

Diastereoselective Synthesis and Molecular Structure of a Bicyclic and a Cage Phosphane

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A two-step formal insertion of 1,1,1,5,5,5-hexafluoro- (**2a**) and 1,1,1-trifluoropentane-2,4-dione (**2b**) into the P–H bonds of phosphane gave the primary α -hydroxyphosphanes **3** and **4**, precursors for the resulting secondary phosphanes, 6,9-dioxa-2-phosphabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane (**6a**) and 2,4,8-trioxa-6-phosphaadamantane (**7**), both formed diastereospecifically.

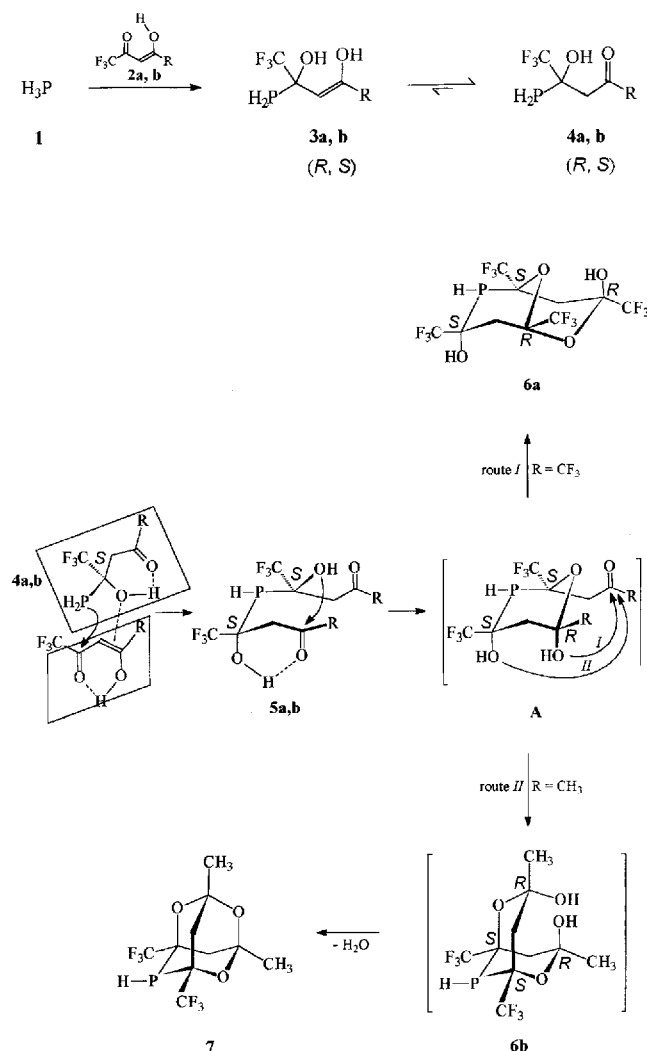
The molecular structures of **6a** and **7** were established by single-crystal X-ray structure analysis which revealed two independent molecules for **6a** in the unit cell possessing a chair-boat conformation with a C–P–C angle of 95.4(2)°, and a characteristic heteroadamantane geometry for **7**, with the corresponding angle being smaller by 4.9°.

Phosphane, PH₃, adds to activated ketones, e. g. 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro- and 1,1,1-trifluoropropanone, to furnish primary and secondary α -hydroxyphosphanes: H₃–*n*P[C(CF₃)R(OH)]_n (*n* = 1, 2; R = CF₃, CH₃).^{[1][2][3][4]} A similar reaction carried out with pentane-2,4-dione, in the presence of a strong acid, results in the formation of diastereomerically pure 1,3,5,7-tetramethyl-2,4,8-trioxa-6-phosphaadamantane.^[5] 1,3,5-Triaza-7-phosphaadamantane and its reductive cleavage products, namely *N*-methyl-*P*-alkylbicyclo[3.3.1]nonanes, are already used as transition-metal ligands.^{[6][7]} Fluorinated pentane-2,4-diones (e.g. the tautomers^[8] of 1,1,1,5,5,5-hexafluoro- and 1,1,1-trifluoropentane-2,4-dione) and phosphane could lead to bicyclic compounds or to phosphaadamantanes. Both diones proved to be versatile reactants for the synthesis of phosphorus-containing mono-, bi- and tricyclic phosphoranes.^{[9][10][11]}

