

# DDQ-mediated direct C(sp<sup>3</sup>)–H phosphorylation of xanthene derivatives

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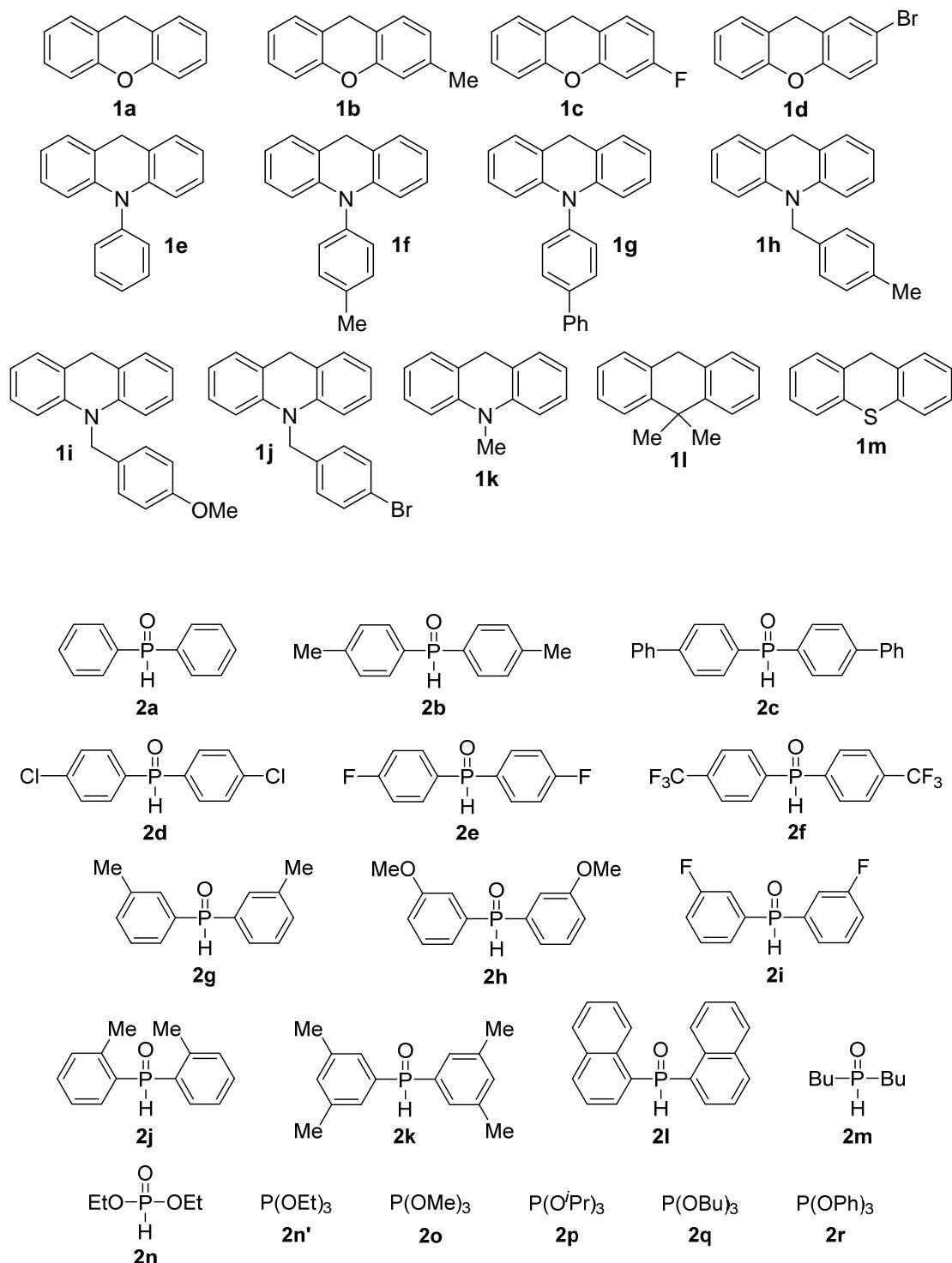
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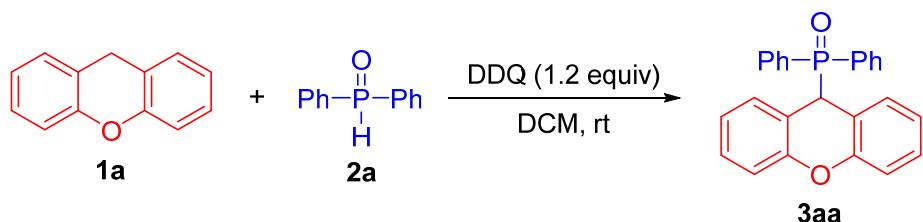
## **1. General information**

Unless otherwise stated, commercially available reagents including dry solvents were used without additional purification. Petroleum ether refers to the petroleum fraction b.p. 60~90 °C. Xanthenes were prepared according to the literature.<sup>1</sup> Dihydroacridines, dihydroanthracenes and thioxanthenes were prepared according to the literature.<sup>2</sup> All reactions were carried out in an oven-dried thick-walled glassware. Flash chromatography was performed using the indicated solvent system on silica gel standard grade (200~300 mesh). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on Bruker 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on Bruker 400 (100 MHz) spectrometer. <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on Bruker 400 (162 MHz) spectrometer. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on Bruker 400 (376 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported relative to CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  7.26 ppm) for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  77.16 ppm) for <sup>13</sup>C NMR. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on ESI-TOF. Melting points (mp) were uncorrected and measured on micro melting point apparatus. Abbreviations for signal coupling are as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet; t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet, br = broad.

