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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=198 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.003 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.025$
$w R$ factor $=0.066$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=10.3$
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## 2-Hydroxy-2-phenyl-4,7-dihydroisophosphindolinium chloride

The title compound, $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{OP}^{+} \cdot \mathrm{Cl}^{-}$(systematic name: 2-hy-droxy-2-phenyl-1,3,4,7-tetrahydroisophosphindenium chloride), displays a nearly planar isophosphindolinium skeleton, where a significant deviation from planarity is observed only for the P atom. Strong $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ bonds result in ion pairs, but an extended hydrogen-bonding network is not present.

## Comment

The title compound, (I), is an intermediate in one of the avenues pursued in the synthesis and characterization of tricarbonyl $\left(\eta^{5}\right.$-isophosphindolyl)manganese, the first complex bearing the isophosphindolyl skeleton (Decken et al., 2004).


The isophosphindolinium ring system in (I) is not completely planar; the eight C atoms of the bicyclic unit fit a leastsquares plane to within 0.037 (2) $\AA$, but the P atom deviates by 0.378 (2) A from this plane. This results in a folding angle of 17.6 (1) ${ }^{\circ}$ with the $\mathrm{C} 1 / \mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C} 3$ plane. However, the distortion from planarity is not as pronounced as in the closely related compound 2-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3,4,7-tetrahydroisophosphindole, (II), (Decken et al., 2004), where the deviation of the P atom is 0.484 (2) $\AA$, leading to a folding angle of $22.58(6)^{\circ}$. In addition, the envelope is folded toward the hydroxy group and away from the phenyl group in (I), opposite to the conformation adopted in (II). As a result, torsion angles are 99.6 (1) ( $\mathrm{C} 4 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{O}), \quad 102.8$ (1) $\quad(\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{O}), \quad 145.7$ (1) $(\mathrm{C} 4 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{C} 8)$ and $145.2(1)^{\circ}(\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{P}-8)$ in compound (I), while the corresponding angles are 135.3 (1), 134.6 (1), 88.9 (1) and 87.7 (1) ${ }^{\circ}$ in (II). The title compound is ionic, with $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$anions located between sheets of the organic cations and held by strong $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ hydrogen bonds [1.87 (3) $\AA$ ]. However, a much shorter hydrogen bond is observed in $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$, (III) [1.63 (4) $\AA$; Haupt et al., 1977], the only hydroxyphosphonium chloride previously characterized by X-ray crystallography. The $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{O}$ bond length [1.5516 (14) $\AA$ ] is comparable to the corresponding distances in (III) $\left[1.517\right.$ (2) $\AA$ ], $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Br}[1.550$ (6) $\AA$; Lane et al., 1992] and ${ }^{i} \operatorname{Pr}_{3} \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{I}$ [1.573 (2) $\AA$; Ruthe et al., 2000]. The P atom in (I) is in a tetrahedral environment and the phenyl group is almost orthogonal to the isophosphindolinium fragment [87.56(4) ${ }^{\circ}$, similar to the geometry observed in (II) [87.06 (6) ${ }^{\circ}$ ].

## Experimental

The title compound is an intermediate in the published synthesis of 2-phenyl-1,3,4,7-tetrahydroisophosphindole 2-oxide (Middlemas \& Quin, 1979). ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR (121.356 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ 62.0. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (399.945 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 7.75(d d, J=7.2,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.58(d, J=$ $7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.51(d d, J=7.2,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.80(s, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.98(t, J=$ $16.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.75(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H})$.

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{OP}^{+} \cdot \mathrm{Cl}^{-}$
$M_{r}=266.69$
Orthorhombic, Pna $2_{1}$
$a=14.9111(15) \AA$
$b=8.7445(9) \AA$
$c=10.4465(10) \AA$
$V=1362.1(2) \AA \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$
$D_{x}=1.300 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$

## Mo $K \alpha$ radiation

Cell parameters from 4853
reflections
$\theta=2.7-25.5^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.38 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=198$ (2) K
Irregular fragment, colourless $0.50 \times 0.28 \times 0.25 \mathrm{~mm}$

## Data collection

Bruker AXS SMART 1000/P4
diffractometer
$\omega$ and $\varphi$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.816, T_{\text {max }}=0.910$
6519 measured reflections


Figure 1
A view of the title compound, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the $30 \%$ probability level. The dashed line indicates a hydrogen bond.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1999); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1997b); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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