

## Supporting Information

### Highly selective, reversible water activation by P,N-cooperativity in pyridyl-functionalized phosphinines†

Richard O. Kopp,<sup>‡</sup><sup>a</sup> Sabrina L. Kleynemeyer,<sup>‡</sup><sup>a</sup> Lucie J. Groth,<sup>a</sup> Moritz J. Ernst,<sup>a</sup> Susanne M. Rupf,<sup>a</sup> Manuela Weber,<sup>a</sup> Laurence J. Kershaw Cook,<sup>b</sup> Nathan T. Coles,<sup>\*a,c</sup> Samuel E. Neale,<sup>\*d</sup> and Christian Müller<sup>\*a</sup>

---

<sup>a</sup> M.Sc. R.O. Kopp, M.Sc. S. L. Kleynemeyer, M.Sc. L. J. Groth, M.Sc. M. J. Ernst, M. Weber, Dr. S. Rupf, Dr. N. T. Coles, Prof. Dr. C. Müller, Institute of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Freie Universität Berlin, Fabeckstr. 34/36, 14195 Berlin, Germany. E-mail: c.mueller@fu-berlin.de.

<sup>b</sup> Dr. N. T. Coles, School of Chemistry, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD, United Kingdom. E-mail: Nathan.Coles@nottingham.ac.uk.

<sup>c</sup> Dr. S. E. Neale, Department of Chemistry, University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AY, United Kingdom. E-mail: sen36@bath.ac.uk.

† Dedicated to Prof. Dr. Hansjörg Grützmacher on the occasion of his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.

‡ The authors have contributed equally.

## Contents

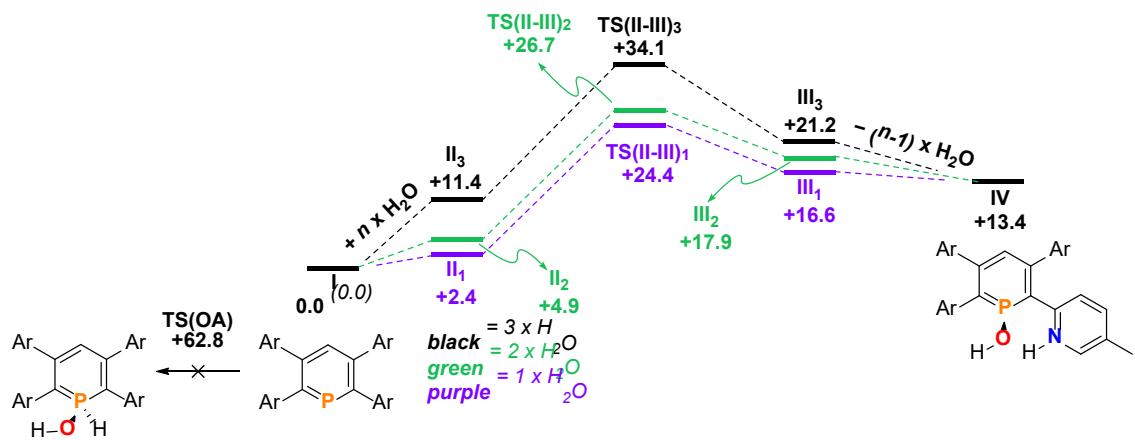
<b>Supporting Information .....</b>	1
<b>1. DFT Calculations.....</b>	3
<b>1.1 Computational Details .....</b>	3
<b>1.2 Free Energy Profiles and Structures .....</b>	4
<b>1.3 Compound Cartesian Coordinates (Å) and Energies (au).....</b>	7
<b>2. Experimental Procedures .....</b>	46
<b>2.1 General Remarks .....</b>	46
<b>2.2 Synthetic Procedures .....</b>	47
<b>2.3 Oxidative Addition of Water.....</b>	57
<b>2.4 Deprotonation Studies.....</b>	68
<b>2.5 Coordination Chemistry of Cu(I).....</b>	74
<b>3. UV/Vis Analysis.....</b>	80
<b>3.1 UV/Vis Details.....</b>	80
<b>4. Crystallographic Data.....</b>	83
<b>4.1 Crystallographic Details .....</b>	83
<b>5. References .....</b>	89

## 1. DFT Calculations

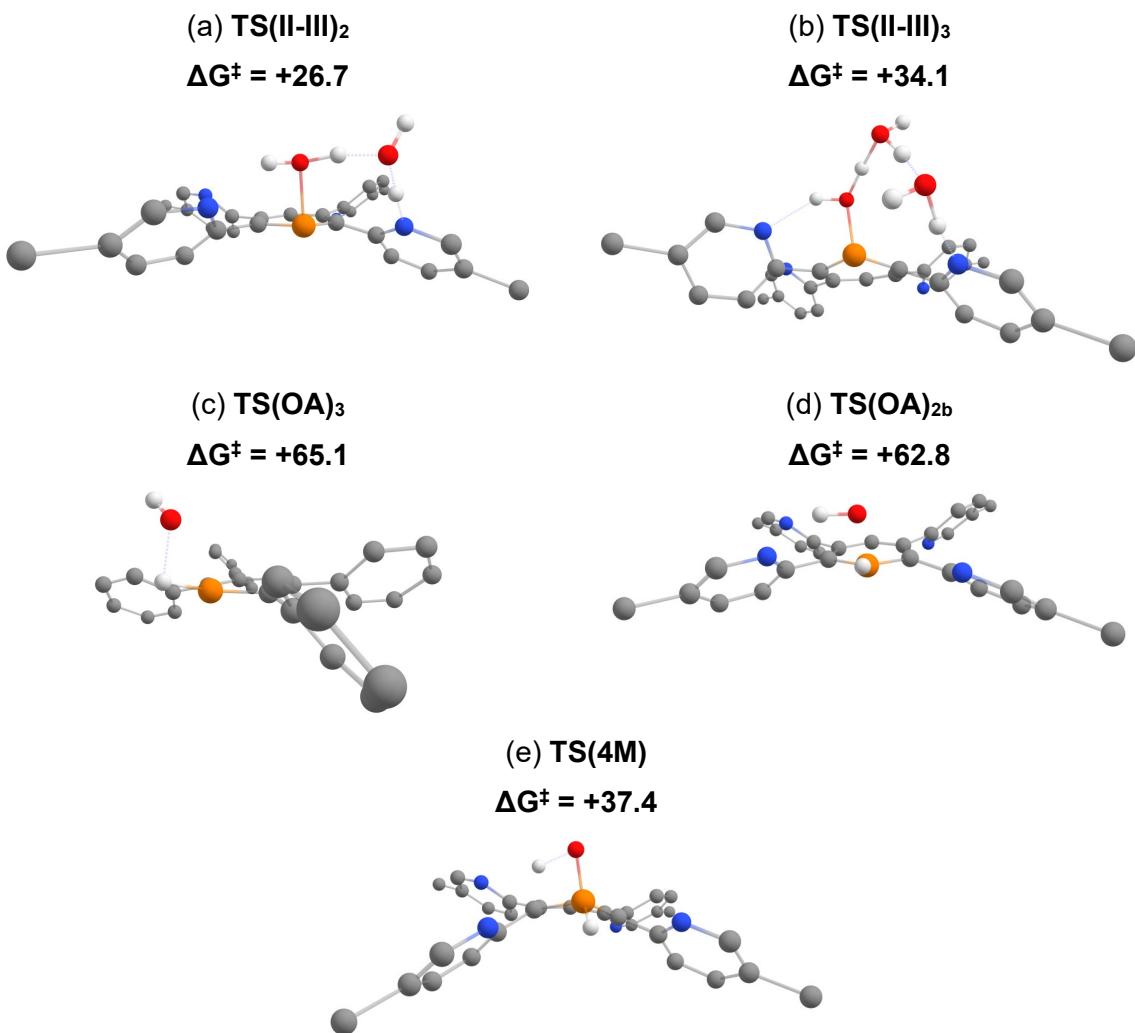
### 1.1 Computational Details

DFT calculations were performed with Gaussian 16 (Revision C.01) at the TPSS/def2-TZVPP level<sup>[1,2]</sup> with the ultrafine integral grid option invoked. Frequency calculations carried out at the same level of theory yielded free energy corrections and confirmed local minima, which were confirmed with no imaginary frequencies. Saddle points were also confirmed via the identification of a single negative eigenvalue upon frequency analysis which constituted the relevant bond forming or breaking process. Transition states were perturbed along the forward and reverse directions of the imaginary frequency, and the resulting structures subsequently optimized to confirm and yield the respective reactants and products for a given transition state. Single point energy corrections were calculated at the M052X-D3(DCM)/def2-QZVPP level,<sup>[2–4]</sup> which was identified as a reliable functional in a benchmarking evaluation of main group kinetics, thermodynamics and non-covalent interactions by Grimme and coworkers.<sup>[5]</sup> Solvation corrections were carried out using the IEFPCM approximation<sup>[6]</sup> with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as the solvent (where  $\epsilon = 8.93$ ). Empirical corrections for dispersion interactions were obtained with Grimme's standalone D3 program,<sup>[7]</sup> with the zero-damping function. NICS(0) and NICS(+1,–1) calculations were performed in ORCA 5.0.2 at the B3LYP/def2-TZVPP and PBE/def2-TZVPP levels of theory, where “NICS(+1)” corresponds to the ghost atom positioned at the *syn*-face with respect to the –OH and =O groups in **IV<sub>2b</sub>** and **V<sub>2b</sub>** respectively, while “NICS(–1)” corresponds to the *anti*-face.

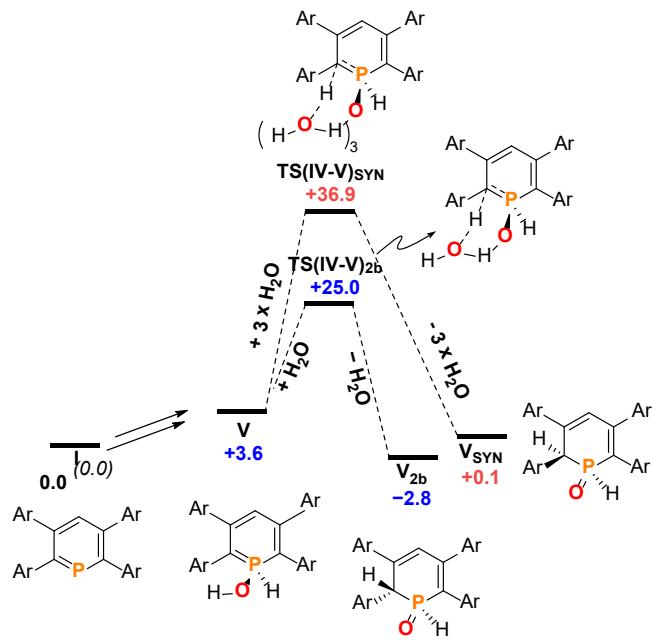
## 1.2 Free Energy Profiles and Structures



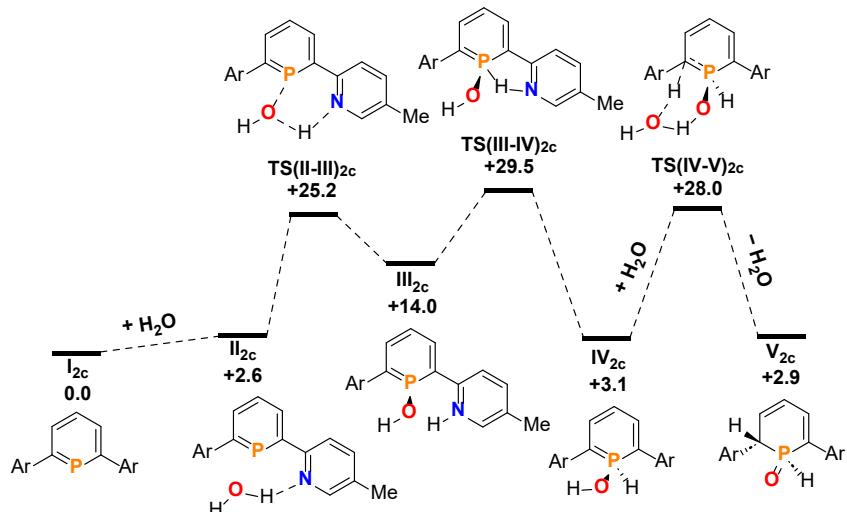
**Figure S1.1.** Free energy profiles of Addition of  $H_2O$  with no  $H_2O$  network (purple), with a second equivalent of  $H_2O$  (green) and a network of three  $H_2O$  molecules (black), along with energetics of kinetically disfavoured direct three-membered oxidative addition (left-hand side). Free energies quoted are in kcal/mol.



**Figure S1.2.** Structures of (a) transition states **TS(II-III)<sub>2x</sub>**, (b) **TS(II-III)<sub>3x</sub>** (c) **TS(OA)<sub>3</sub>**, (d) **TS(OA)<sub>2b</sub>** and (e) **TS(4M)**. Free energies quoted below the structures are in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, and hydrogen atoms attached to carbons are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S1.3.** Free energy profiles of  $\text{H}^+$  transfer to form anti-addition product  $\mathbf{V}_{2b}$  via  $\mathbf{TS}(\mathbf{IV}-\mathbf{V})_{2b}$ , and syn-addition product  $\mathbf{V}_{\text{SYN}}$  via  $\mathbf{TS}(\mathbf{IV}-\mathbf{V})_{\text{SYN}}$ . Energies given in in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S1.4.** Free energy profile (calculated with DFT at the M052X-D3(CPCM=CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)/def2-QZVPP//TPSS/def2-TZVPP level of theory, energies in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  addition at **2c** (2,6-(*p*-tolyl)pyridin-2-yl-phosphinine)

**Table S1.1.** NICS values at the B3LYP/def2-TZVPP level of theory for benzene (**C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>**), **I<sub>2b</sub>** and **V<sub>2b</sub>**, in ppm. Note: NICS(+1) corresponds to the ghost atom positioned at the *syn*-face with respect to the –OH and =O groups in **IV<sub>2b</sub>** and **V<sub>2b</sub>** respectively, while NICS(–1) corresponds to the *anti*-face.

Entry	Structure	NICS(0)	NICS(+1)	NICS(–1)
1	<b>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub></b>	-8.4	-10.0	-10.0
2	<b>I<sub>2b</sub></b>	-5.7	-7.3	-7.3
3	<b>IV<sub>2b</sub></b>	-2.9	-2.4	-3.9
4	<b>V<sub>2b</sub></b>	2.0	0.5	-0.3

**Table S1.2.** NICS values at the PBE/def2-TZVPP level of theory for benzene (**C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>**), **I<sub>2b</sub>** and **V<sub>2b</sub>**, in ppm. Note: NICS(+1) corresponds to the ghost atom positioned at the *syn*-face with respect to the –OH and =O groups in **IV<sub>2b</sub>** and **V<sub>2b</sub>** respectively, while NICS(–1) corresponds to the *anti*-face.

Entry	Structure	NICS(0)	NICS(+1)	NICS(–1)
1	<b>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub></b>	-7.9	-9.8	-9.8
2	<b>I<sub>2b</sub></b>	-5.2	-6.9	-7.0
3	<b>IV<sub>2b</sub></b>	-2.6	-2.2	-3.7
4	<b>V<sub>2b</sub></b>	1.9	0.2	-0.4

### 1.3 Compound Cartesian Coordinates (Å) and Energies (au)

#### MeOH

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -115.787750141  
 Enthalpy 0K = -115.737378  
 Enthalpy 298K = -115.733069  
 Free Energy 298K = -115.760174  
 Lowest Frequency = 297.7275 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 1010.7323 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -115.766365986

C -0.04696 0.66959 -0.00000  
 H -1.09481 0.97621 -0.00000  
 H 0.43958 1.08147 0.89499  
 H 0.43958 1.08147 -0.89499  
 O -0.04696 -0.76197 0.00000  
 H 0.87306 -1.06096 0.00000

#### H<sub>2</sub>O

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -76.4669886691

Enthalpy 0K = -76.446111  
 Enthalpy 298K = -76.442331  
 Free Energy 298K = -76.463774  
 Lowest Frequency = 1633.1505 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 3713.2663 cm-1  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -76.4629238628

O -0.00000 0.00000 0.11891  
 H -0.00000 0.76372 -0.47564  
 H -0.00000 -0.76372 -0.47564

**I<sub>2b</sub>**  
 SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1681.26023332  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1680.800167  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1680.767700  
 Free Energy 298K = -1680.867279  
 Lowest Frequency = 15.3214 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 28.4687 cm-1  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1681.01999812

P 0.00720 -1.89149 -0.10741  
 N -2.46316 2.58094 0.73183  
 N 2.81068 -2.51283 -0.84327  
 N -2.87180 -2.52269 -0.79681  
 N 3.36807 1.29720 -0.88667  
 C 1.36171 -0.77911 -0.03102  
 C 1.23506 0.62158 0.05786  
 C -0.01667 1.24837 0.08211  
 H -0.03831 2.33388 0.09543  
 C -1.25925 0.60496 0.02106  
 C -1.36406 -0.79781 -0.03355  
 C -2.67005 -1.50485 0.06195  
 C -3.60706 -1.19256 1.06306  
 H -3.40770 -0.38667 1.76218  
 C -2.44871 1.50439 -0.07653  
 C -3.46087 1.28477 -1.02506  
 H -3.40829 0.42727 -1.68767  
 C 2.67125 -1.48360 0.01234  
 C 3.60432 3.47173 0.84411  
 H 3.68975 4.31189 1.52999  
 C -4.00514 -3.22742 -0.68914  
 H -4.12414 -4.03784 -1.40861  
 C -5.00377 -2.99189 0.26101  
 C -4.77253 -1.94038 1.15795  
 H -5.50048 -1.71401 1.93416  
 C 4.59542 3.24381 -0.11747  
 C 2.42004 1.53275 0.03798  
 C -4.51028 2.18913 -1.11905  
 H -5.29332 2.03586 -1.85841  
 C 4.99590 -2.99483 0.08766  
 C 3.94142 -3.22680 -0.80030  
 H 4.00960 -4.04341 -1.51945  
 C 2.50942 2.61879 0.92363  
 H 1.73523 2.77934 1.66804  
 C 4.40897 2.13389 -0.95044  
 H 5.14767 1.90760 -1.71985  
 C 4.82269 -1.94111 0.99501  
 H 5.59417 -1.72080 1.72996  
 C -6.25165 -3.83579 0.31585  
 H -6.23371 -4.61138 -0.45501  
 H -7.15065 -3.22737 0.16285  
 H -6.35474 -4.32857 1.28945  
 C -3.49010 3.43450 0.63090  
 H -3.46275 4.28648 1.31078  
 C -4.55292 3.30092 -0.26814  
 C 3.66211 -1.18171 0.96184  
 H 3.51380 -0.37183 1.66880  
 C 6.24179 -3.84318 0.06875  
 H 6.15534 -4.64879 -0.66600  
 H 6.42984 -4.29649 1.04877  
 H 7.12501 -3.24637 -0.18830  
 C 5.80034 4.13857 -0.25963  
 H 5.50595 5.16095 -0.52364  
 H 6.47207 3.76948 -1.03975  
 H 6.36652 4.19498 0.67702

C -5.67167 4.30988 -0.31848  
H -5.76156 4.75303 -1.31676  
H -5.50218 5.11930 0.39728  
H -6.63587 3.84544 -0.08129

**II<sub>2b</sub>**  
SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1757.73931044  
Enthalpy 0K = -1757.255393  
Enthalpy 298K = -1757.219519  
Free Energy 298K = -1757.327839  
Lowest Frequency = 14.4171 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
Second Frequency = 21.6121 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1757.49437518

P 0.01080 -1.73876 -0.16253  
N 2.58115 2.71797 -0.67250  
N -2.83158 -2.32987 0.57419  
N 2.82743 -2.50725 0.51674  
N -3.30493 1.43179 0.80267  
C -1.32273 -0.60213 -0.15824  
C -1.16852 0.79887 -0.15787  
C 0.09653 1.39841 -0.13639  
H 0.14065 2.48174 -0.07930  
C 1.32646 0.72807 -0.10462  
C 1.40565 -0.67634 -0.14278  
C 2.69395 -1.41105 -0.25554  
C 3.68044 -1.04622 -1.18839  
H 3.53538 -0.17783 -1.82285  
C 2.52997 1.59698 0.07077  
C 3.51478 1.30270 1.02730  
H 3.43119 0.40950 1.63753  
C -2.64705 -1.27440 -0.24098  
C -3.47545 3.74671 -0.74271  
H -3.53574 4.64223 -1.35740  
C 3.94215 -3.23831 0.39331  
H 4.00565 -4.11160 1.04253  
C 4.98719 -2.95430 -0.49171  
C 4.82547 -1.82267 -1.30208  
H 5.59168 -1.55560 -2.02670  
C -4.48591 3.45761 0.18163  
C -2.33682 1.72765 -0.08264  
C 4.57706 2.18056 1.19809  
H 5.33918 1.97031 1.94515  
C -5.00584 -2.73272 -0.40869  
C -3.97618 -3.02151 0.48900  
H -4.06815 -3.85834 1.18000  
C -2.39317 2.88446 -0.87647  
H -1.60474 3.09295 -1.59354  
C -4.33276 2.27843 0.92117  
H -5.08755 2.00155 1.65749  
C -4.79196 -1.64998 -1.27290  
H -5.54514 -1.38535 -2.01199  
C 6.21122 -3.83045 -0.56919  
H 6.34826 -4.23146 -1.57990  
H 6.13307 -4.67436 0.12188  
H 7.11829 -3.26914 -0.31646  
C 3.62032 3.54468 -0.49891  
H 3.62377 4.43508 -1.12804  
C 4.65899 3.33892 0.41483  
C -3.61617 -0.91876 -1.19315  
H -3.43674 -0.08688 -1.86625  
C -6.26979 -3.55297 -0.44438  
H -7.14489 -2.94279 -0.19184  
H -6.21955 -4.38075 0.26824  
H -6.44251 -3.97283 -1.44184  
C -5.67729 4.35957 0.37996  
H -5.36879 5.35239 0.72722  
H -6.36538 3.94235 1.12045  
H -6.22977 4.49974 -0.55607  
C 5.79319 4.32240 0.54987  
H 5.86668 4.70442 1.57435  
H 5.65472 5.17521 -0.12065  
H 6.75455 3.85465 0.30789  
H -1.69514 -3.02280 2.01842  
O -1.21341 -3.49376 2.73527

H -0.34038 -3.65461 2.34983

**TS(II-III)<sub>2b</sub>**  
SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1757.71652645  
Enthalpy 0K = -1757.235333  
Enthalpy 298K = -1757.201534  
Free Energy 298K = -1757.302512  
Lowest Frequency = -1039.8032 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
Second Frequency = 17.3639 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1757.46182129

P 0.03246 -1.78266 -0.16632  
N 2.54952 2.74713 -0.63869  
N -2.67641 -2.37400 0.71967  
N 2.71635 -2.60379 0.30277  
N -3.37574 1.40828 0.63691  
C -1.34083 -0.63812 -0.21835  
C -1.20529 0.75906 -0.26476  
C 0.04556 1.39398 -0.22771  
H 0.06642 2.47697 -0.17224  
C 1.27975 0.73544 -0.14014  
C 1.40724 -0.66478 -0.17917  
C 2.68053 -1.38962 -0.29864  
C 3.77218 -0.93960 -1.07079  
H 3.71290 0.00982 -1.59206  
C 2.45498 1.62705 0.10234  
C 3.37391 1.34613 1.12767  
H 3.25587 0.44811 1.72511  
C -2.62664 -1.33350 -0.15824  
C -3.51620 3.67001 -0.98778  
H -3.56413 4.54423 -1.63371  
C 3.81524 -3.35681 0.16698  
H 3.78710 -4.32588 0.66695  
C 4.95470 -2.98321 -0.54882  
C 4.90219 -1.73354 -1.18572  
H 5.74323 -1.39275 -1.78643  
C -4.54561 3.41227 -0.07405  
C -2.38523 1.67463 -0.23567  
C 4.40938 2.23612 1.37590  
H 5.11867 2.03492 2.17599  
C -4.90952 -2.96463 0.08176  
C -3.76390 -3.15653 0.83815  
H -3.69335 -3.95463 1.57284  
C -2.43218 2.80504 -1.07012  
H -1.62751 2.98795 -1.77548  
C -4.40716 2.25786 0.70429  
H -5.17863 2.00422 1.43240  
C -4.87486 -1.90207 -0.84445  
H -5.73658 -1.72095 -1.48305  
C 6.16173 -3.88201 -0.63667  
H 6.41672 -4.10729 -1.67884  
H 5.98150 -4.83009 -0.12122  
H 7.04313 -3.41442 -0.18126  
C 3.56393 3.58592 -0.38951  
H 3.60499 4.47501 -1.01991  
C 4.53409 3.39564 0.59901  
C -3.75694 -1.09808 -0.96429  
H -3.72670 -0.29640 -1.69261  
C -6.11801 -3.85037 0.23962  
H -6.99436 -3.27156 0.55317  
H -5.94199 -4.62770 0.98820  
H -6.37366 -4.34225 -0.70578  
C -5.73894 4.32173 0.07308  
H -5.43727 5.32017 0.41058  
H -6.44927 3.92108 0.80201  
H -6.26485 4.44658 -0.88036  
C 5.64317 4.39369 0.81491  
H 5.63166 4.78549 1.83854  
H 5.54775 5.23970 0.12811  
H 6.62659 3.93686 0.65330  
H -1.59621 -2.49307 1.37382  
O -0.40843 -2.31631 1.76437  
H 0.06879 -3.15711 1.86403

**III<sub>2b</sub>**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1757.73196196  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1757.245877  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1757.211606  
 Free Energy 298K = -1757.313948  
 Lowest Frequency = 17.3045 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 21.0394 cm-1  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1757.48346127

P 0.00181 -1.58232 1.11702  
 H -1.75390 -3.09803 0.83135  
 O -0.02612 -1.09567 2.71833  
 N 2.26259 2.60788 -0.99607  
 N -2.54678 -2.77008 0.26679  
 N 2.86146 -2.40824 0.98393  
 N -3.52341 1.28364 0.95298  
 C -1.36656 -0.66968 0.34598  
 H -0.04064 -0.12612 2.79408  
 C -1.27718 0.75621 0.19249  
 C -0.04729 1.39444 0.17078  
 H -0.02634 2.47815 0.13162  
 C 1.22040 0.73614 0.14709  
 C 1.36953 -0.62272 0.39786  
 C 2.59544 -1.39294 0.13183  
 C 3.41643 -1.16022 -0.99079  
 H 3.16165 -0.37404 -1.69392  
 C 2.39029 1.64037 -0.06665  
 C 3.54182 1.54465 0.73418  
 H 3.60369 0.77668 1.49816  
 C -2.46262 -1.44033 -0.10967  
 C -3.63926 3.62268 -0.56089  
 H -3.67909 4.52491 -1.16789  
 C 3.94237 -3.16204 0.76444  
 H 4.11295 -3.96281 1.48547  
 C 4.83131 -2.99389 -0.30349  
 C 4.53081 -1.95933 -1.20045  
 H 5.16291 -1.79017 -2.07009  
 C -4.71712 3.28299 0.26665  
 C -2.48098 1.63207 0.16971  
 C 4.57861 2.44828 0.54938  
 H 5.46903 2.38815 1.17167  
 C -4.51611 -3.26423 -0.97391  
 C -3.49890 -3.64904 -0.13905  
 H -3.39474 4.65789 0.24588  
 C -2.52127 2.80048 -0.61449  
 H -1.68734 3.04169 -1.26612  
 C -4.58849 2.09115 0.98913  
 H -5.40093 1.76863 1.64176  
 C -4.47865 -1.90776 -1.41213  
 H -5.23961 -1.55968 -2.10703  
 C 6.02782 -3.89331 -0.48125  
 H 6.06808 -4.65047 0.30737  
 H 6.96411 -3.32334 -0.44902  
 H 5.99789 -4.41241 -1.44654  
 C 3.27958 3.46317 -1.16392  
 H 3.13377 4.22294 -1.93277  
 C 4.47087 3.44247 -0.43225  
 C -3.50127 -1.03668 -1.00662  
 H -3.48211 -0.02660 -1.39180  
 C -5.59361 -4.21742 -1.41625  
 H -5.43010 -5.21730 -1.00466  
 H -5.62368 -4.30260 -2.50892  
 H -6.58339 -3.87653 -1.08982  
 C -5.95101 4.14170 0.37755  
 H -5.71527 5.12062 0.81159  
 H -6.70362 3.66573 1.01278  
 H -6.40106 4.32279 -0.60523  
 C 5.56615 4.44724 -0.68360  
 H 5.79402 5.02172 0.22167  
 H 5.27808 5.15288 -1.46819  
 H 6.49374 3.95396 -0.99680

**TS(III-IV)<sub>2b</sub>**  
 SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1757.71320569  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1757.232629  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1757.198625

Free Energy 298K = -1757.300254  
 Lowest Frequency = -1266.9954 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 17.8669 cm-1  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1757.45260395

P -0.02236 -1.49654 0.97843  
 H -0.99637 -2.77854 0.67285  
 O -0.00053 -1.42837 2.63306  
 N 2.29594 2.71644 -0.88734  
 N -2.31494 -2.76137 0.30667  
 N 2.64108 -2.54350 0.70567  
 N -3.53230 1.48210 0.90956  
 C -1.40962 -0.56819 0.36486  
 H 0.03216 -0.51154 2.95305  
 C -1.31063 0.83139 0.17889  
 C -0.05973 1.46073 0.14178  
 H -0.03253 2.54337 0.08290  
 C 1.19154 0.80402 0.12964  
 C 1.34914 -0.58168 0.32018  
 C 2.54079 -1.38054 0.01928  
 C 3.48990 -1.04974 -0.97065  
 H 3.37010 -0.14854 -1.56181  
 C 2.37452 1.70879 0.00322  
 C 3.48870 1.56660 0.84869  
 H 3.51363 0.76086 1.57516  
 C -2.50387 -1.44608 -0.01154  
 C -3.61935 3.65800 -0.83435  
 H -3.64763 4.49619 -1.52756  
 C 3.67620 -3.35118 0.46169  
 H 3.70251 -4.27294 1.04428  
 C 4.68738 -3.09138 -0.46966  
 C 4.55830 -1.90297 -1.20305  
 H 5.28878 -1.65508 -1.97071  
 C -4.69191 3.42777 0.03575  
 C -2.49766 1.72473 0.07859  
 C 4.53681 2.47132 0.75488  
 H 5.39828 2.37491 1.41234  
 C -4.35181 -3.47275 -0.72371  
 C -3.17345 -3.72974 -0.03614  
 H -2.89609 -4.73837 0.26349  
 C -2.51925 2.80954 -0.81608  
 H -1.68448 2.96733 -1.49174  
 C 4.57838 2.31457 0.87728  
 H -5.38650 2.08146 1.57179  
 C -4.56924 -2.12558 -1.08345  
 H -5.46019 -1.86399 -1.65062  
 C 5.83177 -4.04950 -0.67974  
 H 5.71010 -4.94478 -0.06289  
 H 6.79189 -3.58898 -0.41699  
 H 5.90077 -4.36702 -1.72676  
 C 3.32226 3.57329 -0.96630  
 H 3.21588 4.36761 -1.70603  
 C 4.47790 3.51215 -0.18139  
 C -3.67211 -1.12992 -0.74833  
 H -3.85267 -0.11073 -1.06066  
 C -5.32784 -4.56746 -1.06750  
 H -4.94279 -5.54574 -0.76568  
 H -5.52616 -4.60007 -2.14506  
 H -6.29042 -4.41627 -0.56427  
 C -5.90603 4.32055 0.07260  
 H -5.64174 5.33617 0.38996  
 H -6.65490 3.93488 0.77033  
 H -6.37209 4.40063 -0.91606  
 C 5.58750 4.52094 -0.33443  
 H 5.77237 5.05372 0.60546  
 H 5.34041 5.26199 -1.10005  
 H 6.52775 4.03702 -0.62343

**IV<sub>2b</sub>**  
 SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1757.75120103  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1757.266802  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1757.232881  
 Free Energy 298K = -1757.334578  
 Lowest Frequency = 18.7780 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 24.2247 cm-1

SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1757.49757050

P 0.00954 -1.58764 0.45594  
H -0.01856 -2.73435 -0.34264  
O -0.08669 -2.15783 1.96874  
N 2.50322 2.75561 -0.66341  
N -2.63606 -2.50110 0.71195  
N 2.56592 -2.70271 0.28606  
N -3.40076 1.51592 0.72570  
C -1.37956 -0.58917 0.06500  
H -1.01054 -2.50989 2.01337  
C -1.21339 0.79929 -0.05951  
C 0.04881 1.42424 -0.03527  
H 0.07546 2.50799 -0.03172  
C 1.28506 0.77101 0.03093  
C 1.42535 -0.63566 0.10188  
C 2.61991 -1.43084 -0.17857  
C 3.71664 -1.00100 -0.95701  
H 3.72702 -0.00807 -1.39138  
C 2.47467 1.66804 0.12961  
C 3.47650 1.43047 1.08620  
H 3.41166 0.55795 1.72807  
C -2.61977 -1.36364 -0.03190  
C -3.47155 3.67636 -1.03772  
H -3.49209 4.51040 -1.73604  
C 3.58507 -3.53064 0.03748  
H 3.47782 -4.54125 0.43275  
C 4.73552 -3.18071 -0.67435  
C 4.76732 -1.87501 -1.18818  
H 5.61417 -1.54867 -1.78870  
C -4.53100 3.47961 -0.14424  
C -2.38357 1.72389 -0.13151  
C 4.52518 2.33087 1.21061  
H 5.29938 2.16323 1.95630  
C -4.82487 -3.07371 -0.14497  
C -3.70074 -3.31314 0.64407  
H -3.65078 -4.20883 1.26254  
C -2.39160 2.80158 -1.03276  
H -1.56257 2.93689 -1.72044  
C -4.42579 2.37443 0.70881  
H -5.22144 2.17115 1.42643  
C -4.79224 -1.91052 -0.93173  
H -5.62481 -1.68046 -1.59337  
C 5.86176 -4.15927 -0.88765  
H 5.59927 -5.14795 -0.49979  
H 6.77700 -3.83250 -0.37900  
H 6.10284 -4.26584 -1.95163  
C 3.52919 3.60631 -0.53194  
H 3.51363 4.46872 -1.19922  
C 4.57869 3.45843 0.38046  
C -3.69941 -1.06199 -0.88520  
H -3.66128 -0.18018 -1.51419  
C -5.99864 -4.01881 -0.15452  
H -5.80166 -4.89519 0.46966  
H -6.22007 -4.36866 -1.16941  
H -6.90449 -3.53198 0.22607  
C -5.72258 4.40159 -0.09214  
H -5.42558 5.41710 0.19478  
H -6.45945 4.04864 0.63498  
H -6.21522 4.47106 -1.06864  
C 5.69576 4.46699 0.46468  
H 5.76007 4.90489 1.46740  
H 5.54402 5.28058 -0.25043  
H 6.66610 4.00445 0.24973

**TS(IV-V)<sub>2b</sub>**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1834.20010048

Enthalpy 0K = -1833.696531

Enthalpy 298K = -1833.661054

Free Energy 298K = -1833.766388

Lowest Frequency = -1289.9068 cm<sup>-1</sup>

Second Frequency = 17.3324 cm<sup>-1</sup>

SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1833.94026422

P 0.10409 -1.39220 1.18310

H 0.12381 -2.69171 0.66834  
 O 0.11803 -1.36399 2.71661  
 N 2.28397 2.71142 -1.00081  
 N -2.49508 -2.70202 0.34614  
 N 2.80141 -2.44736 0.83406  
 N -3.49108 1.34339 0.89177  
 C -1.37583 -0.59052 0.53792  
 H -2.03810 -0.53140 1.84816  
 C -1.22577 0.82420 0.22671  
 C -0.00342 1.46459 0.16982  
 H 0.00585 2.54554 0.07451  
 C 1.28072 0.83273 0.16559  
 C 1.46142 -0.52245 0.41784  
 C 2.64169 -1.32928 0.08940  
 C 3.51187 -1.04712 -0.98387  
 H 3.33567 -0.18474 -1.61746  
 C 2.43331 1.75240 -0.06705  
 C 3.58957 1.67381 0.72730  
 H 3.66411 0.91108 1.49540  
 C -2.32617 -1.47406 -0.18843  
 C -3.66490 3.51933 -0.84121  
 H -3.72577 4.36090 -1.52804  
 C 3.83157 -3.25542 0.56881  
 H 3.91051 -4.14082 1.20016  
 C 4.77360 -3.03759 -0.44254  
 C 4.57627 -1.89902 -1.23727  
 H 5.24925 -1.69052 -2.06648  
 C -4.75708 3.19824 -0.02452  
 C -2.44597 1.66294 0.10081  
 C 4.61255 2.59090 0.53064  
 H 5.50770 2.54678 1.14716  
 C -4.07970 -3.26573 -1.39818  
 C -3.33597 -3.55331 -0.24970  
 H 3.42655 -4.53253 0.22178  
 C -2.50762 2.75428 -0.78407  
 H -1.66200 2.97661 -1.42736  
 C -4.59640 2.09322 0.81859  
 H -5.41177 1.79602 1.47867  
 C -3.88121 -1.99635 -1.95713  
 H -4.40677 -1.71375 -2.86735  
 C 5.91800 -3.99076 -0.67153  
 H 5.84968 -4.85258 -0.00157  
 H 6.88379 -3.50245 -0.49415  
 H 5.92716 -4.36217 -1.70269  
 C 3.28795 3.57902 -1.18074  
 H 3.12735 4.33179 -1.95310  
 C 4.48412 3.57797 -0.45554  
 C -3.00105 -1.10099 -1.36509  
 H -2.82423 -0.12917 -1.81353  
 C -5.02843 -4.27308 -1.99676  
 H -4.97907 -5.22393 -1.45798  
 H -4.79296 -4.46842 -3.04939  
 H -6.06542 -3.91849 -1.95620  
 C -6.03952 3.98975 -0.04715  
 H -5.86502 5.03662 0.22696  
 H -6.76897 3.57412 0.65370  
 H -6.49036 3.98650 -1.04619  
 C 5.56308 4.59698 -0.71847  
 H 5.78137 5.18432 0.18075  
 H 5.26417 5.28931 -1.51059  
 H 6.49808 4.11436 -1.02567  
 H -1.15849 -0.96046 3.14110  
 O -2.19859 -0.65009 3.04594  
 H -2.30455 0.25879 3.37105

