

## Synthesis, Structures and Reactivity of 2-Phosphorylmethyl-1H-pyrrolato Complexes of Titanium, Yttrium and Zinc

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### Supporting Information

$^1\text{H}$  and  $^1\text{H}\{^{31}\text{P}\}$  NMR spectra of the  $\text{PCH}_2$  region of complex **6a**;

NMR spectra of the reaction intermediates of **3a** with  $\text{Y}[\text{N}(\text{SiHMe}_2)_3](\text{THF})_2$ ;

$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9b**.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR chemical shifts of 2-phosphorylmethyl-1H-pyrroles and their complexes.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data of *tert*-butyl substituted pyrrole aldehydes.

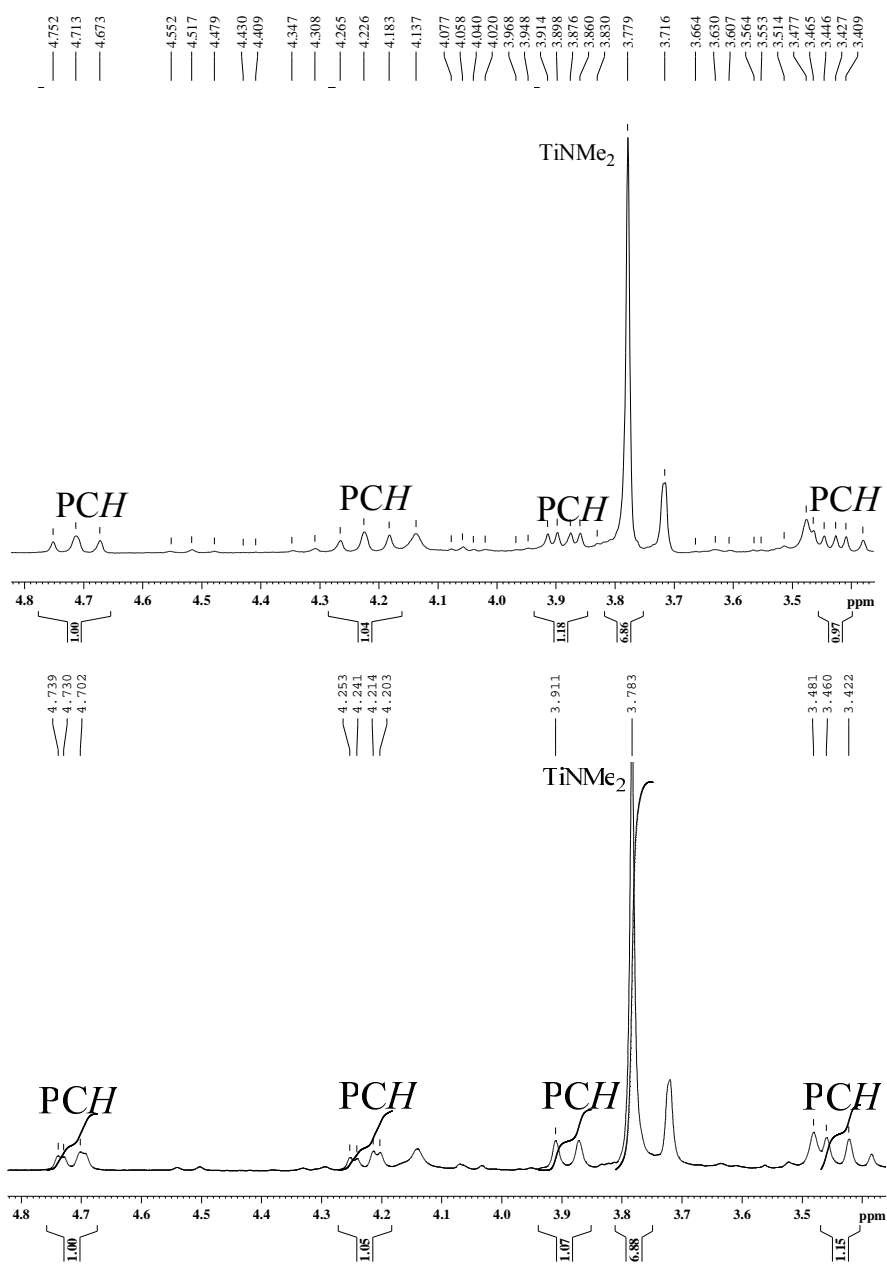


Figure S1. Top:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **6a** in the region of the P-CH<sub>2</sub> signals, showing the coupling pattern of the diastereotopic hydrogen atoms. Bottom: The same region with  $^{31}\text{P}$  decoupling.

