

Supporting Information

Radical Phosphinylation of α,α -Diaryl Allylic Alcohols with Concomitant 1,2-Aryl Migration

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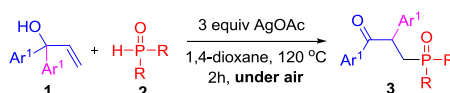
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Experimental Section:

General

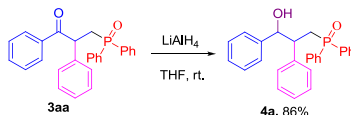
Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All reactions were carried out in air and using undistilled solvent, without any precautions to exclude air and moisture unless otherwise noted. Melting points were recorded on an Electrothermal digital melting point apparatus. IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR spectrophotometer using KBr optics. ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{31}P NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 on 300 MHz, 400 MHz or 600 MHz spectrometers. Tetramethylsilane (TMS) served as internal standard for ^1H NMR. High resolution mass spectra were obtained using a commercial apparatus (ESI or EI Source).

General procedure for phosphinylation of α,α -diaryl allylic alcohols

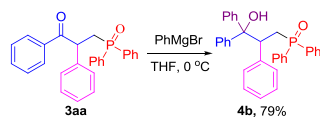


α,α -Diaryl allylic alcohol **1** (0.3 mmol), **2** (0.45 mmol) and AgOAc (0.9 mmol) in 2 mL 1,4-Dioxane was stirred at 120°C under air for 2h. Upon completion of the reaction (indicated by TLC), the residue was directly purified by flash column chromatography by using ethyl acetate and petroleum ether as eluents to afford pure product **3**.

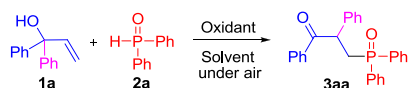
General procedure for further transformations of the α -aryl- β -phosphinyl ketone



0.5 mmol (205.2 mg) of 3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one was dissolved in 5.0 mL dry THF. Then 2 mmol of LiAlH_4 was added slowly at 0°C . After 10 minutes, the cold bath was removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3h. The desired product was obtained after purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (white solid, 176.9 mg, 86 %).



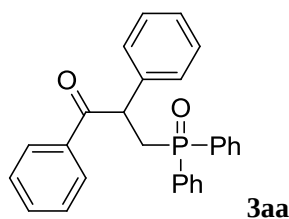
0.5 mmol (205.2 mg) of 3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one was dissolved in 2.0 mL dry THF. Then 1 mmol of phenylmagnesium bromide (2 equiv) was added slowly via syringe at 0 °C and after stirring at room temperature for 3 hours the solvent was evaporated. The desired product was obtained after purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (white solid, 193.1 mg, 79 %).

Table 1. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions^a

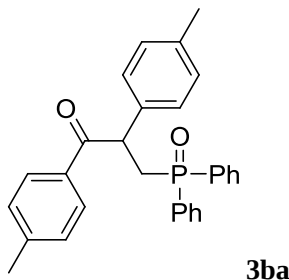
Entry	Oxidant (equiv)	Solvent	Temp. (°C)	LC Yeild (%) ^b
1	AgOAc (2)	DMF	100	38
2	AgOAc (2)	MeCN	100	69
3	AgOAc (2)	EtOH	100	38
4	AgOAc (2)	Toluene	120	35
5	AgOAc (2)	CH ₂ ClCH ₂ Cl	120	Trace
6	AgOAc (2)	1,4-Dioxane	120	79
7	AgNO ₃ (2)	1,4-Dioxane	120	36
8	AgCO ₃ (2)	1,4-Dioxane	120	Trace
9	AgOAc (1)	1,4-Dioxane	120	21
10	AgOAc (0.2)	1,4-Dioxane	120	15
11	AgOAc (0.2)+Cu(OAc) ₂ (0.5)	1,4-Dioxane	120	16
12	AgOAc (0.2)+ K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (2)	1,4-Dioxane	120	messy
13	AgOAc (0.2)+ PhI(OAc) ₂ (2)	1,4-Dioxane	120	messy
14	AgOAc (0.2)+ DTBP ^c (3)	1,4-Dioxane	120	47
15	AgOAc (0.2)+ TBHP ^d (3)	1,4-Dioxane	120	24
16	AgOAc (0.2)+ TBPB ^e (3)	1,4-Dioxane	120	37
17	AgOAc (0.1)+ DTBP (3)	1,4-Dioxane	120	50(45) ^f
18	AgOAc (0.05)+ DTBP (3)	1,4-Dioxane	120	41
19	AgOAc (2.5)	1,4-Dioxane	120	80
20	AgOAc (3)	1,4-Dioxane	120	88 (86) ^f

^aAll reactions were carried with **1a** (0.3 mmol), **2a** (0.45 mmol), and oxidant in solvent (2 mL) under Air for 2 h. ^bYields were determined by LC with an internal standard (biphenyl) as the ratio between the formed products and the initial amount of limiting reactant. ^cDTBP = di-*tert*-butyl peroxide. ^dTBHP = *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (70% in aqueous solution). ^eTBPB = *tert*-butylperoxybenzoate. ^fIsolated yields.

