#### **Supporting Information**

#### Oxidative *ortho*-Alkenylation of Arylphosphine Oxides by Rhodium-Catalyzed Twofold C-H Bond Cleavages<sup>‡,†</sup>

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#### **Experimental Section**

**General:** Reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware under a nitrogen atmosphere.  $[Cp^*RhCl_2]_2$  were purchased from Anfenchem Co. AgSbF<sub>6</sub> and Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> were purchased from Alfa Chemical Co. Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. Other commercial available reagents were used without purification and all solvents were reaction grade.

All reaction mixtures were stirred magnetically and were monitored by thin-layer chromatography using Merck silica gel 60  $F_{254}$  precoated glass plates, which were visualized with UV light and then, developed using either iodine or a solution of anisaldehyde. Flash column chromatography was carried out using Merck silica gel 60 (0.040-0.063 mm, 230-400 mesh). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz), and <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Brucker DPXFT spectrometer. Deuterated chloroform was used as the solvent, and chemical shift values ( $\delta$ ) are reported in parts per million relative to the residual signals of this solvent ( $\delta$  7.26 for <sup>1</sup>H and  $\delta$  77.0 for <sup>13</sup>C). Infrared spectra were recorded on FT-IR spectrometer as either a thin film pressed between two sodium chloride plates or as a solid suspended in a potassium bromide disk. Mass spectra were obtained from the KBSI on high resolution mass spectrometer. Melting points were determined in open capillary tube using Electrothermal 9100 apparatus.

#### Additional data for reaction optimization

O H Me H	H + E = CO <sub>2</sub> ( <i>n</i> -Bu) <b>2a</b>	cat. [Cp*Rh( AgSbF <sub>6</sub> Cu(OAc)	Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> →	O ⊢ Me ⊢ E + 3a	E H Me E 4a	
entry	solvent	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	entry	solvent	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	
1	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	0	8	toluene	0	
2	CH <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	0	9	xylene	4	
3	MeOH	0	10	$C_6F_6$	2	
4	t-BuOH	35 (6:1) <sup>c</sup>	11	THF	12	
5	<i>t</i> -AmOH	12 (4:1) <sup>c</sup>	12	DMF	0	
6	DCE	30 (4.5:1) <sup>c</sup>	13	DMSO	0	
7	dioxane	50 (3:1) <sup>c</sup>	14 <sup>d</sup>	dioxane	0	

Table 1. Solvent screening of oxidative alkenylation of phenyldimethylphosphine oxide with *n*-butyl acrylate<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> Reaction conditions: [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (2 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (8 mol %), **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.4 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.0 equiv), solvent (0.8 mL) at 80 °C for 20 h. <sup>*b*</sup> Yields based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR integration relative to dibromethane internal standard. <sup>*c*</sup> The ratio of **3a** and **4a**. <sup>*d*</sup> [Cp\*Rh(MeCN)<sub>3</sub>](SbF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (2 mol %) was used.

#### Table 2. Reacivity study of dialkylphosphin oxide<sup>a</sup>

	O ⊨ R P R H 1	+ H E - 2a E = CO <sub>2</sub> ( <i>n</i> -Bu)	cat. [Cp*RhCl AgSbF <sub>6</sub> oxidant 1,4-dioxane, 12 Bu)		3		Ξ
-	entry	R		time (h)		yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	
-	1	Me ć	la	8	3a	59 (22) <sup>c</sup>	
	2	<i>i</i> -Pr	1j	24	3р	45 (26) <sup>d</sup>	
	3	Ph		24		0	

<sup>a</sup> Reaction condition: **1** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.4 mmol), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (8 mol %), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.0 equiv), Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.0 equiv) at 120 °C for 24 h. <sup>*b*</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>*c*</sup> Number in parenthesis is yield of **4a**. <sup>*d*</sup> Recovery yield of starting material.

