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Synthesis of Nonsymmetric Iminophosphonamines by Kirsanov Condensation

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Abstract Despite the growing interest in iminophosphonamines $R_2P(NHR')(NR')$, nonsymmetric examples bearing different N,N'-substituents are quite rare and have been prepared exclusively by the Staudinger reaction. We report here the synthesis of a series of new iminophosphonamines $Ph_2P(NHR)(NR')$ (R = Me, t-Bu, o-Tol; R' = p-Tol, o-Tol, 2,6-Xyl, 2,6-Diip, p-Ts) showing that the Kirsanov condensation is a viable and simpler approach, although with some limitations. This method allows the synthesis to be accomplished in a one-pot manner via stepwise double amination of a trihalophosphorane and permits the introduction of at least one sterically bulky N-substituent. The second amination step is shown to be highly sensitive to: (a) the steric bulk of the amine, and (b) the acidity of the aminohalophosphonium intermediate.

Key words Kirsanov condensation, nonsymmetric iminophosphonamines, steric effects, aminohalophosphonium

The interest in iminophosphonamines $Ph_2P(NR)(NHR')$ has been constantly growing due to their potential use as superbases in asymmetric Brønsted base organocatalysis¹ and as κ^2 -*N*,*N* chelate ligands for the synthesis of transition metal iminophosphonamides. The latter have been reported as active catalysts for alkene polymerization,² 3,4-selective polymerization of isoprene,³ alkene oligomerization,⁴ ethene dimerization,^{2c} cyclopropanation,⁵ and aziridination,⁶ as well as for Tsuji–Trost cross-coupling⁷ and acetophenone transfer hydrogenation.⁸ Nonsymmetric iminophosphonamines bearing different N,N'-substituents have been efficiently utilized in the Kumada cross-coupling of aryl Grignard reagents with aryl chlorides and fluorides⁹ and in controlling regio- and stereoselectivity in the polymerization of isoprene.¹⁰

Generally, there are two major approaches to the synthesis of iminophosphonamines, i.e. the Staudinger reaction of secondary phosphanes¹¹ and aminophosphanes¹² with organoazides and the Kirsanov condensation of bromophosphonium salts with primary amines¹³ followed by deprotonation of diaminophosphonium salts formed in the first step (Scheme 1). The Staudinger reaction is more versatile and allows nonsymmetric iminophosphonamines having sterically hindered N,N'-substituents to be obtained.^{3,9,10,14} The Kirsanov reaction is simpler to implement as it does not require dangerous disubstituted phosphanes and azides. However, its drawback is typical to nucleophilic substitution reactions. In particular the yields are very low for amines with electron-withdrawing or sterically bulky substituents. Thus, even bis(o-tolylamino)phosphonium^{13c} and bis(tert-butylamino)phosphonium^{13a} salts can be obtained only after prolonged heating in moderate-to-low yields. Furthermore, no reports on the synthesis of nonsymmetric iminophosphonamines by this reaction can be found in the literature; some authors even claim this approach to be not viable.¹⁵





Here we report on the synthesis of a series of new nonsymmetric iminophosphonamines obtained by double amination of trihalodiphenylphosphorane with primary aryl/alkyl amines (Scheme 2) and discuss the limitations of this method. Although the substitution of halogen in the highly polar P–Hal bond at the phosphorus atom with good nucleophiles is generally thought to be a fast process, our В



results show that it is possible to carry out double amination in a controllable stepwise way.

Nonsymmetric iminophosphonamines **1a**–**c** were readily synthesized in a straightforward manner by one-pot stepwise amination with $ArNH_2$ [Ar = *p*-Tol; 2,6-Me₂C₆H₃ (Xyl); 2,6-^{*i*}Pr₂C₆H₃ (Diip)] and methylamine of trihalophosphorane prepared in situ from chlorodiphenylphosphane and bromine in dichloromethane (Scheme 3).



The compounds **1a–c** were fully characterized by ³¹P, ¹³C, ¹H NMR and elemental analysis. In the ³¹P NMR spectra the phosphorus resonance of **1a–c** is observed at δ = +7.3 to –7.6 similar to δ_P = –3.5 reported earlier for Ph₂P(N-*p*-Tol)(NH-*p*-Tol) (**1i**).¹⁶ In the ¹H NMR the NH resonances are significantly upfield shifted in comparison to δ = 5.55 for **1i**, reflecting the decrease of NH acidity due to the introduction of strongly donating N-alkyl substituent. Their chemical shifts [δ = 2.94 (**1a**), 2.73 (**1b**), 2.10 (**1c**)] depend on the electron-donor properties of aryl groups (Ar = *p*-Tol, Xyl, Diip, respectively). The IR spectra of **1a–c** in the solid state feature a characteristic band of NH stretching vibrations v_{NH} at 3354–3356 cm⁻¹. The iminophosphonamines **1a–c** were isolated in good yields 58–72%, the only side products were the corresponding aminophosphine oxides Ph₂P(O)(NHAr) **5a–c** and Ph₂P(O)(NHMe) formed as a result of hydrolysis of the monoaminophoshonium intermediate^{13c} or the target product by adventitious traces of water during the work-up procedures.

