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## Correction: Novel synthetic route for (parent) phosphetanes, phospholanes, phosphinanes and phosphhepanes

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In the above manuscript, we claimed *i.a.* that we reported the first synthesis of the parent phospholane, which was referred to as compound **10b**. On closer inspection of the literature, we have realized that our claim is erroneous, since this compound (**10b**) has been described in two prior papers.<sup>1,2</sup> We regret overlooking these literature precedents and apologize for our oversight. The synthesis of **10b** that we describe is different from those in the two prior reports. The sections of the manuscript that are affected by our mistake are the following. Each entry is followed by a correction or corrected version, in parentheses.

**Abstract:** “The latter enables the selective synthesis of parent cyclic secondary phosphines (**10**) in an easy and straightforward way, including the first parent phospholane (**10b**).” (Corrected version: “The latter enables the selective synthesis of parent cyclic secondary phosphines (**10**) in an easy and straightforward way.”)

**Introduction:** The reaction of the spiro compounds 2–5 with nucleophiles leads to the formation of unprecedented heterocyclic parent phosphines **10a–d** including the first parent phospholane **10b**. (Corrected version: The reaction of the spiro compounds 2–5 with nucleophiles leads to the formation of unprecedented heterocyclic parent phosphines **10a–d**.)

**Results and discussion:** “To our surprise, (parent-)phospholane (HP(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>)) has not been reported so far.” (Correction: This sentence should be entirely omitted from the manuscript.)

**Conclusion:** In addition to this, we demonstrated that it is also possible to synthesise parent secondary phosphines derivatives **10a–d** *via* this route, as represented by the parent-phosphetane HP(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>) (**10a**) as well as the parent-phospholane HP(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>) (**10b**), which have been synthesised for the very first time. (Corrected version: “In addition to this, we demonstrated that it is also possible to synthesise parent secondary phosphines derivatives **10a–d** *via* this route, as represented by the parent-phosphetane HP(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>) (**10a**) as well as the parent-phospholane HP(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>) (**10b**).”)

Finally, we also wish to correct the following sentence “The <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra (THF-d<sub>8</sub>) of **10b** show a doublet of triplets at  $\delta = -70.8$  ppm (<sup>1</sup>J<sub>P-H</sub> = 187 Hz, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>P-H</sub> = 21 Hz)” which contained an erroneous <sup>1</sup>J<sub>P-H</sub> coupling constant. The correct coupling constant is: <sup>1</sup>J<sub>P-H</sub> = 180.3 Hz.

The Royal Society of Chemistry apologises for these errors and any consequent inconvenience to authors and readers.

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