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## A Diphenyl Ether Derived Bidentate Secondary Phosphine Oxide as a Preligand for Nickel-Catalyzed C–S Cross-Coupling Reactions

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General Experimental Methods. All reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware under an argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk and glovebox techniques. Dry and oxygen free solvents (diethyl ether, THF and toluene) were collected from an Innovative Technology solvent purification system. DMF, DMSO, DMSO- $d_6$  and methanol were dried over 4 Å molecular sieves and then degassed by bubbling argon through them for 30 min to 1 h. CDCl<sub>3</sub> and DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories. NaBH<sub>4</sub> was purchased from Acros Organics. Bromobenzene, chlorobenzene, KOH, NaOH, K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, NaOMe and concentrated HCl solution (37%) were purchased from Fisher Scientific. Ni(COD)<sub>2</sub> was purchased from Acros Organics, stored in a -30 °C freezer of a glove box, and used without further purification. All other reagents were purchased from Sigma Aldrich and used without purification except *N*,*N*,*N*',*N*'-tetramethylethylenediamine (TMEDA) further and bis(diethylamino)phenylphosphine (PhP(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>). TMEDA was dried over calcium hydride and distilled under an argon atmosphere. PhP(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> was purified by vacuum distillation prior to use. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, <sup>31</sup>P, and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 MHz spectrometer or a Bruker DMX 500 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shift values in <sup>1</sup>H and  $^{13}C{^{1}H}$  NMR spectra were referenced internally to the residual solvent resonances.  $^{31}P$  and  $^{31}P{^{1}H}$  NMR spectra were referenced externally to 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (0 ppm). Infrared spectra were recorded on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet 6700 FT-IR spectrometer equipped with smart orbit diamond attenuated total reflectance (ATR) accessory. High-resolution ESI-MS data for all the new compounds were obtained from either a Micromass Q-TOF-2<sup>TM</sup> or a ThermoFinnigan LTQ Linear Ion-Trap FTMS instrument. GC-MS data were collected on an Agilent 7890B GC & 5977A Series GC/MSD system.

**Synthesis of PhP(Cl)NEt<sub>2</sub>.** This compound has been previously made from PhPCl<sub>2</sub> and PhP(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.<sup>1</sup> In our hands, some modification of the procedures was necessary in order to obtain a pure product. In a glovebox, PhPCl<sub>2</sub> (407  $\mu$ L, 3.0 mmol) and PhP(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (780  $\mu$ L, 3.0 mmol) were dissolved in 4.5 mL of Et<sub>2</sub>O in a separate oven-dried Schlenk flask. Both solutions were taken out of the glovebox and cooled by an ice bath (0 °C) for 5-10 min. At this temperature, the PhP(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> solution was added via a cannula to the PhPCl<sub>2</sub> solution. The resulting mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1.5 h, during which time PhP(Cl)NEt<sub>2</sub> was formed as a white suspension. This material was used directly in the next step. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, Et<sub>2</sub>O,  $\delta$ ): 138.62 (s).

Synthesis of Secondary Phosphine Oxide 3. Under an argon atmosphere, diphenyl ether (511 mg, 3.0 mmol) was dissolved in 8 mL of  $Et_2O$ . The resulting solution was cooled to –

