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Title: Spontaneous resolution upon crystallization of allenyl-bis-phosphine oxides

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General Methods: All reactions were performed under nitrogen atmosphere unless stated otherwise. Chemicals/solvents were purified as required using standard procedures,¹ unless otherwise noted. Chlorodiphenylphosphine (Ph₂PCl), procured from Aldrich, was distilled prior to use. ¹H, ¹³C and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded using a 400 MHz spectrometer in CDCl₃ (unless stated otherwise) with shifts referenced to SiMe₄ ($\delta = 0$) or 85 % H₃PO₄ ($\delta = 0$). All J values are in Hz. IR spectra were recorded neat or by using KBr pellets on a JASCOFT/IR 5300 spectrometer. Melting points were determined by using a local hot stage melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Elemental analyses were carried out on a Perkin-Elmer 240C CHN or Thermo Finnigan EA1112 CHNS analyzer. For TLC, glass microslides were coated with silicagel-GF₂₅₄ (mesh size 75µ) and spots were identified using iodine or UV chamber as appropriate. For column chromatography, silica gel of100-200 mesh size was used. LC-MS data were obtained using electrospray ionization (positive mode) on a C-18 column. Mass spectra were recorded using HRMS (ESI-TOF analyzer) equipment.X-ray data were collected at 293 K on a Bruker AXS-SMART or on an OXFORD diffractometer using Mo-K_{α} radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). Structures were solved and refined using standard methods.²

1 Synthesis of propargyl alcohols [2a-f, 3a-c, 4, 16 and 18]

Propargyl alcohols 2-4, 16and 18 were prepared according to the known literature methods.³ Among these $2a-b^3$, $2d^3$, $3a-c^3$, 16^4 and 18^3 are known.

Compound 2c



In a round bottom flask (50 mL) equipped with phenylacetylene (0.42 mL, 3.8mmol), and THF (20 mL), n-BuLi (3.5 mL, 5.6 mmol) was added drop-wise via syringe at -30 °C. Then the mixture was stirred at -30 °C for 0.5 h. This was followed by the drop-wise addition of 5-bromo-2-nitro-benzaldehyde⁵ (0.8 g, 3.48 mmol) dissolved in THF (10 mL) at -20 °C over a period of 15 min. After completion of addition, the mixture was warmed to 0 °C and stirring continued for 1-2 h. Then it was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl solution, the solvent removed and extracted with diethyl ether. The organic layer was washed with brine solution followed by drying the organic layer with anh. Na₂SO₄. The product 2c was purified by column chromatography using silica gel with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4) as the eluent. Yellow solid; Yield 1.04 g (90%); mp 68– 70 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3222, 2953, 2926, 2849, 2219, 1605, 1562, 1518, 1348, 1293, 1173, 1074, 1036, 975, 899; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.62 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.44-7.27 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 6.26 (s, 1H, CHOH), 3.46 (br, 1H, OH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.6, 137.5, 132.4, 132.3, 131.9, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 126.6, 121.7 (Ar-C), 87.1 (C=C), 86.1 (C=C), 61.2 (CHOH); LC-MS *m/z* 332 [M]⁺; Anal. Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₀BrNO₃:C, 54.24; H, 3.03; N, 4.22. Found: C, 54.32; H, 3.09; N, 4.28.

Compound 2e



Procedure was similar to that for compound 2c using 4-ethynyl toluene (0.79 mL, 6.25 mmol) and 5-chloro-2-nitro-benzaldehyde⁵ (1.05 g, 5.68 mmol). Brown solid; yield 1.49 g (87%); mp 70–72 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3260, 2964, 2921, 2866, 2219, 1605, 1573, 1523, 1353, 1288, 1178,

1112, 1079, 1041, 981, 877; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (dd \rightarrow t, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.94 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.46-7.10 (m, 5H, Ar-*H*), 6.26 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, CHOH), 3.54 (br, 1H, OH), 2.34 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.0, 140.3, 139.2, 137.7, 131.8, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 126.6, 118.6 (Ar-*C*), 87.3 (*C*=C), 85.4 (C=*C*), 61.3 (CHOH), 21.5 (CH₃); LC-MS *m*/*z* 302 [M]⁺; Anal. Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂ClNO₃:C, 63.69; H, 4.01; N, 4.64. Found: C, 63.58; H, 4.07; N, 4.58.

