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## Asymmetric 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reaction of chiral 1-alkyl-1,2-diphospholes with diphenyldiazomethane

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#### **Calculation details**

The quantum chemical calculations were performed with the Gaussian 03 software package.<sup>1</sup> Full geometry optimizations have been carried out within the framework of DFT (PBE0) method using 6-31+G(d) basis sets. Chemical shifts were calculated at the PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p) level of theory. <sup>13</sup>C chemical shifts were referred to TMS. <sup>31</sup>P chemical shifts were referred to H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, and a linear scaling procedure was applied.<sup>2</sup>

References: see S37

#### Details of structure elucidation by NMR

The structures of compounds **3a**, **3b** and **5a** were established by verity of 1D/2D NMR correlation methods. Namely, starting from the group with well known "finger prints" structure of whole compound can be established practically directly.

For example, for **3a** we can start from the P2-CH<sub>2</sub>O protons with characteristic ABXY type spin system (at 3.95 and 3.62 ppm).

As to the menthyl fragment: There is  ${}^{1}\text{H}{}^{13}\text{C}$  HMBC correlation from the P2-CH<sub>2</sub>O protons to C1' (80.52 ppm). Then from  ${}^{1}\text{H}{}^{13}\text{C}$  HSQC experiment the H1' (3.01 ppm) proton can be established. Next there are  ${}^{1}\text{H}{}^{-13}\text{C}$  HMBC connectivity's from the H1' proton to C2' (48.91 ppm), to C5' (31.56 ppm), to C7' (24.76 ppm) and to P2-<u>C</u>H<sub>2</sub>O (64.79 ppm) carbons. There are also NOE's from the P2-CH<sub>2</sub>O protons to H1', to H6eq' and to H7' protons. Then combination of  ${}^{1}\text{H}{}^{-1}\text{H}$  COSY,  ${}^{1}\text{H}{}^{-13}\text{C}$  HMBC experiments allows to assign all signals in  ${}^{1}\text{H}$  and  ${}^{13}\text{C}$  spectra of the menthyl moiety. The most important connectivity's are from H7' to Me-8' and Me-9' ( ${}^{1}\text{H}{}^{-1}\text{H}$  COSY and  ${}^{1}\text{H}{}^{-13}\text{C}$  HMBC); and from H5' to Me-10' ( ${}^{1}\text{H}{}^{-1}\text{H}$  COSY and  ${}^{1}\text{H}{}^{-13}\text{C}$  HMBC).

As to the bicyclic phosphirane fragment: There are <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>31</sup>P HMBC correlations from the P2-CH<sub>2</sub>O protons to P1 (-121.4 ppm) and to P2 (6.2 pm). There is also <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HMBC connectivity from the P2-CH<sub>2</sub>O protons to C3 (144.52 ppm). <sup>13</sup>C DEPT experiments help to distinguish protonated carbons from not protonated ones (CH *versus* C) in low field region. Then, four less intense signals of protonated carbons can be assigned to *para*-carbons of phenyl rings. Doublets in low field region of the <sup>1</sup>H spectra are due to *ortho*-protons. Then there is correlation from the *o*-Ph3 (d, 6.3 ppm) protons to C3 (<sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HMBC), to P2 (<sup>1</sup>H-<sup>31</sup>P HMBC) and to the P2-CH<sub>2</sub>O protons (NOE). There are correlations from the *o*-Ph6 (d, 7.65 ppm) and the *o*-Ph6 and the *o*-Ph3 protons. There is also NOE between the *o*-Ph3 and the *o*-Ph4 protons. There is <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HMBC correlation from the *o*-Ph4 protons to C4 (151.12 ppm). Unfortunately, there is no <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HMBC connectivity's to C5 (73.08 ppm) due to: 1) the *o*-Ph5 protons are broadened due to sterical hindrance; 2) there is no other protons in close proximity. But it's characteristic chemical shift and <sup>1</sup>JCP (37.8 Hz) allows assign the signal to C5. This is also in good agreement with results of calculations. Finally, starting from the ortho-protons all other signals in <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>1</sup>H spectra can be well assigned upon <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HMBC, <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HMBC, <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>14</sup>C CMSY connectivity's.

In similar way structures of **3b** and **5a** were established.

In the case of compound **5b** the bicyclic phosphirane fragment signals in <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra cannot be resolved (except C4-*o*-Ph and C3-*o*-Ph) due to intensive overlap with the main isomer (**5a**) signals therefore only the data for the neomenthyl fragment is given. In this case <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>31</sup>P HMBC, <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HSQC spectra are particularly helpful. The <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>31</sup>P HMBC spectra allows to reveal the protons coupled with minor phosphorus signals, while the <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HSQC spectra helps to resolve <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C signals of neomenthyl fragment. But no information about exact multiplet structure of the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C spectra can be obtained in this way for some of the protons.

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Energy	-g*	trans	+g
hartree	-2145.8153312	-2145.8190703	-2145.8169151
kcal/mol	2.3	0	1.4

**Table S1.** Energies (PBE0/6-31+G(d)) of main forms due to rotation around P2-CH<sub>2</sub> bond in the model of compound **3** (**3**<sup> $\prime$ </sup>, methyl instead of menthyl).

\* orientation with respect to the lone pair of electrons at phosphorus, C-O with lone pair of electrons; "+" – clockwise;



Figure S1. The major form of the model compound 3' (methyl instead of menthyl): front and side views.

