# Luminescent 1H-1,3-benzazaphospholes

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## A. NMR Characterization



Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of derivative 3c in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 500 MHz.



Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of derivative 3c in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 126 MHz.



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# B. Crystallographic Information & Results

# Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement at 100 K for derivative 3c.

Empirical formula Formula weight Temperature Wavelength Crystal system Space group Unit cell dimensions	C15 H10 N P S2 299.33 100.0 K 1.54178 Å Monoclinic P 21 a = 8.1771(4) Å b = 5.7977(3) Å c = 13.7003(7) Å	α = 90°. β = 90.684(4)°. γ = 90°.
Volume Z	649.46(6) Å <sup>3</sup> 2	
Density (calculated)	1.531 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient F(000)	4.726 mm <sup>-1</sup> 308	
Crystal size Theta range for data collection Index ranges Reflections collected Independent reflections Completeness to theta = 66.981° Absorption correction Max. and min. transmission	0.28 x 0.05 x 0.03 mm <sup>3</sup> 3.226 to 66.981°. -9<=h<=9, -6<=k<=6, -16<=l<=15 2535 1814 [R(int) = 0.0310] 96.2 % Semi-empirical from equivalents 0.3207 and 0.1886	
Refinement method Data / restraints / parameters	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup> 1814 / 71 / 185	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] R indices (all data) Absolute structure parameter Extinction coefficient Largest diff. peak and hole	1.058 R1 = 0.0407, wR2 = 0.1011 R1 = 0.0442, wR2 = 0.1034 0.16(2) n/a 0.379 and -0.310 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

	х	У	Z	U(eq)
S(1)	5319(4)	3628(3)	8644(1)	36(1)
S(2)	6332(2)	6423(2)	5758(1)	35(1)
P(1)	7906(2)	7455(2)	3515(1)	35(1)
N(1)	9111(5)	3345(8)	3733(3)	34(1)
C(1)	4086(10)	5513(16)	9273(6)	35(1)
C(2)	3713(15)	7397(18)	8727(8)	36(2)
C(3)	4340(30)	7310(30)	7780(13)	38(2)
C(4)	5291(6)	5347(9)	7618(3)	34(1)
C(5)	6164(6)	4612(9)	6755(4)	33(1)
C(6)	6982(6)	2598(10)	6608(4)	33(1)
C(7)	7759(6)	2495(10)	5697(4)	35(1)
C(8)	7551(5)	4435(9)	5153(4)	32(1)
C(9)	8189(6)	4937(9)	4194(4)	34(1)
C(10)	9640(6)	3995(9)	2820(3)	35(1)
C(11)	9100(6)	6194(9)	2557(4)	35(1)
C(12)	9515(6)	7043(9)	1624(4)	36(1)
C(13)	10486(7)	5737(10)	1028(4)	41(1)
C(14)	11025(6)	3551(10)	1317(4)	37(1)
C(15)	10610(6)	2656(10)	2219(4)	35(1)
C(3A)	5290(100)	4000(90)	8460(30)	36(1)
C(2A)	4430(70)	5160(100)	9190(40)	35(1)
C(1A)	3550(100)	7020(130)	8830(40)	36(2)
S(1A)	4360(50)	7720(40)	7693(17)	38(2)

**Table S2.** Atomic coordinates  $(x \ 10^4)$  and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>x  $10^3$ ) for 3c. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U<sup>ij</sup> tensor.