Compound 2f



Procedure was similar to that for compound **2c** using 4-ethnyl toluene (0.49 mL, 3.83 mmol) and 5-bromo-2-nitrobenzaldehyde (0.80 g, 3.48 mmol). Brown solid; yield 1.03 g (86%); mp 76–78 $^{\circ}$ C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3266, 2964, 2915, 2860, 2219, 1600, 1562, 1523, 1348, 1293, 1173, 1079, 1041, 970, 860; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.34-7.10 (m, 4H, Ar-*H*), 6.25 (s, 1H, CHOH), 3.42 (br, 1H, OH), 2.35 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.6, 139.3, 137.6, 132.3, 131.8, 129.1, 128.8, 126.6, 118.6 (Ar-*C*), 87.4 (*C*=C), 85.4 (C=*C*), 61.3 (*C*HOH), 21.6 (*C*H₃); LC-MS *m*/*z* 346 [M]⁺; Anal. Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂BrNO₃:C, 55.51; H, 3.49; N, 4.05. Found: C, 55.62; H, 3.45; N, 4.12.



Procedure was similar to that for compound **2c** using1-heptyne (1.49 mL, 11.32 mmol) and 5chloro-2-nitro-benzaldehyde (1.5 g, 8.08 mmol). Gummy liquid; yield 2.0 g (88%); IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3414, 3101, 2959, 2926, 2855, 2225, 1611, 1573, 1523, 1468, 1342, 1293, 1178, 1140, 1107, 1074, 1014, 893; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95-7.41 (m, 3H, Ar-*H*), 6.01 (s, 1H, CHOH), 3.27 (br, 1H, O*H*), 2.23 (t, 2H, C*H*₂), 1.51-1.27 (m, 6H, C*H*₂), 0.88 (t, 3H, CH₂C*H*₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.1, 140.2, 138.2, 129.3, 129.0, 126.5 (Ar-*C*), 88.7 (*C*=C), 77.4 (C=*C*), 60.9 (*C*HOH), 31.0, 28.0, 22.2 and 18.7 (*C*H₂), 14.0 (*C*H₃); LC-MS *m*/*z* 282 [M]⁺; Anal. Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₆ClNO₃:C, 59.68; H, 5.72; N, 4.97. Found: C, 59.76; H, 5.69; N, 5.07.

2 Synthesis of allenyl-bis-phosphine oxides [6-15] and allenylphosphine oxides 17 and 19

An oven dried 25 mL round-bottomed flask was charged with propargyl alcohol **2a** (0.34 g, 1.36 mmol), NEt₃ (0.4 mL, 2.85 mmol) and dry THF (5 mL). The mixture was stirred at 0 $^{\circ}$ C for 5 min. To this, **.1** (0.51 mL, 2.85 mmol) dissolved in dry THF (5 mL) was added drop-wise at 0 $^{\circ}$ C over a period of 15 min. Then the mixture was stirred at 0 $^{\circ}$ C for 1-2 h. Filtration followed by removal of the solvent and purification by column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate; 2:1) afforded **6** as a white solid. Similarly, compounds **7-15**, **17** and **19** were prepared.



Yield 0.797 g (92%); mp 176–178 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3057, 2924, 2853, 1935, 1738, 1593, 1526, 1435, 1346, 1198, 1117, 750; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99-7.94 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.58-7.19 (m, 25H, Ar-*H*), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.4 (C=*C*=C), 148.0, 132.9, 132.6, 132.5, 132.4, 132.2, 131.9, 131.7, 131.6, 130.9, 130.6, 130.3, 130.0, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 126.0, 124.8 (Ar-*C*), 104.9 (dd, ¹*J*(P-C) = 90.0 Hz, ³*J*(P-C) = 12.9 Hz, P-*C*), 102.0 (dd, ¹*J*(P-C) = 90.7 Hz, ³*J*(P-C) = 14.9 Hz, P-*C*); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.10 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 26.83 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz); LC-MS *m*/*z* 638 [M+1]⁺; Anal. Calcd. for C₃₉H₂₉NO₄P₂: C, 73.47; H, 4.58; N, 2.20. Found: C, 73.65; H, 4.51; N, 2.28.

