

Addition and N=N bond cleavage of diazo-compounds by phosphino-phosphonium cations

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1 General Information

All preparative procedures were performed in a MB Unilab glovebox produced by MBraun or using standard Schlenk techniques under an inert atmosphere of dry, deoxygenated N₂.

- *Drying of glassware, molecular sieves, and other items:* All glassware were oven-dried at temperatures greater than 150 °C for at least 4 hours before use and cooled under vacuum before use. 4 Å molecular sieves were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, and were activated prior to usage by iteratively heating with 1050 W Haier microwave for 5 minutes and cooling under vacuum. Items such as plastic syringes, glass microsyringes, needles, and septa were shipped into the glovebox after drying in the antechamber overnight.

- *Drying solvents:* Anhydrous pentane, hexane, diethyl ether, dichloromethane (DCM), and toluene solvents were dried using a Grubbs-type Innovative Technologies solvent purification system. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was dried over Na/benzophenone. Benzene, and 1,2-difluorobenzene (*o*-DFB) were dried over CaH₂. They were then distilled to an oven-dried Strauss flask under static vacuum, after which it was shipped into the glovebox. All anhydrous solvents in the glovebox were stored over 4 Å molecular sieves for at least 24 hours prior to use. Deuterated solvents were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories or Sigma-Aldrich. They were degassed through 3 freeze-pump-thaw cycles, shipped into the glovebox, and stored over 4 Å molecular sieves for at least 24 hours prior to use.

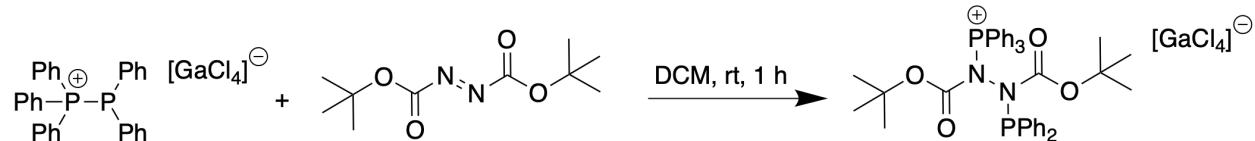
- *Data collection:* NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker Avance III 400 MHz spectrometer. ¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR chemical shifts (δ/ ppm) are referenced to the residual solvent resonance of the deuterated solvent. ³¹P NMR spectra were externally referenced to 85% H₃PO₄ (0 ppm). Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm and the absolute values of the coupling constants (J) are in Hz. Multiplicities are abbreviated as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, m = multiplet, br = broad. High resolution mass spectroscopy (HRMS) studies were performed on an Agilent 6538 UHD. For positive polarity, the mobile phase is 50:50 MeOH : 0.1% HCOOH (aq) (v:v). For negative polarity, the mobile phase is 50:50 MeOH : 10 mM NH₄OAc (aq) (v:v). Elemental analyses were carried out by staff at ANALEST at the University of Toronto on a Flash 2000 CHN Analyzer.

- *Syntheses or purchase of known compounds:* Phosphino-phosphonium salts were prepared according to literature procedures.¹ All other reagents were purchased from commercial sources, and used as received. Liquid substrates were stored over 4 Å sieves for 24 hours before use.

- *Photolyzer:* Solderless SemiLEDs UVA LED (365-370 nm) were purchased from RapidLED (<https://rapidled.com>). A photo of the experimental set-up is shown in Section 2.2 (Figure S9).

2 Experimental Procedures and Spectroscopic Data

2.1 Synthesis of 1



Scheme S1: Synthesis of 1

In the glovebox, a DCM solution (1.0 mL) of di-tert-butyl azodicarboxylate (0.021 g, 0.089 mmol, 1.0 eq) was added to $[\text{Ph}_3\text{P}^+\text{PPPh}_2]\text{GaCl}_4$ (0.059 g, 0.089 mmol, 1.0 eq) in a 2 dram vial. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour, during which the colour of the solution turned from bright yellow to colourless. Solvent was removed under vacuum, and the solids were washed with benzene (1 mL). Benzene was decanted, and the product was dried under vacuum. The product was obtained as a white powder (0.078 g, 0.088 mmol, 99% yield).

- ^1H NMR (chloroform-*d*, 400 MHz): δ 7.88–7.84 (m, 4H, Ar*H*), 7.77–7.58 (m, 12H, Ar*H*), 7.55–7.50 (m, 3H, Ar*H*), 7.41–7.25 (m, 6H, Ar*H*), 1.16 (s, -C(CH₃)₃), 0.96 (s, -C(CH₃)₃).
- $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (chloroform-*d*, 101 MHz): δ 136.10 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 134.49 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 131.89 (br s), 130.18 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz), 129.21 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 128.49 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 118.05 (d, *J* = 102.0 Hz), 89.62 (s), 85.66 (s), 27.63 (s, -C(CH₃)₃), 27.60 (s, -C(CH₃)₃).
- $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (chloroform-*d*, 162 MHz): δ 83.9 (s), 52.1 (s).
- MS (ESI) $[\text{M}]^+$ $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{43}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{P}_2^+$ calc. 677.2698 *m/z*, found 677.2685 *m/z*.
- Elem. Anal. Found (Calc'd) for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{43}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{P}_2\text{GaCl}_4$: C 56.19 (54.03), H 4.79 (4.87), N 2.86 (3.15)

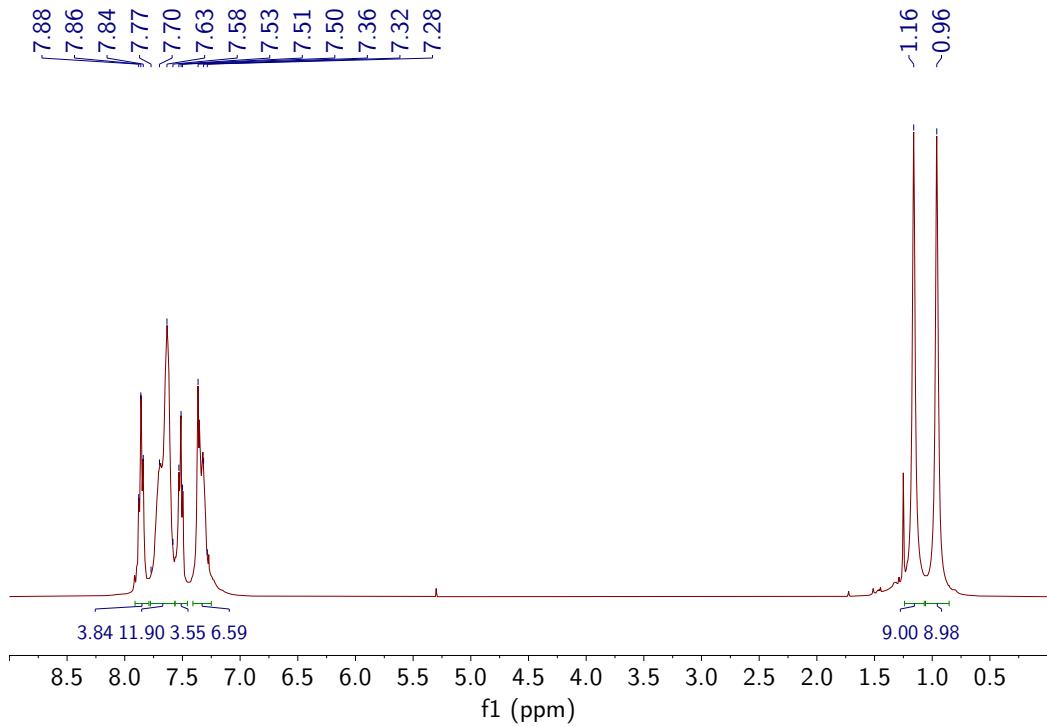


Figure S1: ^1H NMR spectrum of **1**. (chloroform-*d*, 400 MHz)

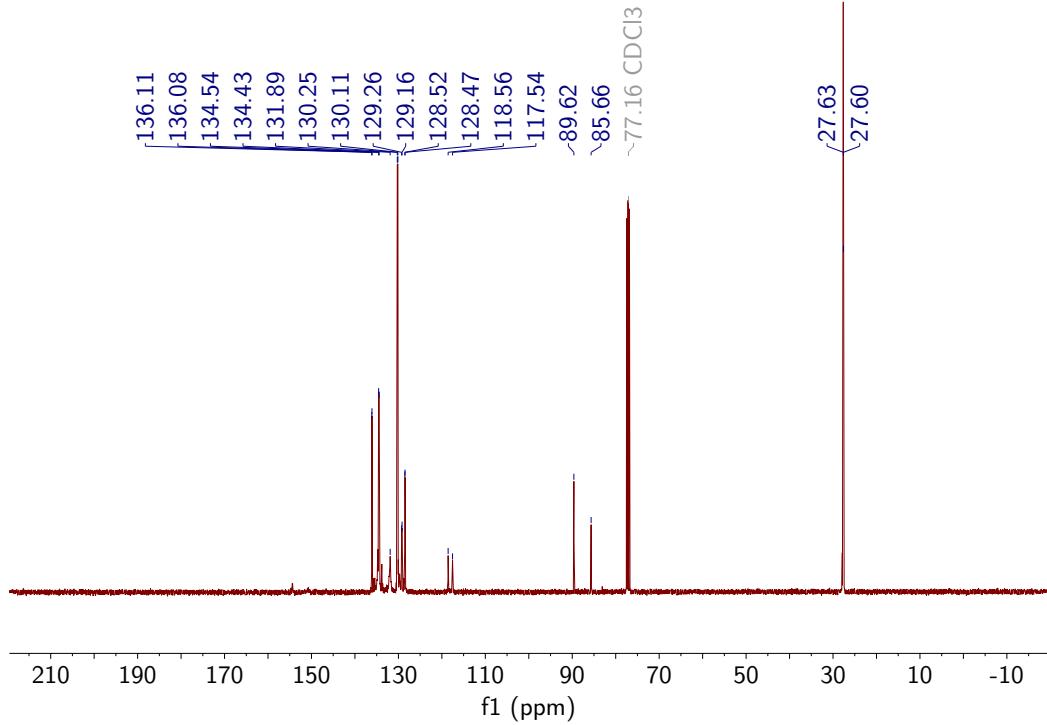


Figure S2: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **1**. (chloroform-*d*, 101 MHz)

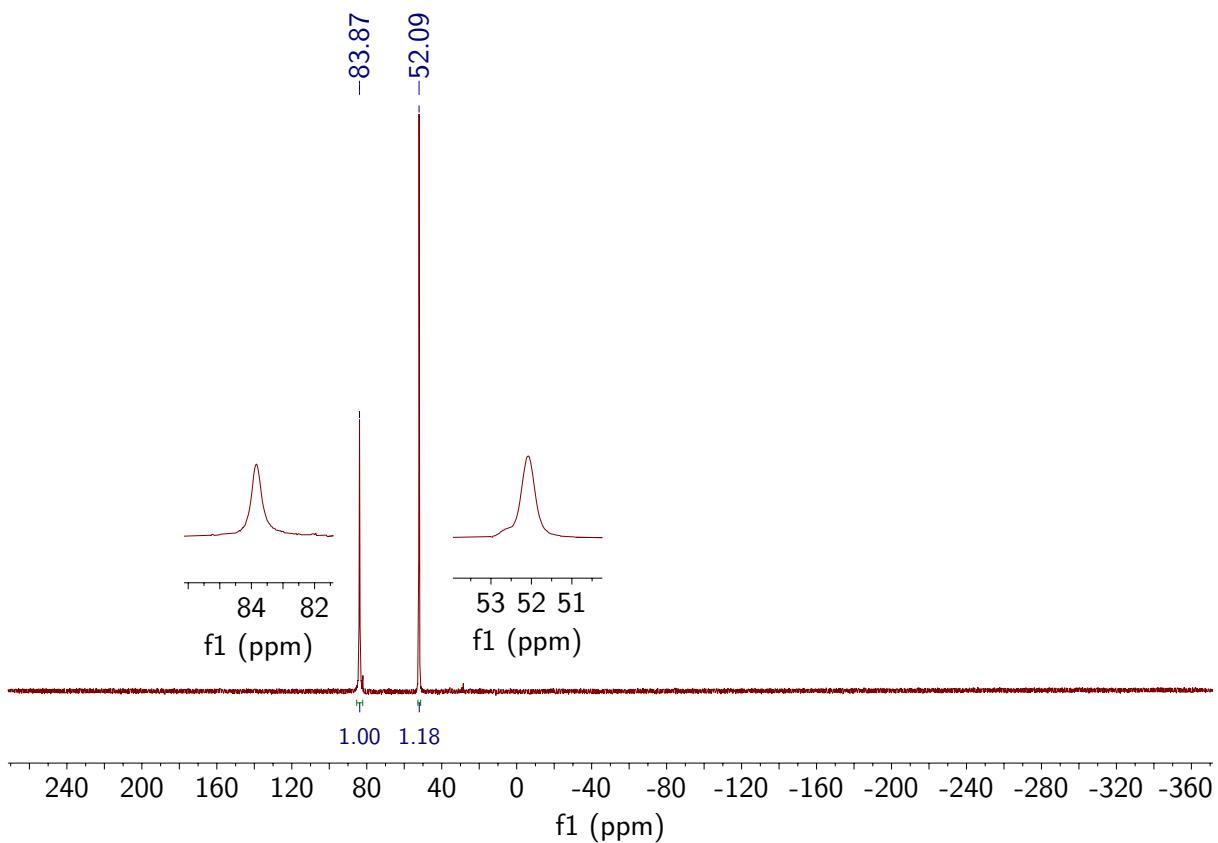


Figure S3: $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **1** with insets showing peak in the ^{31}P NMR. (chloroform-*d*, 162 MHz)



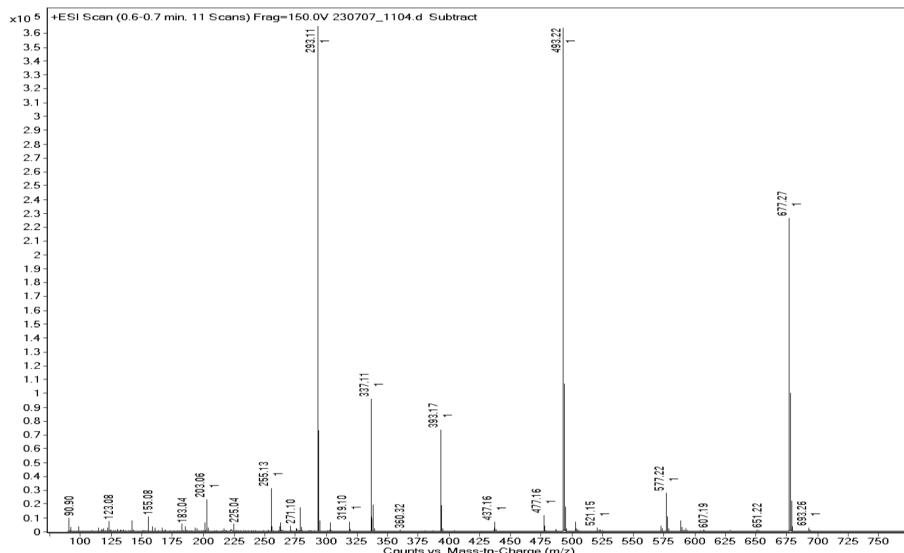
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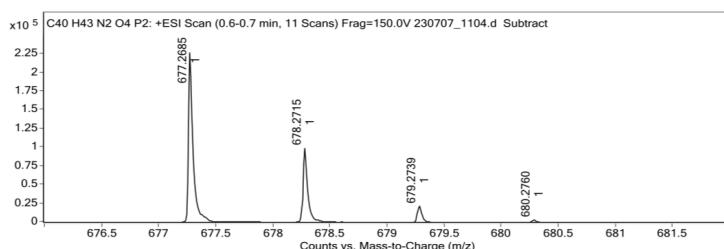
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Target Ion Species

| <i>Ion Species</i> | <i>m/z</i> | <i>Ionic Formula</i> |
|--------------------|------------|--|
| M ⁺ | 677.2685 | C ₄₀ H ₄₃ N ₂ O ₄ P ₂ |