Me	Me O H Me H 1d	+ H Ar Ar = Ph ( <b>2e)</b> 4-Cl-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ( <b>2</b> )	cat. [Cp AgS oxic i)	*RhCl <sub>2]2</sub> bF <sub>6</sub> lant	Me Me 5	O ₩ Me Ar
entry	<b>2</b> (equiv)	oxidant (equiv	)	solvent	temp ( <sup>o</sup> C)	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	<b>2e</b> (3)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (1)/Ag <sub>2</sub> C	O <sub>3</sub> (1)	1,4-dioxane	120	60
2 <sup>c</sup>	<b>2e</b> (3)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (1)/Ag <sub>2</sub> C	O <sub>3</sub> (1)	1,4-dioxane	120	54
3	<b>2e</b> (3)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (2)/Ag <sub>2</sub> C	O <sub>3</sub> (2)	1,4-dioxane	120	56
4 <sup><i>d</i></sup>	<b>2e</b> (3)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (1)/Ag <sub>2</sub> C	O <sub>3</sub> (1)	1,4-dioxane	120	57
5 <sup>e</sup>	<b>2e</b> (3)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (1)/Ag <sub>2</sub> C	O <sub>3</sub> (1)	1,4-dioxane	120	20
6	<b>2e</b> (6)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (1)/Ag <sub>2</sub> C	O <sub>3</sub> (1)	1,4-dioxane	120	60
7	<b>2e</b> (3)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (1)		1,4-dioxane	120	0
8	<b>2e</b> (3)	$Ag_{2}CO_{3}(1)$		1,4-dioxane	120	60
9	<b>2e</b> (3)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (1)		THF	90	62
10	<b>2j</b> (3)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (1)/Ag <sub>2</sub> C	O <sub>3</sub> (1)	1,4-dioxane	120	32
11	<b>2j</b> (1)	$Ag_2CO_3(1)$		Ethyl acetate	120	38
12	<b>2j</b> (3)	$Ag_2CO_3(1)$		<i>t</i> -BuOH	120	18
13	<b>2j</b> (3)	$Ag_{2}CO_{3}(1)$		THF	120	54
14	<b>2j</b> (3)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (1)/AgOA	c (1)	THF	120	14
15	<b>2j</b> (3)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (1)/NaOA	Ac (1)	THF	80	9
16	<b>2j</b> (3)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (1)/Ag <sub>2</sub> C	O <sub>3</sub> (1)	THF	90	38

Table 3. Optimization of oxidative ortho-alkenylation of 1d with styrene derivatives<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> Reaction condition: [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (2 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (8 mol %), **1d** (0.2 mmol) in solvent (0.8 mL) for 24 h. <sup>*b*</sup> Isolated yield of product. <sup>*c*</sup> AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (16 mol %) was used. <sup>*d*</sup> 1,4-Dioxane (0.4 mL, 0.5 M). <sup>*e*</sup> Neat reaction

#### Studies with isotopically labeled compounds



To an oven dried test tube were added [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (2.9 mg, 2 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (5.5 mg, 8 mol %), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (36.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (55.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) and dimethyl(*o*-tolyl)phosphine oxide (**1b**, 0.1 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane/D<sub>2</sub>O (0.7 mL/0.07 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred under nitrogen at 120 °C (bath temperature) for 12 h. After celite filtration and evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo*, product was purified by column chromatography (methanol:dichloromethane = 1:20) on silica gel.



To an oven dried test tube were added [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (2.9 mg, 2 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (5.5 mg, 8 mol %), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (36.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (55.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), dimethyl(*o*-tolyl)phosphine oxide (**1b**, 0.1 mmol), dimethyl(*tetra*-deuterio-*o*-tolyl)phosphine oxide (**[D<sub>4</sub>]-1b**, 0.1 mmol) and *n*-butyl acrylate (0.4 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.8 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred under nitrogen at 120 °C (bath temperature) for 2 h. After celite filtration and evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo*, [**3c** + [**D<sub>3</sub>]-3c**] (27%) was purified by column chromatography (methanol:dichloromethane = 1:20) on silica gel.





**Preparation of arylphosphine oxide 1a**.<sup>1, 2</sup>



To a solution of phenylphosphonic dichloride (0.7 mL, 5.0 mmols) in dry THF (25 mL) was added methylmagnesium chloride (3.0 M solution in THF, 4.17 mL, 12.5 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere at 0 °C, The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. When the reaction was complete, the solution was quenched with ammonium chloride at 0 °C. The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (10 mL x 3) and the organic fraction was dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated by rotary evaporation. The resulting product was then purified by flash column chromatography (methanol : dichloromethane = 1 : 20) on silica gel.



**Dimethylphenyl phosphine oxide (1a)**<sup>1</sup> : White solid. Melting point = 116-118 °C;  $R_f = 0.3$  (methanol : dichloromethane = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.77-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 3H), 1.74 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  134.8 (d,  $J_{CP} = 98.0$  Hz), 131.6, 129.5(2C), 128.6(2C), 18.1 (d,  $J_{CP} = 70.0$  Hz, 2C); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  33.80; IR (film) : 3056, 2984, 2913, 1659, 1437, 1294, 1176, 1118, 935, 865 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd For C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>OP : 154.0548; found : 154.0548.



To a solution of tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium(0) (18.3 mg, 2 mol %), 4,5-*bis*(diphenylphosphino)-9,9-dimethylxanthene (23.1 mg, 4 mol %) in dry 1,4-dioxane (10.0 mL) was added aryl halide (2.0 mmol), dimethyl phosphite (0.4 mL, 3.0 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.4 mL, 3.0 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere. When the reaction was complete, the solution was quenched with water. The aqueous layer

was separated and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (10 mL x 3) and the organic fraction was dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography. The corresponding diethyl phenylphosphonate (2.0 mmol), phosphoryl chloride (2.1 mmol), and phosphorous pentachloride (2.3 mmol) were reflux 4 h. The reaction solution was celite filtered and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL x 3) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with THF (0.2 M) and dropwise arylmagnesium chloride (3.0 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere at 0 °C The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. When the reaction was complete, the solution was quenched with ammonium chloride at 0 °C. The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL x 3) and the organic fraction was dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated by rotary evaporation. The resulting product was then purified by flash column chromatography (methanol : dichloromethane = 1 : 20) on silica gel.