S(1)-C(1)	1.725(6)
S(1)-C(4)	1.723(5)
S(2)-C(5)	1.730(5)
S(2)-C(8)	1.740(5)
P(1) - C(9)	1.745(6)
P(1)-C(11)	1.800(5)
N(1)-H(1)	0.8800
N(1)-C(9)	1 353(7)
N(1)-C(10)	1 380(6)
C(1)-H(1A)	0.9500
C(1) - C(2)	1.357(10)
C(1)-C(2) C(2)-H(2)	0.9500
C(2)-C(3)	1.402(14)
C(2) - C(3) C(3) + U(3)	1.402(14)
$C(3) - \Pi(3)$ C(3) - C(4)	1.204(12)
C(3)-C(4)	1.394(13) 1.451(6)
C(4) - C(3)	1.431(0) 1.40(2)
C(4) - C(3A)	1.40(2)
C(4)- $S(1A)$	1.577(19)
C(5)-C(6)	1.362(8)
C(6)-H(6)	0.9500
C(6)-C(7)	1.409(6)
C(7)-H(7)	0.9500
C(7)-C(8)	1.359(8)
C(8)-C(9)	1.449(7)
C(10)-C(11)	1.395(8)
C(10)-C(15)	1.387(7)
C(11)-C(12)	1.415(7)
C(12)-H(12)	0.9500
C(12)-C(13)	1.374(8)
C(13)-H(13)	0.9500
C(13)-C(14)	1.397(9)
C(14)-H(14)	0.9500
C(14)-C(15)	1.387(7)
C(15)-H(15)	0.9500
C(3A)-H(3A)	0.9500
C(3A)-C(2A)	1.40(3)
C(2A)-H(2A)	0.9500
C(2A)-C(1A)	1.39(3)
C(1A)-H(1AA)	0.9500
C(1A)- $S(1A)$	1.75(2)
C(4)-S(1)-C(1)	92.2(3)
C(5)-S(2)-C(8)	91.5(2)
C(9)-P(1)-C(11)	88.8(2)
C(9)-N(1)-H(1)	122.6
C(9)-N(1)-C(10)	114 8(4)
C(10)-N(1)-H(1)	122.6
S(1)-C(1)-H(1A)	124.3
C(2)-C(1)-S(1)	111 3(6)
C(2)-C(1)-H(1A)	124 3
C(1)-C(2)-H(2)	123.3
C(1) - C(2) - C(3)	113 4(9)
C(3)-C(2)-H(2)	123.3
(2) (2) (1(2))	120.0

 Table S3.
 Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for 3c.

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C(2)-C(3)-H(3)	123.5
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	112.9(10)
C(4)-C(3)-H(3)	123.5
C(3)-C(4)-S(1)	110.0(6)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	130.5(6)
C(5)-C(4)-S(1)	119.5(4)
C(5)-C(4)-S(1A)	1234(7)
C(3A)-C(4)-C(5)	121(2)
C(3A)-C(4)-S(1A)	116(2)
C(4)-C(5)-S(2)	120.6(4)
C(4) - C(5) - S(2)	120.0(4)
C(6) C(5) C(4)	111.1(3) 128 3(4)
C(5) C(6) U(6)	120.3(4)
$C(5) - C(0) - \Pi(0)$	123.4 112.2(5)
C(3)-C(6)-C(7)	113.2(5)
C(7) - C(6) - H(6)	123.4
C(6)-C(7)-H(7)	123.3
C(8)-C(7)-C(6)	113.3(5)
C(8)-C(7)-H(7)	123.3
C(7)-C(8)-S(2)	110.8(3)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	128.3(5)
C(9)-C(8)-S(2)	120.9(4)
N(1)-C(9)-P(1)	113.1(4)
N(1)-C(9)-C(8)	119.7(5)
C(8)-C(9)-P(1)	127.2(4)
N(1)-C(10)-C(11)	112.4(4)
N(1)-C(10)-C(15)	124.9(5)
C(15)-C(10)-C(11)	122.6(5)
C(10)-C(11)-P(1)	110.8(4)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	118.2(4)
C(12)-C(11)-P(1)	130.9(4)
C(11)-C(12)-H(12)	120.3
C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	119.5(5)
C(13)-C(12)-H(12)	120.3
С(12)-С(13)-Н(13)	119.5
C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	121.0(4)
C(14)-C(13)-H(13)	119.5
C(13)-C(14)-H(14)	119.6
C(15)-C(14)-C(13)	120.8(5)
C(15)-C(14)-H(14)	119.6
C(10)- $C(15)$ - $H(15)$	121.1
C(14)-C(15)-C(10)	117 9(5)
C(14)-C(15)-H(15)	121.1
C(4)-C(3A)-H(3A)	125.4
C(4)-C(3A)-C(2A)	109(4)
C(2A)-C(3A)-H(3A)	125.4
C(3A)-C(2A)-H(2A)	123.9
C(1A)-C(2A)-C(3A)	112(5)
C(1A)-C(2A)-H(2A)	123.9
C(2A)-C(1A)-H(1AA)	126.2
C(2A)-C(1A)-S(1A)	108(4)
S(1A)-C(1A)-H(1AA)	126.2
C(4)-S(1A)-C(1A)	92(2)
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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

