

Diastereoselective Synthesis of Chloro- and Fluoro-Aniline Containing Phosphonate Esters in a Three-Component Condensation

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ABSTRACT: New phosphonate ester derivatives were obtained by *in situ* stereo-specific reaction between triphenyl phosphite and dialkyl acetylenedicarboxylates in the presence of a series of halogenated anilines. Spectroscopic data and X-ray crystallography analysis are in agreement with the *gauche* arrangement for the two vicinal protons in the structures. © 2010 Wiley Periodicals, Inc. Heteroatom Chem 21:222–227, 2010; Published online in Wiley InterScience (www.interscience.wiley.com). DOI 10.1002/hc.20600

INTRODUCTION

Phosphorus compounds are of great interesting compounds because of their pharmaceutical and

biological activities that include antiinflammatory, cardiotoxic, inotropic, antihypertensive, antimicrobial, and antibacterial properties [1–15]. We among others have reported extensive investigations of the reaction between trivalent phosphorus nucleophiles and α - β unsaturated carbonyl compounds in the presence of a proton source, such as CH-, NH-, OH-, or SH-compounds [16–30].

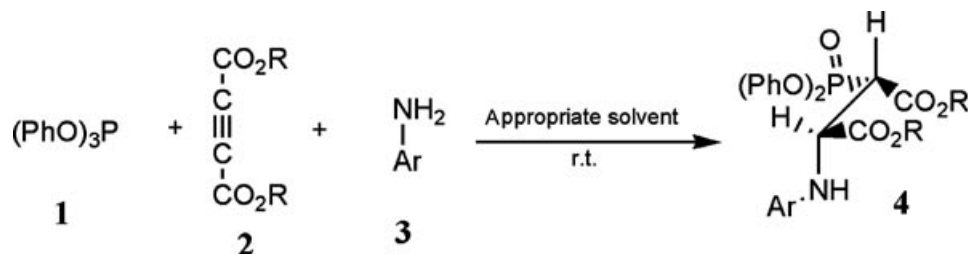
In continuation of our previous studies on the reaction between trivalent phosphorus nucleophiles and dialkyl acetylenedicarboxylates in the presence of NH-compounds [22–24,31], we successfully obtained the phosphonate ester adducts with a great control over the stereochemistry established from solution NMR studies and confirmed by single X-ray crystallography.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the current work, an efficient stereoselective synthesis of phosphonate diesters is reported from the reaction between triphenyl phosphite **1** and dialkyl

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4	R	Ar	Solvent	%Yield
a	Me		Dichloromethane	95
b	Et		Dichloromethane	93
c	Me		Dichloromethane	90
d	Me		Acetonitrile	95
e	Me		Diethyl ether	91

SCHEME 1

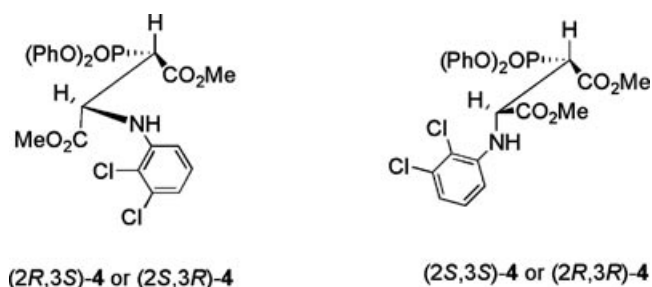
acetylenedicarboxylate **2** in the presence of NH-aromatic amines **3** (Scheme 1). These reactions proceeded smoothly at ambient temperature and are completed within 24 h in high yield. TLC and ^1H NMR spectra of the crude products clearly indicated formation of phosphonate esters **4** (see Scheme 1).

The essential structures of the products **4a–e** were deduced from elemental analysis, IR, ^1H , ^{13}C , ^{31}P NMR, and mass spectra. The mass spectra of these compounds displayed molecular ion peaks at appropriate m/z values, and any initial fragmentation involves the loss of the ester and phenoxy moieties. No product other than **4a–e** could be detected by NMR spectroscopy.

