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Supporting Information for

Cobalt-Catalyzed Asymmetric Phospha-Michael Reaction of Diarylphosphine Oxides for the Synthesis of Chiral Organophosphorus Compounds

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1. General Information

N-phenylimidazole α , β -unsaturated ketones 1, diaryl phosphine oxides 2 were synthesized according to the reported procedures. ^[1, 2]

Unless otherwise noted, materials were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All the solvents were treated according to standard methods. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on silica gel plates using UV light as visualizing agent (if applicable). Flash column chromatography was performed using 200-300 mesh silica gel. All of the reactions were carried out using a schlenk borosilicate reaction tube (10 mL) without special photochemical equipment.¹H NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz spectrophotometer. Chemical shifts are reported in delta (δ (ppm)) units in parts per million (ppm) relative to the singlet (0 ppm) for tetramethylsilane (TMS). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q =quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz), ³¹P NMR (162 MHz), ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz) spectra were recorded on Varian Mercury 400 with complete proton decoupling spectrophotometers (CDCl₃: 77.0 ppm). The high resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured on a Shimadzu LCMS-IT-TOF mass spectrometer or DIONEX UltiMate 3000 & Bruker Compact TOF mass spectrometer by ESI. Enantiomeric ratio (ee) values were determined by chiral HPLC with chiral OD-H, AS-H columns with hexane and *i*-PrOH as eluent.

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2. Preparation and Characterization of Chiral N4 ligands containing benzoxazolyl or benzothiazolyl moiety and its Cobalt complexes

2.1 Procedures for chiral ligands L7 – L10



i) Ethyl formate, then LiAIH₄; ii) BrCH₂C(OEt)₃, HBF₄-SiO₂; iii) NaH in THF

2 was synthesized according to our previous reported method.^[3]

Synthesis of 4^[4]

A mixture of triethyl bromoorthoacetate (10 mmol, 2 equiv.) and substituted *o*aminothiophenol (5 mmol) was stirred at room temperature in presence of catalytic amount of HBF₄-SiO₂ (200 mg, 0.05 mmol, 2 mol %) for an appropriate time. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was diluted with 30 mL of ethyl acetate and filtered through a plug of cotton. The cotton plug was washed with ethyl acetate (10 mL \times 3). The combined ethyl acetate layer was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the crude product, which was purified further by column chromatography (n-hexane: ethyl acetate 7:3) to afford **4** as an oil (yield: 88-94%).

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Synthesis of ligands L7-L10

Under argon atmosphere, to a dried 25 mL Schlenk flask was treated with NaH (2 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and 10 mL of anhydrous THF, the mixture was cooled in ice-bath.

Then, 2 (1 mmol) in anhydrous THF (2 mL) was added dropwise with a syringe. 30 min later, 4 (2 mmol) in anhydrous THF (2 mL) was added dropwise slowly. The solution was stirred at ambient temperature and monitored by TLC analysis. The workup includes addition of saturated NH₄Cl solution (2 mL), extraction into ethyl acetate (2 mL*3). After phase separation, drying over Na₂SO₄ and removal of solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1) to give the desired product (yield: 40-62%).

2.2 General procedure for synthesis of chiral Co(II)-complexes ACo9 and ACo10



L9 (X = 0), L10 (X = 3)

Under argon atmosphere, to an oven-dried 10 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added CoCl₂•(H₂O)₆ (0.25 mmol, 59.48 mg) and the corresponding chiral ligand L9 or L10 (0.25 mmol) in 3 mL of CH₃CN. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. After the solvent was removed under vacuum, a purple pink crude cobalt complex was obtained, which was purified further by washing with ethyl ether and drying under a reduce pressure to obtain cobalt catalyst Λ Co9 or Λ Co10.

2.3 Characterization of chiral ligands L7-L10

(1*R*,2*R*)-N¹,N²-bis(benzo[*d*]oxazol-2-ylmethyl)-N¹,N²-dimethylcyclohexane-1,2diamine (L7)



Yellow oil, 57% yield. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.70 (dd, J = 6.0, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (dd, J = 6.0, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (dd, J = 6.0, 3.2 Hz, 4H), 4.21 – 4.05 (m, 4H), 2.74 – 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 6H), 1.86 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 2H), 1.30 – 1.22 (m, 2H), 1.19 – 1.09 (m, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 165.2, 150.9, 141.0, 124.8, 124.1, 119.9, 110.6, 63.6, 52.2, 37.0, 27.0, 25.5; **HRMS** (ESI) for: C₂₄H₂₉N₄O₂ [M+H]⁺: calcd 405.2285, found 405.2285.

(1*R*,2*R*)-N¹,N²-bis(benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-ylmethyl)-N¹,N²-dimethylcyclohexane-1,2-

diamine (L8)



Orange solid, 62% yield. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.35 – 4.08 (m, 4H), 2.75 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 6H), 1.96 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.44 – 1.27 (m, 2H), 1.23 – 1.12 (m, 2H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 176.1, 153.4, 135.4, 125.5, 124.5, 122.4, 121.7, 64.8, 58.3, 36.3, 27.0, 25.5. **HRMS** (ESI) for: C₂₄H₂₉N₄S₂ [M+H]⁺: calcd 437.1828, found 437.1834.

(1*R*,2*R*)-N¹,N²-bis((5-(tert-butyl)benzo[*d*]oxazol-2-yl)methyl)-N¹,N²dimethylcyclohexane-1,2-diamine (L9)



Yellow oil, 40% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.72 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 4.21 – 4.02 (m, 4H), 2.74 – 2.67 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 6H), 1.91 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 18H), 1.30 – 1.21 (m, 2H), 1.16 – 1.07 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 165.4, 148.9, 147.6, 141.0, 122.4, 116.3, 109.7, 63.5, 52.3, 37.0, 34.8, 31.8, 27.1, 25.5; HRMS (ESI) for: C₃₂H₄₅N₄O₂ [M+H]⁺: calcd 517.3537, found

517.3541.

