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Phosphorescent properties of metal-free diphosphine ligands and effects of copper binding

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(b) / / 300 400 500 600 700 800 Wavelength / nm

Fig. S1 Solid-state emission spectra for (a) DPEphos (black line), **1** (red line) and **2** (blue line), (c) xantphos (black line), **3** (red line), and **4** (blue line) at 298 K. Excitation wavelength: $\lambda_{ex} = 321$ nm for DPEphos, 357 nm for **1**, 336 nm for **2**, 328 nm for xantphos, 320 nm for **3**, and 335 nm for **4**. Dashed lines show the corresponding excitation spectra.



Fig. S2 UV-vis absorption spectra of dichloromethane solutions $(1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$ of (a) DPEphos (black line), **1** (red line) and **2** (blue line), (b) xantphos (black line), **3** (red line), and **4** (blue line) in dichloromethane at 298 K.



Fig. S3 Low-temperature emission spectra for (a) **1** $(1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$, (b) **2** $(1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$, (c) xantphos $(1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$, (d) **3** $(1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$, and (e) **4** $(1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$ in an EPA glass (the conventional mixture of 5:5:2; diethyl ether: isopentane: ethanol) at 77 K. Excitation wavelength: $\lambda_{ex} = 270$ nm for **1**, 300 nm for **2**, 260 nm for xantphos, 280 nm for **3**, and 300 nm for **4**. The spectra are normalized to their maxima. Dashed lines show the corresponding excitation spectra. Excitation-light and second-harmonic signals are omitted for clarity.