

## Supplementary Information

# Kinetics and mechanism of the anilinolyses of aryl dimethyl, methyl phenyl and diphenyl phosphinates

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## Substrates

Substituted phenyl dimethyl, methyl phenyl, and diphenyl phosphinates were prepared by reacting dimethyl, methyl phenyl, and diphenyl phosphinic chlorides with phenols in the presence of triethyl amine in acetonitrile at room temperature, respectively. Finally the products were isolated by solvent evaporation under reduced pressure, after filtration, and the products passed through column chromatography (50% ethyl acetate and n-hexane) for purification. Analytical data of the products gave the following results:

**Me<sub>2</sub>P(=O)OPh-4-Me.**<sup>1-3</sup> White solid, mp 58-60 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.059, 7.060, 7.081, 7.102, 7.123, 7.124 (4H, m, aromatic), 1.588, 1.590, 1.624, 1.625 (6H, m, methyl), 2.303 (3H, s, methyl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 120.443, 120.481, 130.260, 134.459, 148.407 (C=C, m, aromatic), 115.182, 16.130, 20.670 (C=C, s, methyl); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 57.295 (1P, s); Mass, m/z, 184 (M<sup>+</sup>), Anal. Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P: C, 58.69; H, 7.11; Found: C, 58.63; H, 7.30.

**Me<sub>2</sub>P(=O)OPh.**<sup>3-6</sup> White solid, mp 40-42 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.795, 6.797, 6.818, 7.109, 7.114, 7.128, 7.130, 7.148, 7.152, 7.163, 7.177, 7.229, 7.295, 7.314, 7.717 (5H, m, aromatic), 1.533, 1.570, 1.585, 1.611, 1.612, 1.620, 1.636, 1.670, 1.672 (6H, m, methyl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 115.395, 119.185, 124.840, 129.206, 129.737, 157.125 (C=C, m, aromatic), 120.633-120.678 (C=C, aromatic, d, J = 4.5 Hz), 150.469-150.552 (C=C, aromatic, d, J = 8.3 Hz); 156.129, 16.077 (C=C, s, methyl); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 57.924 (1P, s); Mass, m/z, 169 (M<sup>+</sup>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P: C, 56.47; H, 6.52; Found: C, 56.25; H, 6.42.

**Me<sub>2</sub>P(=O)OPh-4-NO<sub>2</sub>.**<sup>1,3,7</sup> White crystal, mp 88-90 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.256, 7.378, 7.401, 8.223, 8.224, 8.246 (4H, m, phenyl), 1.696, 1.731 (6H, m, methyl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 115.592 (C=C, s, aromatic), 121.065-121.110 (C=C, aromatic, d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 125.840, 126.166 (C=C, s, aromatic); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 60.463 (1P, s); Mass, m/z, 215 (M<sup>+</sup>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>P: C, 44.66; H, 4.68; N, 6.51. Found: C, 44.34; H, 4.86; N, 6.65.

**MePhP(=O)OPh-4-Me.**<sup>9-11</sup> White solid, mp 70-72 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.014, 7.256, 7.468, 7.482, 7.523, 7.839, 7.849, 7.853, 7.870 (9H, m, aromatic), 2.247 (3H, s, methyl), 1.807-1.843 (3H, d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, methyl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 120.352-120.398 (C=C, aromatic, d, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 128.398, 128.668, 130.093, 131.260, 131.366, 132.496, 134.148, 148.460 (C=C, m, aromatic), 20.647 (C=C, s, methyl), 15.455, 16.471 (C=C, s, methyl); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 46.800 (1P, s); Mass, m/z, 246 (M<sup>+</sup>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P: C, 68.29; H, 6.14; Found: C, 68.02; H, 6.17.

**MePhP(=O)OPh.**<sup>5,6,9,10,12,13</sup> White crystal, mp 60-62 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.051, 7.088, 7.116, 7.210, 7.449, 7.454, 7.544, 7.823, 7.873 (10H, m, aromatic), 1.831-1.867 (3H, d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, methyl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 120.602-120.648 (C=C, aromatic, d, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 124.628, 128.698, 129.615, 130.184, 131.207, 131.306, 131.480, 132.579, 132.610, 150.734 (C=C, m, aromatic), 15.417, 16.433 (C=C, s, methyl); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 47.478 (1P, s); Mass, m/z, 232 (M<sup>+</sup>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P: C, 67.24; H, 5.64; Found: C, 67.42; H, 5.87.

