# Syntheses and Structures of 9-Bromo-10-diphenylphosphanylanthracene and its Oxidation Products

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Treatment of 9,10-dibromoanthracene with one mole equivalent of *n*-butyllithium and chlorodiphenylphosphane yields 9-bromo-10-diphenylphosphanylanthracene (**1**). Oxidation of **1** with chalcogens leads to $\{Br(C_{14}H_8)(Ph_2P{=}E)\}$ with E = O (**2**), S (**3**) and Se (**4**). The syntheses and structure determinations of the parent compound **1** and the oxidized species **2** – **4** are reported.

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