Varying Topology of Dendrimers – A New Approach toward the Synthesis of Di-Block Dendrimers

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A new way to synthesise di-block dendrimers having two types of end groups located in two different areas of their surface is reported. It consists in growing, step-by-step, a second dendritic wedge from the core of a first dendron. This method is mainly applied to the synthesis of di-block dendrimers having phosphanyl groups on one part of the surface.

Introduction

The need for advanced materials has created a tremendous area of research in which dendrimers occupy a growing place.[1-8] Indeed, their very particular, highly branched architectures often exhibit unusual behaviours and properties. It has been largely demonstrated that both the nature of the branches and the nature of the terminal functions influence these properties, but less attention has been paid to the modification of shape or topology. One of the challenges in this area consists of synthesising dendritic molecules having two different properties, due to the location of two types of functional groups in definite areas of the molecular surface. Very few papers have reported the synthesis of this type of di-block dendrimer, [9-18] and all of them to date concern the grafting of two different dendrons by their cores. This type of approach appears to be the most straightforward, but is inapplicable when the surface functions of one dendron may interact with the core function of the other dendron. An alternative route to avoid this problem should consist in a step-by-step, divergent synthesis of a new dendritic wedge starting from the core of a dendron.

In the course of our research on the synthesis^[19–29] and applications^[30–38] of phosphorus-containing dendrimers, we report here our efforts to find suitable methodologies for obtaining di-block dendrimers by growing a second dendritic wedge from the core of one dendron. The crucial point in the envisaged strategy is the choice of the function that will be located at the core of the first dendron. We decided to use R-P=N-P=S linkages, since we have already demonstrated on one hand that the P=S group can be easily desulfurized to yield a tricoordinated phosphorus atom usable in Staudinger reactions,^[24–27,39] and on the other hand that the electronic influence of the P=N-P=S group upon R, when R is a vinyl group, allows us to perform Michael-type additions of amines.^[17–18] Depending

on the nature of R, other reactions could be envisaged, and chosen in order to be compatible with the nature of the terminal functions. Due to their wide range of uses, particularly in catalysis, phosphanyl groups appear as an interesting function to be linked to one part of the surface of the final dendrimer, the other part of the surface being variously functionalized, for instance with ammonium salts, leading to water-soluble derivatives.

Results and Discussion

Most of the work that will be described here was carried out with low generation of dendrons, in order to be able to detect any defects. In fact, our aim was to validate, on relatively small compounds, methods that could also be used for larger compounds. The desired P=N-P=S linkages are easily obtained using the Staudinger reaction between phosphanes 1a-c and the azide-dialdehyde 2, [40] leading to dendrons 3a-c-[G'_0]. The next step in growing these dendrons was the condensation with the phosphorus hydrazide 4, affording the first generation dendron 3a-c-[G_1] (Scheme 1).

Scheme 1

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The continuation of the synthesis depends on the type of reactions envisaged at the core after the growing of the first dendron. For instance, the deprotection of the core of 3a-[G₁] should regenerate an aldehyde group, whose reactivity with various amines could allow us to grow the second dendritic wedge. Thus, the functions located on the surface of the first dendron must be neither aldehydes, nor any group able to react with primary amines. We decided to graft diphosphanyl groups to the surface, using three steps from 3a-[G₁]: i) substitution with hydroxybenzaldehyde sodium salt (5) leading to 3a-[G'₁], ii) condensation with hydrazine leading to 6a-[G'1], iii) condensation with Ph₂PCH₂OH leading finally to 7a-[G₂] (Scheme 2). The characterisation of compound 7a-[G2] shows that none of the preceding steps has damaged the acetal function, with the presence of multiplets at $\delta = 4.0$ for the CH₂CH₂ group and one singlet at $\delta = 5.79$ for the OCHO group in the ¹H NMR spectrum. Furthermore, no aldehyde group is detectable by ¹H or ¹³C NMR. The next step should be the deprotection of the core. For this purpose, we used the classical method already applied to the deprotection of 1a,[41] i.e. a catalytic amount (5%) of p-toluenesulfonic acid in acetone at 60 °C. However, a side reaction occurs at the level of the external groups of 7a-[G₂], which induces the total disappearance of the signal corresponding to the diphosphanyl groups in the ³¹P NMR spectrum ($\delta = -25$) in favour of the appearance of new signals, in particular a singlet at δ = -41, corresponding to Ph₂PH. The cleavage of the surface end groups precludes any use of 7a-[G₂] for the growing of a second dendron from its core, consequently we decided to study the reactivity of $3b-[G_1]$, applying another strategy to obtain di-block dendrimers.

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Scheme 2

The only possible reactivity at the core of compound 3b- $[G_1]$ concerns the alkylation and desulfurization of the P=N-P=S linkage using MeSO $_3$ CF $_3$ and $P(NMe_2)_3$ successively. $[^{24-27,39}]$ The first reagent is incompatible with the presence of phosphane groups on the surface of the first dendron, and the second one is incompatible with the P-Cl groups of 3b- $[G_1]$, due to Cl/ NMe_2 exchanges. Taking into account these constraints, we decided to graft ammonium

groups to the surface of $3b-[G_1]$. Indeed, these functions should render the future di-block dendrimer water-soluble. The reaction of $3b-[G_1]$ with 4 equiv. of $H_2NCH_2CH_2NEt_2$ affords compound $8b-[G'_1]$ (Scheme 3) as expected. [17-18] This compound is soluble in a variety of solvents, either organic solvents such as chloroform and dichloromethane, or protic solvents such as ethanol, methanol, or water. Remarkably, compound $8b-[G'_1]$ is stable for more than three weeks in water, even under acidic conditions at pH = 4.

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Scheme 3

We tried to apply the first step of the desulfurization process, i.e. the alkylation of the P=S group by MeSO₃CF₃ to **8b-[G'₁]** in CH₂Cl₂ solution. Unexpectedly, addition of an excess of MeSO₃CF₃ is needed to observe the alkylation, characterised in the 31P NMR spectra by the total disappearance of both doublets corresponding to the PNPS linkage at $\delta = 15.8$ (P=N) and 52.4 (P=S) ($^2J_{PP} = 32$ Hz) and the appearance of a singlet at $\delta = 23.6$. This signal is an AB system, totally degenerated, corresponding to the PNPSMe linkage. [24-27,39] However, other signals are also observed, corresponding to a side reaction presumably inducing the cleavage of the PNP linkage. This side reaction could be due to a reaction with CF₃SO₃H, which could be generated by an H/Me exchange on some ammonium groups. A way of avoiding this problem could be to deprotonate the ammonium groups before using CF₃SO₃Me. The neutral compound 9b-[G'1] is easily obtained from 8b-[G'1], using NaOH in water. However, it was extremely difficult to eliminate the last traces of water, which should also generate triflic acid, thus we synthesised 9b-[G'₁] by another way, the direct reaction of N,N-diethylethylenediamine with 3b-[G₁] in the presence of potassium carbonate (Scheme 3); 3 equiv. of CF₃SO₃Me are then added to 9b-[G'₁], in order to alkylate both the PNPS and the NEt₂ groups. However, a side and unidentified product appears along with the expected product, thus we decided to avoid the presence of amine in the molecule, and to directly treat 3b-[G₁] with CF₃SO₃Me.

Addition of methyl triflate to **3b-[G₁]** cleanly affords compound **10b-[G₁]**, characterised in the ³¹P NMR spectrum by the presence of two doublets (AB system) at $\delta = 23.8$ and 24.1 ($^2J_{\rm PP} = 18.2$ Hz) for the PNPSMe linkage and one

Scheme 4

singlet at $\delta = 62.8$ for the P(S)Cl₂ groups (Scheme 4). The second step of the desulfurization process, i.e. the reaction with P(NMe₂)₃ cannot be used with 10b-[G₁]. Indeed, exchange reactions can take place, leading to partial or total substitution of the P-Cl bonds, with formation of $P(S)Cl(NMe_2)$ or $P(S)(NMe_2)_2$ end groups; thus, the P-Cl functions must be substituted first. The reaction of 10b-[G₁] with N,N-diethylenediamine did not appear desirable, since it could also generate triflic acid. Thus, we decided first to proceed to an anion exchange with NaBPh₄. Elimination of CF₃SO₃Na allowed us to isolate 11b-[G₁]. The anion exchange induces a broadening of the AB system, which gives only a signal having the appearance of a singlet for 11b-[G₁]. No signal is detectable in the ¹⁹F NMR spectrum, confirming the total exchange. Compound 11b-[G₁] reacts cleanly with N,N-diethylenediamine to afford 11b- $[G'_1]$ (Scheme 4). The full substitution of the chlorine atoms is characterised in the ³¹P NMR spectrum by the deshielding of the signal corresponding to the end groups from δ = 62.7 for 11b-[G₁] to $\delta = 68.5$ for 11b-[G'₁].