The first amination step proceeds smoothly with the arylamines used, including sterically congested examples. The ³¹P NMR monitoring showed that even with the bulkiest 2,6-DiipNH₂ the amination is accomplished within 2 h at room temperature forming aminobromophosphonium salt [Ph₂PBr(NHAr)]Br (**2c**; δ_P = 57.7, Figure S1(a) in the Supporting Information) in more than 90% yield. The second amination step with highly nucleophilic methylamine is also fast and the corresponding iminophosphonamine is formed within 1 h.

However, replacing methylamine with sterically more demanding and less nucleophilic *p*-toluidine did not result in the formation of nonsymmetric diaminophosphonium salts **3g** and **3h** bearing bulky 2,6-Xyl and 2,6-Diip substituents, respectively; instead, both reactions produced exclusively symmetric di-*p*-tolylaminophosphonium salt **3i** (Scheme 4).

The ³¹P NMR monitoring of this reaction (Figure S1, in the Supporting Information) shows that the addition of *p*toluidine to the in situ generated **2c** resulted in precipitation of *p*-TolNH₃⁺Br⁻ and formation of a new compound with the phosphorus resonance significantly upfield shifted to $\delta_p = -1.6$, which is a typical region for iminophosphonamines. It appeared that the first equivalent of *p*-toluidine rapidly deprotonates **2b**, **2c** to form bromo(imino)phosphoranes **4b**, **4c** (Scheme 5). The latter can further



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react stepwise with 2 equiv of *p*-toluidine by $S_N 2$ substitution reaction of bromide and of the bulky amine via either unstable nonsymmetric diaminophosphonium salts **3g**, **3h** (path a), or bromo(imino)phosphorane **4a** (path b).

To investigate further this mechanism, we synthesized compound 4c by the reaction of Ph₂PClBr₂, generated in situ, with 3 equiv of 2,6-DiipNH₂. Although the isolated product **4c** ($\delta_P = -3.2$ in C₆D₆) contained cumulatively 15–20% of impurities (Figure S2a in the Supporting Information) and cannot be purified further due to its high solubility even in hexane, the major impurity (ca. 10%) observed at $\delta_{P} = -1.0$ is tentatively the related chloro(imino)phosphorane Ph₂PCl(N-2,6-Diip) (4c') that gives further the same diaminophosphonium salt but with Cl⁻ counterion (see below). It is worth mentioning that a similarly small downfield shift of ³¹P resonances have been reported for Ph₂PCl(N-SiMe₃)¹⁷ and Ph₂PBr(N-SiMe₃).¹⁸ The ¹H (Figure S2b) and ¹³C NMR (Figure S2c) spectra correspond well to the formula of 4c with the resonances observed close to the related iminophosphonamine 1c, and show no resonance that can be attributed to the NH group. The mass spectrum (Figure S2d) of the solid sample showed molecular peaks with m/z 439 (4c), 395 (4c') and 377, the latter being attributed to the corresponding aminophosphine oxide 5c formed due to hydrolysis.

Surprisingly, **4c** does not react with *p*-toluidine even under reflux for 4 h in CH₂Cl₂. Among the alkylamines tested (MeNH₂ and *t*-BuNH₂), only methylamine reacted with **4c** to give expectedly **1c**. On the other hand, **4c** does react with *p*-toluidine in the presence of *p*-TolNH₃⁺Br⁻ to give **3i** (Scheme 6). This implies that the first step in Scheme 3 is partially reversible and, in fact, *p*-toluidine reacts with a residual amount of **2c**, as amine is much better leaving group in S_N2 substitution reactions than a negatively charged am-



ide. Apparently, the reaction proceeds via aminobromophosphonium salt **2a** (Scheme 6) rather than via sterically congested aminodiarylphosphonium intermediate **3h** (Scheme 5, path a).

Indeed, we have shown that *p*-toluidine cannot substitute bulky 2,6-DiipNH₂ even in the sterically more accessible diaminophosphonium salt [Ph₂P(NH-2,6-Diip)-(NHMe)]Br (**3c**) generated in situ. Thus, the reaction of **1c** with *p*-TolNH₃⁺Br⁻ in CH₂Cl₂ results in the quick dissolution of the ammonium salt and upfield shift of the ³¹P NMR resonance from $\delta_P = -3.1$ to $\delta_P = 39.8$ due to the formation of **3c**, while no further reaction occurred with *p*-toluidine released even after heating for 2 days (Figure S3 in the Supporting Information). Hence, if the formation of diaminophosphonium salt **3** is hampered due to steric reasons, the bulkier amino group at the phosphorus atom can be substituted with the sterically less hindered one exclusively via the intermediate **2**.

Nevertheless, bromide substitution in 4c with p-toluidine can be initiated by replacing dichloromethane with polar aprotic acetonitrile, although in this solvent concurrent transamination occurs as a side reaction. Thus, the reflux of **4c** and 1 equiv *p*-toluidine in acetonitrile for 8 h resulted in about 60% conversion into mostly diaminophosphonium salts **3i** and **3h** (7:1), showing ³¹P NMR resonances at δ_P = 24.7 and 26.7, respectively (Figure S4a, in the Supporting Information). This assignment was further supported by the ESI-HRMS spectrum recorded for the reaction solution, in which the molecular peaks at m/z397.1797, 467.2573 and 378.1949 correspond to the [M + H⁺] of **3i** (calcd *m*/*z* 397.1834), **3h** (calcd *m*/*z* 467.2616) and **5c** (calcd m/z 378.1987), respectively, with the latter two peaks being significantly less intensive (Figure S4b). Unfortunately, we were not able to isolate pure **3h** from the reaction mixture due to its low content. Thus, this method does not appear to be a convenient route to nonsymmetric sterically hindered aminodiarylphosphonium salts, as polar aprotic solvent accelerates substitution of both bromide and bulky amino substituents giving rise to a mixture of diaminophosphonium salts that are difficult to separate.

