

Versatile Behavior of a New Class of Bicyclic Compounds: Zirconacyclopentadiene Phosphiranes

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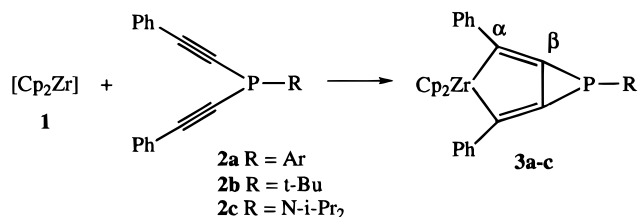
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Summary: Diacetylenic phosphanes are cleanly transformed when reacted with zirconocene into zirconacyclopentadiene phosphiranes. These new cyclic systems are the source of a variety of unsaturated phosphorus compounds like phospharadialene or alkenyl alkynyl phosphanes.

Interactions between unsaturated phosphorus compounds and zirconium species usually initiate a totally different chemistry^{1–3} than that generally observed when the same zirconium compounds are reacted with the corresponding unsaturated organic or inorganic derivatives.⁴ Moreover, the chemical behavior of the resulting metalated phosphorus moieties is also unexpected. Thus, we have already shown that phosphorus placed in a β position to a zirconium fragment induces original rearrangement processes leading, for example, to a large variety of α -functionalized substituted phosphanes: when phosphorus is included in a ring, an unprecedented ring-opening reaction is observed.¹

Several recent papers describe oxidative alkyne coupling using $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}]$ leading to a variety of metallacyclic complexes which act as excellent sources of $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}]$ or give rise to a number of metallacycles when they are reacted with unsaturated organic species.⁵ Therefore, taking into account observations mentioned before, investigations concerning coupling reactions involving phosphorus alkynes and $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}]$ (**1**) should lead to different reactions and unexpected derivatives. Indeed, we report here the synthesis of a new class of com-

Scheme 1. Synthesis of Zirconacyclopentadiene-phosphiranes **3** (Ar = 2,4,6-*t*-Bu₃C₆H₂)



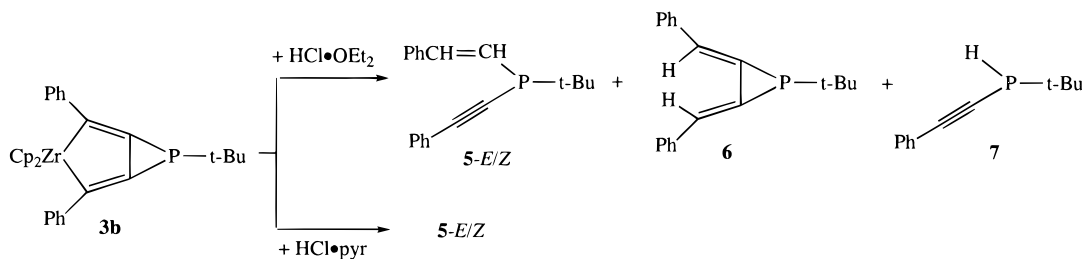
pounds, the zirconacyclopentadiene phosphiranes **3a–c**. Preliminary experiments on the reactivity of these species toward halogenated compounds demonstrate their versatile behavior.⁶

Treatment of phosphanes **2a–c** with freshly prepared $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}]$ (**1**) synthon in THF at -78 °C leads to the zirconacyclopentadiene phosphiranes **3a–c** isolated as powders in 90% yield (Scheme 1).⁷ These derivatives exhibit remarkably shielded ³¹P chemical shifts at -300.5 (**3a**), -299.7 (**3b**), and -244.2 (**3c**) ppm which fit well with a phosphirane-type structure. Indeed, the δ ³¹P value for **3a** is one of the highest reported for a molecule containing strained-membered rings and is apparently exceeded among phosphirane derivatives only by the parent phosphirane compound (δ : -341