Reaction of 11b-[G'₁] with P(NMe₂)₃ induces the expected desulfurization, as shown by the appearance of two doublets for the core at $\delta = 144.2$ (P:) and $\delta = 10.3$ (P= N) ($^2J_{PP} = 31.6$ Hz) for 12b-[G'₁]. This compound was not fully characterised due to its high sensitivity toward oxidation, but directly treated with the azide 2 (Scheme 5). The formation of the P=N-P=N-P=S linkage of compound 12b-[G'₁-G'₀] is characterised by the appearance of two doublets at $\delta = 18.4$ (P=N, $^2J_{PP} = 26$ Hz) and $\delta = 47.5$ (P=S, $^2J_{PP} = 58.4$ Hz), and a doublet of doublet at $\delta = -9.6$ (central P=N). The 1 H NMR spectrum shows the remaining end groups are in the cationic form. Indeed, all CH₂ and CH₃N groups form a multiplet for 12b-[G'₁-G'₀], as well as for the other compounds having a cationic form (see data for 8b-[G'₁] and 11b-[G'₁]), whereas the neutral

form gives a quadruplet at $\delta = 3.39$ for the NCH₂CH₃ groups, clearly distinguishable and separated from all the other CH₂ and CH₃N groups^[32] (see data for 9b-[G'₁]). Concerning the nature of the anionic part of 12b-[G'₁-G'₀] (only Cl or a mixture of Cl and BPh₄), one can say that all the signals attributed to BPh₄ in the ¹³C NMR spectra of 11b-[G₁] and 11b-[G'₁] are also detected for 12b-[G'₁-G'₀], and that the integration of the ¹H NMR spectrum indicates the presence of 1 equiv. of BPh₄. At least 95% of the initial quantity of BPh₄ remains in 12b-[G'₁-G'₀], thus its anionic part is constituted by 3 Cl⁻ and 1 BPh₄⁻.

Scheme 5

Compound 12b-[G'₁-G'₀] possesses two aldehyde groups that could allow the growing of the second dendritic wedge, using for instance the phosphorus hydrazide 4 followed by hydroxybenzaldehyde sodium salt (5). However, we decided to try the grafting of phosphanes. The first step in this process is the condensation of the aldehyde groups with methylhydrazine, leading to $13b-[G'_1-G'_0]$, characterised by the disappearance of the aldehyde signals in the ¹H and ¹³C NMR and IR spectra. The grafting of phosphanes is carried out with Ph₂PCH₂OH, affording 14b-[G'₁-G'₀]. Then, the phosphanes are readily complexed, in order to avoid any oxidation problem. As an example, the complexation was carried out with Fe₂(CO)₉ (Scheme 5). The formation of the complex 15b-[G'1-G'0] is characterised by the large deshielding of the signal corresponding to the phosphane from $\delta = -22.9$ for **14b-[G'₁-G'₀]** to $\delta = 67.5$ for **15b-[G'₁-** G'_{0}]. The grafting of phosphanes at the previous step is confirmed by the deshielding of the signal of the methyl

Scheme 6

groups in the ¹³C NMR spectrum from $\delta = 34.0$ for CH_3NH in 13b-[G'_1 - G'_0] to $\delta = 39.0$ for CH_3NCH_2 in 15b-[G'_1 - G'_0].

Compound 15b- $[G'_1-G'_0]$ is a rather small compound, but it possesses all the characteristics of a di-block dendrimer, and the methodology developed here should be applicable to the synthesis of larger compounds. However, the full process is rather lengthy, thus we tried to find a more rapid method. Compound 3c-[G₁] should offer such opportunity, since we have shown that a vinyl group linked to a P=N-P=S moiety reacts with primary and secondary amines under mild conditions.[17-18] However, amines also react with the P-Cl groups, so such reactions are inapplicable to $3c-[G_1]$. In order to avoid any problem in the future reactions, we decided to react $3c-[G_1]$ with sodium phenolate, which gives neutral and poorly reactive end groups (Scheme 6). The reaction of 16c-[G'₁] thus obtained with methylhydrazine leads to compound 17c-[G'₁] by a Michael-type addition of the NHMe moieties on the vinyl group. The phosphanes are then grafted using again Ph₂PCH₂OH, leading to $17c-[G'_1-G_0]$. This compound is another example of a small di-block dendrimer possessing phosphanes in one part of the molecule.

It would be interesting to complex these phosphanes with transition metal ions, but we decided to use them to grow the second part of the di-block dendrimer by a Staudinger reaction with the azide 2. The formation of $17c-[G'_1-G'_1]$ is

characterised in the ³¹P NMR spectrum by the presence of two sets of two doublets corresponding to two types of P= N-P=S linkages in a 2:1 ratio at $\delta = 14.0$ and 50.0 ($^2J_{PP} = 26.0$ Hz) for the NCH₂P=N-P=S groups and at $\delta = 16.7$ and 50.2 ($^2J_{PP} = 33.9$ Hz) for the CH₂CH₂P=N-P=S group. The growing of the molecule is then carried out without any problem, using alternatively the phosphorus hydrazide 4 and hydroxybenzaldehyde sodium salt (5) (Scheme 6). The synthesis was stopped after obtaining dendrimer 17c-[G'₁-G'₃] (Figure 1), but it could have been continued to higher generations. The presence of aldehyde groups on part of the surface of 17c-[G'₁-G'₃] will open the way to a versatile reactivity, including for instance the grafting of phosphanyl groups, using the method already described in Scheme 2.

Conclusion

We have demonstrated that the growing of a second dendritic wedge from the core of a first dendron is an alternative route for the obtaining di-block dendrimers. This approach is less straightforward than the direct coupling of two dendrons by their cores, but it offers the possibility to have a variety of functional groups located in different areas. Even if several of the molecules presented in this paper are relatively small, we have shown that the methodologies developed here can also be applied to larger com-

Figure 1. The di-block dendrimer $17c-[G'_1-G'_3]$

pounds, as indicated by the synthesis of the unsymmetrical third generation dendrimer $17c\text{-}[G'_1\text{-}G'_3]$. The presence of two types of end groups should provide new tools for chemistry. The presence of ammonium salts on one side and phosphanes on the other side, i.e. compounds such as $14b\text{-}[G'_1\text{-}G'_0]$ should lead to biphasic dendritic catalysts. Furthermore, the presence of aldehydes on one side and of other functional groups on the other side of a di-block dendrimer should lead to covalent tailored material surface modifications as already shown with more classical dendrimers. [30–31]

Experimental Section

General Remarks: All reactions except those done in water, were carried out under argon, in the absence of air, using standard Schlenk techniques and vacuum-line manipulations. All solvents were dried and distilled before use. Solvents were also degassed when phosphanes were used. – Perkin–Elmer 1725X was used for FT-IR. – NMR spectra were recorded with Bruker AC80, AC200, or AM250 for ¹H, ¹³C, ³¹P and ¹⁹F NMR, with SiMe₄, H₃PO₄, and CF₃CO₂H as references, respectively. The attribution of ¹³C NMR signals was done using Jmod, two-dimensional HMBC and HMQC, broad-band or CW ³¹P decoupling experiments when necessary. The numbering scheme used for NMR is depicted Fig-

ure 2. — Compounds 1a, $^{[41]}$ 2, $^{[40]}$ 3c- $[G'_0]$ and 3c- $[G_1]^{[17]}$ were synthesised according to published procedures.

Synthesis of 3a-[G'_0] and 3b-[G'_0]: A solution of azide 2 (1.911 g, 5.5 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added to a solution of phosphane 1a or 1b (5 mmol) in THF (10 mL). The reaction induces a strong evolution of N_2 . The reaction mixture was stirred for 6 h (1a) or 1 h (1b) at room temperature, then concentrated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in a minimum amount of CH_2Cl_2 (1a) or THF (1b) and precipitated with pentane (twice). Compound 3a-[G'_0] was isolated as a white powder (2.482 g, 76% yield), and 3b-[G'_0] was isolated as a pale beige oil (2.031 g, 78% yield).

3a-[G'₀]: ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 14.6$ (d, ${}^2J_{PP} = 30.6$ Hz, P₀₀), 50.2 (d, ${}^2J_{PP} = 30.6$ Hz, P₀). $-{}^1$ H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 4.03$ (m, 2 H, CH₂), 4.11 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 5.82 (s, 1 H, OCHO), 7.28 (d, ${}^3J_{HH} = 8.5$ Hz, 4 H, C₀²H), 7.24–7.69 (m, 14 H, C₆H₅, C₆H₄), 7.77 (d, ${}^3J_{HH} = 8.5$ Hz, 4 H, C₀³H), 9.92 (s, 2 H, CHO). $-{}^{13}$ C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 65.5$ (s, CH₂), 102.7 (s, OCHO), 122.1 (d, ${}^3J_{CP} = 5$ Hz, C₀²), 126.8 (d, ${}^3J_{CP} = 14$ Hz, C³′), 128.0 (dd, ${}^1J_{CP} = 106$ Hz, ${}^3J_{CP} = 4$ Hz, C₀ⁱ), 128. 8 (d, ${}^3J_{CP} = 14$ Hz, C₀^m), 129.2 (br. d, ${}^1J_{CP} = 106$ Hz, C¹′), 131.2 (s, C₀³), 132.6 (s, C₀⁴), 132.7 (d, ${}^2J_{CP} = 12$ Hz, C₀°), 132.9 (d, ${}^2J_{CP} = 11$ Hz, C²′), 132.9 (s, C₀°), 142.9 (s, C⁴′), 156.9 (d, ${}^2J_{CP} = 10$ Hz, C₀¹), 191.1 (s, CHO). – IR (KBr): 1702 cm⁻¹ (ν_{C=O}). – C₃₅H₂₉NO₆P₂S (653.63): calcd. C 64.32, H 4.47, N 2.14; found C 64.25, H 4.50, N 2.09.

3b-[G'₀]: ${}^{31}P\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 16.8$ (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 32.2$ Hz, P_{00}), 51.0 (m, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 32.2$ Hz, P_{00}). ${}^{-1}H$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 2.19$ (d, ${}^{2}J_{HP} = 13.2$ Hz, 3 H, CH₃-P), 7.25-7.69 (m, 18 H, C₆H₅,

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Figure 2. Numbering scheme used for NMR

 C_6H_4), 9.77 (s, 2 H, CHO). - ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 14.4 (d, $^1J_{CP} = 67.4$ Hz, CH₃-P), 122.0 (d, $^3J_{CP} = 5.9$ Hz, C_0^2), 128.8 (s, C_0^3), 128.9 (d, $^3J_{CP} = 13.4$ Hz, C_0^m), 129.7 (dd, $^1J_{CP} = 102.6$ Hz, $^3J_{CP} = 6.5$ Hz, C_0^i), 130.9 (d, $^2J_{CP} = 9.7$ Hz, C_0^o), 131.2 (s, C_0^p), 132.7 (s, C_0^4), 156.8 (d, $^2J_{CP} = 9.9$ Hz, C_0^1), 190.9 (s, CHO). – IR (KBr): 1702 cm⁻¹ ($ν_{C=O}$). – $C_{27}H_{23}NO_4P_2S$ (519.50): calcd. C 62.42, H 4.46, N 2.69; found C 62.28, H 4.41, N 2.75.