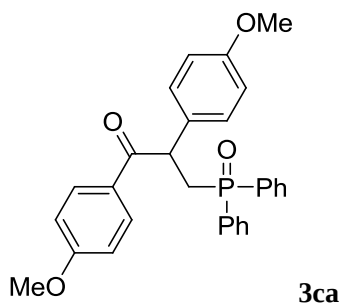
Analytical and spectral data for compounds



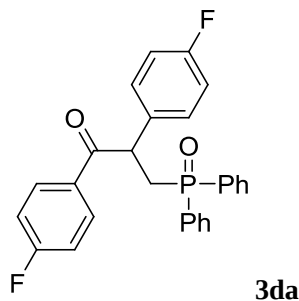
3-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one (3aa): Yield = 86%. White solid. Mp = 160.0-161.1 °C. IR (KBr) ν = 2947, 1676, 1455, 1251, 1193, 1117, 1104, 993, 880, 847, 756, 714, 693 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.86–7.81 (m, 2H), 7.73–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.64–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.28 (m, 9H), 7.25–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.13–7.08 (m, 2H), 7.07–7.02 (m, 1H), 5.34–5.24 (m, 1H), 3.53–3.41 (m, 1H), 2.81–2.72 (m, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 198.2 (d, J = 6.6 Hz), 138.9 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 136.0, 133.6 (d, J = 51.4 Hz), 133.2, 132.6 (d, J = 51.3 Hz), 131.9 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 131.6 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 131.0 (dd, J = 15.5, 9.5 Hz), 129.1 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 128.6 (dd, J = 11.7, 8.8 Hz), 128.6, 127.6, 46.9 (d, J = 1.3 Hz), 34.1 (d, J = 70.2 Hz) ppm. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 30.17 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 411.1514, found: 411.1532.



3-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-1,2-dip-tolylpropan-1-one (3ba): Yield = 88%. White solid. Mp = 139.9-141.2 °C. IR (KBr) ν = 2959, 2933, 1731, 1671, 1599, 1574, 1509, 1439, 1248, 1168, 1119, 1027, 951, 890, 831, 783, 748, 695 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.75 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.72–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.61–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.33 (m, 4H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.09 (dd, J = 8.1, 3.0 Hz, 4H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.29–5.15 (m, 1H), 3.46–3.34 (m, 1H), 2.81–2.67 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 197.7 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 143.8, 137.0, 135.9 (d, J = 7.1 Hz), 133.7 (d, J = 65.3 Hz), 133.4, 132.7 (d, J = 65.3 Hz), 131.5 (dd, J = 69.6, 2.6 Hz), 130.9 (dd, J = 9.0, 8.5 Hz), 129.7, 129.2 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 128.5 (dd, J = 18.5, 11.7 Hz), 128.4, 46.3, 34.1 (d, J = 70.5 Hz), 21.7, 21.5 ppm. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 30.13 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 439.1827, found: 439.1815.

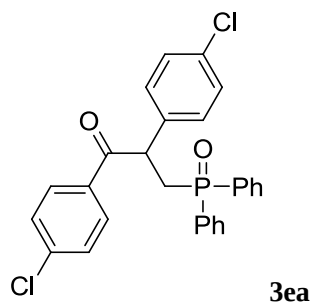


3-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-1,2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (3ca): Yield = 90%. White solid. Mp = 154.9-156.9 °C. IR (KBr) ν = 2940, 2907, 1672, 1599, 1572, 1516, 1437, 1303, 1263, 1244, 1197, 1104, 1036, 1019, 883, 816, 794, 744, 690 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.85 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.27 (m, 6H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.27–5.19 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.38–3.28 (m, 1H), 2.81–2.71 (m, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 196.8 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 163.5, 158.8, 131.8 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 131.4, 131.3 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 131.1, 130.9 (dd, J = 6.4, 4.9 Hz), 129.7, 128.9, 128.5 (dd, J = 17.7, 11.8 Hz), 114.5, 113.8, 55.6, 55.3, 45.6, 34.1 (d, J = 71.1 Hz) ppm. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 30.52 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_4\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 471.1725, found: 471.1723.

