# Synthesis of 1-Amino-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-Oxides and Their *N*-Phosphinoyl Derivatives, Bis(2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphol-1-yl)amine *P*,*P*'-Dioxides

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Abstract: Depending on the molar ratio of the reactants and on the order of mixing, the reactions of a series of primary amines with 1-chloro-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-oxides prepared in situ from the corresponding hydroxy-dihydrophosphole oxides afforded 1-amino-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-oxides, or their *N*-phosphinoyl derivatives, bis(2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphol-1-yl)amine P,P'-dioxides. The latter family of P-heterocycles could also be synthesized by the reaction of 1-amino-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole oxides with chloro-dihydrophosphole oxides.

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The 2.5-dihydro- or 2.3-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-oxides (2- and 3-phospholene 1-oxides), easily available by the McCormack cycloaddition and subsequent functionalization, form a representative group of P-heterocycles.<sup>1-4</sup> Quin and Mathey were the first chemists to explore systematically the field of phosphole derivatives.<sup>1,3</sup> Pietrusiewicz et al. elaborated novel methods for the modification of dihydrophosphole oxides based on C-alkylation. annulation, and epoxidation.<sup>5–9</sup> Yamashita synthesized 'phospha-sugars' on the basis of 2,3- and 3,4dihydrophosphole oxides.<sup>10–13</sup> Keglevich et al. developed the ring opening of 2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole oxides. Dichlorocarbene addition to the double bond of 2.5-dihydro-1H-phosphole oxides afforded 6,6-dichloro-3-phosphabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane 3-oxides that were converted into 1,2dihydrophosphinine oxides by thermolysis.<sup>14–16</sup> 1,2-Dihydrophosphinine oxides are versatile intermediates in the preparation of more- and less-saturated phosphinine derivatives.<sup>17,18</sup> P-Heterocycles with a tervalent phosphorus atom may be novel ligands in transition-metal complexes.<sup>19,20</sup> These complexes may include optically active 2,5dihydro-1*H*-phosphole ligands,<sup>21</sup> their precursors are the corresponding optically active 2,5-dihydro-1H-phosphole oxides obtained by resolution using methods developed

SYNTHESIS 2013, 45, 0199–0204 Advanced online publication: 12.12.2012 DOI: 10.1055/s-0032-1316830; Art ID: SS-2012-T0862-OP © Georg Thieme Verlag Stuttgart · New York by the senior author of this paper and co-workers.<sup>22–24</sup> The Michael reaction of 1-phenyl-2,3-dihydrophosphole oxide and diphenylphosphine oxide provides a 1-phosphinoyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-phosphole oxide<sup>25</sup> that is the precursor of LUPHOS.<sup>26</sup> Complexation of LUPHOS with platinum gave a *cis*-chelate complex.<sup>27</sup>

1-Amino-2,5-dihydrophosphole oxides are important intermediates.<sup>28-30</sup> On one hand, the trichlorosilane reduction of such species furnishes valuable 1-chloro-2,5dihydro-1H-phospholes.<sup>28</sup> On the other hand, their reaction with dichlorocarbene results in the formation of 3-amino-3-phosphabicycintermediates, versatile lo[3.1.0]hexane 3-oxides.<sup>29,30</sup> A number of 1-amino-2,5dihydrophosphole oxide derivatives<sup>28,30-38</sup> are known from the literature. The basic method for the preparation of these species involves the reaction of the corresponding halogeno-dihydrophosphole oxides, almost exclusively chlorides, with secondary amines,<sup>31–33</sup> or with primary amines.<sup>30,34-37</sup> In this paper, the synthesis of new N-monosubstituted 1-amino-2,5-dihydro-1H-phosphole 1-oxides and their N-phosphinoyl derivatives, bis(2,5-dihydro-1Hphosphol-1-yl)amine P,P'-dioxides is described. The latter series is a less studied family of compounds. Two analogous derivatives have been described, but no yields and spectral characterization was provided.<sup>36</sup>

In the first step of our syntheses, 1-hydroxy-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-oxides 1 and 2 were converted into the corresponding 1-chloro derivatives 3 and 4 by reaction with thionyl chloride in dichloromethane at 26 °C for 24 hours.<sup>29</sup> Adding one equivalent of the primary amine, such as hexylamine, cyclohexylamine, or benzylamine, to the equimolar mixture of chloro-dihydrophosphole oxide 3 and triethylamine in toluene resulted in a mixture containing the expected 1-amino-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole oxides 5c-e as minor products in 35-46% yields (with  $\delta_{\rm P} = 60.7 - 63.5$ ). The major components, obtained in 54– 65% yields, appeared at  $\delta_P = 66.8-68.9$  and proved to be bis(2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphol-1-yl)amine P,P'-dioxides 6c-e after isolation and identification (Scheme 1). Next we tried to influence the product composition by adding the toluene solution of the chloro-dihydrophosphole oxide

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**3** to an equimolar mixture of the corresponding primary amine and triethylamine. This had a dramatic impact on the product composition and the expected 1-amino-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-oxides 5c-e were formed as almost exclusive products (Scheme 1). This method was then applied to the synthesis of other amino-dihydrophosphole oxides 5a and 5b by the reaction of chloro-dihydrophosphole oxide **3** with butylamine and isobutylamine (Scheme 1).

The 1-amino-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-oxides **5a–e** were obtained in 76–88% yields after purification by column chromatography and were characterized by  ${}^{31}P$ ,  ${}^{13}C$ , and  ${}^{1}H$  NMR, as well as mass spectral data.



#### Scheme 1

Then we returned to the original method, in which the amines, including also 2-phenylethylamine, aniline, and 4-methoxyaniline were added to a toluene solution of the 1-chloro-2,5-dihydro-1H-phosphole 1-oxide (3) and an equivalent of triethylamine, but the quantity of the amine was reduced to 0.5 equivalent. These experiments led to bis(2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphol-1-yl)amine P,P'-oxides 6a-g as almost exclusive products (Scheme 1). The dimethyl derivatives 7a and 7e were synthesized in a similar way from chloro-dihydrophosphole oxide 4 (Scheme 1). The bis(2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphol-1-yl)amine *P*,*P*'-dioxides 6a-g and 7a,e were obtained in 72-95% yields after purification by chromatography. The structures of the products were supported by <sup>31</sup>P, <sup>13</sup>C, and <sup>1</sup>H NMR, as well as mass spectral parameters.

In the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of bis(dihydrophospholyl)amine dioxides 7 comprising two 3,4-dimethyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphol-1-yl moieties, the  $C_3$  and the  $C_3$ -*C*H<sub>3</sub> carbon atoms appeared as a special multiplet, where the intensity of the middle peak was much lower than the other two peaks.

The reason for this phenomenon is that, in these cases, the  $P_1$ ,  $C_2$ ,  $C_3$ , and  $C_3$ -CH<sub>3</sub> atoms of the two hetero rings are chemically equivalent, but magnetically not equivalent. Considering the natural abundance (1.1%) of the <sup>13</sup>C atoms, the multiplicity of these atoms may be described by the higher order spin system AA'X, where A is P, and X is C.<sup>39</sup> The multiplets were simplified to singlets on <sup>31</sup>P decoupling. The appearance of the signals for  $C_3$  and  $C_3$ -CH<sub>3</sub> is shown in Figure 1, A. The multiplicity of the signals in the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of bis(dihydrophospholyl)amine dioxides 6 including two 3-methyl-2,5,dihydro-1H-phosphol-1-yl units was similar, but the peaks were doubled as a consequence of the P-chiral centers. The <sup>31</sup>P decoupling again simplified the spectrum (Figure 1, B). For more information, the multiplicity of  $C_2$ is also shown in Figure 1. The doublet became a singlet on <sup>31</sup>P decoupling. As a consequence of the P-chirality, products 6 were obtained as 1:1 mixtures of the racemic (RR/SS) and the meso (RS/SR) diastereomers. A good illustration of the isomeric composition of bis(dihydrophospholyl)amine dioxides 6 is shown by the pair lines for  $C_2$  and  $C_3$ .



**Figure 1** Segments from the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of bis(2,5-dihydro-1H-phosphol-1-yl)amine *P*,*P'*-dioxides **6** and **7** 

It seemed to be reasonable to try to prepare bis(dihydrophospholyl)amine dioxides 6c-e by the reaction of 1-amino-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-oxides 5c-e with 1chloro-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-oxide **3**. In accord with expectation, the reactions were complete after reflux for four hours in toluene. The bis(dihydrophospholyl)amine dioxides 6c-e were obtained in 58–83% yields after workup including flash chromatography (Scheme 2).