Synthesis of 3a-[G₁] and 3b-[G₁]: To a solution of compound 3a-[G' $_0$] or 3b-[G' $_0$] (1 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added a 0.3 M solution of dichloro(1-methylhydrazido)thiophosphane (4) (2.2 mmol, slight excess). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight, then concentrated to dryness. Washing the residue twice with CH₂Cl₂/pentane afforded compounds 3a-[G₁] (0.820 g, 84% yield) and 3b-[G₁] (0.724 g, 86% yield) as white powders.

3a-[G₁]: ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 13.8$ (d, ² $J_{PP} = 30.2$ Hz, P₀₀), 51.4 (d, ² $J_{PP} = 30.2$ Hz, P₀), 63.5 (s, P₁). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.45$ (d, ³ $J_{HP} = 14.1$ Hz, 6 H, CH₃N), 4.03 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 4.11 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 5.81 (s, 1 H, OCHO), 7.20 (dd, ³ $J_{HH} = 8.1$ Hz, ³ $J_{HP} = 1$ Hz, 4 H, C₀²H), 7.39 – 7.69 (m, 16 H, C₆H₅, C₆H₄), 7.62 (d, ³ $J_{HH} = 8.1$ Hz, 4 H, C₀³H). – ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 31.9$ (d, ² $J_{CP} = 13$ Hz, CH₃N), 65.5 (s, CH₂), 102.7 (s, OCHO), 122.1 (d, ³ $J_{CP} = 6$ Hz, C₀²), 126.7 (d, ³ $J_{CP} = 14$ Hz, C³'), 128.4 (dd, ¹ $J_{CP} = 106$ Hz, ³ $J_{CP} = 4$ Hz, C₀ⁱ), 128.5 (s, C₀³), 128.8 (d, ³ $J_{CP} = 12$ Hz, C₀^m), 129.5 (br. d, ¹ $J_{CP} = 106$ Hz, C¹'), 130.2 (s, C₀⁴), 132.8 (d, ² $J_{CP} = 11$ Hz, C₀°), 132.8 (s, C₀°), 132.9 (d, ² $J_{CP} = 12$ Hz, C²'), 141.5 (d, ³ $J_{CP} = 18$ Hz, CH=N), 142.6 (s, C⁴'), 153.6 (d, ² $J_{CP} = 10$ Hz, C₀¹). – C₃₇H₃₅Cl₄N₅O₄P₄S₃ (975.62): calcd. C 45.55, H 3.62, N 7.18; found C 45.47, H 3.55, N 7.21.

3b-[G₁]: 3 P{ 1 H} NMR (CHCl₃): $\delta = 15.5$ (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 34.6$ Hz, P₀₀), 52.4 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 34.6$ Hz, P₀₀), 62.1 (s, P₁). $-{}^{1}$ H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 2.28$ (d, ${}^{2}J_{HP} = 13.2$ Hz, 3 H, CH₃-P), 3.46 (d, ${}^{2}J_{HP} = 14.1$ Hz, 6 H, CH₃-N-P), 7.24-7.65 (m, 20 H, C₆H₅, C₆H₄, CH=N). $-{}^{13}$ C{ 1 H} NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 14.6$ (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 68$ Hz, CH₃-P), 31.8 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 14$ Hz, CH₃-N-P), 122.0 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 4$ Hz, C₀²), 128.4 (s, C₀³), 128.8 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 14$ Hz, C₀^m), 130.2 (s, C₀^p), 131.0 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 12$ Hz, C₀°), 132.5 (d, ${}^{4}J_{CP} = 3$ Hz, C₀⁴), 141.3 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 12$ Hz, C₀°), 132.5 (d, ${}^{4}J_{CP} = 3$ Hz, C₀⁴), 141.3 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 12$

19 Hz, CH=N), 153.5 (d, ${}^2J_{CP}$ = 8 Hz, $C_0{}^1$). $-C_{29}H_{29}Cl_4N_5O_2P_4S_3$ (841.48): calcd. C 41.39, H 3.47, N 8.32; found C 41.27, H 3.42, N 8.25.

Synthesis of 3a-[G'₁]: A solution of **3a-[G₁]** (0.293 g, 0.3 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added to hydroxybenzaldehyde sodium salt (**5**) (0.181 g, 1.26 mmol, 5% excess). The resulting mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature, then centrifuged. The solution was concentrated to dryness and the residue was washed with THF/ pentane. Compound **3a-[G'₁]** was isolated as a white powder (0.308 g, 78% yield).

3a-[G'₁]: ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H}$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 13.8$ (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 30.0$ Hz, P_{00}), 51.6 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 30.0 \text{ Hz}$, P_{0}), 60.8 (s, P_{1}). $-{}^{1}H$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.37$ (d, ${}^{3}J_{HP} = 10.8$ Hz, 6 H, CH₃N), 4.01 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 4.04 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 5.79 (s, 1 H, OCHO), 7.19 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.8 \text{ Hz}$, 4 H, C_0^2 H), 7.38 (d, ${}^3J_{HH} = 7.9$ Hz, 8 H, C_1^2 H), 7.4–7.7 (m, 16 H, CH=N, C₆H₅, C₆H₄), 7.57 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.8$ Hz, 4 H, C₀³H), 7.85 $(d, {}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.9 \text{ Hz}, 8 \text{ H}, C_{1}{}^{3}\text{H}), 9.91 (s, 4 \text{ H}, CHO). - {}^{13}\text{C}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 32.5$ (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 13$ Hz, CH₃N), 65.5 (s, CH₂), 102.7 (s, OCHO), 122.0 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 6 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{2}, C_{1}^{2}$), 126.7 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} =$ 14 Hz, C^{3}), 128.1 (s, C_0^{3}), 128.4 (dd, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 106$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 4$ Hz, C_0^{i}), 128.8 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 13 \text{ Hz}$, C_0^{m}), 129.5 (br. d, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 106 \text{ Hz}$, C^{1}), 130.5 (s, C_0^4), 131.5 (s, C_1^3), 132.8 (d, $^2J_{CP} = 9$ Hz, C_0^o), 132.8 (s, C_0^p), 132.9 (d, $^2J_{CP} = 12 \text{ Hz}, C^2{}'$), 133.7 (s, C_1^4), 140.3 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 14 \text{ Hz}$, CH=N), 142.7 (s, C⁴), 153.3 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 10 \text{ Hz}$, C_0^{-1}), 155.2 (d, ${}^2J_{CP} = 6 \text{ Hz}$, C_1^{-1}), 190.8 (s, CHO). – IR (KBr): $1702 \text{ cm}^{-1} (v_{C=O})$. $- C_{65}H_{55}N_5O_{12}P_4S_3$ (1318.27): calcd. C 59.22, H 4.21, N 5.31; found C 59.10, H 4.15, N 5.24.

Synthesis of 6a-[G'₁]: A solution of 3a-[G'₁] (0.264 g, 0.2 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) was added dropwise to a strongly stirred solution of hydrazine hydrate (40 mmol, very large excess) in CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. The organic phase was separated, dried with Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated to dryness. The residue was washed twice with CH_2Cl_2 /pentane to give 6a-[G'₁] as a white powder (0.256 g, 93% yield).

6a-[G'₁]: ${}^{31}P\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 13.8$ (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 29.0$ Hz, P_{00}), 51.5 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ = 29.0 Hz, P_{0}), 62.4 (s, P_{1}). – ${}^{1}H$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.30 \text{ (d, }^{3}J_{HP} = 10.7 \text{ Hz, } 6 \text{ H, } CH_{3}N), 3.99 \text{ (m, } 2 \text{ H, } CH_{2}),$ 4.02 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 5.48 (br. s, 8 H, NH₂), 5.78 (s, 1 H, OCHO), $7.17 (d, {}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.5 Hz, 12 H, C_{0}{}^{2}H, C_{1}{}^{2}H), 7.45 (d, {}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.5 Hz,$ 8 H, C_1^3 H), 7.4–7.7 (m, 24 H, CH=N, C_6 H₅, C_6 H₄). - ¹³ $C\{^1$ H} NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 32.9$ (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 13$ Hz, CH₃N), 65.3 (s, CH₂), 102.5 (s, OCHO), 121.5 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 5 \text{ Hz}$, C_{1}^{2}), 121.8 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} =$ 5 Hz, C_0^2), 126.6 (d, ${}^3J_{CP} = 13$ Hz, $C_0^{3\prime}$), 127.0 (s, C_1^3), 127.8 (s, C_0^3), 128.2 (dd, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 106 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 3 \text{ Hz}$, C_0^i), 128.5 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} =$ 13 Hz, C_0^{m}), 130.0 (dd, ${}^{1}J_{\text{CP}} = 106 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{3}J_{\text{CP}} = 4 \text{ Hz}$, $C_0^{1\prime}$), 130.7 (s, C_0^4), 132.4 (s, C_1^4), 132.6 (d, $^2J_{CP} = 10$ Hz, C_0^o), 132.7 (s, C_0^p), 132.8 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 11 \text{ Hz}, C^{2}$), 139.2 [d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 13 \text{ Hz}, (CH=N)_{1}$], 141.7 [s, (CH=N)₂], 142.4 (s, C⁴), 150.6 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 7 \text{ Hz}$, C₁¹), 152.9 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 9 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{1}$). $- C_{65}H_{63}N_{13}O_{8}P_{4}S_{3}$ (1374.4): calcd. C 56.81, H 4.62, N 13.25; found C 56.96, H 4.57, N 13.16.