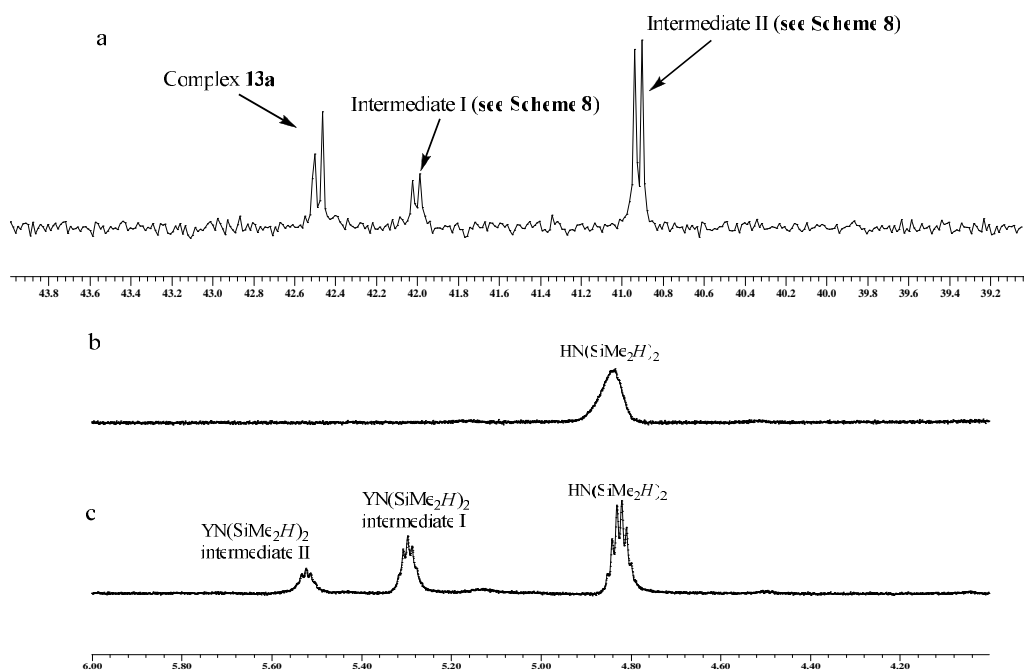


Figure S2. (a)  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of the reaction of **3a** with  $\text{Y}[\text{N}(\text{SiHMe}_2)_2]_3(\text{THF})_2$  after 3 min. (b) and (c) show sections of the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the in-situ NMR experiment of the same reaction after the same time period.

