

## Te(II)-induced heterocyclization of 1,2-alkadienephosphonates

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**Abstract:** The reactivity of some 1,2-alkadienephosphonates towards phenyltelluryl halides was investigated. A plausible mechanism of the reaction is discussed.

**Key words:** 1,2-Alkadienephosphonates, electrophilic addition, phosphorus heterocycles

### 1. Introduction

The applications of organophosphorus compounds as pharmaceutical, agricultural, and chemical agents are well documented.<sup>1,2</sup> Among them, oxaphosphole derivatives, which have structures similar to those of phospho-sugars, have received particular interest.<sup>3,4</sup> Consequently, many attempts for their synthesis have been made. One of the easiest and most fruitful methods for the synthesis of these derivatives is electrophile-induced heterocyclization of 1,2-alkadienephosphonates.<sup>5</sup>

Keeping in mind that the scope of applications of organotellurides has been known for years because of their ready transformation to other compounds via reactions with organometallic reagents,<sup>6–10</sup> here we wish to report the results of our study on the electrophilic addition of organotellurides to some 1,2-alkadienephosphonates.

### 2. Experimental

#### 2.1. Analytical methods

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra were measured at normal probe temperature on a Bruker Avance DRX 250 MHz spectrometer using tetramethylsilane (TMS) (<sup>1</sup>H) and 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (<sup>31</sup>P) as internal references in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution.

Chemical shifts are given in parts per million (ppm) and are downfield from the internal standard. The infrared (IR) spectra were run on a Shimadzu IRAffinity-1 spectrophotometer. Elemental analyses were carried out by the University of Shumen Microanalytical Service Laboratory. Phenyltelluryl chloride was synthesized as described previously.<sup>11–15</sup>

Compounds **1**, **3**, **4**, **7**, and **9** were synthesized according to the literature.<sup>16–18</sup>

The solvents were purified by standard methods. All reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware under an argon atmosphere and with exclusion of moisture. All compounds were checked for their purity on TLC plates. Melting points are uncorrected.

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## 2.2. Synthesis of 2-alkoxy-5-alkyl-5-alkyl-4-phenyltellanyl-5*H*-[1,2]-oxaphosphole 2-oxides and of 2-alkoxy-4-phenyltellanyl-1-oxa-2-phospha-[4,5]-dec-3-ene 2-oxide 2a-d

### 2.2.1. General procedure

To a solution of **1** (5 mmol) in methylene chloride (10 mL) was added a solution of phenyltelluryl chloride (1.24 g, 5.2 mmol) in 5 mL of methylene chloride under stirring and cooling (−10 to −12 °C). After 1 h of stirring at the same conditions, the reaction mixture stood overnight, and was concentrated and recrystallized in heptane/benzene (2:1).

**2a**, cryst. colorless needles; 1.59 g (87%), mp °C (147–149), IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  2980, 2677, 1540, 1235, 960  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 7.86–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.51 (m, 3H), 6.46 (d,  $J_{HP}$  26.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d,  $J_{HP}$  12.2 Hz, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 3H).  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 33.09; *Anal.*, Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{PTe}$  ( $M_r = 365.81$ ): P 8.47; Found P 8.43; **2b**, cryst. colorless needles; 1.38 g (73%), mp °C (150–152), IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  2980, 2677, 1580, 1235, 1000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 7.86–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.51 (m, 3H), 6.49 (d,  $J_{HP}$  26.1 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (m,  $J_{HP}$  10.0 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t,  $J_{HH}$  7.0 Hz, 3H) 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H).  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 32.0; *Anal.*, Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{PTe}$  ( $M_r = 379.836$ ): P 8.15; Found P 8.11; **2c**, cryst. colorless needles; 1.46 g (77%), mp °C (149–150); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  2980, 2677, 1545, 1235, 980  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 7.86–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.51 (m, 3H), 6.55, 6.59\* (d,  $J_{HP}$  26.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80, 3.82\* (d,  $J_{HP}$  11.6 Hz, 2H), 1.51, 1.54\* (s, 3H), 1.89 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, 3H).  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 33.12; *Anal.*, Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{PTe}$  ( $M_r = 379.836$ ): P 8.15; Found P 8.10; (\*Additional signals for diastereomers); **2d**, cryst. colorless needles; 1.44 g (71%), mp °C (155–157); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  2980, 2677, 1540, 1235, 990  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 7.86–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.51 (m, 3H), 6.42 (d,  $J_{HP}$  25.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d,  $J_{HP}$  11.2 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (m, 10H).  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 33.23; *Anal.*, Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3\text{PTe}$  ( $M_r = 405.872$ ): P 7.63; Found P 7.60.