Synthesis of 7a-[G₂]: A mixture of 1.0 mmol of paraformaldehyde and 1.0 mmol of diphenylphosphane was heated without solvent for 2 h at 120 °C in a closed reactor to afford Ph_2PCH_2OH . To this crude product was added a solution of **6a-[G'₁]** (0.137 g, 0.1 mmol) in THF (10 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred overnight at 80 °C, then concentrated to dryness. The residue was washed first with CH_2Cl_2 /pentane, then with ether/pentane to afford **7a-[G₂]** as a white powder (0.219 g, 74% yield).

7a-[G₂]: ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = -25.1$ (s, P₂), 13.7 (d, ²J_{PP} = 29.6 Hz, P_{00}), 51.7 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ = 29.6 Hz, P_{0}), 63.2 (s, P_{1}). – ${}^{1}H$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.33$ (d, ${}^{3}J_{HP} = 9.3$ Hz, 6 H, CH₃N), 3.98 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 4.03 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 4.19 (s, 16 H, CH₂), 5.79 (s, 1 H, OCHO), 7.10-7.80 (m, 124 H, CH=N, C_6H_5 , C_6H_4). - $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 33.0$ (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 13$ Hz, CH₃N), 56.8 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP} =$ 7 Hz, CH₂P), 65.4 (s, CH₂O), 102.6 (s, OCHO), 121.5 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 5 Hz, C_1^2), 121.8 (d, ${}^3J_{CP} = 5$ Hz, C_0^2), 126.6 (d, ${}^3J_{CP} = 14$ Hz, C^{3}), 127.2 (s, C_0^3 , C_1^3), 128.2 (dd, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 106 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 3 \text{ Hz}$, C_0^{i}), 128.5 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 13 \text{ Hz}$, C_0^{m}), 128.6 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 13 \text{ Hz}$, C_2^{m}), 128.9 (s, C_2^p), 129.9 (dd, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 106 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 4 \text{ Hz}$, C^{1}), 130.7 (s, C_0^4) , 131.3 (s, C_1^4) , 132.6 $(d, {}^2J_{CP} = 10 \text{ Hz}, C_0^\circ)$, 132.7 (s, C_0^p) , 132.8 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 11 \text{ Hz}, C^{2}{}'$), 133.1 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 20 \text{ Hz}, C_{2}{}^{\circ}$), 133.1 [s, (CH=N)₂], 137.3 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 14 \text{ Hz}$, C_{2}^{i}), 139.3 [d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 13 \text{ Hz}$, $(CH=N)_1$], 142.5 (s, $C^{4\prime}$), 150.6 (d, ${}^2J_{CP}=8$ Hz, $C_1{}^1$), 152.9 (d, $^{2}J_{CP} = 9 \text{ Hz, } C_{0}^{1}$).

Synthesis of 8b-[G'₁]: To a solution of compound **3b-[G₁]** (0.500 g, 0.594 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added dropwise a solution of N,N-diethylethylenediamine (334 μ L, 2.377 mmol) in THF (20 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature, and a precipitate of compound **8b-[G'₁]** appears. The precipitate was recovered by filtration and washed twice with ether. Compound **8b-[G'₁]** was obtained as a white powder (0.528 g, 68% yield).

8b-|G'₁|: 31 P{¹H} NMR (THF): δ = 15.8 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ = 32 Hz, P₀₀), 52.4 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ = 32 Hz, P₀), 69.2 (s, P₁). $-{}^{1}$ H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.29 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7 Hz, 24 H, CH₂-CH₃), 2.27 (d, ${}^{2}J_{HP}$ = 13.2 Hz, 3 H, CH₃-P), 3.16 (m, 6 H, CH₃-N), 3.27 (br. s, 16 H, CH₂-CH₂), 3.44 (q, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7 Hz, 16 H, CH₂-CH₃), 5.31 (d, ${}^{2}J_{HP}$ = 5.5 Hz, 4 H, NH), 7.13-7.70 (m, 20 H, C₆H₅, C₆H₄, CH= N), 9.18 (br. s, 4 H, NH⁺). $-{}^{13}$ C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 8.7 (s, CH₂-CH₃), 14.7 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 68 Hz, CH₃-P), 32.2 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 11 Hz, CH₃-N), 36.5 (s, CH₂-N⁺), 47.4 (s, CH₂-CH₃), 52.9 (s, NH-CH₂), 121.7 (s, C₀²), 127.7 (s, C₀³), 128.9 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 12 Hz, C₀^m), 130.9 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 11 Hz, C₀°), 131.7 (s, C₀°), 132.5 (s, C₀⁴), 137.3 (br. s, CH=N), 152.3 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 9 Hz, C₀¹). - C₅₃H₉₃Cl₄N₁₃O₂P₄S₃ (1306.3): calcd. C 48.73, H 7.17, N 13.93; found C 48.65, H 7.14, N 13.89.

Synthesis of 9b-[G'1]: To a solution of compound **3b-[G1]** (0.400 g, 0.473 mmol) and potassium carbonate (0.263 g, 1.9 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL), was added N,N-diethylethylenediamine (267 μ L, 1.9 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 6 h at room temperature, then centrifuged (10000 rpm) and filtered. The resulting solution was concentrated to dryness to give compound **9b-[G'1]** as a white powder after two washings with ether (0.423 g, 77% yield).

9b-[G'₁]: 31 P{ 1 H} NMR (CH₂Cl₂): δ = 16.2 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ = 31 Hz, P₀₀), 52.7 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ = 31 Hz, P₀), 68.1 (s, P₁). $-{}^{1}$ H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.25 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 6.9 Hz, 24 H, CH₂–CH₃), 2.21 (d, ${}^{2}J_{HP}$ = 13.2 Hz, 3 H, CH₃–P), 3.08 (m, 6 H, CH₃–N), 3.19 (br. s, 16 H, CH₂–CH₂), 3.39 (q, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 6.9 Hz, 16 H, CH₂–CH₃), 5.21 (d, ${}^{2}J_{HP}$ = 5.4 Hz, 4 H, NH), 7.10–7.64 (m, 20 H, C₆H₅, C₆H₄, CH=N). $-{}^{13}$ C{ 1 H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 8.7 (s, CH₂-CH₃), 14.7 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP}$ = 68 Hz, CH₃–P), 32.1 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 11 Hz, CH₃–N–P), 36.6 (s, CH₂–N), 47.4 (s, CH₂–CH₃), 53.1 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 6 Hz, NH–CH₂), 121.7 (s, C₀²), 127.7 (s, C₀³), 128.9 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 13 Hz, C₀^m), 130.9 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 10 Hz, C₀°0, 131.7 (s, C₀), 132.5 (s, C₀⁴), 137.3 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 13 Hz, CH=N), 152.4 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 8 Hz, C₀¹). – C₅₃H₈₉N₁₃O₂P₄S₃ (1160.5): calcd. C 54.85, H 7.72, N 15.69; found C 54.86, H 7.59, N 15.58.

Synthesis of 10b-[G₁]: To a solution of compound 3b-[G₁] (0.500 g, 0.594 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL), was added methyl triflate (68 μ L, 0.601 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, then concentrated to dryness. The residue was washed twice with pentane to afford compound 10b-[G₁] as a white powder (0.561 g, 94% yield).

10b-|G₁|: 3 P{ 1 H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 23.8 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ = 18.2 Hz, P₀₀ or P₀), 24.1 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ = 18.2 Hz, P₀₀ or P₀), 62.8 (s, P₁). ${}^{-1}$ H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 2.18 (d, ${}^{2}J_{HP}$ = 12.4 Hz, 3 H, CH₃-P), 2.52 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HP}$ = 17.7 Hz, 3 H, CH₃-S), 3.48 (d, ${}^{2}J_{HP}$ = 13.9 Hz, 6 H, CH₃-N-P), 7.16-7.82 (m, 20 H, C₆H₅, C₆H₄, CH=N). ${}^{-1}$ ³C{ 1 H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 13.6 (s, CH₃-S), 15.1 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP}$ = 73 Hz, CH₃-P), 32.1 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 13 Hz, CH₃-N-P), 120.9 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 4 Hz, C₀²), 125.8 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP}$ = 112 Hz, C i), 129.6 (s, C₀³), 129.7 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 14 Hz, C₀^m), 130.7 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 11 Hz, C₀°), 133.4 (s, C₀°), 134.2 (s, C₀⁴), 140.5 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 18 Hz, CH=N), 150.1 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 10 Hz, C₀¹). ${}^{-1}$ ⁹F{ 1 H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ = -1.9 (s, CF₃SO₃⁻). ${}^{-1}$ C₃1H₃₂Cl₄F₃N₅O₅P₄S₄ (1005.6): calcd. C 37.02, H 3.20, N 6.96; found C 36.94, H 3.11, N 6.91.

Synthesis of 11b-[G₁]: To a solution of compound 10b-[G₁] (0.420 g, 0.417 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL), was added NaBPh₄ (0.143 g, 0.417 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h, then filtered. The resulting solution was concentrated to dryness to afford compound 11b-[G₁] as a white powder (0.436 g, 89% yield).