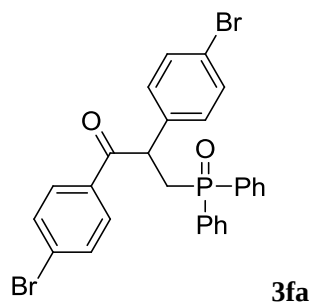


3-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-1,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)propan-1-one (3da): Yield = 81%. White solid. Mp = 149.4-151.5 °C. IR (KBr) ν = 2944, 2923, 1688, 1597, 1513, 1439, 1295, 1240, 1194, 1176, 1157, 999, 864, 803, 726, 694, 658 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.91–7.84 (m, 2H), 7.71–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.30 (m, 6H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.04–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.80–6.73 (m, 2H), 5.29–5.22 (m, 1H), 3.40–3.10 (m, 1H), 2.81–2.73 (m, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 196.7 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 165.8 (d, J = 254.0 Hz), 162.2 (d, J = 245.4 Hz), 134.2 (dd, J = 6.8, 3.3 Hz), 133.8, 132.9 (d, J = 20.7 Hz), 132.1 (dd, J = 10.4, 2.9 Hz), 131.8 (dd, J = 33.6, 2.7 Hz), 131.7 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 130.9 (dd, J = 9.3, 8.5 Hz), 130.2 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 128.7 (dd, J = 14.7, 11.8 Hz), 115.9 (dd, J = 23.0, 21.6 Hz), 46.0, 34.1 (d, J = 70.6 Hz) ppm. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ =

29.86 ppm. HRMS m/z: calcd for C₂₇H₂₂F₂O₂P [M+H]⁺ 447.1325, found: 447.1343.

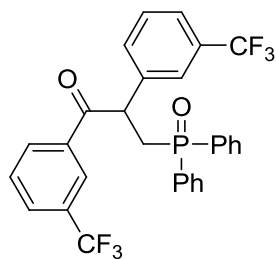


1,2-Di-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)propan-1-one (3ea): Yield = 84%. White solid. Mp = 145.7-147.5 °C. IR (KBr) ν = 2945, 2924, 1678, 1588, 1490, 1436, 1398, 1253, 1183, 1117, 1093, 1013, 977, 890, 861, 817, 783, 742, 717, 691 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.78 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.72–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.28 (m, 8H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.27–5.18 (m, 1H), 3.40–3.29 (m, 1H), 2.82–2.70 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 196.8 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 139.4, 136.7 (d, J = 6.7 Hz), 133.9 (d, J = 24.8 Hz), 133.3 (d, J = 88.7 Hz), 132.3 (d, J = 88.4 Hz), 132.1 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 131.6 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 130.9 (dd, J = 9.5, 6.0 Hz), 130.4, 130.0, 129.2 (d, J = 27.7 Hz), 128.70 (dd, J = 15.7, 11.8 Hz), 46.30 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 34.0 (d, J = 70.6 Hz) ppm. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 29.87 ppm. HRMS m/z: calcd for C₂₇H₂₂Cl₂O₂P [M+H]⁺ 479.0734, found: 479.0738.



1,2-Di-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)propan-1-one (3fa): Yield = 52%. White solid. Mp = 157.4-159.7 °C. IR (KBr) ν = 2954, 1677, 1584, 1487, 1436, 1396, 1254, 1183, 1119, 1072, 1011, 977, 889, 861, 815, 779, 742, 693 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.73–7.63 (m, 4H), 7.57–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.41 (m, 4H), 7.41–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.25–5.16 (m, 1H), 3.39–3.28 (m, 1H), 2.81–2.70 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 197.0 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 137.2 (d, J = 6.5 Hz), 134.4, 133.3 (d, J = 94.6 Hz), 132.3 (d, J = 94.1 Hz), 132.2, 132.1, 131.6 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 130.9 (dd, J = 9.5, 4.9 Hz), 130.5, 130.3, 128.7 (dd, J = 15.1, 11.9 Hz), 122.0, 46.4, 33.9 (d, J = 70.6 Hz) ppm. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 29.70

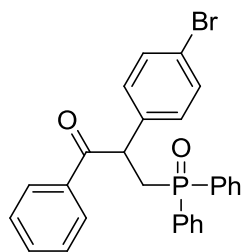
ppm. HRMS m/z: calcd for C₂₇H₂₂Br₂O₂P [M+H]⁺ 566.9724, found: 566.9729.



3ga

3-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-1,2-bis(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (3ga): Yield = 76%.

White solid. Mp = 42.3–46.5 °C. IR (KBr) ν = 2918, 1686, 1610, 1438, 1326, 1236, 1165, 1118, 1072, 815, 736, 717, 691 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.06 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.75–7.65 (m, 3H), 7.61–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.35 (m, 7H), 7.34–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.44–5.34 (m, 1H), 3.44–3.34 (m, 1H), 2.89–2.80 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 196.6 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 138.8 (d, J = 6.9 Hz), 136.1, 133.5, 132.6 (d, J = 4.6 Hz), 133.2, 132.2, 132.1, 131.9 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 131.7 (d, J = 17.3 Hz), 131.4 (d, J = 16.6 Hz), 130.9 (dd, J = 13.3, 9.5 Hz), 129.9 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 129.8, 129.5, 128.8 (dd, J = 13.4, 12.0 Hz), 125.9 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 125.3 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 124.8 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 46.8, 34.1 (d, J = 70.0 Hz) ppm. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 29.34 ppm. HRMS m/z: calcd for C₂₉H₂₂F₆O₂P [M+H]⁺ 547.1262, found: 547.1262.