78 °C, after which TMEDA (990 µL, 6.6 mmol) was added, followed by slow addition of a 1.6 M solution of *n*-BuLi in hexanes (4.1 mL, 6.6 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min and then at room temperature for 16 h. The solution of PhP(Cl)NEt<sub>2</sub> in Et<sub>2</sub>O prepared above was first diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O to 15 mL and then added slowly to the lithiated diphenyl ether at -78 °C over a period of 30 min using a syringe pump. After stirring at -78 °C for another 30 min, the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature again and stirred for 5 h. The volatiles were removed under vacuum, resulting in a beige colored oil, which was dissolved in 12 mL of THF. To this solution chilled at 0 °C, a concentrated HCl solution (2.65 mL, 12 mmol) was added dropwise. After 10 min, the resulting mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 4 h. Subsequently, 13 mL of water was added and the mixture was stirred for 40 min. The product was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL  $\times$  3), and the combined organic layers were dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under vacuum, giving a yellow colored oil. The pure product was obtained via recrystallization from ethyl acetate at -5 °C and isolated as a white solid (583 mg, 46% overall yield). Both <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR suggested that the isolated material was a 72 : 28 mixture of isomers. This ratio is independent of the solvent used (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, THF and toluene).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): major isomer: 8.01 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{P-H} = 13.2$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H} = 7.2$  Hz, ArH, 2H), 7.88 (d,  ${}^{1}J_{P-H} = 500$  Hz, PH, 2H), 7.60-7.45 (m, ArH, 6H), 7.40-7.34 (m, ArH, 6H), 7.31-7.27 (m, ArH, 2H), 6.39 (t,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H} = 6.0$  Hz, 2H); minor isomer: 8.02 (d,  ${}^{1}J_{P-H} = 500$  Hz, PH, 2H), 7.89 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{P-H} = 13.8$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H} = 7.4$  Hz, ArH, 2H), 7.60-7.45 (m, ArH, 6H), 7.40-7.34 (m, ArH, 6H), 7.31-7.27 (m, ArH, 2H), 6.45 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H} = 8.2$  and 6.8 Hz, 2H).  ${}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): major isomer: 156.89 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 3.4$  Hz), 134.48 (s), 133.31 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 6.0$  Hz), 132.58 (s), 131.88 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 106.1$  Hz), 130.49 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 12.3$  Hz), 128.83 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 13.3$  Hz), 124.75 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 11.1$  Hz), 122.62 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 100.0$  Hz), 118.02 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 5.6$  Hz); minor isomer: 157.29 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 12.3$  Hz), 128.83 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 106.1$  Hz), 130.49 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 7.0$  Hz), 132.50 (s), 131.41 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 106.1$  Hz), 130.49 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 10.4$  Hz), 132.468 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 10.9$  Hz), 122.98 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 10.0$  Hz), 118.34 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 5.6$  Hz).  ${}^{31}P\{{}^{1}H\}$  NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 13.87 (s, major), 13.75 (s, minor).  ${}^{31}P\{{}^{1}H\}$  NMR (202 MHz, DMF,  $\delta$ ): 10.49 (s).  ${}^{31}P\{{}^{1}H\}$  NMR (202 MHz, THF,  $\delta$ ): 8.50 (s, major), 8.26 (s, minor).  ${}^{31}P\{{}^{1}H\}$  NMR (202 MHz, toluene,  $\delta$ ): 8.24 (s, major), 8.14 (s, minor).  ${}^{31}P$  NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 13.87 (major), 8.14 (s, minor).  ${}^{31}P$  NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 13.87 (major), 8.14 (s, minor).  ${}^{31}P$  NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 13.88 (dm,  ${}^{1}J_{P-H} = 503$  Hz, resonances for the two isomers were overlapped). ATR-IR (solid): v\_{P-H} = 2333 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS-ESI (m/z) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P<sub>2</sub>419.0966, found 419.0962.

**Formation of Complex 10.** In a glovebox, Ni(COD)<sub>2</sub> (1.4 mg, 5  $\mu$ mol) and **3** (2.1 mg, 5  $\mu$ mol) were mixed with 1.0 mL of solvent, and transferred to a J. Young NMR tube. The progress of the reaction was monitored by <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectroscopy. Figures S1-S3 shows the reaction as a function of time.



Figure S1. In-situ  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR spectra for the reaction of Ni(COD)<sub>2</sub> with 3 in DMF



Figure S2. In-situ  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR spectra for the reaction of Ni(COD)<sub>2</sub> with 3 in THF



**Figure S3.** In-situ <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra for the reaction of Ni(COD)<sub>2</sub> with **3** in toluene

**Proposed Reaction Mechanism.** Oxidative addition of an aryl halide to **11** would generate a Ni(II) species **12** as shown in Scheme S1. Subsequent substitution of the halide by a thiolate would produce **13**, where the thiolate and aryl groups are *trans* to each other. Reductive elimination of the sulfides requires these two groups cis to each other, which is possible via isomerization or dissociation of one of the SPO arms. This proposed mechanism resembles the one proposed by others for palladium<sup>2</sup> and rhodium<sup>3</sup> catalyzed C–S coupling of aryl halides with thiols.