**Dimethyl**(*o*-tolyl)phosphine oxide (1b)<sup>3</sup>: White solid. Melting point = 79-81 °C;  $R_f = 0.3$  (methanol : dichloromethane = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 1.80 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.7, 132.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 92.6$  Hz), 131.9, 131.7(2C), 130.7, 21.4, 18.2 (d,  $J_{CP} = 71.3$  Hz, 2C); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  35.09; IR (pellet) : 3056, 917, 1647, 1592, 1421, 1294, 1161, 1132, 932 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>OP : 168.0704; found : 168.0704.



**Dimethyl**(*m*-tolyl)phosphine oxide (1c)<sup>3</sup>: White solid. Melting Point = 44-46 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.3 (methanol : dichloromethane = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.59 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, J = 11.6 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.73 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.6, 134.6 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 98.4 Hz), 132.4, 130.2, 128.6, 126.5, 21.4, 18.1 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 71.4 Hz, 2C); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  33.90; IR (pellet) : 2983, 2917, 1648, 1420 ,1294, 1159, 938, 867, 785 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>OP : 168.0704; found : 168.0706.



(2-Methoxyphenyl)dimethylphosphine oxide (1d)<sup>3</sup> : White solid. Melting point = 64-66 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.3 (methanol : dichloromethane = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.99-7.94 (m, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 1H), 6.95-6.92 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 1.75 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.3, 133.8 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.7 Hz), 133.7, 121.9 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 95.0 Hz), 121.1 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.8 Hz), 110.4 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 3.0 Hz), 55.3 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.9 Hz), 17.6 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 72.2 Hz, 2C); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  32.59; IR (pellet) : 3069, 2980, 2943, 2840, 1650, 1590, 1479, 1274, 1243, 1162, 1079, 1018 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P : 184.0653; found : 184.0650.



(3-Methoxyphenyl)dimethylphosphine oxide (1e)<sup>3</sup> : Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.3$  (methanol : dichloromethane = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.42-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.06-7.04 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.73 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 159.7, 136.2 (d,  $J_{CP} = 97.6$  Hz), 130.0, 121.4, 117.7, 114.7, 55.5, 18.1 (d,  $J_{CP} = 71.4$  Hz, 2C); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  34.13; IR (film) : 3064, 2979, 2913, 2837, 1652, 1591, 1576, 1485, 1416, 1288, 1242, 1167 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P : 184.0653; found : 184.0650.



**Dimethyl(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (1f)**<sup>3</sup> : Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.3$  (methanol : dichloromethane = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.49 (dd, J = 13.1 Hz, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.76-7.72 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 1H), 1.86 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.9$  Hz), 133.2 (d,  $J_{CP} = 85.6$  Hz), 132.1 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.1$  Hz), 131.8 (d,  $J_{CP} = 2.5$  Hz), 130.5-130.2 (m, 1C), 127.1-126.9 (m, 1C), 124.0 (d,  $J_{CF} = 270$  Hz), 18.8 (d,  $J_{CP} = 70$  Hz, 2C); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  34.26; IR (film) : 3074, 2922, 1654, 1437, 1312, 1262, 1171, 1121, 1037, 935 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>OP : 222.0421; found : 222.0423.



(2,3-Dimethylphenyl)dimethylphosphine oxide (1g) : White solid. Melting point = 108-110 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.3 (methanol : dichloromethane = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (dd, J = 13.0 Hz, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.81 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  131.6, 131.5, 131.3, 129.5 (d,  $J_{CP} = 85.1$  Hz), 128.3, 128.2, 25.2 (d,  $J_{CP} = 67.1$  Hz, 2C), 16.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 2.0$  Hz), 14.9 (d,  $J_{CP} = 3.1$  Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  36.00; IR (pellet) : 2978, 2916, 1647, 1448, 1421, 1294, 1187, 1167, 1145, 934 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>OP : 182.0861; found : 182.0860.



(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)dimethylphosphine oxide (1h) : White solid. Melting point = 80-82 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.3 (methanol : dichloromethane = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.82 (dd, J = 11.4 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.55 (m, 2H), 1.75 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.5 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 3.0 Hz), 135.1 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 96.1), 133.6 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 15.5 Hz), 131.8 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 11.1 Hz), 131.0 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 12.7 Hz), 128.8 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 9.6), 18.1 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 72 Hz, 2C); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  32.66; IR (pellet) : 2984, 2913, 1655, 1465, 1364, 1295, 1174, 1032, 937 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>OP : 221.9768; found : 221.9765.