The ^1H NMR spectra of **4a** showed two singlets at $\delta = 3.73, 3.93$ ppm for methoxy protons and a doublet of doublet at $\delta = 4.22$ ppm ($^3J_{\text{HH}} = 3.8, ^2J_{\text{PH}} = 25.1$ Hz) for PCH–CH and also a double quartet at $\delta = 4.94$ ppm ($^3J_{\text{HH}} = 3.8, ^3J_{\text{PH}} = 4.0, ^3J_{\text{HH}} = 10.9$ Hz) for other methine proton. NH proton resonance observed at $\delta = 4.94$ ppm as a doublet with $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 10.9$ Hz. All 13 aromatic protons resonance as a multiplet at $\delta = 6.84–7.38$ ppm. The vicinal proton–proton coupling constant $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ can be obtained from the Karplus equation as a function of the torsion angle [32–36]. Typically, J_{gauche} and J_{anti} configurations give rise to distinct coupling constant,

which varies between 1.5 and 10–14, respectively [32–36].

The observation of $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 3.8$ Hz for the two vicinal protons in **4a** confirms a gauche arrangement for such protons. Since compounds **4a** possess two stereogenic centers, two diastereoisomers [(2*R*, 3*S*)-**4a** or (2*S*, 3*R*)-**4a** and (2*S*, 3*S*)-**4a** or (2*R*, 3*R*)-**4a**] with gauche HCCH arrangement are possible (see Scheme 2). Single crystal X-ray diffraction was employed to authenticate the structure of compound **4a**. Prismatic colorless crystal of **4a** was prepared by slow evaporation of a saturated solution of dichloromethane (Fig. 1).



SCHEME 2

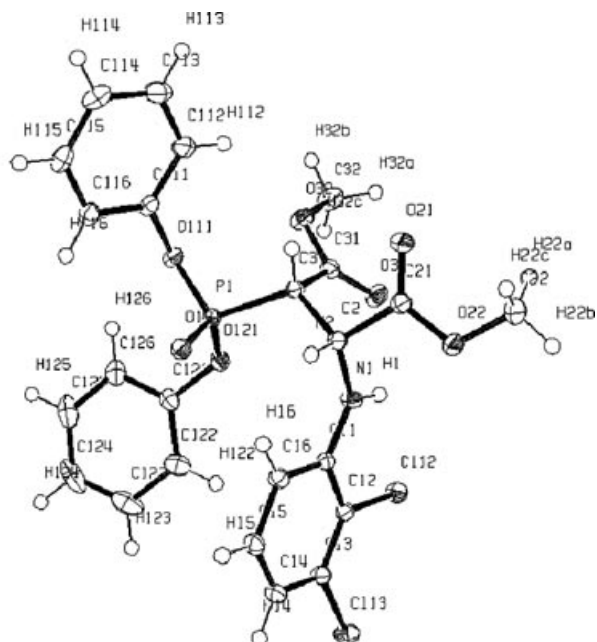


FIGURE 1 The molecular structure of **4a** with the atom numbering scheme involving ORTEP representation.

Torsion angle between the two hydrogens of the chiral centers ($HC-CH$) and other conformational parameters for compound **4a** were extracted from single X-ray crystallographic data and are exhibited in Table 1.

On the basis of the proposed mechanism in the literature [37–41], it is reasonable to assume that the heterocyclic phosphonate ester **4** results from the initial addition of triphenyl phosphite **1** to the acetylenic ester **2** (1:1 adduct or zwitterionic **A**), and subsequent protonation of the 1:1 adduct by the NH-compound **3** to generate intermediate of phosphonium ion **B**, which was followed by the conjugate base (Z^-) to produce ylide **C**. It is converted to **D** in the presence of moisture and subsequent loss of PhOH (see Scheme 3).

In conclusion, the reaction between triphenyl phosphite and dialkyl acetylenedicarboxylates in the presence of aniline derivatives provides a simple one-pot entry into the synthesis of stable phosphonate esters of potential interest. The present procedure offers many advantages, performed under neutral conditions and the used reagents do not require can no any activation or modifications.

EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points and IR spectra were taken on an Electrothermal 9100 apparatus and a JASCO FT-IR spectrometer, respectively. The 1H , ^{13}C , and ^{31}P NMR

TABLE 1 Selected Bond Length (Å), Bond Angles ($^\circ$), and Torsion Angles ($^\circ$) in Phosphonate Ester Structure **4a**

Entry	Bond length		(Å)
1	C2–C3		1.550(2)
2	P1–C3		1.815(1)
3	C2–H2		0.9997(9)
4	C3–H3		0.999(1)
5	C2–C21		1.538(2)
6	C3–C31		1.522(1)
7	N1–C2		1.442(1)

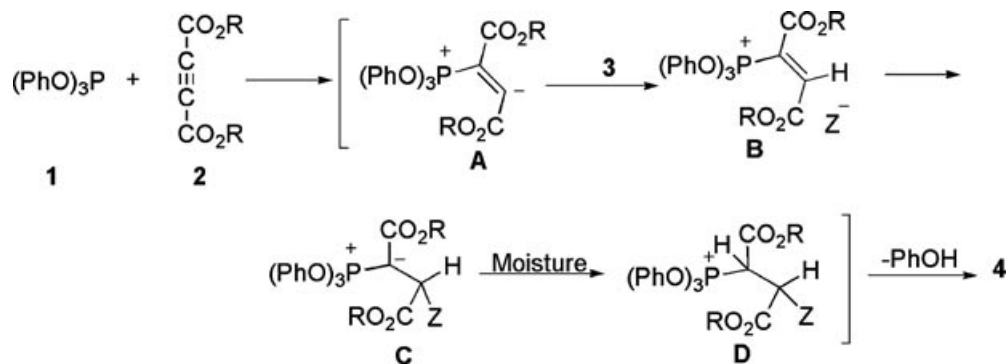
Entry	Atom1	Atom2	Atom3	Angle ($^\circ$)
1	P1	C3	H3	106.09(7)
2	P1	C3	C31	114.96(7)
3	P1	C3	C2	112.01(7)

Entry	Atom1	Atom2	Atom3	Atom4	Angle ($^\circ$)
1	H2	C2	C3	H3	67.1(1)
2	P1	C3	C2	H2	–48.3(1)
3	P1	C3	C2	C21	–163.34(7)

spectra were recorded on a Bruker (Rheinstetten, Germany) DRX-500 Avance instrument with $CDCl_3$ as solvent at 500.1, 125.8, and 202.5 MHz, respectively. Elemental analyses for C, H, and N were performed using a Heraeus (Banau, Germany) CHN-O-Rapid analyzer. The mass spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu (Kyoto, Japan) GCMS-QP5050A mass spectrometer operating at an ionization potential of 70 eV. Triphenyl phosphite, dialkyl acetylenedicarboxylate, and aniline derivatives were purchased from Merck (Darmstadt, Germany), Fluka (Buchs, Switzerland), and Acros (Geel, Belgium), respectively, and were used without further purifications.

General Procedure (Exemplified by **4a**)

To a stirred solution of 2,3-dichloroaniline (1 mmol) and dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (1 mmol) in 10 mL CH_2Cl_2 , a mixture of triphenyl phosphite (1 mmol) in 5 mL CH_2Cl_2 at $-5^\circ C$ over 10 min was added drop wise. The mixture was then allowed to warm up to room temperature and was stirred for



SCHEME 3

24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was washed with diethyl ether (2 × 3) mL to afford the product. The product was recrystallized in CH₂Cl₂ for generation of pure product.

(2S,3S)-Dimethyl 2-(2,3-dichlorophenylamino)-3-(diphenoxyphosphoryl)butandioate (**4a**)

Colorless crystalline. yield: 95% (0.51 g), mp = 95–98 °C. IR (KBr) (ν_{\max} , cm⁻¹): 3428 (NH), 1722 and 1687 (C=O), 1228 (P=O). MS (m/z , %): 539 (M⁺ + 2, 10), 538 (M⁺ + 1, 4), 537 (M⁺, 16), 507 (2), 446 (21), 387 (2), 376 (5), 161 (16), 94 (53), 77 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₂Cl₂NO₇P (538.31): C, 53.55; H, 4.12; N, 2.60. Found: C, 53.48; H, 4.19; N, 2.51.

¹H NMR (500.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{H} 3.73 and 3.93 (6H, 2s, 2 OCH₃), 4.22 (1H, dd, ³J_{HH} = 3.8, ²J_{PH} = 25.1 Hz, PCHCH), 4.94 (1H, dq, ³J_{HH} = 3.8, ³J_{PH} = 4.0, ³J_{HH} = 10.9 Hz, PCHCH), 5.99 (1H, d, ³J_{HH} = 10.9 Hz, PCHCHNH), 6.84–7.38 (13H, m, 2 Oph, and 3 CH_{arom}).

¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{C} 47.44 (d, ¹J_{PC} = 136.9 Hz, PCHCH), 53.10 and 53.33 (2s, 2OCH₃), 55.32 (d, ²J_{PC} = 3.1 Hz, PCHCH), 118.79 and 119.68 (2s, C_{arom} and CH_{arom}), 120.32 (d, ³J_{PC} = 4.6 Hz, 2C_{ortho}), 120.70 (d, ³J_{PC} = 4.4 Hz, 2C_{ortho}), 125.32 and 125.71 (2s, 2C_{para}), 127.58 (s, CH_{arom} and C_{arom}), 129.50 and 129.91 (2s, 4C_{meta}), 132.95 (s, CH_{arom}), 144.29 (s, C_{arom}), 149.88 and 149.93 (2d, ²J_{PC} = 6.3 Hz, 2C_{ipso}), 167.69 (d, ³J_{PC} = 5.3 Hz, CO), 171.20 (d, ²J_{PC} = 17.2 Hz, CO). ³¹P NMR (202.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{P} 11.70.

(2S,3S)-Diethyl 2-(2,3-dichlorophenylamino)-3-(diphenoxyphosphoryl)butandioate (**4b**)

White powder. yield: 93% (0.53 g), mp = 118–121 °C. IR (KBr) (ν_{\max} , cm⁻¹): 3390 (NH), 1726 and 1681 (C=O), 1218 (P=O). MS (m/z , %): 567 (M⁺ + 2, 13), 566 (M⁺ + 1, 7), 565 (M⁺, 20), 520 (2), 519 (5), 494

(66), 492 (94), 473 (2), 331 (36), 94 (41), 77 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₂₆Cl₂NO₇P (566.37): C, 55.14; H, 4.63; N, 2.47. Found: C, 55.03; H, 4.71; N, 2.52.

¹H NMR (500.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{H} 1.22 (3H, t, ³J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 1.40 (3H, t, ³J_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 4.21 (1H, dd, ³J_{HH} = 3.9, ²J_{PH} = 23.3 Hz, PCHCH), 4.14–4.20 (2H, m, ABX₃ system, OCH₂CH₃), 4.35–4.44 (2H, m, ABX₃ system, OCH₂CH₃), 4.90 (1H, ddd, ³J_{HH} = 3.9, ³J_{PH} = 6.6, ³J_{HH} = 10.9 Hz, PCHCH), 5.97 (1H, d, ³J_{HH} = 10.9 Hz, PCHCHNH), 6.85–7.38 (13H, m, 2Oph, and 3CH_{arom}).

¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{C} 13.99 and 14.12 (2s, 2OCH₂CH₃), 47.62 (d, ¹J_{PC} = 136.7 Hz, PCHCH), 55.60 (d, ²J_{PC} = 3.2 Hz, PCHCH), 62.21 and 62.65 (2s, 2OCH₂CH₃), 111.35, 118.86, and 119.66 (3s, 2C_{arom}, and CH_{arom}), 120.33 (d, ³J_{PC} = 4.6 Hz, 2C_{ortho}), 120.77 (d, ³J_{PC} = 4.4 Hz, 2C_{ortho}), 125.27 and 125.69 (2s, 2C_{para}), 127.57 (s, CH_{arom}), 129.50, and 129.92 (2s, 4C_{meta}), 132.87 (s, CH_{arom}), 144.58 (s, C_{arom}), 149.96 (d, ²J_{PC} = 4.7 Hz, C_{ipso}), 150.03 (d, ²J_{PC} = 5.4 Hz, C_{ipso}), 167.07 (d, ³J_{PC} = 5.4 Hz, CO), 170.67 (d, ²J_{PC} = 17.6 Hz, CO). ³¹P NMR (202.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{P} 12.18.

(2S,3S)-Dimethyl 2-(2,4-dichlorophenylamino)-3-(diphenoxyphosphoryl)butandioate (**4c**)

White powder. yield: 90% (0.49 g), mp = 80–83 °C. IR (KBr) (ν_{\max} , cm⁻¹): 3393 (NH), 1754 and 1718 (C=O), 1224 (P=O). MS (m/z , %): 539 (M⁺ + 2, 38), 538 (M⁺ + 1, 25), 537 (M⁺, 49), 507 (2), 506 (1), 505 (4), 478 (63), 412 (3), 376 (12), 161 (38), 94 (30), 77 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₂Cl₂NO₇P (538.31): C, 53.55; H, 4.12; N, 2.60. Found: C, 53.64; H, 4.23; N, 2.69.

