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# 1. General

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (400 or 500 MHz) were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 or 500 spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> [using TMS (for <sup>1</sup>H,  $\delta = 0.00$ ) as internal standard]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra (100 or 125 MHz) were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 or 500 spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> [using CDCl<sub>3</sub> (for <sup>13</sup>C,  $\delta = 77.00$ ) as internal standard]. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra (376 MHz) were recorded on a Bruker AvanceIII 400 spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra (162 or 202 MHz) were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 or 500 spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q =quartet, br = broad. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained with a Waters Q-Tof Premier mass spectrometer. Flash chromatography was performed using Merck silica gel 60 with distilled solvents. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), dichloromethane (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), acetonitrile (MeCN) and diethyl ether (Et<sub>2</sub>O) were taken from a solvent purification system (PS-400-5, innovative technology Inc.). NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil), NaI and LiI were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Inc. Due to moisture sensitivity of NaH, it was consistently handled under an Ar atmosphere in a glovebox or with Schlenk techniques under an inert (N2 or Ar) atmosphere. NaI and LiI were dried over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> under reduced pressure at 60 °C and 120 °C, respectively.<sup>1</sup> Other solvents and reagents, unless otherwise noted, were commercially available and used as received.

# 2. Synthesis and characterization of the starting materials

Triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) [CAS: 791-28-6] were purchased from Strem Chemicals, Inc. and used as received. Other phosphine oxides  $1b^2$ ,  $1c^3$ ,  $1d^2$ ,  $1e^4$ ,  $1f^5$ ,  $1g^6$ , and  $1h^7$  and  $7^8$  were synthesized according to the literature procedures. Their spectra data were identical to those reported.

tert-butyl(4-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide 8



To a solution of *tert*-butyl(phenyl)phosphine oxide<sup>9</sup> (330.3 mg, 1.81 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added 4-iodoanisole (465.4 mg, 1.99 mmol), CuI (39.2 mg, 0.206 mmol),  $K_2CO_3$  (540.5 mg, 3.91 mmol), and 1-phenethylamine (50 µL, 0.388 mmol) and the reaction mixture was

stirred at reflux temperature for 18 h. The reaction was then cooled to 23 °C and quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The organic material was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 45:55:2) to give 64% yield (332.9 mg, 1.15 mmol) of **8** as thick colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.95–7.86 (m, 4H), 7.51–7.44 (m, 3H), 6.99 (dd, J = 4.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.23 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz), 133.9 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 9.0$  Hz), 132.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 8.0$  Hz), 131.6 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 91.0$  Hz), 131.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz), 128.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 11.0$  Hz), 122.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 95.0$  Hz), 113.8 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 12.0$  Hz), 55.2, 33.9 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 71.0$  Hz), 25.2; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  38.7; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 289.1365; Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 289.1357.

# 3. Optimization of the reaction conditions with triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) Table S1.<sup>*a*</sup>

	0	MH (2 equiv) additive (1 equiv		H <sub>2</sub> O	0
	Ph~/ Ph 1a	THF, temp. time		Ph~ Pr 2	Γ ~ Η } 2a
Entry	MH (equiv)	Additive (equiv)	Temp (°C)	Time (h)	<b>Yield of 2a</b> $(\%)^b$
1	NaH (3)	NaI (2)	85 (sealed)	13	89
2	NaH (3)	LiI (2)	85 (sealed)	4	84
3	NaH (2)	LiI (2)	85 (sealed)	4	84
4	NaH (2)	LiI (1)	85 (sealed)	6	84
5	LiH (2)	-	85 (sealed)	12	$0 (>95)^c$
6	LiH (2)	LiI (1)	85 (sealed)	12	$0 (>95)^c$
7	NaH (2)	LiI (1)	60	13	$98^d$
8	NaH (2)	NaI (1)	60	24	$88^d$
9	NaH (2)	-	60	24	2 (>95) <sup>c</sup>
10	NaH (1.5)	LiI (0.75)	60	13	73 (27) <sup>c</sup>
10	NaH (2)	LiI (1)	40	24	$68(23)^c$

<sup>*a*</sup> The reactions were conducted at 0.5 mmol scale in 0.2 M of THF. <sup>*b*</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR yield with 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as internal standard. <sup>*c*</sup> Recovery yield of **1a**. <sup>*d*</sup> Isolated yield of **2a**.

#### 4. Hydrodearylation of triarylphosphine oxides 1

4.1. A general procedure for hydrodearylation of triarylphosphine oxides 1 (Scheme 2)

$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ Ar - P \\ Ar \end{array} Ar \xrightarrow{Ar} Ar \end{array} \xrightarrow{NaH (2 equiv)} O \\ \hline Lil (1 equiv) \\ \hline THF, 60 \circ C \\ 1 \end{array} \xrightarrow{Ar - P \\ Ar } H$$

To a mixture of phosphine oxide **1** (0.5 mmol), NaH (40.0 mg, 1.0 mmol) and LiI (66.9 mg, 0.5 mmol) in 25 mL reaction vessel was added THF (2.5 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C (the reaction time for each reaction was indicated below). Upon completion of the reaction based on TLC analysis, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl at 0 °C. The organic material was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude material was purified by flash column chromatography to give the corresponding diaryl phosphine oxide **2**.

## 4.2. Characterization of the products

diphenylphosphine oxide (2a) [CAS: 4559-70-0]

Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.7 mg, 0.502 mmol) for 13 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 50:50:2) to give 98% yield (99.2 mg, 0.4907 mmol) of 2a as colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.07 (d, *J* = 481.1 Hz, 1H), 7.73–7.68 (m, 4H), 7.59–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.47 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.4 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 3.0 Hz), 131.2 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 101.0 Hz), 130.5 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 12.0 Hz), 128.8 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 13.0 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.5 (d, *J* = 481.1 Hz).

bis(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide (2b)<sup>10</sup>



Prepared from tris(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide (**1b**) (184.8 mg, 0.502 mmol) for 13 h. Purification by recrystallization ( $CH_2Cl_2:n$ -Hex, 10:90) to give 91% (120.1 mg, 0.458 mmol) of **2b** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.02 (d, J = 477.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, J = 13.2, 8.8 Hz, 4H), 6.99 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 4H), 3.84 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 3.0 Hz), 132.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 13.0 Hz), 122.9 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 107.0 Hz), 114.4 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 14.0 Hz), 55.3; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  20.7 (d, J = 477.4 Hz).

bis(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide (2c)



Prepared from tris(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide (1c) (229.6 mg, 0.501 mmol) with NaH (80.7 mg, 2.02 mmol) and LiI (133.0 mg, 0.994 mmol) for 16 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc, 90:10 for isolation of 1,3-dimethoxybenzene, followed by *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 60:40:2 for isolation of 2c) to give 76% yield (52.5 mg, 0.380 mmol) of 1,3-dimethoxybenzene as colorless oil and 60% yield (97.0 mg, 0.300 mmol) of 2c as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94, (d, 475.4 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, J = 15.1, 2.0 Hz, 4H), 6.62-6.61 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 18.8$  Hz), 133.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 101.0$  Hz), 107.9 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 12.9$  Hz), 104.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz), 55.5; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  22.6 (d, J = 475.4 Hz); ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 323.1049; Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>5</sub>P [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 323.1048.

