

## Supporting Information

# Palladacycle-catalyzed phosphonation of aryl halides in neat water

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## Experimental Section

### General

$^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX-400 spectrometer with  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as the solvent and TMS as an internal standard. Melting points were measured using a WC-1 microscopic apparatus and were uncorrected. GC analysis was performed on Agilent 4890D gas chromatograph. Mass spectra were measured on an LC-MSD-Trap-XCT instrument. High-resolution mass spectra were measured on a MALDI-FTMS. Ethyl acetate and hexane (analytical grade) were used for column chromatography without purification. The palladacycles of cyclopalladated ferrocenylimines were synthesized according to the reported literature.<sup>[1]</sup> Other solvents were purified according to the standard methods. The other chemicals were bought from commercial sources and used as-received unless otherwise noted.

### General procedure for the synthesis of cyclopalladated ferrocenylimines (palladacycle I)<sup>[1]</sup>

Ferrocenylimine and mole equivalent NaOAc were added to the MeOH solution of mole equivalent  $\text{Li}_2\text{PdCl}_4$ , and the resulting red solutions were stirred at room temperature for about 20 h. After the reaction was complete, the mixture was filtered and the solid cyclopalladated ferrocenylimines obtained were washed with MeOH.

### General procedure for the synthesis of triphenylphosphine adduct (palladacycle II)<sup>[1]</sup>

A solution of palladacycle (I) (0.084 g, 0.092 mmol), and  $\text{PPh}_3$  (0.058 g, 0.22 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The mixture was filtered through Celite and evaporated to dryness. The crude product was recrystallized from dichloromethane-petroleum ether to afford the product as red crystal.

### The palladacycle-catalyzed the cross-coupling of aryl iodides and bromides with diisopropyl H-phosphonate in water

Aryl iodide or bromide (0.4 mmol), diisopropyl H-phosphonate (0.6 mmol), KF (1.2 mmol), TBAB (0.4 mmol),  $i\text{PrOH}$  (1.2 mmol), and palladacycle **II** (1 mol%) were dissolved in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (2 mL) in a 10 mL vial under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture then refluxed for 16 h. After the reaction was complete, the mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and washed with ethyl acetate. The mixture was added into  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (25 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and filtered. After removal of the solvent in vacuum, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/hexane) to give the pure product.

### The palladacycle-catalyzed the cross-coupling of aryl chlorides with diisopropyl H-phosphonate in water

The mixture of aryl chloride (0.4 mmol), diisopropyl H-phosphonate (0.6 mmol), KF (1.7 mmol), TBAB (0.4 mmol),  $i\text{PrOH}$  (1.2 mmol), and palladacycle **I** (1 mol%)/X-Phos (4 mol%) was dissolved in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (2 mL) in a 10 mL vial under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture then refluxed for 16 h. After the reaction was complete, the mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, and washed with ethyl acetate.

And the mixture was added into H<sub>2</sub>O (25 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. After removal of the solvent in vacuum, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/hexane) to give the pure product.

### **The palladacycle-catalyzed the cross-coupling of aryl halides with diphenylphosphine oxide in water**

The mixture of aryl halides (0.4 mmol), diphenylphosphine oxide (0.6 mmol), KF (1.2 mmol), TBAB (0.4 mmol), <sup>i</sup>PrOH (1.2 mmol), and palladacycle **II** (1 mol%) was dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) in a 10 mL vial under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture then refluxed for 16 h. After the reaction was complete, the mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, and washed with dichloromethane. And the mixture was added into H<sub>2</sub>O (25 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL) for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. After removal of the solvent in vacuum, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (dichloromethane/ methanol) to give the pure product.

#### **Diisopropyl (4-methoxyphenyl)phosphonate (3a)** <sup>[2]</sup>

Oil, yield: 93% (Table 1, entry 7), 84% (Table 2, entry 3), 76% (Table 3, entry 6); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.69 (dd, *J*=12.6 Hz and 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (dd, *J*=8.8 Hz and 3.2 Hz, 2H), 4.64–4.52 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.30 (d, *J*=6.0 Hz, 6H), 1.15 (d, *J*=6.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 162.5 (d, *J*=3.3 Hz), 133.7 (d, *J*=11.3 Hz), 121.1 (d, *J*=194.0 Hz), 113.8 (d, *J*=15.9 Hz), 70.4 (d, *J*=5.3 Hz), 55.3, 24.1 (d, *J*=3.8 Hz), 23.8 (d, *J*=4.9 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 163 MHz) δ 18.0.

