

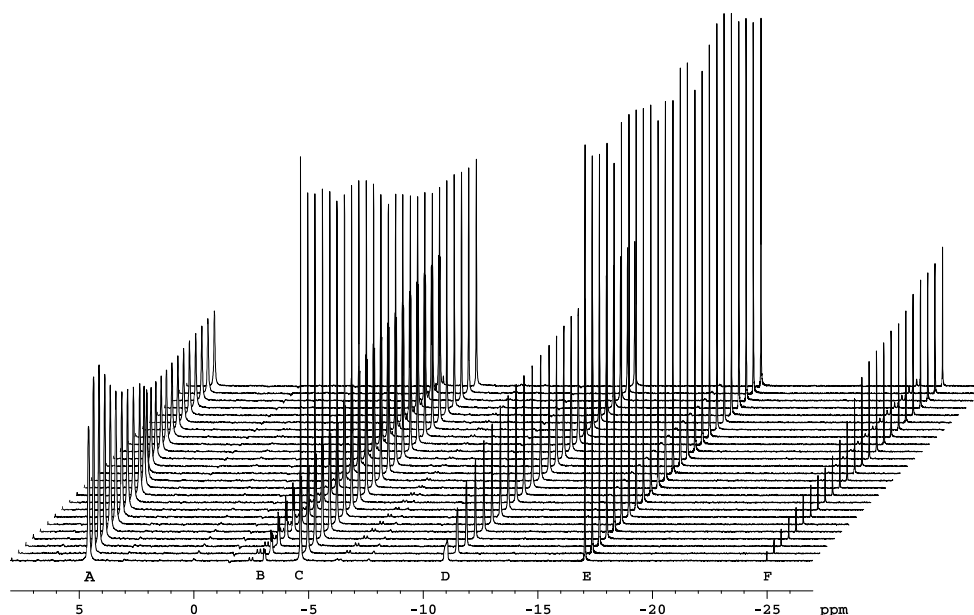
## Reactive intermediates in the H-phosphonate synthesis of oligonucleotides

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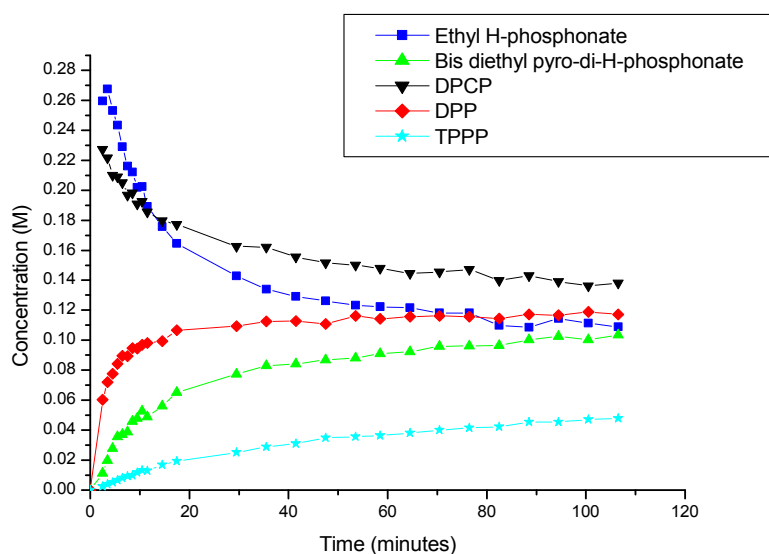
### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**Fig. 1**  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR timescan for the addition of DPCP (0.19mmol, 0.25M) to triethylammonium ethyl H-phosphonate (0.24M) and triphenylphosphate (0.13M) as internal standard in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298K.

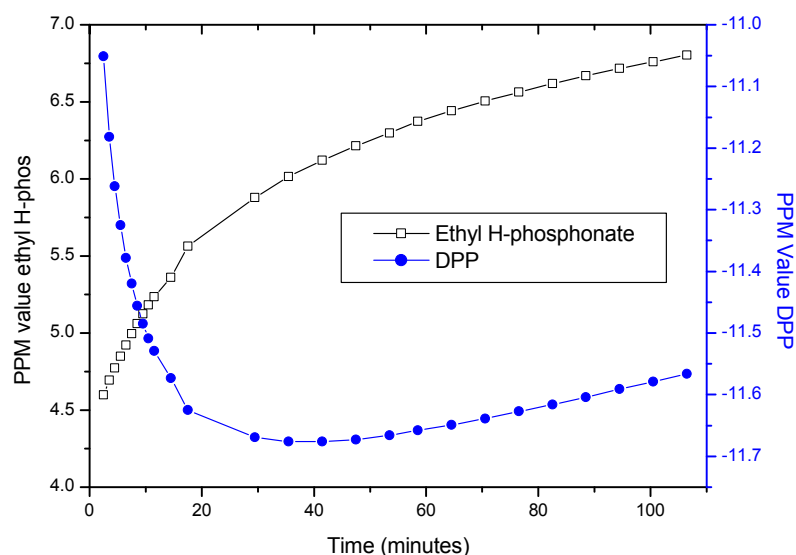


A graph of concentration versus time was produced using the integral ratios and the molarity of triphenylphosphate used. All the identified peaks were present and their rate of formation/reaction could be shown as a function of time (**Fig. 2**).

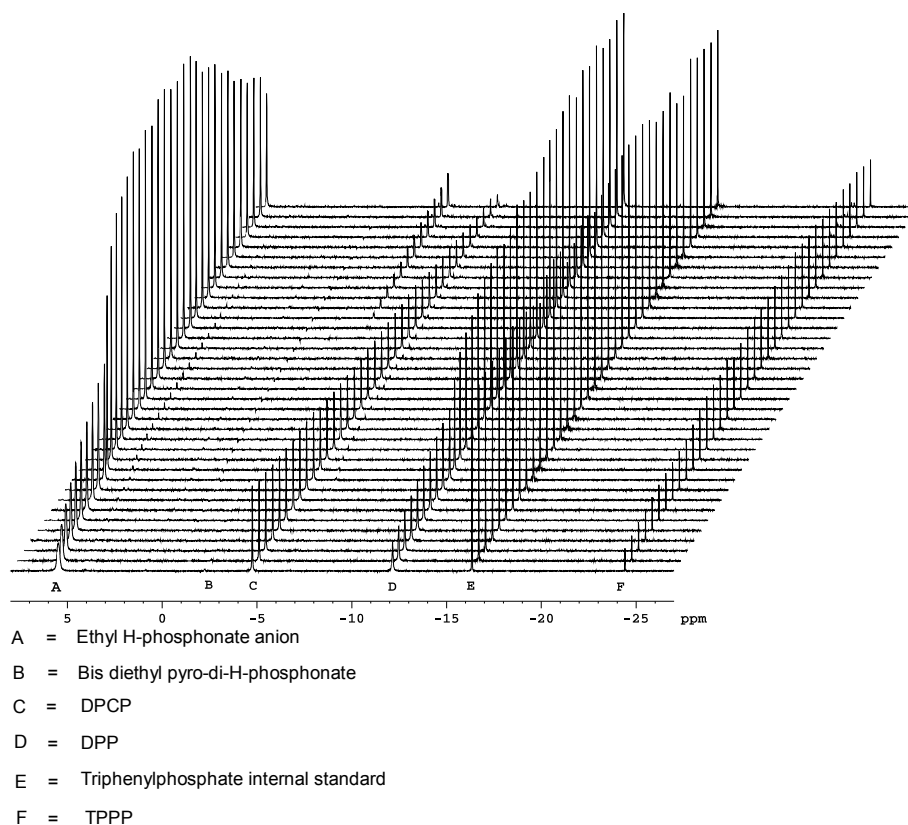
**Fig. 2** The reaction of DPCP (0.19mmol, 0.25M) added to triethylammonium ethyl H-phosphonate (0.24M, 15% ethyl H-phosphonic acid) and triphenylphosphate (0.13M) as internal standard in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as measured by  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR at 298K.