11b-[G₁]: 31 P{ 1 H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 23.8 (br. s, P₀₀ and P₀), 62.7 (s, P(S)Cl₂). $-{}^{1}$ H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.50 (d, ${}^{2}J_{HP}$ = 12.3 Hz, 3 H, CH₃-P), 2.26 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HP}$ = 17.9 Hz, 3 H, CH₃-S), 3.30 (d, ${}^{2}J_{HP}$ = 13.9 Hz, 6 H, CH₃-N-P), 6.76-7.61 (m, 40 H, C₆H₅, C₆H₄, CH=N). $-{}^{13}$ C{ 1 H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 13.4 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 6 Hz, CH₃-S-P), 14.6 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP}$ = 73 Hz, CH₃-P), 32.0 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 12 Hz, CH₃-N-P), 120.7 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 4 Hz, C₀²), 121.7 (s, C₀°), 125.5 (s, C₀^m), 125.6 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP}$ = 112 Hz, Cⁱ), 129.5 (s, C₀³), 129.7 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 13 Hz, C₀^m), 130.6 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 11 Hz, C₀°), 133.4 (s, C₀°), 134.3 (s, C₀⁴), 136.3 (s, C₀^P), 139.9 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP}$ = 19 Hz, CH=N), 149.9 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP}$ = 11 Hz, C₀¹), 164.2 (q, ${}^{1}J_{CB}$ = 49 Hz, C₀ⁱ). - C₅₄H₅₂BCl₄N₅O₂P₄S₃ (1175.7): calcd. C 55.16, H 4.45, N 5.95; found C 55.06, H 4.40, N 5.87.

Synthesis of 11b-[G'₁]: A solution of N,N-diethylethylenediamine (0.180 mL, 1.280 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (80 mL) was added to a solu-

tion of compound 11b-[G_1] (0.360 g, 0.306 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (80 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h, then concentrated to dryness. Compound 11b-[G'_1] was obtained as a white powder after washings with ether (0.361 g, 71% yield).

11b-[G'_1]: ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 23.7$ (br. s, P₀₀ and P₀), 68.5 (s, P_1). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.23$ (t, ${}^3J_{HH} = 7.3$ Hz, 24 H, CH_2-CH_3), 1.74 (d, ${}^2J_{HP} = 12.2 \text{ Hz}$, 3 H, CH_3-P), 2.34 (d, $^{3}J_{HP} = 17.7 \text{ Hz}, 3 \text{ H, CH}_{3}-\text{S}), 2.86-3.23 \text{ (m, 38 H, CH}_{2}-\text{CH}_{2},$ CH_2 - CH_3 , CH_3 -N), 5.03 (d, ${}^2J_{HP} = 6 \text{ Hz}$, 4 H, NH-P), 6.78-7.77 (m, 40 H, C_6H_5 , C_6H_4 , CH=N), 10.00 (br. s, 4 H, NH^+). $- {}^{13}\text{C}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\}\ \text{NMR (CDCl}_{3}): \delta = 8.6 \text{ (s, CH}_{2}\text{-}\text{CH}_{3}), 13.5 \text{ (d, } {}^{2}J_{\text{CP}} =$ 11 Hz, CH₃-S-P), 14.7 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 64$ Hz, CH₃-P), 32.2 (d, $^{2}J_{CP} = 11 \text{ Hz}, \text{ CH}_{3}-\text{N}-\text{P}), 36.4 \text{ (s, CH}_{2}-\text{NH}^{+}), 47.3 \text{ (s,}$ CH_2-CH_3), 53.1 (s, NH-CH₂), 120.7 (d, ${}^3J_{CP} = 4$ Hz, C_0^2), 121.9 (s, C_b^o), 125.6 (s, C_b^m), 125.7 (d, ${}^1J_{CP} = 110 \text{ Hz}$, C_0^i), 128.8 (s, C_0^3), 129.8 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 12 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{\text{m}}$), 130.7 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 10 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{\text{o}}$), 134.4 (s, C_0^4), 134.8 (d, ${}^3J_{CP} = 10 \text{ Hz}$, CH=N), 136.0 (s, C_b^p), 149.0 (d, $^{2}J_{\text{CP}} = 10 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{1}), 164.0 (q, ^{1}J_{\text{CB}} = 49 \text{ Hz}, C_{\text{b}}^{i}).$ C₇₈H₁₁₆BCl₄N₁₃O₂P₄S₃ (1640.6): calcd. C 57.10, H 7.12, N 11.09; found C 56.97, H 7.04, N 10.98.

Synthesis of 12b-[G'₁]: To a solution of compound 11b-[G'₁] $(0.300~\rm g,~0.204~\rm mmol)$ in $\rm CH_2Cl_2~(30~\rm mL)$, was added $\rm P(NMe_2)_3~(0.270~\rm mL,~1.428~\rm mmol)$, excess). The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h, then concentrated to dryness. Compound 12b-[G'₁] was extracted with toluene; this solution was concentrated to dryness to afford compound 12b-[G'₁], which was used without further purification.

12b-[**G**'₁]: 31 P{ 1 H} NMR (CH₂Cl₂): $\delta = 10.3$ (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 31.6$ Hz, P₀₀), 68.5 (s, P₁), 144.2 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 31.6$ Hz, P₀).

Synthesis of 12b-[G'_1 - G'_0]: To a solution of compound 12b-[G'_1] (0.253 g, 0.200 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), was added a solution of azide 2 (0.083 g, 0.234 mmol, slight excess) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h, then concentrated to dryness. The residue was washed three times with pentane to afford compound 12b-[G'_1 - G'_0] as a white powder (0.315 g, 84% yield).

12b-[G'₁-G'₀]: ${}^{31}P\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR (CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = -9.6$ (dd, ${}^{2}J_{PP} =$ 26 Hz, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 58.4$ Hz, P_{0}), 18.4 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 26$ Hz, P_{00}), 47.5 (d, $^{2}J_{PP} = 58.4 \text{ Hz}, P_{0}'), 70.4 \text{ (s, P}_{1}). - {}^{1}\text{H NMR (CD}_{2}\text{Cl}_{2}): \delta = 1.26$ (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 6.8 \text{ Hz}$, 24 H, CH₂-CH₃), 2.28 (d, ${}^{2}J_{HP} = 15.8 \text{ Hz}$, 3 H, CH₃-P), 2.41-3.29 (m, 38 H, CH₂-CH₂, CH₂-CH₃, CH₃-N-P), 5.40 (br. s, 4 H, NH-P), 6.84-7.81 (m, 48 H, C₆H₅, C_6H_4 , CH=N), 9.93 (s, 2 H, CHO). $- {}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR (CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = 8.7$ (s, CH₂-CH₃), 15.6 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 69$ Hz, CH₃-P), 32.3 (d, $^{2}J_{CP} = 11 \text{ Hz}, \text{ CH}_{3}-\text{N}-\text{P}), 36.8 \text{ (s, CH}_{2}-\text{NH}^{+}), 47.6 \text{ (s,}$ CH_2-CH_3), 53.2 (s, NH-CH₂), 121.0 (d, ${}^3J_{CP} = 6$ Hz, $C_0^{2'}$), 121.4 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 4 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{2}$), 122.0 (s, C_{b}^{0}), 125.8 (s, C_{b}^{m}), 127.9 (s, C_{0}^{3}), 128.1 (s, C_0^3), 129.3 (d, ${}^3J_{CP} = 13 \text{ Hz}$, C_0^{m}), 131.2 (d, ${}^2J_{CP} = 12 \text{ Hz}$, C_0°), 132.2 (s, C_0^{4}), 132.7 (br. s, $C_0^{4\prime}$), 133.1 (s, C_0^{p}), 136.1 (s, C_b^{p}), 137.1 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 13 \text{ Hz}$, CH=N), 151.9 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 10 \text{ Hz}$, C_{0}^{1}), 157.1 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 8 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{1}{}'$), 164.2 (q, ${}^{1}J_{CB} = 49 \text{ Hz}, C_{b}{}^{i}$), 191.6 (s, CHO). – IR (KBr): 1701 cm⁻¹ ($v_{C=O}$). – $C_{91}H_{123}BCl_3N_{14}O_6P_5S_3$ (1877.3): calcd. C 58.22, H 6.60, N 10.44; found C 58.14, H 6.54, N 10.38.

Synthesis of 13b-[G'_1 - G'_0]: To a solution of compound 12b-[G'_1 - G'_0] (0.250 g, 0.158 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) was added a large excess of methylhydrazine (0.168 mL, 3.15 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h, then concentrated to dryness. The residue was washed several times with ether to afford compound 13b-[G'_1 - G'_0] as a white powder (0.223 g, 73% yield).

13b-[G'₁-G'₀]: ${}^{31}P\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR (CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = -9.6$ (dd, ${}^{2}J_{PP} =$ 26.3 Hz, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 57$ Hz, P_{0}), 17.9 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 26.3$ Hz, P_{00}), 48.7 (d, $^{2}J_{PP} = 57 \text{ Hz}, P_{0}'), 70.3 \text{ (s, P}_{1}). - {}^{1}\text{H NMR (CD}_{2}\text{Cl}_{2}): \delta = 1.06 \text{ (t, P}_{1})$ $^{3}J_{HH} = 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 24 \text{ H}, \text{ CH}_{2}-\text{C}H_{3}), 2.23 \text{ (d, } ^{2}J_{HP} = 15.6 \text{ Hz}, 3 \text{ H},$ CH₃-P), 2.58-2.80 (m, 16 H, CH₂-CH₂), 2.92 (s, 6 H, CH₃-NH), 3.05-3.20 (m, 22 H, CH_2-CH_3 , CH_3-N-P), 4.43 (s, 2 H, CH_3-N-P) NH), 5.22 (br. s, 4 H, NH-P), 6.84-7.57 (m, 50 H, C₆H₅, C₆H₄, CH=N). $- {}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR (CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = 8.7$ (s, CH₂-CH₃), 15.5 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 67 \text{ Hz}$, $CH_{3}-P$), 32.3 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 11 \text{ Hz}$, $CH_{3}-N-P$), 34.0 (s, CH₃NH), 36.8 (s, CH₂-NH⁺), 47.5 (s, CH₂-CH₃), 53.2 (s, NH-CH₂), 121.2 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 5$ Hz, $C_{0}^{2}{}'$), 121.5 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 4$ Hz, C_0^2), 121.9 (s, C_b^0), 125.8 (s, C_b^m), 126.4 (s, $C_0^{3'}$), 128.0 (s, C_0^{3}), 129.2 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 13 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{\text{m}}$), 131.2 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 12 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{\text{o}}$), 132.0 (s, C_0^4), 132.5 (br. s, $C_0^{4\prime}$), 133.1 (s, C_0^p), 133.8 (s, CH=N-NH), 136.1 (s, C_b^p), 137.2 (d, ${}^3J_{CP} = 13 \text{ Hz}$, CH=N-NP), 151.8 (d, $^{2}J_{CP} = 9 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{1}$, 153.9 (d, $^{2}J_{CP} = 8 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{1\prime}$), 164.2 (q, $^{1}J_{CB} =$ 49 Hz, C_b^i). – $C_{93}H_{131}BCl_3N_{18}O_4P_5S_3$ (1933.4): calcd. C 57.77, H 6.82, N 13.04; found C 57.64, H 6.75, N 12.94.

Synthesis of 14b- $[G'_1$ - $G'_0]$: To a solution of compound 13b- $[G'_1$ - $G'_0]$ (0.100 g, 0.062 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added a solution 0.119 M of Ph₂PCH₂OH (1.04 mL, 0.124 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at 40 °C, then was concentrated to dryness. The residue was washed three times with pentane to afford 14b- $[G'_1$ - $G'_0]$ as a white powder (0.101 g, 76% yield).

14b-[G'_1 - G'_0]. ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CH₂Cl₂): $\delta = -22.9$ (s, P₁₁'), -11.8 (dd, $^2J_{PP} = 26.5$ Hz, $^2J_{PP} = 56.6$ Hz, P₀), 15.6 (d, $^2J_{PP} = 26.5$ Hz, P₀₀), 46.5 (d, $^2J_{PP} = 56.6$ Hz, P₀'), 68.1 (s, P₁).

Synthesis of 15b-[G $'_1$ -**G** $'_0$]: To a solution of compound 14b-[**G** $'_1$ -**G** $'_0$] (0.101 g, 0.049 mmol) in CH $_2$ Cl $_2$ (10 mL) was added a solution of Fe $_2$ (CO) $_9$ (0.054 g, 0.147 mmol) in CH $_2$ Cl $_2$ (10 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h, then filtered. The solution was concentrated to dryness, and the residue was washed twice with ether to afford compound 15b-[**G** $'_1$ -**G** $'_0$] as a brown powder (0.106 g, 81% yield).

15b-[G'₁**-G**'₀]: ${}^{31}P\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR (CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = -9.3$ (m, P₀), 17.4 (d, $^{2}J_{PP} = 26.5 \text{ Hz}, P_{00}), 48.4 \text{ (d, } ^{2}J_{PP} = 54.9 \text{ Hz}, P_{0}'), 69.5 \text{ (s, } P_{11}'),$ 70.9 (s, P_1). – ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = 1.28$ (br. s, 24 H, CH_2-CH_3), 2.26 (d, ${}^2J_{HP} = 15.7 \text{ Hz}$, 3 H, CH_3-P), 2.70–2.94 (m, 38 H, CH₃-N-CH₂, CH₂-CH₂, CH₂-CH₃), 3.26 (m, 6 H, CH₃-N-P), 5.05 (br. s, 4 H, CH₂-P-Fe), 6.74-7.89 (m, 70 H, C_6H_5 , C_6H_4 , CH=N). $- {}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2): $\delta = 8.9$ (s, CH_2 - CH_3), 15.4 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 67 \text{ Hz}$, CH_3 -P), 32.1 (br. s, CH₃-N-P), 37.0 (s, CH₂-NH⁺), 39.0 (s, CH₂NCH₃), 47.4 (s, CH_2-CH_3), 52.9 (s, NH-CH₂), 56.3 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 74 \text{ Hz}$, CH_2-P), 121.3 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 5 \text{ Hz}$, $C_0^{2'}$) 121.6 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 4 \text{ Hz}$, C_0^{2}), 121.9 (s, C_b^{o}), 125.8 (s, C_b^{m}), 126.3 (br. s, $C_0^{3'}$), 127.9 (br. s, C_0^{3}), 128.7 (br. s, $C_1^{m'}$), 129.1 (d, ${}^3J_{CP} = 13 \text{ Hz}$, C_0^{m}), 130.5 (s, $C_1^{p'}$), 131.2 (d, $^{2}J_{CP} = 12 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{\circ}$, 131.2 (s, CH=N-NH), 131.7 (br. s, C_{0}^{4}), 132.3 (br. s, $C_0^{4'}$), 132.8 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 32 \text{ Hz}$, $C_1^{i'}$), 132.9 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 10 \text{ Hz}$, $C_1^{\circ\prime}$), 133.2 (s, $C_0^{\rm p}$), 136.1 (s, $C_b^{\rm p}$), 137.3 (br. s, CH=N), 149.6 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{CP}} = 8 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}{}^{1}{}'), 151.8 \text{ (d, } {}^{2}J_{\text{CP}} = 9 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}{}^{1}), 164.2 \text{ (q, } {}^{1}J_{\text{CB}} =$ 49 Hz, C_b^i), 213.1 (d, ${}^2J_{CP} = 18$ Hz, CO). – IR (KBr): 2043, 1972, 1939 cm $^{-1}$ (v_{CO}). - $C_{127}H_{153}BCl_3Fe_2N_{18}O_{12}P_7S_3$ (2665.6): calcd. C 57.22, H 5.78, N 9.45; found C 57.13, H 5.69, N 9.39.

Synthesis of 16c-[G'_1]: NaOPh (0.487 g, 4.2 mmol) was added to a solution of 3c-[G_1] (0.854 g, 1 mmol) in THF (20 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature, then centrifuged. The solution was concentrated to dryness and the residue was washed several times with THF/pentane (1:5). Compound 16c-[G'_1] was isolated as a pale beige powder (1.062 g, 98% yield).

16c-[G'₁]: ${}^{31}P\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 9.6$ (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 31.3$ Hz, P_{00}), 52.2 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ = 31.3 Hz, P_{0}), 61.8 (s, P_{1}). – ${}^{1}H$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.34 \text{ (d, }^{3}J_{HP} = 10.6 \text{ Hz, } 6 \text{ H, } CH_{3}N-P), 6.12 \text{ (ddd, }^{3}J_{HP} =$ 24.1 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 18.3$ Hz, ${}^{2}J_{HH} = 1.1$ Hz, 1 H, HC=C $H_{E}H_{Z}^{*}$), 6.43 (ddd, ${}^{3}J_{HP} = 45.9 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 12.4 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{2}J_{HH} = 1.1 \text{ Hz}$, 1 H, $HC=CH_EH_Z^*$), 6.82 (dddd, $^2J_{HP}=25.2 \text{ Hz}$, $^3J_{HH}=18.3 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 12.4 \text{ Hz}, {}^{4}J_{HP} = 1.1 \text{ Hz}, 1 \text{ H}, HC = CH_{E}H_{Z}^{*}), 7.20 - 7.70$ (m, 40 H, C₆H₅, C₆H₄, CH=N) (*: E and Z refer to the relative position of H versus H through C=C). $- {}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 32.9 \text{ (d, } ^2J_{CP} = 13 \text{ Hz, CH}_3\text{N} - \text{P)}, 121.3 \text{ (d. } ^3J_{CP} = 4 \text{ Hz, C}_1^2\text{)},$ 121.8 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 5 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{2}$), 125.2 (s, C_{1}^{4}), 127.8 (dd, ${}^{1}J_{CP} =$ 100 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 4$ Hz, C_{0}^{i}), 127.8 (s, C_{0}^{3}), 128.6 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 13$ Hz, C_0^{m}), 129.3 (s, C_1^{3}), 130.9 (s, C_0^{4}), 132.0 (d, ${}^2J_{\text{CP}} = 11 \text{ Hz}$, C_0^{o}), 132.5 (d, ${}^{4}J_{CP} = 2 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{p}$), 136.6 (s, CH₂=), 138.9 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} =$ 13 Hz, C_0^4 -CH=N), 150.5 (d, $^2J_{CP} = 7$ Hz, C_0^1), 152.8 (d, $^2J_{CP} =$ 9 Hz, C_1^{-1}). - $C_{54}H_{49}N_5O_6P_4S_3$ (1084.1): calcd. C 59.83, H 4.55, N 6.46; found C 59.76, H 4.48, N 6.40.

Synthesis of 17c-[G'₁]: To a solution of compound **16c-[G'₁]** (0.542 g, 0.500 mmol) in THF (20 mL) were added 30 equiv. of methylhydrazine (0.800 mL, 15 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred for 3 h at room temperature, then concentrated to dryness. Washing several times with a mixture THF/pentane (1:5) afforded compound **17c-[G'₁]** as a white powder (0.537 g, 95% yield).

