An Efficient Catalytic Method for Hydrophosphination of

Heterocumulenes with Diethylzinc as Precatalyst

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General Procedures

All manipulations were carried out under a purified nitrogen atmosphere using Schlenk techniques or inside a Mbraun MB 150-GI glove box. All solvents were refluxed over the appropriate drying agents and distilled prior to use. Commercially available chemicals were purchased from J&K chemical or Aldrich and used as received. No ³¹P-NMR-silent material was formed in all reactions, so we determined the catalytic yields by ³¹P NMR. ¹H, ¹³C, and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded with a Varian Mercury Plus 400 MHz or Bruker Avance III 700 MHz spectrometer. Compounds LAIH₂ (L = HC(CMeNAr)₂, Ar = 2,6- Et₂C₆H₃) (1), and LZnEt (2) were prepared according to the literature procedures.^{[1][2]} Organophosphorus compounds **9i**, **9f**, **9j** and **9k** are new compounds. All other hydrophosphination products reported in this paper are known compounds which synthetic methods and catalytic reactions have been reported several times.^[3-9]

CCDC- 2097921 (C) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. This data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/ data request/cif.

Syntheses of Zinc Compounds EtZnPPh₂ (A) and [{Ph₂PC(N^{*i*}Pr)₂ZnEt]₂ (C)

Scheme S1. Synthesis of Zinc Compound $EtZnPPh_2$ (A) Ph_2PH + $ZnEt_2$ \xrightarrow{neat} $Ph_2P-ZnEt$ r.t. A

Method for Preparation of EtZnPPh₂ (A): ZnEt₂ (1 M in hexane, 1 mL,1 mmol) was added at room temperature to Ph₂PH (0.186 g, 1 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere, and the reaction mixture was stirred for additional 12 h. The crude product was washed with hexane to afford white powder of **A** and dried in vacuo. (0.133 g, yield 67% based on Ph₂PH); m.p. >300 °C. It can be found that A is present in polymeric form from Figure S1, because , which is consistent with the conclusion of *J*. *G*. Noltes.^[10] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.39 – 7.11 (m, 10H, Ar-*H*), 1.28 – 1.14 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 0.83 – 0.78 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 136.00, 135.03 – 132.86 (m), 129.54 – 126.79 (m), 24.45, 15.45. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -14.95.



Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of A





Figure S2. ¹³C NMR spectrum (176 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of A

Figure S3. ³¹P NMR spectrum (162 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of A

Scheme S2. Synthesis of Zinc Compound [{Ph₂PC(N^{*i*}Pr)₂}ZnEt]₂(C)



Method for Preparation of $[{Ph_2PC(N^iPr)_2}ZnEt]_2$ (C): ZnEt₂ (1 M in hexane, 1 mL,1 mmol) was added at room temperature to a solution of $iPrN=C(PPh_2)(NH^iPr)$ (9a) (0.311 g, 1 mmol) in Et₂O (5 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere, and the reaction mixture was stirred for additional 12 h,

stored overnight at -32 °C. The crude product was crystallized from toluene to afford colorless crystals of **C** and dried in vacuo. (0.63 g, yield 59% based on 'PrN=C(PPh₂)(NH/Pr) (**9a**)); m.p. 97~102 °C.¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.73 – 7.63 (m, 2H, N*H*), 7.52 – 6.91 (m, 20H, Ar-*H*), 3.57 – 3.41 (hept, J = 6.4 Hz, 4H, C*H*(CH₃)₂), 1.19 – 1.11 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 30H, C*H*₃), 0.91 – 0.89 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 4H, C*H*₂);¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 157.47, 139.46 – 130.92 (d, J = 19.5 Hz), 131.85, 54.06 – 50.71 (d, J = 36.1 Hz), 50.43, 44.59, 28.72 – 20.54 (d, J = 20.8 Hz), 23.24, 8.65, 4.38.³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -17.70. **Anal Calcd** for C₄₂H₅₈N₄P₂Zn₂: C, 62.15; H,7.20; N, 6.90. Found, C, 54.58; H, 6.095; N, 6.31.



Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of C



Figure S5. ¹³C NMR spectrum (176 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of C



Figure S6. ³¹P NMR spectrum (162 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of C

Crystal Structural Data and Refinement Details for Compound C

The single crystal of **C** was mounted with glue on a glass fiber and crystal data were collected on the Rigaku AFC10 Saturn724 + (2 × 2 bin mode) diffractometer equipped with graphitemonochromated Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). Empirical absorption correction was applied using the SADABS program.^[11] The structure was solved by the SHELXT-2014 program^[12] and refined by full-matrix least squares on F2 using the SHELXL-2016 program.^[13] The summary of the crystal data are given in Table S1.

