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## SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF FERROCENE DERIVED CYCLIC CARBAPHOSPHAZENES

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*Dialkylamino substituted cyclic carbaphosphazenes, (R<sub>2</sub>NCN)<sub>2</sub>(NPCl<sub>2</sub>) were prepared and reacted with the ferrocene derived hydroxymethyl phosphine sulfide FcCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)P(S)(CH<sub>2</sub>OH)<sub>2</sub> after dilithiation to yield a series of new spirocyclic derivatives of cyclic carbaphosphazenes having ferrocenyl pendant groups. To confirm the formation of six membered spirocycles and to compare their spectral features, transesterification reactions of FcCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)P(S)(CH<sub>2</sub>OH)<sub>2</sub> also were carried out with P(NR<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, yielding the six membered heterocycles FcCH<sub>2</sub>P(S)(CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>PNR<sub>2</sub> (R = Me, Et). The compounds were characterized by <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>31</sup>P, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, mass spectra, and elemental analysis.*

**Keywords:** Carbaphosphazene; ferrocene; hydroxymethyl; phosphine sulfide; spirocycle; transesterification

## INTRODUCTION

Synthesis of inorganic heterocycles having redox active units as substituents continue to be a matter of interest in recent years. The electrochemical behavior of ferrocene units bound to cyclophosphazene rings and polymers directly or through a spacer group has been the focus of substantive studies.<sup>1,16,17</sup> The well characterized one electron oxidation of ferrocene which is electrochemically and chemically reversible makes it an excellent choice as a redox center on these molecules. Phosphazene polymers having ferrocenyl substituents also showed

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promise in catalytic systems, as electrode mediators and as electroactive materials.<sup>2,3</sup> In contrast to cyclophosphazenes, only very few examples of other inorganic heterocycles having ferrocene as a substituent have been reported.<sup>4</sup>

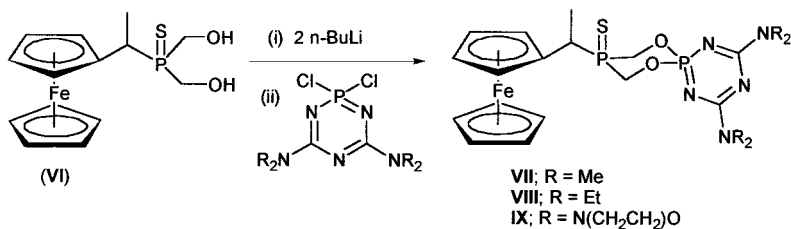
Cyclic carbaphosphazenes are heterocycles containing both P–N and C–N moieties in the ring framework and these molecules show properties similar to both cyclophosphazenes and *s*-triazines.<sup>5</sup> Similar to perhalogenated cyclophosphazenes, they undergo ring opening polymerization to yield carbaphosphazene polymers.<sup>6</sup> The P–Cl and C–Cl bonds of the perchlorinated examples of these heterocycles also show interesting selectivity in their substitution reactions which recently has been the subject of detailed investigations.<sup>7–11,20</sup> The organometallic chemistry of cyclic carbaphosphazenes is still in its infancy and only recently, the first example of a ferrocenyl derivative of a carbaphosphazene was reported.<sup>12</sup>

We recently have reported the synthesis of a new stable ferrocene derived diol,  $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2$  (**VI**) (Fc = ferrocenyl) having an asymmetric carbon center attached to the cyclopentadienyl ring.<sup>13</sup> In this article we report the synthesis and characterization of a series of ferrocene derived spirocyclic carbaphosphazenes obtained from the reaction of this diol with the C-diakylamino substituted carbaphosphazenes. To compare their spectral features, transesterification reactions of  $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2$  were also carried out with  $\text{P}(\text{NR}_2)_3$  (R = Me, Et) yielding the six membered heterocycles,  $\text{FcCH}_2\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{PNR}_2$ .

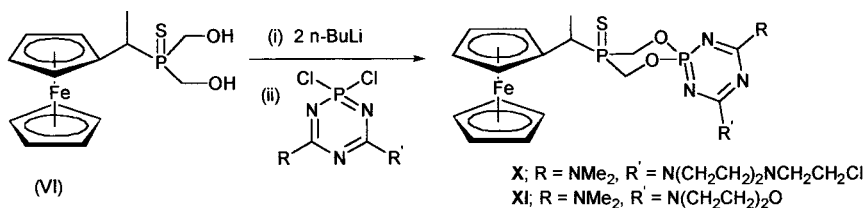
## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Reactions of symmetrically substituted cyclocarbaphosphazenes  $(\text{NCNMe}_2)_2(\text{NPCI}_2)$  (**I**),  $(\text{NCNEt}_2)_2(\text{NPCI}_2)$  (**II**) and  $[\text{NC}(\text{NC}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})]_2(\text{NPCI}_2)$  (**III**) with  $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{OLi})_2$  at  $-80^\circ\text{C}$  in THF as solvent were found to proceed smoothly leading to the formation of spirocyclic compounds  $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2(\text{PN})(\text{NCNMe}_2)_2$  (**VII**),  $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2(\text{PN})(\text{NCNEt}_2)_2$  (**VIII**) and  $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2(\text{PN})[\text{NC}(\text{NC}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})]_2$  (**IX**) (Scheme 1).

To compare the reactions with symmetrically substituted carbaphosphazenes and to observe the effect of variation in C-substitution, carbaphosphazenes having two different substituents on the ring carbon atoms  $[(\text{NCNMe}_2)[\text{NCN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}](\text{NPCI}_2)$  (**IV**) and  $(\text{NCNMe}_2)[\text{NC}(\text{NC}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})](\text{NPCI}_2)$  (**V**) were synthesized and reacted with the dilithiated salt of (**VI**) to yield spirocyclic compounds (**X**, **XI**). (Scheme 2). The yields of the compounds (**VII–XI**)



SCHEME 1



SCHEME 2

were in the range 65% to 82% after purification over a silicagel column.

The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of the compounds (VII–XI) were in good agreement for the expected products. It was noticed that the Fc-CH proton was deshielded to  $\delta$  3.68–3.79 ppm from  $\delta$  3.22 ppm in (VI) after forming the spirocyclic carbaphosphazene, while the chemical shifts of the Fc-CH(CH<sub>3</sub>) protons were found to be unaffected. It was also observed that the substitution on the phosphorus atom of the carbaphosphazene ring has no effect on the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR chemical shifts of dialkylamino substituents on the carbon atoms. In the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of the compounds (VII–XI), ferrocenyl carbon atoms were observed in the range of  $\delta$  66.45–69.02 ppm, and the carbon atoms of the carbaphosphazene ring were observed as a doublet around  $\delta$  163.74–165.33 ppm. It was observed that the P-CH<sub>2</sub> carbon atom was deshielded to  $\delta$  65.03–65.42 ppm from  $\delta$  56.75–58.67 ppm in (VI).

Compounds (VII–XI) gave two doublets with a <sup>3</sup>J<sub>P-P</sub> coupling of 14.55 Hz in their <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra. The doublet around  $\delta$  36.84–37.14 ppm corresponds to the phosphorus atom of the carbaphosphazene ring, which was found to get shifted upfield from  $\delta$  56.19–57.80 ppm in the C-dialkylamino substituted carbaphosphazenes, (R<sub>2</sub>NCN)<sub>2</sub>(NPCl<sub>2</sub>). Table I compares the <sup>31</sup>P NMR chemical shifts before and after substitution of PCl<sub>2</sub> bonds with FcCH(R)P(S)(CH<sub>2</sub>OH)<sub>2</sub> (R = H, CH<sub>3</sub>). It is clearly observed that the upfield shift experienced by the phosphorus

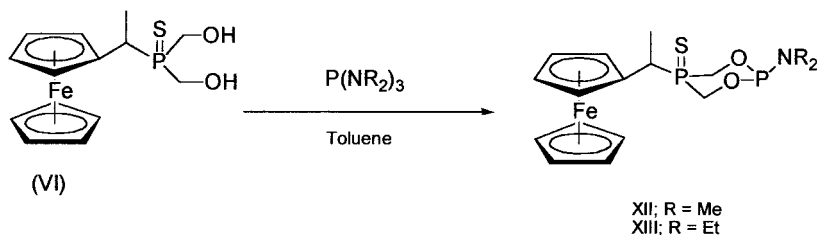
**TABLE I** Comparative  $^{31}\text{P}$  Chemical Shifts of Carbaphosphazene Derivatives

S. No.	$(\text{R}_2\text{NCN})(\text{R}'_2\text{NCN})(\text{Cl}_2\text{PN})$	$^{31}\text{P}/\delta$ NPN	$(\text{R}_2\text{NCN})(\text{R}'_2\text{NCN})[(\text{RO})_2\text{PN}]$	$^{31}\text{P}/\delta$ NPN
1.	$(\text{NCNMe}_2)_2(\text{NPCl}_2)^\#$	56.55	$\text{FcCH}_2\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{PN}(\text{NCNMe}_2)_2^a$	36.79
2.	$(\text{NCNR}'\text{R})_2(\text{NPCl}_2)^\#$ (R = Me, R' = benzyl)	56.62	$\text{FcCH}_2\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{PN}(\text{NCNR}'\text{R})_2^a$ (R = Me, R' = benzyl)	36.84
3.	$(\text{NCNMe}_2)_2(\text{NPCl}_2)$	56.55	$\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{PN}(\text{NCNMe}_2)_2$	37.00
4.	$(\text{NCNEt}_2)_2(\text{NPCl}_2)$	56.19	$\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{PN}(\text{NCNEt}_2)_2$	37.03
5.	$[\text{NC}(\text{NC}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})]_2(\text{NPCl}_2)$	57.80	$\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{PN}[\text{NC}(\text{NC}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})]_2$	37.09
6.	$(\text{NCNMe}_2)[\text{NCN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}](\text{NPCl}_2)$	57.51	$\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{PN}[\text{NCN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}](\text{NCNMe}_2)$	37.14
7.	$(\text{NCNMe}_2)[\text{NC}(\text{NC}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})]_2(\text{NPCl}_2)$	56.99	$\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{PN}[\text{NC}(\text{NC}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})]_2(\text{NCNMe}_2)$	36.84

<sup>a</sup>Ref. 12.

atom upon substitution is almost independent of the nature of substituents present on the carbon atoms. The  $\text{P}=\text{S}$  group in (**VII–XI**) was resonating as a doublet at  $\delta$  32.50–33.20 ppm which showed an upfield shift from  $\delta$  61.84 ppm of (**VI**).

To confirm the formation of six membered spirocyclic rings in these compounds, we have carried out transesterification reactions of the diol (**VI**) with  $\text{P}(\text{NMe}_2)_3$  and  $\text{P}(\text{NEt}_2)_3$ . These reactions were found to result in the formation of the compounds  $\text{FcCH}_2\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{PNR}_2$  (R = Me, Et) in 86–88% yields (Scheme 3).

**SCHEME 3**

It was of interest to note from the  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra that the  $\text{P}=\text{S}$  group is quite sensitive to the size of the ring formed by the hydroxymethyl groups. For the six membered heterocycles,  $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{PNMe}_2$  (**XII**), and  $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{PNEt}_2$  (**XIII**)

the P=S groups are observed at  $\delta$  33.35 and 33.04 ppm, respectively, which are similar to the  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR chemical shifts of the P=S group of compounds (**VII–IX**). However, for the eight membered heterocycle  $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{OSiMe}_2)_2\text{O}$  it was observed at  $\delta$  53.39 ppm.<sup>13</sup> A similar difference for the  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR chemical shifts were observed for six and eight membered rings formed of  $\text{FcCH}_2\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2$  with cyclic fluorophosphazenes.<sup>15</sup> All the compounds in this study gave  $\text{M}^+$  peak in their FAB mass spectra. In the compounds (**VII–XIII**), base peak was at  $m/e$  213 corresponding to  $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)^+$  as the most stable fragment. Similar achiral derivatives derived from  $\text{FcCH}_2\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2$  have given a base peak at  $m/e$  199 representing  $\text{FcCH}_2^+$  fragment.<sup>12</sup>

## EXPERIMENTAL

All reactions are carried out under a dry oxygen free nitrogen atmosphere using Schlenk glassware. The compounds  $(\text{NCNMe}_2)_2(\text{NPCl}_2)$  (**I**),  $(\text{NCNEt}_2)_2(\text{NPCl}_2)$  (**II**) and  $[\text{NC}(\text{NC}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})]_2(\text{NPCl}_2)$  (**III**) were synthesized according to the literature methods.<sup>10</sup> Similar carbaphosphazene derivatives  $(\text{NCNMe}_2)[\text{NCN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}](\text{NPCl}_2)$  (**IV**) and  $(\text{NCNMe}_2)[\text{NC}(\text{NC}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})](\text{NPCl}_2)$  (**V**) having two different substituents on the carbon atoms were synthesized by controlled stoichiometric reactions of the respective tertiary amines with tetrachlorodiarbaphosphazene.<sup>14</sup> Preparation of the diol  $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2$  (**VI**) has been described elsewhere.<sup>13</sup>

The notation Fc in this study represents ferrocenyl and the labelling of the ring carbon atoms of the ferrocenyl group is according to Figure 1.

### Preparation of $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2(\text{PN})(\text{NCNMe}_2)_2$ (**VII**)

$\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2$  (0.50 g, 1.48 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was taken in a dry 50 ml round bottomed flask under nitrogen atmosphere and *n*-Butyllithium (1.85 mL 2.95 mmol), was added dropwise

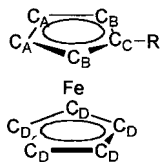


FIGURE 1

using a syringe at  $-100^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The mixture was brought to room temperature over a period of 4 h. The mixture was cooled again to  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $(\text{NCNMe}_2)_2(\text{NPCl}_2)$ , (1.38 g, 1.48 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added slowly using a syringe. The reaction was brought to room temperature and stirred for 12 h. THF was evaporated under reduced pressure and the solid obtained was purified over a silica gel column using a mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate (9:1 v/v) as eluent which gave an orange solid which was characterized as  $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2(\text{PN})(\text{NCNMe}_2)_2$  (**VII**) (0.63 g, 82%) m.p.:  $230^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Decomp). NMR:  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $\delta$  1.70 (dd,  $\text{FcCHCH}_3$ , 3H), 3.07 (s,  $\text{NMe}_2$ , 12H), 3.79 (m,  $\text{Fc-CHCH}_3$ , 1H), 4.16–4.93 (m,  $\text{C}_\text{A}\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_\text{B}\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_\text{D}\text{H}$ , and  $\text{PCH}_2\text{O}$ , 13H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$  13.57 ( $\text{FcCHCH}_3$ ), 29.53 ( $\text{Fc-CHCH}_3$ ), 36.16 ( $\text{N-Me}_2$ ), 65.07 ( $\text{P-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ), 67.47, 67.78 ( $\text{C}_\text{A}$ ), 68.56, 68.61 ( $\text{C}_\text{B}$ ), 68.68 ( $\text{C}_\text{D}$ ), 84.25 ( $\text{C}_\text{C}$ ), 165.33 ( $\text{d}^2\text{J}_{\text{C-P}} = 108.13$  Hz,  $\text{NCN}$ );  $^{31}\text{P}$ ,  $\delta$  32.91 ( $\text{d}^3\text{J}_{\text{P-P}} = 14.55$  Hz,  $\text{P=S}$ ), 37.00 ( $\text{d}^3\text{J}_{\text{P-P}} = 14.55$  Hz,  $\text{NPN}$ ). MS (FAB) [ $m/e$  (species) intensity]: 521 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 100, 213 [ $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)^+$ ] 90. Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{29}\text{FeN}_5\text{O}_2\text{P}_2\text{S}$ : C, 46.08; H, 5.61; N, 13.43. Found: C, 46.00; H, 5.68; N, 13.46%.

### Preparation of $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2(\text{PN})(\text{NCNet}_2)_2$ (**VIII**)

$\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2$ , (0.50 g, 1.48 mmol) in THF (10 mL), *n*-Butyllithium (1.85 mL 2.95 mmol) and  $(\text{NCNet}_2)_2(\text{NPCl}_2)$ , (0.85 g, 1.47 mmol) were reacted and worked up according to procedure described for (**VII**). The solid obtained upon purification over a silicagel column using hexane and ethyl acetate (9.5: 0.5) as eluent gave an orange solid which was identified as  $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2(\text{PN})(\text{NCNet}_2)_2$  (**VIII**) (0.66 g, 78%) m.p.:  $120^{\circ}\text{C}$ . NMR:  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $\delta$  1.06 (t,  $\text{N-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$ , 12H) 1.63 (dd,  $\text{FcCHCH}_3$ , 3H), 3.43 (q,  $\text{N-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$ , 8H), 3.75 (m,  $\text{Fc-CHCH}_3$ , 1H), 4.08–4.94 (m,  $\text{C}_\text{A}\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_\text{B}\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_\text{D}\text{H}$ , and  $\text{PCH}_2\text{O}$ , 13H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$  13.36 ( $\text{N-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$ ), 13.63 ( $\text{FcCHCH}_3$ ), 29.33 ( $\text{Fc-CHCH}_3$ ), 41.32 ( $\text{N-CH}_2$ ), 65.16 ( $\text{P-CH}_2\text{-O}$ ), 67.41, 67.74 ( $\text{C}_\text{A}$ ), 68.55, 68.69 ( $\text{C}_\text{B}$ ), 68.77 ( $\text{C}_\text{D}$ ), 84.40, ( $\text{C}_\text{C}$ ) 163.74 ( $\text{d}^2\text{J}_{\text{C-P}} = 108.13$  Hz,  $\text{NCN}$ );  $^{31}\text{P}$ ,  $\delta$  33.21 ( $\text{d}^3\text{J}_{\text{P-P}} = 14.55$  Hz,  $\text{P=S}$ ), 37.03 ( $\text{d}^3\text{J}_{\text{P-P}} = 14.55$  Hz,  $\text{NPN}$ ). MS (FAB) [ $m/e$  (species) intensity]: 577 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 50, 213 [ $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)^+$ ] 100. Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{37}\text{FeN}_5\text{O}_2\text{P}_2\text{S}$ : C, 49.92; H, 6.46; N, 12.13. Found: C, 49.90; H, 6.51; N, 12.20%.

### Preparation of $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2(\text{PN})[\text{NC}(\text{NC}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})]_2$ (**IX**)

$\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2$ , (0.50 g, 1.48 mmol) in THF (10 mL), *n*-Butyllithium (1.85 mL 2.95 mmol) and  $[\text{NC}(\text{NC}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})]_2(\text{NPCl}_2)$ ,

(0.90 g, 1.48 mmol) were reacted and worked up according to procedure described for (VII). The solid obtained was purified over a silicagel column using hexane and ethyl acetate (8.7:1.3) as eluent to obtain a orange solid which was characterized as  $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2(\text{PN})[\text{NC}(\text{NC}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})]_2$  (IX) (0.67 g, 75%) m.p.:  $190^\circ\text{C}$ . NMR:  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $\delta$  1.69 (dd,  $\text{FcCHCH}_3$ , 3H), 3.71 (m,  $\text{Fc}-\text{CHCH}_3$ ,  $\text{N}-\text{CH}_2$ ,  $\text{O}-\text{CH}_2$  17H), 4.15–4.97 (m,  $\text{C}_\text{A}\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_\text{B}\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_\text{D}\text{H}$ , and  $\text{PCH}_2\text{O}$ , 13H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$  13.62 ( $\text{FcCHCH}_3$ ), 29.47 ( $\text{Fc}-\text{CHCH}_3$ ), 43.99 ( $\text{N}-\text{CH}_2$ ), 53.41 ( $\text{CH}_2-\text{O}$ ), 65.32 ( $\text{P}-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}$ ), 66.70, 67.44 ( $\text{C}_\text{A}$ ), 67.84, 68.51 ( $\text{C}_\text{B}$ ), 68.71 ( $\text{C}_\text{D}$ ), 84.09 ( $\text{C}_\text{C}$ ), 165.02 (d,  $^2\text{J}_{\text{C}-\text{P}} = 178.19$  Hz, NCN);  $^{31}\text{P}$ ,  $\delta$  32.64 (d,  $^3\text{J}_{\text{P}-\text{P}} = 14.55$  Hz,  $\text{P}=\text{S}$ ), 37.09 (d,  $^3\text{J}_{\text{P}-\text{P}} = 14.55$  Hz, NPN). MS (FAB) [ $m/e$  (species) intensity]: 605 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 90, 213 [ $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)^+$ ] 100. Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{33}\text{FeN}_5\text{O}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}$ : C, 47.61; H, 5.49; N, 11.57. Found: C, 47.66; H, 5.46; N, 11.65%.

### Preparation of $(\text{NCNMe}_2)[\text{NCN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}]$ (X)

$\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2$ , (0.50 g, 1.48 mmol) in THF (10 mL), *n*-Butyllithium (1.85 mL, 2.95 mmol) and  $(\text{NCNMe}_2)[\text{NCN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}](\text{NPCI}_2)$ , (0.92 g, 1.47 mmol) were reacted and worked up according to procedure described for (VII). The solid obtained upon purification over a silicagel column using hexane and ethyl acetate (8.4:1.6) as eluent gave an orange solid which was identified as  $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2(\text{NP})(\text{NCNMe}_2)[\text{NCN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}]$  (X) (0.63 g, 68%) m.p.:  $147^\circ\text{C}$ . NMR:  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $\delta$  1.63 (dd,  $\text{FcCHCH}_3$ , 3H), 2.45 [t,  $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Cl}$ , 4H], 2.69 [t,  $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Cl}$ , 4H], 3.01 (s,  $\text{N}-\text{CH}_3$  6H), 3.54 [t,  $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ , 2H] 3.71 (m,  $\text{Fc}-\text{CHCH}_3$ ,  $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ , 3H), 4.09–4.94 (m,  $\text{C}_\text{A}\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_\text{B}\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_\text{D}\text{H}$ , and  $\text{PCH}_2\text{O}$ , 13H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$  13.60 ( $\text{FcCHCH}_3$ ), 29.63 ( $\text{Fc}-\text{CHCH}_3$ ), 36.27 ( $\text{N}-\text{CH}_3$ ), 40.61 ( $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Cl}$ ), 43.10 ( $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Cl}$ ), 52.97, 59.71 ( $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ ), 65.03 ( $\text{P}-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}$ ), 66.45, 67.80 ( $\text{C}_\text{A}$ ), 68.54 ( $\text{C}_\text{B}$ ), 68.64 ( $\text{C}_\text{D}$ ), 84.15 ( $\text{C}_\text{C}$ ), 165.19 (d,  $^2\text{J}_{\text{C}-\text{P}} = 152.96$  Hz, NCN);  $^{31}\text{P}$ ,  $\delta$  32.66 (d,  $^3\text{J}_{\text{P}-\text{P}} = 14.55$  Hz,  $\text{P}=\text{S}$ ), 37.14 (d,  $^3\text{J}_{\text{P}-\text{P}} = 14.55$  Hz, NPN). MS (FAB) [ $m/e$  (species) intensity]: 624 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 30, 213 [ $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)^+$ ] 100. Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{35}\text{ClFeN}_6\text{O}_2\text{P}_2\text{S}$ : C, 46.13; H, 5.65; N, 13.45. Found: C, 46.18; H, 5.60; N, 13.49%.

### Preparation of $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2(\text{NP})(\text{NCNMe}_2)[\text{NC}(\text{NC}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})]$ (XI)

$\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2$ , (0.50 g, 1.48 mmol) in THF (10 mL), *n*-Butyllithium (1.85 mL 2.95 mmol) and above obtained  $(\text{NCNMe}_2)-[\text{NC}(\text{NC}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})](\text{NPCI}_2)$ , (V) (0.44 g, 1.47 mmol) were reacted and



worked up according to procedure described for (VII). The orange solid obtained was purified over a silicagel column using hexane and ethyl acetate (8.2:1.8) as eluent which afforded an orange solid which was characterized as  $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2(\text{NP})(\text{NCNMe}_2)[\text{NC}(\text{NC}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})]$  (XI) (0.54 g, 65%) m.p.: 135°C. NMR:  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $\delta$  1.63 (dd,  $\text{FcCHCH}_3$ , 3H), 3.04 (N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.68 (m,  $\text{Fc-CHCH}_3$ , N-CH<sub>2</sub>, O-CH<sub>2</sub> 9H), 4.12–4.95 (m,  $\text{C}_\text{A}\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_\text{B}\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_\text{D}\text{H}$ , and  $\text{PCH}_2\text{O}$ , 13H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$  13.61 ( $\text{FcCHCH}_3$ ), 29.47 ( $\text{Fc-CHCH}_3$ ), 36.41 (N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 43.94 (N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.41 (CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 65.26 (P-CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 66.74, 67.45 ( $\text{C}_\text{A}$ ), 67.81, 68.60 ( $\text{C}_\text{B}$ ), 68.70 ( $\text{C}_\text{D}$ ), 84.16 ( $\text{C}_\text{C}$ ), 165.13 (d,  $^2\text{J}_{\text{C-P}} = 205.35$  Hz, NCN);  $^{31}\text{P}$ ,  $\delta$  32.54 (d,  $^3\text{J}_{\text{P-P}} = 14.55$  Hz, P=S), 37.10 (d,  $^3\text{J}_{\text{P-P}} = 14.55$  Hz, NPN). MS (FAB) [ $m/e$  (species) intensity]: 563 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 60,213 [ $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)^+$ ] 100.

### Preparation of $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{PNMe}_2$ (XII)

$\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2$  (0.50 g, 1.48 mmol) and hexamethylphosphorus triamide (0.25 g, 1.53 mmol) were reacted in toluene (10 mL) under an atmosphere of nitrogen. The reaction mixture was refluxed at 110°C for 10 h. Afterwards, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and fresh toluene (5 mL) was added and cooled at -4°C for 12 h. This resulted in an orange crystalline product which was identified as  $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{PNMe}_2$  (XII) (0.52 g, 85.52%) m.p.: 116°C. NMR:  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $\delta$  1.54 ( $\text{FcCHCH}_3$ , dd, 3H), 2.22 (NCH<sub>3</sub>, d, 6H), 3.73 ( $\text{FcCHCH}_3$ , m, 1H), 3.91–4.44 ( $\text{C}_\text{A}\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_\text{B}\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_\text{D}\text{H}$ ,  $\text{PCH}_2$ , m, 13H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$  13.55 ( $\text{FcCHCH}_3$ ), 28.42 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 34.92 ( $\text{FcCHCH}_3$ , d), 65.70 ( $\text{PCH}_2$ , t), 67.81, 68.31 ( $\text{C}_\text{A}$ ), 68.60, 68.66 ( $\text{C}_\text{B}$ ), 68.89 ( $\text{C}_\text{D}$ );  $^{31}\text{P}$ ,  $\delta$  33.35, (P=S, d) 150.71 [ $\text{PN}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ , d]. MS (EI) [ $m/e$  (Species) Intensity]: 411 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 42.6, 366 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{NMe}_2$ ) 16.8, 213 [ $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)$ ] 88.8, 121 ( $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{Fe}$ ) 50. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{FeNO}_2\text{P}_2\text{S}$  C, 46.73; H, 5.64; N, 3.41. Found. C, 46.58; H, 5.71; N, 3.45%.

### Preparation of $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{PNEt}_2$ (XIII)

$\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2$  (0.50 g, 1.48 mmol) and hexaethylphosphorus triamide (0.37 g, 1.49 mmol) were reacted in toluene (10 mL) and worked up according to the reaction procedure given for (XII) to yield bright orange-red crystals which were identified as  $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{PNEt}_2$  (XIII). (0.57 g, 87.69%) m.p.: 137°C. NMR:  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $\delta$  1.17 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, t, 6H), 1.67 ( $\text{FcCHCH}_3$ , dd, 3H), 3.21 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, m, 4H), 3.74 ( $\text{FcCHCH}_3$ , m, 1H), 4.13–4.56 ( $\text{C}_\text{A}\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_\text{B}\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_\text{D}\text{H}$ ,  $\text{PCH}_2$ , m, 13 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$  13.05 ( $\text{FcCHCH}_3$ ), 15.29 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.93 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, d), 38.81 ( $\text{FcCHCH}_3$ , d), 65.24 ( $\text{PCH}_2$ , t), 67.68, 67.81 ( $\text{C}_\text{A}$ ), 68.13, 68.46 ( $\text{C}_\text{B}$ ), 68.58 ( $\text{C}_\text{D}$ ), 84.47 ( $\text{C}_\text{C}$ );  $^{31}\text{P}$ ,  $\delta$  33.04 (P=S, d),

153.09 ( $\text{PNEt}_2$ , d). MS (EI)[m/e (Species) Intensity]: 439 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 69.3, 366 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{NEt}_2$ ) 92, 213 [ $\text{FcCH}(\text{CH}_3)$ ] 100, ( $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{Fe}$ ) 50. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{FeNO}_2\text{P}_2\text{S}$  C, 49.22; H, 6.20; N, 3.19. Found. C, 49.22; H, 6.18; N, 3.22%.

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