#### **Diisopropyl (*p*-tolyl)phosphonate (3b)** <sup>[3]</sup>

Oil, yield: 94% (Table 2, entry 1), 60% (Table 2, entry 7), 99% (Table 4, entry 1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.70 (dd, *J*=13.2 Hz and 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (dd, *J*=7.6 Hz and 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.72–4.60 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.36 (d, *J*=6.0 Hz, 6H), 1.22 (d, *J*=6.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 142.5 (d, *J*=3.2 Hz), 131.8 (d, *J*=10.2 Hz), 129.1 (d, *J*=15.3 Hz), 126.6 (d, *J*=189.5 Hz), 70.5 (d, *J*=5.4 Hz), 24.1 (d, *J*=3.8 Hz), 23.8 (d, *J*=4.9 Hz), 21.6; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 163 MHz) δ 17.9.

#### **Diisopropyl (*o*-tolyl)phosphonate (3c)** <sup>[4]</sup>

Oil, yield: 58% (Table 2, entry 2), 69% (Table 4, entry 3); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.97 (dd, *J*=14.3 Hz and 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J*=7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.21 (m, 2H), 4.78–4.70 (m, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.40 (d, *J*=6.1 Hz, 6H), 1.26 (d, *J*=6.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 141.6 (d, *J*=9.9 Hz), 133.8 (d, *J*=10.4 Hz), 132.1 (d, *J*=2.9 Hz), 131.1 (d, *J*=14.8 Hz), 128.3 (d, *J*=183.6 Hz), 125.3 (d, *J*=14.9 Hz), 70.6 (d, *J*=5.7 Hz), 24.1 (d, *J*=3.9 Hz), 23.7 (d, *J*=4.6 Hz), 21.2 (d, *J*=3.4 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 163 MHz) δ 17.6.

#### **Diisopropyl (2-aminophenyl)phosphonate (3d)** <sup>[5]</sup>

Oil, yield: 88%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.49–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.21 (m, 1H), 6.71–6.61 (m, 2H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 4.69–4.60 (m, 2H), 1.37 (d, *J*=6.0 Hz, 6H), 1.23 (d, *J*=6.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 151.3 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz), 133.9 (d, *J*=2.3 Hz), 133.8 (d, *J*=7.2 Hz), 117.1 (d, *J*=13.9 Hz), 116.5

(d,  $J=12.7$  Hz), 110.0 (d,  $J=183.2$  Hz), 71.0 (d,  $J=5.0$  Hz), 24.5 (d,  $J=3.7$  Hz), 24.1 (d,  $J=4.9$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 163 MHz)  $\delta$  19.5.

### Diisopropyl-(2-acetamidophenyl)phosphonate (3e)

Oil, yield: 62%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.69 (s, 1H), 8.58 (t,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t,  $J=5.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.69–4.61 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.39 (d,  $J=6.0$  Hz, 6H), 1.23 (d,  $J=6.0$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  169.0, 142.4 (d,  $J=7.5$  Hz), 133.7 (d,  $J=2.2$  Hz), 132.6 (d,  $J=5.7$  Hz), 122.8 (d,  $J=13.6$  Hz), 120.6 (d,  $J=11.4$  Hz), 115.1 (d,  $J=179.1$  Hz), 71.6 (d,  $J=5.4$  Hz), 25.2, 24.0 (d,  $J=3.8$  Hz), 23.7 (d,  $J=5.0$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 163 MHz)  $\delta$  17.9; HRMS:  $m/z$  300.1365 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4\text{P}^+$  Calcd. 300.1365).

### Diisopropyl phenylphosphonate (3f) <sup>[5]</sup>

Oil, yield: 99% (Table 2, entry 6), 68% (Table 2, entry 9), 88% (Table 4, entry 9);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.85–7.79 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.47–7.42 (m, 2H), 4.75–4.63 (m, 2H), 1.37 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 6H), 1.23 (d,  $J=6.0$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  132.1 (d,  $J=3.0$  Hz), 131.6 (d,  $J=9.8$  Hz), 129.8 (d,  $J=187.4$  Hz), 128.3 (d,  $J=14.8$  Hz), 70.7 (d,  $J=5.5$  Hz), 24.0 (d,  $J=3.9$  Hz), 23.8 (d,  $J=4.8$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 163 MHz)  $\delta$  17.1.