## 2.3. Synthesis of (5-alkyl-5-alkyl-2-oxo-4-phenyltellanyl-2,5-dihydro-2 $\lambda^5$ -[1,2]-oxaphosphol-2-yl) dialkylamines 5a-c and of dialkyl-(2-oxo-4-phenyltellanyl-1-oxa-2 $\lambda^5$ phospha-spiro[4,5]-dec-3-ene 2-yl)amines 6a-c

### 2.3.1. General procedure

To a solution of **3** or **4** (5 mmol) in methylene chloride (10 mL) was added a solution of phenyltelluryl chloride (1.24 g, 5.2 mmol) in 5 mL of methylene chloride under stirring and cooling (−10 to −12 °C). After 1 h of stirring at the same conditions, the reaction mixture stood overnight, and was concentrated and recrystallized in heptane/benzene (2:1).

**5a**, cryst. colorless needles; 1.67 g (82%), mp °C (147–149); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  2980, 2677, 1589, 1225, 1004  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 7.86–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.51 (m, 3H), 5.88 (d,  $J_{HP}$  24.2 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.00 (t,  $J_{HH}$  7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.93 (m,  $J_{HP}$  13.6 Hz, 2H).  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 28.3; *Anal.*, Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{NPTe}$  ( $M_r = 406.896$ ): P 7.61, N 3.44; Found P 7.59, N 3.41; **5b**, cryst. colorless needles; 1.62 g (77%), mp °C (149–150); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  2980, 2677, 1590, 1235, 980  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 7.86–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.51 (m, 3H), 6.55, 6.59\* (d,  $J_{HP}$  22.4 Hz, 1H), 1.51, 1.54\* (s, 3H), 1.89 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, 3H), 1.04 (t,  $J_{HH}$  7.0 Hz, 3H), 3.00 (m,  $J_{HP}$  12.1 Hz, 2H).

$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 27.9; *Anal.*, Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{NPTe}$  ( $M_r = 420.922$ ): P 7.36, N 3.32; Found P 7.33, N 3.29 (\*Additional signals for diastereomers); **5c**, *cryst.* colorless needles; 1.81 g (81%), mp  $^\circ\text{C}$  (155–157); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  2980, 2677, 1588, 1225, 1000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 7.86–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.51 (m, 3H), 5.87 (d,  $J_{\text{HP}}$  23.5 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (m, 10H), 0.98 (t,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.92 (m,  $J_{\text{HP}}$  12.4 Hz, 2H).  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 32.3; *Anal.*, Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{NPTe}$  ( $M_r = 446.958$ ): P 6.93, N 3.13; Found P 6.90, N 3.10.

**6a**, *cryst.* colorless needles; 1.89 g (87%), mp  $^\circ\text{C}$  (147–149); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  2980, 2677, 1580, 1230, 1000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 7.86–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.51 (m, 3H), 6.08 (d,  $J_{\text{HP}}$  24.2 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.24 (ss, 6H), 2.93 (m, 1H).  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 28.3; *Anal.*, Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{NPTe}$  ( $M_r = 434.948$ ): P 7.12, N 3.22; Found P 7.10, N 3.19; **6b**, *cryst.* colorless needles; 1.66 g (74%), mp  $^\circ\text{C}$  (147–149); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  2980, 2677, 1597, 1235, 900  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 7.86–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.51 (m, 3H), 6.55, 6.59\* (d,  $J_{\text{HP}}$  26.0 Hz, 1H), 1.51, 1.54\* (s, 3H), 1.89 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, 3H), 1.24 (ss, 6H), 2.93 (m, 1H).  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 28.3; *Anal.*, Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2\text{NPTe}$  ( $M_r = 450.974$ ): P 6.89, N 3.12; Found P 6.86, N 3.10; **6c**, *cryst.* colorless needles; 1.99 g (84%), mp  $^\circ\text{C}$  (147–149); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  2980, 2677, 1590, 1228, 1004  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 7.86–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.51 (m, 3H), 5.87 (d,  $J_{\text{HP}}$  23.5 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (m, 10H), 1.24 (s, 6H), 2.93 (m, 1H);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 28.3; *Anal.*, Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_2\text{NPTe}$  ( $M_r = 475.01$ ): P 6.52, N 2.95; Found P 6.50, N 2.91.