Compound	С
CCDC	2097921
Empirical formula	$C_{42}H_{58}N_4P_2Zn_2$
Formula weight	811.60
Temperature (K)	296.15
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
<i>a</i> (Å)	8.4939(4)
<i>b</i> (Å)	14.3347(7)
<i>c</i> (Å)	18.6216(9)
α (°)	101.438(2)

Table S1: Single crystal X-ray structural data and refinement details for compound C.

β (°)	98.239(2)
γ (°)	106.0400(10)
Volume (Å ³)	2088.01(18)
Ζ	2
$\rho_{calc} \left(g/cm^3\right)$	1.291
μ (mm-1)	1.258
Crystal size (mm)	0.2 imes 0.15 imes
	0.1
$\boldsymbol{\varTheta}$ range (deg)	2.282 - 49.998
Reflections collected	20416
<i>R</i> (int)	0.0662
Data/restraints/parameter	7329/0/451
F (000)	856.0
$R1^{a}, wR2^{b} (I > 2\sigma(I))$	0.0271, 0.0669
$R1^{a}$, $wR2^{b}$ (all data)	0.0340, 0.0689

General Catalytic Procedure for the Hydrophosphination of Heterocumul-

enes

All reactions were carried out under nitrogen atmosphere. Catalyst **8** (5 mol%), heterocumulene (1 mmol) and Ph₂PH (0.186g, 1 mmol) were sealed in a 10 mL Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar inside the glove box. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for

0.1 - 24 hours depending on the nature of the starting material. The progress of the reaction was monitored by ¹H and ³¹P NMR spectroscopy using anisole (10 mol%) as an internal standard.

Spectroscopic Data

^{*i*}PrN=C(PPh₂)(NH^{*i*}Pr) (9a)

White solid (99% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.38 – 7.26 (m, 10H, Ar-*H*), 4.05 – 3.88 (m, 2H, C*H*(CH₃)₂), 3.44 – 3.36 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, N*H*), 0.96 – 0.83 (dd, J = 10.7, 6.3 Hz, 12H, CH(C*H*₃)₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.83 (d, *J* = 30.8 Hz), 133.93 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz), 133.32 (d, *J* = 19.6 Hz), 128.61, 128.09 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 52.06 (d, *J* = 35.8 Hz), 42.79, 24.32, 21.71.



Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9a



Figure S8. ¹³C NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9a



Figure S9. ³¹P NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9a

*Cy*N=C(PPh₂)(NH*Cy*) (9b)

White solid (99% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.38 – 7.26 (m, 10H, Ar-*H*), 3.84 – 3.66 (m, 1H, C*H*), 3.62 – 3.46 (m, 1H, C*H*), 1.83 –0.72 (m, 20H, Cy). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 152.14 (d, *J* = 30.7 Hz), 128.35, 127.85 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 59.23 (d, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 47.52, 34.38, 31.98, 25.01 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 24.23, 23.18. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -18.52.



Figure S10. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9b



Figure S11. ¹³C NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9b



Figure S12. ³¹P NMR spectrum (162 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9b

White solid (99% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 4H, Ar-*H*), 7.37 – 7.26 (m, 6H, Ar-*H*), 5.47 – 5.33 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H, N*H*), 4.17 – 4.04 (m, 1H, C*H*(CH₃)₂), 1.02 – 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 181.24 – 171.19 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz), 139.09 – 131.37 (m), 131.58 – 121.53 (m), 44.54, 26.00. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -3.8.



Figure S13. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9c



Figure S14. ¹³C NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9c



Figure S15. ³¹P NMR spectrum (162 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9c

$Ph_2PC(O)NHCy(9d)$

White solid (99% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.52 – 7.39 (m, 4H, Ar-*H*), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 6H, Ar-*H*), 5.56 – 5.44 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H, N*H*), 3.90 – 3.76 (m, 1H, C*H*), 1.87 – 1.66 (m, 2H, C*H*₂), 1.57 – 1.36 (m, 3H, C*H*₂), 1.35 – 1.16 (m, 2H, C*H*₂), 1.13 – 0.87 (m, 3H, C*H*₂). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl3, ppm) δ 175.86 – 175.77 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 134.41 – 134.09 (d, *J* = 19.0 Hz), 131.07 – 123.45 (d), 59.47 – 44.74 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 37.12 – 31.71 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 27.87 – 15.56 (d, *J* = 164.3 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl3, ppm) δ -4.10.