**Dimethyl(thiophen-2-yl)phosphine oxide (1i) :** White solid. Melting point = 100-102 °C;  $R_f = 0.3$  (methanol : dichloromethane = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 1.81 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 104.8$  Hz), 133.9 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.5$  Hz), 132.3 (d,  $J_{CP} = 4.6$  Hz), 128.4 (d,  $J_{CP} = 13.2$  Hz), 19.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 75.2$  Hz, 2C); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  29.18; IR (pellet) : 3050, 2979, 2912, 1653, 1407, 1295, 1226, 1164, 1093 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>9</sub>OPS : 160.0112; found : 160.0112.



**Diisopropyl(phenyl)phosphine oxide (1j) :** White solid. Melting point = 46-49 °C;  $R_f$ = 0.3 (methanol : dichloromethane = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.46 (m, 3H), 2.38-2.25 (m, 2H), 1.20 (dd, J = 14.8 Hz, 7.1 Hz, 6H), 1.06 (dd, J = 15.8 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 6H) ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  131.6, 131.5, 131.4, 129.5 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 84.3 Hz), 128., 128.2, 25.5, 24.9, 16.0(2C), 14.9(2C); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  50.74; IR (pellet) : 3056, 2966, 2935, 2874, 1640, 1466, 1173, 1150, 1110 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C12H19OP : 210.1174; found : 210.1174.

#### Rh-catalyzed oxidative ortho-alkenylation of arylphosphine oxide with arylates.

To an oven dried test tube were added  $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$  (2.9 mg, 2 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (5.5 mg, 8 mol %), Cu(OAc)\_2 (36.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (55.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), aryl phosphine oxide (0.2 mmol) and acrylate (0.4 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.8 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred under nitrogen at 120 °C (bath temperature) for 12 h. After celite filtration and evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo*, product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel.



(*E*)-Butyl 3-(2-(dimethylphosphoryl)phenyl)acrylate (3a) : Yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.4$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.39 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.86 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.48 (m, 2H), 6.38 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.83 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 6H), 1.74-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.40 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.3, 142.1 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.1$  Hz), 137.2 (d,  $J_{CP} = 8.0$  Hz), 133.8 (d,  $J_{CP} = 92.8$  Hz), 132.1 (d,  $J_{CP} = 2.6$  Hz), 131.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.0$  Hz), 129.5 (d,  $J_{CP} = 11.2$  Hz), 127.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.5$  Hz), 122.1, 64.7, 30.7, 19.2 (d,  $J_{CP} = 16.4$  Hz, 2C), 18.6, 13.7; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  33.93; IR (film) : 2959, 2934, 2873, 1712, 1634, 1468, 1313, 1267, 1178, 999, 933 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P : 280.1228; found : 280.1232.



(*E*)-Methyl 3-(2-(dimethylphosphoryl)-3-methylphenyl)acrylate (3b) : Yellow solid. Melting point = 67-71 °C;  $R_f = 0.4$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.49 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H), 6.16 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 1.89 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.9, 146.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 4.8$  Hz), 142.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.0$  Hz), 139.3 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.0$  Hz), 133.5 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.4$  Hz), 131.5 (d,  $J_{CP} = 90.0$  Hz), 131.4 (d,  $J_{CP} = 2.3$  Hz), 127.1 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.7$  Hz), 120.6, 51.9, 23.2 (d,  $J_{CP} = 3.8$  Hz), 21.1 (d,  $J_{CP} = 70.0$  Hz, 2C); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  37.14; IR (pellet) : 3054, 2987, 2952, 1632, 1580, 1451, 1436, 1313, 1221, 1168, 930 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P : 252.0915; found : 252.0916.



(*E*)-Butyl 3-(2-(dimethylphosphoryl)-3-methylphenyl)acrylate (3c) : Yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.4$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.35 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.18 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 1.89 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 6H), 1.73-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.39 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.5, 145.5 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.0$  Hz), 142.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 8.6$  Hz), 138.8 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.3$  Hz), 133.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.3$  Hz), 131.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 90.1$  Hz), 131.3 (d,  $J_{CP} = 2.6$  Hz), 127.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.6$  Hz), 121.2, 64.6, 30.7, 23.2 (d,  $J_{CP} = 3.5$  Hz), 21.2 (d,  $J_{CP} = 70.1$  Hz, 2C), 19.2, 13.7; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  37.01; IR (film) : 2959, 2934, 2873, 1633, 1452, 1308, 1168, 1063, 930 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P : 294.1385; found : 294.1387.