Scheme S1 Proposed catalytic cycle.

General Procedures for Catalytic Cross-Coupling of Aryl Halides with Thiols. Under an argon atmosphere, Ni(COD)<sub>2</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.050 mmol) and **3** (20.9 mg, 0.050 mmol) were mixed in 10 mL of DMF at 23 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at this temperature for 3 h to produce a stock solution of the catalyst (5.0 mM). A portion of the stock solution (1.0 mL, 0.5 mol% catalyst) was added to a 10 mL scintillation vial containing KOH (61.7 mg, 1.1 mmol). More DMF was added until the total volume was brought up to 6 mL, after which aryl halide (1.1 mmol) and thiol (1.0 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 1 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the volatiles were removed under vacuum to afford the crude product. The sulfide product was purified by column chromatography. For the reactions catalyzed by 1.0 mol% catalyst, 2.0 mL of the catalyst stock solution (5 mM) was used. For the coupling of iodobenzene with methyl thiosalicylate (entry 11, Table 2), Ni(COD)<sub>2</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.050 mmol) and **3** (20.9 mg, 0.050 mmol) were mixed with 6 mL of DMF at 23 °C for 2 h prior to the addition of substrates. The rest of the procedures were the same as described above.

All the diaryl sulfides (**6a-i**), diaryl disulfides resulted from 4-methoxythiophenol (entry 10) and methyl thiosalicylate (entry 11), and the by-product **8** were characterized by <sup>1</sup>H and  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectroscopy. The chemical shift values of the known compounds were compared to literature values. New compounds (**6c-f**, entries 5-8) were further characterized by high-resolution mass spectroscopy.

**Procedures for Removing Disulfides from Sulfides.** Without a polar functional group present in the molecule, separating the disulfide impurity from the desired sulfide was challenging (entries 8 and 9, Table 2). In that case, the following procedures were adopted prior to column chromatography. The crude product was first passed through a short pad of silica gel

and washed with hexanes. The resulting solution was concentrated under vacuum, and then dissolved in 20 ml of a 1: 1 THF-methanol mixture. Under an argon atmosphere, NaBH<sub>4</sub> (189 mg, 5.0 mmol) was added, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 55 °C for 16 h. The volatiles were removed under vacuum, and the product was extracted with  $\sim$  10 mL of hexanes. The combined hexanes solutions were filtered through a short pad of Celite, and then evaporated to dryness. The residue was subjected to further purification by column chromatography.

## Spectroscopic Characterization Data for the Diary Sulfides and Isolated Byproducts



This compound was isolated as a colorless oil (172 mg, 86% yield) using hexanes as the eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 7.32-7.12 (m, Ar*H*, 8H), 7.02 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 6.8 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 2.27 (s, *CH*<sub>3</sub>, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 139.08, 136.21, 135.34, 131.93, 130.81, 129.20, 129.12, 128.43, 128.10, 126.90, 21.36 (*C*H<sub>3</sub>). The NMR data match those reported in the literature.<sup>4</sup>



This compound was isolated as a colorless oil (205 mg, 89% yield) using hexanes as the eluent, followed by a hexanes-diethyl ether mixture (9 : 1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 7.40 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>H</sub>. H = 8.8 Hz, Ar*H*, 2H), 7.11 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.8 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 7.01 (s, Ar*H*, 1H), 6.97-6.93 (m, Ar*H*, 2H), 6.88 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.8 Hz, Ar*H*, 2H), 3.80 (s, OC*H*<sub>3</sub>, 3H), 2.26 (s, ArC*H*<sub>3</sub>, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 159.83, 138.86, 138.30, 135.30, 129.06, 128.91, 126.86, 125.56, 124.65, 115.04, 55.46 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 21.45 (ArCH<sub>3</sub>). The NMR data match those reported in the literature.<sup>5</sup>



This compound was isolated as a white solid (240 mg, 90% yield) using hexanes as the eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 7.46 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.4 Hz, Ar*H*, 2H), 7.31-7.23 (m, Ar*H*, 5H), 7.18 (t, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 4.0 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 2.35 (s, *CH*<sub>3</sub>, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 143.31, 139.79, 134.39, 132.07, 130.88, 129.73, 129.64, 128.15, 127.95 (q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.3 Hz), 125.89 (q, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.0 Hz), 124.26 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 272.8 Hz), 21.39 (*C*H<sub>3</sub>). HRMS-ESI (m/z) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S 268.05281, found 268.05287.