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(Alkylamino)bromophosphonium salts [Ph₂PBr(NHR)]Br 2 have lower acidity than their arylamino analogues and are not deprotonated to **4** by primary amines, similarly to what has been observed earlier for diaminophosphonium salts 3.16 This was successfully employed in the synthesis of nonsymmetric iminophosphonamine [Ph₂P(NH^tBu)(N-p-Tol)] (1d). Thus, the amination of the intermediate 2d, which does not undergo deprotonation, with *p*-toluidine readily gives the corresponding nonsymmetric diaminophosphonium salt [Ph₂P(NH^tBu)(NH-p-Tol)]Br (3d) in 80% vield after 18 h at room temperature (Scheme 7, path A). This salt can be quantitatively deprotonated with Et₂NH to give 1d. Alternatively, the amination of the intermediate 2a with tert-butylamine is very slow due to its fast deprotonation to the less electrophilic **4a**, and the product **1d** was obtained in only 15% yield after 70 h of reflux (Scheme 7, path B).

Expectedly, increasing the bulk of the arylamines involved in the amination of *tert*-butylamino-substituted salt **2d** retards the reaction. Thus, *o*-toluidine slowly reacts with







the in situ prepared **2d** to give **3e** in 77% yield after 3 days at room temperature, while no reaction was observed with bulkier 2,6-XylNH₂ even under reflux for several days (Scheme 8). Further deprotonation of diaminophosphonium salt **3e** with Et₂NH yields quantitatively iminophosphonamine **1e**. The reported earlier low yield of 23% for the corresponding symmetric diaminophosphonium salt [Ph₂P(NH-o-Tol)₂]Br (**3j**)^{13c} can now be explained by the reduced reactivity of bromo(imino)phosphorane [Ph₂PBr(No-Tol)] (**4e**) formed by deprotonation of [Ph₂PBr(NHo-Tol)]Br intermediate (**2e**).

It has to be noted that the satisfactory elemental analysis for diaminophosphonium salt **3d** can be obtained considering it to be a mixed salt Br⁻/Cl⁻ (85–90/15–10%) meaning that in the intermediate **2d** bromide is partially substituted with chloride, either in the counterion or in the P–Hal moiety, similarly to the impurity of **4c'** observed in the synthesis of **4c**.

As the final example, the nonsymmetric iminophosphonamine **1f** bearing bulky *o*-tolyl and electron-withdrawing *p*-tosyl groups was synthesized by the reaction of the in situ prepared **2e** with 2 equiv of TsNHNa in THF (Scheme 9). Despite the relatively small bulkiness and high nucleophilicity of *p*-TsNH⁻¹⁹ relative to amines,²⁰ the reduced electrophilicity of the intermediate **4e** is responsible for slowing down this reaction; the product was isolated in 61% yield after prolonged reflux for 1.5 days in THF.

In summary, with this study we have shown that the synthesis of nonsymmetric diaminophosphonium salts and the corresponding iminophosphonamines by Kirsanov condensation is possible because the rates of the two consecutive amination steps differ significantly. Typically to S_N2 reactions, the bulkiness of the first amino-substituent introduced retards the second amination step, allowing to avoid undesirable double amination with the same amine that would lead to symmetric product. However, such steric effects limit the scope of the reaction to iminophosphonamines containing no more than one bulky amino group. When two bulky amines are used, the reaction either stops at the formation of aminobromophosphonium salt after the first amination step or yields symmetric diaminophosphonium salt bearing two least sterically encumbered amino moieties as a result of the concurrent substitution of the bulkier amine. One complication that has to be considered, is facile deprotonation of acidic (arylamino)bromophosphonium intermediates with the excess of



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amine to less reactive zwitterionic bromophosphonimines. Therefore, nonsymmetric N-alkyl/N-aryl iminophosphonamines can be obtained much faster and with higher yields, when alkylamine is used at the first amination step. Although the Staudinger reaction is more versatile and can deal with wider variety of amines, including sterically encumbered and poorly nucleophilic ones, the Kirsanov condensation can offer effective simpler one-pot route from commercially more accessible compounds to iminophosphonamines having one sterically bulky N-substituent, and thus deserves its place in the chemists' toolbox.

All manipulations were carried out using standard Schlenk techniques under an atmosphere of dry argon. Absolute solvents were used for the synthesis; solvents were purified by standard methods and distilled under argon prior to use. The ¹H, ³¹P, and ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained on Bruker Avance 600 or Bruker Avance 400 spectrometers and referenced to the residual signals of deuterated solvent (¹H and ¹³C), and to 85% H₃PO₄ (³¹P, external standard). IR spectra for were recorded on a Shimadzu IR Prestige21 FTIR spectrophotometer equipped with an MCT detector cooled with liquid N₂, ATR accessory (MIRacle with a Diamond/ZnSe Crystal Plate Pike®) or in KBr pellets. The original NMR and IR spectra are given in the Supporting Information in Figures S5-S12. The EI mass spectrum for **4c** was obtained on a Finnigan MAT Incos 50 mass spectrometer with direct sample inlet into the ion source at 70 eV ionization energy. HRMS of the reaction sample (4c + p-toluidine) were registered on Bruker micrOTOF Q instrument equipped with electrospray ionization (ESI) ion source. The measurements were performed in positive mode with HV capillary at 4.5 kV, spray shield offset at -0.5 kV, and scan range of m/z 50–3000. The elemental analyses were carried out on a Carlo Erba 1106 CHN analvzer.

