N-(3-Phosphonopropyl)-substituted α -amino acids and their phosphine oxide analogs

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A facile method was developed for the synthesis of *N*-(3-phosphonopropyl)-substituted α -amino acids and their phosphine oxide analogs based on hydrolysis of 2-oxo-1,2-azaphospholanes and 1,2-azaphospholanium salts prepared from readily available reagents. A chelate Cu^{II} *N*-[(3-diphenylphosphoryl)propyl]glycinate was isolated.

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Amino phosphonic acids are structural analogs of amino carboxylic acids and possess a broad spectrum of biological activity.¹ Aminoalkyl phosphonates and aminoalkyl phosphinates were found in natural sources.² Phosphonoalkyl-substituted derivatives of α -amino carboxylic acids occupy a special place among synthetic and natural amino phosphonates. They serve as efficient enzyme inhibitors, antibacterial agents, and neuromodulators, show growth regulatory activity, and possess other useful biological and biochemical properties.³ Phosphorus-containing selective N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor antagonists, such as 2-amino-5-phosphonopentanoic acid (AP5), 2-amino-7-phosphonoheptanoic acid (AP7), 4-(3-phosphonopropyl)piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (CPP), etc., have found wide application in neurophysiological studies.⁴



The phosphonoalkyl group in these compounds is, as a rule, linked with the α -carbon atom of an amino acid. In the present study, we developed a facile and convenient procedure for the synthesis of α -amino carboxylic acid derivatives with 3-phosphonopropyl and 3-(diphenylphosphoryl)propyl groups linked with the nitrogen atom of amino acids.

N-(3-Phosphonopropyl)-substituted α -amino acids **1** (Scheme 1) were synthesized by the reaction of diethyl

Scheme 1



1: R = H (a), Me (b)

Reagents and conditions: *i*. 1) Et₃N, $-5 \,^{\circ}$ C, MeCN, 2) Δ , 2 h. *ii*. 1) 6 *M* HCl, Δ , 2) methyloxirane, 20 °C.

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phosphorochloridite (2) with N-(3-chloropropyl)glycine ethyl ester or -DL-alanine ethyl ester (**3a,b**) giving rise to 2-oxo-1,2-azaphospholanes **4a,b**, which were subjected to hydrolysis. Compounds **4** have been prepared in individual form.⁵ In the present study, their signals were observed in the ³¹P NMR spectra of the reaction mixtures after the first stage. N-(3-Phosphonopropyl)glycine (**1a**) and -DL-alanine (**1b**) (Tables 1–3) were isolated as highmelting crystalline compounds readily soluble in water and insoluble in organic solvents. The IR spectra of compounds 1a,b (see Table 3) have absorption bands characteristic of C=O and PO₂⁻ groups along with broad intense absorption bands at $3500-2000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ corresponding to stretching vibrations of NH₂⁺ and OH groups involved in strong hydrogen bonds.^{1,6,7} These data suggest that compounds 1a,b exist as zwitterions containing the deprotonated phosphonic group and the protonated nitrogen atom.

N-(3-Diphenylphosphorylpropyl)- α -amino carboxylic acids were prepared by hydrolysis of 1,2-azaphos-

Com- pound	Yield (%)	M.p./°C (solvent)		<u>Found</u> Calcula	nted (%)	Molecular formula		
			С	Н	Ν	Р		
4 a	68.0	225–230 (decomp.) (EtOH–H ₂ O)	<u>30.34</u> 30.46	<u>6.09</u> 6.09	<u>6.99</u> 7.10	<u>15.33</u> 15.74	C ₅ H ₁₂ NO ₅ P	
4b	71.9	230-231.5 (decomp.) (EtOH-H ₂ O)	<u>34.28</u> 34.12	<u>6.71</u> 6.68	<u>6.44</u> 6.63	<u>14.20</u> 14.67	$C_6H_{14}NO_5P$	
7 a ^a	76.2	228-230 (decomp.) (EtOH-Et ₂ O)	<u>57.65</u> 57.71	<u>5.87</u> 5.98	<u>3.91</u> 3.96	<u>8.49</u> 8.75	C ₁₇ H ₂₁ CINO ₃ P	
7b ^b	79.4	254—257 (decomp.) (EtOH)	<u>58.75</u> 58.77	<u>6.28</u> 6.30	<u>3.71</u> 3.81	<u>8.21</u> 8.43	C ₁₈ H ₂₃ ClNO ₃ P	
8a	75.7 (57.7) ^c	237-240 (decomp.) (EtOH-H ₂ O)	<u>64.19</u> 64.33	<u>6.33</u> 6.35	<u>4.37</u> 4.41	<u>9.63</u> 9.86	$\mathrm{C}_{17}\mathrm{H}_{20}\mathrm{NO}_{3}\mathrm{P}$	
8b	70.4 (60.0) ^c	250-252 (decomp.) (EtOH-H ₂ O)	<u>64.96</u> 65.24	<u>6.60</u> 6.68	<u>4.10</u> 4.22	<u>9.08</u> 9.35	$C_{18}H_{23}NO_3P$	
9	48.7		<u>55.81</u> 55.77	<u>5.64</u> 5.74	<u>3.81</u> 3.82	$\frac{8.37}{8.47}$	$C_{34}H_{42}CuN_2O_8P_2$	