(1R,2R)-N¹,N²-bis((5-(tert-butyl)benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)methyl)-N¹,N²-dimethylcyclohexane-1,2-diamine (L10)



Pure yellow solid, 52% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.99 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 4.40 – 3.92 (m, 4H), 2.77 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 6H), 1.98 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 2H), 1.78 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 18H), 1.21 – 1.17 (m, 2H), 0.87 – 0.83 (m, 2H) ; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 176.2, 153.7, 149.2, 132.4, 122.7, 121.1,

119.0, 64.8, 58.5, 36.4, 34.8, 31.6, 27.2, 25.6; **HRMS** (ESI) for: C₃₂H₄₅N₄S₂ [M+H]⁺: calcd 549.3080, found 549.3075.

3. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions

3.1 Impact of Ligands

Table S1^a



Entry	Chiral Ligand	Yield $(\%)^b$	ee (%) ^c
1	L1	99	49
2	L2	99	53
3	L3	99	48
4	L4	99	86
5	L5	88	91
6	L6	98	93
7	L7	42	3
8	L8	59	43
9	L9	36	24
10	L10	40	47

^{*a*} Reactions conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), CoCl₂•6H2O (8 mol%), L (8.6 mol%), AgOTf (16 mol%) in DCM (1.0 mL) at rt. ^{*b*} Determined by ¹H NMR using triphenylmethane as an internal standard. ^{*c*} Determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

3.2 Impact of Solvents

Table S2^a

O N N Ph 1a	Ph + PH + H	CoCl ₂ •6H ₂ O (8 mol%) L ₆ (8.6 mol%) AgOTf (16 mol%) Solvent, rt, 48 h	$ \begin{array}{c} $
Entry	Solvent	Yield (%) ^b	ee (%) ^c
1	MeCN	75	48
2	Ethyl Acetate	93	6
3	CHCl ₃	92	84
4	THF	99	18
5	Et ₂ O	80	2
6	Dioxane	85	15
7	DCM	98	93

^a Reactions conditions: 1a (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2a (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), CoCl2•6H2O (8 mol%), L6 (8.6 mol%), AgOTf (16 mol%) in solvent (1.0 mL) at rt. ^b Determined by 1H NMR using triphenylmethane as an internal standard. ^c Determined by chiral HPLC analysis. ^d In DCM (2.0 mL). ^e In DCM (3.0 mL).

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3.3 Impact of the amount of reactant

DCM

DCM

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Table S3 ^a	Ph +	CoCl ₂ •6H ₂ O (8 mol%) L ₆ (8.6 mol%)	Ph U Ph
∕⊻́Ń ₽h		AgO I f (16 mol%) DCM, rt, 48 h	N Ph
1a	2a		3a
Entry	X:Y	Yield (%) ^b	ee (%) ^c
1	1:1	94	93
2	1:1.5	98	93
3	1:2	95	85
4	1:3	91	81

^a Reactions conditions: the molecular ratio of 1a and 2a = X:Y, CoCl₂•6H₂O (8 mol%), L6 (8.6 mol%), AgOTf (16 mol%) in DCM (1.0 mL) at r.t. ^b Determined by ¹H NMR using triphenylmethane as an internal standard. ^c Determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

3.4 Impact of Bases

Table S4^a



Entry	$Base^d$	Yield $(\%)^b$	ee (%) ^c
1	Na ₂ CO ₃	87	87
2	^{<i>i</i>} Pr ₂ NEt	35	26
3	DBU	91	3
4	Cy ₂ NMe	53	26
5	w/o ^e	98	93

^a Reactions conditions:**1a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv),**2a** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), CoCl₂•6H₂O (8 mol%), **L6** (8.6 mol%), AgOTf (16 mol%) in DCM (1.0 mL) at rt. ^b Determined by ¹H NMR using triphenylmethane as an internal standard. ^c Determined by chiral HPLC analysis. ^d Base (10 mol%). ^e w/o = without

3.5 Impact of the counter anion

Table S5^a



^a Reactions conditions:**1a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), CoCl₂•6H₂O (8 mol%), **L6** (8.6 mol%), Ag salt (16 mol%) in DCM (1.0 mL) at r.t. ^b Determined by ¹H NMR using triphenylmethane as an internal standard. ^c Determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

4. General Procedure and Spectral Data of the Products

4.1 General procedure for the synthesis of products 3.



Procedure: An oven-dried 10 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with $CoCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O(0.016 \text{ mmol}, 8 \text{ mol}\%)$ and L6 (0.0172 mmol, 8.6 mol%) and 2 mL of DCM under air, after 12 h of stirring at room temperature, AgClO₄ (0.032 mmol, 16 mol%) was added, the mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. After

AgCl was filtered by syringe with a filter head, substrate 1 (0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq) was added continue to stir 0.5 h, then substrate 2 (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added to the mixture under air. The solution was stirred at room temperature for about 48 h until the reaction was completed, as monitored by TLC analysis. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give product **3**. All the products **3** were prepared according to the above procedure.

4.2 Spectral data of products 3(S)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-3-phenyl-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)propan-1-one(3a)



87.7 mg, white solid, 92% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -110.47$ (c = 1.01 in CHCl₃); 96% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 70:30 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) = 7.27 min, t_R (minor) = 9.92 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.01 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.42 (m, 5H), 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.14

-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 -6.90 (m, 2H), 4.47 -4.38 (m, 1H), 4.18 (ddd, J = 17.3, 10.7, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (ddd, J = 17.4, 10.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 187.9 (d, J = 14.2 Hz), 142.3, 137.8, 135.2 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 131.9 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 131.6, 131.5, 131.5, 131.4 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 131.1 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 130.8 (d, J = 15.1 Hz), 130.0 (d, J = 5.3 Hz), 129.5, 128.8 (d, J = 5.2 Hz), 128.6 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 128.1 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 128.1, 127.9, 127.0 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 125.5, 41.7 (d, J = 68.2 Hz), 39.3. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 37.74. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₂₆N₂O₂P: 477.1726, found:477.1719.