(*E*)-*tert*-Butyl 3-(2-(dimethylphosphoryl)-3-methylphenyl)acrylate (3d) : Red oil.  $R_f = 0.4$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.13 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.12 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 1.93 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 6H), 1.53 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 144.1 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.1$  Hz), 143.2 (d,  $J_{CP} = 8.2$  Hz), 138.5 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.0$  Hz), 133.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.3$  Hz), 131.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 91.9$  Hz), 131.4 (d,  $J_{CP} = 2.0$  Hz), 126.9 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.7$  Hz), 123.2, 81.0, 28.2(3C), 23.3 (d,  $J_{CP} = 3.4$  Hz), 21.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 69.9$  Hz, 2C); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  39.07; IR (film) : 2975, 2918, 2850, 1707, 1632, 1365, 1316, 1153, 930 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P : 294.1385; found : 294.1382.



**2-Ethoxy-4-***p***-tolyl-6-cyclohexylmethyl-1,2-oxaphosphorin 2-oxide (3e) :** Yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.4$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.23 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, J = 13.3 Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.35 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.83 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 6H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.4, 141.9 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.1$  Hz), 140.1 (d,  $J_{CP} = 11.0$  Hz), 134.0, 133.2, 132.8, 132.5 (d,  $J_{CP} = 8.7$  Hz), 127.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.1$  Hz), 121.1, 60.7, 21.3, 19.1 (d,  $J_{CP} = 71.2$  Hz, 2C), 14.3; <sup>31</sup>P NMR

(161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  33.49; IR (film) : 2981, 2920, 1711, 1633, 1313, 1266, 1178, 1036, 945 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P : 266.1072; found : 266.1072.



(*E*)-Butyl 3-(2-(dimethylphosphoryl)-4-methylphenyl)acrylate (3f) : White solid. Melting point = 118-122 °C;  $R_f = 0.4$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.27 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.83 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 6H), 1.73-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.39 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.5, 141.9 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.0$  Hz), 140.1 (d,  $J_{CP} =$ 11.0 Hz), 133.9 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.5$  Hz), 133.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 91.9$  Hz), 132.8 (d,  $J_{CP} = 2.3$  Hz), 132.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 8.6$ Hz), 127.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.1$  Hz), 121.1, 64.7, 30.7, 21.4, 19.2, 19.1 (d,  $J_{CP} = 71.2$  Hz, 2C), 13.7; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  33.36; IR (pellet) : 2959, 2933, 2873, 1711, 1633, 1479, 1311, 1175, 935 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P : 294.1385; found : 294.1384.



(*E*)-Methyl 3-(2-(dimethylphosphoryl)-3-methoxyphenyl)acrylate (3g) : Yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.4$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.19 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, J = 7.8 Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.95 (m, 1H), 6.16 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 1.83 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ ; 167.1, 160.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 4.4$  Hz), 144.8, 142.7, 133.1, 121.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.3$  Hz), 120.7, 120.3 (d,  $J_{CP} = 92.7$  Hz), 111.5 (d,  $J_{CP} = 6.0$  Hz), 55.6, 51.7, 19.3 (d,  $J_{CP} = 73.0$  Hz, 2C); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  39.91; IR (film) : 2950, 2917, 2842, 1716, 1567, 1465, 1258, 1167, 1064, 866 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P : 268.0864; found : 268.0865.



(*E*)-Butyl 3-(2-(dimethylphosphoryl)-3-methoxyphenyl)acrylate (3h) : Yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.4$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.17 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, J = 7.7 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98-6.95 (m, 1H), 6.16 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (t, J = 6.9 Hz,

2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 1.82 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 6H), 1.73-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.37 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.7, 159.9 (d,  $J_{CP} = 4.4$  Hz), 144.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 2.6$  Hz), 142.9 (d,  $J_{CP} = 4.3$  Hz), 133.0, 121.8 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.2$  Hz), 121.1, 120.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 90.5$  Hz), 111.4 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.9$  Hz), 64.4, 55.5, 30.9, 30.8, 19.5 (d,  $J_{CP} = 68.2$  Hz, 2C), 13.8; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  38.65; IR (film) : 2959, 2873, 1712, 1566, 1465, 1256, 1168, 1062, 931 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P : 310.1334; found : 310.1335.



(*E*)-methyl 3-(2-(dimethylphosphoryl)-4-methoxyphenyl)acrylate (3i) : Yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.4$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.28 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 1.79 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.0, 160.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 13.1$  Hz), 141.5, 135.3 (d,  $J_{CP} = 90.8$  Hz), 129.4 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.3$  Hz), 128.8 (d,  $J_{CP} = 6.3$  Hz), 119.1, 117.7, 117.1 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.0$  Hz), 55.6, 51.8, 18.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 71.2$  Hz, 2C); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  37.39; IR (film) : 2953, 2919, 2849, 1713, 1593, 1240, 1172, 1035, 936, 863 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P : 268.0864 ; found : 268.0864.



