# **Catalytic Imine-Imine Cross-Coupling Reactions**

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# 1. Supplementary tables and schemes

 Table S1
 Optimization of reaction conditions

|       | N <sup>DPP</sup>                  | N <sup>Flu</sup> Base<br>(5 r   | catalyst<br>nol%) |                | Ph                    |
|-------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Ph    | Pi                                | 2                               | 0°C               | Ph             | ≺N <sub>≥Elu</sub>    |
|       | 1a                                | 2a                              |                   | 3a             | a                     |
| Entry | Base                              | Solvent                         | Time (h)          | Yield $(\%)^a$ | syn/anti <sup>b</sup> |
| 1     | KO <sup>t</sup> Bu–<br>18-crown-6 | THF                             | 24                | 60             | 60/40                 |
| 2     | KO <sup>t</sup> Bu–<br>18-crown-6 | CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> | 24                | 18             | 50/50                 |
| 3     | KO <sup>t</sup> Bu–<br>18-crown-6 | Et <sub>2</sub> O               | 24                | 39             | 67/33                 |
| 4     | KO <sup>t</sup> Bu–<br>18-crown-6 | $Et_2O/CH_2Cl_2(4/1)$           | 24                | 90             | 99/1                  |
| 5     | DBU                               | $Et_2O/CH_2Cl_2(4/1)$           | 18                | 67             | 94/6                  |
| 6     | KOPh                              | $Et_2O/CH_2Cl_2(4/1)$           | 18                | 86             | 94/6                  |
| 7     | KOCH <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> | $Et_2O/CH_2Cl_2(4/1)$           | 18                | 97             | >99/1                 |

<sup>*a*</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>*b*</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis.

Scheme S1 Possible deprotonation



Scheme S2

Epimerization



|       | Ph P | Base catalyst<br>(5 mol%)<br>toluene,<br>20 °C | DPP<br>NH Ph<br>Ph<br>Na<br>3aa | Flu                   |
|-------|--|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Entry | Base                                     | Time (h)                                       | Yield $(\%)^a$                  | syn/anti <sup>b</sup> |
| 1     | KO <sup>t</sup> Bu, 18-crown-6           | 18   | 80                              | 7/93                  |
| 2     | KO <sup>t</sup> Bu, 18-crown-6           | 0.5  | 73 <sup>c</sup>                 | 58/42                 |
| 3     | KOCH <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub>        | 18   | 92                              | 3/97                  |
| 4     | KOPh                                     | 18   | 96                              | 75/25                 |
| 5     | DBU                                      | 18   | 53 <sup>c</sup>                 | 94/6                  |

# **Table S2**Effect of bases on diastereoselectivity

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>b</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis. <sup>c</sup> NMR yield.

## 2. Experimental section

## General:

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL JNM-ECX400, JNM-ECA500, and JNM-ECX600 spectrometers in CDCl<sub>3</sub> unless otherwise noted. CDCl<sub>3</sub> served as internal standard ( $\delta = 7.24$  for <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta = 77.0$  for <sup>13</sup>C NMR), H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> served as external standard ( $\delta = 0$  for <sup>31</sup>P NMR). IR spectra were recorded with a JASCO FT/IR-4200 spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectrometry was recorded with a JEOL JMS-T100TD (DART<sup>®</sup>). Column chromatography was conducted on Silica gel 60N (spherical, neutral, Kanto Chem. Co., Inc.) or Iatrobeads 6RS-8060 (MITSUBISHI **CHEMICAL** MEDIENCE CORPORATION), and preparative thin-layer chromatography was carried out using a plate with Wakogel B-5F. Commercially available aldehydes were purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. (TCI) and purified by distillation. Toluene, THF, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and Et<sub>2</sub>O were purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd. as dry solvents, and dried further over molecular sieves or purified by distillation in the presence of benzophenone and sodium. KO'Bu and 18-crown-6 were supplied from Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd. 1,1,3,3-Tetramethylguanidine (TMG), 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU) were purchased from Tokyo chemical industry co., Ltd. KOCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> was prepared from CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH and KH (purchased from Kanto chemical co., Inc.). tert-Butylglyoxylate was prepared in the similar way to the literature method.<sup>1</sup> 9H-9-Fluorenylamine was prepared based on the reported method.<sup>2</sup>

#### General procedure for preparation of aromatic fluorenyl imines 2:



In a 100 mL flask, 9*H*-9-fluorenylamine (1.00 g, 5.52 mmol) and an aromatic aldehyde (5.80 mmol) were mixed in anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$  (50 mL) in the presence of well dried MS 4A (5.0 g), and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The mixture was filtrated through Celite pad, and the remained solid was washed with

 $CH_2Cl_2$  (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to remove all volatile materials on a rotary evaporator. The crude mixture obtained was purified by recrystallization (toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane).

The following compounds were prepared as described above.

N-9-Fluorenylbenzaldehyde imine (2a): m.p.: 139 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3060, 3030,



2842, 1631, 1578, 1475, 1449, 1386, 1286, 1168, 1043, 845, 761, 742, 729, 695 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  8.78 (s, 1H), 7.81 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.4Hz, 2H), 7.41– 7.28 (m, 9H), 5.43 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.92 MHz):  $\delta$ 163.4, 144.8, 141.1, 136.1, 131.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.43, 127.42,

125.3, 120.1, 74.7; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $C_{20}H_{16}N [M+H]^+$  270.12827, Found 270.12712.

*N*-9-Fluorenyl-*p*-tolaldehyde imine (2b): m.p.: 123 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3433, 3037,



3019, 2870, 2846, 1610, 1448, 1376, 1271, 1174, 1033, 843, 814, 738 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  8.75 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.42–7.22 (m, 8H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  163.4, 144.9, 141.3, 141.0, 133.5, 129.3, 128.5, 128.4, 127.4, 125.2, 120.0, 74.7, 21.5; HRMS (ESI):

Exact mass calcd for  $C_{21}H_{18}N[M+H]^+$  284.14392, Found 284.14251.

N-9-Fluorenyl-m-tolaldehyde imine (2c): m.p.: 133 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3042, 3021,



2915, 2864, 2829, 1634, 1604, 1582, 1450, 1374, 1278, 1166, 1046, 982, 797, 782 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  8.73 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.21 (m, 8H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  163.8, 144.8, 141.0, 138.4,

135.9, 131.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.42, 128.41, 126.2, 125.2, 120.1, 74.8, 21.2; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $C_{21}H_{18}N [M+H]^+$  284.14392, Found 284.14466.



*N*-9-Fluorenyl-*o*-tolaldehyde imine (2d): m.p.: 126–127 °C; IR (KBr): 3017, 2963, 2883, 1626, 1598, 1476, 1449, 1395, 1379, 1370, 1285, 1228, 1043 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz): δ 9.08 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H),

7.41–7.17 (m, 9H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  162.0, 144.8, 141.0, 137.6, 134.1, 130.7, 130.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.4, 126.2, 125.2, 120.1, 75.2, 19.4; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 284.14392, Found 284.14366.

