

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

Sn1—C14	2.101 (4)	S1—C1	1.780 (4)
Sn1—C13	2.105 (5)	S1—C15	1.796 (4)
Sn1—O1	2.397 (3)	O2—S2	1.515 (3)
Sn1—O2	2.404 (3)	S2—C7	1.795 (5)
Sn1—Cl2	2.482 (1)	S2—C16	1.807 (4)
Sn1—Cl1	2.486 (1)	C15—C15 ⁱ	1.511 (9)
O1—S1	1.517 (3)	C16—C16 ⁱⁱ	1.500 (9)
C14—Sn1—C13	165.2 (2)	O2—Sn1—Cl1	172.23 (8)
C14—Sn1—O1	83.7 (2)	Cl2—Sn1—Cl1	98.73 (4)
C13—Sn1—O1	85.3 (2)	S1—O1—Sn1	121.8 (2)
C14—Sn1—O2	84.2 (2)	O1—S1—C1	105.0 (2)
C13—Sn1—O2	85.2 (2)	O1—S1—C15	105.8 (2)
O1—Sn1—O2	86.03 (1)	C1—S1—C15	100.8 (2)
C14—Sn1—Cl2	95.34 (1)	S2—O2—Sn1	127.6 (2)
C13—Sn1—Cl2	94.7 (2)	O2—S2—C7	104.3 (2)
O1—Sn1—Cl2	175.04 (8)	O2—S2—C16	105.4 (2)
O2—Sn1—Cl2	89.03 (8)	C7—S2—C16	99.3 (2)
C14—Sn1—Cl1	94.94 (1)	C15 ⁱ —C15—S1	113.0 (4)
C13—Sn1—Cl1	94.2 (2)	C16 ⁱⁱ —C16—S2	112.1 (4)
O1—Sn1—Cl1	86.21 (8)		

Symmetry codes: (i) $1 - x, 1 - y, -z$; (ii) $-x, 1 - y, -z$.

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Phenylimidopentachloroniobate(V) Dianion with *N*-Allylphenylammonium Counterion

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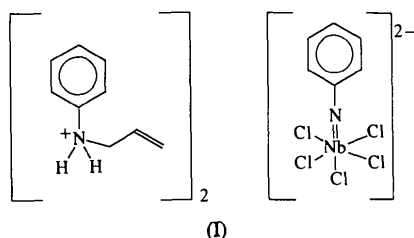
Abstract

Bis[phenyl(2-propenyl)ammonium] pentachloro(phenylimido)niobate(V), $(C_9H_{12}N)_2[NbCl_5(C_6H_5N)]$, is a product of the reaction of niobium pentachloride and *N*-allylphenylamine. The coordinated secondary amine loses its allyl group and forms an imino bond to the metal. Unreacted *N*-allylphenylamine behaves as a proton acceptor and is a counterion in the solid state. In the crystalline state, the asymmetric unit consists of two octahedral pentachloro(phenylimido)niobate(V) dianions and four *N*-allylphenylammonium cations.

Comment

Several routes exist for synthesizing alkylimido complexes of early transition metals: (i) azobenzene has been reported to react metathetically with $[Nb_2Cl_6-(Me_2S)_3]$ to form a monomeric phenylimido complex (Cotton, Duraj & Roth, 1984) and (ii) *tert*-butylamide lithium together with $LiNMe_2$ reacts with niobium and tantalum pentahalides to form tris(dimethylamido)-*tert*-butylimido complexes (Nugent & Harlow, 1978). It is also known that even osmium tetroxide can be used as a metal source and oxoimino derivatives are formed when osmium(VIII) oxide is allowed to react with imido selenium reagents (Chong, Oshima & Sharpless, 1977). Many of the known niobium and tantalum-imido complexes are cyclopentadienyl derivatives, for example, half-sandwich monocyclopentadienyl-methylimido complexes (Williams *et al.*, 1992) and *ansa*-metallocene derivatives with butylimido ligands (Chernega, Malcolm & Suárez, 1995).