## 2. Overview of substrates numbering



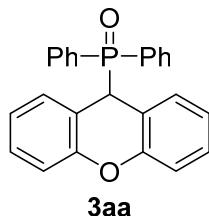
### 3. General procedure for the phosphorylation reaction



To a solution of 9*H*-xanthene **1a** (55 mg, 0.3 mmol) in DCM (2 mL) was added DDQ (82 mg, 0.36 mmol). After stirring for 20 min at room temperature, diphenylphosphine oxide **2a** (121 mg, 0.6 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 8 h. The reaction was then quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> solution (15 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). The extracts were combined and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent, the residue was then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:2) to afford the desired **3aa** (110 mg, 96%) as a white solid.

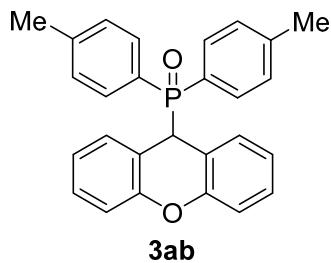
#### 4. Characterizations of compounds 3

##### Diphenyl(9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)phosphine oxide (3aa):



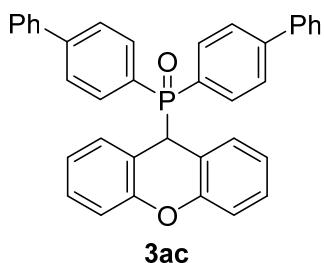
White solid (110 mg, 96%): mp 253–254 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.60–7.46 (m, 6H), 7.38–7.33 (m, 4H), 7.20–7.11 (m, 2H), 6.98–6.84 (m, 6H), 4.91 (d,  $J$  = 17.6 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.6 (d,  $J$  = 4.7 Hz), 132.2 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz), 131.9 (d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz), 130.1 (d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz), 129.6 (d,  $J$  = 95.9 Hz), 128.6 (d,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz), 128.0 (d,  $J$  = 11.4 Hz), 122.8 (d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz), 117.0 (d,  $J$  = 4.7 Hz), 116.3 (d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz), 45.5 (d,  $J$  = 64.8 Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  29.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{P}$  383.1195, found 383.1189.

##### Di-*p*-tolyl(9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)phosphine oxide (3ab):



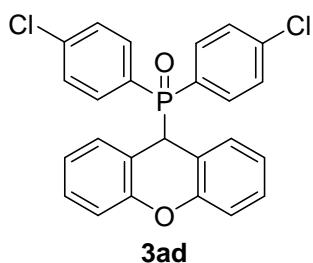
White solid (107 mg, 87%): mp 218–220 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.39 (dd,  $J$  = 10.6, 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.19–7.14 (m, 6H), 6.98–6.93 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 4.87 (d,  $J$  = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.6 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz), 142.4 (d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz), 132.2 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz), 130.2 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz), 128.8 (d,  $J$  = 11.8 Hz), 128.5 (d,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz), 126.3 (d,  $J$  = 98.0 Hz), 122.8 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz), 117.3 (d,  $J$  = 4.7 Hz), 116.3 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz), 45.4 (d,  $J$  = 64.0 Hz), 21.6 (d,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  30.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{P}$  411.1508, found 411.1516.

**Di([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)(9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)phosphine oxide (**3ac**):**



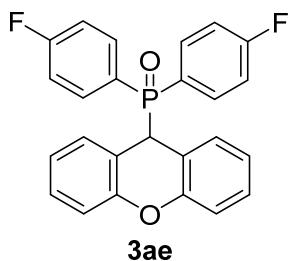
White solid (67 mg, 42%): mp 253–255 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.66–7.60 (m, 12H), 7.50–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.42–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.17 (m, 2H), 7.05–7.02 (m, 2H), 6.95–6.89 (m, 4H), 4.99 (d,  $J = 17.6$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.7 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz), 144.7 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 139.8, 132.7 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz), 130.3 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 128.9, 128.8 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 128.2, 128.0 (d,  $J = 96.2$  Hz), 127.2, 126.8 (d,  $J = 11.7$  Hz), 123.0 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz), 117.0 (d,  $J = 4.7$  Hz), 116.5 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 45.6 (d,  $J = 64.0$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  30.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2\text{P}$  535.1821, found 535.1825.