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<sup>31</sup>P, <sup>13</sup>C, and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were collected on a Bruker Avance-300 instrument operating at 121.5, 75.5, and 300 MHz, respectively. <sup>31</sup>P, <sup>13</sup>C, and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of compounds **6a** and **7a** were obtained on a Bruker Avance-700 spectrometer at 283.4, 176, and 700 MHz, respectively, while <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>31</sup>P} decoupled NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance-500 instrument at 125.8 MHz. The exact mass measurements were performed using a Q-TOF Premier mass spectrometer in positive electrospray mode.

# 1-Amino-3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-Oxide 5; General Procedure

To 1-hydroxy-3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-oxide (1, 1.5 g, 11.4 mmol) in anhyd CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added SOCl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL, 13.8 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at 26 °C for 24 h. The solvent was evaporated and the volatile residues were removed under high vacuum. The 1-chloro-3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-oxide (**3**, 1.70 g, ~100%) so obtained was taken up in anhyd toluene (3 mL) and the resulting soln was added dropwise to a mixture of primary amine (BuNH<sub>2</sub>: 1.14 mL, *i*-BuNH<sub>2</sub>: 1.14 mL, Me(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>: 1.5 mL, CyNH<sub>2</sub>: 1.4 mL, Ph(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>: 1.4 mL, BnNH<sub>2</sub>: 1.3 mL, PhNH<sub>2</sub>: 1.0 mL, 4-MeOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>: 1.32 mL; 11.4 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.6 mL, 11.4 mmol) in toluene (3 mL) at 60 °C. The contents of the flask were stirred at reflux for 2 h. The amine hydrochloride salt was removed by filtration and the filtrate evaporated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 3% MeOH–CHCl<sub>3</sub>) to afford amino-dihydrophosphole oxide **5**.

# 1-(Butylamino)-3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-Oxide (5a)

Yellowish oil; yield: 1.8 g (85%).

IR (film): 2932, 1644, 1201, 1161, 770 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.91$  (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*(HH) = 7.2 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.28–1.42 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.44–1.58 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.79 (s, 3 H, C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.12–2.60 (m, 5 H, 2 PCH<sub>2</sub>, NH), 2.86–3.00 (m, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.51 (br d, <sup>3</sup>*J*(PH) = 33.0 Hz, 1 H, CH=).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 13.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.6 (<sup>3</sup>*J* = 12.1 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), 32.1 (<sup>1</sup>*J* = 82.0 Hz, C<sub>5</sub>), 34.1 (<sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.2 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.0 (<sup>1</sup>*J* = 85.5 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), 40.3 (<sup>2</sup>*J* = 1.8 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 120.6 (<sup>2</sup>*J* = 9.7 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 136.6 (<sup>2</sup>*J* = 15.2 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 63.2$ .

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z [M + H]^+$  calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NOP: 188.1204; found: 188.1210.

### 1-(Isobutylamino)-3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-Oxide (5b)

Yellowish oil; yield: 1.9 g (88%).

IR (film): 2931, 1643, 1200, 1164, 768 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.89$  [d, <sup>3</sup>*J*(HH) = 6.7 Hz, 6 H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], 1.63–1.70 (m, 1 H, CH), 1.76 (s, 3 H, C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.22–2.56 (m, 5 H, 2 PCH<sub>2</sub>, NH), 2.67–2.74 (m, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.49 (br d, <sup>3</sup>*J*(PH) = 33.5 Hz, 1 H, CH=).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 19.8 [CH(*C*H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], 20.6 (<sup>3</sup>*J* = 12.1 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>-*C*H<sub>3</sub>), 30.0 (<sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.2 Hz, CH), 32.1 (<sup>1</sup>*J* = 82.0 Hz, C<sub>5</sub>), 34.9 (<sup>1</sup>*J* = 85.5 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), 48.1 (<sup>2</sup>*J* = 2.0, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 120.6 (<sup>2</sup>*J* = 9.7 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 136.6 (<sup>2</sup>*J* = 15.2 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 63.6.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z [M + H]^+$  calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NOP: 188.1204; found: 188.1205.

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# 1-(Hexylamino)-3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-Oxide (5c)

Yellowish oil; yield: 2.0 g (82%).