The title complex, (I), was prepared by the direct reaction of *N*-allylphenylamine and niobium pentachloride in toluene. The pentachloro(phenylimido)niobium dianion is formed when *N*-allylphenylamine loses its allylic group. Some of the *N*-allylphenylamine molecules form ammonium ions by behaving as proton acceptors and these exist as counterions in the solid state. Two pentachloro(phenylimido)niobium dianions and four *N*-allylphenylammonium ions form the asymmetric unit.



Both pentachloro(phenylimido)niobium units in the asymmetric unit are distorted octahedra, with all the *cis*-positioned N—Nb—Cl angles clearly greater than 90° (Fig. 1). For one octahedron the angles are between $95.0(2)$ ($N1A-Nb1A-Cl14A$) and $97.7(2)^\circ$ ($N1A-Nb1A-Cl13A$), while in the other octahedron they vary between $93.9(2)$ ($N1B-Nb1B-Cl13B$) and $97.2(2)^\circ$ ($N1B-Nb1B-Cl11B$). The Nb—N—C angles are almost linear, with values of $174.0(5)$ for $Nb1A-N1A-C1A$ and $172.8(6)^\circ$ for $Nb1B-N1B-C1B$. This supports the theory of the role of the nitrogen lone pair, which donates electron density to the metal center. The bond has been assumed to have triple-bond character (Nugent & Harlow, 1978). The $Nb1A-N1A$ and $Nb1B-N1B$ distances are $1.754(5)$ and $1.746(6)$ Å, respectively. These values are close to the value [$1.731(3)$ Å] found in the $[Nb(N^tBu)Cl_4(py)]^-$ monoanion (Clegg, Errington, Hockless & Redshaw, 1991). The imido H atom has a significant effect on the *trans* positions, the *trans* bond lengths being the longest, with values of $2.692(2)$ and $2.655(2)$ Å for $Nb1A-Cl15A$ and $Nb1B-Cl15B$, respectively. The equatorial Nb—Cl bond lengths vary between $2.415(2)$ and $2.472(2)$ Å [$Nb1A-Cl11A$ and $Nb1A-Cl13A$, respectively] for one octahedron, whereas they are between $2.374(2)$ and $2.478(2)$ Å [$Nb1B-Cl14B$ and $Nb1B-Cl11B$, respectively] in the second octahedron.

chain, which can be refined in two orientations, the additional chain being denoted as C7G—C9G. The refined population parameter of $0.50(2)$ indicates equal populations for these different sites. The refinement did not improve C—C bond lengths, but displacement parameters were significantly reduced. Refinement of the other allyl chains gave good results. The double bonds were easily located. Terminal C8—C9 bond lengths vary between $1.202(14)$ and $1.292(12)$ Å, whereas the C7—C8 bond lengths are between $1.462(12)$ and $1.472(9)$ Å. C—N bonds in the cations are normal, varying between $1.467(8)$ and $1.500(9)$ Å for the N1—C1 bonds to the aromatic rings, whereas the allyl group is attached to nitrogen with N1—C7 distances between $1.502(8)$ and $1.506(8)$ Å.

Experimental

The title complex was prepared by refluxing *N*-allylphenylamine (4.20 ml, 4.12 g, 30.97 mmol) and niobium(V) pentachloride (2.22 g, 8.22 mmol) in toluene (50 ml) for 2 h. The reaction mixture was then filtered and reduced by evaporation to a smaller volume (40 ml). Purple prismatic crystals suitable for single-crystal measurements were obtained at room temperature in 24 h. All reaction steps were carried out under an argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques. The crystal used for the X-ray measurements was mounted on a glass fiber using the oil-drop method (Kottke & Stalke, 1993).

Crystal data

$(C_9H_{12}N)_2[NbCl_5(C_6H_5N)]$

$M_r = 629.66$

Triclinic

$P\bar{1}$

$a = 11.868(7)$ Å

$b = 12.200(10)$ Å

$c = 20.746(11)$ Å

$\alpha = 96.83(5)^\circ$

$\beta = 100.85(5)^\circ$

$\gamma = 101.16(4)^\circ$

$V = 2857(3)$ Å³

$Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.464$ Mg m⁻³

D_m not measured

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

$\lambda = 0.71069$ Å

Cell parameters from 25

reflections

$\theta = 5-25^\circ$

$\mu = 0.906$ mm⁻¹

$T = 193(2)$ K

Prismatic

$0.30 \times 0.27 \times 0.25$ mm

Purple

Data collection

Rigaku AFC-7S diffractometer

$2\theta-\omega$ scans

Absorption correction:

ψ scan (North, Phillips

& Mathews, 1968)

$T_{min} = 0.70$, $T_{max} = 0.80$

8824 measured reflections

8824 independent reflections

6988 observed reflections

$[I > 2\sigma(I)]$

$\theta_{max} = 25^\circ$

$h = -14 \rightarrow 13$

$k = 0 \rightarrow 14$

$l = -24 \rightarrow 24$

3 standard reflections

monitored every 200

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intensity decay: 0.8%

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

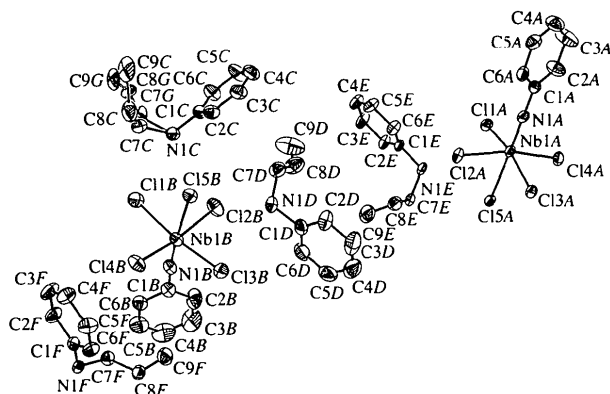
$R(F) = 0.065$

$wR(F^2) = 0.150$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = -0.065$

$\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.731$ e Å⁻³

$\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.861$ e Å⁻³



$S = 1.042$
 8824 reflections
 623 parameters
 H atoms riding
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.058P)^2 + 5.4193P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

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 Atomic scattering factors
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 6.1.1.4)

C9D	-0.0651 (12)	-0.1841 (12)	-0.7693 (7)	0.155 (6)
C7E	-0.4404 (6)	-0.0530 (6)	-0.6312 (3)	0.052 (2)
C8E	-0.3802 (7)	-0.0029 (8)	-0.6797 (4)	0.067 (2)
C9E	-0.3824 (10)	-0.0552 (11)	-0.7380 (5)	0.105 (4)
C7F	-0.4372 (6)	-0.3722 (5)	-1.3430 (4)	0.052 (2)
C8F	-0.4912 (7)	-0.2818 (6)	-1.3177 (4)	0.059 (2)
C9F	-0.4678 (8)	-0.2299 (7)	-1.2586 (4)	0.078 (2)

† Refined occupancy of 0.50 (2).

