### **Supporting Information**

for

# Ni-catalyzed construction of C-P bond from electron-deficient

### phenols via the in situ aryl C–O activation by PyBroP

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#### **1. General Information**

All reactions were carried out under  $N_2$  atmosphere. The solvents were dried over Zeolite or distilled according to the standard method. Anhydrous NiCl<sub>2</sub> and ligands were purchased from J&K Chemical Ltd and Alfa Aesar, respectively. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or in DMSO-D<sub>6</sub> using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard. 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> was used as external standard for <sup>31</sup>P NMR. All shifts were given in ppm. All coupling constants (*J* values) were reported in Hertz (Hz). High resolution mass was measured by using IonSpec 7.0T MALDI-FTICRMs. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel 200-300 mesh.

#### 2. Experimental Procedures

# General procedure for the cross-coupling of phenols with H-phosphine oxide (or H-phosphite) through in situ phenol activation mediated by PyBroP.

Phenol (0.5 mmol), PyBroP (1.1 equiv), and anhydrous  $K_2CO_3$  (2.0 mmol) were charged in an oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic bar. The tube was then evacuated (3 × 5 min) under vacuum and backfilled with N<sub>2</sub>. Dried MeCN (3 mL) were injected *via* syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 3 h until phenol had disappeared as monitored by TLC. The reaction vessel was cooled down and recharged with NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppp) (0.05 mmol, 10 mol%) and diphenylphosphine oxide (0.75 mmol). The reaction mixture was then stirred at 100–120 °C for additional hours. After cooling down, the reaction mixture was poured into water (30 mL) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL × 3). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated to dryness. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of hexane and acetone as eluents to give the desired cross-coupled products.

#### 3. Spectral Data.

#### 1-Naphthalenyldiphenylphosphine oxide (3a)<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.59 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.66 (m, 4H), 7.58–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.41 (m, 6H), 7.41–7.36 (m, 1H), 7.34–7.28 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 133.89 (d, J = 7.5 Hz), 133.73 (d, J = 10.5 Hz), 133.24, 133.19, 132.49, 132.06 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 131.85, 129.27, 128.73, 128.56 (d, J = 12.0 Hz), 127.60 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 127.32, 126.47, 124.11 (d, J = 15.0 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 32.12.

Naphthalen-2-yldiphenylphosphine oxide (3b)<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.29 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92–7.87 (m, 3H), 7.74–7.70 (m, 4H), 7.66–7.53 (m, 5H), 7.49–7.46 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 134.54, 133.83 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 132.73, 132.25 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz), 131.96 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 131.85, 129.43 (d, *J* = 103.5 Hz), 128.77, 128.39 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 128.20, 128.11, 127.66, 126.81, 126.66 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 28.96.

#### 6-(diphenylphosphoryl)-2-naphthonitrile (3c)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.37 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 8.00–7.94 (m, 2H), 7.79–7.74 (m, 1H), 7.74–7.67 (m, 5H), 7.61–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 134.07, 133.80, 133.69 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 133.54 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 133.40, 132.26, 132.02 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 131.8 (d, *J* = 105.7 Hz), 130.18, 128.66 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 128.65, 128.58, 127.40, 118.54, 111.63. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 28.02. HRMS: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NOP: 354.1048, found: 354.1014.

#### 2-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1-naphthonitrile (3d)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.35 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.02–7.96 (m, 2H), 7.86–7.79 (m, 4H), 7.77–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.64–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.50 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 136.63 (d, *J* = 93.6 Hz), 134.00, 133.22 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 132.57, 132.47, 132.28 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 130.87 (d, *J* = 107.2 Hz), 129.43, 129.28, 128.71 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 128.59, 128.11 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 125.9, 115.38 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 114.02 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 27.14. HRMS:  $[M+H]^+ m/z$  calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NOP: 354.1048, found: 354.1019.

#### Methyl 6-(diphenylphosphoryl)-2-naphthoate (3e)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.63 (s, 1H), 8.33 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75–7.68 (m, 5H), 7.60–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.46 (m, 4H), 3.99 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 166.74, 134.40 (d, J = 13.5 Hz), 133.80, 133.62 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 132.81, 132.17 (d, J = 103.5 Hz), 132.15, 132.08, 130.71, 129.63, 129.54, 129.22, 128.63 (d, J = 12.0 Hz), 127.65 (d, J =10.5 Hz), 126.32, 52.41. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 28.56. HRMS: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P: 387.1150, found: 387.1179.