	U <sup>11</sup>	U <sup>22</sup>	U <sup>33</sup>	U <sup>23</sup>	U <sup>13</sup>	U <sup>12</sup>
<u> </u>	42(1)	25(1)	22(1)	2(1)	10(1)	2(1)
S(1)	42(1)	35(1)	32(1)	3(1)	10(1)	3(1)
S(2)	38(1)	34(1)	33(1)	3(1)	7(1)	5(1)
P(1)	37(1)	32(1)	36(1)	1(1)	6(1)	3(1)
N(1)	38(2)	33(2)	32(2)	3(2)	5(2)	-2(2)
C(1)	32(5)	39(4)	35(2)	-2(2)	9(2)	3(2)
C(2)	35(4)	33(4)	41(3)	-3(2)	9(2)	0(4)
C(3)	37(2)	39(6)	38(3)	1(2)	7(2)	1(5)
C(4)	33(2)	37(2)	32(2)	1(2)	3(2)	-2(2)
C(5)	29(2)	34(2)	35(2)	0(2)	3(2)	-2(2)
C(6)	30(2)	34(2)	34(2)	4(2)	5(2)	-1(2)
C(7)	34(2)	36(2)	36(2)	-2(2)	4(2)	0(2)
C(8)	24(2)	35(2)	38(2)	-2(2)	1(2)	-2(2)
C(9)	30(2)	39(3)	35(2)	3(2)	1(2)	-2(2)
C(10)	30(2)	41(3)	33(2)	-2(2)	2(2)	-8(2)
C(11)	30(2)	33(2)	41(2)	-4(2)	3(2)	-2(2)
C(12)	34(2)	30(3)	45(3)	2(2)	1(2)	-5(2)
C(13)	38(3)	50(3)	34(2)	7(2)	3(2)	-8(2)
C(14)	36(2)	42(2)	35(2)	-6(2)	9(2)	1(2)
C(15)	33(2)	36(2)	37(2)	-5(2)	3(2)	-2(2)
C(3A)	42(1)	35(1)	32(1)	3(1)	10(1)	3(1)
C(2A)	32(5)	39(4)	35(2)	-2(2)	9(2)	3(2)
C(1A)	35(4)	33(4)	41(3)	-3(2)	9(2)	0(4)
S(1A)	37(2)	39(6)	38(3)	1(2)	7(2)	1(5)

**Table S4.** Anisotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>x 10<sup>3</sup>) for 3c. The anisotropicdisplacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2$ [ h<sup>2</sup> a\*<sup>2</sup>U<sup>11</sup> + ... + 2 h k a\* b\* U<sup>12</sup> ]

	X	у	Z	U(eq)
			······	
H(1)	9354	2000	3995	41
H(1A)	3715	5264	9919	42
H(2)	3085	8654	8962	43
H(3)	4147	8459	7301	45
H(6)	7025	1384	7074	39
H(7)	8368	1198	5484	42
H(12)	9126	8506	1412	43
H(13)	10794	6327	410	49
H(14)	11685	2668	890	45
H(15)	10978	1174	2420	42
H(3A)	5800	2533	8530	43
H(2A)	4452	4716	9862	42
H(1AA)	2665	7767	9139	43
H(1AA)	2665	7767	9139	

**Table S5.** Hydrogen coordinates (  $x \ 10^4$ ) and isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>x 10 <sup>3</sup>)for pro83\_0m\_a.

Figure S4. Detailed packing diagram for 3c



### C. Computational studies

Both the ground state and excited state geometry optimizations were performed at the  $\omega$ B97X-D/6-311++G(d,p) level of theory.<sup>1,2</sup> The S1-optimizations of **3a-3c** were performed at the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level. TDDFT calculations were performed with  $\omega$ B97X-D/6-311++g(d,p) level of theory.<sup>3,4</sup> The 6-31G(d,p) basis set is used for SOC calculation. PCM with a dielectric 8.93 and refractive index 1.425 used to represent the DCM solvent. All calculations were performed using the Q- Chem 4.4 package.<sup>5</sup>

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# Table S6. Optimized cartesian coordinates of 3a

С	0.3855210296362960	0.2341745719594957	0.0438285590374763
Ν	-0.3869444278502195	-0.8639546851357215	-0.1368658901045878
С	-1.7455555018688815	-0.6376135297122917	-0.0664822727317680
С	-2.7553617092000637	-1.5909237818017543	-0.2132842334319362
С	-4.0680482041798554	-1.1689072122274402	-0.1170261590890490
С	-4.4010837309758806	0.1783452627515053	0.1275973050926884
С	-3.3815085633776163	1.1073032921083907	0.2722119192536871
С	-2.0369025107954073	0.7168245595984266	0.1805201005134812
Ρ	-0.5235532661337633	1.6773172016936222	0.3205798997970258
Н	-2.5120747315434144	-2.6308809602838923	-0.4034914294102077
Н	-4.8642036786674332	-1.8968808234191041	-0.2364690291300946
Н	-3.6289777710866424	2.1490621331534321	0.4578565392366876
Н	0.0022007109499794	-1.7824925341146303	-0.2990452582147927
С	1.8723690245930507	0.0878323527172287	-0.0102072786592521
Н	2.3594480985693451	1.0439351746297041	0.1816934900978714
Н	2.2125950830790146	-0.6335719801728986	0.7387788177074414
Н	2.1933873219564695	-0.2725757424231780	-0.9923223572963177
С	-5.8440057302682167	0.6098824632147849	0.2204161319098970
Н	-6.0739105843758523	1.0102242452569317	1.2122823944019006
Н	-6.0654931081031576	1.3944468328013049	-0.5082455452198049
н	-6.5222829103577160	-0.2244739405939334	0.0306964562396594