Compound 7



This compound was prepared by following a procedure similar to that for **6** using propargyl alcohol **2b** (0.31 g, 1.06 mmol). White solid; yield 0.653 g (91%); mp 164–166 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3052, 2926, 2855, 1940, 1600, 1529, 1441, 1337, 1200, 1112, 948; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96-7.91 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.59-7.19 (m, 24H, Ar-*H*), 6.50 (1 s, 1H, Ar-*H*); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.0 (t, *J* ~ 6.0 Hz, C=C=C), 146.1, 139.2,

132.7, 132.5, 132.4, 132.3, 132.2, 132.1, 132.0, 131.6, 131.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 126.0 (Ar-*C*), 105.5 (dd, ${}^{1}J(P-C) = 88.0$ Hz, ${}^{3}J(P-C) = 13.0$ Hz, P-*C*), 101.4 (dd, ${}^{1}J(P-C) = 91.0$ Hz, ${}^{3}J(P-C) = 14.0$ Hz, P-*C*); ${}^{31}P$ NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.14 (d, J = 13.5 Hz), 26.80 (d, J = 13.5 Hz); HRMS (ESI):Calcd. for C₃₉H₂₈ClNO₄P₂ (M⁺ + H and M⁺ + H +2): m/z 672.1261 and 674.1261. Found: 672.1260 and 674.1245.

Compound 8



This compound was prepared by following a route similar to that for **6** using propargyl alcohol **2c** (0.32 g, 0.96 mmol). White solid; yield 0.595 g (86%); mp 158–160 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3052, 2926, 2849, 1934, 1595, 1562, 1529, 1436, 1347, 1205, 1118, 1074, 926; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95-7.90 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.60-7.20 (m, 24H, Ar-*H*), 6.70 (1 s, 1H, Ar-*H*); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.1 (t, *J* ~ 6.0 Hz, C=*C*=C), 146.7, 135.1, 132.7, 132.6, 132.5, 132.4, 132.3, 132.2, 132.1, 131.9, 131.7₀, 131.6₆, 131.6, 131.4, 131.3, 130.9, 130.6, 130.3, 130.0₈, 130.0₅, 129.8₂, 129.7₇, 129.7, 129.0₁, 128.9₈, 128.9, 128.7₉, 128.7₅, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 126.1 (Ar-*C*), 105.6 (dd, ¹*J*(P-C) = 90.0 Hz, ³*J*(P-C) = 12.5 Hz, P-*C*), 101.3 (dd, ¹*J*(P-C) = 91.5 Hz, ³*J*(P-C) = 13.5 Hz, P-*C*); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.23 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz), 26.83 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz); HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₃₉H₂₈BrNO₄P₂ (M⁺ + H and M⁺ + H +2): *m*/z 716.0756 and 718.0756. Found: 716.0777 and 718.0766.



This compound was prepared by following a procedure similar to that for **6** using propargyl alcohol **2d** (0.31 g, 1.16 mmol). White solid; Yield: 0.711 g (94%); mp 190–192 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3052, 2997, 2953, 2915, 1934, 1600, 1573, 1523, 1436, 1348, 1195, 1123, 997, 904; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99-7.94 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 6.8 Hz, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.60-7.01 (m, 24H, Ar-*H*), 6.83 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 2.29 (s, 3H, C*H*₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.5 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, C=*C*=C), 148.1, 138.4, 132.8, 132.6, 132.5, 132.4, 132.2, 132.1, 131.8, 131.7, 131.6, 131.0₃, 130.9₇, 130.8, 130.4, 129.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7₁, 128.6₆, 128.5₉, 128.5₅, 128.3, 128.2, 126.8, 126.1, 124.7 (Ar-*C*), 104.9 (dd, ¹*J*(P-C) = 95.0 Hz, ³*J*(P-C) = 8.0 Hz, P-C), 101.8 (dd, ¹*J*(P-C) = 97.5 Hz, ³*J*(P-C) = 9.5 Hz, P-C), 21.3 (*C*H₃); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.01 and 26.84 (AB quartet, *J* ~ 13.0 Hz); HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₄₀H₃₁NO₄P₂ (M⁺ + H): *m*/*z* 652.1807. Found: 652.1804.