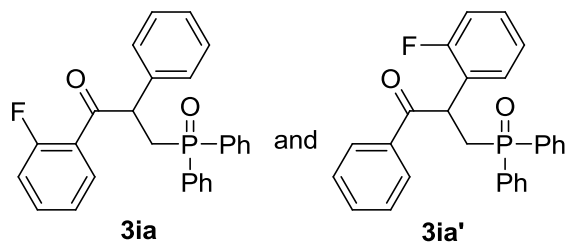


3ha

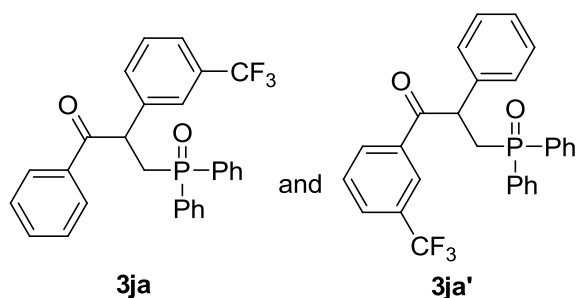
2-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (3ha): Yield = 34%. White

solid. Mp = 153.9–155.2 °C. IR (KBr) ν = 2906, 1688, 1487, 1438, 1406, 1245, 1175, 1118, 1102, 999, 971, 886, 816, 744, 716, 698 cm⁻¹. The ¹H NMR spectrum of the crude product showed a 1.8:1 mixture of **3ha** and its isomer **3ha'**, flash chromatography on silica gel afforded ketone **3ha**. ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.86–7.81 (m, 2H), 7.72–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.57–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.40–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.31–5.24 (m, 1H), 3.38–3.29 (m, 1H), 2.83–2.74 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 197.9 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 137.5 (d, J = 6.3 Hz), 135.6, 133.4 (d, J = 95.3 Hz), 133.4, 132.5 (d, J = 95.3 Hz), 132.1, 131.7 (dd, J = 47.6, 2.5 Hz), 130.8 (dd, J = 9.5, 3.9 Hz), 130.4, 128.9 (d, J = 35.3

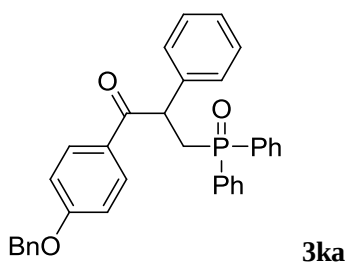
Hz), 128.7 (dd, $J = 16.9, 11.4$ Hz), 121.7, 46.3, 33.9 (d, $J = 70.8$ Hz) ppm. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 29.78$ ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrO}_2\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 489.0619, found: 498.0594.



3-((Diphenylphosphoryl)methyl)-1-(2-fluorophenyl)propan-1-one (3ia) and **3-((diphenylphosphoryl)methyl)-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (3ia')**: Yield = 78% (2:1). White solid. IR (KBr) $\nu = 2953, 1680, 1607, 1494, 1481, 1276, 1234, 1181, 1117, 1105, 977, 871, 763, 733, 695$ cm^{-1} . The ^1H NMR spectrum of the isolated product showed a 2:1 mixture of **3ia** and its isomer **3ia'**. ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) **3ia**: $\delta = 7.87$ (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.74–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.31 (m, 9H), 7.17 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.10–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.96 (dd, $J = 10.6, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.21–5.11 (m, 1H), 3.58–3.47 (m, 1H), 2.75–2.65 (m, 1H) ppm; **3ia'**: $\delta = 7.75$ (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.68–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.26 (m, 9H), 7.06–6.99 (m, 2H), 6.92–6.85 (m, 2H), 6.82–6.76 (m, 1H), 5.55–5.46 (m, 1H), 3.49–3.39 (m, 1H), 2.84–2.75 (m, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) **3ia** and **3ia'**: $\delta = 196.8$ (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 196.7 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 162.4, 159.9, 138.0 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 135.6, 134.6 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz), 134.1 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz), 133.4 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 133.1 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz), 132.4, 131.9 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 131.9 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 131.6 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 131.6 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 131.3 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 131.0, 130.9 (dd, $J = 16.5, 2.2$ Hz), 129.8 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 129.5 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 129.0, 128.8 (d, $J = 22.4$ Hz), 128.7 (dd, $J = 21.8, 11.7$ Hz), 128.6 (dd, $J = 14.6, 11.8$ Hz), 127.6, 125.3 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz), 124.8 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 124.3 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 116.8 (d, $J = 23.5$ Hz), 116.0 (d, $J = 22.2$ Hz), 50.6 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz), 50.5 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz), 39.6, 33.9 (d, $J = 70.4$ Hz) ppm. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) **3ia** and **3ia'**: $\delta = 29.79, 29.49$ ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{23}\text{FO}_2\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 429.1420, found: 429.1400.