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

$$U_{eq} = (1/3)\sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$$

	x	y	z	U_{eq}
Nb1A	-0.27892 (5)	0.30579 (5)	-0.45346 (3)	0.0407 (2)
Nb1B	-0.18452 (6)	-0.30352 (6)	-1.08294 (3)	0.0549 (2)
C11A	-0.25495 (15)	0.13279 (13)	-0.41239 (9)	0.0505 (4)
C12A	-0.20993 (15)	0.24425 (14)	-0.55114 (9)	0.0533 (4)
C13A	-0.34548 (14)	0.45621 (13)	-0.51033 (8)	0.0471 (4)
C14A	-0.3905 (2)	0.35338 (15)	-0.37191 (9)	0.0541 (4)
C15A	-0.48483 (13)	0.17306 (12)	-0.52253 (8)	0.0418 (4)
C11B	-0.0481 (2)	-0.4334 (2)	-1.08540 (11)	0.0744 (6)
C12B	-0.1834 (2)	-0.3313 (2)	-0.96749 (11)	0.0857 (7)
C13B	-0.2849 (2)	-0.1510 (2)	-1.06521 (11)	0.0750 (6)
C14B	-0.1436 (2)	-0.2490 (2)	-1.18372 (10)	0.0742 (6)
C15B	0.0079 (2)	-0.14905 (14)	-1.02175 (9)	0.0547 (4)
N1A	-0.1436 (5)	0.3872 (4)	-0.4066 (3)	0.0481 (13)
N1B	-0.3143 (5)	-0.4037 (5)	-1.1193 (3)	0.057 (2)
N1C	0.1481 (5)	-0.3125 (5)	-0.9477 (3)	0.0565 (15)
N1D	-0.1281 (5)	-0.0430 (5)	-0.9081 (3)	0.060 (2)
N1E	-0.3575 (4)	-0.0400 (4)	-0.5647 (3)	0.0456 (13)
N1F	-0.3795 (4)	-0.3417 (4)	-1.3989 (3)	0.0469 (13)
C1A	-0.0382 (6)	0.4443 (5)	-0.3645 (4)	0.049 (2)
C2A	-0.0261 (8)	0.4543 (8)	-0.2971 (4)	0.084 (3)
C3A	0.0817 (10)	0.5100 (11)	-0.2557 (5)	0.113 (4)
C4A	0.1746 (8)	0.5517 (8)	-0.2825 (5)	0.087 (3)
C5A	0.1620 (7)	0.5428 (6)	-0.3489 (5)	0.065 (2)
C6A	0.0570 (6)	0.4902 (6)	-0.3906 (4)	0.053 (2)
C1B	-0.4237 (7)	-0.4718 (6)	-1.1469 (4)	0.061 (2)
C2B	-0.5150 (10)	-0.4734 (10)	-1.1143 (6)	0.105 (4)
C3B	-0.6243 (12)	-0.5441 (14)	-1.1423 (8)	0.144 (6)
C4B	-0.6393 (11)	-0.6096 (12)	-1.2037 (9)	0.135 (5)
C5B	-0.5520 (10)	-0.6072 (9)	-1.2357 (6)	0.101 (3)
C6B	-0.4439 (7)	-0.5404 (6)	-1.2081 (4)	0.067 (2)
C1C	0.1988 (6)	-0.2380 (6)	-0.8825 (4)	0.054 (2)
C2C	0.2320 (6)	-0.1233 (6)	-0.8811 (4)	0.060 (2)
C3C	0.2737 (7)	-0.0554 (7)	-0.8203 (4)	0.071 (2)
C4C	0.2862 (8)	-0.1007 (8)	-0.7632 (4)	0.077 (2)
C5C	0.2574 (9)	-0.2139 (9)	-0.7660 (4)	0.093 (3)
C6C	0.2122 (8)	-0.2862 (7)	-0.8260 (4)	0.076 (2)
C1D	-0.2215 (7)	0.0180 (8)	-0.8945 (4)	0.067 (2)
C2D	-0.1875 (9)	0.1252 (8)	-0.8615 (5)	0.089 (3)
C3D	-0.2776 (14)	0.1816 (12)	-0.8528 (7)	0.125 (4)
C4D	-0.3889 (14)	0.1296 (15)	-0.8752 (7)	0.125 (5)
C5D	-0.4230 (10)	0.0221 (17)	-0.9067 (6)	0.141 (6)
C6D	-0.3355 (8)	-0.0358 (11)	-0.9157 (5)	0.103 (4)
C1E	-0.2616 (6)	-0.1003 (5)	-0.5662 (3)	0.0430 (15)
C2E	-0.2850 (6)	-0.2142 (6)	-0.5639 (4)	0.058 (2)
C3E	-0.1933 (7)	-0.2696 (7)	-0.5655 (5)	0.075 (2)
C4E	-0.0842 (7)	-0.2120 (6)	-0.5678 (4)	0.066 (2)
C5E	-0.0641 (6)	-0.0999 (6)	-0.5704 (4)	0.064 (2)
C6E	-0.1529 (6)	-0.0409 (6)	-0.5684 (4)	0.058 (2)
C1F	-0.2600 (6)	-0.2706 (6)	-1.3788 (3)	0.048 (2)
C2F	-0.1671 (7)	-0.3222 (6)	-1.3710 (4)	0.069 (2)
C3F	-0.0556 (7)	-0.2579 (7)	-1.3501 (5)	0.084 (3)
C4F	-0.0357 (7)	-0.1427 (7)	-1.3367 (4)	0.070 (2)
C5F	-0.1308 (7)	-0.0911 (7)	-1.3438 (4)	0.069 (2)
C6F	-0.2429 (6)	-0.1555 (6)	-1.3651 (4)	0.057 (2)
C7C†	0.238 (2)	-0.305 (2)	-0.9966 (10)	0.059 (6)
C8C†	0.306 (3)	-0.292 (3)	-0.9967 (17)	0.114 (15)
C9C†	0.439 (3)	-0.286 (3)	-0.9486 (18)	0.122 (12)
C7G†	0.2334 (19)	-0.370 (2)	-0.9731 (16)	0.088 (9)
C8G†	0.3423 (16)	-0.3522 (14)	-0.9643 (10)	0.058 (5)
C9G†	0.434 (3)	-0.286 (3)	-0.9835 (14)	0.099 (10)
C7D	-0.0414 (7)	-0.0565 (8)	-0.8482 (4)	0.075 (2)
C8D	-0.0971 (9)	-0.1151 (10)	-0.8009 (6)	0.101 (3)