# Table S7. Optimized cartesian coordinates of 3b

С	4.1742508895624404	-1.0704723995286021	-0.1206933805569141
С	4.3821429106947560	0.3110924230849167	0.0536845068365042
С	3.3137879879302425	1.1778935831288690	0.1727919188855782
С	2.0006409312999369	0.6773851334405510	0.1159283267748042
Ρ	0.4259887771191200	1.5238440595003322	0.2309069026626301
С	-0.3697186246034898	-0.0019353492698476	0.0145554989638813
С	-1.8034092007479656	-0.2578658681165137	-0.0194573277826236
С	-2.4702158544171402	-1.4131309754850241	0.2987175096517203
С	-3.8811754541456334	-1.2961647996292744	0.1675972396599526
С	-4.2695789613385697	-0.0581966407546132	-0.2490142707872009
S	-2.9219850527877487	0.9827816171739037	-0.4972328105308519
Ν	0.4892251560893004	-1.0481364842754577	-0.1105627447176494
Н	0.1811823246494920	-1.9942861340161588	-0.2866498688645339
С	1.8197822929730221	-0.7076088609377732	-0.0594822633050331
С	2.8983352002074239	-1.5927661763881424	-0.1771968394855576
Н	5.0259121950894965	-1.7346272135632734	-0.2162084735534479
Н	5.3946504161265780	0.6971938699718897	0.0883828733093968
Н	3.4821317115256170	2.2419977453072470	0.3031426075197473
Н	-1.9778663872235855	-2.3125164158452955	0.6469912203332294
Н	-4.5781033089690801	-2.0955048777755336	0.3815408701197917
н	-5.2694831276527383	0.3104456634111345	-0.4253555015797146
н	2.7299113323735225	-2.6561832836561514	-0.3096170423421686

# Table S8. Optimized cartesian coordinates of 3c

С	3.8827053185385534	0.0236380772950766	1.8589274715411219
С	4.2582899294537091	0.8717441661386001	0.7995560911340603
С	3.3320169510366244	1.2815789464127734	-0.1385566775278743
С	1.9952244350377777	0.8562064855750227	-0.0325149428231743
Ρ	0.5712006704107708	1.2364787344043242	-1.0503524457723252
С	-0.3970074783647743	0.2642446108190047	0.0089307150160573

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Table S9. Optimized cartesian coordinates of 3a (S1 state)

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Table S10. Optimized cartesian coordinates of 3b (S1 state)

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Table S11. Optimized cartesian coordinates of 3c (S1 state)

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Figure S5. Comparison of key calculated bond distances in ground state and first excited states of 3b and 3c









Figure S6. (a) UV-vis spectra as a function of concentration (b) plot of Abs vs concentration for  $\mathbf{3b}$  in  $CH_2Cl_2$ 

(a)





Figure S7. (a) UV-vis spectra as a function of concentration (b) plot of Abs vs concentration for 3c in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (a)





Figure S8. (a) Excitation and emission spectra for 3b (b) Excitation and emission spectra for 3c in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

(a)





Figure S9. (a) Fluorescence spectra as a function of concentration for **3b** (b) plot of Fluorescence intensity vs concentration for **3b** in  $CH_2Cl_2$ 

(a)





Figure S10. (a) Fluorescence spectra as a function of concentration for 3c (b) plot of Fluorescence intensity vs concentration for 3c in  $CH_2Cl_2$ 

(a)









## Lifetime Measurements

**Physical Methods.** To exclude air, all samples were prepared in a nitrogen-filled glovebox, and kept under nitrogen until immediately before measurement. Fluorescence lifetimes were recorded in deoxygenated dichloromethane in screw-capped 1 cm quartz cuvettes using a Horiba DeltaFlex Lifetime System, using 330 nm pulsed diode excitation sources.



Figure S12 (a). Compound 3b Lifetime ( $\tau$ ): 7.4 ns