Results and Discussion

In an “insertion” reaction^{[1][2][3][4]} without any auxiliary acid, phosphane (**1**), and the keto/enol tautomers **2a** and **2b** of 1,1,1,5,5,5-hexafluoro- and 1,1,1-trifluoropentane-2,4-dione furnished the primary (*R,S*)- α -hydroxyphosphanes **3a** and **3b**, whose enol functions probably isomerized rendering the corresponding ketones **4a** and **4b** (Scheme 1). A similar tautomerism was observed in the reaction product with diethyl phosphite, where the keto group of compound **2a** “inserted” into the P–H function.^{[12][13]} Further addition of **2a** and **2b** to **4a** and **4b** and isomerisation afforded the formation of the secondary bis(α -hydroxy- γ -oxo)phosphanes **5a** and **5b**, which, upon standing for 7 d at ambient tem-

perature, or heating for a short time at 80°C, produced colorless crystalline solids, surprisingly 1,3 α ,5,7 β -Tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-6,9-dioxa-2-phosphabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane-3 β ,7 α -diol (**6a**) and 1,7-trifluoromethyl-3,5-methyl-2,4,8-trioxa-6-phosphaadamantane (**7**) (Scheme 2), in good yields (82 % for **6a**, 73 % for **7**), exclusively *one* diastereomer in each case. The main mechanistic feature of these reactions is a consecutive diastereoselective hemiketal cyclization. The PH₂ group of (*RS*)-**4a** and (*RS*)-**4b** probably add to the keto functions of **2a** and **2b**, assuming an orientation of the internal chelates^[14] by an additional attractive OH $\cdots\pi$ interaction^[15] [see Scheme 2; pathways are depicted for (*S*)-**4**, exemplarily] to give (*RR*)- and (*SS*)-**5a** and **5b** exclusively. The α -hydroxy group in *one* C(OH)(CF₃)CH₂C–(O)CF₃ substituent of compound **5** could form a cyclic chair-configured hemiketal (intermediate **A**, R = CF₃, route *I*, Scheme 2) with the γ -oxo group of the neighboring substituent. The new 6-hydroxy group in the proposed 1,3-oxaphosphirane ring by virtue of the anomeric effect^[16] is located axially (like the already existing 4-hydroxy group), thus creating a new (*S*)-carbon center starting from the (*RR*) precursor and a new (*R*)-carbon center from the (*SS*) precursor. The *axially* oriented 6-hydroxy and not the possibly competing 4-hydroxy^[17] group in its turn induced a further anomeric effect^[16] controlled hemiketal cyclisation with the remaining keto function furnishing bicyclic compound **6a** in the (1*S*,3*S*,5*R*,7*R*) or the mirror image (1*R*,3*R*,5*S*,7*S*) configuration (see Scheme 2). The HO groups in **6a** are in an α,β -arrangement (chair-boat conformation of the two rings, see discussion of the X-ray structure determination), unable to split off water intramolecularly. An additional final (1*R*,3*S*,5*S*,7*R*) or (1*S*,3*R*,5*R*,7*S*)



geometry of **6a** could not be found excluding the (*RS*) or (*SR*) configuration in the precursor phosphane **4a**.

