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#### Abstract

The reaction of primary $\alpha$-halo esters with potassium bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite (prepared from bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite, potassium hexamethyldisilazide, and 18 -crown-6 in THF at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) results in formation of the corresponding bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphono esters in good yield (60-74\%). Yields diminish significantly when secondary $\alpha$-halo esters are employed (10-12\%) due to steric factors. Reaction conditions were applied to primary alkyl halides and $\alpha$-halo ketones for the synthesis of bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) alkyl phosphonates and bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) vinyl phosphates respectively.


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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| Abbreviation | Description |
| :---: | :---: |
| ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ | carbon |
| ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ | proton |
| ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ | phosphorus |
| Å | Angstrom |
| $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ | deuterated chloroform |
| $\mathrm{CF}_{3}$ | trifluoromethyl |
| d | doublet |
| DBU | 1,8-diazobicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene |
| dd | doublet of doublets |
| ddd | doublet of doublets of doublets |
| DMSO | dimethyl sulfoxide |
| DMSO-d ${ }_{6}$ | deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide |
| dq | doublet of quartets |
| equiv | equivalents |
| EtOAc | ethyl acetate |
| Hz | hertz |
| $J$ | coupling constant |
| KHMDS | potassium hexamethyldisilazide |
| M | molarity |
| $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ | magnesium sulfate |


| MHz | megahertz |
| :--- | :--- |
| NMR | nuclear magnetic resonance |
| $\mathrm{PCl}_{5}$ | phosphorus pentachloride |
| PMA | phosphomolybdic acid |
| ppm | parts per million |
| PTSA | p-toluenesulfonic acid |
| $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}$ | retention factor |
| s | singlet |
| sat. | saturated |
| SOCl | thionyl chloride |
| t | triplet |
| THF | tetrahydrofuran |
| TMS | tetramethylsilane |
| UV | ultraviolet |

## Chapter 1: Introduction

## Part 1: Phosphorus in Organic Molecules

Phosphorus is an element essential to life and organophosphorus compounds have been widely studied. Organophosphorus compounds can be divided into subgroups classified by the oxidation state of phosphorus and the different groups bound to phosphorus (Figure 1).

phosphite

phosphonite




Figure 1: Spatial Arrangements of Organophosphorus Compounds.
Phosphonates are an important class of organophosphorus compounds which can be found in flame retardants, herbicides, and pharmaceuticals. In addition, bisphosphonates are medicinally active and have been shown to treat osteoporosis. ${ }^{1-4}$ Shown in Figure 2 are the chemical structures of various phosphonates.


Figure 2: Chemical Structures of Select Phosphonates.

## Part 2: Synthetic Application of Phosphonates

Besides their biological and medicinal importance, phosphonates serve as useful synthetic reagents found in many natural product syntheses. ${ }^{5-6}$ The Horner-WadsworthEmmons (HWE) condensation is a popular reaction that couples a phosphono ester to an aldehyde or ketone resulting in the formation of either an $(E)$ or $(Z)$-substituted olefin. The (E)-substituted olefin is the thermodynamically favored product, but Still and Gennari demonstrated that the kinetic product, the $(Z)$-substituted olefin, is highly favored when bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphono esters are used. ${ }^{3}$ Schemes $\mathbf{1}$ and 2 demonstrate mechanistically how the $(E)$-substituted and $(Z)$-substituted olefins form during the HWE condensations found in the natural product syntheses of Metachromin $V^{5}$ and Luffarin $L^{6}$ respectively.


Scheme 1: Formation of the $(E)$-Substituted Olefin in the Synthesis of Metachromin V.


Scheme 2: Formation of the ( $Z$ )-Substituted Olefin in the Synthesis of Luffarin L.
The Michaelis-Arbuzov reaction (Scheme 3) traditionally is used to synthesize phosphono esters where a trialkyl phosphite is coupled to an $\alpha$-halo ester. ${ }^{7}$ Tris (2,2,2trifluoroethyl) phosphite is non-nucleophilic, thus the Michaelis-Arbuzov reaction cannot be utilized to synthesize bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphono esters.


Scheme 3: Mechanism of the Michaelis-Abruzov Reaction.

## Part 3: Methods to Synthesize Bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) Phosphono Esters

Still and Gennari showed the exchange of the ethyl groups with chlorines was achieved when phosphorus pentachloride is added. Following the treatment of the phosphoric dichloride with trifluoroethanol, the bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphono ester can be successfully synthesized at $40 \%$ yield as shown in Scheme 4. ${ }^{8}$


Scheme 4: Still-Gennari Method.
Oberthür utilizes a similar pathway (Scheme 5) where the treatment of diethyl phsophono ester with trimethylsilyl chloride over the course of 4 days results in the exchange of ethyl groups with trimethylsilyl groups. The trimethylsilyl groups are then further exchanged with chlorines after oxayl chloride was added. Finally following the addition of trifluoroethanol to the phosphonic dichloride, the desired phosphono ester can be synthesized at $71 \%$ yield. ${ }^{9}$


Scheme 5: Oberthür Method.
Savignac demonstrated the reaction of methyl phosphonic dichloride with trifluoroethanol generates bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) methylphosphonate. This phosphonate can then be deprotonated, and the subsequent acylation of the carbanion with ethyl chloroformate yields the bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphono ester at $77 \%$ yield as depicted in Scheme 6. ${ }^{10}$


Scheme 6: Savignac Method.
Ciszewski and Jackson used a Michaelis-Becker reaction where bis (2,2,2trifluoroethyl) phosphite anion acts as a nucleophile after being generated by the deprotonation of the phosphite with sodium hydride. Sodium bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite then attacks the $\alpha$-halo ester generating the desired phosphono ester at $30 \%$ yield in one pot as depicted in Scheme 7. ${ }^{11}$


Scheme 7: Ciszewski-Jackson Method.