**V<sub>2b</sub>**  
 SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1757.75250332  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1757.267507  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1757.233486  
 Free Energy 298K = -1757.337245  
 Lowest Frequency = 14.5418 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 20.8625 cm-1  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1757.50646181

P 0.03507 -1.14111 1.85398

H 0.35094 -2.48933 1.60362  
 O -0.00657 -0.71725 3.28267  
 N 1.23719 2.68850 -1.34736  
 N -1.88671 -3.16097 0.08297  
 N 2.92368 -1.57896 1.67227  
 N -4.06838 0.23539 1.06827  
 C -1.54205 -0.91824 0.92771  
 H -2.34012 -1.20962 1.61942  
 C -1.73878 0.53083 0.55424  
 C -0.68593 1.35004 0.29009  
 H -0.87918 2.38374 0.02337  
 C 0.72402 0.98708 0.29442  
 C 1.18924 -0.20136 0.80448  
 C 2.54152 -0.75635 0.67081  
 C 3.36065 -0.56012 -0.45867  
 H 3.01674 0.05257 -1.28483  
 C 1.62694 2.05634 -0.22410  
 C 2.77592 2.44648 0.48198  
 H 3.04034 1.94160 1.40517  
 C -1.60797 -1.88836 -0.24651  
 C -4.82544 2.61284 -0.16009  
 H -5.11182 3.53694 -0.65748  
 C 4.12466 -2.15776 1.60503  
 H 4.38425 -2.80399 2.44364  
 C 5.02588 -1.99691 0.54556  
 C 4.59989 -1.18171 -0.51230  
 H 5.23623 -1.04332 -1.38386  
 C -5.79884 1.81764 0.46076  
 C -3.13383 1.01680 0.48934  
 C 3.54480 3.49484 -0.00448  
 H 4.42964 3.81718 0.53978  
 C -1.74352 -3.79231 -2.25363  
 C -1.95078 -4.06896 -0.89775  
 H -2.18376 -5.08647 -0.58298  
 C -3.49684 2.21726 -0.15319  
 H -2.75146 2.82089 -0.66021  
 C -5.34329 0.63299 1.04848  
 H -6.05302 -0.03687 1.53432  
 C -1.43923 -2.46531 -2.57525  
 H -1.25901 -2.18104 -3.60993  
 C 6.36524 -2.68690 0.54079  
 H 6.47997 -3.32552 1.42105  
 H 7.18576 -1.95954 0.54266  
 H 6.48799 -3.31202 -0.35102  
 C 2.00285 3.68657 -1.80744  
 H 1.65665 4.16207 -2.72530  
 C 3.17237 4.14256 -1.19000  
 C -1.36716 -1.50509 -1.57107  
 H -1.13252 -0.47221 -1.80771  
 C -1.84581 -4.87291 -3.30034  
 H -2.04401 -5.84534 -2.84058  
 H -0.91923 -4.95461 -3.87981  
 H -2.65571 -4.66400 -4.00897  
 C -7.25438 2.20397 0.49147  
 H -7.40497 3.13444 1.05150  
 H -7.85691 1.42427 0.96565  
 H -7.64359 2.36727 -0.51997  
 C 3.97081 5.28340 -1.76652  
 H 4.04342 6.11451 -1.05588  
 H 3.51010 5.66116 -2.68354  
 H 4.99363 4.97007 -2.00512

#### **TS(IV-V)<sub>2b,SYN</sub>**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1987.15948242  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1986.606424  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1986.566402  
 Free Energy 298K = -1986.681379  
 Lowest Frequency = -957.3415 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 17.9030 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1986.88525638

P 0.19077 -1.51121 0.09483  
 H 0.31384 -2.25839 -1.09731  
 O 0.02332 -2.46861 1.25192  
 N 2.70714 3.03079 -0.28336

N -3.07765 -1.98942 0.30141  
 N 2.84337 -2.45777 0.01549  
 N -3.09751 1.34020 -1.40739  
 C -1.22563 -0.41070 -0.12928  
 C -1.00479 1.02099 -0.22572  
 C 0.22436 1.63074 -0.11957  
 H 0.29780 2.70455 -0.26002  
 C 1.47314 0.96383 0.08296  
 C 1.63055 -0.41186 0.00701  
 C 2.88578 -1.12886 -0.23529  
 C 4.02577 -0.55607 -0.84437  
 H 4.03167 0.48825 -1.13377  
 C 2.61269 1.87719 0.40282  
 C 3.48726 1.57686 1.46099  
 H 3.36657 0.64938 2.01115  
 C -2.45038 -0.83376 0.61635  
 C -3.38850 3.96170 -0.50503  
 H -3.49690 4.97969 -0.13701  
 C 3.91286 -3.20827 -0.25751  
 H 3.80826 -4.27144 -0.03893  
 C 5.10678 -2.72171 -0.79848  
 C 5.12737 -1.35378 -1.11016  
 H 6.00498 -0.91684 -1.58256  
 C -4.34915 3.41990 -1.36830  
 C -2.17167 1.87605 -0.57924  
 C 4.48449 2.48212 1.79448  
 H 5.16107 2.26577 2.61838  
 C -4.70424 -1.67230 2.06493  
 C -4.15129 -2.38396 1.00440  
 H -4.59374 -3.32881 0.69034  
 C -2.30271 3.19390 -0.10817  
 H -1.56439 3.59639 0.57775  
 C -4.13652 2.09960 -1.77638  
 H -4.85325 1.62535 -2.44749  
 C -4.05585 -0.47481 2.40066  
 H -4.41636 0.12444 3.23430  
 C 6.28535 -3.62482 -1.05406  
 H 6.02583 -4.66995 -0.86196  
 H 7.13338 -3.36581 -0.40814  
 H 6.63185 -3.54553 -2.09087  
 C 3.68595 3.88374 0.04601  
 H 3.73147 4.79896 -0.54494  
 C 4.61342 3.67609 1.07181  
 C -2.94024 -0.06372 1.69054  
 H -2.41594 0.84215 1.97441  
 C -5.91576 -2.17360 2.80789  
 H -6.26076 -3.12719 2.39809  
 H -6.74502 -1.45943 2.74535  
 H -5.69466 -2.32338 3.87095  
 C -5.54924 4.20358 -1.83381  
 H -6.15231 4.54766 -0.98581  
 H -6.18928 3.59496 -2.47883  
 H -5.24702 5.09243 -2.39958  
 C 5.68160 4.69283 1.38334  
 H 5.60448 5.55866 0.71960  
 H 6.68356 4.26423 1.26562  
 H 5.60063 5.04931 2.41663  
 H -0.18343 -3.99308 0.42379  
 O -0.41219 -4.72729 -0.21816  
 H -0.83445 -5.40844 0.32294  
 H -1.52144 -3.97741 -1.39353  
 O -2.27814 -3.44211 -1.76476  
 H -1.96904 -2.29932 -2.35816  
 H -2.58644 -0.72955 -2.79786  
 O -1.75559 -1.21009 -2.62833  
 H -1.48781 -0.79280 -1.59553  
 H -2.63982 -2.97387 -0.92075

**V<sub>2b,SYN</sub>**  
 SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1757.74831537  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1757.263643  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1757.229678  
 Free Energy 298K = -1757.332573  
 Lowest Frequency = 12.9112 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 26.2705 cm<sup>-1</sup>

SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1757.50231364

P 0.02812 -1.67292 0.43567  
H 0.12521 -2.83301 -0.35635  
O -0.19076 -1.88663 1.89578  
N 2.45159 2.73520 -0.57712  
N -3.08133 -2.24823 -1.06449  
N 2.75261 -2.68070 0.33005  
N -3.33146 1.22775 -1.09417  
C -1.30386 -0.73191 -0.43311  
C -1.17396 0.75141 -0.14785  
C 0.04124 1.32979 0.05221  
H 0.08410 2.41143 0.13562  
C 1.34095 0.67737 0.05472  
C 1.49402 -0.68809 0.01538  
C 2.73030 -1.44451 -0.21499  
C 3.78265 -0.99473 -1.03689  
H 3.72473 -0.02579 -1.52052  
C 2.49576 1.61687 0.16985  
C 3.52899 1.38456 1.09189  
H 3.51450 0.49105 1.70724  
C -2.62407 -1.40684 -0.12448  
C -3.64270 3.56628 0.38936  
H -3.76379 4.46688 0.98743  
C 3.82342 -3.45228 0.12875  
H 3.79119 -4.43550 0.59824  
C 4.93460 -3.08345 -0.63877  
C 4.87977 -1.81875 -1.24144  
H 5.69355 -1.48471 -1.88156  
C -4.63269 3.19311 -0.52866  
C -2.37498 1.61006 -0.22564  
C 4.54585 2.32133 1.21702  
H 5.34547 2.16151 1.93686  
C -4.96877 -2.78736 0.35930  
C -4.22108 -2.90694 -0.81542  
H -4.55929 -3.57805 -1.60539  
C -2.51114 2.77770 0.54680  
H -1.75017 3.04449 1.27323  
C -4.40859 2.00495 -1.23471  
H -5.14911 1.65790 -1.95571  
C -4.45422 -1.93037 1.34049  
H -4.97206 -1.81345 2.29006  
C 6.10684 4.01191 -0.82250  
H 5.92848 -4.97070 -0.32774  
H 7.02341 -3.58096 -0.40242  
H 6.29717 -4.20737 -1.88395  
C 3.45103 3.61749 -0.45225  
H 3.38044 4.50224 -1.08514  
C 4.53362 3.47553 0.42254  
C -3.27287 -1.24001 1.10608  
H -2.84396 -0.59475 1.86566  
C -6.25127 -3.55586 0.55587  
H -6.44879 -4.21216 -0.29674  
H -7.10758 -2.87993 0.66575  
H -6.20876 -4.17619 1.45837  
C -5.88064 4.01034 -0.74192  
H -6.44522 4.12432 0.19060  
H -6.53650 3.53880 -1.47911  
H -5.63817 5.01766 -1.10002  
C 5.61374 4.52278 0.51134  
H 5.41164 5.35395 -0.16993  
H 6.59324 4.10387 0.25356  
H 5.69081 4.92706 1.52702  
H -1.10769 -0.89938 -1.50415

## II<sub>2x</sub>

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1834.22167115  
Enthalpy 0K = -1833.712655  
Enthalpy 298K = -1833.674148  
Free Energy 298K = -1833.788239  
Lowest Frequency = 15.4053 cm-1  
Second Frequency = 20.0817 cm-1  
SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1833.97216285

P -0.01540 -1.57469 -0.37011

N 2.45260 2.96182 -0.61196  
 N -2.80700 -2.29332 0.32076  
 N 2.87326 -2.28789 0.28402  
 N -3.37503 1.46613 0.83395  
 C -1.37109 -0.46714 -0.28681  
 C -1.24428 0.93293 -0.19414  
 C 0.00819 1.55720 -0.13971  
 H 0.02921 2.63571 -0.01676  
 C 1.25191 0.91294 -0.15438  
 C 1.35714 -0.48571 -0.27793  
 C 2.66343 -1.17596 -0.44924  
 C 3.60415 -0.75329 -1.40384  
 H 3.40594 0.12969 -2.00240  
 C 2.43995 1.79436 0.05820  
 C 3.45135 1.46199 0.97352  
 H 3.40085 0.53066 1.52783  
 C -2.67781 -1.16744 -0.40536  
 C -3.62471 3.85499 -0.58311  
 H -3.71590 4.78028 -1.14784  
 C 4.00595 -2.98239 0.09846  
 H 4.11839 -3.86535 0.72578  
 C 4.99928 -2.63860 -0.82078  
 C 4.76739 -1.48759 -1.58642  
 H 5.49474 -1.17235 -2.33126  
 C -4.61156 3.49399 0.34129  
 C -2.43101 1.83072 -0.05136  
 C 4.49869 2.35050 1.17955  
 H 5.28072 2.10965 1.89613  
 C -4.98720 -2.68864 -0.64939  
 C -3.92824 -3.01610 0.20101  
 H -3.97367 -3.90948 0.82219  
 C -2.52596 3.02624 -0.78089  
 H -1.75481 3.29072 -1.49833  
 C -4.41888 2.28153 1.01510  
 H -5.15346 1.94904 1.74874  
 C -4.83030 -1.53004 -1.42224  
 H -5.60883 -1.23128 -2.12096  
 C 6.24432 -3.47279 -0.97954  
 H 6.33134 -3.86099 -2.00069  
 H 6.23615 -4.32407 -0.29366  
 H 7.14534 -2.88235 -0.77786  
 C 3.47705 3.79888 -0.40586  
 H 3.44807 4.72766 -0.97598  
 C 4.53939 3.55838 0.47188  
 C -3.67842 -0.76564 -1.30446  
 H -3.54359 0.12552 -1.90860  
 C -6.22308 -3.54753 -0.72967  
 H -6.12678 -4.43171 -0.09384  
 H -6.40621 -3.88453 -1.75629  
 H -7.11171 -2.99338 -0.40529  
 C -5.81933 4.35598 0.60678  
 H -5.52705 5.33724 0.99806  
 H -6.48312 3.88571 1.33755  
 H -6.39287 4.52950 -0.31078  
 C 5.65485 4.55656 0.64795  
 H 5.74194 4.87296 1.69347  
 H 5.48387 5.44755 0.03735  
 H 6.62051 4.12729 0.35693  
 H -1.74064 -3.16315 1.80935  
 O -1.42364 -3.74752 2.52760  
 H 1.32234 -3.07189 3.13210  
 O 1.52174 -3.68825 2.41286  
 H 1.86076 -3.11890 1.68040  
 H -0.48928 -3.92022 2.30352

### TS(II-III)<sub>2x</sub>

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1834.19962026  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1833.695571  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1833.659963  
 Free Energy 298K = -1833.764585  
 Lowest Frequency = -1222.6630 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 18.1541 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1833.93887975

P -0.03311 -1.67330 0.04437

N 2.37318 2.93327 -0.49758  
 N -2.75580 -2.38950 0.67898  
 N 2.90328 -2.39523 0.14540  
 N -3.50301 1.48616 0.67590  
 C -1.43123 -0.56556 -0.10628  
 C -1.31178 0.81937 -0.15781  
 C -0.06419 1.48852 -0.08468  
 H -0.07604 2.57098 -0.01551  
 C 1.17761 0.86924 -0.02476  
 C 1.33780 -0.54511 -0.06400  
 C 2.60401 -1.17463 -0.39337  
 C 3.51689 -0.63730 -1.33449  
 H 3.28719 0.31748 -1.79325  
 C 2.34267 1.77641 0.19338  
 C 3.33441 1.46897 1.14176  
 H 3.26928 0.54470 1.70673  
 C -2.70007 -1.31815 -0.15014  
 C -3.65107 3.65421 -1.07375  
 H -3.70037 4.49281 -1.76528  
 C 3.99923 -3.08392 -0.23811  
 H 4.12687 -4.04917 0.24674  
 C 4.91519 -2.61362 -1.16236  
 C 4.64402 -1.33970 -1.70749  
 H 5.31691 -0.91796 -2.45095  
 C -4.69337 3.42602 -0.16779  
 C -2.50543 1.72033 -0.19671  
 C 4.36833 2.36704 1.36669  
 H 5.13133 2.14287 2.10934  
 C -4.95200 -2.96257 -0.16083  
 C -3.84649 -3.16833 0.66461  
 H -3.83417 -4.01120 1.35525  
 C -2.55049 2.80550 -1.08777  
 H -1.73197 2.96776 -1.78249  
 C -4.54828 2.32055 0.67857  
 H -5.32718 2.09608 1.40828  
 C -4.87823 -1.86707 -1.03462  
 H -5.69593 -1.66550 -1.72366  
 C 6.12452 -3.41816 -1.56187  
 H 6.11316 -3.64327 -2.63476  
 H 6.16263 -4.36715 -1.01978  
 H 7.05218 -2.87204 -1.35464  
 C 3.38338 3.78172 -0.26943  
 H 3.36659 4.70106 -0.85613  
 C 4.42034 3.56615 0.64396  
 C -3.76009 -1.04860 -1.03375  
 H -3.68838 -0.21296 -1.72134  
 C -6.14890 -3.87774 -0.11707  
 H -5.99158 -4.69523 0.59250  
 H -6.34998 -4.31768 -1.10073  
 H -7.05253 -3.33665 0.18783  
 C -5.90711 4.31748 -0.09476  
 H -5.63103 5.34223 0.17991  
 H -6.61865 3.94960 0.65007  
 H -6.42286 4.36784 -1.06054  
 C 5.52175 4.57696 0.83782  
 H 5.57064 4.91668 1.87879  
 H 5.36412 5.45402 0.20351  
 H 6.50122 4.15198 0.58874  
 H -1.14319 -2.39438 1.88923  
 O -0.24211 -1.98557 1.94029  
 H 2.21148 -3.17666 2.93012  
 O 1.71637 -3.39984 2.12860  
 H 2.27926 -2.89309 1.15260  
 H 0.64175 -2.75130 2.13424

**III<sub>2x</sub>**  
 SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1834.21612466  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1833.705330  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1833.668727  
 Free Energy 298K = -1833.775839  
 Lowest Frequency = 16.6297 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 23.5788 cm-1  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1833.95819811

P -0.02960 -1.68382 0.27576

N 2.39268 2.96180 -0.29633  
 N -2.81202 -2.28150 0.88521  
 N 2.86915 -2.45695 -0.07933  
 N -3.51249 1.54908 0.56018  
 C -1.42391 -0.55272 0.00424  
 C -1.28921 0.81559 -0.12724  
 C -0.03036 1.48540 -0.02545  
 H -0.04511 2.56873 0.03520  
 C 1.20129 0.87237 0.07262  
 C 1.36218 -0.55654 0.04395  
 C 2.55826 -1.15730 -0.43327  
 C 3.46787 -0.56304 -1.35767  
 H 3.26981 0.45051 -1.68398  
 C 2.36396 1.76854 0.33203  
 C 3.36538 1.40896 1.25270  
 H 3.30300 0.45489 1.76603  
 C -2.70213 -1.29242 -0.03341  
 C -3.54212 3.62321 -1.30545  
 H -3.54389 4.42578 -2.04017  
 C 3.89740 -3.17087 -0.61198  
 H 3.98824 -4.18638 -0.24129  
 C 4.75981 -2.62746 -1.53007  
 C 4.51910 -1.26957 -1.88629  
 H 5.16549 -0.79154 -2.61876  
 C -4.63451 3.45114 -0.44734  
 C -2.46791 1.72640 -0.26988  
 C 4.40235 2.29246 1.51701  
 H 5.17189 2.02672 2.23901  
 C -4.97713 -2.89983 -0.00133  
 C -3.91443 -3.04239 0.89216  
 H -3.94904 -3.81754 1.65742  
 C -2.45212 2.76567 -1.21529  
 H -1.59450 2.88644 -1.87026  
 C -4.54702 2.39108 0.46249  
 H -5.36567 2.21297 1.16083  
 C -4.84364 -1.89294 -0.96883  
 H -5.62494 -1.74601 -1.71187  
 C 5.89524 -3.41802 -2.12370  
 H 5.79475 -3.49767 -3.21268  
 H 5.92747 -4.43143 -1.71423  
 H 6.86078 -2.93969 -1.92126  
 C 3.40487 3.79567 -0.02949  
 H 3.38493 4.74550 -0.56555  
 C 4.44969 3.53001 0.86180  
 C -3.71264 -1.09167 -0.98926  
 H -3.59433 -0.32251 -1.74484  
 C -6.19044 -3.79146 0.07008  
 H -6.07988 -4.54112 0.85896  
 H -6.35376 -4.31857 -0.87703  
 H -7.09762 -3.21267 0.28060  
 C -5.84006 4.35573 -0.48637  
 H -5.56671 5.39184 -0.25502  
 H -6.59281 4.03607 0.23998  
 H -6.30532 4.35647 -1.47878  
 C 5.55453 4.52739 1.10017  
 H 5.61450 4.80907 2.15780  
 H 5.39172 5.43844 0.51707  
 H 6.53106 4.11637 0.81801  
 H -1.12921 -2.18503 2.06487  
 O -0.18727 -1.89153 1.99903  
 H 2.31564 -3.44148 3.02036  
 O 1.79645 -3.67419 2.23761  
 H 2.35110 -2.90645 0.70154  
 H 0.97590 -3.10604 2.29890

### **II<sub>3x</sub>**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1910.70014158  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1910.166654  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1910.125464  
 Free Energy 298K = -1910.246018  
 Lowest Frequency = 15.1738 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 17.5807 cm-1  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1910.44215719

P 0.00014 -1.43647 -0.47070

N 2.37538 3.16926 -0.40119  
 N -2.80990 -2.15366 0.37876  
 N 2.92466 -2.15787 -0.21177  
 N -3.51675 1.47881 0.62876  
 C -1.38629 -0.37290 -0.37388  
 C -1.30306 1.02612 -0.26529  
 C -0.06740 1.67846 -0.14470  
 H -0.07632 2.74878 0.03657  
 C 1.18927 1.06673 -0.16432  
 C 1.34472 -0.31704 -0.39477  
 C 2.66969 -0.91907 -0.68493  
 C 3.60031 -0.26950 -1.51794  
 H 3.36336 0.70454 -1.93180  
 C 2.34270 1.95371 0.17571  
 C 3.29781 1.56425 1.12875  
 H 3.22351 0.59188 1.60473  
 C -2.67496 -1.11337 -0.46435  
 C -3.70682 3.91753 -0.70949  
 H -3.77402 4.86249 -1.24429  
 C 4.09095 -2.74472 -0.52165  
 H 4.22918 -3.74590 -0.11587  
 C 5.08372 -2.16474 -1.31295  
 C 4.80106 -0.89128 -1.82529  
 H 5.51713 -0.39244 -2.47466  
 C -4.75050 3.50606 0.12737  
 C -2.51614 1.89254 -0.16831  
 C 4.31151 2.44846 1.47226  
 H 5.04923 2.16424 2.21936  
 C -4.95566 -2.68685 -0.60606  
 C -3.92104 -2.89944 0.30713  
 H -3.98413 -3.71853 1.02262  
 C -2.58232 3.11412 -0.85824  
 H -1.76711 3.41811 -1.50798  
 C -4.58548 2.27018 0.76455  
 H -5.36551 1.89718 1.42864  
 C -4.78951 -1.61795 -1.49811  
 H -5.55073 -1.41006 -2.24707  
 C 6.37526 -2.88375 -1.60566  
 H 6.36974 -3.89004 -1.17808  
 H 7.23253 -2.34352 -1.18714  
 H 6.54278 -2.97326 -2.68479  
 C 3.36781 4.00232 -0.06159  
 H 3.35860 4.97262 -0.55868  
 C 4.37411 3.70904 0.86434  
 C -3.65181 -0.82735 -1.43070  
 H -3.50885 -0.00128 -2.11990  
 C -6.17760 -3.56926 -0.62847  
 H -6.09951 -4.36541 0.11710  
 H -6.31255 -4.03618 -1.61080  
 H -7.08573 -2.99391 -0.41396  
 C -5.98791 4.34011 0.34036  
 H -5.74208 5.30055 0.80806  
 H -6.70179 3.82343 0.98795  
 H -6.48781 4.55971 -0.60981  
 C 5.45421 4.70755 1.19357  
 H 5.45402 4.95336 2.26155  
 H 5.31426 5.63590 0.63263  
 H 6.44749 4.31226 0.95146  
 H -1.49756 -2.09700 1.95153  
 O -0.76944 -1.91603 2.58004  
 H 1.01584 -4.32920 3.97225  
 O 0.36137 -4.47262 3.27507  
 H 0.88357 -4.49064 2.43334  
 H -0.46063 -2.80086 2.87042  
 H 1.91033 -3.53136 0.55908  
 O 1.58289 -4.43636 0.80348  
 H 0.80865 -4.55364 0.23348

**TS(II-III)<sub>3x</sub>**  
 SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1910.67571597  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1910.149352  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1910.111460  
 Free Energy 298K = -1910.221810  
 Lowest Frequency = -1284.2247 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 17.8568 cm<sup>-1</sup>

SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1910.40568572

P -0.04829 -1.55304 0.10763  
N 2.30508 3.11660 -0.11662  
N -2.87403 -2.13735 0.78036  
N 2.91526 -2.26889 -0.41659  
N -3.60652 1.54703 0.47426  
C -1.45020 -0.45489 -0.12934  
C -1.33692 0.92744 -0.17237  
C -0.09541 1.59850 -0.00188  
H -0.11738 2.67395 0.13947  
C 1.14336 0.98344 0.05360  
C 1.30999 -0.43276 -0.09931  
C 2.53568 -0.97673 -0.65199  
C 3.35305 -0.21635 -1.53337  
H 3.04550 0.79148 -1.78510  
C 2.29793 1.86632 0.38822  
C 3.30937 1.43104 1.26366  
H 3.26484 0.42854 1.67669  
C -2.72743 -1.19982 -0.18493  
C -3.60515 3.78001 -1.19726  
H -3.59479 4.64506 -1.85715  
C 4.01819 -2.79057 -0.99495  
H 4.21223 -3.82983 -0.73796  
C 4.86166 -2.08898 -1.83808  
C 4.48605 -0.75544 -2.10327  
H 5.08110 -0.15127 -2.78496  
C -4.72950 3.50913 -0.40852  
C -2.53004 1.82075 -0.28615  
C 4.33617 2.29808 1.60913  
H 5.11553 1.97179 2.29482  
C -5.00483 -2.80106 -0.15235  
C -3.97793 -2.89780 0.78724  
H -4.04348 -3.62920 1.59220  
C -2.49979 2.94031 -1.13511  
H -1.61866 3.13578 -1.73858  
C -4.65655 2.37259 0.40488  
H -5.50080 2.11460 1.04540  
C -4.83465 -1.84384 -1.16391  
H -5.58984 -1.73336 -1.93950  
C 6.08981 -2.71925 -2.44098  
H 6.18698 -3.76406 -2.13258  
H 7.00054 -2.19118 -2.13420  
H 6.05341 -2.69270 -3.53646  
C 3.30691 3.93455 0.22717  
H 3.26974 4.93328 -0.20993  
C 4.36135 3.59566 1.08147  
C -3.70165 -1.04514 -1.18427  
H -3.55416 -0.31033 -1.96870  
C -6.22222 -3.68741 -0.08092  
H -6.14712 -4.39009 0.75396  
H -6.34630 -4.26845 -1.00204  
H -7.13593 -3.09734 0.05682  
C -5.95385 4.38879 -0.42174  
H -5.71547 5.40608 -0.09005  
H -6.72839 3.99159 0.24063  
H -6.37715 4.46677 -1.42977  
C 5.45335 4.58034 1.41356  
H 5.51197 4.75987 2.49333  
H 5.27716 5.54099 0.92096  
H 6.43448 4.21127 1.09230  
H -1.31076 -1.93622 1.92555  
O -0.34473 -1.69460 1.97023  
H 1.55293 -3.15098 3.65206  
O 0.92724 -3.49454 2.99904  
H 1.50730 -3.86240 2.02671  
H 0.28233 -2.59022 2.53816  
H 2.33219 -3.19366 0.32654  
O 2.00485 -4.17679 0.93096  
H 1.27861 -4.55994 0.41580

**III<sub>3x</sub>**  
SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1910.69950371  
Enthalpy 0K = -1910.164158  
Enthalpy 298K = -1910.124606

Free Energy 298K = -1910.239161  
 Lowest Frequency = 16.2923 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 19.5566 cm-1  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1910.43272731

P -0.04459 -1.52553 0.28285  
 N 2.30629 3.16089 -0.07809  
 N -2.82031 -2.16375 0.81988  
 N 2.78984 -2.29146 -0.56544  
 N -3.59177 1.62161 0.47346  
 C -1.45109 -0.42800 -0.04981  
 C -1.33079 0.94454 -0.14517  
 C -0.08159 1.62333 0.01920  
 H -0.11128 2.70051 0.14807  
 C 1.15605 1.02138 0.08290  
 C 1.32337 -0.40714 -0.04676  
 C 2.47753 -0.95115 -0.67302  
 C 3.36407 -0.21370 -1.51885  
 H 3.15290 0.83462 -1.68619  
 C 2.30876 1.90460 0.41383  
 C 3.33492 1.46234 1.26904  
 H 3.29776 0.45547 1.67215  
 C -2.71528 -1.18896 -0.11318  
 C -3.57097 3.76574 -1.31132  
 H -3.55256 4.59627 -2.01398  
 C 3.81849 -2.89863 -1.21260  
 H 3.89816 -3.96400 -1.02408  
 C 4.68374 -2.20511 -2.02160  
 C 4.41859 -0.81435 -2.15917  
 H 5.05029 -0.21615 -2.81214  
 C -4.69683 3.54639 -0.50909  
 C -2.51498 1.84434 -0.30285  
 C 4.36380 2.32902 1.60997  
 H 5.15366 1.99745 2.28097  
 C -4.95904 -2.83454 -0.09236  
 C -3.90988 -2.94275 0.82282  
 H -3.94558 -3.70410 1.60185  
 C -2.47345 2.91966 -1.20627  
 H -1.58994 3.07713 -1.81752  
 C -4.63329 2.45321 0.36289  
 H -5.47841 2.23804 1.01787  
 C -4.82806 -1.84095 -1.07360  
 H -5.60030 -1.71966 -1.83058  
 C 5.83127 -2.87673 -2.72772  
 H 5.85760 -3.94726 -2.50678  
 H 6.79243 -2.44525 -2.42386  
 H 5.75181 -2.75818 -3.81485  
 C 3.30960 3.97787 0.26192  
 H 3.26364 4.98126 -0.16352  
 C 4.37720 3.63291 1.09798  
 C -3.71170 -1.01838 -1.08798  
 H -3.59605 -0.25521 -1.85021  
 C -6.15653 -3.74794 -0.02734  
 H -6.04937 -4.47758 0.78051  
 H -6.28884 -4.29907 -0.96558  
 H -7.07882 -3.18225 0.15016  
 C -5.91273 4.43590 -0.56656  
 H -5.66398 5.46674 -0.28876  
 H -6.68979 4.08126 0.11663  
 H -6.33701 4.46517 -1.57675  
 C 5.47010 4.61769 1.42649  
 H 5.54118 4.78648 2.50723  
 H 5.28481 5.58266 0.94591  
 H 6.44848 4.25521 1.08972  
 H -1.11085 -1.84477 2.13494  
 O -0.17064 -1.57684 2.01702  
 H 2.03059 -3.02023 3.81583  
 O 1.30260 -3.43381 3.33240  
 H 1.61086 -4.20093 1.78069  
 H 0.77871 -2.68135 2.94146  
 H 2.21487 -2.92789 0.02667  
 O 1.66201 -4.43955 0.81733  
 H 0.74601 -4.34437 0.50807

**TS(4M)**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1757.69731931  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1757.217857  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1757.184179  
 Free Energy 298K = -1757.286015  
 Lowest Frequency = -1669.0738 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 17.4557 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1757.43851480

P 0.05630 -1.45592 1.07282  
 H 0.13289 -2.78797 0.66028  
 O -0.27472 -1.25437 2.57963  
 N 2.26922 2.66565 -0.94449  
 N -2.59147 -2.72640 0.49968  
 N 2.78318 -2.50796 0.86945  
 N -3.52203 1.32067 0.95520  
 C -1.44233 -0.63330 0.51641  
 H -1.35562 -0.75333 1.95402  
 C -1.27727 0.77759 0.23838  
 C -0.03395 1.39024 0.16421  
 H -0.01483 2.47192 0.08381  
 C 1.24674 0.76466 0.16422  
 C 1.43990 -0.59880 0.40127  
 C 2.63207 -1.40054 0.10678  
 C 3.52569 -1.12002 -0.94630  
 H 3.35927 -0.26249 -1.58917  
 C 2.40152 1.69253 -0.02349  
 C 3.54129 1.60138 0.79224  
 H 3.60230 0.82692 1.54968  
 C -2.52582 -1.49049 -0.03596  
 C -3.64164 3.60197 -0.64367  
 H -3.68271 4.48204 -1.28195  
 C 3.82273 -3.31411 0.63254  
 H 3.89342 -4.19226 1.27462  
 C 4.78660 -3.09823 -0.35802  
 C 4.60233 -1.96630 -1.16540  
 H 5.29591 -1.75828 -1.97746  
 C -4.72771 3.27712 0.17799  
 C -2.47610 1.65441 0.17300  
 C 4.56560 2.52454 0.63256  
 H 5.44770 2.47210 1.26691  
 C -4.46050 -3.27071 -0.94041  
 C -3.52688 -3.57137 0.05690  
 H -3.53278 4.55609 0.52504  
 C -2.51236 2.79283 -0.65158  
 H -1.67251 3.02213 -1.29989  
 C -4.59668 2.11427 0.94743  
 H -5.41362 1.80614 1.60064  
 C -4.36014 -1.99729 -1.51397  
 H -5.03545 -1.70605 -2.31599  
 C 5.94431 -4.04373 -0.54931  
 H 5.86299 -4.90315 0.12222  
 H 6.90080 -3.54741 -0.34602  
 H 5.98601 -4.41926 -1.57808  
 C 3.27396 3.53872 -1.08882  
 H 3.12738 4.30380 -1.85169  
 C 4.45475 3.52818 -0.33858  
 C -3.39172 -1.10526 -1.07157  
 H -3.30089 -0.12644 -1.52888  
 C -5.50207 -4.27123 -1.37224  
 H -5.34662 -5.23527 -0.87926  
 H -5.47349 -4.43531 -2.45544  
 H -6.51241 -3.92601 -1.12214  
 C -5.97375 4.12280 0.23806  
 H -5.75631 5.12040 0.63751  
 H -6.72978 3.66145 0.87965  
 H -6.41020 4.25985 -0.75777  
 C 5.53581 4.55456 -0.56081  
 H 5.73167 5.12762 0.35263  
 H 5.25234 5.25889 -1.34797  
 H 6.47907 4.07983 -0.85467

**TS(OA)<sub>2b</sub>**  
 SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1757.66271231  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1757.182778  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1757.148477

Free Energy 298K = -1757.251175  
 Lowest Frequency = -1419.0524 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 17.3315 cm-1  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1757.39827371

```

P  0.03142 -1.68460  0.16159
H  0.00737 -3.09009  0.72247
O  -0.12885 -2.47457  1.97431
N  2.51467  2.73838 -0.66400
N  -2.78197 -2.40933  0.78098
N  2.71156 -2.65471  0.31454
N  -3.37555  1.43561  0.73654
C  -1.36651 -0.64794 -0.01600
H  -1.11839 -2.51244  1.98715
C  -1.20529  0.74443 -0.11712
C  0.05013  1.37754 -0.10033
H  0.06702  2.46171 -0.08353
C  1.29111  0.73621 -0.03897
C  1.43689 -0.66902 -0.01799
C  2.68516 -1.41792 -0.23026
C  3.75210 -0.95811 -1.02812
H  3.69560  0.00893 -1.51529
C  2.47058  1.64120  0.11402
C  3.44096  1.39855  1.10049
H  3.36247  0.51855  1.73049
C  -2.65539 -1.36901 -0.07252
C  -3.51246  3.61449 -0.99970
H  -3.55874  4.45624 -1.68739
C  3.78674 -3.42421  0.11615
H  3.74974 -4.41204  0.57613
C  4.91168 -3.04221 -0.62048
C  4.86106 -1.77081 -1.21061
H  5.68666 -1.42444 -1.82896
C  -4.54570  3.39821 -0.08049
C  -2.38503  1.66173 -0.14575
C  4.47744  2.30597  1.27005
H  5.22748  2.13571  2.03936
C  -4.97329 -2.90992 -0.11670
C  -3.90457 -3.14115  0.74988
H  -3.95041 -3.96388  1.46273
C  -2.42532  2.74914 -1.03381
H  -1.61659  2.90033 -1.74219
C  4.40811  2.28499  0.75733
H  -5.18155  2.06706  1.49445
C  -4.82145 -1.84611 -1.01880
H  -5.60604 -1.62900 -1.74058
C  6.09916 -3.95688 -0.77826
H  5.90438 -4.93266 -0.32393
H  6.99238 -3.53656 -0.30047
H  6.34157 -4.11689 -1.83510
C  3.52961  3.59502 -0.48961
H  3.52872  4.46534 -1.14655
C  4.54959  3.44336  0.45492
C  -3.66788 -1.07831 -1.00349
H  -3.53509 -0.26742 -1.71142
C  -6.21250 -3.76721 -0.08566
H  -6.11098 -4.57712  0.64228
H  -6.41073 -4.21520 -1.06606
H  -7.09588 -3.17794  0.18724
C  -5.74335  4.30885  0.01383
H  -5.44694  5.32482  0.29950
H  -6.45518  3.94378  0.75958
H  -6.26512  4.38083 -0.94721
C  5.65564  4.45883  0.58774
H  5.68538  4.88289  1.59793
H  5.51998  5.28116 -0.12051
H  6.63555  4.00615  0.39673
  
```

**I<sub>c</sub>**  
 SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1244.60424510  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1244.295153  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1244.274913  
 Free Energy 298K = -1244.344917  
 Lowest Frequency = 37.0166 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 42.4472 cm-1

SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1244.43573848

P -0.02290 -1.84942 0.06283  
C 2.96278 -2.49877 -0.73535  
N -2.83409 -2.55999 -0.44080  
C 1.33295 -0.73002 0.00233  
C 1.20358 0.66159 -0.03062  
C -0.01440 1.35733 -0.02669  
C -1.23659 0.66829 0.01676  
C -1.37053 -0.71910 0.04812  
C -2.72267 -1.32927 0.10225  
C -3.81924 -0.68588 0.70173  
H -3.69785 0.28440 1.17255  
C 2.69358 -1.32584 -0.00852  
C -4.02747 -3.16119 -0.41669  
H -4.06718 -4.15149 -0.86716  
C -5.17218 -2.58673 0.13684  
C -5.05640 -1.32210 0.71181  
H -5.91519 -0.84144 1.17197  
C 5.27158 -2.46763 -0.01483  
C 4.23703 -3.06242 -0.73867  
H 4.42374 -3.96429 -1.31481  
C 5.01938 -1.30458 0.71510  
H 5.81489 -0.84006 1.29121  
C 3.74552 -0.74051 0.71885  
H 3.55355 0.14811 1.31383  
H 6.26509 -2.90651 -0.01832  
H -6.11857 -3.11822 0.12277  
H 2.16551 -2.95627 -1.31478  
H 2.11470 1.25173 -0.11747  
H -2.14371 1.27045 0.01714  
C -0.01339 2.84005 -0.09254  
C -0.97957 3.53218 -0.84306  
C 0.95441 3.59257 0.59497  
C -0.97774 4.92434 -0.90395  
C 0.95448 4.98470 0.53678  
C -0.01145 5.65746 -0.21339  
H -1.71968 2.97187 -1.40750  
H 1.69636 3.08091 1.20151  
H -1.72704 5.43717 -1.50042  
H 1.70591 5.54563 1.08535  
H -0.01039 6.74249 -0.26023