Table 1. Yields, melting points, and elemental analysis data for compounds 4 and 7-9

^a Found (%): Cl, 10.09. Calculated (%): Cl, 10.03.

^b Found (%): Cl, 9.76. Calculated (%): Cl, 9.65.

^{*c*} The yield based on consumed Ph₂PCl.

Table 2. Parameters of the ${}^{31}P-{}^{1}H$ and ${}^{1}H$ NMR spectra of compounds 4, 7, and 8

Com- pound	Solvent	$^{31}P-{^{1}H} NMR \delta$	¹ H NMR, δ (³ $J_{H,H}/Hz$)
4 a	D ₂ O	25.6	1.66–1.74 (m, 2 H, CH ₂ C <u>H</u> ₂ CH ₂); 1.88–1.98 (m, 2 H, PCH ₂);
			$3.15 (t, 2 H, NCH_2, J = 7.6); 3.85 (s, 2 H, CH_2CO)$
4b	D_2O	25.8	1.47 (d, 3 H, CH_3 , $J = 7.2$); 1.62–1.71 (m, 2 H, $CH_2CH_2CH_2$);
			1.82–1.92 (m, 2 H, PCH ₂); 3.03–3.13 (m, 2 H, NCH ₂);
			3.87 (q, 1 H, CH, J = 7.2);
7a	CD ₃ OD	37.8	1.89–2.03 (m, 2H, CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂); 2.53–2.63 (m, 2 H, PCH ₂);
	5		$3.19 (t, 2 H, NCH_2, J = 7.6); 3.88 (s, 2 H, CH_2CO); 7.53-7.67,$
			7.76 $-$ 7.85 (both m, 10 H, 2 C ₆ H ₅)
7b	CD ₃ OD	37.9	1.75 (d, 3 H, CH ₃ , $J = 7.2$); 2.10–2.23 (m, 2 H, CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂);
	5		2.77-2.84 (m, 2 H, PCH ₂); 3.39 (t, 2 H, NCH ₂ , $J = 7.6$); 4.21
			$(q, 1 H, CH, J = 7.2); 7.72-7.88, 7.96-8.05 (both m, 10 H, 2 C_6H_5)$
8a	D_2O	41.4	1.69–1.84 (m, 2 H, CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂); 2.33–2.42 (m, 2 H, PCH ₂);
	2		2.96 (t, 2 H, NCH ₂ , $J = 7.6$); 3.40 (s, 2 H, CH ₂ CO);
			7.33 - 7.58 (m. 10 H. 2 C ₆ H ₅)
8b	D_2O	41.2	1.41 (d. 3 H, CH ₂ , $J = 7.2$); 1.86–1.99 (m. 2 H, CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂);
	2		2.51-2.65 (m, 2 H, PCH ₂): 3.07 (t, 2 H, NCH ₂ , $J = 7.6$):
			3.58 (q, 1 H, CH, $J = 7.2$); 7.50–7.78 (m, 10 H, 2 C ₆ H ₅)

