# **Supplementary Information**

# Palladium-catalysed C-H arylation of benzophospholes with aryl halides

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#### **Instrumentation and Chemicals**

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H}, and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz, 100 MHz, 376 MHz, and 162 MHz, respectively, for CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions. HRMS data were obtained by APCI using TOF. GC analysis was carried out using a silicon OV-17 column (i. d. 2.6 mm x 1.5 m) or CBP capillary column (i. d. 0.5 mm x 25 m). TLC analyses were performed on commercial glass plates bearing 0.25-mm layer of Merck Silica gel 60F<sub>254</sub>. Silica gel (Wakosil C-200, Wako Pure Chemical Co.) was used for column chromatography. Flash silica gel column chromatography was performed by Isolera One (Biotage). Gel permeation chromatography (GPC) was performed by LC-20AR (pump, SHIMADZU, 7.5 mL/min CHCl<sub>3</sub> or EtOAc) and SPD-20A (UV detector, SHIMADZU, 254 nm) with two in-line YMC-GPC T2000 (20 x 600 mm, particle size: 10 µm) (preparative columns, YMC). UV-vis spectra were acquired with JASCO V-750 spectrometer. Photoluminescence spectra and quantum yield measurements were conducted with JASCO FP-8500 spectrometer equipped with an integration sphere Cyclic voltammograms and differential pulse voltammograms were recorded on ALS system. Electrochemical Analyzer Model 600E equipped with SVC-3 Voltammetry cell. Counter and working electrodes were made of Pt, and the reference electrode was Ag/Ag<sup>+</sup>. The measurements were conducted in MeCN solvent containing tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate as a supporting electrolyte at an indicated scan rate. All the potentials were calibrated with the standard ferrocene/ferrocenium (Fc/Fc<sup>+</sup>) redox couple measured in identical conditions. Microwave irradiation was conducted with Initiator<sup>+</sup> (Biotage), and the reaction temperature was measured by an internal probe. The crystal measurement was performed with XtaLAB Synergy-S/Cu (Rigaku).

Unless otherwise noted, materials obtained from commercial suppliers were used without further purification. Toluene was dried on a Glass Contour Solvent dispensing system (Nikko Hansen & Co., Ltd.) prior to use. The 1,1-diarylethylene (1a) was commercially available from TCI, and others **1b-d** and **1f-j** were prepared from the commercially available corresponding benzophenones by the Wittig reaction with methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide. The **1e** was prepared according to the literature method.<sup>S1</sup> 4-Bromo-3-chloro-*N*,*N*-diphenylaniline was synthesized from 1-bromo-2-chloro-4-iodobenzene and diphenylamine by the Buchwald-Hartwig amination reaction.<sup>S2</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all reaction were performed under nitrogen atmosphere.

#### **Experimental Procedures**

#### 1. Procedures for the synthesis of benzophosphole 2 (Scheme 3)



<u>A 0.1 mmol scale reaction of 1a</u>: In a Schlenk tube with pressure resistance, phenylphosphinic acid (0.20 mmol, 28.4 mg) was dissolved in toluene (1.5 mL), and 1,1-diphenylethylene (**1a**, 0.10 mmol, 18.0 mg) and 4-methylpyridine (0.48 mmol, 44.7 mg) were subsequently added under N<sub>2</sub>. Tf<sub>2</sub>O (0.48 mmol, 80  $\mu$ L) was then added, and the mixture was heated at 120 °C in an oil bath for 16 h. After cooling, the resulting mixture was quenched with aqueous HCl (1 M, 1 mL) and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography with hexane/EtOAc (1:2, v/v) to give the desired product **2a** (98%, 29.6 mg).

<u>A 7.3 mmol scale reaction of 1a</u>: In a Schlenk tube with pressure resistance, phenylphosphinic acid (14.6 mmol, 2.073 g) was dissolved in toluene (15 mL), and 1,1-diphenylethylene (1a, 7.3 mmol, 1.314 g) and 4-methylpyridine (35.04 mmol, 3.263 g) were subsequently added under N<sub>2</sub>. The tube was cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath, and Tf<sub>2</sub>O (35.04 mmol, 5.8 mL) was added. The mixture was heated at 120 °C in an oil bath for 22 h. After cooling, the resulting mixture was quenched with aqueous HCl (1 M, 10 mL) and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography with hexane/EtOAc (1:2, v/v) and GPC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) subsequently to give the desired product **2a** (64%, 1.41 g).

#### 2. Procedures for palladium-catalysed C-H arylation of benzophospholes

### Procedure for the reaction with aryl iodides or bromides (Scheme 4)



<u>A 0.2 mmol scale reaction of 2a</u>: To a 10 mL microwave vessel were added 2a (0.20 mmol, 60.4 mg), 4-iodotoluene (3a, 0.30 mmol, 65.4 mg), and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.010 mmol, 2.3 mg). The vessel was moved to a glovebox filled with N<sub>2</sub>, and NaOtBu (0.40 mmol, 38.4 mg) was added. The vessel was sealed and taken out from the glovebox. Toluene (2.0 mL) was then added by syringe, and the reaction mixture was irradiated under microwave reactor conditions at 90 °C for 1 hour. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature, and the mixture was filtered through a short plug of activated alumina (EtOAc as eluent) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (1:2, v/v) as eluent to give the desired product 4aa (79%, 61.9 mg).

<u>A 2.0 mmol scale reaction of 2a</u>: To a 30 mL microwave vessel were added 2a (2.0 mmol, 604.0 mg), 4-iodotoluene (3a, 3.0 mmol, 654.0 mg), and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.10 mmol, 22.5 mg). The vessel was moved to a glovebox filled with N<sub>2</sub>, and NaOtBu (4.0 mmol, 384.0 mg) was added. The vessel was sealed and taken out from the glovebox. Toluene (15 mL) was then added by syringe, and the reaction mixture was irradiated under microwave reactor conditions at 90 °C for 1 hour. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature, and the mixture was filtered through a short plug of activated alumina (EtOAc as eluent) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (1:2, v/v) as eluent to give the desired product 4aa (65%, 510.0 mg).

#### Procedure for the reaction with aryl chlorides (Scheme 8a)



<u>A 0.1 mmol scale reaction of 2a</u>: To a 10 mL microwave vessel were added 2a (0.10 mmol, 30.2 mg) and 4-chlorotoluene (**3a-Cl**, 0.30 mmol, 38.0 mg). The vessel was moved to a glovebox filled with N<sub>2</sub>, and Pd(Cy<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub> (0.0050 mmol, 3.3 mg) and NaOtBu (0.20 mmol, 19.2 mg) were added. The vessel was sealed and taken out from the glovebox. Toluene (1.0 mL) was then added by

syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C (oil bath) for 12 hour. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature, and the mixture was filtered through a short plug of activated alumina (EtOAc as eluent) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (1:2, v/v) as eluent to give the desired product **4aa** (69%, 27.1 mg).

#### **Procedure for the synthesis of 5 (Scheme 8b)**



Synthesis of **5aa**: To a 10 mL microwave vessel were added **2a** (0.20 mmol, 60.4 mg), 1bromo-2-chlorobenzene ( $\mathbf{3}$ , 0.30 mmol, 57.4 mg), and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.010 mmol, 2.3 mg). The vessel was moved to a glovebox filled with N<sub>2</sub>, and NaOtBu (0.40 mmol, 38.4 mg) was added. The vessel was sealed and taken out from the glovebox. Toluene (2.0 mL) was then added by syringe, and the reaction mixture was irradiated under microwave reactor conditions at 90 °C for 1 hour. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature, and the mixture was filtered through a short plug of activated alumina (EtOAc as eluent) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was transferred to a 20 mL two-neck round-bottom flask, and PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.040 mmol, 29.6 mg), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.4 mmol, 130.4 mg), and DMAc (1.0 mL) were added. The mixture was stirred at 150 °C (oil bath) for 22 hour under N<sub>2</sub>. The resulting mixture was then quenched with brine and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration in vacuo followed by silica gel column purification with hexane/ethyl acetate (1:1, v/v) gave the desired product 5aa (75%, 56.3 mg).

### **Detailed Optimization Studies**

**Table S1.** Optimization Studies for the Synthesis of Starting Benzophosphole 2a from 1,1-Diphenylethylene 1a and Phenylphosphinic Acid<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Activator (mmol)	Base (mmol) Solvent		Conditions	Yield of 2a (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	Tf <sub>2</sub> O (0.48)	DMAP (0.48)	DCE	120 °C, 16 h	(69)
2	Tf <sub>2</sub> O (0.48)	DMAP (0.48)	DCE	90 °C, 16 h	trace
3	PhNTf <sub>2</sub> (0.48)	DMAP (0.48)	DCE	120 °C, 16 h	n.d.
4	TfOH (0.96)	none	DCE	120 °C, 16 h	n.d.
5	Tf <sub>2</sub> O (0.48)	2,6-lutidine (0.48)	DCE	120 °C, 16 h	1
6	Tf <sub>2</sub> O (0.48)	4-methylpyridine (0.48)	DCE	120 °C, 16 h	76
7	Tf <sub>2</sub> O (0.48)	pyridine (0.48)	DCE	120 °C, 16 h	60
8	Tf <sub>2</sub> O (0.48)	Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.48)	DCE	120 °C, 16 h	1
9	Tf <sub>2</sub> O (0.48)	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (0.48)	DCE	120 °C, 16 h	21
10	Tf <sub>2</sub> O (0.48)	none	DCE	120 °C, 16 h	n.d.
11	Tf <sub>2</sub> O (0.48)	4-methylpyridine (0.48)	touene	120 °C, 16 h	92(98)
12	Tf <sub>2</sub> O (0.48)	4-methylpyridine (0.48)	toluene	110 °C, 16 h	81
13	Tf <sub>2</sub> O (0.48)	4-methylpyridine (0.48)	PhCF <sub>3</sub>	120 °C, 16 h	78
14	Tf <sub>2</sub> O (0.48)	4-methylpyridine (0.48)	dioxane	120 °C, 16 h	n.d.
15	Tf <sub>2</sub> O (0.48)	4-methylpyridine (0.48)	HFIP	120 °C, 16 h	1

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.10 mmol), phenylphosphinic acid (0.20 mmol), activator (0.48 mmol), base (0.48 mmol), solvent (1.5 mL), N<sub>2</sub>. <sup>*b*</sup>Determined by <sup>31</sup>P NMR using triethylphosphate as an internal standard. Isolated yield is in parentheses.