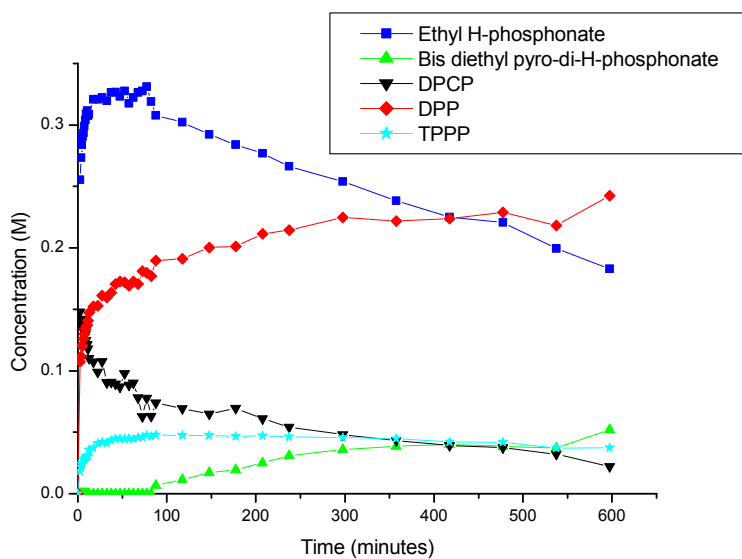
**Fig. 3**  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR chemical shift for ethyl H-phosphonate anion and DPP during the reaction of DPCP (0.19mmol, 0.25M) added to triethylammonium ethyl H-phosphonate (0.24M, 15% ethyl H-phosphonic acid) and triphenylphosphate (0.13M) as internal standard in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298K shown in **Fig. 3**



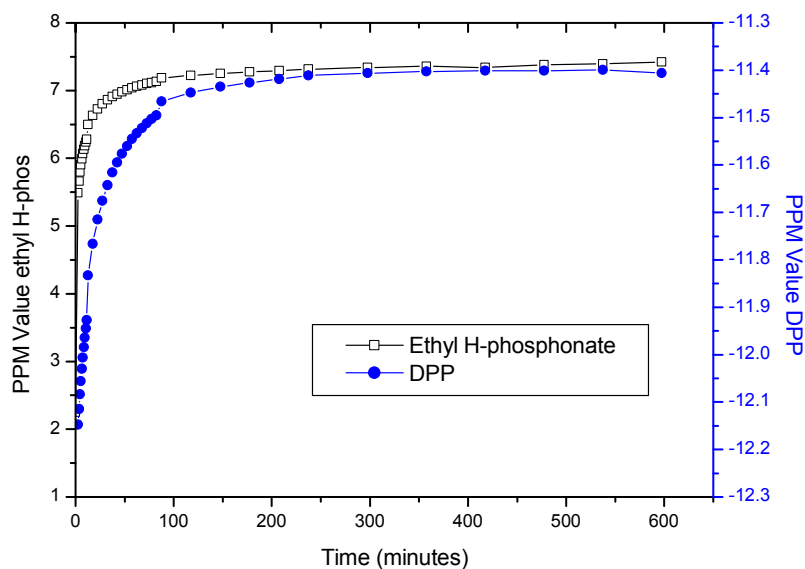
**Fig. 4**  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR timescan for the addition of neat DPCP (0.17mmol, 0.23M) to triethylammonium ethyl H-phosphonate (0.23M) and triphenylphosphate (0.14M) as internal standard in  $\text{d}_3$ -acetonitrile in 298K.



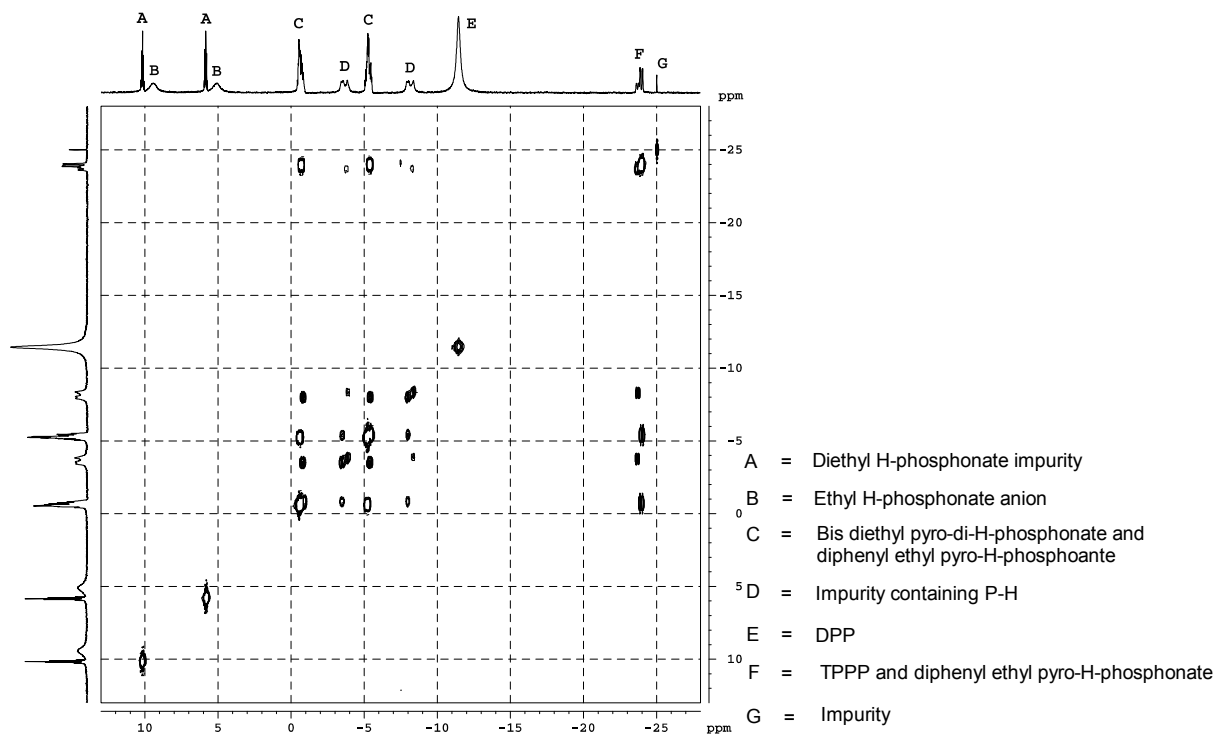
**Fig. 5**  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR timescan for the addition of neat DPCP (0.17mmol, 0.23M) to triethylammonium ethyl H-phosphonate (0.23M, 15% ethyl H-phosphonic acid) and triphenylphosphate (0.14M) as internal standard in  $\text{d}_3$ -acetonitrile at 298K.