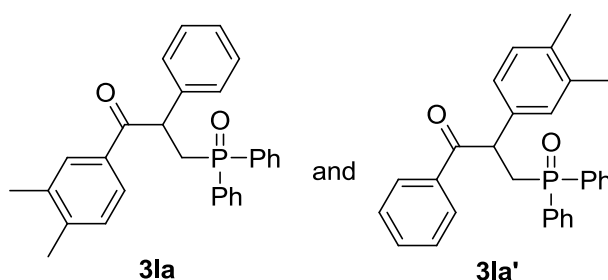


3-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-2-phenyl-1-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (3ja) and **3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1-phenyl-2-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (3ja')**: Yield = 75% (2.51:1). Colourless oil. IR (KBr) ν = 3057, 1680, 1595, 1447, 1437, 1326, 1165, 1118, 1072, 976, 814, 735, 692 cm^{-1} . The ^1H NMR spectrum of the isolated product showed a 2.51:1 mixture of **3ja** and its isomer **3ja'**. ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) **3ja**: δ = 7.87 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (dd, J = 11.5, 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.54 (dd, J = 11.5, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.31 (m, 6H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.25–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.08 (m, 1H), 5.46–5.38 (m, 1H), 3.40–3.29 (m, 1H), 2.91–2.81 (m, 1H) ppm; **3ja'**: δ = 8.02 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (dd, J = 11.6, 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.51–7.41 (m, 8H), 7.27–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.18–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.11–7.06 (m, 1H), 5.30–5.22 (m, 1H), 3.56–3.46 (m, 1H), 2.81–2.71 (m, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) **3ja** and **3ja'**: δ = 197.8 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 139.3 (d, J = 6.1 Hz), 135.6, 133.6, 132.3, 132.7, 132.1 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 131.7, 130.9, 130.8, 130.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 127.9, 125.4 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 124.5 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 46.5 (d, J = 1.1 Hz), 34.0 (d, J = 70.6 Hz) ppm. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) **3ja** and **3ja'**: δ = 30.04, 29.59 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 479.1388, found: 479.1382.

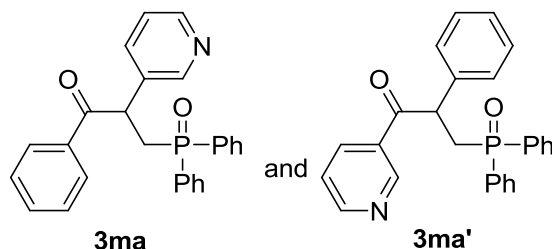


1-(4-(Benzyloxy)phenyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-2-phenylpropan-1-one (3ka): Yield = 73%. White solid. Mp = 203.3–204.3 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. IR (KBr) ν = 2925, 1725, 1667, 1598, 1572, 1454, 1436, 1241, 1171, 1117, 1002, 955, 843, 741, 691 cm^{-1} . The ^1H NMR spectrum of the crude product showed a 7.2:1 mixture of **3ka** and its isomer **3ka'**, flash chromatography on silica gel afforded ketone **3ka**. ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.71–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.62–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.28 (m, 11H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.13–7.01 (m, 3H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.29–5.19 (m, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 3.51–3.39 (m, 1H), 2.80–2.70 (m, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 196.6 (d, J = 6.7 Hz), 162.7, 139.3 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 136.3, 133.7 (d, J = 47.7 Hz), 132.7 (d, J = 47.8 Hz), 131.7 (dd, J = 27.3, 2.7 Hz), 131.4, 131.0 (dd, J = 16.4, 9.5 Hz), 129.1 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 129.1, 128.9, 128.6 (dd, J = 11.7, 7.0 Hz), 128.5 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 127.7, 127.4, 114.6, 70.3, 46.4, 34.1 (d, J = 70.4 Hz) ppm. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 30.24 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_3\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$

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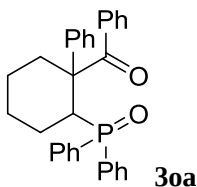