### Diisopropyl (3-methoxyphenyl)phosphonate (3g)

Oil, yield: 86%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.42–7.32 (m, 3H), 7.08–7.05 (m, 1H), 4.73–4.64 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.38 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 6H), 1.23 (d,  $J=6.0$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  159.1 (d,  $J=18.7$  Hz), 131.0 (d, 186.1 Hz), 129.5 (d,  $J=17.4$  Hz), 123.9 (d,  $J=9.1$  Hz), 118.3 (d,  $J=2.6$  Hz), 116.2 (d,  $J=10.2$  Hz), 70.7 (d,  $J=5.3$  Hz), 55.3, 24.0 (d,  $J=3.6$  Hz), 23.8 (d,  $J=4.7$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 163 MHz)  $\delta$  17.0. HRMS:  $m/z$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ,  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{P}^+$  Calcd. 273.125).

### Diisopropyl naphthalen-2-ylphosphonate (3h) <sup>[2]</sup>

Oil, yield: 89%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.46 (d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.96–7.86 (m, 3H), 7.77 (t,  $J=9.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.53 (m, 2H), 4.77–4.68 (m, 2H), 1.41 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 6H), 1.22 (d,  $J=6.0$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  134.9 (d,  $J=2.6$  Hz), 133.9 (d,  $J=10.2$  Hz), 132.3 (d,  $J=16.6$  Hz), 128.9, 128.2 (d,  $J=14.3$  Hz), 128.1, 127.8, 126.9 (d,  $J=186.9$  Hz), 126.8, 126.6 (d,  $J=9.7$  Hz), 70.8 (d,  $J=5.3$  Hz), 24.1 (d,  $J=3.8$  Hz), 23.9 (d,  $J=4.8$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 163 MHz)  $\delta$  17.4.

### Diisopropyl (4-vinylphenyl)phosphonate (3i)

Oil, yield: 58%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.78 (dd,  $J=13.2$  Hz and 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (dd,  $J=7.6$  Hz and 3.6 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (dd,  $J=17.6$  Hz and 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (d,  $J=17.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d,  $J=10.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.73–4.64 (m, 2H), 1.37 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 6H), 1.22 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  141.1 (d,  $J=3.3$  Hz), 136.0 (d,  $J=1.3$  Hz), 132.0 (d,  $J=10.0$  Hz), 128.8 (d,  $J=189.0$  Hz), 126.0 (d,  $J=15.3$  Hz), 116.3, 70.7 (d,  $J=5.4$  Hz), 24.0 (d,  $J=3.9$  Hz), 23.8 (d,  $J=4.8$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 163 MHz)  $\delta$  17.1; HRMS:  $m/z$  269.1310 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3\text{P}^+$  Calcd. 269.1307).

### Diisopropyl (4-methoxycarbonylphenyl)phosphonate (3j)

Oil, yield: 85%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.11 (dd,  $J=7.8$  Hz and 3.8 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (dd,  $J=12.8$  and 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.76–4.67 (m, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 1.38 (d,  $J=6.0$  Hz, 6H), 1.23 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  166.4, 134.9 (d,  $J=185.9$  Hz), 133.2 (d,  $J=3.3$  Hz), 131.8 (d,  $J=9.9$  Hz), 129.3 (d,  $J=14.9$  Hz), 71.2 (d,  $J=5.6$  Hz), 52.5, 24.1 (d,  $J=3.9$  Hz), 23.8 (d,  $J=4.7$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 163 MHz)  $\delta$  15.3; HRMS:  $m/z$  301.1206 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_5\text{P}^+$  Calcd. 301.1199).

### Diisopropyl (benzo[b]thiophen-5-yl)phosphonate (3k)

Pale yellow solid, mp 104–105 °C; yield: 73%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.36 (d,  $J=14.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd,  $J=8.4$  Hz and 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75–7.69 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J=5.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d,  $J=5.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.75–4.66 (m, 2H), 1.40 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 6H), 1.22 (d,  $J=6.0$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  143.3 (d,  $J=3.3$  Hz), 139.1 (d,  $J=17.0$  Hz), 128.1 (d,  $J=10.9$  Hz), 127.6, 126.3 (d,  $J=11.0$  Hz), 125.5 (d,  $J=188.5$  Hz), 124.2 (d,  $J=1.3$  Hz), 122.6 (d,  $J=15.8$  Hz), 70.7 (d,  $J=5.3$  Hz), 24.1 (d,  $J=3.9$  Hz), 23.9 (d,  $J=4.8$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 163 MHz)  $\delta$  18.1; HRMS:  $m/z$  299.0871 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3\text{PS}^+$  Calcd. 299.0871).