Ph₂P(NHMe)(N-*p*-Tol) (1a); Typical Procedure for Ph₂P(NHMe)(NAr) 1a-c

To a solution of Ph_2PCl (3.60 mL, 4.42 g, 20 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (15 mL), a solution of Br₂ (1.0 mL, 3.2 g, 20 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) was added dropwise with stirring at r.t., and the mixture was stirred for 1.5 h. Then a solution of *p*-toluidine (4.28 g, 40 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL) was added dropwise to the suspension of Ph₂PClBr₂. The mixture was stirred overnight. The precipitated p-TolNH₃⁺Cl⁻ was filtered off under argon and washed with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 20 mL). The filtrate was transferred to another flask, cooled down to -30 °C, and to it was added dropwise a cold freshly prepared 2.7 M MeNH₂ in CH₂Cl₂ solution (30 mL, 80 mmol). The mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. and stirred overnight. The precipitate of MeNH₃⁺Br⁻ was filtered off and washed with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 10 mL). The combined filtrate was concentrated to ~7 mL, the white precipitate was filtered off and washed with cold CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 2 mL) and dried under vacuum to give Ph₂P(NHMe)(N-p-Tol) (1a) (3.94 g). The mother liquor was evaporated to dryness, then extracted with warm $Et_2O(3 \times 10 \text{ mL})$ and filtered off. The filtrate was concentrated to 10 mL, the precipitate was filtered off and washed with $Et_2O(2 \times 2 \text{ mL})$ and dried under vacuum to give a second crop of 0.69 g. Total yield: 4.63 g (72%).

IR (KBr): 3056, 2913, 2810, 1607, 1502, 1436, 1294, 1273, 1117, 1099, 1025 $\rm cm^{-1}.$

IR (ATR): 3356 cm⁻¹ (NH).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.91 (dd, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.2 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{HP}$ = 12.0 Hz, 4 H, o-H_{Ph}), 7.46 (td, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.2 Hz, ${}^{5}J_{HP}$ = 1.6 Hz, 2 H, p-H_{Ph}), 7.37 (td, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.6 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{HP}$ = 3.2 Hz, 4 H, m-H_{Ph}), 6.92 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, C₆H₄), 6.88 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, C₆H₄), 2.94 (br s, 1 H, NH), 2.68 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HP}$ = 12.0 Hz, 3 H, NH*M*e), 2.24 (s, 3 H, Me_{Tol}).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 148.3 (d, ²*J*_{CP} = 3.7 Hz, *i*-C-N_{Tol}), 132.2 (d, ²*J*_{CP} = 9.2 Hz, *o*-CH_{Ph}), 131.7 (d, ¹*J*_{CP} = 126 Hz, *i*-C_{Ph}), 131.5 (d, ⁴*J*_{CP} = 2.7 Hz, *p*-CH_{Ph}), 129.5 (s, β-CH_{Tol}), 128.7 (d, ³*J*_{CP} = 12.3 Hz, *m*-CH_{Ph}), 126.8 (s, *i*-C-Me_{Tol}), 123.3 (d, ³*J*_{CP} = 17.9 Hz, α-CH_{Tol}), 26.9 (s, NH*Me*), 20.7 (s, *Me*_{Tol}). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.3.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{20}H_{21}N_2P$: C, 74.98; H, 6.61; N, 8.74. Found: C, 74.85; H, 6.69; N, 8.58.

$Ph_2P(NHMe)(N-2,6-Me_2C_6H_3)(1b)$

Synthesized analogously from 2,6-dimethylaniline (2.50 mL, 2.45 g, 20 mmol). After filtering off the MeNH₃Br salt, the filtrate was evaporated to dryness. Most impurities were removed by washing the residue with Et₂O (3 × 10 mL). Finally, it was extracted with warm benzene (~60 mL), the filtrate was concentrated to 7–10 mL to result in precipitation. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with benzene (2 × 2 mL) and dried under vacuum to give **1b** (2.70 g). Second crop of **1b** (1.16 g) was precipitated by treating the filtrate with 3 volumes of Et₂O. Total yield: 3.86 g (58%).