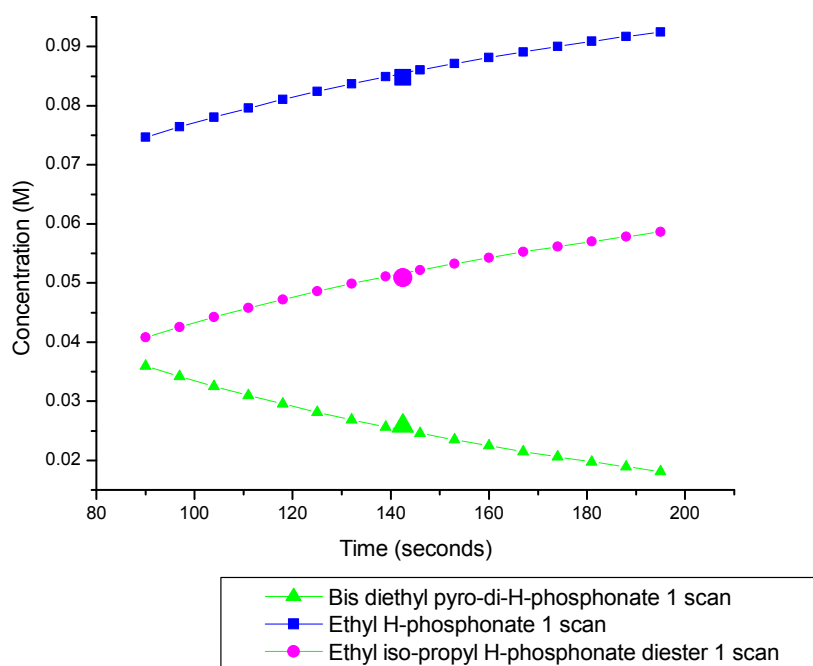
**Fig. 6**  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR chemical shifts for ethyl H-phosphonate and DPP for the addition of neat DPCP (0.17mmol, 0.23M) to triethylammonium ethyl H-phosphonate (0.23M) and triphenylphosphate (0.14M) as internal standard in  $d_3$ -acetonitrile at 298K.



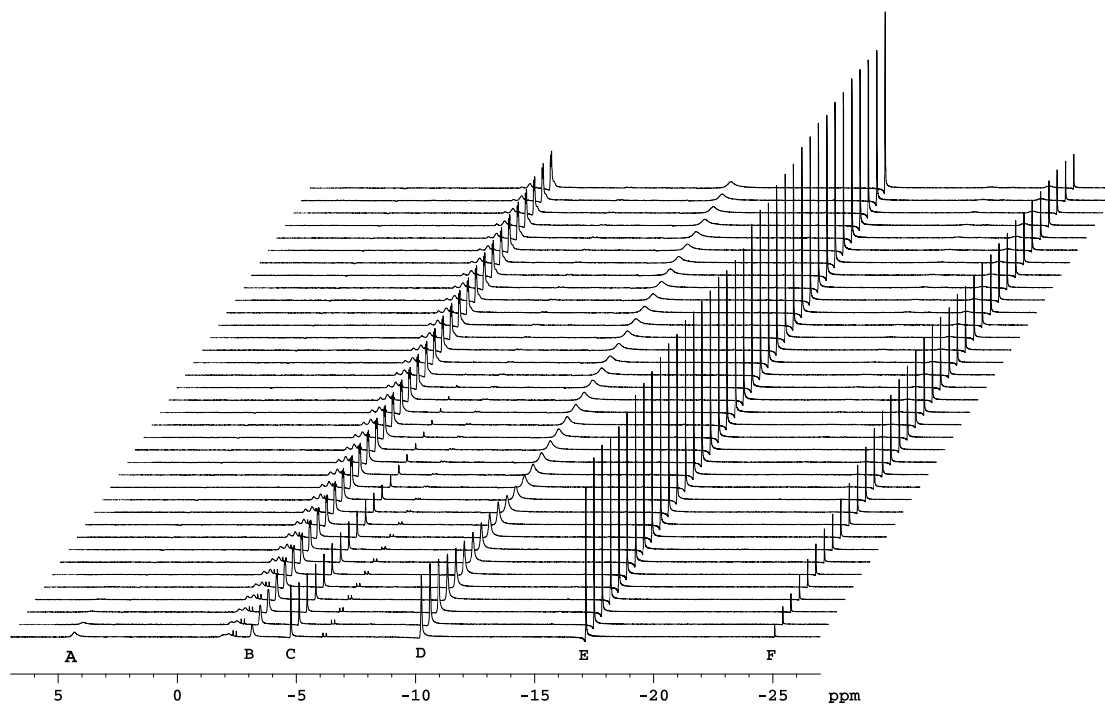
**Fig. 7**  $^{31}\text{P}$  coupled -  $^{31}\text{P}$  coupled NMR COSY spectra for an equilibrium mixture of bis diethyl pyro-di-H-phosphonate and diphenyl ethyl pyro-H-phosphonate in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298K.



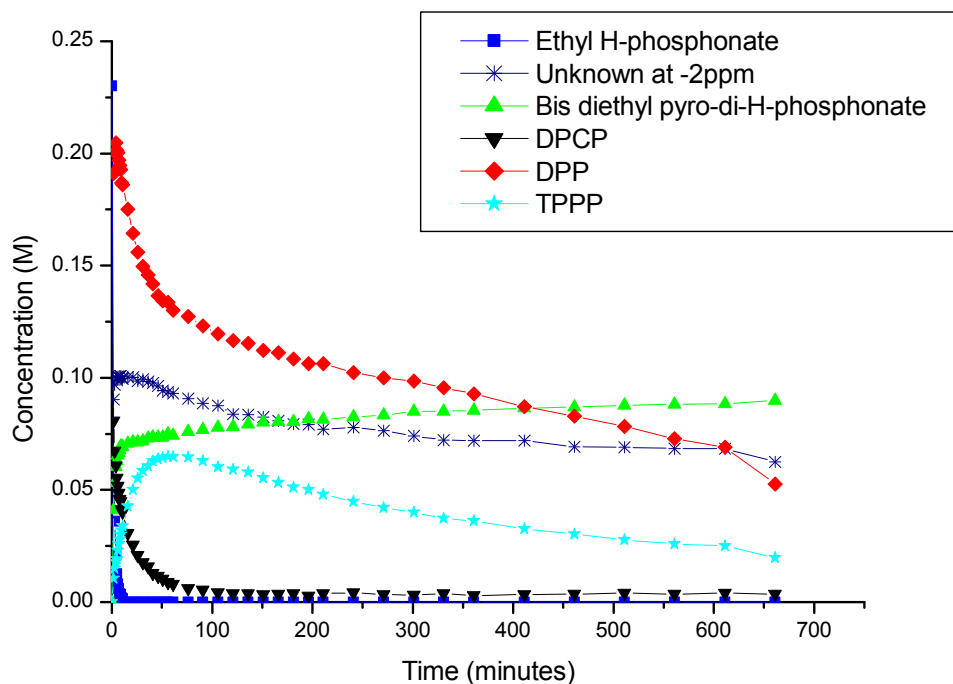
**Fig. 8** Averaging of 16 scans per spectrum versus collection of 1 scan per spectrum. The larger markers show the data after averaging all 16 scans.



