

**1,4-Difluoro-2,5-dimethyl-3,6-bis(diphenylphosphoryl)benzene: regioselective synthesis and coordination with Mn<sup>2+</sup> cation**

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**Experimental**

Organic solvents used in the work were purified by standard procedures. CDCl<sub>3</sub> (99.8% D, Sigma-Aldrich) was used as received.

Multinuclear <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>31</sup>P and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 spectrometer (operating at 400.23, 100.61 and 161.98 MHz, respectively), and a Bruker Avance 300 instrument (operating at 300.13, 75.47, 121.49 and 282.40 MHz, respectively) at ambient temperature using CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions. Chemical shifts (ppm) refer to the residual protic solvent peaks (for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C), and 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (for <sup>31</sup>P) as external standards and coupling constants are expressed in hertz (Hz). IR spectra were obtained on a Bruker Tensor 37 FTIR spectrometer in the region 400–4000 cm<sup>−1</sup> for solid samples. The solid samples were KBr pellets. Raman spectra of the crystalline samples were obtained in the region 100–3500 cm<sup>−1</sup> on a Jobin-Ivon LabRAM 300 spectrometer, equipped with a microscope and laser CCD detector. The He–Ne laser emission line at 632.8 nm was used for excitation at a power not higher than 2 mW. HPLC-MS was performed using a Shimadzu LCMS-2020 instrument (Japan) by means of electrospray ionization (ESI). The range of detected masses was of *m/z* 50 to 2000, the measurements were performed in the positive ions mode (voltage at the interface 4500 V and voltage at the detector 1000 V). Acetonitrile (high-purity grade) was used as the mobile phase.

The content of C, H, and N was determined on a Carlo Erba 1106 instrument. The content of P was determined according to the published procedures [Gel'man NE, Terent'eva EA, Shanina TM, Kiparenko LM, Rezl V (1987) *Methods of Quantitative Organic Elemental Microanalysis*. Khimiya, Moscow]. Melting points were determined in open capillary tubes on a Stanford Research Systems MPA120 EZ-melt automated melting point apparatus and were not corrected.

**Reagents:** diphenylphosphine, 1,2,4,5-tetrafluoro-3,6-dimethylbenzene, MnBr<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O were purchased from Aldrich.

1,4-Difluoro-2,5-dimethyl-3,6-bis(diphenylphosphino)benzene **2**.

Found (%): C 75.06, H 5.33, F 7.11, P 12.05. Calcd. For  $C_{32}H_{26}F_2P_2$  : C 75.29, H 5.13, F 7.44, P 12.13. Mass spectrum,  $m/z$  ( $I_{\text{rel}}$ , %): 511.30 (10) [ $M+H]^+$ , 334.30 (10), 613.30 (5).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ , ppm: 7.47–7.39 (m, 20H,  $C_6\text{H}_5-\text{P}$ ), 2.46 (s, 6H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100.61 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ , ppm,  $J$ , Hz: 158.79 (ddd,  $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 244.8$ ,  $^2J_{\text{P-C}} = 9.4$ ,  $^3J_{\text{P-C}} = 9.0$ , C–F), 135.27 (d,  $^1J_{\text{P-C}} = 10.0$ , *ipso*-C), 132.71 (d,  $^2J_{\text{P-C}} = 20.1$ , *o*-C), 129.90–129.36 (m,  $\underline{\text{C-P-C}_6\text{H}_5}$ ), 128.29 (s, *p*-C), 128.28 (d,  $^3J_{\text{P-C}} = 13.3$ , *m*-C), 126.27–125.75 (m,  $\underline{\text{C-CH}_3}$ ), 14.00 (ddd,  $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 27.9$ ,  $^3J_{\text{P-C}} = 4^4J_{\text{P-C}} = 3.3$ ,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (161.97 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ , ppm,  $J$ , Hz : –19.30 (dd,  $^3J_{\text{P-F}} = 21.3$ ,  $^4J_{\text{P-F}} = 4.4$ ).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282.40 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ , ppm,  $J$ , Hz : –101.92 (dd,  $^3J_{\text{P-F}} = 28.0$ ,  $^4J_{\text{P-F}} = 7.9$ ). IR,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (KBr): 3071, 1475, 1433, 1411, 1394, 1370, 1215, 1089, 740, 693, 507, 493.