Intermediate **A** ($R = \text{CH}_3$, route *II*, Scheme 2) led to the bicyclic phosphane **6b** having (*RRSS*) or (*SSRR*) configuration by allowing the axial α -hydroxy group in 4-position to interact with the free keto function. In this case, the 4-OH group is more acidic than the 6-OH moiety due to the presence of a CF_3 substituent at C-4 and thus is preferred in the hemiketal formation. The two new HO groups, because of the double chair conformation of the two rings in close vicinity to one another, enable a condensation reaction to give phosphadamantane **7** and water. From (*RS*)- or (*SR*)-**4b** and **2b** and from their resulting (*RSS*) or (*SRR*) intermediates the second cyclisation with the respective α -hydroxy moiety (4-OH) is not possible for steric reasons.

The primary phosphane precursors **3** and **4** were not separated successfully, since upon distillation, only **6a** or **7** and phosphane were obtained, indicating the thermal instability of the primary phosphanes.

The X-ray diffraction investigation showed two symmetry-independent molecules, **A** [absolute configuration (*1S,3S,5R,7R*)] and its mirror image **B** [absolute configuration (*1R,3R,5S,7S*)] in the unit cell of the heterobicy-

clononane **6a** (see Figure 1 and Table 1); **B** exhibiting minor but not significant differences. Therefore, only the molecular structure of **6aA** will be discussed. The bicyclic system consists of two six-membered rings, one [P(1),C(1a),C(2a),C(3a),O(1a),C(4a)] in a chair conformation (puckering parameters^[18] $Q = 60.1$ pm, $\theta = 173.0^\circ$, $\Phi = 108.2^\circ$) with P(1)–H(1a)^[19] and C(1a)–O(3a) in the axial, C(1a)–C(9a)F₃, C(3a)C(10a)F₃, and C(4a)–C(8a)F₃ in the equatorial position; the other ring [O(1a),C(3a),O(2a),C(6a),C(5a),C(4a)] was found to be in a boat conformation (puckering parameters $Q = 69.2$ pm, $\theta = 91.3^\circ$, $\Phi = 179.9^\circ$) with C(6a)–O(4a) and C(6a)–C(7a) located equatorially. The two hydroxy groups are in an *endoexo* position, unavailable for intramolecular water abstraction to give a heteroadamantane system. A double chair geometry is usually found in heterobicyclo[3.3.1]nonanes, e. g. *N*-methyl-*P*-alkylbicyclo[3.3.1]nonanes.^[7] The conformation observed in **6a** is obviously due to steric and electrostatic repulsions of the rather bulky *endo* substituents at C(1) or C(6).^[20] In addition, the chair/boat conformation is stabilized by the O(1a)⋯H(41)–O(4a) hydrogen bond [O(1a)⋯O(4a) 288.9 pm]. Finally, if the reaction path from **5a** to **6a** is simulated in a model, the C(6a)CF₃ group is forced into an *endo* position. The bond lengths and angles in the two rings, e. g. P(1)–C(1a) 189.6(4), P(1)–C(4a) 189.1(4) pm and C(1a)–P(1)–C(4a) 95.3(2)°, are similar to those found elsewhere.^[7]

Figure 1. Molecular structure of compound **6aA** (only one of the two symmetry-independent molecules; thermal ellipsoids with 50 % probability)