(*E*)-Methyl 3-(2-(dimethylphosphoryl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acrylate (3j) : Yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.4$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.69 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.62 (m, 2H), 6.09 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (S, 3H), 1.94 (dd, J = 13.4 Hz, 1.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 146.2 (d,  $J_{CP} = 4.2$  Hz), 143.2 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.3$  Hz), 133.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.0$  Hz), 132.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 146.7$  Hz), 131.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 2.1$  Hz), 128.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 6.8$  Hz), 125.2, 122.5, 120.5, 51.9, 20.5 (d,  $J_{CP} = 71.2$  Hz, 2C); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  38.60; IR (film) : 2998, 2954, 2923, 1717, 1437, 1318, 1164, 933, 867 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P : 306.0633; found : 306.0632.



(*E*)-Ethyl 3-(2-(dimethylphosphoryl)-3,4-dimethylphenyl)acrylate (3k) : White solid. Melting point = 96-98 °C;  $R_f = 0.4$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.43 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (t, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.91 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 6H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.14, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 146.0 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 4.5 Hz), 140.8 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 8.9 Hz), 140.0 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 10.1 Hz), 137.1 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 9.3 Hz), 133.1 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 2.3 Hz), 131.8 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 90.4 Hz), 126.8, 120.0, 60.6, 21.5 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 70 Hz, 2C), 20.9, 18.9 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 5.0 Hz), 14.3; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  37.49; IR (pellet) : 3050, 2980, 2921, 1709, 1630, 1446, 1308, 1225, 1170 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P : 280.1228; found : 280.1229.



(*E*)-Butyl 3-(2-(dimethylphosphoryl)-3,4-dimethylphenyl)acrylate (3l) : Yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.4$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.39 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.14 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.90 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 6H), 1.71-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.40 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ ; 166.7 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 15.6 Hz), 146.0 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 4.9 Hz), 141.0, 140.0 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 8.9 Hz), 136.9 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 9.0 Hz), 133.0, 131.9 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 9.1 Hz), 126.7 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 10.5 Hz), 120.1, 64.5, 30.7, 21.5 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 70 Hz, 2C), 20.9, 19.2, 19.0 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 4.9 Hz), 13.7; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  37.48; IR (film) : 2959, 2873, 2873, 1713, 1631, 1456, 1308, 1169, 930 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P : 308.1541; found : 308.1540.



(*E*)-Methyl 3-(4,5-dichloro-2-(dimethylphosphoryl)phenyl)acrylate (3m) : Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.3$ (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.26 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.83 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.1, 139.9 (d,  $J_{CP} = 4.5$  Hz), 136.7, 134.4, 133.9 (d,  $J_{CP} = 102.0$  Hz), 133.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.4$  Hz), 129.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.3$  Hz), 123.1, 52.2, 18.9 (d,  $J_{CP} = 72$  Hz, 2C); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  33.08; IR (film) : 2998, 2952, 2918, 1720, 1638, 1436, 1311, 1175, 938 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P : 305.9979; found : 305.9976.



(*E*)-Ethyl 3-(2-(dimethylphosphoryl)thiophen-3-yl)acrylate (3n) : Red solid. Melting point = 107-110 <sup>o</sup>C;  $R_f = 0.4$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.21 (dd, J = 15.9 Hz, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 5.0 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 6H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 143.2 (d,  $J_{CP} = 7.1$  Hz), 135.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 3.4$  Hz), 134.8, 131.2 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.7$  Hz), 127.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 11.2$  Hz), 121.6, 60.8, 20.3 (d,  $J_{CP} = 74.9$  Hz, 2C), 14.3; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  29.64; IR (pellet) : 3071, 2981, 2911, 1709, 1631, 1408, 1280, 1181, 1038, 862 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS : 258.0480; found : 258.0477.



(*E*)-Butyl 3-(2-(dimethylphosphoryl)thiophen-3-yl)acrylate (30) : Red solid. Melting point = 60-63 <sup>o</sup>C;  $R_f = 0.4$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.19 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 5.0 Hz, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 6H), 1.73-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.38 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 143.2 (d,  $J_{CP} = 7.1$  Hz), 135.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 3.4$  Hz), 134.8, 131.2 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.7$  Hz), 127.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 11.2$  Hz), 121.6, 64.7, 30.7, 20.3 (d,  $J_{CP} = 74.9$  Hz, 2C), 19.7, 13.7; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  29.60; IR (pellet) : 3070, 2959, 2933, 2873, 1710, 1632, 1409, 1279, 1177, 1037, 862 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS : 286.0793; found : 286.0793.