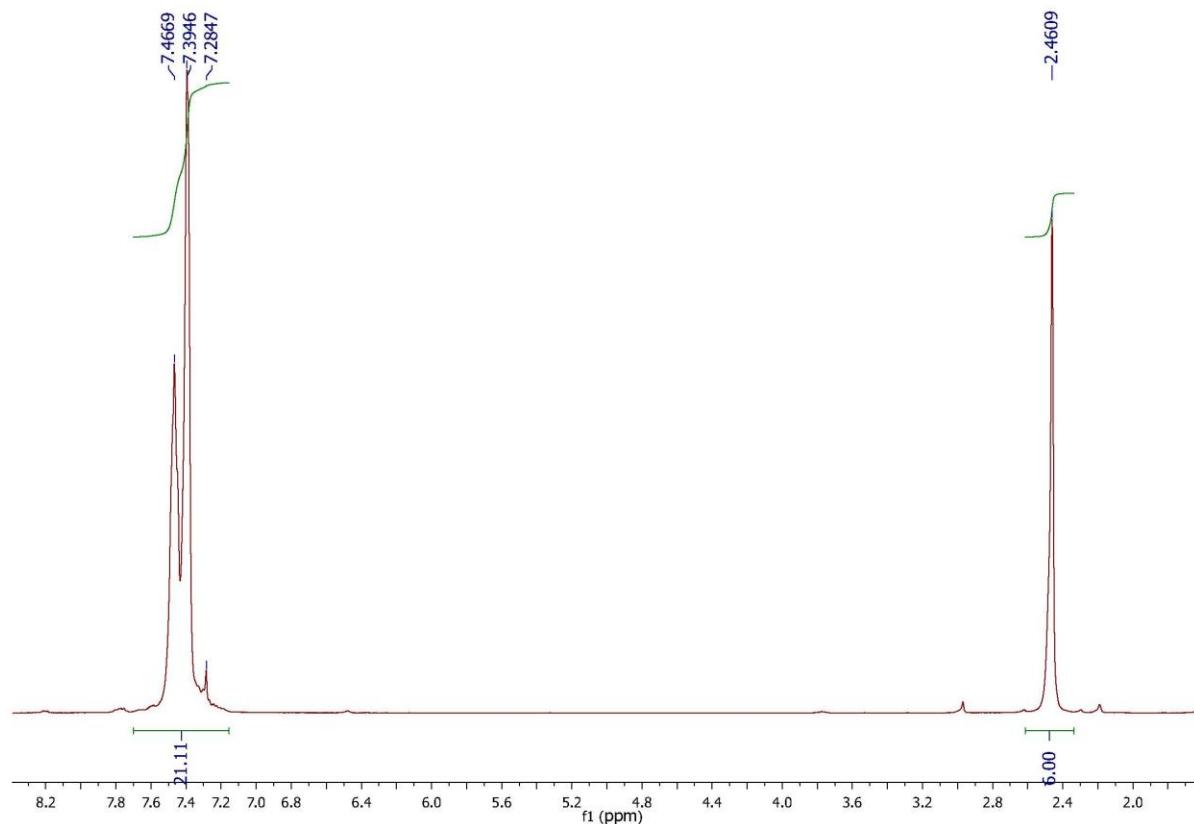
1,4-Difluoro-2,5-dimethyl-3,6-bis(diphenylphosphoryl)benzene **3**.

Found (%): C 70.65, H 4.84, F 6.94, P 11.11. Calcd. For  $C_{32}H_{26}F_2O_2P_2$  : C 70.85, H 4.83, F 7.00, P 11.42. Mass spectrum,  $m/z$  ( $I_{\text{rel}}$ , %): 543.35 (10) [ $M+H]^+$ , 341.15 (10), 432.40 (3), 602.50 (5), 650.35 (5). MALDI : 542.85.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ , ppm,  $J$ , Hz: 7.72 (dd,  $^2J_{\text{P-H}} = 12.8$ ,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.8$ , 8H, *o*-CH), 7.59 (dd,  $^5J_{\text{P-H}} = 1.6$ ,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.8$ , 4H, *p*-CH), 7.50 (td,  $^4J_{\text{P-H}} = 3.0$ ,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.8$ , 8H, *m*-CH), 2.43 (s, 6H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125.77 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ , ppm,  $J$ , Hz: 158.32–158.16 and 156.36–156.20 (both m, C–F), 133.10 (d,  $^1J_{\text{P-C}} = 86.2$ , *ipso*-C); 132.16 (d,  $^4J_{\text{P-C}} = 2.4$ , *p*-CH), 131.28 (d,  $^2J_{\text{P-C}} = 9.6$ , *o*-CH), 130.46–130.01 (m,  $\underline{\text{C-CH}_3}$ ), 128.63 (d,  $^3J_{\text{P-C}} = 10.3$ , *m*-CH), 124.93–124.65 and 124.18–123.99 (both m,  $\underline{\text{C-P-C}_6\text{H}_5}$ ), 12.53 (dd,  $^3J_{\text{P-C}} = 3^3J_{\text{F-C}} = 4.5$ ,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (161.97 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ , ppm: 26.43 s.  $^{19}\text{F}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (282.40 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ , ppm: –101.86 s. IR,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (KBr): 3057, 1437, 1417, 1367, 1225, 1191 (P=O), 1118, 1102, 774, 726, 693, 551, 506.