Compound 10



Procedure was similar to that for compound **6** using propargyl alcohol **2e** (0.35 g, 1.16 mmol). White solid; yield 0.713 g (89%); mp 180–182 $^{\circ}$ C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3058, 2926, 2849,

1918, 1600, 1556, 1523, 1436, 1342, 1195, 1112, 937; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94-7.89 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.56-7.00 (m, 23H, Ar-*H*), 6.55 (1 s, 1H, Ar-*H*), 2.24 (1 s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.0 (t, *J* ~ 6.0 Hz, C=*C*=C), 146.1, 139.0, 138.5, 132.5, 132.3, 132.24, 132.15, 132.0, 131.9, 131.7, 131.5, 131.4, 131.2, 130.7, 130.5, 130.2, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 126.4, 125.9 (Ar-*C*), 105.3 (dd, ¹*J*(P-C) = 90.0 Hz, ³*J*(P-C) = 12.0 Hz, P-*C*), 101.0 (dd, ¹*J*(P-C) = 93.0 Hz, ³*J*(P-C) = 13.0 Hz, P-*C*), 21.1 (PhCH₃); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.25 (d, *J* ~ 13.0 Hz), 26.76 (d, *J* ~ 13.0 Hz); HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₄₀H₃₀ClNO₄P₂ (M⁺ + Na and M⁺ + Na +2): *m*/*z* 708.1237 and 710.1237. Found: 708.1236 and 710.1219.

Compound 11



This compound was prepared by following a procedure similar to that for **6** using propargyl alcohol **2f** (0.30 g, 0.86 mmol). White solid; yield 0.577 g (91%); mp 184–186 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3052, 2921, 2855 1912, 1595, 1556, 1523, 1436, 1348, 1200, 1118, 932; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91-7.02 (m, 26H, Ar-*H*), 6.74 (1 s, 1H, Ar-*H*), 2.24 (1 s, 3H, C*H*₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.0 (t, *J* ~ 6.0 Hz, C=*C*=C), 146.6, 138.5, 134.9, 132.5, 132.3₄, 132.2₅, 132.2, 132.0, 131.9, 131.7, 131.5, 131.4, 131.3, 130.7, 130.5, 130.2, 130.0, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.5, 126.4, 125.9 (Ar-*C*), 105.3 (dd, ¹*J*(P-C) = 90.0 Hz, ³*J*(P-C) = 12.0 Hz, P-*C*), 100.9 (dd, ¹*J*(P-C) = 93.5 Hz, ³*J*(P-C) = 12.5 Hz, P-*C*), 21.1 (PhCH₃); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.41 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz), 26.79 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz); HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for

 $C_{40}H_{30}BrNO_4P_2$ (M⁺ + Na and M⁺ + Na +2); *m*/*z* 752.0731 and 754.0731. Found: 752.0733 and 754.0723.

Compound 12



This compound was prepared by following a route similar to that for 6 using propargyl alcohol **3a** (0.45 g, 1.75 mmol). White solid; yield 1.061 g (94%); mp 180–182 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3052, 2921, 2855, 1918, 1611, 1573, 1529, 1479, 1436, 1342, 1195, 1118, 997; ¹H NMR (400 MHz. CDCl₃) δ 8.02-7.97 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.67-7.29 (m, 20H, Ar-H), 6.77 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 5.76 (br s, 1H, =CH), 1.94-1.89 (m, 4H, CH₂), 1.55-1.45 (m, 4H, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.1 (t, J ~ 6.0 Hz, C=C=C), 148.0, 132.6, 132.5₁, 132.47, 132.4, 132.3, 132.2, 131.9, 131.8, 131.7, 131.6, 131.5, 131.4, 131.3, 130.8, 129.7, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 126.4, 124.5 (Ar-C), 106.3 (dd, ${}^{1}J(P-C) = 90.5$ Hz, ${}^{3}J(P-C) =$ 11.5 Hz, P-C), 101.8 (dd, ${}^{1}J(P-C) = 95.0$ Hz, ${}^{3}J(P-C) = 13.0$ Hz, P-C), 28.4, 25.9, 22.6 and 21.4 (CH_2) ; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.12 (d, J = 13.8 Hz), 25.93 (d, J = 13.8 Hz); HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{39}H_{33}NO_4P_2$ (M⁺ + H): m/z 642.1964. Found 642.1964. After obtaining the crystals [ethyl acetate + chloroform in the v/v ratio ~1:1)], the two enantiomers (R and S) were separated by hand picking, based on slightly different morphology. For solid state CD spectra, two/ three single crystals having similar morphology were combined, and made into KBr pellet. Combination of single crystals was done several times to get the best CD spectra. For the other enantiomer also, a similar procedure was adapted.