MFG Calculator Results

| <i>Target m/z</i> | <i>Ionic Formula</i> | <i>Calc m/z</i> | <i>+/- (mDa)</i> | <i>+/- (ppm)</i> | <i>DBE</i> | <i>MFG Score</i> |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| 677.2685 | C ₂₅ H ₄₉ N ₃ O ₄ P ₂ | 677.2684 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 4.0 | 99.86 |
| 677.2685 | C ₂₄ H ₄₃ N ₁₀ O ₉ P ₂ | 677.2684 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 9.5 | 99.76 |
| 677.2685 | C ₃₈ H ₄₁ N ₅ O ₃ P ₂ | 677.2679 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 22.0 | 99.34 |
| 677.2685 | C ₄₀ H ₄₃ N ₂ O ₄ P ₂ | 677.2693 | -0.8 | -1.2 | 21.5 | 97.76 |
| 677.2685 | C ₂₆ H ₄₅ N ₇ O ₁₀ P ₂ | 677.2698 | -1.3 | -1.9 | 9.0 | 96.05 |
| 677.2685 | C ₂₇ H ₅₁ O ₁₅ P ₂ | 677.2698 | -1.3 | -1.9 | 3.5 | 94.74 |
| 677.2685 | C ₂₃ H ₄₇ N ₆ O ₁₃ P ₂ | 677.2671 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 4.5 | 94.59 |
| 677.2685 | C ₃₇ H ₄₅ N ₀ O ₇ P ₂ | 677.2666 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 17.0 | 92.31 |
| 677.2685 | C ₃₆ H ₃₉ N ₈ O ₂ P ₂ | 677.2666 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 22.5 | 91.07 |
| 677.2685 | C ₄₁ H ₃₉ N ₆ P ₂ | 677.2706 | -2.1 | -3.1 | 26.5 | 88.43 |

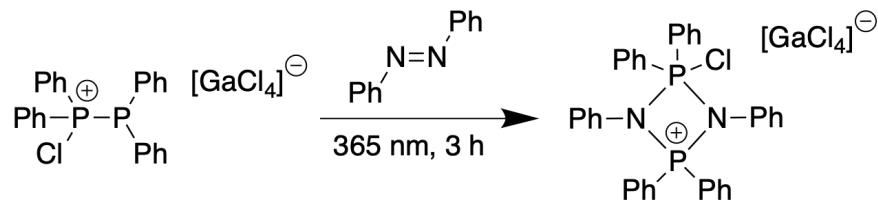


Predicted Isotope Match Table

| <i>Isotope</i> | <i>m/z</i> | <i>Calc m/z</i> | <i>Diff (mDa)</i> | <i>Abund (%)</i> | <i>Calc Abund (%)</i> | <i>+/-</i> |
|----------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 1 | 677.2685 | 677.2693 | -0.8 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| 2 | 678.2715 | 678.2725 | -1.0 | 43.8 | 44.6 | 0.8 |
| 3 | 679.2739 | 679.2756 | -1.7 | 9.6 | 10.6 | 1.0 |
| 4 | 680.2760 | 680.2786 | -2.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 0.1 |

Figure S4: ESI-MS(+) of C₄₀H₄₃N₂O₄P₂⁺ with zoomed in portion of the molecular ion, and the predicted isotope pattern.

2.2 Synthesis of 2



Scheme S2: Synthesis of 2

In the glovebox, an *o*-DFB solution (1.0 mL) of azobenzene (0.023 g, 0.124 mmol, 1.0 eq) was added to $[Ph_2PClPPh_2][GaCl_4]$ (0.076 g, 0.124 mmol, 1.0 eq) in a 2 dram vial. The solution was transferred to a 5 mm NMR tube and was irradiated at 365 nm for 3 hours. Solvent was removed under vacuum, and the product was obtained as a crystalline white powder by recrystallizing twice from a mixture of DCM (0.3 mL) and diethyl ether (0.3 mL) at room temperature (0.042 g, 0.053 mmol, 42% yield).

- 1H NMR (dichloromethane- d_2 , 400 MHz): δ 7.97 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.86 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.81 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.78–7.55 (m, 14H, ArH), 7.54–6.86 (m, 8H, ArH), 6.05 (br s, 2H, ArH).
- $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (dichloromethane- d_2 , 101 MHz): δ 137.76 (s), 137.73 (s), 136.27 (s), 134.38 (d, $J = 12.1$ Hz), 133.07 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 130.95 (d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 130.57 (s), 129.48 (d, $J = 18.3$ Hz), 128.94 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz), 120.88 (d, $J = 104.5$ Hz).
- $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (dichloromethane- d_2 , 162 MHz): δ 37.4 (d, $^2J_{PP} = 32.3$ Hz), -33.9 (d, $^2J_{PP} = 32.3$ Hz).
- The molecular ion peak was not observed for this molecule. Rather, only the hydrolyzed compound $C_{36}H_{30}N_2P_2OH^+$ was observed: MS (ESI) $[M]^+$ of $C_{36}H_{30}N_2P_2OH^+$ calc. 569.1912 m/z , found 569.1906 m/z .
- Elem. Anal. Found (Calc'd) for $C_{40}H_{43}N_2O_4P_2GaCl_4$: C 54.08 (51.08), H 3.77 (3.78), N 2.90 (3.50)

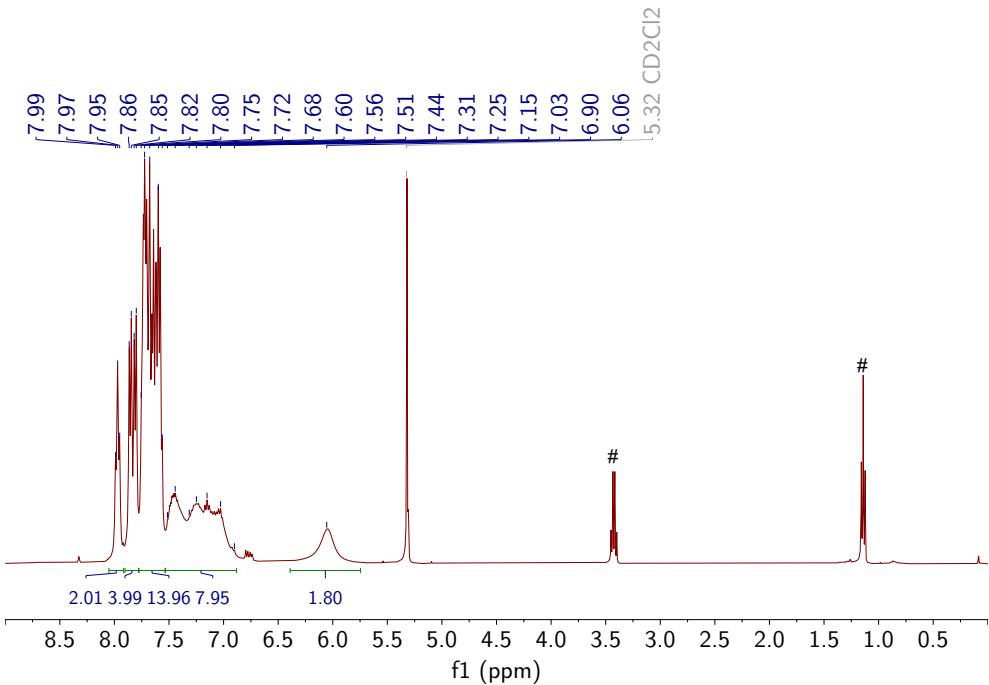


Figure S5: ^1H NMR spectrum of **2**. # denotes residual diethyl ether. (dichloromethane- d_2 , 400 MHz)

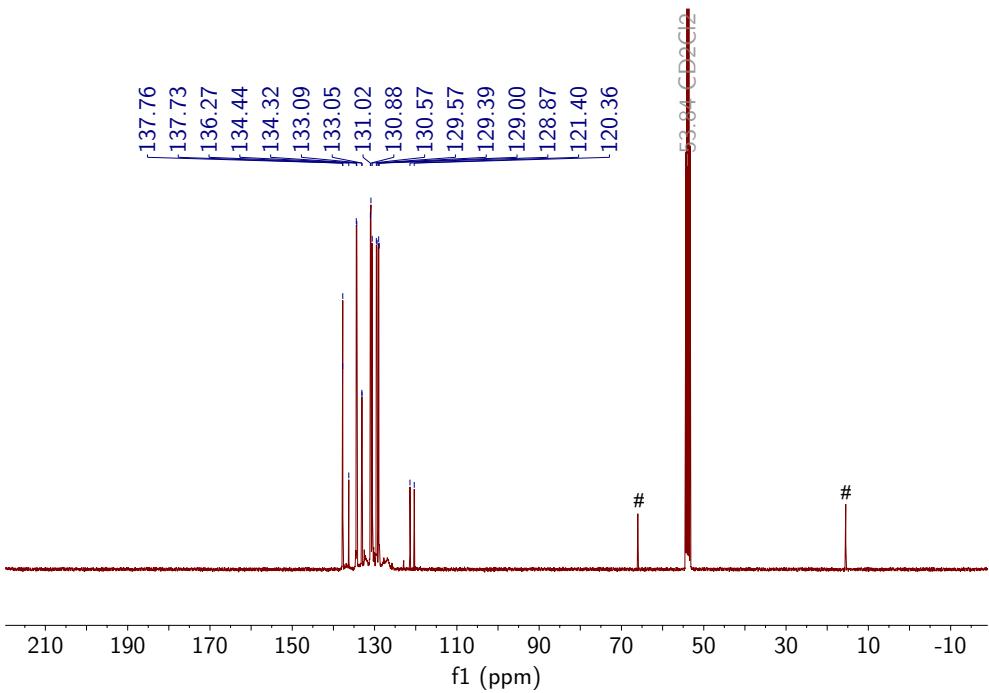


Figure S6: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **2**. # denotes residual diethyl ether. (dichloromethane- d_2 , 101 MHz)

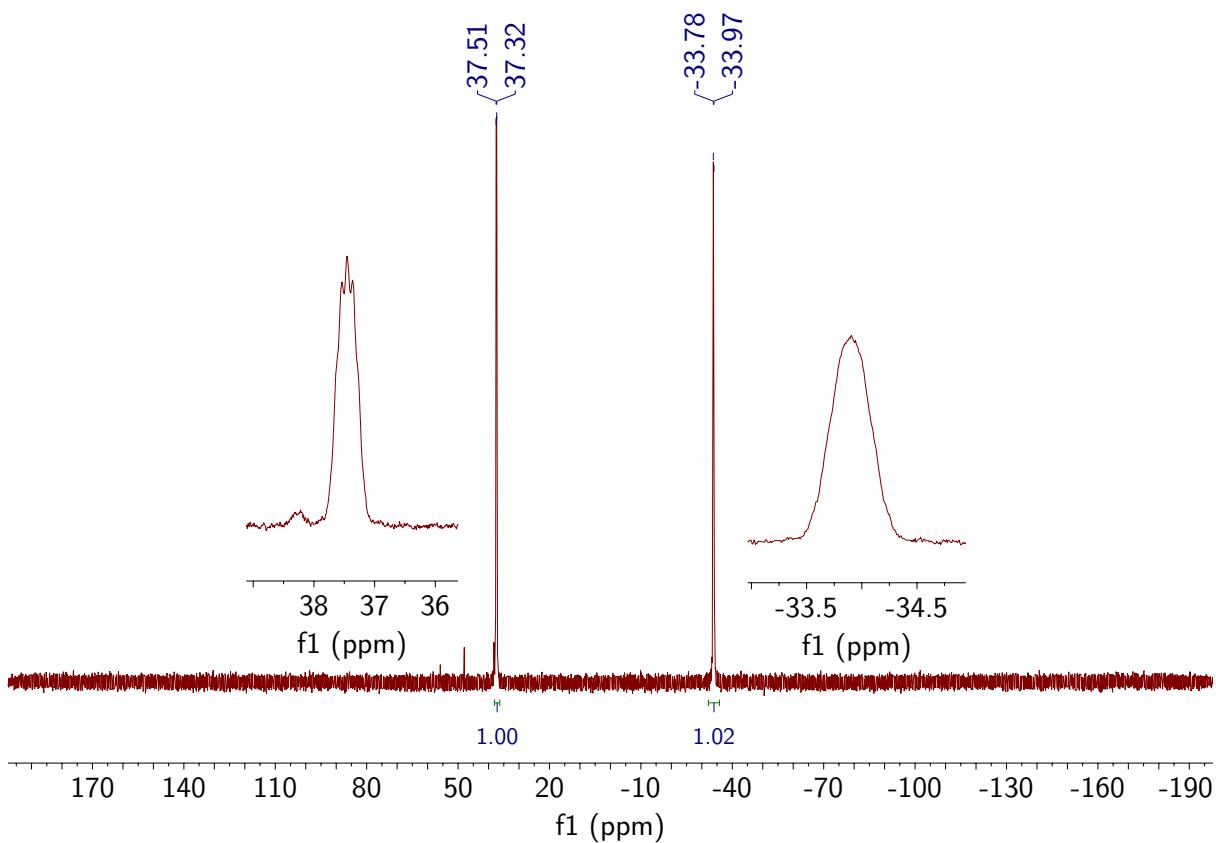
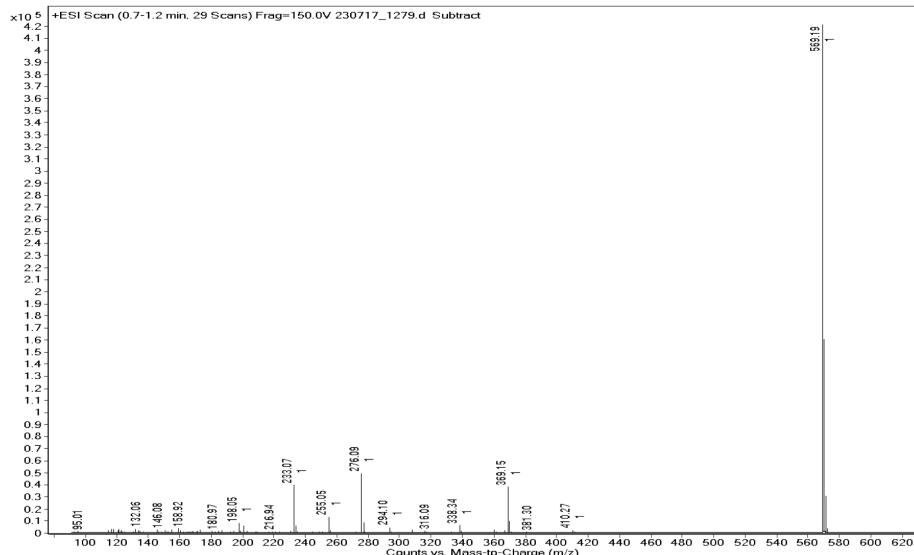