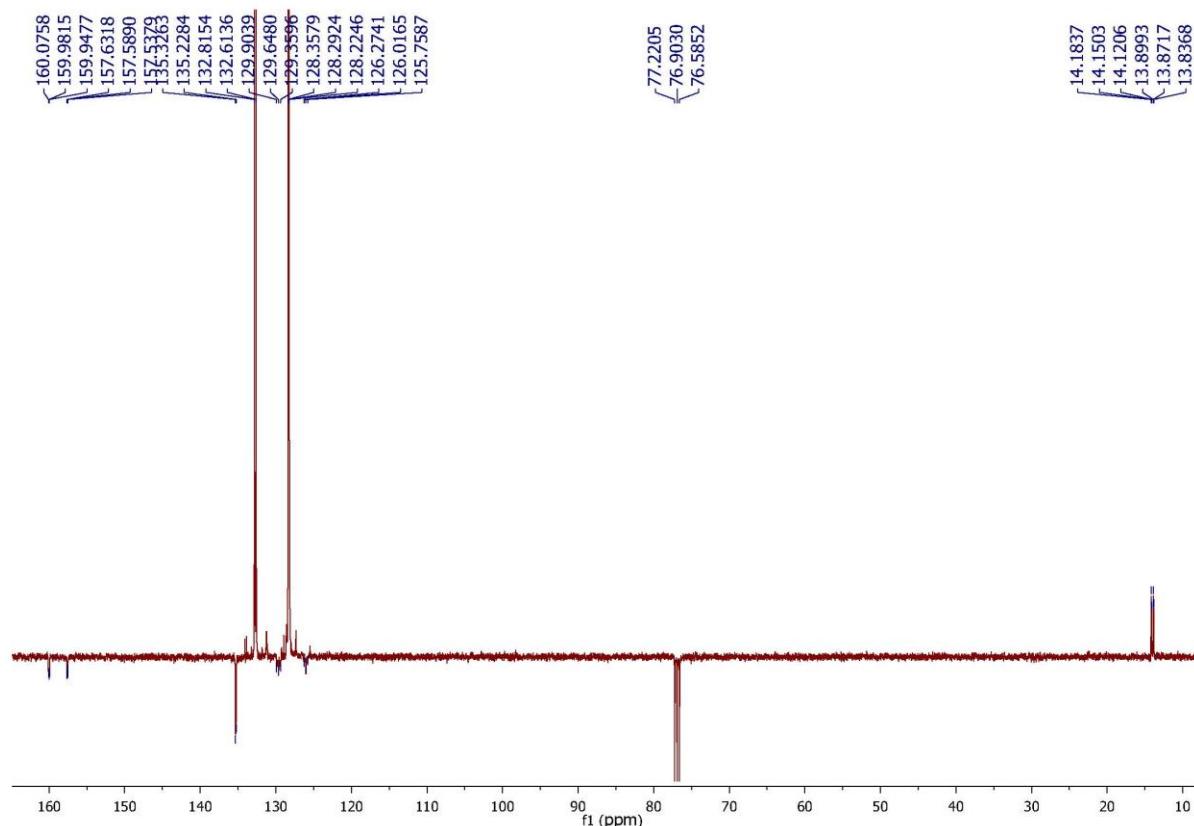
**Complex 4.**

The transparent colorless crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction that formed after the reaction were separated by decantation, washed with MeCN and dried at 62 °C in a vacuum (0.1 Torr). Found (%): C 43.41; H 3.75; P 6.95. Calcd. for  $C_{32}H_{26}F_2O_2P_2 \cdot \text{MnBr}_2 \cdot \text{CHCl}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (%): C 43.43; H 3.43; P 6.79. Principal IR and Raman spectra data ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): IR –  $\nu(\text{P=O})$  1159(s), 1145(s); Raman –  $\nu(\text{Mn–Br})$  265, 234. The Raman spectral data are consistent with the tetrahedral structure of the  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  polyhedron found in XRD. Complex **4** is insoluble in common organic solvents, so NMR spectra could not be obtained.

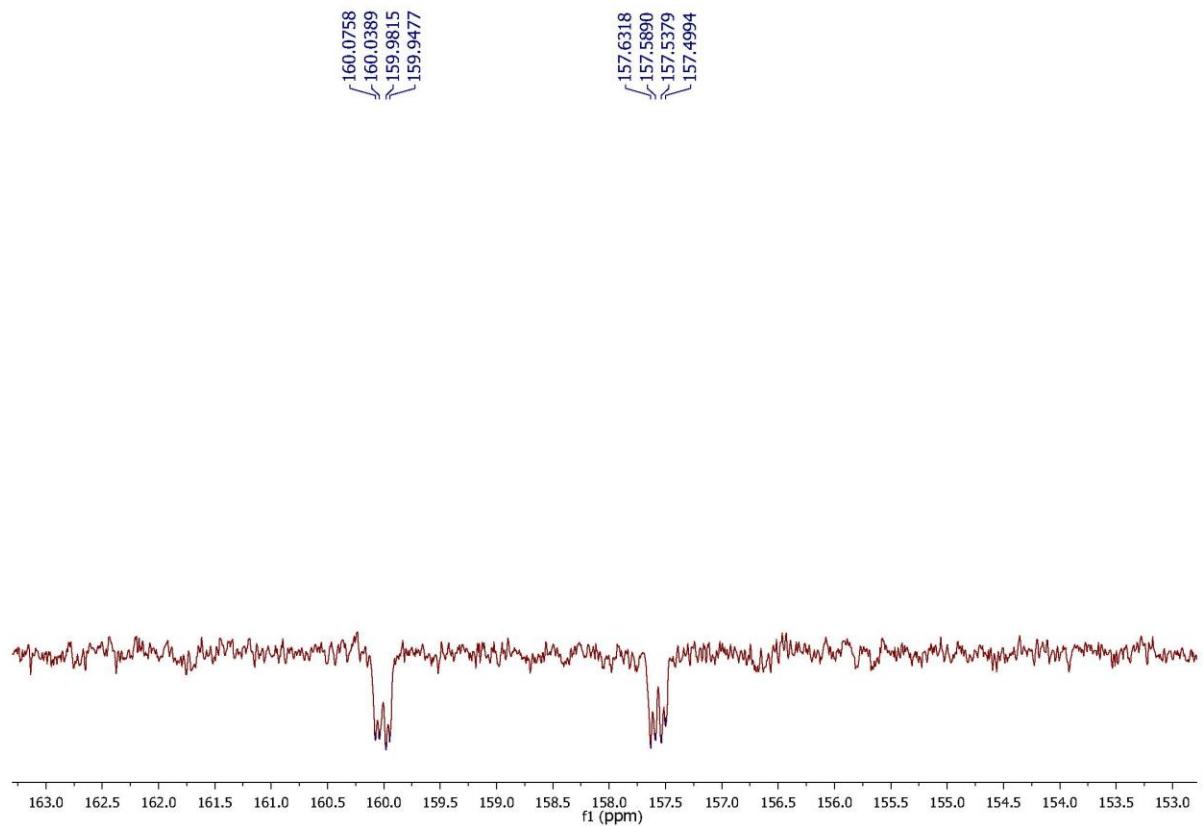
**$^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra for 2, 3 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$**