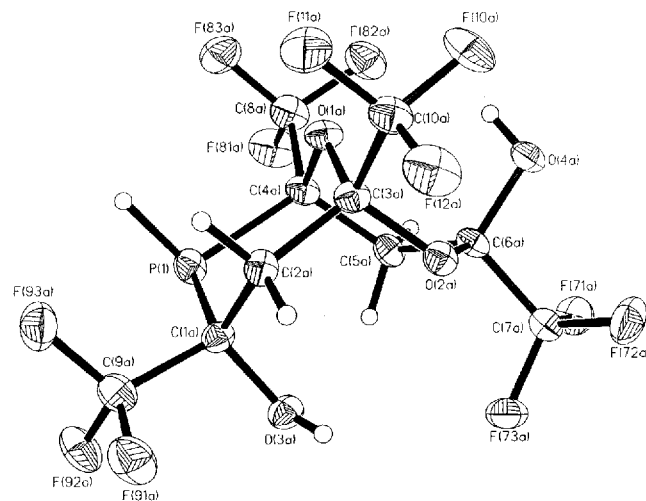


Table 1. Selected bond lengths [pm] and angles [°] of compound **6aA**

P(1)–C(1a)	189.5(4)	P(1)–C(4a)	189.2(4)
O(1a)–C(3a)	139.7(4)	O(1a)–C(4a)	144.6(4)
O(2a)–C(3a)	142.6(4)	O(4a)–C(6a)	139.8(4)
C(1a)–C(2a)	153.6(5)	C(3a)–C(10a)	155.3(5)
C(7a)–F(71a)	133.4(4)		
C(1a)–P(1)–C(4a)	95.4(2)	C(3a)–O(2a)–C(6a)	116.3(3)
C(3a)–O(1a)–C(4a)	113.4(3)	P(1)–C(1a)–O(3a)	105.2(2)
P(1)–C(1a)–C(2a)	113.9(2)	O(3a)–C(1a)–C(2a)	113.2(3)
C(1a)–C(2a)–C(3a)	114.6(3)	O(2a)–C(3a)–C(2a)	110.4(3)
P(1)–C(4a)–O(1a)	112.8(2)	O(1a)–C(4a)–C(8a)	101.3(3)

The single-crystal X-ray study of **7** (see Figure 2 and Table 2) showed the structure to consist of two equivalent phosphadamantane molecules in the unit cell. The CF_3 groups were found in α -positions to the phosphorus atom. The bond lengths $\text{P}(1)–\text{C}(1)$ and $\text{P}(1)–\text{C}(4)$ of 188.5(2) and 188.7(2) pm are similar to those observed for **6a** and 1,3,5-triaza-7-phosphadamantane, whereas the angle $\text{C}(1)–\text{P}(1)–\text{C}(4)$ [89.41(7)°] is significantly smaller than the corresponding parameter of **6a**; the C–C distances in the six-membered rings are comparable with those obtained here. The conformational analysis of the four six-membered rings proved the expected chair geometry. A minor deviation of the phosphorus-containing ring [P(1), C(1), C(2), C(3), O(1), C(4)] was observed leading to the puckering parameters^[17] $Q = 70.9$ pm, $\theta = 170.0^\circ$, $\Phi = 198.8^\circ$.

Figure 2. Molecular structure of compound **7** (thermal ellipsoids with 50 % probability)