Com-	IR,	¹³ C NMR,				
pound	v/cm^{-1}	δ, <i>J</i> /Hz				
4 a	3500—2000 (NH ₂ ⁺ , OH),	19.88 (d, CH ₂ <u>C</u> H ₂ CH ₂ , <i>J</i> = 3.8); 24.39 (d, PCH ₂ , <i>J</i> = 135.3);				
	1742 (C=O), 1101, 1059 (PO ₂ ⁻)	47.71 (s, NCH ₂ CO); 47.84 (d, NCH ₂ CH ₂ , $J = 18.0$); 169.56 (s, CO)				
4b	3500—2000 (NH ₂ ⁺ , OH),	14.31 (s, CH ₃); 20.07 (d, CH ₂ <u>C</u> H ₂ CH ₂ , $J = 2.8$); 24.40 (d, PCH ₂ ,				
	1715 (C=O), 1106, 1060 (PO ₂ ⁻)	J = 135.5; 46.35 (d, NCH ₂ , $J = 17.1$); 56.11 (s, CH); 172.92 (s, CO)				
7a	3500—2000 (NH ₂ ⁺ , OH),	18.10 (s, $CH_2CH_2CH_2$); 25.05 (d, PCH_2 , $J = 72.3$); 47.39 (s, NCH_2CO);				
	1727 (C=O), 1151 (P=O)	47.47 (d, N <u>C</u> H ₂ CH ₂ , <i>J</i> = 16.0); 129.21 (d, <i>m</i> -C(Ph), <i>J</i> = 12.4);				
		129.34 (d, <i>ipso</i> -C(Ph), $J = 102.4$); 130.54 (d, o -C(Ph), $J = 10.0$);				
		133.05 (s, <i>p</i> -C(Ph)); 169.01 (s, CO)				
7b*	3500—2000 (NH ₂ ⁺ , OH),	14.44 (s, CH ₃); 19.36 (d, CH ₂ <u>C</u> H ₂ CH ₂ , <i>J</i> = 3.2); 26.45 (d, PCH ₂ ,				
	1719 (C=O), 1147 (P=O)	J = 72.3; 46.68 (d, N <u>C</u> H ₂ CH ₂ , $J = 14.4$); 55.82 (s, CH); 129.40				
		(d, m-C(Ph), J = 12.1); 131.10 (d, o-C(Ph), J = 9.6); 131.70 (d, ipso-C(Ph), J = 0.6); 131.70 (d,				
		J = 101.0; 131.77 (d, <i>ipso</i> -C(Ph), $J = 101.5$); 132.90 (d, <i>p</i> -C(Ph), $J = 2.4$);				
		171.00 (s, CO)				
8a	$3150-2000 (NH_2^+),$	16.51 (br.s, $CH_2\underline{C}H_2CH_2$); 23.33 (d, PCH_2 , $J = 72.3$); 45.72 (d,				
	1619, 1383 (CO ₂ ⁻),	$N\underline{C}H_2CH_2$, $J = 17.3$; 47.40 (s, $N\underline{C}H_2CO$); 127.53 (d, m -C(Ph), $J = 12.0$);				
	1183 (P=O)	127.68 (d, <i>ipso</i> -C(Ph), $J = 102.0$); 128.95 (d, <i>o</i> -C(Ph), $J = 10.0$);				
		131.40 (br.s, <i>p</i> -C(Ph)); 169.33 (s, CO)				
8b	$3150-2000 (NH_2^+),$	14.23 (s, CH ₃); 17.72 (br.s, CH ₂ <u>C</u> H ₂ CH ₂); 24.36 (d, PCH ₂ , $J = 72.5$);				
	1585, 1394 (CO ₂ ⁻),	45.41 (d, N <u>C</u> H ₂ CH ₂ , $J = 16.7$); 57.14 (br.s, CH); 128.50 (d, m -C(Ph),				
	1184 (P=O)	<i>J</i> = 12.1); 128.60 (d, <i>ipso</i> -C(Ph), <i>J</i> = 101.5); 129.90 (d, <i>o</i> -C(Ph), <i>J</i> = 10.1);				
		132.40 (br.s, <i>p</i> -C(Ph)); 173.90 (br.s, CO)				

Table 3. Parameters of the IR spectra (KBr) and ¹³C NMR spectra (D₂O) of compounds 4, 7, and 8

* The ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 7b was recorded in CD₃OD.

pholanium salts 5 (Scheme 2), which were obtained in the reaction of diphenylphosphinous chloride (6) with amino acid derivatives **3a,b**. Hydrochlorides **7a,b** are highmelting crystalline products, which are moderately soluble in MeOH and EtOH and readily soluble in water (see Tables 1–3).