(S)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(o-tolyl)propan-1one (3b)



97.1 mg, white solid, 99% yield; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -100.32$ (*c* = 1.21 in CHCl₃); 98% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 70:30 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) = 5.30 min, t_R (minor) = 6.90 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.03 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (h, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 7.30 (tt,

J = 13.2, 5.8 Hz, 6H), 7.22 – 7.11 (m, 4H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.67 (ddd, J = 11.5, 8.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (ddd, J = 17.4, 11.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (ddd, J = 16.9, 9.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 188.3 (d, J = 14.7 Hz), 142.4, 137.8, 137.2 (d, J = 6.1 Hz), 133.4 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 132.4 , 132.0 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 131.9 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 131.4 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 131.0 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 130.8, 129.8 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 129.6 , 128.8 , 128.8 , 128.7 , 128.4 , 127.8 (d, J = 11.6 Hz), 127.0 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 126.8 , 126.2, 125.3, 40.2, 37.1

(d, J = 68.9 Hz), 19.4. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 33.31. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₁H₂₈N₂O₂P: 491.1883, found:491.1875.

(S)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(m-tolyl)propan-1one (3c)

 92.2 mg, white solid, 94% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -88.77$ (c = 1.21 in CHCl₃); 92% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 90:10 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) = 25.19 min, t_R (minor) = 36.43 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm)

7.95 (dd, J = 10.2, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (ddd, J = 23.4, 10.4, 7.0 Hz, 5H), 7.37 (dq, J = 8.7, 7.0, 6.6 Hz, 4H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 3H), 6.96–6.90 (m, 3H), 4.47–4.32 (m, 1H), 4.15 (ddd, J = 17.1, 10.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (ddd, J = 17.6, 10.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 188.1 (d, J = 14.1 Hz), 142.5, 137.7 (d, J = 34.1 Hz), 135.0 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), 131.9, 131.8, 131.8 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 131.5 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 131.3 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 131.2 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 130.8 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 127.1 (d, J = 5.3 Hz), 126.9, 125.5, 41.6 (d, J = 68.1 Hz), 39.2, 21.2. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 33.12. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₁H₂₈N₂O₂P: 491.1883, found:491.1873.

(S)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)propan-1one (3d)



97.1 mg, white solid, 99% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = 24.9$ (c = 1.05 in CHCl₃); 94% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 80:20 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) = 11.69 min, t_R (minor) = 18.10 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm)

7.99 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.42 (m, 5H), 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 6.96 – 6.89 (m, 4H), 4.41 (ddd, J = 11.7, 8.6, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (ddd, J = 17.3, 10.9, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (ddd, J = 17.3, 9.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 188.2 (d, J = 14.5 Hz), 158.5, 142.5, 137.9, 132.1, 131.9, 131.7, 131.4 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 131.3, 131.1, 131.0, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6 (d, J = 5.2 Hz), 128.0 (d, J = 11.6 Hz), 127.0 (d, J = 5.8 Hz), 126.9, 125.5, 113.5, 41.2 (d, J = 68.6 Hz), 39.4, 21.0. ³¹**P NMR** (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 33.00. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₁H₂₈N₂O₂P: 491.1883, found:491.1877.

(S)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2yl)propan-1-one (3e)



82.1 mg, white solid, 81% yield, $[\alpha]_D{}^{25} = -36.63$ (c = 1.25in CHCl₃); 94% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 80:20 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) = 18.85 min, t_R (minor) = 26.22 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.99–7.91 (m, 2H), 7.56–7.43 (m, 5H),

7.42–7.31 (m, 4H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.14 (dt, J = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.95 (dt, J = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 6.69–6.62 (m, 2H), 4.38 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.21–4.06 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.51–3.34 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 188.2 (d, J = 14.6 Hz), 158.5, 142.5, 137.9, 132.1, 131.9, 131.7, 131.4 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 131.3 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 131.1, 131.0, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6 (d, J = 5.1 Hz), 128.0 (d, J = 11.6 Hz), 127.0 (d, J = 5.8 Hz), 126.9, 125.5, 113.5, 55.0, 40.8 (d, J = 68.9 Hz), 39.4. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) δ 33.43. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₃₁H₂₇N₂O₃PNa: 529.1652, found:529.1654.

(S)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2yl)propan-1-one (3f)



94.0 mg, white solid, 95% yield, $[\alpha]_D{}^{25} = -100.5$ (*c* = 1.12 in CHCl₃); 95% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 70:30 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) = 7.27 min, t_R (minor) = 12.32 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.02 - 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.57 - 7.43 (m,5H), 7.41 - 7.34 (m, 4H),

7.29 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.00 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.81 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (ddd, J = 11.2, 8.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (ddd, J = 17.1, 11.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (ddd, J = 17.5, 9.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 187.8 (d, J = 14.4 Hz), 142.4, 137.9, 131.9 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 131.9, 131.6, 131.5, 131.5, 131.4, 131.0, 130.9, 130.6, 129.7, 128.8 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 128.7, 128.1 (d, J = 11.7 Hz), 127.1, 125.6, 115.1 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 114.9 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 40.8 (d, J = 68.7 Hz), 39.4. ³¹**P NMR** (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 33.42 (d, J = 4.1 Hz). ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) -115.47 (d, J = 4.6 Hz). **HRMS** (ESI): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₂₄FN₂O₂PNa: 517.1452, found:517.1452.

(S)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-3-(4-iodophenyl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)propan-1-one (3g)



119.3 mg, white solid, 99% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -68.3$ (c = 1.14 in CHCl₃); 94% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 70:30 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) = 7.98 min, t_R (minor) = 14.08 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.97 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m,5H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H),

7.37 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.97 (dd, J = 13.5, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 4.36 (ddd, J = 11.2, 8.2, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (ddd, J = 17.3, 11.0, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (ddd, J = 17.4, 9.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 187.6 (d, J = 14.3 Hz), 142.3, 137.8, 137.2 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 135.2 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 132.0, 131.9, 131.8, 131.5 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 131.4 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 131.0 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 130.7 (d, J = 26.0 Hz), 129.6, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2 (d, J = 11.8 Hz), 127.1, 125.6, 92.7 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 41.3 (d, J = 67.8 Hz), 39.3. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 32.60. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₂₄IN₂O₂P : 625.0512, found:625.0510. (*S*)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(4-

(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (3h)



95.8 mg, white solid, 88% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = 0.3$ (c = 1.07 in CHCl₃); 89% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 80:20 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) = 9.06 min, t_R (minor) = 17.99 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.02 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.44 (m, 6H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m,

8H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.98 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 4.47 (ddd, J = 11.2, 8.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (ddd, J = 17.2, 11.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (ddd, J = 17.7, 9.9, 3.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 187.5 (d, J = 14.1 Hz), 142.2, 139.7 (d, J = 5.0 Hz), 137.8, 132.1 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 131.6 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 131.6, 131.4 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 131.2, 130.9 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 130.6, 130.3 (d, J = 5.3 Hz), 130.2, 129.8, 129.2 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 128.9, 128.9, 128.8 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 128.2 (d, J = 11.8 Hz), 127.2, 125.5, 125.4, 124.9 (dd, J = 3.9, 2.1 Hz), 122.7, 41.6 (d, J = 67.2 Hz), 39.3. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 32.51. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) -62.52. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₁H₂₅F₃N₂O₂P : 545.1600, found:545.1598.