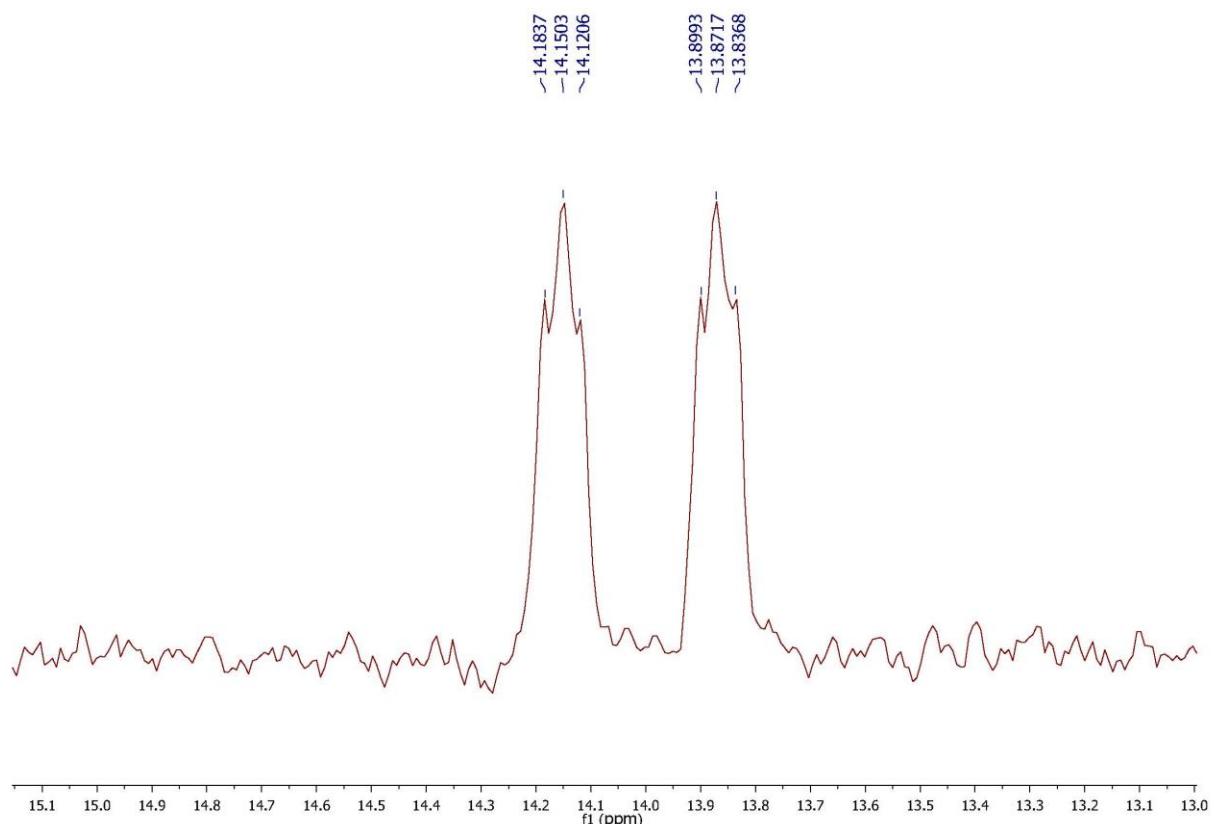
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum for phosphine **2** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400.13 MHz).



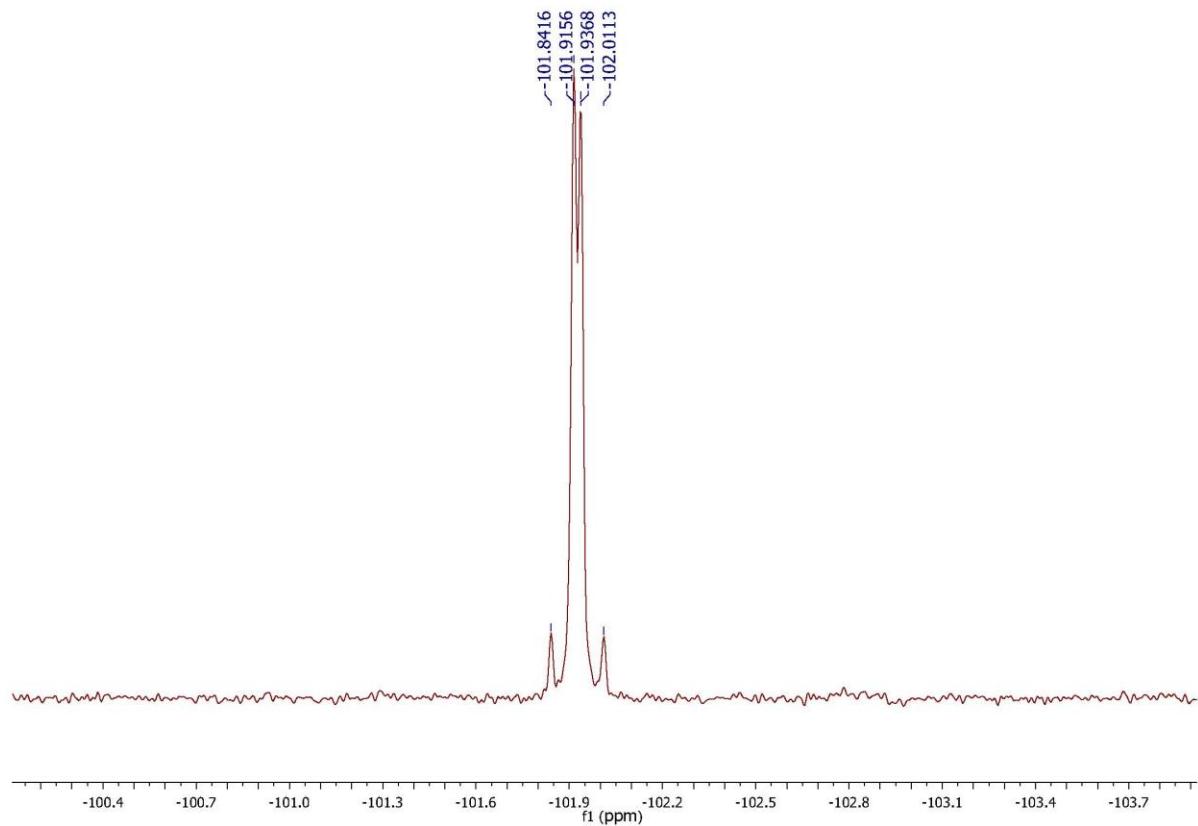
**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum for phosphine **2** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100.61 MHz)