**MePhP(=O)OPh-4-NO<sub>2</sub>.**<sup>9,12</sup> Light-yellowish liquid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.255, 7.298, 7.531, 7.827, 7.841, 7.859, 8.116, 8.122, 8.139 (9H, m, aromatic), 1.428-1.414 (3H, d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, methyl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 121.012–121.065 (C=C, aromatic, d, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 125.628, 126.151, 128.971, 129.100, 131.169, 131.276, 133.315 (C=C, m, aromatic), 15.773, 16.789, 17.426 (C=C, s, methyl); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 49.983 (1P, s); Mass, *m/z*, 277 (M<sup>+</sup>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>P: C, 56.32; H, 4.36; N, 5.05. Found: C, 56.53; H, 4.38; N, 4.88.

**Ph<sub>2</sub>P(=O)OPh-4-Me.**<sup>15-17</sup> White solid, mp 122-124 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.025, 7.062, 7.064, 7.445, 7.455, 7.473, 7.504, 7.508, 7.856, 7.877, 7.891, 7.908 (14H, m, aromatic), 2.244 (3H, s, methyl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 120.405-120.451 (C=C, aromatic, d, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 128.463, 128.592, 130.070, 131.768, 131.867, 132.322, 132.352 (C=C, m, aromatic), 20.655 (C=C, s, methyl); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 35.548 (1P, s); Mass, *m/z*, 308 (M<sup>+</sup>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P: C, 74.02; H, 5.56. Found: C, 73.88; H, 5.67.

**Ph<sub>2</sub>P(=O)OPh.**<sup>18-21</sup> White solid, mp 132-134 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.070, 7.182, 7.185, 7.200, 7.202, 7.203, 7.436, 7.454, 7.457, 7.463, , 7.532, 7.862, 7.894, 7.915, 7.918 (15H, m, aromatic); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 120.716, 124.567, 128.516, 128.645, 129.631, 131.761, 131.867, 132.405 (C=C, m, aromatic); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 35.714 (1P, s); Mass, *m/z*, 294 (M<sup>+</sup>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P: C, 73.46; H, 5.14. Found: C, 73.26; H, 5.28.

**Ph<sub>2</sub>P(=O)OPh-4-NO<sub>2</sub>.**<sup>17,22-24</sup> White solid, mp 100-102 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.357, 7.380, 7.496, 7.505, 7.515, 7.526, 7.570, 7.589, 7.593, 7.854, 7.878, 7.910, 8.131, 8.155 (14H, m, aromatic); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 121.156-121.209 (C=C, aromatic, d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 125.636, 126.083 (C=C, s, aromatic), 128.835-128.971 (C=C, aromatic, d, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 131.624–131.730 (C=C, aromatic, d, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 133.095-133.125 (C=C, aromatic, d, *J* = 3 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 38.3 (1P, s); Mass, m/z, 339 (M<sup>+</sup>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>P: C, 63.72; H, 4.16; N, 4.13. Found: C, 63.48; H, 3.99; N, 3.89.

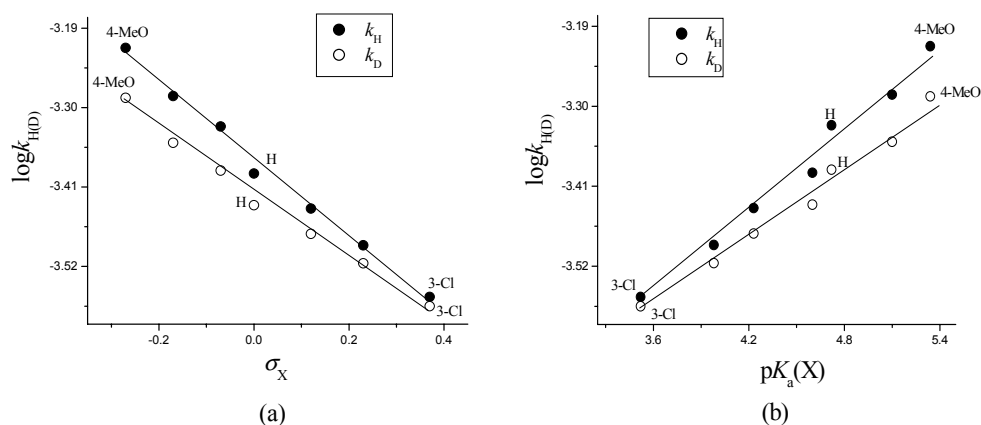
**Product Analysis.** Me<sub>2</sub>P(=O)PhO-4-NO<sub>2</sub>, MePhP(=O)PhO-4-NO<sub>2</sub>, and Ph<sub>2</sub>P(=O)PhO-4-NO<sub>2</sub> were reacted with excess 4-MePhNH<sub>2</sub>, 4-MeOPhNH<sub>2</sub> and PhNH<sub>2</sub> for more than 15 half-lives at 60.0 °C in DMSO, respectively. The 4-methyl, 4-methoxy, and anilinium chloride salts were separated by filtration. Analytical and spectroscopic data of the products gave the following results:

**Me<sub>2</sub>P(=O)NHPh-4-Me.**<sup>8</sup> Brown solid, mp 172-174 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.62-1.70 (6H, m, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.23-2.27 (3H, d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.84-4.86 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, NH), 6.61-7.26 (4H, m, phenyl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 16.3-17.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>, s), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>, s), 115.2, 119.2, 119.3, 129.7, 130.0, 131.8, 37.7 (C=C, aromatic); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 39.9-40.0 (1P, d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, P=S); Mass, m/z, 183 (M<sup>+</sup>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NOP: C, 59.1; H, 7.7; N, 7.8; Found: C, 59.0; H, 7.7; N, 7.7.

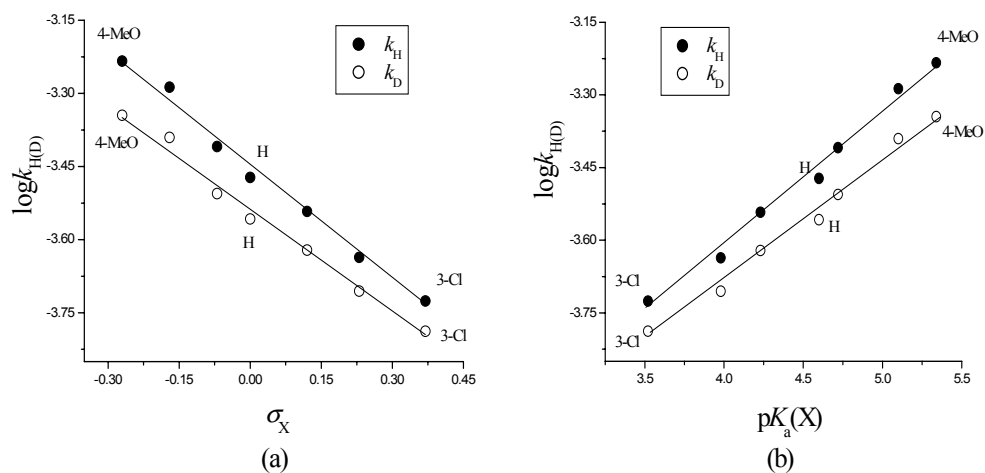
**MePhP(=O)NHPh-4-OMe.**<sup>8,14</sup> Purple gummy solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.77, 1.80 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), -

3.72 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.96 (1H, d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, NH), 6.73 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H, phenyl), 6.96 (2H, d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, phenyl), 7.47 (2H, t,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, phenyl), 7.52 (1H, d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, phenyl), 7.86 (2H, d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, phenyl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  16.2–17.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>, s), 55.5 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 114.6, 115.4, 120.6, 121.2, 128.3, 131.5, 132.1, 133.1, 155.2 (C=C, aromatic); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  31.9 (s, 1P, P=O);  $m/z$  261 (M<sup>+</sup>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>P: C, 64.4; H, 6.2; N, 5.4. Found: C, 64.3; H, 6.2; N, 5.4.

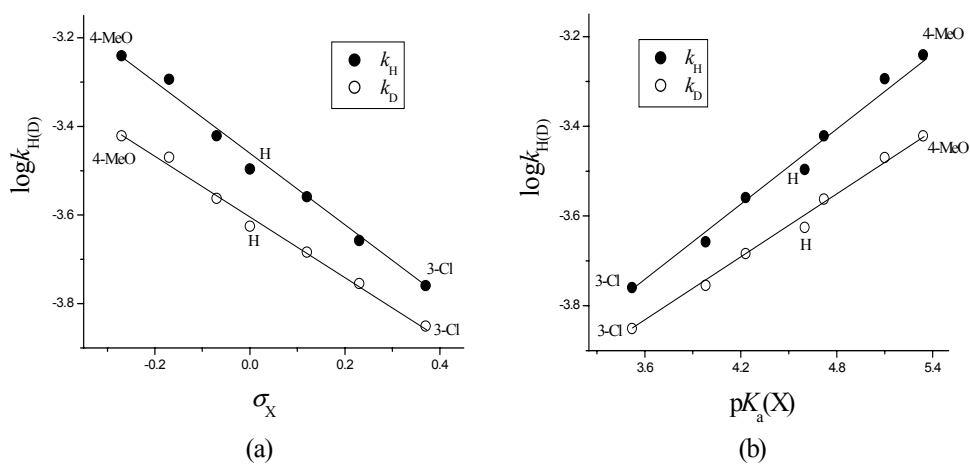
**Ph<sub>2</sub>P(=O)NPh.**<sup>24-26</sup> Yellowish Solid; mp 85-86 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.2 (1H, d,  $J = 11.6$ Hz, NH), 6.9 (1H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.0 (2H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.1 (2H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.4 (4H, m), 7.5 (2H, m), 7.8-7.9 (4H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  118.331, 120.716, 124.567, 128.516, 128.645, 129.631, 131.761, 131.867, 140.213 (C=C, aromatic); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  23.7 (s, 1P);  $m/z$ , 292 (M<sup>+</sup>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ONP: C, 73.7; H, 5.5; N, 4.8. Found: C, 73.7; H, 5.7; N, 4.5.