N-9-Fluorenyl-2-naphthaldehyde imine (2e): m.p.: 208 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3046,



3022, 2868, 2832, 1956, 1630, 1596, 1343, 1303, 1274, 1174, 1121, 1042, 975, 958, 828, 782 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  8.93 (s, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 8.02 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.90–7.82 (m, 3H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53–7.29 (m, 8H), 5.49 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  163.5, 144.8, 141.1, 134.9, 133.7, 133.1, 130.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.5, 127.3, 126.5, 125.3, 124.3, 120.1, 74.8; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 320.14392, Found 320.14393.

N-9-Fluorenyl-p-fluorobenzaldehyde imine (2f): m.p.: 144 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3067,



3023, 2871, 1637, 1594, 1572, 1489, 1449, 1377, 1274, 1082, 1045, 1011, 824, 766, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 495.13 MHz): δ 8.72 (s, 1H), 7.76–7.73 (m, 4H), 7.42–7.24 (m, 8H), 5.42 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz): δ 161.9, 144.5, 141.1, 137.0, 134.5, 129.7, 128.9, 128.5, 127.5, 125.2, 120.2,

74.5; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $C_{20}H_{15}ClN [M+H]^+$  304.08930, Found 304.08997.

N-9-Fluorenyl-2-furanecarbaldehyde imine (2g): m.p.: 121 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3117,



3078, 3017, 2885, 2853, 1958, 1923, 1639, 1478, 1447, 1393, 1363, 1300, 1272, 1155, 1050, 1021 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 495.13 MHz):  $\delta$  8.51 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.42–7.38 (m, 4H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (m, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$ 

151.4, 151.3, 144.9, 144.4, 141.0, 128.4, 127.3, 125.3, 119.9, 114.5, 111.7, 74.1; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $C_{18}H_{14}NO[M+H]^+$  260.10754, Found 260.10639.



*N*-9-Fluorenyl-2-thiophenecarbaldehyde imine (2h): m.p.: 139 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3019, 2912, 2848, 1624, 1449, 1430, 1333, 1223, 1045, 1031 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz): δ 8.80 (s,

1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 2H), 7.42–7.26 (m, 8H), 7.09–7.07 (m, 1H), 5.43 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  156.2, 144.6, 142.2, 141.0, 130.9, 129.5, 128.4, 127.4, 127.3, 125.3, 120.1, 74.0; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 276.08470, Found 276.08497.

N-9-Fluorenyl-4-nitrobenzaldehyde imine (2n): m.p.: 134 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3437,



3035, 2831, 1639, 1600, 1519, 1449, 1340, 1279, 1048, 860, 765 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 495.13 MHz):  $\delta$  8.82 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* =8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* =7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44–7.37 (m, 4H), 7.31 (td, *J* = 7.4, 0.8 Hz, 2 H), 5.51 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 124.51 MHz):  $\delta$  160.7, 149.2, 144.0, 141.4, 141.1, 129.2, 128.7, 127.6, 125.2, 123.8,

120.3, 74.5; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $C_{20}H_{15}N_2O_2 [M+H]^+$  315.11335, Found 315.11186.

N-9-Fluorenyl-m-fluorobenzaldehyde imine (20): m.p.: 123-124 °C; IR (KBr): 3069,



3040, 3016, 2865, 1634, 1567, 1475, 1449, 1363, 1272, 1217, 1181, 1098, 1072, 1035, 970 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 495.13 MHz):  $\delta$  8.71 (s, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.29 (m, 8H), 5.43 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 124.51 MHz):  $\delta$  161.8, 144.4, 141.1, 137.8,

134.9, 130.9, 129.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.5, 126.8, 125.2, 120.2, 74.5; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $C_{20}H_{15}CIN [M+H]^+$  304.08930, Found 304.08855.

General procedure for preparation of aliphatic fluorenyl imines 2:



9H-9-fluorenylamine (0.700 g, 3.86 mmol) and well-dried anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> (1.0 g) were placed in a flame dried 50 mL flask. Et<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) and an aliphatic aldehyde (4.63 mmol) were added to the flask via syringe, and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Volatile materials were removed under reduced pressure, and then the residue was dissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O and passed through a short pad of latrobeads 6RS-8060 to remove remaining fluoreneamine. The crude mixture was

further purified by recrystallization (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane).

The following compounds were prepared as described above unless otherwise noted. In the case of *N*-9-fluorenylisovaleraldehyde imine (**2j**), after filtration through a short pad of Iatrobeads 6RS-8060, the remaining solid was used for the reaction without further purification after complete removal of volatile solvent and aldehyde. In the case of *N*-9-fluorenylpentanealdehyde imine (**2i**), the 9-fluorenylamine (0.450 mmol (81.6 mg)) and pentanal (0.495 mmol (52.7  $\mu$ L)) were used. After filtration through a pad of Celite and removal of all volatile materials under reduced pressure, the remaining oily product was used for the reaction immediately without further purification.

N-9-fluorenylpentanealdehyde imine (2i): IR (KBr): 3066, 3041, 3020, 2956, 2928,



2858, 1659, 1450, 1377, 1302, 1100, 1030, 909 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  8.12 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36–7.25 (m, 6H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 2.38 (td, *J* = 7.4, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 1.61–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.34–1.28 (qt, *J* = 7.4, 7.4 Hz,

2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 124.51 MHz):  $\delta$  168.2, 144.8, 141.0, 128.3, 127.3, 125.0, 120.0, 74.4, 35.9, 28.3, 22.4, 13.9; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 250.15957, Found 250.15925.

N-9-fluorenylisovaleraldehyde imine (2j): m.p.: 62-63 °C; IR (KBr): 3064, 3040,



3018, 2952, 2929, 2865, 1655, 1464, 1448, 1382, 1305, 1154, 1018, 937 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 495.13 MHz):  $\delta$  8.18 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.26 (m, 6H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 2.3 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 2.08–1.97 (m, 1H), 1.02 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 124.51 MHz):  $\delta$  167.6, 144.7, 140.9, 128.2,

127.3, 124.9, 119.9, 74.5, 44.9, 26.4, 22.5; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $C_{18}H_{20}N$   $[M+H]^+$  250.15957, Found 250.15856.

N-9-fluorenylcyclohexanecarbaldehyde imine (2k): m.p.: 72-73 °C; IR (KBr): 3064,



3040, 3020, 2925, 2852, 1654, 1447, 1374, 1303, 1280, 1099 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 495.13 MHz):  $\delta$  8.04 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (td, *J* = 7.3, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 4H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 2.36–2.32 (m, 1H), 1.91–1.89 (m, 2H), 1.79–1.77 (m, 2H), 1.70–1.67 (m, 1H), 1.41–1.21 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

124.51 MHz): δ 172.1, 144.9, 141.0, 128.2, 127.3, 124.9, 119.9, 74.4, 43.7, 29.9, 26.0,

25.4; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $C_{20}H_{22}N$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 276.17522, Found 276.17602.