## Part 4: Michaelis-Becker Reactions of Dialkyl Phosphites

The Michaelis-Becker reaction utilizes dialkyl phosphites not trialkyl phosphites as in the Michaelis-Arbuzov reaction. Figure $\mathbf{3}$ summarizes Michaelis-Becker reactions between dialkyl phosphites and simple alkyl halides in the presence of sodium to synthesize alkyl phsophonates. ${ }^{12-16}$ Secondary and tertiary halides do not react with


$40 \%{ }^{13}$

$48 \%{ }^{14}$
 $28-36 \%^{15}$

$70 \%{ }^{16}$

Figure 3: Reaction of Primary Alkyl Halides and Sodium Dialkyl Phosphites.
dialkyl phosphites anions under Michaelis-Becker conditions, yet it has been shown that diaryl phosphites in the presence of DBU and acetonitrile can react with trityl bromide and the corresponding phosphonate can be successfully synthesized in good yields. ${ }^{17}$

As previously seen in Scheme 7, $\alpha$-halo esters can react with dialkyl phosphites under basic conditions to make dialkyl phosphono esters. However the MichaelisArbuzov method is more commonly used to synthesize dialkyl phosphono esters since it is higher yielding. As in the Michaelis-Arbuzov reaction, when $\alpha$-halo ketones are exposed to Michaelis-Becker conditions, it is possible to form at least two products. The main product observed could be either a $\beta$-ketophosphonate or vinyl phosphate depending on the substrate. This was first noticed by Perkow when the reaction between $\alpha$-halo aldehydes and trialkyl phosphites gave a rearranged product. ${ }^{18}$ Shown in Table $\mathbf{1},{ }^{12,19}$ the vinyl phosphate product seems to be highly favored when $\alpha$-chloroacetone is the substrate. The phosphonate product is observed at a lower percentage when $\alpha$ bromoacetone is used, except when triisopropyl phosphite is employed. The highest percentage of phosphonate product is seen when $\alpha$-iodoacetone is used. ${ }^{18} \alpha$-Halo ketones under Michaelis-Becker conditions are quite reactive and form vinyl phosphate products in moderate to high yield as seen in Figure 4. ${ }^{12,20-21}$


| $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{X}$ | Yield | \% Prod. 1 | \% Prod. 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Me | Cl | $71 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $95 \%$ |
| Me | Br | $71 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $55 \%$ |
| Et | Cl | $60 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $94 \%$ |
| Et | Br | $66 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $80 \%$ |
| Et | I | $82 \%$ | $90 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| $i-\mathrm{Pr}$ | Cl | $70 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $94 \%$ |
| $i-\mathrm{Pr}$ | Br | $78 \%$ | $79 \%$ | $21 \%$ |

Table 1: Product Distribution of the Michaelis-Arbuzov Reactions of Trialkyl Phosphites and $\alpha$-Halo Acetones.



Figure 4: Reactions of $\alpha$-Halo Ketones and Sodium Dialkyl Phosphites.

## Part 5: The Mechanism of the Perkow Reaction

There are two plausible mechanisms to account for the formation of the vinyl phosphate product under Michaelis-Becker conditions. Perkow mechanism pathway 1 (Scheme 8) the phosphite anion does a nucleophilic addition to the carbonyl carbon. ${ }^{12,23-}$ 25 After a subsequent rearrangement the vinyl phosphate product forms.


Scheme 8: Perkow Mechanism Pathway 1.
In Perkow mechanism pathway 2 (Scheme 9) the dialkyl phosphite anion attacks the halogen directly causing the formation of an enolate. ${ }^{12,25-27}$ Next the enolate attacks the generated phosphorohalidate, and in a subsequent step the halogen is displaced resulting in the vinyl phosphate product.


Scheme 9: Perkow Mechanism Pathway 2.
One difference between the two reaction pathways is the formation of the 1,2epoxyphosphonate which can only be formed during Perkow reaction pathway $1 .{ }^{22}$ In Scheme 10 the 1,2-epoxyphosphonate can form when the enolate directly attacks the carbon bearing the halogen instead of the phosphorus. ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR data for 1,2-epoxyphosphonates is assembled in Table 2. ${ }^{28}$


Scheme 10: Formation of the 1,2-Epoxyphosphonate.


Table 2: ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Data of 1,2-Epoxyphosphonates.

## Part 6: Chemical Properties of Dialkyl Phosphites

The dialkyl phosphite starting material for Michaelis-Becker reactions is classified as a phosphite not a phosphonate. Scheme 11 shows the keto-enol tautomerization of this molecule. IR and NMR experiments confirm the absence of an OH peak and the presence of a phosphoryl peak around $2400 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ and $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{H}$ bond around $1260 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ suggesting the keto form is the dominate species found in solution. ${ }^{29}$


Scheme 11: Keto-Enol Tautomerization of Dialkyl Phosphite.
Bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite can be synthesized at $82 \%$ yield by the protocol reported by Gibbs. ${ }^{30}$ The characteristic peak in ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR is a 1 H doublet at 6.9 ppm with a proton-phosphorus coupling constant of 755 Hz .

## Statement of Purpose

The Ciszewski-Jackson method to synthesize bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphono esters is the most promising approach since the this method is the shortest synthesis and uses non-hazardous reagents compared to the other methods. I propose to alter base conditions by using potassium hexamethyldisilazide in the presence of 18-crown-6 to generate potassium bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite in situ at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The generated phosphite anion should be more nucleophilic since the potassium cation would be chelated by the crown ether.

## Chapter 2: Results/Discussion

Part 1: Bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) Phosphono Esters


## STARTING MATERIAL




PRODUCT (YIELD)








5 (69\%)

Table 3: Synthesis of Primary Bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) Phosphono Esters 2-5.
Four bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphono esters (Table 3) were successfully synthesized in good yield (60-74\%) when primary $\alpha$-halo esters were used as reaction substrates. Phosphono esters 2-5 have ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR signals between 22-23 ppm. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra shows a characteristic 2 H doublet at 3.1 ppm with a proton-phosphorus coupling constant of 21 Hz corresponding to the methylene protons directly attached to phosphorus. In the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of phosphono esters 2-5, the carbonyl is observed as a doublet at 163 ppm with a carbon-phosphorus coupling constant of 4 Hz . The $\mathrm{CF}_{3}$
group is observed as a doublet of quartets at 122 ppm that has a carbon-phosphorus coupling constant of 8 Hz and a 1 bond carbon-fluorine coupling constant of 277 Hz . The methylene of trifluoroethyl group is observed as another doublet of quartets at 62 ppm with a carbon-phosphorus coupling constant of 5 Hz and a 2 bond carbon-fluorine coupling constant of 38 Hz . The methylene carbon attached to phosphorus appears as a doublet at 33 ppm with a carbon-phosphorus coupling constant of 142 Hz . The groups attached to the oxygen of the ester are observed as singlets since those carbons are too far away to be coupled to either phosphorus or fluorine.


STARTING MATERIAL


PRODUCT (YIELD)






 8 (12\%)

Table 4: Synthesis of Secondary Bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) Phosphono Esters 6-8.