Compound 13



This compound was prepared by following a procedure similar to that for **6** using propargyl alcohol **3b** (0.36 g, 1.22 mmol). White solid; yield 0.752 g (91%); mp 148–150 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3058, 2926, 2860, 1907, 1595, 1562, 1534, 1441, 1342, 1195, 1112, 932; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99-7.94 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.64-7.30 (m, 19H, Ar-*H*), 6.49 (1 s, 1H, Ar-*H*), 5.84 (br s, 1H, =C*H*), 1.93 (br, 4H, C*H*₂), 1.55-1.45 (m, 4H, C*H*₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.7 (t, *J* ~ 6.0 Hz, C=*C*=C), 146.1, 139.0, 132.6, 132.4, 132.3, 132.24, 132.15, 132.1, 132.0, 131.9, 131.7, 131.6, 131.4, 131.3₂, 131.2₈, 131.0, 130.5, 129.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6₇, 128.6₅, 128.5₉, 128.5₅, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6₃, 127.5₈, 127.5, 125.9 (Ar-*C*), 107.1 (dd, ¹*J*(P-C) = 90.0 Hz, ³*J*(P-C) = 11.2 Hz, P-*C*), 101.2 (dd, ¹*J*(P-C) = 95.5 Hz, ³*J*(P-C) = 12.5 Hz, P-*C*), 28.5, 26.1, 22.7 and 21.5 (*C*H₂); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.55 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz), 25.59 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz); HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₃₉H₃₂CINO₄P₂ (M⁺ + Na and M⁺ + Na +2): *m*/z 698.1393 and 700.1393. Found: 698.1391 and 700.1373.



Procedure was similar to that for compound **6** using propargyl alcohol **3c** (0.22 g, 0.65 mmol). White solid; yield 0.433 g (93%); mp 188–190 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3052, 2926, 2855, 1912, 1595, 1562, 1534, 1436, 1353, 1205, 1123, 932; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99-7.94 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.70-7.31 (m, 20H, Ar-*H*), 6.69 (1 s, 1H, Ar-*H*), 5.85 (br s, 1H, =C*H*), 1.93 (br, 4H, C*H*₂), 1.55-1.46 (m, 4H, C*H*₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.7 (t, $J \sim 6.0$ Hz, C=*C*=C), 146.7, 134.9, 132.5, 132.3, 132.2, 132.1₂, 132.0₆, 132.0, 131.9, 131.8, 131.6, 131.5₄, 131.4, 131.3, 131.2, 130.9, 130.4, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5₃, 128.4₉, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 125.9 (Ar-*C*), 107.0 (dd, ¹*J*(P-C) = 90.0 Hz, ³*J*(P-C) = 11.0 Hz, P-*C*), 101.0 (dd, ¹*J*(P-C) = 95.5 Hz, ³*J*(P-C) = 12.5 Hz, P-*C*), 28.5, 26.0, 22.6 and 21.4 (CH₂); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.58 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz), 25.64 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz); HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₃₉H₃₂BrNO₄P₂ (M⁺ + Na and M⁺ + Na +2): *m*/*z* 742.0888 and 744.0888. Found: 742.0889 and 744.0880.

Compound 15



This compound was prepared by following a procedure similar to that for **6** using propargyl alcohol **4** (0.45 g, 1.61 mmol). White solid; yield 0.946 g (88%); mp 124–126 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3063, 2959, 2926, 2849, 1934, 1595, 1567, 1523, 1468, 1436, 1353, 1195, 1129, 1003, 937; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04-7.99 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.67-7.30 (m, 19H, Ar-*H*), 6.86 (1 s, 1H, Ar-*H*), 2.08-2.01 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.27-1.07 (m, 6H, CH₂), 0.78 (t, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.0 (t, *J* ~ 6.0 Hz, C=C=C), 146.6, 139.1, 132.7,

132.6, 132.5, 132.4, 132.2₂, 132.2₀, 132.1₄, 132.1₁, 131.9, 131.8, 131.7, 131.6, 131.5, 131.4, 131.2, 130.8, 130.5, 130.3, 130.1, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 126.0 (Ar-*C*), 102.8 (dd, ${}^{1}J(P-C) = 90.5$ Hz, ${}^{3}J(P-C) = 10.5$ Hz, P-*C*), 100.1 (dd, ${}^{1}J(P-C) = 97.0$ Hz, ${}^{3}J(P-C) = 13.0$ Hz, P-*C*), 31.7, 28.7, 28.3 and 22.2 (*C*H₂), 13.9 (*C*H₃); ${}^{31}P$ NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 28.27 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz), 26.53 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz); HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₃₈H₃₄ClNO₄P₂ (M⁺ + Na and M⁺ + Na +2): *m/z* 688.1550 and 690.1550. Found: 688.1551 and 690.1533.