*N*-9-fluorenylpivalaldehyde imine (21): m.p.: 142–143 °C; IR (KBr): 3064, 3020, 2964,



2928, 2867, 1957, 1919, 1655, 1475, 1448, 1397, 1373, 1363, 1301, 1102, 1057, 1031 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.13 MHz):  $\delta$  8.07 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.28 (m, 4H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 1.17 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  175.5, 145.1, 141.0, 128.2, 127.3, 124.9, 120.0, 74.5, 36.5, 27.2; HRMS

(ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $C_{18}H_{20}N [M+H]^+$  250.15957, Found 250.15839.

#### General procedure for preparation of fluorenyl imines 2 derived from glyoxylate:



Under Ar atmosphere, 9*H*-9-fluorenylamine (1.00 g, 5.51 mmol), Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (203mg 7.5 mol%) and Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (400 mg) were measured in a well-dried 100 ml 2-neck round bottom flask.  $CH_2Cl_2$  (30 ml) and glyoxylate (5.0 mmol) were added to the flask *via* syringe at room temperature, and the white suspension was immediately generated. The resulting solution was stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. The solution was diluted with another  $CH_2Cl_2$  (30 ml) followed by filtration through filter paper, and the clear filtrate was collected. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to obtain a crude mixture of the desired product. Recrystallization of the crude material using hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O was conducted to afford the pure desired product.

*N*-9-fluorenylethylglyoxylate imine (2m): m.p.: 65 °C (dec.). IR (neat) 3464, 2975,1742, 1448,1184,1029: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 495.13 MHz):  $\delta$ 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41–7.37 (m, 4H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 4.33 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H);<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 124.51 MHz):  $\delta$  163.2, 154.9, 142.71, 141.24, 128.9, 127.6, 125.5, 120.2, 73.4, 62.0, 14.1.

HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $C_{18}H_{20}N[M+H]^+$  266.11756, Found 266.11810.

*N*-9-fluorenyl*tert*-butylglyoxylate imine (2p): m.p.: 73 °C (dec.). IR (neat): 3464, 2975, 1742, 1448, 1184, 1029: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 495.13 MHz):  $\delta$  7.92 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42–7.38 (m, 4H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 1.52 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 124.51 MHz):  $\delta$  162.1, 156.0, 142.9, 141.1, 128.8, 127.5, 125.6, 120.2, 82.8, 73.1, 27.9. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 294.14886, Found 294.14940.

#### General procedure for catalytic imine-imine cross-coupling reaction:



Under Ar atmosphere, fluorenyl substrate **2** (0.30 mmol) and KOCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> (0.015 mmol) were placed in a flame-dried test tube with a sleeve stopper. Dry Et<sub>2</sub>O (1.2 mL) was added to the test tube via syringe, and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min, and then kept at 20 °C. DPP–imine **1** (0.36 mmol) in dichloromethane (0.3 mL) was added to the mixture at the same temperature, and the whole was stirred for another 18 hours under Ar. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL x 3). The organic layers were combined and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and concentration under reduced pressure, the crude product was obtained. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane-acetone) to afford the desired adduct **3**.

The following compounds were prepared as described above unless otherwise noted. In the cases of using 18-crown-6 or phenol derivatives as additives, an additive and a base (0.015 mmol each) were combined in a flame dried test tube with a sleeve stopper. Dry  $Et_2O$  (0.5 mL) was added to the test tube via syringe, and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min. The mixture was transferred to the test tube with suspension of the fluorenyl substrate (0.3 mmol) in  $Et_2O$  (0.5 mL) via cannula, and the test tube was washed with  $Et_2O$  (0.2 mL). After stirring at room

temperature for 10 min, DPP-imine (1) (0.36 mmol) in dichloromethane (0.3 mL) was added to the mixture at 20 °C, and the whole was stirred for another 18 h under Ar.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-1,2-diphenylethyl)-*P*,*P*-diphenylph osphinic amide (3aa-*syn*)<sup>3</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.87 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H),



7.73–7.70 (m, 2 H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44–7.19 (m, 19H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 5.07 (dd, J = 10.3, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (ddd, J = 9.8, 7.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  165.2, 144.1 142.9, 141.9, 141.5, 138.4, 134.37,

133.50, 132.55, 132.46, 132.43, 132.36, 131.71, 131.7, 131.6, 131.5, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 127.4, 127.2, 122.8, 120.4, 119.6, 70.3 ( $J_{PC} = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$ ), 62.8; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  21.7.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*SR*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-1,2-diphenylethyl)-*P*,*P*-diphenylph osphinic amide (3aa-*anti*): m.p.: 160 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3386, 3173, 3059, 3028,



2900, 1645, 1601, 1450, 1438, 1174, 1123, 1112 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.97 (d, *J* =7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, *J* =12.1, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.54–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.42–7.24 (m, 9H), 7.16–7.05 (m, 9H), 6.97–6.95 (m, 2H), 6.00 (d, *J* =3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (ddd, *J* = 10.5, 10.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 10.9,

7.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  165.6, 143.8, 141.3, 140.6, 139.9 ( $J_{PC}$  = 5.6 Hz), 138.7, 133.4, 133.0, 132.5 ( $J_{PC}$  = 9.9 Hz), 132.1, 131.8 ( $J_{PC}$  = 9.6 Hz), 131.61, 131.56, 131.4, 131.2, 131.1, 128.33, 128.29 ( $J_{PC}$  = 88.3 Hz), 128.27, 128.25, 128.19, 128.13, 128.09, 127.3 ( $J_{PC}$  = 39.4 Hz), 126.9 ( $J_{PC}$  = 21.5 Hz), 122.6, 120.0, 199.3, 70.3 ( $J_{PC}$  = 2.8Hz), 61.7; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  24.1; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OP [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 575.22523, Found 575.22781.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-2-phenyl-1-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)-*P*,*P*-diph enylphosphinic amide (3ba-syn): m.p.: 145–146 °C; IR (KBr): 3356, 3058, 2917, 1650,



1600, 1513, 1492, 1449, 1439, 1394, 1304, 1235, 1189, 1121, 1028, 975, 905 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.87 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43–7.19 (m, 17H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (

10.1, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dd, J = 10.2, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  164.8, 143.9, 141.8, 141.3, 139.8, 138.7, 138.5, 138.2, 136.4, 134.3, 133.5, 132.6, 132.3 ( $J_{PC} = 9.2$  Hz), 132.2 ( $J_{PC} = 9.3$  Hz), 131.8, 131.40, 131.36, 131.3, 131.2, 128.4, 128.24, 128.16, 128.07, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.1, 122.6, 120.1, 119.3, 70.2 ( $J_{PC} = 7.7$  Hz), 62.4, 21.0; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  21.5; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OP [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 589.24088, Found 589.23939.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-2-phenyl-1-(*m*-tolyl)ethyl)-*P*,*P*-diph enylphosphinic amide (3ca-syn): m.p.: 160 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3346, 3058, 3023,



