub>3</sub>) is 24 Hz (Table-2). This is further increased in case of **15** (R=Cl<sub>5</sub>) where the coupling constant is 26 Hz. In earlier report<sup>7</sup>, in case of O,O-*bis*-aryl isopropyl phosphonates,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-P}}$  was in the range of 19.5-21.5, whereas in present case it increases up to 24 Hz which is a new observation. These enhanced coupling constants with electron withdrawing substituents in the phosphonates can be explained by the theory proposed by Hendrickson *et al*<sup>3</sup>.

The FT IR spectra of the synthesized phosphonates are given in Table-3, which shows the presence of all the peaks corresponding to P-O-alkyl, PO-alkyl, P-O-aryl, PO-aryl, P=O and P-CH<sub>2</sub> stretching frequencies apart from other expected peaks.

The P-O alkyl stretching showed absorbance at 818-887 cm<sup>-1</sup>. In most of the cases, there are strong peaks, but a few of them have medium intensities. The compound **7** (R=2-Cl) and **11** (R=2-Cl,4-NO<sub>2</sub>) showed weak peaks at 825 cm<sup>-1</sup>. All the compounds showed strong peaks for PO-alkyl stretching at 1024-1051 cm<sup>-1</sup>. In case of compounds **9** (R=3,4-Me<sub>2</sub>), **10** (R=3-Me, 4-Cl) and **11** (R=2-Cl,4-NO<sub>2</sub>), strangely there are two peaks at 1038 and 1051 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Because of the intensities of both the peaks were found to be strong, it was undetermined to assign which peak is for PO-alkyl stretching. Same case was also observed in case of **14** (R = 2,4,6-Cl<sub>3</sub>) where it came at 1025 and 1064 cm<sup>-1</sup> both having strong intensities.

The P-O-aryl stretching was observed at 985-923 as mostly strong peaks. In earlier report<sup>8</sup>, P-O, O-*bis*-aryl stretching was observed at 950-910 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Hence it was concluded that P-O-aryl bond was stronger in case of present series as compared to the previous one.

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# TABLE-2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR SPECTRAL DATA OF O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> CI-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub> (1-15)

		δValues							
	R		Cl-CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> -	OCH	Cl-CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> -				
Com. No.		-OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> (3H, t, <i>J</i> =8 Hz)	P=O-	$-0CH_2$ -	P=O-		Others		
			(2H,d, t)(J	(2H a	(2H,d, t)(J	-O-Ar			
			values are in	$(211, q, L-8 H_7)$	values are in				
			Parentheses)	J=0 112)	parentheses)				
1	Н	1.28	2.40	3 82	4.05	7.38			
			(18Hz, 8Hz)	5.62	(20Hz, 8Hz)	(5H,s)	-		
2	4-Me	1.29	2.40	3 78	4.02	7.22	2.32(3H,s,		
			(18Hz, 8Hz)	5.76	(20Hz, 8Hz)	(4H,s)	Ar-Me)		
3	4 – C (Me) <sub>3</sub>	1.28	2.40	3 78	4.05	7.34	1.32(9H,s,		
			(18Hz, 8Hz)	5.70	(20Hz, 8Hz)	(4H,dd, <i>J</i> =9Hz)	$Ph-CMe_3$ )		
4	4-OMe	1.28	2.38	3 74	4.00	7.02	3.80(3H,s,		
			(18Hz, 8Hz)	5.74	(20Hz, 8Hz)	(4H,dd, <i>J</i> =9Hz)	Ph-O-Me)		
5	2-NO <sub>2</sub>	1.36	2.56	3 88	4.12	7.8			
			(19Hz, 8Hz)	5.00	(20Hz, 8Hz)	(4H,m)	-		
6	4-NO <sub>2</sub>	1.34	2.52	3.86	4.10	7.6			
U			(19Hz, 8Hz)		(20Hz, 8Hz)	(4H,m)	-		
7	2-Cl	1.32	2.50	3.82	4.02	7.45			
'			(18Hz, 8Hz)		(20Hz, 8Hz)	(4H,m)	-		
8	4-Cl	1.28	2.40	3.70	4.02	7.32			
			(18Hz, 8Hz)		(20Hz, 8Hz)	(4H,dd, <i>J</i> =9Hz)	-		
0	3,4-Me <sub>2</sub>	1.28	2.30	3 78	4.02	7.08	2.28(6H,s,		
,			(18Hz, 8Hz)	5.70	(20Hz, 8Hz)	(3H,m)	$Ar-Me_2$ )		
10	3-Me,4-Cl	1.30	2.36	3 78	4.02	7.2	2.38(3H,s,		
10			(18Hz, 8Hz)	5.70	(20Hz, 8Hz)	(3H,m)	Ar-Me)		
11	2-Cl,4-NO <sub>2</sub>	1.42	2.62	3 82	4.20	8.15			
			(19Hz, 8Hz)	5.62	(22Hz, 8Hz)	(3H,m)	-		
12	2,4-Cl <sub>2</sub>	1.34	2.52	3.86	4.10	7.45			
14			(19Hz, 8Hz)		(20Hz, 8Hz)	(3H,m)	_		
13	2,4,5-Cl <sub>3</sub>	1.36	2.52	3 76	4.10	7.68(1H,s) &			
15			(19Hz, 8Hz)	5.70	(22Hz, 8Hz)	7.74(1H,s)	_		
14	2,4,6-Cl <sub>3</sub>	1.36	2.66	3 88	4.18	7.50			
			(19Hz, 8Hz)	5.00	(24Hz, 8Hz)	(2H,s)	_		
15	Cl <sub>5</sub>	1.42	2.72	3.88	4.18				
15			(19Hz, 8Hz)		(26Hz, 8Hz)	-	-		

The PO-aryl stretching was observed at 1235-1202 cm<sup>-1</sup> as strong peaks which is comparable with 1240-1200 cm<sup>-1</sup> in case of previous series<sup>8</sup>. The most common P=O stretching was observed at 1268-1249 cm<sup>-1</sup> all as strong peaks.