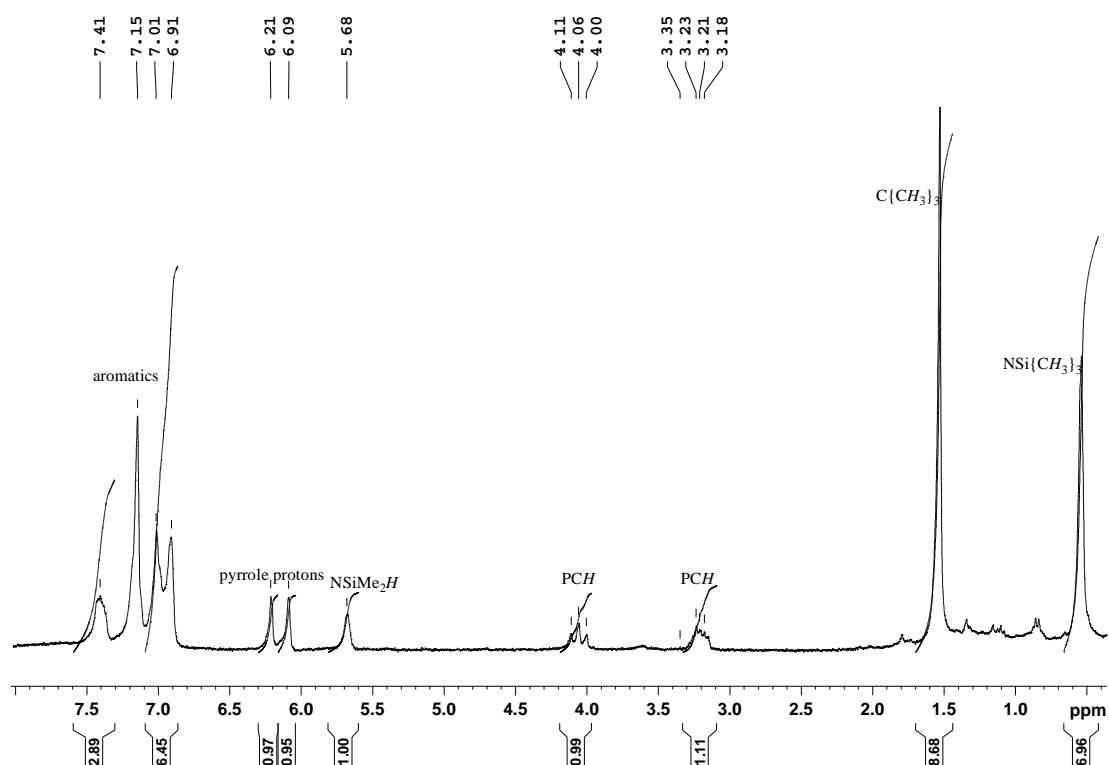
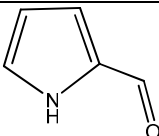
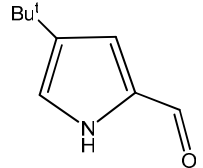
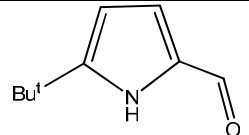


Figure S3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $\text{Y}[\text{N}(\text{SiHMe}_2)_2][\text{NC}_4\text{H}_3(5\text{-Bu})-2\text{-CH}_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{Ph}_2]_2$  (**9b**).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts of 2-phosphorylmethyl-1*H*-pyrroles and their complexes