### II<sub>c</sub>

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1321.08218339  
Enthalpy 0K = -1320.749143  
Enthalpy 298K = -1320.725540  
Free Energy 298K = -1320.803863  
Lowest Frequency = 20.2771 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
Second Frequency = 36.2976 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1320.90924308

P -0.71792 -1.41655 -0.30941  
N -3.56423 -0.66503 0.19537  
C 1.52827 -3.46550 0.53636  
C -1.35787 0.21721 -0.21696  
C -0.57339 1.36297 -0.08838  
C 0.82692 1.37021 0.00831  
C 1.55709 0.17229 -0.02026  
C 1.00255 -1.10458 -0.14302  
C 1.89835 -2.28853 -0.13784  
C 3.13208 -2.26693 -0.81216  
H 3.42413 -1.37758 -1.36385  
C -2.83211 0.34768 -0.31855  
C 2.36444 -4.58021 0.53786  
H 2.06405 -5.47588 1.07404  
C 3.58691 -4.54362 -0.13456  
C 3.96668 -3.38234 -0.81031  
H 4.91187 -3.34792 -1.34491  
C -5.58444 0.46459 -0.45938  
C -4.89964 -0.60122 0.12102  
H -5.43262 -1.44401 0.55561  
C -4.83522 1.50805 -1.00114  
H -5.32492 2.35225 -1.47816  
C -3.44706 1.44965 -0.93610

H -2.84199 2.23370 -1.37934  
 H -3.13328 -2.26732 1.25048  
 O -3.16059 -3.10700 1.76194  
 H -2.78715 -3.75466 1.14819  
 H 0.58739 -3.49095 1.07994  
 H -1.07800 2.32700 -0.04994  
 H 2.63499 0.24189 0.11772  
 C 1.54143 2.66086 0.16992  
 C 1.00383 3.69298 0.95808  
 C 2.77616 2.88471 -0.46303  
 C 1.67662 4.90408 1.10775  
 C 3.44707 4.09701 -0.31637  
 C 2.90062 5.11240 0.47019  
 H 0.06599 3.53250 1.48251  
 H 3.19946 2.11058 -1.09687  
 H 1.24841 5.68299 1.73227  
 H 4.39497 4.25172 -0.82395  
 H 3.42449 6.05658 0.58640  
 H -6.66915 0.47038 -0.48850  
 H 4.23882 -5.41231 -0.13210

### **TS(II-III)c**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1321.05314041  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1320.723331  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1320.701548  
 Free Energy 298K = -1320.774169  
 Lowest Frequency = -915.2542 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 37.9542 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1320.87402844

P -0.20908 -1.69247 -0.31848  
 N -3.09569 -1.91548 0.33796  
 C 2.62169 -2.79831 0.51261  
 C -1.39608 -0.35836 -0.29018  
 C -1.07248 0.99795 -0.19134  
 C 0.21876 1.50903 -0.03456  
 C 1.31799 0.62829 0.01900  
 C 1.28351 -0.75891 -0.09627  
 C 2.54771 -1.52798 -0.08791  
 C 3.71394 -1.02617 -0.69853  
 H 3.67879 -0.06408 -1.20208  
 C -2.79354 -0.75416 -0.31742  
 C 3.80489 -3.53543 0.50384  
 H 3.83403 -4.51079 0.98209  
 C 4.95123 -3.01882 -0.10025  
 C 4.89824 -1.75803 -0.69979  
 H 5.78107 -1.34922 -1.18411  
 C -5.40442 -1.74848 -0.21069  
 C -4.34588 -2.40475 0.38945  
 H -4.47100 -3.33149 0.94093  
 C -5.13812 -0.54273 -0.88047  
 H -5.94434 -0.00537 -1.37136  
 C -3.84603 -0.04838 -0.93541  
 H -3.62115 0.86236 -1.47904  
 H -2.13693 -2.34292 0.96098  
 O -0.94378 -2.47328 1.49846  
 H -0.69588 -3.41138 1.45019  
 H 1.74712 -3.19231 1.02279  
 H -1.89492 1.71283 -0.20834  
 H 2.29720 1.07934 0.17944  
 C 0.42916 2.97002 0.10048  
 C -0.49600 3.78200 0.78193  
 C 1.56074 3.59566 -0.45438  
 C -0.30323 5.15758 0.89642  
 C 1.75724 4.96988 -0.33553  
 C 0.82528 5.76083 0.33907  
 H -1.36133 3.32382 1.25335  
 H 2.28197 2.99967 -1.00683  
 H -1.03029 5.75812 1.43665  
 H 2.63690 5.42638 -0.78137  
 H 0.97824 6.83211 0.43164  
 H -6.40558 -2.15941 -0.15603  
 H 5.87463 -3.59038 -0.10549

### **IIIc**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1321.07297877  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1320.738286  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1320.716043  
 Free Energy 298K = -1320.790035  
 Lowest Frequency = 27.3168 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 41.9278 cm-1  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1320.89783338

```

P  0.09630  1.68720  0.49711
N  2.87767  2.44910 -0.10880
C  -2.92618  2.53776  0.55076
C  1.42878  0.52176  0.08669
C  1.22090 -0.88174  0.06160
C  -0.02029 -1.49293  0.05521
C  -1.22162 -0.71234 -0.02465
C  -1.33232  0.65374  0.06893
C  -2.63498  1.32930 -0.11160
C  -3.62600  0.79488 -0.95885
H  -3.41490 -0.11074 -1.52059
C  2.70371  1.07280 -0.18660
C  -4.15644  3.17107  0.38855
H  -4.35599  4.09809  0.91936
C  -5.13170  2.61791 -0.44295
C  -4.85713  1.42588 -1.11705
H  -5.59994  0.99385 -1.78248
C  5.16425  2.42077 -0.71461
C  4.03277  3.10870 -0.36934
H  3.98749  4.18762 -0.27610
C  5.06801  1.00625 -0.80951
H  5.94287  0.42917 -1.09455
C  3.88445  0.35790 -0.56288
H  3.82476 -0.71784 -0.66814
H  2.02196  2.97353  0.10882
O  0.06589  1.71134  2.18375
H  -0.09224  0.82537  2.55207
H  -2.18474  2.97065  1.21722
H  2.08854 -1.53733  0.00375
H  -2.14695 -1.27499 -0.14666
C  -0.11424 -2.97149  0.06083
C  0.79725 -3.74953  0.79978
C  -1.10370 -3.65277 -0.67292
C  0.73246 -5.14145  0.79485
C  -1.17282 -5.04446 -0.67378
C  -0.25436 -5.79902  0.05832
H  1.54783 -3.25072  1.40732
H  -1.81079 -3.08724 -1.27309
H  1.44545 -5.71411  1.38215
H  -1.94265 -5.54202 -1.25757
H  -0.31028 -6.88367  0.05894
H  6.08969  2.94717 -0.90921
H  -6.09021  3.11266 -0.57080
  
```

#### **TS(III-IV)c**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1321.05160050  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1320.722364  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1320.700544  
 Free Energy 298K = -1320.773313  
 Lowest Frequency = -1295.4450 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 32.0392 cm-1  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1320.86545055

```

P  1.34038  0.75828  0.57693
N  3.53641 -0.67696 -0.10155
C  0.43903  3.77321  0.47858
C  1.19574 -0.95656  0.17777
C  -0.03965 -1.61116  0.09355
C  -1.26531 -0.93964  0.09019
C  -1.31073  0.48044  0.03694
C  -0.25878  1.38543  0.12306
C  -0.44692  2.83463 -0.08620
C  -1.50659  3.33173 -0.87108
H  -2.18226  2.63648 -1.36071
C  2.47924 -1.54195 -0.14923
C  0.26697  5.14113  0.28039
H  0.96482  5.83980  0.73381
  
```

C -0.79928 5.61496 -0.48569  
 C -1.68395 4.69959 -1.06023  
 H -2.50811 5.05238 -1.67450  
 C 5.08122 -2.34111 -0.80355  
 C 4.78086 -1.03997 -0.43095  
 H 5.53777 -0.26209 -0.37613  
 C 4.02295 -3.26489 -0.85847  
 H 4.21733 -4.29157 -1.15602  
 C 2.73210 -2.87590 -0.54854  
 H 1.91231 -3.58207 -0.61692  
 H 2.90243 0.54059 0.11973  
 O 1.54208 0.98222 2.21466  
 H 0.74772 0.72393 2.71249  
 H 1.26069 3.42457 1.09987  
 H -0.06067 -2.69182 -0.04418  
 H -2.30241 0.91793 -0.07319  
 C -2.52708 -1.71527 0.05478  
 C -2.64061 -2.93248 0.75296  
 C -3.64791 -1.28088 -0.67783  
 C -3.81345 -3.68439 0.71361  
 C -4.82388 -2.02721 -0.71037  
 C -4.91484 -3.23561 -0.01673  
 H -1.80417 -3.27696 1.35550  
 H -3.58867 -0.36110 -1.25307  
 H -3.87196 -4.61678 1.26896  
 H -5.66952 -1.66904 -1.29148  
 H -5.83166 -3.81723 -0.04332  
 H 6.09984 -2.62640 -1.03967  
 H -0.93531 6.68144 -0.63931

#### **IV<sub>c</sub>**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1321.08910993  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1320.756100  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1320.734249  
 Free Energy 298K = -1320.807311  
 Lowest Frequency = 32.8960 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 37.7628 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1320.91027844

P 0.41746 1.49863 0.13189  
 N 3.19383 1.81968 0.13738  
 C -2.31833 3.06463 0.49262  
 C 1.50862 0.16068 -0.09769  
 C 1.02074 -1.14977 -0.07282  
 C -0.32490 -1.52097 0.03030  
 C -1.33924 -0.53984 0.06799  
 C -1.19657 0.84836 0.06291  
 C -2.35482 1.75928 -0.03682  
 C -3.53306 1.35485 -0.69715  
 H -3.57835 0.37146 -1.15581  
 C 2.91094 0.53531 -0.22253  
 C -3.41192 3.92095 0.37200  
 H -3.35620 4.92017 0.79508  
 C -4.57546 3.49730 -0.26958  
 C -4.62815 2.20679 -0.80223  
 H -5.52191 1.86772 -1.31897  
 C 5.51224 1.46618 -0.40021  
 C 4.45540 2.25952 0.03410  
 H 4.62107 3.29490 0.32514  
 C 5.23029 0.14603 -0.76731  
 H 6.02213 -0.50606 -1.12531  
 C 3.92758 -0.32259 -0.68959  
 H 3.68565 -1.33208 -1.00504  
 H 0.59915 2.49413 -0.84348  
 O 0.70964 2.33870 1.49687  
 H 1.66776 2.56306 1.43156  
 H -1.43762 3.40127 1.03189  
 H 1.75360 -1.95143 -0.14688  
 H -2.36355 -0.90473 0.12038  
 C -0.68863 -2.95762 0.08763  
 C 0.12051 -3.88375 0.77113  
 C -1.84782 -3.44690 -0.54211  
 C -0.20860 -5.23742 0.81574  
 C -2.18278 -4.79841 -0.49025  
 C -1.36394 -5.70390 0.18695

H 1.00352 -3.53170 1.29802  
 H -2.48084 -2.76391 -1.10220  
 H 0.43229 -5.92751 1.35802  
 H -3.08092 -5.14766 -0.99258  
 H -1.62410 -6.75761 0.22583  
 H 6.51864 1.86764 -0.45093  
 H -5.42876 4.16316 -0.35819

**TS(IV-V)<sub>c</sub>**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1397.53307554  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1397.181088  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1397.157779  
 Free Energy 298K = -1397.234342  
 Lowest Frequency = -1381.5218 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 25.5162 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1397.34770043

P -0.33724 -1.51082 0.44859  
 N -3.13480 -1.81052 -0.18954  
 C 2.43922 -3.01577 0.47624  
 C -1.48409 -0.13828 0.22590  
 C -0.94609 1.19389 0.07576  
 C 0.38547 1.53859 0.06435  
 C 1.41676 0.53502 0.00708  
 C 1.26936 -0.82778 0.07251  
 C 2.39662 -1.75565 -0.15226  
 C 3.45205 -1.41548 -1.02163  
 H 3.42012 -0.47007 -1.55580  
 C -2.78508 -0.52057 -0.38363  
 C 3.50171 -3.89027 0.25348  
 H 3.51514 -4.85376 0.75525  
 C 4.54735 -3.53018 -0.59685  
 C 4.51619 -2.28684 -1.23348  
 H 5.31590 -2.00287 -1.91208  
 C -5.19986 -1.42336 -1.36141  
 C -4.30480 -2.24074 -0.67352  
 H -4.53257 -3.29032 -0.49635  
 C -4.83427 -0.09340 -1.57507  
 H -5.48915 0.57749 -2.12442  
 C -3.61380 0.36661 -1.09333  
 H -3.30079 1.38853 -1.28026  
 H -0.58766 -2.50804 -0.50566  
 O -0.43770 -2.12450 1.85857  
 H 1.64896 -3.29395 1.16836  
 H -1.67286 2.00114 -0.00610  
 H 2.43402 0.90853 -0.10364  
 C 0.77648 2.97097 0.03594  
 C 0.05150 3.92948 0.76654  
 C 1.86834 3.42196 -0.72770  
 C 0.39211 5.28037 0.72532  
 C 2.21416 4.77137 -0.76452  
 C 1.47739 5.70968 -0.03977  
 H -0.77546 3.60466 1.39263  
 H 2.43761 2.71335 -1.32281  
 H -0.18289 5.99723 1.30519  
 H 3.05723 5.09214 -1.37031  
 H 1.74862 6.76089 -0.06745  
 H -6.14303 -1.81831 -1.72473  
 H 5.37483 -4.21237 -0.76859  
 H -1.30698 -1.35976 2.56696  
 O -2.02851 -0.53996 2.78811  
 H -1.57805 0.09389 3.37029  
 H -1.87141 -0.15440 1.62426

**V<sub>c</sub>**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1321.08074065  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1320.747148  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1320.725286  
 Free Energy 298K = -1320.799668  
 Lowest Frequency = 22.3661 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 27.2403 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1320.90972950

P -1.30845 0.39248 1.47329  
 N -1.42236 3.55642 0.50047

C -2.95870 -2.21625 0.74482  
 C -0.02567 1.68623 1.14799  
 C 1.32424 1.08876 0.87957  
 C 1.54042 -0.13301 0.33262  
 C 0.45044 -1.03245 -0.04916  
 C -0.85510 -0.92407 0.31341  
 C -1.88674 -1.89087 -0.10790  
 C -1.83196 -2.50101 -1.37517  
 H -1.03564 -2.23183 -2.06368  
 C -0.50843 2.66447 0.07867  
 C -3.92876 -3.13379 0.34703  
 H -4.74179 -3.38009 1.02391  
 C -3.85543 -3.73997 -0.90811  
 C -2.80303 -3.41791 -1.76809  
 H -2.74616 -3.87278 -2.75310  
 C -1.50031 4.47661 -1.72472  
 C -1.89838 4.43739 -0.38833  
 H -2.63213 5.14477 -0.00653  
 C -0.55968 3.54427 -2.15668  
 H -0.22144 3.53490 -3.18898  
 C -0.05386 2.62136 -1.24326  
 H 0.68509 1.88451 -1.54047  
 H -2.46951 0.95681 0.90018  
 O -1.45114 -0.03501 2.89637  
 H -3.00583 -1.77030 1.73524  
 H 2.18077 1.71837 1.11026  
 H 0.74416 -1.90765 -0.62748  
 C 2.93214 -0.60168 0.08606  
 C 3.94074 -0.37377 1.03638  
 C 3.27642 -1.26963 -1.10074  
 C 5.25124 -0.78543 0.80186  
 C 4.58819 -1.67785 -1.33736  
 C 5.58144 -1.43765 -0.38718  
 H 3.68444 0.10679 1.97627  
 H 2.51877 -1.45101 -1.85835  
 H 6.01323 -0.60796 1.55546  
 H 4.83447 -2.18244 -2.26734  
 H 6.60170 -1.76273 -0.56824  
 H -1.91697 5.21587 -2.40159  
 H -4.61482 -4.45225 -1.21719  
 H -0.00125 2.25230 2.08787

## II<sub>H</sub>

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1797.05907854  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1796.546783  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1796.509430  
 Free Energy 298K = -1796.622652  
 Lowest Frequency = 13.0239 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 16.2154 cm-1  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1796.79813566

P 0.02083 -1.59254 -0.35513  
 N 2.70472 2.82558 -0.54121  
 N -2.88869 -2.11535 0.33677  
 N 2.83363 -2.45892 0.28773  
 N -3.24101 1.57972 0.75932  
 C -1.28248 -0.42390 -0.28867  
 C -1.09535 0.97010 -0.19473  
 C 0.18309 1.53541 -0.11845  
 H 0.25328 2.61091 0.01255  
 C 1.39540 0.83325 -0.12269  
 C 1.44082 -0.56676 -0.25691  
 C 2.71494 -1.31792 -0.41824  
 C 3.70300 -0.91449 -1.33352  
 H 3.56965 -0.00728 -1.91404  
 C 2.61924 1.65637 0.12017  
 C 3.58939 1.26917 1.05842  
 H 3.47842 0.33730 1.60290  
 C -2.62529 -1.04775 -0.43944  
 C -3.32224 4.00679 -0.61071  
 H -3.34778 4.94678 -1.15773  
 C 3.93515 -3.19989 0.11482  
 H 3.98690 -4.11072 0.71142  
 C 4.98021 -2.88204 -0.75860  
 C 4.83412 -1.70178 -1.49967

H 5.60141 -1.40499 -2.21149  
 C -4.36205 3.67300 0.26471  
 C -2.24404 1.91831 -0.07729  
 C 4.67301 2.10413 1.29655  
 H 5.42433 1.82123 2.03047  
 C -5.03314 -2.39757 -0.75138  
 C -4.05898 -2.75231 0.18336  
 H -4.21885 -3.59479 0.85480  
 C -2.25558 3.13213 -0.78319  
 H -1.44532 3.37526 -1.46408  
 C 4.25344 2.43843 0.91652  
 H -5.03279 2.12443 1.61114  
 C -4.73617 -1.30275 -1.57460  
 H -5.44393 -0.98569 -2.33759  
 C 6.18819 -3.77308 -0.89583  
 H 6.30955 -4.12008 -1.92833  
 H 6.10122 -4.65250 -0.25163  
 H 7.10710 -3.24208 -0.62133  
 C 3.76390 3.61006 -0.30397  
 H 3.79493 4.54251 -0.86810  
 C 4.79053 3.31249 0.59798  
 C -3.53591 -0.62501 -1.42157  
 H -3.29191 0.21806 -2.05976  
 C -6.32715 -3.16205 -0.86525  
 H -7.18816 -2.51649 -0.65637  
 H -6.35218 -3.99637 -0.15901  
 H -6.46121 -3.56709 -1.87482  
 C -5.53834 4.58527 0.50203  
 H -5.21823 5.53888 0.93759  
 H -6.25758 4.12693 1.18650  
 H -6.05903 4.81427 -0.43469  
 C 5.94916 4.25343 0.80816  
 H 6.02569 4.55973 1.85755  
 H 5.83759 5.15505 0.19931  
 H 6.89956 3.77863 0.53822  
 H -2.10129 -2.92141 1.93114  
 O -1.98950 -3.46310 2.74398  
 C -0.85316 -4.30369 2.57099  
 H -0.97394 -5.00030 1.72697  
 H 0.07035 -3.72864 2.41250  
 H -0.74576 -4.88997 3.48864

#### **TS(II-III)<sub>H</sub>**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1797.03781022  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1796.529187  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1796.493439  
 Free Energy 298K = -1796.599109  
 Lowest Frequency = -985.0112 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 17.6349 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1796.76990084

P 0.02265 -1.68255 -0.20643  
 N 2.53913 2.87184 -0.55374  
 N -2.73676 -2.24604 0.60864  
 N 2.76964 -2.48688 0.16174  
 N -3.40017 1.48182 0.60312  
 C -1.34258 -0.52388 -0.26177  
 C -1.20439 0.87379 -0.26504  
 C 0.04604 1.50485 -0.18975  
 H 0.06983 2.58487 -0.09376  
 C 1.27671 0.83867 -0.12901  
 C 1.39859 -0.56088 -0.21749  
 C 2.67563 -1.26422 -0.41146  
 C 3.71482 -0.77395 -1.23098  
 H 3.60764 0.18494 -1.72695  
 C 2.45898 1.71552 0.13168  
 C 3.40151 1.38298 1.11969  
 H 3.29627 0.45599 1.67360  
 C -2.63806 -1.20458 -0.26167  
 C -3.49722 3.81539 -0.91933  
 H -3.52793 4.71822 -1.52576  
 C 3.87549 -3.21258 -0.04778  
 H 3.89439 -4.19130 0.43375  
 C 4.96617 -2.80079 -0.81642  
 C 4.85358 -1.53985 -1.42288

H 5.65391 -1.16841 -2.05998  
 C -4.55188 3.51629 -0.04788  
 C -2.38510 1.78741 -0.22772  
 C 4.44444 2.25821 1.38793  
 H 5.17212 2.01592 2.15964  
 C -4.94010 -2.82067 -0.13217  
 C -3.83221 -3.02437 0.67524  
 H -3.79943 -3.82609 1.40826  
 C -2.41046 2.95498 -1.01072  
 H -1.58693 3.16969 -1.68460  
 C 4.43435 2.32720 0.67990  
 H -5.22600 2.04039 1.37322  
 C -4.85665 -1.75316 -1.04995  
 H -5.68801 -1.56293 -1.72510  
 C 6.18417 -3.67202 -0.98979  
 H 6.38019 -3.87819 -2.04860  
 H 6.05511 -4.63052 -0.47824  
 H 7.08173 -3.19156 -0.58181  
 C 3.56051 3.69621 -0.28635  
 H 3.58859 4.61602 -0.87184  
 C 4.55337 3.45544 0.66802  
 C -3.72903 -0.95655 -1.11624  
 H -3.66015 -0.15096 -1.83773  
 C -6.16027 -3.69919 -0.03523  
 H -7.04675 -3.11594 0.23907  
 H -6.02471 -4.48079 0.71728  
 H -6.37384 -4.18543 -0.99386  
 C -5.74955 4.41861 0.10744  
 H -5.45872 5.39905 0.50236  
 H -6.48140 3.98354 0.79414  
 H -6.24644 4.59052 -0.85420  
 C 5.66966 4.43997 0.90747  
 H 5.68532 4.77740 1.95024  
 H 5.55844 5.32102 0.26876  
 H 6.64766 3.99156 0.69676  
 H -1.68596 -2.36755 1.27358  
 O -0.47886 -2.24259 1.68035  
 C 0.09586 -3.48679 2.10187  
 H -0.52997 -3.91766 2.89342  
 H 0.17040 -4.19506 1.26524  
 H 1.10080 -3.30492 2.49069

### III<sub>H</sub>

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1797.05215556  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1796.538172  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1796.502348  
 Free Energy 298K = -1796.608168  
 Lowest Frequency = 16.7947 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 22.0190 cm-1  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1796.79144987

P 0.00943 -1.67190 0.84916  
 H -1.80039 -3.11039 0.64208  
 O -0.04452 -1.49998 2.50746  
 N 2.28209 2.59780 -1.12165  
 N -2.60477 -2.74919 0.11497  
 N 2.89023 -2.38982 0.89094  
 N -3.47666 1.29632 0.91207  
 C -1.36984 -0.67872 0.19743  
 C -1.26795 0.74771 0.06160  
 C -0.03883 1.38237 0.01315  
 H -0.01802 2.46605 -0.02746  
 C 1.22805 0.72731 0.01186  
 C 1.38138 -0.63048 0.26509  
 C 2.63017 -1.37927 0.03217  
 C 3.47142 -1.13851 -1.07350  
 H 3.22131 -0.35840 -1.78499  
 C 2.39774 1.63864 -0.18251  
 C 3.53295 1.55858 0.64271  
 H 3.58711 0.79539 1.41198  
 C -2.49653 -1.41611 -0.24354  
 C -3.64075 3.62773 -0.60883  
 H -3.69982 4.52723 -1.21833  
 C 3.98406 -3.13227 0.69454  
 H 4.14745 -3.93126 1.41918

C 4.89367 -2.95407 -0.35350  
 C 4.59969 -1.92419 -1.25813  
 H 5.24750 -1.74888 -2.11492  
 C -4.68659 3.29834 0.26290  
 C -2.46578 1.63359 0.08390  
 C 4.56571 2.46986 0.47324  
 H 5.44335 2.42164 1.11443  
 C -4.59876 -3.18320 -1.10960  
 C -3.57694 -3.60332 -0.29812  
 H -3.48665 -4.62112 0.06617  
 C -2.53004 2.79928 -0.70240  
 H -1.72056 3.03330 -1.38671  
 C -4.53459 2.11091 0.98770  
 H -5.32057 1.79783 1.67629  
 C -4.54161 -1.81970 -1.52280  
 H -5.30455 -1.44415 -2.20101  
 C 6.10544 -3.83805 -0.50385  
 H 6.13348 -4.59933 0.28134  
 H 7.03374 -3.25734 -0.44296  
 H 6.10780 -4.35167 -1.47249  
 C 3.29552 3.46000 -1.27550  
 H 3.15999 4.21183 -2.05397  
 C 4.47085 3.45537 -0.51835  
 C -3.54079 -0.97607 -1.11593  
 H -3.50602 0.03916 -1.48640  
 C -5.70259 -4.10634 -1.55083  
 H -5.55114 -5.11739 -1.16255  
 H -5.75389 -4.16835 -2.64423  
 H -6.67955 -3.75341 -1.19946  
 C -5.91130 4.16363 0.41675  
 H -5.65279 5.14863 0.82308  
 H -6.63523 3.70085 1.09371  
 H -6.40603 4.33020 -0.54699  
 C 5.56300 4.46724 -0.75442  
 H 5.76538 5.05214 0.15024  
 H 5.28679 5.16299 -1.55200  
 H 6.50159 3.97913 -1.04188  
 C -0.08811 -0.21380 3.14803  
 H -0.02461 -0.39810 4.22372  
 H 0.75784 0.40703 2.83284  
 H -1.02684 0.30029 2.91430

#### TS(III-IV)<sub>H</sub>

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1797.03450004  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1796.525866  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1796.490300  
 Free Energy 298K = -1796.595671  
 Lowest Frequency = -1272.3392 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 18.0630 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1796.76195068

P -0.02194 -1.51168 0.86804  
 H -0.99492 -2.78855 0.52283  
 O -0.02114 -1.52690 2.51423  
 N 2.27891 2.72269 -0.99540  
 N -2.31167 -2.76292 0.16917  
 N 2.66968 -2.51762 0.63578  
 N -3.52534 1.48262 0.84104  
 C -1.40991 -0.56930 0.27086  
 C -1.31185 0.83145 0.08760  
 C -0.06377 1.46346 0.04237  
 H -0.03976 2.54590 -0.02145  
 C 1.18917 0.80982 0.03570  
 C 1.35042 -0.57341 0.23768  
 C 2.54787 -1.36514 -0.06432  
 C 3.47915 -1.03867 -1.07271  
 H 3.34095 -0.14728 -1.67471  
 C 2.36902 1.71745 -0.10310  
 C 3.49247 1.58148 0.73127  
 H 3.52849 0.77746 1.45909  
 C -2.50189 -1.44147 -0.12377  
 C -3.63835 3.64850 -0.91389  
 H -3.67680 4.48292 -1.61115  
 C 3.70910 -3.31862 0.38642  
 H 3.75269 -4.23265 0.98013

C 4.70423 -3.06128 -0.56244  
 C 4.55274 -1.88400 -1.30948  
 H 5.26931 -1.63929 -2.09117  
 C -4.70046 3.41998 -0.03056  
 C -2.50128 1.72287 -0.00396  
 C 4.53672 2.48914 0.62444  
 H 5.40507 2.39703 1.27344  
 C -4.33910 -3.45979 -0.88968  
 C -3.16386 -3.72706 -0.20124  
 H -2.88421 -4.74082 0.07835  
 C -2.53570 2.80320 -0.90346  
 H -1.70874 2.95965 -1.58895  
 C -4.57393 2.31234 0.81634  
 H -5.37298 2.08156 1.52202  
 C -4.55936 -2.10571 -1.22165  
 H -5.44791 -1.83512 -1.78839  
 C 5.85538 -4.01051 -0.77610  
 H 5.74958 -4.90045 -0.14865  
 H 6.81407 -3.53822 -0.52943  
 H 5.91522 -4.33824 -1.82053  
 C 3.30170 3.58238 -1.08736  
 H 3.18539 4.37413 -1.82837  
 C 4.46538 3.52716 -0.31406  
 C -3.66756 -1.11451 -0.86078  
 H -3.84975 -0.09005 -1.15445  
 C -5.30997 -4.55002 -1.26124  
 H -4.92211 -5.53344 -0.98037  
 H -5.50471 -4.55899 -2.33990  
 H -6.27482 -4.41406 -0.75792  
 C -5.91691 4.30925 0.01465  
 H -5.65187 5.32838 0.31986  
 H -6.65537 3.92710 0.72530  
 H -6.39614 4.37936 -0.96847  
 C 5.57034 4.53879 -0.48110  
 H 5.76321 5.07473 0.45540  
 H 5.31327 5.27702 -1.24617  
 H 6.50906 4.05688 -0.77836  
 C -0.00469 -0.29002 3.25685  
 H 0.03445 -0.56577 4.31260  
 H 0.87806 0.30378 2.99735  
 H -0.91212 0.28776 3.05391

#### **IV<sub>H</sub>**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1797.06756010  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1796.555473  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1796.519517  
 Free Energy 298K = -1796.626374  
 Lowest Frequency = 18.7338 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 24.5654 cm-1  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1796.80400456

P -0.00436 -1.53074 0.62569  
 H 0.01609 -2.80237 0.07025  
 O -0.03108 -1.95503 2.18969  
 N 2.43675 2.76443 -0.80499  
 N -2.62403 -2.58949 0.40743  
 N 2.66163 -2.61837 0.41689  
 N -3.39572 1.51095 0.78878  
 C -1.38084 -0.58720 0.09750  
 C -1.22000 0.80985 -0.02903  
 C 0.03305 1.44461 -0.02293  
 H 0.05391 2.52857 -0.03416  
 C 1.27391 0.79113 0.00046  
 C 1.39811 -0.61198 0.12213  
 C 2.58851 -1.41047 -0.19015  
 C 3.56053 -1.02443 -1.13843  
 H 3.45914 -0.08672 -1.67339  
 C 2.47154 1.68210 -0.00381  
 C 3.55356 1.45005 0.86329  
 H 3.54464 0.58382 1.51674  
 C -2.59227 -1.36854 -0.17477  
 C -3.52885 3.65469 -0.99212  
 H -3.57363 4.48271 -1.69649  
 C 3.69273 -3.42198 0.13488  
 H 3.69363 -4.38343 0.64955

C 4.72819 -3.10808 -0.74959  
 C 4.62631 -1.87021 -1.40262  
 H 5.37634 -1.57836 -2.13509  
 C -4.56937 3.45053 -0.07836  
 C -2.39951 1.72252 -0.09318  
 C 4.61419 2.34463 0.88576  
 H 5.45089 2.17819 1.56094  
 C -4.75204 -3.06938 -0.64164  
 C -3.66625 -3.39371 0.17525  
 H -3.63240 -4.36378 0.67231  
 C -2.43784 2.79352 -1.00120  
 H -1.62434 2.93263 -1.70648  
 C -4.43231 2.35548 0.78346  
 H -5.21105 2.14915 1.51853  
 C -4.69309 -1.81860 -1.27470  
 H -5.48773 -1.51529 -1.95356  
 C 5.87221 -4.05790 -0.99587  
 H 5.72141 -4.99915 -0.45920  
 H 6.82543 -3.63035 -0.66188  
 H 5.97689 -4.28911 -2.06223  
 C 3.47358 3.61093 -0.77171  
 H 3.40229 4.46846 -1.44173  
 C 4.59994 3.46488 0.04430  
 C -3.62004 -0.97020 -1.05435  
 H -3.56464 -0.01781 -1.56858  
 C -5.90588 -4.01900 -0.83715  
 H -5.71755 -4.97196 -0.33390  
 H -6.07847 -4.22545 -1.89980  
 H -6.83696 -3.60435 -0.43192  
 C -5.77417 4.35446 -0.01408  
 H -5.48761 5.37956 0.24833  
 H -6.48838 4.00222 0.73565  
 H -6.29041 4.39874 -0.97982  
 C 5.72543 4.46720 0.01876  
 H 5.88519 4.91028 1.00847  
 H 5.51224 5.27772 -0.68404  
 H 6.66911 3.99787 -0.28284  
 C -0.23525 -0.93287 3.19189  
 H -0.33102 -1.46091 4.14099  
 H 0.62486 -0.25631 3.22818  
 H -1.14884 -0.36798 2.98364

### I<sub>3</sub>

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1459.72308905  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1459.323139  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1459.297829  
 Free Energy 298K = -1459.379409  
 Lowest Frequency = 18.9496 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 37.8316 cm-1  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1459.52662774

P 0.00001 -1.86468 0.05469  
 C -2.56230 2.62102 0.77021  
 C 2.98417 -2.54514 -0.77298  
 C -2.98418 -2.54524 -0.77269  
 C 3.42706 1.34996 -1.08762  
 C 1.37733 -0.78122 0.00939  
 C 1.25610 0.62434 -0.01743  
 C 0.00001 1.24987 -0.02383  
 H -0.00000 2.33370 -0.10447  
 C -1.25607 0.62433 -0.01743  
 C -1.37734 -0.78123 0.00944  
 C -2.69205 -1.47632 0.09098  
 C -3.63830 -1.13676 1.07387  
 H -3.42377 -0.32624 1.76329  
 C -2.44192 1.52932 -0.10397  
 C -3.42702 1.34979 -1.08771  
 H -3.34499 0.51733 -1.77944  
 C 2.69204 -1.47635 0.09085  
 C 3.63982 3.50113 0.67302  
 H 3.72004 4.33346 1.36667  
 C -4.18777 -3.24228 -0.66875  
 H -4.39634 -4.05988 -1.35304  
 C -5.11893 -2.89135 0.30854  
 C -4.83625 -1.83820 1.18166

H -5.55046 -1.56429 1.95316  
 C 4.61134 3.31207 -0.31020  
 C 2.44195 1.52934 -0.10389  
 C -4.49750 2.23540 -1.19247  
 H -5.24429 2.08508 -1.96697  
 C 5.11888 -2.89146 0.30824  
 C 4.18774 -3.24221 -0.66912  
 H 4.39633 -4.05971 -1.35354  
 C 2.56232 2.62093 0.77046  
 H 1.81218 2.76889 1.54297  
 C 4.49753 2.23559 -1.19224  
 H 5.24433 2.08537 -1.96676  
 C 4.83619 -1.83845 1.18154  
 H 5.55039 -1.56469 1.95311  
 C -3.63981 3.50119 0.67264  
 H -3.72004 4.33363 1.36617  
 C -4.61132 3.31200 -0.31057  
 C 3.63825 -1.13697 1.07383  
 H 3.42371 -0.32656 1.76338  
 H 5.44951 3.99823 -0.39016  
 H 6.05561 -3.43484 0.39215  
 H -2.26204 -2.81917 -1.53711  
 H -6.05567 -3.43470 0.39251  
 H -5.44949 3.99814 -0.39063  
 H 3.34505 0.51762 -1.77948  
 H 2.26202 -2.81894 -1.53745  
 H -1.81217 2.76911 1.54269

**II<sub>3</sub>**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1536.19617970  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1535.773617  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1535.744176  
 Free Energy 298K = -1535.837267  
 Lowest Frequency = 16.4919 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 17.7911 cm-1  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1535.99417278

P 0.00005 -1.61537 -0.24518  
 H 0.00123 -3.95245 0.73193  
 O 0.00326 -4.72313 1.33033  
 C 2.56878 2.89322 -0.67025  
 C -2.97273 -2.37169 0.55208  
 C 2.97311 -2.37093 0.55189  
 C -3.41912 1.50593 1.11140  
 C -1.38320 -0.55092 -0.12756  
 H 0.01013 -5.48319 0.73127  
 C -1.25800 0.85039 -0.01739  
 C -0.00034 1.47247 0.02358  
 H -0.00048 2.54953 0.16883  
 C 1.25748 0.85071 -0.01740  
 C 1.38301 -0.55058 -0.12760  
 C 2.69533 -1.24489 -0.24162  
 C 3.65237 -0.84298 -1.19017  
 H 3.44801 0.01323 -1.82528  
 C 2.44187 1.74892 0.13265  
 C 3.41848 1.50675 1.11136  
 H 3.33028 0.63288 1.74909  
 C -2.69533 -1.24558 -0.24147  
 C -3.64723 3.76350 -0.50879  
 H -3.73363 4.63780 -1.14786  
 C 4.17519 -3.06450 0.41149  
 H 4.37147 -3.92760 1.04108  
 C 5.11773 -2.65199 -0.53002  
 C 4.84865 -1.54079 -1.33293  
 H 5.57204 -1.21839 -2.07661  
 C -4.61045 3.51174 0.46853  
 C -2.44261 1.74832 0.13265  
 C 4.48809 2.38327 1.28034  
 H 5.22820 2.18421 2.05016  
 C -5.11730 -2.65347 -0.52968  
 C -4.17459 -3.06566 0.41178  
 H -4.37053 -3.92883 1.04138  
 C -2.56985 2.89253 -0.67032  
 H -1.82600 3.08983 -1.43789  
 C -4.48896 2.38218 1.28037

H -5.22899 2.18297 2.05022  
 C -4.84863 -1.54219 -1.33263  
 H -5.57218 -1.22004 -2.07626  
 C 3.64594 3.76446 -0.50871  
 H 3.73209 4.63882 -1.14775  
 C 4.60926 3.51290 0.46856  
 C -3.65257 -0.84399 -1.18996  
 H -3.44852 0.01227 -1.82512  
 H -3.33067 0.63211 1.74917  
 H -5.44818 4.19073 0.59833  
 H -6.05281 -3.19415 -0.64064  
 H -2.24559 -2.69870 1.29031  
 H 2.24610 -2.69828 1.29010  
 H 6.05341 -3.19236 -0.64102  
 H 1.82486 3.09037 -1.43779  
 H 5.44682 4.19211 0.59837

