

Supporting Information for

Direct oxygen atom transfer *versus* electron transfer mechanisms in the phosphine oxidation by nonheme Mn(IV)-oxo complexes

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Experimental Section

Materials. Commercially available chemicals were used without further purification unless otherwise indicated. Solvents were dried according to published procedures and distilled under Ar prior to use.^{S1} Iodosylbenzene (PhIO) was prepared by a literature method.^{S2} Bn-TPEN ligand (Bn-TPEN = *N*-benzyl-*N,N,N'*-tris(2-pyridylmethyl)-1,2-diaminoethane) and $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ were prepared by literature methods.^{S3} $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{Bn-TPEN})(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)_2$ was synthesized in a glove box according to the literature;^{S4} Bn-TPEN ligand (0.47 mmol, 200 mg) and $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ (0.57 mmol, 250 mg) were dissolved in CH_3CN and stirred at ambient temperature overnight. The resulting solution was filtered and added to a large volume of Et_2O . The product was obtained as a white solid with 83% yield (0.37 g). $[(\text{Bn-TPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}$ (**1**) was generated by reacting $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{Bn-TPEN})(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)_2$ and PhIO (4 equiv.) in $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) at 273 K and then complex **2** was generated by adding HOTf (30 mM) to a solution of **1**, as reported previously.^{S4}

Instrumentation. UV-vis spectra were recorded on an UNISOKU RSP-601 stopped-flow spectrometer equipped with a MOS-type highly sensitive photodiode-array or on a Hewlett Packard 8453 diode array spectrophotometer equipped with a UNISOKU Scientific. Electrochemical measurements were performed on a CH Instrument (CHI630B) electrochemical analyser in deaerated $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) containing 0.10 M Bu_4NPF_6 as a supporting electrolyte at 298 K. One-electron oxidation potentials of Ph_3P derivatives were determined by cyclic voltammetry (CV), differential pulse voltammetry (DPV) and second harmonic alternating current voltammetry (SHACV) techniques. A conventional three-electrode cell was used with a platinum working electrode (surface area of 0.3 cm^2) and a platinum wire as a counter electrode. The platinum working electrodes (BAS) were routinely polished with BAS polishing alumina suspension and rinsed with $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) prior to use. The measured potentials were recorded as a function of Ag/AgNO_3 (0.01 M) reference electrode. All potentials (*versus* Ag/Ag^+) were converted to the values *versus* SCE by adding 0.29 V.^{S5} All electrochemical measurements were performed under Ar atmosphere. X-band CW-EPR spectra were recorded at 5 K using an X-band Bruker EMX-plus spectrometer equipped with a dual mode cavity (ER 4116DM). Low temperatures were achieved and controlled with an Oxford Instruments ESR900 liquid

He quartz cryostat with an Oxford Instruments ITC503 temperature and gas flow controller. The experimental parameters for EPR spectra were as follows: Microwave frequency = 9.647 GHz, microwave power = 1.0 mW, modulation amplitude = 10 G, gain = 1×10^4 , modulation frequency = 100 kHz, time constant = 40.96 ms, and conversion time = 85.00 ms. Product analysis for the oxidation of Ph₃P derivatives was performed on High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC, DIOMEX Pump Series P580) equipped with a variable wavelength UV-200 detector.

Kinetic Measurements. Kinetic measurements for the oxygen atom transfer (OAT) reactions from **1** and **2** to a series of Ph₃P derivatives in CF₃CH₂OH/MeCN (1:1 v/v) at 273 K were performed on a UNISOKU RSP-601 stopped-flow spectrometer equipped with a MOS-type highly sensitive photodiode array or a Hewlett Packard 8453 photodiode-array spectrophotometer. The reactions were run in a 1-cm UV cuvette or a 1.0 cm optical path length of stopped-flow cell. The reactions of **1** (0.25 mM) and **2** (0.25 mM) with a series of Ph₃P derivatives were followed by monitoring absorption spectral changes of reaction solutions, and rate constants were determined by fitting the changes in absorbance at 800 nm for **1** and at 580 nm for **2**. In the oxidation of tri(*p*-tolyl)phosphine [(*p*-Me-Ph)₃P], tri(*m*-tolyl)phosphine [(*m*-Me-Ph)₃P], and Ph₃P by **1**, the second-order rate constants (k_{OAT}) were determined under second-order kinetic conditions due to fast reactions between **1** and Ph₃P derivatives. In the oxidation of tri(*o*-tolyl)phosphine [(*o*-Me-Ph)₃P] and tris(*p*-chlorophenyl)phosphine [(*p*-Cl-Ph)₃P] by **1**, the rates obeyed first-order kinetics under the pseudo-first-order reaction conditions ([substrate]/[**1**] > 10). In the case of **2**, all rates obeyed first-order kinetics under the pseudo-first-order reaction conditions ([substrate]/[**2**] > 10). Pseudo-first-order rate constants (k_{obs}) were linear for three or more half-lives with the correlation coefficient of $\rho > 0.99$. In each case, it was confirmed that the rate constants derived from at least three independent measurements agreed within an experimental error of $\pm 10\%$. The pseudo-first-order rate constants, which were calculated by pseudo-first-order fitting of the kinetic data, increased proportionally with the concentrations of substrates, from which second-order rate constants (k_{OAT}) were determined. The kinetic experiments were run at least in triplicate, and the data reported represent the average values of these reactions.

Computational Details. Density functional theory (DFT) was applied at B3LYP/LACV3P*+//B3LYP/LACVP level^{S6} using Gaussian 09.^{S7} The high molecular charge (3+) made it necessary to perform the optimizations in solvent to avoid artificial results. The solvent (acetonitrile) effects were included using CPCM^{S8} model with UFF cavity, per G09 default. As found for the [(Bn-TPEN)Mn^{IV}(O)]²⁺ and redox-inactive metal ion-bound [(Bn-TPEN)Mn^{IV}(O)]²⁺ complexes,^{S9} the [(Bn-TPEN)Mn^{IV}(OH)]³⁺ complex still has a quartet ground state ($S = 3/2$). Compared with the [(Bn-TPEN)Mn^{IV}(O)]²⁺ complex, [(Bn-TPEN)Mn^{IV}(OH)]³⁺ has a longer Mn-O bond and shorter Mn-N distances, which is similar to Sc³⁺ ion-bound Mn^{IV}(O) complexes.^{S9b} Benchmarks on the functional and the basis set have also been performed for the quartet ground state Mn^{IV}-OH species (Table S3). In all the cases, however, the final conclusion was consistent. In addition, the Mn-O distance is very short (1.75 Å) in the doublet excited state Mn^{IV}-OH species, but such species lies much higher than the quartet ground state by ca. 23 kcal/mol (Table S4). Thus, this excited state complex should not exist in the experimental conditions.

