## Supporting Information

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## Experimental Section

## General information

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without purification. $9-(1 \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{inden}-2-\mathrm{yl})$ anthracene 4 was prepared according to the reported procedure. ${ }^{1}$ All reactions were performed in a resealable screw cap Schlenk flask (approx. 10 mL volume) in the presence of a Teflon coated magnetic stirrer bar ( $3 \mathrm{~mm} \times 50 \mathrm{~mm}$ ). Dimethyl acetamide was distilled from anhydrous magnesium sulfate under nitrogen. Silica gel (70-230 and 230-400 mesh) was used for column chromatography. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded on a MercuryPlus ( 400 MHz ) spectrometer. HRMS were obtained on an IonSpec FT-ICR mass spectrometer with ESI resource. Compounds described in the literature were characterized by comparison of their ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra to the previously reported data.

## Preparation of 2-(anthracen-9-yl)-1H-inden-3-yl dicyclohexylphosphine 1



In a 100 ml flask $9-(1 \mathrm{H}$-inden-2-yl) anthracene $4(1.46 \mathrm{~g}, 5.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ was dissolved in THF ( 50 mL ) under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture was cooled to $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, and $n \mathrm{BuLi}(3.75 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.6 \mathrm{M}$ solution in hexane, 6.0 mmol ) was added. The solution was stirred for 30 min at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and then for 6 h at ambient temperature. Then the mixture was cooled to $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and $\mathrm{Cy}_{2} \mathrm{PCl}(1.1 \mathrm{~mL}, 5.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added. The mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for additional 16 h . The reaction was quenched with water ( 20 mL ). The organic layer was separated from the aqueous layer. The aqueous layer was extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(25 \mathrm{~mL} \times 2)$. The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (eluents: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) to provide the desired product as a yellow solid ( $1.66 \mathrm{~g}, 68 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.46(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.02(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.82(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.78(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.56(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.43$ (dd, $J=13.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.37-7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.91(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.30(\mathrm{br}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.77$ (br, 2H), 1.60-1.63 (m, 8H), 1.02-1.21 (m, 10H) ppm. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ $159.21,158.88,147.08,143.73,140.53,140.27,133.55,131.31,129.94,128.70$, $127.03,126.64,125.08,124.95,124.83,123.95,122.46,46.13,34.57,34.47,32.60$, 32.39, 31.20, 31.12, 27.50, 27.43, 27.27, 27.14, $26.32 \mathrm{ppm} .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR ( 162 MHz , $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta-16.21 \mathrm{ppm}$. HRMS (ESI/ $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$) Cacld. for: $\mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{37} \mathrm{P} 488.2711$, found 488.2712.

## Crystallographic Studies

Single crystal of $\mathbf{1}$ for X-ray diffraction analysis was obtained by slow diffusion of hexane into its $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ solutions at room temperature. Crystallographic data was collected on a Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer with graphite-monochromated $\mathrm{Mo} \mathrm{K} \alpha$ radiation $(\lambda=0.71073 \AA)$. Diffraction measurements were made at room temperature. An absorption correction by SADABS was applied to the intensity data. The structures were solved by Patterson method. The remaining non-hydrogen atoms were determined from the successive difference Fourier syntheses. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically except those mentioned otherwise. The hydrogen atoms were generated geometrically and refined with isotropic thermal parameters. The structures were refined on $F^{2}$ by full-matrix least-squares methods using the SHELXTL-97 program package.

## General procedures for reaction condition screenings

A Pd source ( 0.02 mmol ), a phosphine ligand ( 0.04 mmol ), base ( 3.0 mmol ) and bis(pinacolato)diboron ( $254 \mathrm{mg}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was loaded into a Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar. 4-Chlorotoluene ( $0.29 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.4 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and dimethyl acetamide ( 2.0 mL ) were added. The tube was evacuated and flushed with nitrogen three times, and then placed in a preheated oil bath with the temperature indicated in the table and stirred for 20 h . After completion of the reaction, the reaction tube was allowed to cool to room temperature. Water ( 10 mL ) and EtOAc (10 mL ) were added. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product.

## General Procedure for the Preparation of Symmetrical Biaryls

$\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{dba})_{2}(12 \mathrm{mg}, 0.02 \mathrm{mmol})$, ligand $1(20 \mathrm{mg}, 0.04 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{K}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4} \cdot 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(0.8 \mathrm{~g}, 3.0$ mmol ) and bis(pinacolato)diboron ( $254 \mathrm{mg}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was loaded into a Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar. Aryl chlorides or heteroaryl chloride ( 2.4 mmol ) and dimethyl acetamide ( 2.0 mL ) were added. The tube was evacuated and flushed with nitrogen three times, and then placed in a preheated oil bath $\left(100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ and stirred for 20 h . After completion of the reaction, the reaction tube was allowed to cool to room temperature. Water ( 10 mL ) and EtOAc ( 10 mL ) were added. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product.