Three secondary phosphono esters 6-8 (Table 4) were synthesized from secondary $\alpha$-halo esters at significantly lower yields (10-12\%) due to steric hindrance of the starting material. More complicated ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR signals are observed for esters $\mathbf{7}$ and $\mathbf{8}$ as shown in Figure 5. The proton $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{A}}$ of compound 7 is observed as a 1 H doublet of quartets with a proton-phosphorus coupling constant of 21 Hz and proton-proton coupling constant of 7 Hz . Since the protons of the methyl group are all equivalent, proton $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{A}}$ is split into a quartet by the methyl group and a doublet by phosphorus. However proton $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{C}}$ of compound $\mathbf{8}$ is observed as a 1 H doublet of doublet of doublets with a proton-phosphorus coupling constant of 21 Hz and proton-proton coupling constants of 5 and 10 Hz . The methylene protons $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{D}}$ and $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{D}}$, are diastereotopic and each separately split proton $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{C}}$ into a doublet. Proton $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{C}}$ is further split into a doublet by phosphorus thus the observed signal.


Figure 5: Differences in the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR Signals of Methine Protons of Compounds 7 and 8.

A closer look at the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of the compound 7 (Figure 6) shows that the two trifluoromethyl groups are in different chemical environments which results in the $\mathrm{CF}_{3}$ groups to be observed as two different doublet of quartets. One is observed at 122.55 ppm with a carbon-phosphorus coupling of 2.51 Hz , and a carbon-fluorine coupling of 277.50 Hz . The other is observed at 122.63 ppm with a carbon-phosphorus coupling of 2.84 Hz and a carbon-fluorine coupling of 277.52 Hz . This observation in the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum is noticeable since the phoshono ester synthesized is racemic. The $(R)$ and $(S)$ isomers of the phosphono ester 7 make the trifluoroethyl groups nonequivalent.


Figure 6: Expanded ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectra of Compound 7.

## Part 2: Bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) Phosphonates



9-13

## STARTING MATERIAL

## PRODUCT (YIELD)






10 (56\%)







13 (33\%)
Table 5: Synthesis of Bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) Phosphonates 9-13.
The reaction of primary alkyl and benzyl bromides with potassium bis (2,2,2trifluoroethyl) phosphite afforded the successful synthesis of four bis (2,2,2trifluoroethyl) phosphonates and one 1,4-bisphosphonate at moderate to good yields (24$74 \%$ ). Phosphonate 10 required 2.1 equivalents of potassium bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite to be added. The reason for this is by increasing the concentration of
nucleophile in the reaction, the rate of the reaction should also increase for $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{N}} 2$ reactions. Since 5.0 equivalents of 18 -crown- 6 are needed for every 1.0 equivalents of KHMDS, a total of 10.0 equivalents of 18 -crown- 6 and 2.0 equivalents of KHMDS were required in the synthesis of phosphonate $\mathbf{1 0}$.

Compounds 9-13 have ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR shifts between $30-36 \mathrm{ppm}$. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of compounds $\mathbf{9}, \mathbf{1 1}$, and $\mathbf{1 3}$ show overlapping proton signals giving fewer signals than otherwise expected. It was useful to run 2D NMR experiments to help assign the proton and carbon signals of the synthesized bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphonates. With phosphonate 9 it can be assumed the most upfield triplet signal of the ${ }^{1} H$ NMR spectrum corresponds to the protons of the terminal methyl of the alkyl chain. This can be assumed since there is hardly a noticeable shift from starting material. The COSY spectrum (Figure 7) was used to identify the remaining proton signals of rest of the molecule. With the identities of the proton signals now known, the HSQC spectrum (Figure 8) was used to correlate the proton signals to the appropriate carbon signals.


Figure 7: Expanded COSY Spectrum of Phosphonate 9.


Figure 8: Expanded HSQC Spectrum of Phosphonate 9.
It was shown that when 2 equivalents of bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite were used, benzyl phosphonate 10 was synthesized at $56 \%$ yield, but when only 1 equivalent of potassium bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite was used the yield dropped to $36 \%$. The product was a white solid with a melting point of $68-72{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. In the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum, the methylene protons directly attached to phosphorus are observed as a 2 H doublet at 3.2 ppm with a proton-phosphorus coupling constant of 22 Hz . The expanded ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of phosphonate 10 (Figure 9) indicates that phosphorus splits all four aromatic carbons of the aromatic ring. Table 6 summarizes ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR data in the aromatic region for phosphonate $\mathbf{1 0}$.


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| Carbon Shift (ppm) | $\mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{C}-\boldsymbol{P}} \mathbf{( H z )}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 127.6 | 3.9 |
| 128.8 | 3.2 |
| 129.1 | 9.6 |
| 129.8 | 6.8 |

Table 6: Aromatic ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Data for Benzyl Phosphonate $1 \mathbf{1 0}$.


Figure 9: Expanded ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectrum of Alkyl Phosphonate 10.
Compounds $\mathbf{1 2}$ and $\mathbf{1 3}$ were from the same reaction flask and separable by flash column chromatography. The major product (62\%) is the mono-substituted alkyl phosphonate 12, while the 1,4-bisphosphonate $\mathbf{1 3}$ was also synthesized at $33 \%$ yield. Figure 10 overlays the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of the starting material and both compounds. There is conservation of the 2 H triplet at 3.45 ppm which is present in the starting material and phosphonate 12. As bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite displaces one of the
bromines to make phosphonate 12, more carbon signals are visible on the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum compared to the two carbon signals seen by the starting material. For bisphosphonate 13, the beta carbon to the phosphoryl groups is observed as a doublet of doublets since this carbon is being split by both phosphorus's individually. Figure 11 overlays the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra the 1,4-dibromobutane and compounds $\mathbf{1 2}$ and $\mathbf{1 3}$.


Figure 10: Overlay of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR Spectra of 1,4-Dibromobutane, Compounds 12 and 13.


Figure 11: Overlay of the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectra of 1,4-Dibromobutane, Compounds 12 and 13.

## Part 3: Bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) Vinyl Phosphates

The reaction of $\alpha$-halo ketones with potassium bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite yields bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) vinyl phosphate as the major product and the formation of the $(Z)$ isomer was favored when secondary a-halo ketones were employed as the substrates. Interestingly the $\beta$-ketophosphonate product was not observed in any case. The most drastic difference between the vinyl phosphates 14-18 and the phosphono esters 2-8 is the ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR signals for phosphono esters 2-8 are observed in the range of 23-27 ppm while vinyl phosphates 14-18 are observed between -6 and -7 ppm.