Compound A



3-Naphthalen-1-yl-1-(2-nitro-phenyl)-prop-2-yn-1-ol [IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3267, 2924, 2854, 2220, 1609, 1522, 1396, 1345, 1289, 1182, 1099, 1011, 947, 859, 777; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.74-7.71 (m, 4H, Ar-*H*), 7.62-7.42 (m, 4H, Ar-*H*), 6.41 (s, 1H, CHOH), 3.47 (s, 1H, OH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.7, 135.5, 133.8, 133.1, 132.9, 130.9, 129.2, 129.1₂, 128.2, 126.9, 126.4, 125.8, 125.0, 124.9, 119.5, 91.6, 84.7, 61.8] (2.0g, 6.5 mmol) was used. The reaction mixture soon after the column showed Compound **A** and its P(V)-P(III) precursor [δ (P): 25.6, -0.4] in the ratio ~1:4. Over a period of ca 12 h, in air complete conversion to **A** could be effected. Yield: 4.08 g (90%; light yellow solid); mp 148-150 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3057, 2924, 2852, 1926, 1639, 1573, 1522, 1436, 1344, 1192, 1118, 745, 698; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01-7.95 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.77-7.50 (m, 7H, Ar-H), 7.47-7.30 (m,13H, Ar-H), 7.25-7.00 (m, 7H, Ar-H), 6.89-6.72 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 135.2, 135.0, 133.7, 133.5, 133.34, 133.27, 133.1, 132.9, 132.7, 132.6, 132.1, 132.0, 131.94, 131.90, 131.8, 129.9, 129.4, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.50, 128.47,128.4, 128.33, 128.27, 128.20, 128.18, 128.12, 128.10, 128.06, 128.01, 127.81, 127.78, 126.2, 125.9, 125.8, 125.7, 125.5, 125.3, 125.1, 124.8, 124.7; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.30 (d, $J \sim 13.0$ Hz), 24.86 (d, $J \sim 13.0$ Hz); HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₄₃H₃₁NO₄P₂Na [M⁺+Na] 710.1626, found: 710.1625.

Compound 17



This compound was prepared by following a route similar to that for **6** using propargyl alcohol **16** (0.35 g, 1.70 mmol). White solid; yield 0.613 g (92%); mp 146–148 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3085, 3052, 3030, 1923, 1655, 1595, 1490, 1436, 1381, 1118, 1074, 926, 827; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83-7.70 (m, 6H, Ar-*H*), 7.46-7.12 (m, 14H, Ar-*H*), 6.30 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H, *CH*); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.9 (d, ²*J*(P-C) = 5.0 Hz, C=C=C), 132.9, 132.5, 131.9, 131.8, 131.7, 131.6, 131.5, 128.7_0, 128.6_8, 128.3_2, 128.2_7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 126.9 (Ar-*C*), 105.4 (d, ¹*J*(P-C) = 98.0 Hz, PC), 98.4 (d, ³*J*(P-C) = 13.0 Hz, *C*H); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 29.64; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₇H₂₁OP (M⁺ + H): *m*/*z* 393.1409. Found 393.1410.



Procedure was similar to that for compound **6** using propargyl alcohol **18** (0.25 g, 0.99 mmol). Yellow liquid; yield 0.346 g (81%); IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3058, 2959, 2932, 2860, 1929, 1595, 1512, 1436, 1342, 1195, 1118, 866; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.79-7.65 (m, 4H, Ar-*H*), 7.55-7.31 (m, 6H, Ar-*H*), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 6.17 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H, C*H*), 2.50-2.36 (m, 2H, C*H*₂), 1.59-1.51 (m, 2H, C*H*₂), 1.33-1.21 (m, 4H, C*H*₂), 0.80 (t, 3H, C*H*₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.8 (²*J*(P-C) = 6.0 Hz, C=C=C), 146.8, 140.1, 132.3, 132.1, 132.0, 131.6, 131.5, 131.4, 131.3, 130.9, 130.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.0, 124.0 (Ar-*C*), 104.6 (d, ¹*J*(P-C) = 95.0 Hz, P*C*), 96.1 (d, ³*J*(P-C) = 13.0 Hz, CH), 31.3, 28.0₉, 28.0₆ and 22.3 (CH₂), 13.9 (CH₃); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 29.27; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₆H₂₆NO₃P (M⁺ + Na): *m*/z 454.1548. Found: 454.1549.