## 2.4. Synthesis of (5-alkyl-5-alkyl-2-oxo-4-phenyltellanyl-2,5-dihydro-2 $\lambda^5$ -[1,2]-oxaphosphol-2-yl) alkylamines **8a,b** and of alkyl-(2-oxo-4-phenyltellanyl-1-oxa-2 $\lambda^5$ phospha-spiro[4,5]-dec-3-ene 2-yl)amine **8c**

### 2.4.1. General procedure

To a solution of **7** (5 mmol) in methylene chloride (10 mL) was added a solution of phenyltelluryl chloride (1.24 g, 5.2 mmol) in 5 mL of the same solvent under stirring and cooling ( $-10$  to  $-12$   $^\circ\text{C}$ ). After 1 h of stirring at the same conditions, the reaction mixture stood overnight, and was concentrated and recrystallized in heptane/benzene (2:1).

**8a**, *cryst.* colorless needles; 1.61 g (82%), mp  $^\circ\text{C}$  (147–149); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  2980, 2677, 1580, 1245, 1004  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 7.56–7.46 (m, 2H); 7.29–7.23 (m, 3H); 5.35 (d,  $J_{\text{HP}}$  27.75 Hz, 1H); 2.54 (m, 2H); 1.46 (s, 3H); 1.51 (s, 3H); 2.00 (d,  $J_{\text{HP}}$  10.00 Hz, 1H); 1.28–1.19 (m, 2H); 0.91 (t, 3H);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 29.0; *Anal.*, Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{NPTe}$  ( $M_r = 392.87$ ): P 7.88, N 3.56; Found P 7.83, N 3.51; **8b**, *cryst.* colorless needles; 1.52 g (75%), mp  $^\circ\text{C}$  (147–149); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  2980, 2677, 1589, 1230, 960  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 7.86–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.51 (m, 3H), 6.55, 6.59\* (d,  $J_{\text{HP}}$  26.0 Hz, 1H), 1.51, 1.54\* (s, 3H), 1.89 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, 3H), 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.00 (d,  $J_{\text{HP}}$  10.00 Hz, 1H); 1.28–1.19 (m, 2H); 0.91 (t, 3H).  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 28.3; *Anal.*, Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{NPTe}$  ( $M_r = 406.896$ ): P 7.61, N 3.44; Found P 7.58, N 3.40 (\*Additional signals for diastereomers); **8c**, *cryst.* colorless needles; 1.71 g (79%), mp  $^\circ\text{C}$  (147–149); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  2980, 2677, 1587, 1253, 1004  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) ppm: 7.86–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.51 (m, 3H), 5.87 (d,  $J_{\text{HP}}$  23.5 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (m, 10H), 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.00 (d,  $J_{\text{HP}}$  10.00 Hz, 1H); 1.28–1.19 (m, 2H); 0.91 (t, 3H);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (250

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) ppm: 28.3; *Anal.*, Calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NPTe (M<sub>r</sub> = 432.932): P 7.15, N 3.23; Found P 7.11, N 3.20.

## 2.5. Synthesis of 4-(5-alkyl-5-alkyl-2-oxo-4-phenyltellanyl-2,5-dihydro-2λ<sup>5</sup>-[1,2]-oxaphosphol-2-yl)morpholines 10a,b and of 4-(2-oxo-4-phenyltellanyl-1-oxa-2λ<sup>5</sup>phospha-spiro[4,5]-dec-3-ene 2-yl)morpholine 10c

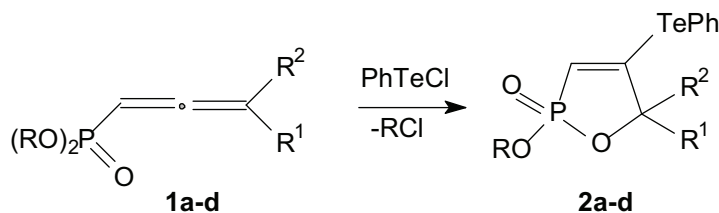
### 2.5.1. General procedure

To a solution of **9** (5 mmol) in methylene chloride (10 mL) was added a solution of phenyltelluryl chloride (1.24 g, 5.2 mmol) in 5 mL of methylene chloride under stirring and cooling (−10 to −12 °C). After 1 h of stirring at the same conditions, the reaction mixture stood overnight, and was concentrated and recrystallized in heptane/benzene (2:1).