18-crown-6, THF


14 (70\%)

Scheme 12: Synthesis of Bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) Vinyl Phosphate 14.
The reaction of 2-chloroacetophenone with potassium bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite (Scheme 12) yields vinyl phosphate 14 at 70\% yield. Inspection of Figure 12 shows the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR signals at 5.3 and 5.2 ppm are both doublet of doublets. The protons $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{F}}$ and $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{G}}$ will split each other into doublets, while phosphorus splits both into a doublet.


Figure 12: Expanded ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR Spectra of Vinyl Phosphate 14.
The overlay the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra (Figure 13) of vinyl phosphate 14 and 2chloroacetophenone indicates the carbonyl functionality is not present in vinyl phosphate. Also we observe two new carbon signals suggesting two new $\mathrm{sp}^{2}$ hybridized carbons are present in the vinyl phosphate product. The doublet at 152.2 ppm with a carbonphosphorus coupling constant of 8.1 Hz can be assigned to the carbon directly bonded to oxygen on the alkene. The other doublet observed at 98.5 ppm with a carbon-phosphorus coupling constant of 4.0 Hz corresponds to the alkene carbon bearing both protons.

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Figure 13: Overlay of the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectra of 2-Chloroacetophenone and Compound 14.




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Scheme 13: Reaction of 3-Chloro-2-butanone and Potassium Bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) Phosphite.

The reaction of 3-chloro-2-butanone with potassium bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite (Scheme 13) yields a mixture of vinyl phosphates 15 and 16. Both vinyl phosphates 15 and 16 were modelled in ACD software at a 1 to 1 ratio, and the most downfield proton signal was predicted to be the vinylic proton of vinyl phosphate $\mathbf{1 5}$. That makes vinyl phosphate $\mathbf{1 5}$ the $(Z)$ isomer. This signal can be found in the actual ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum at 5.38 ppm . This means the proton signal at 4.96 ppm is the vinylic proton of vinyl phosphate 16 which makes that compound the $(E)$ isomer. Furthermore integration values of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compounds $\mathbf{1 5}$ and $\mathbf{1 6}$ indicate the ratio of $(Z)$ to $(E)$ isomers is 6:1. Integration of the ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR peaks (Figure 14) is consistent with
a 6:1 ratio of phosphorus peaks. This suggests the ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR signal at -7.29 ppm is phosphorus signal associated with vinyl phosphate 15 leaving the other signal at -7.57 ppm to correspond to vinyl phosphate 16. Since compounds $\mathbf{1 5}$ and $\mathbf{1 6}$ are inseparable after purification at a combined yield of $66.6 \%$, we cannot accurately assign every proton and carbon signal to their respective protons and carbons. The actual ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compounds $\mathbf{1 5}$ and $\mathbf{1 6}$ match up quite nicely to the predicted spectrum by ACD as shown in Figure 15.


Figure 14: ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR Spectrum of the Mixture of Compounds 15 and 16.


Figure 15: Actual and Predicted ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR Spectra of Compounds 15 and 16.


Scheme 14: Reaction of 2-bromopropiophenone with Potassium Bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) Phosphite.

The reaction of 2-bromopropiophenone and potassium bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite (Scheme 14) has generated three products after purification according to the ${ }^{31}$ P NMR spectrum (Figure 16) which account for a combined yield of $43.9 \%$. Both the $(E)$ and $(Z)$ vinyl phosphates were modelled in ACD software at a $1: 1$ ratio, and the vinylic proton of compound 18 was predicted to be the most downfield non aromatic proton signal between the two compounds. This means the doublet of quartets signal found at 5.79 ppm in the actual ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum, corresponds the vinylic proton of compound 18. That makes compound 18 the $(E)$ isomer. Similarly the doublet of quartets signal found slightly upfield at 5.71 ppm corresponds to the vinylic proton compound $\mathbf{1 7}$ which is the $(Z)$ isomer. Integration of these signals indicates the ratio of $(Z)$ to $(E)$ isomers is $14: 1$. Integration of the ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR shifts indicates a $15: 1$ ratio of phosphorus signals. With this correlation, the ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR shift of compound 17 is -6.71 ppm , while the 31P NMR shift of compound 18 is -6.78 ppm .

Unlike compounds 15 and 16, we can assign some of the observed proton signals for compounds $\mathbf{1 7}$ and 18. Both of the vinylic methyl groups would appear as doublet of doublets since phosphorus and the respective vinylic proton would split those methyl groups into two separate doublets. The COSY spectrum (Figure 17) of the mixture of compounds $\mathbf{1 7} \mathbf{- 1 9}$ suggests the doublet of doublets signal at 1.85 ppm is the methyl group of compound $\mathbf{1 7}$, while the methyl group of compound $\mathbf{1 8}$ could be observed at 1.74 ppm .


Figure 16: ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR Spectrum of Compounds 17-19.


Figure 17: COSY Spectrum of Compounds 17-19.
In addition to the vinyl phosphates $\mathbf{1 7}$ and $\mathbf{1 8}$, there is evidence that trace amount of 1,2-epoxyphosphonate 19 has also formed during the reaction of 2-bromopropiophenone and potassium bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite. The remaining ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR peak at 20.5 ppm is in the expected range of 1,2-epoxyphosphonates (see Table 2 in the Introduction). Upon closer inspection of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of the mixture of compounds $\mathbf{1 7 - 1 9}$, we observe a doublet of doublets signal at 1.03 ppm which could correspond to the methyl of the 1,2-epoxyphosphonate 19 . Also observed is a doublet of quartets signal at 3.71 ppm . This corresponds to the methine proton of the 1,2epoxyphosphonate. The proton-phosphorus and proton-proton coupling constants are equal, which is why the signal is observed as a doublet of quartets and not a quintet. Furthermore in the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR of the mixture of compounds $\mathbf{1 7}, \mathbf{1 8}$, and $\mathbf{1 9}$, the carbon signals at 60.1 ppm with a carbon-phosphorus coupling constant of 204 Hz and the singlet at 58.3 ppm are consistent with other 1,2-epoxyphosphonates (see Table 2 in the Introduction).

Interestingly when 3-chloro-2-butanone and 2-bromopropiophenone were used as reaction substrates, the formation of the $(Z)$ isomer was favored over the formation of the $(E)$ isomer. Note the ratio of $(Z)$ to $(E)$ isomers decreases from $14: 1$ to $6: 1$ as the phenyl ring is changed to a methyl group.