Methyl-(*S*)-4-(1-(diphenylphosphoryl)-3-oxo-3-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2yl)propyl)benzoate (3i)



72.7 mg, white solid, 68% yield, $[\alpha]_D{}^{25} = 0.57$ (c = 1.23in CHCl₃); 95% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 70:30 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) =25.67min, t_R (minor) = 39.12 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.04 – 8.00 (m, 2 H), 7.84 (d, J

= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.66 – 7.50 (m, 5H), 7.49 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 7.31 (q, J = 3.4, 2.8 Hz, 3H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (td, J = 9.8, 8.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (ddd, J = 17.2, 10.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.54 (ddd, J = 17.7, 10.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H).¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 187.6 (d, J = 14.2 Hz), 166.8, 142.3, 141.0 (d, J = 5.6 Hz), 137.8, 132.0 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 131.6, 131.5, 131.4, 131.3, 130.9 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 130.5 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 130.0 (d, J = 5.3 Hz), 129.8, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7 (d, J = 5.3 Hz), 128.1 (d, J = 11.8 Hz), 127.1, 125.5, 51.9, 41.8 (d, J = 67.2 Hz), 39.1. ³¹**P NMR** (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 32.67. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₂H₂₈N₂O₄P: 535.1781, found:535.1778.

(S)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1-(1-phenyl-1Himidazol-2-yl)propan-1-one (3j)



84.3 mg, yellow oil, 81% yield, $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -87.77$ (c = 1.25 in CHCl₃); 92% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane/i-PrOH, 80:20 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) = 14.51 min, t_R (minor) = 23.63 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.02 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 7.00 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.58 – 6.50 (m, 2H), 4.44 – 4.38 (m, 1H), 4.14 - 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.51 (ddd, J = 17.1, 9.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (s, 6H). ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 188.5 (d, J = 14.7 Hz), 149.5 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 142.7, 138.0, 132.3 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 131.6 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 131.5, 131.3, 131.3, 131.2 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 130.7 (d, J = 5.3 Hz), 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5 (d, J = 6.4 Hz), 127.9 (d, J = 11.6 Hz), 126.7, 125.6, 122.4 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 112.3, 40.8 (d, *J* = 69.69 Hz), 40.5, 39.4. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 33.46. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₂H₃₁N₃O₂P: 520.2148, found: 520.2145.

(S)-3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2yl)propan-1-one (3k)



107.2 mg, white solid, 97% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -330.67$ (c = 1.27 in CHCl₃); 90% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/i-PrOH, 70:30 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) = 8.35 min, t_R (minor) = 13.84 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.04 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 7H), 7.43 – 7.31

(m, 8H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.49 (ddd, J = 11.3, 8.5, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (ddd, J = 17.3, 10.9, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (ddd, J = 17.3, 9.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H).¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 188.0 (d, J = 14.3 Hz), 142.4, 140.5, 139.6 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 137.8, 134.3 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 131.9, 131.7, 131.6, 131.5, 131.1 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 130.9, 130.7, 130.4 (d, J = 5.3 Hz), 129.6, 128.8 (d, J =2.5 Hz), 128.7, 128.6, 128.1 (d, J = 11.7 Hz), 127.2, 127.0, 126.8, 126.7, 125.5, 41.5 $(d, J = 67.7 \text{ Hz}), 39.3.^{31}$ P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 33.39. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{36}H_{30}N_2O_2P$: 553.2039, found:553.2035.

(S)-3-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2yl)propan-1-one (3l)



105.5 mg, white solid, 99% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = 3.00$ (c = 1.03 in CHCl₃); 94% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/i-PrOH, 90:10 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) =20.33min, t_R (minor) = 38.06 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.01 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.42 (dd, J = 11.1, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (dd, J = 14.5, 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.21 (td, J = 7.5, 2.8 Hz, 3H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.52 – 4.34 (m, 1H), 4.11 (ddd, J = 17.5, 10.7, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (ddd, J = 17.2, 9.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.21 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 188.1 (d, J = 14.3 Hz), 149.8 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 142.4, 137.9, 132.0, 131.8 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 131.7, 131.5 (d, J =8.6 Hz), 131.2 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 131.1 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 130.9 (d, J = 27.2 Hz), 129.6 (d, J =5.3 Hz), 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 127.8 (d, J = 11.7 Hz), 126.7, 125.4, 125.0 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 41.3 (d, J = 68.3 Hz), 39.3, 34.3, 31.2. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 37.12. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₄H₃₄N₂O₂P: 533.2352, found:533.2348.

(S)-3-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)propan-1-one (3m)



93.0 mg, white solid, 91% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = 4.27$ (c = 1.03 in CHCl₃); 91% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 70:30 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) = 6.01 min, t_R (minor) = 8.07 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.11 (dd, J = 10.8, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.39

(m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.13 (ddd, J = 11.0, 7.3, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (ddd, J = 17.4, 10.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (ddd, J = 16.5, 9.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 187.6 (d, J = 13.8 Hz), 142.2, 137.8, 134.5 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 133.4 (d, J = 4.9 Hz), 132.0 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 131.8, 131.7 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 131.4 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 131.1 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 130.9 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 130.1, 129.6, 128.9, 128.8 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8 (d, J = 11.9 Hz), 127.1, 126.9, 125.4, 39.8, 37.4 (d, J = 67.4 Hz). ³¹**P NMR** (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 33.65. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₂₄ClN₂O₂PNa: 533.1156, found:533.1160.