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Table S1 Comparison of the key geometric parameters for four ground state complexes

complex	Mn-O	Mn-N1	Mn-N2	Mn-N3	Mn-N4	Mn-N5
$^4[(\text{Bn-TPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^a$	1.68	2.29	2.23	2.19	2.10	2.13
$^4[(\text{Bn-TPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{OH})]$	1.79	2.09	2.06	2.00	2.01	2.09
$^4[(\text{Bn-TPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1^b$	1.75	2.10	2.08	2.01	2.02	2.11
$^4[(\text{Bn-TPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2^b$	1.75	2.09	2.08	2.01	2.02	2.10

^a Taken from reference 17b in the Text. ^b Taken from reference 17d in the Text.

Table S2 Mulliken spin density distribution

complex	Mn	O(H)	5×N	Rest of ligand	Sc _A	Sc _B	n×OTf
⁴ [(Bn-TPEN)Mn ^{IV} (O)] ^a	2.64	0.63	-0.15	0.02	-	-	-
⁴ [(Bn-TPEN)Mn ^{IV} (OH)]	3.29	0.15	-0.56	0.12	-	-	-
⁴ [(Bn-TPEN)Mn ^{IV} (O)]-(Sc ³⁺) ₁ ^b	3.13	0.27	-0.50	0.06	0.02	-	0.02 ^c
⁴ [(Bn-TPEN)Mn ^{IV} (O)]-(Sc ³⁺) ₂ ^b	3.14	0.29	-0.54	0.08	0.01	0.00	0.03 ^d

^a Taken from reference 17b in the Text. ^b Taken from reference 17d in the Text. ^c n = 3. ^d n = 6.

Table S3 Benchmark on the functional and basis set for the quartet ground state Mn^{IV}-OH species

method	Mn-O	Mn-N1	Mn-N2	Mn-N3	Mn-N4	Mn-N5
B3LYP/LACVP	1.79	0.98	2.00	2.01	2.09	2.09
B3LYP/Def2-TZVP	1.78	0.97	2.01	2.03	2.10	2.11
B3LYP/Def2-TZVPP	1.78	0.97	2.02	2.03	2.10	2.11
BP86/Def2-SVP	1.78	0.98	2.00	2.02	2.11	2.10

Table S4 Key geometric parameters for the Mn^{IV}-OH species at different spin states computed at the B3LYP/LACVP level and the relative energies are calculated at the B3LYP/LACV3P+*/B3LYP/LACVP level

complex	Mn-O	Mn-N1	Mn-N2	Mn-N3	Mn-N4	Mn-N5	ΔE
² [(Bn-TPEN)Mn ^{IV} (OH)]	1.75	0.98	1.99	2.01	2.10	2.09	22.8
⁴ [(Bn-TPEN)Mn ^{IV} (OH)]	1.79	0.98	2.00	2.01	2.09	2.09	0.0
⁶ [(Bn-TPEN)Mn ^{IV} (OH)]	1.80	0.98	2.14	2.06	2.15	3.68	5.9

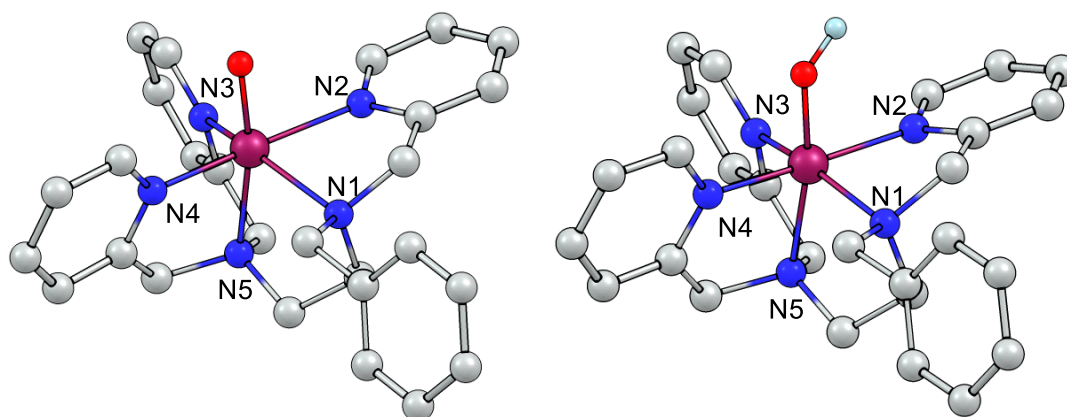


Fig. S1 DFT-optimized geometries for the $[(\text{Bn-TPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}$ (left) and $[(\text{Bn-TPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{OH})]^{3+}$ (right) species with $S = 3/2$ ground state obtained at the UB3LYP/LACVP level.

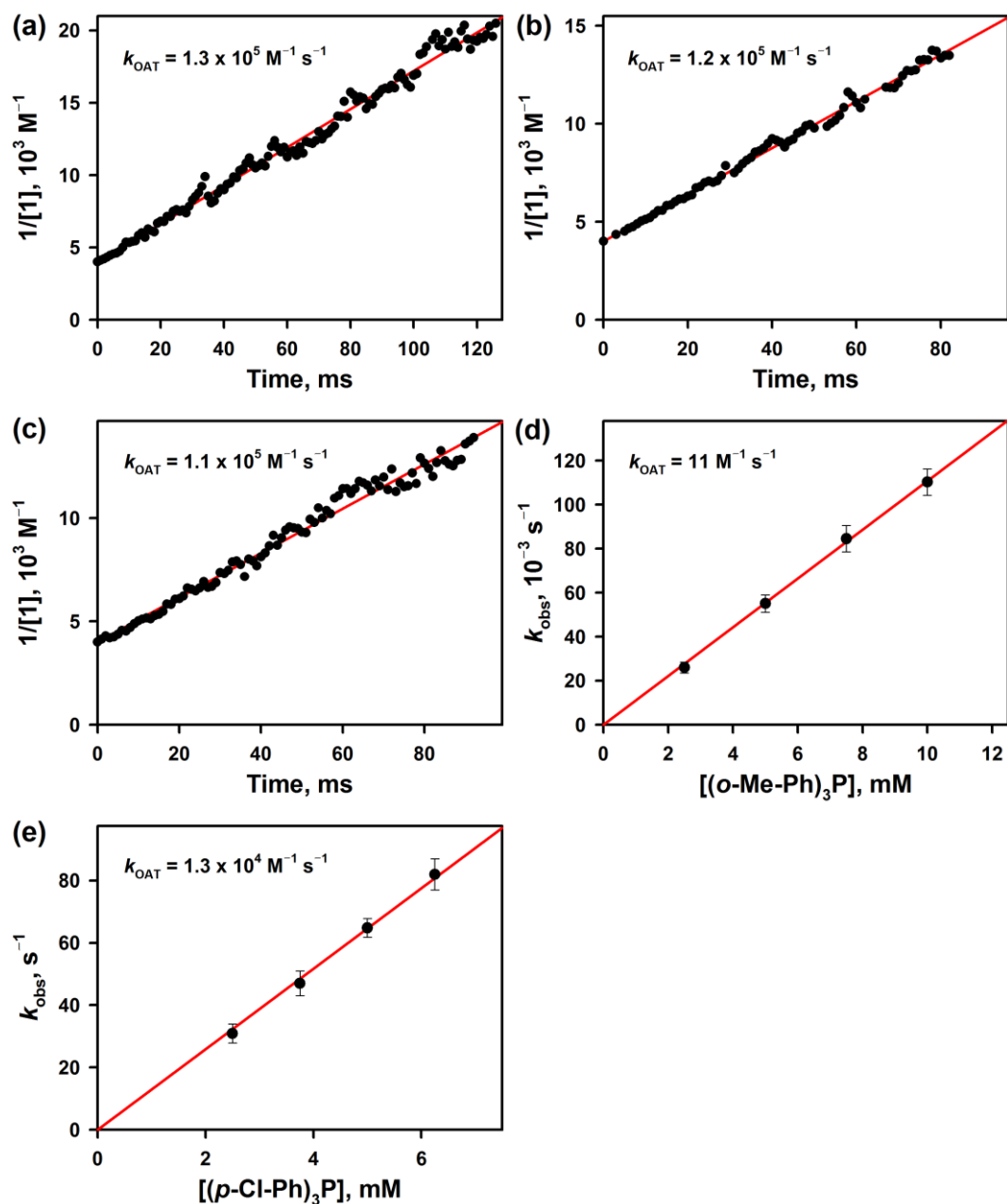


Fig. S2 (a, b, c) Second-order plot of $1/[1]$ versus time for OAT from **1** (0.25 mM) to Ph_3P derivatives [0.25 mM; (a) $(p\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$, (b) $(m\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$, and (c) Ph_3P] in $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) at 273 K. (d, e) Plots of the pseudo-first-order rate constant (k_{obs}) against the substrate concentration to determine second-order rate constants (k_{OAT}) in the OAT from **1** (0.25 mM) to Ph_3P derivatives [(d) $(o\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ and (e) $(p\text{-Cl-Ph})_3\text{P}$] in $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) at 273 K.

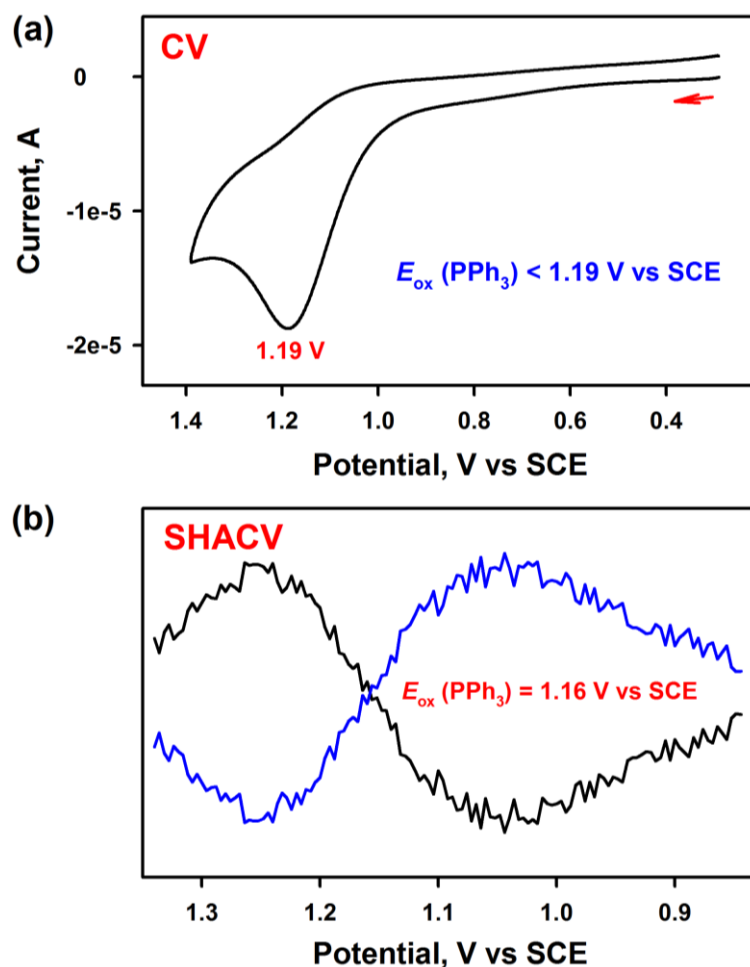


Fig. S3 (a) Cyclic voltammogram of Ph_3P (4.0 mM) with scan rate of 0.10 V/s in $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) at 273 K. (b) Second-harmonic alternating current voltammogram (SHACV) of Ph_3P (4.0 mM) with scan rate of 4 mV/s in $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) at 273 K.

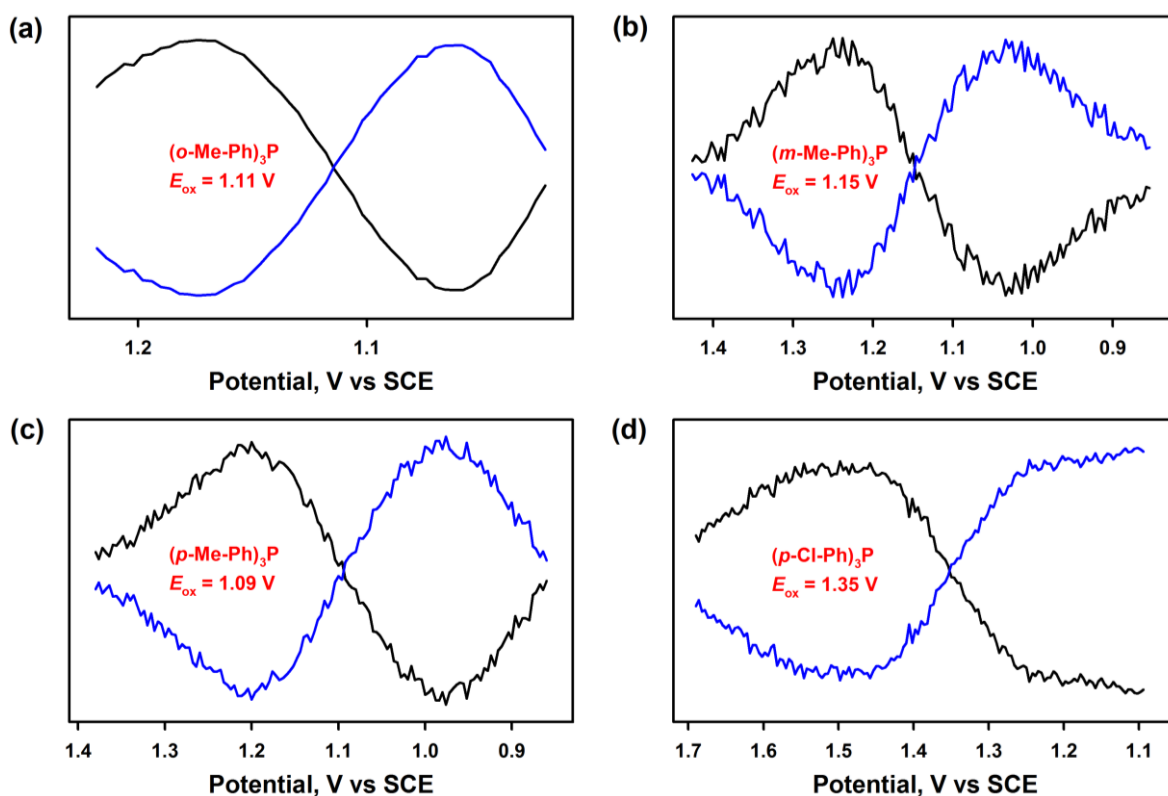


Fig. S4 Second-harmonic alternating current voltammograms (SHACVs) of (a) $(o\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ (4.0 mM), (b) $(m\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ (4.0 mM), (c) $(p\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ (4.0 mM), and (d) $(p\text{-Cl-Ph})_3\text{P}$ (4.0 mM) with scan rate of 4 mV/s in $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) at 273 K.

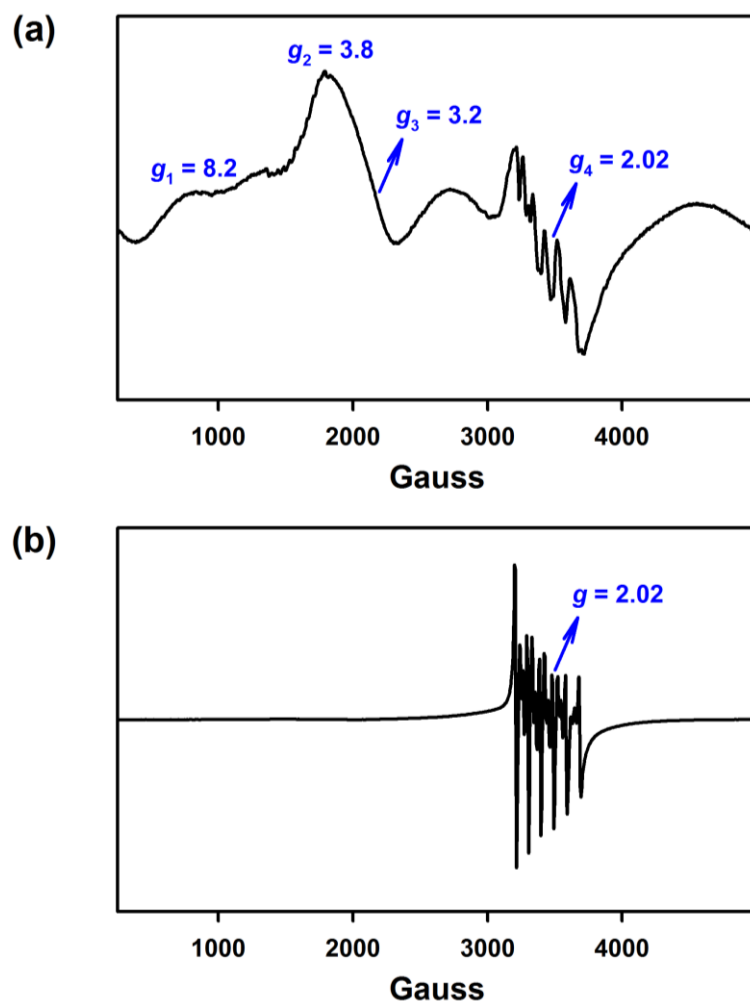


Fig. S5 X-band CW-EPR spectra of the complete reaction solutions obtained in the oxidation of Ph_3P (20 mM) by (a) **1** (1.0 mM) and (b) **2** (1.0 mM) in $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ (v/v = 1:1) at 273 K. Spectra were recorded at 5 K.