17c-[G'₁]: 31 P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 17.9$ (d, $^{2}J_{PP} = 32.9$ Hz, P₀₀), 52.0 (d, $^{2}J_{PP} = 32.9$ Hz, P₀), 62.4 (s, P₁). $^{-1}$ H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 2.33$ (s, 3 H, CH₃-N-NH₂), 2.65 (m, 2 H, CH₂-CH₂-P), 2.71 (br. s, 2 H, NH₂), 3.02 (m, 2 H, CH₂CH₂-P), 3.34 (d, $^{3}J_{HP} = 10.7$ Hz, 6 H, CH₃N-P), 7.20-7.70 (m, 40 H, C₆H₅, C₆H₄, CH= N). $^{-13}$ C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 25.4$ (d, $^{1}J_{CP} = 66$ Hz, CH₂CH₂-P), 33.1 (d, $^{2}J_{CP} = 13$ Hz, CH₃N-P), 50.6 (s, CH₃-N-NH₂), 54.4 (s, CH₂-CH₂-P), 121.5 (s, C₁²), 122.1 (d, $^{3}J_{CP} = 3$ Hz, C₀²), 125.4 (s, C₁⁴), 127.9 (s, C₀³), 128.8 (d, $^{3}J_{CP} = 13$ Hz, C₀^m), 129.5 (s, C₁³), 131.1 (s, C₀⁴), 131.4 (d, $^{2}J_{CP} = 10$ Hz, C₀°), 132.5 (s, C₀^P), 139.0 (d, $^{3}J_{CP} = 14$ Hz, C₀⁴-CH=N), 150.7 (d, $^{2}J_{CP} = 7$ Hz, C₀¹), 153.0 (d, $^{2}J_{CP} = 8$ Hz, C₁¹). - C₅₅H₅₅N₇O₆P₄S₃ (1130.2): calcd. C 58.45, H 4.90, N 8.67; found C 58.38, H 4.85, N 8.63.

Synthesis of 17c- $[G'_1-G_0]$: A solution of compound 17c- $[G'_1]$ (0.150 g, 0.133 mmol) in THF (15 mL) was added to Ph₂PCH₂OH (obtained as described for 7a- $[G_2]$) and heated at 90 °C under stirring for 12 h, then concentrated to dryness. Washing several times with a mixture THF/pentane (1:5) afforded compound 17c- $[G'_1-G_0]$ as a white powder (0.177 g, 87% yield).

17c-[G'₁-G₀]: $^{31}P\{^{1}H\}$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = -24.1$ (s, P_{11} '), 18.2 (d, $^{2}J_{PP} = 30.3 \text{ Hz}, P_{00}), 51.6 \text{ (d, } ^{2}J_{PP} = 30.3 \text{ Hz}, P_{0}), 62.9 \text{ (s, P}_{1}). -$ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 2.12$ (s, 3 H, CH₃-N-CH₂), 2.42-2.75 (m, 4 H, CH_2-CH_2-P), 3.34 (d, ${}^3J_{HP} = 10.2 \text{ Hz}$, 6 H, $CH_3-N-P)$, 3.54 (br. s, 4 H, $N-CH_2-P)$, 7.20-7.80 (m, 60 H, C_6H_5 , C_6H_4 , CH=N). $- {}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 26.4$ (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 58 \text{ Hz}, CH_{2}CH_{2}-P), 33.4 \text{ (d, } {}^{2}J_{CP} = 13 \text{ Hz}, CH_{3}-N-P),$ 33.9 (s, CH₃-N-CH₂), 47.3 (s, CH₂-CH₂-P), 53.0 (s, NCH₂-P), 121.9 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 5 \text{ Hz}, C_{1}^{2}$), 122.4 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 5 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{2}$), 125.8 (s, C_1^4), 128.4 (s, C_0^3), 128.6 (d, ${}^3J_{CP} = 7$ Hz, $C_1^{m'}$), 129.0 (d, ${}^3J_{CP} =$ 13 Hz, C_0^{m}), 129.1 (s, $C_1^{\text{p'}}$), 129.9 (s, C_1^{3}), 131.4 (s, C_0^{4}), 131.7 (d, $^{2}J_{CP} = 9 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{\circ}$, 132.6 (s, C_{0}^{p}), 133.6 (d, $^{2}J_{CP} = 19 \text{ Hz}, C_{1}^{\circ\prime}$), 138.1 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 14 \text{ Hz}, C_{1}^{i\prime}$), 139.4 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 14 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{4}\text{-}CH =$ N), 151.1 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 7 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{1}$), 153.6 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 9 \text{ Hz}, C_{1}^{1}$). -C₈₁H₇₇N₇O₆P₆S₃ (1526.6): calcd. C 63.73, H 5.08, N 6.42; found C 63.67, H 5.01, N 6.39.

Synthesis of 17c- $[G'_1-G'_1]$: A solution of azide 2 (0.073 g, 0.210 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) was added dropwise to a solution

of $17c-[G'_1-G_0]$ (0.135 g, 0.100 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL). The resulting solution was stirred overnight at room temperature, then concentrated to dryness. The residue was washed with THF/pentane (1:5) to give $17c-[G'_1-G'_1]$ as a white powder (0.201 g, 93% yield).

17c-[G'₁-G'₁]: ${}^{31}P\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 14.0$ (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} =$ 26.0 Hz, P_{11} '), 16.7 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 33.9$ Hz, P_{00}), 50.0 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} =$ 26.0 Hz, P_1'), 50.2 (d, ${}^2J_{PP} = 33.9$ Hz, P_0), 62.5 (s, P_1). $-{}^1H$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.83$ (s, 3 H, CH₃-N-CH₂), 2.40-2.72 (m, 4 H, CH_2-CH_2-P), 3.34 (d, ${}^3J_{HP} = 10.5 \text{ Hz}$, 6 H, CH_3-N-P), 4.32 $(m, 4 H, NCH_2-P), 7.00-7.80 (m, 76 H, C_6H_5, C_6H_4, CH=N),$ 9.92 (s, 4 H, CHO). $- {}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 24.8$ (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP} =$ 64 Hz, CH_2CH_2-P), 33.0 (d, ${}^2J_{CP} = 13$ Hz, CH_3-N-P), 35.3 (s, CH_3-N-CH_2), 46.4 (s, CH_2-CH_2-P), 50.4 (d, ${}^1J_{CP}=87$ Hz, NCH_2-P), 121.4 (d, ${}^3J_{CP} = 4 Hz$, C_1^2), 121.7 (d, ${}^3J_{CP} = 5 Hz$, C_0^2 , $C_1^{2'}$), 125.4 (s, C_1^4), 128.0 (s, C_0^3), 128.8 (d, $^3J_{CP} = 11$ Hz, C_0^m , $C_1^{m'}$), 129.5 (s, C_1^3), 131.2 (s, $C_1^{3'}$), 131.4 (s, C_0^4), 132.2 (d, $^2J_{CP}$ = 9 Hz, C_0° , $C_1^{\circ\prime}$), 132.6 (s, C_0° , $C_1^{\circ\prime}$, $C_1^{4\prime}$), 138.7 (d, $^3J_{CP} = 14$ Hz, C_0^4 -CH=N), 150.6 (d, ${}^2J_{CP} = 6$ Hz, C_0^1), 152.8 (d, ${}^2J_{CP} = 10$ Hz, C_1^{1}), 156.5 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 8 \text{ Hz}, C_1^{1}$), 190.0 (s, CHO). – IR (KBr): $1702 \text{ cm}^{-1} (v_{C=O})$. $- C_{109}H_{97}N_9O_{14}P_8S_5 (2165.1)$: calcd. C 60.47, H 4.52, N 5.82; found C 60.45, H 4.48, N 5.75.

Synthesis of 17c- $[G'_{1}-G_{n}]$ (n=2,3): A slight excess (5%) of phosphorus hydrazide 4 in solution in CHCl₃ was added to a solution of 17c- $[G'_{1}-G'_{n-1}]$ in THF. The resulting solution was stirred overnight at room temperature, then concentrated to dryness. The residue was washed several times with THF/pentane (1:5) to afford 17c- $[G'_{1}-G_{2}]$ (0.404 g, 96% yield) or 17c- $[G'_{1}-G_{3}]$ (0.510 g, 97% yield) as white powders.

Synthesis of $17c-[G'_1-G'_n]$ (n=2,3): A solution of compound $17c-[G'_1-G_n]$ in solution in THF was added to the sodium salt 5 (5% excess) in THF. The resulting mixture was stirred overnight, then centrifuged and concentrated to dryness. The residue was washed several times with THF/pentane (1:5) to afford $17c-[G'_1-G'_2]$ (0.418 g, 92% yield) or $17c-[G'_1-G'_3]$ (0.448 g, 91% yield) as white powders.

17c-[$\mathbf{G'}_1$ - \mathbf{G}_2]: ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 13.6$ (d, ² $J_{PP} = 25.1$ Hz, P_{11}'), 16.9 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 33.3 \text{ Hz}$, P_{00}), 50.3 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 25.1 \text{ Hz}$, P_{1}'), 51.2 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 33.3 \text{ Hz}, P_0$), 62.5 (s, P_1), 62.9 (s, P_2 '). $- {}^{1}H \text{ NMR}$ (CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.82$ (s, 3 H, CH₃-N-CH₂), 2.45-2.70 (m, 4 H, CH_2-CH_2-P), 3.34 (d, ${}^3J_{HP} = 10.5 \text{ Hz}$, 6 H, CH_3-N-P_1), 3.43 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HP} = 14.2 \text{ Hz}$, 12 H, $CH_{3}-N-P_{2}'$), 4.23-4.40 (m, 4 H, NCH_2-P), 7.00-7.70 (m, 80 H, C_6H_5 , C_6H_4 , CH=N). $- {}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 24.7$ (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 65$ Hz, CH₂CH₂-P), 31.9 (d, $^{2}J_{CP} = 13 \text{ Hz}, CH_{3} - N - P_{2}'), 33.1 \text{ (d, }^{2}J_{CP} = 13 \text{ Hz}, CH_{3} - N - P_{1}),$ 35.4 (s, CH_3 -N- CH_2), 46.4 (s, CH_2 - CH_2 -P), 50.5 (d, ${}^1J_{CP}$ = 87 Hz, NCH₂-P), 121.4 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 4$ Hz, C_{1}^{2}), 121.7 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} =$ 5 Hz, C_0^2 , $C_1^{2'}$), 125.4 (s, C_1^4), 128.0 (s, C_0^3), 128.4 (s, $C_1^{3'}$), 128.8 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 13 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{\text{m}}, C_{1}^{\text{m}\prime}), 129.5 \text{ (s, } C_{1}^{3}), 130.2 \text{ (s, } C_{1}^{4\prime}), 131.3$ $(d, {}^{2}J_{CP} = 10 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}^{\circ}, C_{1}^{\circ}), 132.2 \text{ (s, } C_{0}^{4}), 132.6 \text{ (s, } C_{0}^{p}, C_{1}^{p}),$ 138.8 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 14 \text{ Hz}$, C_{0}^{4} -CH=N), 141.2 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 18 \text{ Hz}$, $C_{1}^{4'}$ -CH=N), 150.6 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 7$ Hz, C_{1}^{1}), 152.8 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 10$ Hz, C_{0}^{1}), 153.3 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 8 \text{ Hz}, C_{1}^{1}$). $- C_{113}H_{109}Cl_{8}N_{17}O_{10}P_{12}S_{9}$ (2809.1): calcd. C 48.31, H 3.91, N 8.48; found C 48.24, H 3.87, N 8.40.