R = H (a), Me (b)

Reagents and conditions: *i*. 1) Et₃N, $-5 \, ^{\circ}$ C, CHCl₃-C₆H₆, 2) Δ , 1 h. *ii*. 6 *M* HCl, Δ . *iii*. Methyloxirane, 20 $^{\circ}$ C.

The IR spectra of compounds **7a,b** have absorption bands of P=O and C=O groups along with broad intense

absorption bands at $3500-2000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ corresponding to stretching vibrations of NH₂⁺ and OH groups involved in strong hydrogen bonds (see Table 3). These data are consistent with the presence of phosphoryl, carboxy, and NH_2^+ groups in hydrochlorides 7a,b. The structure of hydrochloride 7a was confirmed by X-ray diffraction. Hydrochloride 7a crystallizes with two independent cations and anions per asymmetric unit (Fig. 1). The nitrogen atoms in both independent cations are protonated. The bond lengths and bond angles and the all-trans conformation of the P(1)-C(5) fragment in two independent cations of 7a are virtually identical (Table 4). The phosphoryl group is synperiplanar (sp) to the alkyl chain. However, one independent molecule adopts the +sp conformation, whereas another molecule is in the -sp conformation. The O(1)-P(1)-C(1)-C(2) and O(1')-P(1')-C(1')-C(2') torsion angles are 39.5 and -41.3° , respectively.

In the crystal structure of **7a**, the cations are linked to each other by strong O–H...O hydrogen bonds between the carboxy and phosphoryl groups (O(3)...O(1') and O(3')...O(1) are 2.561(2) and 2.530(2) Å, respectively) to form chains along the crystallographic axis *b*. These chains are additionally cross-linked by the Cl⁻ anions through the N–H...Cl hydrogen bonds (N...Cl, 3.026(2)-3.071(2) Å).

The reactions of hydrochlorides 7a,b with methyloxirane produced *N*-(3-diphenylphosphorylpropyl)glycine (8a) and -DL-alanine (8b), respectively. These high-melt-



Fig. 1. Overall view of one independent cation in the crystal structure of hydrochloride 7a.

Table 4. Selected bond lengths (*d*) and bond angles (ω) in two independent cations (**A** and **B**) in the crystal structure of hydro-chloride 7a

Parameter	Value	2
	A	В
Bond	$d/\text{\AA}$	
P(1)—O(1)	1.501(1)	1.5034(15)
P(1) - C(1)	1.811(2)	1.803(2)
P(1) - C(6)	1.809(2)	1.802(2)
P(1) - C(12)	1.806(2)	1.808(2)
N(1) - C(4)	1.491(2)	1.484(3)
N(1) - C(3)	1.499(2)	1.497(2)
C(1) - C(2)	1.536(3)	1.540(3)
O(2) - C(5)	1.208(2)	1.214(2)
C(2) - C(3)	1.528(3)	1.523(3)
O(3) - C(5)	1.325(2)	1.318(3)
Angle	ω/deg	g
O(1) - P(1) - C(12)	108.81(9)	108.64(9)
O(1) - P(1) - C(6)	111.13(9)	110.25(9)
C(12) - P(1) - C(6)	106.83(9)	108.33(9)
O(1) - P(1) - C(1)	113.57(9)	115.31(9)
C(12) - P(1) - C(1)	109.11(10)	108.95(10)
C(6) - P(1) - C(1)	107.17(9)	105.15(9)
C(4) - N(1) - C(3)	113.29(15)	113.15(15)

ing crystalline compounds are readily soluble in water (see Table 1). The IR spectra (see Table 3) have absorption bands of the P=O group along with intense absorption bands at 1619, 1383 cm⁻¹ (8a) and 1585, 1394 cm⁻¹ (8b) characteristic of the carboxylate anion.⁸ In addition, the spectra show a continuous series of medium-intensity bands at 3150–2000 cm⁻¹ assigned to stretching vibrations of the NH₂⁺ group. These data suggest that these compounds exist as zwitterions containing the deprotonated carboxy group and the protonated nitrogen atom. Compounds 8a,b were also prepared without isolation of intermediate hydrochlorides 7a,b in 57.7 and 60.0% yields, respectively.

