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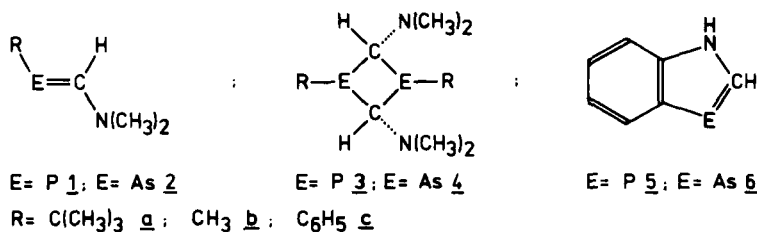
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In (dimethylaminomethylidene)phosphines (1) [1] and -arsines (2) the internal



rotation of the dimethylamino group is hindered by a barrier of 50 to 55 kJmol⁻¹ - analogous to the corresponding amidines. In order to evaluate the influence of this conjugative effect upon the P=C and (P)-C-N bond lengths, single crystal x-ray structure determinations of 1a and 2a have been carried out. For comparison, the cyclic (aminomethylidene)phosphine 1H-1,3-benzazaphosphole 5 [2] as well as the dimeric compounds 3a, 3b, and 3c [3] have been analyzed, too, while the arsenic derivative 6 was studied by others [4]. The diarsetanes 4 could not yet be isolated. The structural results indicate the E=C bonds in 1a, 2a, 5, and 6 to be scarcely elongated, the (E)-C-N bonds, however, to be shortened considerably with respect to the dimers.

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