1656, 1606, 1491, 1449, 1440, 1398, 1306, 1236, 1214, 1157, 1121, 1027, 973 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.81 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.12 (m, 17H), 7.03–6.93 (m, 4H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.99 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (ddd, *J* = 9.7, 7.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  164.9, 143.9, 142.6, 141.7, 171.2, 138.2, 137.3, 134.1, 133.3, 132.5, 132.3 ( $J_{PC} = 9.6$  Hz), 132.2 ( $J_{PC} = 9.6$  Hz), 131.5, 131.4, 131.3, 131.2, 130.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.94, 127.89, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 124.3, 122.6, 120.1, 119.4, 70.1 ( $J_{PC} = 8.0$  Hz), 62.6, 21.4; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  21.9; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OP [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 589.24088, Found 589.23885.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-2-phenyl-1-(*o*-tolyl)ethyl)-*P*,*P*-diph enylphosphinic amide (3da-*syn*): m.p.: 74–76 °C; IR (KBr): 3358, 3057, 1648, 1600,



1491, 1449, 1438, 1406, 1303, 1195, 1122, 1073 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.88 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.73–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42–7.19 (m, 17H), 7.09–6.99 (m, 4H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, *J* =10.3, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (ddd, *J* =10.1, 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  165.0, 143.8,

141.7, 141.1, 140.6, 138.0, 133.8, 133.7, 133.0, 132.3, 132.2, 132.2, 132.1, 131.5, 131.4, 131.3, 131.2, 131.1, 129.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.14, 128.06, 127.8, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 126.7, 125.8, 122.5, 120.1, 119.3, 68.2 ( $J_{PC} = 7.1$  Hz), 58.2, 19.1; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  21.9; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OP [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 589.24088, Found 589.24321.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-1-*p*-methoxyphenyl-2-phenylethyl)-*P*,*P*-diphenylphosphinic amide (3ea-syn): m.p.: 98–100 °C; IR (KBr): 3425, 1648,



1609, 1512, 1449, 1439, 1249, 1179, 1122 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.87 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.75–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.44–7.18 (m, 19H), 7.04–7.01 (m, 1H), 6.71–6.69 (m, 2H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.05–5.02 (m, 1H), 4.55 (ddd, J = 9.4, 7.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  164.9, 158.5, 143.9, 141.7,

141.2, 138.1, 135.0, 134.2, 133.3, 132.3 ( $J_{PC} = 9.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 312.2 ( $J_{PC} = 9.5 \text{ Hz}$ ), 131.5, 131.4, 131.3, 131.2, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 122.6, 120.2, 119.4, 113.4, 112.6, 112.2, 70.2 ( $J_{PC} = 8.6 \text{ Hz}$ ), 62.0, 55.1; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  21.5; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 605.23579, Found 605.23484.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-1-*p*-bromophenyl-2-phenylethyl)-*P*, *P*-diphenylphosphinic amide (3fa-*syn*)<sup>3</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz): δ 7.84 (d, *J* 



= 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44–7.17 (m, 21H), 7.00 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 5.05 (dd, J = 10.2, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (ddd, J = 9.8, 7.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  165.3, 143.9, 141.7, 141.2 ( $J_{PC}$  = 3.4 Hz), 137.9, 133.9, 133.1, 132.2 ( $J_{PC}$  = 9.8 Hz), 132.0 ( $J_{PC}$  = 9.4 Hz), 131.6, 131.4, 131.3, 131.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4,

128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 122.4, 120.9, 120.2, 119.4, 69.8 (*J*<sub>PC</sub> = 7.8 Hz), 62.0; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz): δ 21.7.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-1-(2-furyl)-2-phenylethyl)-*P*,*P*-diph enylphosphinic amide (3ga-syn)<sup>3</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 495.13 MHz):  $\delta$  7.82–7.76 (m,



3H), 7.53–7.15 (m, 20H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.16–6.15 (m, 1H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 4.83 (dd, J = 10.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.65–4.61 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 124.51 MHz):  $\delta$  164.7, 155.0, 143.8, 141.2, 141.1, 141.1, 138.1, 134.0, 133.0, 132.3 ( $J_{PC} = 9.5$  Hz), 132.0 ( $J_{PC} = 8.5$ Hz), 131.5, 131.4, 131.3, 131.23, 131.17, 130.8, 138.5, 128.3, 1

128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 122.6, 120.1, 119.3, 110.4, 108.2, 66.8 ( $J_{PC} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}$ ), 56.9; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  21.6.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-2-phenyl-1-(3-pyridyl)ethyl)-*P*,*P*-di phenylphosphinic amide (3ha-syn): m.p.: 160 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3309, 3056, 1647,



1599, 1450, 1439, 1402, 1308, 1196, 1120, 1028, 974, 914 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 399.78 MHz):  $\delta$  8.35 (s, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.61 (m, 3H), 7.41–7.02 (m, 20H), 6.93 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.96 (dd, J =10.2, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (ddd, J = 9.6, 7.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  165.6, 148.5 ( $J_{PC}$  = 26.2 Hz), 143.9, 141.3, 140.8, 138.0, 137.9, 135.1, 133.7, 132.8, 132.1 ( $J_{PC}$  = 10.1 Hz), 132.0 ( $J_{PC}$  = 10.1 Hz), 131.7, 131.5, 131.0, 128.7, 128.42, 128.37, 128.32, 128.29, 128.24, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 127.5, 123.0, 122.5, 120.2, 119.4, 69.7 ( $J_{PC}$  = 7.4 Hz), 60.3; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200.43 Hz):  $\delta$  21.9; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OP [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 576.22047, Found 576.22167. *N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-1-cyclohexyl-2-phenylethyl)-*P*,*P*-diphe

nylphosphinic amide (3ia-syn)<sup>3</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.94–7.86 (m,



2H), .7.79 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.28 (m, 13H), 7.23–7.13 (m, 4H), 7.09 (td, J = 7.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.87 (dd, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.31–3.28 (m, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.77–1.53 (m, 5H), 1.21–1.02 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  164.0, 144.0, 143.2, 141.3,

138.2, 135.3, 134.4, 132.6 ( $J_{PC} = 9.4$  Hz), 132.1 ( $J_{PC} = 9.4$  Hz), 131.5, 131.4, 131.3, 130.9, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0 ( $J_{PC} = 12.6$  Hz), 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 122.6, 120.3, 119.4, 64.8 ( $J_{PC} = 8.2$  Hz), 64.0, 44.5, 30.3, 29.2, 26.7, 26.4; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  20.4.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-1-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-4-methyl-1-phenylpentan-2-yl)-*P*,*P*diphenylphosphinic amide (3ja-syn)<sup>3</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz): δ 7.87–7.82