Figure S7: $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **2** with insets showing peaks in the ^{31}P NMR. (dichloromethane- d_2 , 162 MHz)



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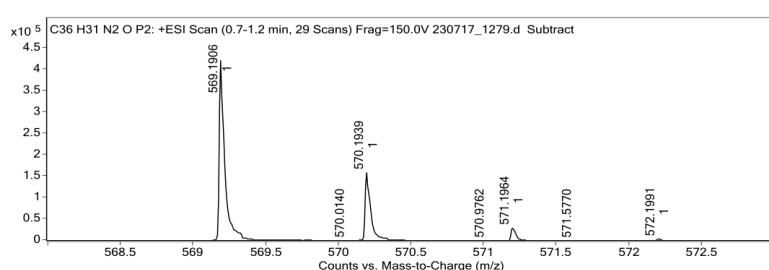
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Target Ion Species

| <i>Ion Species</i> | <i>m/z</i> | <i>Ionic Formula</i> |
|--------------------|------------|---|
| M ⁺ | 569.1906 | C ₃₆ H ₃₁ N ₂ O P ₂ |

| MFG Calculator Results | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| <i>Target m/z</i> | <i>Ionic Formula</i> | <i>Calc m/z</i> | <i>+/- (mDa)</i> | <i>+/- (ppm)</i> | <i>DBE</i> | <i>MFG Score</i> |
| 569.1906 | C ₃₆ H ₃₁ N ₂ O P ₂ | 569.1906 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 23.5 | 99.33 |
| 569.1906 | C ₂₃ H ₃₉ O ₁₂ P ₂ | 569.1911 | -0.5 | -0.9 | 5.5 | 83.63 |
| 569.1906 | C ₂₄ H ₃₅ N ₄ O ₈ P ₂ | 569.1925 | -1.9 | -3.3 | 10.5 | 83.19 |
| 569.1906 | C ₂₀ H ₃₁ N ₁₀ O ₆ P ₂ | 569.1898 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 11.5 | 82.05 |
| 569.1906 | C ₂₅ H ₃₁ N ₈ O ₄ P ₂ | 569.1938 | -3.2 | -5.6 | 15.5 | 78.72 |
| 569.1906 | C ₃₁ H ₃₁ N ₄ O ₃ P ₂ | 569.1866 | 4.0 | 7.0 | 19.5 | 77.25 |
| 569.1906 | C ₁₉ H ₃₅ N ₆ O ₁₀ P ₂ | 569.1884 | 2.2 | 3.9 | 6.5 | 71.73 |
| 569.1906 | C ₁₈ H ₃₉ N ₂ O ₁₄ P ₂ | 569.1871 | 3.5 | 6.1 | 1.5 | 59.36 |



| Predicted Isotope Match Table | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------|--|
| <i>Isotope</i> | <i>m/z</i> | <i>Calc m/z</i> | <i>Diff (mDa)</i> | <i>Abund (%)</i> | <i>Calc Abund (%)</i> | <i>+/-</i> | |
| 1 | 569.1906 | 569.1906 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | |
| 2 | 570.1939 | 570.1939 | 0.0 | 38.0 | 40.1 | 2.1 | |
| 3 | 571.1964 | 571.1971 | -0.7 | 7.3 | 8.0 | 0.7 | |

Figure S8: ESI-MS(+) of C₃₆H₃₀N₂P₂OH⁺ with zoomed in portion of the molecular ion, and the predicted isotope pattern.

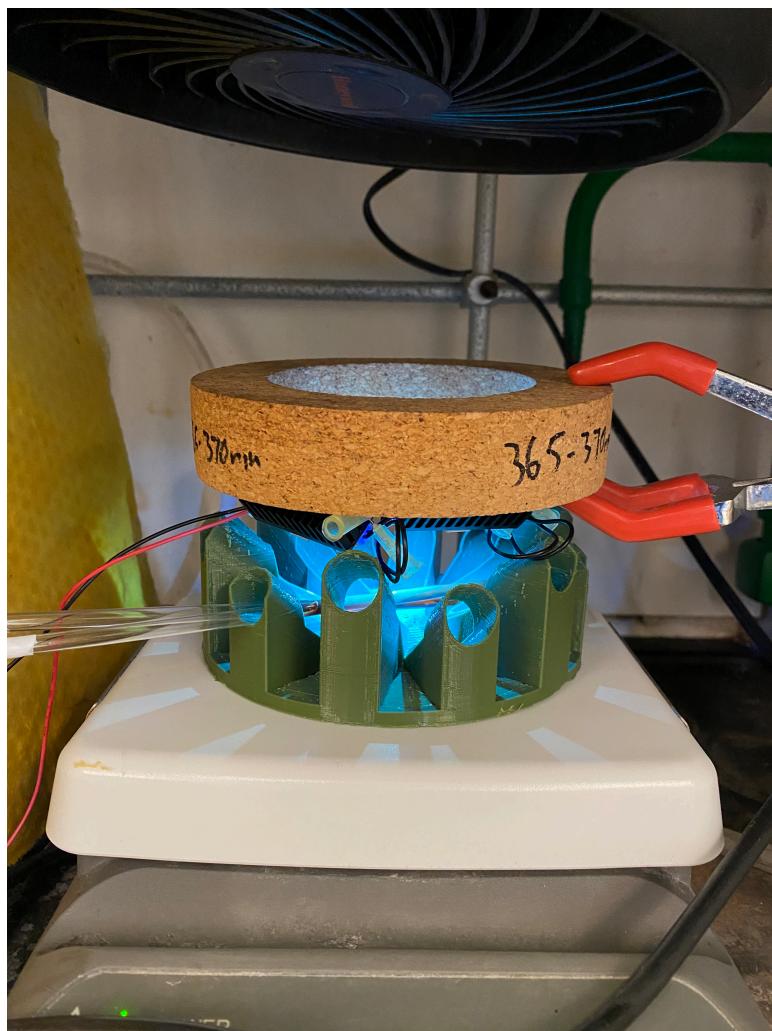
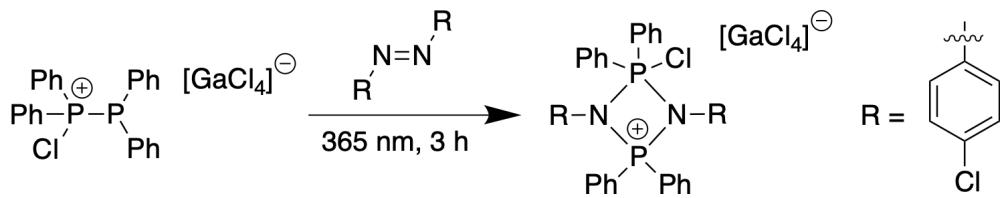


Figure S9: Photo of the photolyzer set-up showing the NMR tubes containing the reaction mixture, the 365-370 nm LEDs, and the cooling fan above.

2.3 Synthesis of 3



Scheme S3: Synthesis of 3

In the glovebox, an *o*-DFB solution (1.0 mL) of chloroazobenzene (0.042 g, 0.167 mmol, 1.2 eq) was added to $[\text{Ph}_2\text{PClPPPh}_2]\text{[GaCl}_4]$ (0.086 g, 0.139 mmol, 1.0 eq) in a 2 dram vial. The solution was transferred to a 5 mm NMR tube and was irradiated at 365 nm for 3 hours. Solvent was removed under vacuum, and the product was obtained as a white powder by recrystallizing twice from a mixture of DCM (0.3 mL) and diethyl ether (0.3 mL) at room temperature (0.040 g, 0.046 mmol, 33% yield).

- ^1H NMR (dichloromethane- d_2 , 400 MHz): δ 8.00 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.90–7.69 (m, 10H, ArH), 7.69–7.56 (m, 8H, ArH), 7.23 (br m, 6H, ArH), 6.02 (br s, 2H, ArH).
- $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (dichloromethane- d_2 , 101 MHz): δ 138.06 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 137.28 (s), 135.82 (s), 134.31 (d, $J = 12.5$ Hz), 133.38 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 131.22 (d, $J = 14.3$ Hz), 130.84 (s), 129.71 (d, $J = 18.3$ Hz), 128.91 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz), 120.39 (d, $J = 104.2$ Hz).
- $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (dichloromethane- d_2 , 162 MHz): δ 37.9 (d, $^2J_{PP} = 31.3$ Hz), -32.8 (d, $^2J_{PP} = 31.3$ Hz).
- The molecular ion peak was not observed for this molecule. Rather, only the hydrolyzed compound $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{28}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{P}_2\text{OH}^+$ was observed: MS (ESI) $[\text{M}]^+$ of $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{28}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{P}_2\text{OH}^+$ calc. 637.1132 m/z , found 637.1125 m/z .
- Elem. Anal. Found (Calc'd) for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{28}\text{Cl}_3\text{N}_2\text{P}_2\text{GaCl}_4$: C 49.40 (49.79), H 2.77 (3.25), N 2.99 (3.23)

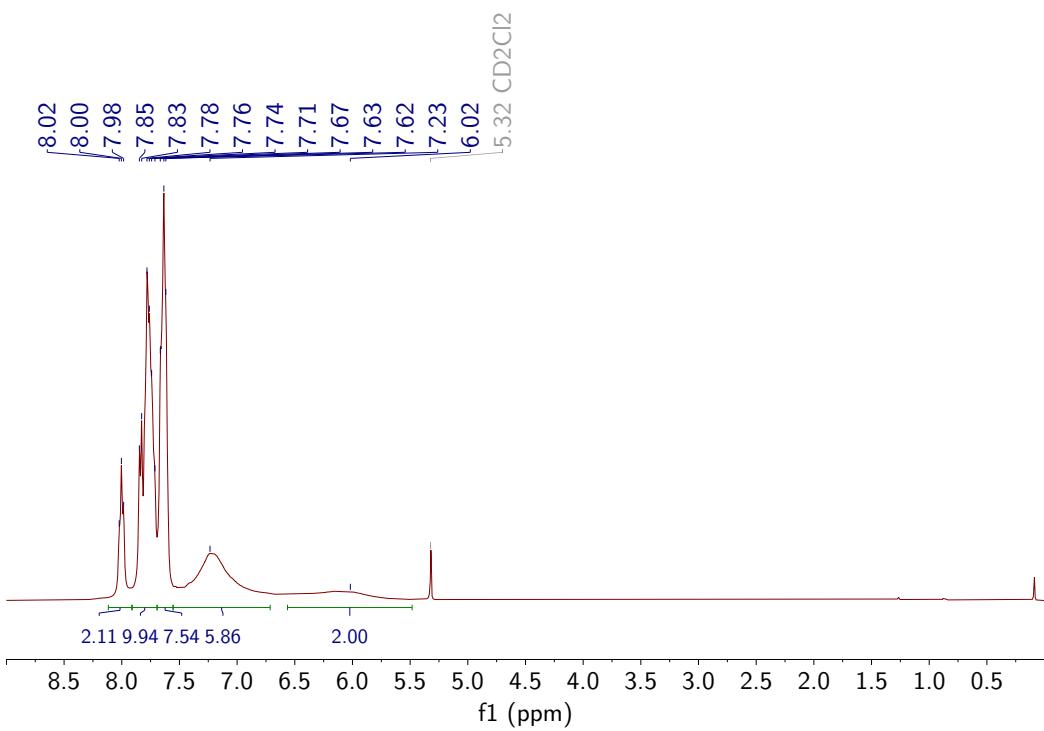


Figure S10: ^1H NMR spectrum of **3**. (dichloromethane- d_2 , 400 MHz)

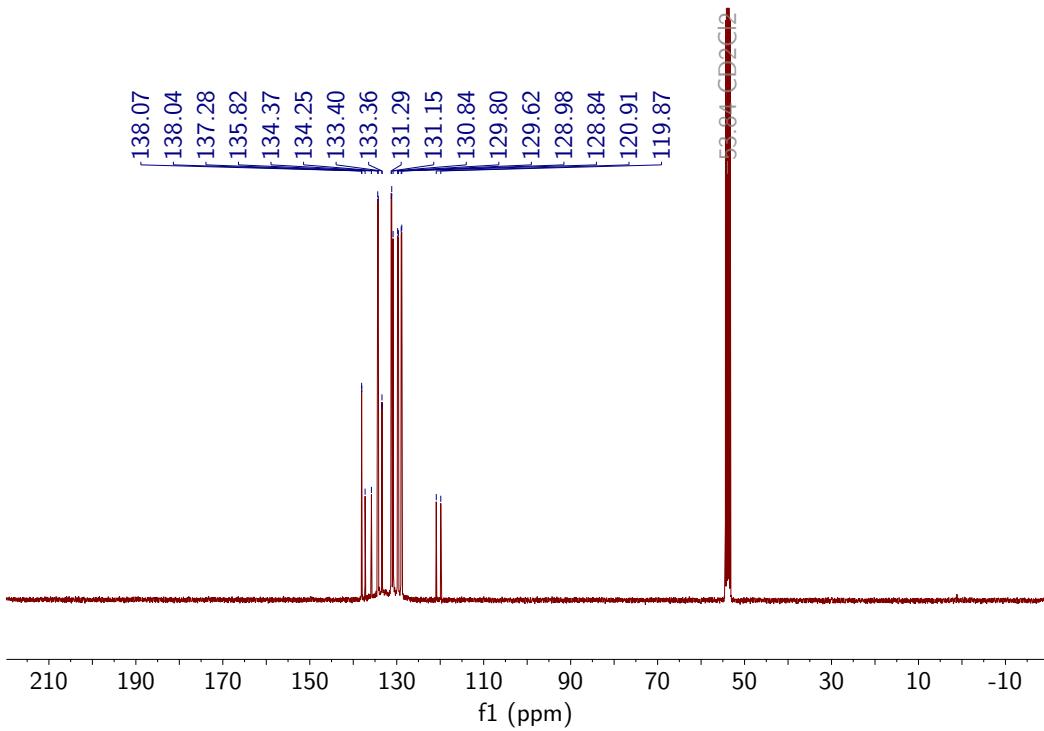


Figure S11: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **3**. (dichloromethane- d_2 , 101 MHz)