### Diisopropyl (*m*-tolyl)phosphonate (3l) <sup>[6]</sup>

Oil, yield: 97%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.67–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.32 (m, 2H), 4.72–4.63 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.37 (d,  $J=6.0$  Hz, 6H), 1.23 (d,  $J=6.0$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  138.1 (d,  $J=14.9$  Hz), 132.9 (d,  $J=3.1$  Hz), 132.3 (d,  $J=10.0$  Hz), 129.6 (d,  $J=186.7$  Hz), 128.7 (d,  $J=9.5$  Hz), 128.2 (d,  $J=15.6$  Hz), 70.6 (d,  $J=5.4$  Hz), 24.1 (d,  $J=3.8$  Hz), 23.9 (d,  $J=4.8$  Hz), 21.3;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 163 MHz)  $\delta$  17.7.

### Diisopropyl (3,4-dimethylphenyl)phosphonate (3m) <sup>[7]</sup>

Oil, yield: 92%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.59 (d,  $J=13.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.21 (dd,  $J=7.6$  Hz and 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.70–4.61 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 6H), 1.37 (d,  $J=6.0$  Hz, 6H), 1.22 (d,  $J=6.0$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  141.2 (d,  $J=3.2$  Hz), 136.6 (d,  $J=15.2$  Hz), 132.7 (d,  $J=10.4$  Hz), 129.5 (d,  $J=15.6$  Hz), 129.2 (d,  $J=9.6$  Hz), 126.7 (d,  $J=188.4$  Hz), 70.3 (d,  $J=5.3$  Hz), 24.0 (d,  $J=3.8$  Hz), 23.8 (d,  $J=4.9$  Hz), 19.9, 19.5;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 163 MHz)  $\delta$  18.2.

### Diisopropyl (4-butylphenyl)phosphonate (3n)

Oil, yield: 65%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.71 (dd,  $J=13.2$  Hz and 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (dd,  $J=8.0$  Hz and 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.71–4.62 (m, 2H), 2.65 (t,  $J=7.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.65–1.57 (m, 2H), 1.41–1.32 (m, 8H), 1.22 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 6H), 0.93 (t,  $J=7.4$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  147.3 (d,  $J=3.0$  Hz), 131.7 (d,  $J=10.2$  Hz), 128.3 (d,  $J=15.2$  Hz), 126.6 (d,  $J=189.6$  Hz), 70.4 (d,  $J=5.4$  Hz), 35.6, 33.1, 24.0 (d,  $J=3.8$  Hz), 23.7 (d,  $J=4.8$  Hz), 22.2, 13.8;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 163 MHz)  $\delta$  17.9; HRMS:  $m/z$  299.1771 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ,  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_3\text{P}^+$  Calcd. 299.1775).

### Diisopropyl (4-methoxy-3-methylphenyl)phosphonate (3o)

Oil, yield: 90%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.64 (dd,  $J=12.4$  Hz and 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J=12.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd,  $J=8.2$  Hz and 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.69–4.60 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 1.37 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 6H), 1.22 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  160.7 (d,  $J=3.4$  Hz), 133.8 (d, 11.1 Hz), 131.4 (d,  $J=10.9$  Hz), 126.6 (d,  $J=15.4$  Hz), 120.3 (d,  $J=207.3$  Hz), 109.3 (d,  $J=16.8$  Hz), 70.2

(d,  $J=5.3$  Hz), 55.2, 23.9 (d,  $J=3.8$  Hz), 23.7 (d,  $J=4.8$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 163 MHz)  $\delta$  18.6; HRMS:  $m/z$  287.1407 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4\text{P}^+$  Calcd. 287.1409).

### Diisopropyl [3-(dimethylamino)phenyl]phosphonate (3p)

Oil, yield: 90%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.33–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.07 (m, 2H), 6.85 (dd,  $J=8.4$  Hz and 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.71–4.62 (m, 2H), 2.98 (s, 6H), 1.37 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 6H), 1.23 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  150.0 (d,  $J=16.8$  Hz), 130.0 (d,  $J=184.3$  Hz), 129.0 (d,  $J=17.2$  Hz), 119.2 (d,  $J=9.0$  Hz), 115.6 (d,  $J=3.0$  Hz), 115.2 (d,  $J=12.5$  Hz), 70.4 (d,  $J=5.2$  Hz), 40.3, 24.0 (d,  $J=3.7$  Hz), 23.7 (d,  $J=4.9$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 163 MHz)  $\delta$  18.7; HRMS:  $m/z$  286.1567 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3\text{P}^+$  Calcd. 286.1570).