## Part 4: Summary and Conclusion

By modifying an the Ciszewski-Jackson method, it has been demonstrated that potassium bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite in the presence of 5 equivalents of 18-crown-6 can react with primary $\alpha$-halo esters yielding the bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphono ester products in good yield (60-74\%). Unfortunately reaction conditions are poor for secondary $\alpha$-halo esters ( $10-12 \%$ yield) due to steric reasons. The reaction scope was expanded to primary alkyl and primary benzyl bromides resulting in the successful formation of bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) alkyl and benzyl phosphonates at moderate-good yields (24-74\%). Upon further investigation of primary and secondary $\alpha$-halo ketones, the major products are vinyl phosphates and the $\beta$-ketophosphonate product was not observed in any case. In the case of 2-bromopropiophenone, the ratio of $(Z)$ to $(E)$ isomers is $14: 1$ and there is evidence of the 1,2-epoxyphosphonate formation. The selectivity of $(Z)$ to $(E)$ isomers decreased to $6: 1$ when 3-chloro-2-butanone was used as a reaction substrate suggesting the size of the groups influence the selectivity. Future studies could be taken to see the product distribution of the reaction between potassium bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite with $\alpha$-iodo ketones.

## Chapter 3: Experimental Section

## General Methods

Dichloromethane was distilled from $\mathrm{CaH}_{2}$, and THF was distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl. All reagents were ordered from Aldrich and used without purification unless otherwise stated. All reactions were carried out under inert Argon gas atmosphere unless otherwise stated. Flash column chromatography was carried out on Merck grade 9385, 240 - 400 mesh, $60 \AA$ silica. Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) was performed on aluminium backed plates. The viewing of TLC plates were carried out by UV visualization or PMA stain.

NMR $\left({ }^{31} \mathrm{P},{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right.$, and $\left.{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\right)$ spectra were recorded on Bucker, 400 MHz spectrometer using $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ as a solvent unless otherwise stated. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR chemical shifts (ppm) reported are relative to the internal standard TMS at 0.00 ppm ; while ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts ( ppm ) are reported relative to the internal standard $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at $77.00 \mathrm{ppm} .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR chemical shifts (ppm) are reported relative to the external standard phosphoric acid. Coupling constants are reported in Hz .


## Bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite (1) ${ }^{\mathbf{2 9}}$

A solution of phosphorus trichloride ( $43.5 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.50 \mathrm{~mol}$ ) in dichloromethane (100 mL ) was placed in an oven dried 1 L round bottom flask. A reflux condenser and pressure equalizing addition funnel were attached to the round bottom flask. The addition funnel was charged with a solution of 2-methyl-2-propanol ( $48.0 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.50 \mathrm{~mol}$ ) in dichloromethane $(100 \mathrm{~mL})$, and then the contents of the addition funnel were added in a dropwise manner to the round bottom flask under argon gas at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ over the course of 30 min . The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for an additional 30 min , then the addition funnel is recharged with a solution of 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol $(70.0 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.96 \mathrm{~mol})$ and dichloromethane $(100 \mathrm{~mL})$ and then the contents of the addition funnel were added in a dropwise manner to the round bottom flask under argon gas at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ over the course of 30 min . The reaction mixture was then allowed to stir at RT overnight. The gaseous vapors were then degassed into $\mathrm{NaOH}(30.2 \mathrm{~g}, 0.98 \mathrm{~mol})$ in 200 mL of water over the course of 8 hrs. The solvents were removed by rotary evaporation and the crude material was fractionally distilled under reduced pressure yielding phopshite $\mathbf{1}$ (100.89 g, 0.41 mol, $82.2 \%$ ) as colorless liquid.
${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.99$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 4.27-4.38(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.92(\mathrm{~d}, J=755.20 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 61.41(\mathrm{dq}, J=5.43,38.37 \mathrm{~Hz}), 122.28(\mathrm{dq}, J=7.83,276.87 \mathrm{~Hz})$.


## General Procedure For the Synthesis of Methyl 2-(bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphoryl) acetate (2)

To a stirred solution of dried 18 -crown-6 ( $4.53 \mathrm{~g}, 17.14 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), THF ( 20 mL ), and phosphite $\mathbf{1}(0.70 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.29 \mathrm{mmol})$, was added KHMDS ( $9.0 \mathrm{~mL}, 4.50 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.5 \mathrm{M}$ in toluene) by syringe in a dropwise manner at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 15 min , methyl chloroacetate $(0.30 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.41 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 4 hr at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc $(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ and then quenched with sat. ammonium chloride $(50 \mathrm{~mL})$. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL ). The combined organic extracts were dried under anhydrous magnesium sulfate. Following filtration, the solvents were removed in vacuo. The crude product was then purified by flash column chromatography ( $33 \%$ EtOAc in hexanes, $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=$ 0.22 in $33 \%$ EtOAc in hexanes) yielding phosphono ester 2 ( $766 \mathrm{mg}, 2.41 \mathrm{mmol}, 70.3 \%$ ) as a yellow syrup.
${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 23.00$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 3.22(\mathrm{~d}, J=21.36 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.76(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 4.46-4.54(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 33.14(\mathrm{~d}, J=143.75 \mathrm{~Hz}), 52.38,62.24(\mathrm{dq}, J=5.43,38.10 \mathrm{~Hz})$, $122.38(\mathrm{dq}, J=8.43,277.01 \mathrm{~Hz}), 165.06(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.38 \mathrm{~Hz})$.


## Ethyl 2-(bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphoryl) acetate (3)

To stirred solution of 18 -crown-6 ( $4.40 \mathrm{~g}, 16.65 \mathrm{mmol})$, THF ( 20 mL ), and bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite (1) ( $0.55 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.75 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), KHMDS $(8.0 \mathrm{~mL}, 4.00 \mathrm{mmol}$, 0.5 M in toluene) was added via syringe in a dropwise manner at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Ethyl chloroacetate $(0.35 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.30 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to the flask after 15 min . The reaction flask was allowed to warm to room temperature and stir for 4 hr . After standard workup procedure, the crude product was then purified by flash column chromatography (2:1-1:1 hexanes: $\mathrm{EtOAc}, \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.25$ in $2: 1$ hexanes:EtOAc) yielding phosphono ester $\mathbf{3}$ ( 808 mg , $2.43 \mathrm{mmol}, 73.4 \%$ ) as a yellow syrup.
${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 23.53$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 1.30(\mathrm{t}, J=7.16 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=21.09 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.23(\mathrm{q}, J=$ 7.15 Hz, 2H), $4.41-4.52(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 13.40,33.53(\mathrm{~d}, J=143.49 \mathrm{~Hz}), 61.92,62.26(\mathrm{dq}, J=5.52,38.10$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 122.38(\mathrm{dq}, J=8.50,277.10 \mathrm{~Hz}), 164.55(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.42 \mathrm{~Hz})$.