(*E*)-Butyl 3-(2-(diisopropylphosphoryl)phenyl)acrylate (3p) : Yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.4$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.65 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.45 (m, 2H), 6.33 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.41-2.32 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.47 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.30 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 143.5 (d,  $J_{CP} = 3.0$  Hz), 139.4, 133.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 7.7$  Hz), 131.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 2.4$  Hz), 129.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 78.3$  Hz), 129.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.3$  Hz), 127.8 (d,  $J_{CP} = 8.8$  Hz), 121.1, 64.6, 30.7, 27.4, 26.7, 19.2, 16.4 (d,  $J_{CP} = 2.2$  Hz,

2C), 15.6 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 3.1 Hz, 2C), 13.8; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  54.30; IR (film) : 2962, 2930, 2864, 1709, 1630, 1467, 1310, 1254, 1168, 997, 926 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C19H29O3P : 336.1854; found : 336.1854.



(2*E*,2'*E*)-Dibutyl 3,3'-(2-(dimethylphosphoryl)-1,3-phenylene)diacrylate (4a) : Yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.4$  (methanol : dichloromethane = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.47 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 3H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 1.91 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 6H), 1.73-1.66 (m, 4H), 1.48-1.39 (m, 4H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.3(2C), 144.4 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 4.7 Hz, 2C), 139.7 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 7.9 Hz, 2C), 131.9, 130.0 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.4 Hz, 2C), 128.3 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 51.3 Hz), 122.1(2C), 64.8(2C), 30.7(2C), 21.3 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 70.6 Hz, 2C), 19.2(2C), 13.7(2C); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  36.77; IR (film) : 2959, 2933, 2873, 1714, 1633, 1452, 1310, 1241, 1169, 863 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>5</sub>P : 406.1909; found : 406.1906.



(2*E*,2'*E*)-Dimethyl 3,3'-(2-(dimethylphosphoryl)-4-methoxy-1,3-phenylene)diacrylate (4b) : Yellow oil.  $R_f$ = 0.4 (methanol : dichloromethane = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.65 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 2H), 3.82 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 7H), 1.89 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.0, 145.0, 139.8(2C), 132.5, 131.0 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 11.1 Hz, 2C), 125.1, 121.8 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 75.6 Hz), 119.3, 114.0(2C), 56.0, 51.9 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 14.5 Hz, 2C), 21.5 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 70.7, 2C); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  37.36; IR (film) : 2952, 2916, 2844, 1708, 1593, 1488, 1176, 937, 864, 716 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>6</sub>P : 352.1076; found : 352.1076.



(2*E*,2'*E*)-Dimethyl 3,3'-(4,5-dichloro-2-(dimethylphosphoryl)-1,3-phenylene)diacrylate (4c) : Colorless oil.  $R_f$ = 0.4 (methanol : dichloromethane = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.47 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (t, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 6H), 1.83 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.2, 165.5, 142.8 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 3.8 Hz), 142.4 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 3.5 Hz), 139.3 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 7.8 Hz), 137.1, 134.3, 132.7 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 87.9 Hz), 130.2 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.3 Hz), 126.8, 122.3, 52.2, 52.1, 21.3 (d, *J*<sub>CP</sub> = 70.6 Hz, 2C); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  37.07; IR (film) : 3024, 2956, 2904, 1714, 1633, 1448, 1321, 1256, 1100, 860, 726 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>5</sub>P : 390.0191; found : 390.0190.

#### Rh-catalyzed oxidative ortho-alkenylation of arylphosphine oxide with styrene derivatives.

To an oven dried test tube were added  $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$  (2.9 mg, 2 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (5.5 mg, 8 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (55.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), aryl phosphine oxide (0.2 mmol) and styrene (0.6 mmol) in THF (0.8 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred under nitrogen at 90 °C (bath temperature) for 24 h. After celite filtration and evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo*, product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel.



(*E*)-(2,3-Dimethyl-6-styrylphenyl)dimethylphosphine oxide (5a) : Pale yellow solid. Melting point = 156-158 °C;  $R_f = 0.4$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.90 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.5 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 9.2 Hz), 140.1 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 9.9 Hz), 137.8 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 10.4 Hz), 137.3, 133.0 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 2.5 Hz), 130.8, 130.7 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 92.4 Hz), 129.8 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 4.6 Hz), 128.8(2C), 127.8, 126.6(2C), 126.3 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 11.0 Hz), 21.7 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 70.7 Hz, 2C), 20.8, 19.1 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 5.1 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  38.16; IR (pellet) : 2957, 2919, 2853, 1736, 1626, 1596, 1493, 1430, 1166, 936, 872 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>OP : 284.1330; found : 284.1327.



(*E*)-(2,3-Dimethyl-6-(3-methylstyryl)phenyl)dimethylphosphine oxide (5b) : Brown oil.  $R_f = 0.3$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.90 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.7$  Hz), 140.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.8$  Hz), 138.4, 137.8 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.3$  Hz), 137.2, 133.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 2.3$  Hz), 131.1, 130.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 94.9$  Hz), 129.5 (d,  $J_{CP} = 4.6$  Hz), 128.7(2C), 127.3, 126.4 (d,  $J_{CP} = 11.0$  Hz), 123.8, 21.8 (d,  $J_{CP} = 61.9$  Hz, 2C), 21.4, 20.9, 19.1 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.1$  Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  38.34; IR (film) : 2919, 2859, 1601, 1452, 1292, 1169, 928, 861 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>OP : 298.1487; found : 298.1484.



