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We studied the complex chemical behavior of neutral and anionic annulated 1H-1,3-azaphospholes. 2-Phosphaindolizines, synthesized from pyridinium salts and PCl₃ / Et₃N, reacted with (CO)₅M(THF) (M = Cr, Mo, W) yielding (η^1 -phosphaindolizine)M(CO)₅ complexes. Comparison of ³¹P-, ¹H and ¹³C-NMR data of free ligands and complexes allows to characterize donor and acceptor properties of this ligand type. According to ¹³C coordination shifts, π -back donation has a rather local effect. An X-ray structure analysis of a LCr(CO)₅ complex and of the respective ligand L shows a more effective delocalization with nearly

$$R^3$$
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 R^2
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equal P-C bond lengths in the complex-bound ligand.

Attempts to make (η^5 -phosphaindolizine)M(CO)₃ complexes by reaction with norbornadiene-Cr(CO)₄, mesW(CO)₃ etc. failed. Instead, a variety of σ complexes LM(CO)₅, cis-L₂Cr(CO)₄, fac-L₃M(CO)₃ (M = Mo, W) and mer-L₃Mo(CO)₃, were formed. A convenient 3 step synthesis of 1H-1,3-benzazaphospholes is presented, including a new type of LiAlH₄-mediated reductive ring closure of 2-hydroxyarylphosphonic acid esters. Metallation of 1,3-benzazaphospholes and NMR-spectra are studied.

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