17c-[G'₁-G'₂]: 31 P{ 1 H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 14.0 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ = 24.6 Hz, P₁₁'), 17.5 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ = 33.1 Hz, P₀₀), 50.7 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ = 24.6 Hz, P₁'), 51.7 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ = 33.1 Hz, P₀), 60.8 (s, P₂'), 63.0 (s, P₁). $-{}^{1}$ H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.82 (s, 3 H, CH₃-N-CH₂), 2.43-2.70 (m, 4 H, CH₂-CH₂-P), 3.34 (m, 18 H, CH₃-N-P), 4.22-4.45 (m, 4 H, NCH₂-P), 7.00-7.80 (m, 112 H, C₆H₅, C₆H₄, CH=N), 9.91 (s, 8 H, CHO). $-{}^{13}$ C{ 1 H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 24.7 (d, $^{1}J_{CP}$ =

64 Hz, CH_2CH_2-P), 33.0 (m, CH_3-N-P), 35.5 (s, CH_3-N-CH_2), 46.2 (s, CH_2-CH_2-P), 50.6 (d, $^1J_{CP}=89$ Hz, NCH_2-P), 121.4 (d, $^3J_{CP}=4$ Hz, $C_1{}^2$), 121.7 (d, $^3J_{CP}=4$ Hz, $C_0{}^2$, $C_1{}^2{}'$), 122.0 (d, $^3J_{CP}=5$ Hz, $C_2{}^2{}'$), 125.4 (s, $C_1{}^4$), 128.0 (s, $C_0{}^3$), 128.7 (s, $C_1{}^3{}'$), 128.8 (d, $^3J_{CP}=13$ Hz, $C_0{}^m$, $C_1{}^m{}'$), 129.5 (s, $C_1{}^3{}'$), 130.6 (s, $C_1{}^4{}'$), 131.2 (d, $^2J_{CP}=11$ Hz, $C_0{}^o$, $C_1{}^o{}'$), 131.5 (s, $C_2{}^3{}'$), 132.2 (s, $C_0{}^4{}$), 132.4 (s, $C_0{}^p$, $C_1{}^p{}'$), 133.6 (s, $C_2{}^4{}'$), 138.8 (d, $^3J_{CP}=14$ Hz, $C_0{}^4{}-CH=N$), 140.1 (d, $^3J_{CP}=14$ Hz, $C_1{}^4{}'-CH=N$), 150.6 (d, $^2J_{CP}=6$ Hz, $C_0{}^1{}$), 152.8 (d, $^2J_{CP}=8$ Hz, $C_1{}^1{}$), 153.0 (d, $^2J_{CP}=9$ Hz, $C_1{}^1{}'$), 155.1 (d, $^2J_{CP}=7$ Hz, $C_2{}^1{}'$), 190.8 (s, CHO). — IR (KBr): 1702 cm $^{-1}$ ($v_{C=O}$). — $C_{169}H_{149}N_{17}O_{26}P_{12}S_9$ (3494.4): calcd. C 58.08, H 4.29, N 6.81; found C 58.05, H 4.22, N 6.76.

17c-[\mathbf{G}'_1 - \mathbf{G}_3]: ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 13.5$ (d, ² $J_{PP} = 24.5$ Hz, P_{11}'), 16.9 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 33.1 \text{ Hz}$, P_{00}), 50.2 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 24.5 \text{ Hz}$, P_{1}'), 51.3 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ = 33.1 Hz, P_{0}), 61.9 (s, P_{2}), 62.5 (s, P_{1}), 62.9 (s, P_{3}). $- {}^{1}\text{H NMR (CDCl}_{3}): \delta = 1.84 \text{ (s, 3 H, C}_{H_{3}} - \text{N} - \text{CH}_{2}), 2.42 - 2.74$ (m, 4 H, CH₂-CH₂-P), 3.32-3.51 (m, 42 H, CH₃-N-P), 4.22-4.45 (m, 4 H, NCH₂-P), 7.00-7.70 (m, 120 H, C₆H₅, C₆H₄, CH=N). $- {}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 24.8$ (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 65$ Hz, CH_2CH_2-P), 31.9 (d, ${}^2J_{CP} = 13 Hz$, CH_3N-P_3'), 33.0 (d, ${}^2J_{CP} =$ 13 Hz, CH₃N-P₁, CH₃N-P₂'), 35.5 (s, CH₃-N-CH₂), 46.4 (s, CH_2-CH_2-P), 50.6 (d, ${}^1J_{CP} = 88 \text{ Hz}$, NCH_2-P), 121.4–121.9 $(m, C_0^2, C_1^2, C_1^{2'}, C_2^{2'}), 125.4 (s, C_1^4), 128.0 (s, C_0^3, C_1^{3'}), 128.7$ $(m, C_0^m, C_1^{m'}, C_2^{3'}), 129.5 (s, C_1^3), 130.9 (s, C_1^{4'}), 131.3 (d, {}^2J_{CP} =$ 11 Hz, C_0° , $C_1^{\circ\prime}$), 131.5 (s, $C_2^{4\prime}$), 132.2 (s, C_0^{4}), 132.5 (s, C_0^{p} , $C_1^{p\prime}$), 138.8 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 14 \text{ Hz}, C_{0}{}^{4}\text{-}CH = \text{N}$), 139.5 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 13 \text{ Hz}, C_{1}{}^{4}$ '-CH=N), 140.7 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 19 \text{ Hz}$, $C_{2}^{4'}$ -CH=N), 150.7 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} =$ 7 Hz, C_0^{-1} , C_1^{-1}), 151.9 (d, ${}^2J_{CP} = 7$ Hz, C_2^{-1}), 152.9 (d, ${}^2J_{CP} = 9$ Hz, $C_1^{1'}$). - $C_{177}H_{173}Cl_{16}N_{33}O_{18}P_{20}S_{17}$ (4782.3): calcd. C 44.45, H 3.64, N 9.66; found C 44.41, H 3.59, N 9.64.

17c- $[G'_1-G'_3]$: ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 14.0$ (d, ² $J_{PP} =$ 24.2 Hz, P_{11} '), 17.3 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 32.5$ Hz, P_{00}), 50.5 (d, ${}^{2}J_{PP} =$ 24.2 Hz, P_1'), 51.8 (d, ${}^2J_{PP} = 32.5$ Hz, P_0), 60.5 (s, P_3'), 62.7 (s, P_2'), 62.8 (s, P_1),. - ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.84$ (s, 3 H, CH₃-N-CH₂), 2.42-2.74 (m, 4 H, CH₂-CH₂-P), 3.34 (m, 42 H, CH₃-N-P), 4.20-4.43 (m, 4 H, NCH₂-P), 7.00-7.80 (m, 184 H, C_6H_5 , C_6H_4 , CH=N), 9.91 (s, 16 H, CHO). $- {}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 24.7$ (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 64$ Hz, $CH_{2}CH_{2}-P$), 32.8 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} =$ 13 Hz, CH_3-N-P), 35.5 (s, CH_3-N-CH_2), 46.2 (s, CH_2-CH_2-P), 50.5 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 88 \text{ Hz}$, NCH_2-P), 121.2-121.8 $(m, C_0^2, C_1^2, C_1^{2'}, C_2^{2'}, C_3^{2'}), 125.2 (s, C_1^4), 127.8-128.5 (m, C_0^3),$ $C_1^{3'}$, C_0^{m} , $C_1^{m'}$), 129.4 (s, C_1^{3} , $C_2^{3'}$), 130.7–132.3 (m, C_0^{4} , C_1^{4} , $C_1^{4\prime}$, C_0° , $C_1^{\circ\prime}$, C_0^{p} , $C_1^{p\prime}$, $C_3^{3\prime}$), 133.4 (s, $C_3^{4\prime}$), 139.5 (br. d, ${}^3J_{CP}$ = 14 Hz, CH=N), 150.4 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 7$ Hz, C_{0}^{1}), 151.3 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 7$ Hz, $C_2^{1'}$), 152.7 (d, ${}^2J_{CP} = 9 \text{ Hz}$, $C_1^{1'}$, C_1^{1}), 154.9 (d, ${}^2J_{CP} = 7 \text{ Hz}$, $C_3^{1'}$), 190.6 (s, CHO). – IR (KBr): 1702 cm⁻¹ ($v_{C=O}$). – $C_{289}H_{253}N_{33}O_{50}P_{20}S_{17}$ (6152.9): calcd. C 56.41, H 4.14, N 7.51; found C 56.31, H 4.05, N 7.44.

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