(S)-3-(2-bromophenyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2yl)propan-1-one (3n)



109.9 mg, white solid, 99% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -92.10(c = 1.06 \text{ in CHCl}_3)$; 87% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 70:30 v/v, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) = 12.49 min, t_R (minor) = 16.60 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.18 – 8.09 (m, 2H), 7.94 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.35

(m, 3H), 7.35 - 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.25 - 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.18 (td, J = 7.7, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 - 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.93 - 6.87 (m, 2H), 5.11 (ddd, J = 11.0, 7.4, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (ddd, J = 16.1, 10.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (ddd, J = 16.1, 9.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H).¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 187.7 (d, J = 14.4 Hz), 142.3, 137.8, 135.1

(d, J = 4.7 Hz), 132.3, 132.1, 131.8, 131.7, 131.5 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 131.4 (d, J = 4.2 Hz), 131.1 (d, J = 9.4 Hz), 129.7, 128.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.7, 127.0, 125.9 (d, J = 7.5 Hz), 125.4, 40.5 (d, J = 66.8 Hz), 40.0. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 33.57. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₂₅BrN₂O₂P: 555.0832, found:555.0830.

(S)-3-(3-bromophenyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2yl)propan-1-one (30)



105.5 mg, white solid, 95% yield, $[\alpha]_D{}^{25} = -29.63(c = 1.12)$ in CHCl₃); 88% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 70:30 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) = 8.12 min, t_R (minor) = 11.56 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.99 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.44 (m, 5H), 7.42 – 7.36

(m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.25 (s, 2H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.04 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 4.39 – 4.30 (m, 1H), 4.16 (ddd, J = 17.0, 10.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (ddd, J = 17.6, 10.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 187.6 (d, J = 14.0 Hz), 142.3, 137.8 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), 133.0 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 132.6, 132.0 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 131.6, 131.4 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 131.3, 131.0 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 130.6 (d, J = 11.9 Hz), 130.3, 130.1 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 129.8, 129.6, 128.8 (d, J = 4.2 Hz), 128.7 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 128.5 (d, J = 5.2 Hz), 128.2 (d, J = 11.7 Hz), 127.1, 125.6, 121.9 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 41.4 (d, J = 68.1 Hz), 39.2. ³¹**P NMR** (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 32.91. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₂₄BrN₂O₂PNa: 577.0651, found:577.0651.

(S)-3-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)propan-1-one (3p)



97.4 mg, white solid, 95% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -94.9$ (c = 1.17 in CHCl₃); 92% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 80:20 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) = 9.33 min, t_R (minor) = 11.55 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.95 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (q, J = 9.3, 8.8 Hz, 5H), 7.38

(dd, J = 13.9, 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 6.89 (q, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (ddd, J = 17.1, 10.9, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (dd, J = 17.7, 10.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 187.5 (d, J = 13.9 Hz), 150.9 (d, J = 12.6 Hz), 150.6 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 148.5 (d, J = 13.3 Hz), 148.1 (d, J = 14.4 Hz), 142.2, 137.8, 132.5, 132.0, 131.6, 131.3 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 130.8 (d, J = 8.9 Hz), 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2 (d, J = 11.6 Hz), 127.3, 126.0, 125.6, 119.0 (d, J = 5.0 Hz), 118.8 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), 116.8 (d, J = 16.9 Hz), 40.7 (d, J = 68.4 Hz), 39.4. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 32.68. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) -137.62 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), -139.85 (dd, J = 21.4, 4.1 Hz). HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₂₃F₂N₂O₂PNa: 535.1357, found:535.1355.

(S)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)propan-1-one (3q)



95.5 mg, white solid, 99% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -12.9$ (c = 1.12 in CHCl₃); 98% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 70:30 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) =8.84 min, t_R (minor) = 11.32 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.96 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.45 (m, 5H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22

(s, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.78 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (td, J = 10.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (ddd, J = 17.4, 11.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (ddd, J = 17.4, 9.5, 3.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 187.3 (d, J = 13.6 Hz), 142.2, 137.8, 137.0 (d, J = 6.3 Hz), 132.0 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 131.6 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 131.4 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 131.2, 131.1, 130.3 (d, J = 5.1 Hz), 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 128.1 (d, J = 11.7 Hz), 127.5 (d, J = 6.3 Hz), 127.0, 126.6 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 125.5, 124.7 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 40.3, 37.1 (d, J = 70.4 Hz). ³¹**P NMR** (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 32.79. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₃N₂O₂PSNa: 505.1110, found:505.1114.

(S)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-3-(furan-2-yl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)propan-1-one (3r)



79.3 mg, white solid, 85% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -19.10$ (c = 1.01 in CHCl₃); 94% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 80:20 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) =21.56 min, t_R (minor) = 28.93 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.85 (dd, J = 11.2, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.46 (td, J = 7.3, 4.0 Hz, 3H), 7.41 –

7.31 (m, 5H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.14 – 7.11 (m, 4H), 6.15 (dt, J = 3.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (t, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (td, J = 11.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (ddd, J = 17.2, 10.7, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (ddd, J = 17.7, 9.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 187.5 (d, J = 13.0 Hz), 148.9 (d, J = 6.5 Hz), 142.3, 141.6 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 137.9, 131.9 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 131.7 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 131.5, 131.4, 130.8 (d, J = 16.1 Hz), 129.9, 129.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1 (d, J = 11.8 Hz), 127.1, 125.6, 110.6 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 108.9 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 37.0, 36.1 (d, J = 70.3 Hz). ³¹**P NMR** (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 32.27. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₃N₂O₃PNa: 489.1339, found:489.1340. (*S*)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-5-phenyl-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)pentan-1-one (3s)



50.5 mg, white solid, 50% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -7.97$ (c = 1.08 in CHCl₃); >99% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 70:30 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) =14.46min, t_R (minor) = 24.87 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.80 – 7.71

(m, 4H), 7.53 – 7.34 (m, 9H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.21 – 7.09 (m, 6H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (dt, J = 17.1, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (ddd, J = 18.6, 15.1, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (tt, J = 8.4, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (ddd, J = 14.9, 10.3, 5.0 Hz,1H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 13.7, 10.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 – 1.80 (m, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 188.6 (d, J = 10.7 Hz), 142.4, 141.2, 138.1, 132.4 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 131.6 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 131.5 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 131.3, 131.2, 131.1 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 128.2, 127.2, 125.9, 125.8, 37.6, 33.8 (d, J = 10.7 Hz), 31.8 (d, J = 72.6 Hz), 30.6. ³¹**P NMR** (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 37.12. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₃₂H₂₉N₂O₂PNa: 527.1859, found:527.1860.