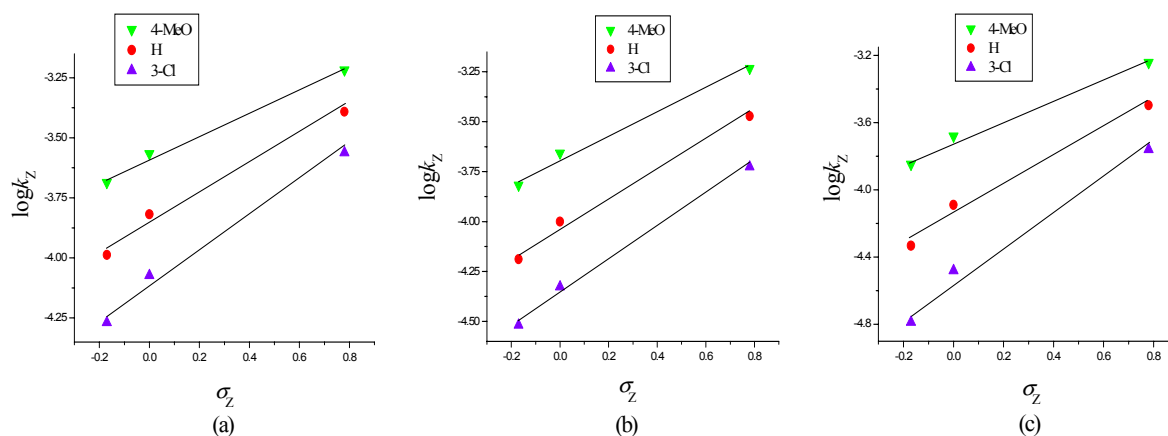
**Fig. S1** The Hammett (a) and Brønsted (b) plots of the aminolysis of  $\text{Me}_2\text{P}(=\text{O})\text{OPh-4-NO}_2$  with  $\text{XPhNH}_2$  (●) and  $\text{XPhND}_2$  (○) in DMSO at 60.0 °C.



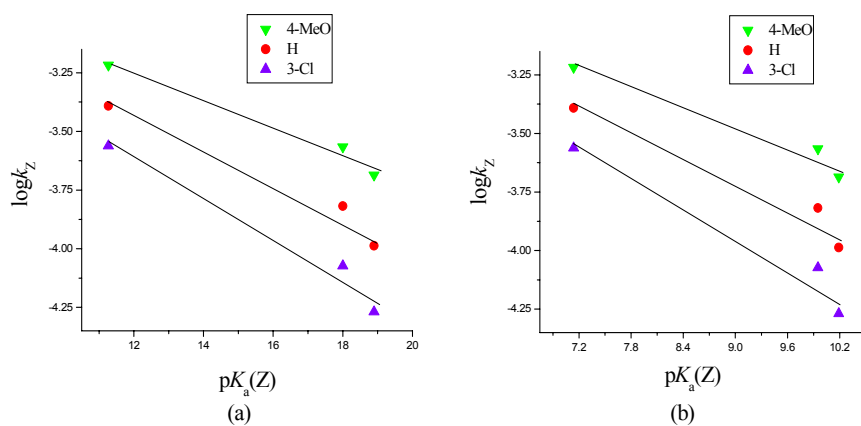
**Fig. S2** The Hammett (a) and Brønsted (b) plots of the aminolysis of MePhP(=O)OPh-4-NO<sub>2</sub> with XPhNH<sub>2</sub> (●) and XPhND<sub>2</sub> (○) in DMSO at 60.0 °C.