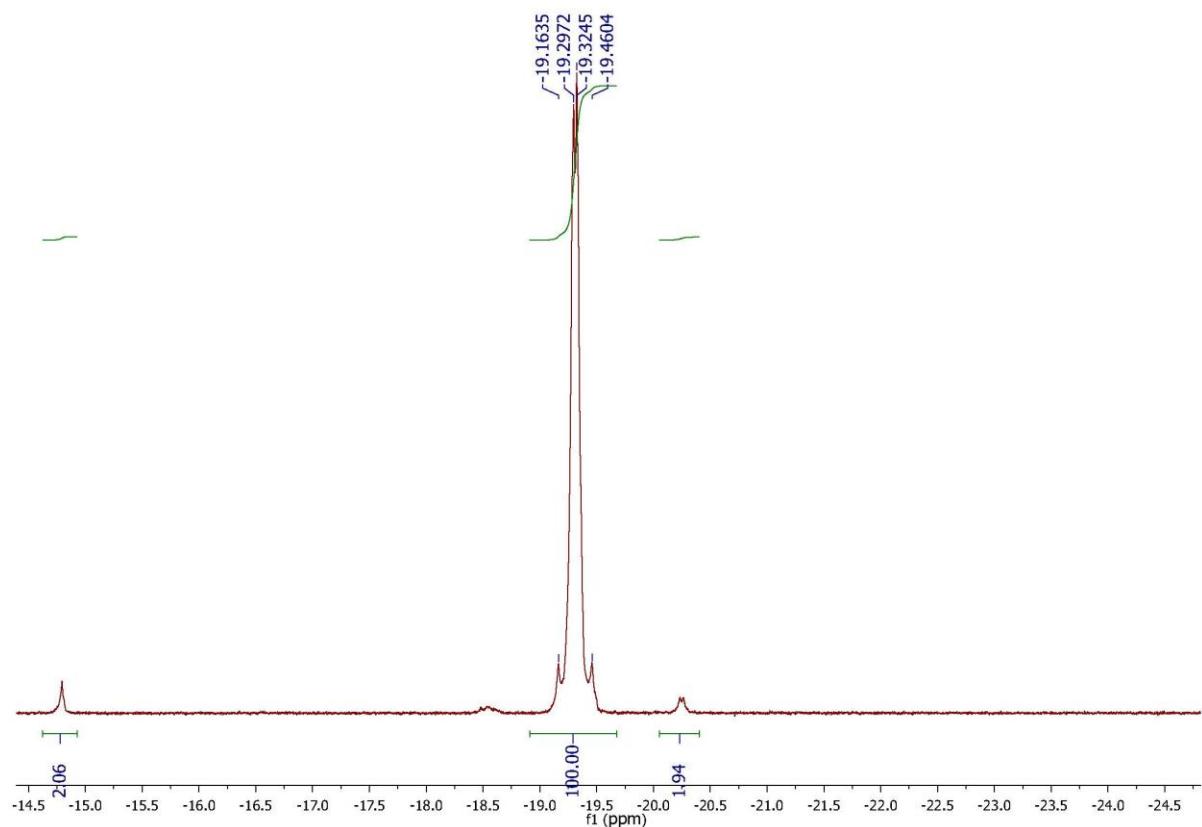
**Figure S3.** Fragment of  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum for phosphine **2** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100.61 MHz)



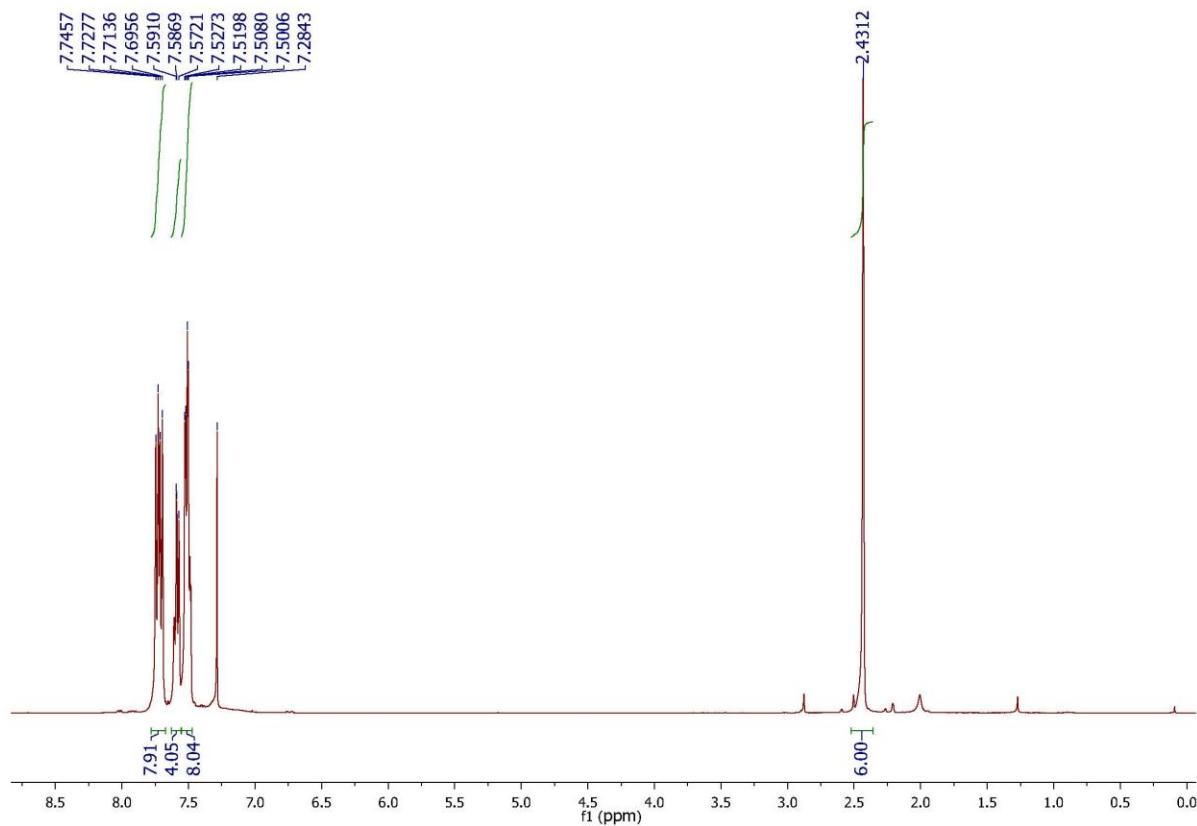
**Figure S4.** Fragment of  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum for phosphine **2** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100.61 MHz)