(S)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)propan-1-one (3t)



104.3 mg, white solid, 99% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -27.67(c = 1.17)$ in CHCl₃); 84% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 80:20 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) = 11.57 min, t_R (minor) = 16.30 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.05 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 3H), 7.59 (d,

J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.44 (m, 5H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.60 (ddd, J = 11.5, 8.5, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (ddd, J = 17.2, 10.9, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (ddd, J = 17.4, 9.8, 3.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 188.0 (d, J = 14.4 Hz), 142.5, 137.8, 133.0, 133.0, 132.3, 131.9, 131.5 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 131.4, 131.1 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 130.9, 129.7, 129.1 (d, J = 6.8 Hz), 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1 (d, J = 4.4 Hz), 128.0 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 127.8, 127.7, 127.4, 127.0, 125.7, 125.7, 125.5, 41.8 (d, J = 68.4 Hz), 39.5. ³¹P **NMR** (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 33.37. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₄H₂₈N₂O₂P: 527.1883, found:527.1882.

(S)-3-(di([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)phosphoryl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(o-tolyl)propan-1-one (3u)



124.7 mg, white solid, 97% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -279.87$ (c = 1.27in CHCl₃); 93% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 80:20 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) =22.20 min, t_R (minor) = 39.66 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.13 (dd, J = 10.3, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (dt, J = 8.2, 4.9 Hz, 3H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.33 (m, 12H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (s,

1H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (ddd, J = 11.6, 8.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (ddd, J = 17.5, 10.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (ddd, J = 16.8, 9.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 188.2 (d, J = 14.7 Hz), 144.6 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 143.9 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 142.3, 139.6 (d, J = 2.7 Hz)

5.1 Hz), 137.6, 137.2 (d, J = 6.2 Hz), 133.5 (d, J = 5.6 Hz), 132.3 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 131.5 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 131.1, 130.1, 129.8, 129.5, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.9, 126.7, 126.4, 126.2 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 125.2, 40.3, 37.3 (d, J = 70.1 Hz), 19.4. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 33.70. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₄₃H₃₆N₂O₂P: 643.2509, found:643.2504.

(S)-3-(bis(4-fluorophenyl)phosphoryl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(o-tolyl)propan-1-one (3v)



102.1 mg, white solid, 97% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -103.87$ (c = 1.16in CHCl₃); >99% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 90:10 v/v, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) =42.07min, t_R (minor) = 65.58 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.03 (td, J = 9.1, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.73 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.28 (dd, J = 5.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.15 (m,5H), 7.11 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.61 (m, 5H), 4.64 (ddd,

 $J = 11.8, 8.5, 3.8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}, 4.04 \text{ (ddd, } J = 17.5, 10.5, 7.6 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.57 \text{ (ddd, } J = 16.9, 9.7, 3.7 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 1.76 \text{ (s, 3H}). {}^{13}\text{C} \text{NMR} (100 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta (\text{ppm}) 188.0 \text{ (d, } J = 14.6 \text{ Hz}), 166.4 \text{ (d, } J = 3.1 \text{ Hz}), 165.9 \text{ (d, } J = 2.9 \text{ Hz}), 163.9 \text{ (d, } J = 2.9 \text{ Hz}), 163.4 \text{ (d, } J = 2.8 \text{ Hz}), 142.3, 137.7, 137.0 \text{ (d, } J = 5.8 \text{ Hz}), 134.3 \text{ (t, } J = 9.2 \text{ Hz}), 133.4 \text{ (t, } J = 9.6 \text{ Hz}), 133.2 \text{ (d, } J = 5.4 \text{ Hz}), 129.9, 129.7 \text{ (d, } J = 8.7 \text{ Hz}), 128.8, 128.5, 128.4 \text{ (d, } J = 2.9 \text{ Hz}), 127.2 \text{ (d, } J = 2.5 \text{ Hz}), 126.9, 126.4, 125.3, 116.2 \text{ (dd, } J = 21.4, 12.3 \text{ Hz}), 115.2 \text{ (dd, } J = 21.2, 12.8 \text{ Hz}), 40.2, 37.3 \text{ (d, } J = 68.2 \text{ Hz}), 19.4. {}^{31}\text{P} \text{ NMR} (162 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta \text{ (ppm)} 32.22. {}^{19}\text{F} \text{ NMR} (376 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta \text{ (ppm)} -106.23 \text{ (m)}, -107.01 \text{ (m)}. \text{ HRMS} \text{ (ESI):} m/z [M+Na]^+ calcd for C_{31}H_{25}F_2N_2O_2PNa: 549.1514, found:549.1518.$

(S)-3-(bis(3-chlorophenyl)phosphoryl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(o-

tolyl)propan-1-one (3w)

106.3 mg, white solid, 95% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -134.33$ (*c* = 1.09 in CHCl₃); >99% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 90:10 v/v, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) =36.41 min, t_R (minor) = 45.82 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.06 (dt, *J* = 10.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.76 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (td, *J* = 7.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 4H),7.25 – 7.16 (m, 3H),

7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.87 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 4.68 (ddd, J = 11.3, 8.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (ddd, J = 17.5, 10.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (ddd, J = 16.7, 9.9, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 187.7 (d, J = 14.8 Hz), 142.2, 137.7, 136.9, 135.5 (d, J = 14.7 Hz), 134.4, 134.3 (d, J = 5.9 Hz), 133.3, 132.9 (d, J = 16.4 Hz), 132.7 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 132.5 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 131.9 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 131.7 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 130.8 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 130.3 (d, J = 12.2 Hz), 130.0, 129.7, 129.6 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 129.3 (d, J = 12.7 Hz), 128.9, 128.8 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 128.5, 127.4 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 126.9, 126.5, 125.3, 40.2, 37.0 (d, J = 70.2 Hz), 19.4. ³¹**P NMR** (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 32.54. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₁H₂₆Cl₂N₂O₂P: 559.1103, found:559.1100.