	Ph	Pd(O	Ac) <sub>2</sub> (10 mol%) base, additives	Ph		Ph
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P 2	a	3a		4aa		4aa'
Entry	Ligand (mol%)	Base (equiv)	Additives (equiv)	Solvent (mL)	Conditions	Yield of 4aa or 4aa' (%) <sup>b</sup>
1		NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	90 °C, 16 h	66
2		NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	110 °C, 16 h	32
$3^c$		NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	90 °C, 22 h	60(66)
4 <sup>c</sup>		NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	90 °C, 11 h	42
$5^{c}$		NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	80 °C, 22 h	55
$6^d$		NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	90 °C, 16 h	n.d.
7	SPhos (20)	NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	90 °C,16 h	21
8	XPhos (20)	NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	90 °C,16 h	19
9	PPh <sub>2</sub> Cy (20)	NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	90 °C,16 h	56
10	$PPh_3(20)$	NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	90 °C,16 h	39
$11^e$		NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	90 °C,16 h	49
$12^{f}$		NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	110 °C, 16 h	0
$13^g$		NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	90 °C, 16 h	trace
14		KOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	90 °C, 16 h	68
15		LiOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	110 °C, 16 h	21
16		LiOtBu (2.0)		DMF (1.5)	90 °C,18 h	13
17		NaOtAmyl (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	90 °C,16 h	28
18		$Cs_2CO_3(2.0)$		toluene (1.5)	110 °C, 16 h	0
19		NaOtBu (1.5)		toluene (1.5)	90 °C, 16 h	39
20		NaOtBu (1.0)		toluene (1.5)	110 °C, 16 h	23
21		NaOtBu (1.5)	DIPEA (1.0)	toluene (1.5)	90 °C,16 h	43
22		NaO <i>t</i> Bu (1.5)	DIPEA (1.0)	toluene (1.5)	100 °C,11 h	46
23		NaOtBu (2.0)		mesitylene (1.5)	90 °C,16 h	44
24		NaOtBu (2.0)		<i>o</i> -xylene (1.5)	90 °C,16 h	61
25		NaOtBu (2.0)		benzene (1.5)	90 °C,16 h	58
26 <sup>c</sup>		NaOtBu (2.0)		$PhCF_{3}(1.5)$	90 °C,18 h	61
27 <sup>c</sup>		NaOtBu (2.0)		MeCN (1.5)	90 °C, 16 h	complex
28 <sup>c</sup>		NaOtBu (2.0)		octane (1.5)	90 °C, 16 h	9

**Table S2.** Optimization Studies for Palladium-Catalysed C–H Arylation of Benzophosphole 2a with4-Iodotoluene  $3a^a$ 

29	NaOtBu (2.0)	LiCl (1.0)	toluene (1.5)	90 °C,16 h	67
30	NaOtBu (2.0)	TBAI (1.0)	toluene (1.5)	90 °C, 16 h	59
31	NaOtBu (2.0)	TBAB (1.0)	toluene (1.5)	90 °C, 16 h	22
32	NaOtBu (2.0)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (0.5)	toluene (1.5)	90 °C, 12 h	42
33	NaOtBu (1.5)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (0.5)	toluene (1.5)	90 °C,18 h	32
34	NaOtBu (2.0)	AgOAc (1.0)	toluene (1.5)	90 °C, 12 h	54
35	NaOtBu (2.0)	AgTFA (1.0)	toluene (1.5)	90 °C,16 h	46
36	NaOtBu (2.0)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (2.0)	toluene (1.5)	90 °C,16 h	43
37	NaOtBu (2.0)	CuOAc (2.0)	toluene (1.5)	90 °C,16 h	51
38	NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (2.0)	90 °C,16 h	73(76)
39	NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (2.0)	100 °C,8 h	70
40	NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (3.0)	90 °C,16 h	43
41	NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (2.0)	µw, 100 °C, 2 h	71
42	NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	µw, 100 °C, 1 h	78
43	NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	μw, 90 °C, 2 h	78
44	NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	μw, 80 °C, 2 h	35
45	NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.5)	μw, 90 °C, 1 h	72
46	NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.0)	μw, 90 °C, 1 h	83
47	NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (0.5)	μw, 90 °C, 1 h	76
<b>48</b> <sup>h</sup>	NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (2.0)	μw, 90 °C, 1 h	81(79)
49 <sup>e</sup>	NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.0)	μw, 90 °C, 1 h	74
$50^{i}$	NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.0)	μw, 90 °C, 1 h	n.d.
$51^{j}$	NaOtBu (2.0)		toluene (1.0)	μw, 90 °C, 1 h	trace

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.010 mmol), **2a** (0.10 mmol), **3a** (0.15 mmol), solvent (1.5 mL), N<sub>2</sub>. <sup>*b*</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using triethylphosphate as an internal standard. Isolated yields are in parentheses. <sup>*c*</sup>With 0.20 mmol of **2a**. <sup>*d*</sup>Without Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>. <sup>*e*</sup>4-Bromotoluene was used instead of **3a**. <sup>*f*</sup>PhOTf was used instead of **3a**. The targeted product was **4aa'**. <sup>*g*</sup>Ph<sub>2</sub>IOTf was used instead of **3a**. The targeted product was **4aa'**. <sup>*h*</sup>On a 0.20 mmol scale with Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.010 mmol, 5 mol %). <sup>*f*</sup>PhOTs was used instead of **3a**. The targeted product was **4aa'**. <sup>*j*</sup>4-Chlorotoluene was used instead of **3a**.

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2a		4aa		
Entry	Cat. Pd	Ligand (20 mol%)	Conditions	<b>Yield of 4aa</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	$Pd_2(dba)_3$	XPhos	μw, 100 °C, 1 h	15
2	$Pd_2(dba)_3$	XPhos	μw, 140 °C, 1 h	11
3	$Pd_2(dba)_3$		μw, 100 °C, 1 h	trace
4 <sup>c</sup>	$PdCl_2(Cy_3P)_2$		μw, 110 °C, 1 h	11
5	$Pd_2(dba)_3$	XPhos	110 °C, 12 h	45
$6^d$	$Pd_2(dba)_3$	XPhos	90 °C, 20 h	42
7	$Pd_2(dba)_3$	XPhos	70 °C, 16 h	33
8	$Pd_2(dba)_3$	$PCy_3H \cdot BF_4$	90 °C, 16 h	complex
9	$Pd_2(dba)_3$	PCy <sub>3</sub>	100 °C, 16 h	32
10	$Pd(OAc)_2$	XPhos	110 °C, 12 h	6
11	$Pd(OAc)_2$	SPhos	110 °C, 12 h	complex
$12^c$	XPhos Pd G4		110 °C, 6 h	16
13 <sup>c</sup>	XPhos Pd G4		110 °C, 18 h	14
14 <sup>c, e</sup>	XPhos Pd G4		110 °C, 10 h	24
$15^{c}$	RuPhos Pd G3		110 °C, 10 h	trace
16	$CpPd(\pi-allyl)$	XPhos	110 °C, 17 h	n.d.
17	$(cod)Pd(CH_2TMS)_2$	XPhos	110 °C, 17 h	n.d.
18	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub> ·CHCl <sub>3</sub>	XPhos	110 °C, 12 h	n.d.
19 <sup>c,d</sup>	$Pd(tBu_3P)_2$		100 °C, 15 h	51
$20^{c,d}$	$Pd(Cy_3P)_2$		100 °C, 15 h	62
$21^{c,d}$	$Pd(Ph_3P)_4$		100 °C, 15 h	n.d.
$22^{c,d}$	$Pd(Cy_3P)_2$		μw, 100 °C, 1 h	33
23 <sup>c,d</sup>	$Pd(Cy_3P)_2$		110 °C, 12 h	<b>69</b> ( <b>69</b> )
24 <sup>f</sup>	Pd(Cy <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub>		110 °C, 12 h	40
25 <sup>g</sup>	$Pd(Cy_3P)_2$		110 °C, 12 h	11

**Table S3.** Optimization Studies for Palladium-Catalysed C–H Arylation of Benzophosphole 2a with

 4-Chlorotoluene 3a-Cl<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: Pd catalyst (0.010 mmol, based on Pd), **2a** (0.10 mmol), **3a-Cl** (0.15 mmol), solvent (1.0 mL), N<sub>2</sub>. <sup>*b*</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using triethylphosphate as an internal standard. Isolated yield is in parentheses. <sup>*c*</sup>With 5 mol % Pd loading. <sup>*d*</sup>With 0.30 mmol of **3a-Cl**. <sup>*e*</sup>Dioxane

(1.0 mL) was used instead of toluene. /With 0.30 mmol of 4-iodotoluene. <sup>g</sup>With 0.30 mmol of 4-bromotoluene.

## **Hammett Studies**



Figure S1. Hammett plot with *para*-substituted aryl bromides 3.

# Cyclic Voltammetry and Differential Pulse Voltammetry



Figure S2. Cyclic voltammograms of 4ab in MeCN containing 0.1 M n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> at a scan rate of 0.05 V/s.



Figure S3. Cyclic voltammograms of 4af in MeCN containing 0.1 M n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> at a scan rate of 0.05 V/s.



**Figure S4**. Cyclic voltammograms (blue line) and differential pulse voltammograms (orange line) of **4ag** in MeCN containing 0.1 M n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> at a scan rate of 0.1 V/s.



**Figure S5**. Cyclic voltammograms (blue line) and differential pulse voltammograms (orange line) of **4aq** in MeCN containing 0.1 M n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> at a scan rate of 0.05 V/s.



**Figure S6**. Cyclic voltammograms (blue line) and differential pulse voltammograms (orange line) of **4as** in MeCN containing 0.1 M n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> at a scan rate of 0.05 V/s.



**Figure S7**. Cyclic voltammograms (blue line) and differential pulse voltammograms (orange line) of **4at** in MeCN containing 0.1 M n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> at a scan rate of 0.03 V/s.



Figure S8. Cyclic voltammograms of 4au in MeCN containing 0.1 M n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> at a scan rate of 0.05 V/s.



**Figure S9**. Cyclic voltammograms (blue line) and differential pulse voltammograms (orange line) of **4av** in MeCN containing 0.1 M n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> at a scan rate of 0.05 V/s.



Figure S10. Cyclic voltammograms (blue line) and differential pulse voltammograms (orange line) of **5aa** in MeCN containing 0.1 M n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> at a scan rate of 0.05 V/s.



Figure S11. Cyclic voltammograms of **5ab** in MeCN containing 0.1 M n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> at a scan rate of 0.03 V/s.



**Figure S12**. Cyclic voltammograms (blue line) and differential pulse voltammograms (orange line) of **5ac** in MeCN containing 0.1 M n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> at a scan rate of 0.03 V/s.



**Absorption and Fluorescence Spectra** 

**Figure S13.** UV-vis absorption (solid line) and fluorescence spectra (dashed line; excited at the absorption maxima) of (a) **4af-ag**, and **4aq**, (b) **4as-av**, and **5aa-ac** in  $CH_2Cl_2$  ( $c = 10^{-5}$  M).

**Theoretical Calculations** 



**Figure S14.** Kohn-Sham molecular orbitals of **4at** calculated at the PBE0/6-31 +G(d) level of theory, implemented in the Gaussian 16 program.



**Figure S15.** Kohn-Sham molecular orbitals of **4av** calculated at the PBE0/6-31 +G(d) level of theory, implemented in the Gaussian 16 program.

# **X-Ray Analysis**

The single crystals of **2b** suitable for X-ray analysis were grown from CHCl<sub>3</sub>/hexane. The structure was refined by full-matrix least-squares method using SHELXL-2017/1.



Figure S16. ORTEP drawing of 2b (CCDC 2174057, 50% thermal probability).

# Table S4. Crystal Data for 2b

monoclinic
14
P 1 21/c 1
-P 2ybc
12.5743(3)
11.3680(2)
11.7601(2)
90
93.369(2)
90
1678.14(6)
4
0.0435
0.0403
0.1064
0.1094
1.064

The single crystals of **4av** suitable for X-ray analysis were grown from CHCl<sub>3</sub>/EtOAc/hexane. The structure was refined by full-matrix least-squares method using SHELXL-2017/1.



Figure S17. ORTEP drawing of 4av (CCDC 2166424, 50% thermal probability).

# Table S5. Crystal Data for 4av

Crystal system	triclinic
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Space group name H-M alt	P -1
Space group name Hall	-P 1
Cell length a	10.0941(3)
Cell length b	10.4249(3)
Cell length c	15.3161(3)
Cell angle alpha	73.955(2)
Cell angle beta	87.469(2)
Cell angle gamma	73.633(3)
Cell volume	1485.17(7)
Cell formula units Z	2
Refine ls R factor all	0.0877
Refine ls R factor gt	0.0633
Refine ls wR factor gt	0.1680
Refine ls wR factor ref	0.1847
Refine ls goodness of fit ref	1.113

#### **Characterization Data for Substrates and Products**

The characterization data for **2a** is consistent with that reported in our previous work.<sup>S3</sup>  $^{1}H$ ,  $^{13}C{^{1}H}$ ,  $^{19}F{^{1}H}$ , and  $^{31}P{^{1}H}$  NMR spectra for all compounds are attached in the last part.



**6-Methyl-1-phenyl-3-**(*p*-tolyl)phosphindole 1-oxide (2b) : Purified by flash chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (1/2, v/v): 28 mg (85%, 0.10 mmol scale); pale yellow solid; m.p. 157.6 – 158.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.82-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.42 (m, 6H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (d, *J* = 24.2 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  158.3 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 15.4 Hz, 1C), 140.0 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.5 Hz, 1C), 139.8 (1C), 139.7 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 27.0 Hz, 1C), 134.4 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 104.1 Hz, 1C), 133.0 (1C), 132.5 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 16.4 Hz, 1C), 132.3 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.8 Hz, 1C), 131.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.8 Hz, 2C), 130.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.8 Hz, 1C), 130.1 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 101.4 Hz, 1C), 129.6 (2C), 128.9 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 12.4 Hz, 2C), 127.9 (2C), 124.0 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 11.9 Hz, 1C), 121.3 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 99.9 Hz, 1C), 21.6 (1C), 21.4 (1C); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz):  $\delta$  36.92; HRMS (APCI) m/z (M+H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OP: 331.1246, found: 331.1224.



**6**-(*tert*-**Butyl**)-3-(4-(*tert*-**butyl**)**phenyl**)-1-**phenylphosphindole** 1-oxide (2c) : Purified by flash chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (1/2, v/v): 29 mg (70%, 0.10 mmol scale); pale yellow solid; m.p. 180.4 – 181.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.82-7.72 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 6H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 3H), 6.29 (d, J = 24.2 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.30 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz); δ 157.9 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 15.3 Hz, 1C), 153.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.7 Hz, 1C), 153.0 (1C), 139.7 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 27.6 Hz, 1C), 134.1 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 104.3 Hz, 1C), 132.4 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 16.1 Hz, 1C), 132.2 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.6 Hz, 1C), 131.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.8 Hz, 2C), 130.2 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 101.9 Hz, 1C), 129.5 (1C), 128.9 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 12.3 Hz, 2C), 127.8 (2C), 126.6 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.1 Hz, 1C), 125.8 (2C), 124.0 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 11.9 Hz, 1C), 121.9 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 100.7 Hz, 1C), 35.2 (1C), 35.0 (1C), 31.4-31.3 (overlapped, 6C); <sup>31</sup>P {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz): δ 37.31; HRMS (APCI) m/z (M+H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>OP: 415.2185, found: 415.2205.



**6-Methoxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylphosphindole 1-oxide (2d)** : Purified by flash chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (1/2, v/v): 14 mg (40%, 0.10 mmol scale); pale yellow solid; m.p. 61.6 – 62.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.81-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.22 (dd, J = 2.5, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.95 (dd, J = 2.5, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, J = 24.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  161.1 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 13.6$  Hz, 1C), 160.8 (1C), 158.0 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 15.2$  Hz, 1C), 136.5 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} = 103.0$  Hz, 1C), 134.7 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 26.9$  Hz, 1C), 132.3 (d, <sup>4</sup> $J_{CP} = 2.8$  Hz, 1C), 131.1 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 10.8$  Hz, 2C), 130.1 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} = 102.2$  Hz, 1C), 129.4 (2C), 129.0 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 12.4$  Hz, 2C), 127.8 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 17.0$  Hz, 1C), 125.4 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 13.2$  Hz, 1C), 119.2 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} = 101.6$  Hz, 1C), 117.4 (d, <sup>4</sup> $J_{CP} = 1.6$  Hz, 1C), 115.2 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 10.9$  Hz, 1C), 114.3 (2C), 55.8 (1C), 55.6 (1C); <sup>31</sup>P {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz):  $\delta$  36.59; HRMS (APCI) m/z (M+H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P: 363.1145, found:363.1115.



**1-Phenyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphindole 1-oxide (2e):** colorless solid (0.1 mmol scale, 17.9 mg, 41% yield; 1.0 mmol scale, 113.9 mg, 26% yield); m.p. 142.8-143.7 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.25 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:3). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.95 (dd, J = 9.5, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.78 (m, 5H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.64-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.49 (m, 3H), 6.61 (d, J = 23.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 155.5 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 14.3$  Hz, 1C), 142.1, 144.6 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 27.1$  Hz, 1C), 137.8 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 16.0$  Hz, 1C), 135.6, 134.5, 133.0 (d, <sup>4</sup> $J_{CP} = 2.8$  Hz, 1C), 132.5, 132.4, 132.2, 132.1, 131.8, 131.7, 131.5, 131.4, 130.9 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 11.0$  Hz, 2C), 130.19, 130.18, 130.16, 129.2 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 12.6$  Hz, 2C), 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.5, 127.1, 126.5, 126.34, 126.31, 126.27, 126.23, 126.19, 126.17, 126.13, 126.10, 126.0, 125.1, 124.8, 124.79, 123.9 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 11.0$  Hz, 1C), 122.3, 122.09, 122.07, 119.7, 119.4 (All observed signals are just shown because of complexity associated with C–F and C–P couplings.); <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 MHz) δ -62.7, -62.8. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H}

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  35.8; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>6</sub>OP: 439.0681, Found: 439.0667.



6-Fluoro-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-phenylphosphindole 1-oxide (2f) : Purified by flash chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (1/2, v/v): 26 mg (78%, 0.10 mmol scale); pale yellow solid; m.p. 51.6 – 53.0 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.80-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.14 (m, 3H), 6.33 (d, J = 24.1 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR  $(CDCl_{3}, 100 \text{ MHz}): \delta 163.9 \text{ (dd, } {}^{3}J_{CP}/{}^{1}J_{CF} = 15.2, 252.3 \text{ Hz}, 1C), 163.7 \text{ (d, } {}^{1}J_{CF} = 248.7 \text{ Hz}, 1C), 156.6$ (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 14.5$  Hz, 1C), 137.8 (dd,  ${}^{4}J_{CF}/{}^{2}J_{CP} = 3.0$ , 26.4 Hz, 1C), 137.1 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{CF}/{}^{1}J_{CP} = 7.0$ , 103.1 Hz, 1C), 132.8 (d,  ${}^{4}J_{CP}$  = 2.8 Hz, 1C), 131.0 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP}$  = 10.9 Hz, 2C), 130.9 (dd,  ${}^{4}J_{CF}/{}^{3}J_{CP}$  = 3.5, 16.8 Hz, 1C), 129.8 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CF} = 8.6$  Hz, 2C), 129.2 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 12.5$  Hz, 2C), 128.9 (d,  ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 103.6$  Hz, 1C), 125.6 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{CF}/{}^{3}J_{CP} = 7.9$ , 13.1 Hz, 1C), 122.8 (dd,  ${}^{5}J_{CF}/{}^{1}J_{CP} = 3.7$ , 100.0 Hz, 1C), 119.2 (dd,  ${}^{4}J_{CP}/{}^{2}J_{CF} =$ 1.2, 22.5 Hz, 1C), 117.3 (dd,  ${}^{2}J_{CP}/{}^{2}J_{CF} = 10.7$ , 23.7 Hz, 1C), 116.2 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CF} = 21.7$  Hz, 2C);  ${}^{19}F{}^{1}H{}$ NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -110.3 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), -110.5; <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz):  $\delta$  35.44 (d, J = 4.6 Hz); HRMS (APCI) m/z (M+H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>2</sub>OP: 339.0745, found: 339.0763.



**6-Chloro-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylphosphindole 1-oxide** (**2g**) : Purified by flash chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (1/2, v/v): 21 mg (55%, 0.10 mmol scale); pale yellow solid; m.p. 75.6 – 76.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.79-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.63 (dd, J = 1.7, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 7H), 7.34 (dd, J = 3.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 23.9 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  156.4 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 14.6$  Hz, 1C), 140.1 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 26.7$  Hz, 1C), 136.5 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 13.9$  Hz, 1C), 136.3 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} = 102.3$  Hz, 1C), 136.1 (1C), 133.1 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 16.5$  Hz, 1C), 132.9 (d, <sup>4</sup> $J_{CP} = 2.8$  Hz, 1C), 132.7 (d, <sup>4</sup> $J_{CP} = 1.4$  Hz, 1C), 131.0 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 10.8$  Hz, 2C), 129.8 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 10.5$  Hz, 1C), 129.4 (2C), 129.23 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 12.5$  Hz, 2C), 129.23 (2C), 128.6 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} = 103.9$  Hz, 1C), 125.0 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 12.2$  Hz, 1C), 123.6 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} = 98.9$  Hz, 1C); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,

162 MHz):  $\delta$  35.84; HRMS (APCI) m/z (M+H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>OP: 371.0154, found: 371.0142.



**3-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-1-phenylbenzo**[g]phosphindole 1-oxide (2h) : Purified bv flash chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (1/2, v/v): 25 mg (62%, 0.10 mmol scale); pale yellow solid; m.p. 125.7 - 126.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  8.11-8.09 (m, 2H), 8.05-7.99 (dd, J =8.5, 14.2 Hz, 2H), 7.95-7.85 (m, 5H), 7.69 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.43 (m, 5H), 6.55 (d, J = 25.3 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  157.8 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 16.6$  Hz, 1C), 141.6 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 26.1 \text{ Hz}$ , 1C), 133.9 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 8.6 \text{ Hz}$ , 1C), 133.8 (1C), 133.7 (1C), 133.3 (1C), 132.7 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 16.7$  Hz, 1C), 132.4 (d,  ${}^{4}J_{CP} = 2.8$  Hz, 1C), 132.2 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 9.2$  Hz, 1C), 131.1 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 16.7$  Hz, 1C), 131 10.9 Hz, 2C), 129.77 (d,  ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 103.2$  Hz, 1C), 129.76 (d,  ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 101.0$  Hz, 1C), 129.2 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 12.4$ Hz, 2C), 128.84 (d,  ${}^{4}J_{CP}$  = 2.0 Hz, 1C), 128.79 (1C), 128.6 (1C), 128.5 (1C), 128.0 (1C), 127.5 (1C), 127.2 (2C), 127.0 (1C), 126.0 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 5.0$  Hz, 1C), 125.6 (1C), 124.0 (d,  ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 99.1$  Hz, 1C), 121.5 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 12.8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{C}$ );  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz):  $\delta$  38.09; HRMS (APCI) m/z (M+H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OP: 403.1246, found: 403.1250.



**6,6-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-6***H***-naphtho[1,2,3-***cd***]phosphindole 2-oxide (2i): pale yellow solid (0.1 mmol scale, 23.9 mg, 70% yield; 3.04 mmol scale, 488.8 mg, 47% yield); m.p. 194.8-195.8 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.20 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:3). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) \delta 7.91 (dd,** *J* **= 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.80-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.34 (m, 7H), 6.60 (d,** *J* **= 23.2 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) \delta 148.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 17.0 Hz, 1C), 146.3 (1C), 141.7 (d, <sup>3</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1C), 135.6 (d, <sup>2</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 29.5 Hz, 1C), 132.4 (d, <sup>1</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 105.8 Hz, 1C), 132.1 (d, <sup>4</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 2.5 Hz, 1C), 131.4 (1C), 131.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 10.8 Hz, 2C), 130.6 (d, <sup>1</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 102.9 Hz, 1C), 130.4 (1C), 130.3 (d, <sup>4</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 1.9 Hz, 1C), 128.7 (d, <sup>3</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 12.2 Hz, 1C), 127.8 (1C), 127.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 9.6 Hz, 1C), 126.8 (1C), 126.6 (d, <sup>1</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 96.8 Hz, 1C), 126.0 (1C), 112.0 (d, <sup>3</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 9.7 Hz, 1C), 110.9 (d, <sup>3</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 9.1 Hz, 1C), 38.6 (d, <sup>5</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 1.0 Hz, 1C), 33.3 (d, <sup>4</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 3.4 Hz, 1C), 32.5 (d, <sup>5</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 1.9 Hz, 1C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz) \delta 40.6; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OP:** 

343.1247, Found: 343.1234.



**6-Phenyl-10,11-dihydrobenzo[6,7]cyclohepta[1,2,3-***cd***]phosphindole 6-oxide (2j):** pale yellow solid (6.0 mmol scale, 905.6 mg, 46% yield); m.p. 157.8-158.8 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.20 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:3). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.78 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (bs, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.43 (td, *J* = 7.7, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 4H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 21.6 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (bs, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  158.4 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 11.8 Hz, 1C), 142.1 (1C), 140.5 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.6 Hz, 1C), 139.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 26.9 Hz, 1C), 135.0 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.8 Hz, 1C), 134.9 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 16.1 Hz, 1C), 132.1 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.7 Hz, 1C), 131.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.7 Hz, 2C), 130.6 (1C), 129.9 (1C), 129.8 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 12.5 Hz, 2C), 127.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.8 Hz, 1C), 126.9 (1C), 122.9 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 98.2 Hz, 1C), 35.4 (1C), 34.9 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.1 Hz, 1C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  34.07; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>OP: 329.1090, Found: 329.1073.



**3-Phenyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphindole 1-oxide (2k)** : Purified by flash chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (1/2, v/v): 37 mg (99%, 0.10 mmol scale); pale yellow solid; m.p. 43.2 – 44.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.93-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.66 (m, 3H), 7.57-7.49 (m, 7H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 24.3 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  159.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 15.8 Hz, 1C), 142.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 27.7 Hz, 1C), 134.8 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 16.6 Hz, 1C), 134.6 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 99.5 Hz, 1C), 134.2 (qd, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub>/<sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 3.0, 32.9 Hz, 1C), 133.3 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 105.6 Hz, 1C), 133.2 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.9 Hz, 1C), 131.7 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 11.1 Hz, 2C), 129.98 (1C), 129.97 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.6 Hz, 1C), 129.5 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.6 Hz, 1C), 129.0 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 125.8 (qd, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub>/<sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 3.7, 12.4 Hz, 2C), 124.5 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1C), 123.7 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 273.2 Hz, 1C), 122.1 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 100.0 Hz, 1C); <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -63.2; <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz):  $\delta$  35.38; HRMS (APCI) m/z (M+H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>OP: 371.0807, found: 371.0783.



**1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylphosphindole 1-oxide (2l)** : Purified by flash chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (1/2, v/v): 18 mg (55%, 0.10 mmol scale); pale yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.74-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.39 (m, 6H), 6.97-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 23.9 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  163.1 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.9 Hz, 1C), 157.7 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 15.3 Hz, 1C), 142.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 27.0 Hz, 1C), 135.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 16.1 Hz, 1C), 134.4 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 104.6 Hz, 1C), 133.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 12.0 Hz, 2C), 132.60 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.7 Hz, 1C), 129.63 (1C), 129.5 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.9 Hz, 1C), 129.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.7 Hz, 1C), 128.9 (2C), 128.0 (2C), 124.1 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1C), 123.5 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 99.3 Hz, 1C), 120.2 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 108.7 Hz, 1C), 114.7 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 13.6 Hz, 2C), 55.5 (1C); <sup>31</sup>P {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz):  $\delta$  37.19; HRMS (APCI) m/z (M+H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P: 333.1039, found: 333.1022.



**1-Phenyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)phosphindole 1-oxide** + **4,6-Diphenylphospholo**[**3,2-***b***]<b>thiophene 4-oxide (2m** + **2m', 5:3 mixture)** : Purified by flash chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (1/2, v/v): 22 mg (70%, 0.10 mmol scale); pale yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.81-7.63 (m, 5.2H), 7.57-7.52 (1.6H), 7.49-7.40 (m, 4.2H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 1.3, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 23.6 Hz, 0.6H), 6.29 (dd, *J* = 1.0, 26.2 Hz, 0.4H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz);  $\delta$  152.6, 142.2, 135.9, 135.7, 134.3, 133.3, 132.9, 132.5, 131.2, 131.1, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.6, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 129.02, 128.96, 127.6, 127.5, 126.8, 125.4, 124.1, 124.0, 122.2, 121.2 (All observed signals are just shown because of complexity associated with C–P couplings and structural isomers.); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz) for mixture:  $\delta$  37.49, 28.99; HRMS (APCI) m/z (M+H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>OPS:309.0497, found: 309.0475.



**3-(Benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-1-phenylphosphindole 1-oxide (2n)** : Purified by flash chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (1/2, v/v): 10 mg (28%, 0.10 mmol scale); pale yellow solid; m.p. 67.9 – 69.0 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.97-7.94 (m, 1H), 7.87-7.81 (m, 3H), 7.75-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.75-7.39 (m, 7H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 24.1 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  151.7 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 15.9 Hz, 1C), 142.4 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 27.0 Hz, 1C), 140.5 (1C), 137.7 (1C), 133.6 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 104.4 Hz, 1C), 132.9 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 1C), 132.5 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.9 Hz, 1C), 131.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.8 Hz, 2C), 130.8 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 17.3 Hz, 1C), 130.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.6 Hz, 1C), 129.6 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 102.7 Hz, 1C), 129.4 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 96.6 Hz, 1C), 129.1 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 11.0 Hz, 1C), 123.3 (1C), 123.1 (1C); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz):  $\delta$  37.42; HRMS (APCI) m/z (M+H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OPS: 359.0654, found: 359.0631.



**1,3-Diphenylbenzo**[*b*]**phospholo**[**3,2-***d***]<b>thiophene 1-oxide (2n')** : Purified by flash chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (1/2, v/v): 5 mg (14%, 0.10 mmol scale); pale yellow solid; m.p. 115.3 – 116.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.91-7.89 (m, 1H), 7.85-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.52 (m, 6H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 1.1, 15.3 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 26.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): The clear spectra was not obtained because of a small amount of the sample.; <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz):  $\delta$  29.76; HRMS (APCI) m/z (M+H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OPS: 359.0654, found: 359.0658.



**1,3-Diphenyl-2-(***p***-tolyl)phosphindole 1-oxide (4aa):** pale yellow solid (0.2 mmol scale, 61.9 mg, 79% yield; 2.0 mmol scale, 510.0 mg, 65% yield); m.p. 159.7-161.0 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.25 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.80-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.32

(m, 10H), 7.18 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  149.3 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 21.8$  Hz, 1C), 143.9 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 27.2$  Hz, 1C), 137.8 (1C), 134.5 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 15.4$  Hz, 1C), 134.1 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} = 95.7$  Hz, 1C), 132.9 (d, <sup>4</sup> $J_{CP} = 1.8$  Hz, 1C), 132.1 (d, <sup>4</sup> $J_{CP} = 2.5$  Hz, 1C), 132.1 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} = 105.6$  Hz, 1C), 131.0 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 10.7$  Hz, 2C), 130.1 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} = 99.6$  Hz, 1C), 129.7 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 10.1$  Hz, 1C), 129.1 (4C), 129.0 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 128.89 (2C), 128.85 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 12.2$  Hz, 2C), 128.6 (1C), 123.9 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 10.9$  Hz, 1C), 21.2 (1C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.2; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OP: 393.1408, Found: 393.1407.



**2-(4-(Diphenylamino)phenyl)-1,3-diphenylphosphindole 1-oxide (4ab):** yellow solid (0.2 mmol scale, 94.8 mg, 87% yield; 1.0 mmol scale, 430.7 mg, 79% yield); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.20 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.85-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.29 (m, 10H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 4H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07-6.97 (m, 8H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  147.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 21.8 Hz, 1C), 147.4 (1C), 147.1 (2C), 144.3 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 27.2 Hz, 1C), 135.0 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 15.4 Hz, 1C), 133.5 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 95.7 Hz, 1C), 132.9 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.8 Hz, 1C), 132.1 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.7 Hz, 1C), 131.8 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 106.1 Hz, 1C), 131.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.5 Hz, 2C), 130.7 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 98.6 Hz, 1C), 129.9 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 6.4 Hz, 2C), 129.3 (4C), 129.1 (2C), 128.95 (2C), 128.93 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 12.0 Hz, 2C), 128.91 (1C), 128.8 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.5 Hz, 1C), 128.6 (1C), 125.7 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.3 Hz, 1C), 125.1 (4C), 123.6 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.9 Hz, 1C), 123.4 (2C), 121.6 (2C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.3; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NOP: 546.1982, Found: 546.2011.



**2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1,3-diphenylphosphindole 1-oxide (4ac):** pale yellow solid (0.2 mmol, 60.6 mg, 74% yield); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.24 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.80-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.30 (m, 10H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  159.2 (1C), 148.3 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 21.9 Hz, 1C), 144.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 27.2 Hz, 1C), 134.7 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 15.4 Hz, 1C), 133.6 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 96.0 Hz, 1C), 132.9 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.5 Hz, 1C), 132.1 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.7 Hz, 1C), 131.8 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 105.6 Hz, 1C), 130.9 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.5 Hz, 2C), 130.4 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 6.0 Hz, 2C), 130.3 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 99.2 Hz, 1C), 129.09 (2C), 129.06 (2C), 128.9 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.8 Hz, 1C), 128.8 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 12.0 Hz, 2C), 128.7 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.4 Hz, 1C), 128.6 (1C),

125.1 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 10.3$  Hz, 1C), 123.7 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 10.9$  Hz, 1C), 113.8 (2C), 55.1 (1C).  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.2; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P: 409.1352, Found: 409.1367.



**2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,3-diphenylphosphindole 1-oxide (4ad):** colorless solid (0.2 mmol, 66.7 mg, 81% yield); m.p. 104.6-105.9 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.25 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.77-7.69 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.36 (m, 8H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.05 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  150.5 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 21.1 Hz, 1C), 143.6 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 26.7 Hz, 1C), 133.9 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 14.7 Hz, 1C), 133.8 (1C), 133.1 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 95.7 Hz, 1C), 133.0 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.9 Hz, 1C), 132.4 (1C), 132.3 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.9 Hz, 1C), 131.9 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 105.3 Hz, 1C), 131.3 (1C), 130.9 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.8 Hz, 2C), 130.6 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 112.6 Hz, 1C), 130.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 5.7 Hz, 2C), 129.3 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.7 Hz, 1C), 129.15 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.7 Hz, 1C), 129.14 (2C), 128.96 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 12.2 Hz, 2C), 128.93 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 124.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.7 Hz, 1C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.0; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClOP: 413.0857, Found: 413.0878.



**1,3-Diphenyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphindole 1-oxide (4ae):** colorless solid (0.2 mmol, 45.5 mg, 51% yield); m.p. 94.3-95.6 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>*f*</sub> 0.23 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.78-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.53-7.39 (m, 8H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 6H), 7.25 (dd, J = 6.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 151.8 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 20.9$  Hz, 1C), 143.3 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 26.4$  Hz, 1C), 136.5 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 10.2$  Hz, 1C), 133.6 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 14.5$  Hz, 1C), 133.1 (d, <sup>4</sup> $J_{CP} = 1.8$  Hz, 1C), 133.0 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} = 95.8$  Hz, 1C), 132.5 (d, <sup>4</sup> $J_{CP} = 2.9$  Hz, 1C), 132.0 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} = 106.3$  Hz, 1C), 130.9 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 10.7$  Hz, 2C), 129.6 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 10.8$  Hz, 1C), 129.5 (q, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CF} = 32.2$  Hz, 1C), 129.4 (1C), 129.3 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} = 99.9$  Hz, 1C), 129.2 (2C), 129.18 (2C), 129.10 (2C), 128.93 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 12.4$  Hz, 2C), 128.90 (1C), 125.2 (q, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CF} = 3.8$  Hz, 2C), 124.5 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 10.9$  Hz, 1C), 124.0 (q, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CF} = 272.1$  Hz, 1C). <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 MHz) δ -62.8. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz) δ 39.0; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>OP: 447.1121, Found: 447.1131.



**2-(4-(Di([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)amino)phenyl)-1,3-diphenylphosphindole 1-oxide (4af):** orange solid (0.2 mmol, 92.1 mg, 66% yield); m.p. 151.7-153.0 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.20 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.87-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.66 (dd, J = 9.2, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.37 (m, 17H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 7H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  148.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 22.0 Hz, 1C), 147.4 (1C), 146.2 (2C), 144.3 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 27.1 Hz, 1C), 140.5 (2C), 136.2 (2C), 135.0 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 15.2 Hz, 1C), 133.4 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 95.7 Hz, 1C), 133.0 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 1C), 132.2 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.5 Hz, 1C), 131.9 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 106.2 Hz, 1C), 131.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.7 Hz, 2C), 128.97 (2C), 128.92 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.3 Hz, 1C), 128.79 (4C), 128.78 (1C), 128.73 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 5.5 Hz, 1C), 127.9 (4C), 127.0 (2C), 126.8 (4C), 126.3 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.0 Hz, 1C), 125.1 (4C), 123.7 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.7 Hz, 1C), 122.2 (2C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.3; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NOP: 698.2608, Found: 698.2635.



**2-(4-(9***H***-Carbazol-9-yl)phenyl)-1,3-diphenylphosphindole 1-oxide (4ag):** yellow solid (0.2 mmol, 76.0 mg, 70% yield); m.p. 135.7-137.0 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.22 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.07 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.90-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.38 (m, 12H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 6H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  150.6 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 21.2 Hz, 1C), 143.7 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 26.7 Hz, 1C), 140.4 (2C), 137.2 (1C), 134.2 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 14.8 Hz, 1C), 133.4 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 96.2 Hz, 1C), 133.1 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.7 Hz, 1C), 132.4 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.8 Hz, 1C), 132.1 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 106.1 Hz, 1C), 131.6 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.0 Hz, 1C), 131.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.8 Hz, 2C), 130.5 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 6.0 Hz, 2C), 130.0 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 98.5 Hz, 1C), 129.4 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.8 Hz, 1C), 129.2 (2C), 129.1 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 12.7 Hz, 2C), 129.09 (1C), 129.03 (3C), 126.5 (2C), 125.9 (2C), 124.3 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.8 Hz, 1C), 123.5 (2C), 120.1 (2C), 109.9 (2C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.1; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NOP: 544.1825, Found: 544.1850.



**2-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-1,3-diphenylphosphindole 1-oxide (4ah):** colorless solid (0.2 mmol, 69.3 mg, 81% yield); m.p. 92.7-94.3 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.25 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.97 (bs, 1H), 7.83-7.72 (m, 3H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.34 (m, 13H), 7.26 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, J = 8.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  150.3 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} =$  21.1 Hz, 1C), 143.7 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} =$  26.8 Hz, 1C), 134.3 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} =$  14.8 Hz, 1C), 134.1 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} =$  96.2 Hz, 1C), 133.1 (1C), 133.0 (d, <sup>4</sup> $J_{CP} =$  10.9 Hz, 1C), 132.6 (1C), 132.2 (d, <sup>4</sup> $J_{CP} =$  2.8 Hz, 1C), 132.1 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} =$  106.0 Hz, 1C), 130.9 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} =$  10.3 Hz, 2C), 130.4 (1C), 129.9 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} =$  90.1 Hz, 1C), 129.19 (2C), 129.18 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} =$  10.5 Hz, 1C), 129.10 (1C), 129.05 (2C), 128.9 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} =$  12.5 Hz, 2C), 128.8 (1C), 128.7 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} =$  5.4 Hz, 1C), 128.5 (1C), 127.7 (1C), 127.4 (1C), 126.6 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} =$  6.2 Hz, 1C), 126.4 (1C), 126.0 (1C), 124.1 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} =$  11.0 Hz, 1C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.2; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OP: 429.1403, Found: 429.1419.



**2-(Benzo**[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1,3-diphenylphosphindole 1-oxide (4ai): pale yellow solid (0.2 mmol, 57.4 mg, 68% yield); m.p. 209.1-210.5 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.22 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.79-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.70-7-66 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.38 (m, 7H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dt, *J* = 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dd, *J* = 1.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  148.9 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 21.6 Hz, 1C), 147.4 (1C), 147.3 (1C), 143.9 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 26.7 Hz, 1C), 134.4 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 14.9 Hz, 1C), 133.8 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 96.4 Hz, 1C), 132.9 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.8 Hz, 1C), 132.2 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.7 Hz, 1C), 131.8 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 106.0 Hz, 1C), 128.95 (2C), 128.90 (1C), 128.8 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.1 Hz, 2C), 126.5 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.4 Hz, 1C), 123.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 11.0 Hz, 1C), 123.5 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 5.8 Hz, 1C), 109.2 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 6.3 Hz, 1C), 108.3 (1C), 100.9 (1C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.1; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P: 423.1145, Found: 423.1155.



**1,3-Diphenyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)phosphindole 1-oxide (4aj):** pale yellow solid (0.2 mmol, 64.6 mg, 69% yield); m.p. 197.1-198.4 °C (from hexane); TLC R/0.20 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.85-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.69 (dd, J = 9.2, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.40 (m, 7H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.17 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.44 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  152.7 (2C), 149.2 (d, <sup>2</sup> $_{JCP} = 21.5$  Hz, 1C), 144.0 (d, <sup>2</sup> $_{JCP} = 26.8$  Hz, 1C), 137.7 (1C), 134.8 (d, <sup>3</sup> $_{JCP} = 14.8$  Hz, 1C), 134.0 (d, <sup>1</sup> $_{JCP} = 96.5$  Hz, 1C), 133.0 (d, <sup>4</sup> $_{JCP} = 1.5$  Hz, 1C), 132.2 (d, <sup>4</sup> $_{JCP} = 2.6$  Hz, 1C), 131.7 (d, <sup>1</sup> $_{JCP} = 106.3$  Hz, 1C), 131.0 (d, <sup>2</sup> $_{JCP} = 10.7$  Hz, 2C), 130.4 (d, <sup>1</sup> $_{JCP} = 99.0$  Hz, 1C), 129.2 (2C), 129.1 (d, <sup>3</sup> $_{JCP} = 10.1$  Hz, 1C), 129.0 (1C), 128.97 (2C), 128.95 (d, <sup>3</sup> $_{JCP} = 12.2$  Hz, 2C), 128.6 (1C), 127.8 (d, <sup>2</sup> $_{JCP} = 10.4$  Hz, 1C), 123.9 (d, <sup>2</sup> $_{JCP} = 10.9$  Hz, 1C), 106.4 (d, <sup>3</sup> $_{JCP} = 6.4$  Hz, 2C), 60.7 (1C), 55.5 (2C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  38.7; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P: 469.1564, Found: 469.1543.



**1,3-Diphenyl-2-(quinolin-6-yl)phosphindole 1-oxide (4ak):** orange solid (0.2 mmol, 53.2 mg, 62% yield); m.p. 111.4-112.7 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.24 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:3). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.80 (dd, *J* = 4.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.72 (m, 4H), 7.52-7.36 (m, 10H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  151.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 20.8 Hz, 1C), 150.7 (1C), 147.5 (1C), 143.5 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 26.7 Hz, 1C), 136.4 (1C), 133.9 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 14.5 Hz, 1C), 133.5 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 95.7 Hz, 1C), 133.1 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 1C), 132.4 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.8 Hz, 1C), 132.0 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.9 Hz, 1C), 132.2 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.8 Hz, 1C), 132.0 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 106.2 Hz, 1C), 131.3 (1C), 130.9 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.5 Hz, 2C), 130.7 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 108.4 Hz, 1C), 130.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 6.1 Hz, 1C), 129.4 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.8 Hz, 1C), 129.3 (1C), 129.2 (2C), 129.1 (1C), 129.0 (1C), 128.9 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 12.3 Hz, 2C), 128.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 5.2 Hz, 1C), 128.1 (1C), 124.3 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.8 Hz, 1C), 121.3 (1C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.1; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NOP: 430.1356, Found: 430.1362.



**2-(Dibenzo**[*b,d*]**furan-2-yl)-1,3-diphenylphosphindole 1-oxide (4al):** pale yellow solid (0.2 mmol, 67.4 mg, 72% yield); m.p. 108.9-109.6 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.22 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.89 (s, 1H), 7.83-7.70 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.36 (m, 12H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  156.4 (1C), 155.6 (1C), 149.6 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 21.7 Hz, 1C), 143.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 26.8 Hz, 1C), 134.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 14.9 Hz, 1C), 134.2 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 96.2 Hz, 1C), 133.0 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.9 Hz,

1C), 132.2 (d,  ${}^{4}J_{CP} = 2.8$  Hz, 1C), 131.9 (d,  ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 106.1$  Hz, 1C), 131.0 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 10.6$  Hz, 2C), 129.9 (d,  ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 99.8$  Hz, 1C), 129.18 (2C), 129.17 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 9.6$  Hz, 1C), 129.09 (2C), 129.06 (1C), 128.9 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 12.3$  Hz, 2C), 128.7 (1C), 128.5 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 5.9$  Hz, 1C), 127.5 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 10.0$  Hz, 1C), 127.3 (1C), 124.0 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 10.7$  Hz, 1C), 123.9 (1C), 122.8 (1C), 121.3 (d,  ${}^{4}J_{CP} = 5.6$  Hz, 1C), 120.8 (1C), 111.6 (2C).  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.1; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P: 469.1352, Found: 469.1366.



**2-(Dibenzo**[*b,d*]**thiophen-2-yl)-1,3-diphenylphosphindole 1-oxide (4am):** yellow solid (0.2 mmol, 66.8 mg, 69% yield); m.p. 108.0-109.3 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.22 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.03 (s, 1H), 7.86-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.78-7.74 (m, 3H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.34 (m, 13H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  149.9 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 21.7 Hz, 1C), 143.9 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 26.9 Hz, 1C), 139.5 (1C), 139.1 (1C), 135.5 (1C), 135.3 (1C), 134.4 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 14.9 Hz, 1C), 134.1 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 96.0 Hz, 1C), 133.0 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.8 Hz, 1C), 132.3 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.8 Hz, 1C), 132.0 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 106.3 Hz, 1C), 131.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.6 Hz, 2C), 130.0 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 99.6 Hz, 1C), 129.2 (2C), 129.16 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.8 Hz, 1C), 129.11 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.7 Hz, 1C), 129.10 (3C), 128.9 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 12.3 Hz, 2C), 128.8 (1C), 127.6 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 5.6 Hz, 1C), 126.8 (1C), 124.4 (1C), 124.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.7 Hz, 1C), 122.7 (1C), 122.6 (1C), 122.1 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 6.2 Hz, 1C), 121.6 (1C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.1; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OPS: 485.1124, Found: 485.1130.



**2-(1-Methyl-1***H***-indol-5-yl)-1,3-diphenylphosphindole 1-oxide (4an):** yellow solid (0.2 mmol, 56.0 mg, 65% yield); m.p. 121.4-122.7 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.24 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.82-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.30 (m, 10H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  147.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 22.2 Hz, 1C), 144.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 27.6 Hz, 1C), 136.1 (1C), 135.1 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 95.6 Hz, 1C), 135.0 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 15.1 Hz, 1C), 132.8 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.3 Hz, 1C), 132.1 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 105.4 Hz, 1C), 131.9 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.8 Hz, 1C), 131.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.6 Hz, 2C), 130.5 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 99.7 Hz, 1C), 129.3 (2C), 129.1 (1C), 129.0 (2C), 128.9 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.5 Hz, 1C), 128.7 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 12.2 Hz, 2C), 128.5 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.4 Hz, 1C), 128.4 (1C), 128.2 (1C),
123.8 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 10.2$  Hz, 1C), 123.6 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 11.0$  Hz, 1C), 123.1 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 6.3$  Hz, 1C), 122.1 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 5.9$  Hz, 1C), 109.1 (1C), 101.7 (1C), 32.8 (1C).  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H{}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.3; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NOP: 432.1512, Found: 432.1534.



**2-(Benzofuran-5-yl)-1,3-diphenylphosphindole 1-oxide (4ao):** pale yellow solid (0.2 mmol, 46.8 mg, 56% yield); m.p. 202.8-204.1 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.25 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.80-7.70 (m, 3H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.33 (m, 10H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dt, *J* = 8.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (dd, *J* = 2.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  154.4 (1C), 149.4 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 21.6 Hz, 1C), 145.2 (1C), 143.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 27.1 Hz, 1C), 134.4 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 95.6 Hz, 1C), 134.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 15.4 Hz, 1C), 132.9 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.7 Hz, 1C), 132.2 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.8 Hz, 1C), 132.0 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 105.5 Hz, 1C), 131.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.6 Hz, 2C), 129.9 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 99.5 Hz, 1C), 129.2 (2C), 129.1 (1C), 129.05 (1C), 129.01 (2C), 128.9 (1C), 128.8 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.9 Hz, 1C), 122.1 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 5.3 Hz, 1C), 111.3 (1C), 106.9 (1C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.1; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P: 419.1196, Found: 419.1197.



**2-(Benzo[***b***]thiophen-5-yl)-1,3-diphenylphosphindole 1-oxide (4ap):** pale yellow solid (0.2 mmol, 53.8 mg, 62% yield); m.p. 200.1-201.5 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.25 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.91 (s, 1H), 7.81-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.34 (m, 10H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  149.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 21.5 Hz, 1C), 143.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 27.0 Hz, 1C), 139.6 (1C), 139.2 (1C), 134.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 15.2 Hz, 1C), 134.2 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 95.7 Hz, 1C), 132.9 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.7 Hz, 1C), 132.2 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.8 Hz, 1C), 132.1 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 105.7 Hz, 1C), 130.9 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.8 Hz, 2C), 129.8 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 100.2 Hz, 1C), 129.2 (3C), 129.0 (3C), 128.93 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.6 Hz, 1C), 124.2 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 5.3 Hz, 1C), 124.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.8 Hz, 1C), 122.2 (1C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.2; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OPS: 435.0967, Found: 435.0970.



**2-(Benzo[***b***]thiophen-2-yl)-1,3-diphenylphosphindole 1-oxide (4aq):** yellow solid (0.2 mmol, 41.6 mg, 48% yield); m.p. 125.4-126.7 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.22 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.91-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.73-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 5H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  148.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 20.2 Hz, 1C), 144.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 26.1 Hz, 1C), 140.4 (1C), 138.8 (1C), 135.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 14.8 Hz, 1C), 133.7 (1C), 133.5 (1C), 133.2 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.9 Hz, 1C), 132.4 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.8 Hz, 1C), 131.5 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 107.3 Hz, 1C), 130.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.6 Hz, 2C), 130.1 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 100.5 Hz, 1C), 129.5 (1C), 129.4 (1C), 129.3 (2C), 129.2 (1C), 129.1 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 12.6 Hz, 2C), 128.96 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 95.7 Hz, 1C), 128.91 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.1 Hz, 1C), 126.6 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 4.6 Hz, 1C), 125.1 (1C), 124.3 (1C), 124.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.4 Hz, 1C), 124.1 (1C), 121.7 (1C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  38.7; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OPS: 435.0967, Found: 435.0968.



**2-(5-Chlorothiophen-2-yl)-1,3-diphenylphosphindole 1-oxide (4ar):** pale yellow solid (0.2 mmol, 35.9 mg, 43% yield); m.p. 175.8-177.1 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.25 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.85-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  146.5 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 20.3 Hz, 1C), 144.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 25.8 Hz, 1C), 134.2 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 15.7 Hz, 1C), 133.6 (1C), 133.3 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.9 Hz, 1C), 132.9 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 98.3 Hz, 1C), 132.5 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.8 Hz, 1C), 129.8 (1C), 129.6 (1C), 129.1 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.6 Hz, 2C), 129.0 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.6 Hz, 1C), 129.0 (1C), 128.9 (1C), 128.88 (2C), 128.85 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.3 Hz, 1C), 126.0 (1C), 123.9 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.9 Hz, 1C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  38.5; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClOPS: 419.0421, Found: 419.0437.



2,2'-(1,4-Phenylene)bis(1,3-diphenylphosphindole 1-oxide) (4as, syn + anti, ca. 1:1 mixture):

yellow solid (0.08 mmol scale, 28.7 mg, 53% yield); m.p. 267.6-268.6 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.20 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:3). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.71-7.62 (m, 6H), 7.51-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.31 (m, 14H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.15 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  150.2 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 21.5$  Hz, 1C), 150.1 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 21.3$  Hz, 1C), 143.7 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 27.0$  Hz, 1C), 143.6 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 27.0$  Hz, 1C), 134.1 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 14.8$  Hz, 1C), 134.0 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 14.8$  Hz, 1C), 133.6 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} = 95.6$  Hz, 1C), 134.1 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 14.8$  Hz, 1C), 132.3 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 4.7$  Hz, 1C), 132.2 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CP} = 4.7$  Hz, 1C), 132.1 (d, <sup>4</sup> $J_{CP} = 2.7$  Hz, 2C), 132.0 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} = 106.4$  Hz, 1C), 131.9 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} = 106.4$  Hz, 1C), 130.9 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 10.8$  Hz, 2C), 130.8 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 10.8$  Hz, 2C), 129.97 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} = 99.3$  Hz, 1C), 129.95 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CP} = 99.3$  Hz, 1C), 129.2, 129.07, 129.05, 129.01, 128.9, 128.8, 128.79, 128.74, 124.1 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CP} = 10.9$  Hz, 2C) (All observed signals are just shown because of complexity associated with C–P couplings and diastereomers.); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.04, 38.97; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: 679.1951, Found: 679.1956.



2,2'-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4,4'-diyl)bis(1,3-diphenylphosphindole 1-oxide) (4at, *syn* + *anti*, ca. 1:1 mixture): yellow solid (0.08 mmol scale, 29.6 mg, 49% yield); m.p. 190.5-191.8 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.20 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:3). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.78-7.73 (m, 4H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.31 (m, 20H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 10H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  149.93 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 21.5 Hz, 1C), 149.91 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 21.5 Hz, 1C), 143.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 26.8 Hz, 2C), 139.4, 134.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 15.1 Hz, 2C), 133.71 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 98.7 Hz, 1C), 133.74 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 93.8 Hz, 1C), 132.9, 132.2, 132.0 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 106.2 Hz, 2C), 131.9 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.9 Hz, 2C), 130.9 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.8 Hz, 4C), 129.9 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 99.8 Hz, 2C), 129.4, 129.07, 129.01, 128.8, 128.7, 126.5, 124.1, 124.0, 123.99 (All observed signals are just shown because of complexity associated with C–P couplings and diastereomers.); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.18, 39.15; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>52</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: 755.2264, Found: 755.2282.



**2,2'-([2,2'-Bithiophene]-5,5'-diyl)bis(1,3-diphenylphosphindole 1-oxide) (4au**, *syn* + *anti*, ca. 1:1 **mixture):** dark orange solid (0.08 mmol scale, 42.2 mg, 69% yield); m.p. 179.8-181.1 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.20 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:3). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.82-7.77 (m, 4H), 7.64

(dd, J = 9.9, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 6H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.27 (m, 12H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.95 (dt, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  146.4, 146.2, 144.6, 144.3, 138.7, 135.0, 134.8, 133.9, 133.7, 133.2, 132.4, 132.3, 131.7, 130.9, 130.8, 130.7, 130.65, 130.62, 130.5, 130.4, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.95, 128.90, 128.79, 128.07, 128.04, 123.85, 123.80, 123.7 (All observed signals are just shown because of complexity associated with C–P couplings and diastereomers.); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  38.47, 38.41; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: 767.1392, Found: 767.1388.



**2,2'-(Pyrene-1,6-diyl)bis(1,3-diphenylphosphindole 1-oxide) (4av**, *syn* + *anti*, the ratio was not determined): yellow solid (0.08 mmol scale, 23.1 mg, 36% yield); m.p. over 270 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.22 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:3). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.51 (bs, 2H), 7.86-7.30 (m, 23H), 7.20 (bs, 4H), 7.10 (bs, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  152.5, 143.8, 143.6, 133.7, 133.5, 133.1, 132.7, 132.3, 131.7, 131.3, 131.2, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 124.7, 124.4, 124.3 (All observed signals are just shown because of complexity associated with C–P couplings and diastereomers.); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.1; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>56</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: 803.2264, Found: 803.2275.



**6-Methyl-1-phenyl-2,3-di**-*p*-tolylphosphindole 1-oxide (4ba): colorless solid (0.2 mmol scale, 65.5 mg, 78% yield); m.p. 84.9-86.3 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.24 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.81-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  149.6 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 22.0 Hz, 1C), 141.4 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 27.2 Hz, 1C), 139.2 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.4 Hz, 1C), 138.4 (1C), 137.5 (1C), 133.2 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.5 Hz, 1C), 132.6 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 96.9 Hz, 1C), 132.2 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 105.4 Hz, 1C), 132.0 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.8 Hz, 1C), 131.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.5 Hz, 2C), 130.5 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 98.0 Hz, 1C), 130.1 (1C), 129.7

(d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 9.7$  Hz, 1C), 129.6 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 128.89 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 6.0$  Hz, 2C), 128.80 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 12.1$  Hz, 2C), 123.8 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 11.6$  Hz, 1C), 21.5 (1C), 21.26 (1C), 21.24 (1C).  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H{}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.2; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>26</sub>OP: 421.1716, Found: 421.1720.



**6-Methoxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-2-**(*p*-tolyl)phosphindole 1-oxide (4da): colorless solid (0.2 mmol scale, 69.6 mg, 77% yield); m.p. 89.9-91.2 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.22 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.80-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.96-6.88 (m, 5H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  160.5 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 13.4 Hz, 1C), 159.7 (1C), 149.3 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 21.3 Hz, 1C), 137.2 (1C), 136.4 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 27.0 Hz, 1C), 134.2 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 104.5 Hz, 1C), 132.0 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.7 Hz, 1C), 131.2 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 98.1 Hz, 1C), 131.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.7 Hz, 2C), 130.4 (2C), 130.3 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 5.9 Hz, 2C), 126.7 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 15.6 Hz, 1C), 125.1 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 12.8 Hz, 1C), 117.8 (1C), 114.5 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.6 Hz, 1C), 114.3 (2C), 55.7 (1C), 55.3 (1C), 21.2 (1C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  38.7; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P: 453.1615, Found: 453.1613.



**1-Phenyl-2-**(*p*-tolyl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphindole **1-oxide** (4ea): colorless solid (0.2 mmol scale, 53.8 mg, 51% yield); m.p. 151.3-152.6 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.25 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.95 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 7.79-7.70 (m, 5H), 7.56-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  146.6, 146.4, 146.3, 146.1, 139.1, 138.7, 137.8, 137.7, 133.6, 132.84, 132.81, 132.5, 131.2, 131.1, 131.0, 130.95, 130.93, 130.8, 130.34, 130.32, 130.30, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 126.33, 126.30, 126.2, 126.1, 126.06, 126.03, 125.2, 124.9, 123.7, 123.6, 122.5, 21.3. (All observed signals are just shown because of complexity associated with C–F and C–P couplings.);  ${}^{19}F{}^{1}H{}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 MHz)  $\delta$  -62.6, -62.7.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H{}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  37.9; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>6</sub>OP: 529.1151, Found: 529.1154.



**6-Fluoro-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-phenyl-2-**(*p*-tolyl)phosphindole 1-oxide (4fa): pale yellow solid (0.2 mmol scale, 60.7 mg, 71% yield); m.p. 218.1-219.4 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.25 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.78-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.09 (m, 6H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 164.6, 164.5, 164.1, 162.1, 162.0, 161.6, 147.66, 147.65, 147.45, 147.44, 139.64, 139.62, 139.38, 139.35, 138.1, 135.38, 135.31, 134.9, 134.3, 134.27, 133.9, 132.5, 132.48, 131.3, 131.2, 131.0, 130.9, 130.89, 130.84, 130.6, 130.2, 130.17, 130.05, 130.01, 129.7, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 125.4, 125.3, 125.2, 125.1, 119.5, 119.3, 117.0, 116.9, 116.7, 116.6, 116.5, 116.2, 21.2 (All observed signals are just shown because of complexity associated with C–F and C–P couplings.); <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 MHz) δ -111.1 (d,  $J_{FP} = 5.3$  Hz, 1F), -111.7. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz) δ 37.7 (d,  $J_{PF} = 5.3$  Hz); HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>2</sub>OP: 429.1215, Found: 429.1229.



**6-Chloro-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenyl-2-(***p***-tolyl)phosphindole 1-oxide (4ga): pale yellow solid (0.2 mmol scale, 60.7 mg, 66% yield); m.p. 107.2-108.6 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.25 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) \delta 7.77-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.64 (dd,** *J* **= 9.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 5H), 7.26 (d,** *J* **= 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d,** *J* **= 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (dd,** *J* **= 8.1, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d,** *J* **= 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) \delta 147.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 21.1 Hz, 1C), 141.7 (d, <sup>2</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 26.5 Hz, 1C), 138.4 (1C), 135.5 (d, <sup>3</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 13.6 Hz, 1C), 135.0 (d, <sup>1</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 95.6 Hz, 1C), 134.9 (1C), 134.2 (d, <sup>1</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 103.3 Hz, 1C), 132.8 (d, <sup>4</sup>***J***<sub>CP</sub> = 1.2** 

Hz, 1C), 132.6 (d,  ${}^{4}J_{CP} = 2.5$  Hz, 1C), 132.4 (1C), 130.9 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 10.7$  Hz, 2C), 130.4 (2C), 129.5 (2C), 129.4 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 10.0$  Hz, 1C), 129.3 (2C), 129.2 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 15.3$  Hz, 1C), 129.1 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 12.2$  Hz, 2C), 128.9 (d,  ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 100.8$  Hz, 1C), 128.8 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 5.9$  Hz, 2C), 124.7 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 11.7$  Hz, 1C), 21.3 (1C).  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H{}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  38.0; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>OP: 461.0629, Found: 461.0657.



**3-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-1-phenyl-2-(***p***-tolyl)benzo[g]phosphindole 1-oxide (4ha):** yellow solid (0.2 mmol scale, 64.9 mg, 66% yield); m.p. 135.3-136.6 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.20 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.13 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.85 (m, 7H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.33 (m, 7H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  148.5 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 23.2 Hz, 1C), 143.3 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 26.2 Hz, 1C), 137.9 (1C), 135.0 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 95.6 Hz, 1C), 133.6 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.1 Hz, 1C), 133.5 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 7.9 Hz, 1C), 133.4 (1C), 133.2 (1C), 132.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 15.7 Hz, 1C), 132.1 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.7 Hz, 1C), 131.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.2 Hz, 1C), 130.9 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.4 Hz, 2C), 129.6 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.6 Hz, 1C), 129.4 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 95.1 Hz, 1C), 128.7 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.5 Hz, 1C), 128.5 (1C), 128.3 (1C), 128.2 (1C), 128.0 (1C), 127.4 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 102.2 Hz, 1C), 126.9 (1C), 126.76 (1C), 126.75 (1C), 126.6 (1C), 125.7 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 4.9 Hz, 1C), 121.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 12.5 Hz, 1C), 21.3 (1C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.9; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>26</sub>OP: 493.1716, Found: 493.1723.