**TS(OA)<sub>3</sub>**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1536.11592406  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1535.697301  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1535.669531  
 Free Energy 298K = -1535.756027  
 Lowest Frequency = -1243.5391 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 19.3897 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1535.89880072

P -0.00297 -1.64569 0.07380  
 H -0.05072 -3.06097 0.49313  
 O 0.22981 -2.80514 1.94513  
 C 2.49626 2.76947 -0.76270  
 C -3.04959 -2.54577 0.44492  
 C 3.10301 -2.41961 0.62009  
 C -3.47229 1.39725 1.10722  
 C -1.42459 -0.66858 0.00118  
 H -0.57387 -2.75007 2.49118  
 C -1.27198 0.73870 0.06735  
 C -0.01736 1.36374 0.09897  
 H -0.01742 2.44236 0.22030  
 C 1.24486 0.74353 0.04041  
 C 1.41389 -0.65621 -0.00057  
 C 2.71636 -1.34731 -0.20232  
 C 3.56229 -0.96996 -1.26055  
 H 3.26731 -0.15582 -1.91525  
 C 2.42643 1.65558 0.08847  
 C 3.45742 1.45740 1.02016  
 H 3.41161 0.60725 1.69332  
 C -2.71230 -1.36831 -0.24457  
 C -3.63599 3.65528 -0.51919  
 H -3.69751 4.52987 -1.16073  
 C 4.30962 -3.08313 0.39354  
 H 4.59626 -3.90552 1.04306  
 C 5.14526 -2.69477 -0.65338  
 C 4.76453 -1.63611 -1.48148  
 H 5.40276 -1.33205 -2.30646  
 C -4.63493 3.40539 0.42226  
 C -2.45932 1.63820 0.16542  
 C 4.52486 2.34919 1.09749  
 H 5.30812 2.18581 1.83218  
 C -5.10829 -2.75050 -0.80728  
 C -4.23407 -3.22844 0.16780  
 H -4.47236 -4.13335 0.71947  
 C -2.55536 2.78238 -0.64220  
 H -1.78397 2.97696 -1.38233  
 C -4.54579 2.27519 1.23760  
 H -5.31377 2.07766 1.98002  
 C -4.78178 -1.58752 -1.50928  
 H -5.44775 -1.21284 -2.28151  
 C 3.57139 3.65494 -0.69306  
 H 3.61368 4.50526 -1.36794  
 C 4.58912 3.44840 0.23872  
 C -3.59942 -0.90682 -1.23518  
 H -3.34955 -0.01451 -1.79957  
 H -3.40721 0.52337 1.74792  
 H -5.47536 4.08617 0.52166  
 H -6.03132 -3.28028 -1.02353

H -2.38226 -2.92949 1.21100  
 H 2.45791 -2.71855 1.44132  
 H 6.08376 -3.21356 -0.82687  
 H 1.70892 2.93020 -1.49424  
 H 5.42531 4.13917 0.29691

**III<sub>3</sub>**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1536.19953015  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1535.775671  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1535.748559  
 Free Energy 298K = -1535.833359  
 Lowest Frequency = 22.7707 cm-1  
 Second Frequency = 32.8210 cm-1  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1535.99574900

P 0.00005 -1.60048 0.51396  
 H 0.00012 -2.80883 -0.18990  
 O -0.00002 -2.33981 1.99609  
 C 2.49511 2.77152 -0.70980  
 C -3.04031 -2.54114 0.54127  
 C 3.04004 -2.54144 0.54087  
 C -3.52297 1.43334 1.01213  
 C -1.40743 -0.65026 0.17073  
 H -0.00090 -1.68452 2.71461  
 C -1.25329 0.75666 0.14472  
 C 0.00005 1.39219 0.18052  
 H 0.00003 2.47322 0.27186  
 C 1.25339 0.75669 0.14481  
 C 1.40751 -0.65024 0.17071  
 C 2.65447 -1.38242 -0.16008  
 C 3.45391 -0.97820 -1.24800  
 H 3.16441 -0.10390 -1.82186  
 C 2.44715 1.65189 0.13645  
 C 3.52306 1.43326 1.01231  
 H 3.49898 0.57678 1.67901  
 C -2.65448 -1.38237 -0.15995  
 C -3.58497 3.64092 -0.68662  
 H -3.60650 4.49557 -1.35721  
 C 4.17971 -3.25882 0.17525  
 H 4.45532 -4.14714 0.73703  
 C 4.96671 -2.83521 -0.89472  
 C 4.59508 -1.68985 -1.60409  
 H 5.19165 -1.35558 -2.44852  
 C -4.64549 3.41301 0.19108  
 C -2.44706 1.65187 0.13627  
 C 4.60750 2.30681 1.04308  
 H 5.42472 2.12467 1.73543  
 C -4.96697 -2.83488 -0.89435  
 C -4.18011 -3.25838 0.17577  
 H -4.45593 -4.14651 0.73776  
 C -2.49498 2.77142 -0.71010  
 H -1.67646 2.94745 -1.40247  
 C -4.60741 2.30691 1.04278  
 H -5.42465 2.12484 1.73513  
 C -4.59507 -1.68978 -1.60399  
 H -5.19153 -1.35560 -2.44854  
 C 3.58511 3.64102 -0.68620  
 H 3.60666 4.49574 -1.35670  
 C 4.64560 3.41301 0.19150  
 C -3.45378 -0.97826 -1.24801  
 H -3.16408 -0.10416 -1.82205  
 H -3.49893 0.57693 1.67892  
 H -5.49397 4.09086 0.21215  
 H -5.85661 -3.39047 -1.17615  
 H -2.45183 -2.87320 1.39199  
 H 2.45146 -2.87357 1.39150  
 H 5.85626 -3.39091 -1.17662  
 H 1.67663 2.94764 -1.40219  
 H 5.49409 4.09086 0.21266

**I<sub>2c</sub>**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1108.14722052  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1107.875528  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1107.856455  
 Free Energy 298K = -1107.924091

Lowest Frequency = 32.7462 cm-1  
Second Frequency = 38.0220 cm-1  
SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1107.99626629

P -0.00000 -0.25923 0.04919  
N 2.80699 -1.03340 -0.41267  
N -2.80700 -1.03336 -0.41273  
C 1.35197 0.85888 -0.11359  
C 1.22368 2.23702 -0.31645  
C -0.00000 2.89554 -0.41680  
H 0.00000 3.96596 -0.60401  
C -1.22369 2.23704 -0.31636  
C -1.35197 0.85889 -0.11357  
C -2.70185 0.25198 -0.01999  
C -3.81571 0.95320 0.47470  
H -3.71059 1.97371 0.82956  
C 2.70186 0.25199 -0.02003  
C -4.00008 -1.62888 -0.33934  
H -4.02928 -2.66760 -0.66951  
C -5.17205 -1.01316 0.11644  
C -5.04899 0.31674 0.53604  
H -5.91550 0.85028 0.92097  
C 5.17207 -1.01313 0.11646  
C 4.00007 -1.62890 -0.33925  
H 4.02931 -2.66764 -0.66934  
C 5.04902 0.31679 0.53594  
H 5.91553 0.85038 0.92079  
C -6.48561 -1.75124 0.15242  
H -6.92071 -1.73934 1.15810  
H -6.35657 -2.79462 -0.14881  
H -7.21698 -1.29325 -0.52391  
C 3.81572 0.95324 0.47458  
H 3.71061 1.97378 0.82935  
C 6.48559 -1.75128 0.15250  
H 7.21727 -1.29286 -0.52321  
H 6.35663 -2.79445 -0.14947  
H 6.92026 -1.74008 1.15838  
H 2.12853 2.83156 -0.43565  
H -2.12854 2.83161 -0.43543

**II<sub>2c</sub>**  
SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1184.62581828  
Enthalpy 0K = -1184.330284  
Enthalpy 298K = -1184.307817  
Free Energy 298K = -1184.384102  
Lowest Frequency = 20.0067 cm-1  
Second Frequency = 29.3187 cm-1  
SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1184.47048275

P 0.07863 -0.03495 -0.20148  
N -2.76620 -0.83370 0.19070  
N 2.84361 -0.93693 0.13481  
C -1.26245 1.05306 0.13605  
C -1.11857 2.38219 0.54829  
C 0.11379 3.00005 0.75023  
H 0.12681 4.02900 1.09897  
C 1.33051 2.34844 0.55697  
C 1.44532 1.01668 0.14592  
C 2.78303 0.40078 -0.02426  
C 3.92769 1.14492 -0.35775  
H 3.85992 2.21509 -0.52623  
C -2.61927 0.48571 -0.04938  
C 4.02264 -1.54615 -0.01399  
H 4.01623 -2.62713 0.12649  
C 5.22269 -0.89405 -0.32319  
C 5.14569 0.49227 -0.50135  
H 6.03650 1.05939 -0.76262  
C -5.11102 -0.70411 -0.39527  
C -3.96787 -1.39561 0.01807  
H -4.01944 -2.46251 0.23132  
C -4.95011 0.66331 -0.65039  
H -5.79527 1.25769 -0.99061  
C 6.51779 -1.65286 -0.45671  
H 6.98486 -1.47244 -1.43136  
H 6.35374 -2.72900 -0.35285

H 7.23771 -1.34598 0.31106  
 C -3.70782 1.26137 -0.48312  
 H -3.57222 2.31387 -0.71072  
 C -6.43609 -1.40351 -0.55575  
 H -7.18549 -0.99316 0.13092  
 H -6.34153 -2.47337 -0.35165  
 H -6.82612 -1.28415 -1.57281  
 H -1.57557 -2.15122 1.04704  
 O -1.12803 -2.91399 1.47529  
 H -0.23716 -2.88865 1.09802  
 H -2.01642 2.96210 0.75755  
 H 2.24066 2.90614 0.77269

#### **TS(II-III)<sub>2c</sub>**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1184.60247708  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1184.309810  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1184.289420  
 Free Energy 298K = -1184.358303  
 Lowest Frequency = -1099.8978 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 32.1207 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1184.43684774

P 0.05269 -0.02693 -0.41185  
 N -2.66292 -0.86501 0.25705  
 N 2.67011 -0.96115 0.02392  
 C -1.32678 1.08007 -0.10453  
 C -1.19459 2.43317 0.22280  
 C 0.02365 3.07543 0.43130  
 H 0.02479 4.12316 0.71452  
 C 1.24398 2.39431 0.35457  
 C 1.40061 1.05170 0.01722  
 C 2.70652 0.39289 -0.03976  
 C 3.93687 1.06878 -0.17420  
 H 3.96071 2.15058 -0.26050  
 C -2.62990 0.44518 -0.13409  
 C 3.81947 -1.64210 -0.04589  
 H 3.72886 -2.72807 0.00066  
 C 5.08451 -1.06018 -0.15798  
 C 5.11543 0.34153 -0.22345  
 H 6.06663 0.85981 -0.32777  
 C -5.02786 -1.03437 -0.12086  
 C -3.80649 -1.57248 0.25604  
 H -3.72242 -2.60463 0.58798  
 C -5.01847 0.32245 -0.50983  
 H -5.94652 0.79519 -0.82363  
 C 6.33739 -1.89695 -0.20563  
 H 6.91222 -1.70362 -1.11894  
 H 6.09604 -2.96371 -0.17942  
 H 6.99601 -1.68058 0.64412  
 C -3.84463 1.05179 -0.51874  
 H -3.83735 2.08394 -0.85208  
 C -6.29117 -1.85513 -0.10994  
 H -7.04931 -1.40829 0.54331  
 H -6.09724 -2.87143 0.24388  
 H -6.72650 -1.92488 -1.11358  
 H -1.53455 -1.22745 0.78431  
 O -0.38128 -1.16224 1.21788  
 H 0.12934 -1.96858 1.03319  
 H -2.10527 3.01217 0.38009  
 H 2.14297 2.96486 0.58960

#### **III<sub>2c</sub>**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1184.61735113  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1184.320003  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1184.299012  
 Free Energy 298K = -1184.369923  
 Lowest Frequency = 22.3637 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 41.6154 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1184.45801385

P 0.02822 -0.15024 0.50241  
 H -1.86224 -1.49640 0.27665  
 O 0.08480 -0.14669 2.18539  
 N -2.75372 -1.01562 0.09929  
 N 2.77675 -0.96633 0.31832

C -1.37637 0.96940 0.13725  
 H 0.21414 0.75163 2.53266  
 C -1.23122 2.37799 0.05948  
 C -0.01263 3.01713 -0.01275  
 H 0.01005 4.10151 -0.06571  
 C 1.22071 2.31818 -0.09585  
 C 1.39042 0.95629 0.02688  
 C 2.69633 0.30487 -0.13447  
 C 3.81779 0.92400 -0.72618  
 H 3.74525 1.93055 -1.12614  
 C -2.64152 0.35904 -0.03665  
 C 3.93719 -1.61868 0.21549  
 H 3.93923 -2.64035 0.59802  
 C 5.10689 -1.08377 -0.33369  
 C 5.01448 0.22992 -0.81643  
 H 5.88060 0.70364 -1.27464  
 C -5.08206 -1.12365 -0.38597  
 C -3.89291 -1.73320 -0.07974  
 H -3.79178 -2.80570 0.04854  
 C -5.03548 0.29643 -0.52815  
 H -5.94904 0.82843 -0.78370  
 C 6.38278 -1.88269 -0.40747  
 H 6.23792 -2.88781 -0.00054  
 H 7.18856 -1.40268 0.16082  
 H 6.73202 -1.98464 -1.44184  
 C -3.87346 1.00521 -0.36859  
 H -3.87182 2.07845 -0.51236  
 C -6.35892 -1.90058 -0.56242  
 H -6.19048 -2.97268 -0.42852  
 H -6.78104 -1.74748 -1.56265  
 H -7.11906 -1.58573 0.16248  
 H -2.12314 3.00438 0.04387  
 H 2.10570 2.93018 -0.27392

#### **TS(III-IV)<sub>2c</sub>**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1184.59896609  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1184.307044  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1184.286412  
 Free Energy 298K = -1184.356248  
 Lowest Frequency = -1315.1299 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 27.9982 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1184.42858933

P -0.04366 0.11659 0.58997  
 H -1.17481 -1.06655 0.32619  
 O 0.07866 0.02319 2.24517  
 N -2.52496 -0.90692 0.18856  
 N 2.55120 -0.96397 0.22870  
 C -1.40580 1.18373 0.15793  
 H 0.32939 0.88018 2.62828  
 C -1.25674 2.55568 -0.08073  
 C -0.01128 3.16345 -0.21282  
 H 0.03722 4.23343 -0.38890  
 C 1.19140 2.43170 -0.23484  
 C 1.34189 1.06627 -0.00544  
 C 2.60106 0.33552 -0.14507  
 C 3.80242 0.89308 -0.62967  
 H 3.84200 1.92953 -0.94983  
 C -2.63397 0.43896 -0.01067  
 C 3.65581 -1.70853 0.14024  
 H 3.55059 -2.74767 0.45434  
 C 4.89416 -1.24364 -0.31385  
 C 4.93866 0.10239 -0.70655  
 H 5.86753 0.52898 -1.08012  
 C -4.81254 -1.32285 -0.36969  
 C 3.54428 -1.75422 -0.00307  
 H -3.32666 -2.80703 0.16402  
 C -4.95950 0.06824 -0.57007  
 H -5.92860 0.46194 -0.86935  
 C 6.10154 -2.14359 -0.37758  
 H 5.85133 -3.15608 -0.04732  
 H 6.91169 -1.77229 0.26142  
 H 6.49784 -2.21020 -1.39774  
 C -3.89838 0.93726 -0.40847  
 H -4.02484 1.99790 -0.59559

C -5.96179 -2.28348 -0.53256  
 H -5.63442 -3.31588 -0.38056  
 H -6.40015 -2.21254 -1.53469  
 H -6.76190 -2.07573 0.18798  
 H -2.14214 3.17781 -0.21517  
 H 2.09204 2.99611 -0.47709

#### **IV<sub>2c</sub>**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1184.63431720  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1184.338931  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1184.317903  
 Free Energy 298K = -1184.389161  
 Lowest Frequency = 25.2801 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 37.6457 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1184.47308018

P -0.00001 0.00868 0.33277  
 H -0.00004 -1.15128 -0.43165  
 O 0.00018 -0.71634 1.79606  
 N -2.64578 -0.98018 0.06339  
 N 2.64570 -0.98021 0.06298  
 C -1.39074 1.04019 0.05505  
 H -0.00030 -0.05828 2.50998  
 C -1.22262 2.42877 0.00854  
 C -0.00001 3.10171 0.01781  
 H -0.00003 4.18619 -0.01253  
 C 1.22262 2.42878 0.00855  
 C 1.39075 1.04022 0.05507  
 C 2.68521 0.36549 -0.06932  
 C 3.90462 1.02346 -0.33059  
 H 3.93842 2.10007 -0.46241  
 C -2.68522 0.36548 -0.06934  
 C 3.77992 -1.67744 -0.04821  
 H 3.68173 -2.75760 0.06395  
 C 5.03745 -1.11562 -0.28627  
 C 5.07003 0.27934 -0.43143  
 H 6.01400 0.78276 -0.63047  
 C -5.03748 -1.11559 -0.28624  
 C -3.78001 -1.67740 -0.04780  
 H -3.68189 -2.75753 0.06468  
 C -5.06996 0.27931 -0.43191  
 H -6.01385 0.78270 -0.63136  
 C 6.27828 -1.96585 -0.38136  
 H 6.03333 -3.02696 -0.27841  
 H 6.99958 -1.70975 0.40388  
 H 6.78414 -1.82802 -1.34410  
 C -3.90453 1.02342 -0.33109  
 H -3.93824 2.09998 -0.46335  
 C -6.27835 -1.96578 -0.38109  
 H -6.03317 -3.02705 -0.28027  
 H -6.78558 -1.82632 -1.34287  
 H -6.99857 -1.71113 0.40562  
 H -2.12281 3.03722 -0.05868  
 H 2.12279 3.03724 -0.05866

#### **TS(IV-V)<sub>2c</sub>**

SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1261.07983118  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1260.765370  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1260.743274  
 Free Energy 298K = -1260.817259  
 Lowest Frequency = -1425.5980 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 20.4933 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1260.91044064

P -0.10951 -0.10861 0.53882  
 H -0.00615 1.15936 -0.03837  
 O -0.24317 -0.01128 2.06809  
 N 2.60215 0.96059 0.42353  
 N -2.69671 0.96987 0.21745  
 C 1.37003 -1.06048 0.08145  
 H 1.65096 -1.41710 1.43103  
 C 1.19826 -2.35721 -0.53073  
 C -0.00418 -2.94662 -0.81773  
 H -0.01166 -3.96140 -1.20405  
 C -1.25451 -2.26648 -0.72426

C -1.45749 -0.99396 -0.24660  
 C -2.73589 -0.27950 -0.29594  
 C -3.93106 -0.80242 -0.82757  
 H -3.96159 -1.80084 -1.25232  
 C 2.57128 -0.23106 -0.20585  
 C -3.81196 1.70471 0.22099  
 H -3.71745 2.70403 0.64602  
 C -5.04756 1.27023 -0.26841  
 C -5.07898 -0.02548 -0.80568  
 H -6.00739 -0.42346 -1.21003  
 C 4.76727 1.44220 -0.54710  
 C 3.65971 1.75872 0.24505  
 H 3.62375 2.71277 0.77133  
 C 4.71792 0.20827 -1.20953  
 H 5.53518 -0.09144 -1.86254  
 C -6.27059 2.14884 -0.21549  
 H -6.02936 3.13001 0.20310  
 H -7.05546 1.70135 0.40573  
 H -6.69492 2.30171 -1.21457  
 C 3.62139 -0.62927 -1.05267  
 H 3.57147 -1.56819 -1.59479  
 C 5.93705 2.38388 -0.68066  
 H 5.74710 3.32023 -0.14809  
 H 6.13682 2.62645 -1.73067  
 H 6.85270 1.94340 -0.26849  
 H 0.73269 -0.74087 2.60658  
 O 1.63450 -1.41442 2.68791  
 H 1.31626 -2.28673 2.97168  
 H 2.10485 -2.92699 -0.73312  
 H -2.11808 -2.80688 -1.11126

**V<sub>2c</sub>**  
 SCF (TPSS/def2-TZVP) Energy = -1184.62647781  
 Enthalpy 0K = -1184.330276  
 Enthalpy 298K = -1184.309562  
 Free Energy 298K = -1184.381721  
 Lowest Frequency = 17.6758 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Second Frequency = 24.6883 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 SCF (M052X-D3,DCM/def2-QZVPP) Energy = -1184.47297462

P -0.01875 -1.13782 1.15242  
 H 0.20886 0.19457 1.54234  
 O -0.56915 -2.05863 2.18724  
 N 3.11362 0.16298 1.22610  
 N -2.38701 0.46364 0.83636  
 C 1.65466 -1.63503 0.50777  
 H 2.13036 -2.10201 1.37852  
 C 1.55515 -2.62603 -0.61513  
 C 0.51427 -2.69428 -1.47064  
 H 0.55100 -3.41923 -2.28028  
 C -0.66478 -1.85037 -1.41197  
 C -1.00577 -1.03790 -0.37463  
 C -2.21378 -0.20400 -0.32358  
 C -3.14073 -0.08168 -1.37512  
 H -2.99550 -0.61356 -2.31015  
 C 2.49251 -0.40378 0.17834  
 C -3.46691 1.23487 0.98155  
 H -3.55822 1.74446 1.94056  
 C -4.44830 1.41569 0.00056  
 C -4.25337 0.72877 -1.20623  
 H -4.97683 0.82898 -2.01240  
 C 4.00889 1.87463 -0.24027  
 C 3.84391 1.26333 1.00762  
 H 4.33251 1.68569 1.88572  
 C 3.34837 1.27333 -1.31729  
 H 3.43135 1.69838 -2.31530  
 C -5.64341 2.30191 0.23630  
 H -5.60257 2.75887 1.22883  
 H -6.57783 1.73339 0.16386  
 H -5.69426 3.10651 -0.50630  
 C 2.58519 0.12834 -1.11283  
 H 2.07141 -0.35318 -1.93861  
 C 4.85553 3.11149 -0.40315  
 H 5.26500 3.43483 0.55794  
 H 4.27117 3.94039 -0.81837

H 5.69491 2.93118 -1.08450  
H 2.39557 -3.30436 -0.74599  
H -1.32733 -1.91070 -2.27518

## 2. Experimental Procedures

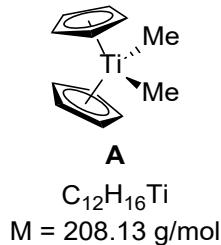
### 2.1 General Remarks

Unless otherwise stated, all reactions and workups were performed following standard Schlenk techniques or using an argon filled *Unilab* glovebox by *MBraun* ( $\text{H}_2\text{O} < 0.1 \text{ ppm}$ ,  $\text{O}_2 < 0.1 \text{ ppm}$ ). Room temperature refers to  $T = 23^\circ\text{C}$ , while elevated reaction temperatures are referred to the respective oil bath's temperature. Dry acetonitrile; toluene; dichloromethane and *n*-pentane were collected from a solvent purification system, *MB SPS-800* by *MBraun*, and additionally stored over 4 Å molecular sieves prior to use. Solvents and reagents were degassed using the *freeze-pump-thaw* method (three cycles) or by purging with argon. Dioxane was dried by stirring over ground KOH for 7 d, followed by distillation and storage over 4 Å molecular sieves.  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{CDCl}_3$  were dried over  $\text{CaH}_2$ , distilled, and degassed. 2,2-Dimethylpropanenitrile was degassed and stored over 4 Å molecular sieves.  $\text{NEt}_3$  was distilled, degassed, and stored over 4 Å molecular sieves.  $\text{PCl}_3$  was refluxed and distilled prior to use. All other commercially available chemicals were used without further purification. 1,2-Bis(tributylstannyly)ethyne<sup>[8]</sup> and tetraphenylphosphinine **3**<sup>[9]</sup> were prepared according to literature procedures. Preparative, inert column chromatography was performed on dried silica gel (particle size: 0.040-0.063 mm, surface area: 500 m<sup>2</sup>/g) by *Sigma-Aldrich* as the stationary phase under an argon atmosphere. Microwave reactions were conducted using a *Discover 2.0* reactor by *CEM*. The  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^1\text{H}\{^{31}\text{P}\}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ ,  $^{31}\text{P}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra were recorded on *JEOL* (ECX 400, Lamba 400, ECP 500, ECZ 600) and *Bruker* (AVANCE 500, AVANCE 700) spectrometers and all chemical shifts are reported relative to the residual resonance in the respective deuterated solvents. Quantitative  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectroscopic measurements were carried out using an internal triphenylphosphine standard. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Fourier-transform *Nicolet iS FT-IR* spectrometer by *Thermo Fisher Scientific*. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was performed on an *Agilent 6210 ESI-TOF*.

## 2.2 Synthetic Procedures

Phosphinines **2a** and **2b** were synthesized *via* [4+2]-cycloaddition-cycloreversion reactions between 4,6-di-*tert*-butyl-1,3,2-diazaphosphinine and the respective alkynes. The starting materials were obtained over three- and two-step syntheses respectively, following modified literature procedures.

### Bis( $\eta^5$ -cyclopentadienyl)dimethyltitanium (**A**)

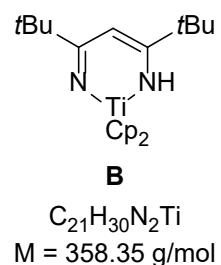


The title compound **A** was prepared using a modified literature procedure.<sup>[10]</sup> In a 500 mL dried Schlenk flask, dried and degassed *n*-pentane (250 mL) was cooled to  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ . Titanocene dichloride (10 g, 40 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added under vigorous stirring, resulting in a dark red suspension. Methylolithium (1.6 M in Et<sub>2</sub>O, 49 mL, 88 mmol, 2.2 equiv) was added slowly. The flask was allowed to warm up to rt and the mixture was stirred for 1.5 h, resulting in bright orange solution containing an off-white precipitate. The mixture was filtered over a Celite® plug, which was washed thoroughly with dry and degassed *n*-pentane (4 x 20 mL). The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, affording an orange solid. Dried and degassed toluene (60 mL) was added, and the yield was calculated by quantitative <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. All steps, including the workup, were conducted under the exclusion of light. Dimethyltitanocene **A** was obtained as a 0.55 M solution in toluene (7.0 g, 33 mmol, 83%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 6.12$  (s, 10H, H<sub>Cp</sub>),  $-0.06$  (s, 6H, Me) ppm.

The spectroscopic data is consistent with the literature.<sup>[11]</sup>

### Bis( $\eta^5$ -cyclopentadienyl)*N,N*-(2,2,6,6-tetramethylheptane-3,5-diimine)titanium (**B**)

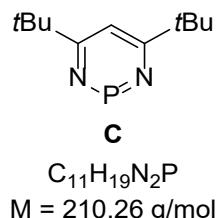


The title compound **B** was prepared using a modified literature procedure.<sup>[12]</sup> In a dried 100 mL microwave vial, dried and degassed 2,2-dimethylpropanenitrile (4.2 mL, 38 mmol, 2.3 equiv) was added to a 0.39 M toluene solution of **A** (42 mL, 16 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The mixture was put to a microwave reaction at 150 °C for 15 min, employing 300 W, inducing a colour change from deep red to dark brown. After the mixture was cooled down to 50 °C, it was transferred into a dried 250 mL Schlenk flask, and the microwave vial rinsed with dried and degassed toluene (20 mL). The yield was directly calculated from the reaction mixture by quantitative <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. Titanacycle **B** was obtained as a 0.24 M solution in toluene (5.8 g, 16 mmol, >99%).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 5.87 (s, 10H, H<sub>Cp</sub>), 4.76 (s, 1H, CH), 1.21 (s, 9H, H<sub>tBu</sub>), 1.16 (s, 9H, H<sub>tBu</sub>) ppm.

The spectroscopic data is consistent with the literature.<sup>[12]</sup>

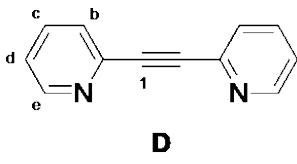
#### 4,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-1,3,2-diazaphosphinine (**C**)



The title compound **C** was prepared using a modified literature procedure.<sup>[12]</sup> A 0.24 M toluene solution of **B** (66 mL, 16 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was directly used for the synthesis of **C**. The Schlenk flask was cooled to -78 °C and dried and degassed NEt<sub>3</sub> (11 mL, 81 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was added. The mixture was stirred for 5 min at -78 °C and freshly distilled and degassed PCl<sub>3</sub> (1.5 mL, 17 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added dropwise under vigorous stirring. The mixture was heated to 80 °C and stirred for 3 h, resulting in a brown solution containing a dark green precipitate. The flask was allowed to cool down to r. t. and thoroughly sonicated. The mixture was filtered, and the residue thoroughly washed with dry toluene (4 x 30 mL). The dark brown filtrates were combined in a dried 250 mL Schlenk flask, and the yield was calculated via quantitative <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectroscopy. Diazaphosphinine **C** was obtained as a 0.06 M solution in toluene (0.93 g, 4.4 mmol, 28%).

**<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz):** δ = 268.4 ppm.

The spectroscopic data is consistent with the literature.<sup>[12]</sup>**1,2-bis(pyridin-2-yl)ethyne (D)**



$C_{12}H_8N_2$   
 $M = 180.21 \text{ g/mol}$

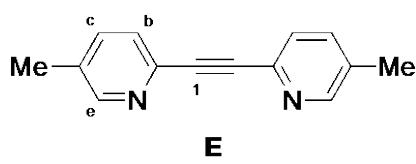
1,2-Bis(tributylstannylyl)ethyne (6.4 g, 11 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 2-bromopyridine (2.1 mL, 22 mmol, 2.1 equiv.), and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.22 g, 1.5 mol%) were dissolved in dried and degassed dioxane (80 mL) and stirred at 100 °C for 15 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mL). The crude product was transferred to the aqueous phase with HCl (20 mL, 6.0 M) and the aqueous phase was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 x 30 mL). The combined organic phases were extracted with HCl (2 x 20 mL, 6.0 M). The combined aqueous phases were rendered basic with an aqueous ammonium hydroxide solution (100 mL, 25%). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 25 mL). The organic phase was washed with KF solution (total, 23 mL) and dried over NaCl solution (saturated, 20 mL) and MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and **D** was obtained as yellow crystals *via* sublimation (120 °C, 0.007 mbar, 1.3 g, 6.9 mmol, 65%).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.60 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-e-H-d</sub> = 4.9 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-e-H-c</sub> = 1.7 Hz, <sup>5</sup>J<sub>H-e-H-b</sub> = 1.0 Hz, 2H, H-e), 7.67 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-c-H-d/e</sub> = 7.7 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-c-H-e</sub> = 1.8 Hz, 2H, H-c), 7.58 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-d-H-e/c</sub> = 7.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-c-H-</sub> = 1.0, 2H, H<sub>p</sub>), 7.24 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-b-H-c</sub> = 7.6 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-b-H-d</sub> = 4.9 Hz, <sup>5</sup>J<sub>H-b-H-e</sub> = 1.3 Hz, 2H, H-e) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 150.1 (2C, C-e), 142.2 (2C, C-a) 136.1 (2C; C-c), 127.7 (2C, C-b), 123.2 (2C, C-d), 87.6 (2C, C-1) ppm.

The spectroscopic data is consistent with the literature.<sup>[13]</sup>

### 1,2-bis(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)ethyne (**E**)



$C_{13}H_{10}N_2$   
 $M = 208.26 \text{ g/mol}$

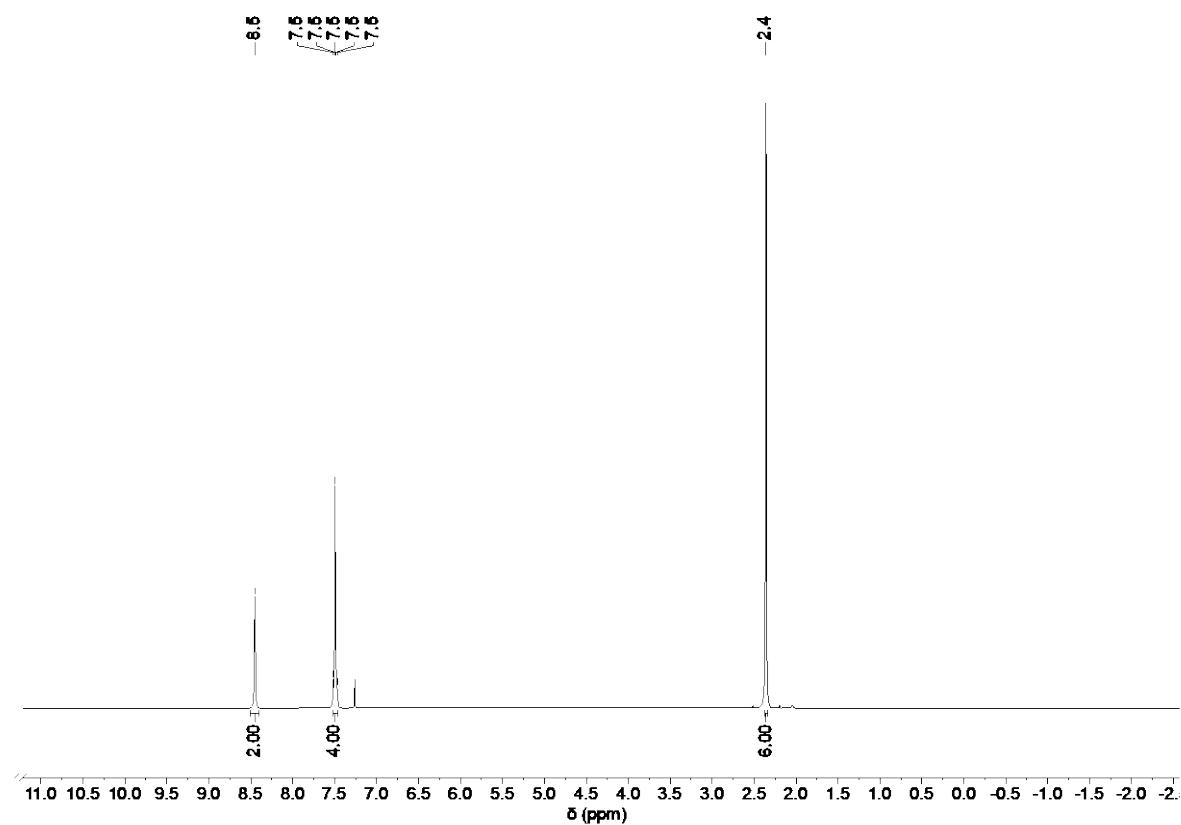
In a Schlenk flask, Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.23 g, 0.20 mmol, 1.5 mol%) was dissolved in dried and degassed dioxane (40 mL) and 2-bromo-5-methylpyridine (5.4 g, 32 mmol, 2.1 equiv) was added. 1,2-Bis(tributylstannylyl)ethyne (9.1 g, 15 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added directly into the solution and the flask was immersed into a preheated oil bath. The mixture was stirred at

100 °C for 16 h. Under vigorous stirring, the flask was slowly allowed to cool down to rt, causing the desired product to precipitate. This step should be done very carefully to prevent the product from crystallising too quickly, causing an incorporation of impurities. The flask was further cooled to 0 °C to ensure the complete precipitation of the product and the supernatant was filtered off. The residue was washed with ice-cold *n*-pentane (4 x 10 mL) and the product was thoroughly dried *in vacuo*. Acetylene **E** was obtained as a light yellow, crystalline powder (2.4 g, 12 mmol, 80%).

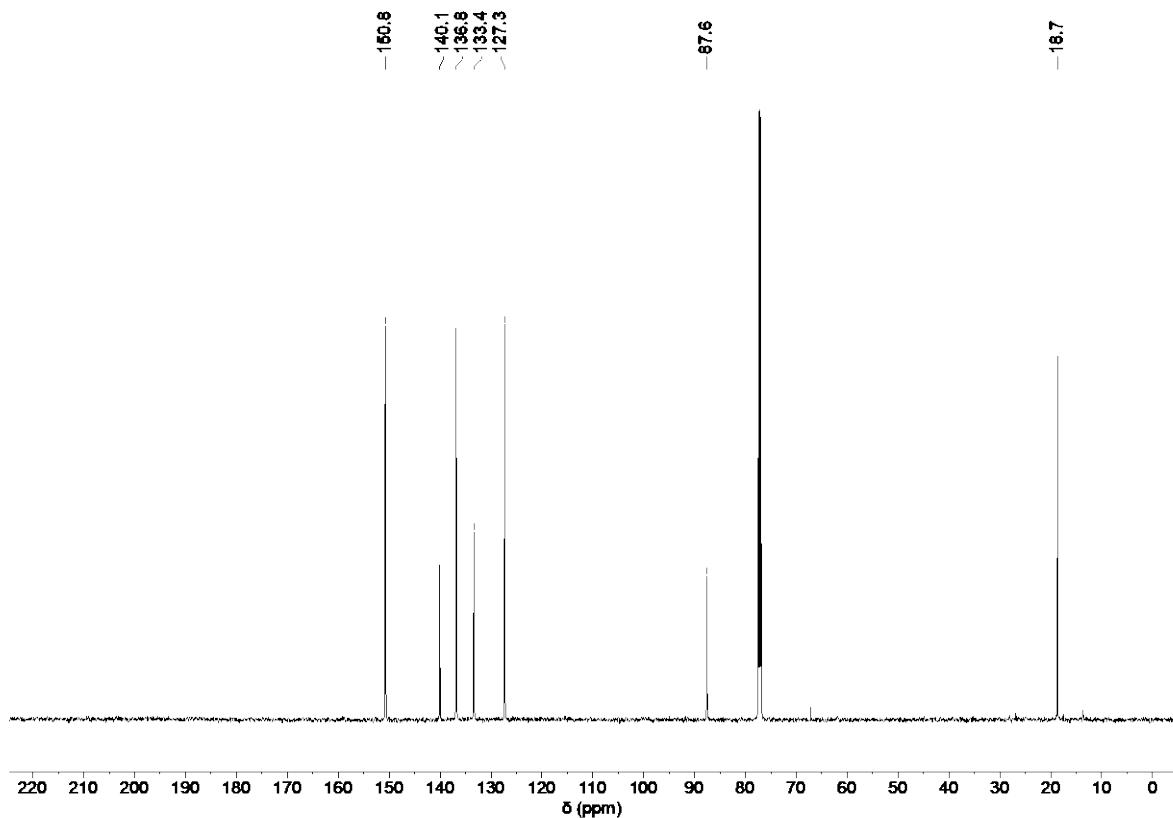
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.44 (s, 2H, H-e), 7.49 (m, 4H, H-b/H-c), 2.35 (s, 6H, Me) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 150.8 (2C, C-e), 140.1 (2C, C-a), 136.8 (2C; C-c), 133.4 (2C, C-d), 127.3 (2C, C-b), 87.6 (2C, C-1), 18.7 (2C, Me) ppm.