## Isopropyl 2-(bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphoryl) acetate (4)

To a stirred solution of 18 -crown-6 ( $4.10 \mathrm{~g}, 15.51 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), THF ( 30 mL ), and phosphite 1 ( $0.60 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.77 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), was added KHMDS ( $8.0 \mathrm{~mL}, 4.00 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.5 \mathrm{M}$ in toluene) by syringe in a dropwise manner at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction was allowed to stir for 15 min , then isopropyl bromoacetate $(0.40 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.09 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to the round
bottom flask. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature for 4 hr . After the standard workup procedure, the crude product was then purified by flash column chromatography (9:1-4:1 hexanes:EtOAc, $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.18$ in $2: 1$ hexanes:EtOAc) yielding phosphono ester $4(661 \mathrm{mg}, 1.91 \mathrm{mmol}, 61.7 \%)$ as a yellow syrup.
${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 23.71$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 1.28(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.28 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 3.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=21.09 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.40-4.52(\mathrm{~m}$, $4 \mathrm{H}), 5.07$ (septet, $J=6.28 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ).
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 20.81,33.69(\mathrm{~d}, J=142.38 \mathrm{~Hz}), 62.14(\mathrm{dq}, J=5.50,38.08 \mathrm{~Hz})$, $69.70,122.37(\mathrm{dq}, J=8.60,276.87 \mathrm{~Hz}), 163.96(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.72 \mathrm{~Hz})$.


## Tert-butyl 2-(bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphoryl) acetate (5)

To a stirred solution of 18 -crown-6 ( $7.18 \mathrm{~g}, 27.16 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), THF ( 30 mL ), bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite (1) ( $0.95 \mathrm{~mL}, 5.97 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), KHMDS ( 13.0 mL , 6.50 $\mathrm{mmol}, 0.5 \mathrm{M}$ in toluene) was added by syringe in a dropwise manner at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 15 min , tert-butyl bromoacetate $(0.80 \mathrm{~mL}, 5.41 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to the round bottom flask and the reaction mixture warmed to room temperature over 4 hr . After workup procedure as outlined in the general method, the crude product was then purified by flash column chromatography (6:1-3:1 hexanes:EtOAc, $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.19$ in $3: 1$ hexanes:EtOAc) yielding phosphono ester $5(1.345 \mathrm{~g}, 3.73 \mathrm{mmol}, 69.0 \%)$ as a yellow syrup.
${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 24.06$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 1.48(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 3.08(\mathrm{~d}, J=21.05 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.37-4.52(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 27.39,34.96(\mathrm{~d}, J=141.70 \mathrm{~Hz}), 62.27(\mathrm{dq}, J=5.39,38.14 \mathrm{~Hz})$, $83.00,122.42(\mathrm{dq}, J=8.52,277.11 \mathrm{~Hz}), 163.46(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.95 \mathrm{~Hz})$.


## Methyl 2-(bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphoryl) propionate (6)

KHMDS ( $8.0 \mathrm{~mL}, 4.00 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.5 \mathrm{M}$ in toluene) was added by syringe to a solution of dried 18 -crown- $6(4.20 \mathrm{~g}, 15.89 \mathrm{mmol})$, THF ( 20 mL ), and phosphite $\mathbf{1}(0.55$ $\mathrm{mL}, 3.75 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Following 15 min , methyl 2-bromopropionate $(0.35 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.14$ mmol ) was added to the reaction flask. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature for 4 hr . The standard workup protocol was followed, then the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (9:1-3:2 hexanes: $\mathrm{EtOAc}, \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.22$ in 1:1 hexanes:EtOAc) yielding phosphono ester $6(103 \mathrm{mg}, 31 \mathrm{mmol}, 9.9 \%)$ as a yellow syrup.
${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 26.96$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 1.48(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.38,19.31 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.19(\mathrm{dq}, J=7.57,22.68 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.71(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 4.30-4.43(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 11.58(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.58 \mathrm{~Hz}), 39.33(\mathrm{~d}, J=141.30 \mathrm{~Hz}), 53.02,62.59(\mathrm{dq}, J$ $=5.71,38.48 \mathrm{~Hz}), 122.40(\mathrm{dq}, J=1.81,277.66 \mathrm{~Hz}), 122.47(\mathrm{dq}, J=2.00,277.48 \mathrm{~Hz})$ $168.94(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.99 \mathrm{~Hz})$.


Ethyl 2-(bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphoryl) propionate (7)
KHMDS ( $7.50 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.75 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.5 \mathrm{M}$ in toluene) was added to a solution of $18-$ crown-6 (4.10 g, 15.51 mmol ), THF ( 20 mL ), and bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite (1) $(0.50 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.41 \mathrm{mmol})$ by syringe in a dropwise manner at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Following 15 min , ethyl 2-bromopropionate $(0.40 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.08 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to the round bottom flask and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 4 hr at room temperature. Following the standard workup procedure, the crude product was then purified by flash column chromatography ( $3: 1$ to $2: 1$ hexanes:EtOAc, $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.33$ in 1:1 hexanes:EtOAc) yielding ester $7(112 \mathrm{mg}, 0.33 \mathrm{mmol}, 10.5 \%)$ as a yellow syrup.
${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ 27.17.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 1.30(\mathrm{t}, J=7.16 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.54(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.40,19.37 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.23(\mathrm{dq}$, $J=7.51,22.60 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.23(\mathrm{q}, J=7.13 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.35-4.52(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 11.60(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.52 \mathrm{~Hz}), 13.97,39.65(\mathrm{~d}, J=140.51 \mathrm{~Hz}), 62.24,62.68$ $(\mathrm{dq}, J=5.81,38.13 \mathrm{~Hz}), 122.55(\mathrm{dq}, J=2.51,277.50 \mathrm{~Hz}), 122.63(\mathrm{dq}, J=2.84,277.52$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 168.52(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.07 \mathrm{~Hz})$.