## General Procedure for the Preparation of Unsymmetrical Biaryls

$\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{dba})_{2}(12 \mathrm{mg}, 0.02 \mathrm{mmol})$, ligand $(20 \mathrm{mg}, 0.04 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{KOAc}(0.3 \mathrm{~g}, 3.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ and bis(pinacolato)diboron ( $305 \mathrm{mg}, 1.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was loaded into a Schlenk tube equipped
with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar. The first aryl halide ( 1.2 mmol ) and dimethyl acetamide $(2.0 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added. The tube was evacuated and flushed with nitrogen three times, and then placed in a preheated oil bath $\left(100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ and stirred for 3 h . After completion of the reaction, the reaction tube was allowed to cool to room temperature. The second aryl or heteroaryl chlorides and $\mathrm{K}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4} \cdot 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ were loaded into the tube under nitrogen. Dimethyl acetamide ( 0.5 mL ) was added. The tube was then placed into a preheated oil bath $\left(100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ and stirred for 16 h . After completion of the reaction, the reaction tube was allowed to cool to room temperature. Water ( 10 mL ) and EtOAc $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc $(3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL})$, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product.


Figure S1. Molecular structure of $\mathbf{1}$. Thermal ellipsoids are set at $30 \%$ probability. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

Table S1. Crystal Data and Summary of X-ray Data Collection of $\mathbf{1}$

|  | 1 |
| :---: | :---: |
| formula | $\mathrm{C}_{70} \mathrm{H}_{74} \mathrm{P}_{2}$ |
| fw | 977.23 |
| $T, \mathrm{~K}$ | 100(2) |
| Wavelength, $\AA$ | 0.71073 |
| crystal system | Monoclinic |
| space group | C2/c |
| $a, ~ \AA$ | 23.590(3) |
| $b, \AA$ | 12.9016(15) |
| $c, \AA$ | 18.644(2) |
| $\alpha$, deg | 90 |
| $\beta$, deg | 98.267(2) |
| $\gamma, \operatorname{deg}$ | 90 |
| $V, \AA^{3}$ | 5615.3(11) |
| Z | 4 |
| $D_{\text {cal }}, \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{cm}^{-3}$ | 1.156 |
| Absorption coefficient, $\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 0.119 |
| $F(000)$ | 2096 |
| cryst size, mm | $0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.10$ |
| $\theta$ range, deg | 1.74-30.00 |
| no. of reflns collected | 26267 |
| no. of indep reflns $/ R_{\text {int }}$ | 8157/0.0288 |
| no. of params | 326 |
| GOF on $F^{2}$ | 1.042 |
| $R_{1}, \mathrm{w} R_{2}[I>2 \sigma(I)]$ | 0.0470, 0.1279 |
| $R_{1}, \mathrm{w} R_{2}$ (all data) | 0.0681, 0.1494 |
| largest diff peak and hole (e $\AA^{-3}$ ) | 0.286, -0.220 |

## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, ${ }^{31}$ P NMR, ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR and HRMS spectra of compound 4 and 1



9-(1H-inden-2-yl) anthracene (4)
Green solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.45(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.03(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.95(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.60-7.50(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.49-7.32(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 7.32-7.27(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.04(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.89(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{1}$


2-(anthracen-9-yl)-1H-inden-3-yl dicyclohexylphosphine (1)
Yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.46(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.02(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.82(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.78(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.56(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.43(\mathrm{dd}, J$ $=13.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.37-7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.91(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.30(\mathrm{br}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.77(\mathrm{br}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 1.60-1.63 (m, 8H), 1.02-1.21 (m, 10H) ppm. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 159.21$, $158.88,147.08,143.73,140.53,140.27,133.55,131.31,129.94,128.70,127.03$, $126.64,125.08,124.95,124.83,123.95,122.46,46.13,34.57,34.47,32.60,32.39$, 31.20, 31.12, 27.50, 27.43, 27.27, 27.14, $26.32 \mathrm{ppm} .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR ( $162 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ -16.21 ppm . HRMS (ESI/ $\left.[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right)$Cacld. for: $\mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{37} \mathrm{P} 488.2711$, found 488.2712.







$\begin{array}{lllllllllllllllllll}180 & 170 & 160 & 150 & 140 & 130 & 120 & 110 & 100 & \underset{f(p)}{90} & 80 & 70 & 60 & 50 & 40 & 30 & 20 & 10 & 0\end{array}$




## ${ }^{1}$ H NMR spectra of coupling products



4, 4'-dimethyl-1, 1'-biphenyl
White solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.47(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.23(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0$
$\mathrm{Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 2.38(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{2}$

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3, 3'-dimethyl-1, 1'-biphenyl
Colorless oil. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.37(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.29(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.12(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.39(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{3}$



3, 3'-dimethoxy-1, 1'-biphenyl
Colorless oil. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.32(\mathrm{t}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.19-7.15(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.14-7.07(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.94-6.83(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.82(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{4}$



1, 1'-biphenyl-4, 4'-diol
White solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.19$ (dd, $\left.J=6.7,2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}\right), 6.76(\mathrm{dd}, J$ $=6.7,2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 4.52(\mathrm{br}, 2 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{5}$