**HRMS-ESI:** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 209.1074. Found: 209.1082.

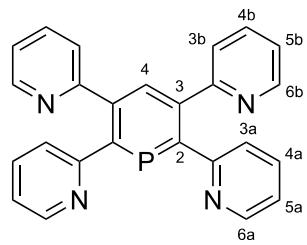


**Figure S2.1:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **E**.

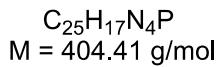


**Figure S2.2:**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **E**.

**2,3,5,6-Tetrakis(pyridin-2-yl)-phosphinine (2a)**



**2a**



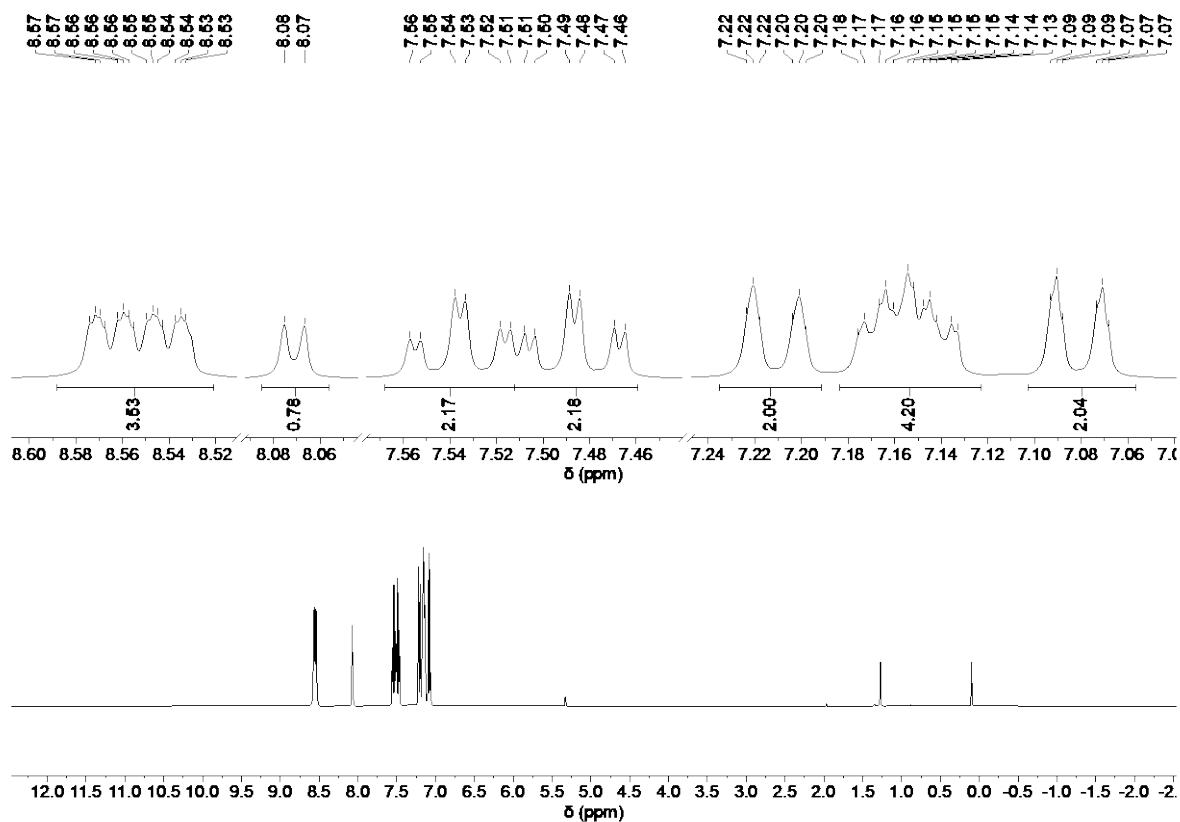
To a 0.39 M solution of diazaphosphinine **B** in toluene (19.5 mL, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in a 100 mL Schlenk flask, acetylene **D** (0.89 g, 50.0 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 4 d. The solution was allowed to cool down without stirring, causing the product to precipitate. The supernatant was removed by filtration. The crude product was recrystallized three times from acetonitrile (40 mL). **2a** was isolated as white crystals (0.44 g, 1.1 mmol, 53%).

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):**  $\delta$  = 8.56 (ddd,  $^3J_{\text{H-6a-H5a}} = 4.8$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{H6a-H4a}} = 1.8$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{H6a-H3a}} = 1.0$  Hz, 2H, H-6a), 8.54 (ddd,  $^3J_{\text{H6b-H5b}} = 4.9$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{H6b-H4b}} = 1.9$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{H6b-H3b}} = 1.9$  Hz, 2H, H-6b), 8.07 (d,  $^4J_{\text{H-4-P}} = 3.3$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 7.54 (ddd,  $^3J_{\text{H4a-H5a}} = 7.7$  Hz,  $^3J_{\text{H4a-H3a}} = 7.7$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{H4a-H3a}} = 1.8$  Hz, 2H, H-4a), 7.49 (ddd,  $^3J_{\text{H4b-H5b}} = 7.7$  Hz,  $^3J_{\text{H4b-H3b}} = 7.7$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{H4b-H3b}} = 1.8$  Hz, 2H, H-4b), 7.21 (ddd,  $^3J_{\text{H3a-H4a}} = 7.8$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{H3a-H5a}} = 1.1$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{H3a-H6a}} = 1.1$  Hz, 2H, H-3a), 7.18-7.13 (m, 4H, H-5a, H-5a), 7.08 (ddd,  $^3J_{\text{H3b-H4b}} = 7.8$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{H3b-H5b}} = 1.1$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{H3b-H6b}} = 1.1$  Hz, 2H, H-3b) ppm.

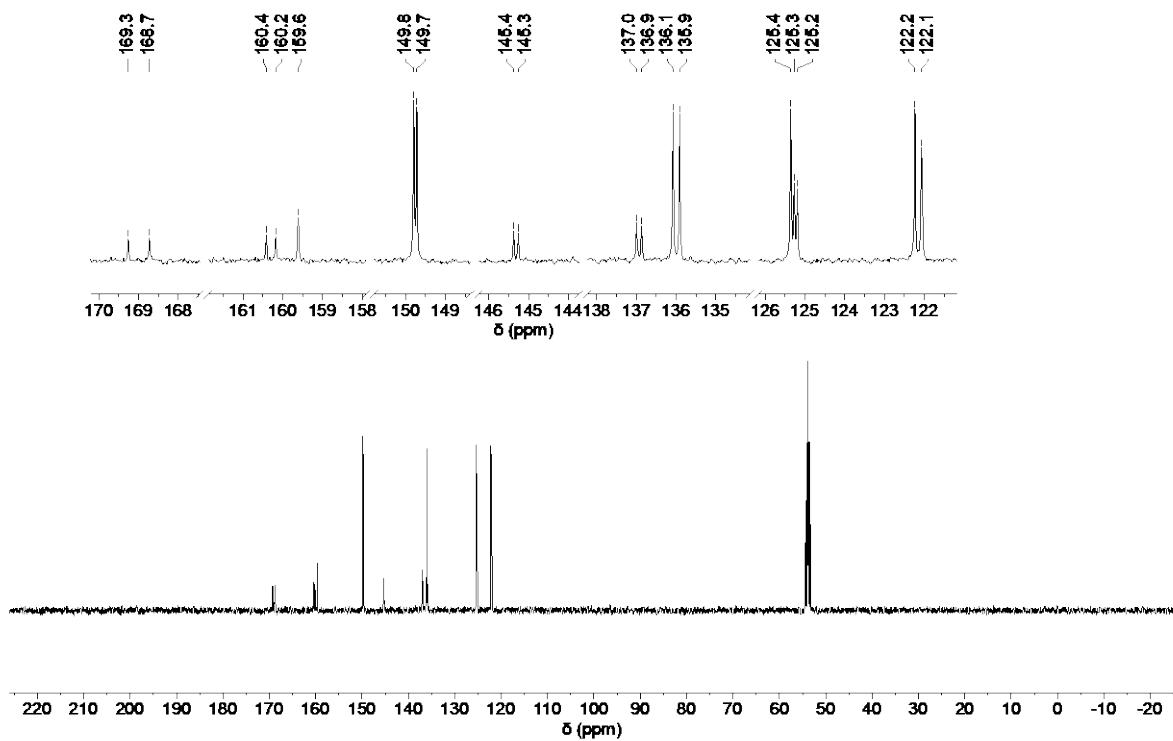
**$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):**  $\delta$  = 169.0 (d,  $^1J_{\text{C-2-P}} = 53.6$  Hz, 2C, C-2), 160.3 (d,  $^2J_{\text{C2,P}} = 23.7$  Hz, 2C, C-3), 159.6 (s, 2C, C-2a), 149.8 (s, 2C, C-6a), 149.7 (s, 2C, C-6b), 145.3 (d,  $^3J_{\text{C-5,P}} = 11.2$  Hz, 2C, C-2b), 136.9 (d,  $^3J_{\text{C-4,P}} = 12$  Hz, 1C, C-4), 136.0 (s, 2C, C-4a), 135.9 (s, 2C, C-4b), 125.3 (s, 2C, C-5a), 125.2 (s, 2C, C-5b), 122.2 (s, 2C, C-3b), 122.1 (s, 2C, C-3a) ppm.

**$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):**  $\delta$  = 213.9 (d,  $^4J_{\text{P-H-4}} = 3.5$  Hz) ppm.

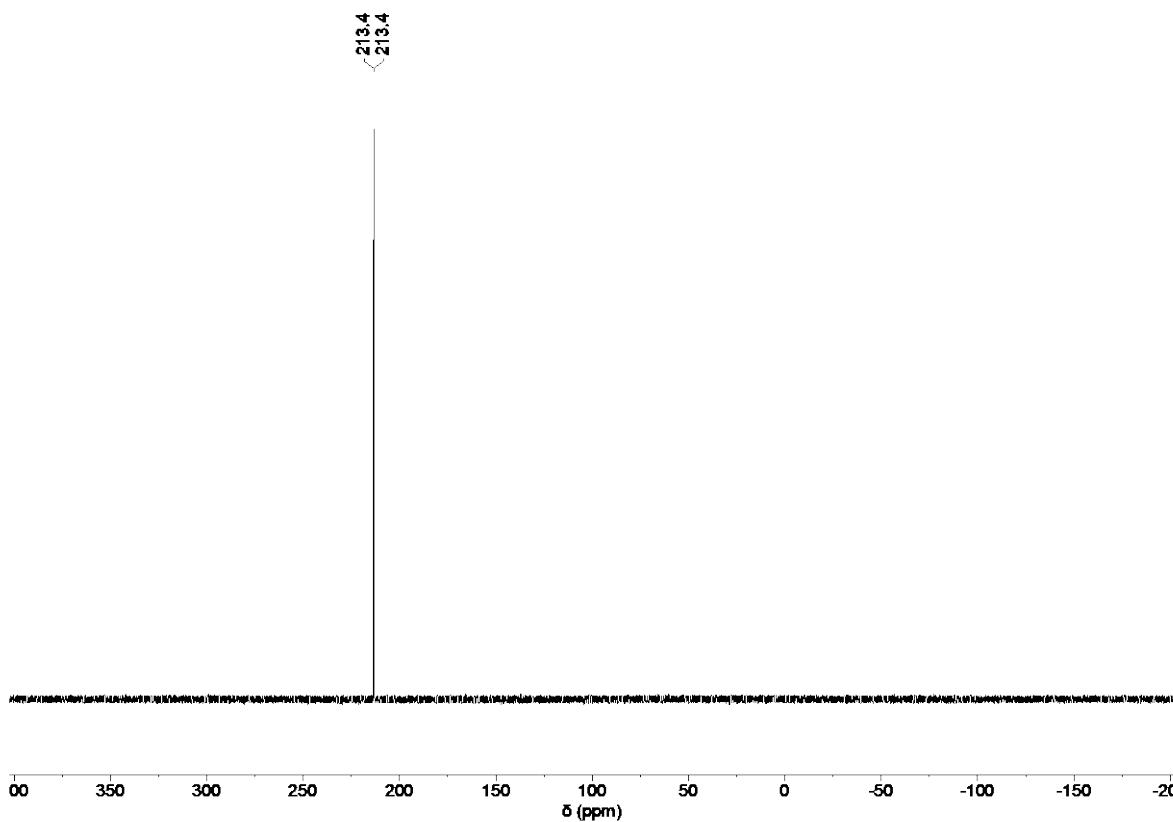
**HRMS-ESI:**  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{P}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 405.1269, Found: 405.1358.



**Figure S2.3:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **2a**.

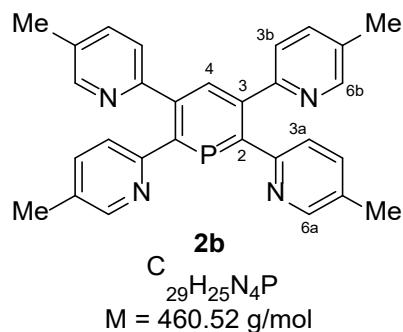


**Figure S2.4:**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **2a**.



**Figure S2.5:**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **2a**.

**2,3,5,6-Tetrakis(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)phosphinine (2b)**



In a 100 mL Schlenk flask, 1,2-bis(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)ethyne **D** (0.79 g, 3.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv) was added to a 0.04 M toluene solution of diazaphosphinine **C** (25 mL, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The mixture was immersed into a preheated oil bath and stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The mixture was allowed to cool down to room temperature without stirring, leading to the precipitation of a crystalline, red solid. The supernatant was filtered off and the residue was washed with dry acetonitrile (2 x 5 mL). The crude solid was recrystallised from dry acetonitrile (4 x 5 mL) to afford phosphinine **2b** as a white powder (92 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20%).

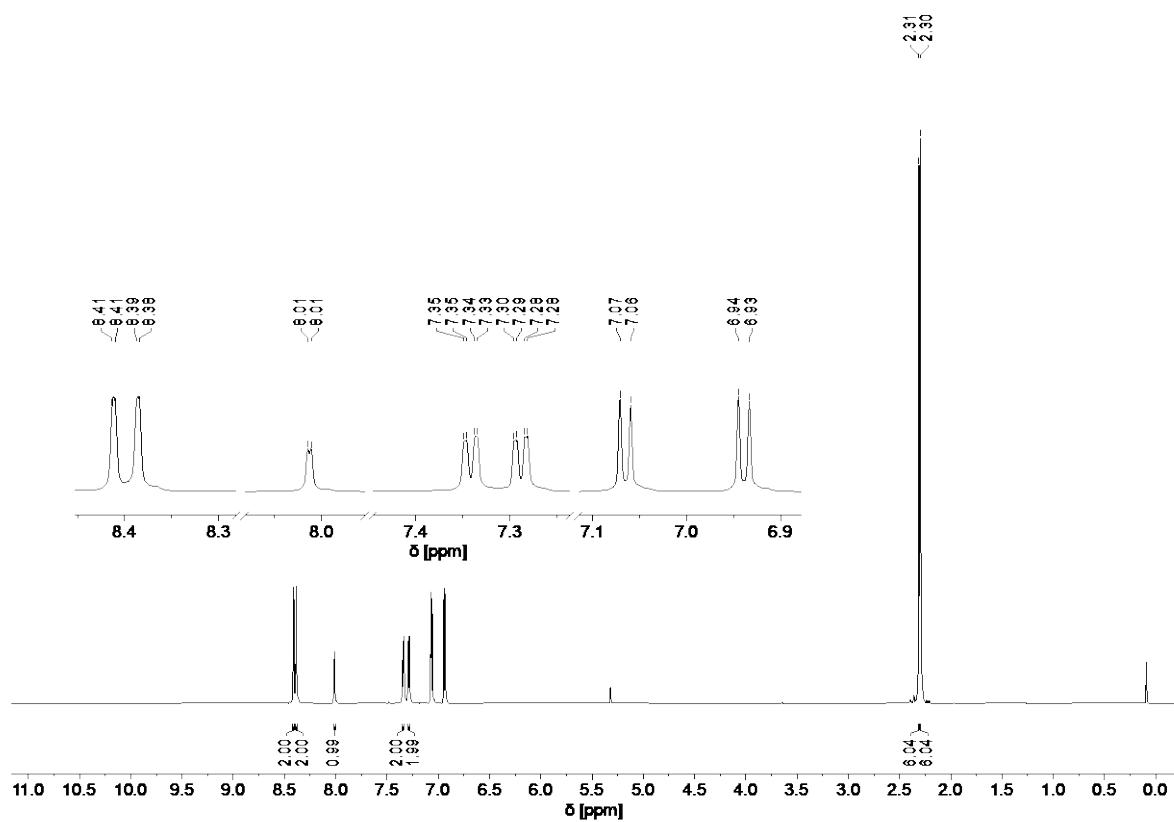
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):** δ = 8.41 (d, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-6',H-4'</sub> = 2.4 Hz, 2H, H-6a), 8.38 (d, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-6'',H-4''</sub> = 2.4 Hz, 2H, H-6b), 8.00 (d, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-4,P</sub> = 3.1 Hz, 1H, H-4), 7.34 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4',H-3'</sub> = 8.0 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-4',H-6'</sub> = 2.3 Hz, 2H, H-4a), 7.29 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4'',H-3''</sub> = 8.0 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-4'',H-6''</sub> = 2.1 Hz, 2H, H-4b), 7.06 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-3',H-4'</sub> = 7.9 Hz, 2H, H-3a), 6.93 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-3'',H-4''</sub> = 8.0 Hz, 2H, H-3b), 2.31 (s, 6H, Me-a), 2.30 (s, 6H, Me-b) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (151 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):** δ = 168.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-2,P</sub> = 53.0 Hz, 2C, C-2a), 157.7 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-2'',P</sub> = 23.6 Hz, 2C, C-2b), 156.9 (s, 2C, C-2/C-6), 150.2 (s, 2C, C-6a), 150.16 (s, 2C, C-6b), 145.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-5,P</sub> = 11.2 Hz, 2C, C-3/C-5), 137.1 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-4,P</sub> = 12.3 Hz, 1C, C-4), 136.6 (s, 2C, C-4a), 136.4 (s, 2C, C-4b), 131.8 (s, 2C, C-5a), 131.7 (s, 2C, C-5b), 124.8 (s, 2C, C-3b), 124.7 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-3',P</sub> = 7.2 Hz, 2C, C-3a), 18.29 (s, 4C, Me-a/b) ppm.

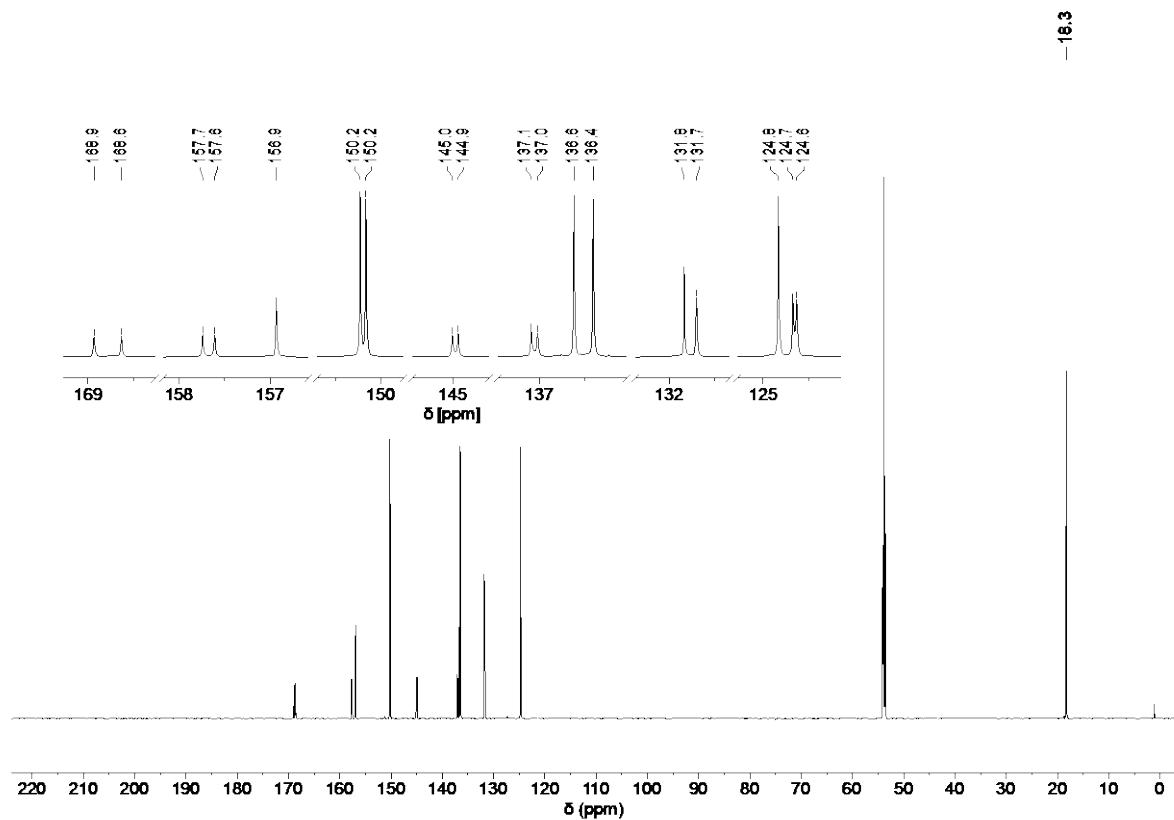
**<sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):** δ = 211.3 ppm.

**IR (ATR):** ν = 2996 (w), 2921 (w), 1596 (m), 1562 (m), 1478 (vs), 1376 (w), 1222 (w), 1028 (m), 842 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

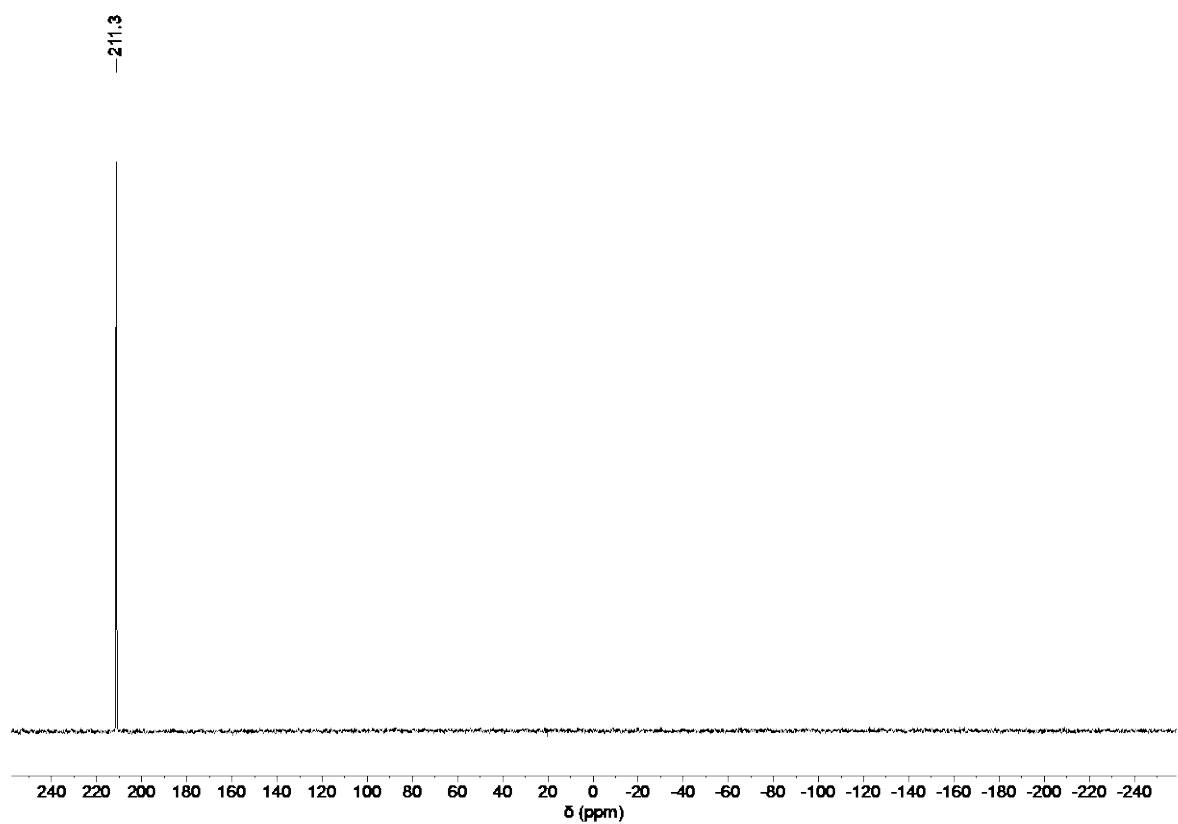
**HRMS-ESI:** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>4</sub>P<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 461.1890. Found: 461.1953.



**Figure S2.6:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **2b**.



**Figure S2.7:**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **2b**.



**Figure S2.8:**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **2b**.

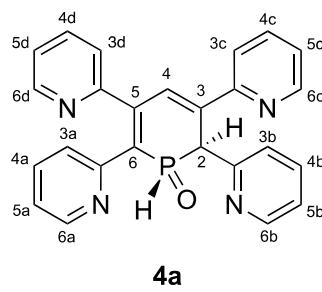
## 2.3 Oxidative Addition of Water

### General Procedure for the Synthesis of **4b**

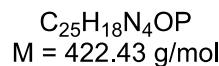
In a J. Young NMR tube, phosphinine **2b** (1.0 equiv) was dissolved in dried and degassed CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.60 mL) and degassed H<sub>2</sub>O (10 equiv) was added using a microliter syringe. The sample was mixed by thorough shaking and the reaction conversion was controlled by <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectroscopy. If needed, the reaction mixtures can be heated to  $T = 70\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 1 h (**2b**) to accelerate the conversion. Once the starting material was fully consumed, the reaction mixture was filtered over MgSO<sub>4</sub> in a glovebox and the solvent was removed. The residue was carefully dried *in vacuo* without heating, to avoid the re-formation of the respective phosphinines. For storage over longer time in solution, the drying step must be left out.

The same procedure was followed during the screening of reaction conditions using a variety of solvents, as well as for all comparative reactions between phosphinines **2a/b** and **3** (1.0 equiv).

### (1S,2S)-2,3,5,6-Tetrakis(pyridin-2-yl)-anti-1H,2H-dihydrophosphinine 1-oxide (**4a**)



**4a**



For the synthesis of 1,2-dihydrophosphinine oxide **4a** phosphinine **2a** (59 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was introduced in a Schlenk flask and dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL). Subsequently H<sub>2</sub>O (25 µL, 1.4 mmol, 9.5 equiv) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h at rt. The orange solution was filtered over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The product was obtained as a dark red powder (53 mg, 0.13 mmol, 86%) in a mixture of 97:3 with the syn-product **4b**.

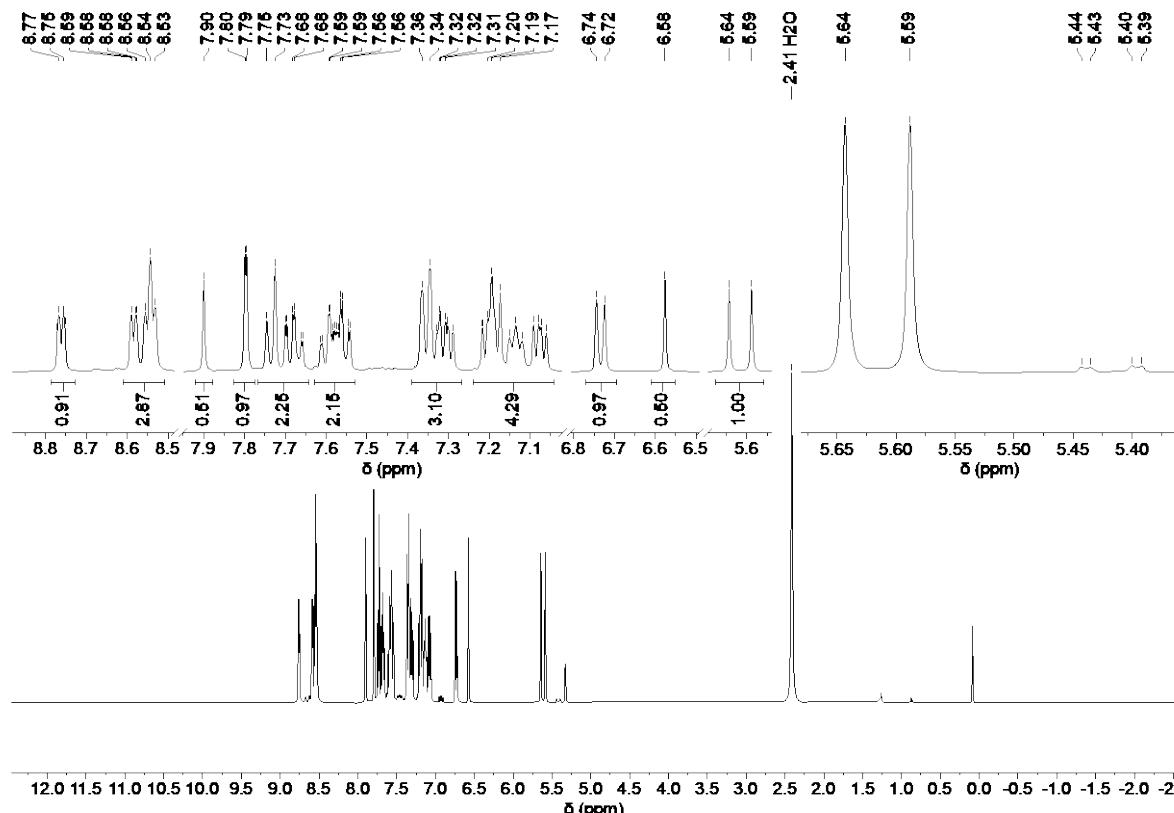
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):**  $\delta = 8.76$  ( ${}^3J_{\text{H-6b-H-5b}} = 4.9$  Hz,  ${}^4J_{\text{H-6b-H-4b}} = 1.8$  Hz,  ${}^5J_{\text{H-6b-H3b}} = 1.0$  Hz, 1H, H-6b), 8.58 (ddd,  ${}^3J_{\text{H-6c-H-5c}} = 4.8$  Hz,  ${}^4J_{\text{H-6c-H-4c}} = 1.7$  Hz,  ${}^5J_{\text{H-6c-H3c}} = 1.0$  Hz, 1H, H-6c), 8.57-8.54 (m, 2H, H-6d, H-6a), 7.84 (d,  ${}^4J_{\text{H-4,P}} = 1.9$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 7.76-7.62 (m, 2H, H-3d, H-4c), 7.63-7.50 (m, 2H, H-4a, H-4b), 7.39-7.25 (m, 3H, H-3a, H-4d, H-5d), 7.37 (d,  ${}^1J_{\text{P-H-P}} = 530$  Hz, 1H, P-H), 7.23-7.10 (m, 3H, H-3c, H-5b, H-5c), 7.08 (dd,  ${}^3J_{\text{H-5a-H-6a}} = 7.5$  Hz,  ${}^4J_{\text{H-5a-H-4a}} = 4.9$  Hz, 1H, H-5a), 6.73 (d,  ${}^3J_{\text{H-3b-H-4c}} = 8.0$  Hz, 1H, H-3b), 5.62 (d,  ${}^2J_{\text{H-2,P}} = 22.0$  Hz, 1H, H-2) ppm.

**$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (176 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):**  $\delta = 158.1$  (d,  $^2J_{\text{C-2b,P}} = 13.9$  Hz, 1C, C-2b), 155.6 (d,  $^3J_{\text{C-2d,P}} = 6.1$  Hz, 1C, C-2d), 153.4 (s, C-2c), 150.7 (s, 1C, C-6a), 150.6 (s, 1C, C-6b), 150.1 (s, 1C, C-6c), 149.8 (s, 1C, C-6d), 148.1 (d,  $^2J_{\text{C-2a,P}} = 4.9$  Hz, 1C, C-2a), 138.3 (d,  $^2J_{\text{C-6,P}} = 6.7$  Hz, 1C, C-6), 137.6 (s, 1C, C-4b), 137.1 (s, 1C, C-4d), 136.8 (s, 1C, C-4a), 136.3 (s, 1C, C-4c), 129.1 (d,  $^3J_{\text{C-4,P}} = 16.5$  Hz, 1C, C-4), 129.0 (s, 1C, C-5), 128.5 (s, 1C, C-3), 125.3 (d,  $^3J_{\text{C-3d,P}} = 5.3$  Hz, 1C, C-3d), 125.2 (s, 1C, C-3b), 123.9 (s, 1C, C-3a), 123.6 (s, 1C, C-5b) 122.8 (s, 1C, C-5c), 122.8 (s, 1C, C-5a), 122.5 (d,  $^4J_{\text{C-3c,P}} = 4.6$  Hz, 1C, C-3c) 121.2 (s, 1C, C-5d), 47.4 (d,  $^2J_{\text{C-6,P}} = 63.8$  Hz, 1C, C-2), ppm.

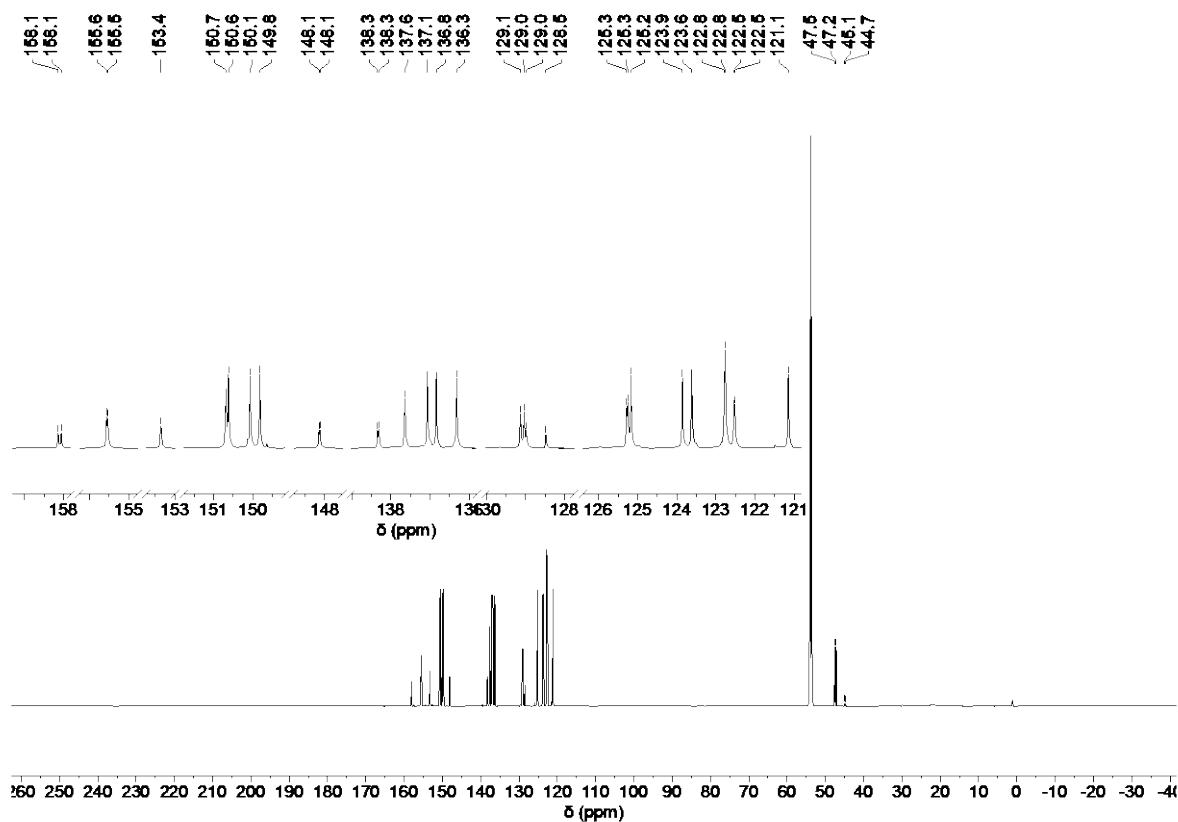
**$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):**  $\delta = 21.1$  (dd,  $^1J_{\text{P,H-P}} = 528$  Hz,  $^2J_{\text{P,H-2}} = 22.0$  Hz) ppm.

**$^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):**  $\delta = 21.1$  (s) ppm.

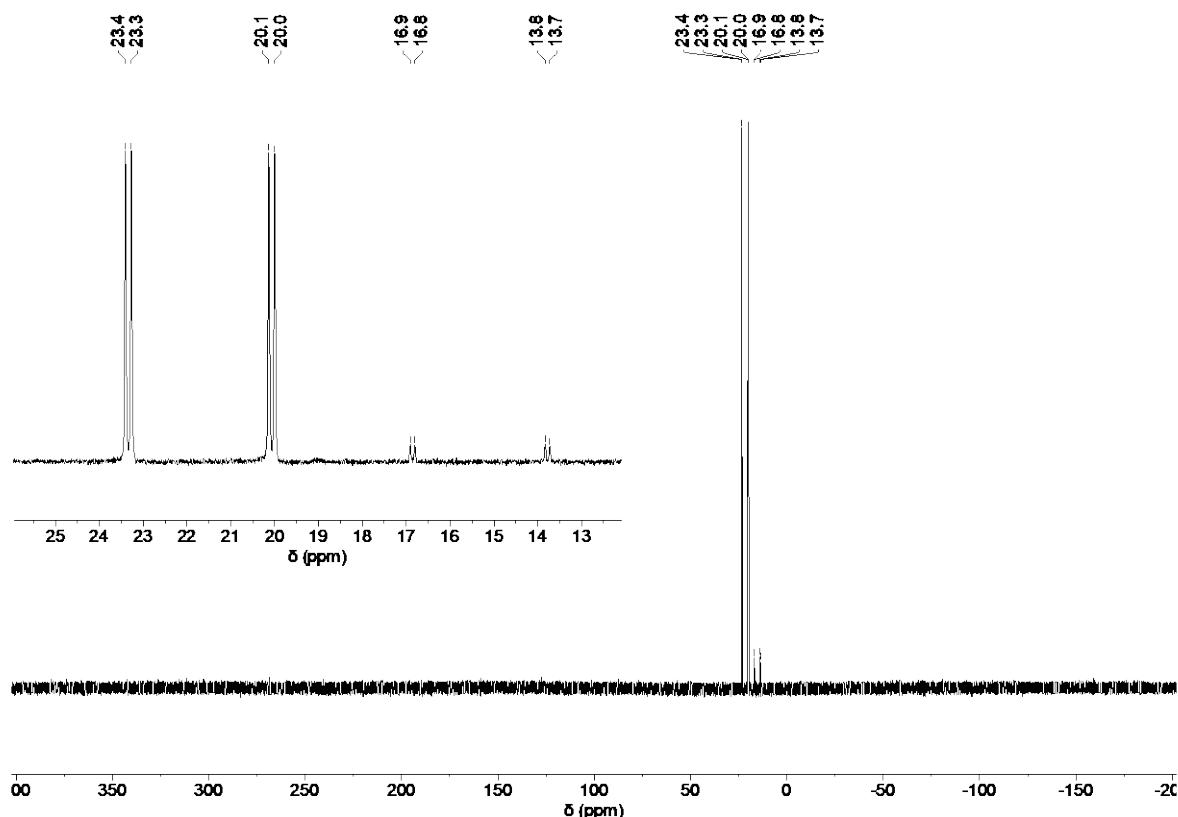
**HRMS (ESI) (m/z):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{OPH}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 423.1369, found: 423.1429; calculated for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{OPNa}^+ [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 445.1188, found: 445.1218.