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X-ray Data:

Compound 5: $C_{39}H_{29}NO_3P_2$, M = 621.57, orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$, a = 11.2790(6), b = 16.1962(8), c = 17.5843(9) Å, V = 3212.1(3) Å³, Z = 4, $\mu = 0.175$ mm⁻¹, Flack parameter -0.03(9), data/restraints/parameters: 5347/0/406, R indices (I> 2σ (I)): R1 = 0.0421, *w*R2 (all data) = 0.1120. CCDC No. 1041550.

- **Compound 6:** $C_{39}H_{29}NO_4P_2$, M = 637.57, orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$, a = 11.2810(5), b = 16.1001(8), c = 17.7437(9) Å, V = 3222.7(2) Å³, Z = 4, $\mu = 0.178$ mm⁻¹, Flack parameter -0.09(12), data/restraints/parameters: 5547/0/415, R indices (I> 2σ (I)): R1 = 0.0586, wR2 (all data) = 0.1120. CCDC No. 1041551.
- **Compound 9:** $C_{49}H_{31}NO_4P_2$, M = 651.60, orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$, a = 11.1755(11), b = 15.950(2), c = 18.117(2) Å, V = 3229.3(7) Å³, Z = 4, $\mu = 0.179$ mm⁻¹, Flack parameter -0.03(16), data/restraints/parameters: 5200/0/425, R indices (I> 2σ (I)): R1 = 0.0765, wR2 (all data) = 0.1471. CCDC No. 1041552.
- **Compound 10:** $C_{49}H_{30}CINO_4P_2$, M = 686.04, triclinic, space group $P\overline{1}$, a = 9.9475(3), b = 13.0705(5), c = 14.9853(5) Å, $\alpha = 106.240(3)$, $\beta = 94.143(3)$, $\gamma = 110.585(3)$, V = 1719.36(11) Å³, Z = 2, $\mu = 2.211$ mm⁻¹, data/restraints/parameters: 6544/0/434, R indices (I> 2σ (I)): R1 = 0.0435, wR2 (all data) = 0.1252. CCDC No. 1041553.
- **Compound 11:** $C_{42}H_{32}BrCl_6NO_4P_2$, M = 969.24, triclinic, space group $P\overline{1}$, a = 11.5145(7), b = 13.3968(8), c = 14.6374(9) Å, $\alpha = 86.833(5)$, $\beta = 75.632(5)$, $\gamma = 87.590(5)$, V =

2183.0(2) Å³, Z = 2, $\mu = 1.424$ mm⁻¹, data/restraints/parameters: 7681/0/507, R indices (I> 2 σ (I)): R1 = 0.0729, *w*R2 (all data) = 0.2226. CCDC No. 1041554.

- **Compound** (*R*)-12: C₃₉H₃₃NO₄P₂, M = 641.60, orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$, a = 11.3350(6), b = 17.7472(12), c = 16.1457(8) Å, V = 3247.9(3) Å³, Z = 4, $\mu = 0.177$ mm⁻¹, Flack parameter -0.13(12), data/restraints/parameters: 5525/0/415, R indices (I> 2 σ (I)): R1 = 0.0564, wR2 (all data) = 0.1610. CCDC No. 1041555.
- **Compound** (*S*)-12: C₃₉H₃₃NO₄P₂, M = 641.60, orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$, a = 11.3101(10), b = 17.7378(17), c = 16.0426(14) Å, V = 3218.4(5) Å³, Z = 4, $\mu = 0.179$ mm⁻¹, Flack parameter -0.27(11), data/restraints/parameters: 5523/0/415, R indices (I> 2σ (I)): R1 = 0.0487, wR2 (all data) = 0.1354. CCDC No. 1041556.
- **Compound** (*S*)-12 [Low temperature (100K) data]: $C_{39}H_{33}NO_4P_2$, M = 641.60, orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$, a = 11.326(2), b = 15.940(3), c = 17.593(3) Å, V = 3176(1) Å³, Z = 4, $\mu = 0.181$ mm⁻¹, Flack parameter -0.03(9), data/restraints/parameters: 5582/0/416, R indices (I> 2σ (I)): R1 = 0.0402, wR2 (all data) = 0.1079. CCDC No. 1051469.
- **Compound 13:** $C_{39}H_{33}CINO_4P_2$, M = 677.05, triclinic, space group $P\overline{1}$, a = 9.7782(6), b = 12.6735(7), c = 15.2180(9) Å, $\alpha = 72.422(5)$, $\beta = 88.076(5)$, $\gamma = 69.077(5)$, V = 1673.42(17) Å³, Z = 2, $\mu = 0.253$ mm⁻¹, data/restraints/parameters: 5885/0/424, R indices (I> 2σ (I)): R1 = 0.0534, wR2 (all data) = 0.1545. CCDC No. 1041557.



