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Combined dual substituent constant and activation parameter analysis assigns a concerted

mechanism to alkaline ethanolysis at phosphorus of Y-substituted phenyl

diphenylphosphinates

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10 ³ [EtO ⁻ K ⁺]/ M	$10^4 k_{\rm obsd} / {\rm s}^{-1}$
4.37	0.253
9.83	0.631
16.9	1.13
26.2	1.77
46.2	3.47
59.0	4.27

Table S1. Kinetic data for the reaction of phenyl diphenylphosphinate (1a) with EtO⁻K⁺ in the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at $25.0 \pm 0.1^{\circ}$ C. ([18C6]/[EtO⁻K⁺] = 5.0)

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = (7.51 \pm 0.16) \text{ x} 10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ R² = 0.9990

Table S2. Kinetic data for the reaction of 4-chlorophenyl diphenylphosphinate (**1b**) with $EtO^{-}K^{+}$ in the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at 25.0 ± 0.1 °C. ([18C6]/[EtO^{-}K^{+}] = 5.0)

10 ³ [EtO ⁻ K ⁺]/M	$10^3 k_{\rm obsd}/{\rm s}^{-1}$
11.7	0.493
19.3	0.767
26.8	1.07
34.2	1.41
44.4	1.85

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = (4.19 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ R² = 0.9991

Table S3. Kinetic data for the reaction of 3-acetylphenyl diphenylphosphinate (1c) with $EtO^{-}K^{+}$ in the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at 25.0 ± 0.1°C. ([18C6]/[EtO^{-}K^{+}] = 5.0)

10 ³ [EtO ⁻ K ⁺]/M	$10^3 k_{\rm obsd}/{\rm s}^{-1}$
5.05	0.307
15.9	1.09
24.7	1.58
34.2	2.19
44.4	2.86

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = (6.41 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ R² = 0.9993

Table S4. Kinetic data for the reaction of 4-acetylphenyl diphenylphosphinate (1d) with $EtO^{-}K^{+}$ in the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at 25.0 ± 0.1°C. ([18C6]/[EtO^{-}K^{+}] = 5.0)

10 ³ [EtO ⁻ K ⁺]/M	$10^3 k_{\rm obsd}/{\rm s}^{-1}$
4.55	0.711
11.5	1.71
20.0	3.14
30.8	4.98
40.0	6.72

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = (1.70 \pm 0.04) \text{ x } 10^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ R² = 0.9991

Table S5. Kinetic data for the reaction of 4-cyanophenyl diphenylphosphinate (1e) with $EtO^{-}K^{+}$ in the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at 25.0 ± 0.1°C. ([18C6]/[EtO^{-}K^{+}] = 5.0)

10 ³ [EtO ⁻ K ⁺]/M	$10^3 k_{\rm obsd} / {\rm s}^{-1}$
12.8	6.64
19.3	10.0
27.8	14.7
35.7	19.0
44.4	24.5

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = (5.63 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ R² = 0.9993

Table S6. Kinetic data for the reaction of 4-formylphenyl diphenylphosphinate (**1f**) with $EtO^{-}K^{+}$ in the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at 25.0 ± 0.1°C. ([18C6]/[EtO^{-}K^{+}] = 5.0)

10 ³ [EtO ⁻ K ⁺]/M	$10^3 k_{\rm obsd}/{\rm s}^{-1}$
10.5	2.62
25.0	6.15
29.2	7.50
40.0	10.2
50.0	13.1

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = (2.65 \pm 0.06) \text{ x } 10^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ R² = 0.9993

Table S7. Kinetic data for the reaction of 4-nitrophenyl diphenylphosphinate (**1g**) with EtO⁻ K⁺ in the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at 25.0 ± 0.1 °C. ([18C6]/[EtO⁻K⁺] = 5.0)

$10^{3} [EtO^{-}K^{+}]/M$	$10^3 k_{\rm obsd}/{\rm s}^{-1}$
4.55	4.45
8.33	8.48
11.5	12.1
14.3	15.0
16.7	17.7

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = 1.09 \pm 0.01 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ R² = 0.9999

Table S8. Kinetic data for the reaction of 3,4-dinitrophenyl diphenylphosphinate (**1h**) with $EtO^{-}K^{+}$ in the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at 25.0 ± 0.1°C. ([18C6]/[EtO^{-}K^{+}] = 5.0)

10^{3} [EtO ⁻ K ⁺]/M	$10^3 k_{\rm obsd}/{\rm s}^{-1}$
0.495	9.30
0.980	19.8
1.46	30.0
1.92	40.0
2.38	49.6

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = 21.4 \pm 0.1 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ R² = 0.9999

Table S9. Kinetic data	for the reaction of	phenyl diphenylpho	sphinate (1a) with	$EtO^{-}K^{+}$ in
the presence of excess	18C6 in anhydrous	EtOH at $15.0 \pm 0.1^{\circ}$	C. ([18C6]/[EtO ⁻ K	[+] = 5.0)

10^{3} [EtO ⁻ K ⁺]/M	$10^4 k_{ m obsd}/ m s^{-1}$
9.83	0.314
16.9	0.544
26.2	0.909
36.3	1.27
46.2	1.69

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = (3.78 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ $R^2 = 0.9992$

Table S10. Kinetic data for the reaction of phenyl diphenylphosphinate (1a) with $EtO^{-}K^{+}$ in the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at $20.0 \pm 0.1^{\circ}$ C. ([18C6]/[EtO⁻K⁺] = 5.0)

$10^{3} [EtO^{-}K^{+}]/M$	$10^3 k_{\rm obsd} / {\rm s}^{-1}$
16.9	0.080
26.2	0.128
36.3	0.187
46.2	0.241
59.0	0.325