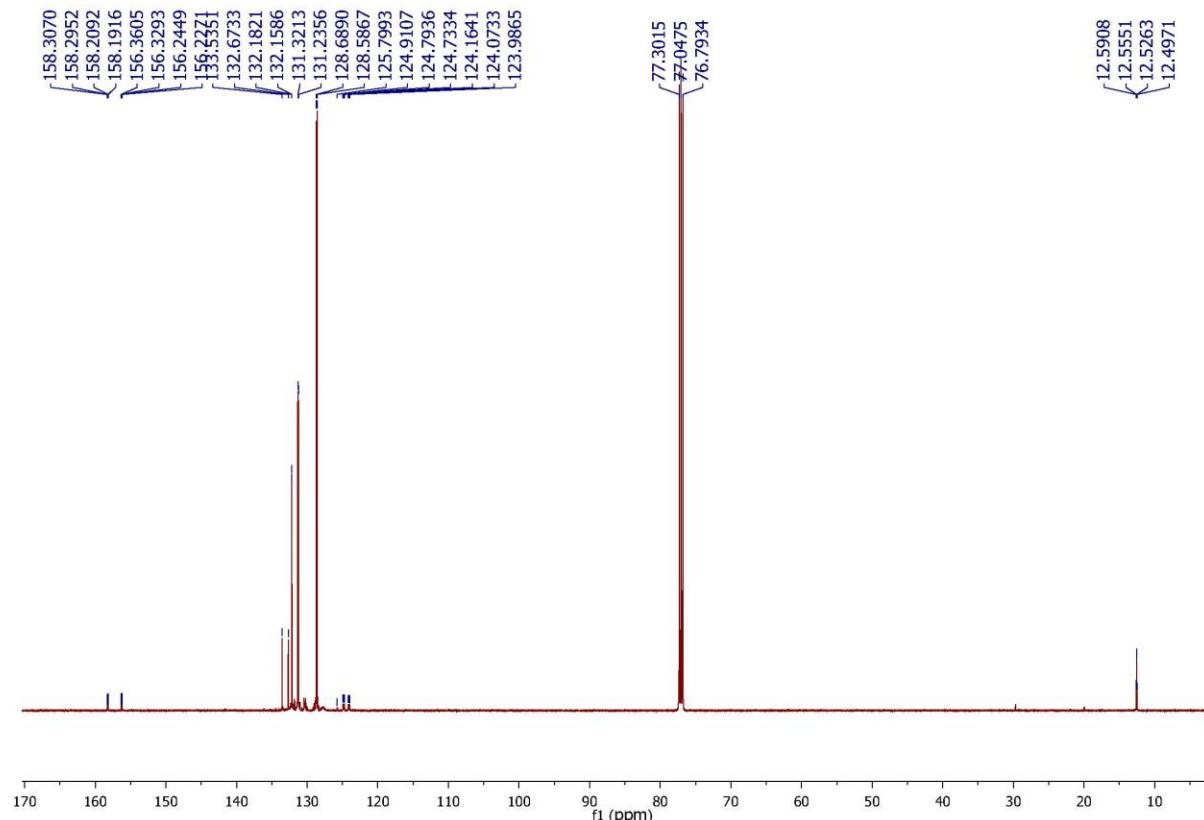
**Figure S5.** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum for phosphine **2** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 282.40 MHz)



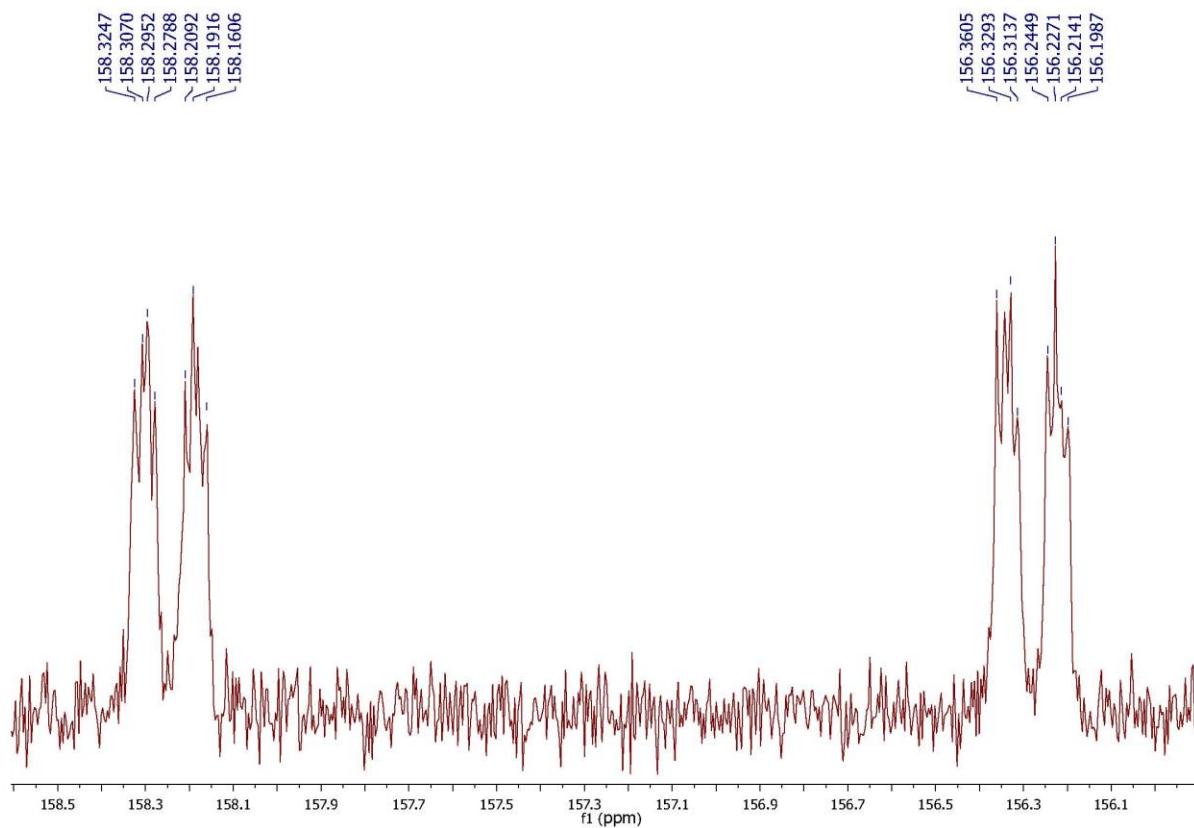
**Figure S6.** <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum for phosphine **2** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 161.98 MHz).