### Diisopropyl benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-ylphosphonate (3q) <sup>[5]</sup>

Oil, yield: 92%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.42–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.21 (dd,  $J=12.8$  Hz and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd,  $J=8.0$  Hz and 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (s, 2H), 4.70–4.61 (m, 2H), 1.37 (d,  $J=6.0$  Hz, 6H), 1.23 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  150.8 (d,  $J=3.3$  Hz), 147.6 (d,  $J=22.4$  Hz), 127.2 (d,  $J=11.0$  Hz), 122.8 (d,  $J=192.8$  Hz), 111.1 (d,  $J=12.1$  Hz), 108.3 (d,  $J=18.5$  Hz), 101.4, 70.5 (d,  $J=5.4$  Hz), 23.9 (d,  $J=3.8$  Hz), 23.7 (d,  $J=4.8$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 163 MHz)  $\delta$  17.2.

### Diisopropyl (naphthalen-1-yl)phosphonate (3r) <sup>[5]</sup>

Oil, yield: 71%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.52 (d,  $J=8.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.29 (dd,  $J=16.6$  Hz and 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J=8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J=8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.48 (m, 3H), 4.77–4.68 (m, 2H), 1.41 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 6H), 1.14 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  134.5 (d,  $J=9.3$  Hz), 133.6 (d,  $J=12.5$  Hz), 133.4 (d,  $J=3.2$  Hz), 132.6 (d,  $J=10.6$  Hz), 128.7 (d,  $J=1.7$  Hz), 127.1, 127.0 (d,  $J=4.1$  Hz), 126.2, 126.0 (d,  $J=181.9$  Hz), 124.5 (d,  $J=16.5$  Hz), 71.0 (d,  $J=5.3$  Hz), 24.2 (d,  $J=3.8$  Hz), 23.8 (d,  $J=4.9$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 163 MHz)  $\delta$  17.2.

### Diisopropyl (2-chlorophenyl)phosphonate (3s)

Oil, yield: 69%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.05 (dd,  $J=14.4$  Hz and 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.27 (m, 1H), 4.78–4.69 (m, 2H), 1.40 (d,  $J=6.0$  Hz, 6H), 1.26 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  136.8 (d,  $J=2.8$  Hz), 136.0 (d,  $J=8.0$  Hz), 133.3 (d,  $J=2.5$  Hz), 130.7 (d,  $J=10.1$  Hz), 128.5 (d,  $J=189.1$  Hz), 126.3 (d,  $J=13.7$  Hz), 71.4 (d,  $J=5.6$  Hz), 24.1 (d,  $J=4.1$  Hz), 23.7 (d,  $J=4.8$  Hz);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 163 MHz)  $\delta$  12.5; HRMS:  $m/z$  277.0762 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ,  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClO}_3\text{P}^+$  Calcd. 277.0760).

### 1-Methyl-4-(diphenylphosphino)benzene (5a) <sup>[8]</sup>

White solid, mp 130–131 °C; yield: 97% (Table 5, entry 1), 99% (Table 5, entry 3);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.60–7.55 (m, 4H), 7.49–7.41 (m, 4H), 7.38–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.19–7.16 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  141.5 (d,  $J=2.8$  Hz), 131.7 (d,  $J=103.4$  Hz), 131.1 (d,  $J=10.2$  Hz), 131.0 (d,  $J=9.8$  Hz), 130.8 (d,  $J=2.6$  Hz), 128.3 (d,  $J=12.5$  Hz), 128.0 (d,  $J=107.5$  Hz), 127.4 (d,  $J=12.0$  Hz), 20.6;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 163 MHz)  $\delta$  29.8.

### Triphenylphosphine oxide (5b) <sup>[8]</sup>

White solid, mp 156–157 °C; yield: 94% (Table 5, entry 2), 92% (Table 5, entry 4), 35% (Table 5, entry 5); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.70–7.64 (m, 6H), 7.55–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 131.4 (d, *J*=102.8 Hz), 131.0 (d, *J*=10.0 Hz), 131.0 (d, *J*=3.4 Hz), 127.5 (d, *J*=12.1 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 163 MHz) δ 29.7.

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