The compositions and structures of compounds 1, 7, and 8 were confirmed by elemental analysis, IR spectro-

scopy, and ${}^{1}H$, ${}^{31}P$, and ${}^{13}C$ NMR spectroscopy (see Tables 1–3).

Compounds **8** are potential complex-forming agents for metals, which are of interest from the point of view of biological activity (Cu, Co, Ni, *etc.*). The reaction of **8a** with CuCO₃ \cdot Cu(OH)₂ afforded dihydrate of the Cu^{II} chelate Cu[Ph₂P(O)(CH₂)₃NHCH₂COO]₂ \cdot 2H₂O (**9**) (see Table 1).

The IR spectrum of this compound shows a broad intense absorption band at 1608 cm⁻¹ and an intense band at 1375 cm⁻¹ characteristic of vibrations of the C=O group in salts of carboxylic acids⁸ along with an intense band of the NH group at 3200 cm⁻¹ and a broad intense absorption band at 3600–3300 cm⁻¹. The ³¹P–{¹H} NMR spectrum in CD₃OD has a broad singlet at δ_P 51.1 shifted downfield with respect to the signal of the starting compound **8a** (δ_P 41.4 in D₂O).

In the crystal structure, complex 9 occupies a crystallographic inversion center, the copper atom lying on this center. The coordination polyhedron of the copper atom is a tetragonal bipyramid with two chelate ligands and two water molecules in the axial positions (Fig. 2, Table 5). The axial Cu(1) - O(1W) bonds with the water molecule are elongated to 2.568(2) Å compared to the equatorial Cu(1) - O(2) bonds (1.928(2) Å). The five-membered metallacycle adopts an envelope conformation with the N(1) atom deviating from the Cu(1)O(2)C(4)C(5) plane by 0.42 Å. The P(1)-C(4) fragment in complex 9, like that in hydrochloride 7a, adopts an all-*trans* conformation. The P(1)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3), C(1)-C(2)-C(3)-N(1), and C(2)-C(3)-N(1)-C(4)torsion angles are 169.7, 170.7, and 167.8°, respectively. The phosphoryl group is synperiplanar to the P(1)-C(4)fragment. The O(1)-P(1)-C(1)-C(2) torsion angle is 61.9°.

In the crystal structure, the molecules of salt **9** are linked to each other by N–H...O (N(1)...O(3A), 2.905(3) Å) and O–H...O (O(1W)...O(3), 2.764(2) Å; O(1W)...O(1), 2.900(2) Å) hydrogen bonds to form doubled chains along the crystallographic axis b.



Fig. 2. Overall view of dihydrate of chelate 9 in the crystal structure. The atoms marked with A are related to nonmarked atoms by the symmetry operation (-x, -y, -z).

Table 5. Selected bond lengths (*d*) and bond angles (ω) in the crystal structure of salt **9**

Bond	$d/\text{\AA}$	Angle	ω/deg
Cu(1) - O(2)	1.928(2)	$\overline{O(2)-Cu(1)-N(1A)}$	95.43(8)
Cu(1) - N(1)	2.038(2)	O(2) - Cu(1) - N(1)	84.57(8)
Cu(1) - O(1W)	2.658(3)	O(2) - Cu(1) - O(1W)	96.49(9)
P(1)-O(1)	1.487(2)	N(1) - Cu(1) - O(1W)	83.71(9)
P(1) - C(1)	1.795(3)	O(1) - P(1) - C(1)	113.9(1)
P(1) - C(12)	1.799(3)	O(1) - P(1) - C(12)	113.0(1)
P(1)-C(6)	1.811(3)	C(1) - P(1) - C(12)	107.7(1)
O(2) - C(5)	1.270(3)	O(1) - P(1) - C(6)	111.0(1)
O(3) - C(5)	1.238(3)	C(1) - P(1) - C(6)	106.7(1)
N(1) - C(4)	1.478(3)	C(12) - P(1) - C(6)	103.9(1)
N(1) - C(3)	1.486(3)	C(4) - N(1) - C(3)	112.7(2)