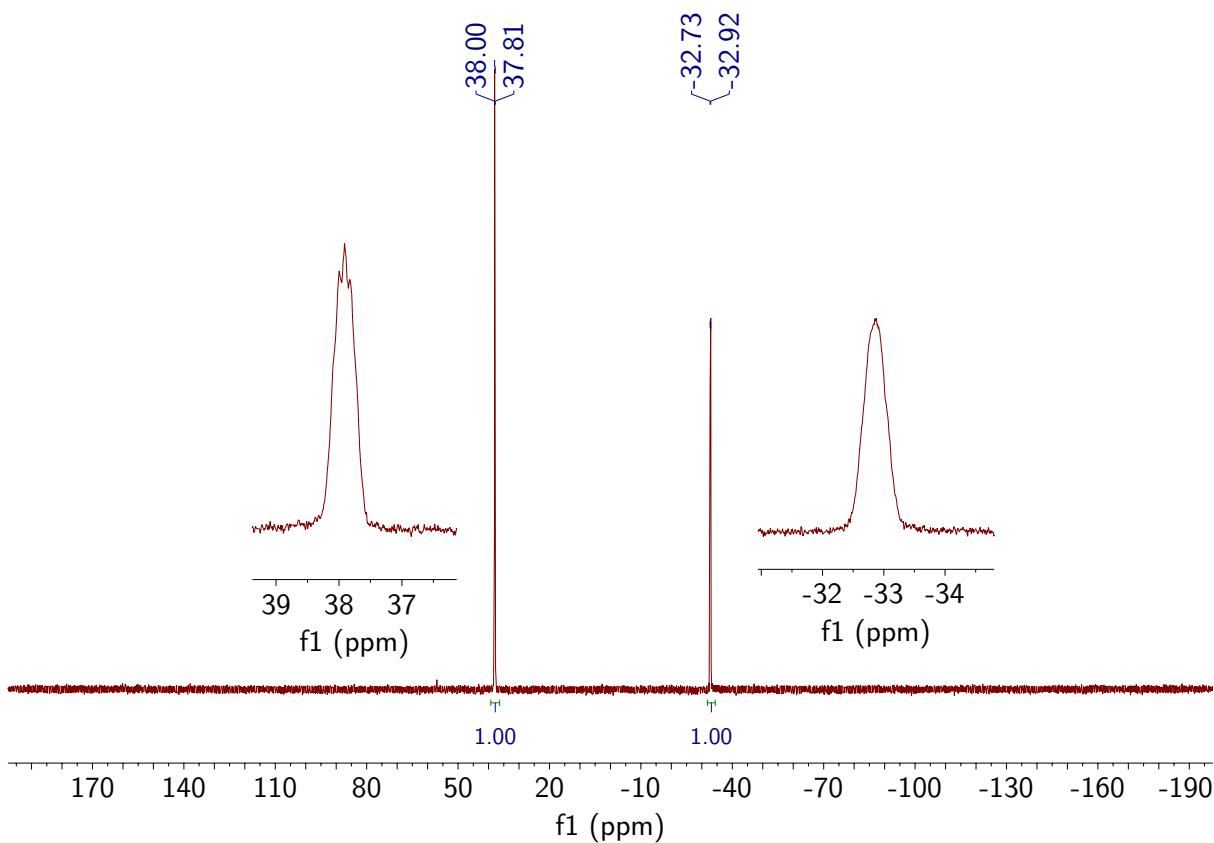


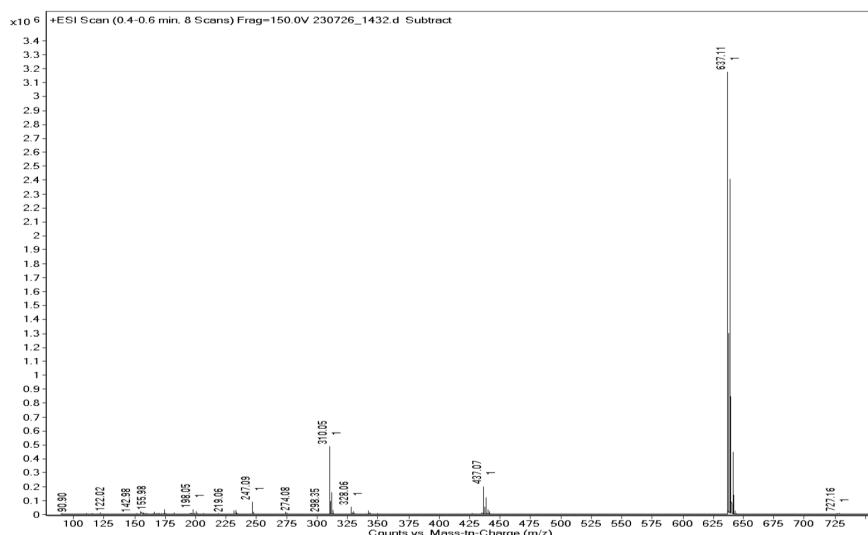
Figure S12: $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **3** with insets showing peaks in the ^{31}P NMR. (dichloromethane- d_2 , 162 MHz)



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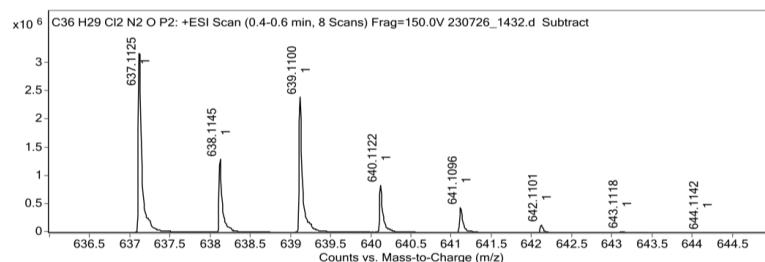
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Target Ion Species

| Ion Species | m/z | Ionic Formula |
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MFG Calculator Results

| Target m/z | Ionic Formula | Calc m/z | +/- (mDa) | +/- (ppm) | DBE | MFG Score |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| 637.1125 | C ₃₆ H ₂₉ Cl ₂ N ₂ O P ₂ | 637.1127 | -0.2 | -0.3 | 23.5 | 95.93 |
| 637.1125 | C ₂₀ H ₂₉ Cl ₂ N ₁₀ O ₆ P ₂ | 637.1118 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 11.5 | 87.56 |
| 637.1125 | C ₂₃ H ₃₇ Cl ₂ O ₁₂ P ₂ | 637.1132 | -0.7 | -1.1 | 5.5 | 84.73 |
| 637.1125 | C ₂₄ H ₃₃ Cl ₂ N ₄ O ₈ P ₂ | 637.1145 | -2.0 | -3.1 | 10.5 | 82.84 |
| 637.1125 | C ₃₁ H ₂₉ Cl ₂ N ₄ O ₃ P ₂ | 637.1086 | 3.9 | 6.1 | 19.5 | 80.91 |
| 637.1125 | C ₂₅ H ₂₉ Cl ₂ N ₈ O ₄ P ₂ | 637.1159 | -3.4 | -5.3 | 15.5 | 77.69 |
| 637.1125 | C ₃₀ H ₃₃ Cl ₂ O ₇ P ₂ | 637.1073 | 5.2 | 8.2 | 14.5 | 69.96 |

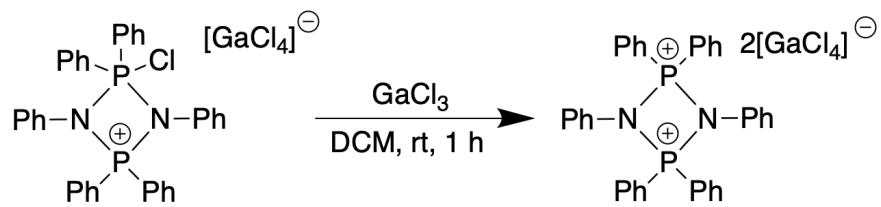


Predicted Isotope Match Table

| Isotope | m/z | Calc m/z | Diff (mDa) | Abund (%) | Calc Abund (%) | +/- |
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| 1 | 637.1125 | 637.1127 | -0.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| 2 | 638.1145 | 638.1159 | -1.4 | 39.5 | 40.0 | 0.5 |
| 3 | 639.1100 | 639.1108 | -0.8 | 72.1 | 72.0 | -0.1 |
| 4 | 640.1122 | 640.1134 | -1.2 | 25.3 | 26.7 | 1.4 |
| 5 | 641.1096 | 641.1100 | -0.4 | 13.6 | 15.5 | 1.9 |

Figure S13: ESI-MS(+) of C₃₆H₂₈Cl₂N₂P₂OH⁺ with zoomed in portion of the molecular ion, and the predicted isotope pattern.

2.4 Synthesis of 4



Scheme S4: Synthesis of 4

In the glovebox, compound **2** was synthesized from azobenzene (0.026 g, 0.141 mmol, 1.0 eq), and $[\text{Ph}_2\text{PClPPPh}_2][\text{GaCl}_4]$ (0.087 g, 0.141 mmol, 1.0 eq) as outlined in Section 2.2. DCM was added to the isolated compound **2**, and GaCl_3 (0.025 g, 0.141 mmol, 1.0 eq) was added at once. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour, during which white precipitate formed. Solvent was removed under vacuum, and the product was washed with a minimal amount of DCM. The product was obtained as a white powder (0.057 g, 0.059 mmol, 41% yield).

- ^1H NMR (dichloromethane- d_2 , 400 MHz): δ 8.37–8.33 (m, 4H, *p*-CH of $-\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2$), 8.16–8.05 (m, 16H, *o*- and *m*-CH of $-\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2$), 7.50–7.44 (m, 6H, *o*- and *p*-CH of $-\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)$), 6.90 (m, 4H, *m*-CH of $-\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)$).
- $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (dichloromethane- d_2 , 101 MHz): δ 142.33 (s), 136.38 (m), 133.32 (m), 132.84 (s), 130.53 (s), 129.59 (s), 122.44 (t, $J = 5.0$ Hz), 114.44 (d, $J = 102.7$ Hz).
- $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (dichloromethane- d_2 , 162 MHz): δ 66.3 (s).
- The molecular ion peak was not observed for this molecule. Rather, only the hydrolyzed compound $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{P}_2\text{OH}^+$ was observed: MS (ESI) $[\text{M}]^+$ of $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{P}_2\text{OH}^+$ calc. 569.1912 m/z , found 569.1906 m/z .
- Elem. Anal. Found (Calc'd) for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{P}_2\text{Ga}_2\text{Cl}_8$: C 43.92 (44.32), H 3.05 (3.10), N 2.77 (2.87)

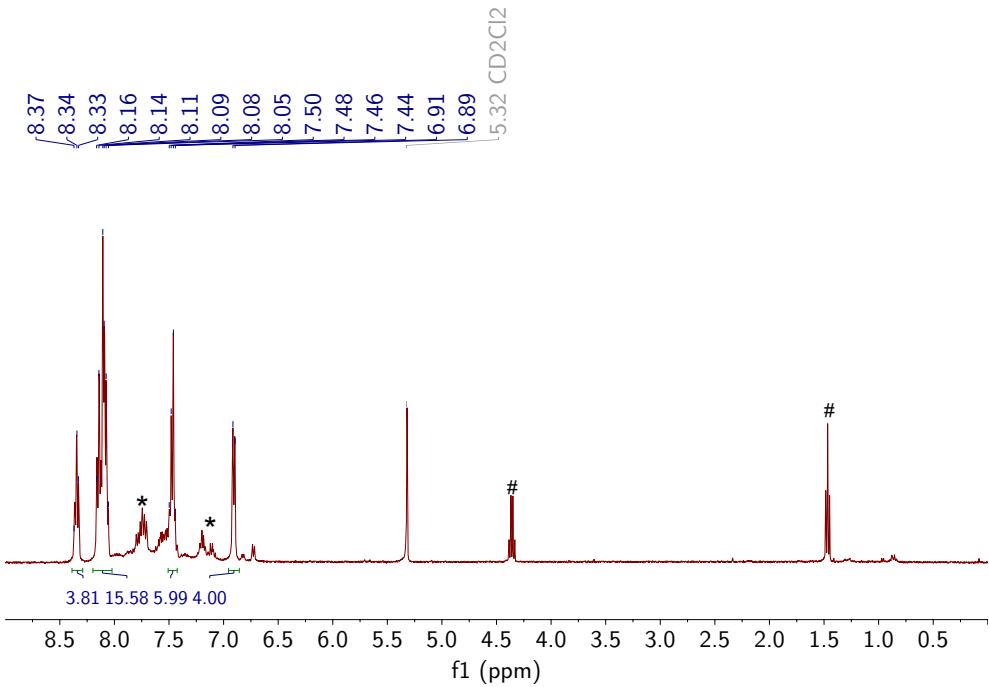


Figure S14: ^1H NMR spectrum of **4**. # and * denote residual diethyl ether and minor unidentified impurities, respectively. (dichloromethane- d_2 , 400 MHz)

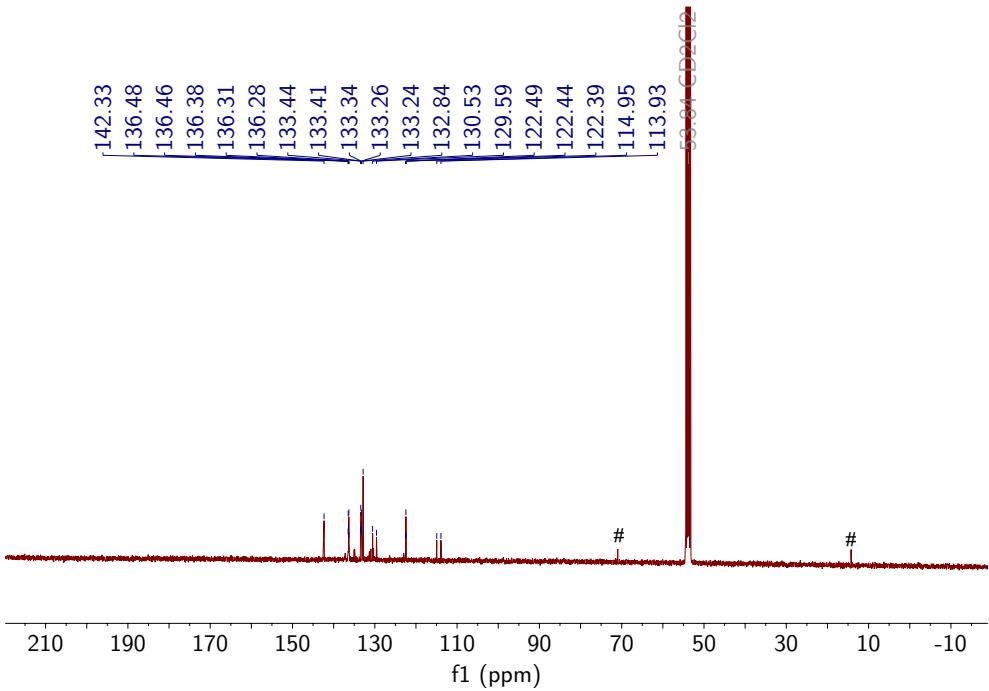


Figure S15: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **4**. # denotes residual diethyl ether. (dichloromethane- d_2 , 101 MHz)

