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Functionalization of two dimensional (2D) materials is an approach to enhance their versatility, either for improving their stability in certain conditions or tuning their properties in a desired direction. In this work we report the electronic and magnetic changes of phosphorene, a 2D material that has shown outstanding properties such a high carrier mobility and layer-dependent band gap, after functionalization with hydroxyl and cysteine molecules. We systematically studied the effects of single molecule functionalization, functionalization direction, functionalization coverage and molecular chirality can play in the electronic structure and magnetic properties of phosphorene. The main factor that plays a role in the induced electronic and magnetic changes in our phosphorene-based system is the formation of a dangling bond in a phosphorus atom after molecular functionalization. We showed that the electronic band gap, exchange splitting and other electronic structure properties can be tuned by the functionalization direction and coverage. Moreover, the functionalization with the chiral molecules showed a correlation between the magnetic ground state and chiral-composition of the functionalized molecules. The resulting systems are proposed to be employed as bipolar magnetic semiconductor (BMS) due to their characteristic spin resolved band structure. We compared the energy parameters that define a BMS and found adequate trends that improves them with that desired application for future spintronic devices.

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