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$)

Nb1A—N1A	1.754 (5)	Nb1B—C14B	2.374 (2)
Nb1A—C11A	2.415 (2)	Nb1B—C13B	2.423 (2)
Nb1A—C12A	2.417 (2)	Nb1B—C12B	2.456 (2)
Nb1A—C14A	2.421 (2)	Nb1B—C11B	2.478 (2)
Nb1A—C13A	2.472 (2)	Nb1B—C15B	2.655 (2)
Nb1A—C15A	2.692 (2)	N1A—C1A	1.384 (8)
Nb1B—N1B	1.746 (6)	N1B—C1B	1.376 (9)
N1A—Nb1A—C11A	95.1 (2)	N1B—Nb1B—C13B	93.9 (2)
N1A—Nb1A—C12A	97.3 (2)	C14B—Nb1B—C13B	92.01 (9)
C11A—Nb1A—C12A	89.89 (6)	N1B—Nb1B—C12B	96.7 (2)
N1A—Nb1A—C14A	95.0 (2)	C14B—Nb1B—C12B	167.04 (8)
C11A—Nb1A—C14A	92.41 (6)	C13B—Nb1B—C12B	88.33 (9)
C12A—Nb1A—C14A	167.30 (7)	N1B—Nb1B—C11B	97.2 (2)
N1A—Nb1A—C13A	97.7 (2)	C14B—Nb1B—C11B	89.68 (9)
C11A—Nb1A—C13A	167.17 (6)	C13B—Nb1B—C11B	168.54 (7)
C12A—Nb1A—C13A	88.29 (6)	C12B—Nb1B—C11B	87.51 (9)
C14A—Nb1A—C13A	86.70 (6)	N1B—Nb1B—C15B	176.8 (2)
N1A—Nb1A—C15A	177.4 (2)	C14B—Nb1B—C15B	86.48 (7)
C11A—Nb1A—C15A	82.35 (6)	C13B—Nb1B—C15B	84.39 (7)
C12A—Nb1A—C15A	83.02 (6)	C12B—Nb1B—C15B	80.66 (7)
C14A—Nb1A—C15A	84.91 (6)	C11B—Nb1B—C15B	84.40 (7)
C13A—Nb1A—C15A	84.83 (6)	C1A—N1A—Nb1A	174.0 (5)
N1B—Nb1B—C14B	96.2 (2)	C1B—N1B—Nb1B	172.8 (6)

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Racemic (α -Ferrocenylphenacyl)triphenylphosphonium Iodide

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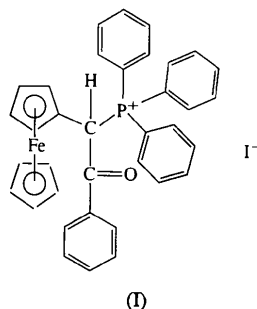
Abstract

In racemic (α -ferrocenylphenacyl)triphenylphosphonium iodide, [Fe(C₅H₅)(C₃₁H₂₅OP)]I, the cations are involved in C—H···I[−] interactions with short C···I distances of 3.836 (7), 3.932 (7) and 3.995 (7) Å.