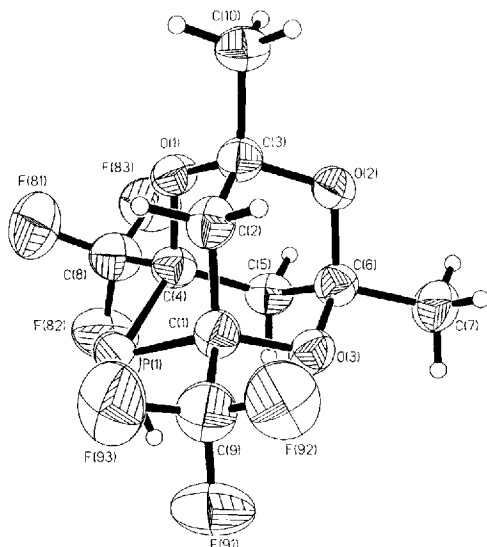


Table 2. Selected bond lengths [pm] and angles [°] of compound **7**

P(1)–C(1)	188.6(2)	P(1)–C(4)	188.7(2)
C(1)–C(2)	152.6(2)	C(1)–O(3)	142.8(2)
C(1)–C(9)	151.9(2)	C(8)–F(81)	132.6(3)
C(1)–P(1)–C(4)	89.5(1)	P(1)–C(1)–C(2)	108.3(1)
P(1)–C(1)–O(3)	112.7(1)	C(2)–C(1)–O(3)	110.0(2)
C(2)–C(1)–C(9)	111.8(1)	O(3)–C(1)–C(9)	105.2(1)
C(1)–C(2)–C(3)	108.8(1)	O(1)–C(3)–O(2)	110.6(1)
C(2)–C(3)–C(10)	114.5(1)	C(3)–O(1)–C(4)	114.7(1)
P(1)–C(4)–O(1)	109.5(1)	P(1)–C(4)–C(5)	111.6(1)
O(1)–C(4)–C(8)	103.9(1)	C(4)–C(5)–C(6)	108.9(1)

NMR spectroscopy was essential for monitoring the reaction pathway and supporting the proposed mechanism. For **1** and **2a** after 2 d at room temperature, the α -hydroxyphosphanes **3a/4a** and the secondary phosphane **5a** could be identified as intermediate products by their ^{31}P -NMR shift and $^1J_{\text{PH}}/^3J_{\text{PF}}$ values^[21] [**3a/4a**:^[22] $\delta = -115.3$ (tdq), -118.5 (ttq); **5a**: -76.6 (dm)]. Within the limits of error one tautomer of **5a** was present exclusively. For the bicyclic nonane **6a**, the main product, one would expect a doublet of quadruplets of quadruplets of triplets of triplets. We ob-

served a doublet of deceptively simple multiplets (11 lines) at $\delta_{\text{P}} = -72.8$ ^[20] ($^1J_{\text{PH}} = 207.4$, $^3J_{\text{PF}} = 15.2$, $^3J_{\text{PF}} = 13.2$, $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 10.5$ Hz). The two resonances at $\delta_{\text{F}} = -83.5$ ($^3J_{\text{PF}} = 15.7$, $^4J_{\text{FH}} = 1.1$ Hz) and $\delta_{\text{F}} = -85.7$ ($^3J_{\text{PF}} = 12.9$, $^4J_{\text{HF}} = 1.3$ Hz) in the ^{19}F -NMR spectrum were assigned to the CF_3 groups in vicinity of phosphorus, the two signals for the other two CF_3 groups were overlapping to give one resonance at $\delta_{\text{F}} = -90.1$.

For the reaction of phosphane and **2b** only one signal [$\delta = -117.5$, tq, $^1J_{\text{PH}} = 200.0$, $^3J_{\text{PF}} = 4.3$ Hz] in the ^{31}P -NMR spectrum was found due to the primary α -hydroxyphosphane^[22], whose four resonances in the ^1H -NMR spectrum [$\delta = 2.26$ (CH_3), 3.10 (CH_2), 3.28 (PH_2), 5.17 (OH)] showed the presence of isomer **4b**. The chiral center at the α -carbon atom did not cause magnetic inequivalence for the methylene group hydrogen nuclei. The proposed intermediates **5b** and **6b** could not be observed. For the phosphadamantane **7** a doublet of quadruplets of quadruplets was found in the ^{31}P -NMR spectrum ($\delta_{\text{P}} = -74.6$ ^[21], $^1J_{\text{PH}} = 206.3$, $^3J_{\text{PF}} = 15.3$, $^3J_{\text{PF}} = 16.0$ Hz). The assignment for the CF_3 groups was difficult because of the similar chemical environment.

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Experimental Section

The appropriate precautions for handling moisture- and oxygen-sensitive compounds were observed throughout this work. – Analyses: Mikroanalytisches Laboratorium Beller, Göttingen. – MS: Varian-MAT CH 7A spectrometer at 70 eV (EI). – NMR: Bruker AC 80 instrument at 80.13 MHz (^1H ; standard TMS), 75.39 MHz (^{19}F ; standard CCl_3F), and 32.44 MHz (^{31}P ; standard 85% H_3PO_4). High-field shifts from TMS, CCl_3F , and 85% H_3PO_4 were given negative signs. – The single-crystal X-ray structure determination was performed at 153 K with a Siemens P4 diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo- K_α radiation ($\lambda = 71.073$ pm). The structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least squares on F^2 using the SHELXSTL PLUS (VMS) program package.