(m, 3H), 7.61–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.46–7.19 (m, 16H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 4.32–4.29 (m, 1H), 3.47–3.41 (m, 1H), 1.81–1.67 (m, 3H), 0.83 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.72 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  164.7, 143.9, 142.4, 141.2, 138.2, 134.6, 133.7, 132.5 (d,  $J_{PC} =$  9.0 Hz),

132.2 (d,  $J_{PC} = 9.2$  Hz), 131.5, 131.4, 131.3, 131.1, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 127.1, 122.6, 120.3, 119.4, 65.9 (d,  $J_{PC} = 8.1$  Hz), 56.9, 45.5, 24.6, 23.1, 22.2; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  23.2.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-1-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-1-phenylhexan-2-yl)-*P*,*P*-diphenylp hosphinic amide (3ka-syn): m.p.: 79 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3058, 2954, 2927, 2869,



1648, 1601, 1450, 1439, 1401, 1304, 1193, 1122, 1110, 795 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.97–7.91 (m, 3H), 7.68–7.60 (m, 3H), 7.52–7.26 (m, 16H), 7.20–7.18 (m, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 4.42 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.49–3.46 (m, 1H), 2.04–1.88 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.48 (m, 1H), 1.36–1.24 (m, 3H),

0.87 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  164.6, 143.6, 141.1, 138.1, 134.5, 133.7, 132.4 ( $J_{PC} = 9.2$  Hz), 132.2, 131.9 ( $J_{PC} = 8.9$  Hz), 131.3 ( $J_{PC} = 5.2$  Hz), 131.14, 131.12, 131.0, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1 ( $J_{PC} = 5.7$  Hz), 128.05, 128.02, 127.6, 127.4, 127.0, 122.5, 120.1, 119.3, 65.6 ( $J_{PC} = 8.1$  Hz), 58.8, 35.8, 28.4, 22.4, 13.9; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  20.4; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OP [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 555.25653, Found 555.25620.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-1-phenyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)-*P*,*P*-diph envlphosphinic amide (3ab-syn)<sup>3</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.88 (d, *J* = 7.4



Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, J = 11.8, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45–7.17 (m, 20 H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 5.16 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (ddd, J = 9.9, 7.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz): δ 164.9, 143.8, 142.9, 141.0, 138.7, 138.1, 137.0, 134.0,

133.1, 132.3 ( $J_{PC} = 9.3 \text{ Hz}$ ), 132.1 ( $J_{PC} = 9.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 131.6, 131.4, 131.3, 131.1, 129.2, 128.3 ( $J_{PC} = 7.9 \text{ Hz}$ ), 128.2 ( $J_{PC} = 6.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 128.1, 128.00, 127.95, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 127.0, 122.5, 120.1, 119.4, 69.9 ( $J_{PC} = 8.1 \text{ Hz}$ ), 62.5, 21.2; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  21.9.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-1-phenyl-2-(*m*-tolyl)ethyl)-*P*,*P*-diph enylphosphinic amide (3ac-syn): m.p.: 164–166 °C; IR (KBr): 3345, 3058, 1649, 1606,



1450, 1439, 1401, 1304, 1236, 1200, 1120, 1072 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.88–7.86 (m, 1H), 7.77–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.16 (m, 22H), 7.09–7.06 (m, 1H), 7.01–6.98 (m, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 5.16–5.12 (m, 1H), 4.60–4.56 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  164.8, 143.8, 142.8,

141.7, 141.2, 138.1, 134.2, 133.4, 132.3 ( $J_{PC} = 9.5 \text{ Hz}$ ), 132.1 ( $J_{PC} = 9.5 \text{ Hz}$ ), 131.4, 131.3, 131.2, 131.1, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 128.1, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 127.1,

126.9, 124.6, 122.5, 120.1, 119.3, 70.1 ( $J_{PC} = 7.5 \text{ Hz}$ ), 62.6, 21.5; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  21.5; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OP [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 589.24088, Found 589.24140.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-1-phenyl-2-(*o*-tolyl)ethyl)-*P*,*P*-diph enylphosphinic amide (3ad-*syn*): m.p.: 185 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3355, 3058, 1648,



1603, 1450, 1439, 1402, 1304, 1244, 1199, 1120 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.89 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80– 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.08 (m, 23H), 6.97 (t, J =7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.37 (dd, J = 10.8, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, J = 10.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  164.9.

143.9, 143.5, 141.2, 140.2, 138.1, 134.6, 132.4 ( $J_{PC} = 9.8 \text{ Hz}$ ), 132.1 ( $J_{PC} = 9.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 131.5, 131.4, 131.3, 131.2, 131.0, 128.4, 128.3, 128.22, 128.16, 128.08, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 127.0, 126.7, 126.5, 126.0, 122.5, 120.2, 119.4, 67.1 ( $J_{PC} = 8.3 \text{ Hz}$ ), 59.1, 19.3; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  21.2; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OP [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 589.24088, Found 589.23918.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-2-(2-naphthyl)-1-phenylethyl)-*P*,*P*diphenylphosphinic amide (3ae-syn): m.p.: 114 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3366, 3057, 1648,



1602, 1450, 1439, 1400, 1303, 1197, 1122, 1070 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz): δ 7.94 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89– 7.60 (m, 4H), 7.68–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.56–7.10 (m, 20H), 6.97– 6.92 (m, 3H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 5.15 (dd, J = 10.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (ddd, J = 9.6, 7.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz): δ 165.3, 143.9, 142.8, 141.3, 139.1, 138.1, 134.0, 133.4,

133.2, 132.9, 132.14, 132.12, 132.07, 131.5, 131.4, 131.1, 128.4 ( $J_{PC} = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$ ), 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 127.2, 127.0, 126.3, 126.0, 125.7, 122.7, 120.2, 119.4, 70.2 ( $J_{PC} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$ ), 62.4; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  21.9; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OP [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 625.24088, Found 625.24051.