**Bis(4-chlorophenyl)(9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)phosphine oxide (**3ad**):**



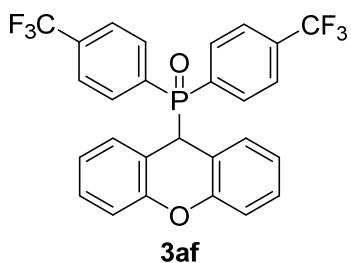
White solid (98 mg, 72%): mp 243–245 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.45–7.38 (m, 4H), 7.37–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.23–7.16 (m, 2H), 6.98–6.89 (m, 6H), 4.88 (d,  $J = 18.1$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.5 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz), 138.9 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 133.4 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz), 130.1 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 129.0 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz), 128.6 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz), 127.7 (d,  $J = 96.7$  Hz), 123.1 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 116.6 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 116.5 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz), 45.5 (d,  $J = 65.1$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  28.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + Na] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_2\text{PNa}$  473.0235, found 473.0236.

**Bis(4-fluorophenyl)(9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)phosphine oxide (3ae):**



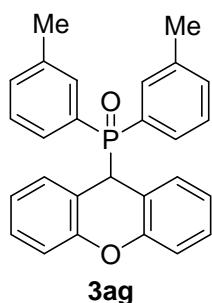
White solid (83 mg, 66%): mp 208–209 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.54–7.44 (m, 4H), 7.21–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.09–7.02 (m, 4H), 6.97–6.88 (m, 6H), 4.86 (d,  $J$  = 18.2 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.2 (dd,  $J$  = 254, 3.3 Hz), 152.5 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz), 134.6 (dd,  $J$  = 9.3, 9.3 Hz), 130.1 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz), 128.9 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz), 125.2 (dd,  $J$  = 98.6, 3.4 Hz), 123.0 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz), 116.7 (d,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz), 116.4 (d,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz), 115.6 (dd,  $J$  = 21.3, 12.5 Hz), 45.7 (d,  $J$  = 65.3 Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  28.5;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -106.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{P}$  419.1007, found 419.1009.

**Bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)phosphine oxide (3af):**



White solid (98 mg, 63%): mp 242–244 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.69–7.62 (m, 8H), 7.25–7.19 (m, 2H), 6.97–6.91 (m, 6H), 4.97 (d,  $J$  = 18.1 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.6 (d,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz), 134.3 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 133.5 (d,  $J$  = 93.8 Hz), 132.6 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz), 130.1 (d,  $J$  = 3.7 Hz), 129.3 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz), 125.1 (dq,  $J$  = 11.3, 3.7 Hz), 123.4 (d,  $J$  = 272 Hz), 123.3 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz), 116.7 (d,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz), 116.0 (d,  $J$  = 4.9 Hz), 45.6 (d,  $J$  = 64.9 Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  27.5;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -63.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_6\text{O}_2\text{P}$  519.0943, found 519.0950.

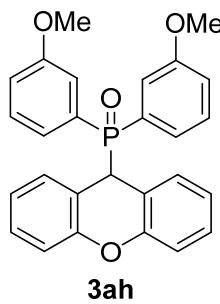
**Di-*m*-tolyl(9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)phosphine oxide (3ag):**



**3ag**

White solid (91 mg, 74%): mp 202–204 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.28–7.21 (m, 5H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 3H), 7.13–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.91–6.78 (m, 6H), 4.81 (d,  $J$  = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.7 (d,  $J$  = 4.3 Hz), 137.9 (d,  $J$  = 11.3 Hz), 132.9 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz), 132.7 (d,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz), 130.2 (d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz), 129.3 (d,  $J$  = 94.6 Hz), 129.2 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz), 128.5 (d,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz), 127.8 (d,  $J$  = 12.2 Hz), 122.8 (d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz), 117.2 (d,  $J$  = 4.7 Hz), 116.3 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz), 45.5 (d,  $J$  = 63.5 Hz), 21.3;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  30.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{P}$  411.1508, found 411.1509.

**Bis(3-methoxyphenyl)(9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)phosphine oxide (3ah):**

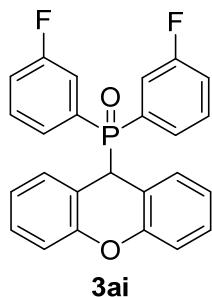


**3ah**

White solid (104 mg, 78%): mp 183–184 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.31–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.07 (m, 6H), 7.04 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.97–6.92 (m, 4H), 6.91–6.87 (m, 2H), 4.90 (d,  $J$  = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.2 (d,  $J$  = 14.3 Hz), 152.7 (d,  $J$  = 4.2 Hz), 130.8 (d,  $J$  = 95.1 Hz), 130.2 (d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz), 129.3 (d,  $J$  = 13.7 Hz), 128.6 (d,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz), 124.3 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz), 122.9 (d,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz), 118.8 (d,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz), 117.0 (d,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz), 116.6 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz), 116.4 (d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz), 55.4, 45.4 (d,  $J$  = 62.7 Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$

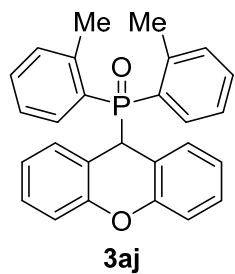
30.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P 443.1407, found 443.1411.