(*E*)-(6-(4-(tert-Butyl)styryl)-2,3-dimethylphenyl)dimethylphosphine oxide (5c) : Brown solid.  $R_f = 0.3$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.68 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.90 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 6H), 1.33 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 151.1, 140.9 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.0$  Hz), 139.8 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.1$  Hz), 137.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.3$  Hz), 134.4, 133.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 2.7$  Hz), 130.8, 130.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 92.7$  Hz), 128.9 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.0$  Hz), 126.4(2C), 126.2, 125.8(2C), 34.6, 31.3(3C), 21.8 (d,  $J_{CP} = 70.2$  Hz, 2C), 20.9, 19.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.0$  Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 38.27; IR (pellet) : 2961, 2914, 2864, 1511, 1459, 1291, 1170, 928 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>29</sub>OP : 340.1956 ; found : 340.1953.



(*E*)-4-(2-(Dimethylphosphoryl)-3,4-dimethylstyryl)phenyl acetate (5d) : colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.3$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.85 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.91 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.5, 150.2, 140.2 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 9.6 Hz), 140.1 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 9.6 Hz), 137.9 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 10.3 Hz), 135.1 133.1 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 2.4 Hz), 130.0 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 4.7 Hz), 129.7, 127.7 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 94.4 Hz), 127.6, 127.2, 126.4 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 11.0 Hz), 121.9, 115.5 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 20.2 Hz), 21.7 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 70.0 Hz, 2C), 21.3, 20.9 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 1.0 Hz), 19.3 (d,  $J_{CP}$  = 5.2 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  38.86; IR (film) : 3005, 2923, 1760, 1601, 1505, 1369, 1195, 1166 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P : 342.1385; found : 342.1386.



(*E*)-(6-(2-Bromostyryl)-2,3-dimethylphenyl)dimethylphosphine oxide (5e) : Brown oil.  $R_f = 0.3$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.02 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, J = 7.8 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.07 (m, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.92 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.1$  Hz), 139.4 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.9$  Hz), 138.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.4$  Hz), 137.3, 133.2 (d,  $J_{CP} = 2.7$  Hz), 132.9(2C), 130.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 92.2$  Hz), 128.9, 128.8, 127.8, 127.3, 127.0 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.9$  Hz), 123.9, 21.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 70.2$  Hz, 2C), 20.9, 19.4 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.2$  Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  38.37; IR (film) : 2917, 2857, 1468, 1436, 1292, 1021, 920 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrOP : 362.0435; found : 362.0433.



(*E*)-(6-(4-Chlorostyryl)-2,3-dimethylphenyl)dimethylphosphine oxide (5f) : Brown solid. Melting point = 86-90 °C;  $R_f = 0.3$  (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.02 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 4H), 6.70 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.91 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.4 (d,  $J_{CP} = 8.9$  Hz), 139.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 9.9$  Hz), 137.9 (d,  $J_{CP} = 10.5$  Hz), 136.0, 133.2, 131.1 (d,  $J_{CP} = 2.5$  Hz), 130.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 4.5$  Hz), 130.6 (d,  $J_{CP} = 92.2$  Hz), 129.0, 128.9(2C), 127.9(2C), 126.4 (d,  $J_{CP} = 11.0$  Hz), 21.7 (d,  $J_{CP} = 70.0$  Hz), 20.8, 19.4 (d,  $J_{CP} = 5.2$  Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  39.0; IR (pellet) : 2919, 2854, 1735, 1589, 1469, 1437, 1292, 1171, 1021 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClOP : 318.0940; found : 318.0937.



(*E*)-(2,3-Dimethyl-6-(2-(perfluorophenyl)vinyl)phenyl)dimethylphosphine oxide (5g) : Yellow solid. Melting point = 114-116 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.35 (methanol : dichloromethan = 1 : 20); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.39 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (s, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.92 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.1, 143.6, 140.0 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 8.8 Hz), 139.9 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 9.6 Hz), 139.0 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 10.3 Hz), 138.8, 136.5, 133.2(2C), 131.1 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 91.0 Hz), 126.6, 114.2(2C), 112.5, 21.4 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 70.0 Hz), 21.7 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 70.0 Hz), 20.9, 19.3 (d, *J<sub>CP</sub>* = 5.2 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  38.2; IR (pellet) : 3056, 2953, 2928, 2842, 1709, 1614, 1410, 1269, 1167, 1028, 906, 732 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>5</sub>OP : 374.0859; found : 374.0857.

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