This compound was isolated as a white solid (194 mg, 86% yield) using hexanes as the eluent, followed by a hexanes-diethyl ether mixture (9 : 1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 7.47 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>H</sub>-H = 8.8 Hz, Ar*H*, 2H), 7.34-7.30 (m, Ar*H*, 3H), 7.26-7.23 (m, Ar*H*, 1H), 7.15 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.8 Hz,

Ar*H*, 2H), 2.37 (s, C*H*<sub>3</sub>, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 146.13, 140.04, 135.21, 132.43, 131.71, 130.44, 130.38, 129.84, 127.26, 118.97, 108.60, 21.37 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS-ESI (m/z) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NS 226.06850, found 226.06854.



This compound was isolated as a yellow oil (189 mg, 94% yield) using hexanes as the eluent, followed by a hexanes-diethyl ether mixture (9 : 1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 8.54 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>H</sub>-H = 2.0 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 8.44 (dd, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 4.8 and 1.2 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 7.57 (dt, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.0 and 1.8 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 7.24-7.16 (m, Ar*H*, 4H), 7.10 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.2 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 2.31 (s, C*H*<sub>3</sub>, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 150.90, 147.74, 139.50, 137.73, 133.94, 133.47, 132.52, 129.39, 129.01, 128.85, 123.90, 21.35 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS-ESI (m/z) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NS 202.06850, found 202.06847.



This compound was isolated as a colorless oil (125 mg, 58% yield) using hexanes as the eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 7.27-7.06 (m, Ar*H*, 6H), 7.01-6.98 (m, Ar*H*, 2H), 2.37 (s, C*H*<sub>3</sub>, 3H), 2.27 (s, C*H*<sub>3</sub>, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 139.74, 139.05, 135.73, 134.23, 132.69, 130.62 (two resonances overlapped here), 129.10, 127.75, 127.48, 127.09, 126.76, 21.43 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.70 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS-ESI (m/z) [M+Ag]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>SAg 320.98617 (for <sup>107</sup>Ag) and 322.98565 (for <sup>109</sup>Ag), found 320.98618 and 322.98592; LRMS-EI (m/z) [M]<sup>+</sup> found for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>S 214.1.



This compound was isolated as a colorless oil (73 mg, 37% yield) using hexanes as the eluent. The NMR yield (85%) was determined by adding 0.33 mmol of mesitylene to the crude product and then analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 7.30-7.11 (m, Ar*H*, 9H), 2.37 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 140.09, 136.27, 133.87, 133.12, 130.72, 129.75, 129.25, 128.03, 126.84, 126.46, 20.72 (*C*H<sub>3</sub>). The NMR data match those reported in the literature.<sup>4</sup>



This compound was isolated as a colorless oil (87 mg with 0.5 mol% catalyst, 40% yield; 199 mg with 1 mol% catalyst, 91% yield) using a hexanes-diethyl ether mixture (8 : 2) as the eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 7.41 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.8 Hz, Ar*H*, 2H), 7.24-7.10 (m, Ar*H*, 5H), 6.88 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.8 Hz, Ar*H*, 2H), 3.80 (s, OC*H*<sub>3</sub>, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 159.93, 138.72, 135.49, 129.04, 128.28, 125.86, 124.37, 115.09, 55.45 (OCH<sub>3</sub>). The NMR data match those reported in the literature.<sup>6</sup>



This compound was isolated as a yellow oil (24 mg with 0.5 mol% catalyst, 17% yield; 13 mg with 1 mol% catalyst, 9% yield) using a hexanes-diethyl ether mixture (8 : 2) as the eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 7.39 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.8 Hz, ArH, 4H), 6.83 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 9.2 Hz, ArH, 4H), 3.79 (s, OCH<sub>3</sub>, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 160.02, 132.80, 128.53, 114.73, 55.49 (OCH<sub>3</sub>). The NMR data match those reported in the literature.<sup>7</sup>