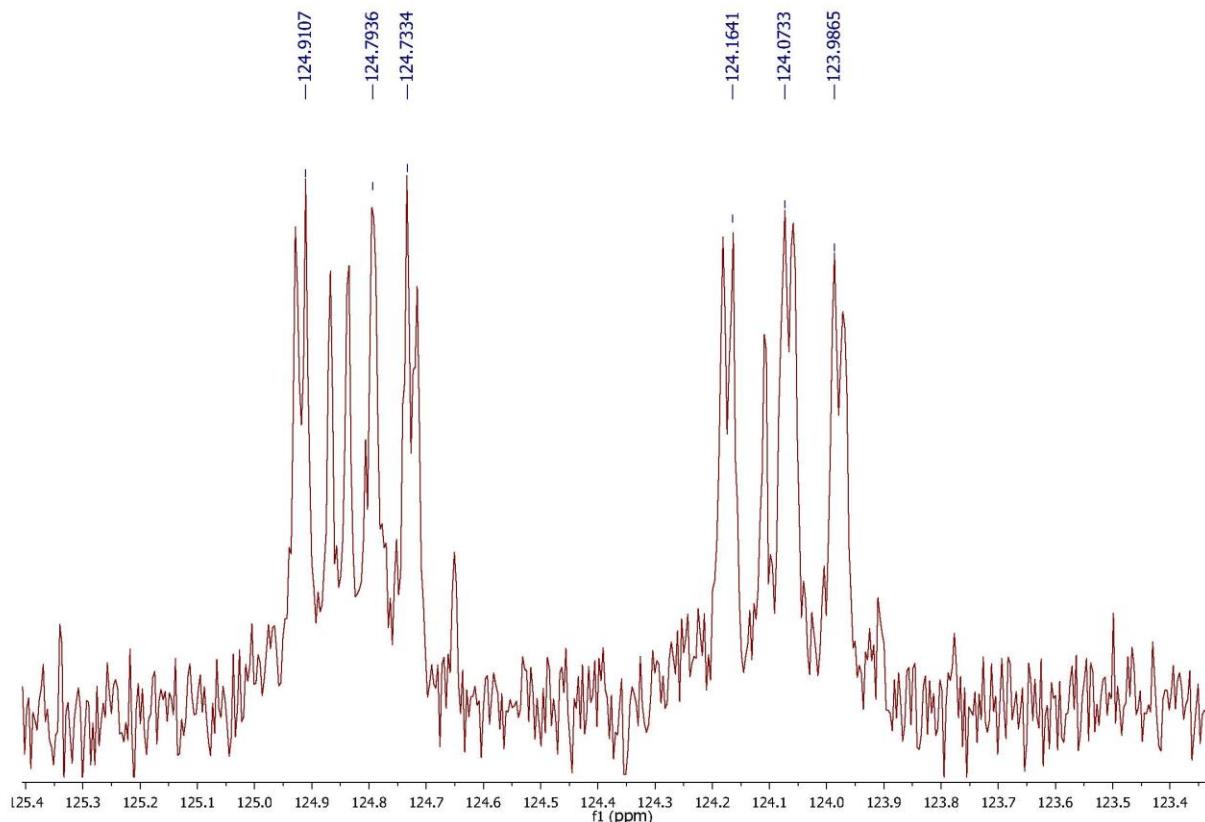
**Figure S7.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum for phosphine oxide **3** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400.13 MHz).