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = (5.80 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ $R^2 = 0.9990$

Table S11. Kinetic data for the reaction of phenyl diphenylphosphinate (1a) with $EtO^{-}K^{+}$ in
the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at 35.0 ± 0.1 °C. ([18C6]/[EtO ⁻ K ⁺] = 5.0)

$10^{3} [EtO^{-}K^{+}]/M$	$10^4 k_{\rm obsd}/{\rm s}^{-1}$
4.37	0.517
9.83	1.20
16.9	2.16
26.2	3.60
36.3	4.94

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = (1.41 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ R² = 0.9995

Table S12. Kinetic data for the reaction of phenyl diphenylphosphinate (1a) with EtO⁻K⁺ in the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at $45.0 \pm 0.1^{\circ}$ C. ([18C6]/[EtO⁻K⁺] = 5.0)

10 ³ [EtO ⁻ K ⁺]/M	$10^4 k_{\mathrm{obsd}}/\mathrm{s}^{-1}$
4.37	0.873
9.83	2.24
16.9	4.04
26.2	6.99
46.2	12.3
59.0	16.5

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = (2.85 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ R² = 0.9993

Table S13. Kinetic data for the reaction of 4-nitrophenyl diphenylphosphinate (**1g**) with $EtO^{-}K^{+}$ in the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at $15.0 \pm 0.1^{\circ}C$. ([18C6]/[EtO⁻K⁺] = 5.0)

10 ³ [EtO ⁻ K ⁺]/M	$10^3 k_{\rm obsd}/{\rm s}^{-1}$
5.36	2.78
9.83	5.30
13.6	7.58
16.9	9.78
19.7	11.1

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = (5.91 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ R² = 0.9992

Table S14. Kinetic data for the reaction of 4-nitrophenyl diphenylphosphinate (**1g**) with $EtO^{-}K^{+}$ in the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at 20.0 ± 0.1°C. ([18C6]/[EtO^{-}K^{+}] = 5.0)

10 ³ [EtO ⁻ K ⁺]/M	$10^3 k_{\rm obsd}/{\rm s}^{-1}$
5.36	3.84
9.83	7.23
13.6	10.7
16.9	13.6
19.7	15.7

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = (8.41 \pm 0.17) \text{ x } 10^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ R² = 0.9993

Table S15. Kinetic data for the reaction of 4-nitrophenyl diphenylphosphinate (**1g**) with $EtO^{-}K^{+}$ in the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at $35.0 \pm 0.1^{\circ}C$. ([18C6]/[EtO⁻K⁺] = 5.0)

10 ³ [EtO ⁻ K ⁺]/M	$10^3 k_{\rm obsd}/{\rm s}^{-1}$
5.36	9.26
9.83	16.8
13.6	23.8
16.9	28.3
19.7	33.8

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = 1.69 \pm 0.04 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ R² = 0.9991

Table S16. Kinetic data for the reaction of 4-nitrophenyl diphenylphosphinate (**1g**) with $EtO^{-}K^{+}$ in the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at 45.0 ± 0.1 °C. ([18C6]/[EtO^{-}K^{+}] = 5.0)

10 ³ [EtO ⁻ K ⁺]/M	$10^3 k_{\rm obsd}/{\rm s}^{-1}$
5.36	14.3
9.83	26.3
13.6	37.1
16.9	45.6
19.7	53.4

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = 2.73 \pm 0.02 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ R² = 0.9999

Table S17. Kinetic data for the reaction of 3,4-dinitrophenyl diphenylphosphinate (**1h**) with EtO⁻K⁺ in the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at 15.0 ± 0.1 °C. ([18C6]/[EtO⁻K⁺] = 5.0)

10 ³ [EtO ⁻ K ⁺]/M	$10^3 k_{\rm obsd}/{\rm s}^{-1}$
0.468	5.06
0.929	11.4
1.38	18.9
1.83	25.7
2.27	31.2

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = 14.8 \pm 0.4 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ R² = 0.9990

Table S18. Kinetic data for the reaction of 3,4-dinitrophenyl diphenylphosphinate (**1h**) with EtO⁻K⁺ in the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at $20.0 \pm 0.1^{\circ}$ C. ([18C6]/[EtO⁻K⁺] = 5.0)

10 ³ [EtO ⁻ K ⁺]/M	$10^3 k_{\rm obsd}/{\rm s}^{-1}$
0.584	8.38
1.16	18.7
1.72	27.7
2.27	37.8
2.81	47.9

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = 17.6 \pm 0.2 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ R² = 0.9997

Table S19. Kinetic data for the reaction of 3,4-dinitrophenyl diphenylphosphinate (**1h**) with EtO⁻K⁺ in the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at 35.0 ± 0.1 °C. ([18C6]/[EtO⁻K⁺] = 5.0)

10 ³ [EtO ⁻ K ⁺]/M	$10^3 k_{\rm obsd}/{\rm s}^{-1}$
0.584	17.7
1.16	37.4
1.72	56.5
2.27	72.0
2.81	91.7

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = 32.8 \pm 0.6 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ R² = 0.9994

Table S20. Kinetic data for the reaction of 3,4-dinitrophenyl diphenylphosphinate (**1h**) with EtO⁻K⁺ in the presence of excess 18C6 in anhydrous EtOH at $45.0 \pm 0.1^{\circ}$ C. ([18C6]/[EtO⁻K⁺] = 5.0)

10 ³ [EtO ⁻ K ⁺]/M	$10^3 k_{\rm obsd} / {\rm s}^{-1}$
0.468	18.4
0.929	41.0
1.38	61.4
1.83	82.4
2.27	103

 $k_{\text{EtO-}} = 46.8 \pm 0.3 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ R² = 0.9999