Comment

The structures of (ferrocenylmethyl)triphenylphosphonium iodide and 1,1'-ferrocenediylbis(methylphenylphosphonium iodide) (as the dichloromethane solvate), [Fe{(C₅H₄)CH₂P(C₆H₅)₃}₂]²⁺.2I[−].CH₂Cl₂, have recently been found to exhibit extensive three-dimensional networks of C—H···I[−] interactions (Glidewell, Zakaria, Ferguson & Gallagher, 1994). In a similar way, the structures of (ferrocenylmethyl)trimethylammonium iodide and hexa-*N*-methylferrocene-1,1'-diylbis(methylammonium iodide), [Fe{(C₅H₄)CH₂N(CH₃)₃}₂]²⁺.2I[−], are also characterized by such interactions (Ferguson, Gallagher, Glidewell & Zakaria, 1994). In all of these structures there are C···I[−] distances in the range 3.8–3.9 Å. Such C—H···I[−] hydrogen bonds are uncommon; for example, in tetraphenylphosphonium iodide (Schweizer, Baldacchini & Rheingold, 1989) and dimethyldiphenylphosphonium iodide (Staples, Carlson, Wang & Fackler, 1995), compounds related to (ferrocenylmethyl)triphenylphosphonium iodide, there are no C···I[−] distances less than 4.0 Å; however, well documented examples occur in the structures

of benzyltriphenylphosphonium iodide (Archer, Modro & Nassimbeni, 1981), methylphenylphosphonium iodide, [(CH₃)(C₆H₅)P(CH₂)₄]⁺.I[−] (Alver & Haltedahl, 1967), 3,3-dimethyl-1,1-diphenylphosphetanium iodide, [(C₆H₅)₂PCH₂C(CH₃)₂CH₂]⁺.I[−] (Mazhar-ul-Haque, 1979), and bis[1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane]-platinum(II) diiodide deuteriochloroform solvate, [{(C₆H₅)₂PCH₂CH₂P(C₆H₅)₂}₂Pt]²⁺.2I[−].2(CDCl₃) (Ferguson, Lough, McAlees & McCrindle, 1993). Particularly short C···I[−] distances (3.67 Å) occur in the fulleride salt [(C₆H₅)₄P]₂(C₆₀)I_{0.35} (Penicaud, Perez-Benitez, Gleason, Munoz & Escudro, 1993), but the apparent shortness may be influenced by the low occupancy (35%) of the iodide sites. Here we report the structure of (α -ferrocenylphenacyl)triphenylphosphonium iodide, [(C₅H₅)Fe(C₅H₄)]CH(COC₆H₅)P(C₆H₅)₃]⁺.I[−], (I), a benzoylated derivative of (ferrocenylmethyl)triphenylphosphonium iodide, which also contains short C···I[−] distances.



The structure consists of ion pairs (Fig. 1) within which there is a single short C—H···I[−] interaction involving C62, characterized by C···I 3.836 (7) Å and C—H···I 151°. There are also two further fairly short C—H···I[−] interactions involving C44 in the cation at (− $\frac{1}{2}$ + *x*, *y*, $\frac{1}{2}$ − *z*) [C···I 3.932 (7) Å, C—H···I 134°] and C33 in the cation at ($\frac{3}{2}$ − *x*, $\frac{1}{2}$ + *y*, *z*) [C···I 3.995 (7) Å, C—H···I 132°], which serve to generate a continuous network. The cations are chiral, but the space group accommodates equal numbers of *R* and *S* enantiomers. The almost perfectly staggered conformation about the C1—C2 bond is such that O2 and H1 are anti-periplanar, while O2 and P1 are synclinal; despite this, the O···P distance of 3.184 (6) Å is significantly shorter than the sum of van der Waals radii (3.45 Å; Bondi, 1984). Since the O atom undoubtedly carries a partial negative charge, the occurrence of an attractive P···O interaction is not surprising. Similar, although stronger, attractive interactions have been observed previously in acyl and sulfonyl ylides of arsenic and antimony (Ferguson, Glidewell, Lloyd, Metcalfe & Ruhl, 1987; Ferguson *et al.*, 1988). The conformation about the C1—P1 bonds departs from perfect staggering by *ca* 14 (2)°. The C1—P1 bond [1.845 (6) Å] is significantly longer than the corresponding bonds in both (ferrocenylmethyl)triphenylphosphonium iodide [1.813 (2) Å] and