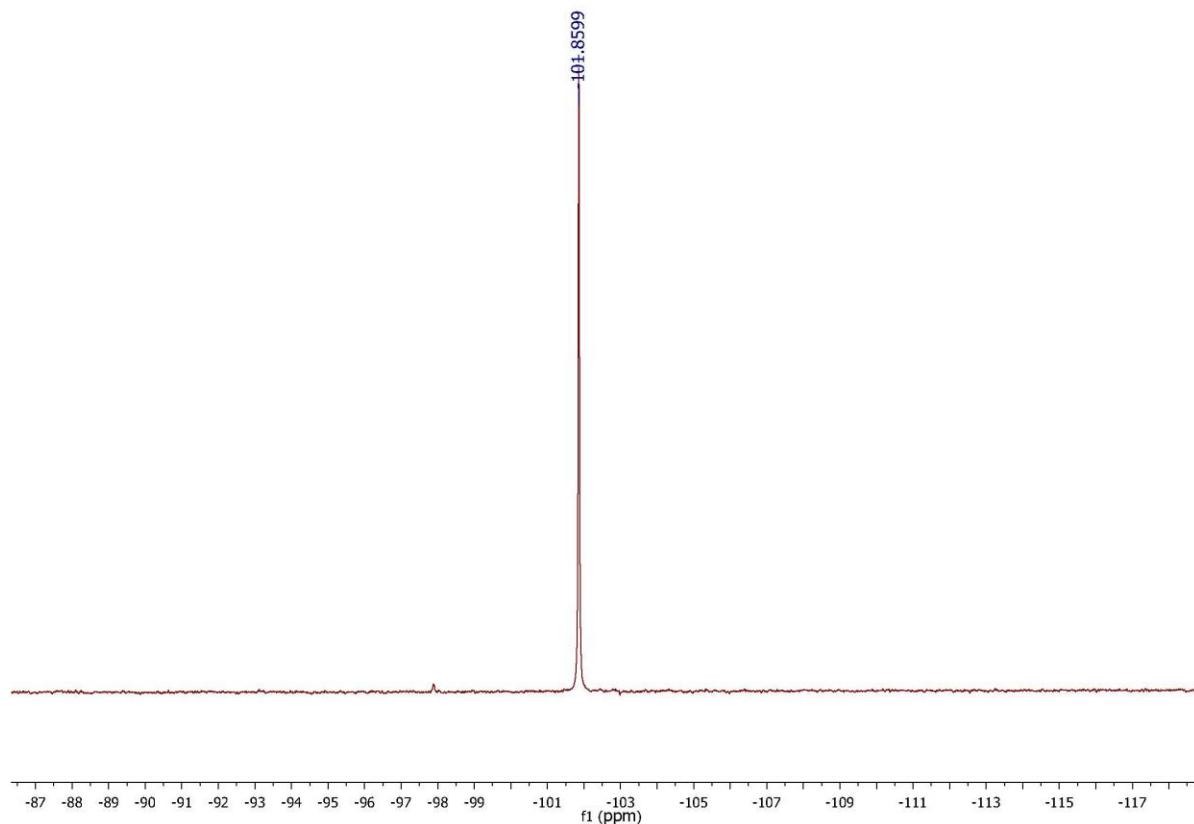
**Figure S8.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum for phosphine oxide **3** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100.61 MHz)



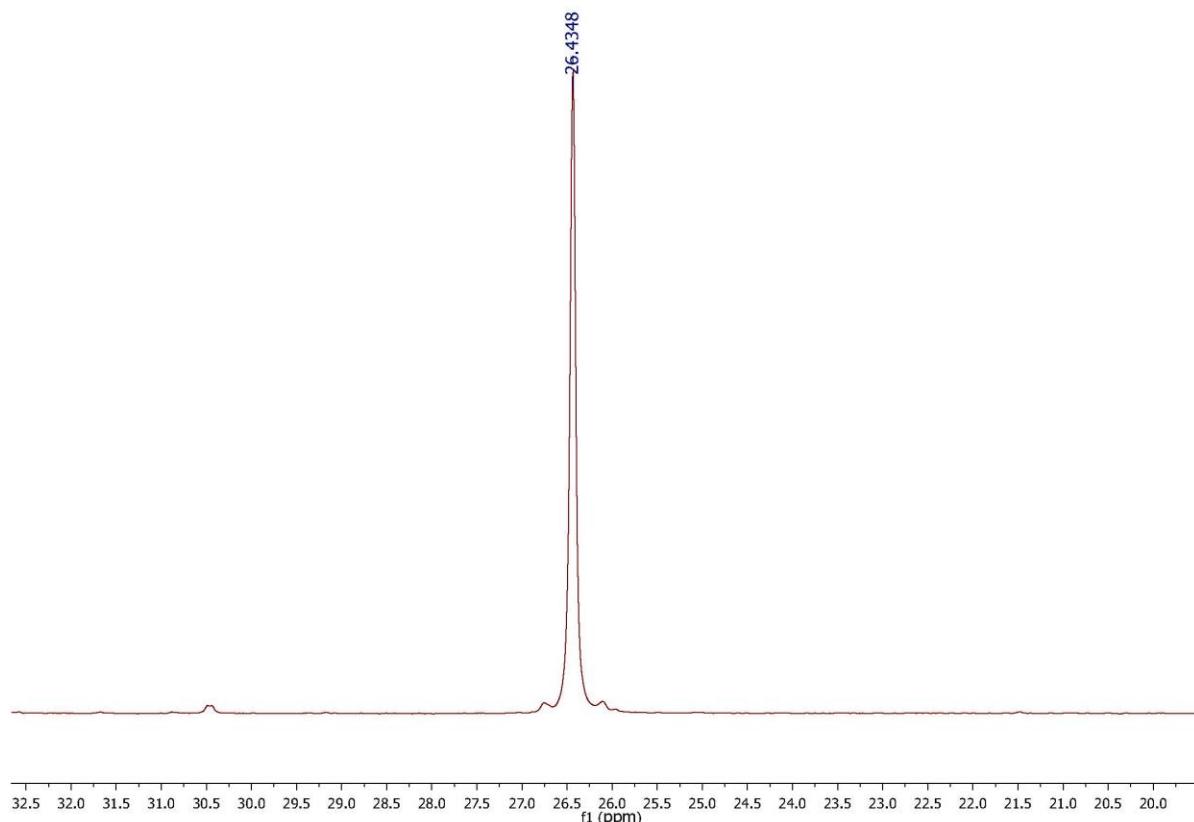
**Figure S9.** Fragment of  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum for phosphine oxide **3** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100.61 MHz)



**Figure S10.** Fragment of  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum for phosphine oxide **3** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100.61 MHz)



**Figure S11.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum for phosphine oxide **3** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 282.40 MHz)



**Figure S12.**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum for phosphine oxide **3** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 161.98 MHz).