1-(3,4-Dimethylphenyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-2-phenylpropan-1-one (3la) and 2-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (3la'): Yield = 80% (2.3:1). White solid. IR (KBr) ν = 2918, 1672, 1602, 1437, 1250, 1181, 1118, 1102, 1072, 980, 817, 784, 734, 692 cm^{-1} . The ^1H NMR spectrum of the isolated product showed a 2.3:1 mixture of **3la** and its isomer **3la'**. ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) **3la**: δ = 7.88–7.84 (m, 1H), 7.73–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.62–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.42–7.34 (m, 7H), 7.24–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.32–5.25 (m, 1H), 3.48–3.40 (m, 1H), 2.82–2.76 (m, 1H) ppm; **3la'**: δ = 7.79–7.75 (m, 1H), 7.68–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 7H), 7.11–7.08 (m, 2H), 7.03–7.00 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.25–5.19 (m, 1H), 3.40–3.34 (m, 1H), 2.75–2.72 (m, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) **3la** and **3la'**: δ = 198.3 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 198.0 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 142.8, 139.1 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 137.2, 136.8, 136.0, 135.8, 134.1 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 133.8, 133.2 (dd, J = 25.1, 3.6 Hz), 133.1, 132.4 (d, J = 5.0 Hz), 131.8 (dd, J = 10.1, 2.7 Hz), 131.8 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 131.5 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 131.2 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 130.9 (dd, J = 12.8, 9.5 Hz), 130.9, 130.4, 130.2, 129.8 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 129.1 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 128.5 (dd, J = 17.2, 11.8 Hz), 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.4, 126.8, 125.9, 46.6 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 46.5 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 34.2 (d, J = 70.6 Hz), 34.0 (d, J = 70.4 Hz), 20.1, 19.9, 19.8, 19.4 ppm. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) **3la** and **3la'**: 30.34, 30.23 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 439.1827, found: 439.1843.

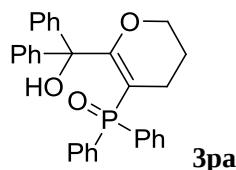


3-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-1-phenyl-2-(pyridin-3-yl)propan-1-one (3ma) and 3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-2-phenyl-1-(pyridin-3-yl)propan-1-one (3ma'): Yield = 73% (2:1).

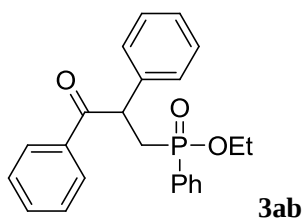
White solid. IR (KBr) ν = 2922, 1681, 1582, 1437, 1256, 1195, 1117, 1103, 1024, 811, 853, 813, 741, 716, 694 cm^{-1} . The ^1H NMR spectrum of the isolated product showed a 2:1 mixture of **3ma** and its isomer **3ma'**. ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) **3ma**: δ = 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66–7.58 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.21 (m, 8H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, J = 7.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.34–5.24 (m, 1H), 3.26–3.37 (m, 1H), 2.79–2.70 (m, 1H) ppm; **3ma'**: 8.94 (s, 1H), 8.55 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.50 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.31 (m, 8H), 7.22–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.19–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.02–6.98 (m, 1H), 5.19–5.10 (m, 1H), 3.39–3.50 (m, 1H), 2.69–2.61 (m, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) **3ma** and **3ma'**: δ = 197.6 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 197.1 (d, J = 6.3 Hz), 153.3, 150.3, 150.1, 148.8, 136.3, 135.9, 135.4, 134.3 (dd, J = 5.5, 2.3 Hz), 133.6, 133.5 (d, J = 9.9 Hz), 132.6 (d, J = 25.1 Hz), 132.1 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 132.0 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 131.8 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 131.0, 130.8 (dd, J = 14.6, 5.0 Hz), 130.8 (dd, J = 9.3, 8.6 Hz), 129.4, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7 (dd, J = 11.7, 6.0 Hz), 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 123.8, 123.5, 47.4 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 44.2 (d, J = 1.2 Hz), 33.9 (d, J = 69.8 Hz), 33.8 (d, J = 70.3 Hz) ppm. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) **3ma** and **3ma'**: 30.05, 29.57 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_2\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 412.1466, found: 412.1452.



(2-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1-phenylcyclohexyl)(phenyl)methanone (3oa): Yield = 38%. White solid. Mp = 208.9–209.8 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. IR (KBr) ν = 2927, 2846, 1672, 1449, 1438, 1248, 1174, 1106, 1073, 975, 781, cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.89–7.81 (m, 2H), 7.82–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.27 (m, 11H), 7.25–7.12 (m, 5H), 3.78–3.66 (m, 1H), 2.94–2.82 (m, 1H), 2.49–2.37 (m, 1H), 1.95–1.82 (m, 1H), 1.73–1.47 (m, 3H), 1.47–1.34 (m, 2H), 1.22–1.12 (m, 1H), 0.95–0.80 (m, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 205.6, 205.6, 140.1, 140.1, 139.1, 137.2, 126.2, 125.4, 134.5, 132.0, 131.9, 131.0, 130.0, 130.5, 130.5, 130.5, 130.4, 130.4, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 127.7, 127.3, 59.4, 59.3, 45.6, 44.9, 32.8, 31.6, 30.4, 29.9, 25.0, 23.5, 23.4, 21.7 ppm. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 32.97 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_2\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 465.1983, found: 465.2030.