(1*S*,3*S*,5*R*,7*R*)- and (1*R*,3*R*,5*S*,7*S*)-1,3 α ,5,7 β -Tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-6,9-dioxo-2-phosphabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane-3 β ,7 α -diol (**6a**). (RS)-[4,4,4-Trifluoro-1-hydroxy-3-oxo-1-(trifluoromethyl)butyl]phosphane (**4a**) and (RR,SS)-Bis[4,4,4-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-3-oxo-1-(trifluoromethyl)butyl]phosphane (**5a**): Into a heavy-walled glass tube, equipped with a Teflon® stopcock, was placed 30.0 g (143 mmol) of **2a** and 2.7 g (80 mmol) of **1**. This mixture was kept for 2 d at ambient temperature. After removal of the volatiles in vacuo, a viscous liquid remained containing compounds (RS)-**3a**, (RS)-**4a**, (RR,SS)-**5a** and (RRSS,SSRR)-**6a** in a 1:1:2:10 ratio [(RS)-**3a**/(RS)-**4a**: ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = -115.3$ (ttq, $^1J_{\text{PH}} = 206.5$, $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 8.5$, $^3J_{\text{PF}} = 5.2$ Hz), -118.5 (tdq, $^1J_{\text{PH}} = 204.2$, $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 10.5$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{PF}} = 4.1$ Hz). **5a**: ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3): -76.6 (dm, $^1J_{\text{PH}} = 211.0$, $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 10.5$, $^3J_{\text{PF}} = 10.1$ Hz)]. Crystalline colorless (RRSS,SSRR)-**6a** slowly precipitated. After 5 d at ambient temperature and successive removal of phosphane, 29.0 g (82 %) of compound **6a** (m. p. 76°C, subl. 40°C/0.001 Torr) remained. Heating of the starting materials, 3.0 g of **2a** and 0.3 g of **1**, for 2.5 h

at 80°C gave 2.9 g of **6a**. – MS (20°C); m/z (%): 450 (3) $[M - H_2O]^+$, 335 (5) $[M - H_2O - CF_3CO]^+$, 242 (32) $[M - CF_3C(O)CH_2C(O)CF_3]^+$, 161 (48) $[CF_3C(O)CH_2CF_2]^+$, 139 (72) $[CF_3C(O)CH_2C(O)H]^+$, 97 (46) $[CF_3CO]^+$, 69 (100) $[CF_3]^+$, and other fragments. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 2.30–2.70 (m, 2 H, ABX system), 2.85–3.45 (m, 2 H, ABX system), 3.05 (s, 1 H, OH), 3.98 (dq, 1 H, PH, $^1J_{PH}$ = 207.4, $^4J_{PH}$ = 1.3, $^4J_{FH}$ = 1.1 Hz). – ^{19}F NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = –83.5 (dd, 3 F, CF_3 , $^3J_{PF}$ = 15.7, $^4J_{FH}$ = 1.1 Hz), –85.7 (dd, 3 F, CF_3 , $^3J_{PF}$ = 12.9, $^4J_{FH}$ = 1.3 Hz), –90.1 (s, 6 F, CF_3). – ^{31}P NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = –72.8 (dq “quint”, $^1J_{PH}$ = 207.4, $^3J_{PF}$ = 15.2, $^3J_{PF}$ = 13.2, $^3J_{PH}$ = 10.5 Hz). – $C_{10}H_7F_{12}O_4P$ (450.12): calcd. C 26.68, H 1.57, F 50.65, P 6.88; found C 26.56, H 1.71, F 50.40, P 7.08. – The data collection for the X-ray structural study of compound (*SSRR*)-**6aA** and (*RRSS*)-**6aB**^[23] (single crystal 0.3 × 0.5 × 0.65 mm, monoclinic $P2_1/c$ with a = 1217.3(2), b = 1009.0(2), c = 2439.8(4) pm, β = 96.03(2)°, Z = 8, D (calcd.) = 2.007 Mg/m³, cell volume 2.9801(9) nm³, absorption coefficient 0.343 mm^{–1}, difference electron density 519 and –561 e nm^{–3}) was carried out in a θ -range 1.68–27.06°, reflections collected 7057, independent reflections 6527 (R_{int} = 0.0518), goodness of fit on F^2 1.069; final R values [$I > 2\sigma(I)$], $R1$ = 0.0561, $wR2$ = 0.1301; R value (all reflections) $R1$ = 0.0921, $wR2$ = 0.1585.