Experimental

The NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AMX-400 instrument with the use of the signal from the residual protons of CDCl₃ as the internal standard (¹H), the signal of CDCl₃ as the internal standard (¹³C), and 85% H₃PO₄ as the external standard (³¹P). The IR spectra were measured on Magna IR 750 Nicolet and UR-20 instruments in KBr pellets. Commercial reagents (EtO)₂PCl and Ph₂PCl (Aldrich) were used. Compounds **3a,b** were synthesized according to a known procedure.⁵

N-(3-Phosphonopropy)glycine (1a). A solution of chloride 2 (0.65 g, 4.1 mmol) in MeCN (5 mL) was added dropwise with vigorous stirring to a solution of glycine derivative 3a (0.90 g, 5 mmol) and Et₃N (0.50 g, 5 mmol) in anhydrous MeCN (10 mL) at $-5 \,^{\circ}$ C under argon. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h. The percentage of azaphospholane 4a in the reaction mixture was 84% (³¹P NMR spectroscopic data, δ_{P} 46.8; *cf*. lit. data⁵: δ_{P} 46.8 in CDCl₃). The precipitate was filtered off, MeCN was removed *in vacuo*, benzene (15 mL) was added to the residue,

and the mixture was filtered. Benzene was removed *in vacuo*, 6 *M* HCl (50 mL) was added to the residue, and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 16 h. The solution was cooled and washed with CH_2Cl_2 (3×20 mL). The aqueous layer was concentrated to dryness. Water (30 mL) was added to, and distilled from, the residue; this operation was repeated three times. The residue was kept *in vacuo* at 80 °C for 1 h and dissolved in MeOH (30 mL). Methyloxirane (10 mL) was added dropwise with stirring. The reaction mixture was stirred at 20 °C for 4 h and kept in a refrigerator for 16 h. The precipitate that formed was filtered off and dried *in vacuo*. The yield of compound **1a** was 0.55 g (see Tables 1–3).

N-(3-Phosphonopropyl)-DL-alanine (1b) was synthesized analogously from 3b (1.55 g, 8 mmol), 2 (1.03 g, 6.6 mmol), and Et₃N (1.01 g, 10 mmol) in anhydrous MeCN (30 mL). After refluxing, the percentage of azaphospholane 4b in the reaction mixture was 83% (³¹P NMR spectroscopic data, δ_P 46.2 and 47.0 (two diastereomers); *cf.* lit. data⁵: δ_P 46.4 and 47.3 in CDCl₃). The reaction mixture was filtered and the solvent was removed. The residue was refluxed with 6 *M* HCl (60 mL) for 16 h and worked up as described above. The residue was dissolved in MeOH (50 mL), and methyloxirane (20 mL) was added dropwise with vigorous stirring. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h and kept in a refrigerator for 16 h. The precipitate that formed was filtered off, treated with refluxing MeOH on a filter, and dried *in vacuo*. Compound 1b was isolated in a yield of 1.00 g (see Tables 1–3).

N-(3-Diphenylphosphorylpropyl)glycine hydrochloride (7a) was synthesized from 3a (1.33 g, 7.4 mmol) and phosphinous chloride 6 (1.52 g, 6.9 mmol) in the presence of Et₃N (0.86 g, 8.5 mmol) in a 2 : 1 mixture of anhydrous C_6H_6 and CHCl₃. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 1 h, after which the percentage of chloride 5a in the mixture was 88% (³¹P NMR spectroscopic data, δ_P 55.1; *cf.* lit. data⁵: δ_P 60.0 in CDCl₃). The reaction mixture was filtered, the solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and 6 *M* HCl (100 mL) was added to the residue. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 18 h, the solution was cooled and

washed with CH_2Cl_2 (3×40 mL), and the aqueous layer was concentrated to dryness. Water (40 mL) was added to, and distilled from, the residue; this operation was repeated three times. Hydrochloride **7a** was isolated in a yield of 1.86 g (see Tables 1–3).