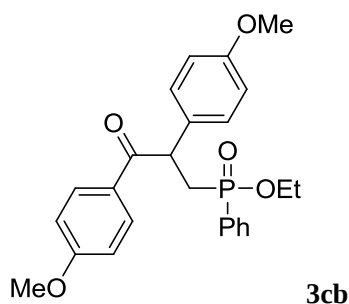


(5-(diphenylphosphoryl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-6-yl)diphenylmethanol (3pa): Yield = 36%. White solid. Mp = 172.8–174.1 °C. IR (KBr) ν = 3165, 3053, 2925, 1583, 1435, 1238, 1167, 1117, 1068, 905, 750, 695 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.63–7.49 (m, 6H), 7.48–7.40 (m, 4H), 7.35–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.29–7.23 (m, 6H), 4.03–3.95 (m, 2H), 1.88–1.77 (m, 4H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 172.2, 172.0, 146.2, 133.4, 132.3, 132.2, 132.2, 131.9, 131.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.6, 127.1, 97.0, 95.9, 82.0, 82.0, 66.3, 26.3, 26.2, 22.0, 21.9 ppm. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 36.55 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_3\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 467.1776, found: 467.1816.

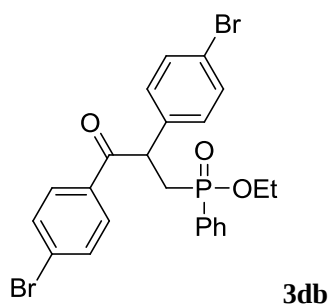


Ethyl 3-oxo-2,3-diphenylpropyl(phenyl)phosphinate (3ab): Yield = 88% (1.3:1). Colourless oil. IR (KBr) ν = 2978, 1725, 1680, 1596, 1448, 1439, 1230, 1207, 1177, 1120, 1026, 955, 913, 756, 694 cm^{-1} . The ^1H NMR spectrum of the isolated product characterized as a 1.3:1 diastereomeric mixture. ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.02–7.98 (m, 2H), 7.69–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.31 (m, 7H), 7.25–7.17 (m, 4H), 5.24–5.17 (m, 1H), 3.80–3.65 (m, 2H), 3.22–3.17 (m, 1H), 2.40–2.32 (m, 1H), 1.06 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) and isomer: δ = 7.87–7.82 (m, 2H), 7.74–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.41 (m, 7H), 7.22 (ddd, J = 8.8, 5.6, 2.3 Hz, 8H), 7.18–7.03 (m, 4H), 5.17–5.10 (m, 1H), 3.98–3.84 (m, 2H), 3.04–2.94 (m, 1H), 2.51–2.40 (m, 1H), 1.11 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 198.2 (d, J = 6.7 Hz), 139.2 (d, J = 9.8 Hz), 138.5 (d, J = 9.8 Hz), 136.3, 136.1, 133.2, 133.1, 132.4 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 132.3 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 132.0 (d, J = 10.2 Hz), 131.8, 131.7, 131.6 (d, J = 24.7 Hz), 130.4 (d, J = 14.2 Hz), 130.1, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6 (dd, J = 12.5, 9.1 Hz), 128.5 (dd, J = 22.6, 12.3 Hz), 127.5, 127.5, 60.8 (d, J = 6.3 Hz), 60.7 (d, J = 6.3 Hz), 47.3 (d, J = 1.2 Hz), 46.8 (d, J = 1.6 Hz), 34.3 (d, J = 98.9 Hz), 34.2 (d, J = 99.4 Hz), 16.4 (d, J = 6.8 Hz), 16.3 (d, J = 6.6 Hz) ppm. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 42.26, 42.16 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 379.1463, found:

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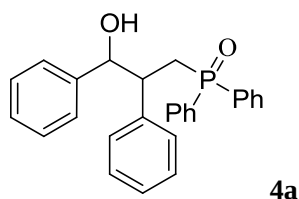