# N-((1RS,2RS)-2-((9H-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylethyl)-



*P*,*P*-diphenylphosphinic amide (3af-syn)<sup>3</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 495.13 MHz): δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.84 (m, 2H), 7.58–7.22 (m, 23H), 7.11 (t, *J* =7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 5.10 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (ddd, *J* = 10.0, 7.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 124.51 MHz): δ 165.0, 143.7, 142.0, 131.0, 139.7, 137.8, 133.6, 133.0, 132.5, 131.9, 131.8, 131.4, 131.3, 130.8, 128.8, 128.5, 128.19, 128.17, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.2, 127.03, 126.97, 122.3, 120.1, 119.3, 69.1 ( $J_{PC} = 7.5$  Hz), 62.1; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz): δ 24.4.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*SR*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylethyl)-*P*,*P*-diphenylphosphinic amide (3af-*anti*): m.p.: 185 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3176, 3059,



1644, 1606, 1489, 1449, 1438, 1178, 1124, 1110 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.86 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1h), 7.64 (dd, J = 12.1, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.45–6.93 (m, 20H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.92 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (td, J = 10.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91

MHz):  $\delta$  165.9, 143.8, 141.3, 139.4 ( $J_{PC} = 5.6$  Hz), 138.5, 133.3, 132.6, 132.4, 132.4, 131.6, 131.6, 131.5, 131.3, 130.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.32, 128.27, 128.23, 128.20, 128.15, 128.1, 128.0, 127.3, 127.0, 122.6, 120.1, 119.4, 69.4, 61.5; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  24.5; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>31</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>OP [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 609.18625, Found 609.18381.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*SR*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-2-(furan-2-yl)-1-phenylethyl)-*P*,*P*-d iphenylphosphinic amide (3ag-syn): m.p.: 96 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3365, 3058, 1713,



1647, 1600, 1450, 1439, 1406, 1305, 1194, 1123, 1071, 1007, 917 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.71–7.66 (m, 3H), 7.47 (dd, J = 12.1, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49–6.96 (m, 18H), 6.88 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (dd, J = 3.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, J =3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 5.13 (dd, J = 10.2, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.79–

4.75 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  166.2, 152.5, 143.6, 142.3, 141.7, 141.1, 137.8, 133.8, 132.9, 132.6, 132.2, 132.12, 132.10, 132.06, 131.8, 131.6, 131.4, 131.3, 131.0, 128.22, 128.15, 128.1, 127.94, 127.88, 127.3, 127.0, 126.9, 122.5, 120.1, 199.3, 110.4, 107.9, 65.2 (d,  $J_{PC} = 6.9$  Hz), 59.0; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  22.3; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 565.20449, Found 565.20663.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*SR*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-1-phenyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)-*P*, *P*-diphenylphosphinic amide (3ah-syn): m.p.: 117–118 °C; IR (KBr): 3348, 3059, 1648, 1599, 1450, 1439, 1397, 1303, 1193, 1122, 1071 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz): δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.46–6.94 (m, 23H), 5.93 (s, 1H),



4.94 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (ddd, *J* = 10.2, 7.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz): δ 143.9, 143.8, 141.9, 141.2, 138.0, 133.7, 132.9, 132.7, 132.3, 132.2, 132.1, 131.8, 131.6, 131.5, 131.4, 131.4, 131.2, 128.4, 128.3, 128.24, 128.19, 128.15, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 126.6, 124.7, 124.9,

124.3, 122.7, 120.2, 119.4, 66.3 ( $J_{PC} = 6.9 \text{ Hz}$ ), 62.7; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  22.3; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OPS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 581.18165, Found 581.17962.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-1-phenylhexyl)-*P*,*P*-diphenylphosp hinic amide (3ai-*syn*): m.p.: 61–63 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3347, 3058, 2954, 2928, 2858,



1647, 1602, 1449, 1439, 1402, 1304, 1199, 1122, 1110, 1069 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.97–7.93 (m, 2H), 7.79–7.73 (m, 3H), 7.52–7.02 (m, 18H), 5.24 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.59–4.53 (m, 2H), 2.31–2.27 (m, 1H), 1.76–1.71 (m, 1H), 1.56–1.35 (m, 4H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(CDCl<sub>3</sub> 124.51 MHz):  $\delta$  162.1, 144.0, 143.7, 140.7, 138.2, 134.2, 133.1, 132.5 ( $J_{PC} =$  9.7 Hz), 132.1, 131.9 ( $J_{PC} =$  9.3 Hz), 131.6, 131.5, 131.4, 131.1, 130.9, 128.8, 128.4 ( $J_{PC} =$  12.6 Hz), 128.1 ( $J_{PC} =$  11.5 Hz), 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 126.7, 126.6 ( $J_{PC} =$  3.7 Hz), 122.3, 120.2, 119.2, 66.5 ( $J_{PC} =$  3.8 Hz), 57.2, 33.0, 28.8, 22.7, 14.1; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200.43 Hz):  $\delta$  23.1; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OP [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 555.25658, Found 555.25764.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-4-methyl-1-phenylpentyl)-*P*,*P*-diph enylphosphinic amide (3aj-syn): m.p.: 181 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3259, 3060, 2954,



1656, 1606, 1450, 1439, 1403, 1302, 1123, 1070 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.95–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.74–7.71 (m, 3H), 7.58–7.24 (m, 12H), 7.15–7.04 (m, 6H), 5.20 (t, *J* =9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.77–4.75 (m, 1H), 4.55 (t, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.18–2.13 (m, 1H), 1.92–1.86 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.55 (m, 1H),

1.05 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.5, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  161.8, 144.1, 143.8, 140.8, 138.3, 134.2, 133.4, 133.1, 132.5 ( $J_{PC} = 8.2$  Hz), 132.2, 131.9 ( $J_{PC} = 8.2$  Hz), 131.61, 131.57, 131.4, 131.1, 130.9, 128.5 ( $J_{PC} = 11.4$  Hz), 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 126.7, 126.6, 122.3, 120.2, 119.2, 64.0 ( $J_{PC} = 4.4$  Hz), 57.1, 41.4, 24.9, 21.9; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  23.2; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for

 $C_{37}H_{36}N_2OP [M+H]^+$  555.25658, Found 555.25661.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-2-cyclohexyl-1-phenylethyl)-*P*,*P*-di phenylphosphinic amide (3ak-syn): m.p.: 82–84 °C; IR (KBr): 3379, 3058, 2926,



2850, 1648, 1609, 1449, 1439, 1400, 1302, 1205, 1123, 1069 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl3, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.94–7.91 (m, 2H), 7.76–7.72 (m, 3H), 7.51–7.21 (m, 12H), 7.05–6.92 (m, 6H), 5.10 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.28–2.19 (m, 2H), 1.84–0.84 (m,

9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 151.91 MHz):  $\delta$  162.6, 143.8, 143.7, 140.7, 138.2, 134.2, 133.3, 133.1, 132.4 ( $J_{PC} = 9.6$  Hz), 132.2, 132.0 ( $J_{PC} = 9.3$  Hz), 131.6, 131.4, 130.8 ( $J_{PC} = 13.8$  Hz), 128.4 ( $J_{PC} = 12.6$  Hz), 128.1 ( $J_{PC} = 8.7$  Hz), 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 126.6, 126.5, 126.5, 122.4, 120.0, 119.1, 71.1 ( $J_{PC} = 3.7$  Hz), 56.2, 40.0, 30.5, 29.8, 26.4, 26.2, 26.1; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  23.0; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OP [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 581.27218, Found 581.27127.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-3,3-dimethyl-1-phenylbutyl)-*P*,*P*-di phenylphosphinic amide (3al-*syn*): m.p.: 82–84 °C; IR (KBr): 3367, 3058, 2960, 2866,



1656, 1449, 1439, 1399, 1201, 1122, 1110, 1070 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 495.13 MHz):  $\delta$  7.71 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64–7.21 (m, 17H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.07–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.68–4.59 (m, 2H), 1.04 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 124.51 MHz):  $\delta$  170.2, 146.7, 145.2, 140.7,

140.4, 139.6, 133.4, 132.8, 132.3, 132.1 (d,  $J_{PC} = 9.6$  Hz), 131.9 ( $J_{PC} = 9.6$  Hz), 131.8, 131.3 (d,  $J_{PC} = 14.4$  Hz), 129.2, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9 ( $J_{PC} = 13.7$  Hz), 127.0, 126.9, 126.8, 126.6, 125.9, 119.7 ( $J_{PC} = 35.2$  Hz), 79.1 ( $J_{PC} = 8.8$  Hz), 63.4, 36.7, 26.5; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  22.6; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OP [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 555.25658, Found 555.25746.