Diphenyl(6-phenylnaphthalen-2-yl)phosphine oxide (3f)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.31 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.98–7.93 (m, 2H), 7.83–7.80 (m, 1H), 7.76–7.69 (m, 6H), 7.69–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.45 (m, 6H), 7.43–7.39 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 140.75, 140.17, 134.78, 133.50 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 132.77, 132.08, 131.92 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 131.79, 131.34 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 129.44 (d, *J* = 104.2 Hz), 129.24, 128.74, 128.35 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 127.63, 127.22, 127.10 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 126.49, 125.37. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 28.82. HRMS: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OP: 405.1408, found: 405.1392.

#### (4-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3g)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.49 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.65 (m, 4H), 7.57–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.41 (m, 6H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 1H), 6.73–6.69 (m, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 159.10, 135.20 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 134.81 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 133.23 (d, *J* = 105.7 Hz), 132.04 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 131.62, 128.42 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 127.70, 127.30 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 126.05 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 125.74, 122.46, 120.06 (d, *J* = 108.7 Hz), 102.13 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz), 55.59. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 31.84. HRMS: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P: 359.1201, found: 359.1209.

#### (4-Biphenylyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3h)<sup>1,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.77–7.66 (m, 8H), 7.62–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.58–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.44 (m, 6H), 7.41–7.37 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 144.69, 139.83, 132.82, 132.56 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 132.09, 132.02, 131.93, 130.99 (d, *J* = 104.2 Hz), 128.90, 128.49 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 127.50 (d, *J* = 105.0 Hz), 127.09. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 29.02.

#### (4-Acetylphenyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3i)<sup>1,3</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.05–7.99 (m, 2H), 7.83–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.70–7.63 (m, 4H), 7.60–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.45 (m, 4H), 2.63 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 197.38, 139.37, 137.61 (d, *J* = 100.0 Hz), 132.29 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 132.17, 131.89 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 131.13, 128.56 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 127.92 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 26.69. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 27.97.

(4-Cyanophenyl)diphenylphosphane oxide (3j)<sup>4</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.83–7.78 (m, 2H), 7.77–7.73 (m, 2H), 7.68–7.63 (m, 4H), 7.62–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.48 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 138.17 (d, *J* = 96.0

Hz), 132.42, 132.36, 131.84, 131.79, 131.73, 130.9 (d, J = 105.0 Hz), 128.63 (d, J = 12.0 Hz), 116.53 (d, J = 334.5 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 27.57$ .

#### (4-Methoxyphenyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3k)<sup>1,4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.72–7.63 (m, 4H), 7.63–7.51 (m, 4H), 7.51–7.43 (m, 4H), 7.01–6.95 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 162.49, 133.95 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 132.92 (d, *J* = 103.5 Hz), 132.04 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 131.77, 128.42 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 123.50 (d, *J* = 109.5 Hz), 114.08 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz), 55.31. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 28.89.

Diphenyl(quinolin-2-yl)phosphine oxide (3l)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.38–8.30 (m, 2H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.03–7.96 (m, 4H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1, 1H), 7.78–7.73 (m, 1H), 7.64–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.42 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 157.12 (d, *J* = 131.4 Hz), 148.10 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz), 136.08 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 132.83, 132.19, 132.13, 131.74, 130.29, 129.97, 128.23 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 128.10, 127.83, 123.32 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 20.18. HRMS: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NOP: 330.1048, found: 330.1034.

Phenanthridin-6-yldiphenylphosphine oxide (3m)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 9.52 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.67 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.63–8.59 (m, 1H), 8.09–8.04 (m, 1H), 7.98–7.90 (m, 4H), 7.89–7.83 (m, 1H), 7.76–7.67 (m, 3H), 7.55–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.42 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  = 156.65 (d, *J* = 126.84 Hz), 142.97 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz), 132.77 (d, *J* = 102.7 Hz), 132.19 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 131.87, 131.68, 131.62, 130.41, 129.35 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 128.45 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 127.93, 127.55, 126.91, 126.76, 123.77, 123.05, 122.88. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  = 25.41. HRMS: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NOP: 380.1204, found: 380.1187.

