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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 173 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.007 Å R factor = 0.059 wR factor = 0.165 Data-to-parameter ratio = 23.2

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# The monomeric units in the title compound, $C_4H_{10}Cl_2NOP$ , are linked together by $N-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds to give

parallel linear strands along the b axis.

tert-Butylamidodichlorophosphine oxide

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## Comment

Although the parent monoamidophosphoric acid  $OP(OH)_2NH_2$  is well known (Emsley & Hall, 1976), *N*-substituted derivatives are not well characterized (Clark & Warren, 1963; Halmann & Lapidot, 1960). As part of our attempts to synthesize new *N*-substituted phosphoramidic acids, we investigated the reaction of *tert*-butyl-imidotrichlorophosphorane with *t*BuNH<sub>3</sub>Cl at 373 K for 24 h in the absence of a solvent. The monosubstituted derivative, (I), was isolated in *ca* 3% yield after sublimation. Compound (I) was obtained in a higher yield (23%) by exposing *tert*-butylimidotrichlorophosphorane to moist air for 10 min.

$$Cl_3P=N'Bu + H_2O \rightarrow OPCl_2(NH'Bu) + HCl$$
(I)

The structure of (I) is composed of monomeric units (Fig. 1) linked together in parallel linear strands along the *b* axis by  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2). The structure of PO(NH*t*Bu)<sub>3</sub>, (II), also forms a one-dimensional chain through hydrogen-bonding but, in that case, there are three  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds to each O atom (Chivers *et al.*, 2003). Selected bond lengths and bond angles of (I) are listed in Table 1. The P=O double bond [P=O = 1.453 (3) Å] is *ca* 0.02 Å shorter than that in (II). The greater  $\pi$ -bond character in (I) is attributed, in part, to the lower degree of hydrogen bonding per O atom. In addition, the two electronegative chlorine substituents on phosphorus in (I) will generate a more polar P<sup>+</sup>-O<sup>-</sup> bond, as reflected by the P-N bond length [P-N = 1.595 (3) Å] which is *ca* 0.04 Å shorter than



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## Figure 1

ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) drawing showing the monomeric unit of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are plotted at the 50% probability level.



### Figure 2

Packing diagram of the unit cell of (I). Hydrogen bonds are represented by dashed lines.

the mean P-N bond distance in (II). The unexpectedly large angle at N1  $[C1-N1-P1 = 127.3 (3)^{\circ}]$  presumably reflects the steric influence of the bulky tert-butyl substituent on N1.

## **Experimental**

*tert*-Butylimidotrichlorophosphorane (1.65 g, 7.87 mmol) was exposed to air for 10 min and then the sample was stored under an atmosphere of nitrogen. After 24 h, clear colorless needle-like crystals were formed. X-ray quality single crystals of (I) (0.34 g, 1.79 mmol, 23% yield) were obtained by sublimation at 328 K at ca  $10^{-3}$  Torr (m.p. = 379–381 K). Analysis calculated for C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NOP: C 25.28, H 5.30, N, 7.37%; found: C 25.23, H 5.32, N 7.11%. NMR data  $(C_6D_6, 298 \text{ K})$ : <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  0.99 (*s*, *t*Bu); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR:  $\delta$  30.62 [*s*,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ], 55.79 [s,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ]; <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR,  $\delta$  5.94 (s). IR  $(cm^{-1})$ : 3180 (*m*, *br*,  $[\nu(N-H)]$ ), 1257 (*w*, *sh*,  $[\nu(P-N)]$ ), 1028 (*m*,  $[\nu(P=O)]$ , 585 (s,  $[\nu(P-Cl)]$ ), 547 (s,  $[\nu(P-Cl)]$ ).

#### Crystal data

C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NOP	$D_x = 1.450 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 190.00$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Cell parameters from 6208
a = 8.256 (3) Å	reflections
b = 10.219 (5) Å	$\theta = 3.3-27.5^{\circ}$
c = 11.053 (5) Å	$\mu = 0.86 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 111.090 \ (2)^{\circ}$	T = 173 (2) K
$V = 870.1 (7) \text{ Å}^3$	Prism, colorless
Z = 4	$0.21$ $\times$ 0.08 $\times$ 0.06 mm
Data collection	
Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer	1538 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\omega$ and $\varphi$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.034$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}$
(SORTAV; Blessing, 1997)	$h = -10 \rightarrow 10$
$T_{\rm min} = 0.840, \ T_{\rm max} = 0.950$	$k = -13 \rightarrow 11$
6208 measured reflections	$l = -14 \rightarrow 14$

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.06P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.059$	+ 2.44P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.165$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.08	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
1970 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.75 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
85 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.46 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

Table 1 Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

P1-O1	1.453 (3)	P1-Cl2	2.0038 (17)
P1-N1	1.595 (3)	N1-C1	1.490 (5)
P1-Cl1	2.0025 (17)		
O1-P1-N1	116.98 (18)	N1-P1-Cl2	108.20 (15)
O1-P1-Cl1	111.76 (18)	Cl1-P1-Cl2	99.53 (8)
N1-P1-Cl1	106.53 (15)	C1-N1-P1	127.3 (3)
O1-P1-Cl2	112.28 (18)		

Table 2		
Hydrogen-bond geometry (	Å.	°).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$N1 - H1 \cdots O1^i$	0.88	1.95	2.820 (4)	168
Symmetry code: (i) -	$-x + \frac{3}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, -$	$z + \frac{1}{2}$ .		

H atoms were located in a difference Fourier synthesis and were included in the refinement at geometrically idealized positions, with N-H = 0.88 Å and C-H = 0.98 Å, and with  $U_{iso} = 1.2$  and 1.5 times  $U_{eq}$  of the parent N and C atoms, respectively. The final difference map was free of any chemically significant features.

Data collection: COLLECT (Hooft, 1998); cell refinement: DENZO (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: SCALE-PACK (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: SIR92 (Altomare et al., 1993); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997).

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