## Ethyl 2-(bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphoryl) butanoate (8)

To stirred solution of dried 18 -crown-6 ( $4.50 \mathrm{~g}, 17.02 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), THF $(20 \mathrm{~mL})$, and phosphite $1(0.55 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.75 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added KHMDS ( $8.5 \mathrm{~mL}, 4.25 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.5 \mathrm{M}$ in
toluene) in a dropwise manner by syringe at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 15 min , ethyl 2-bromobutyrate $(0.50 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.38 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to the flask and after continuous stirring for 4 hr at room temperature the typical workup protocol was followed. The crude product was then purified by flash column chromatography (7:1-4:1 hexanes:EtOAc, $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.14$ in $2: 1$ hexanes:EtOAc) yielding phosphono ester $\mathbf{8}(168 \mathrm{mg}, 0.47 \mathrm{mmol}, 13.8 \%)$ as a yellow syrup.
${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 26.13$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 0.97(\mathrm{dt}, J=0.65,7.42 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.23(\mathrm{t}, J=7.14 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $1.83-2.00(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.96(\mathrm{ddd}, J=4.93,9.57,21.58 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.19(\mathrm{q}, J=7.14 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $4.27-4.41$ (m, 4H).
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 12.54(\mathrm{~d}, J=14.96 \mathrm{~Hz}), 13.99,20.73(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.56 \mathrm{~Hz}), 47.11$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=137.05 \mathrm{~Hz}), 62.09,62.31(\mathrm{dq}, J=6.72,37.66 \mathrm{~Hz}), 62.66(\mathrm{dq}, J=6.15,40.66 \mathrm{~Hz})$, $122.55(\mathrm{dq}, J=2.51,277.50 \mathrm{~Hz}), 122.63(\mathrm{dq}, J=2.84,277.52 \mathrm{~Hz}), 168.03(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.50$ Hz ).


## General Procedure For the Synthesis of Bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) butylphosphonate

 (9)To a solution of 18 -crown- $6(2.47 \mathrm{~g}, 9.34 \mathrm{mmol})$, THF ( 20 mL ), and bis (2,2,2trifluoroethyl) phosphite (1) ( $0.35 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.20 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added KHMDS ( $4.50 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.25$ $\mathrm{mmol}, 0.5 \mathrm{M}$ in toluene) by syringe in a dropwise manner at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After $15 \mathrm{~min}, 1-$ bromobutane $(0.20 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.10 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added them the reaction mixture was allowed stir for 4 hr at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (20
mL ) and then quenched with sat. ammonium chloride $(50 \mathrm{~mL})$. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 30 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) and the combined organic extracts were dried under anhydrous magnesium sulfate. Following filtration, solvents were removed in vacuo, and the crude product was then purified by flash column chromatography ( $25 \%$ EtOAc in hexanes, $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.43$ in $25 \%$ EtOAc in hexanes) yielding alkyl phosphonate 9 ( $251 \mathrm{mg}, 0.83 \mathrm{mmol}, 44.8 \%$ ) as a yellow syrup.
${ }^{31} \mathrm{P} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 36.10$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 0.93(\mathrm{t}, J=7.30 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.44($ sextet $, J=7.36 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.57-1.68$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.87-1.96(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.29-4.45(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 12.91,23.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=17.80 \mathrm{~Hz}), 23.58(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.70 \mathrm{~Hz}), 24.99(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=141.12 \mathrm{~Hz}), 61.55(\mathrm{dq}, ~ J=6.05,37.85 \mathrm{~Hz}), 122.55(\mathrm{dq}, J=7.86,277.24 \mathrm{~Hz})$.


## Bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) benzylphosphonate (10)

To a stirred solution of 18 -crown-6 ( $8.93 \mathrm{~g}, 33.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), THF ( 30 mL ), and phosphite $1(1.15 \mathrm{~mL}, 7.22 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added KHMDS ( $15.0 \mathrm{~mL}, 7.50 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.5 \mathrm{M}$ in toluene) by syringe in a dropwise manner at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 15 min , benzyl bromide $(0.40$ $\mathrm{mL}, 3.36 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to the round bottom flask at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After continuous stirring over 4 hr at room temperature the general workup protocol was followed. The crude product was then purified by flash column chromatography ( $25 \%$ EtOAc in hexanes, $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=$ $0.21 \mathrm{in} 25 \%$ EtOAc in hexanes) yielding phosphonate $10(635 \mathrm{mg}, 1.89 \mathrm{mmol}, 56.2 \%)$ as a white solid $\left(\mathrm{mp}=68-71^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$.
${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 29.69$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 3.29(\mathrm{~d}, J=22.25 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.08-4.33(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.27-7.34(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H})$. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 33.19(\mathrm{~d}, J=139.59 \mathrm{~Hz}), 62.15(\mathrm{dq}, J=6.31,37.89 \mathrm{~Hz}), 122.53(\mathrm{dq}$, $J=7.75,277.35 \mathrm{~Hz}), 127.61(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.98 \mathrm{~Hz}), 128.83(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.23 \mathrm{~Hz}), 129.12(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $9.67 \mathrm{~Hz}), 129.76(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.82 \mathrm{~Hz})$.


## Bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) (3-phenylpropyl) phosphonate (11)

KHMDS ( $8.00 \mathrm{~mL}, 4.00 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.5 \mathrm{M}$ in toluene) was added via syringe in a dropwise manner at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to a solution of dried 18 -crown-6 ( $4.37 \mathrm{~g}, 16.53 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), THF (30 mL), and phosphite $1(0.60 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.77 \mathrm{mmol})$. After 15 min , 1-bromo-3phenylpropane $(0.50 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.29 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to the flask, and the reaction mixture was allowed stir overnight at room temperature. The general workup procedure was followed and the crude material was then purified by flash column chromatography (3:1 hexanes:EtOAc, $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.38$ in 3:1 hexanes:EtOAc) yielding alkyl phosphonate $\mathbf{1 1}$ ( $892 \mathrm{mg}, 2.45 \mathrm{mmol}, 74.3 \%$ ) as a yellow syrup.
${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 35.41$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 1.77-1.96(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 2.64(\mathrm{t}, J=7.30 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.24-4.39(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$, $7.10-7.26(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 23.32(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.96 \mathrm{~Hz}), 24.57(\mathrm{~d}, J=141.47 \mathrm{~Hz}), 35.77(\mathrm{~d}, J=17.34$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 61.57(\mathrm{dq}, J=5.97,37.70 \mathrm{~Hz}), 122.79(\mathrm{dq}, J=7.92,277.25 \mathrm{~Hz}), 126.15,128.30$, 128.40, 140.40.


## Bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) (4-bromobutyl) phosphonate (12) and Tetrakis (2,2,2trifluoroethyl) butane-1,4-diylbisphosphonate (13)

To a solution of 18 -crown-6 ( $4.45 \mathrm{~g}, 16.84 \mathrm{mmol})$, THF ( 20 mL ), and phosphite $\mathbf{1}$ $(0.60 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.77 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added KHMDS ( $8.0 \mathrm{~mL}, 4.00 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.5 \mathrm{M}$ in toluene) by syringe in a dropwise manner at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .1,4$-dibromobutane $(0.20 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.67 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added after 15 min . The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stir for 4 hr . The standard workup procedure was followed as outlined by the general method, then the crude product was then purified by flash column chromatography (2:11:2 hexanes:EtOAc) $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.54$ in 2:1 hexanes:EtOAc) yielding alkyl phosphonate $\mathbf{1 2}\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}\right.$ $=0.54 \mathrm{in} 2: 1$ hexanes:EtOAc, $398 \mathrm{mg}, 1.04 \mathrm{mmol}, 62.2 \%$, ) as a yellow syrup and bisphosphonate $13\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.24\right.$ in $2: 1$ hexanes:EtOAc, $\left.210 \mathrm{mg}, 0.40 \mathrm{mmol}, 33.3 \%\right)$ as a white solid $\left(\mathrm{mp}=89-92{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$.

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${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 34.87$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 1.79-1.88(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.92-2.02(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.42(\mathrm{t}, J=6.46 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $4.32-4.48(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 20.53(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.29 \mathrm{~Hz}), 24.68(\mathrm{~d}, J=142.58 \mathrm{~Hz}), 32.19(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.18$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 32.65(\mathrm{~d}, J=16.83 \mathrm{~Hz}), 61.85(\mathrm{dq}, J=6.12,37.86 \mathrm{~Hz}), 122.55(\mathrm{dq}, J=7.62,277.52$ Hz).

## Bisphosphonate 13

${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR $\left(\right.$ DMSO-d $\left._{6}\right) \delta 35.05$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{DMSO}_{-} \mathrm{d}_{6}\right) \delta 1.58-1.63(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 2.01-2.09(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 4.60-4.71(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{DMSO}_{-} \mathrm{d}_{6}\right) \delta 20.08(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.21,18.50 \mathrm{~Hz}), 23.34(\mathrm{~d}, J=138.28 \mathrm{~Hz}), 61.15$ $(\mathrm{dq}, J=5.57,36.41 \mathrm{~Hz}), 123.17(\mathrm{dq}, J=8.75,277.57 \mathrm{~Hz})$.


## 1-phenylvinyl bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphate (14)

To a stirred solution of 18 -crown-6 ( $4.30 \mathrm{~g}, 16.27 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), THF ( 30 mL ), and phosphite $\mathbf{1}(0.60 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.77 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added KHMDS ( $8.0 \mathrm{~mL}, 4.00 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) by syringe in a dropwise manner at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After $15 \mathrm{~min}, 2$-chloroacetophenone $(0.50 \mathrm{~g}, 3.23 \mathrm{mmol}$, in 5.0 mL of ether) was added to the round bottom flask at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ by syringe. The reaction flask was allowed to warm to room temperature, and after 4 hr the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc ( 20 mL ) and quenched with sat. ammonium chloride (50 mL ). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL ) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine $(50 \mathrm{~mL})$ then dried under anhydrous magnesium sulfate. Following filtration, the solvents were removed by rotary evaporation, and the crude product was then purified by flash column chromatography (9:1-7:1 hexanes:EtOAc, $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.14$ in 5:1 hexanes:EtOAc) yielding vinyl phosphate $\mathbf{1 4}(826 \mathrm{mg}$, $2.27 \mathrm{mmol}, 70.0 \%$ ) as a yellow syrup.
${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta-7.30$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 4.35-4.53(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 5.24(\mathrm{dd}, J=2.36,3.40 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.38(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $2.76,3.32 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.38-7.40(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.54-7.56(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 64.16(\mathrm{dq}, J=4.48,38.40 \mathrm{~Hz}), 98.46(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.96 \mathrm{~Hz}), 122.28(\mathrm{dq}, J$ $=9.71,277.27 \mathrm{~Hz}), 125.10,128.47,129.50,133.11(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.49 \mathrm{~Hz}), 152.23(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.10$ Hz ).

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Figure 18: $\quad{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 1


Figure 19: $\quad{ }^{1}$ H NMR Spectrum of Compound 1


Figure 20: $\quad{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 1


Figure 21: $\quad{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 2


Figure 22: $\quad{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 2


Figure 23: $\quad{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 2


Figure 24: $\quad{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 3


Figure 25: $\quad{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 3


Figure 26: $\quad{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 3


Figure 27: $\quad{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 4


Figure 28: $\quad{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 4


Figure 29: $\quad{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 4


Figure 30: $\quad{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 5


Figure 31: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 5


Figure 32: $\quad{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 5


Figure 33: $\quad{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 6


Figure 34: $\quad{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 6
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Figure 35: $\quad{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 6


Figure 36: HSQC NMR Spectrum of Compound 6


Figure 37: $\quad{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 7


Figure 38: $\quad{ }^{1}$ H NMR Spectrum of Compound 7


Figure 39: $\quad{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 7


Figure 40: HSQC NMR Spectrum of Compound 7


Figure 41: COSY NMR Spectrum of Compound 7


Figure 42: $\quad{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound $\mathbf{8}$
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Figure 43: $\quad{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound $\mathbf{8}$


Figure 44: $\quad{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 8


Figure 45: HSQC NMR Spectrum of Compound $\mathbf{8}$


Figure 46: $\quad{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 9


Figure 47: $\quad{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 9


Figure 48: $\quad{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 9


Figure 49: HSQC NMR Spectrum of Compound 9


Figure 50: COSY NMR Spectrum of Compound 9


Figure 51: ${ }^{31}$ P NMR Spectrum of Compound 10


Figure 52: $\quad{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 10


Figure 53: $\quad{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 10


Figure 54: HSQC NMR Spectrum of Compound 10


Figure 55: $\quad{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 11


Figure 56: $\quad{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 11


Figure 57: $\quad{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 11


Figure 58: HSQC NMR Spectrum of Compound 11


Figure 59: COSY NMR Spectrum of Compound 11


Figure 60: $\quad{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 12


Figure 61: $\quad{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 12


Figure 62: $\quad{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 12


Figure 63: HSQC NMR Spectrum of Compound 12


Figure 64: COSY NMR Spectrum of Compound 12


Figure 65: $\quad{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 13


Figure 66: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 13


Figure 67: $\quad{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 13


Figure 68: $\quad{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 14


Figure 69: $\quad{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 14


Figure 70: $\quad{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectrum of Compound 14


Figure 71: HSQC Spectrum of Compound 14