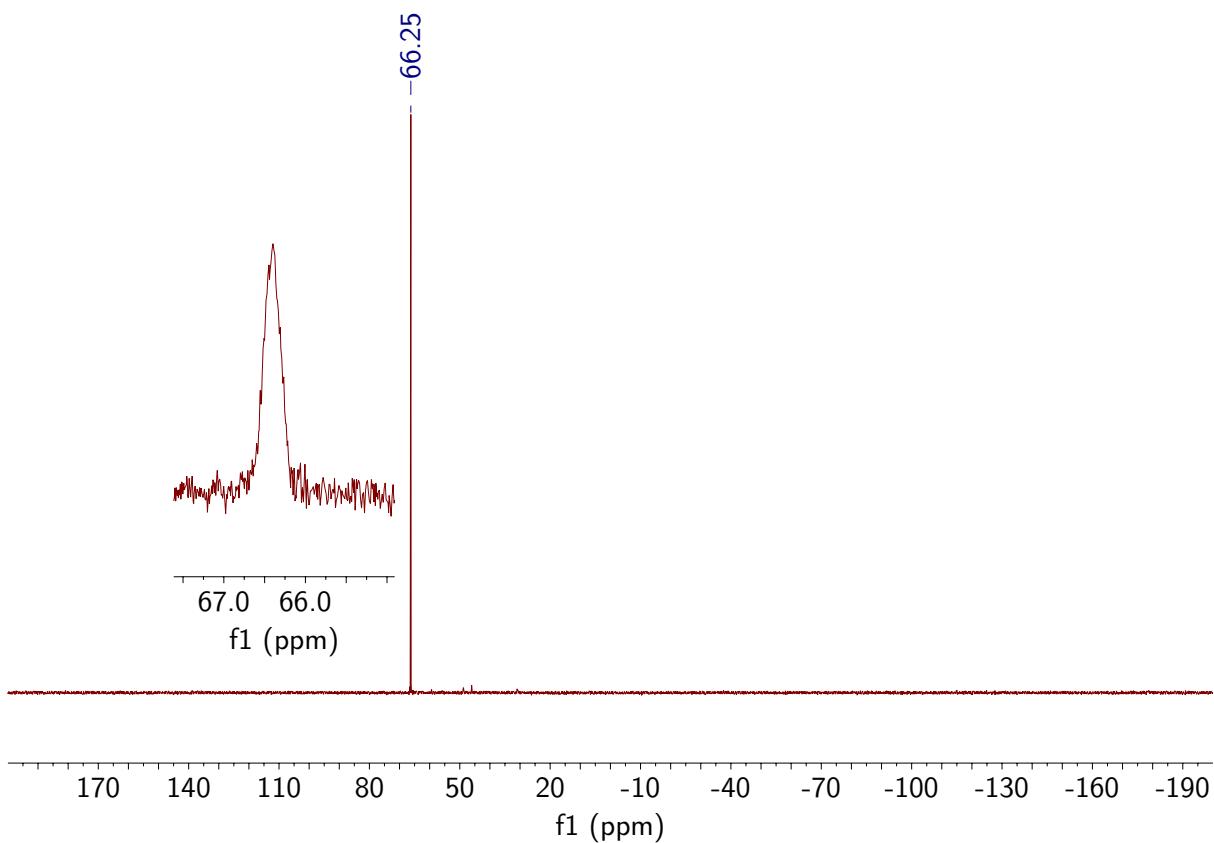


Figure S16: $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **4** with insets showing the peak in the ^{31}P NMR. (dichloromethane- d_2 , 162 MHz)



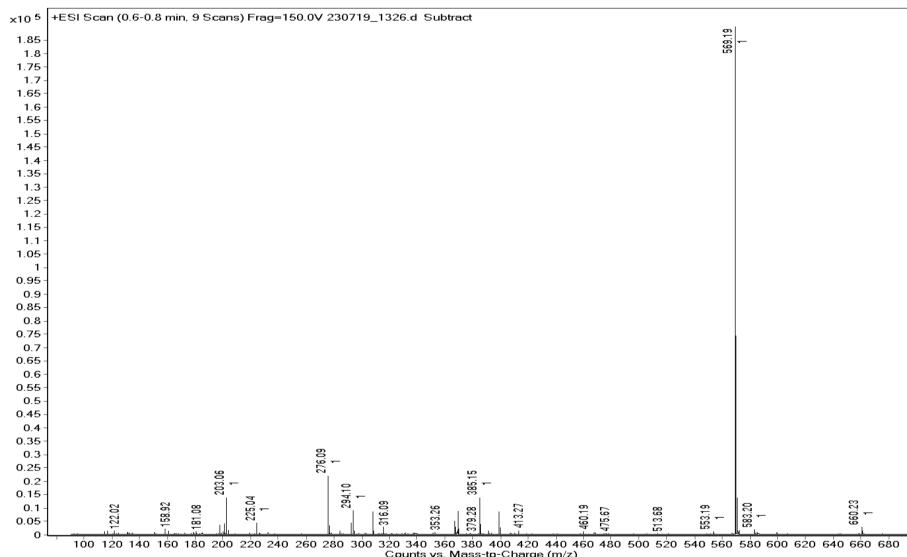
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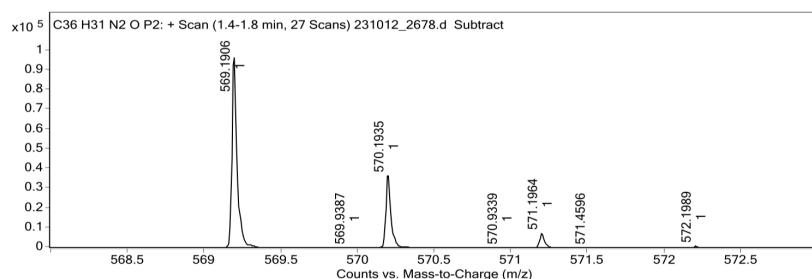
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MFG Calculator Results

| Target m/z | Ionic Formula | Calc m/z | +/- (mDa) | +/- (ppm) | DBE | MFG Score |
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| 569.1906 | C ₃₆ H ₃₁ N ₂ O P ₂ | 569.1906 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 23.5 | 99.52 |
| 569.1906 | C ₂₃ H ₃₉ O ₁₂ P ₂ | 569.1911 | -0.5 | -0.9 | 5.5 | 81.27 |
| 569.1906 | C ₂₀ H ₃₁ N ₁₀ O ₆ P ₂ | 569.1898 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 11.5 | 80.65 |
| 569.1906 | C ₂₄ H ₃₅ N ₄ O ₈ P ₂ | 569.1925 | -1.9 | -3.3 | 10.5 | 80.42 |
| 569.1906 | C ₃₁ H ₃₁ N ₄ O ₃ P ₂ | 569.1866 | 4.0 | 7.0 | 19.5 | 76.96 |
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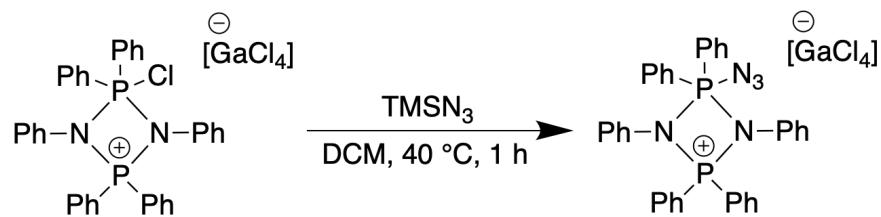


Predicted Isotope Match Table

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| 1 | 569.1906 | 569.1906 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| 2 | 570.1935 | 570.1939 | -0.4 | 39.4 | 40.1 | 0.7 |
| 3 | 571.1964 | 571.1971 | -0.7 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 0.2 |

Figure S17: ESI-MS(+) of C₃₆H₃₀N₂P₂OH⁺ with zoomed in portion of the molecular ion, and the predicted isotope pattern.

2.5 Synthesis of 5



Scheme S5: Synthesis of 5

In the glovebox, compound **2** (0.046 g, 0.057 mmol, 1.0 eq) was dissolved in DCM (0.7 mL), and Me_3SiN_3 (11 μL , 0.086 mmol, 1.5 eq) was added directly. The solution was heated at 40 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 hour, then solvent was removed under vacuum. The product was obtained as a beige powder (0.041 g, 0.051 mmol, 90% yield).

- ^1H NMR (dichloromethane- d_2 , 400 MHz): δ 7.95–7.53 (m, 21H, ArH), 7.33–7.11 (br m, 6H, ArH), 6.63 (br s, 3H, ArH).
- $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (dichloromethane- d_2 , 101 MHz): δ 137.18 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 134.17 (d, $J = 12.5$ Hz), 133.72 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 130.77 (d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 130.60 (s), 130.00 (d, $J = 17.2$ Hz), 129.65 (d, $J = 12.5$ Hz), 128.48 (br s), 121.72 (d, $J = 103.8$ Hz).
- $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (dichloromethane- d_2 , 162 MHz): δ 34.2 (d, $J = 32.3$ Hz), -35.0 (br d).
- The molecular ion peak was not observed for this molecule. Rather, only the hydrolyzed compound $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{P}_2\text{OH}^+$ was observed: MS (ESI) $[\text{M}]^+$ of $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{P}_2\text{OH}^+$ calc. 569.1912 m/z , found 569.1911 m/z .

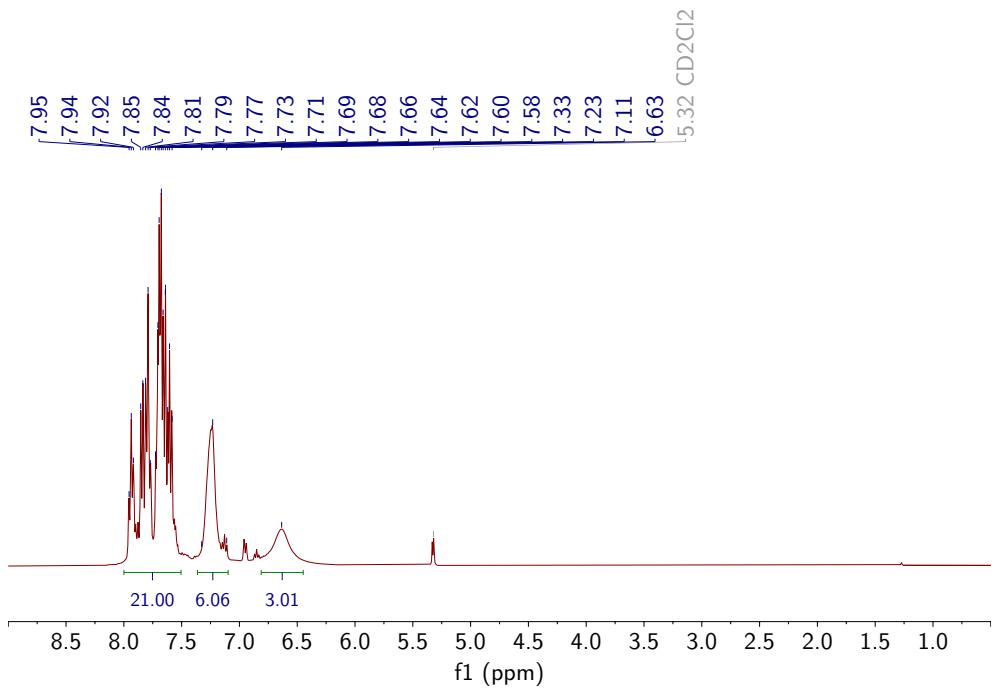


Figure S18: ¹H NMR spectrum of **5**. (dichloromethane-*d*₂, 400 MHz)

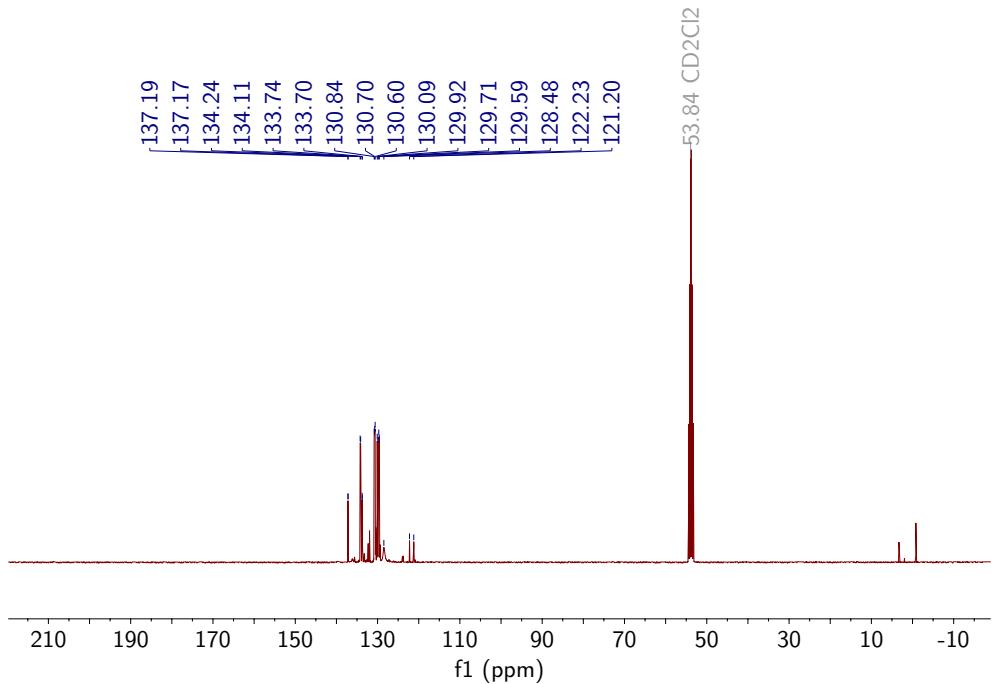


Figure S19: ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of **5**. (dichloromethane-*d*₂, 101 MHz)

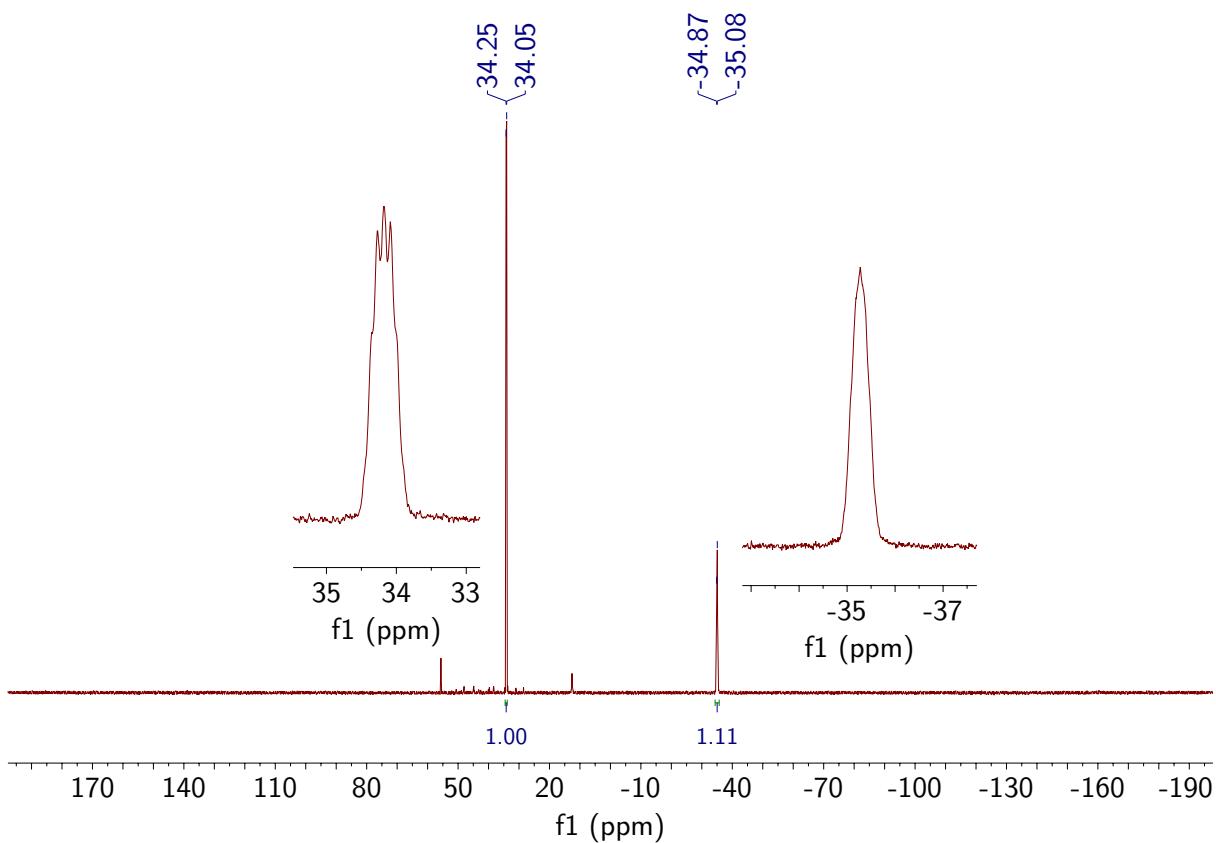


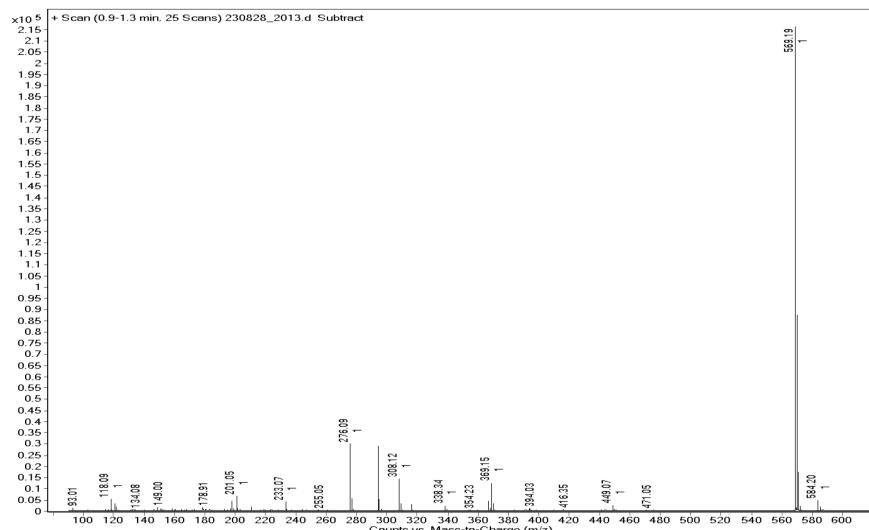
Figure S20: ${}^3\text{P}\{{}^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **5** with insets showing peaks in the ${}^3\text{P}$ NMR. (dichloromethane- d_2 , 162 MHz)



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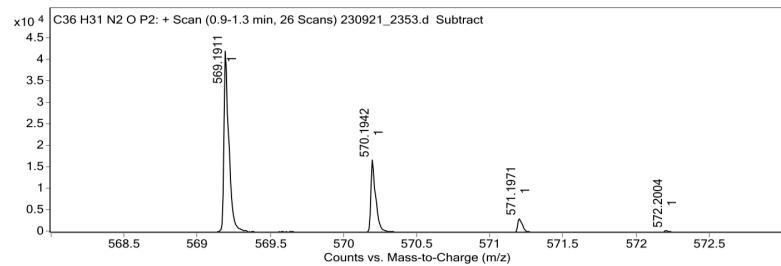
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MFG Calculator Results

| Target m/z | Ionic Formula | Calc m/z | +/- (mDa) | +/- (ppm) | DBE | MFG Score |
|------------|---|----------|-----------|-----------|------|-----------|
| 569.1911 | C ₃₆ H ₃₁ N ₂ O ₂ P ₂ | 569.1906 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 23.5 | 99.37 |
| 569.1911 | C ₂₄ H ₃₅ N ₄ O ₈ P ₂ | 569.1925 | -1.4 | -2.5 | 10.5 | 83.23 |
| 569.1911 | C ₂₃ H ₃₉ O ₁₂ P ₂ | 569.1911 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.5 | 82.02 |
| 569.1911 | C ₂₅ H ₃₁ N ₈ O ₄ P ₂ | 569.1938 | -2.7 | -4.7 | 15.5 | 79.97 |
| 569.1911 | C ₂₀ H ₃₁ N ₁₀ O ₆ P ₂ | 569.1898 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 11.5 | 78.10 |
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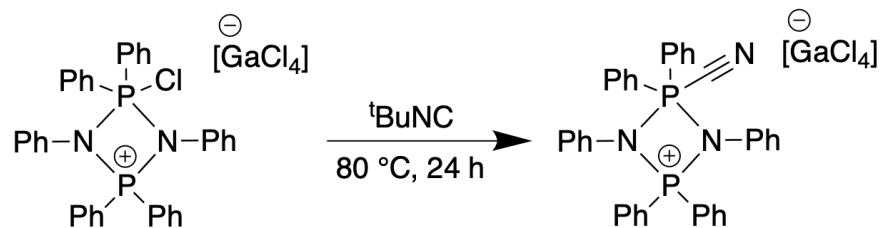


Predicted Isotope Match Table

| Isotope | m/z | Calc m/z | Diff (mDa) | Abund (%) | Calc Abund (%) | +/- |
|---------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|----------------|-----|
| 1 | 569.1911 | 569.1906 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| 2 | 570.1942 | 570.1939 | 0.3 | 39.4 | 40.1 | 0.7 |
| 3 | 571.1971 | 571.1971 | 0.0 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 0.4 |

Figure S21: ESI-MS(+) of C₃₆H₃₀N₂P₂OH⁺ with zoomed in portion of the molecular ion, and the predicted isotope pattern.

2.6 Synthesis of 6



Scheme S6: Synthesis of **6**

In the glovebox, compound **2** (0.081 g, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 eq) was dissolved in *o*-DFB (0.7 mL), and *t*BuNC (0.11 mL, 1.0 mmol, 10.0 eq) was added. The solution was heated at 80 °C overnight, during which the colour of the solution turned from pale yellow to dark red. Solvent was removed under vacuum. The product was obtained as a beige powder after twice dissolving the crude product in DCM (0.3 mL) and triturating with diethyl ether (2.0 mL) (0.061 g, 0.077 mmol, 76% yield).

- ^1H NMR (dichloromethane-*d*₂, 400 MHz): δ 8.00–7.61 (m, 22H, Ar*H*), 7.50 (br m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.27 (br m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.05 (br m, 2H, Ar*H*), 6.15 (br s, 2H, Ar*H*).
- $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (dichloromethane-*d*₂, 101 MHz): δ 137.79 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 134.96–133.53 (m), 131.89 (s), 131.74 (br s), 131.13 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz), 130.50 (s), 130.38 (s), 130.21 (s), 127.45 (br s), 126.05 (br s), 125.10 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 120.17 (d, *J* = 104.9 Hz).
- $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (dichloromethane-*d*₂, 162 MHz): δ 32.0 (d, $^2\text{J}_{PP}$ = 38.1 Hz), -62.8 (d, $^2\text{J}_{PP}$ = 38.1 Hz).
- The molecular ion peak was not observed for this molecule. Rather, only the hydrolyzed compound C₃₆H₃₀N₂P₂OH⁺ was observed: MS (ESI) [M]⁺ of C₃₆H₃₀N₂P₂OH⁺ calc. 569.1912 *m/z*, found 569.1918 *m/z*.
- Elem. Anal. Found (Calc'd) for C₃₇H₃₀N₃P₂GaCl₄: C 55.04 (56.24), H 3.67 (3.83), N 5.54 (5.32)

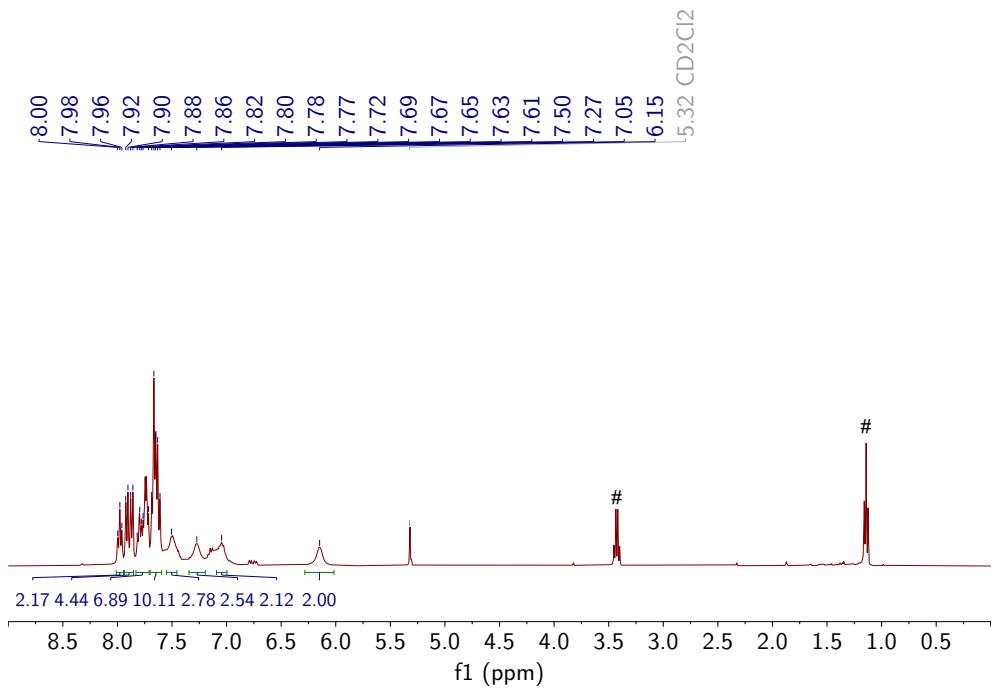


Figure S22: ^1H NMR spectrum of **6**. # denotes residual diethyl ether. (dichloromethane- d_2 , 400 MHz)

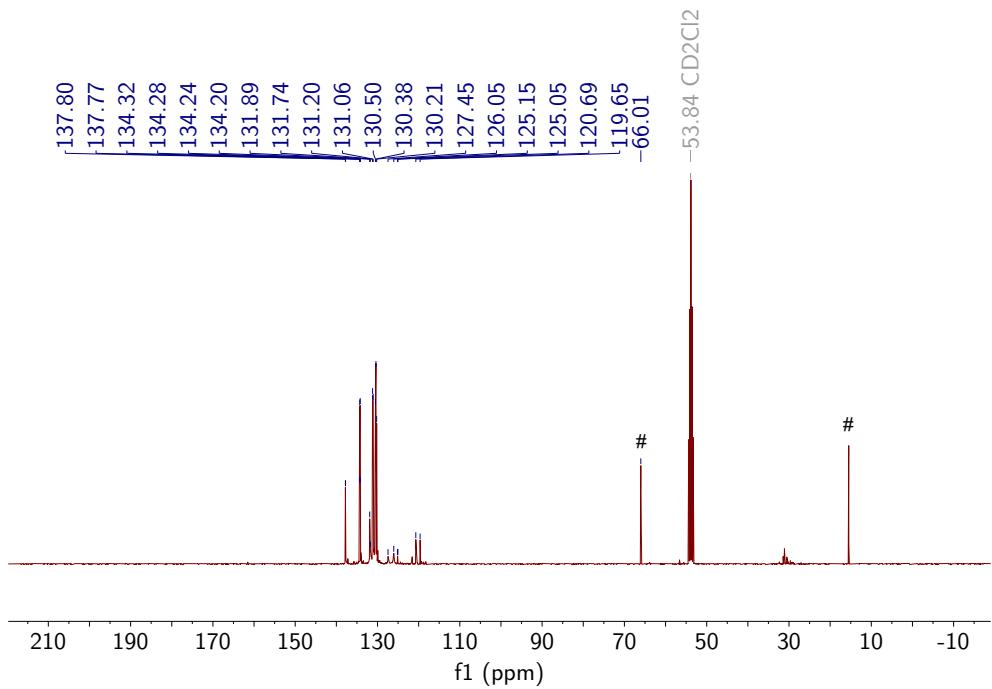


Figure S23: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **6**. # denotes residual diethyl ether. (dichloromethane- d_2 , 101 MHz)

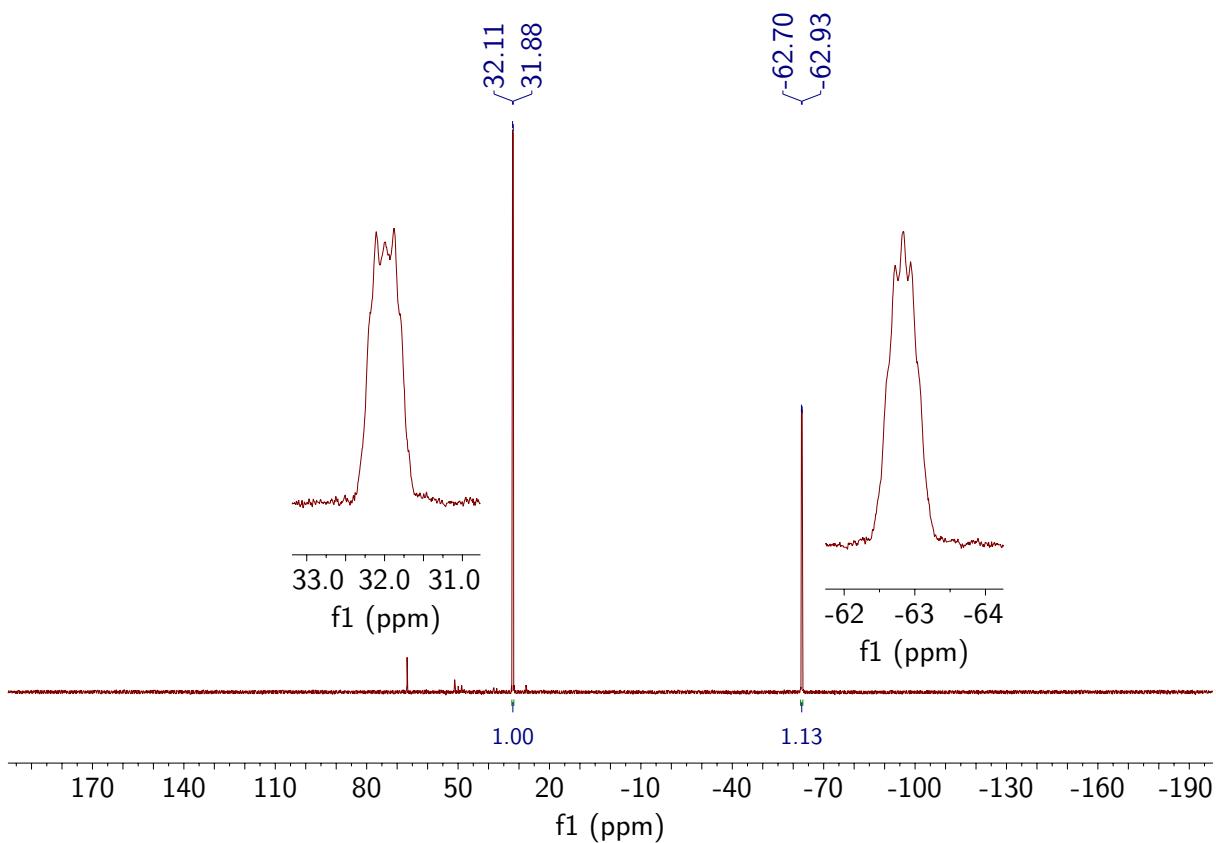


Figure S24: $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **6** with insets showing peak in the ^{31}P NMR. (dichloromethane- d_2 , 162 MHz)



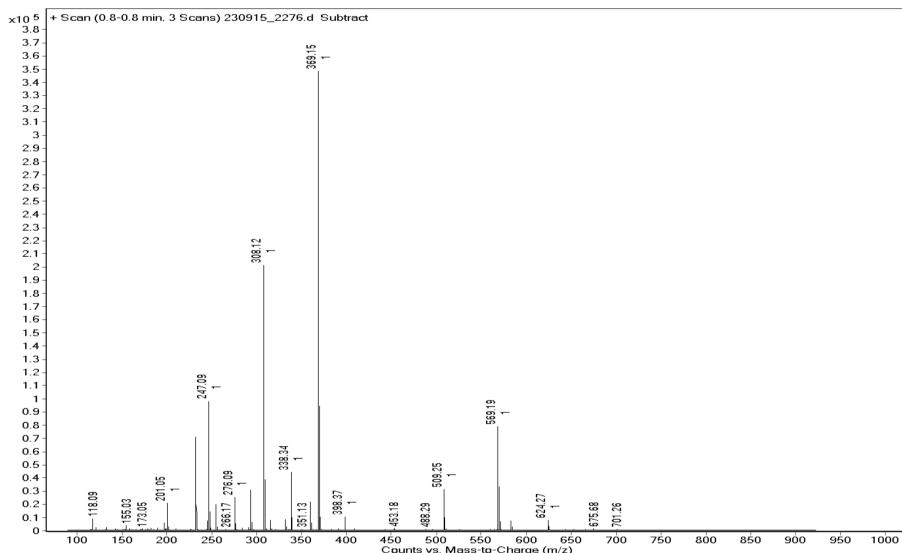
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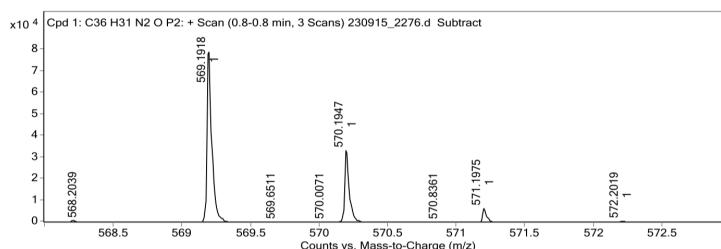
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MFG Calculator Results

| <i>Target m/z</i> | <i>Ionic Formula</i> | <i>Calc m/z</i> | <i>+/- (mDa)</i> | <i>+/- (ppm)</i> | <i>DBE</i> | <i>MFG Score</i> |
|-------------------|--|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| 569.1918 | C ₃₆ H ₃₁ N ₂ O ₂ P ₂ | 569.1906 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 23.5 | 96.35 |
| 569.1918 | C ₃₂ H ₂₉ N ₂ O ₈ | 569.1918 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.5 | 93.49 |
| 569.1918 | C ₃₃ H ₂₅ N ₆ O ₄ | 569.1932 | -1.4 | -2.5 | 24.5 | 93.47 |
| 569.1918 | C ₄₄ H ₂₅ O | 569.1900 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 32.5 | 92.16 |
| 569.1918 | C ₂₇ H ₂₆ N ₁₀ O ₃ P | 569.1921 | -0.3 | -0.5 | 20.5 | 90.19 |
| 569.1918 | C ₃₄ H ₂₁ N ₁₀ | 569.1945 | -2.7 | -4.7 | 29.5 | 87.90 |
| 569.1918 | C ₃₈ H ₂₆ N ₆ P | 569.1890 | 2.8 | 4.9 | 28.5 | 87.63 |
| 569.1918 | C ₂₆ H ₃₀ N ₆ O ₇ P | 569.1908 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 15.5 | 84.40 |
| 569.1918 | C ₃₀ H ₃₄ O ₉ P | 569.1935 | -1.7 | -3.0 | 14.5 | 83.70 |
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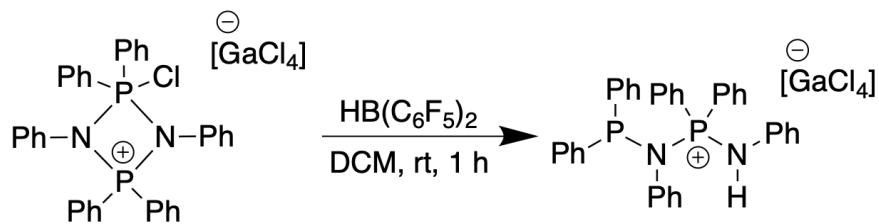


Predicted Isotope Match Table

| <i>Isotope</i> | <i>m/z</i> | <i>Calc m/z</i> | <i>Diff (mDa)</i> | <i>Abund (%)</i> | <i>Calc Abund (%)</i> | <i>+/-</i> |
|----------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 1 | 569.1918 | 569.1906 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| 2 | 570.1947 | 570.1939 | 0.8 | 42.9 | 40.1 | -2.8 |
| 3 | 571.1975 | 571.1971 | 0.4 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 0.0 |

Figure S25: ESI-MS(+) of C₃₆H₃₁N₂P₂OH⁺ with zoomed in portion of the molecular ion, and the predicted isotope pattern.

2.7 Synthesis of 7



Scheme S7: Synthesis of 7

In the glovebox, compound **2** (0.040 g, 0.050 mmol, 1.0 eq) was dissolved in DCM (1.0 mL), and $\text{HB}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2$ (0.017 g, 0.050 mmol, 1.0 eq) was added directly. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour, then solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was washed with benzene, and the supernatant was decanted. After drying, the product was obtained as a beige powder (0.014 g, 0.019 mmol, 38% yield).

- ^1H NMR (dichloromethane- d_2 , 400 MHz): δ 7.85–7.74 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.64–7.59 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.46–7.43 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.34–7.30 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.23–7.00 (m, 10H, ArH), 6.49 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.04 (d, $^2\text{J}_{PH}$ = 9.6 Hz, 1H, -NPh).

- $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (dichloromethane- d_2 , 101 MHz): δ 136.45 (dd, J = 7.0, 2.6 Hz), 136.30 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 135.96 (m), 134.36 (s), 134.20 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 134.13 (s), 134.09 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 132.87 (d, J = 11.7 Hz), 131.70 (s), 131.66 (s), 130.99 (d, J = 14.3 Hz), 130.55 (s), 130.53 (s), 130.40 (s), 129.96 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 129.19 (d, J = 7.3 Hz), 126.24 (d, J = 26.8 Hz), 122.70 (dd, J = 5.5, 2.9 Hz), 122.44 (d, J = 6.2 Hz), 121.24 (dd, J = 125.36, 1.8 Hz), 120.80 (d, J = 127.3 Hz).

- $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (dichloromethane- d_2 , 162 MHz): δ 67.0 (d, J = 91.9 Hz), 42.9 (d, J = 91.9 Hz).

- The molecular ion peak was not observed for this molecule. Rather, only the decomposition product $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{P}^+$ was observed: MS (ESI) $[\text{M}]^+$ of $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{P}^+$ calc. 369.1521 m/z , found 369.1517 m/z .

- Elem. Anal. Found (Calc'd) for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{P}_2\text{GaCl}_4$: C 53.53 (56.51), H 4.31 (4.08), N 2.80 (3.66)

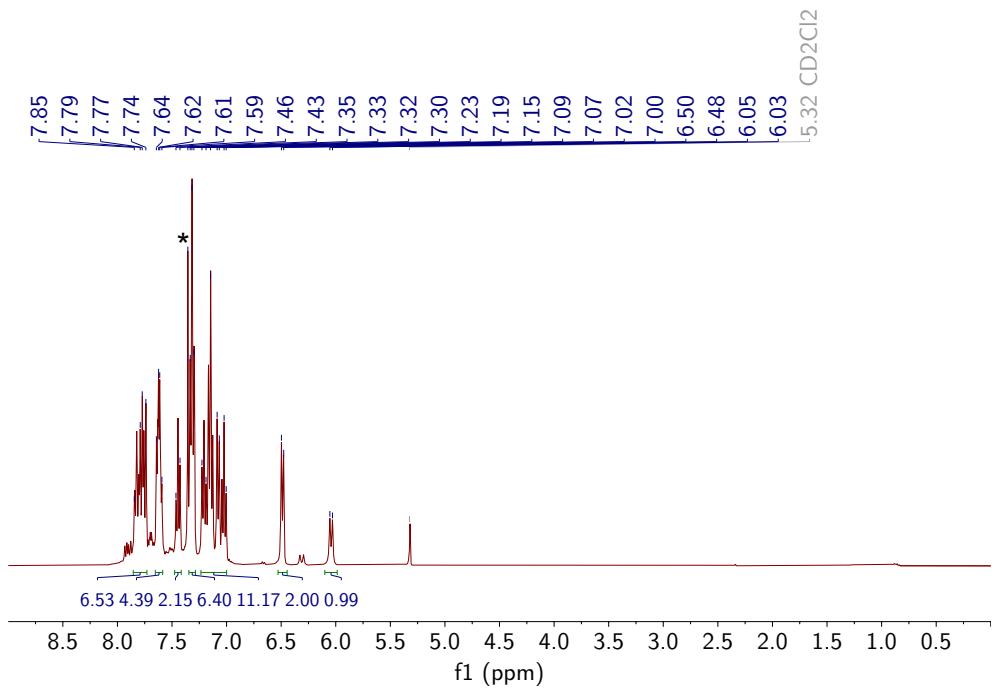


Figure S26: ^1H NMR spectrum of **7**. * denotes residual benzene. (dichloromethane- d_2 , 400 MHz)

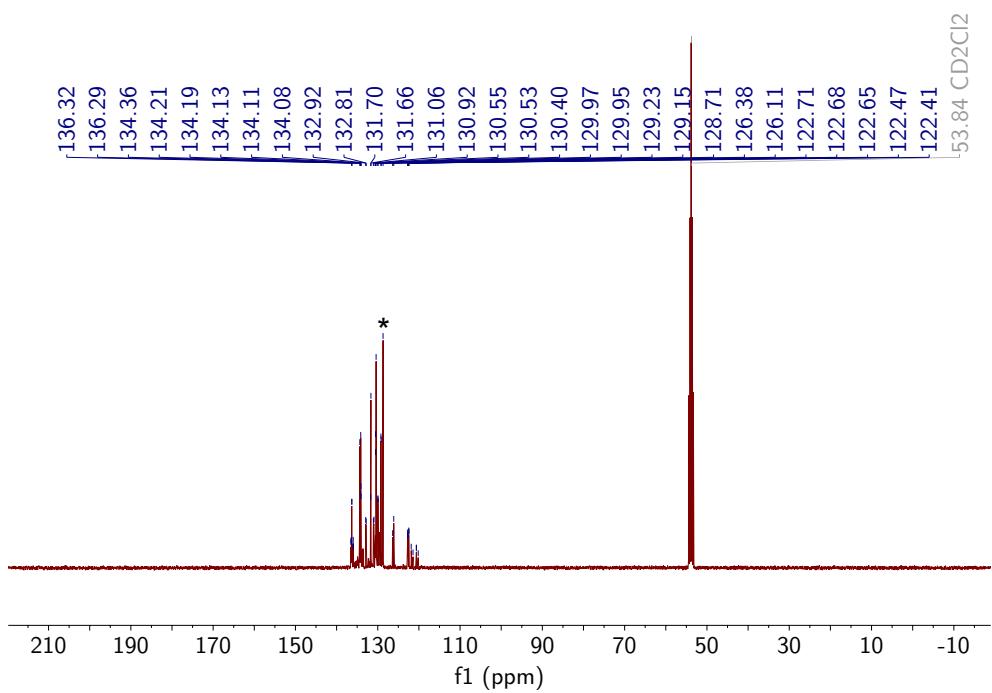


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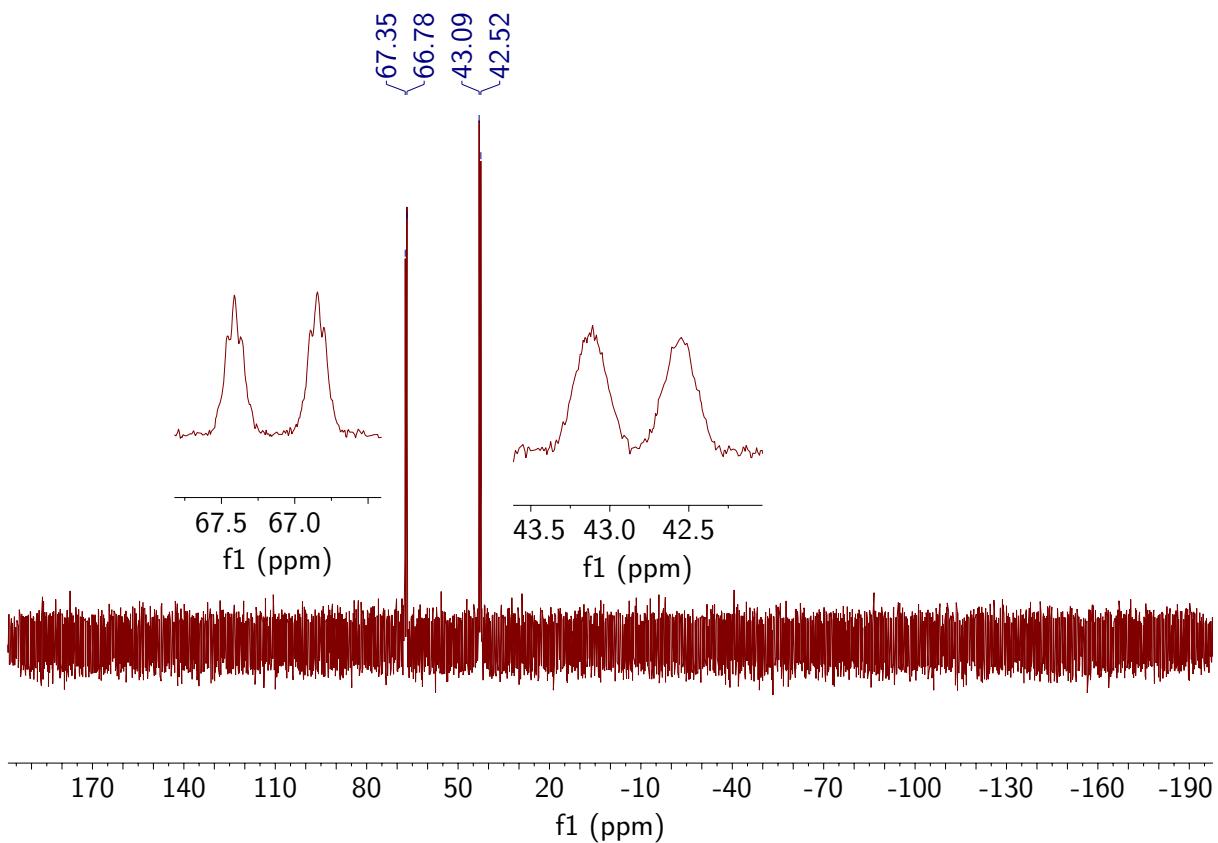
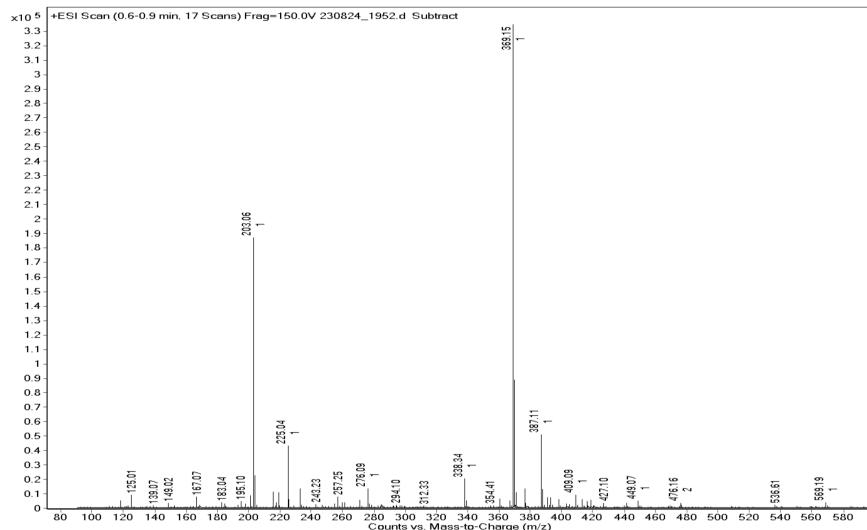


Figure S28: $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **7** with insets showing peaks in the ^{31}P NMR. (dichloromethane- d_2 , 162 MHz)



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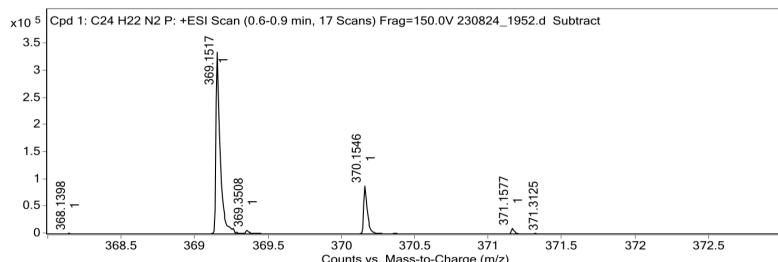
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Target Ion Species

| Ion Species | m/z | Ionic Formula |
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| M+ | 369.1517 | C ₂₄ H ₂₂ N ₂ P |

MFG Calculator Results

| Target m/z | Ionic Formula | Calc m/z | +/- (mDa) | +/- (ppm) | DBE | MFG Score |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| 369.1517 | C ₂₄ H ₂₂ N ₂ P | 369.1515 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 15.5 | 99.83 |
| 369.1517 | C ₁₅ H ₁₇ N ₁₀ O ₂ | 369.1530 | -1.3 | -3.5 | 12.5 | 88.09 |
| 369.1517 | C ₁₄ H ₂₁ N ₆ O ₆ | 369.1517 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.5 | 87.28 |
| 369.1517 | C ₂₅ H ₂₁ O ₃ | 369.1485 | 3.2 | 8.7 | 15.5 | 79.14 |
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| 369.1517 | C ₁₂ H ₂₆ N ₄ O ₇ P | 369.1534 | -1.7 | -4.6 | 2.5 | 74.04 |
| 369.1517 | C ₁₈ H ₂₅ O ₈ | 369.1544 | -2.7 | -7.3 | 6.5 | 73.45 |
| 369.1517 | C ₁₃ H ₂₂ N ₈ O ₃ P | 369.1547 | -3.0 | -8.1 | 7.5 | 67.25 |



Predicted Isotope Match Table

| Isotope | m/z | Calc m/z | Diff (mDa) | Abund (%) | Calc Abund (%) | +/- |
|----------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 1 | 369.1517 | 369.1515 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| 2 | 370.1546 | 370.1547 | -0.1 | 26.5 | 26.9 | 0.4 |
| 3 | 371.1577 | 371.1579 | -0.2 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 0.3 |
| 4 | 372.1604 | 372.1611 | -0.7 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |

Figure S29: ESI-MS(+) of C₂₄H₂₂N₂P⁺ with zoomed in portion of the molecular ion, and the predicted isotope pattern.

3 X-ray Diffraction Studies

Crystals were coated in Paratone-N oil in an N₂ filled glovebox, brought out of the glovebox, mounted on a MiTegen Micromount, and placed under a cold N₂ stream to maintain a dry, O₂-free environment for each crystal during data collection.

For crystals of compounds 1, 2, 6, 7: Data were collected on a Bruker Kappa Apex II diffractometer using a graphite monochromator with Mo $\kappa\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 0.7103 \text{ \AA}$). Data were collected at 150 K for all crystals. A semi-empirical absorption correction was applied to the diffraction data using SADABS.² We used olex2 with an implementation of SHEL-XS added in. This provides both SHEL-XS and Olex2 solutions. The structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares on F² using SHEL-XL.^{3,4} All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Carbon-bound hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions using an appropriate riding model and coupled isotropic temperature factors. Descriptions of the refinement anomalies, where present, are given below. Further details can be found in the form of .cif files available from the CCDC.

For crystals of compound 5 collected by Dr. Alan J. Lough: Data were collected on a Bruker Kappa APEX-DUO diffractometer equipped with a PHOTON II CMOS detector and were measured using a combination of ϕ scans and ω scans. The data were processed using APEX3 and SAINT. Absorption corrections were carried out using SADABS.² The structures were solved with SHELXT⁵ and refined using SHELXL-2019⁴ for full-matrix least-squares refinement that was based on F². H atoms were included in calculated positions and allowed to refine in riding-motion approximation with U_{iso} tied to the carrier atom.

- Crystals of **1** were grown by layering pentane to a concentrated DCM solution of product and placing the vial in a -20 °C freezer overnight.
- Crystals of **2** were grown from a saturated CHCl₃ solution at room temperature.
- Crystals of **5** were grown by layering diethyl ether to a concentrated DCM solution of product at room temperature overnight.
- Crystals of **6** were grown by layering hexanes to a concentrated *o*-DFB solution of product at room temperature overnight.
- Crystals of **7** were grown by layering diethyl ether to a concentrated DCM solution of product and placing the vial in a -20 °C freezer overnight.

4 Experimental References

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5 Computational Details, Data and References

The quantum chemical DFT calculations have been performed with the TURBOMOLE 7.4 suite of programs.¹ The structures are fully optimized at the TPSS-D3/def2-TZVP + COSMO(CH₂Cl₂) level of theory, which combines the TPSS meta-GGA density functional² with the BJ-damped DFT-D3 dispersion correction³ and the def2-TZVP basis set,⁴ using the Conductor-like Screening Model (COSMO) continuum solvation model⁵ for CH₂Cl₂ solvent (dielectric constant $\epsilon = 8.93$ and solvent radius $R_{\text{solv}} = 2.94 \text{ \AA}$). The density-fitting RI-J approach^{4a,6} is used to accelerate the geometry optimization and numerical harmonic frequency calculations⁷ in solution. The optimized structures are characterized by frequency analysis to identify the nature of located stationary points (no imaginary frequency for true minima and only one imaginary frequency for transition state) and to provide thermal corrections (at 298.15 K and 1 atm) according to the modified ideal gas-rigid rotor-harmonic oscillator model.⁸ This choice of dispersion-corrected meta-GGA functional makes the efficient exploration of all potential reaction paths possible.

The final solvation free energies in CH₂Cl₂ are computed with the COSMO-RS solvation model⁹ (parameter file: BP_TZVP_C30_1601.ctd) using the COSMOtherm program package¹⁰ on the above TPSS-D3 optimized structures, and corrected by +1.89 kcal·mol⁻¹ to account for higher reference solute concentration of 1 mol·L⁻¹ usually used in solution. To check the effects of the chosen DFT functional on the reaction energies and barriers, single-point calculations at the meta-GGA TPSS-D3² and hybrid-meta-GGA PW6B95-D3¹¹ levels are performed using a larger def2-QZVP basis set.^{4b,12} The final reaction Gibbs free energies (ΔG) are determined from the electronic single-point energies plus TPSS-D3 thermal corrections and COSMO-RS solvation free energies. In our discussion, the higher-level PW6B95-D3 Gibbs free energies (in kcal/mol, at 298.15 K and 1 mol/L standard state concentration) will be used in our discussion unless specified otherwise, since meta-GGA functionals usually underestimate reaction barriers that could be improved by using hybrid meta-GGA functionals.

Table S1. TPSS-D3/def2-TZVP + COSMO computed lowest imaginary frequency (ImF), zero-point energies (ZPE), gas-phase enthalpic (H_c) and Gibbs free-energy (G_c) corrections; the COSMO-RS computed solvation enthalpic (H_{solv}) and Gibbs free-energy (G_{solv}) corrections in CH₂Cl₂ solution; TPSS-D3/def2-QZVP and PW6B95-D3/def2-QZVP single-point energies (TPSS-D3 and PW6B95-D3); the relative electronic energies (ΔE_T and ΔE_P) and Gibbs free-energies (ΔG_T and ΔG_P) at the TPSS-D3 and PW6B95-D3 levels. Each structure is labeled either by its molecular formula or a specific name in bold. Transition structures (with only one imaginary frequency) are indicated by the “TS” suffix while radicals, positive and negative charges are indicated by ·, + and - signs, respectively. See Figure S1 as well for labellings.

Table S2. The TPSS-D3/def2-TZVP + COSMO optimized atomic Cartesian coordi-

nates (in Å) in CH₂Cl₂ solution. Each structure is labeled by the specific name (see **Table S1**), followed by the number of atoms, the total energy, and the detailed atomic coordinates (in double-column text list).

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| Reactions | ImF cm ⁻¹ | Zpe kcal/mol | Hc kcal/mol | Gc kcal/mol | Hsol kcal/mol | Gsol kcal/mol | TPSS Eh | PW6B95 Eh | GP | ET kcal/mol | EP kcal/mol | GT kcal/mol | GP kcal/mol |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
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| Ph ₂ ClPPPPh ₂ ⁺ + cis-PhNNPh | 0 | 345.97 | 369.34 | 291.66 | -73.89 | -59.95 | -2643.23917 | -2645.74094 | -2645.36566 | 11.35 | 12.54 | 10.38 | 9.19 |
| TSA | 28i | 345.99 | 369.77 | 305.78 | -60.64 | -50.61 | -2643.26689 | -2645.76001 | -2645.35036 | -6.05 | 0.57 | 19.98 | 13.36 |
| A + Ph ₂ ClP | 0 | 345.72 | 369.01 | 290.87 | -74.07 | -60.98 | -2643.23151 | -2645.73413 | -2645.36176 | 16.15 | 16.81 | 12.83 | 12.17 |
| TSB + Ph ₂ ClP | 30i | 344.90 | 367.98 | 290.17 | -74.35 | -61.13 | -2643.21565 | -2645.71590 | -2645.34488 | 26.11 | 28.25 | 23.42 | 21.28 |
| B + Ph ₂ ClP | 0 | 346.09 | 369.32 | 291.50 | -73.20 | -60.12 | -2643.24874 | -2645.74124 | -2645.36647 | 5.34 | 12.35 | 9.87 | 2.86 |
| C | 0 | 347.96 | 371.39 | 309.12 | -63.70 | -53.28 | -2643.34576 | -2645.85054 | -2645.43983 | -55.54 | -56.24 | -36.16 | -35.46 |
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Table S2. The TPSS-D3/def2-TZVP + COSMO optimized atomic Cartesian coordinates (in Å) in CH₂Cl₂ solution. Each structure is labeled by the specific name (See also **Figure S1** and **Table S1**), followed by the number of atoms, the total energy, and the detailed atomic coordinates (in double-column text list).

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| C | 4.3535232 | 1.4554074 | -1.4861425 | H | 5.6390229 | 0.5899626 | 2.3077746 |
| C | 2.9962768 | -0.5971234 | -1.5298231 | C | 2.9037251 | 1.1341038 | 4.2489256 |
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| C | -3.5743117 | 0.4042965 | -0.1298352 |
| C | -2.5192064 | 2.4857791 | 0.6276085 |
| C | -1.3436300 | -3.5688923 | 0.4996738 |
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| C | -0.7349244 | -3.1784351 | -1.8173621 |
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| H | -1.6209718 | -4.2512925 | 1.2962812 |
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| H | 2.2358997 | -5.1154718 | -2.6226613 |
| C | 4.0099161 | 0.2469100 | -0.0802060 |
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| N | 0.4050188 | -0.4437289 | 1.4573201 |
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