Figure S16. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9d



Figure S17. ¹³C NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9d



Figure S18. ³¹P NMR spectrum (162 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9d

 $Ph_2PC(O)NH(^tBu)$ (9e)

White solid (44% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.51 – 7.37 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.37 – 7.26 (m, 6H,

Ar-*H*), 5.52 – 5.36 (s, 1H, N*H*), 1.47 – 1.02 (s, 9H, '*Bu*). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 175.24 – 174.73, 133.31 – 133.19, 133.12 – 133.00 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 129.13, 128.03 – 127.28 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 56.36 – 48.85 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 33.67. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -2.08.



Figure S19. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9e



Figure S20. ¹³C NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9e



Figure S21. ³¹P NMR spectrum (162 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9e

 $Ph_2PC(S)NH(^iPr)(9f)$

Green solid (98% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.46 – 7.29 (m, 10H, Ar-*H*), 7.04 – 6.91 (s, 1H, N*H*), 4.75 – 4.62 (m, 1H, C*H*(CH₃)₂), 1.10 – 1.04 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 206.70 – 205.64 (d, *J* = 38.2 Hz), 134.76 – 133.76 (m), 130.24 – 129.78, 129.47 – 128.72 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 56.90 – 38.43 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 27.89. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -14.38.



Figure S22. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9f



Figure S23. ¹³C NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9f



Figure S24. ³¹P NMR spectrum (162 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9f

$Ph_2PC(S)NHCy(9g)$

Green solid (97% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 10H, Ar-*H*), 7.12 – 7.04 (m, 1H, N*H*), 4.52 – 4.39 (m, 1H, C*H*), 1.89 – 1.81 (m, 2H, C*H*₂), 1.52 – 1.23 (m, 5H, C*H*₂), 1.16 – 0.99 (m, 3H, C*H*₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 208.02 – 199.87 (d, *J* = 38.0 Hz), 138.05 – 130.33 (d, *J* = 20.4 Hz), 129.68 – 128.62, 128.53 – 127.29 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 54.40, 31.63, 25.09, 23.48. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ - 14.01.



Figure S25. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9g



Figure S26. 13 C NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9g



Figure S27. ³¹P NMR spectrum (162 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9g

Ph₂PC(S)NH(^tBu) (9h)

Green solid (62% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.43 – 7.30 (m, 10H, Ar-*H*), 7.02 – 6.97 (s, 1H, N*H*), 1.43 – 1.31 (s, 9H, ^{*i*}*Bu*). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 205.79 – 204.63 (d, *J* = 39.8 Hz), 135.11 – 133.60 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz), 133.48 – 132.31 (d, *J* = 20.2 Hz), 129.36, 128.38 – 127.70 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 57.99, 28.71 – 22.54 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -17.17.



Figure S28. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9h



Figure S29. $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298K, CDCl_3) of 9h



Figure S30. ³¹P NMR spectrum (162 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9h

 $Ph_2PC(O)NH(2,6-{}^{i}Pr_2C_6H_3)$ (9i)

White solid (99% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.68 – 7.54 (m, 4H, Ar-*H*), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 6H, Ar-*H*), 7.21 – 7.12 (m, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.08 – 6.98 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 6.79 – 6.54 (s, 1H, N*H*), 2.91 – 2.80 (m, 2H, C*H*(CH₃)₂), 1.07 – 1.01 (m, 12H, CH(CH₃)₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 180.47 – 170.75 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 147.71, 135.26 – 132.08 (d, *J* = 19.5 Hz), 132.62 – 132.19 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 129.27, 128.27 – 127.16 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 123.31, 30.00, 23.87. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -3.27.



Figure S31. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9i



Figure S32. ¹³C NMR spectrum (101 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9i



Figure S33. ³¹P NMR spectrum (162 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9i

Ph₂PC(O)NH(2,6-^{*i*}Pr₂C₆H₃) (9j) and Ph₂PC(O)N(2,6-^{*i*}Pr₂C₆H₃)C(O)NH(2,6-^{*i*}Pr₂C₆H₃) (9k)

The emergence of $CH(CH_3)_2$ signal of single insertion product **9j** at $\delta 1.24 - 1.13$ ppm. Analogous, $CH(CH_3)_2$ signal of double insertion product **9k** emergences at $\delta 1.24 - 1.13$ ppm and $\delta 0.97 - 0.90$ ppm, and partially overlap with 6j at $\delta 1.24 - 1.13$ ppm. The ratio of the two products **9j** and **9k** can be obtained from the integration of the signal areas at the two locations.



Figure S34. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298K, CDCl₃) of 9j and 9k

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