**Fig. S3** The Hammett (a) and Brønsted (b) plots of the aminolysis of Ph<sub>2</sub>P(=O)OPh-4-NO<sub>2</sub> with XPhNH<sub>2</sub> (●) and XPhND<sub>2</sub> (○) in DMSO at 60.0 °C.

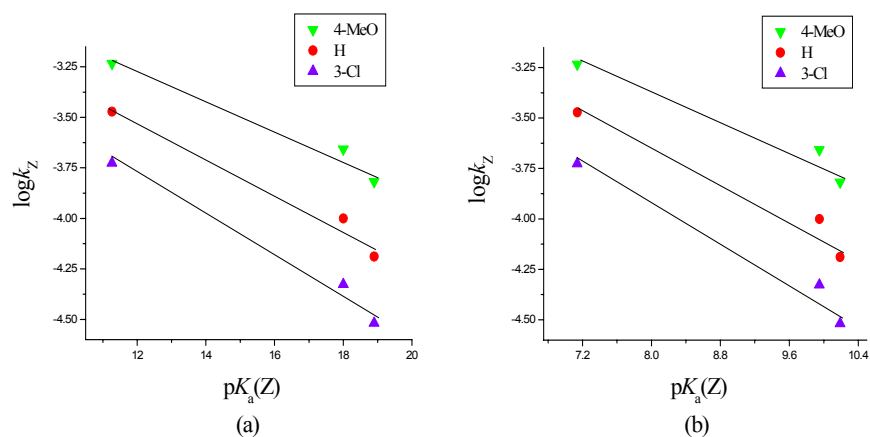


**Fig. S4** The Hammett plots a, b, and c by plotting  $\log k_H$  vs  $\sigma_Z$  for the reactions of  $\text{Me}_2\text{P}(=\text{O})\text{OPhZ}$ ,  $\text{MePhP}(=\text{O})\text{OPhZ}$ , and  $\text{Ph}_2\text{P}(=\text{O})\text{OPhZ}$ , respectively, with  $\text{XPhNH}_2$  in DMSO at  $60.0^\circ\text{C}$ .

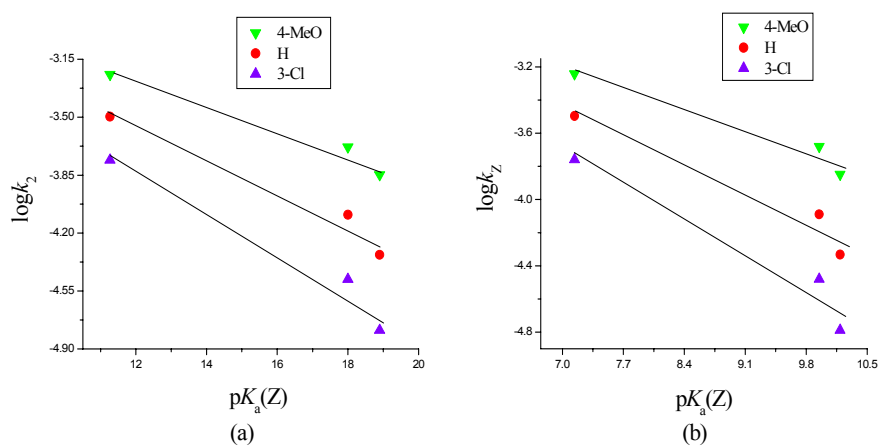


**Fig. S5** The Brønsted (a) for  $\log k_H$  vs  $\text{p}K_a(\text{Z})$  (in DMSO) and (b) for  $\log k_H$  vs  $\text{p}K_a(\text{Z})$  (in water) plots of the aminolysis of  $\text{Me}_2\text{P}(=\text{O})\text{OPhZ}$  with  $\text{XPhNH}_2$  in DMSO at  $60.0^\circ\text{C}$ .





**Fig. S6** The Brønsted (a) for  $\log k_H$  vs  $pK_a(Z)$  (in DMSO) and (b) for  $\log k_H$  vs  $pK_a(Z)$  (in water) plots of the aminolysis of  $(Me)(Ph)P(=O)(OPhZ)$  with  $XPhNH_2$  in DMSO at 60.0 °C.



**Fig. S7** The Brønsted (a) for  $\log k_H$  vs  $pK_a(Z)$  (in DMSO) and (b) for  $\log k_H$  vs  $pK_a(Z)$  (in water) plots of the aminolysis of  $(Ph)_2P(=O)(OPhZ)$  with  $XPhNH_2$  in DMSO at 60.0 °C.

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