2, 2'-dimethyl-1, 1'-biphenyl Colorless oil. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.25-7.18(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 7.09(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 2.05(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{6}$



4, 4'-difluoro-1, 1'-biphenyl
White solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.54-7.44(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.09-7.14(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$ ppm. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{7}$





4, 4'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1, 1'-biphenyl
White solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.69-7.75(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{7}$




4, 4'-dinitro-1, 1'-biphenyl
Yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.37$ ( $\mathrm{d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.79(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{8}$

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1, 1'-([1, 1'-biphenyl]-4, 4'-diyl) diethanone
Yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.06(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.72(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 2.65(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{9}$


[1, 1'-biphenyl]-4, 4'-dicarbonitrile
Yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.79(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.69(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{10}$





2, 2'-binaphthalene
Yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.17$ (s, 2H), 7.92 (dt, $J=8.5,7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $8 \mathrm{H}), 7.56-7.47(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{4}$

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1, 1'-binaphthalene
White solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.94(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.1,3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.65-7.55$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.54-7.41(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.39(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.31-7.18(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{11}$


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3, 3'-bipyridine
White solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.85(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.67(\mathrm{dd}, J=4.8$, $1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.94-7.87(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.42$ (dd, $J=7.7,4.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{12}$





3-methoxy-1, 1'-biphenyl
Yellow oil. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.58(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.43(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.35(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.18(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.12(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.89(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.85(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{13}$



4'-fluoro-3-methoxy-1, 1'-biphenyl
Yellow oil. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.56-7.51(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.34(\mathrm{t}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.12(\mathrm{dd}, J=12.0,5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.08-7.06(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.89(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.2,2.5,0.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.86(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{14}$



3'-methoxy-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-4-ol
White solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 7.45(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.31(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0$
$\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.12(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.07(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.92-6.78(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 5.85$
$(\mathrm{br}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.84(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{5}$

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3-methoxy-3'-nitro-1, 1'-biphenyl Yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.45(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.21(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.2,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.91(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.61(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.41(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.21$ (d, $J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.16-7.12(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.98(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.2,2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.89(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$ ppm . Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{15}$





1-(3'-methoxy-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-4-yl) ethanone
Light red solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.03$ (d, $J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.68 (d, $J=$ $6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.39(\mathrm{t}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.21(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.15(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.95(\mathrm{~d}, J$ $=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.88(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.64(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{16}$

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3'-methoxy-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile
Yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.86(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.81(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.63(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.54(\mathrm{t}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.40(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.14(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.08(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.96(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.2,2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.88(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{17}$





4'-methyl-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile
White solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 7.85(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.81-7.74(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.63-7.56(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.52(\mathrm{t}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.46(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.29(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.41(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{18}$


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4'-fluoro-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile
Yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 7.82(\mathrm{t}, J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.79-7.75(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.65-7.61(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.57-7.51(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.17(\mathrm{t}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{19}$





4'-nitro-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile
Yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.36(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.91(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.86(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.73(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.63(\mathrm{t}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$.





4'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile White solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.88(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.83(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.75(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.69(\mathrm{t}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.60(\mathrm{t}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{20}$





3-(4-methoxyphenyl) pyridine
Yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.82(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.54(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $4.8,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.87-7.78(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.52(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.33(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.6,5.1$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.01(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.86(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{21}$





3-(pyridin-3-yl) benzonitrile
Yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.85(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.68(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.92-7.86(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.85-7.80(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.71(\mathrm{dt}, J=7.8,1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.62(\mathrm{t}, J=7.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.44(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.6,4.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{22}$




3-(pyridin-2-yl) benzonitrile
Yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.73(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.33(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.24(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.80(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.72(\mathrm{dd}, J=17.0,7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.59(\mathrm{t}, J=7.9$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.32(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{23}$

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3-(thiophen-2-yl) benzonitrile
Yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.88(\mathrm{t}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.84-7.79(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.55(\mathrm{dt}, J=7.7,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.48(\mathrm{t}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.37(\mathrm{dt}, J=3.5,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.12$ (dd, $J=5.0,3.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{24}$



4-(pyridin-2-yl) benzonitrile
Yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.74(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.12(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5$
$\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.84-7.69 (m, 4H), 7.32 (ddd, $J=7.2,4.8,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{24}$





4-(pyridin-3-yl) benzonitrile
Yellow solid. ${ }^{1}$ H NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.86(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.68(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $4.8,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.93-7.84(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.79(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.70(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.43(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.0,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{24}$

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4-(pyrazin-2-yl) benzonitrile
Yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.08(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.70(\mathrm{dt}, J=2.4,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 8.61(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.82(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$.
Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{25}$





4-(quinoxalin-2-yl) benzonitrile
Yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.36(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.35(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $8.17(\mathrm{t}, J=6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.94-7.74(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{26}$



2-(pyridin-3-yl) quinoxaline
Yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.43$ (d, $J=2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $9.36(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 8.78 (dd, $J=4.8,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.57-8.50(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.21-8.14(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.87-7.79$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.53(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.0,4.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$. Data is consistent with that reported in the literature. ${ }^{27}$


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