(S)-3-(bis(4-chlorophenyl)phosphoryl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(o-tolyl)propan-1-one (3x)



102.9 mg, white solid, 92% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -109.67$ (c = 1.15in CHCl₃); >99% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 80:20 v/v, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) =17.56min, t_R (minor) = 22.77 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.86 (dd, J = 10.3, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.14 (s, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 4H), 7.01 (d, J =

7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, J = 7.3, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 4.57 (td, J = 9.8, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (ddd, J = 17.7, 10.2, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (ddd, J = 16.9, 10.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 187.8 (d, J = 14.3 Hz), 142.2, 138.8 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 138.1 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 137.7, 136.9 (d, J = 6.4 Hz), 133.2 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 133.0 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 132.3 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 130.7, 130.0, 129.7 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.2 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 126.9, 126.4, 125.3, 40.1, 36.9 (d, J = 69.4 Hz), 19.5. ³¹**P NMR** (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 31.90. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₁H₂₆Cl₂N₂O₂P: 559.1103, found:559.1098.

(S)-3-(di(naphthalen-2-yl)phosphoryl)-1-(1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(o-tolyl)propan-1-one (3y)



115.8 mg, white solid, 98% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -198.30$ (*c* = 1.13 in CHCl₃); >99% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 80:20 v/v, flow rate 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) =12.92min, t_R (minor) = 21.51 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.74 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 7.94 – 7.80 (m, 3H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.52 (m, 5H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m,

2H), 7.25 - 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.74 - 6.72 (m, 2H), 4.90 (ddd, J = 10.3, 8.3, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (ddd, J = 17.6, 10.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (ddd, J = 16.9, 9.6, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (s, 3H). ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 188.2 (d, J = 14.3 Hz), 142.4, 137.7, 137.1 (d, J = 6.2 Hz), 134.7 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 134.4 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 134.3 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 133.7 (d, J = 5.6 Hz), 133.1 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 132.7, 132.6, 132.0 (d, J = 12.8 Hz), 129.9, 129.8, 129.6, 129.0, 128.8 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.0 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 126.9, 126.8, 126.4 (d, J = 4.2 Hz), 126.4, 126.0,

125.9, 125.3, 40.5, 37.2 (d, J = 67.0 Hz), 19.5. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 33.76. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₃₉H₃₁N₂O₂PNa: 613.2015, found:613.2014.

5. Mechanism Investigation

5.1 The control experiments Table S6^{*a*}



Entry	CoCl ₂ •6H ₂ O	L	AgClO ₄	Yield $(\%)^b$	ee (%) ^c
1	×	×	×	66	0
2	\checkmark	×	×	47	0
3	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	20	0
4	×	×	\checkmark	36	0
5	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	40	0
6	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	99(92) ^d	96

^a Reactions conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), CoCl₂•6H₂O (8 mol%), L6 (8.6 mol%), AgClO₄ (16 mol%) in DCM (1.0 mL) at r.t. ^b Determined by ¹H NMR using triphenylmethane as an internal standard. ^c Determined by chiral HPLC analysis. ^d Isolated yield in parentheses.



Figure S1. The computed steric map and buried volume for **Int-1** with **L6** ligand. The computed buried volume for SW quadrant is much smaller than that for NW quadrant, consistent with the experimentally observed nucleophilic attack region. Geometry optimizations were carried out at the M06L/def2SVP(Co)-6-31G(d) level.



Figure S2. Comparison of XRD structure and calculated quartet (yellow) and doublet (green) structures of Λ Co9. Structure optimizations were carried at the M06L/def2SVP level.

Comments on Figure S2: The optimized structure of quartet Λ Co9 complex deviates much less from the experimental structure than that of doublet complex. In the meanwhile, the quartet complex is much more stable than doublet complex by 14.0 kcal/mol. The above results convinced us to consider Int-1 as quartet.

6. Preparative Utility of the Methodology

6.1 The gram-scale preparation



Under air conditions, take a clean 100 mL round-bottomed flask, fill with a suitable magnet, and add CoCl₂•6H₂O (0.28 mmol, 8 mol%), L6 (0.30 mmol, 8.6 mol%) and anhydrous dichloromethane (35 mL), stirred for 12 hours at room temperature (obvious color change of the system was observed: blue and transparent to purple-pink and slightly turbid). Then, AgClO₄ (0.56 mmol, 16 mol%) was rapidly added to the reaction system. After 1 h, the reaction mixture changed from a purplish-pink slightly turbid solution to pale pink accompanied by off-white flocculents. At room temperature, take a 50-mL syringe, remove the needle, add a needle filter, draw all the supernatant in the system into another clean 100-mL round-bottom flask, and then add substrate 1a (3.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.), stirred for 30 minutes (the reaction system changed from pale pink to orange), then the substrate 2a (5.25 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added to the reaction system (the reaction system changed from orange to pale yellow), stirred at rt for 48 hours, and monitor the reaction progress by TLC. After the substrate1a was completely converted, the solvent in the reaction was removed under reduced pressure. The obtained crude product was separated by column chromatography (DCM/EA=1:1) to obtain 1.6 g of pure target compound 3a.

6.2 The synthetic transformations of product

6.2.1 Preparation of chiral ester 4a from 3a



To a solution of 3a (0.1 mmol: 96% ee, 1.0 eq) in CH₃CN (1 mL) was added 4Å MS (200 mg, 100 mg/0.1 mmol of 3a) under argon atmosphere. The suspension was stirred vigorously under a positive pressure of nitrogen for 2 h at room temperature, then methyl trifluoromethansulfonate (0.3 mmol, 3.0 eq) was added at room temperature. After being stirred at room temperature for 2 h, MeOH (1.00 mL) and DBU (0.50 mL) were subsequently added to the reaction mixture at 0 °C. After being stirred at 0 °C for

0.5 h, the solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/Et₂O) to give **4a** (93% yield, 81% ee) as a white solid.