**Bis(3-fluorophenyl)(9H-xanthen-9-yl)phosphine oxide (3ai):**



White solid (110 mg, 88%): mp 204–205 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35–7.21 (m, 4H), 7.18–7.10 (m, 6H), 6.91–6.83 (m, 6H), 4.84 (d,  $J$  = 17.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.2 (dd,  $J$  = 250, 16.1 Hz), 152.6 (d,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz), 130.2 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz), 130.1 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz), 129.6 (dd,  $J$  = 94.8, 3.5 Hz), 127.8 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 3.3 Hz), 123.1 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz), 119.5 (dd,  $J$  = 21.1, 2.6 Hz), 119.2 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz), 119.0 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz), 116.6 (d,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz), 116.3 (d,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz), 45.5 (d,  $J$  = 65.2 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  27.7; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -111.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P 419.1007, found 419.1009.

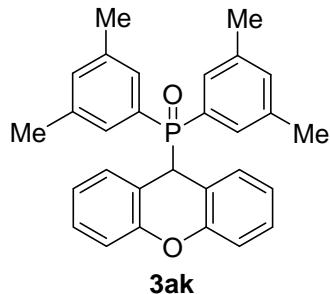
**Di-*o*-tolyl(9H-xanthen-9-yl)phosphine oxide (3aj):**



White solid (81 mg, 66%): mp 218–219 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.46 (dd,  $J$  = 12.6, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.10 (m, 6H), 7.05–6.98 (m, 4H), 6.90–6.83 (m, 2H), 5.17 (d,  $J$  = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.9 (d,  $J$  = 4.1 Hz), 143.9 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz), 132.2 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz), 132.0 (d,  $J$  = 11.4 Hz), 131.7 (d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz), 130.0 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz), 129.4 (d,  $J$  = 92.5 Hz),

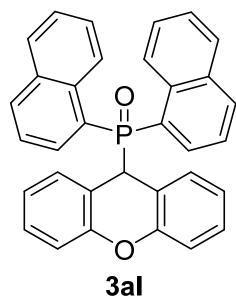
128.5 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 124.8 (d,  $J = 12.1$  Hz), 123.0 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz), 117.8 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz), 116.6 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz), 44.6 (d,  $J = 62.6$  Hz), 21.4 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  38.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{P}$  411.1508, found 411.1508.

**Bis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)(9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)phosphine oxide(3ak):**



White solid (79 mg, 60%): mp 219–220 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.21–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.05 (m, 6H), 7.00–6.96 (m, 2H), 6.93–6.88 (m, 4H), 4.92 (d,  $J = 17.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 12H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.8 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz), 137.6 (d,  $J = 12.1$  Hz), 133.6 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 130.3 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 129.9 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 128.9 (d,  $J = 94.3$  Hz), 128.5 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 122.8 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 117.3 (d,  $J = 4.7$  Hz), 116.2 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 45.3 (d,  $J = 63.1$  Hz), 21.2;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  31.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2\text{P}$  439.1821, found 439.1821.

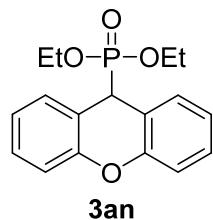
**Di(naphthalen-1-yl)(9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)phosphine oxide (3al):**



White solid (136 mg, 94%): mp 249–250 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.74 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.59 (dd,  $J = 14.8$ , 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.42–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.03–6.93 (m,

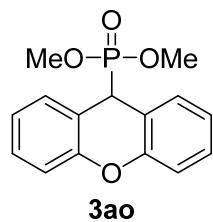
2H), 6.85–6.83 (m, 2H), 6.73–6.71 (m, 2H), 6.61–6.57 (m, 2H), 5.43 (d,  $J$  = 17.3 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.5 (d,  $J$  = 4.3 Hz), 134.5 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz), 133.9 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz), 133.2 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 132.7 (d,  $J$  = 10.6 Hz), 129.9 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz), 128.7 (d,  $J$  = 0.5 Hz), 128.5 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 127.3 (d,  $J$  = 3.7 Hz), 127.2, 126.9 (d,  $J$  = 91.2 Hz), 126.2, 123.9 (d,  $J$  = 13.8 Hz), 122.9 (d,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz), 117.7 (d,  $J$  = 4.6 Hz), 116.5 (d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz), 45.3 (d,  $J$  = 63.7 Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  40.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{P}$  483.1508, found 483.1509.

**Diethyl (9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)phosphonate (3an):**



Colorless oil (78 mg, 82%):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.30–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.04–6.98 (m, 4H), 4.40 (d,  $J$  = 24.7 Hz, 1H), 3.86–3.76 (m, 4H), 1.08 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.3 (d,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz), 130.1 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz), 128.7 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz), 123.1 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz), 117.2 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz), 116.5 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz), 63.0 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 40.4 (d,  $J$  = 141 Hz), 16.2 (d,  $J$  = 5.7 Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4\text{P}$  319.1094, found 319.1092.