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(7) General procedure for the synthesis of **3**: To a solution of dichlorozirconocene $[\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrCl}_2]$ (0.292 g, 1.0 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at -78 °C was added BuLi in hexane (0.8 mL, 2.5 M). The mixture was stirred for 2 h at -78 °C, then 1 equiv of bis(acetylenic)phosphine in THF (5 mL) was added via canula. The reaction mixture was warmed slowly to room temperature and stirred for a further 3 h. The resulting solution was evaporated to dryness. Successive extractions of the residue with pentane (2×30 mL) gave compound **3** as a powder. Satisfactory elemental analysis for **3a–c**. **3a**: brown powder, ³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆) δ -300.5 ppm. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 7.62 (d, ⁴J(H,P) = 3.1 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.35–7.33 (m, 6H, CH_{Ph}), 7.10–7.07 (m, 4H, CH_{Ph}), 5.40 (s, 5H, Cp), 5.38 (s, 5H, Cp), 1.30 (s, 18H, *o*-tBu), 1.19 (s, 9H, *p*-tBu). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆): δ 168.7 (d, ²J(C,P) = 4.0 Hz, CZr), 159.1 (d, ¹J(C,P) = 5.0 Hz, *i*-C_{Ar}), 150.8 (s, *o*-C_{Ar}), 149.3 (s, *m*-C_{Ar}), 145.3 (s, *i*-C_{Ar}), 130.3 (d, ³J(C,P) = 15.6 Hz, *i*-C_{Ph}), 129.5 (s, *o*-C_{Ph}), 128.9 (s, *m*-C_{Ph}), 123.1 (s, *p*-C_{Ph}), 107.3 (s, Cp), 106.9 (s, Cp), 88.5 (d, ¹J(C,P) = 62.7 Hz, P=C=C), 39.7 (s, *p*-CCH₃), 34.6 (d, ³J(C,P) = 8.6 Hz, *o*-CCH₃), 32.3 (s, *o*-CCCH₃), 32.0 (s, *p*-CCH₃). **3b**: yellow powder, ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ -299.7 . ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 8.29–8.26 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.52–7.46 (m, 6H, Ph), 5.65 (s, 5H, Cp), 5.34 (s, 5H, Cp), 0.98 (d, ³J(H,P) = 12.5 Hz, 9H, *t*Bu). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 165.7 (d, ²J(C,P) = 6.0 Hz, CZr), 139.7 (s, *i*-C_{Ph}), 128.8 (s, *o*-C_{Ph}), 128.1 (s, *m*-C_{Ph}), 127.7 (s, *p*-C_{Ph}), 105.2 (s, Cp), 105.1 (s, Cp), 79.1 (d, ¹J(C,P) = 64.5 Hz, P=C=C), 33.9 (d, ¹J(C,P) = 42.2 Hz, CH₃C), 26.6 (d, ²J(C,P) = 15.7 Hz, CH₃C). **3c**: red powder, ³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆) δ -244.2 . ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 8.13–8.09 (m, 4H, CH_{Ph}), 7.53–7.26 (m, 6H, CH_{Ph}), 5.65 (s, 5H, Cp), 5.43 (s, 5H, Cp), 2.75 (sept, ³J(H,H) = 6.7 Hz, 2H, CH₃CH), 1.08 (d, ³J(H,H) = 6.7 Hz, 12H, CH₃CH). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆): δ 168.9 (d, ²J(C,P) = 7.6 Hz, CZr), 134.1 (s, *i*-C_{Ph}), 129.7 (s, *m*-C_{Ph}), 129.5 (s, *p*-C_{Ph}), 129.2 (s, *o*-C_{Ph}), 106.0 (s, Cp), 105.9 (s, Cp), 85.5 (d, ¹J(C,P) = 71.3 Hz, P=C=C), 46.1 (d, ²J(C,P) = 7.4 Hz, CH₃CH), 24.2 and 24.1 (s, CH₃CH).