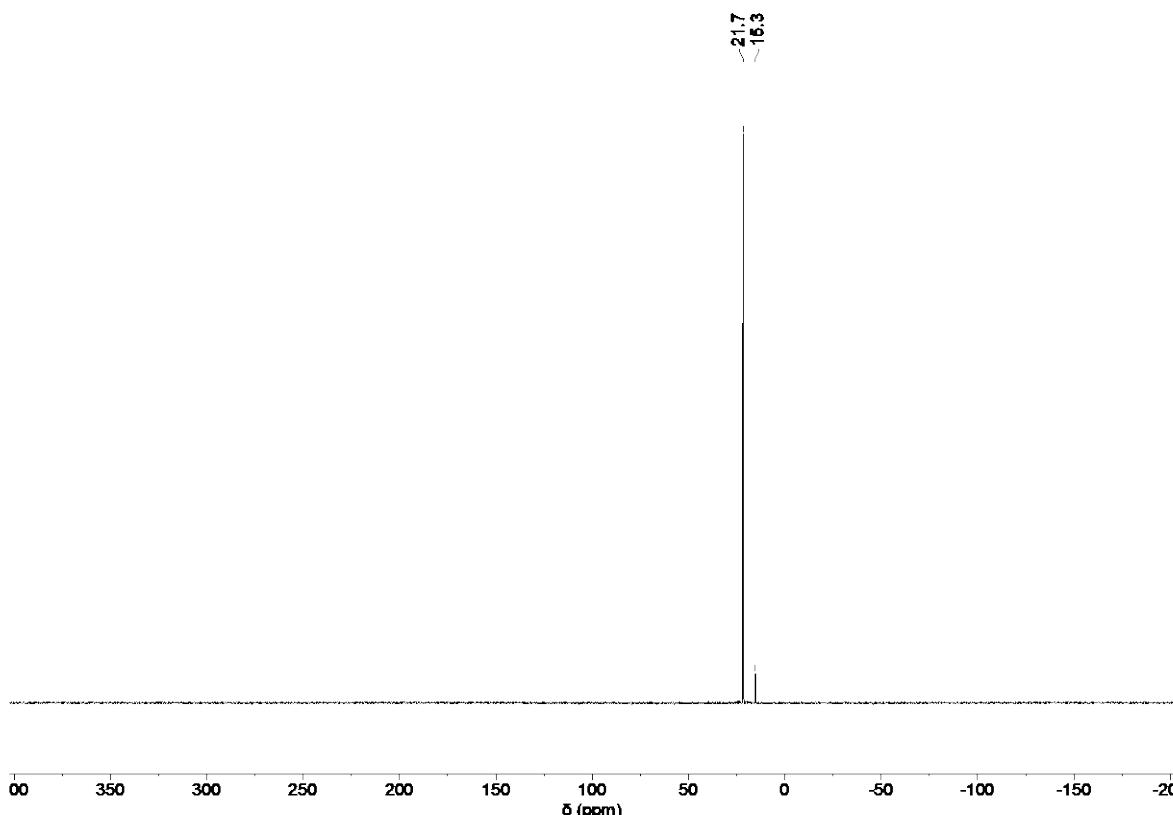
**Figure S2.9:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **4a**.



**Figure S2.10:**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **4a**.

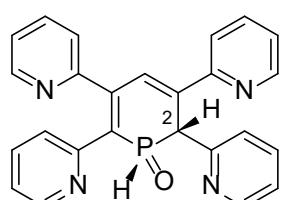


**Figure S2.11:**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **4a** and **5a**.



**Figure S2.12:**  $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **4a** and **5a**.

**(1S,2S)-2,3,5,6-Tetrakis(pyridin-2-yl)-syn-1*H*,2*H*-dihydrophosphinine 1-oxide (5a)**



$\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_4\text{OP}$   
 $M = 422.43 \text{ g/mol}$

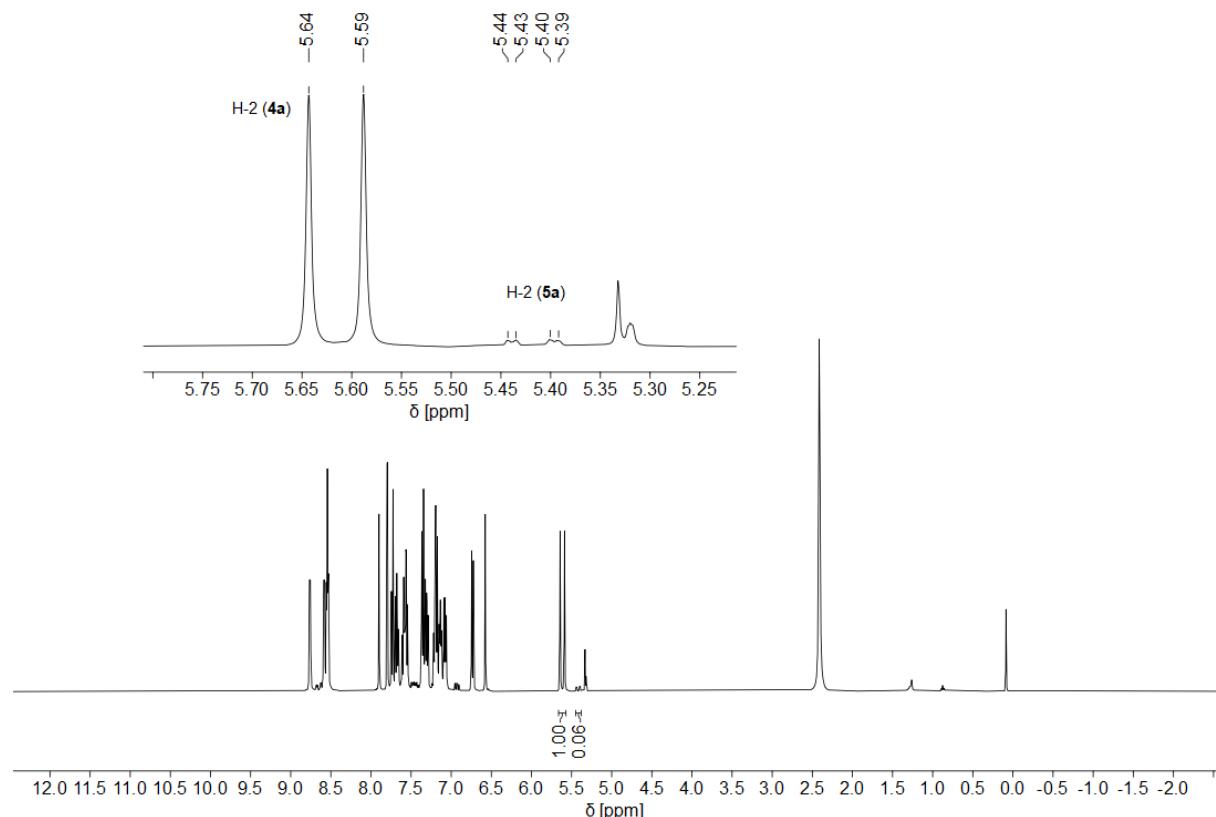
Phosphinine 1-oxide **5a** was not isolated, but obtained as a diastereomeric mixture with its anti-diastereomer in a ratio of 97:3 (anti:syn). Its structure was confirmed by thorough analysis of the  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra obtained for **4a** (Figures S2.9–11). **5a** could not be completely characterized by NMR spectroscopy, as most of its signals overlap with the ones of **4a**, but the assignable signals are listed below.

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):**  $\delta = 5.42$  (dd,  $^2J_{\text{H-2,P}} = 17$  Hz,  $^3J_{\text{H-2,H-P}} = 3.3$  Hz, 1H, H-2) ppm.

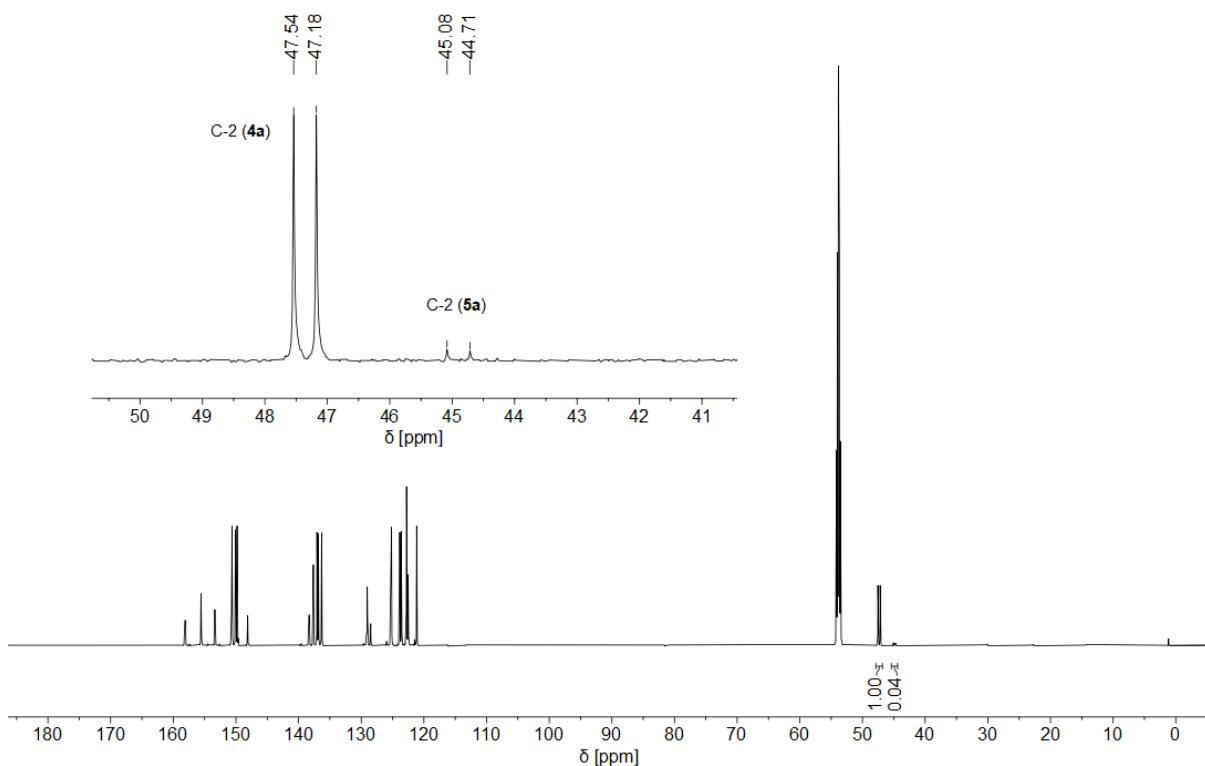
**$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (176 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):**  $\delta = 44.9$  (d,  $^1J_{\text{C}-2,\text{P}} = 65$  Hz, 1C, C-2) ppm.

**$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):**  $\delta = 15.3$  (dd,  $^1J_{\text{P},\text{H-P}} = 498$  Hz,  $^2J_{\text{P},\text{H-2}} = 16.5$  Hz) ppm.

**$^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):**  $\delta = 15.3$  (s) ppm.

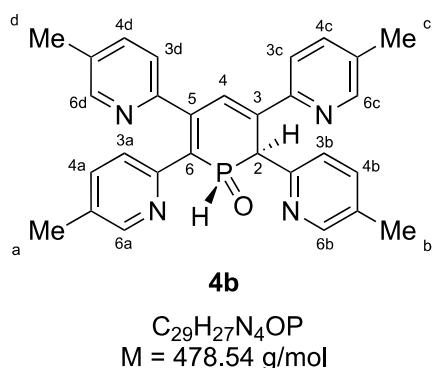


**Figure S2.13:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **4a/5a**, zoomed-in on the H-2 signals of both diastereomers.



**Figure S2.14:**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **4a/5a**, zoomed-in on the C-2 signals of both diastereomers.

**(1S,2S)-2,3,5,6-Tetrakis(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)-anti-1*H*,2*H*-dihydrophosphinine 1-oxide (4b)**



1,2-dihydrophosphinine oxide **4b** was synthesised following the general procedure using phosphinine **2b** (20 mg, 43  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 1.0 equiv) and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (8.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.43 mmol, 10 equiv). The product was obtained as a dark red powder (18 mg, 38  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 89%) in a mixture of 97:3 with the syn-product **5b**.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):** δ = 8.58 (d, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-6b,H-4b</sub> = 2.3 Hz, 1H, H-6b), 8.39 (d, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-6c,H-4c</sub> = 2.3 Hz, 1H, H-6c), 8.37 (s, 1H, H-6d), 8.37 (d, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-6a,H-4a</sub> = 2.5 Hz, 1H, H-6a), 7.75 (d, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-4,P</sub> = 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-4), 7.59 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-3d,H-4d</sub> = 8.2 Hz, 1H, H-3d), 7.46 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4d,H-3d</sub> = 8.1 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-4d,H-6d</sub> = 2.3 Hz, 1H, H-4d), 7.36 (appt. td, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4a/H-4b,H-3a/H-3b</sub> = 7.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-4a/H-4b,H-6a/H-6b</sub> = 2.3 Hz, 2H, H-4a/H-4b), 7.18 (appt. dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-3b,H-4b</sub> = 8.1 Hz, 1H, H-3b), 7.16 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>H-P,P</sub> = 527 Hz, 1H, H-P), 7.15 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4c,H-3c</sub> = 8.2 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-4c,H-6c</sub> = 2.3 Hz, 1H, H-4c), 7.06 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-3a,H-4a</sub> = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H-3a), 6.62 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-3c,H-4c</sub> = 8.1 Hz, 1H, H-3c), 5.50 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>H-6,P</sub> = 22 Hz, 1H, H-2), 2.36 (s, 3H, Me-a), 2.29 (s, 3H, Me-d) 2.22 (s, 6H, Me-b/Me-c) ppm.

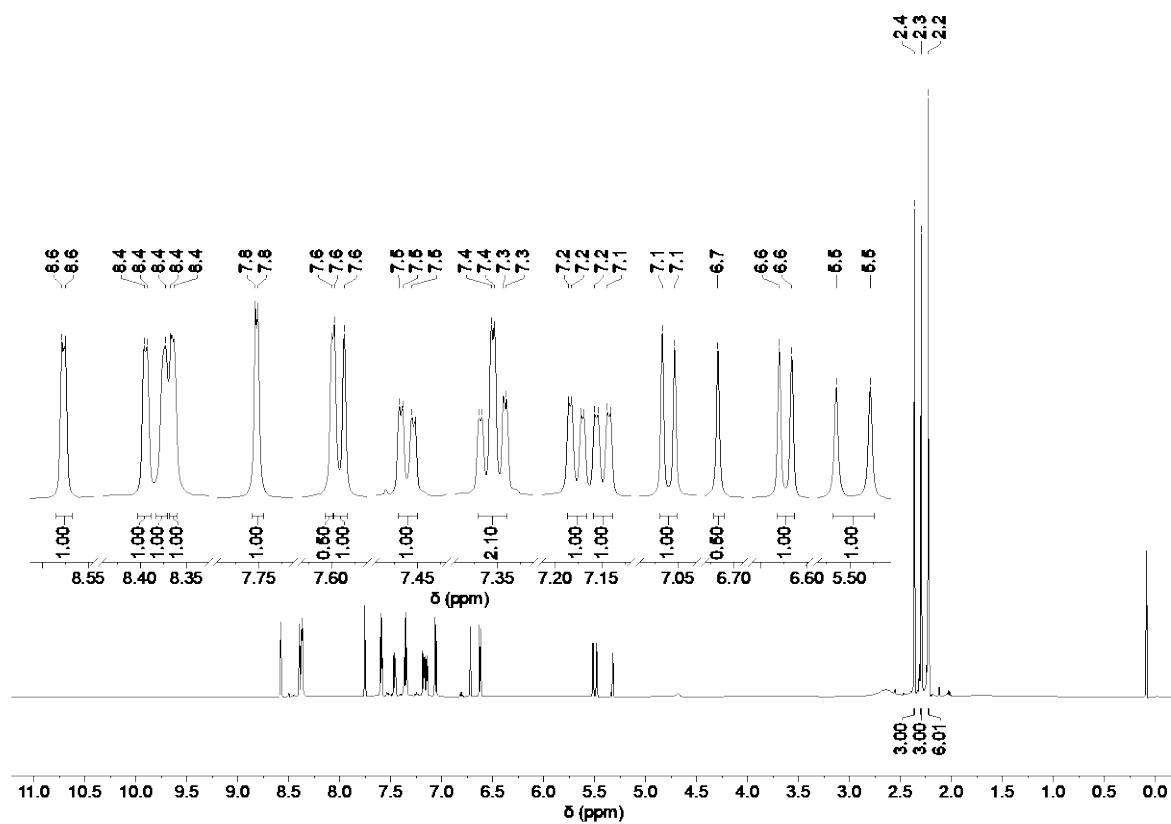
**<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (151 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):** δ = 155.4 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-2d,P</sub> = 14 Hz, 1C, C-2d), 153.0 (s, 1C, C-2b), 152.9 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-2c,P</sub> = 14 Hz, 1C, C-2c), 151.1 (s, 1C, C-6a), 150.9 (s, 1C, C-6b), 150.4 (s, 1C, C-6c), 150.3 (s, 1C, C-6d), 150.2 (s, 1C, C-3), 147.7 (s, 1C, C-2a), 138.2 (s, 1C, C-4b), 137.5 (s, 1C, C-4d), 137.4 (s, 1C, C-4a), 136.9 (s, 1C, C-4c), 133.9 (s, 1C, C-5a), 133.7 (s, 1C, C-5d), 132.7 (s, 1C, C-5c), 132.6 (s, 1C, C-5b), 128.4 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-4,P</sub> = 17 Hz, 1C, C-4), 128.0 (s, 1C, C-6), 127.5 (s, 1C, C-5), 124.7 (s, 2C, C-3c/C-3a), 122.0 (s, 1C, C-3b), 120.7 (s, 1C, C-3d), 46.9 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-6,P</sub> = 64 Hz, 1C, C-2), 18.5 (s, 1C, Me-a), 18.4 (s, 2C, Me-c/Me-d), 18.1 (s, 1C, Me-b) ppm.

**<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):** 21.1 (dd, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>P,H-P</sub> = 528 Hz, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>P,H-2</sub> = 22.0 Hz) ppm.

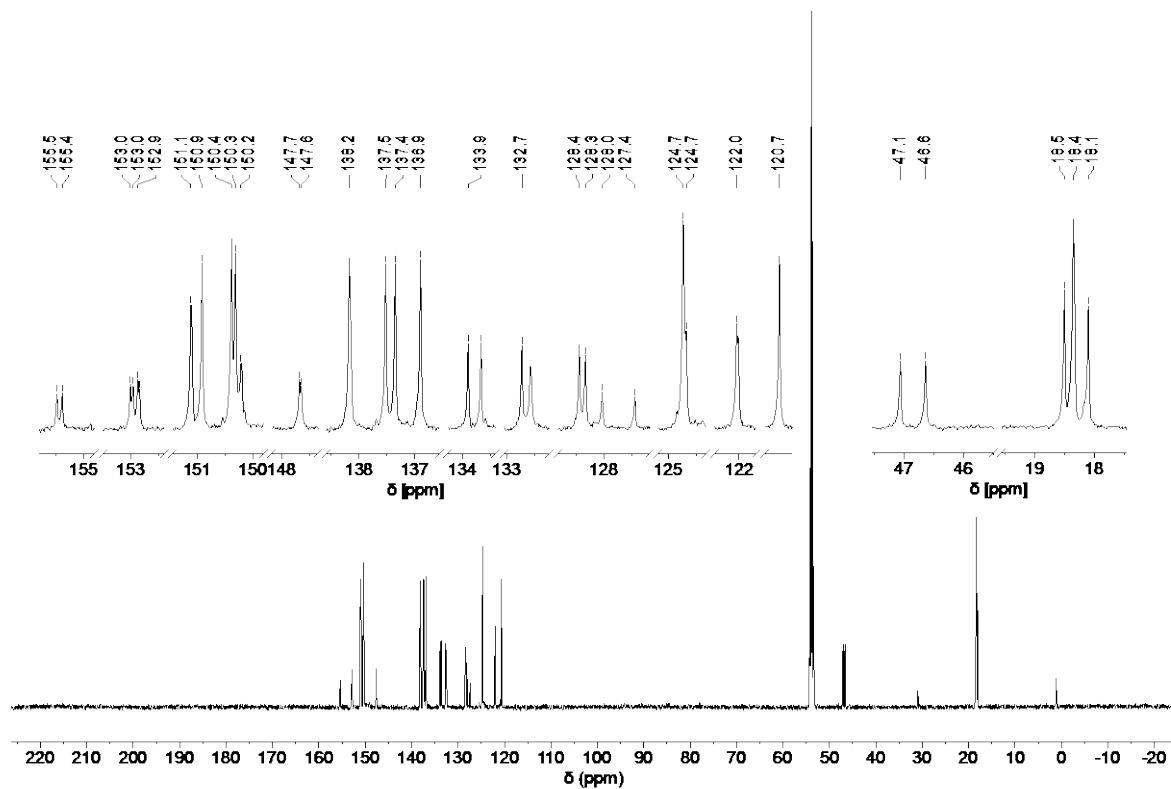
**<sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):** δ = 21.1 (s) ppm.

**IR (ATR):** ν = 3428 (w), 3001 (w), 2921 (w), 1564 (m), 1474 (vs), 1259 (m), 1198 (s), 1028 (s), 828 (s), 804 (s), 705 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

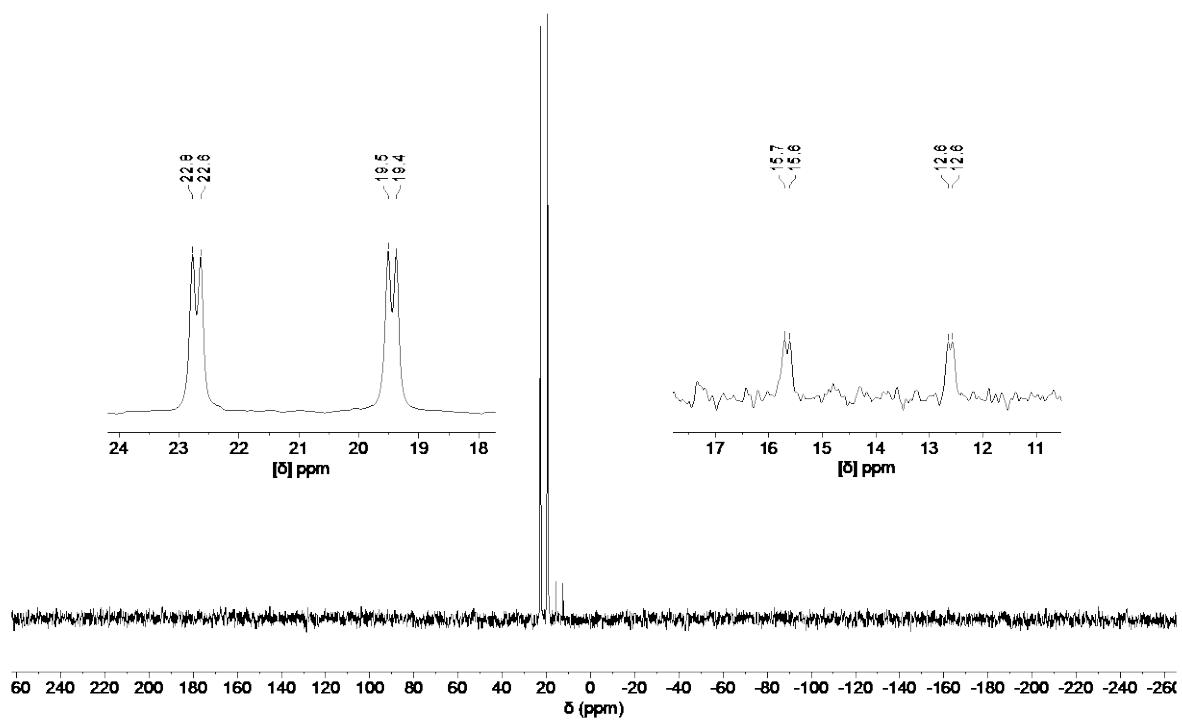
**HRMS-ESI:** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OPNa<sup>+</sup> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 501.1815. Found: 501.1843.



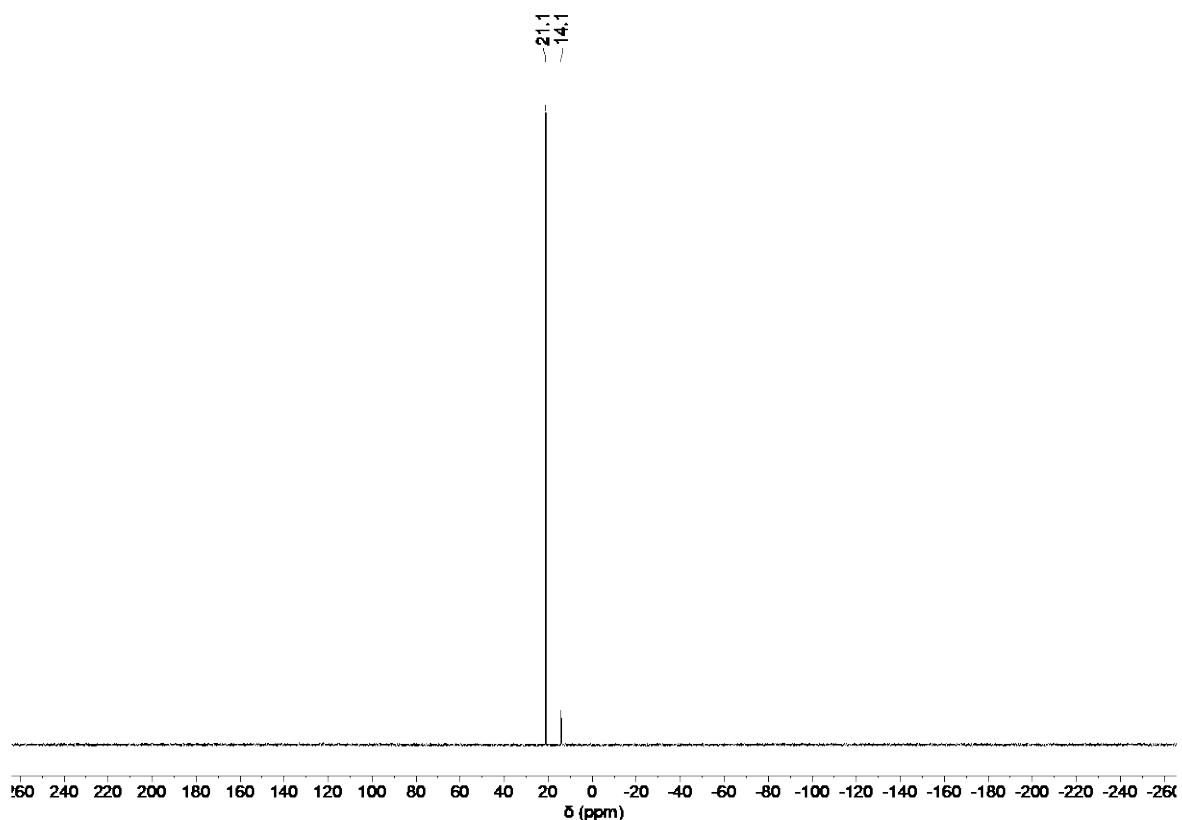
**Figure S2.15:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **4b**.



**Figure S2.16:**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **4b**.

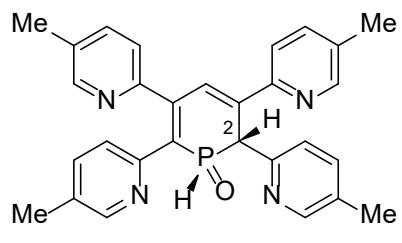


**Figure S2.17:**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **4b** and **5b**.



**Figure S2.18:**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **4b**.

**(1S,2S)-2,3,5,6-Tetrakis(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)-syn-1*H*,2*H*-dihydrophosphinine 1-oxide  
(5b)**



**5b**

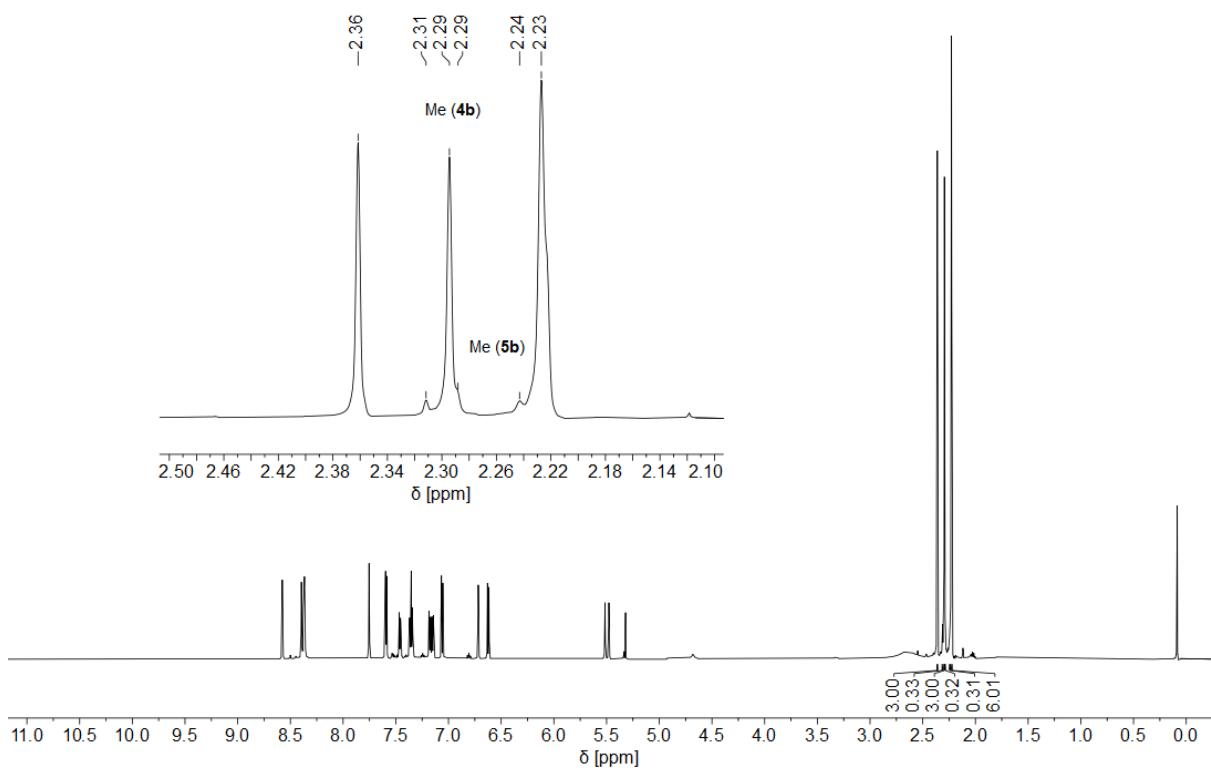
$C_{29}H_{27}N_4OP$   
 $M = 478.54 \text{ g/mol}$

Phosphinine 1-oxide **5b** was not isolated, but obtained as a diastereomeric mixture with its anti-diastereomer in a ratio of 97:3 (anti:syn). Its structure was confirmed by thorough analysis of the  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra obtained for **4b** (**Figures S2.15/17**). **5b** could not be completely characterized by NMR spectroscopy, as most of its signals overlap with the ones of **5a**, but the assignable signals are listed below.

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):**  $\delta = 2.31$  (s, 3H, Me), 2.29 (s, 3H, Me), 2.24 (s, 3H, Me) ppm.

**$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):**  $\delta = 14.1$  (dd,  $^1J_{\text{P},\text{H-P}} = 493$  Hz,  $^2J_{\text{P},\text{H-2}} = 13.1$  Hz) ppm.

**$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):**  $\delta = 14.1$  (s) ppm.



**Figure S2.19:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **4a/5a**, zoomed-in on the methyl signals of both diastereomers.

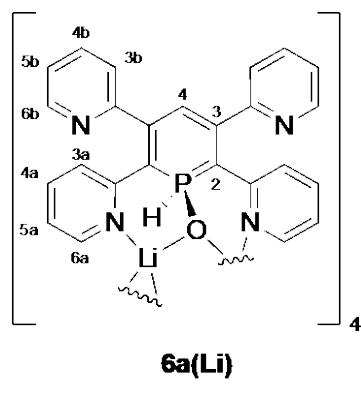
## 2.4 Deprotonation Studies

### General Procedure for the Synthesis of **6b**

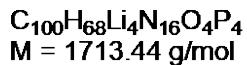
1,2-Dihydrophosphinine oxide **4b** was freshly prepared, and the sample were thoroughly dried as described above. **4b** (43 µmol, 1.0 equiv) was redissolved in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.60 mL) and the respective investigated base (10 equiv: pyridine, imidazole, isopropylamine, piperidine, NEt<sub>3</sub>; 2.0 equiv: KHMDS) was added at room temperature. The reactions with *n*BuLi and LDA (1.0 equiv) were conducted at -78 °C. The deprotonations using piperidine, LDA and *n*BuLi proceeded instantly to the desired product, as indicated by a colour change from light yellow to dark red (piperidine) or fluorescent orange (LDA, *n*BuLi).

**Caution:** Reactions of organolithium reagents in dichloromethane should be handled with care. The former can induce  $\alpha$ -elimination of the solvent, yielding carbenoids ( $\alpha$ -haloorganolithium compounds), which can subsequently generate the corresponding, highly thermolabile, carbenes.<sup>[14]</sup> For reactions on larger scales or with excesses of the organolithium reagent, the use of dichloromethane or chloroform should therefore be avoided and substituted for more suitable solvents (e.g. *n*-pentane, *n*-hexane, benzene,...).

### 2,3,5,6-Tetrakis(pyridin-2-yl)- $\lambda^5$ -phosphinin-1-olate-tetramer (**6a(Li)**)



**6a(Li)**



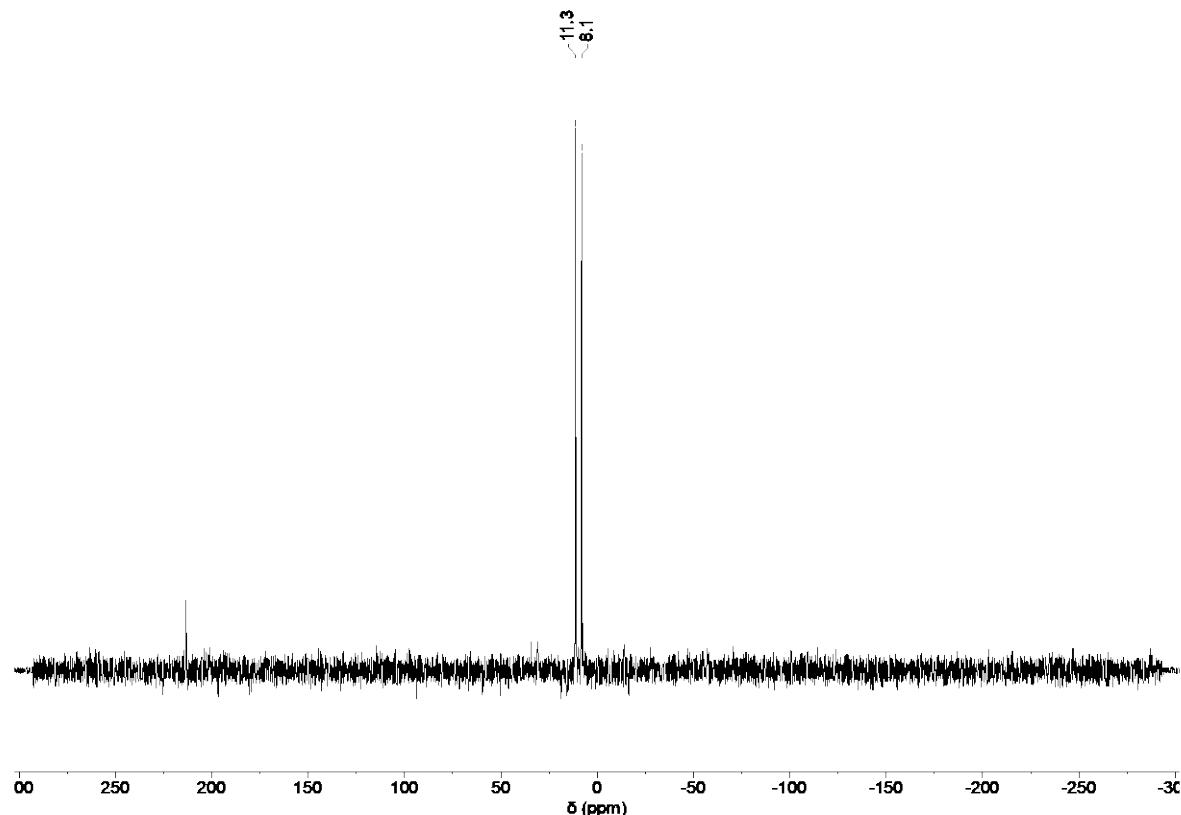
For the synthesis of **6a(Li)** a solution of **4a** (57 mg, 0.13 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was freshly prepared in a 10 mL Schlenkflask. At room temperature under vigorous stirring, MeLi (1.5 M in Et<sub>2</sub>O, 0.10 mL, 0.15 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added. Immediately after addition, the colour changed to fluorescent orange, with an orange, fluorescent solid precipitating. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, yielding **6a(Li)** (38 mg, 22 µmol, 65%).