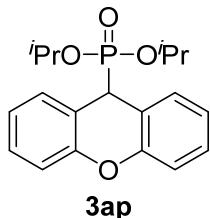
**Dimethyl (9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)phosphonate (3ao):**



Colorless oil (70 mg, 80%):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.36–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.11–7.07 (m, 4H), 4.51 (d,  $J$  = 24.7 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d,  $J$  = 10.6 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.3 (d,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz), 130.0 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz),

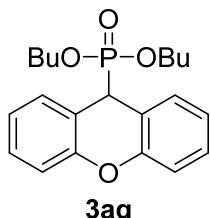
128.8 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 123.3 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz), 116.9 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz), 116.6 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 53.7 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz), 40.0 (d,  $J = 141$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  23.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4\text{P}$  291.0781, found 291.0779.

**Diisopropyl (9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)phosphonate (3ap):**



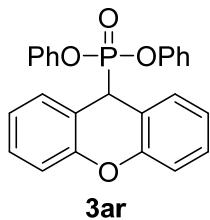
Colorless oil (68 mg, 65%):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.38–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.09–7.01 (m, 4H), 4.46–4.34 (m, 3H), 1.14 (dd,  $J = 15.9, 6.2$  Hz, 12H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.2 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz), 130.4 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz), 128.5 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 122.9 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz), 117.4 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz), 116.4 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz), 71.7 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 40.9 (d,  $J = 143$  Hz), 23.7 (dd,  $J = 45.9, 4.4$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  19.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4\text{P}$  347.1407, found 347.1410.

**Dibutyl (9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)phosphonate (3aq):**



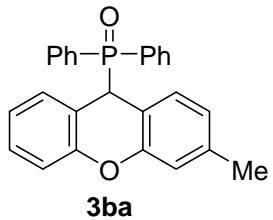
Colorless oil (73 mg, 65%):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.37–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.11–7.03 (m, 4H), 4.48 (d,  $J = 24.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.83–3.76 (m, 4H), 1.52–1.43 (m, 4H), 1.29–1.22 (m, 4H), 0.85 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.3 (d,  $J = 5.3$  Hz), 130.2 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz), 128.7 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 123.1 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 117.3 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz), 116.5 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz), 66.6 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz), 40.3 (d,  $J = 141$  Hz), 32.5 (d,  $J = 5.8$  Hz), 18.5, 13.5;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_4\text{P}$  375.1720, found 375.1720.

**Diphenyl (9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)phosphonate (**3ar**):**



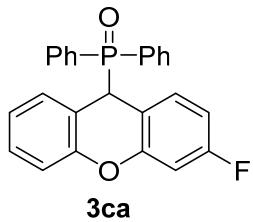
White solid (57 mg, 46%): mp 155–157 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.54–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.11 (m, 8H), 7.10–7.04 (m, 2H), 6.82–6.78 (m, 4H), 4.91 (d,  $J = 23.9$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.5 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz), 150.5 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz), 130.4 (d,  $J = 4.6$  Hz), 129.5, 129.2 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 124.9 (d,  $J = 0.7$  Hz), 123.4 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 120.2 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz), 116.9 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 116.0 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 40.7 (d,  $J = 143$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4\text{P}$  415.1094, found 415.1095.

**(3-Methyl-9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**3ba**):**



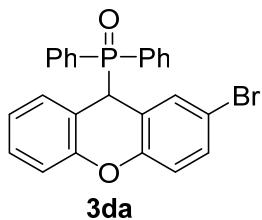
White solid (63 mg, 53%): mp 234–235 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.51–7.41 (m, 6H), 7.34–7.26 (m, 4H), 7.11–7.05 (m, 1H), 6.90–6.86 (m, 1H), 6.84–6.77 (m, 2H), 6.74 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.67–6.60 (m, 2H), 4.83 (d,  $J = 17.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.20 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.8 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz), 152.5 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz), 138.9 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz), 132.3 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 132.2 (d,  $J = 1.4$  Hz), 132.0 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz), 130.2 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 129.8 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 129.5 (d,  $J = 94.9$  Hz), 129.4 (d,  $J = 94.8$  Hz), 128.9 (d,  $J = 13.0$  Hz), 128.6 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 128.2, 128.1, 123.8 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz), 122.8 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 117.1 (d,  $J = 4.6$  Hz), 116.8 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 116.4 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 113.8 (d,  $J = 4.7$  Hz), 45.0 (d,  $J = 64.3$  Hz), 21.1;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  30.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{P}$  397.1352, found 397.1352.