Another important vibration namely P-CH<sub>2</sub> stretching occurred at 1400 cm<sup>-1</sup> in all the cases except 9 (R=3, 4-Me<sub>2</sub>) where it was observed at 1406 cm<sup>-1</sup>. All these

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peaks were having either medium or weak intensities. Apart from all these vibrations due to phosphorus nucleus, the aromatic C=C, aliphatic C-H and C-Cl stretching frequencies were observed at usual positions as shown in Table-2, but both the symmetric and asymmetric N-O stretching vibrations for  $NO_2$  group substituted compounds were observed as medium or weak peaks.



0		M	Stretching vibrations (cm <sup>-1</sup> )									
omp. No.	R	edium	P- Oalkyl	PO- alkyl	P- Oaryl	PO- Aryl	P=O	P-CH <sub>2</sub>	Aromatic (C=C)	С-Н	C-Cl	Others
1	Н	LF	825.8 (m)	1024.9 (w)	926.5 (s)	1214.8 (s)	1262.9 (s)	1400.4 (m)	1489.4(s) 1592.3(m)	2927.2	765.4 (s)	-
2	4-Me	LF	825.8 (s)	1045.6 (s)	943.1 (s)	1216.0 (s)	1254.7 (s)	1400.4 (m)	1506.7(s) 1609.3(w)	2983.0	764.5 (m)	-
3	4-C(Me) <sub>3</sub>	LF	840.9 (s)	1044.9 (s)	941.9 (s)	1218.1 (s)	1256.3 (s)	1400.4 (m)	1508.8(s) 1604.4(w)	2963.7	781.1 (m)	-
4	4-OMe	LF	834.4 (s)	1051.6 (s)	952.8 (s)	1202.9 (s)	1254.8 (s)	1400.4 (m)	1505.7(s) 1604.4(w)	2979.9	729.1 (m)	-
5	2-NO <sub>2</sub>	LF	834.4 (m)	1038.4 (s)	952.8 (s)	1202.9 (s)	1249.0 (s)	1400.4 (m)	1505.7(w) 1605.8(w)	2987.0	781.1 (m)	1340.1(m) 1570.2(w)
6	4-NO <sub>2</sub>	$\text{CCl}_4$	825.8 (s)	1038.4 (w)	952.8 (w)	1202.9 (s)	1249.0 (s)	1400.4 (w)	1518.8(m) 1604.4(w)	2966.7	765.4 (s)	1356.2(m) 1570.2(w)
7	2-Cl	LF	825.8 (w)	1038.4 (s)	926.5 (s)	1235.8 (s)	1254.6 (s)	1400.4 (w)	1479.3(s) 1584.6(w)	2993.1	768.6 (m)	_
8	4-Cl	LF	841.0 (s)	1038.4 (w)	933.1 (s)	1216.1 (s)	1254.6 (s)	1400.4 (s)	1485.9(s) 1597.8(m)	2979.9	781.7 (s)	_
9	3,4-Me <sub>2</sub>	LF	887.0 (s)	1038.4(s) 1051.6(s)	966.0 (s)	1202.9 (s)	1255.6 (s)	1406.9 (m)	1505.7(m) 1617.6(w)	2979.9	764.5 (w)	_
10	3-Me,4-Cl	CCl <sub>4</sub>	854.1 (m)	1038.6(s) 1051.6(s)	972.6 (m)	1235.8 (s)	1268.7 (s)	1400.4 (w)	1479.3(m) 1584.6(w)	2986.5	765.4 (s)	_
11	2-Cl,4-NO <sub>2</sub>	LF	825.8 (w)	1038.6(s) 1051.6(s)	972.6 (m)	1216.1 (s)	1249.0 (s)	1400.4 (w)	1532.0(m) 1591.2(m)	2986.5	748.8 (m)	1340.1(s) 1570.2(w)
12	2,4-Cl <sub>2</sub>	LF	818.1 (s)	1036.4 (s)	923.9 (s)	1235.2 (s)	1256.6 (s)	1400.4 (m)	1489.4(s) 1584.6(m)	2979.9	745.8 (w)	_
13	2,4,5-Cl <sub>3</sub>	LF	854.1 (s)	1045.0 (s)	952.8 (s)	-	1255.6 (s)	1400.4 (m)	1479.3(s) 1584.6(w)	2979.9	781.1 (w)	_
14	2,4,6-Cl <sub>3</sub>	KBr	825.8 (s)	1025.2(s) 1064.7(s)	985.7 (m)	1202.9 (m)	1249.0 (s)	1400.4 (w)	1453.0(s) 1558.3(m)	2960.1	781.1 (w)	_
15	Cl <sub>5</sub>	KBr	847.5 (m)	1038.4 (s)	972.6 (m)	1235.6 (w)	1268.7 (m)	1400.4 (w)	1453.0(m) 1538.6(w)	2979.1	715.9 (m)	-

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