Unfortunately, a suitable solvent to redissolve the obtained product could not be found. A full NMR characterization could therefore not be performed, and the identity of the title compound was solely confirmed by <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectroscopy. Similar resonances in the <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum

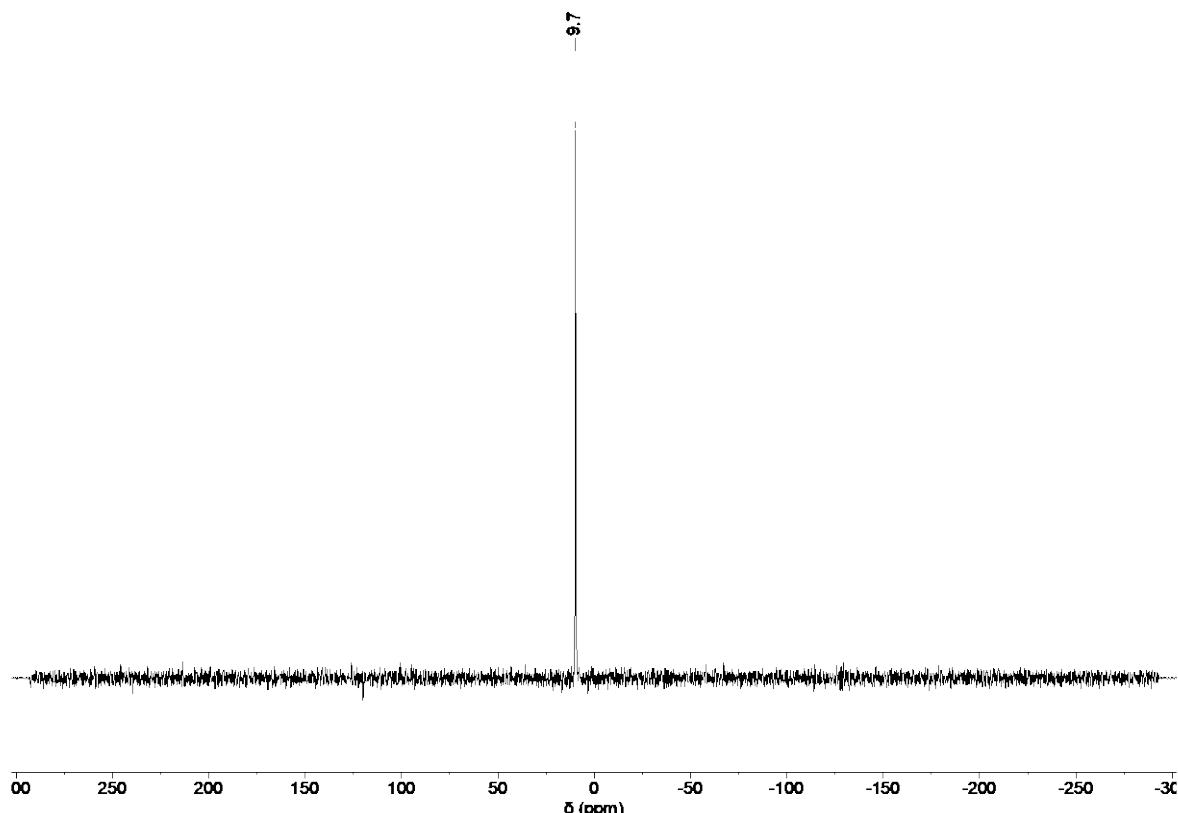
were found for compound **6b(Li)**. The product's nature and connectivity could then however be confirmed *via* X-ray diffraction. Suitable crystals for single crystal XRD were obtained as orange, fluorescent needles from a saturated solution of **6a(Li)** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

**<sup>31</sup>P NMR** (162 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta$  = 9.7 (d,  $^1J_{P,H-P}$  = 529 Hz) ppm.

**<sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (162 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta$  = 9.7 (s) ppm.

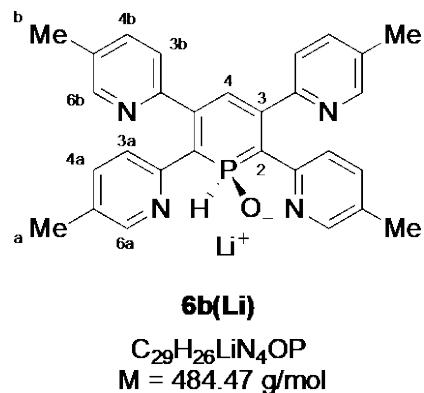


**Figure S2.20:** <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) of **6a(Li)**.



**Figure S2.21:**  $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **6a(Li)**.

### 2,3,5,6-Tetrakis(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)- $\lambda^5$ -phosphinin-1-olate (6b(Li))



The lithium salt of  $\lambda^5$ -phosphinin-1-olate **6b** was prepared after the general procedure above, using  $n\text{BuLi}$  (1.6 M in hexanes, 30  $\mu\text{L}$ , 47  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 1.1 equiv.) at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ . After the sample was allowed to warm up to room temperature, its colour had changed from pale yellow to a fluorescent orange. The solvents were removed *in vacuo* and the resulting solid was thoroughly dried. The product was obtained as a bright orange powder (19 mg, 39  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 90%). Unfortunately, a suitable solvent to redissolve the lithium salt after drying was not found. The product was therefore characterised directly from the reaction mixture, explaining the impurities visible in the  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra. With the aid of  $^1\text{H}/^1\text{H}$  COSY and

<sup>1</sup>H/<sup>13</sup>C HMQC NMR spectra, the product resonances could however still be completely assigned.

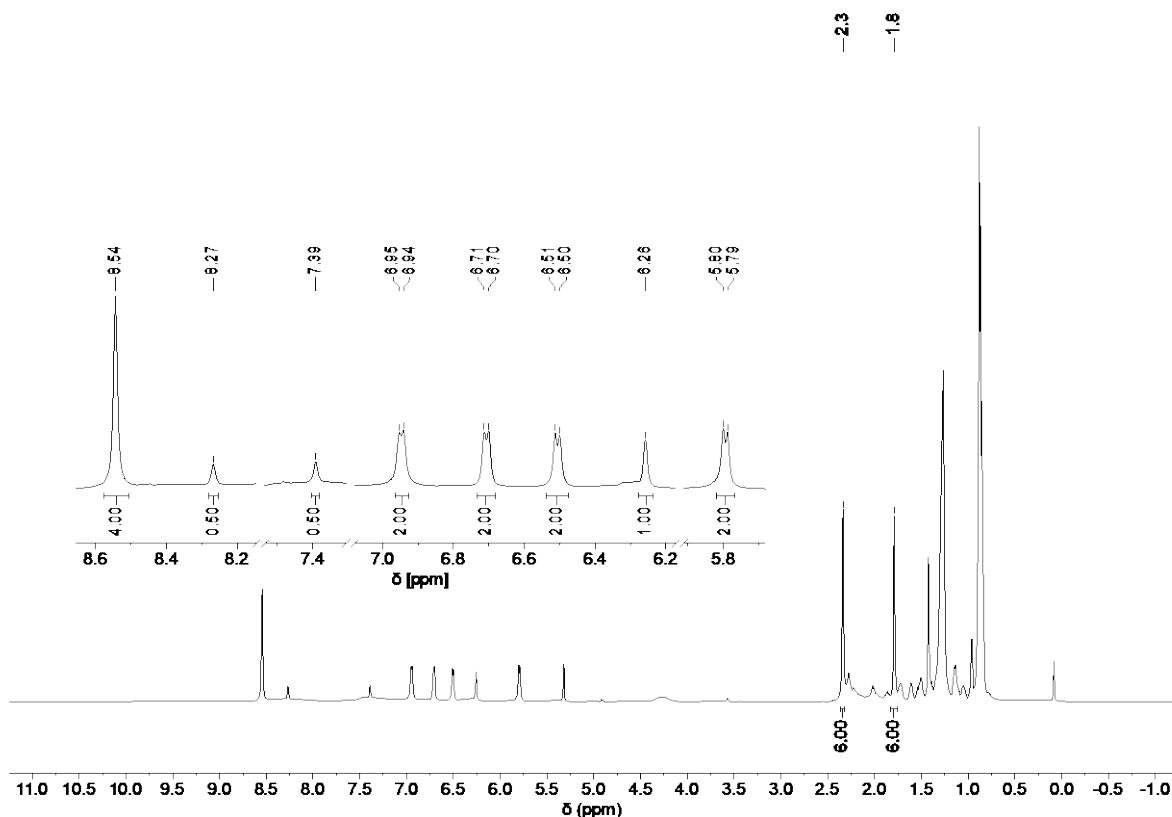
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ = 8.54 (appt. s, 4H, H-6a/6b), 7.83 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>H-2,P''</sub> = 552 Hz, 1H, H-2), 6.95 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4',H-3'</sub> = 8.3 Hz, 2H, H-4a), 6.71 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4'',H-3''</sub> = 7.8 Hz, 2H, H-4b), 6.51 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-3',H-4'</sub> = 8.2 Hz, 2H, H-3a), 6.26 (s, 1H, H-4), 5.79 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-3'',H-4''</sub> = 7.9 Hz, 2H, H-3b), 2.34 (s, 6H, Me-b), 1.79 (s, 6H, Me-a) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (151 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ = 158.4 (s, 2C, C-2a), 157.8 (s, 2C, C-2b), 149.9 (s, 2C, C-6b), 149.2 (s, 2C, C-6a), 134.9 (s, 2C, C-3), 135.9 (s, 2C, C-4a), 135.3 (s, 2C, C-4b), 131.1 (s, 2C, C-5b), 128.1 (s, 2C, C-5a), 125.0 (s, 2C, C-3b), 124.7 (s, 2C, C-3a), 108.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-4,P</sub> = 12.8 Hz, 1C, C-4), 100.2 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-2,P</sub> = 113 Hz, 1C, C-2), 18.0 (s, 2C, Me-b), 17.8 (s, 2C, C-Me-a) ppm.

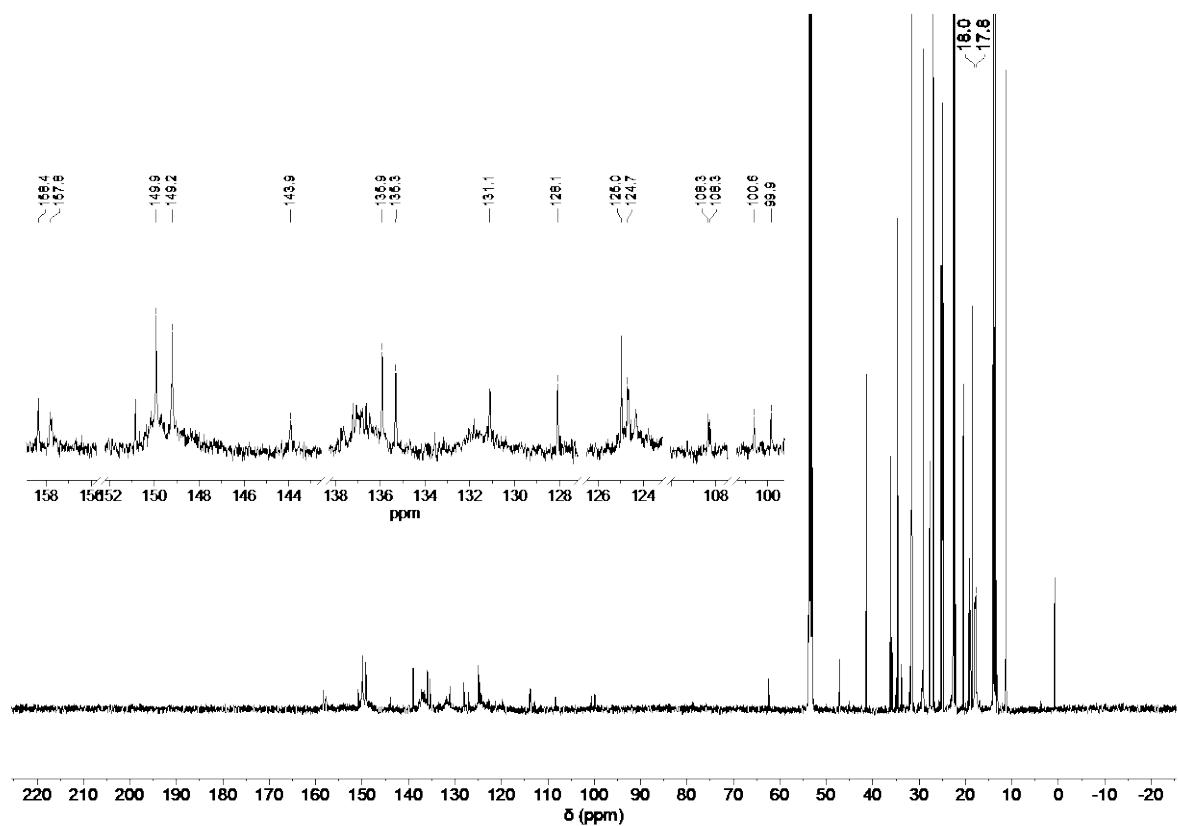
**<sup>31</sup>P NMR** (162 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ = 7.7 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>P,H-P</sub> = 527 Hz) ppm.

**<sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (162 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ = 7.7 (s) ppm.

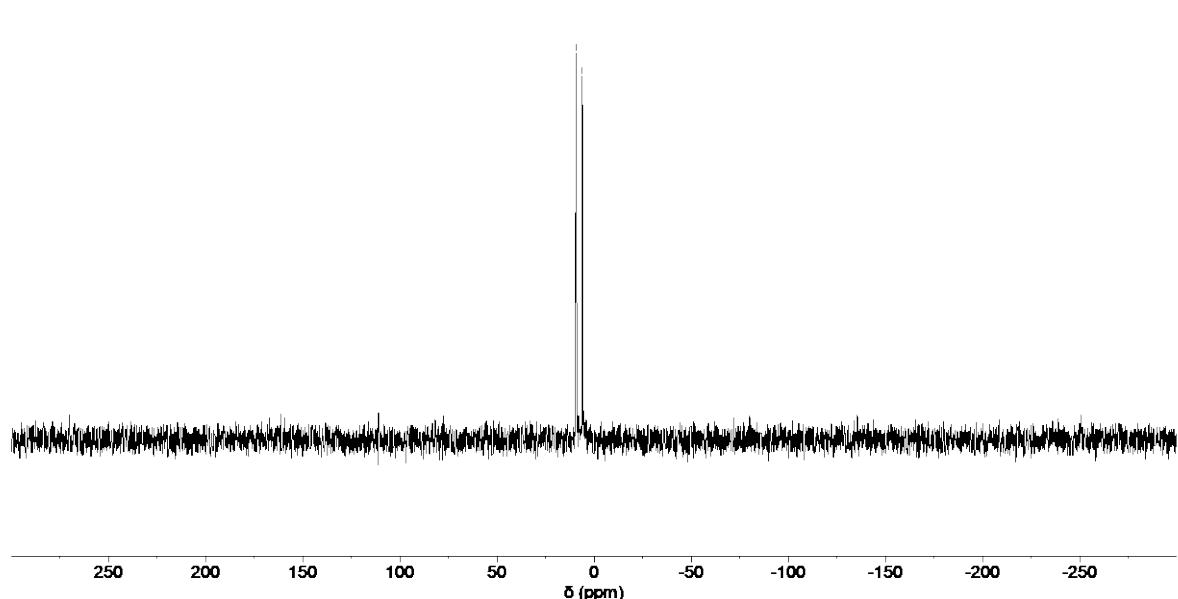
**HRMS-ESI:** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OP<sup>-</sup> [M-Li]<sup>-</sup>: 477.1849. Found: 477.1770.



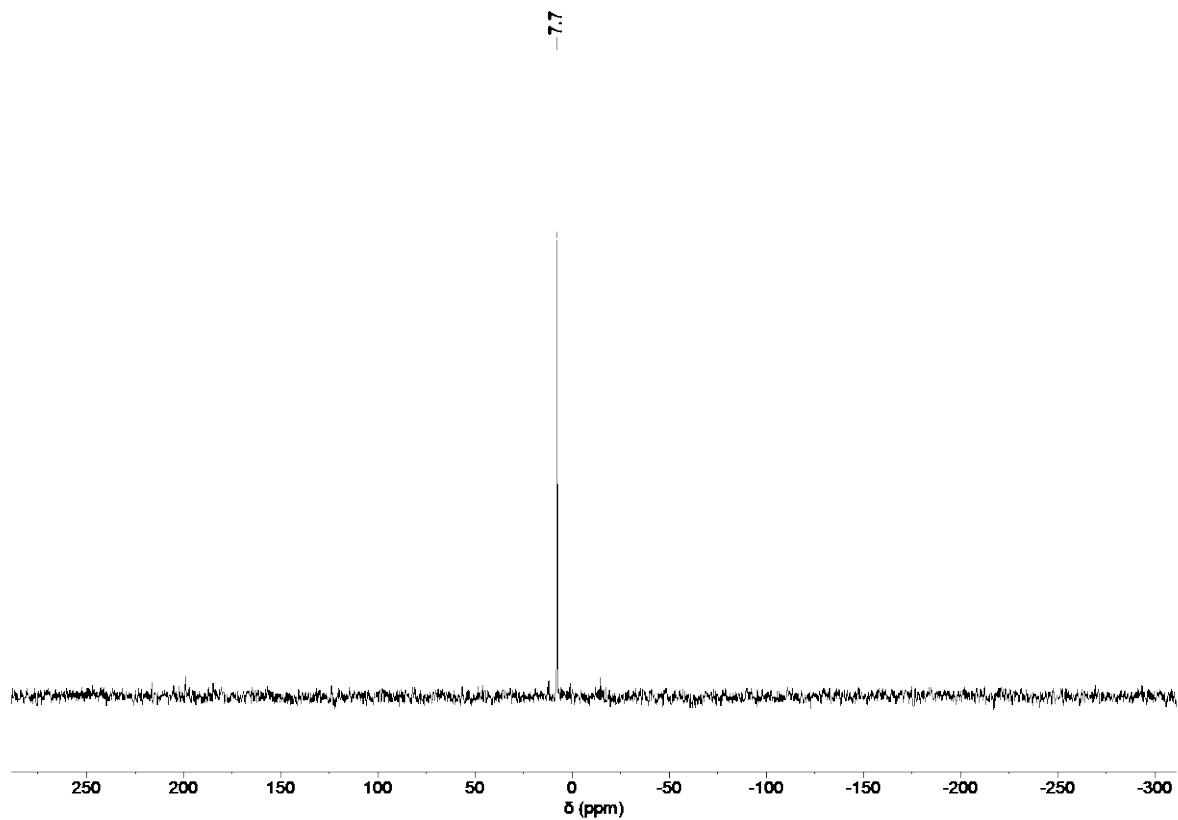
**Figure S2.22:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) of **6b**.



**Figure S2.23:**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **6b**.



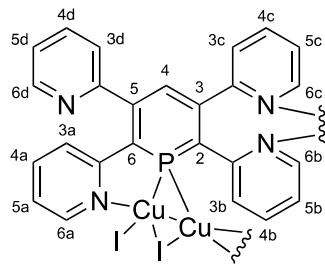
**Figure S2.24:**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **6b**.



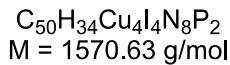
**Figure S2.25:**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **6b**.

## 2.5 Coordination Chemistry of Cu(I)

### Di(2,3,5,6-Tetrakis(pyridin-2-yl)phosphinine-copper-iodide) complex (7a)



7a



In a 20 mL Schlenk flask, phosphinine **2a** (95mg, 0.24 mmol) was dissolved in 8.0 mL of dried and degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. To the colourless solution, Cul·SMe<sub>2</sub> (0.11 g, 0.45 mmol, 1.9 equiv) was added at rt. The colour changed immediately to an intense red. After 30 min at rt, the remaining precipitate was filtered off. After removing the solvent *in vacuo* to dry the product, no suitable solvent for NMR spectroscopic analysis to re-dissolve the obtained product could be found. The product was obtained as a dark red crystalline solid (0.18 g, 0.11 mmol, 95%).

To circumvent the solubility issue, the reaction was repeated in a J. Young NMR tube with CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (500 μL) and the obtained reaction mixture was directly used for all further characterization. Suitable crystals for single crystal XRD were obtained by diffusion of *n*-pentane into a saturated solution of **7a** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

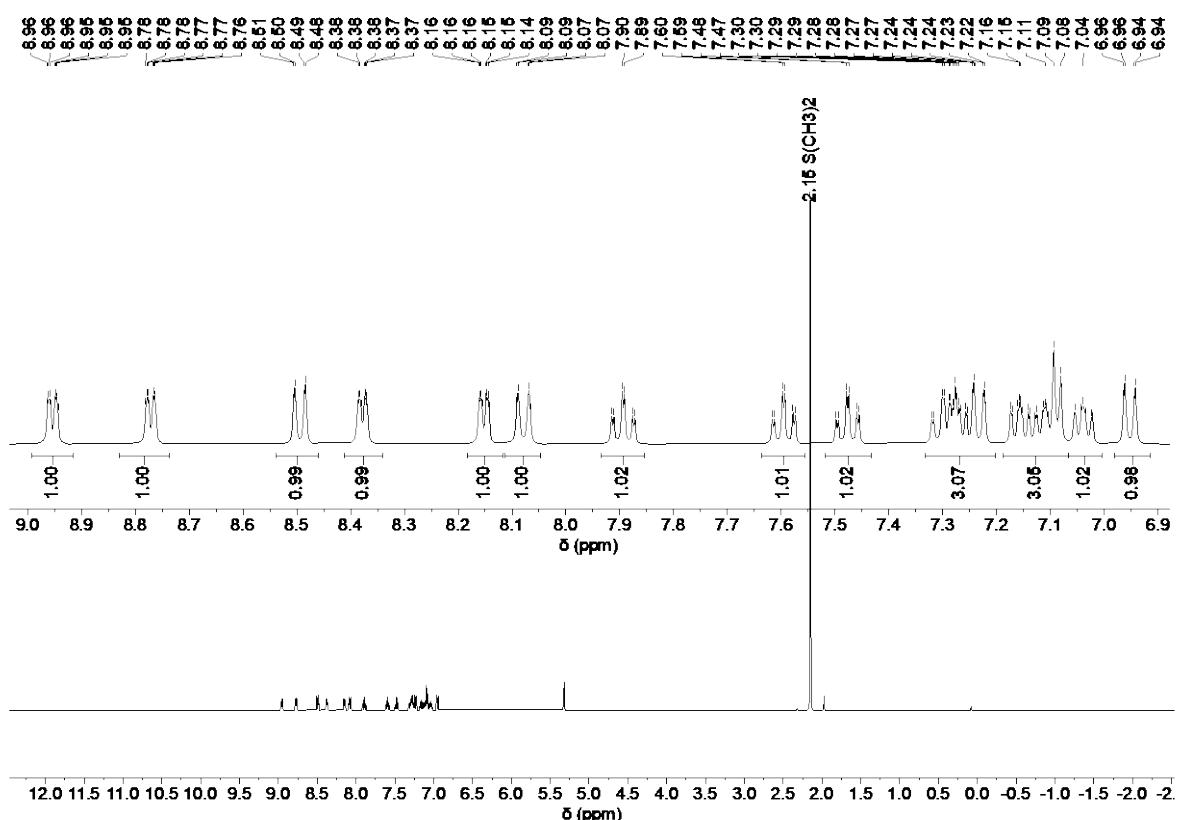
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):** δ = 8.95 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-6b-H-5b</sub> = 5.5 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-6b-H-4b</sub> = 1.8 Hz, <sup>5</sup>J<sub>H-6b-H3b</sub> = 0.8 Hz, 1H, H-6b), 8.77 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-6d-H-5d</sub> = 5.4 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-6d-H-4d</sub> = 1.7 Hz, <sup>5</sup>J<sub>H-6d-H-3d</sub> = 0.9 Hz, 1H, H-6d), 8.49 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-3c-H-4c</sub> = 7.9 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-3c-H-5c</sub> = 1.1 Hz, <sup>5</sup>J<sub>H-3c-H-6c</sub> = 1.1 Hz, 1H, H-3c), 8.38 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-3a-H-5a</sub> = 5.5 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-6a-H-4a</sub> = 1.8 Hz, <sup>5</sup>J<sub>H-6a-H-3a</sub> = 0.8 Hz, 1H, H-6a), 8.15 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-3c-H-5c</sub> = 5.2 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-6c-H-4c</sub> = 1.8 Hz, <sup>5</sup>J<sub>H-6c-H-3c</sub> = 0.9 Hz, 1H, H-6c), 8.08 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-3d-H-4d</sub> = 8.1 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-3d-H-5d</sub> = 1.1 Hz, <sup>5</sup>J<sub>H-3d-H-6d</sub> = 1.1 Hz, 1H, H-3d), 7.89 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4c-H-3c</sub> = 7.8 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4c-H-5c</sub> = 7.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-4c-H-6c</sub> = 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-4c), 7.60 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4b-H-3b</sub> = 7.7 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4b-H-5b</sub> = 7.7 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-4b-H-6b</sub> = 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-4b), 7.48 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4a-H-3a</sub> = 7.7 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4a-H-5a</sub> = 7.7 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-4a-H-6a</sub> = 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-4a), 7.30 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4d-H-3d</sub> = 8.1 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4d-H-5d</sub> = 7.9 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-4d-H-6d</sub> = 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-4d), 7.27 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-5a-H-4a</sub> = 7.6 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-5a-H-6a</sub> = 4.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-5a-H-3a</sub> = 1.1 Hz, 1H, H-5a), 7.23 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-3b-H-4b</sub> = 7.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-3b-H-5b</sub> = 1.1 Hz, <sup>5</sup>J<sub>H-3b-H-6b</sub> = 1.1 Hz, 1H, H-3b), 7.16 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-5b-H-4b</sub> = 7.6 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-5b-H-6b</sub> = 5.4 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-5b-H-3b</sub> = 1.3 Hz, 1H, H-5b), 7.11 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-5c-H-4c</sub> = 7.6 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-5c-H-6c</sub> = 5.2 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-5c-H-3c</sub> = 1.2 Hz, 1H, H-5c), 7.09 (d, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-4-P</sub> = 4.0 Hz, 1H, H-4), 7.04 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-5d-H-4d</sub> = 7.5 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-5d-H-6d</sub> = 5.3

Hz,  $^4J_{H-5d-H-3d} = 1.2$  Hz, 1H, H-5d), 6.95 (ddd,  $^3J_{H-3a-H-4a} = 7.9$  Hz,  $^4J_{H-3a-H-5a} = 1.1$  Hz,  $^5J_{H-3a-H-6a} = 1.1$  Hz, 1H, H-3a).

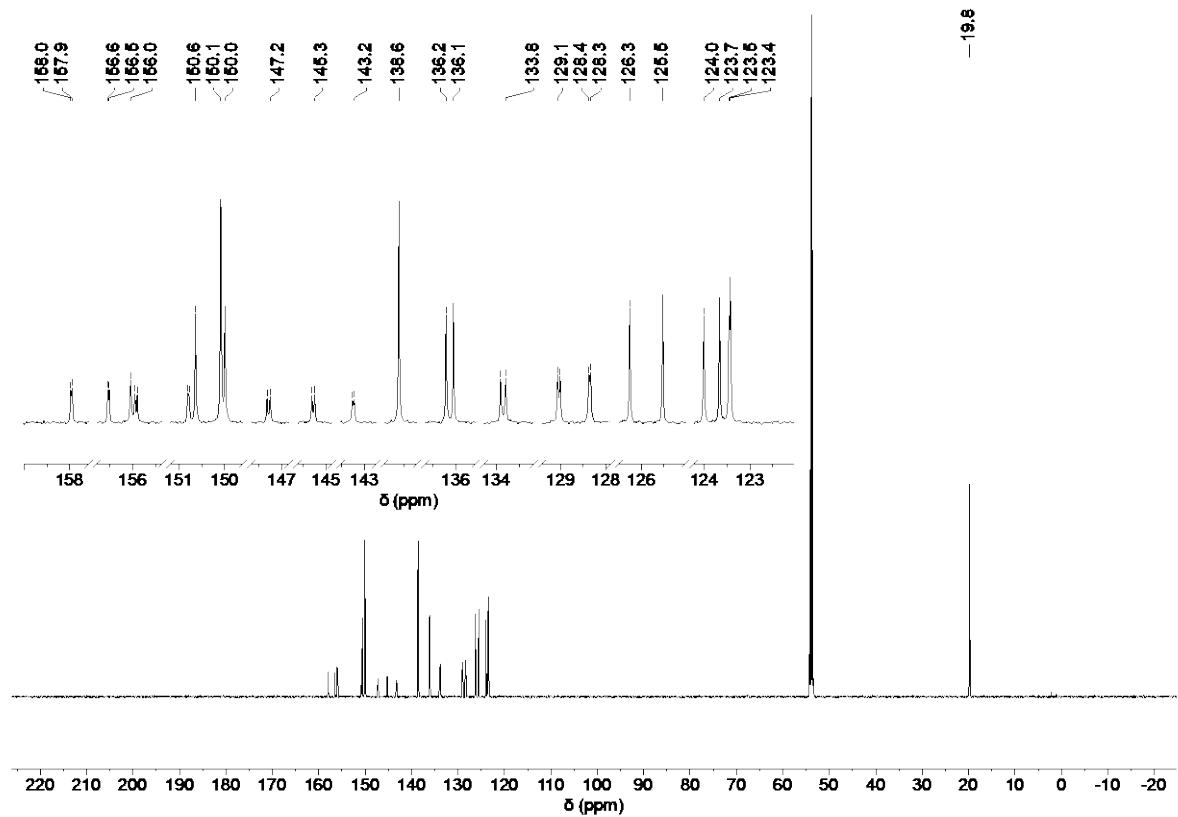
**$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):** 158.1 (d,  $^3J_{\text{C}-2\text{b}-\text{P}} = 4.4$  Hz, 1C, C-2b), 156.5 (d,  $^3J_{\text{C}-2\text{a}-\text{P}} = 5.1$  Hz, 1C, C-2a), 156.1 (s, 1C, C-2d), 155.9 (d,  $^4J_{\text{C}-2\text{c}-\text{P}} = 8.1$  Hz, 1C, C-2c), 150.8 (d,  $^2J_{\text{C}-5-\text{P}} = 4.1$  Hz, 1C, C-5), 150.6 (s, 1C, C-6b), 150.1 (s, 2C, C-6a, C-6d), 150.0 (s, 1C, C-6c), 147.3 (d,  $^1J_{\text{C}-2-\text{P}} = 10.3$  Hz, 1C, C-2), 145.3 (d,  $^1J_{\text{C}-6-\text{P}} = 9.4$  Hz, 1C, C-6), 143. (d,  $^2J_{\text{C}-3-\text{P}} = 6.2$  Hz, 1C, C-3), 138.61 (s, 2C, C-4b, C-4c), 136.2 (s, 1C, C-4d), 136.1 (s, 1C, C-4a), 133.9 (d,  $^3J_{\text{C}-4-\text{P}} = 17.1$  Hz, 1C, C-4), 129.0 (d,  $^4J_{\text{C}-3\text{c}-\text{P}} = 8.2$  Hz, 1C, C-3c), 128.4 (d,  $^4J_{\text{C}-3\text{d}-\text{P}} = 5.4$  Hz, 1C, C-3d), 126.3 (s, 1C, C-3a), 125.5 (s, 1C, C-3b), 124.01 (s, 1C, C-5c), 123.7 (s, 1C, C-5b), 123.5 (s, 1C, C-5d), 123.4 (s, 1C, C-5a), 19.8 (s, 4C,  $\text{S}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ) ppm.

**$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):**  $\delta = 154.3$  ppm.

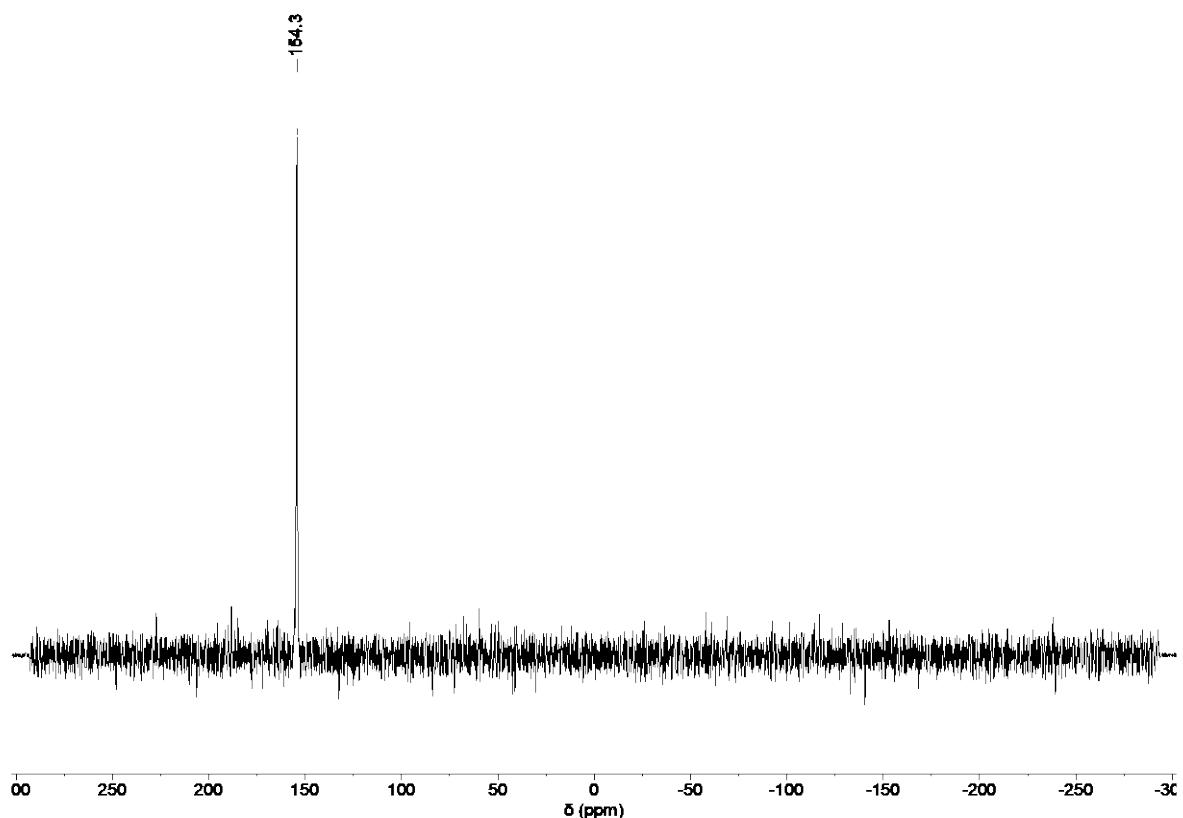
**HRMS-ESI:**  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{50}\text{H}_{34}\text{Cu}_3\text{I}_2\text{N}_8\text{P}_2^+ [(\text{PP})_2(\text{Cu}_3\text{I}_2)]^+$ : 1250.8359 Found: 1250.8249



**Figure S2.26:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of 7a.

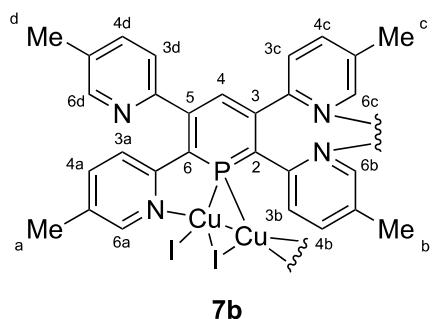


**Figure S2.27:**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **7a**.



**Figure S2.28:**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **7a**.

### **Di(2,3,5,6-Tetrakis(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)phosphinine-copper-iodide) complex (7b)**



$C_{58}H_{58}Cu_4I_4N_8P_2$   
 $M = 1682.84 \text{ g/mol}$

In a 10 mL Schlenk flask, a solution of phosphinine **2b** (21 mg, 45 µmol) was prepared in 2.0 mL CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. At room temperature, CuI · SMe<sub>2</sub> (23 mg, 91 µmol, 2.0 eq.) was added to the colourless solution. The colour changed immediately to an intense red. After 2 h at rt, the remaining precipitate was filtered off. After removing the solvent *in vacuo* to dry the product, no suitable solvent for NMR spectroscopic analysis to re-dissolve the obtained product could be found. The product was obtained as a dark red crystalline solid (36 mg, 21 mmol, 93 %).