**(3-Fluoro-9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3ca):**



White solid (52 mg, 43%): mp 241–242 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.61–7.47 (m, 6H), 7.44–7.34 (m, 4H), 7.18–7.15 (m, 1H), 6.96–6.87 (m, 4H), 6.65–6.57 (m, 2H), 4.88 (d,  $J = 17.0$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.6 (dd,  $J = 247, 3.3$  Hz), 153.3 (dd,  $J = 12.2, 4.1$  Hz), 152.2 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz), 132.2 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz), 132.1 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz), 131.2 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 131.1 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 130.1 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 129.4 (d,  $J = 95.3$  Hz), 129.0 (d,  $J = 95.1$  Hz), 128.8 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 128.2 (dd,  $J = 11.4, 8.2$  Hz), 123.2 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 116.8 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz), 116.4 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 112.8 (dd,  $J = 4.7, 3.3$  Hz), 110.2 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz), 110.0 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz), 104.0 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 103.8 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 44.8 (d,  $J = 64.0$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  29.9;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -112.5 (d,  $J = 5.1$  Hz); HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{FO}_2\text{P}$  401.1101, found 401.1099.

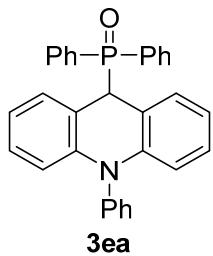
**(2-Bromo-9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3da):**



White solid (62 mg, 45%): mp 250–251 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62–7.51 (m, 6H), 7.46–7.35 (m, 4H), 7.29–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20–7.13 (m, 1H), 6.95–6.85 (m, 4H), 6.80 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d,  $J = 16.7$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.3 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz), 151.8 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz), 132.8 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 132.4 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 132.3 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 132.2 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz), 132.1 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz), 131.6 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 130.1 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 129.8 (d,  $J = 86.8$  Hz), 129.7 (d,  $J = 95.8$  Hz), 128.9 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 128.4 (d,  $J = 1.4$  Hz), 128.3 (d,  $J = 1.4$  Hz), 123.2 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 119.0

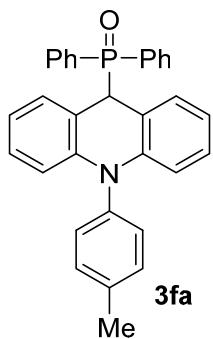
(d,  $J = 4.7$  Hz), 118.0 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz), 116.4 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz), 116.2 (d,  $J = 4.9$  Hz), 115.0 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz), 45.3 (d,  $J = 63.4$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  29.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrO}_2\text{P}$  461.0301, found 461.0303.

**Diphenyl(10-phenyl-9,10-dihydroacridin-9-yl)phosphine oxide (3ea):**



White solid (117 mg, 85%): mp 193–195 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.56–7.45 (m, 8H), 7.43–7.33 (m, 5H), 7.00–6.90 (m, 4H), 6.78–6.70 (m, 4H), 6.06 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 5.14 (d,  $J = 18.1$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.7 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 140.0, 132.6 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 131.6 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 130.8, 130.4, 130.3 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 130.0 (d,  $J = 92.3$  Hz), 128.1, 128.0 (d,  $J = 11.1$  Hz), 127.7 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 120.4 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 115.4 (d,  $J = 4.6$  Hz), 113.9 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 49.1 (d,  $J = 63.8$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  27.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{25}\text{NOP}$  458.1668, found 458.1659.

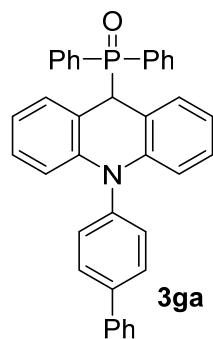
**Diphenyl(10-(*p*-tolyl)-9,10-dihydroacridin-9-yl)phosphine oxide (3fa):**



White solid (133 mg, 94%): mp 189–191 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.54–7.48 (m, 6H), 7.38–7.33 (m, 4H), 7.28–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.00–6.90 (m, 4H), 6.77–6.71 (m, 2H), 6.58 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.09 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 5.15 (d,  $J =$

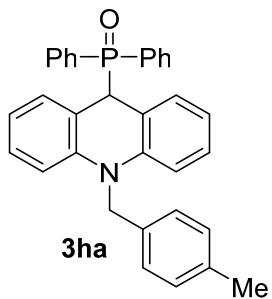
18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.8 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 137.9, 137.2, 132.6 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 131.6 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 131.1, 130.4, 130.3 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 130.0 (d,  $J = 92.3$  Hz), 128.0 (d,  $J = 11.1$  Hz), 127.7 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz), 120.3 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 115.3 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz), 113.9 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 49.1 (d,  $J = 63.9$  Hz), 21.2;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  27.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{26}\text{NOPNa}$  494.1644, found 494.1643.

**(10-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-9,10-dihydroacridin-9-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3ga):**



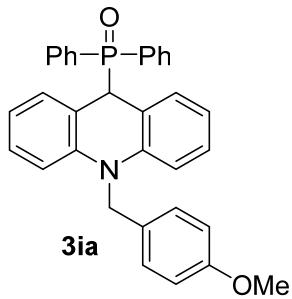
Yellow solid (115 mg, 72%): mp 218–220 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.70 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.57–7.46 (m, 8H), 7.42–7.35 (m, 5H), 7.02–6.95 (m, 4H), 6.82–6.74 (m, 4H), 6.17 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 5.18 (d,  $J = 18.1$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.8 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 141.0, 140.2, 139.2, 132.7 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 131.8 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 131.1, 130.5 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 129.9 (d,  $J = 93.1$  Hz), 129.2, 128.9, 128.1 (d,  $J = 11.2$  Hz), 127.9 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 127.7, 127.1, 120.6 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 115.4 (d,  $J = 4.6$  Hz), 114.1 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz), 49.1 (d,  $J = 63.8$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  28.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{29}\text{NOP}$  534.1981, found 534.1978.