IR (KBr): 3357, 3076, 3058, 2956, 2919, 2820, 1589, 1475, 1467, 1436, 1428, 1291, 1274, 1116, 1096, 1035, 1027 $\rm cm^{-1}.$

IR (ATR): 3355 cm⁻¹ (NH).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.74 (dd, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 8.0 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{HP}$ = 10.6 Hz, 4 H, o-H_{Ph}), 7.47 (br t, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ ~ 7 Hz, 2 H, p-H_{Ph}), 7.40 (m, 4 H, m-H_{Ph}), 6.94 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.2 Hz, 2 H, m-C₆H₃), 6.88 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, p-C₆H₃), 2.72 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HP}$ = 11.2 Hz, 3 H, NHMe), 2.73 (overlap, 1 H, NH), 2.19 (s, 6 H, Me_{Xyl}). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 147.2 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 1.0 Hz, *i*-C-N_{Xyl}), 133.4 (s, *i*-C-Me_{X-yl}), 132.1 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 9.0 Hz, o-CH_{Ph}), 131.3 (d, ${}^{4}J_{CP}$ = 2.6 Hz, p-CH_{Ph}), 128.5 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 12.4 Hz, m-CH_{Ph}), 127.8 (d, ${}^{4}J_{CP}$ = 1.8 Hz, m-CH_{Xyl}), 118.6 (d, ${}^{5}J_{CP}$ = 3.0 Hz, p-CH_{Xyl}), 27.4 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 1.3 Hz, NHMe), 20.9 (s, Me_{Xyl}). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃): δ = -3.6.

Anal. Calcd for C $_{21}H_{23}N_2P$: C, 75.43; H, 6.93; N, 8.38. Found: C, 75.24; H, 7.01; N, 8.26.

Ph₂P(NHMe)(N-2,6-^{*i*}Pr₂C₆H₃) (1c)

Synthesized analogously from 2,6-diisopropylaniline (3.75 mL, 3.54 g, 20 mmol). After filtering off the MeNH₃Br salt, the filtrate was evaporated to dryness and the residue was extracted with benzene (~40 mL). The benzene suspension was filtered to remove residual ammonium salts and was concentrated to 3 mL followed by treating with Et_2O (10 mL). The solution was left to crystallize in the fridge overnight. The crystalline solid obtained was filtered off, washed with cold Et_2O (2 × 3 mL) and dried under vacuum; yield: 2.32 g (59%).

IR (KBr): 3356, 3076, 3051, 2978, 2956, 2860, 1585, 1462, 1432, 1380, 1339, 1290, 1119, 1097, 1028 $\rm cm^{-1}.$

IR (ATR): 3354 cm⁻¹ (NH).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.76 (dd, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.0 Hz, ³*J*_{HP} = 12.0 Hz, 4 H, o-H_{Ph}), 7.35 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, 2 H, *m*-C₆H₃), 7.19 (overlap. m, 2 H, *p*-H_{Ph}), 7.14 (overlap m, 4 H, *m*-H_{Ph}), 6.88 (overlap, 1 H, *p*-C₆H₃), 3.78 (sept, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, 2 H, CHMe₂), 2.40 (dd, ³*J*_{HP} = 11.6 Hz, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.0 Hz, 3 H, NHMe), 2.10 (dq, ³*J*_{HP} = 9.6 Hz, ³*J*_{HH} = 5.6 Hz, 1 H, NH), 1.36 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, 12 H, CHMe₂). F

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¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 144.1 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 1.8 Hz, *i*-C-N_{Diip}), 142.3 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 6.3 Hz, *i*-C-^{*i*}Pr_{Diip}), 132.2 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP}$ = 127 Hz, *i*-C_{Ph}), 132.1 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 9.2 Hz, *o*-CH_{Ph}), 131.3 (d, ${}^{4}J_{CP}$ = 2.7 Hz, *p*-CH_{Ph}), 128.5 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 12.4 Hz, *m*-CH_{Ph}), 122.6 (d, ${}^{4}J_{CP}$ = 2.2 Hz, *m*-CH_{Diip}), 119.2 (d, ${}^{5}J_{CP}$ = 3.2 Hz, *p*-CH_{Diip}), 28.2 (s, CHMe₂), 27.4 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 1.7 Hz, NHMe), 23.9 (s, CHMe₂).

 ^{31}P NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = -7.6$.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{25}H_{31}N_2P$: C, 76.89; H, 8.00; N, 7.17. Found: C, 76.94; H, 8.04; N, 7.11.

Synthesis of Ph₂P(NH'Bu)(N-p-Tol) (1d); Method A

The monoaminophosphorane [Ph₂PBr(NH-*p*-Tol)]Br (20 mmol) was prepared in situ and separated from *p*-TolNH₃+Cl⁻ precipitate, as described above. To this solution an excess of *t*-BuNH₂ (8.4 mL, 5.85 g, 80 mmol) was added and the mixture was refluxed for 70 h. The precipitate of *t*-BuNH₃Br was filtered off and washed with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 10 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness, the residue was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 20 mL) and the resulting solution was kept in the fridge overnight. The precipitate was filtered off and discarded, the filtrate was concentrated to 20 mL and left in the fridge overnight again to give crude product, which was then recrystallized twice (Et₂O) and dried under vacuum to give pure Ph₂P(NH'Bu)(*N*-*p*-Tol); yield: 1.05 g (15%).

IR (KBr): 3340, 3072, 3052, 2978, 2960, 2920, 1605, 1505, 1440, 1381, 1336, 1219, 1111, 1052, 985 $\rm cm^{-1}.$

IR (ATR): 3338 cm⁻¹ (NH).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 8.01 (dd, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, ³*J*_{HP} = 10.8 Hz, 4 H, o-H_{Ph}), 7.37–7.46 (m, 6 H, *m*-H_{Ph}, *p*-H_{Ph}), 6.92 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, C₆H₄), 6.86 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, C₆H₄), 2.95 (d, ²*J*_{HP} = 6.4 Hz, 1 H, NH), 2.24 (s, 3 H, Me_{Tol}), 1.21 (s, 9 H, CMe₃).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 148.6 (s, *i*-C-N_{Tol}), 134.5 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 128 Hz, *i*-C_{Ph}), 132.1 (d, ²J_{CP} = 9.0 Hz, *o*-CH_{Ph}), 131.1 (d, ⁴J_{CP} = 1.9 Hz, *p*-CH_{Ph}), 129.3 (s, β-CH_{Tol}), 128.5 (d, ³J_{CP} = 12.3 Hz, *m*-CH_{Ph}), 126.2 (s, *i*-C-Me_{Tol}), 123.7 (d, ³J_{CP} = 20.0 Hz, α-CH_{Tol}), 52.8 (s, CMe₃), 32.2 (s, CMe₃), 20.7 (s, NHMe).