1,3-dimethoxybenzene [CAS: 151-10-0]



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.18 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.8, 129.8, 106.1, 100.4, 55.2. di-o-tolylphosphine oxide (2d)<sup>10</sup>



Prepared from tri-*o*-tolylphosphine oxide (1d) (160.6 mg, 0.501 mmol) for 27 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 55:45:2) to give 61% yield (70.4 mg, 0.306 mmol) of 2d as colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.21 (d, J = 476.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 15.2, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (dd, J = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (dd, J = 13.6, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 10.0 Hz), 132.42 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.0 Hz), 132.37 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 16.0 Hz), 131.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 10.0 Hz), 129.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 99.0 Hz), 126.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 13.0 Hz), 20.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.0 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.6 (d, J = 476.8 Hz).

bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (2e)



Prepared from tris(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (**1e**) (241.8 mg, 0.501 mmol) with NaH (80.8 mg, 2.02 mmol) and LiI (133.3 mg, 0.947 mmol) at 85 °C for 11 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 60:40:2) to give 33% yield (55.9 mg, 0.165 mmol) of **2d** as pale yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.02 (d, *J* = 492.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  134.81 (qd, *J*<sub>*F*-*C*</sub> = 33.0 Hz, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 3.0 Hz), 134.80 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 99.0 Hz), 131.2 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 12.0 Hz), 126.0 (dq, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 13.0 Hz, *J*<sub>*F*-*C*</sub> = 4.0 Hz), 123.3 (q, *J*<sub>*F*-*C*</sup> = 271.0 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -63.4; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.9 (d, *J* = 492.0 Hz); ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 339.0379; Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>6</sub>OP [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 339.0373.</sub>

# 5. Dearylative functionalization of triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (Schemes 3 and 4)5.1. A general procedure



To a mixture of triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (0.5 mmol), NaH (40.0 mg, 1.0 mmol) and LiI (66.9 mg, 0.5 mmol) in 25 mL reaction vessel was added THF (2.5 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 13 h. The reaction was then cooled to 0 °C and the corresponding electrophile ( $E^+$ ) **3** or **5** (1.1 equiv). Upon completion of the reaction based on TLC analysis (the reaction temperature and time were indicated below), the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl at 0 °C. The organic material was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude material was purified by flash column chromatography to give the trisubstituted phosphine oxide **4** or **6**.

# 5.2. Characterization of the products

diphenyl(3-phenylpropyl)phosphine oxide (4aa)<sup>11</sup>

Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.6 mg, 0.502 mmol) with (3-bromopropyl)benzene (3a) (80  $\mu$ L, 0.526 mmol) at 0 °C for 30 min. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 55:45:2) to give 77% yield (123.8 mg, 0.386 mmol) of 4aa as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70–7.65 (m, 4H), 7.51–7.40 (m, 6H), 7.27–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.15 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.10 (m, 2H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H) 2.28–2.21 (m, 2H), 2.03–1.93 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.7, 132.9 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 98.1 Hz), 131.6 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 2.8 Hz), 130.6 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 9.3 Hz), 128.5 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 11.5 Hz), 128.4, 128.3, 126.0, 36.5 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 14.7 Hz), 28.8 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 72.1 Hz), 22.9 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 3.5 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  32.4.

ethyl 5-(diphenylphosphoryl)pentanoate (4ab)



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.8 mg, 0.502 mmol) with ethyl 5bromovalerate (3b) (90  $\mu$ L, 0.568 mmol) at 0 °C for 1 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 55:45:2) to give 77% yield (128.0 mg, 0.387 mmol) of **4ab** as colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75–7.70 (m, 4H), 7.53–7.44 (m, 6H), 4.08 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.31–2.25 (m, 4H), 1.74–1.62 (m, 4H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.0, 132.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 97.0 Hz), 131.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 3.0 Hz), 130.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 9.0 Hz), 128.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 11.0 Hz), 60.2, 33.6, 29.3 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 75.0 Hz), 26.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 15.0 Hz), 21.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 4.0 Hz), 14.0; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  32.3; ESIHRMS: Found m/z 331.1473; Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 331.1463.

(2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)ethyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (4ac)



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.4 mg, 0.501 mmol) with 2-(2-bromoethyl)-1,3-dioxolane (3c) (70  $\mu$ L, 0.572 mmol) at 0 °C for 1 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 80:20:2) to give 67% yield (101.6 mg, 0.336 mmol) of 4ac as pale yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75 (dd, J = 11.0, 6.5 Hz, 4H), 7.51 (dd, J = 6.5, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (ddd, J = 6.5, 6.5, 1.5 Hz, 4H), 4.95 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.94–3.92 (m, 2H), 3.85–3.83 (m, 2H), 2.42–2.36 (m, 2H), 2.00–1.94 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  $_{C}$  = 98.8 Hz), 131.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.5 Hz), 130.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.8 Hz), 128.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 11.3 Hz), 103.4 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 15.0 Hz), 65.0, 25.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.5 Hz), 23.4 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 73.8 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  32.7; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 303.1153; Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 303.1150. pent-4-en-1-yldiphenylphosphine oxide (4ad)

Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.5 mg, 0.501 mmol) with 5-bromo-1pentene (70  $\mu$ L, 0.592 mmol) (3d) at 0 °C for 30 min. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 50:50:2) to give 71% yield (96.2 mg, 0.356 mmol) of 4ad as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75–7.71 (m, 4H), 7.52–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.44 (m, 4H), 5.71 (ddt, *J* = 13.6, 8.0, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 2H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.28–2.30 (m, 2H), 2.15 (dt, *J* = 5.6, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.77–1.69 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.2, 133.0 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 97.5 Hz), 131.6 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 2.5 Hz), 130.6 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 8.8 Hz), 128.5 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 11.3 Hz), 115.7, 34.5 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 15.0 Hz), 28.9 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 71.3 Hz), 20.5 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 3.8 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  32.5; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 271.1273; Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OP [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 271.1252.

but-3-yn-1-yldiphenylphosphine oxide (4ae)



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.7 mg, 0.502 mmol) with 4-bromo-1butyne (3e) (50  $\mu$ L, 0.533 mmol) at 0 °C for 1 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 55:45:2) to give 85% yield (109.1 mg, 0.425 mmol) of 4ae as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 (dd, J = 12.0, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.52 (ddd, J = 14.4, 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48–7.46 (m, 4H), 2.58–2.49 (m, 4H), 1.95 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 99.0 Hz), 131.9 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.0 Hz), 130.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 9.0 Hz), 128.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 12.0 Hz), 82.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 19.0 Hz), 69.3, 29.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 70.0 Hz), 11.5 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 1.0 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  30.6; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 255.0940; Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OP [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 255.0939.

benzyldiphenylphosphine oxide (4af)<sup>12</sup>

O Ph-P\_Ph

Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.9 mg, 0.503 mmol) with benzyl bromide (3f) (65  $\mu$ L, 0.547 mmol) at 0 °C for 10 min. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 55:45:2) to give 79% yield (116.2 mg, 0.398 mmol) of 4af as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.69 (dd, J = 11.5, 7.0 Hz, 4H), 7.51 (dd, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (ddd, J = 7.5, 7.5, 2.5 Hz, 4H), 7.18–7.17 (m, 3H), 7.11–7.10 (m, 2H), 3.65 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 132.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 98.8$  Hz), 131.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.5$  Hz), 131.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 10.0$  Hz), 130.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 5.0$  Hz), 128.4, (d,  $J_{P-C} = 12.5$  Hz), 128.32, 128.31 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 5.0$  Hz), 126.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 5.0$  Hz), 38.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 66.3$  Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 29.4.

(2-bromobenzyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (4ag)<sup>13</sup>



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.7 mg, 0.502 mmol) with 2-bromobenzyl bromide (1g) (137.0 mg, 0.548 mmol) at 0 °C for 15 min. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 55:45:2) to give 89% yield (166.2 mg, 0.448 mmol) of 4ag as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 (dd, J = 11.2, 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.58 (dt, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (td, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45–7.40 (m, 5H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (td, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.0 Hz), 132.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 95.0 Hz), 131.9 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.0 Hz), 131.8, 131.5 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 3.0 Hz), 131.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 9.0 Hz), 128.42 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 12.0 Hz), 128.43 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.0 Hz), 127.4 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 3.0 Hz), 125.3 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 7.0 Hz), 37.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 66.0 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  29.5.

allyldiphenylphosphine oxide (4ah)<sup>14</sup>



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.1 mg, 0.500 mmol) and allyl bromide (3h) (50  $\mu$ L, 0.578 mmol) at 0 °C for 10 min. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 55:45:2) to give 91% yield (110.3 mg, 0.455 mmol) of 4ah as white solid including 4% of diphenyl(prop-1-en-1-yl)phosphine oxide (E/Z = 3:1).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78–7.72 (m, 4H), 7.55–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.45 (m, 4H), 5.86–5.76 (m, 1H), 5.13 (m, 2H), 3.15 (dd, J = 14.8, 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 98.0$  Hz), 131.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 3.0$  Hz), 130.9 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 9.0$  Hz), 128.5 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 12.0$  Hz), 127.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 9.0$  Hz), 120.9 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 11.0$  Hz), 36.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 68.0$  Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  29.6.

cinnamyldiphenylphosphine oxide (4ai)<sup>15</sup>

Ph-P-P-Ph

Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.4 mg, 0.501 mmol) and cinnamyl bromide (3i) (111.0 mg, 0.563 mmol) at 0 °C for 15 min. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 55:45:2) to give 89% yield (141.6 mg, 0.445 mmol) of **4ai** as pale yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.76 (dd, J = 11.6, 6.8 Hz, 4H), 7.51 (td, J = 3.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48–7.43 (m, 4H), 6.42 (dd, J = 16.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (ddt, J = 16.0, 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, J = 14.8, 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 4.0 Hz), 135.5 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 12.0 Hz), 132.4 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 98.0 Hz), 131.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.0 Hz), 131.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 9.0 Hz), 128.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 11.0 Hz), 128.4, 127.5, 126.2, 118.4 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 10.0 Hz), 35.5 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 68.4 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  30.0.