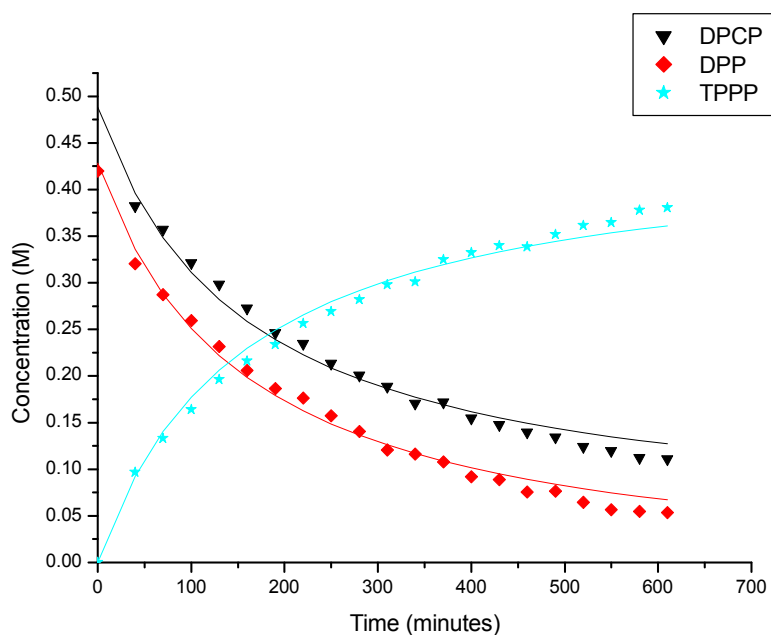
**Fig. 9**  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR timescan for the addition of neat DPCP (0.18mmol, 0.24M) to ethyl H-phosphonate triethylammonium salt (0.23M), triethylamine (0.23M), and triphenylphosphate (0.14M) as internal standard in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298K.



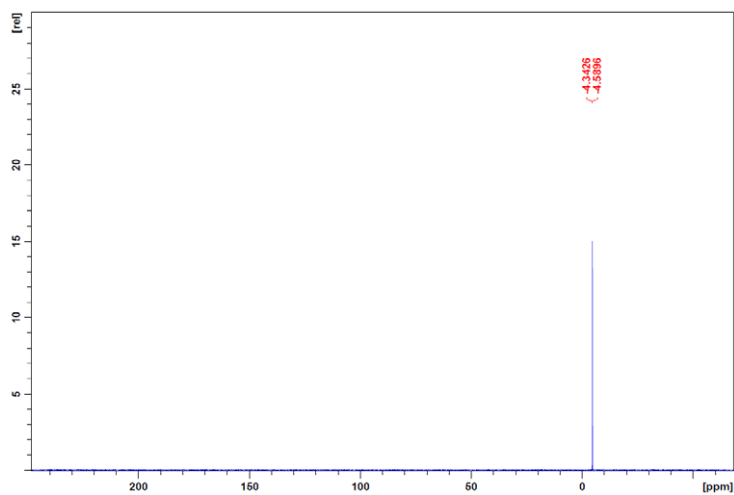
**Fig. 10** Concentration – time plots for the addition of neat DPCP (0.18mmol, 0.24M) to ethyl H-phosphonate triethylammonium salt (0.23M), triethylamine (0.23M) and triphenylphosphate (0.14M) as internal standard in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as measured by  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR at 298K.



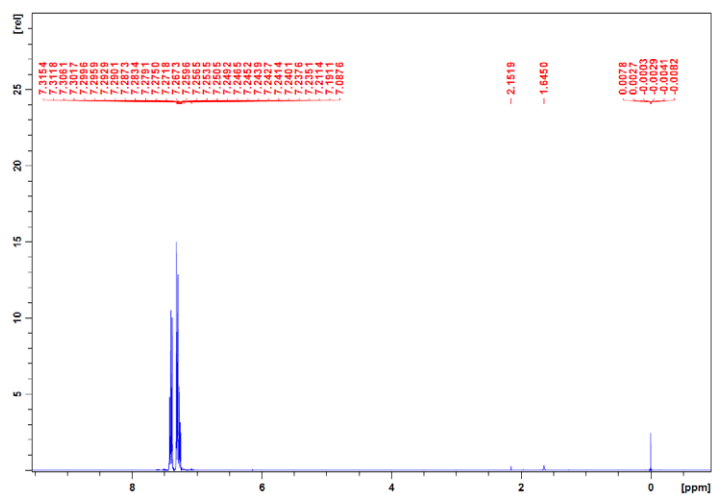
**Fig. 11** The second order fit for the reaction of DPCP (0.21mmol, 0.42M) with DPP (0.42M) in the presence of pyridine (0.25mmol, 0.49M, 1.19moleq) and triphenylphosphate (0.29M) as internal standard in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (0.5ml) as measured by  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR at 298K.