 $^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3): \delta = -3.7.$

Anal. Calcd for $C_{23}H_{27}N_2P$: C, 76.22; H, 7.51; N, 7.73. Found: C, 76.09; H, 7.41; N, 7.51.

Synthesis of $Ph_2P(NH'Bu)(N-p-Tol)$ (1d); Typical Procedure for the Synthesis of $Ph_2P(NH'Bu)(NAr)$ (1d, Ar = p-Tol; 1e, Ar = o-Tol) by Method B

[Ph₂P(NH^tBu)(NHp-Tol)]Br (3d); Typical Procedure

To a solution of Ph₂PCl (3.6 mL, 4.42 g, 20 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL), a solution of Br₂ (1.0 mL, 3.2 g, 20 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at r.t. to give a suspension, to which a solution of *t*-BuNH₂ (4.2 mL, 2.93 g, 40 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) was added over 30 min. The mixture was stirred overnight, then the precipitate was filtered off and washed with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 5 mL). A solution of *p*-toluidine (4.28 g, 40 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) was added dropwise to the combined filtrate at r.t. and the suspension formed was left overnight. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 10 mL) and discarded. The filtrate was evaporated to dryness, the residue was dissolved in acetone (40 mL) and left for overnight in the fridge. The white crystalline formed was filtered off, washed with acetone (3 × 7 mL) and dried under vacuum to give acetone solvate **3d**·0.5Me₂CO. The solvent-free product was then obtained by precipitating it from CH₂Cl₂ solution with excess Et₂O and

successive drying under vacuum; yield: 7.1 g (80%). The elemental analysis well corresponds to a 85:15 mixture of bromide and chloride salts.

 $IR\,(KBr):\,3025,\,2974,\,2804,\,1710,\,1612,\,1515,\,1439,\,1422,\,1391,\,1356,\\1278,\,1223,\,1193,\,1116,\,1067,\,1053,\,1026,\,952\,\,cm^{-1}.$

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 9.38 (d, ²J_{HP} = 12.8 Hz, 1 H, NHTol), 8.19 (dd, ³J_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, ³J_{HP} = 13.2 Hz, 4 H, o-H_{Ph}), 7.55 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, 2 H, p-H_{Ph}), 7.46 (td, ³J_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, ⁴J_{HP} = 3.6 Hz, 4 H, m-H_{Ph}), 7.25 (d, ³J_{HH} = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, C₆H₄), 6.83 (d, ³J_{HH} = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, C₆H₄), 5.79 (d, ²J_{HP} = 10.8 Hz, 1 H, NHBu^t), 2.28 (s, 3 H, Me_{Tol}), 1.25 (s, 9 H, ^tBu).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 135.6 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 1.5 Hz, *i*-C-N_{Tol}), 133.8 (d, ${}^{4}J_{CP}$ = 2.7 Hz, *p*-CH_{Ph}), 132.8 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 11.6 Hz, *o*-CH_{Ph}), 132.7 (s, *i*-C-Me_{Tol}), 129.6 (s, β-C_{Tol}), 129.4 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 14.0 Hz, *m*-CH_{Ph}), 125.1 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP}$ = 128 Hz, *i*-C_{Ph}), 121.3 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 7.3 Hz, α-C_{Tol}), 55.9 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 3.8 Hz, CMe₃), 31.5 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 4.4 Hz, CMe₃), 20.7 (s, Me_{Tol}).

³¹P NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 27.0.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{23}H_{28}Br_{0.85}Cl_{0.15}N_2P$: C, 63.26; H, 6.46; N, 6.41; Br, 15.55. Found: C, 63.39; H, 6.49; N, 6.46; Br, 15.5.

[Ph₂P(NH^tBu)(NH-o-Tol)]Br (3e)

Synthesized analogously from o-toluidine (4.4 mL, 4.44 g, 41.2 mmol). The work up procedure was the same except that the crystallization from CH_2Cl_2 gave a solvate, from which the solvent molecule cannot be removed even after drying under vacuum for 2 d at 50 °C; yield: 7.8 g (77%).