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Scheme 2. Reactivity of **3b** with Electrophile H^+ 

ppm).⁸ Cp groups are inequivalent and appear as two singlets both in the 1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra. ^{13}C NMR spectra show a doublet at 165.7–168.9 ppm ($^2J_{CP}$, 4.0–7.6 Hz) characteristic for sp^2 carbon atoms bound to zirconium⁹ and a doublet at 79.1–88.5 ppm ($^1J_{CP}$, 62.7–71.3 Hz) characteristic for sp^2 carbon atoms bound to phosphorus. These data agree with the proposed structure. While compounds **3b** and **3c** are found to be stable at room temperature for several days, in contrast, **3a** is transformed into a new derivative not yet fully characterized overnight at room temperature.¹⁰

Attempts to get suitable crystals for X-ray structure determinations of compounds **3a–c** have failed up to now. Therefore, in order to have a better insight of the structure and properties of these new metalated phosphorus species, a preliminary study of their reactivity was undertaken. Addition of $HCl \cdot OEt_2$ to the phosphirane **3b** in THF at $-78^\circ C$ leads to a mixture of four products: the alkenyl-alkynyl phosphanes *E/Z*-**5** (35%) in a 1/1 ratio, the phospharadialene **6** (35%), and the secondary phosphane **7** (30%) (Scheme 2). All of these compounds are fully characterized by NMR¹¹ and mass spectrometry. The molecular structure of *Z*-**5** (as its sulfide adduct **8**) is also established by X-ray crystallography studies¹² (Figure 1), which confirms that a selective monoreduction of one of the two alkenyl groups of the starting phosphane **2b** takes place. Interestingly, such a selective monoreduction occurs when **3b** is reacted with $HCl \cdot$ pyridine: products *E/Z*-**5** (1/1 ratio) are obtained in quantitative yield.

NMR data for **6** fit well with the values given for the few phospharadialenes already reported in the literature.¹³ The ^{31}P NMR spectrum exhibits a singlet at high field ($\delta = -131.1$ ppm), and classical ^{13}C resonances for the cyclic ($\delta = 119.5$, $^1J_{CP} = 40.9$ Hz) and acyclic ($\delta = 122.8$, $^2J_{CP} = 4.6$ Hz) sp^2 carbon atoms are detected. The radiale structure of **6** is unambiguously determined by X-ray analysis¹² (Figure 2) and compares well with the unique structure of this type, **9**, characterized by X-ray analysis.¹⁴ Slightly longer intracyclic P–C bonds (1.825–1.827 Å for **6**; 1.816 Å for **9**) and a slightly shorter intracyclic C–C bond (1.413 Å for **6**; 1.422 Å for **9**) are found for **6**.

Formation of *E/Z*-**5**, **6**, and **7** can be easily explained via the transient generation of the complex **10** resulting from the cleavage of a zirconium–carbon bond and subsequent protonation (Scheme 3). Such an interme-

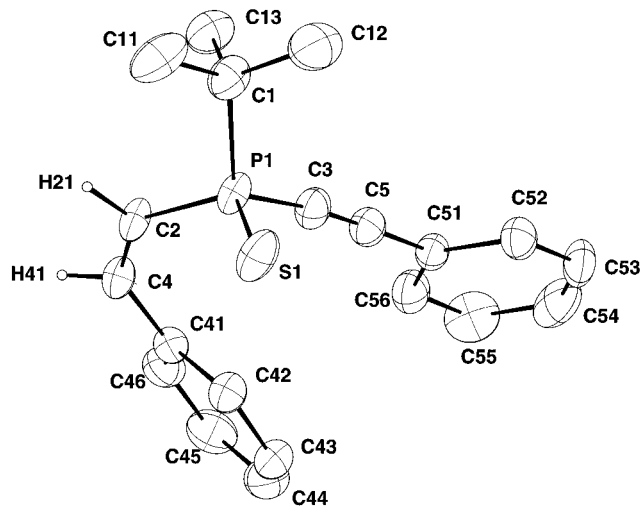
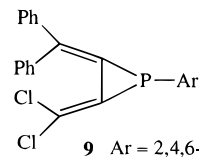


Figure 1. Molecular structure of **8** in the crystal. Selected distances (Å) and angles (deg): P(1)–S(1) 1.951(1), P(1)–C(1) 1.827(4), P(1)–C(2) 1.804(4), P(1)–C(3) 1.743(4), C(2)–C(4) 1.307(5), C(3)–C(5) 1.204(5), C(4)–C(41) 1.462(5), C(5)–C(51) 1.433(6), S(1)–P(1)–C(1) 113.7(1), S(1)–P(1)–C(2) 115.2(1), P(1)–C(2)–C(4) 129.9(3), P(1)–C(3)–C(5) 173.5(4), C(1)–P(1)–C(2) 104.1(2), C(1)–P(1)–C(3) 104.8(2), C(2)–P(1)–C(3) 105.6(2), C(2)–C(4)–C(41) 131.9(4), C(3)–C(5)–C(51) 178.1(4).