¹H NMR (500.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{H} 3.73 and 3.92 (6H, 2s, 2OCH₃), 4.21 (1H, dd, ³J_{HH} = 3.8, ²J_{PH} = 25.2 Hz, PCHCH), 4.88 (1H, m, PCHCH), 5.78 (1H, d, ³J_{HH} = 10.9 Hz, PCHCHNH), 6.89 (1H, d, ³J_{HH} = 8.8 Hz, CH_{arom}), 7.02 (1H, d, ³J_{HH} = 8.8 Hz, CH_{arom}), 7.03–7.39 (11H, m, 2OPh and CH_{arom}).

^{13}C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{C} 47.47 (d, $^1J_{\text{PC}} = 136.5$ Hz, PCHCH), 53.09 and 53.33 (2s, 2OCH_3), 55.56 (d, $^2J_{\text{PC}} = 3.1$ Hz, PCHCH), 114.21 (s, CH_{arom}), 120.39 (d, $^3J_{\text{PC}} = 4.5$ Hz, 2C_{ortho}), 120.59 (d, $^3J_{\text{PC}} = 4.1$ Hz, 2C_{ortho}), 121.03 and 123.14 (2s, CH_{arom} and C_{arom}), 125.37 and 125.75 (2s, 2C_{para}), 127.73 and 128.82 (2s, CH_{arom} and C_{arom}), 129.75 and 129.86 (2s, 4C_{meta}), 141.66 (s, C_{arom}), 149.89 (d, $^2J_{\text{PC}} = 4.7$ Hz, C_{ipso}), 149.99 (d, $^2J_{\text{PC}} = 5.6$ Hz, C_{ipso}), 167.71 (d, $^3J_{\text{PC}} = 5.6$ Hz, CO), 171.23 (d, $^2J_{\text{PC}} = 17.4$ Hz, CO). ^{31}P NMR (202.5 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{P} 11.82.

(2*S*,3*S*)-Dimethyl 2-(3,4-dichlorophenylamino)-3-(diphenoxyphosphoryl)butandioate (**4d**)

White powder. yield: 95% (0.51 g), mp = 108–111°C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 3376 (NH), 1752 and 1726 (C=O), 1219 (P=O). MS (m/z , %): 539 ($\text{M}^+ + 2$, 14), 538 ($\text{M}^+ + 1$, 6), 537 (M^+ , 16), 505 (2), 480 (39), 479 (10), 478 (55), 446 (41), 376 (19), 161 (65), 94 (42), 77 (100). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_7\text{P}$ (538.31): C, 53.55; H, 4.12; N, 2.60. Found: C, 53.50; H, 4.23; N, 2.53.

^1H NMR (500.1 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{H} 3.73 and 3.91 (6H, 2s, 2OCH_3), 4.18 (1H, dd, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 3.9$, $^2J_{\text{PH}} = 25.1$ Hz, PCHCH), 5.00 (1H, m, PCHCH), 6.58 (1H, dd, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.8$, $^4J_{\text{PH}} = 2.7$ Hz, PCHCHNH), 6.75 (1H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 2.5$ Hz, CH_{arom}), 7.05 (1H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.2$ Hz, CH_{arom}), 7.12–7.32 (11H, m, 2Oph, and CH_{arom}).

^{13}C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{C} 47.69 (d, $^1J_{\text{PC}} = 136.7$ Hz, PCHCH), 53.05 and 53.32 (2s, 2OCH_3), 55.57 (d, $^2J_{\text{PC}} = 3.0$ Hz, PCHCH), 113.61 (s, C_{arom} and CH_{arom}), 115.55 (s, CH_{arom}), 120.68 (d, $^3J_{\text{PC}} = 4.4$ Hz, 2C_{ortho}), 120.37 (d, $^3J_{\text{PC}} = 4.3$ Hz, 2C_{ortho}), 125.41 and 125.73 (2s, 2C_{para}), 125.75 (s, C_{arom}), 129.64 and 129.95 (2s, 4C_{meta}), 132.94 (s, CH_{arom}), 145.50 (s, C_{arom}), 149.86 (d, $^2J_{\text{PC}} = 8.3$ Hz, C_{ipso}), 150.15 (d, $^2J_{\text{PC}} = 9.0$ Hz, C_{ipso}), 167.89 (d, $^3J_{\text{PC}} = 5.3$ Hz, CO), 171.41 (d, $^2J_{\text{PC}} = 17.4$ Hz, CO). ^{31}P NMR (202.5 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{P} 11.55.