(2SR,3RS)-2-((9H-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-3-((diphenylphosphoryl)amino)-3-phe nylpropanic acid ethyl ester (3am-syn): m.p.: 125 °C; IR (neat.): 3339, 1729, 1660



1275,1201,1102, 919; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 495.13 MHz):  $\delta$ . 7.84-7.78 (m, 4H), 7.55 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.25 (m, 12H), 7.20-7.18 (m, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 2H), 5.25-5.21 (m, 2H), 5.04-5.00 (m, 1H), 4.33-4.29 (m, 1H), 4.26-4.20 (m, 1H), 1.20 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.92 MHz):  $\delta$ .169.6, 166.9, 144.0, 142.0, 141.3, 138.0, 134.7, 133.5, 133.2, 132.6, 132.5, 132.1, 132.0, 131.8, 131.6, 131.5, 129.1, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.2, 127.2, 126.8, 126.5, 124.3, 123.0, 120.5, 120.3, 119.4, 69.8 ( $J_{PC}$ =4.9), 61.9, 57.8, 14.1; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$ . 22.9; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 571.21451, Found 571.21436.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*SR*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-phenylethyl)-*P*, *P*-diphenylphosphinic amide (3an-*anti*): m.p.: 125 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3367, 3059,



1648, 1601, 1520, 1450, 1438, 1344, 1190, 1123, 1108, 1069, 1029, 927 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 495.13 MHz): δ 7.97–7.91 (m, 3H), 7.73 (m, 4H), 7.60–7.07 (m, 20H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 4.78–4.72 (m, 1H), 4.20–4.16 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz): δ 166.6, 148.3, 146.6, 143.9, 141.3, 138.7 ( $J_{PC} = 5.7$  Hz), 138.2, 133.1, 132.4 ( $J_{PC} = 9.6$  Hz), 131.80, 131.76, 131.7,

131.5, 131.5, 131.4, 130.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 123.2, 122.6, 120.2, 119.4, 69.3, 61.4; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  28.9; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 620.21030, Found 620.20837.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-2-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylethyl)-*P*,*P*-diphenylphosphinic amide (3ao-*syn*): m.p.: 175 °C (dec.); IR (KBr): 3342, 3059,



1648, 1595, 1450, 1439, 1400, 1200, 1121 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.87 (d, *J* =7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.10 (m, 22H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 5.02 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.56–4.53 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  165.4, 144.0, 143.7, 142.4, 141.3, 137.9, 134.5, 132.23, 132.17,

132.1, 131.7, 131.5, 131.4, 131.1, 129.8, 128.4 ( $J_{PC} = 9.1$  Hz), 128.3 ( $J_{PC} = 5.9$  Hz), 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 125.8, 122.7, 120.3, 119.5, 69.4 ( $J_{PC} = 7.3$  Hz), 62.4; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  22.0; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>31</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>OP [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 609.18625, Found 609.18349.

*N*-((1*RS*,2*RS*)-2-((9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-1-cyclohexyl-4-methylpentyl)-*P*,*P*-d iphenylphosphinic amide (3ij-*syn*): m.p.: 76–79 °C; IR (KBr): 3348, 3058, 2926, 2850, 1716, 1647, 1606, 1448, 1404, 1302, 1203 1122 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz): δ 8.00–7.93 (m, 4H), 7.90 (d. *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.5



Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.25 (m, 10H), 4.99 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (dd, J = 10.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.37–3.33 (m, 1H), 2.00 (ddd, J = 14.1, 10.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.74–1.50 (m, 7H), 1.20–0.81 (m, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.91 MHz):  $\delta$  160.2, 143.9, 140.7, 138.5, 134.8, 134.4, 133.9, 133.6, 132.14, 132.08,

132.0, 131.6, 131.4, 131.3, 131.2, 130.8, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 126.7, 122.2, 120.4, 119.0, 58.1 ( $J_{PC} = 4.6$  Hz), 56.4, 44.4, 41.3, 30.5, 28.9, 26.5, 26.6, 23.7, 21.2; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 242.95 Hz):  $\delta$  22.3; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>42</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OP [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 561.30348, Found 561.30184.

# General procedure for catalytic asymmetric imine-imine cross-coupling reactions of fluorenyl glyoxylate imines with Boc-imines:

Under Ar atmosphere, the fluorenyl 'Bu-glyoxylate imine 2p (58.6 mg, 0.200 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous toluene (2 mL) in a well-dried 10 mL reaction tube, and the reaction tube was cooled at -60 °C. A chiral guanidine (8.0 mg, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) was then added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred at -60 °C. A solution Boc-imine (49.2 mg, 0.240 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in toluene (1.0 mL) was added to the mixture, and the whole was stirred at -60 °C for 18 h. The reaction was quenched by a sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aqueous solution (1.0 mL), and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 5.0 mL). The combined organic layers were then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. Finally, the crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixed solvent (hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O) to give the corresponding cross-coupling product **6**.

(2*S*,3*R*)-3-*tert*-Butoxycarbonylamino-2-(fluoren-9-ylideneamino)-3-phenyl-propio nic acid *tert*-butyl ester (6)<sup>4</sup>: m.p.: 181-182 °C; IR (neat): 3322, 2974, 2885, 2542,



2256, 1926, 1759, 1660, 1451, 1381, 1328, 1274, 1090, 1050, 881, 803, 686; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 495.13 MHz):  $\delta$  7.88 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50–7.27 (m, 7H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H), 1.33 (s,

9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 124.51 MHz): δ 168.3, 166. 8, 155.2, 144.0, 141.1, 138.0, 131.7, 131.7, 131.4, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 127.1, 127.0, 126.5, 123.1, 120.4, 119.3, 82.7, 79.3, 68.9, 56.7, 28.37, 27.89; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>

499.25968, Found 499.25780; HPLC Column AD–H, eluent Hex/IPA = 4/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min; rac 5.5 min. 28.8 min. (major), 7.2 min. 11.0 min. (minor).  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -139$  (c 0.200, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

#### Hydrolysis of compound 6

The coupling product **6** (1.12 g, 2.24 mmol) was added to a solution of 1.0 M aq. HCl and Et<sub>2</sub>O (4/1). The mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature and then diluted with water. The aqueous phase was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O three times and basicified with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The organic layers were combined and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation under reduced pressure afforded free amine 7 (0.487 g, 1.45 mmol, 65% yield).