**(10-(4-Methylbenzyl)-9,10-dihydroacridin-9-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3ha):**



Yellow solid (140 mg, 96%): mp 258–260 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.54–7.44 (m, 6H), 7.39–7.34 (m, 4H), 7.09–6.98 (m, 6H), 6.90–6.88 (m, 2H), 6.83–6.79 (m, 2H), 6.42 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.01 (d,  $J$  = 19.0 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.1 (d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz), 136.4, 133.5, 132.5 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz), 131.7 (d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz), 130.3 (d,  $J$  = 4.3 Hz), 130.1 (d,  $J$  = 92.6 Hz), 129.4, 128.2 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz), 127.8 (d,  $J$  = 11.2 Hz), 125.8, 120.6 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz), 118.0 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz), 113.3 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz), 50.7, 49.6 (d,  $J$  = 63.3 Hz), 21.1;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  26.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + Na] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{28}\text{NOPNa}$  508.1801, found 508.1802.

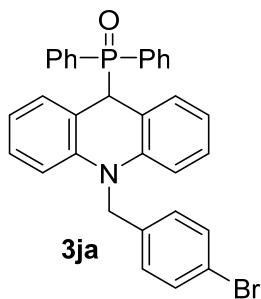
**(10-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-9,10-dihydroacridin-9-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3ia):**



Yellow solid (143 mg, 95%): mp 261–263 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.55–7.44 (m, 6H), 7.40–7.33 (m, 4H), 7.06–6.99 (m, 4H), 6.92–6.90 (m, 2H), 6.84–6.75 (m, 4H), 6.43 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.00 (d,  $J$  = 18.9 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.5, 142.0 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz), 132.5 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz), 131.7 (d,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz), 130.3 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz), 129.5 (d,  $J$  = 92.5 Hz), 128.3, 128.2 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz), 127.7 (d,  $J$  = 11.3 Hz), 126.9, 120.6 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz), 118.0 (d,  $J$

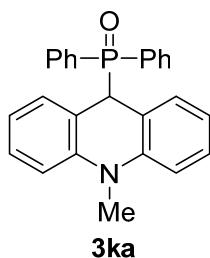
$= 4.0$  Hz), 114.1, 113.3 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz), 55.2, 50.3, 49.6 (d,  $J = 63.3$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  26.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_2\text{PNa}$  524.1750, found 524.1761.

**(10-(4-Bromobenzyl)-9,10-dihydroacridin-9-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3ja):**



Yellow solid (159 mg, 96%): mp 274–275 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.52–7.46 (m, 6H), 7.40–7.33 (m, 6H), 7.06–6.99 (m, 4H), 6.89 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.84–6.78 (m, 2H), 6.37 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 5.02 (d,  $J = 18.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.24 (s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.8 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz), 135.7, 132.5 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 131.9, 131.8 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 130.5 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz), 129.8 (d,  $J = 93.4$  Hz), 128.3 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz), 127.9, 127.8, 120.9 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 120.7, 118.0 (d,  $J = 4.1$  Hz), 113.1 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz), 50.4, 49.4 (d,  $J = 63.1$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  27.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrNOPNa}$  572.0749, found 572.0756.

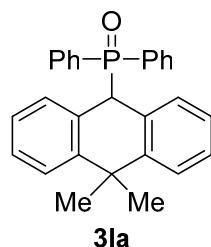
**(10-Methyl-9,10-dihydroacridin-9-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3ka):**



White solid (107 mg, 90%): mp 280–282 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.50–7.42 (m, 6H), 7.35–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.21–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.05–7.01 (m, 2H), 6.88–6.81 (m, 2H), 6.62 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.95 (d,  $J = 19.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.71 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.9 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 132.3 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 131.5 (d,

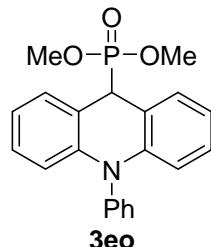
$J = 2.3$  Hz), 130.3 (d,  $J = 92.4$  Hz), 130.2 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz), 128.1 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 127.6 (d,  $J = 11.3$  Hz), 120.5 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz), 118.5 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 112.2 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz), 50.2 (d,  $J = 63.6$  Hz), 32.5;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  26.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{NOP}$  396.1512, found 396.1513.