diate can react with a second equivalent of HCl to give *E/Z*-**5** via phosphirane ring opening and **6** via substitu-



tion of the remaining zirconium fragment.¹⁵

(11) Selected NMR data for compounds *E/Z*-**5** and **6**. *E*-**5**: $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (C_6D_6) δ –16.4. 1H NMR (C_6D_6): δ 7.72–7.65 (m, 4H, CH_{Ph}), 7.39–7.24 (m, 6H, CH_{Ph}), 7.21 (dd, $^3J(H,P) = 13.5$ Hz, $^3J(H,H) = 16.9$ Hz, 1H, =CHPh), 6.75 (dd, $^2J(H,P) = 14.5$ Hz, $^3J(H,H) = 16.9$ Hz, 1H, PCH=), 1.30 (d, $^3J(H,P) = 13.6$ Hz, 9H, *t*Bu). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (C_6D_6): δ 143.7 (d, $^2J(C,P) = 26.0$ Hz, =CHPh), 135.0 (d, $^3J(C,P) = 7.2$ Hz, *i*-C_{Ph}), 131.9 (s, *o*-C_{Ph}), 129.8 (s, *p*-C_{Ph}), 127.9 (s, *m*-C_{Ph}), 122.5 (d, $^1J(C,P) = 13.2$ Hz, PCH=), 106.2 (s, =CPh), 86.2 (d, $^1J(C,P) = 16.2$ Hz, PC=), 31.4 (d, $^1J(C,P) = 4.4$ Hz, CH_3C), 27.4 (d, $^2J(C,P) = 13.1$ Hz, CH_3C). *Z*-**5**: $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (C_6D_6) δ –35.3. 1H NMR (C_6D_6): δ 7.72–7.65 (m, 4H, CH_{Ph}), =CHPh resonance hidden by phenyl signals, 7.39–7.24 (m, 6H, CH_{Ph}), 6.39 (dd, $^2J(H,P) = 2.5$ Hz, $^3J_{HH} = 12.7$ Hz, 1H, PCH=), 1.28 (d, $^3J(H,P) = 13.5$ Hz, 9H, *t*Bu). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (C_6D_6): δ 144.6 (d, $^2J(C,P) = 19.5$ Hz, =CHPh), 136.9 (d, $^3J(C,P) = 2.2$ Hz, *i*-C_{Ph}), 131.9 (s, *o*-C_{Ph}), 128.3 (s, *p*-C_{Ph}), 127.9 (s, *m*-C_{Ph}), 124.9 (d, $^1J(C,P) = 17.3$ Hz, PCH=), 104.1 (s, =CPh), 87.3 (d, $^1J(C,P) = 29.4$ Hz, PC=), 31.5 (d, $^1J(C,P) = 4.3$ Hz, CH_3C), 27.2 (d, $^2J(C,P) = 15.2$ Hz, CH_3C). **6**: recrystallized from THF as yellow crystals. $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (C_6D_6): δ –131.1. 1H NMR (C_6D_6): δ 7.72–7.65 (m, 4H, CH_{Ph}), 7.55 (d, $^3J(H,P) = 9.6$ Hz, 2H, =CHPh), 7.39–7.24 (m, 6H, CH_{Ph}), 1.13 (d, $^3J(H,P) = 12.7$ Hz, 9H, *t*Bu). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (C_6D_6): δ 137.7 (d, $^3J(C,P) = 2.3$ Hz, *i*-C_{Ph}), 128.3 (s, *p*-C_{Ph}), 127.9 (s, *m*-C_{Ph}), 127.2 (d, $^4J(C,P) = 2.4$ Hz, *o*-C_{Ph}), 122.8 (d, $^2J(C,P) = 4.6$ Hz, =CHPh), 119.5 (d, $^1J(C,P) = 40.9$ Hz, PC=), 35.6 (d, $^1J(C,P) = 39.1$ Hz, CH_3C), 29.2 (d, $^2J(C,P) = 14.3$ Hz, CH_3C). Satisfactory analysis were found for *E/Z*-**5** and **6**.

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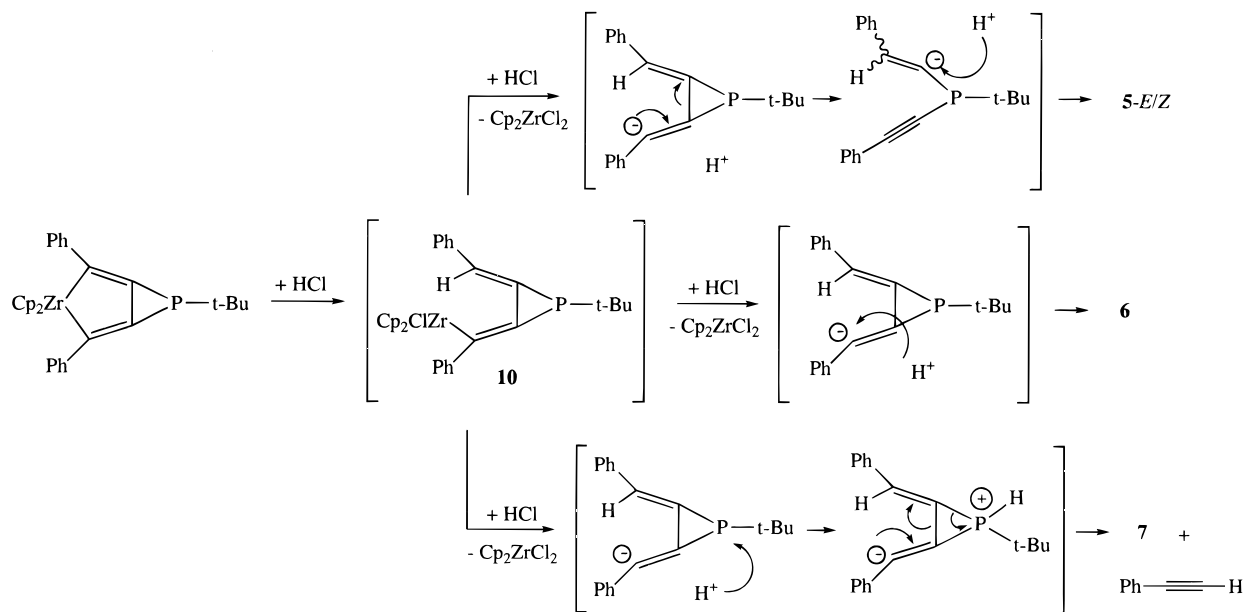
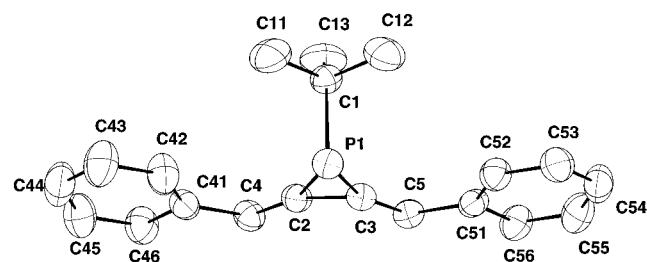
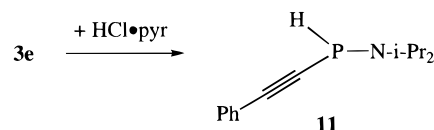
Scheme 3. Proposed Mechanism for the Formation of *EZ*-5, 6, and 7**Scheme 4. Synthesis of the Secondary Phosphane 11**

Figure 2. Molecular structure of **6** in the crystal. Selected distances (Å) and angles (deg): P(1)–C(1) 1.884(3), P(1)–C(2) 1.827(3), P(1)–C(3) 1.825(3), C(2)–C(3) 1.413(4), C(2)–C(4) 1.330(4), C(3)–C(5) 1.327(4), C(4)–C(41) 1.454(4), C(5)–C(51) 1.457(4), P(1)–C(2)–C(4) 150.8(2), P(1)–C(2)–C(3) 67.1(2), P(1)–C(3)–C(2) 67.3(2), P(1)–C(3)–C(5) 151.9(2), C(1)–P(1)–C(2) 107.1(1), C(1)–P(1)–C(3) 107.2(1), C(2)–P(1)–C(3) 45.5(1), C(2)–C(4)–C(41) 128.5(3), C(3)–C(5)–C(51) 128.8(3), C(2)–C(3)–C(5) 140.8(3), C(3)–C(2)–C(4) 142.0(3).

The formation of the secondary phosphane **7** ($\delta^{31}\text{P} = -55.1$, $^1J_{\text{PH}} = 216.7$ Hz) might involve first the protonation on the phosphorus atom of the complex **10**, concomitant cleavage of the zirconium–carbon bond,

(12) Crystal data for *Z*-5 (as the sulfide adduct **8**) and **6**. ENRAF-NONIUS CAD4 diffractometer with Mo $K\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å); graphite monochromator. Crystal data for **6**: crystal dimensions (mm) $0.9 \times 0.5 \times 0.125$, monoclinic space group $P2_1/n$, $a = 10.809(2)$ Å, $b = 6.125(2)$ Å, $c = 25.442(8)$ Å, $V = 1674$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.16$ g cm⁻³, $F(000) = 624.45$; 3811 reflections with $3 < 2\theta < 52^\circ$, 1875 reflections with $I > 3.0\sigma(I)$. Structure solution and refinement for 3284 independent reflections with $I > 3.0\sigma(I)$ and 191 parameters. $R = 0.038$; $R_w = 0.038$. Residual electron density max 0.189, min -0.177 e Å⁻³. Crystal data for **8**: crystal dimensions mm $0.3 \times 0.4 \times 0.2$, orthorhombic space group $P2_12_12_1$, $a = 6.037(3)$ Å, $b = 14.887(3)$ Å, $c = 20.049(8)$ Å, $V = 1674$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.19$ g cm⁻³, $F(000) = 689.88$; 1845 reflections with $3 < 2\theta < 50^\circ$, 1457 reflections with $I > 3.0\sigma(I)$. Structure solution and refinement for 1682 independent reflections with $I > 3.0\sigma(I)$ and 201 parameters. $R = 0.027$; $R_w = 0.029$. Residual electron density max 0.189, min -0.165 e Å⁻³. The structures were solved by direct methods (SHELXS86) and refined according to the CRYSTALS program. The positions of all hydrogen atoms were determined from difference Fourier maps but introduced in calculated positions (C–H = 0.98 Å) and thermal parameters fixed 20% higher than those of the carbon atoms to which they were attached. All non-hydrogen atoms were anisotropically refined. Corrections for Lorentz polarization effects and semi-empirical absorption corrections were applied.

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then ring opening and phosphorus carbon bond cleavage. Such a mechanism should be favored for a species like **3e** possessing a donor group bonded to phosphorus. Indeed, addition of HCl·pyridine to **3e** gives rise exclusively to the secondary phosphane **11** ($\delta^{31}\text{P} = -129.0$, $^1J_{\text{PH}} = 249.9$ Hz) (Scheme 4).

It has been already reported that zirconacyclopentadienes react with a dichlorophosphane, such as PhPCl_2 , to give the corresponding phosphole.¹⁶ This metalla-cycle transfer is not observed when, for example, **3b** is treated with RPCl_2 ($\text{R} = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ or $2,4,6\text{-}t\text{Bu}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_2$). In this case, the bis(alkynyl)phosphane **2b** is formed in addition to either the cyclic polyphosphane $(\text{PhP})_5$ or the diphosphane $(t\text{Bu})_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_2\text{-P=P-C}_6\text{H}_2(t\text{Bu})_3$. Compound **2b** is also recovered when **3b** is reacted with (trimethylsilyl)trifluoromethane sulfonate.

Work is in progress to extend these reactions to other bis(alkynyl)phosphanes and to study the chemical reactivity of phosphirane zirconacyclopentadienes species.

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Supporting Information Available: Tables giving details of the X-ray structure determinations, atomic coordinates and isotropic thermal parameters, bond lengths and bond angles, anisotropic displacement parameters, and hydrogen atom coordinates for **6** and **8** (18 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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