IR (film): 2930, 1643, 1200, 1166, 768 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.85$  (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*(HH) = 6.2 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.18–1.35 (m, 6 H, 3 CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.41–1.55 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.76 (s, 3 H, C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.18–2.57 (m, 5 H, 2 PCH<sub>2</sub>, NH), 2.81–2.96 (m, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.48 (br d, <sup>3</sup>*J*(PH) = 33.4 Hz, 1 H, CH=).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 13.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.4 (<sup>3</sup>*J* = 12.1 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (<sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.2 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.9 (<sup>1</sup>*J* = 82.0 Hz, C<sub>5</sub>), 34.8 (<sup>1</sup>*J* = 85.5 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), 40.4 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 120.5 (<sup>2</sup>*J* = 9.6 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 136.4 (<sup>2</sup>*J* = 15.2 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 63.1.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z [M + H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{11}H_{23}NOP$ : 216.1517; found: 216.1527.

1-(Cyclohexylamino)-3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-Oxide (5d)

Yellowish oil; yield: 2.1 g (85%).

IR (film): 2931, 1646, 1200, 1165, 765 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.76 (s, C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>) overlapped by 1.02–2.00 (m, 5 CH<sub>2</sub>) (total 13 H), 2.15–2.60 (m, 5 H, NH, 2 PCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.94–3.14 (m, 1 H, CH), 5.48 (br d, <sup>3</sup>*J*(PH) = 37.1 Hz, 1 H, CH=).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 20.5$  (<sup>3</sup>*J* = 12.1 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>-*C*H<sub>3</sub>), 24.9 (C<sub>3</sub>)\*, 25.2 (C<sub>4</sub>), 33.1 (<sup>1</sup>*J* = 82.2 Hz, C<sub>5</sub>), 36.0 (<sup>1</sup>*J* = 85.7 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), 36.1 (<sup>3</sup>*J* = 4.0 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>)\*, 49.9 (C<sub>1</sub>), 120.5 (<sup>2</sup>*J* = 9.7 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 136.4 (<sup>2</sup>*J* = 15.2 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>); \* interchangeable.

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 60.7$ .

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z [M + H]^+$  calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NOP: 214.1361; found: 214.1369.

# 1-(Benzylamino)-3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-Oxide (5e)

Dense, yellowish oil; yield: 1.9 g (76%).

IR (film): 2935, 1640, 1206, 1160, 766 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.76 (s, 3 H, C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.18–2.62 (m, 4 H, 2 PCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.01–3.16 (m, 1 H, NH), 4.08–4.20 (m, 2 H, NHC*H*<sub>2</sub>), 5.51 (br d, <sup>3</sup>*J*(PH) = 33.6 Hz, 1 H, CH=), 7.22–7.38 (m, 5 H, Ar).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 20.5$  (<sup>3</sup>*J* = 12.1 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), 32.2 (<sup>1</sup>*J* = 81.8 Hz, C<sub>5</sub>), 35.0 (<sup>1</sup>*J* = 85.3 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), 44.2 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 120.6 (<sup>2</sup>*J* = 9.8 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 127.3 (C<sub>2'</sub>, \* C<sub>4'</sub>), 128.5 (C<sub>3'</sub>)\*, 136.6 (<sup>2</sup>*J* = 15.3 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>), 139.6 (<sup>3</sup>*J* = 5.8 Hz, C<sub>1'</sub>); \* interchangeable.

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 63.5$ .

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z [M + H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{12}H_{17}NOP$ : 222.1048; found: 222.1051.

### Bis(2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphol-1-yl)amine *P,P'*-Dioxides 6 and 7; General Procedure

To 1-hydroxy-3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-oxide (1, 0.5 g, 3.8 mmol) in anhyd CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL) was added SOCl<sub>2</sub> (0.35 mL, 4.7 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at 26 °C for 24 h. Then solvent was evaporated and the volatile components were removed under vacuum. The 1-chloro-3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-oxide (**3**, 0.57 g, ~100%) so obtained was taken up in anhyd toluene (5 mL) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.53 mL, 3.8 mmol) was added. Then the primary amine (BuNH<sub>2</sub>: 0.19 mL, *i*- BuNH<sub>2</sub>: 0.19 mL, Me(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>: 0.25 mL, CyNH<sub>2</sub>: 0.22 mL, Ph(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>: 0.24 mL, BnNH<sub>2</sub>: 0.20 mL, PhNH<sub>2</sub>: 0.17 mL, 4-MeOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>: 0.22 mL; 1.9 mmol) was added and the contents of the flask were stirred at reflux for 6 h. The amine hydrochloride salt was removed by filtration and the filtrate evaporated. The crude product so obtained was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 3% MeOH–CHCl<sub>3</sub>) to afford bis(2,5-

dihydro-1*H*-phosphol-1-yl)amine derivatives **6**. The dimethyl derivatives **7** were prepared in a similar way, starting from 1-hydroxy-3,4-dimethyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-oxide (**2**, 0.55 g, 3.8 mmol) via intermediate 1-chloro-3,4-dimethyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-oxide (**4**).