 $IR \, (KBr): \, 3054, 2970, 2762, 1606, 1588, 1495, 1439, 1397, 1374, 1288, 1268, 1243, 1229, 1188, 1114, 1052, 1025, 964 \, \rm cm^{-1}.$

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 8.73 (d, ²J_{HP} = 9.6 Hz, 1 H, NHTol), 8.03 (dd, ³J_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, ³J_{HP} = 13.2 Hz, 4 H, o-H_{Ph}), 7.64 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, 2 H, p-H_{Ph}), 7.53 (td, ³J_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, ⁴J_{HP} = 3.6 Hz, 4 H, m-H_{Ph}), 7.05 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, C₆H₄), 6.94 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, C₆H₄), 6.86 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, C₆H₄), 6.76 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, C₆H₄), 6.11 (s, 1 H, NHBu^t), 2.37 (s, 3 H, Me_{Tol}), 1.20 (s, 9 H, 'Bu).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 135.5 (s, *i*-C-Me_{Tol}), 134.3 (d, ⁴J_{CP} = 1.7 Hz, *p*-CH_{Ph}), 134.0 (d, ²J_{CP} = 7.2 Hz, *i*-C-N_{Tol}), 133.2 (d, ²J_{CP} = 11.4 Hz, *o*-CH_{Ph}), 131.3 (s, *m*-CH_{Tol}), 129.4 (d, ³J_{CP} = 13.7 Hz, *m*-CH_{Ph}), 125.9 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 124 Hz, *i*-C_{Ph}), 125.5 (s, *m*'-CH_{Tol}), 124.7 (s, *p*-CH_{Tol}), 124.4 (d, ³J_{CP} = 3.1 Hz, *o*-CH_{Tol}), 55.5 (d, ²J_{CP} = 3.0 Hz, CMe₃), 31.6 (d, ³J_{CP} = 4.1 Hz, CMe₃), 19.4 (s, Me_{Tol}).

³¹P NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 29.7.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{23}H_{28}BrN_2P \cdot 0.8CH_2Cl_2$: C, 55.91; H, 5.84; N, 5.48. Found: C, 55.94; H, 5.91; N, 5.41.

Ph₂P(NH'Bu)(N-*p*-Tol) (1d) by Deprotonation of 3d; Typical Procedure for 1d,e

To a suspension of **3d** (0.88 g, 2.0 mmol) in benzene (40 mL) neat Et_2NH (0.22 mL, 0.155 g, 2.1 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 2 h. The precipitate of Et_2NH_2Br was filtered off and washed with benzene (3 × 3 mL). The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was dried in vacuo; yield: 0.72 g (~100%).

Ph₂P(NH^tBu)(N-o-Tol) (1e)

Obtained analogously from **3e** (0.88 g, 2.0 mmol); yield: 0.70 g (98%). IR (KBr): 3317, 3076, 3058, 2972, 2960, 2921, 1590, 1484, 1437, 1339, 1220, 1121, 1059, 990 cm⁻¹.

IR (ATR): 3315 cm⁻¹ (NH).

¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ = 8.07 (ddd, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, ³*J*_{HP} = 11.6 Hz, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 2.0 Hz, 4 H, o-H_{Ph}), 7.43 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, C₆H₄), 7.12 (t, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, C₆H₄), 7.00–7.06 (m, 6 H, *m*-H_{Ph}, *p*-H_{Ph}), 6.92 (t, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, C₆H₄), 6.88 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, C₆H₄), 2.88 (s, 3 H, Me_{Tol}), 2.62 (d, ²*J*_{HP} = 6.8 Hz, 1 H, NH), 1.01 (s, 9 H, 'Bu).

¹³C NMR (C₆D₆): δ = 149.8 (s, *i*-C-N_{Tol}), 135.3 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 127 Hz, *i*-C_{Ph}), 132.9 (d, ³J_{CP} = 24.8 Hz, *i*-C-Me_{Tol}), 132.1 (d, ²J_{CP} = 9.0 Hz, *o*-CH_{Ph}), 131.7 (s, *m*'-CH_{Tol}), 130.4 (d, ⁴J_{CP} = 1.8 Hz, *p*-CH_{Ph}), 128.3 (d, ³J_{CP} = 12.3 Hz, *m*-CH_{Ph}), 125.9 (s, *m*-CH_{Tol}), 122.1 (d, ³J_{CP} = 11.4 Hz, *o*-CH_{Tol}), 117.7 (s, *p*-CH_{Tol}), 52.4 (s, CMe₃), 31.6 (d, ³J_{CP} = 3.6 Hz, CMe₃), 20.0 (s, Me_{Tol}). ³¹P NMR (C₆D₆): δ = -6.5.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{23}H_{27}N_2P$: C, 76.22; H, 7.51; N, 7.73. Found: C, 76.29; H, 7.54; N, 7.43.

Ph₂P(NH-o-Tol)(N-p-Ts) (1f)

To a solution of Ph₂PCl (1.80 mL, 2.21 g, 10 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), a solution of Br₂ (0.5 mL, 1.56 g, 10 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added dropwise with stirring at r.t., and the mixture was stirred for 1.5 h. Then the suspension of Ph2PClBr2 formed was cooled down to 0 °C and a solution of o-toluidine (2.13 mL, 2.14 g, 20 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) was added dropwise over 0.5 h. The mixture was allowed to warm up to r.t. and stirred overnight. The precipitated o-TolNH₃+Clwas filtered off under argon and washed with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 10 mL); the filtrate was reacted further with suspension of p-TsNHNa in THF prepared in situ by treating p-TsNH₂ (3.42 g, 20 mmol) with NaH (0.80 g, 60% suspension in oil, 20 mmol) in THF (100 mL) at r.t. overnight. The suspension was refluxed for ~35 h, then hot mixture was filtered through a G4 fritted glass filter, and the solid was washed with hot THF (3 × 20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated to ~10 mL and was left in the fridge overnight. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with cold THF (3 × 3 mL) and dried under vacuum to give the product (1.9 g). An additional crop of the product was obtained by treating the mother liquor solution with Et₂O (10 mL). The product was recrystallized (THF) to give pure 1 as off-white microcrystalline; yield: 2.81 g (61%).