**10a**, cryst. colorless needles; 1.30 g (62%), mp °C (147–149); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  2980, 2677, 1589, 1225, 1004  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) ppm: 7.56–7.46 (m, 2H); 7.29–7.23 (m, 3H); 6.34 (d, *J*<sub>HP</sub> 23.0 Hz, 1H); 1.46 (s, 3H); 1.51 (s, 3H), 2.87, 3.76 (m, 8H); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) ppm: 33.42; *Anal.*, Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NPTe (M<sub>r</sub> = 420.88): P 7.36, N 3.33; Found P 7.32, N 3.30; **10b**, cryst. colorless needles; 1.45 g (67%), mp °C (147–149); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  2980, 2677, 1595, 1225, 1000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) ppm: 7.86–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.51 (m, 3H), 6.55, 6.59\* (d, *J*<sub>HP</sub> 26.0 Hz, 1H), 1.51, 1.54\* (s, 3H), 1.89 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, 3H), 2.87, 3.76 (m, 8H). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) ppm: 34.12; *Anal.*, Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NPTe (M<sub>r</sub> = 434.906): P 7.12, N 3.22; Found P 7.09, N 3.18 (\*Additional signals for diastereomers); **10c**, cryst. colorless needles; 1.40 g (61%), mp °C (147–149); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  2980, 2677, 1589, 1273, 998  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) ppm: 7.86–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.51 (m, 3H), 5.87 (d, *J*<sub>HP</sub> 23.5 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (m, 10H), 2.87, 3.76 (m, 8H). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) ppm: 33.22; *Anal.*, Calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NPTe (M<sub>r</sub> = 460.942): P 6.72, N 3.04; Found P 6.69, N 2.99.

## 3. Results and discussion

In our first report on this subject<sup>19</sup> we demonstrated that the reaction of dialkyl esters of 1,2-alkadienephosphonic acids with phenyltelluryl chloride leads to the formation of 4-phenyltelluro-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaphosphole 2-oxide derivatives (Figure 1).

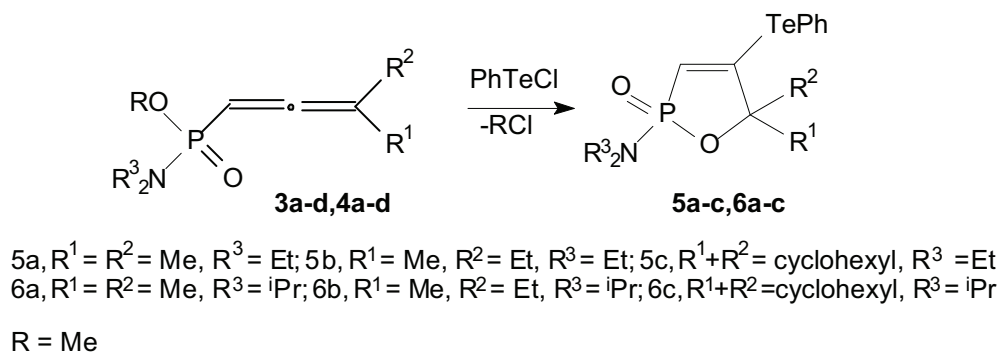


2a, R, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> = Me, 2b, R = Et, R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>2</sup> = Me, 2c, R = R<sup>1</sup> = Me, R<sup>2</sup> = Et, 2d, R = Me, R<sup>1</sup> + R<sup>2</sup> = cyclohexyl