Compound	<sup>13</sup> C NMR chemical shift (δ), C-P coupling constants in parenthesis (Hz)										
	Phenyl or cyclohexyl carbons				Pyrrole carbons					Alkyl carbons	
	C-P	<i>ortho</i>	<i>meta</i>	<i>para</i>	C <sup>2</sup>	C <sup>3</sup>	C <sup>4</sup>	C <sup>5</sup>	CH <sub>2</sub> P	CMe <sub>3</sub>	CMe <sub>3</sub>
<b>2a</b>	131.93 (99.3)	128.38(11.7)	131.22 (9.3)	131.01 (2.5)	124.18 (8.2)	115.10 (6.6)	121.60 (3.0)	110.42 (3.0)	30.42 (69.0)	N/A	N/A
<b>2b</b>	132.01 (98.8)	128.50 (11.5)	131.33 (9.3)	131.75 (2.7)	123.60 (7.1)	11140 (6.6)	107.79 (2.7)	144.73 (3.3)	31.75 (69.7)	30.62	27.77
<b>2c</b>	132.38 (99.0)	128.40 (11.5)	131.38 (9.3)	131.88 (2.7)	123.86 (8.2)	114.54 (6.6)	136.80 (3.3)	115.81 (3.3)	30.72 (68.6)	30.77	27.93
<b>2d</b>	23.58 (57.1)	26.81 (2.7), 26.65 (2.7)	25.76 (2.8), 25.52 (3.0)	26.03	125.78 (7.1)	114.70 (5.5)	121.32 (2.7)	110.71 (2.2)	36.24 (64.2)	N/A	N/A
<b>2e</b>	23.80 (57.6)	26.85 (3.0), 26.70 (3.0)	25.75 (2.3), 25.46 (3.0)	26.04	125.70 (7.2)	114.70 (5.5)	137.02 (2.7)	115.31 (2.7)	36.28 (64.2)	30.79	28.01
<b>3a</b>	131.97 (99.3)	128.58 (11.8)	130.83 (9.4)	131.96 (2.6)	121.03 (9.4)	108.20 (7.5)	118.23	107.86	29.73 (69.3)	N/A	N/A
<b>3b</b>	132.15 (98.8)	130.93 (12.1)	131.24 (9.3)	131.99 (2.7)	119.21 (9.3)	107.58 (7.7)	102.03 (1.1)	142.65 (3.3)	30.08 (69.2)	30.46	31.34
<b>3c</b>	132.11 (99.4)	128.54 (11.5)	130.51 (9.3)	131.70 (2.7)	120.80 (9.3)	113.02 (7.7)	135.54 (3.3)	106.93 (1.1)	30.45 (69.2)	31.67	30.42
<b>3d</b>	22.45 (57.8)	26.66 (2.0), 26.50 (2.4)	25.66 (2.6), 25.07 (3.4)	25.87	122.87 (8.8)	107.08 (7.1)	117.72	107.80	36.56 (63.7)	N/A	N/A
<b>3e</b>	23.29 (57.3)	27.22 (4.0), 26.55 (4.6)	25.60 (2.6), 24.97 (3.3)	25.89	122.90 (7.7)	105.75 (6.8)	135.61	112.64	35.72 (62.9)	31.79	30.48
<b>4a</b>	129.82 (102.4)	128.41 (12.5)	131.45 (11.2)	132.21 (3.9)	122.74 (7.9)	109.18 (7.7)	131.81	107.65	30.39 (64.8)	N/A	N/A
<b>5c</b>	132.16-131.41				121.49 (9.2)	106.44 (6.5)	132.51	125.79	31.61 (65.8)	33.00	31.05
<b>5d</b>	27.07-25.08				124.55 (9.2), 123.19 (10.2)	106.69-106.00	131.94 (1.0), 131.46 (1.0)	106.69-106.00	35.37 (56.5), 34.59 (64.09)	N/A	N/A
<b>6c</b>	132.84-127.63				123.90 (7.3), 123.73 (7.3)	105.30 (7.7), 104.21 (8.2)	under 132.84- 127.63	127.23 (1.6), 125.69 (1.3)	31.12 (84.3)	32.37, 31.90	31.81, 30.36
<b>7b</b>	130.42 (60.6), 129.29 (54.5)	128.52 (12.1)	131.71 (10.3), 131.45 (10.3)	132.83 (2.4), 132.08 (2.4)	124.12 (11.3)	109.94 (8.0)	104.32	151.58 (2.5)	32.65 (86.0)	32.55	32.93
<b>8a</b>	Under 132.08- 129.07	128.92 (11.8)	Under 132.08-129.07		119.47 (5.1)	109.72 (7.5)	135.55	108.32	29.64 (67.1)	N/A	N/A
<b>9b</b>	Under 132.43- 131.89	128.55 (12.1)	Under 132.43-131.89		122.52 (9.9)	110.41 (8.8)	104.36	153.24	29.97 (66.9)	33.04	33.56

<sup>13</sup>C NMR data of tert-butyl substituted pyrrole aldehydes

Compound	<sup>13</sup> C NMR chemical shift (δ)				
	CHO	C <sup>2</sup>	C <sup>3</sup>	C <sup>4</sup>	C <sup>5</sup>
	179.59	132.84	132.84, 127.23 or 122.10	132.84, 127.23 or 122.10	132.84, 127.23 or 122.10
	179.20	132.48?	122.52 or 118.63	138.58?	122.52 or 118.63
	178.43	131.62?	122.83 or 107.21	122.83 or 107.21	152.08?

Notes:

It was not possible to distinguish between H carrying ring carbons. ? indicates that unequivocal assignments of chemical shift for carbons other than those carrying Bu<sup>t</sup> groups was not possible using 2D <sup>1</sup>H/<sup>13</sup>C correlation experiments.