Ethyl 2,3-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxopropyl(phenyl)phosphinate (3cb): Yield = 93% (1.1:1). Colourless oil. IR (KBr) ν = 2953, 1673, 1606, 1513, 1435, 1254, 1184, 1116, 971, 888, 862, 810, 796, 766, 731, 693 cm^{-1} . The ^1H NMR spectrum of the isolated product characterized as a 1.1:1 diastereomeric mixture. ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.98 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.74–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.51–5.40 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.83–6.80 (m, 2H), 5.15–5.06 (m, 1H), 3.95–3.86 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.11–3.01 (m, 1H), 2.47–2.07 (m, 1H), 1.12 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) and isomer: δ = 7.84 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.67–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.80–6.77 (m, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.06–4.98 (m, 1H), 3.74–3.72 (m, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.98–2.87 (m, 1H), 2.40–2.33 (m, 1H), 1.08 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 196.8 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 196.5 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 163.6, 163.5, 158.9, 158.8, 132.4 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 132.1 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 131.9, 131.8 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 131.6, 131.3 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 131.0 (d, J = 24.4 Hz), 130.6 (d, J = 25.8 Hz), 129.5, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6 (dd, J = 15.2, 12.6 Hz), 114.5, 114.4, 113.9, 113.8, 60.7, 60.6, 55.6, 55.6, 55.4, 55.3, 46.0, 45.7, 34.3 (d, J = 98.7 Hz), 34.1 (d, J = 99.9 Hz), 16.5 (d, J = 6.3 Hz), 16.4 (d, J = 6.3 Hz) ppm. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 42.77, 42.58 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_5\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 439.1674, found: 439.1677.

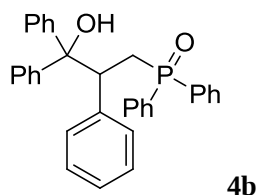


Ethyl 2,3-bis(4-bromophenyl)-3-oxopropyl(phenyl)phosphinate (3db): Yield = 50% (1:1). Colourless oil. IR (KBr) ν = 3421, 3058, 2978, 2925, 1682, 1584, 1485, 1438, 1396, 1249, 1120,

1070, 1031, 1009, 952, 889, 819, 785, 745, 694 cm^{-1} . The ^1H NMR spectrum of the isolated product characterized as a 1:1 diastereomeric mixture. ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) a mixture: δ = 7.83 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (dd, J = 13.5, 5.3 Hz, 4H), 7.63–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.57–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.52–7.47 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 7.47–7.38 (m, 4H), 7.38–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.13–5.08 (m, 1H), 5.07–5.02 (m, 1H), 3.98–3.86 (m, 2H), 3.78–3.65 (m, 2H), 3.09–2.97 (m, 1H), 2.84–2.83 (m, 1H), 2.47–2.40 (m, 1H), 2.40–2.33 (m, 1H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.10 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) a mixture: δ = 196.9 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 196.7 (d, J = 7.5 Hz), 137.9, 137.8, 137.0, 136.9, 134.6, 134.5, 132.5 (dd, J = 32.1, 2.8 Hz), 132.4, 132.2, 132.2, 132.1, 131.7 (dd, J = 10.0, 2.7 Hz), 131.3 (d, J = 31.1 Hz), 130.5, 130.4, 130.2, 130.1, 130.1 (d, J = 30.8 Hz), 128.9, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 121.9, 121.9, 60.9 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 60.8 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 46.7, 46.4, 34.0 (d, J = 99.3 Hz), 33.8 (d, J = 100.3 Hz), 16.5, 16.4 ppm. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) a mixture: δ = 42.01, 41.80 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_3\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 534.9673, found: 534.9682.



3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-ol (4a): Yield = 86%. White solid. Mp = 204.7–205.7 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. IR (KBr) ν = 3353, 2926, 1437, 1173, 1147, 1119, 1087, 1058, 870, 769, 761, 744, 693 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ = 7.77–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.62–7.46 (m, 5H), 7.44–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.37–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.09 (m, 3H), 7.00–6.93 (m, 5H), 6.90–6.83 (m, 2H), 5.45 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (td, J = 11.7, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.1 Hz, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d_6): δ = 144.3, 140.8, 140.7, 135.7, 134.8, 134.6, 133.6, 131.9, 131.9, 131.5, 131.5, 130.9, 130.8, 130.7, 130.6, 129.7, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.5, 127.1, 126.7, 126.4, 76.0, 75.9, 47.4, 47.3, 32.5, 31.8 ppm. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO-d_6): δ = 29.09 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 413.1670, found: 413.1666.



3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1,1,2-triphenylpropan-1-ol (4a): Yield = 79%. White solid. Mp>

300 °C. IR (KBr) ν = 3402, 3060, 1492, 1448, 1436, 1173, 1143, 1118, 1098, 912, 897, 868, 780, 746, 692 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ = 7.74–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.38–7.17 (m, 6H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 6.95 (dd, J = 15.1, 5.5 Hz, 4H), 6.88–6.79 (m, 1H), 6.75–6.59 (m, 3H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 4.35 (t, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.15–3.04 (m, 1H), 2.62 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CF_3COOD): δ = 50.5, 150.4, 144.9, 144.5, 142.5, 137.2, 134.6, 134.6, 133.11, 133.0, 132.3, 132.2, 132.0, 131.9, 131.2, 130.8, 130.8, 130.7, 130.5, 129.8, 129.0, 128.4, 66.3, 39.8, 39.3, 22.2, 22.0 ppm. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO-d_6): δ = 28.75 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_2\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 489.1983, found: 489.2008.

The ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{31}P NMR spectra of compounds:

