Supporting Information

A metal-free radical cascade reaction of phosphine oxides with 2aryloxy phenylacetylenes to assemble diphosphonyl xanthene derivatives

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General information.

Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (100-200, 300–400 mesh). NMR spectra were obtained using a Bruker Avance 400/600 spectrometer (1H at 400/600 MHz and ¹³C at 100/150 MHz). Chemical shifts were reported in ppm. ¹H NMR spectra were referenced to CDCl₃ (7.26 ppm) and CD₃OD (3.31 ppm), and 13C-NMR spectra were referenced to CDCl₃ (77.0 ppm) and CD₃OD (49.9 ppm). Peak multiplicities were designated by the following abbreviations: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet; brs, broad singlet and J, coupling constant in Hz. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on the Exactive Mass Spectrometer (Thermo Scientific, USA) equipped with ESI or APCI ionization source. Unless stated otherwise, commercial reagents were used without further purification.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Substrate 1.¹



A solution of 2-fluorobenzaldehyde (1.24 g, 10 mmol), phenol (1.13 g, 12 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (1.66 g, 12 mmol) in 10 mL DMF was stirred at nitrogen atmosphere at reflux for 4 h. Then the reaction solution was cooled to rt and water (40 mL) was added, and extracted with EtOAc (20 mL x 3). The organic layer was dried with Na₂SO₄, and concentrated by rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give **A** as colorless oil in 85% yield (1.68 g).

To a solution of **A** (1.58 g, 8 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (1.66 g, 12 mmol) in 10 mL dry methanol was added diethyl 2-diazomalonate (2.66 g, 14 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at rt for 3 h. The solution was filtrated, and the filtrate was concentrated by rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give **1a** as white solid in 73% yield (1.13 g). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.04 – 6.85 (m, 4H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (s, 1H).

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Substrate 2.²



To a solution of I_2 (13 mg, 0.05 mmol), Mg (132 mg, 5.5 mol) in dry 5 mL THF at nitrogen atmosphere was slowly added 3-bromothiophene (815 mg, 5 mmol in 10 mL dry THF). Then the reaction was stirred at rt for 2 h, and diethyl phosphonate (345 mg, 2.5 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at rt for overnight, and the reaction was quenched with water (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (20 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated by rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash

column chromatography to give di(thiophen-3-yl)phosphine oxide as white solid in 50% yield (265 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.35 (d, *J* = 524.0, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H).

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 3.



A solution of **1a** (38.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (200 mg, 1 mmol) and $K_2S_2O_8$ (135 mg, 0.5 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) was stirred at 70 °C at nitrogen atmosphere for 7 h. Then the mixture was concentrated by rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give **3a** as white solid.

The Reaction of 1q with 2a



A solution of **1q** (40 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (200 mg, 1 mmol) and K₂S₂O₈ (135 mg, 0.5 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) was stirred at 70 °C at nitrogen atmosphere for 7 h. Then the mixture was concentrated by rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give **3q'** as light yellow oil in 50% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.7, 156.7, 156.5, 132.2, 130.1, 127.6, 124.5, 120.8, 118.6, 29.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for [C₁₂H₁₀O₂S+H]⁺, 219.0480; found, 219.0484.

Control Experiments



A solution of **1a** (38.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (200 mg, 1 mmol) and $K_2S_2O_8$ (135 mg, 0.5 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) was stirred at 70 °C at air atmosphere for 7 h. Then the mixture was concentrated by rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give **3a'** as colorless oil in 60% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 4H), 7.49 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.93 (m, 3H), 6.68 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.9 (d, J = 5.9 Hz), 156.4, 155.7, 134.0, 132.4 (d, J = 102.0 Hz), 131.9 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 131.1 (d, J = 9.8 Hz), 130.8, 130.3, 130.1, 128.5 (d, J = 12.2 Hz), 124.4, 123.2, 119.7, 118.3, 46.7 (d, J = 60.3 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for [C₂₆H₂₁O₃P+H]⁺, 413.1301; found, 413.1322.



A solution of **1a** (38.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (200 mg, 1 mmol), $K_2S_2O_8$ (135 mg, 0.5 mmol) and Tempo (156 mg, 1 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) was stirred at 70 °C at nitrogen atmosphere for 7 h. Then the mixture was analyzed with LC-MS.



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Analytical Data of Products

((9-(diphenylphosphoryl)-9*H*-xanthen-9-yl)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**3a**)



White solid (101.3 mg, 85%); mp: 241.1-243.0 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.07 (m, 10H), 7.14–7.04 (m, 6H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 6.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.7 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 133.3 (d, *J* = 99.3 Hz), 132.7 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 132.0 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 131.1 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 130.7 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz), 130.5 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 129.4 (d, *J* = 92.0 Hz), 129.3 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 128.1 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 128.0 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 121.9 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 117.0 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 2.3 Hz), 115.7 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 45.6 (dd, *J* = 61.8, 4.2 Hz), 35.3 (d, *J* = 67.0 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.80 (d, *J* = 46.0 Hz), 27.87 (d, *J* = 46.1 Hz). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₃₈H₃₀NaO₃P₂ + Na]⁺, 619.1562; found, 619.1564.

(2-chloro-9-((diphenylphosphoryl)methyl)-9H-xanthen-9-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3b)



White solid (95.8 mg, 76%); mp: 256.6-258.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 – 6.89 (m, 24H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.88 – 3.55 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.4, 149.4 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 132.60 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 133.3 (d, *J* = 97.1 Hz), 133.2 (d, *J* = 100.7 Hz), 132.6 – 132.5 (m), 132.2, 132.1, 131.4, 130.7 – 130.4 (m), 130.3, 129.4 (d, *J* = 43.4 Hz), 128.7 (d, *J* = 20.9 Hz), 128.50 – 127.88 (m), 126.8, 122.2, 118.9, 117.0, 116.5, 115. 8, 45.7 (d, *J* = 61.7 Hz), 35.1 (d, *J* = 66.4 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.9 (d, *J* = 44.9 Hz), 27.1 (d, *J* = 42.6 Hz). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₃₈H₂₉NaClO₃P₂ + Na]⁺, 653.1173; found, 653.1174.

(2-bromo-9-((diphenylphosphoryl)methyl)-9H-xanthen-9-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3c)



White solid (107.8 mg, 80%); mp: 265.3-267.2 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 – 6.84 (m, 24H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 54.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.3 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 149.9 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 133.8, 133.3 (d, *J* = 97.5 Hz), 132.9, 132.7 – 132.4 (m), 132.2, 132.1, 131.3, 130.8 – 130.3 (m), 129.5, 129.3 (d, *J* = 24.7 Hz), 128.6 (d, *J* = 23.5 Hz), 128.52 – 127.76 (m), 122.2, 119.4, 117.4, 116.6, 115.8, 114.2, 45.6 (d, *J* = 60.2 Hz), 35.1 (d, *J* = 67.0 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.8 (d, *J* = 43.9 Hz), 27.1 (d, *J* = 41.1 Hz). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₃₈H₂₉NaBrO₃P₂ + Na]⁺, 697.0668; found, 697.0665.

((9-(diphenylphosphoryl)-2-methyl-9H-xanthen-9-yl)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3d)



White solid (100.1 mg, 82%); mp: 233.5-235.3 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.51 – 7.31 (m, 16H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.67 – 6.55 (m, 2H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 3.94 – 3.79 (m, 2H), 1.87 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD) δ 150.9 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 148.9 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 133.1 (d, *J* = 99.5 Hz), 133.0 (d, *J* = 99.6 Hz), 132.7 – 132.0 (m), 131.6, 131.0, 130.8 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 130.2, 130.2, 130.0, 129.4 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 129.2, 128.7 (d, *J* = 34.7 Hz), 128.3 – 127.9 (m), 121.7, 116.9, 115.8, 115.6, 45. 7 (dd, *J* = 63.1, 4.2 Hz), 34.3 (d, *J* = 68.5 Hz), 19.4. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, MeOD) δ 33.1 (d, *J* = 46.9 Hz), 30.3 (d, *J* = 46.9 Hz). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for [C₃₉H₃₃O₃P₂ + H]⁺, 611.1894; found, 611.1901.

((9-(diphenylphosphoryl)-2-methoxy-9H-xanthen-9-yl)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3e)



White solid (100.2 mg, 80%); mp: 216.3-218.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 6H), 7.35–7.20 (m, 11H), 7.18–7.10 (m, 2H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.61 – 6.38 (m, 3H), 3.95 – 3.69 (m, 2H), 3.48 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.9 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 150.9 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 145.0 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 133.7 (d, *J* = 93.0 Hz), 133.0 (d, *J* = 95.4 Hz), 132.8 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 132.5 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 132.0 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 131.9 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 131.1 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 130.7 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz), 130.0 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 129.9 (d, *J* = 34.5 Hz), 129.2 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 129.0 (d, *J* = 36.0 Hz), 128.2 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 128.1 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 127.9 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz), 121.8 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 117.2 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 116.9 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 116.8 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 116.6 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 115.7 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 114.0 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 55.4, 46.1 (dd, *J* = 61.8,

4.2 Hz), 35.5 (d, J = 66.9 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 31.2 (d, J = 45.4 Hz), 28.0 (d, J = 45.5 Hz). HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₃₉H₃₂NaO₄P₂ + Na]⁺, 649.1668; found, 649.1665.

((9-(diphenylphosphoryl)-2-(trifluoromethoxy)-9H-xanthen-9-yl)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**3f**)



White solid (88.4 mg, 65%); mp: 241.6-243.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.48 – 7.32 (m, 9H), 7.28 – 7.07 (m, 8H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 20.0, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 – 3.64 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD) δ 150.7 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 149.2 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 143.29, 133.1–132.3 (m), 132.0 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 131.8, 130.2–130.1 (m), 129.78 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 128.4–28.0 (m), 127.5 (d, *J* = 27.6 Hz), 122.5 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 122.2, 122.0, 120.5 (q, *J* = 255.9 Hz), 118.9, 117.01, 115.9 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 115.51 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 45.9 (dd, *J* = 62.4, 4.8 Hz), 34.6 (d, *J* = 68.0 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, MeOD) δ 33.3 (d, *J* = 44.9 Hz), 30.1 (d, *J* = 44.8 Hz). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₃₉H₂₉NaF₃O₄P₂ + Na]⁺, 703.1385; found, 703.1384.

((9-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1,3-dimethyl-9H-xanthen-9-yl)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3g)



White solid (93.6 mg, 75%); mp: 171.2-173.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 – 7.70 (m, 21H), 6.90 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 6.57 –6.48 (m, 2H), 6.31 – 6.27 (m, 1H), 4.17 – 4.02 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.2 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 149.7 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 140.1 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 139.0 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 134.3 (d, *J* = 92.0 Hz), 133.7 (d, *J* = 92.9 Hz), 132.3 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 132.1 (d, *J* = 93.6 Hz), 131.6 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 131.4 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 131.3 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 131.2 (d, *J* = 87.0 Hz), 131.0 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 130.7 – 130.5(m), 129.9 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 129.3 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 128.7 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 128.3 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 127.8 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 127.7 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz), 127.6 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 121.2 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 118.8 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 115.5 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 115.2 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 113.9 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 47.7 (dd, *J* = 60.5, 4.1 Hz), 34.8 (d, *J* = 67.3 Hz), 24.55, 20.70. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, MeOD) δ 34.1 (d, *J* = 48.4 Hz), 29.3 (d, *J* = 48.3 Hz). HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₄₀H₃₄NaO₃P₂ + Na]⁺, 647.1875; found, 647.1876.

(4-(tert-butyl)-9-((diphenylphosphoryl)methyl)-9H-xanthen-9-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3h)



White solid (103.0 mg, 79%); mp: 282.9 – 284.3 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.46 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 7H), 7.18 – 7.04 (m, 7H), 6.87 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.00 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 1.22 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.2 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 149.4 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 135.8 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 133.3, 132.9 (d, *J* = 97.5 Hz), 132.8 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 132.7 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 131.9 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 131.8 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 131.3 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 131.0 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 130.9 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 130.8 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 130.4 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 129.5 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz), 129.2 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 129.0 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 128.9 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 128.14 – 127.69 (m), 126.8 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 122.0 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 121.2 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 117.0 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 116.5 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 115.4 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 46.1 (dd, *J* = 61.2, 3.6 Hz), 35.1 (d, *J* = 66.3 Hz), 34.7, 30.0. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.1 (d, *J* = 46.6 Hz), 28.8 (d, *J* = 46.5 Hz). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₄₂H₃₈O₃P₂] + Na]⁺, 675.2188; found, 675.2185.

((7-(diphenylphosphoryl)-7H-benzo[c]xanthen-7-yl)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3i)



Colorless oil (98.2 mg, 76%), ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 15.1, 5.8 Hz, 3H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 6H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 6H), 7.02 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 6.92 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 – 3.71 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.5 (d, J = 4.1 Hz), 146.2 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 133.8, 133.2 (d, J = 14.6 Hz), 132.6 – 132.5 (m), 132.1 (d, J = 1.4 Hz), 131.9 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 131.2 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 131.1, 132.8 – 132.6 (m), 129.8 (d, J = 12.0 Hz), 129.4 (d, J = 1.3 Hz), 129.2, 128.2 – 127.7 (m), 127.2, 126.9, 126.8, 125.7, 123.2 (d, J = 1.6 Hz), 122.4, 121.8, 121.2, 117.3, 115.9, 111.2, 46.0 (d, J = 59.6 Hz), 35.2 (d, J = 66.9 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 31.3 (d, J = 45.8 Hz), 28.3 (d, J = 45.8 Hz). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for [C₄₂H₃₂O₃P₂ + H]⁺, 647.1899; found, 647.1924.

((9-(diphenylphosphoryl)-3-methyl-9H-xanthen-9-yl)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3j)



White solid (95.1 mg, 78%); mp: 202.8-204.2 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 7H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 3.83 – 3.69 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, MeOD) δ 150.9 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 150.7 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 140.0 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 133.3 – 132.1 (m), 131.6 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 131.4 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 130.3, 130.2, 129.9 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 129.7 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 129.3 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 128.2–128.0 (m), 122.7 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 121.6 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 116.6, 116.1, 115.8, 113.4, 45.3 (dd, *J* = 63.5, 4.3 Hz), 34.7 (d, *J* = 68.3 Hz), 19.6. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, MeOD) δ 33.11 (d, *J* = 46.8 Hz), 30.78 (d, *J* = 46.7 Hz). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₃₉H₃₂NaO₃P₂ + Na]⁺, 633.1713; found, 633.1715.

((9-(diphenylphosphoryl)-3-methoxy-9H-xanthen-9-yl)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3k)



Colorless oil (82.6 mg, 66%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 7.79 (s, 2H), 7.55 – 7.33 (m, 18H), 7.16 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.85 – 6.61 (m, 3H), 6.23 (s, 2H), 3.92 – 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, MeOD) δ 160.9, 151.76 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 150.87 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 133.1, 132.4 – 132.2 (m), 131.6 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 131.5 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 131.0, 130.9, 130.8 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 130.5, 130.4, 130.3, 130.3, 130.2, 129.8 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 129.3 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 128.7, 128.3 – 128.0 (m), 127.8, 127.7, 54.5, 45.1 (dd, *J* = 64.1, 4.1 Hz), 34.7 (d, *J* = 68.6 Hz). ³¹P NMR (160 MHz, MeOD) δ 33.1 (d, *J* = 46.8 Hz), 30.8 (d, *J* = 46.8 Hz). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₃₉H₃₂NaO₄P₂ + Na]⁺, 649.1670; found, 649.1663.

(3-chloro-9-((diphenylphosphoryl)methyl)-9H-xanthen-9-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (31)



White solid (89.5 mg, 71%); mp: 226.7-228.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 7.76 – 7.34 (m, 20H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 – 6.51 (m, 4H), 3.98 – 3.75 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD) δ 151.3 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 150.5 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 134.6 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 133.1 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 132.7 – 132.2 (m), 131.7, 131.6, 131.2 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 130.3 – 130.2 (m), 129.9 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 129.6, 128. 6 – 128.0 (m), 127.6 (d, *J* = 28.0 Hz), 127.5, 122.2, 121.8, 116.3, 115.9, 115.7, 45.4 (dd, *J* = 62.9, 3.9 Hz), 34.6 (d, *J* = 67.9 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, MeOD) δ 33.1 (d, *J* = 45.2 Hz), 30.2 (d, *J* = 45.3 Hz). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₃₈H₂₉NaClO₃P₂ + Na]⁺, 653.1167; found, 653.1173.