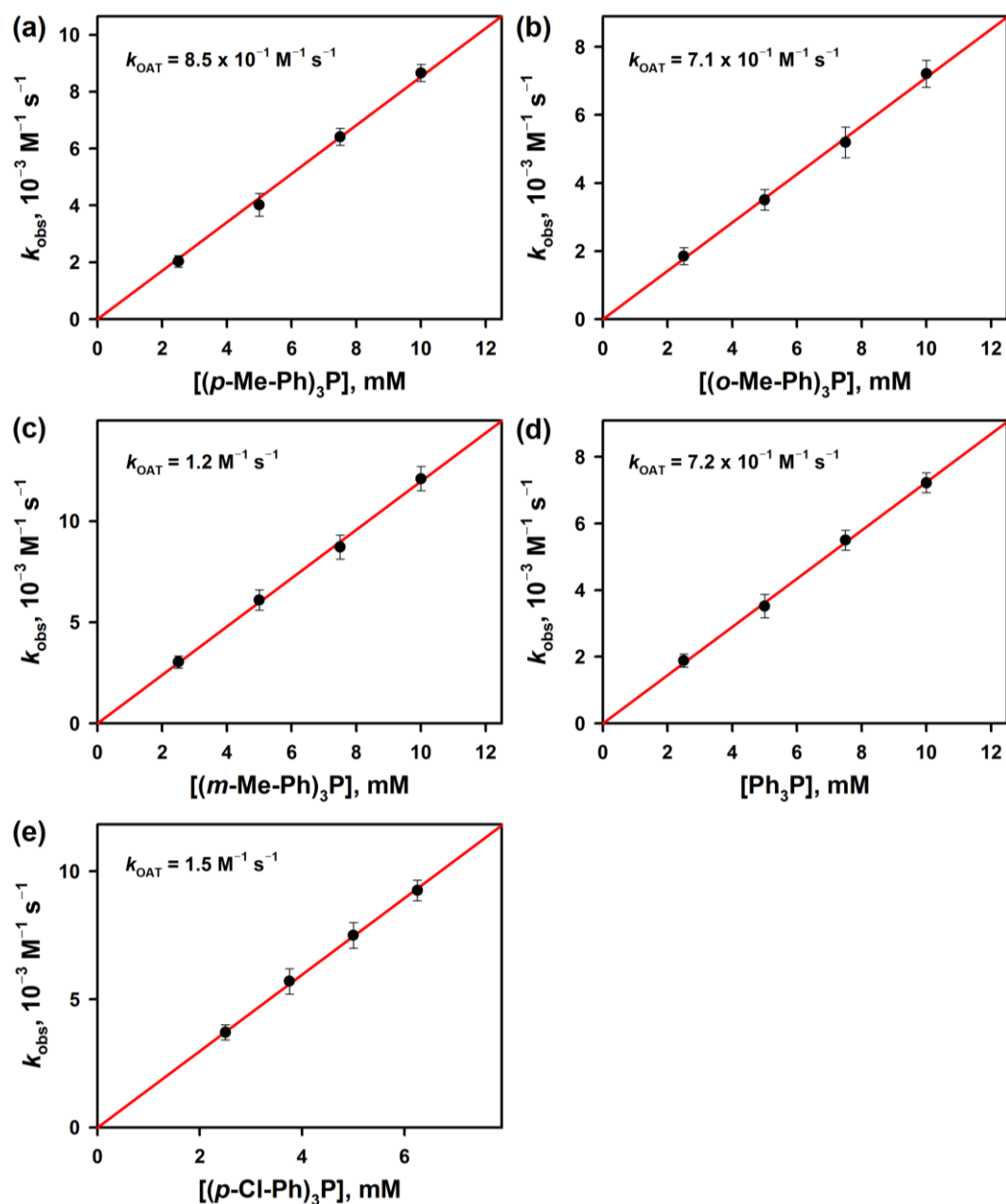


Fig. S6 Plots of the pseudo-first-order rate constant (k_{obs}) against the substrate concentration to determine second-order rate constants (k_{OAT}) in the OAT from **2** (0.25 mM) to Ph_3P derivatives [(a) $(p\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$, (b) $(o\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$, (c) $(m\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$, (d) Ph_3P , and (e) $(p\text{-Cl-Ph})_3\text{P}$] in $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) at 273 K.

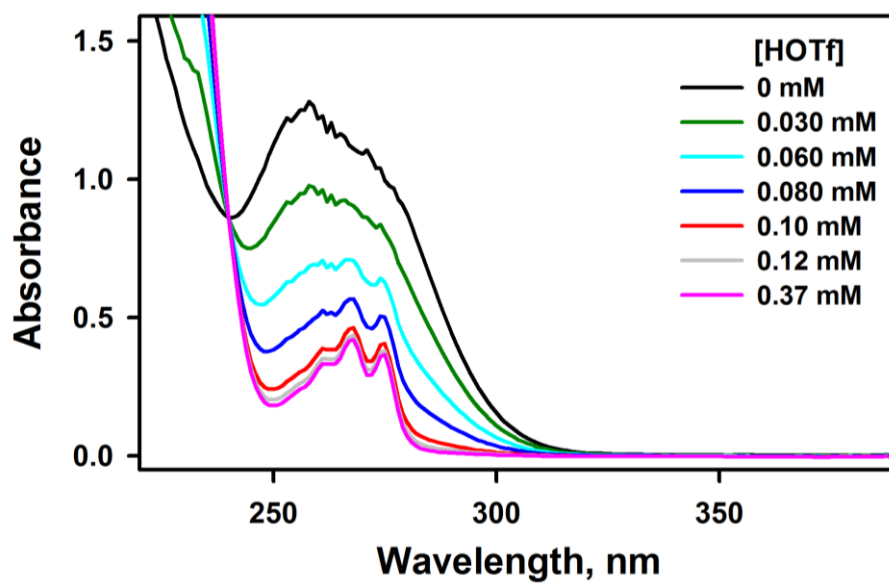


Fig. S7 UV-vis spectral changes observed in the titration of Ph₃P (0.10 mM; black line) with HOTf (0 – 0.37 mM) in CF₃CH₂OH/MeCN (1:1 v/v) at 273 K.

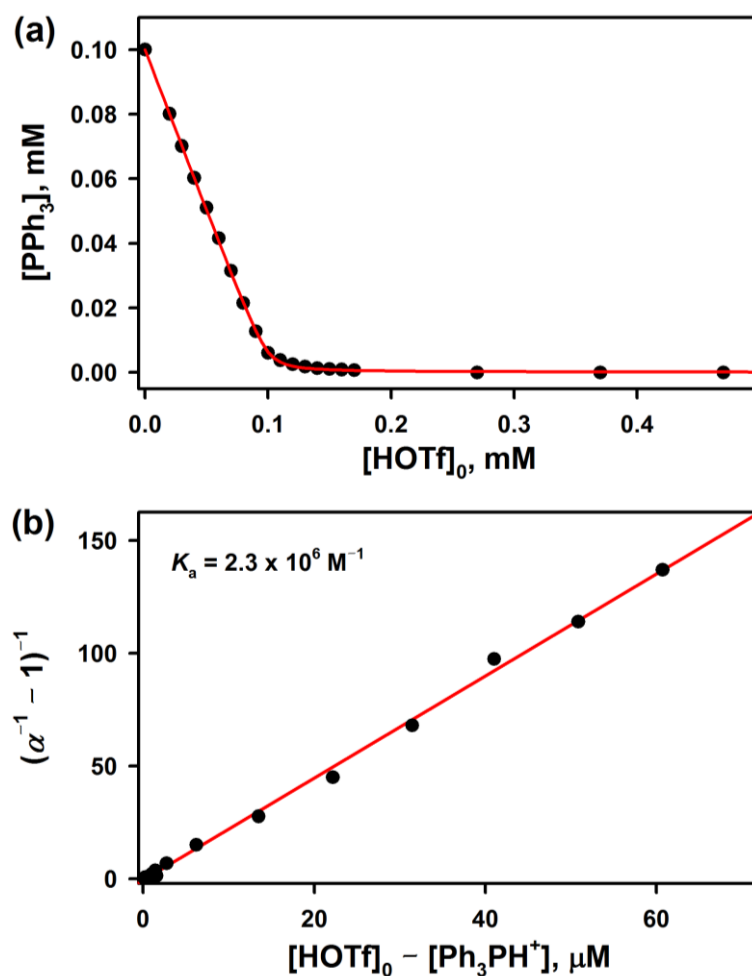


Fig. S8 (a) Plot of concentration of Ph_3P upon addition of HOTf (0 – 0.47 mM) to a solution of Ph_3P (0.10 mM) in $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) at 273 K *versus* initial concentration of HOTf , $[\text{HOTf}]_0$. (b) Plot of $(\alpha^{-1} - 1)^{-1}$ *versus* $[\text{HOTf}]_0 - [\text{Ph}_3\text{PH}^+]$ ($\alpha = [\text{Ph}_3\text{PH}^+]/[\text{Ph}_3\text{P}]_0$) to determine the binding constant $[K_a = [\text{Ph}_3\text{PH}^+]/([\text{Ph}_3\text{P}] \times [\text{HOTf}])]$ of HOTf to Ph_3P upon addition of HOTf (0 – 0.47 mM) to a $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) solution of Ph_3P (0.10 mM) at 273 K.

The binding constant (K_a) is expressed by eqn (S1).

$$K_a = [\text{Ph}_3\text{PH}^+]/([\text{Ph}_3\text{P}] \times [\text{HOTf}]) \quad (\text{S1})$$

Eqn (S2) is derived from eqn (S1), where $[\text{HOTf}]_0 = [\text{HOTf}] + [\text{Ph}_3\text{PH}^+]$, $[\text{Ph}_3\text{P}]_0 = [\text{Ph}_3\text{P}] + [\text{Ph}_3\text{PH}^+]$, and $\alpha = [\text{Ph}_3\text{PH}^+]/[\text{Ph}_3\text{P}]_0$. $[\text{HOTf}]_0$ and $[\text{Ph}_3\text{P}]_0$ are the initial concentrations of HOTf and Ph_3P , respectively.

$$(\alpha^{-1} - 1)^{-1} = K_a([\text{HOTf}]_0 - [\text{Ph}_3\text{PH}^+]) \quad (\text{S2})$$

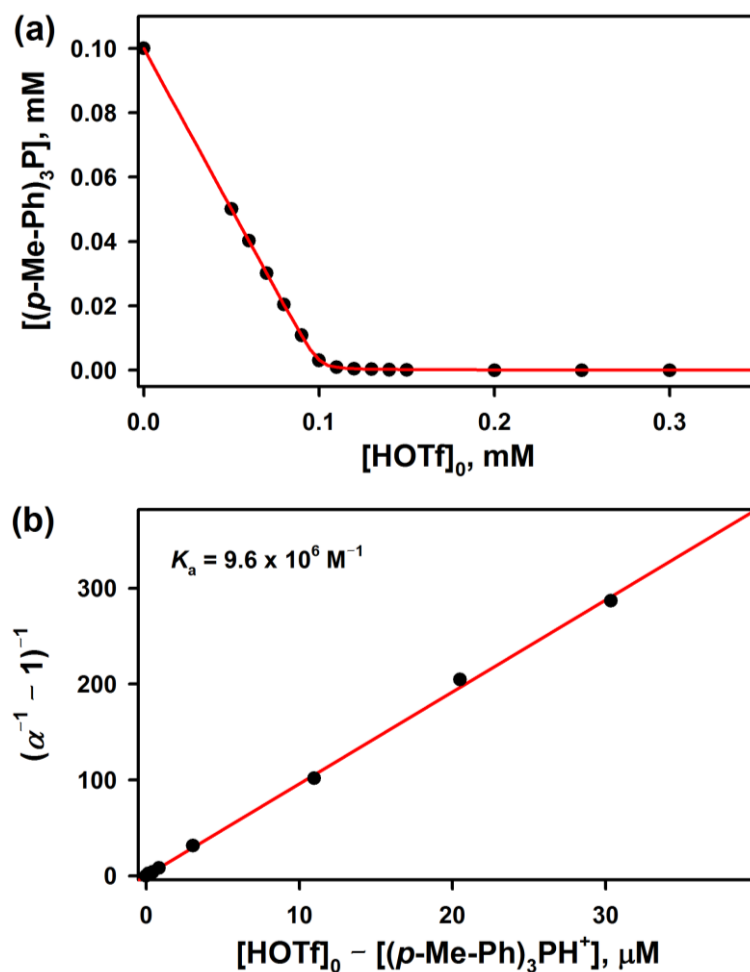


Fig. S9 (a) Plot of concentration of $(p\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ upon addition of HOTf (0 – 0.30 mM) to a $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) solution of $(p\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ (0.10 mM) at 273 K versus initial concentration of HOTf, $[\text{HOTf}]_0$. (b) Plot of $(\alpha^{-1} - 1)^{-1}$ versus $[\text{HOTf}]_0 - [(p\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{PH}^+]$ ($\alpha = [(p\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{PH}^+]/[(p\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}]_0$) to determine the binding constant [$K_a = [(p\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{PH}^+]/[(p\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}] \times [\text{HOTf}]$] of HOTf to $(p\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ upon addition of HOTf (0 – 0.30 mM) to a $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) solution of $(p\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ (0.10 mM) at 273 K.

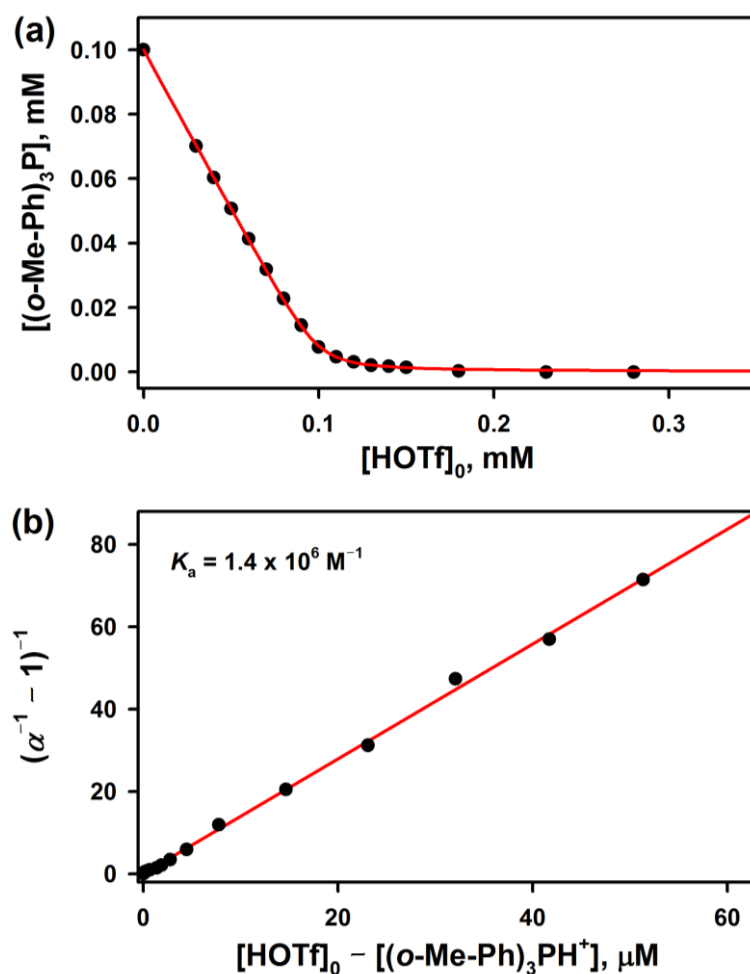


Fig. S10 (a) Plot of concentration of $(o\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ upon addition of HOTf (0 – 0.28 mM) to a $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) solution of $(o\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ (0.10 mM) at 273 K *versus* initial concentration of HOTf , $[\text{HOTf}]_0$. (b) Plot of $(\alpha^{-1} - 1)^{-1}$ *versus* $[\text{HOTf}]_0 - [(o\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{PH}^+]$ ($\alpha = [(o\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{PH}^+]/[(o\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}]_0$) to determine the binding constant [$K_a = [(o\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{PH}^+]/[(o\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}] \times [\text{HOTf}]$] of HOTf to $(o\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ upon addition of HOTf (0 – 0.28 mM) to a $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) solution of $(o\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ (0.10 mM) at 273 K.

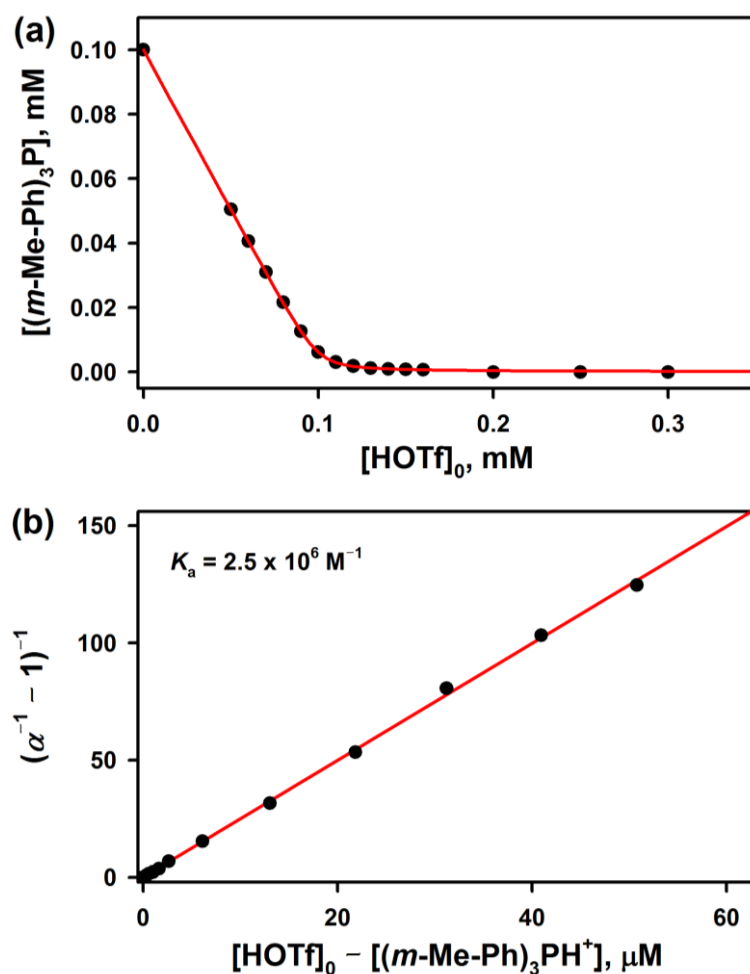


Fig. S11 (a) Plot of concentration of $(m\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ upon addition of HOTf (0 – 0.30 mM) to a $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) solution of $(m\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ (0.10 mM) at 273 K versus initial concentration of HOTf, $[\text{HOTf}]_0$. (b) Plot of $(\alpha^{-1} - 1)^{-1}$ versus $[\text{HOTf}]_0 - [(m\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{PH}^+]$ ($\alpha = [(m\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{PH}^+]/[(m\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}]_0$) to determine the binding constant $[K_a = [(m\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{PH}^+]/[(m\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}] \times [\text{HOTf}]]$ of HOTf to $(m\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ upon addition of HOTf (0 – 0.30 mM) to a $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) solution of $(m\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ (0.10 mM) at 273 K.

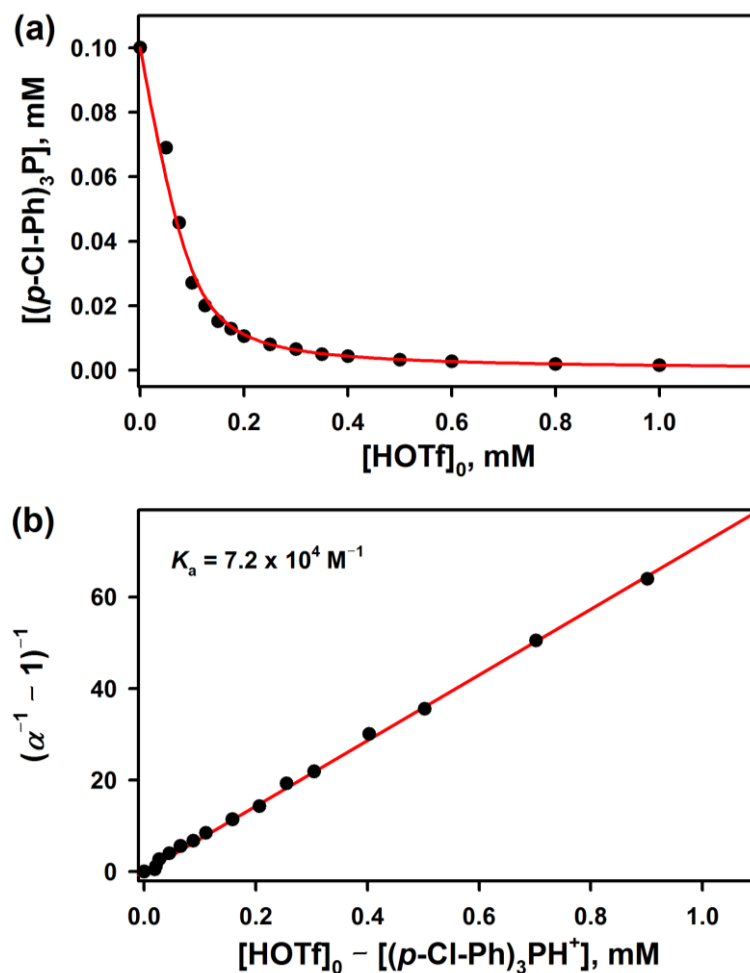


Fig. S12 (a) Plot of concentration of $(p\text{-Cl-Ph})_3\text{P}$ upon addition of HOTf (0 – 1.0 mM) to a $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) solution of $(p\text{-Cl-Ph})_3\text{P}$ (0.10 mM) at 273 K *versus* initial concentration of HOTf, $[\text{HOTf}]_0$. (b) Plot of $(\alpha^{-1} - 1)^{-1}$ *versus* $[\text{HOTf}]_0 - [(p\text{-Cl-Ph})_3\text{PH}^+]$ ($\alpha = [(p\text{-Cl-Ph})_3\text{PH}^+]/[(p\text{-Cl-Ph})_3\text{P}]_0$) to determine the binding constant [$K_a = [(p\text{-Cl-Ph})_3\text{PH}^+]/[(p\text{-Cl-Ph})_3\text{P}] \times [\text{HOTf}]$] of HOTf to $(p\text{-Cl-Ph})_3\text{P}$ upon addition of HOTf (0 – 1.0 mM) to a $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) solution of $(p\text{-Cl-Ph})_3\text{P}$ (0.10 mM) at 273 K.

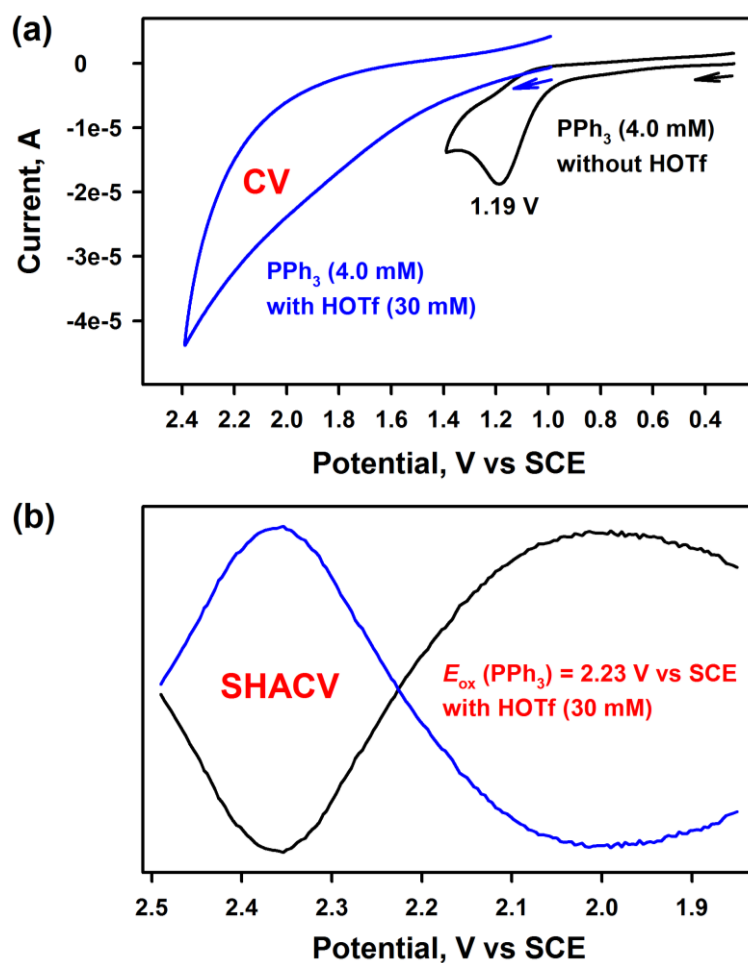


Fig. S13 (a) Cyclic voltammograms of Ph₃P (4.0 mM) with scan rate of 0.10 V/s in the absence (black line) and presence (blue line) of HOTf (30 mM) in CF₃CH₂OH/MeCN (1:1 v/v) at 273 K. (b) Second-harmonic alternating current voltammogram (SHACV) of Ph₃P (4.0 mM) with scan rate of 4 mV/s in the presence of HOTf (30 mM) in CF₃CH₂OH/MeCN (1:1 v/v) at 273 K.

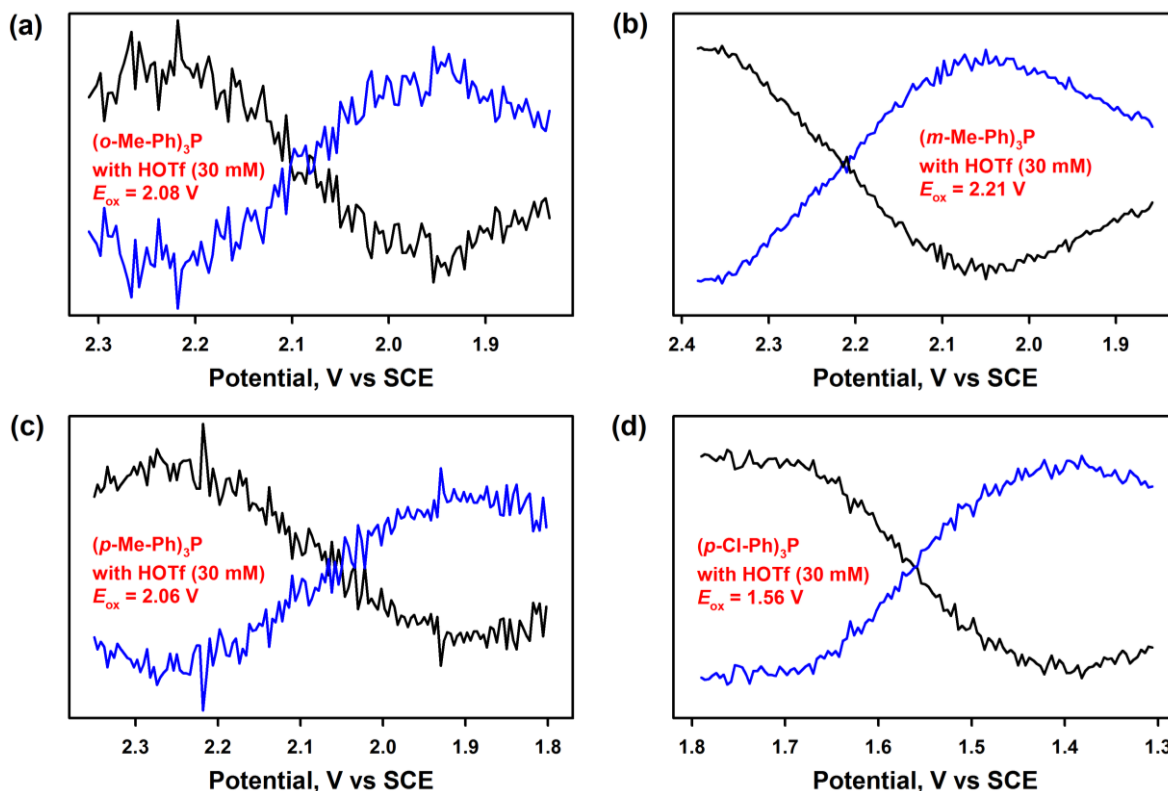


Fig. S14 Second-harmonic alternating current voltammograms (SHACVs) of (a) $(o\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ (4.0 mM), (b) $(m\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ (4.0 mM), (c) $(p\text{-Me-Ph})_3\text{P}$ (4.0 mM), and (d) $(p\text{-Cl-Ph})_3\text{P}$ (4.0 mM) with scan rate of 4 mV/s in the presence of HOTf (30 mM) in $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{MeCN}$ (1:1 v/v) at 273 K.

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