#### Syn-2-amino-3-tert-Butoxycarbonylamino propanoic acid tert-butyl ester (7)



IR (neat): 3428, 2975, 1711, 1640, 1492, 1367, 1251, 1162, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.28-7.19 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 1H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.32 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.92 MHz):  $\delta$  171.5, 155.1, 140.4, 128.5, 127.3,

126.5, 82.1, 79.3, 58.9, 56.2, 28.3, 27.9; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $C_{18}H_{30}N_2O_4 [M+H]^+$  337.21273, Found 337.21106.

#### Synthesis of monobactam

A solution of **7** (250 mg, 0.740 mmol) in MeOH (4 mL) and conc. HCl (1 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2 h, then diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), and the aqueous phase was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL  $\times$  3). The aqueous layers were combined, and evaporated under reduced pressure to afford the corresponding hydrochloric acid salt **8** (178 mg, quantitative yield). The diamine HCl salt **8** (70.0 mg, 0.230 mmol) was directly dissolved in THF, and the solution was kept at -60 °C. LDA in THF was added to this solution dropwise at the same temperature. After 24 h stirring, the reaction was quenched by a sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution. The crude mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, then dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The residue was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O to give the corresponding cyclized product **9** (27.2 mg, 0.167 mmol, 75% yield).

(3*S*,4*R*)-3-amino-4-phenylazetidin-2-one (9): m.p.: 172-175 °C; IR (neat): 3347, 2974, 1275, 1090, 1050, 881; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.50 (m, 5H), 6.25 (br, 1H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 5.4, 1H), 4.05 (d, *J* = 5.5, 1H), 1.60 (br, 2H); H<sub>2</sub>N<sup>×</sup> Ph <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.92 MHz):  $\delta$  176.5, 128.8. 127.8, 126.8, 125.7, 84.9, 75.0; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 163.08714, Found 163.08700; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>24</sup> = -45.1 (c 0.200, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

## Mechanism

## NMR study of the anion formation from 2a



*N*-Fluorenyl imine **2a** (5.00 mg, 0.019 mmol) and KHMDS (4.00 mg, 0.020 mmol) were placed in a NMR tube (WILMAD screw-cap NMR tube). THF- $d_8$  (0.500 mL) was then added via a syringe at ambient temperature, and the resulting mixture was examined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis (JEOL JNM-ECX600 spectrometers). The spectrum of **10** was obtained.

# Anion 10:

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz): δ 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H) 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H),.

#### NMR study of the anion formation from 11



Aminoalkane substrate 11 (5.00 mg, 0.019 mmol) and KHMDS (4.00 mg, 0.020

mmol) were placed in a NMR tube (WILMAD screw-cap NMR tube). THF- $d_8$  (0.500 mL) was then added via a syringe at ambient temperature, and the resulting mixture was examined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis (JEOL JNM-ECX600 spectrometers). The spectrum of **10** was obtained.

#### **Benzylation of 11**



Under Ar atmosphere, aminoalkane **11** (53.9 mg, 0.200 mmol) and KO<sup>*t*</sup>Bu (22.4 mg, 0.020 mmol) were placed in a flame-dried test tube with a sleeve stopper. To the test tube was added anhydrous THF (1.00 mL) and benzyl bromide (28.7  $\mu$ L, 0.240 mmol) via a syringe. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL x 3). The organic layers were combined and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and concentration under reduced pressure, the crude product was obtained. The crude product was then recrystallized from toluene to afford the product **12** (63.3 mg) in 88% yield.

#### *E*-9-benzylideneamino-9-benzylfluorene (12):



m.p.: 96-99 °C; IR (KBr): 3130, 2769, 1632, 1324, 1197,1170, 984: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.93 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H) 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.30 (5H, m), 7.25–7.21 (4H, m), 7.09–7.03 (3H, m), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.52 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.92 MHz):  $\delta$ 157.5, 147.4, 140.0, 137.2, 136.6,

130.9, 130.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.2, 127.0, 126.1, 125.6, 120.0, 77.4, 47.1. HRMS (DART): Exact mass calcd for  $C_{27}H_{22}N$  [M+H]: 360.17522, Found: 360.17561.

#### Catalytic 1,4-addition reaction of 11 with Chalcone



Under Ar atmosphere, chalcone (50.0 mg, 0.240 mmol), aminoalkane **11** (53.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and KOCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> (2.76 mg, 0.0200 mmol) were placed in a flame-dried test tube with a sleeve stopper. To the test tube was added anhydrous Et<sub>2</sub>O (1.50 mL) via a syringe, and the resulting mixture was stirred at -60 °C for 14 hours. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL x 3). The organic layers were combined and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and concentration under reduced pressure, the crude product was obtained. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/acetone=4/1) to afford the desired 1,4-adduct (94.6 mg) in 99% yield with >99/1 *syn/anti* selectivity.

## (3RS,4RS)-4-((9H-fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-1,3,4-triphenylbutan-1-one (13):



m.p.: 59–61 °C; IR (KBr): 1102, 1180, 1266, 1303, 1339, 1371, 1449, 1493, 1599, 1647, 1683, 3028, 3061 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600.17 MHz):  $\delta$  7.67 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H) 7.33 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H,), 7.18–6.74 (19H, m), 5.44 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.90–3.87 (m, 1H), 3.45–3.34 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 150.92 MHz): δ 199.0, 163.0, 143.8, 142.4, 142.2, 140.9, 140.8, 138.6, 137.1, 132.5, 131.3, 131.0, 130.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.23, 128.16, 128.04, 127.97, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 126.8, 126.4, 122.6, 120.1, 119.2, 69.5, 50.9, 40.4; HRMS (DART): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO [M+H]: 478.21709 , Found: 478.21485.

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| ???A 254 | nm        |          |         |         |
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| Peak#    | Ret. Time | Area     | Height  | Area%   |
| 1        | 5.595     | 23171576 | 1575599 | 51.894  |
| 2        | 7.230     | 141550   | 5049    | 0.317   |
| 3        | 11.093    | 204580   | 8534    | 0.458   |
| 4        | 28.806    | 21134435 | 129290  | 47.331  |
| Total    |           | 44652142 | 1718472 | 100.000 |

Non-racemic (6)



| SPD_M20 | A Ch1 254nm | Peak Table |        |         |
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| Peak#   | Ret. Time   | Area       | Height | Area%   |
| 1       | 4.944       | 107804     | 14482  | 1.069   |
| 2       | 29.074      | 9973886    | 89047  | 98.931  |
| Total   |             | 10081691   | 103530 | 100.000 |



