The NMR characterisation was done directly from the reaction mixture in a J. Young NMR tube with CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (500 µL). and the obtained reaction mixture was directly used for all further characterization. Suitable crystals for single crystal XRD were obtained through diffusion of *n*-pentane into a solution of **7b** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

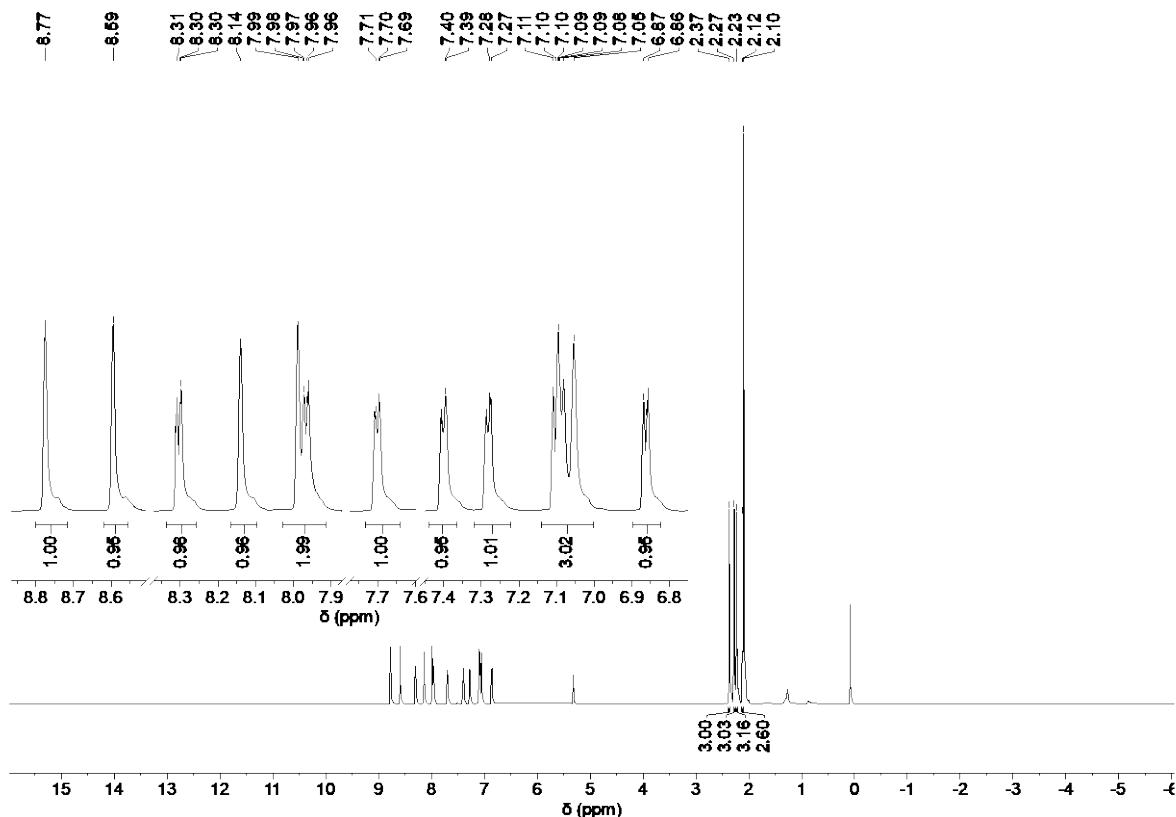
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):** δ = 8.78 (d, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-6a-H-4a</sub> = 2.8 Hz, 1H, H-6a), 8.60 (d, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-6d-H-4d</sub> = 2.6 Hz, 1H, H-6d), 8.30 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-3c-H-4c</sub> = 8.2 Hz, <sup>5</sup>J<sub>H-3c-H-5c</sub> = 2.2 Hz, 1H, H-3c), 8.14 (d, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-6a-H-4a</sub> = 2.3 Hz, 1H, H-6a), 7.99 (d, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-6c-H-4c</sub> = 2.6 Hz, 1H, H-6c), 7.97 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-3d-H-4d</sub> = 8.4 Hz, <sup>5</sup>J<sub>H-3d-H-6d</sub> = 3.1 Hz, 1H, H-3d), 7.70 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4c-H-3c</sub> = 8.4 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-4c-H-6c</sub> = 2.4 Hz, 1H, H-4c), 7.40 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4a-H-3a</sub> = 8.7 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-4a-H-6a</sub> = 2.4 Hz, 1H, H-4a), 7.28 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4b-H-3b</sub> = 8.7 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-4b-H-6b</sub> = 2.2 Hz, 1H, H-4b), 7.11 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-3b-H-4b</sub> = 7.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-3b-H-5b</sub> = 1.1 Hz, <sup>5</sup>J<sub>H-3b-H-6b</sub> = 1.1 Hz, 1H, H-3b), 7.10 (s, 1H, H-4), 7.09 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-4d-H-3d</sub> = 8.3 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-4d-H-6d</sub> = 2.4 Hz, 1H, H-4d), 6.86 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-3a-H-4a</sub> = 8.1 Hz, <sup>5</sup>J<sub>H-3a-H-6a</sub> = 3.2 Hz, 1H, H-3a), 2.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-a), 2.27 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-b), 2.23 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-b), 2.12 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-d) ppm.

**$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (176 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):**  $\delta = 156.7$  (d,  $^3J_{\text{C-2b-P}} = 4.6$  Hz, 1C, C-2b), 153.8 (d,  $^3J_{\text{C-2a-P}} = 5.0$  Hz, 1C, C-2a), 153.6 (s, 1C, C-2d), 153.6 (s, 1C, C-2c), 151.1 (s, 1C, C-5), 150.5 (s, 1C, C-6b), 150.3 (s, 1C, C-6a) 150.0 (s, 1C, C-6d), 149.9 (s, 1C, C-6c), 146.9 (d,  $^1J_{\text{C-2-P}} = 9.8$  Hz, 1C, C-2), 144.6 (d,  $^1J_{\text{C-6-P}} = 8.9$  Hz, 1C, C-6), 143.7 (d,  $^2J_{\text{C-3-P}} = 6.3$  Hz, 1C, C-3), 138.9 (s, 2C, C-4b, C-4c), 136.6 (s, 1C, C-4d), 136.4 (s, 1C, C-4a), 134.2 (d,  $^3J_{\text{C-4-P}} = 16.9$  Hz, 1C, C-4), 133.9 (s, 1C, C-5c), 133.6 (s, 1C, C-5d), 133.4 (s, 1C, 5b) 133.1 (s, 1C, 5a) 128.5 (d,  $^4J_{\text{C-3c-P}} = 1.5$  Hz, 1C, C-3c).

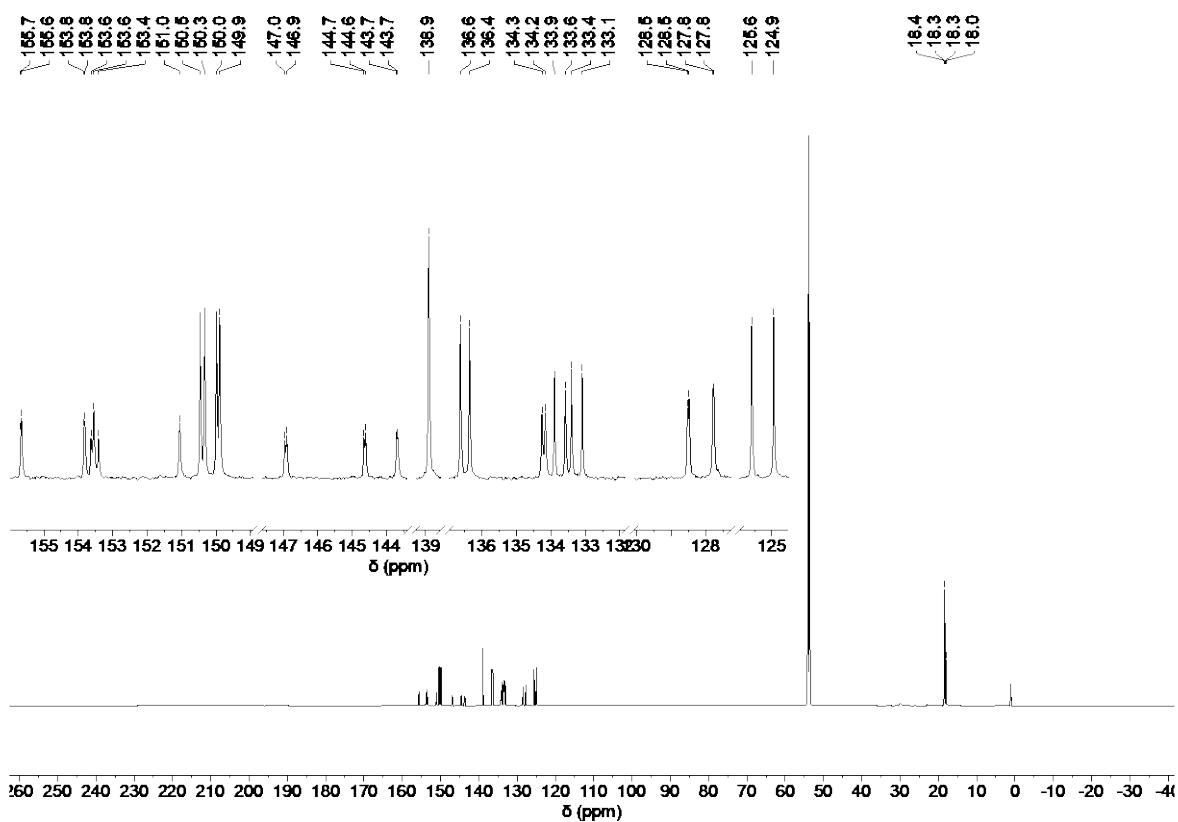
= 7.9 Hz, 1C, C-3c), 127.8 (d,  $^4J_{C-3d-P} = 5.3$  Hz, 1C, C-3d), 125.6 (s, 1C, C-3a), 124.9 (s, 1C, C-3b), 18.4 (s, 3C, CH<sub>3</sub>-b), 18.3 (s, 3C, CH<sub>3</sub>-a), 18.3 (s, 3C, CH<sub>3</sub>-c), 18.0 (s, 3C, CH<sub>3</sub>-d) ppm.

**$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):**  $\delta = 152.2 \text{ ppm}$ .

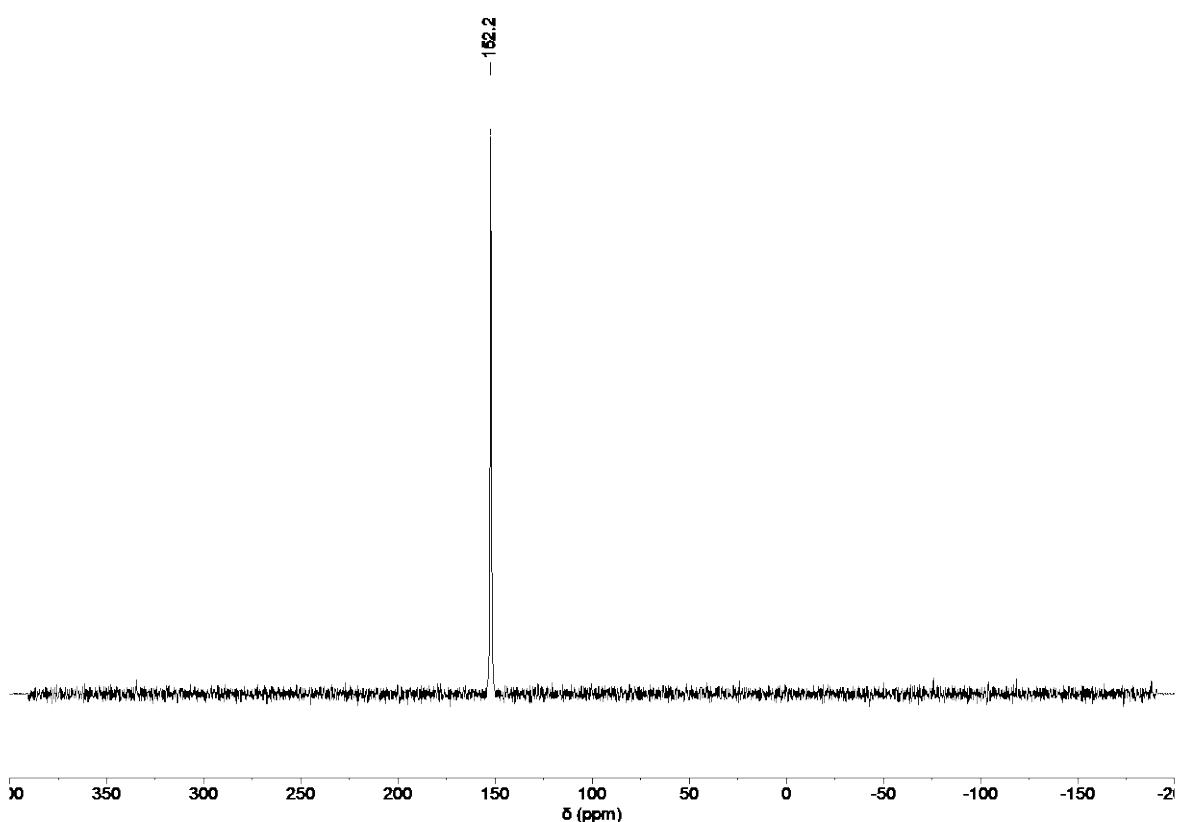
**HRMS-ESI:**  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{58}H_{50}Cu_3I_2N_8P^+ [(PP)_2(Cu_3I_2)]^+$ : 1362.9611 Found: 1362.9523



**Figure S2.29:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **7b**.



**Figure S2.30:**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **7b**.



**Figure S2.31:**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of **7b**.

### 3. UV/Vis Analysis

#### 3.1 UV/Vis Details

For the UV/Vis measurements, the UV/Vis spectrometer ‘*Lambda 465*’ of *PerkinElmer* was used, equipped with ‘UV Lab’ to process the raw data. The plotted spectra were prepared using *Origin 2023*.<sup>i</sup>

For the measurements, a solution of **2a** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with a concentration of c[**2a**] = 2.0 · 10<sup>-5</sup> mol/L (Solution 1) was prepared. To add different equivalents of H<sub>2</sub>O to the phosphinine **2a**, a stock solution of H<sub>2</sub>O in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with the same concentration of c[H<sub>2</sub>O] = 2.0 · 10<sup>-5</sup> mol/L (Solution 2) was used. 7 different samples with increasing equivalents of H<sub>2</sub>O were prepared by adding the respective volume of solution 2 to 20 µL of solution 1, and topping-up the samples with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to a total volume of 2 mL. (**Table S1**) After a reaction time of 16 hours, the solutions’ UV/Vis spectra were then recorded to investigate the sensitivity of the water activation and the possible use of **2a** as a water sensor. (**Figure S3.2**)

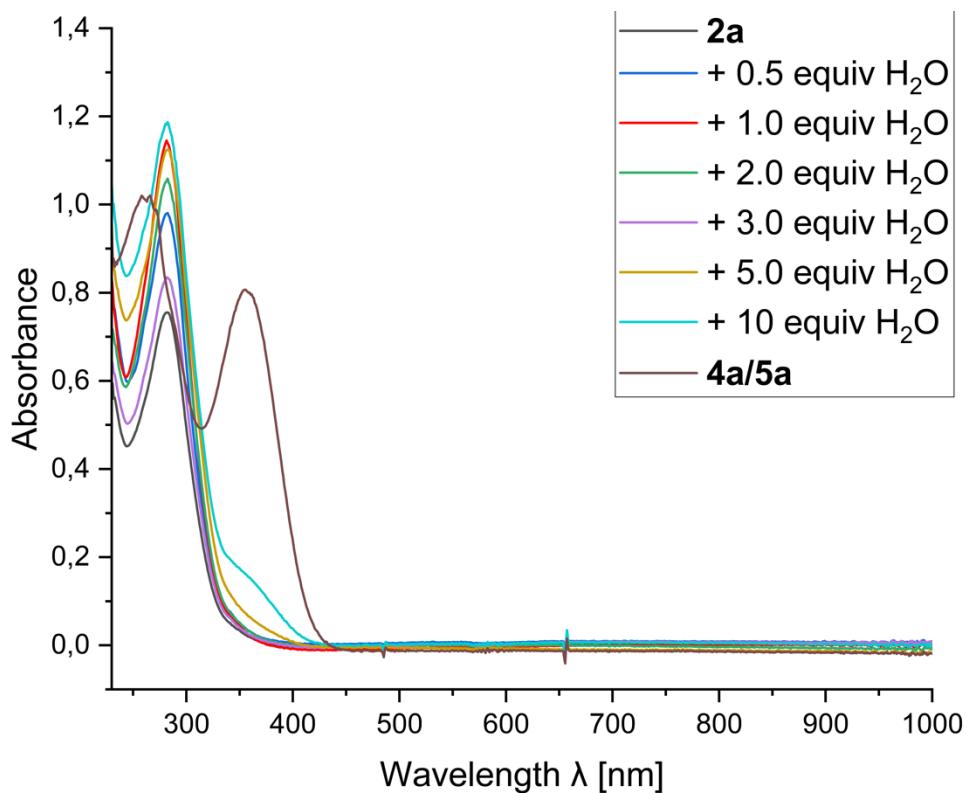
For means of comparison, a separate solution of freshly synthesized **4a/5a** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was diluted to c[**4a/5a**] = 1.4 · 10<sup>-5</sup> mol/L and using a volume of 20 µL on a total volume of 2 mL its UV/Vis spectrum recorded as well. (**Table S2**)

**Table S3.1:** Sample preparation of **2a**.

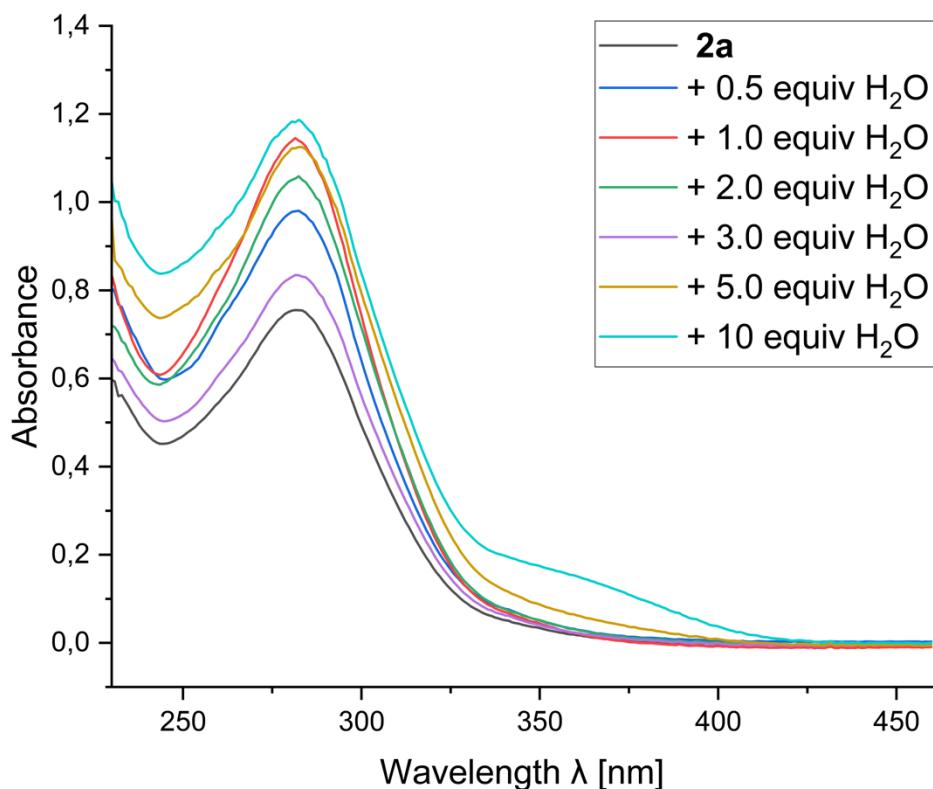
Sample	H <sub>2</sub> O Equiv.	V (Solution 1) [µL]	V (Solution 2) [µL]	V (CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ) [µL]
1	0.0	20	–	1980
2	0.5	20	10	1970
3	1.0	20	20	1960
4	2.0	20	40	1940
5	3.0	20	60	1920
6	5.0	20	100	1880
7	10	20	200	1780

**Table S3.2:** Sample preparation of **4a/5a**.

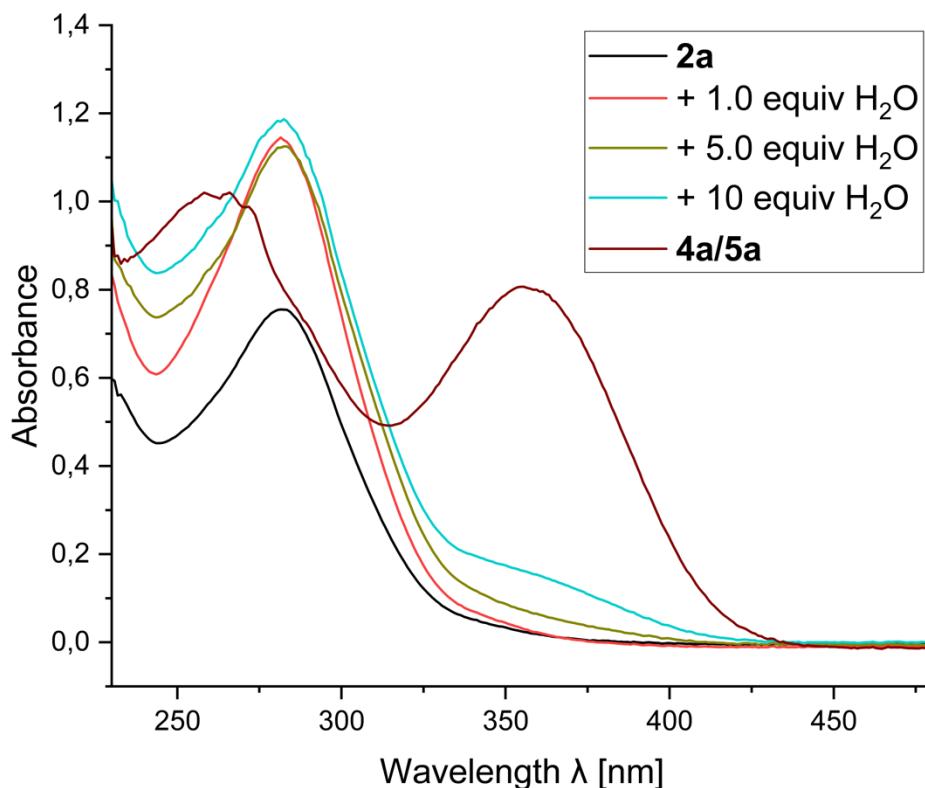
Sample	V (Solution of <b>4a/5a</b> ) [µL]	V (CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ) [µL]
8	20	1980



**Figure S3.1:** Full UV/Vis spectra of all samples.



**Figure S3.2:** Close-up of absorption range for the samples 1-7



**Figure S3.3:** Absorption of the samples 3, 6 and 7 compared to **4a/5a**.

The phosphine **2a** shows one characteristic absorption in the near UV-range at 281 nm. This is a typical absorption for  $\lambda^3$ -phosphinines.<sup>[14]</sup> In contrast, **5a** shows two absorptions, one shifted to lower frequencies at 355 nm and one shifted to higher frequencies at 264 nm. (**Figure S3.3**)

While the obtained spectra of **2a** with 0.5 equivalents of H<sub>2</sub>O, as well as 1.0 equivalents, 2.0 equivalents and 3.0 equivalents, do not show significant changes in their absorption features, the measurements with 5.0 equivalents and 10 equivalents of H<sub>2</sub>O start showing the expected shoulders at 355 nm, indicating their conversion to the water adduct **4a/5a**. The low conversion is most likely explicable by the notably lower concentration of **2a** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> compared to the NMR spectroscopic measurements, resulting in a significantly longer reaction time needed than was employed herein. While these results do indicate that **2a** reacts with water even at very low concentrations, they also show that it is rather unsuitable in an application as a real-time water sensor. Apart from the prolonged reaction time itself, the error in concentration that would ensue from evaporation of the CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> over time and during working steps (as can already be partially observed in the absorption maxima of samples 1-7) would inhibit its use in the quantification of unknown water concentrations.

## 4. Crystallographic Data

### 4.1 Crystallographic Details

Single crystal x-ray diffraction data was collected on a Bruker D8 Venture fitted with a Photon II CMOS Detector with Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) from an  $I/\mu\text{s}$  micro-source, performing  $\varphi$ -and  $\omega$ -scans. Data collection and processing was handled using the Bruker APEX3 software package. Structures were solved within Olex2<sup>[15]</sup> by dual space iterative methods (SHELXT)<sup>[16]</sup> and all non-hydrogen atoms refined by full-matrix least-squares on all unique  $F^2$  values with anisotropic displacement parameters (SHELXL).<sup>[17]</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, all hydrogen atoms were included into the model at geometrically calculated positions and refined using a riding model. The isotropic displacement parameters of all hydrogen atoms were fixed to 1.2 times the  $U$  value of the atoms they are linked to (1.5 times for methyl groups). Structures were checked with checkCIF.<sup>[18]</sup> Selected crystallographic can be found in **Table S1** below. The CCDC entries 2302172 (**5b**), 2304990 (**2a**), 2304991 (**2b**), 2304992 (**E**) 2305048 (**4b**) and 2305850 (**7a(Li)**) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this article. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures).

**Tabel S4.1:** Selected crystallographic data

	<b>2a</b>	<b>2b</b>	<b>4b</b>	<b>6a(Li)</b>
CCDC number	2304990	2304991	2302172	2305850
Empirical formula	$C_{25}H_{17}N_4P$	$C_{36}H_{32}N_4P$	$C_{29}H_{27}N_4OP$	$C_{103.44}H_{78.88}Cl_{6.88}Li_4N_{16}O_4P_4$
Formula weight	404.39	551.62	478.51	2005.52
Temperature [K]	100.0	150.0	102.0	150
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Tetragonal
Space group	$P2_1/c$	$P\bar{1}$	$P\bar{1}$	$I\bar{4}$
a [ $\text{\AA}$ ]	6.0233(2)	6.04355(9)	10.539(2)	22.4512(8)
b [ $\text{\AA}$ ]	7.2655(2)	10.8813(2)	10.9798(18)	22.4512(8)
c [ $\text{\AA}$ ]	21.2045(6)	11.4035(2)	11.7826(15)	10.3077(5)
$\alpha$ [ $^\circ$ ]	90	102.9934(7)	92.457(9)	90
$\beta$ [ $^\circ$ ]	93.2936(9)	95.8207(6)	108.816(4)	90
$\gamma$ [ $^\circ$ ]	90	93.2149(6)	103.145(4)	90
Volume [ $\text{\AA}^3$ ]	972.33(5)	724.54(2)	1246.7(4)	5195.7(4)
Z	2	1	2	2

Reflections collected	25237	32667	15240	20616
Independent reflections ( $R_{int}$ )	2955 (0.0303)	3310 (0.0352)	4583 (0.0330)	4550 (0.0999)
$R_1$ [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]	0.0591	0.0672	0.0454	0.0505
$wR_2$ (all data)	0.1350	0.1388	0.1045	0.1300

**Tabel S4.2:** Selected crystallographic data

	7b	E
CCDC number	2305048	2304992
Empirical formula	$C_{59}H_{52}Cl_2Cu_4I_4N_8P_2$	$C_{14}H_{12}N_2$
Formula weight	1767.68	208.26
Temperature [K]	105.0	100.00
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/n$	$C2/c$
a [Å]	19.1051(8)	8.4144(5)
b [Å]	17.5837(7)	9.2664(5)
c [Å]	19.9459(7)	14.4244(10)
$\alpha$ [°]	90	90
$\beta$ [°]	99.8850(10)	103.942(2)
$\gamma$ [°]	90	90
Volume [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	6601.1(4)	1091.55(12)
Z	4	4
Reflections collected	169316	16349
Independent reflections ( $R_{int}$ )	15131 (0.0515)	1658 (0.0340)
$R_1$ [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]	0.0386	0.0718
$wR_2$ (all data)	0.0929	0.2543

### **Additional refinement details for 2a**

The structure exhibits inversion disorder about the central phosphinine ring. To obtain a satisfactory model for the phosphinine core, the C atoms bound directly to the two crystallographically unique pyridyl rings were split and all atoms comprising the central phosphinine unit were given an occupancy of 0.5. To conform with other structures reported containing phosphinine moieties, the structure was then grown and the two carbons furthest from P1, (to account for the longer P-C bonds) and the two carbons closest to C3 (to account for the shorter C-C bonds) were selected and using the command 'part -1 -c' in Olex2 to generate a full two-fold disorder of the central phosphinine ring was formed. The carbons bound to the pyridyl units (C1, C2, C4, C5) had their thermal parameters constrained (EADP) due to substantial spatial overlap of the ellipsoids with its inversion component.

### **Additional refinement details for 2b**

The structure crystallises in the triclinic space group P-1 and features half a molecule of 6,6',6'',6'''-(phosphinine-2,3,5,6-tetrayl)tetrakis(3-methylpyridine) in the asymmetric unit. The central phosphinine ring core is situated across an inversion centre and disordered by symmetry with occupancy 0.5 as per symmetry requirement. To obtain a suitable model for the phosphinine core, the carbons adjacent to the pyridyl ring were split and all atoms forming the central phosphinine unit were given an occupancy of 0.5. To fit with other phosphinine moieties, the structure was then grown and the two carbons furthest from P1, (to account for the longer P-C bonds) and the two carbons closest to C3 (to account for the shorter C-C bonds) were selected and using the command 'part -1 -c' in Olex2 the central phosphinine ring was formed. The carbons bound to the pyridyl units (C1, C2, C4, C5) had their thermal parameters constrained (EADP) due to substantial spatial overlap of the ellipsoids with the second component.

A toluene molecule of crystallisation is also present in the crystal which features disorder by inversion and was modelled as a twofold whole body disordered site by placing in part -1. The occupancy of this molecule refined to 0.498(3), which was later constrained to 0.5 in the final model giving a total solvate occupancy of unity. The six-carbon central core of the toluene molecule was constrained using AFIX 66 to ensure a chemically sensible geometry. A FLAT restraint was also used across the entire seven carbon skeleton of the toluene molecule, in addition to the displacement parameter restraint combination SIMU/RIGU about the entire molecule.

The erroneous reflection (0,1,0) was removed during refinement due to partial obscuration by the beamstop.

### **Additional refinement details for 4b**

The asymmetric unit contains one molecule of the target complex and a highly disordered equivalent of co-crystallised DCM. Attempts to model the solvent were unsuccessful and so SQUEEZE<sup>[19]</sup> was implemented. A solvent mask was calculated and 180 electrons were found in a volume of 1158 Å<sup>3</sup> in 3 voids per unit cell. This is consistent with the presence of 1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> per asymmetric unit which account for 168 electrons per unit cell.

### **Additional refinement details for 6a(Li)**

The structure presented was isolated as a tetrameric coordination complex, crystallising in the tetragonal space group  $\bar{4}$  with one quarter of the tetramer itself comprising the asymmetric unit and a molecule of dichloromethane of crystallisation. The dichloromethane molecule features a minor whole body disorder and was split into parts '1' and '2' for the sites 'C1...Cl2' and 'C1A Cl2A' respectively. Though a residual electron density squeeze calculation prior to modelling the dichloromethane sites suggested 100% cumulative occupancy across the two sites, the thermal parameters were unacceptable and suggested either additional disorder or a net occupancy slightly less than one. The occupancies of the dichloromethane sites were then refined against net occupancies between 0.8 and 1.0, with 0.86 yielding the best convergence and lowest refinement parameters. In this model, the individual occupancies of the dichloromethane sites '1' and '2' refined to 0.52(3) and 0.34(3) respectively. Several restraints were applied to ensure both dichloromethane sites conformed to sensible molecular geometries. DFIX 1.77 Å restraints were placed between C1-Cl1 and C1-Cl2, and all 1,2- C-Cl distances were subject to a SADI same distance restraint. All 1,3- Cl-Cl distances were restrained through combined use of DANG 2.92 and a SADI same distance restraint across both sites. Combined displacement parameter restraints SIMU and RIGU were also used across both sites. Finally, EADP constraints were applied linking the complementary atoms of the two different sites to 'C1,C1A' and 'Cl1,Cl1A' as the atoms observe a significant portion of spatial overlap in the structure. There is no further disorder present in the model, and all non-H atoms were refined anisotropically with all H-atoms placed in calculated positions and allowed to refine using a riding model.

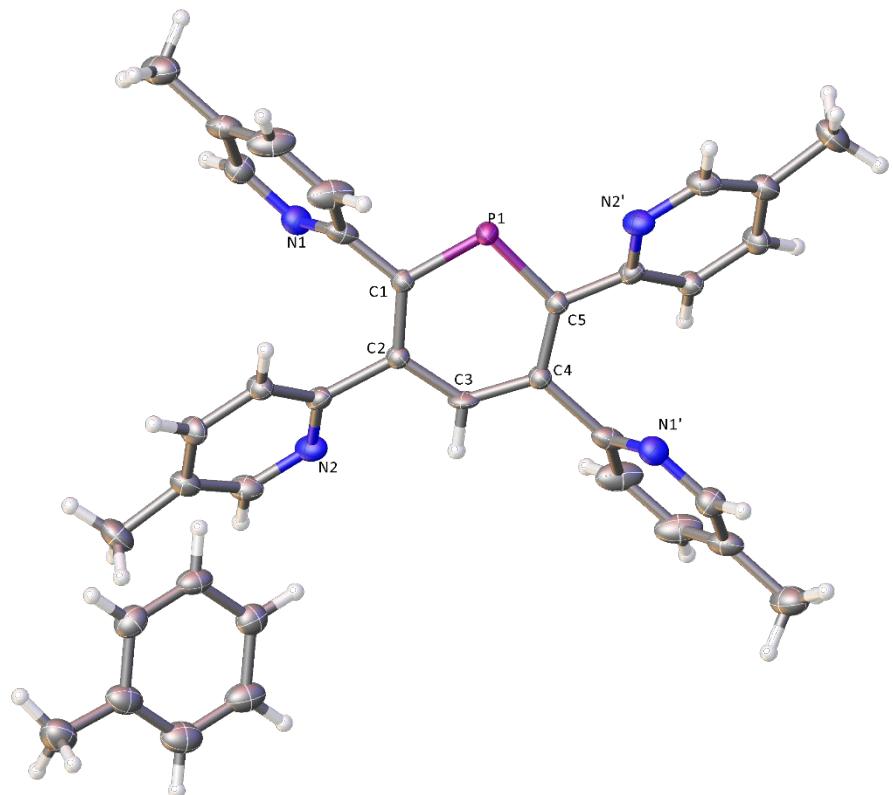
The structure is an inversion twin, and refined against the twin law (-1,0,0,0,-1,0,0,0,-1) with a final BASF of 0.07(3). An extinction correction was refined to 0.0008(2). Two bad reflections were removed from the final refinement, (0,2,0) and (1,3,0), however no systematic origin of the cause of the error could be ascertained. The data was truncated at 0.84 Å, as the crystal diffracts only very weakly at higher angle, which may be a consequence of the onset of loss of solvent leading to a drop in crystallinity. The final R1 refined to 0.0505.

### **Additional refinement details for E**

The structure crystallises in the monoclinic space group C2/c, with the asymmetric unit comprised of half a molecule of 1,2-bis(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)ethyne disordered by symmetry across an inversion centre. The final model presented yields relatively poor refinement parameters, which is believed to be due to the presence of a secondary minor component also exhibiting whole body disorder by symmetry situated across the same geometric space of the major component in the crystal, evidence of which is present in the residual fourier difference map. It was not viable to model this disordered minor component sensibly, given that the structure is comprised only of light atoms, and this would result in an unsatisfactorily low data-to-parameter ratio. The model is instead presented as is as a twofold disordered structure. Extensive efforts were made to look for additional signs of twinning to account for the poor quality of the refinement, but there was no evidence in the raw data or most disagreeable reflections for the existence of either pseudo- or non-merohedral twinning at play.

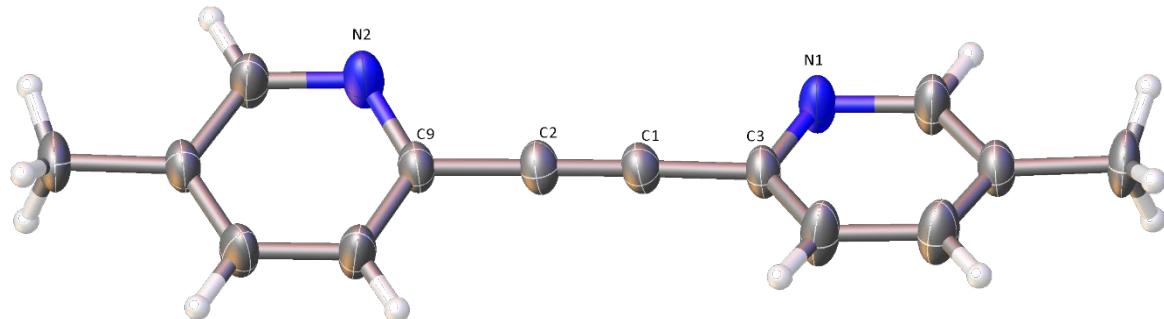
The erroneous reflection (3,3,9) was re-improved from the model, however no systematic origin of this error could be ascertained.

**2b**



**Figure S4.1:** Structure of **2b** in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids given at 50% probability. Image shows co-crystallised toluene and one orientation of the central phosphinine core. Atoms marked with ' are symmetry generated using the following equation: 2-X, 1-Y, -Z.

**E**



**Figure S4.2:** Structure of **E** in the solid state. Thermal ellipsoids given at 50% probability.

## 5. References

- [1] J. Tao, J. P. Perdew, V. N. Staroverov, G. E. Scuseria, *Phys Rev Lett* **2003**, *91*, 146401.
- [2] F. Weigend, R. Ahlrichs, *Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics*, **2005**, *7*, 3297–3305.
- [3] F. Weigend, *Physical chemistry chemical physics*, **2006**, *8*, 1057–1065.
- [4] Y. Zhao, N. E. Schultz, D. G. Truhlar, *J Chem Theory Comput*, **2006**, *2*, 364–382.
- [5] L. Goerigk, A. Hansen, C. Bauer, S. Ehrlich, A. Najibi, S. Grimme, *Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics*, **2017**, *19*, 32184–32215.
- [6] J. Tomasi, B. Mennucci, R. Cammi, *Chem Rev*, **2005**, *105*, 2999–3094.
- [7] S. Grimme, J. Antony, S. Ehrlich, H. Krieg, *J Chem Phys*, **2010**, *132*.
- [8] A. E. Brown, B. E. Eichler, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, **2011**, *52*, 1960–1963.
- [9] M. Doux, L. Ricard, F. Mathey, P. L. Floch, N. Mézailles, *Eur J Inorg Chem*, **2003**, 687–698.
- [10] K. Clauss, H. Bestian, *Justus Liebigs Ann Chem*, **1962**, *654*, 8–19.
- [11] P. Heretsch, S. Rabe, A. Giannis, *Org Lett.*, **2009**, *11*, 5410–5412.
- [12] K. M. Doxsee, J. B. Farahi, *J Am Chem Soc*, **1988**, *110*, 7239–7240.
- [13] A. E. Brown, B. E. Eichler, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, **2011**, *52*, 1960–1963.
- [14] G. Pfeifer, F. Chahdoura, M. Papke, M. Weber, R. Szűcs, B. Geffroy, D. Tondelier, L. Nyulászi, M. Hissler, C. Müller, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2020**, *26*, 10534–10543
- [15] G. Körbich, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **1972**, *11*, 473–485.
- [16] O. V. Dolomanov, L. J. Bourhis, R. J. Gildea, J. a. K. Howard and H. Puschmann, *J Appl Cryst*, **2009**, *42*, 339–341.
- [17] G. M. Sheldrick, *Acta Cryst A*, **2015**, *71*, 3–8.
- [18] G. M. Sheldrick, *Acta Cryst C*, **2015**, *71*, 3–8.
- [19] The facility “CheckCIF,” can be found at <http://checkcif.iucr.org>.
- [20] A. L. Spek, *Acta Cryst C*, **2015**, *71*, 9–18.