### Supporting Information for

# Reactions of Phosphinites with Alumina and Silica:

# A New Method for Anchoring Organic and

# Organometallic Complexes on Oxide Surfaces

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**Figure S1.** Solution-state <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (THF- $d_8$ ) of products extracted by THF from (*t*-Bu)<sub>2</sub>(PhO)P (phenyl di-*tert*-butylphosphinite) supported on  $\gamma$ -alumina.



**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (THF- $d_8$ ) of the product extracted from (*t*-Bu)<sub>2</sub>(PhO)P supported on  $\gamma$ -alumina. THF signals are indicated with \*. Signals at 7.08 - 7.24 ppm and the singlet at 2.34 ppm, indicated with #, are assigned to residual toluene, the solvent used to support the phosphinite on  $\gamma$ -alumina.



Figure S3. GC/MS trace of water washings of (*t*-Bu)<sub>2</sub>(PhO)P supported on γ-alumina



**Figure S4.** Solid-state <sup>31</sup>P MAS NMR spectra of partially oxidized 1,3,5-((*t*-Bu)<sub>2</sub>PO)<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub> adsorbed on  $\gamma$ -alumina. Partial oxidation was achieved by exposing 1,3,5-((*t*-Bu)<sub>2</sub>PO)<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub> to air prior to its adsorption on  $\gamma$ -alumina. The spectrum was recorded with 12 kHz MAS; asterisks denote spinning sidebands