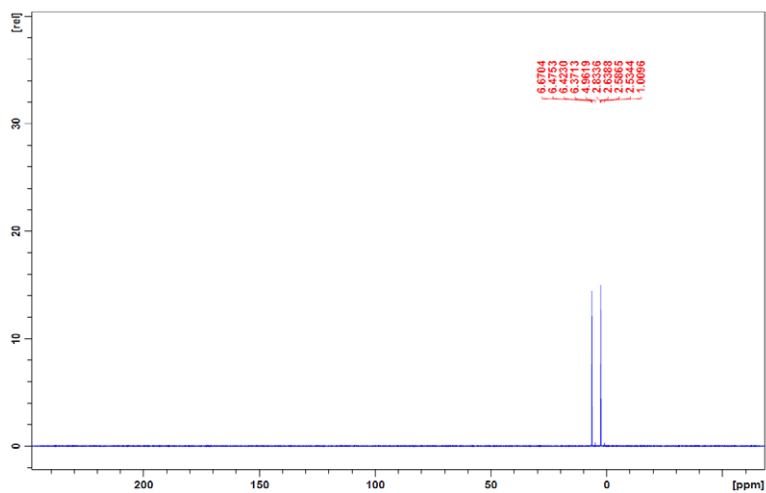
**Fig.12**  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of diphenylchlorophosphate in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



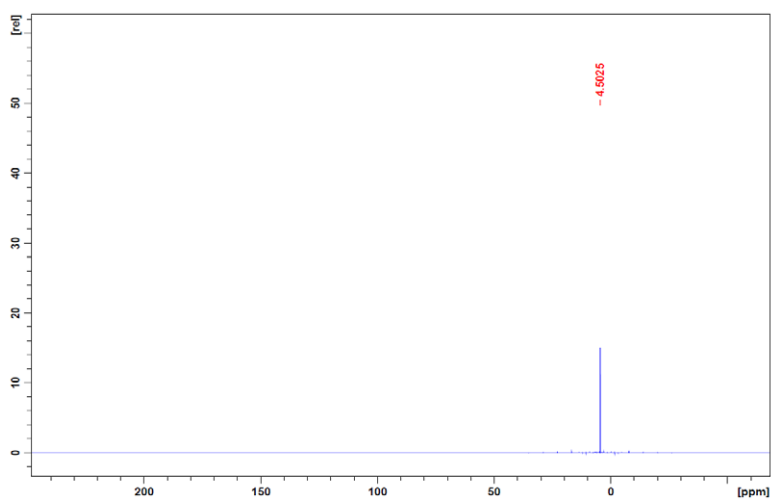
**Fig.13**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of diphenylchlorophosphate in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



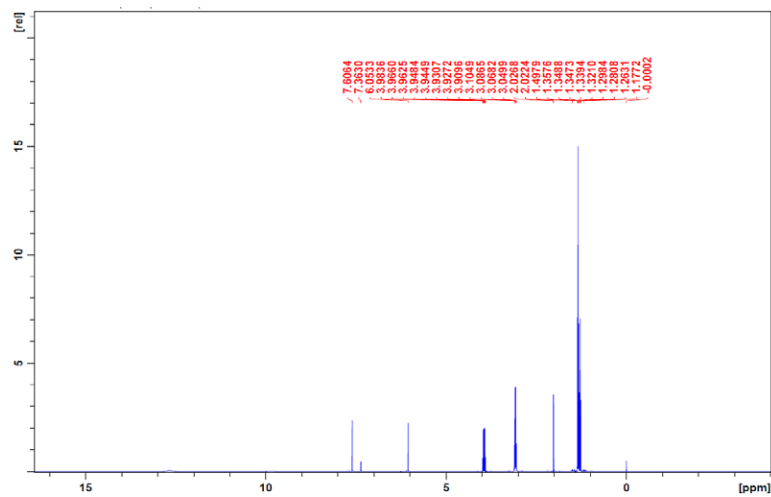
**Fig.14**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of triethylammonium ethyl H-phosphonate in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Fig.15**  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of triethylammonium ethyl H-phosphonate in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

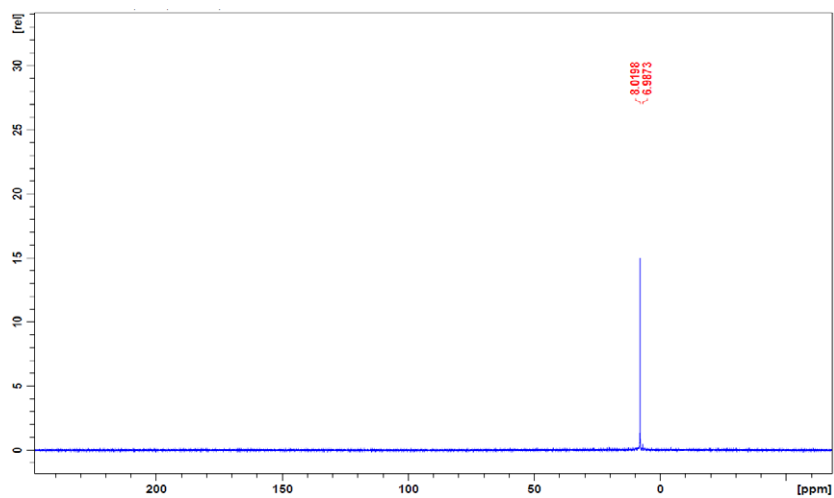


**Fig.16**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of triethylammonium ethyl H-phosphonate in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

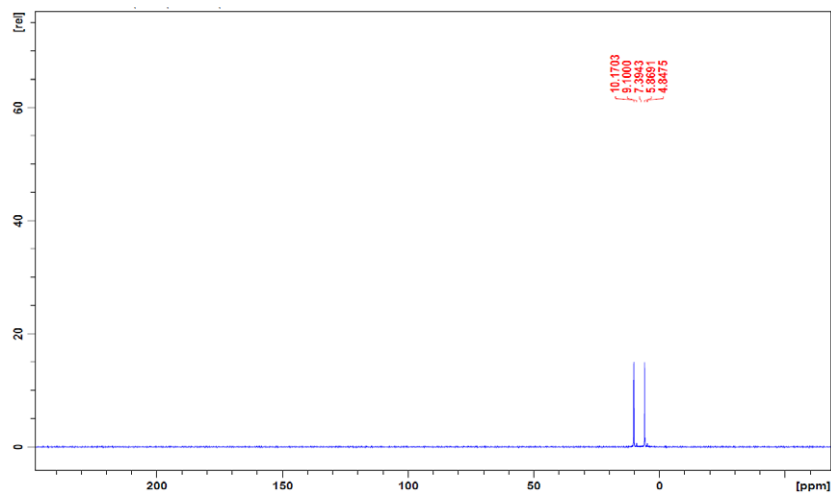




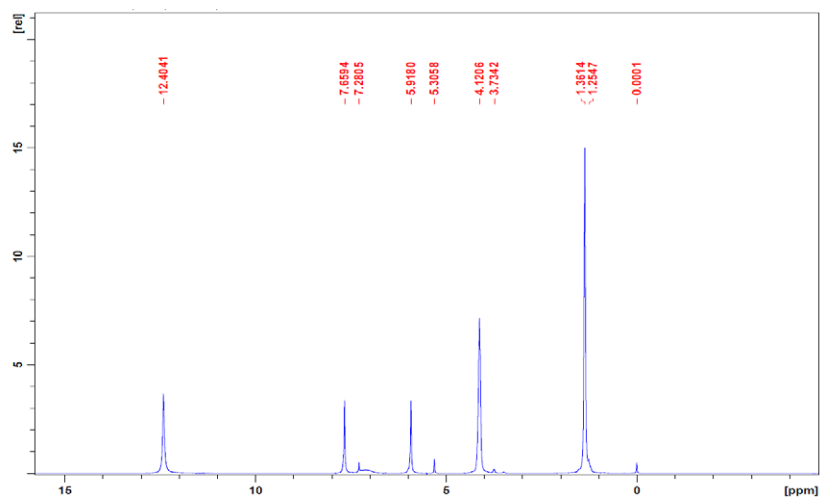
**Fig.17**  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of ethyl H-phosphonate free acid in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



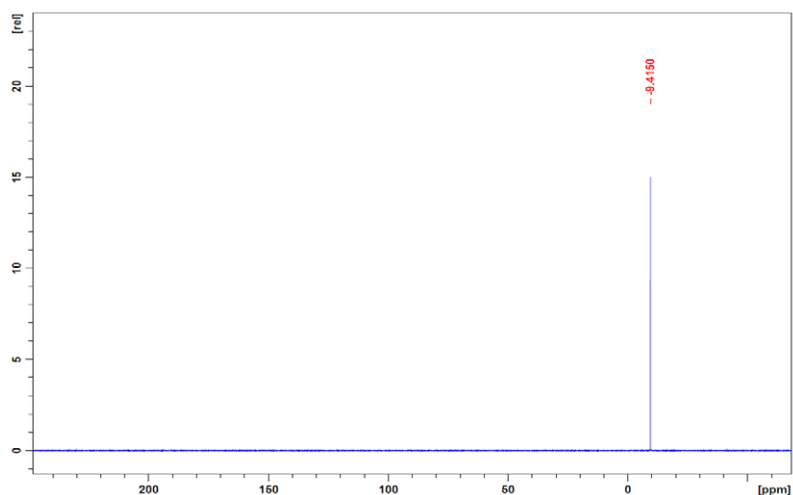
**Fig.18**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of ethyl H-phosphonate free acid in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



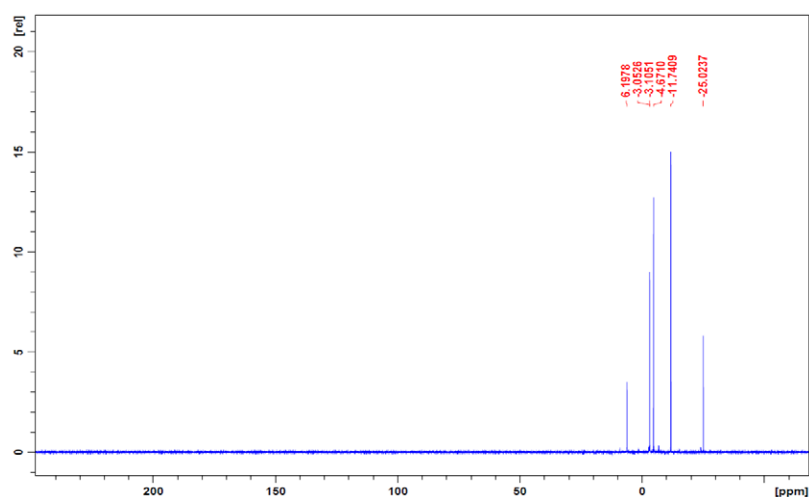
**Fig.19**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of ethyl H-phosphonate free acid in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Fig.20**  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of diphenylphosphate

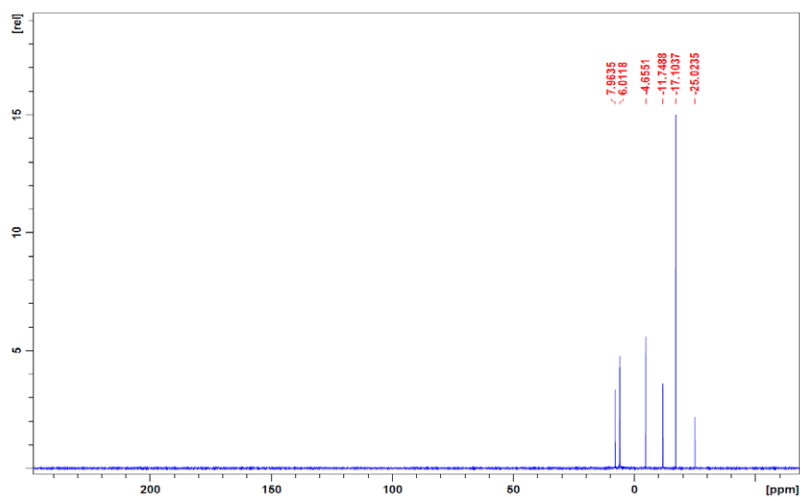


**Fig.21**  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of diphenylchlorophosphate and triethylammonium ethyl H-phosphonate in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

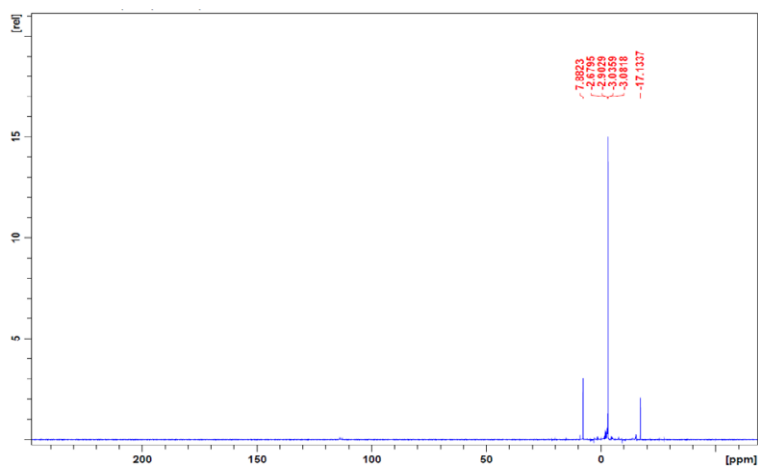


6.2ppm ethyl H-phosphonate anion, -4.6ppm diphenylchlorophosphate, -11.7ppm diphenylphosphate anion, -25.0ppm tetraphenylpyrophosphate; the doublet at -3.0ppm is bis diethyl pyro-di-H-phosphate.

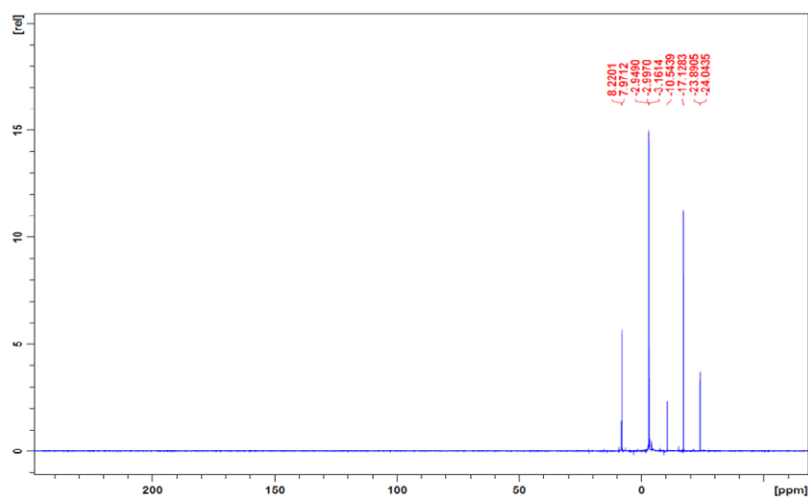
**Fig.22**  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of diphenylchlorophosphate, triethylammonium ethyl H-phosphonate, triphenylphosphate and ethanol in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



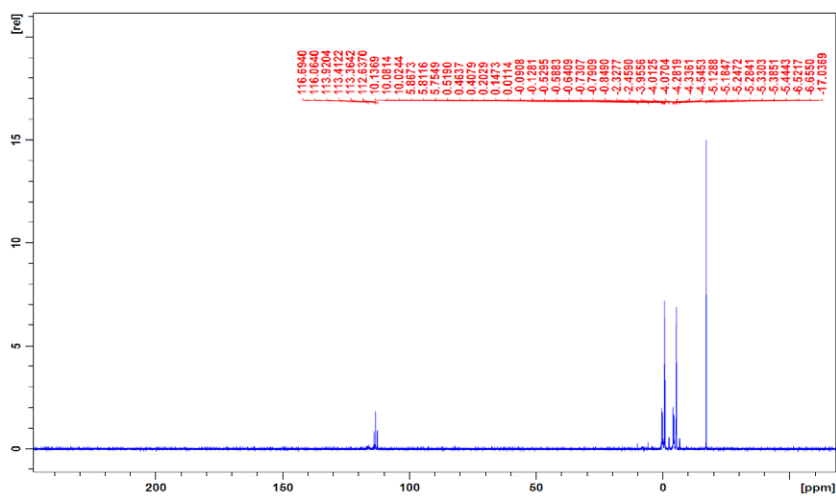
**Fig.23**  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of Bis Diethyl pyro-di-H-phosphonate (IS:triphenylphosphate) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



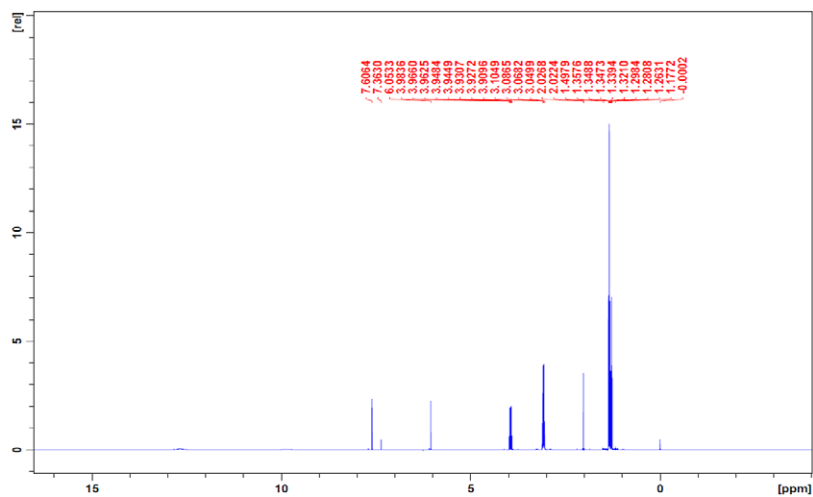
**Fig.24**  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of bis diethyl pyro-di-H-phosphonate with diphenylphosphate added (IS:triphenylphosphate) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Diphenyl ethyl pyro-H-phosphonate is generated as shown by the doublets at -24.0ppm and at -3.1ppm



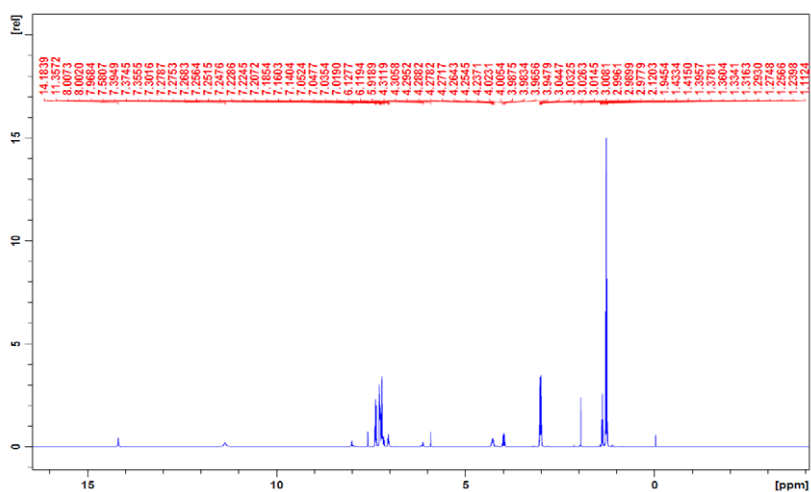
**Fig. 25**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of bis diethyl pyro-di-H-phosphonate and pyridine in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (IS triphenylphosphate). The metaphosphate formed as shown by triplet at 112.8ppm, a doublet at 113.5ppm and a singlet at 114.0ppm.



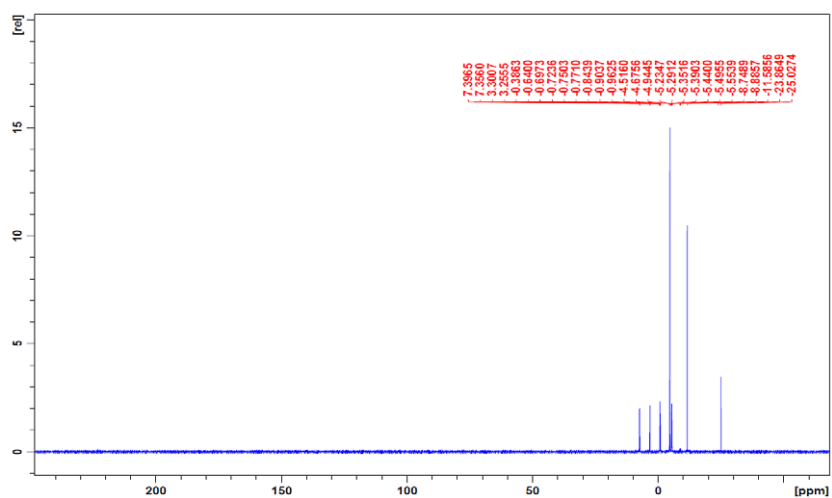
**Fig.26**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of triethylammonium ethyl H-phosphonate in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



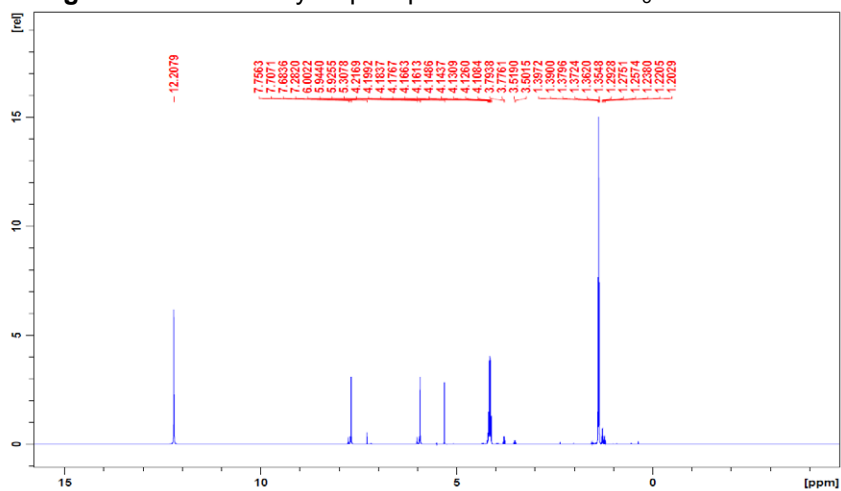
**Fig.27**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of triethylammonium ethyl H-phosphonate and diphenylphosphate in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



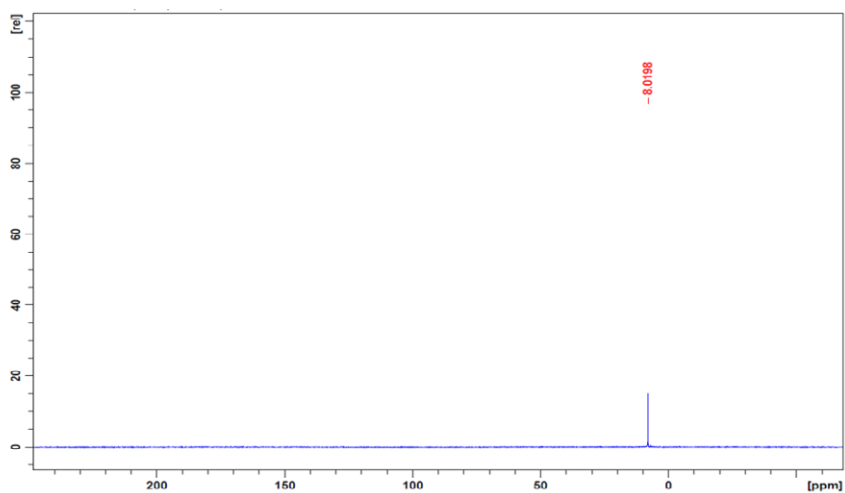
**Fig.28**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of triethylammonium ethyl H-phosphonate and diphenylchlorophosphate in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



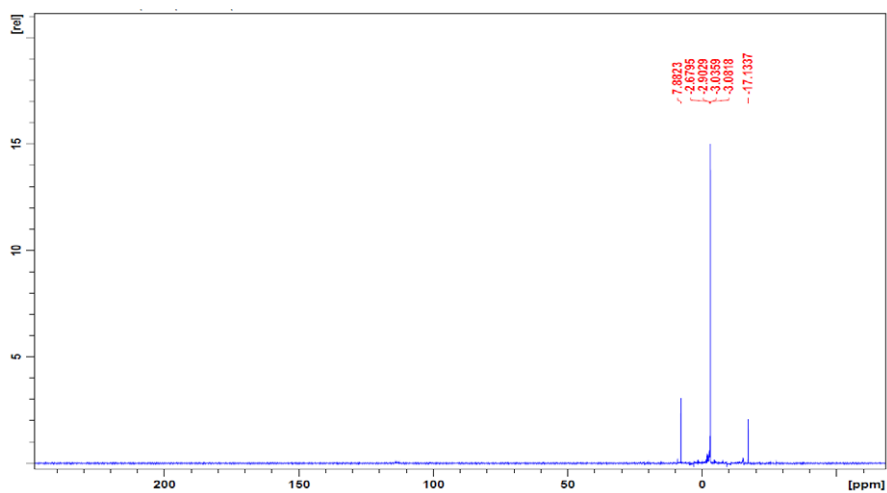
**Fig.29**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of ethyl H-phosphonic acid in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



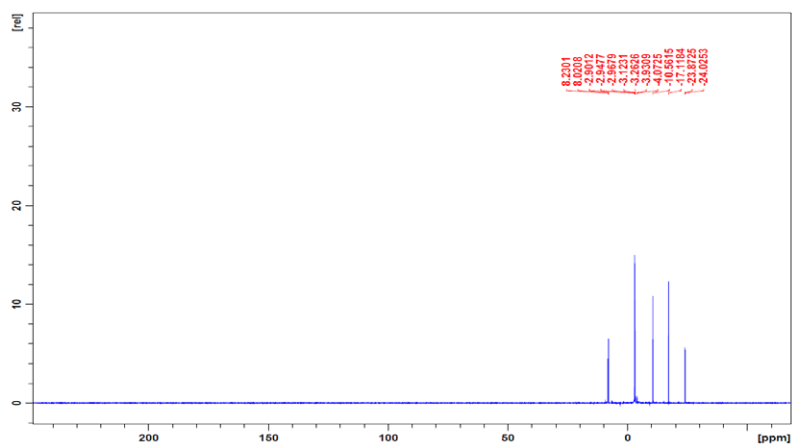
**Fig.30**  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of ethyl H-phosphonic acid in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



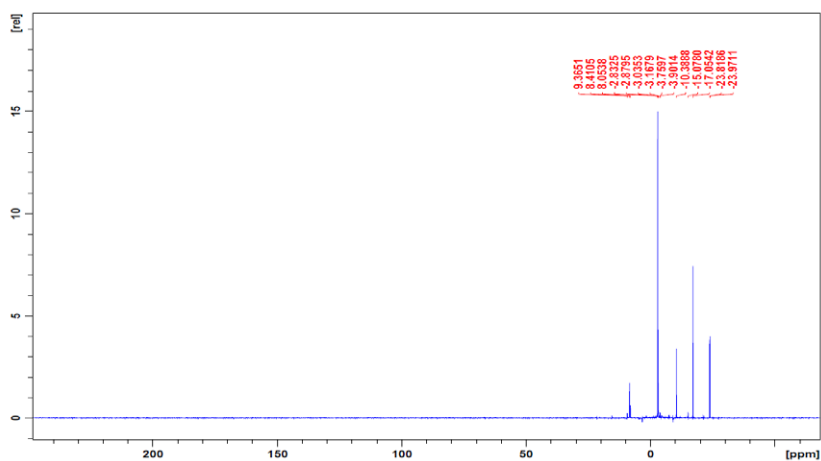
**Fig.31**  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of bis diethyl pyro-di-H-phosphonate in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (IS triphenylphosphate)



**Fig.32**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of bis diethyl pyro-di-H-phosphonate and diphenylphosphate in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Fig.33**  $^1\text{H}$  decoupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of bis diethyl pyro-di-H-phosphonate and diphenylphosphate in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Fig.34**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of triethylammonium ethyl H-phosphonate, diphenylchlorophosphate and tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

