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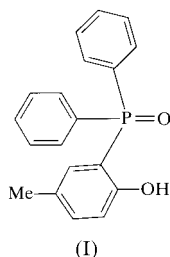
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Pairs of individual molecules of the title compound, C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P, (I), containing tetrahedrally coordinated P atoms



are connected across crystallographic inversion centres *via* complementary O—H...O=P hydrogen bonds.

### Experimental

Yellow crystals of (I) were obtained when the ReN(O—P)<sub>2</sub> complex of the (2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)diphenylphosphine anion (O—P) was recrystallized from dimethyl sulfoxide. The phosphine oxide probably resulted from oxygen abstraction from the sulfoxide.

#### Crystal data

C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P  
M<sub>r</sub> = 308.30  
Monoclinic, P2<sub>1</sub>/n  
a = 10.730 (2) Å  
b = 9.659 (2) Å  
c = 15.287 (3) Å  
β = 92.49 (2)°  
V = 1582.9 (5) Å<sup>3</sup>  
Z = 4

D<sub>x</sub> = 1.294 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
Cu Kα radiation  
Cell parameters from 25 reflections  
θ = 20–22°  
μ = 1.569 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
T = 293 (2) K  
Block, pale yellow  
0.62 × 0.25 × 0.18 mm

#### Data collection

Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer  
ω/2θ scans  
Absorption correction: by integration (ABSORP in NRCVAX; Gabe *et al.*, 1989)  
T<sub>min</sub> = 0.539, T<sub>max</sub> = 0.777  
11 236 measured reflections  
2994 independent reflections  
2666 reflections with I > 2σ(I)

R<sub>int</sub> = 0.020  
θ<sub>max</sub> = 69.78°  
h = -13 → 13  
k = -11 → 11  
l = -18 → 18  
5 standard reflections  
frequency: 60 min  
intensity variation: 2.2%

#### Refinement

Refinement on F<sup>2</sup>  
R[F<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(F<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.035  
wR(F<sup>2</sup>) = 0.103  
S = 1.092  
2994 reflections  
201 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained

w = 1/[σ<sup>2</sup>(F<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup>) + (0.0567P)<sup>2</sup> + 0.5028P]  
where P = (F<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup> + 2F<sub>c</sub><sup>2</sup>)/3  
(Δ/σ)<sub>max</sub> = 0.006  
Δρ<sub>max</sub> = 0.49 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
Δρ<sub>min</sub> = -0.29 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
Extinction correction: SHELXL97  
Extinction coefficient: 0.0062 (5)

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

P—O	1.4950 (12)	P—C31	1.8027 (16)
P—C21	1.8004 (17)	O12—C12	1.3565 (19)
P—C11	1.8027 (17)		
O—P—C21	113.79 (7)	C12—C11—P	119.36 (12)
O—P—C11	113.98 (7)	O12—C12—C13	122.35 (15)
C21—P—C11	107.85 (7)	O12—C12—C11	118.18 (14)
O—P—C31	110.53 (7)	C26—C21—P	122.62 (13)
C21—P—C31	104.24 (7)	C22—C21—P	118.34 (13)
C11—P—C31	105.70 (7)	C32—C31—P	118.95 (13)
C16—C11—P	121.75 (12)	C36—C31—P	121.96 (12)
O—P—C11—C16	-118.04 (13)	O—P—C21—C22	41.97 (15)
C21—P—C11—C16	114.58 (13)	C11—P—C21—C22	169.46 (13)
C31—P—C11—C16	3.54 (15)	C31—P—C21—C22	-78.52 (14)
O—P—C11—C12	57.36 (14)	P—C21—C22—C23	175.05 (14)
C21—P—C11—C12	-70.02 (13)	P—C21—C26—C25	-175.69 (15)
C31—P—C11—C12	178.95 (12)	O—P—C31—C32	16.00 (16)
C16—C11—C12—O12	-176.99 (14)	C21—P—C31—C32	138.64 (14)
P—C11—C12—O12	7.47 (19)	C11—P—C31—C32	-107.79 (15)
P—C11—C12—C13	-174.09 (12)	O—P—C31—C36	-166.44 (14)
O12—C12—C13—C14	176.44 (15)	C21—P—C31—C36	-43.79 (16)
P—C11—C16—C15	175.46 (13)	C11—P—C31—C36	69.77 (16)
O—P—C21—C26	-142.81 (14)	P—C31—C32—C33	177.07 (16)
C11—P—C21—C26	-15.32 (16)	P—C31—C36—C35	-176.10 (15)
C31—P—C21—C26	96.71 (15)		

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

D—H...A	D—H	H...A	D...A	D—H...A
O12—H12...O <sup>i</sup>	0.82	1.86	2.664 (2)	166

Symmetry code: (i) -x, -y, -z.

H atoms were constrained to the parent sites using a riding model; C—H 0.93–0.96 Å and O—H 0.82 Å. The isotropic displacement parameters, U<sub>iso</sub>, were adjusted to a value 50% (methyl and hydroxyl) or 20% (phenyl) higher than that of the parent site. A final verification of possible voids was performed using the VOID routine of the PLATON program (Spek, 1995).

Data collection: CAD-4 Software (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: CAD-4 Software; data reduction: NRC-2 and NRC-2A (Ahmed *et al.*, 1973); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 1986); program(s) used to refine structure: NRCVAX (Gabe *et al.*, 1989) and SHELXL93 (Sheldrick, 1993); software used to prepare material for publication: NRCVAX and SHELXL93.

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