**6,6-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-1-**(*p*-tolyl)-6*H*-naphtho[1,2,3-*cd*]phosphindole 2-oxide (4ia): colorless solid (0.2 mmol scale, 54.4 mg, 63% yield); m.p. 131.3-132.6 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.22 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.57 (m, 5H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.12 (bs, 4H), 6.96 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 3H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.72 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  146.9 (1C), 141.5 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 11.6 Hz, 1C), 139.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 23.2 Hz, 1C), 137.7 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.1 Hz, 1C), 137.4 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 29.3 Hz, 1C), 132.0 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.7 Hz, 1C), 131.3 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.8 Hz, 2C), 131.28 (1C), 130.8 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 98.9

Hz, 1C), 130.5 (d,  ${}^{4}J_{CP} = 1.6$  Hz, 1C), 130.4 (1C), 130.3 (d,  ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 103.9$  Hz, 1C), 130.0 (2C), 128.9 (d,  ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 100.7$  Hz, 1C), 129.5 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 11.1$  Hz, 1C), 128.6 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 12.2$  Hz, 2C), 128.5 (1C), 128.4 (1C), 128.3 (1C), 127.5 (1C), 127.4 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 9.0$  Hz, 1C), 127.2 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 17.0$  Hz, 1C), 125.9 (1C), 38.6 (d,  ${}^{4}J_{CP} = 1.1$  Hz, 1C), 33.4 (1C), 33.0 (1C), 21.4 (1C).  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H{}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  39.8; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>26</sub>OP: 433.1716, Found: 433.1738.



**6-Phenyl-5-**(*p*-tolyl)-10,11-dihydrobenzo[6,7]cyclohepta[1,2,3-*cd*]phosphindole 6-oxide (4ja): colorless solid (0.2 mmol scale, 46.0 mg, 55% yield); m.p. 126.4-127.7 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.24 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.72 (bs, 2H), 7.53 (ddd, *J* = 10.2, 6.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 7H), 6.93-6.87 (m, 3H), 3.20-3.07 (m, 4H), 2.21 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  150.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 19.5 Hz, 1C), 143.3 (1C), 140.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 28.2 Hz, 1C), 139.5 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.6 Hz, 1C), 137.6 (1C), 135.6 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.5 Hz, 1C), 134.1 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 15.0 Hz, 1C), 133.2 (1C), 131.9 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.5 Hz, 1C), 131.4 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 93.9 Hz, 1C), 131.3 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 8.7 Hz, 1C), 131.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.3 Hz, 2C), 130.3 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 102.5 Hz, 1C), 129.8 (1C), 129.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 5.4 Hz, 2C), 129.2 (2C), 128.8 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 11.9 Hz, 2C), 128.3 (1C), 128.1 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 11.5 Hz, 1C), 127.5 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 98.5 Hz, 1C), 126.9 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.6 Hz, 1C), 125.8 (1C), 35.4 (1C), 34.7 (1C), 21.3 (1C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  35.5; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub>OP: 419.1560, Found: 419.1562.



**9-Phenyltribenzo**[*b,e,g*]**phosphindole 9-oxide (5aa):** colorless solid (0.2 mmol scale, 56.3 mg, 75% yield); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.28 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.97-8.95 (m, 1H), 8.80-8.78 (m, 1H), 8.64 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.72 (m, 5H), 7.68-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  142.5 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 23.4 Hz, 1C), 139.5 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 20.0 Hz, 1C), 134.6 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 106.5 Hz, 1C), 133.9 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.9 Hz, 1C), 133.1 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.0 Hz, 1C), 132.2 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.8 Hz, 1C), 131.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.8 Hz, 2C), 130.8 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 102.1 Hz, 1C), 130.6 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 14.4 Hz, 1C), 130.09 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.9 Hz, 1C), 130.05 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 108.8 Hz, 1C), 129.3 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 8.9 Hz, 1C), 128.9 (d,

 ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 11.4 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{C}$ ), 128.8 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 12.5 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{C}$ ), 128.6 (1C), 128.0 (1C), 127.9 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 13.9 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{C}$ ), 127.8 (1C), 127.4 (1C), 127.0 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 5.4 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{C}$ ), 125.9 (1C), 125.6 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 10.9 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{C}$ ), 124.1 (1C), 123.1 (1C).  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H{}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  34.0; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>18</sub>OP: 377.1089, Found: 377.1091.



**6-(Diphenylamino)-9-phenyltribenzo**[*b,e,g*]**phosphindole 9-oxide (5ab):** yellow solid (0.2 mmol scale, 64.1 mg, 59% yield); m.p. 225.9-226.9 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.20 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 8.93 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (dd, J = 8.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.70 (m, 4H), 7.68-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 4H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 147.6 (1C), 147.3 (2C), 142.9 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 23.5 Hz, 1C), 137.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 20.0 Hz, 1C), 134.4 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 106.5 Hz, 1C), 133.1 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.5 Hz, 1C), 132.1 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.9 Hz, 1C), 132.0 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.5 Hz, 1C), 131.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.8 Hz, 2C), 130.9 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 102.0 Hz, 1C), 130.1 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.7 Hz, 1C), 130.0 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 102.2 Hz, 1C), 129.5 (4C), 128.8 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 11.4 Hz, 1C), 128.8 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 12.5 Hz, 2C), 128.5 (1C), 128.4 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 2.7 Hz, 1C), 128.1 (1C), 127.8 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 5.6 Hz, 1C), 127.4 (1C), 125.6 (1C), 125.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.9 Hz, 1C), 125.0 (4C), 124.7 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 8.9 Hz, 1C), 124.6 (1C), 124.2 (1C), 123.7 (2C), 115.2 (1C). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz) δ 34.0; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NOP: 544.1825, Found: 544.1853.



**6-Methoxy-9-phenyltribenzo**[*b,e,g*]**phosphindole 9-oxide (5ac):** yellow solid (0.2 mmol scale, 53.6 mg, 66% yield); m.p. 215.3-216.3 °C (from hexane); TLC R<sub>f</sub> 0.24 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.94 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 8.70 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.83-7.70 (m, 5H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  159.3 (1C), 142.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 22.9 Hz, 1C), 136.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 20.0 Hz, 1C), 134.3 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 106.5 Hz, 1C), 133.2 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.9 Hz, 1C), 133.1 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 1.9 Hz, 1C), 132.4 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 8.6 Hz, 1C), 132.1 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.7 Hz, 1C), 131.05 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 10.9 Hz, 2C), 131.03 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 102.1 Hz, 1C), 130.02 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CP</sub> = 9.7

Hz, 1C), 130.0 (d,  ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 102.8$  Hz, 1C), 128.8 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 12.5$  Hz, 2C), 128.5 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 5.6$  Hz, 1C), 128.4 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 10.8$  Hz, 1C), 128.3 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 12.1$  Hz, 1C), 128.1 (1C), 127.5 (1C), 125.7 (1C), 125.2 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 10.9$  Hz, 1C), 124.1 (1C), 123.9 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 9.2$  Hz, 1C), 117.9 (1C), 104.7 (1C), 55.5 (1C).  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H{}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)  $\delta$  34.0; HRMS (APCI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P: 407.1196, Found: 407.1182.



## [<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectra of 2a]





[<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectra of 2b]





## [<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectra of 2c]















 $[^1H,\,^{13}C\{^1H\},\,^{19}F\{^1H\},\,and\,\,^{31}P\{^1H\}$  NMR Spectra of  $\mathbf{2f}]$ 





[<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectra of 2g]





## [<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectra of 2h]



 $[^{1}H, ^{13}C{^{1}H}, and ^{31}P{^{1}H} NMR Spectra of 2i]$ 



<sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)











## $[^{1}H, ^{13}C{^{1}H}, ^{19}F{^{1}H}, and ^{31}P{^{1}H} NMR$ Spectra of **2k**]





[<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectra of **2**]





[<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectra of 2m + 2m']






# [<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectra of 2n]







[<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectra of 4aa]





## $[{}^{1}\text{H}, {}^{13}\text{C}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\}, \text{and} {}^{31}\text{P}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\} \text{ NMR Spectra of } \textbf{4ab}]$



<sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)

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## $[^{1}H, ^{13}C{^{1}H}, and ^{31}P{^{1}H} NMR Spectra of 4ac]$





## $[^{1}H, ^{13}C{^{1}H}, and ^{31}P{^{1}H} NMR Spectra of 4ad]$





## $[{}^{1}H, {}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}, {}^{19}F\{{}^{1}H\}, and {}^{31}P\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR Spectra of **4ae**]





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 $[^{1}H, ^{13}C{^{1}H}, and ^{31}P{^{1}H} NMR$  Spectra of **4af**]







 $[^{1}H, ^{13}C\{^{1}H\}, and ^{31}P\{^{1}H\} NMR Spectra of 4ag]$ 





## $[^{1}H, ^{13}C{^{1}H}, and ^{31}P{^{1}H} NMR$ Spectra of **4ah**]





<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)









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## $[^{1}H, ^{13}C{^{1}H}, and ^{31}P{^{1}H} NMR Spectra of$ **4ak**]





## $[^{1}H, ^{13}C{^{1}H}, and ^{31}P{^{1}H} NMR Spectra of$ **4al**]





## $[^{1}H, ^{13}C{^{1}H}, and ^{31}P{^{1}H} NMR$ Spectra of **4am**]





## [<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectra of 4an]





## [<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectra of **4ao**]

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)





## $[^{1}H, ^{13}C{^{1}H}, and ^{31}P{^{1}H} NMR Spectra of 4ap]$





## $[^{1}H, ^{13}C{^{1}H}, and ^{31}P{^{1}H} NMR$ Spectra of **4aq**]




# [<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectra of 4ar]





 $[^{1}H, ^{13}C{^{1}H}, and ^{31}P{^{1}H} NMR Spectra of 4as]$ 







 $[{}^{1}\text{H}, {}^{13}\text{C}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\},$  and  ${}^{31}\text{P}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR Spectra of **4at**]





 $[^{1}H, ^{13}C{^{1}H}, and ^{31}P{^{1}H} NMR Spectra of 4au]$ 





[<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectra of 4av]











 $[{}^{1}\text{H}, {}^{13}\text{C}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\}, \text{and} {}^{31}\text{P}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\} \text{ NMR Spectra of 4da}]$ 

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)







 $[{}^{1}H, {}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}, {}^{19}F\{{}^{1}H\}, and {}^{31}P\{{}^{1}H\}$  NMR Spectra of **4ea**]





# $[{}^{1}H, {}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}, {}^{19}F\{{}^{1}H\}, and {}^{31}P\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR Spectra of **4fa**]







 $[{}^{1}\text{H}, {}^{13}\text{C}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\}, \text{ and } {}^{31}\text{P}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\} \text{ NMR Spectra of 4ha}]$ 













 $[^{1}H, ^{13}C{^{1}H}, \text{ and } ^{31}P{^{1}H} \text{ NMR Spectra of 4ja}]$ 

<sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz)

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# [<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectra of **5aa**]





# $[^{1}H, ^{13}C{^{1}H}, and ^{31}P{^{1}H} NMR Spectra of$ **5ab**]





[<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectra of **5ac**]





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