**Figure 1.** Reaction of dialkyl esters of 1,2-alkadienephosphonic acids with phenyltelluryl chloride.

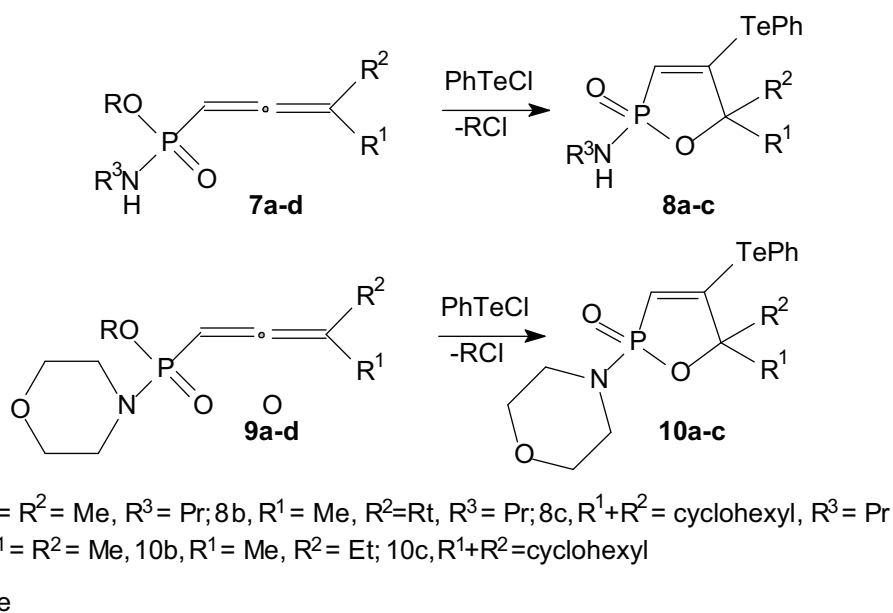
In 2007, Yuan and co-workers reported the same results using different synthetic conditions.<sup>20</sup>

Continuing our investigations on this reaction, we studied the reaction of N,N-dialkylamido-O-alkyl-1,2-alkadienephosphonates previously described by us,<sup>17</sup> with the same reagent, and established that in all cases with good yields the oxaphosphole derivatives **5a–c** and **6a–c** were obtained (Figure 2):



**Figure 2.** Reaction of N,N-dialkylamido-O-alkyl-1,2-alkadienephosphonates with phenyltelluryl chloride.

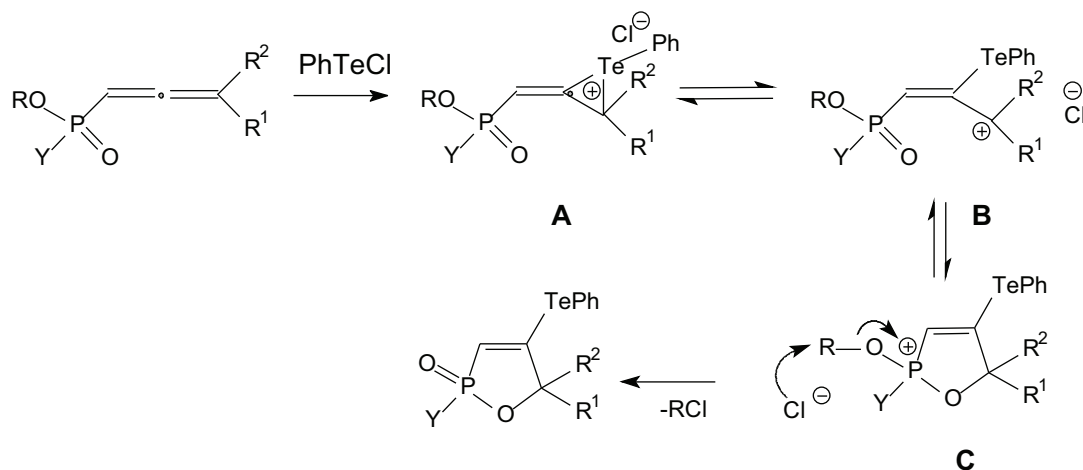
The results reported above encourage us to investigate the reactivity of N-alkylamido-O-alkyl-1,2-alkadienephosphonates as well as the reactivity of N-morpholino-O-alkyl-1,2-alkadienephosphonates also previously reported by us.<sup>18</sup> We expected both substrates to react with phenyltelluryl chloride with formation of the corresponding 2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaphosphole 2-oxide derivatives (Figure 3).



**Figure 3.** Reaction of N-alkylamido-O-alkyl-1,2-alkadienephosphonates and of N-morpholino-O-alkyl-1,2-alkadienephosphonates with phenyltelluryl chloride.

All the synthetic results obtained as well as our previous experience<sup>5</sup> give us reason to suggest the following plausible mechanism of the telluro-induced cyclization of 1,2-alkadienephosphonates (Figure 4):

The attack of the reagent affecting the  $C^2-C^3$  double bond of the allenephosphonate system leads to the formation of “onium” intermediate **A**, which is in equilibrium with carbocation **B**. The latter can be transformed to quaziposponium intermediate **C**, which undergoes dealkylation (Michalis–Arbuzov reaction – second stage) to afford the final 2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaphosphole 2-oxide derivatives **2**, **5**, **6**, **8**, and **10**.



**Figure 4.** Plausible mechanism of the telluro-induced cyclization of 1,2-alkadienephosphonates.

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