 $IR\,(KBr):\,3378,\,3240,\,3056,\,2917,\,1602,\,1584,\,1496,\,1442,\,1388,\,1375,\,1268,\,1242,\,1191,\,1141,\,1119,\,1110,\,1086,\,949\,\,cm^{-1}.$

IR (ATR): 3250 cm⁻¹ (NH).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.92 (dd, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.6 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{HP}$ = 13.6 Hz, 4 H, o-H_{Ph}), 7.57 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, SO₂C₆H₄), 7.54 (td, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.6 Hz, ${}^{5}J_{HP}$ = 1.6 Hz, 2 H, p-H_{Ph}), 7.44 (td, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.2 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{HP}$ = 4.0 Hz, 4 H, m-H_{Ph}), 7.10 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, o-H_{Tol}), 6.97 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, SO₂C₆H₄), 6.82 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, p-H_{Tol}), 6.68 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, m-H_{Tol}), 6.57 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, m'-H_{Tol}), 5.74 (d, ${}^{2}J_{HP}$ = 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H, Me_{Ts}), 2.28 (s, 3 H, Me_{Tol}).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 142.6 (s, *i*-C-S_{TS}), 140.8 (s, *i*-C-Me_{Ts}), 135.6 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 1.5 Hz, *i*-C-N_{Tol}), 133.1 (d, ${}^{4}J_{CP}$ = 2.8 Hz, *p*-CH_{Ph}), 132.4 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 10.8 Hz, *o*-CH_{Ph}), 130.7 (s, *p*-CH_{Tol}), 129.1 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 13.7 Hz, *m*-CH_{Ph}), 128.1 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP}$ = 132 Hz, *i*-C_{Ph}), 128.7 (s, CH_{Ts}), 127.7 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 8.1 Hz, *i*-C-Me), 126.6 (s, *m*'-CH_{Tol}), 125.9 (s, CH_{Ts}), 122.9 (s, *m*-CH_{Tol}), 119.5 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 4.2 Hz, *o*-CH_{Tol}), 21.4 (s, Me_{Ts}), 18.0 (s, Me_{Tol}).

³¹P NMR (CDCl₃):
$$δ = 12.1$$
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Anal. Calcd for $C_{26}H_{25}N_2O_2PS\colon$ C, 67.81; H, 5.47; N, 6.08. Found: C, 67.81; H, 5.53; N, 6.11.

$Ph_2PBr(N-2,6-^{i}Pr_2C_6H_3)$ (4c)

To a solution of Ph_2PCI (3.60 mL, 4.42 g, 20 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (15 mL), a solution of Br_2 (1.0 mL, 3.2 g, 20 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (15 mL) was added dropwise with stirring at r.t., and the mixture was stirred for 1.5 h.

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Then a solution of 2,6-diisopropylaniline (11.3 mL, 10.62 g, 60 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (40 mL) was added dropwise to the suspension of Ph_2PClBr_2 , and the mixture was stirred overnight. The precipitated ammonium salt was filtered off and washed with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 20 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness and the residue was dissolved in hexane (30 mL). The precipitate of residual ammonium salt and aminophosphine oxide $Ph_2P(O)(NH-2,6-Diip)$ was filtered off and discarded, the filtrate was evaporated and the oily residue was dried under vacuum; yield: 8.4 g (80–85% purity) (out of 8.8 g in theory).

¹H NMR (C_6D_6): δ = 7.77 (dd, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.2 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{HP}$ = 14.4 Hz, 4 H, o-H_{Ph}), 7.20 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.8 Hz, 2 H, m-C₆H₃), 7.09 (td, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.8 Hz, ${}^{5}J_{HP}$ = 1.2 Hz, 1 H, p-C₆H₃), 6.97 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.2 Hz, 2 H, p-H_{Ph}), 6.92 (td, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.2 Hz, 4 J_{HP} = 4.8 Hz, 4 H, m-H_{Ph}), 3.68 (sept, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 6.6 Hz, 2 H, CHMe₂), 1.22 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 6.6 Hz, 12 H, CHMe₂).

¹³C NMR (C_6D_6): δ = 141.6 (br d, ³ J_{CP} = 10.0 Hz, *i*-C-ⁱPr_{Diip}), 140.3 (s, *i*-C-N_{Diip}), 133.6 (d, ¹ J_{CP} = 126 Hz, *i*-C_{Ph}), 132.0 (s, *p*-CH_{Ph}), 131.5 (d, ² J_{CP} = 11.1 Hz, *o*-C_{Ph}), 128.5 (d, ³ J_{CP} = 14.6 Hz, *m*-C_{Ph}), 123.3 (d, ⁴ J_{CP} = 3.0 Hz, *m*-CH_{Diip}), 121.9 (br s, *p*-CH_{Diip}), 28.7 (s, CHMe₂), 23.9 (s, CHMe₂). ³¹P NMR (C_6D_6): δ = -3.1.

MS (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* (%) = 439 (10) [M] (**4c**), 395 (60) [M'] (**4c'**), 377 (40) [M – Br + OH], 359 (100) [M – HBr].

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