(2*S*, 3*S*)-Dimethyl 2-(2-fluorophenylamino)-3-(diphenoxyphosphoryl)butandioate (**4e**)

White powder. yield: 91% (0.44 g), m.p = 85–88°C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 3392 (NH), 1764 and 1738 (C=O), 1214 (P=O). MS (m/z , %): 489 ($\text{M}^+ + 2$, 4), 488 ($\text{M}^+ + 1$, 16), 487 (M^+ , 22), 471 (2), 428 (18), 396 (15), 379 (12), 377 (43), 334 (2), 285 (64), 223 (90), 111 (100), 94 (11), 77 (63). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{FNO}_7\text{P}$ (487.41): C, 59.14; H, 4.76; N, 2.87. Found: C, 59.22; H, 4.63; N, 2.75.

^1H NMR (500.1 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{H} 3.73 and 3.89 (6H, 2s, 2OCH_3), 4.20 (1H, dd, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 4.3$, $^2J_{\text{PH}} = 24.9$ Hz, PCHCH), 4.92 (1H, br s, PCHCH), 5.33 (1H,

br d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.3$ Hz, PCHCHNH), 6.70–7.38 (14H, m, 2Oph and 4CH_{arom}).

^{13}C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{C} 47.89 (d, $^1J_{\text{PC}} = 137.2$ Hz, PCHCH), 52.97 and 53.11 (2s, 2OCH_3), 55.47 (d, $^2J_{\text{PC}} = 2.8$ Hz, PCHCH), 118.74 (d, $^3J_{\text{FC}} = 7.2$ Hz, CH_{arom}), 120.50 and 120.68 (2d, $^3J_{\text{PC}} = 4.5$ Hz, 4C_{ortho}), 124.48 (d, $^4J_{\text{FC}} = 3.5$ Hz, CH_{arom}), 125.30 and 125.67 (2s, 2C_{para}), 129.51 (s, 2C_{meta}), 129.55 (d, $^3J_{\text{FC}} = 12.6$ Hz, CH_{arom}), 129.75 (s, 2C_{meta}), 129.85 (d, $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 18.5$ Hz, CH_{arom}), 134.9 (d, $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 11.3$ Hz, C_{arom}), 150.05 (d, $^2J_{\text{PC}} = 9.5$ Hz, C_{ipso}), 150.07 (d, $^2J_{\text{PC}} = 9.7$ Hz, C_{ipso}), 152.06 (d, $^1J_{\text{FC}} = 239.8$ Hz, C_{arom}), 167.55 (d, $^3J_{\text{PC}} = 5.7$ Hz, CO), 171.63 (d, $^2J_{\text{PC}} = 16.2$ Hz, CO). ^{31}P NMR (202.5 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{P} 11.78.

Crystallographic Details for **4a**

$\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_7\text{P}$, $M = 538.30$, $T = 100(2)$ K, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å, triclinic, space group $P\bar{1}$, $a = 8.074(5)$, $b = 10.987(5)$, $c = 14.703(5)$ Å, $\alpha = 105.852(5)$, $\beta = 97.302(5)$, $\gamma = 101.379(5)^\circ$, $V = 1207.2(10)$ Å³, $Z = 2$, $D_{\text{c}} = 1.481$ g cm^{-3} , $\mu = 0.382$ mm⁻¹, $F_{000} = 556$. Colorless slab, $0.42 \times 0.28 \times 0.16$ mm³, $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 74.6^\circ$. 40360 reflections collected, 12,066 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0307$), $\text{GooF} = 1.002$, $R_1 = 0.0414$, $wR_2 = 0.1124$, $\rho_{\text{max, min}} = 0.671$, -0.724 e.Å⁻³. Crystallographic data for the structure were collected on an Oxford (Oxford, UK) Diffraction Xcalibur diffractometer fitted with monochromated Mo $K\alpha$ radiation. Following multiscan absorption corrections, the structures were solved and refined using the program SHELXL-97 [42]. CCDC 757969 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

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