((9-(diphenylphosphoryl)-4-methyl-9H-xanthen-9-yl)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**3m**)



White solid (97.6 mg, 80%); mp: 221.3-223.2 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.42 (s, 2H), 7.37 – 7.11 (m, 15H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.99 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD) δ 150.9 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 149.0 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 132.99 – 131.96 (m), 131.6, 131.5, 130.6 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 130.4, 130.3, 130.1 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 129.4 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 128.72 – 127.64 (m), 127.3 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 125.0, 121.7, 121.3, 116.3, 116.0, 115.8, 45.9 (dd, *J* = 62.8, 3.7 Hz), 34.5 (d, *J* = 67.9 Hz), 14.6. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.8 (d, *J* = 46.1 Hz), 28.4 (d, *J* = 46.1 Hz). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₃₉H₃₂NaO₃P₂ + Na]⁺, 633.1713; found, 633.1722.

((9-(diphenylphosphoryl)-2-methyl-9H-thioxanthen-9-yl)methyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3n)



Yield: 60%, 75.1 mg; Yellow solid, mp: 190.2-192.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 – 7.16 (m, 21H), 7.00 – 6.83 (m, 4H), 6.67 (dd, J = 12.7, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.05 – 3.72 (m, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.1, 133.8 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 133. 7 (d, J =97.5 Hz), 133.3 (d, J =99.0 Hz), 133.1 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 132.7 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 131.9, 131.8 (d, J = 18.8 Hz), 131.3 (d, J = 4.8 Hz), 131.1 (d, J = 16.9 Hz), 130. 7 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 130.6 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 130.0 (d, J = 16.3 Hz), 129.4 (d, J = 17.9 Hz), 128.8, 128.3 – 127.5 (m), 126.6, 124.8, 124.7, 124.6, 51.5 (d, J = 59.9 Hz), 36.8 (d, J = 66.5 Hz), 21.0. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, MeOD) δ 32.6 (d, J = 47.3 Hz), 29.7 (d, J = 47.3 Hz). HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₃₉H₃₂NaO₂P₂S + Na]⁺, 649.1490; found, 649.1490.

(1,1-diphenylethane-1,2-diyl)bis(di-p-tolylphosphine oxide) (4a)



White solid (110.8 mg, 85%); mp: 294.5-296.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 6H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 6H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 4H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 6H), 2.28 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.8 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 142.3 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 141.4 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 132.7 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 130.8 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 130.7 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 130.1 (d, *J* = 101.2 Hz), 129.0 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 128.8 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 128.7 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 126.1 (d, *J* = 94.8 Hz), 121.8 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 117.2 (t, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 115.5 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 45.5 (dd, *J* = 61.9, 4.3 Hz), 35.3 (d, *J* = 66.9 Hz), 21.5, 21.4. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 31.32 (d, *J* = 45.3 Hz), 28.63 (d, *J* = 45.4 Hz). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₄₂H₃₈NaO₃P₂ + Na]⁺, 675.2188; found, 675.2184.

((9-(bis(4-fluorophenyl)phosphoryl)-9H-xanthen-9-yl)methyl)bis(4-fluorophenyl)phosphine oxide (4b)



White solid (86.8 mg, 63%); mp: 255.6 – 257.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.07 (m, 8H), 7.06 – 6.73 (m, 10H), 6.68 – 6.51 (m, 2H), 3.70 (br, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.2 (d, *J* = 252.0 Hz), 164.6 (d, *J* = 252.0 Hz), 150.7, 135.0 – 134.8 (m), 133.5 – 133.0 (m), 130.4, 129.8, 128.7 (d, *J* = 102.9 Hz), 124.9 (d, *J* = 96.1 Hz), 122.2, 116.6, 116.0, 115.7 – 115.5 (m), 45.7 (d, *J* = 61.0 Hz), 35.4 (d, *J* = 68.4 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.28 (d, *J* = 38.1 Hz),

27.17 (d, J = 43.5 Hz). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₃₈H₂₆F₄O₃P₂+Na]⁺, 691.1186; found, 691.1180.

((9-(bis(3-methoxyphenyl)phosphoryl)-9H-xanthen-9-yl)methyl)bis(3-methoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide (4d)



Light yellow oil (100.2 mg, 70%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 4H), 7.03 – 6.95 (m, 6H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.90 – 6.84 (m, 7H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 2H), 6.60 – 6.54 (m, 4H), 3.75 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 12H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 158.9 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz), 150.7 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 134.6 (d, *J* = 97.9 Hz), 130.6 (d, *J* = 91.4 Hz), 130.6 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 129.4 – 129.0 (m), 124.96 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 122. 7 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 121.8 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz), 118.7 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 117.9 (d, *J* = 61.9, 3.9 Hz), 35.7 (d, *J* = 67.0 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, MeOD) δ 33.5 (d, *J* = 46.8 Hz), 30.8 (d, *J* = 46.7 Hz). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for [C₄₂H₃₉O₇P₂ + H]⁺, 717.2166; found, 717.2161.