**(10,10-Dimethyl-9,10-dihydroanthracen-9-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3la):**



White solid (47 mg, 38%): mp 254–256 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.52–7.44 (m, 8H), 7.40–7.33 (m, 4H), 7.27–7.22 (m, 2H), 6.95–6.88 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 5.13 (d,  $J = 16.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  145.1 (d,  $J = 5.1$  Hz), 132.5 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz), 131.7 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 130.8 (d,  $J = 94.9$  Hz), 129.5 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz), 128.1 (d,  $J = 11.4$  Hz), 127.9 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz), 127.4 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 126.9 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz), 125.1 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz), 50.2 (d,  $J = 60.2$  Hz), 38.7 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz), 34.2 (d,  $J = 5.1$  Hz), 33.6 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  31.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{26}\text{OP}$  409.1716, found 409.1716.

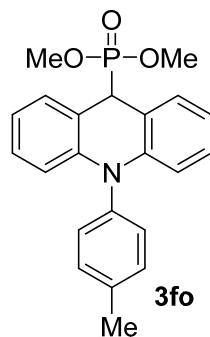
**Dimethyl (10-phenyl-9,10-dihydroacridin-9-yl)phosphonate (3eo):**



White solid (105 mg, 96%): mp 157–159 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.61 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.50 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.24 (m,

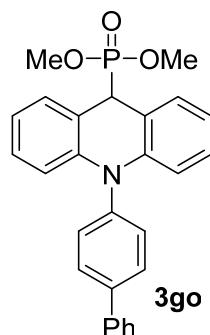
2H), 7.05–6.98 (m, 2H), 6.91 (dd,  $J$  = 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.68 (d,  $J$  = 24.9 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.5 (d,  $J$  = 4.2 Hz), 140.5, 131.1, 130.7, 129.9 (d,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz), 128.3, 127.9 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz), 120.7 (d,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz), 115.7 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz), 114.2 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 53.5 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz), 43.5 (d,  $J$  = 140 Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  24.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + Na] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{PNa}$  388.1073, found 388.1070.

**Dimethyl (10-(*p*-tolyl)-9,10-dihydroacridin-9-yl)phosphonate (3fo):**



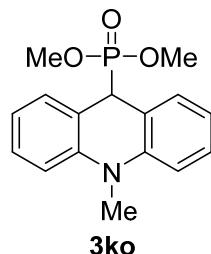
White solid (109 mg, 96%): mp 154–155 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.43–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.22 (m, 4H), 7.04–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.90 (dd,  $J$  = 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.33 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.67 (d,  $J$  = 24.9 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 6H), 2.47 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.6 (d,  $J$  = 4.1 Hz), 138.1, 137.7, 131.3, 130.7, 129.8 (d,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz), 127.8 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz), 120.6 (d,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz), 115.6 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 114.2 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 53.5 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 43.5 (d,  $J$  = 140 Hz), 21.2;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  24.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + Na] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3\text{PNa}$  402.1230, found 402.1221.

**Dimethyl (10-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-9,10-dihydroacridin-9-yl)phosphonate (3go):**



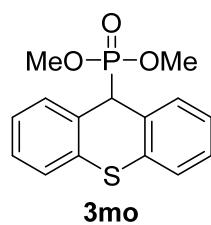
White solid (99 mg, 75%): mp 66–67 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.86–7.82 (m, 2H), 7.72–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.38 (m, 5H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.09–7.01 (m, 2H), 6.94 (dd,  $J$  = 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.70 (d,  $J$  = 24.9 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.5 (d,  $J$  = 4.2 Hz), 141.2, 140.1, 139.7, 131.4, 129.9 (d,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz), 129.3, 128.9, 127.9 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz), 127.7, 127.1, 120.8 (d,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz), 115.8 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 114.3 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 53.6 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 43.5 (d,  $J$  = 140 Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  24.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + Na] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{PNa}$  464.1386, found 464.1386.

**Dimethyl (10-methyl-9,10-dihydroacridin-9-yl)phosphonate (3ko):**



White solid (66 mg, 72%): mp 90–92 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.28–7.21 (m, 4H), 6.95 (dd,  $J$  = 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.56 (d,  $J$  = 25.4 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 6H), 3.39 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.8 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz), 129.7 (d,  $J$  = 5.7 Hz), 128.3 (d,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz), 120.7 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz), 118.3 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz), 112.4 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 53.5 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz), 44.2 (d,  $J$  = 140 Hz), 33.1;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  24.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + Na] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3\text{PNa}$  326.0917, found 326.0914.

**Dimethyl (9*H*-thioxanthen-9-yl)phosphonate (3mo):**



White solid (42 mg, 46%): mp 181–183 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.30–7.24

(m, 4H), 7.18–7.12 (m, 4H), 4.63 (d,  $J$  = 28.3 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (d,  $J$  = 10.7 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  132.6 (d,  $J$  = 6.1 Hz), 130.6 (d,  $J$  = 5.7 Hz), 128.9 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz), 127.8 (d,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz), 126.6 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz), 126.5 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz), 53.5 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz), 48.9 (d,  $J$  = 137 Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  23.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{PS}$  307.0552, found 307.0548.

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**5. Copies of  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra for compounds 3**