(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (4aj)<sup>16</sup>



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.4 mg, 0.501 mmol) with 3,3-dimethylallyl bromide (3j) (70  $\mu$ L, 0.606 mmol) at 0 °C for 15 min. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 55:45:2) to give 82% yield (111.7 mg, 0.413 mmol) of 4aj as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 (dd, J = 11.0, 6.8 Hz, 4H), 7.51 (td, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48–7.43 (m, 4H), 5.24–5.19 (m, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 10.8, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 3H), 1.45 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.5 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 12.0 Hz), 132.9 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 98.0 Hz), 131.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 3.0 Hz), 131.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 10.0 Hz), 128.4 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  =

9.0 Hz), 112.2 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 9.0$  Hz), 30.8 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 71.0$  Hz), 25.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 3.0$  Hz), 17.9 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  30.9.

(methoxymethyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (4ak)<sup>17</sup>

Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.4 mg, 0.501 mmol) with methoxymethyl chloride (3k) (40  $\mu$ L, 0.532 mmol) at 0 °C for 10 min. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 30:70:2) to give 86% yield (105.0 mg, 0.428 mmol) of 4ak as pale yellow solid. The reaction in a larger scale using 1.394 g (5.01 mmol) of 1a gave 80% yield (989.0 mg, 4.02 mmol) of 4ak.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84–7.80 (m, 4H), 7.56 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5, 3.0 Hz, 4H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.0 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 2.5 Hz), 131.3 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 131.1 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 98.8 Hz), 128.4 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 12.5 Hz), 71.0 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 87.5 Hz), 61.7 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 12.5 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  27.0.

((benzyloxy)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (4al)

Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.7 mg, 0.502 mmol) with benzyloxymethyl chloride (3l) (80  $\mu$ L, 0.575 mmol) at 0 °C for 10 min. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 40:60:2) to give 82% yield (131.9 mg, 0.410 mmol) of 4al as pale yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.82–7.78 (m, 4H), 7.54 (ddd, J = 7.5, 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (ddd, J = 7.5, 7.5, 2.5 Hz, 4H), 7.37–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.20–7.18 (m, 2H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 4.23 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.7, 132.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.5 Hz), 131.5, 131.4, 131.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 98.8 Hz), 128.44 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 12.5 Hz), 128.39, 128.0, 75.4 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 11.3 Hz), 67.9 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 87.5 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  27.7; ESIHRMS: Found m/z 323.1201; Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 323.1201.

propane-1,3-diylbis(diphenylphosphine oxide) (4am)<sup>18</sup>

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Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.7 mg, 0.502 mmol) with 1,3dibromopropane (3m) (25  $\mu$ L, 0.246 mmol) at 0 °C for 15 min. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:MeOH, 94:6) to give 91% yield (100.1 mg, 0.225 mmol) of 4am as pale yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69 (dd, J = 10.4, 7.2 Hz, 8H), 7.50–7.47 (m, 4H), 7.44–7.40 (m, 8H), 2.50 (dt, J = 10.4, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 2.07–1.97 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.5 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 97.5$  Hz), 131.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.5$  Hz), 130.6 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 8.8$  Hz), 128.6 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 11.2$  Hz), 29.9 (dd,  $J_{P-C} = 57.0$ , 11.2 Hz), 18.8 (t,  $J_{P-C} = 3.8$  Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  33.1.

butane-1,4-diylbis(diphenylphosphine oxide) (4an)<sup>18</sup>



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.0 mg, 0.500 mmol) and 1,4dibromobutane (3n) (28.0  $\mu$ L, 0.234 mmol) at 0 °C for 30 min. Purification by recrystallization (CHCl<sub>3</sub>:*n*-Hex) to give 55% yield (59.5 mg, 0.130 mmol) of 4an as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71–7.66 (m, 8H), 7.52–7.49 (m, 4H), 7.46–7.42 (m, 8H), 2.27–2.21 (m, 4H), 1.73–1.71 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 98.4$  Hz), 131.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.6$  Hz), 130.6 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 9.3$  Hz), 128.6 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 11.6$  Hz), 29.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 71.6$  Hz), 22.8 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 19.5$  Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  32.0.

(1,3-phenylenebis(methylene))bis(diphenylphosphine oxide) (4ao)<sup>19</sup>



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.5 mg, 0.501 mmol) with 1,3bis(bromomethyl)benzene (3o) (65.4 mg, 0.248 mmol) at 0 °C for 10 min. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:MeOH, 90:10) to give 92% yield (115.1 mg, 0.227 mmol) of **4ao** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67–7.62 (m, 8H), 7.51–7.47 (m, 4H), 7.43–7.39 (m, 8H), 7.02–6.91 (m, 4H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.2 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 99.0 Hz), 132.0 (t, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 5.4 Hz), 131.6, 131.2 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 10.2 Hz), 131.00, 131.00 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 9.4 Hz), 128.4 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 12.1 Hz), 128.3 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 11.3 Hz), 37.8 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 66.8 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  29.5.

(pyridine-2,6-diylbis(methylene))bis(diphenylphosphine oxide) (4ap)



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.5 mg, 0.501 mmol) and 2,6bis(bromomethyl)pyridine (3p) (65.8 mg, 0.248 mmol) at 0 °C for 25 min. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:MeOH, 90:10) to give 49% yield (62.0 mg, 0.123 mmol) of 4ap as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69 (dd, J = 11.7, 7.0 Hz, 8H), 7.48 (td, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 4H), 7.42–7.37 (m, 8H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.2 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 7.0$  Hz), 136.8, 132.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 100.0$  Hz), 131.8 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz), 131.2 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 10.0$  Hz), 128.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 12.0$  Hz), 122.9, 40.5(d,  $J_{P-C} = 64.6$  Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  30.6; ESIHRMS: Found m/z 508.1598; Calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 508.1595.

isopropyldiphenylphosphine oxide (4aq)<sup>20</sup>



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.7 mg, 0.502 mmol) with 2-bromopropane (3q) (50  $\mu$ L, 0.532 mmol) at 60 °C for 14 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 55:45:2) to give 61% yield (74.1 mg, 0.303 mmol) of 4aq as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 (ddd, J = 10.5, 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 4H), 7.52–7.43 (m, 6H), 2.59–2.47 (m, 1H), 1.18 (dd, J = 16.4, 7.2 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.3 (d,

 $J_{P-C} = 94.0 \text{ Hz}$ ), 131.5 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0 \text{ Hz}$ ), 131.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$ ), 128.6 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 11.0 \text{ Hz}$ ), 27.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 73.0 \text{ Hz}$ ), 15.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 3.0 \text{ Hz}$ ); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  36.9.

cyclohexyldiphenylphosphine oxide (4ar)<sup>20</sup>



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.1 mg, 0.500 mmol) with iodocyclohexane (3r) (70  $\mu$ L, 0.541 mmol) at 60 °C for 18 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 55:45:2) to give 57% yield (80.9 mg, 0.284 mmol) of 4ar as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78 (ddd, J = 13.5, 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 4H), 7.52–7.43 (m, 6H), 2.28-2.19 (m, 1H), 1.81–1.71 (m, 5H), 1.55–1.51 (m, 2H), 1.32–1.21 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 94.0 Hz), 131.3 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 3.0 Hz), 131.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.0 Hz), 128.4 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 12.0 Hz), 37.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 73.0 Hz), 26.3 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 13.0 Hz), 25.7, 24.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.0 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  30.6.

(hydroxy(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (6aa)<sup>21</sup>



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.2 mg, 0.500 mmol) with anisaldehyde (5a) (70  $\mu$ L, 0.575 mmol) at 0 °C for 18 h. Purification by recrystallization (*n*-Hex:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 8:1) gave 65% yield (110.5 mg, 0.327 mmol) of **6aa** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.77 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.5, Hz, 2H), 7.64 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.5, Hz, 2H), 7.54 (dd, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (ddd, J = 7.5, 7.5, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (ddd, J = 7.5, 7.5, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.51 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (brs, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.5$  Hz), 132.2 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 9.0$  Hz), 132.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.5$  Hz), 131.9 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 9.0$  Hz), 131.8, 130.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 95.6$  Hz), 129.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 94.6$  Hz), 128.8 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 4.6$  Hz), 128.20 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 1.8$  Hz), 128.19 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 20.9$  Hz), 128.10, 113.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 1.6$  Hz), 73.5 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 81.9$  Hz), 55.1; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  31.2.

(1-hydroxy-3-methylbutyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (6ab)



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (138.8 mg, 0.499 mmol) with isobutyraldehyde (5b) (60  $\mu$ L, 0.559 mmol) at 0 °C for 30 min. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 65:35:2) to give 69% yield (99.6 mg, 0.345 mmol) of **6ab** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.88 (dd, J = 10.8, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (dd, J = 10.8, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.56–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.45 (m, 4H), 4.50 (dd, J = 11.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 1.97–1.88 (m, 2H), 1.72–1.62 (m, 1H), 1.48–1.41 (m, 1H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  131.9 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 8.0$  Hz), 131.74 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz), 131.72 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz), 131.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 9.0$  Hz), 131.2 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 93.0$  Hz), 130.5 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 94.0$  Hz), 128.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 11.0$  Hz), 128.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 11.0$  Hz), 68.6 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 84.0$  Hz), 38.9 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 3.0$  Hz), 24.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 12.0$  Hz), 23.5, 20.9; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  32.3; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 289.1359; Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 289.1357.

*N*-((diphenylphosphoryl)(phenyl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**6ac**)

Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.1 mg, 0.500 mmol) with *N*-benzylidene-4methylbenzenesulfonamide<sup>22</sup> (5c) (142.6 mg, 0.550 mmol) at 0 °C for 30 min. Purification by recrystallization (*n*-Hex:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 8:1) gave 68% yield (157.8 mg, 0.342 mmol) of 6ac as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.01 (dd, J = 11.2, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (br s, 1H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.22 (td, J = 7.6, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 6.96– 6.95 (m, 3H), 6.83–6.80 (m, 4H), 5.35 (dd, J = 9.8, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 2.21(s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.1, 138.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz), 132.4, 132.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz), 131.9, 131.7, 131.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 9.0$  Hz), 130.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 99.0$  Hz), 129.6 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 100.0$  Hz), 129.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 5.0$  Hz), 128.8 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 12.0$  Hz), 128.6, 128.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 12.0$  Hz), 127.5 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz), 127.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 3.0$  Hz), 127.0, 57.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz), 21.3; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 32.4; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 462.1298; Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>PS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 462.1293.

((benzylamino)(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (6ad)



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (138.8 mg, 0.499 mmol) with *N*-benzyl-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)methanimine<sup>23</sup> (5d) (122.5 mg, 0.543 mmol) at 0 °C for 14 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 20:80:2) to give 78% yield (164.2 mg, 0.390 mmol) of **6ad** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.42 (m, 1H) , 7.47–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.36–7.34 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 5H), 7.12–7.08 (m, 4H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.2 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 2.2 Hz), 139.2, 132.0 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 9.1 Hz), 131.9, 131.8 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 3.2 Hz), 131.6 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 8.7 Hz), 131.5 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 9.5 Hz), 130.8 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 29.0 Hz), 130.3 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 5.3 Hz), 128.7, 128.30 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 11.5 Hz), 128.28, 128.0 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 11.4 Hz), 127.1, 126.9 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 2.4 Hz), 113.7 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 1.7 Hz), 60.5 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 81.4 Hz), 55.2, 50.8 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 14.4 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  31.5; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/z 428.1779; Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>P [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 428.1779.

((4-methoxyphenyl)(phenylamino)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (6ae)



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (142.5 mg, 0.512 mmol) with 1-(4methoxyphenyl)-*N*-phenylmethanimine<sup>23</sup> (5e) (115.6 mg, 0.547 mmol) at 0 °C for 4 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 55:45:2 -40:60:2) to give 88% yield (181.5 mg, 0.439 mmol) of **6ae** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.88–7.83 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.39 (m, 6H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.10–7.06 (m, 4H), 6.68 (m, 1H), 6.62 (dd, J = 29.8, 8.0 Hz, 4H), 5.15–5.10 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz), 146.2 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 12.0$  Hz), 132.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 3.0$  Hz), 131.9 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 3.0$  Hz), 131.7, 131.6, 131.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 95.0$  Hz), 130.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 100.0$  Hz), 129.5 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 4.0$  Hz), 129.2, 128.8 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 12.0$  Hz), 128.2 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 12.0$  Hz), 126.9, 118.4, 114.0, 113.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz), 56.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 76.0$  Hz), 55.2; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  33.0; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 436.1444; Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>PNa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 436.1442.

(*R*)-*N*-((diphenylphosphoryl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfinamide (**6af**)



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (141.6 mg, 0.509 mmol) with (*R*)-*N*-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfinamide<sup>24</sup> (131.5 mg, 0.549 mmol) at 0 °C for 2 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 50:50:2–40:60:2) to give 76% yield (170.5 mg, 0.386 mmol, dr = 72:28) of **6af** as white solid. The relative stereochemistry was not determined.

Major isomer: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.96–7.91 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49– 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.08 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.18 (dd, J = 5.8 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 9H, major); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.3 Hz), 132.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.7 Hz), 132.11 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.6 Hz), 131.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.8 Hz), 131.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 5.0 Hz), 130.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 5.2 Hz), 129.5 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 99.0 Hz), 129.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 94.6 Hz), 129.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 11.4 Hz), 128.3 (d,  $J_{P-C}$ = 12.0 Hz), 127.6, 113.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 1.9 Hz), 56.9 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 74.3 Hz), 55.8, 55.2, 22.4; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  30.5; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 464.1417; Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>PSNa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 464.1425.

Minor isomer: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.96–7.91 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49– 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.24 (m, 3H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.02 (dd, J = 10.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dd, J = 10.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 159.5 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.4$  Hz), 132.15 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 8.9$  Hz), 131.9 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.8$  Hz), 131.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} =$ 9.1 Hz), 131.2 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 8.9$  Hz), 130.2, 129.5 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 99.0$  Hz), 129.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 94.6$  Hz), 128.6 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 11.6$  Hz), 127.6, 124.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 5.8$  Hz), 114.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 1.3$  Hz), 59.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 79.0$  Hz), 56.8, 55.2, 22.2; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  31.5; ESIHRMS: Found m/z464.1417; Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>PSNa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 464.1425. (*R*)-*N*-(1-(diphenylphosphoryl)-3-methylbutyl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfinamide (**6ag**)



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.2 mg, 0.500 mmol) with (*R*)-2-methyl-*N*-(3-methylbutylidene)propane-2-sulfinamide<sup>25</sup> (5g) (104.9 mg, 0.554 mmol) at 0 °C for 30 min. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 55:45:2–40:60:2) to give 63% yield (123.4 mg, 0.315 mmol, dr = 90:10) of **6ag** as white solid. The relative stereochemistry was not determined.

Major isomer: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.93 (dd, J = 9.6, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.86–7.82 (m, 2H), 7.56–7.50 (m, 6H), 4.21–4.18 (m, 1H), 3.97 (dd, J = 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.86–1.82 (m, 1H), 1.80–1.74 (m, 1H), 1.49–1.44 (m, 1H), 1.11 (s, 9H), 0.88–0.86 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 3.0$  Hz), 132.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 3.0$  Hz), 131.9 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 9.0$  Hz), 131.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 9.0$  Hz), 131.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 95.0$  Hz), 129.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 97.0$  Hz), 128.8 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 12.0$  Hz), 128.6 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 12.0$  Hz), 56.8, 51.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 74.0$  Hz), 39.5, 24.5 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 10.0$  Hz), 23.3, 22.5, 20.9; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  33.3; ESIHRMS: Found *m/z* 414.1633; Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>PSNa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 414.1633.

Minor isomer: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.86–7.82 (m, 4H), 7.56–7.50 (m, 6H), 4.21– 4.18 (m, 1H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.80–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.49–1.44 (m, 1H), 0.88–0.86 (m, 15H); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  32.2; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 414.1633; Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>PSNa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 414.1633.

diethyl 2-(1-(diphenylphosphoryl)ethyl)malonate (6ah)

Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.4 mg, 0.501 mmol) with diethyl ethylidenemalonate (5h) (100  $\mu$ L, 0.548 mmol) at -10 °C for 20 min. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 50:50:2) to give 85% yield (165.8 mg, 0.427 mmol, dr = 90:10) of 6ah as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89–7.79 (m, 4H), 7.56–7.42 (m, 6H), 4.16 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.98–3.92 (m, 1H), 3.87–3.76 (m, 2H), 3.34–3.31 (m, 1H), 1.28 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 7.2 Hz,

3H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 9.3$  Hz), 167.6 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 8.9$  Hz), 131.89 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.9$  Hz), 131.87 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.5$  Hz), 131.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 40.7$  Hz), 131.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 9.4$  Hz), 131.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 8.6$  Hz), 130.8 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 42.9$  Hz), 128.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 11.6$  Hz), 128.5 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 11.3$  Hz), 61.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 16.0$  Hz), 50.6, 32.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 71.1$  Hz), 13.9 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 17.0$  Hz), 11.0, 10.9; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  34.2.

diphenyl(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (6ai)<sup>26</sup>



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.2 mg, 0.500 mmol) with 4-fluorobenzotrifluoride (5i) (70  $\mu$ L, 0.552 mmol) at 85 °C for 24 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 35:15:1) to give 66% yield (113.8 mg, 0.329 mmol) of **6ai** as colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.82 (dd, J = 11.2, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (dd, J = 12.4, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.58 (td, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (td, J = 7.6, 2.8 Hz, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 101.0$  Hz), 133.7 (qd,  $J_{F-C} = 33.0$  Hz,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz), 132.5 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 10.0$  Hz), 132.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 3.0$  Hz), 132.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 10.0$  Hz), 131.6 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 105.0$  Hz), 128.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 12.0$  Hz), 123.6 (dq,  $J_{P-C} = 12.0$  Hz,  $J_{F-C} = 4.0$  Hz), 123.5 (q,  $J_{F-C} = 272.0$  Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -63.2; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 28.0.

diphenyl(pyridin-2-yl)phosphine oxide (6aj)<sup>26</sup>



Prepared from triphenylphosphine oxide (1a) (139.0 mg, 0.500 mmol) with 2-chloropyridine (5j) (60  $\mu$ L, 0.539 mmol) at 85 °C for 11 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 25:25:1) to give 71% yield (99.6 mg, 0.357 mmol) of **6aj** as pale yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.78 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (dd, J = 6.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91– 7.83 (m, 5H), 7.42–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.40–7.37 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 132.0 Hz), 150.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 19.0 Hz), 136.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 9.0 Hz), 132.00 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 103.0 Hz), 131.96 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 9.0 Hz), 131.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 3.0 Hz), 128.22 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.0 Hz), 128.20 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 19.0 Hz), 125.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 3.0 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.0.

# 6. Dearylative-functionalization of diaryl(alkyl)phosphine oxides (Scheme 5)

# 6.1. A general procedure for the reaction of *tert*-butyldiphenylphosphine oxide (1f)



To a mixture of *tert*-butyldiphenylphosphine oxide (**1f**) (0.5 mmol), NaH (60.0 mg, 1.5 mmol) and LiI (100.3 mg, 0.75 mmol) in 25 mL reaction vessel was added THF (2.5 mL) and the reaction was stirred at 60 °C for 16 h. The reaction was then cooled to 0 °C and the corresponding electrophile **3** or **5** (1.1 equiv) was added. Upon completion of the reaction based on TLC analysis (the reaction temperature and time were indicated below), the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl at 0 °C. The organic material was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude material was purified by flash column chromatography to give the corresponding unsymmetrical tertiary phosphine oxide **4** or **6**.

#### 6.2. Characterization of the products

*tert*-butyl(phenyl)(3-phenylpropyl)phosphine oxide (4fa)

Prepared from *tert*-butyldiphenylphosphine oxide (**1f**) (129.5 mg, 0.501 mmol) with (3bromopropyl)benzene (**3a**) (80  $\mu$ L, 0.526 mmol) at 0 °C for 1 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 50:50:2) to give 93% yield (140.2 mg, 0.467 mmol) of **4fa** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.13–7.11 (m, 2H), 2.80–2.75 (m, 1H), 2.68–2.61 (m, 1H), 2.11–1.98 (m, 3H), 1.69–1.60 (m, 1H), 1.09 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.0, 131.8 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 7.5 Hz), 131.3 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 2.5 Hz), 129.9 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 85.0 Hz),

128.4, 128.3, 128.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 11.2$  Hz), 126.0, 36.8 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 1.2$  Hz), 32.6 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 68.8$  Hz), 23.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 3.8$  Hz), 22.3, 21.8; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  49.8; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 301.1723; Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>OP [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 301.1721.

(2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)ethyl)(tert-butyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide (4fc)



Prepared from *tert*-butyldiphenylphosphine oxide (**1f**) (129.2 mg, 0.500 mmol) with 2-(2-bromoethyl)-1,3-dioxolane (**3c**) (70  $\mu$ L, 0.572 mmol) at 0 °C for 20 min. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 10:90:2) to give 67% yield (95.1 mg, 0.337 mmol) of **4fc** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72 (dd, J = 8.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52–7.47 (m, 3H), 4.93 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.95–3.83 (m, 4H), 2.19–2.08 (m, 3H), 1.67–1.61 (m, 1H), 1.14 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  131.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.0 Hz), 131.3 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.0 Hz), 129.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 87.0 Hz), 128.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 11.0 Hz), 103.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 14.0 Hz), 64.9 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 4.0 Hz), 32.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 69.0 Hz), 25.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 4.0 Hz), 24.4, 16.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 65.0 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  50.0; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 283.1463; Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 283.1463.

tert-butyl(isopropyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide (4fq)



Prepared from *tert*-butyldiphenylphosphine oxide (**1f**) (129.6 mg, 0.502 mmol) with 2bromopropane (**3q**) (50  $\mu$ L, 0.533 mmol) at 60 °C for 16 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 50:50:2) to give 62% yield (69.4 mg, 0.309 mmol) of **4fq** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72 (dd, J = 8.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52–7.44 (m, 3H), 2.44–2.36 (m, 1H), 1.40 (dd, J = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 9H), 1.02 (dd, J = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  131.42 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 83.0 Hz), 131.38 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.0 Hz), 130.9 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 3.0 Hz), 128.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 10.0 Hz), 33.3 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 65.0 Hz), 25.7, 24.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 63.0 Hz), 17.4 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 3.0 Hz), 16.5 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 3.0 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  52.4; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 225.1412; Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OP [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 225.1408.

*tert*-butyl(phenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (6fi)



Prepared from *tert*-butyldiphenylphosphine oxide (**1f**) (129.0 mg, 0.499 mmol) with 4-fluorobenzotrifluoride (**5i**) (70  $\mu$ L, 0.552 mmol) at 85 °C for 22 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 75:25:2) to give 76% yield (123.4 mg, 0.378 mmol) of **6fi** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.11 (dd, J = 8.8, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (ddd, J = 8.8, 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56–7.48 (m, 3H), 1.27 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.9 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 86.0 Hz), 133.2 (qd,  $J_{F-C}$  = 33.0 Hz,  $J_{P-C}$  = 3.0 Hz), 132.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.0 Hz), 132.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.0 Hz), 131.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 3.0 Hz), 130.3 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 90.0 Hz), 128.4 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 11.0 Hz), 125.0 (dq,  $J_{P-C}$  = 11.0 Hz,  $J_{F-C}$  = 4.0 Hz), 123.6 (q,  $J_{F-C}$  = 271.0 Hz), 34.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 70.0 Hz), 25.0; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -63.2; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  37.9; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 327.1135; Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>OP [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 327.1126.

# 6.3. A general procedure for the reaction of (adamantan-1-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (1g)



To a mixture of (adamantan-1-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**1g**) (0.5 mmol), NaH (60.0 mg, 1.5 mmol) and LiI (100.3 mg, 0.75 mmol) in 25 mL reaction vessel was added THF (2.5 mL) and the reaction was stirred at 85 °C for 12 h. The reaction was then cooled to 0 °C and the corresponding electrophile **3** or **5** (1.1 equiv) was added. Upon completion of the reaction based on TLC analysis (the reaction temperature and time were indicated below), the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl at 0 °C. The organic material was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude material was purified by flash column chromatography to give the corresponding unsymmetrical tertiary phosphine oxide **4** or **6**.

#### 6.4. Characterization of the products

(adamantan-1-yl)(phenyl)(3-phenylpropyl)phosphine oxide (4ga)

Prepared from (adamantan-1-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**1g**) (166.0 mg, 0.493 mmol) with (3-bromopropyl)benzene (**3a**) (80  $\mu$ L, 0.526 mmol) at 0 °C for 1 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 70:30:2) to give 80% yield (149.0 mg, 0.394 mmol) of **4ga** as colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 (dd, J = 9.6, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.79 – 2.72 (m, 2H), 2.66–2.59 (m, 1H), 2.01–1.90 (m, 6H), 1.82–1.80 (m, 3H), 1.71–1.60 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.0, 131.8 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 8.0$  Hz), 131.2 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz), 129.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 86.0$  Hz), 128.6, 128.3, 128.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 11.0$  Hz), 125.9, 36.8 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 13.0$  Hz), 36.3, 35.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 70.0$  Hz), 34.9, 27.2 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 9.0$  Hz), 22.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 4.0$  Hz), 20.8 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 64.0$  Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  46.7; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 379.2197; Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>32</sub>OP [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 379.2191.

(adamantan-1-yl)(isopropyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide (4gq)

Prepared from ((3*s*,5*s*,7*s*)-adamantan-1-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**1g**) (167.9 mg, 0.499 mmol) with 2-bromopropane (**3q**) (50  $\mu$ L, 0.533 mmol) at 60 °C for 6 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 50:50:2) to give 64% yield (96.2 mg, 0.318 mmol) of **4gq** as colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.44 (m, 3H), 2.40–2.32 (m, 1H), 1.99–1.96 (m, 6H), 1.80–1.79 (m, 3H), 1.80–1.64 (m, 6H), 1.41 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  131.5 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 7.3 Hz), 130.9 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 83.2 Hz), 130.8 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 2.5 Hz), 128.0 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 10.2 Hz), 36.6 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 66.4 Hz), 36.4, 36.0 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 1.5 Hz), 27.5 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 9.5 Hz), 24.3 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 63.7 Hz), 17.5 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 4.7 Hz), 17.0 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 3.5 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  48.8; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 303.1875; Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>28</sub>OP [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 303.1878. (adamantan-1-yl)(phenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (6gi)



Prepared from (adamantan-1-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**1g**) (168.7 mg, 0.502 mmol) with 4-fluorobenzotrifluoride (**5i**) (70  $\mu$ L, 0.552 mmol) at 85 °C for 10 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 80:20:2) to give 77% yield (156.4 mg, 0.388 mmol) of **6gi** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.11 (dd, J = 8.8, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.99–7.94 (m, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.55–7.49 (m, 3H), 1.96–1.91 (m, 9H), 1.73–1.64 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 135.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 85.0$  Hz), 133.2 (qd,  $J_{F-C} = 33.0$  Hz,  $J_{P-C} = 3.0$  Hz), 132.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 8.0$  Hz), 132.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 8.0$  Hz), 131.8 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz), 129.8 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 90.0$  Hz), 128.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 11.0$  Hz), 125.0 (dq,  $J_{P-C} = 10.0$  Hz,  $J_{F-C} = 3.0$  Hz), 123.7 (q,  $J_{F-C} = 271.0$  Hz), 37.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 72.0$  Hz), 36.3, 35.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 1.0$  Hz), 27.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 10.0$  Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -63.1; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 33.0; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 405.1607; Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>3</sub>OP [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 405.1595.

# 6.5 A general procedure for the reaction of 5-phenylbenzo[b]phosphindole 5-oxide (1h)



To a mixture of 5-phenylbenzo[*b*]phosphindole 5-oxide (1h) (0.5 mmol), NaH (40.0 mg, 1.0 mmol) and LiI (66.9 mg, 0.5 mmol) in 25 mL reaction vessel was added THF (2.5 mL) and the reaction was stirred at 60 °C for 6 h. The reaction was then cooled to 0 °C and then the corresponding electrophile **3** or **5** (1.1–1.2 equiv) was added. Upon completion of the reaction based on TLC analysis (the reaction temperature and time were noted below), the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl at 0 °C. The organic material was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude material was purified by flash column chromatography to give the trisubstituted phosphine oxide **4** or **6**.

### 6.6. Characterization of the products

[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl(phenyl)(3-phenylpropyl)phosphine oxide (4ha)



Prepared from 5-phenylbenzo[*b*]phosphindole 5-oxide (**1h**) (137.1 mg, 0.496 mmol) with (3-bromopropyl)benzene (**3a**) (80  $\mu$ L, 0.526 mmol) at 0 °C for 1.5 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 70:30:2) to give 94% yield (185.7 mg, 0.468 mmol) of **4ha** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.00–7.95 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.10 (m, 11H), 7.03–6.94 (m, 4H), 2.52 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.93–1.69 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.8 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 9.3 Hz), 141.0, 140.6 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 3.4 Hz), 134.0 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 99.1 Hz), 133.0 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 8.9 Hz), 131.5 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 99.5 Hz), 131.4, 131.3, 131.1 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 2.7 Hz), 130.7 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 9.3 Hz), 129.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 11.8 Hz), 127.61, 127.56, 127.1 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 11.0 Hz), 126.0, 36.7 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 15.5 Hz), 28.1 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 72.4 Hz), 23.2 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 3.2 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  33.7; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 397.1724; Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>OP [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 397.1721.

[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl(isopropyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide (4hq)



Prepared from 5-phenylbenzo[*b*]phosphindole 5-oxide (**1h**) (138.2 mg, 0.500 mmol) with 2bromopropane (**3q**) (50  $\mu$ L, 0.533 mmol) at 60 °C for 13 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 60:40:2) to give 84% yield (134.5 mg, 0.420 mmol) of **4hq** as colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.12 (ddd, J = 12.0, 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.37 (td, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.20 (m, 6H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.21–2.12 (m, 1H), 1.09 (dd, J = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (dd, J = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 9.0 Hz), 140.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 3.0 Hz), 132.9 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.0 Hz), 132.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 94.0 Hz), 131.5 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 10.0 Hz), 131.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 9.0 Hz), 131.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.0 Hz), 130.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 3.0 Hz), 130.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 92.0 Hz), 129.5, 127.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 9.0

Hz), 127.41, 127.36, 126.9 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 9.0$  Hz), 25.9 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 72.0$  Hz), 16.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz), 15.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 3.0$  Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  39.4; ESIHRMS: Found m/z321.1405; Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OP [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 321.1408.

[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl(phenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (6hi)



Prepared from 5-phenylbenzo[*b*]phosphindole 5-oxide (**1h**) (94.7 mg, 0.343 mmol) with 4fluorobenzotrifluoride (**5i**) (70  $\mu$ L, 0.552 mmol) at 85 °C for 24 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 75:25:2 for isolation of **6hi**, followed by *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 70:30:2 for isolation of **2h**) to give 62% yield (90.1 mg, 0.213 mmol) of **6hi** as colorless oil and 20% yield (20.0 mg, 0.0725 mmol) of **2h** as colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66–7.57 (m, 5H), 7.50–7.41 (m, 4H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 4H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.09–7.01 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.7 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 9.0 Hz), 140.0 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 4.0 Hz), 137.8 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 100.0 Hz), 133.9 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 12.0 Hz), 132.6 (qd, *J*<sub>*F*-*C*</sub> = 32.0 Hz, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 3.0 Hz), 132.14 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 132.11 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 98.0 Hz), 132.0 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 131.8 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 9.0 Hz), 131.6 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 130.8 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 96.0 Hz), 130.1, 128.4 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 12.0 Hz), 127.33, 127.28, 126.7 (d, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 13.0 Hz), 124.7 (dq, *J*<sub>*P*-*C*</sub> = 12.0 Hz, *J*<sub>*F*-*C*</sub> = 3.0 Hz), 123.6 (q, *J*<sub>*F*-*C*</sub> = 271.0 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -63.2; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  39.4; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 423.1122; Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>OP [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 423.1126.

[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl(phenyl)phosphine oxide (**2h**)<sup>[27]</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.91 (dd, J = 14.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 495.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.40 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.26 (m, 8H), 7.24–7.21 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 10.0 Hz), 139.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.0 Hz), 132.5 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 9.0 Hz), 132.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.0 Hz), 131.7

(d, 
$$J_{P-C} = 2.0$$
 Hz), 131.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 98.0$  Hz), 130.5 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 10.0$  Hz), 130.2 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 9.0$  Hz), 130.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 99.0$  Hz), 129.2, 128.2 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 13.0$  Hz), 128.0, 127.8, 127.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 12.0$  Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  18.4 (d,  $J = 495.4$  Hz).

#### 7. Competition studies (Scheme 6a)

#### 7.1 The reaction of 6fi



The reaction of **6fi** (98.5 mg, 0.302 mmol) was conducted by following the general procedure (Section 6.1) at 85 °C for 24 h for dearylation with subsequent treatment with (3-bromopropyl)benzene (**3a**) (50  $\mu$ L, 0.329 mmol) at 0 °C for 1 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 65:35:2) to give 72% yield (65.9 mg, 0.219 mmol) of **4fa** as white solid.

## 7.2 The reaction of 7



The reaction of 7 (104.7 mg, 0.384 mmol) was conducted by following the general procedure (Section 6.1) at 85 °C for 24 h for dearylation with subsequent treatment with (3-bromopropyl)benzene (**3a**) (65  $\mu$ L, 0.427 mmol) at 0 °C for 1 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc:MeOH, 70:30:2) to give inseparable mixture of **10** and **4fa** (77.4 mg) in 45% and 20% yields, respectively. The yields were calculated based on <sup>31</sup>P NMR analysis of the mixture.

*tert*-butyl(3-phenylpropyl)(*p*-tolyl)phosphine oxide (10)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49 (dd, J = 16.4, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.23 (m, 4H), 7.18–7.14 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.10 (m, 2H), 2.80–2.75 (m, 1H), 2.68–2.61 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.08–1.96 (m, 3H), 1.69–1.61 (m, 1H), 1.08 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 9H); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  50.1; ESIHRMS: Found *m*/*z* 315.1880; Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>OP [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 315.1878.

# 7.3 The reaction of 8



The reaction of **8** (142.3 mg, 0.494 mmol) was conducted by following the general procedure (Section 4) at 85 °C for 36 h for dearylation with quenching by water. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:MeOH, 99:1) to give an inseparable mixture of **11** and **12** (77.4 mg) in 45% and 20% yields, respectively. The yields were calculated based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the mixture.

*tert*-butyl(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide (11)<sup>28</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 (dd, J = 11.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 450.4 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.13 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 9H); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  46.9 (d, J = 450.4 Hz).

*tert*-butyl(phenyl)phosphine oxide (**12**)<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.52–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 453.2 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 9H); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  47.5 (d, *J* = 453.2 Hz).

## 8. Deuterium labeling experiments

Employment of NaD<sup>29</sup> in place of NaH resulted in 39% of deuterium incorporation on 1,3dimethoxybenzene (Scheme S2).



**Scheme S2**. The reactions were performed at 0.5 mmol scale according to general procedure for dearylation of triarylphosphine oxides **1** (Section 4). \*NaD contains ca 9% of metallic Na.

# 1,3-dimethoxybenzene-5-d



Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-Hex:EtOAc, 90:10) to give 82% yield (56.9 mg, 0.412 mmol) of 1,3-dimethoxybenzene-5-*d* with 39% D-content as colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.18 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 0.61H), 6.52–6.50 (m, 2H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.8, 129.8, 106.2, [106.4 as *ortho*-carbon with respect to deuterated carbon], 100.5, 55.2. GCMS (EI) *m/z* 138.08 [M] for 1,3-dimethoxybenzene, 139.10 [M] for 1,3-dimethoxybenzene-5-d.

# 9. DFT calculation

#### 9.1 Computational details

All calculations were carried with the Gaussian  $16^{[30]}$  program package and the GRRM 11 (Version 11.03) program.<sup>31</sup> The molecular structures and harmonic vibrational frequencies were obtained using the long-range corrected hybrid density functional including a version of Grimme's D2 dispersion model developed by Chai and Head-Gordon ( $\omega$ B97X-D).<sup>32</sup> We used 6–31+G\* basis set.<sup>33</sup> All stationary points were optimized without any symmetry assumptions, and characterized by normal coordinate analysis at the  $\omega$ B97X-D/6-31+G\* of theory (number of imaginary frequencies, NIMAG, 0 for minima and 1 for TSs). The intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) method was used to track minimum energy paths from transition structures to the corresponding local minima.<sup>34</sup> The self-consistent reaction field (SCRF) method based on the Polarizable Continuum Model (PCM)<sup>35</sup> was employed to evaluate the solvent reaction field (THF;  $\varepsilon = 7.58$ ).

# 9.2 Reaction pathway 1: nucleophilic attack of hydride on the P center-elimination of phenylsodium



**Figure S1.** All calculations were performed at  $\omega$ B97X-D/6-31+G\* level of theory. The bulk solvent effect of THF was described with an implicit model (SCRF (solvent = THF, PCM)). The energies of intermediates (**IM**s) and transition states (**TS**s) were calculated with **IM-0** as a standard energy ( $\Delta G$  (**IM-0**) = 0 kcal/mol).

# 9.3 Reaction pathway 1-2: the subsequent deprotonation step by phenylsodium in the pathway of nucleophilic attack of hydride on the P center-elimination

The following deprotonation of the P–H moiety of **IM-3** should lead to the sodium phosphinite; the competitive action of phenylsodium and NaH as a base was suggested by the deuterated label experiment (Scheme S2). In the former case (Figure S2.), through the smooth flipping of phenylsodium (Na–Ph) to the hydride side of P=O moiety (*i.e.* **IM-3–IM-3'**), the deprotonation was found to take place with a low activation barrier ( $\Delta G^{\ddagger} = +3.6$  kcal/mol). Given 39% deuterium incorporation in the deuterium labelling experiment described in the previous section, the deprotonation by co-existing NaH should proceed with a similar activation barrier.





# 9.4 Reaction pathway 2: nucleophilic aromatic substitution (S<sub>N</sub>Ar)

We also found the other reaction pathway, that is, nucleophilic aromatic substitution (S<sub>N</sub>Ar) mechanism (Figure S3). In this case, nucleophilic addition of hydride at the *ipso*-position of a phenyl ring of **1a** proceeded with a reasonable but slightly higher activation barrier ( $\Delta G^{\ddagger} = +23.9$  kcal/mol) than that of the above-mentioned pathway. Although this step afforded the transient Meisenheimer-type intermediate, **IM**<sub>SNAr</sub>-**1**, the following elimination was an almost barrier-less step ( $\Delta G^{\ddagger} = +1.1$  kcal/mol). Finally, the corresponding sodium phosphinite product **IM**<sub>SNAr</sub>-**2** was obtained with a large energy stabilization. At this moment, we consider this pathway less likely to take place, judged by the lower D-incorporation rate in the reaction of **1c** with NaD-LiI composite.



Figure S3.

#### 9.5 Cartesian coordinates and energies

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## 10. NMR spectra for new compounds

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl(4-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide (8)





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl(4-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide (8)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl(4-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide (8)





## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of diphenylphosphine oxide (2a)





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of diphenylphosphine oxide (2a)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of diphenylphosphine oxide (**2a**)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide (**2b**)





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide (**2b**)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of bis(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide (**2b**)





<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide (**2c**)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide (2c)



<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of bis(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide (**2c**)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of di-*o*-tolylphosphine oxide **2d** 





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of di-*o*-tolylphosphine oxide (**2d**)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of di-*o*-tolylphosphine oxide (**2d**)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (2e)





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (2e)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (2e)



### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of diphenyl(3-phenylpropyl)phosphine oxide (4aa)





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of diphenyl(3-phenylpropyl)phosphine oxide (4aa)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of diphenyl(3-phenylpropyl)phosphine oxide (4aa)

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of ethyl 5-(diphenylphosphoryl)pentanoate (**4ab**)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of ethyl 5-(diphenylphosphoryl)pentanoate (**4ab**)







## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)ethyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (4ac)



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<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)ethyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (4ac)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of (2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)ethyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (4ac)





## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of pent-4-en-1-yldiphenylphosphine oxide (4ad)





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of pent-4-en-1-yldiphenylphosphine oxide (4ad)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of pent-4-en-1-yldiphenylphosphine oxide (**4ad**)

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## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of but-3-yn-1-yldiphenylphosphine oxide (4ae)





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of but-3-yn-1-yldiphenylphosphine oxide (**4ae**)







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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of benzyldiphenylphosphine oxide (**4af**)





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of benzyldiphenylphosphine oxide (**4af**)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of benzyldiphenylphosphine oxide (**4af**)

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (2-bromobenzyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (4ag)





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (2-bromobenzyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (4ag)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of (2-bromobenzyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**4ag**)



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100



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ppm

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of allyldiphenylphosphine oxide (**4ah**)



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<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of allyldiphenylphosphine oxide **4ah** 

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<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of allyldiphenylphosphine oxide **4ah** 

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## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of cinnamyldiphenylphosphine oxide (4ai)





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of cinnamyldiphenylphosphine oxide (4ai)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of cinnamyldiphenylphosphine oxide (4ai)





## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**4aj**)

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<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**4aj**)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of (3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**4aj**)





<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (methoxymethyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**4ak**)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (methoxymethyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**4ak**)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of (methoxymethyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**4ak**)





<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of ((benzyloxy)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**4a**l)





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of ((benzyloxy)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**4al**)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of ((benzyloxy)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (4al)





<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of propane-1,3-diylbis(diphenylphosphine oxide) (4am)





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of propane-1,3-diylbis(diphenylphosphine oxide) (4am)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of propane-1,3-diylbis(diphenylphosphine oxide) (4am)





<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of butane-1,4-diylbis(diphenylphosphine oxide) (4an)





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of of butane-1,4-diylbis(diphenylphosphine oxide) (4an)

<sup>31</sup>P of NMR spectrum of of butane-1,4-diylbis(diphenylphosphine oxide) (4an)







<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (1,3-phenylenebis(methylene))bis(diphenylphosphine oxide) (4ao)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (1,3-phenylenebis(methylene))bis(diphenylphosphine oxide) (4ao)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of (1,3-phenylenebis(methylene))bis(diphenylphosphine oxide) (4ao)

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (pyridine-2,6-diylbis(methylene))bis(diphenylphosphine oxide) (4ap)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (pyridine-2,6-diylbis(methylene))bis(diphenylphosphine oxide) (4ap)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of (pyridine-2,6-diylbis(methylene))bis(diphenylphosphine oxide) (**4ap**)

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of isopropyldiphenylphosphine oxide (4aq)





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of isopropyldiphenylphosphine oxide (4aq)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of isopropyldiphenylphosphine oxide (4aq)





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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of cyclohexyldiphenylphosphine oxide (**4ar**)





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of cyclohexyldiphenylphosphine oxide (4ar)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of cyclohexyldiphenylphosphine oxide (4ar)





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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (hydroxy(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (6aa)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (hydroxy(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (6aa)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of (hydroxy(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (6aa)





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200	150	100	50	0	-50	-100	-150	-200	ppm



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (1-hydroxy-3-methylbutyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**6ab**)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (1-hydroxy-3-methylbutyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (6ab)



<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of (1-hydroxy-3-methylbutyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (6ab)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *N*-((diphenylphosphoryl)(phenyl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**6ac**)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of *N*-((diphenylphosphoryl)(phenyl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6ac)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of *N*-((diphenylphosphoryl)(phenyl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6ac)





<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of ((benzylamino)(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (6ad)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of ((benzylamino)(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (6ad)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of ((benzylamino)(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (6ad)

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<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of ((4-methoxyphenyl)(phenylamino)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (6ae)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of ((4-methoxyphenyl)(phenylamino)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (6ae)

-33.03







## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (*R*)-*N*-((diphenylphosphoryl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfinamide (6af)

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<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (*R*)-*N*-((diphenylphosphoryl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfinamide (**6af**)

 $^{31}$ P NMR spectrum of (*R*)-*N*-((diphenylphosphoryl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfinamide (6af)









<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (*R*)-*N*-(1-(diphenylphosphoryl)-3-methylbutyl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfinamide (**6ag**)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of (*R*)-*N*-(1-(diphenylphosphoryl)-3-methylbutyl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfinamide (**6ag**)



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of diethyl 2-(1-(diphenylphosphoryl)ethyl)malonate (**6ah**)



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## <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of diethyl 2-(1-(diphenylphosphoryl)ethyl)malonate (6ah)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of diethyl 2-(1-(diphenylphosphoryl)ethyl)malonate (6ah)







<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of diphenyl(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (6ai)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of diphenyl(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (6ai)

<sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of diphenyl(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (6ai)



<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of diphenyl(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (6ai)





## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of diphenyl(pyridin-2-yl)phosphine oxide (**6aj**)





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of diphenyl(pyridin-2-yl)phosphine oxide (6aj)






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### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl(phenyl)(3-phenylpropyl)phosphine oxide (4fa)





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl(phenyl)(3-phenylpropyl)phosphine oxide (**4fa**)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of of *tert*-butyl(phenyl)(3-phenylpropyl)phosphine oxide (**4fa**)







### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)ethyl)(*tert*-butyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide (4fc)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)ethyl)(*tert*-butyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide (4fc)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of (2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)ethyl)(*tert*-butyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide (**4fc**)







<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl(isopropyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide (**4fq**)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl(isopropyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide (**4fq**)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl(isopropyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide (**4fq**)





<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl(phenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (6fi)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl(phenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (6fi)

<sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl(phenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (6fi)

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<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl(phenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (6fi)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of ((3s,5s,7s)-adamantan-1-yl)(phenyl)(3-phenylpropyl)phosphine oxide (4ga)





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of ((3*s*,5*s*,7*s*)-adamantan-1-yl)(phenyl)(3-phenylpropyl)phosphine oxide (**4ga**)











# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of ((3s,5s,7s)-adamantan-1-yl)(isopropyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide (4gq)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of ((3*s*,5*s*,7*s*)-adamantan-1-yl)(isopropyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide (**4gq**)

-48.83

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of ((3*s*,5*s*,7*s*)-adamantan-1-yl)(phenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (**6gi**)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of ((3*s*,5*s*,7*s*)-adamantan-1-yl)(phenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (**6gi**)

<sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of ((3*s*,5*s*,7*s*)-adamantan-1-yl)(phenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (**6gi**)

-63.13





<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of ((3*s*,5*s*,7*s*)-adamantan-1-yl)(phenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (**6gi**)







<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl(phenyl)(3-phenylpropyl)phosphine oxide (**4ha**)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of [1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl(phenyl)(3-phenylpropyl)phosphine oxide (4ha)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of [1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl(phenyl)(3-phenylpropyl)phosphine oxide (**4ha**)

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# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl(isopropyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide (**4hq**)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of [1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl(isopropyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide (**4hq**)

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of [1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl(isopropyl)(phenyl)phosphine oxide (**4hq**)

- 39.36

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl(phenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (6hi)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of [1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl(phenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (6hi)

<sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of [1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl(phenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (6hi)

-63.25

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<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of [1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl(phenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (6hi)

-26.87

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### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl(phenyl)phosphine oxide (**2h**)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl(phenyl)phosphine oxide (**2h**)


<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of 1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl(phenyl)phosphine oxide (**2h**)



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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl(3-phenylpropyl)(*p*-tolyl)phosphine oxide (10) and *tert*-butyl(phenyl)(3-phenylpropyl)phosphine oxide (4fa)

 $^{31}$ P NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl(3-phenylpropyl)(*p*-tolyl)phosphine oxide (**10**) and *tert*-butyl(phenyl)(3-phenylpropyl)phosphine oxide (**4fa**)





<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide **11** and *tert*-butyl(phenyl)phosphine oxide **12** 

<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide **11** and *tert*-butyl(phenyl)phosphine oxide **12** 



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1,3-dimethoxybenzene-5-*d*





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