The following products were thus prepared:

# Butylbis(3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphol-1-yl)amine *P,P'*-Dioxide (6a)

Slightly yellowish oil; yield: 0.54 g (95%).

IR (film): 2935, 1648, 1225, 1183, 781 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.90$  (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*(HH) = 7.4 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.21–1.32 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.58–1.70 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.81 (s, 6 H, 2 C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.41–2.79 (m, 8 H, 4 PCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.04–3.15 (m, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.57 (br d, <sup>3</sup>*J*(PH) = 35.9 Hz, 2 H, 2 CH=).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) {<sup>1</sup>H}:  $\delta$  = 13.9 (*C*H<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.8 (m, C<sub>3</sub>-*C*H<sub>3</sub>), 34.2 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.55 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J* = 80.0 Hz) and 34.61 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J* = 80.0 Hz) (C<sub>5</sub>), 37.27 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J* = 83.6 Hz) and 37.32 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J* = 83.6 Hz) (C<sub>2</sub>), 44.2 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 120.8 (m, C<sub>4</sub>), 136.9 (m, C<sub>3</sub>).

 $^{13}$ C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) {<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>31</sup>P}:  $\delta$  = 13.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.8 (C<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 34.2 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.55 and 34.61 (C<sub>2</sub>), 37.27 and 37.32 (C<sub>5</sub>), 44.2 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 120.76 and 120.80 (C<sub>4</sub>), 136.88 and 136.92 (C<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (283.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 66.97 and 66.99.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{14}H_{26}NO_2P_2$ : 302.1439; found: 302.1448.

### Isobutylbis(3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphol-1-yl)amine *P*,*P*'-Dioxide (6b)

Slightly yellowish oil; yield: 0.30 g (53%).

IR (film): 2937, 1647, 1229, 1184, 779 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.93$  [d, <sup>3</sup>*J*(HH) = 6.7 Hz, 6 H, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH], 1.81 (s, 6 H, 2 C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.90–2.02 (m, 1 H, CH), 2.35–2.84 (m, 8 H, 4 PCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.93–3.08 (m, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.57 (br d, <sup>3</sup>*J*(PH) = 36.0 Hz, 2 H, 2 CH=).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 19.7$  [CH(*C*H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], 20.4 (m, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 13 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>-*C*H<sub>3</sub>), 29.1 (CH), 34.25 (<sup>1</sup>*J* = 80.1 Hz) and 34.34 (<sup>1</sup>*J* = 80.2 Hz) (C<sub>5</sub>), 36.98 (<sup>1</sup>*J* = 83.8 Hz) and 37.07 (<sup>1</sup>*J* = 83.8 Hz) (C<sub>2</sub>), 50.7 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 120.3 (m, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 11 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 136.3 (m, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 16 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 67.04 and 67.07.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{14}H_{26}NO_2P_2$ : 302.1439; found: 302.1447.

# Hexylbis(3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphol-1-yl)amine *P,P'*-Dioxide (6c)

Slightly yellowish oil; yield: 0.34 g (54%).

IR (film): 2930, 1646, 1233, 1184, 779 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.86$  (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*(HH) = 6.6 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.20–1.29 (m, 6 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.56–1.72 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.81 (s, 6 H, 2 C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.36–2.81 (m, 8 H, 4 PCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.98–3.18 (m, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.57 (br d, <sup>3</sup>*J*(PH) = 35.9 Hz, 2 H, 2 CH=).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 13.7 (*C*H<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.4 (m, C<sub>3</sub>-*C*H<sub>3</sub>), 22.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.6 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.16 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J* = 80.0 Hz) and 34.20 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J* = 80.0 Hz) (C<sub>5</sub>), 36.87 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J* = 83.6 Hz) and 36.91 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J* = 83.6 Hz) (C<sub>2</sub>), 44.0 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 120.4 (m, C<sub>4</sub>), 136.5 (m, C<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 66.67 and 66.68.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z [M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{16}H_{29}NO_2NaP_2$ : 352.1571; found: 352.1573.