((9-(bis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)phosphoryl)-9H-xanthen-9-yl)methyl)bis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)phosphine oxide (**4e**)



White solid (69.4 mg, 49%); mp: 245.5-247.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 7.39 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 2H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (dd, J = 15.0, 8.7 Hz, 7H), 6.89 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 4H), 6.79 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (dd, J = 10.6, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 9H), 2.21 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD) δ 151.0 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 138.0, 138.0, 137.9, 133.7, 133.3, 131.9 (d, J = 98.0 Hz), 130.1, 130.0, 130.0, 129.2, 128.2, 128.1, 127.3, 121.4, 116.6, 115.4, 45.8 (d, J = 60.4 Hz), 34.2 (d, J = 66.1 Hz), 19.9, 19.8. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, MeOD) δ 33.6 (d, J = 46.4 Hz), 32.8 (d, J = 46.4 Hz). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₄₆H₄₆NaO₃P₂ + Na]⁺, 731.2814; found, 731.2813.

((9-(di(thiophen-2-yl)phosphoryl)-9H-xanthen-9-yl)methyl)di(thiophen-2-yl)phosphine oxide (4f)



Yellow solid (79.4 mg, 64%); mp: 272.3-274.3 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.19 (dd, J = 10.0, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 7.09 (s, 2H), 6.95 (s, 2H), 6.88 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (dd, J = 11.8, 7.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.1 (d, J = 4.7 Hz), 137.3 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 135.3 (d, J = 10.2 Hz), 135.1 (d, J = 113.4 Hz), 134.6 (d, J = 4.1 Hz), 133.5 (d, J = 4.8 Hz), 130.2 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 129.5 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 128.7 (d, J = 107.3 Hz), 128.1 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 128.0 (d, J = 4.6 Hz), 122.2 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 115.8 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 115.8 (d, J = 56.9 Hz), 20.60 (d, J = 57.0 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, MeOD) δ 28.67 (d, J = 57.0 Hz), 20.60 (d, J = 57.0 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, MeOD) δ 28.7 (d, J = 56.9 Hz), 20.6 (d, J = 57.0 Hz). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₃₀H₂₂NaO₃P₂S₄ + Na]⁺, 642.9819; found, 642.9816.

Copies of ¹ H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of products





³¹P NMR of **3a** in CDCl₃ (162 MHz)

F-2-P

















F-4-P







³¹P NMR of **3c** in CDCl₃ (162 MHz)

F-5JC-P2















³¹P NMR of **3d** in MeOD (162 MHz)











¹³C NMR of **3e** in CDCl₃ (101 MHz)





³¹P NMR of **3e** in CDCl₃ (162 MHz)

F-3-1







¹³C NMR of **3f** in MeOD (150 MHz)



³¹P NMR of **3f** in MeOD (162 MHz)

F-8JC-P



¹³C NMR of **3g** in CDCl₃ (150 MHz)

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³¹P NMR of **3g** in MeOD (162 MHz)

F-6JC-2















³¹P NMR of **3h** in CDCl₃ (162 MHz)

F-B3





¹H NMR of **3i** in CDCl₃ (600 MHz)













³¹P NMR of **3j** in MeOD (162 MHz)

F-9jc-2





³¹P NMR of **31** in MeOD (162 MHz)

F-11 jc

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³¹P NMR of **3m** in MeOD (162 MHz)

F-12-P

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³¹P NMR of **3n** in MeOD (162 MHz)

F-14JC-2

¹³C NMR of 4a in CDCl₃ (100 MHz)

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³¹P NMR of 4a in CDCl₃ (162 MHz)

F-15-P

¹H NMR of **4b** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)

F-B4-3

-3.692

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F-B4

30.39 -30.16 -27.30 -27.03

¹H NMR of 4d in MeOD (400 MHz)

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³¹P NMR of 4e in MeOD (162 MHz)

F-16jc

¹H NMR of **3a'** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)

³¹P NMR of **3a'** in CDCl₃ (162 MHz)

F-J2-2

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The X-ray crystal data of 3a

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