This compound was isolated as a colorless oil (187 mg, 77% yield, entry 3, Table 3) using a hexanes-diethyl ether mixture (9 : 1) as the eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 7.98 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H</sub>. H = 7.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 1.4 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 7.57-7.55 (m, Ar*H*, 2H), 7.43-7.42 (m, Ar*H*, 3H), 7.23 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.8 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 7.12 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.6 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 6.81 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.4 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 3.95 (s, OC*H*<sub>3</sub>, 3H). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 7.91 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.6 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 1.4 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 7.53-7.48 (m, Ar*H*, 5H), 7.40 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.6 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 7.24 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.6 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 6.78 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.4 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 3.86 (s, OC*H*<sub>3</sub>, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 166.98, 143.30, 135.64, 132.61, 132.40, 131.11, 129.83, 129.19, 127.50, 126.82, 124.38, 52.28 (OCH<sub>3</sub>). The NMR data match those reported in the literature.<sup>8</sup>



This compound was isolated as an off-white solid (46 mg, 25% yield, entry 2, Table 3) using a hexanes-diethyl ether mixture (9 : 1) as the eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 8.00 (dd, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>H</sub>-H = 7.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 1.4 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 7.47 (td, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.7 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 1.2 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 7.27 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.0 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 7.15 (td, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.5 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 1.0 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 3.91 (s, OCH<sub>3</sub>, 3H), 2.45 (s, SCH<sub>3</sub>, 3H). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 7.90 (dd, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.6 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 1.4 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 7.58 (td, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 1.2 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 7.39 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.0 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 7.22 (td, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.6 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 1.0 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H), 3.82 (s, OCH<sub>3</sub>, 3H), 2.42 (s, SCH<sub>3</sub>, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 166.90, 143.38, 132.58, 131.39, 126.76, 124.39, 123.49, 52.10 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 15.61 (SCH<sub>3</sub>). The NMR data match those reported in the literature.<sup>9</sup>



This compound was isolated as a white solid (15 mg, 9% yield, entry 1, Table 3) using a hexanes-diethyl ether mixture (9 : 1) as the eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 8.07 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 1.4 Hz, ArH, 2H), 7.76 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.2 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 1.0 Hz, ArH, 2H), 7.41

(td,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.8 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{4}J_{\text{H-H}} = 1.2 \text{ Hz}$ , Ar*H*, 2H), 7.23 (td,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.4 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{4}J_{\text{H-H}} = 1.1 \text{ Hz}$ , Ar*H*, 2H), 3.99 (s, OC*H*<sub>3</sub>, 6H).  ${}^{1}\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 8.05 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{4}J_{\text{H-H}} = 1.4 \text{ Hz}$ , Ar*H*, 2H), 7.65-7.60 (m, Ar*H*, 4H), 7.38 (td,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{4}J_{\text{H-H}} = 1.4 \text{ Hz}$ , Ar*H*, 2H), 3.92 (s, OC*H*<sub>3</sub>, 6H).  ${}^{13}\text{C}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 167.06, 140.50, 133.23, 131.60, 127.41, 125.96, 125.62, 52.54 (OCH<sub>3</sub>). The NMR data match those reported in the literature.<sup>10</sup>



**Figure S4.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of **3** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)



Figure S5.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR of 3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)



Figure S6.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR of 3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)









Figure S8. IR spectrum of 3 (solid)



Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 6a in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)



Figure S10.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR of 6a in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)





Figure S12.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR of 6b in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)



**Figure S13.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of **6c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)



Figure S14.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR of 6c in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)









Figure S17. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 6e in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)



Figure S18.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR of 6e in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)



Figure S19. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 6f in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)







Figure S22.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR of 6g in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)



Figure S23. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 6h in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)



Figure S24.  $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR of 6h in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)



**Figure S25.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of (p-MeOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>S)<sub>2</sub> in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)



Figure S26. <sup>13</sup>C $\{^{1}H\}$  NMR of  $(p-MeOC_{6}H_{4}S)_{2}$  in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)



Figure S27. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 6i in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)





Figure S28.  $^{13}C{^{1}H}$  NMR of 6i in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)



Figure S29. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 8 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)







Figure S31. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 9 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)



Figure S32.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR of 9 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (with TMS)

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