### Cyclohexylbis(3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphol-1-yl)amine *P,P'*-Dioxide (6d)

Slightly yellowish oil; yield: 0.48 g (78%).

IR (film): 2932, 1648, 1231, 1182, 802 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.01-1.34$  (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.70–1.85, 1.81 (s, C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), overlapped by 1.70–1.85 (m, CH<sub>2</sub>) (total 10 H), 2.30–2.88 (m, 11 H, 4 PCH<sub>2</sub>, NCH, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.56 (br d, <sup>3</sup>*J*(PH) = 36.5 Hz, 2 H, 2 CH=).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 20.6 (m, C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.8 (C<sub>4</sub>"), 27.0 (C<sub>3</sub>"), 33.1 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 7.3 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>"), 35.3 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J* = 78.5 Hz, C<sub>5</sub>), 37.9 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J* = 78.5 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), 58.4 (C<sub>1</sub>"), 120.6 (m, C<sub>4</sub>), 136.7 (m, C<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 64.6$ .

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{16}H_{28}NO_2P_2$ : 328.1595; found: 328.1606.

### Benzylbis(3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphol-1-yl)amine *P,P'*-Dioxide (6e)

Dense, slightly yellowish oil; yield: 0.60 g (95%).

IR (film): 2936, 1647, 1232, 1183, 779 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 1.76 (s, 6 H, 2 C<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.40– 2.82 (m, 8 H, 4 PCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.30–4.63 (m, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.55 (br d, <sup>3</sup>*J*(PH) = 36.3 Hz, 2 H, 2 CH=), 7.24–7.38 (m, 5 H, Ar).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 20.4$  (m, <sup>3</sup>J = 13 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>–*C*H<sub>3</sub>), 33.94 (<sup>1</sup>J = 79.5 Hz) and 33.97 (<sup>1</sup>J = 79.4 Hz) (C<sub>5</sub>), 36.66 (<sup>1</sup>J = 83.1 Hz) and 36.70 (<sup>1</sup>J = 83.1 Hz) (C<sub>2</sub>), 46.18 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 120.43 and 120.50 (m, <sup>2</sup>J = 11 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 126.5 (C<sub>2"</sub>)\*, 127.5 (C<sub>4"</sub>), 128.6 (C<sub>3"</sub>)\*, 136.6 (m, <sup>2</sup>J = 17 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>), 138.0 (C<sub>1"</sub>); \* interchangeable.

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 68.85 and 68.87.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{17}H_{24}NO_2P_2$ : 336.1282; found: 336.1288.

#### Bis(3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphol-1-yl)(phenylethyl)amine *P*,*P'*-Dioxide (6f)

Slightly yellowish oil; yield: 0.61 g (93%).

IR (film): 2936, 1647, 1231, 1182, 763 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.81 (s, 6 H, 2 C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.36–2.78 (m, 8 H, 4 PCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.94–3.04 (m, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.18–3.42 (m, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.57 (br d, <sup>3</sup>*J*(PH) = 36.2 Hz, 2 H, 2 CH=), 7.13–7.34 (m, 5 H, Ar).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 20.3$  (m, <sup>3</sup>J = 13 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), 34.18 (<sup>1</sup>J = 79.6 Hz) and 34.21 (<sup>1</sup>J = 79.5 Hz) (C<sub>5</sub>), 36.82 (<sup>1</sup>J = 83.4 Hz) and 36.86 (<sup>1</sup>J = 83.3 Hz) (C<sub>2</sub>), 38.0 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.5 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 120.37 and 120.41 (m, <sup>2</sup>J = 11 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 126.6 (C<sub>4"</sub>), 128.5 (C<sub>2"</sub>)\*, 128.7 (C<sub>3"</sub>)\*, 136.45 and 136.49 (m, <sup>2</sup>J = 16 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>), 138.0 (C<sub>1"</sub>); \* interchangeable.

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 67.6$ .

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{18}H_{26}NO_2P_2$ : 350.1439; found: 350.1447.

### Bis(3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphol-1-yl)phenylamine *P,P'*-Dioxide (6g)

Slightly yellowish oil; yield: 0.44 g (72%).