#### (9H-carbazol-4-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3n)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO) δ = 11.69 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.55 (m, 6H), 7.55–7.49 (m, 4H), 7.49–7.45 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, J = 14.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO) δ = 140.09 (d, J = 12.1 Hz), 140.00, 132.75 (d, J = 102.7 Hz), 131.86, 131.56 (d, J =

9.1Hz), 128.65 (d, J = 12.1 Hz), 125.98, 125.38 (d, J = 102.7 Hz), 125.35, 124.35 (d, J = 4.5Hz), 124.34 (d, J = 30.2 Hz), 123.15 (d, J = 9.1 Hz), 120.87, 118.23, 115.49, 110.74. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta = 29.50$ . HRMS: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> m/z calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NOP: 368.1204, found: 368.1203.

Diphenyl(quinolin-8-yl)phosphine oxide (30)<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.80–8.73 (m, 1H), 8.37 (dd, J = 14.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.80 (m, 4H), 7.71–7.65(m, 1H), 7.51–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.37 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 149.81, 148.00 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 137.30 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 136.1, 133.62 (d, J = 108.7 Hz), 132.80, 132.18 (d, J = 10.6 Hz), 131.24, 131.23 (d, J = 101.2 Hz), 128.24 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 127.91 (d, J = 12.1 Hz), 126.96 (d, J = 13.6 Hz), 121.47. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 28.84.

#### 2-Pyridyldiphenylphosphine Oxide (3p)<sup>6</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.80–8.76 (m, 1H), 8.34–8.29 (m, 1H), 7.92–7.83 (m, 5H), 7.54–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.41–7.36 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 156.37 (d, *J* = 130.5 Hz), 150.08 (d, *J* = 19.5 Hz), 136.11 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 132.50, 132.05 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 131.82, 128.32, 128.24, 125.20. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 20.60.

#### 3-Pyridyldiphenylphosphine Oxide (3q)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 8.80$  (m, 2H), 8.11–8.05 (m, 1H), 7.72–7.65 (m, 4H), 7.62–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.48 (m, 4H), 7.48–7.43 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 152.53$ , 152.41, 139.73 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 132.36, 131.94 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 131.00, 129.64, 128.73 (d, J = 13.0 Hz), 123.45 (d, J = 9.0 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 26.09$ . HRMS:  $[M+H]^+ m/z$  calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NOP: 280.0891, found: 280.0875.

#### Diphenyl(pyridin-4-yl)phosphine oxide (3r)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.80–8.73 (m, 2H), 7.70–7.64 (m, 4H), 7.64–7.58 (m, 4H), 7.54–7.48 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 149.82 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 142.06 (d, *J* = 96.6 Hz), 132.44, 131.88 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 130.84 (d, *J* = 105.7 Hz), 128.70 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 125.66 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 26.65. HRMS: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NOP: 280.0891, found: 280.0886.

#### Diethyl naphthalen-1-ylphosphonate (5a)<sup>7-12</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.53 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (ddd, *J* = 16.3, 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.64–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.58–7.50 (m, 2H), 4.15 (m, 4H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 134.47 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 133.48 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 133.47 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 132.57 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 128.62, 127.26, 126.53 (d, *J* = 19.6 Hz), 126.21, 124.53 (d, *J* = 182.7 Hz), 124.38 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz), 62.01 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 16.19 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 18.88.

#### Dimethyl naphthalen-1-ylphosphonate (5b)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.53 (m, 2H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  = 134.87 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 133.85 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 133.53 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 132.61 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 128.76, 127.61, 126.40, 126.37, 124.47 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz), 123.15 (d, *J* = 183.0 Hz), 52.6 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 22.04.

Diethyl naphthalen-2-ylphosphonate (5c)<sup>7, 8, 10, 11, 12</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.44 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.96–7.90 (m, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.79–7.74 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.62 (m, 2H), 4.15 (m, 4H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 134.79, 133.81 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 132.15 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz), 128.70, 128.17 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 128.04, 127.60, 126.67, 126.24 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 125.26 (d, *J* = 188.8 Hz), 61.97 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 16.15 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 18.80.