3,5-Methyl-1,7-trifluoromethyl-2,4,8-trioxa-6-phosphaadamantane (7) and (RS)-[1-Hydroxy-3-oxo-1-(trifluoromethyl)butyl]phosphane (4b): Into a heavy-walled glass tube, equipped with a Teflon® stopcock, was placed 22.7 g (150 mmol) of **2b** and 6.8 g (200 mmol) of **1**. The mixture was heated for 30 min at 80°C. After removal of all volatiles in vacuo, a liquid, compounds **4b** and **7** (1:5) [**4b**: 1H NMR: δ = 2.26 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 3.10 (m, 2 H, CH_2), 3.28 (d, 2 H, PH_2 , $^1J_{HP}$ = 200.0 Hz), 5.17 (s, 1 H, OH). – ^{19}F NMR: δ = –83.90 (d, $^3J_{FP}$ = 4.3 Hz). – ^{31}P NMR: δ = –117.5 (tq)] and a solid, compound **7**, remained. Heating of the liquid again under the conditions mentioned above gave rise to the formation of **1** and **7**. The yield of compound **7** (m. p. 67–69°C, subl. 45°C/0.001 Torr) was 17.4 g (73 %). – MS (20°C); m/z (%): 324 (53) $[M]^+$, 281 (38) $[M - CH_3CO]^+$, 69 (42) $[CF_3]^+$, 43 (100) $[CH_3CO]^+$ and other fragments. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 1.51 (s, 6 H, CH_3), 1.90–2.50 (m, 4 H, ABX system), 3.45 (d, 1 H, PH, $^1J_{PH}$ = 206.3 Hz). – ^{19}F NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = –86.2 (d, 3 F, CF_3 , $^3J_{PF}$ = 15.3 Hz), –87.0 (d, 3 F, CF_3 , $^3J_{PF}$ = 16.0 Hz). – ^{31}P NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = –74.6 (dq, $^1J_{PH}$ = 206.3, $^3J_{PF}$ = 15.3, $^3J_{PF}$ = 16.0 Hz). – $C_{10}H_{11}F_6O_3P$ (324.16): calcd. C 37.05, H 3.42, F 35.16, P 9.56; found C 37.14, H 3.48, F 35.20, P 9.64. – The data collection for the X-ray structural study of compound **7**^[23] (single crystal 0.6 × 0.3 × 0.5 mm, triclinic $P\bar{1}$ with a = 809.1(2), b = 881.2(2), c = 984.7(2) pm, α = 85.62(2), β = 84.66(2), γ = 68.59(2)°, Z = 2, D (calcd.) = 1.656 Mg/m³, cell volume 0.6501(3) nm³, absorption coefficient 0.289 mm^{–1}, difference electron density 305 and –230 e nm^{–3}) was carried out in a θ -range 2.71–27.56°, reflections collected 6220, independent reflections 3017 (R_{int} = 0.0185), goodness of fit on F^2 1.035; final R values [$I > 2\sigma(I)$], $R1$ = 0.0362, $wR2$ = 0.0892; R value (all reflections) $R1$ = 0.0484, $wR2$ = 0.0965.

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