	<b>3</b> a	<b>3</b> b
Energy, hartree	-2498.0263604	-2498.026385
Energy, kcal/mol	0.015	0
P1	-105.7	-102.4
P2	13.6	16.1
C3	156.0	156.9
C4	158.5	157.7
C5	80.3	80.3
C6	58.2	58.4

Table S2. Energies (PBE0/6-31+G(d)) and some key <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>31</sup>P NMR chemical shifts (GIAO PBE0/6-31+G(d)//PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)) calculated for **3a** and **3b**.



Figure S2. High field sections of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **3a** (a, b) and **3b** (c, d) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room and low temperatures.

	5a	5b
Energy,	-2383.6206784	-2383.6181352
Energy, kcal/mol	0	1.6
P1	-85.7	-104.7
P2	22.3	15.5
C3	159.5	155.6
C4	156.8	159.5
C5	82.7	80.8
C6	60.0	58.0

**Table S3.** Energies (PBE0/6-31+G(d)) and some key <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>31</sup>P NMR chemical shifts (GIAO PBE0/6-31+G(d)//PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)) calculated for **5a** and **5b**.



Figure S3. Structures of isomers 5a (a) and 5b (b) with indicative NMR effects.













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**Figure S12.** 1D <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra of **3b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at T = 303 K.









**Figure S15.** 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{1}$ H COSY NMR spectrum of **3b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at T = 303 K.









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**Figure S19.** 1D <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>1</sup>H NOESY NMR spectra of **3b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at T = 303 K.







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**Figure S27.** 1D <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>1</sup>H NOESY NMR spectra of **5a** and **5b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at T = 303 K.







## **X-Ray Structure Determination**

The data was collected on a Gemini diffractometer (Rigaku Oxford Diffraction) using Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) and  $\omega$ -scan rotation. Data reduction was performed with CrysAlisPro<sup>[3]</sup> including the program SCALE3 ABSPACK for empirical absorption correction. The structure was solved by direct methods (SIR-92)<sup>[4]</sup> and the refinement was performed with SHELXL-2018.<sup>[5]</sup> Except disordered solvent THF molecules, all non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. Hydrogen atoms for methyl substituents and disordered molecules were calculated on idealized positions using the riding model, whereas all other H atoms were located on difference Fourier maps calculated at the final stage of the structure refinement. Structure figures were generated with DIAMOND-4.<sup>[6]</sup> Both THF solvent molecules are disordered in the vicinity of a twofold axis. CCDC 1988239 (**5a**) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge via https://summary.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structure-summary-form (or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: (+44)1223-336-033; or <u>deposit@ccdc.cam.uk</u>). References: see S37

Table S4. Basic crystallographi	c structure parameters for <b>5a</b> .		
Molecular formula	$C_{44}H_{44}P_2$ ·THF	Crystal size	0.35 x 0.24 x 0.06 mm <sup>3</sup>
Empirical formula	$C_{48}H_{52}OP_2$	Theta range for data collection	2.311 to 30.508°
Formula weight	706.83	Index ranges	$-24 \le h \le 24, -14 \le k \le 14, -32 \le l \le 32$
Temperature	130(2) K	Reflections collected	26465
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	Independent reflections	12072 [R(int) = 0.0360]
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Completeness to theta = $25.242^{\circ}$	99.9 %
Space group	<i>C</i> 2	Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Unit cell dimensions	a = 17.2172(4)  Å	Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.99370
	b = 10.3390(3) Å	Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
	c = 22.6719(5)  Å	Data / restraints / parameters	12072 / 39 / 590
	$\beta = 101.889(2)^{\circ}$	Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.006
Volume	3949.2(2) Å <sup>3</sup>	Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0524, wR2 = 0.1224
Ζ	4	R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0745, wR2 = 0.1356
Density (calculated)	1.189 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Absolute structure parameter	-0.01(3)
Absorption coefficient	$0.146 \text{ mm}^{-1}$	Residual electron density	0.531 and -0.387 e <sup>·</sup> Å <sup>-3</sup>
F(000)	1512		



**Figure S31.** Molecular structure of 2-((+)-neomenthyl)-3,4,5,6,6-pentaphenyl-1,2-(P1<sub>*R*</sub>P2<sub>*R*</sub>C3<sub>*S*</sub>)-diphosphabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-3-ene (**5a**). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Configuration of chiral atoms in the five-membered ring: P1:(*R*), P2:(*R*), C3:(*S*). Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: P1-C1 1.818(3); P1-C5 1.888(3); P1-P2 2.194(1); P2-C4 1.877(3); P2-C3 1.879(3); C1-C2 1.354(4); C2-C3 1.513(4); C3-C4 1.554(4); C1-P1-C5 99.9(1); C1-P1-P2 93.4(1); C4-P2-C3 48.9(1); C4-P2-P1 100.8(1); C3-P2-P1 94.4(1).

A crystal structure analysis of **5a** showed that only one diastereomer was obtained with the neomenthyl group in an *anti* orientation to the 3-membered P2-C3-C4(Ph<sub>2</sub>) fragment. Compound **5a** crystallizes in the monoclinic space group  $C_2$  with a Flack parameter of -0.01(3). There are 6 chiral centers in **5a**, each phosphorus atom has a typical pyramidal environment and the menthyl fragment has the configuration of (+)-neomenthol or (1*S*,2*S*,5*R*)-2-isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexanol.



Figure S32. Atom-labeling scheme of 5a. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are omitted for clarity.

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