N-(3-Diphenylphosphorylpropyl)-DL-alanine hydrochloride (7b) was synthesized analogously from 3b (1.44 g, 7.4 mmol), 6 (1.37 g, 6.2 mmol), and Et₃N (0.76 g, 7.5 mmol) in a 2 : 1 C_6H_6 -CHCl₃ mixture (20 mL). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 1 h, after which the percentage of salt 5b in the reaction mixture was 92% (³¹P NMR spectroscopic data, δ_P 57.5; *cf*. lit. data⁵: δ_P 57.2 in CDCl₃). The reaction mixture was filtered, the solvents were removed, and 6 *M* HCl (100 mL) was added to the residue. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 16 h and then worked up as described above for hydrochloride 7a. After drying *in vacuo*, hydrochloride 7b was obtained in a yield of 1.81 g (see Tables 1–3).

N-(3-Diphenylphosphorylpropyl)glycine (8a). Hydrochloride 7a (0.82 g, 2.3 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous EtOH (25 mL), and methyloxirane (8 mL) was added dropwise with stirring and gentle heating for 5 min. The reaction mixture was stirred for 6 h and then kept in a refrigerator for 4 days. The precipitate that formed was filtered off, washed with ethanol, and dried *in vacuo*. Compound 8a was obtained in a yield of 0.56 g (see Tables 1–3).

N-(3-Diphenylphosphorylpropyl)-DL-alanine (8b) was synthesized analogously from a solution of hydrochloride 7b (0.79 g, 2.2 mmol) in anhydrous ethanol (30 mL) and methyloxirane (8 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h and kept in a refrigerator for 16 h. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with ethanol, and dried *in vacuo*. Compound **8b** was obtained in a yield of 0.50 g (see Tables 1–3).

Dihydrate of the Cu^{II} chelate of *N*-(3-diphenylphosphorylpropyl)glycine (9). Basic cupric carbonate CuCO₃ · Cu(OH)₂ (0.0217 g, 0.11 mmol) was added to a solution of **8a** (0.1245 g, 0.392 mmol) in water (2 mL). The resulting opaque blue solution was filtered, the filtrate was concentrated to dryness, the residue was dissolved in ethanol, diethyl ether was added, and the reaction mixture was kept for 16 h. The lilac crystals that precipitated were filtered off, treated on a filter with hot water to remove unconsumed **8a**, and dried. Salt **9** was obtained in a yield of 0.07 g (see Table 1). IR (KBr), v/cm⁻¹: 3600–3300 (OH), 3200 (NH), 1608, 1375 (CO₂). ³¹P–{¹H} NMR (CD₃OD), δ : 51.1 br.s.

X-ray diffraction study of hydrochloride 7a and dihydrate of chelate 9. The structures were solved by direct methods and refined by the full-matrix least-squares method with anisotropic displacement parameters for nonhydrogen atoms against F_{hkl}^2 . The hydrogen atoms were located from difference Fourier maps

Table 6.	Principal	crystallo	graphic	data	and	parameters	of	structure	refinement	for	hydrochl	0-
ride 7a an	nd chelate	9										

Parameter	9	7a		
Formula	C ₃₄ H ₄₂ CuN ₂ O ₈ P ₂	C ₁₇ H ₂₁ ClNO ₃ P		
T/K	298	120		
Diffractometer	Siemens P3	SMART CCD		
Radiation	MoKa-α	ΜοΚ-α		
Scan mode	ω-Scanning technique	ω-Scanning technique		
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Triclinic		
Space group	Pbca	$P\overline{1}$		
a/Å	8.732(2)	9.997(1)		
b/Å	11.106(2)	10.551(1)		
c/Å	34.851(7)	17.208(2)		
α/deg		93.378(3)		
β/deg		100.776(3)		
γ/deg		90.744(3)		
$V/Å^3$	3379.8(12)	1779.5(4)		
Z(Z')	4(0.5)	4(2)		
M	732.18	353.77		
μ/cm^{-1}	7.95	3.18		
<i>F</i> (000)	1532	744		
$\rho_{calc}/g \text{ cm}^{-3}$	1.439	1.320		
$2\theta_{\text{max}}/\text{deg}$	55	57		
Number of measured reflections (R_{int})	3873 (0.0)	13021 (0.0177)		
Number of independent reflections	3873	8402		
Number of observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	2550	6522		
Number of parameters	226	439		
R_1	0.0428	0.0473		
wR ₂	0.1035	0.1157		
GOOF	1.002	1.072		
$\rho \text{ (max/min)/e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$	0.429/-0.685	0.619/-0.462		

and refined isotropically. All calculations were carried out using the SHELXTL PLUS program package (Table 6).

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