Fig. S1 Left: Molecular structure of compound **5**. Selected bond parameters: P1-O1 1.472(2), P1-C19 1.825(3), C19-C13 1.495(4), C19-C20 1.322(4), C20-C21 1.293(4), C21-C34 1.488(4), C21-P2 1.861(3) (Å). **Right:** Molecular structure of compound **6**. Selected bond parameters: P1-O1 1.474(3), P1-C19 1.821(4), C19-C13 1.492(5), C19-C20 1.319(6), C20-C21 1.300(6), C21-C34 1.495(5), C21-P2 1.834(4), P2-O2 1.483(3) (Å). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity in both the drawings.



Fig. S2 Molecular structure of compound **9**. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond parameters: P1-O1 1.468(4), P1-C20 1.806(6), C20-C13 1.463(8), C20-C21 1.322(8), C21-C22 1.278(8), C22-C35 1.478(8), C22-P2 1.829(6), P2-O2 1.467(4) (Å).



Fig. S3 Left: Molecular structure of compound 10. Selected bond parameters: P1-O1 1.4828(13), P1-C20 1.8300(17), C20-C13 1.487(2), C20-C21 1.311(2), C21-C22 1.304(2), C22-C35 1.494(2), C22-P2 1.8395(17), P2-O2 1.4616(16) (Å). Right: Molecular structure of compound 11. Selected bond parameters: P1-O1 1.488(4), P1-C20 1.828(5), C20-C13 1.481(7), C20-C21 1.307(7), C21-C22 1.305(6), C22-C35 1.483(6), C22-P2 1.828(5), P2-O2 1.482(3) (Å).



Fig. S4 Molecular structures for compounds (a) (*R*)-**12** (*b*) (*S*)-**12**. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond parameters with esd's in parentheses follow. **Compound (***R***)-12**: P1-O1 1.475(3), P1-C19 1.823(4), C19-C13 1.487(5), C19-C20 1.307(5), C20-C21 1.301(5), C21-

C34 1.480(5), C21-P2 1.824(4), P2-O2 1.476(3) (Å). **Compound (S)-12**: P1-O1 1.472(2), P1-C19 1.818(3), C19-C13 1.493(4), C19-C20 1.300(4), C20-C21 1.295(5), C21-C34 1.484(4), C21-P2 1.821(3), P2-O2 1.473(2) (Å).



Fig. S5 Molecular structure of compound **13**. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond parameters with esd's in parentheses: P1-O1 1.4779(19), P1-C19 1.828(3), C19-C13 1.493(4), C19-C20 1.309(3), C20-C21 1.306(3), C21-C34 1.492(3), C21-P2 1.831(3), P2-O2 1.4713(19) (Å).



Fig. S6 The UV-Visible spectra of compounds 9 and 12 before and after colour change with (A) $c = 1.7 \times 10^{-5}$ mol/L and (B) $c = 1.0 \times 10^{-3}$ mol/L. Whereas curves for 9 or 12 represent fresh solutions, those represented by 9C or 12C are for bluish-green coloured solutions formed after 2-days.



Figure S8.¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2c



Figure S10.¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2e



Figure S12.¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2f



Figure S14.¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 4



Figure S16.¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 6



Figure S18.¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 7



Figure S20.¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 8



Figure S22.¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 9



Figure S24.¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 10



Figure S26.¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 11



Figure S28.¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 12



Figure S30.¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 13



Figure S32.¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 14



Figure S34.¹³C NMR spectrum of compound A



Figure S36.¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 15



Figure S38.¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 17





Figure S40.¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 19

Compound 12-(racemic mixture after column chromatography)

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Compound 12- [ten handpicked crystals after crystallization enantiomer ratio ca 3:1] Shimadzu CLASS-VP V6.14 SP1 Area % Report Page 1 of 1

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