Methyl (S)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-3-phenylpropanoate (4a)

33.9 mg, white solid, 93% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -108.3$ (*c* = 1.02 in CHCl₃); 81% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 80:20 v/v, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), MeO t_R (major) =37.84 min, t_R (minor) = 41.92 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, 4a CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.98 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.45 (dd, J = 11.3, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 - 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.29 - 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.17 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 4.08 (ddd, J = 11.1, 7.8, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.12 (ddd, J = 17.0, 11.1, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (ddd, J = 16.6, 9.5, 3.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 171.8 (d, J = 17.2 Hz), 135.0 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 132.0 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 131.7 (d, J = 15.6Hz), 131.5 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 131.3 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 131.0 (d, J = 8.9 Hz), 130.7 (d, J = 9.8 Hz), 129.6 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 128.9 (d, J = 11.3 Hz), 128.3 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 128.1 (d, J = 11.8 Hz), 127.3 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 51.9, 42.8 (d, J = 68.2 Hz), 34.7. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 32.71. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₂O₃P: 365.1301, found:365.1305.

6.2.2 Preparation of chiral ketone 5a



To a solution of **3a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq, 96% ee), 4Å molecular sieves (200 mg), and acetonitrile (2.0 ml) were combined in an oven dried airtight flask. The suspension was stirred vigorously under a positive pressure of nitrogen for 2 hours. Then methyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.6 mmol, 3.00 eq) was added stirred an additional 2 hours. Then the reaction mixture was filtered through a short plug of oven dried Celite. The vial and Celite were washed with 1 ml EtOAc and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The resulting solid was dissolved in THF (3 ml) and the vial cooled to -78 °C before benzylmagnesium bromide (1 M, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 eq.) was added very slowly. The reaction was then stirred for 30 min before quenched by saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (2 ml) and water (10 ml) and the reaction allowed to warm to ambient temperature with stirring. The aqueous layer was then extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 15 ml) and the combined organic dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed in vacuo.

The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE: Et₂O) to give the title compound **5a**.

(S)-4-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1,4-diphenylbutan-2-one (5a)

45.8 mg, white solid, 54% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -72.6$ (*c* = 1.13 in CHCl₃); 90% ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak OD-H column, Ph. hexane/*i*-PrOH, 90:10 v/v, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C), t_R (major) =41.01 min, t_R (minor) = 49.37 min; ¹H NMR (400 5a MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.94 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.42 - 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34 - 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.24 - 7.17 (m, 7H), 7.13 - 7.09 (m, 3H), 6.88-6.86 (m, 2H), 4.19 (ddd, J = 10.2, 7.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (ddd, J = 17.5, 10.3, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (ddd, J = 17.8, 11.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 205.1 (d, J = 13.1 Hz), 135.3 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 133.0, 132.0 (d, J= 2.3 Hz), 131.7 (d, J = 24.2 Hz), 131.4 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 131.2 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 130.9 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 130.7, 129.6 (d, J = 5.6 Hz), 129.2, 128.8 (d, J = 11.3 Hz), 128.6, 128.2, 128.0 (d, J = 11.8 Hz), 127.0, 126.9, 50.5, 41.8, 41.2 (d, J = 68.5 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162) MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 33.60. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₆O₂P⁺: 425.1665, found:425.1668.

7. X-Ray Diagrams

(1) X-Ray structure of **3a**



Single crystals of **3a** were obtained from the mixed dichloromethane and ethyl acetate. CCDC: 2131091 contain the supplementary crystallographic data which can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif.

Crystal data (CCDC 2131091). $C_{30}H_{25}N_2O_2P$, M = 476.49, triclinic: a = 12.0468(10) Å, b = 5.7528(5) Å, c = 17.6094(14) Å, V = 1206.27(17) Å³.

(2) X-Ray structure of $\Lambda Co9$



Single crystals of Λ Co9 were obtained from the mixed dichloromethane and ethyl acetate. CCDC: 2131088 contain the supplementary crystallographic data which can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif.

Crystal data (CCDC 2131088). $C_{32}H_{44}Cl_2CoN_4O_2$, M = 646.54, triclinic: a = 42.695(10) Å, b = 24.761(6) Å, c = 25.350(7) Å, $V = 25854(11) \text{ Å}^3$.

(3) X-Ray structure of ΛCo10



Single crystals of **ACo10** were obtained from the mixed dichloromethane and ethyl acetate. CCDC: 2131089 contain the supplementary crystallographic data which can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

Crystal data (CCDC 2131089). $C_{32}H_{44}Cl_2CoN_4S_2$, M = 766.76, triclinic: a = 15.7111(9) Å. b = 25.1439(15) Å. c = 11.3621(6)Å, V = 4488.5(4) Å³.

8. NMR Spectra of products 3, 4a and 5a.



Figure S4: ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3a





Figure S6: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3b





Figure S8: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3b



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Figure S10: ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3c



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Figure S11: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3c

Figure S12: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3d





Figure S14: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3d









Figure S17: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3e

Figure S18: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3f





Figure S20: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3f





Figure S21: ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3f

Figure S22: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3g




Figure S24: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3g









Figure S27: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3h

Figure S28: ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3h





Figure S30: ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3i





Figure S31: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3i

Figure S32: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3j





Figure S34: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3j





Figure S36: ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3k





Figure S37: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3k

Figure S38: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 31





Figure S40: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 31











Figure S43: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3m

Figure S44: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3n





Figure S46: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3n





Figure S48: ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 30





Figure S49: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 30

Figure S50: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3p





Figure S51: ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3p

Figure S52: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3p





Figure S53: ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3p

Figure S54: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3q





Figure S56: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3q









Figure S59: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3r

Figure S60: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3s





Figure S62: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3s









Figure S65: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3t

Figure S66: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3u





Figure S68: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3u









Figure S71: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3v

Figure S72: ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3v







Figure S73: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3w



Figure S75: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3w

Figure S76: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3x





Figure S78: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3x





Figure S80: ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3y





Figure S81: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 3y

Figure S82: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 4a





Figure S84: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 4a



Figure S83: ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 4a



Figure S86: ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 5a



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Figure S87: ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of product 5a

9. Copies of HPLC Chromatograms
























Chiral HPLC spectrum of racemic 3m



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