Diethyl (6-cyanonaphthalen-2-yl)phosphonate (5d)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.47 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.05–8.01 (m, 1H), 8.01–7.97 (m, 1H), 7.93–7.87 (m, 1H), 7.72–7.69 (m, 1H), 4.18 (m, 4H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 133.77, 133.60, 133.53, 133.40, 130.11, 130.00, 128.69 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz), 128.23 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 127.28, 118.52, 111.61, 62.40 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 16.27 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 16.77. HRMS: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>PNa: 312.0765, found: 312.0762.

#### Diethyl (1-cyanonaphthalen-2-yl)phosphonate (5e)

 $P(O)(OEt)_2$ 

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.19–8.09 (m, 2H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80–7.75 (m, 1H), 7.75–7.70 (m, 1H), 4.30 (m, 4H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 134.18, 132.85, 132.76, 132.40 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 132.07 (d, *J* = 185.7 Hz), 129.24 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz), 128.49, 128.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 125.96, 115.56 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 113.46 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 63.22 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 16.13 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 12.84. HRMS: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>PNa: 312.0765, found: 312.0749.

#### Methyl 6-(diethoxyphosphoryl)-2-naphthoate (5f)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.64 (s, 1H), 8.46 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 8.16–8.11 (m, 1H), 8.06–8.01 (m, 1H), 8.01–7.96 (m, 1H), 7.86–7.80 (m, 1H), 4.17 (m, 4H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 166.55, 134.19 (d, *J* = 18.1 Hz), 133.92, 133.39 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 130.53, 129.53 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz), 129.38, 129.02, 128.09 (d, *J* = 187.2 Hz), 127.12 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 126.08, 62.19 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 52.23, 16.21 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 17.65. HRMS: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>5</sub>P: 323.1048, found: 323.1046.

Diethyl (6-phenylnaphthalen-2-yl)phosphonate (5g)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.46 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 8.03–7.99 (m, 1H), 7.99–7.95(m, 1H), 7.85–7.81 (m, 1H), 7.81–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.74–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.39 (m, 1H), 4.17 (m, 4H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 140.92, 140.41, 135.23, 133.71 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 131.43 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz), 129.37, 128.89, 128.53 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz), 127.77, 127.40, 126.86 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 126.56, 125.53, 125.36 (d, *J* = 187.2 Hz), 62.12 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 16.30 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 18.81. HRMS: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P: 341.1306, found: 341.1316.

Diethyl biphenyl-4-ylphosphonate (5h)<sup>7, 11, 12</sup>

P(O)(OEt)2

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.88 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 7.63–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.38 (m, 1H), 4.15 (m, 4H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 145.10, 139.86, 132.20 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 128.84, 128.06, 127.16, 127.01, 126.81 (d, *J* = 190.3 Hz), 62.06 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 16.26 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 18.71.

Diethyl 4-acetylphenylphosphonate (5i)<sup>7,9,11,12</sup>

P(O)(OEt)<sub>2</sub>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.05–8.01 (m, 2H), 7.95–7.89 (m, 2H), 4.15 (m, 4H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 197.41, 139.79, 133.34 (d, *J* = 187.2 Hz), 132.01 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 127.98 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz), 62.38 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 26.73, 16.26 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 16.58.

#### Diethyl quinolin-2-ylphosphonate (5j)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.30–8.26 (m, 2H), 8.03–7.99 (m, 1H), 7.89-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.81–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.66–7.62 (m, 1H), 4.32 (m, 4H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 152.57 (d, *J* = 225.0 Hz), 148.04 (d, *J* = 27.2 Hz), 136.00 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 130.23, 129.98, 128.38 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 128.16, 127.54, 123.13 (d, *J* = 27.2 Hz), 63.99 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 16.20 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 10.19. HRMS: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>P: 266.0946, found: 266.0948.

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Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 3a



Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound **3b** 



Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 3c



Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 3d



Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound **3e** 



Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 3f



Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound **3**g



Figure S8. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound **3h** 



Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 3i



Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 3j



Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 3k



Figure S12. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 3l



Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound **3m** 



Figure S14. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound **3n** 



Figure S15. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound **30** 



Figure S16. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound **3p** 



Figure S17. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 3q



Figure S18. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound **3r** 



Figure S19. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 5a



Figure S20. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound **5b** 



Figure S21. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 5c



Figure S22. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 5d



Figure S23. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 5e



Figure S24. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 5f



Figure S25. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 5g



Figure S26. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound **5h** 



Figure S27. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 5i



Figure S28. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 5j