IR (film): 2935, 1650, 1231, 1186, 774 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.66 (s, 6 H, 2 C<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.42–2.82 (m, 8 H, 4 PCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.40 (br d, <sup>3</sup>*J*(PH) = 34.9 Hz, 2 H, 2 CH=), 7.29–7.44 (m, 5 H, Ar).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 20.2$  (m, <sup>3</sup>J = 13 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), 33. 4 (<sup>1</sup>J = 82.2 Hz) (C<sub>5</sub>), 36.1 (<sup>1</sup>J = 85.9 Hz) (C<sub>2</sub>), 120.3 (m, <sup>2</sup>J = 12 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 128.3 (br s, C<sub>4"</sub>), 128.8 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 3.0 Hz, C<sub>2"</sub>), 130.0 (br s, C<sub>3"</sub>), 136.4 (m, <sup>2</sup>J = 18 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>), 139.1 (br s, C<sub>1"</sub>).

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 65.8$ .

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{16}H_{22}NO_2P_2$ : 322.1126; found: 322.1130.

#### **Butylbis(3,4-dimethyl-2,5-dihydro-1***H***-phosphol-1-yl)amine** *P,P'*-**Dioxide (7a)** Slightly yellowish oil; yield: 0.66 g (94%).

IR (film): 2932, 1611, 1235, 1186, 788 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.89$  (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*(HH) = 7.4 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.19–1.34 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.55–1.66 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.72 (s, 12 H, 2 C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>, 2 C<sub>4</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.42–2.82 (m, 8 H, 4 PCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.00–3.17 (m, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) {<sup>1</sup>H}:  $\delta$  = 13.8 (*C*H<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 16.7 (m, C<sub>3</sub>-*C*H<sub>3</sub>), 20.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.2 (NCH<sub>2</sub>*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 39.3 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J* = 82.5 Hz) (C<sub>2</sub>), 44.4 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 128.0 (m, C<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) {<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>31</sup>P}:  $\delta$  = 13.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 16.7 (C<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.2 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.3 (C<sub>2</sub>), 44.4 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 128.0 (C<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (283.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 59.7.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z \ [M + H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{16}H_{30}NO_2P_2$ : 330.1752; found: 330.1751.

#### Benzylbis(3,4-dimethyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphol-1-yl)amine *P,P'*-Dioxide (7e)

Dense, slightly yellowish oil; yield: 0.62 g (90%).

IR (film): 2930, 1605, 1238, 1195, 763 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.68 (s, 12 H, 4 C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.36–2.78 (m, 8 H, 4 PCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.38–4.52 (m, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.23–7.38 (m, 5 H, Ar).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 16.4$  (m, <sup>3</sup>J = 16 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.8 (<sup>1</sup>J = 81.9 Hz) C<sub>2</sub>, 46.5 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 126.5 (C<sub>2"</sub>)\*, 127.5 (C<sub>4"</sub>), 127.8 (m, C<sub>3</sub>), 128.7 (C<sub>3"</sub>)\*, 138.2 (C<sub>1"</sub>); \* interchangeable. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 62.2$ .

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: 364.1595; found: 364.1605.

#### Bis(3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphol-1-yl)amine *P,P'*-Oxides 6c–e by the Phosphinoylation of 1-Amino-3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-Oxides 5c–e; General Procedure

To 1-hydroxy-3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-oxide (1, 0.50 g, 3.8 mmol) in anhyd  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 mL) was added  $SOCl_2$  (0.35 mL, 4.7 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at 26 °C for 24 h. The solvent was evaporated and the volatile components were removed under vacuum. The 1-chloro-3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-oxide (3, 0.57 g, ~100%) so obtained was taken up in anhyd toluene (3 mL) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.53 mL, 3.79 mmol) was added. Then the soln of 1-amino-3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-phosphole 1-oxides (5c: 0.82 g, 5d: 0.82 g, 5e: 0.84g; 3.8 mmol) in anhyd toluene (2 mL) was added. The contents of the flask were stirred at reflux for 4 h. Then the amine hydrochloride salt was removed by filtration and the filtrate evaporated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 3% MeOH–CHCl<sub>3</sub>) to afford bis(2,5-di-hydro-1*H*-phospholyl)amine derivatives 6c–e.

### <u>6c</u>

Yield: 0.6 g (58%).

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 67.38 and 67.40.

### 6d

Yield: 1.0 g (83%). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 66.9.

### 6e

Yield: 0.63 g (81%). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 69.1.

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