

# Photoinduced selective hydrophosphinylation of allylic compounds with diphenylphosphine oxide leading to γ-functionalized *P*-ligand precursors

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## Abstract

A series of bifunctional phosphine compounds promising as  $\gamma$ -functionalized phosphine ligand precursors are conveniently synthesized by the radical addition of diphenylphosphine oxide (Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O)H) to allylic compounds under photoirradiation. The photoinduced addition proceeds regioselectively in an anti-Markovnikov manner, and phosphines having hydroxy, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyloxy, and thio groups at the  $\gamma$ -position can be prepared by simple operation. Interestingly, novel continuous addition of Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O)H to two molecules of allylic ethers and related compounds is also observed, although their yields are moderate. The substituent and steric effects of the allylic substituents on the radical addition are discussed in detail.

**Keywords** Diphenylphosphine oxide  $\cdot$  Allylic compound  $\cdot$  Radical addition  $\cdot$  Anti-Markovnikov addition  $\cdot$  Continuous addition

# Introduction

Organophosphorus compounds are widely used in catalytic technologies, materials, and pharmaceuticals, so the methods of forming of C–P bonds have received a great deal of attention [1–5]. One of the simplest synthetic methods for C–P bond formation

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Scheme 2 Photoinduced hydrophosphinylation of allyl phenyl ether with diphenylphosphine oxide

[2–31] is the addition of the secondary phosphine oxides to alkenes [32, 33] due to the low bond dissociation energy (BDEs) of P–H bonds [34]. The mechanism of these reactions has been reported to include radical and/or ionic intermediates [35–40].

In our previous work, we reported the anti-Markovnikov addition of  $Ar_2P(O)$ –H to unsaturated bonds [41, 42]. Photoirradiation produces a phosphinoyl radical, which attacks the terminal carbon of alkene [41, 42] to generate a carbon-centered radical. Subsequent hydrogen abstraction from diphenylphosphine oxide yields a hydrophosphinylated product (Scheme 1).

This hydrophosphinylation is very advantageous, because this metal-free method proceeds using no solvent and additives such as base and acid with simple operation. If the photoinduced hydrophosphinylation is applied to allylic heteroatom compounds, a series of 1,3-bidentate phosphorus ligand precursors can conveniently be synthesized (Eq. 1).



We here report a metal-free photoinduced hydrophosphinylation of a series of allylic compounds with diphenylphosphine oxide leading to  $\gamma$ -heteroatom-functionalized phosphine oxides as 1,3-bidentate *P*-ligand precursors.

Furthermore, when allyl phenyl ether is used for the photoinduced hydrophosphinylation, interestingly, in addition to the desired hydrophosphinylation product (56% yield), namely [P]-monomer, a duplicate addition product, namely [P]-dimer, is also formed in 28% yield (Scheme 2). This paper also deals with the insight into the mechanism for the formation of [P]-dimer.

## **Results and discussion**

Hydrophosphinylation of alkenes with diarylphosphine oxides is one of the most straightforward methods for introducing phosphorus units into organic molecules, because the addition reactions using air- and moisture-stable pentavalent phosphorus reagents are highly atom-economical by avoiding troublesome treatments of unstable phosphorus reagents [32, 33]. The hydrophosphinylation can proceed via ionic, radical, and transition-metal-catalyzed processes. For ionic hydrophosphinylation, acid- or base-catalyzed addition of Ar<sub>2</sub>P(O)H to electrondeficient alkenes is frequently reported to proceed via a conjugate addition to  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl and cyano compounds [43–46]. The transition-metalcatalyzed hydrophosphinylation is a powerful method for the synthesis of phosphorus compounds, because the regio- and stereoselectivity can be controlled by the selection of catalysts and reaction conditions [47-61]. The radical hydrophosphinylation can be induced by the addition of radical initiators or upon photoirradiation, and it selectively affords anti-Markovnikov adducts [62-66]. Notably, metal-free and additive-free procedures using the radical hydrophosphinylation are much advantageous in view of environmental conservation. In the present photoinduced hydrophosphinylation of allylic compounds, simple operations such as photoirradiation in the absence of solvent have been successfully achieved.

When a mixture of diphenylphosphine oxide 1a (0.20 mmol) and allyl alcohol 2a (1.00 mmol) in a NMR tube (Pyrex) was irradiated with a Xe lamp (500 W) at room temperature for 18 h, the desired diphenyl(3-hydroxypropyl)phosphine oxide 3aa was successfully obtained in 88% yield (Table 1, entry 1). Similarly, allyl methyl ether **2b** underwent regioselective hydrophosphinylation to afford diphenyl(3-methoxypropyl)phosphine oxide 3ab in 82% yield (entry 2). In the case of allyl phenyl ether 2c, the corresponding hydrophosphinylation product **3ac** was formed in 56% yield, and interestingly, the duplicate addition of **1a** to two molecules of 2c took place to give 4ac in 28% yield (entry 3). Allyl acetate 2d also exhibited a similar product selectivity, namely single adduct 3ad and double adduct 4ad were obtained in 55% and 27% yields, respectively (entry 4). The hydrophosphinylation of allyl aryl ethers 2e and 2f was tolerant the electrondonating and electron-withdrawing groups (entries 5 and 6), and single adducts 3ae and 3af were formed as the major product along with double adducts 4ae and 4af as minor products. In contrast, allyl methyl sulfide 2g exclusively afforded single adduct 3ag in good yield without formation of double adduct 4ag (entry 7). In the case of allyl phenyl sulfide 2h, adducts 3ah and 4ah were generated in 14% and 10% yields, respectively (entry 8). On the other hand, allyl phenyl selenide 2i did not afford the corresponding adducts 3ai and 4ai (entry 9). As PhS and PhSe groups are good leaving groups, the photoinduced reaction of 1a with 2h and 2i might proceed via the elimination of PhS• and PhSe• to provide allyl phosphine oxide and related compounds (Scheme 3).

|                       | 0<br>   ,         | $h\nu$ ( $\lambda$ > 300 nm) |                                  |                                     |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Ph <sub>2</sub>       | .ён + ∞К          | neat, rt, 18 h               | РП <sub>2</sub> Р  <br>О Н       | * Ő 🗸 R                             |
| 0.20                  | mmol 5.0 equiv.   |                              |                                  | н́                                  |
| 1                     | a 2               |                              | 3                                | 4                                   |
| Entry                 | Alkenes           |                              |                                  | Yield <sup>a</sup>                  |
|                       |                   |                              | 3                                | 4                                   |
| 1                     | ОН                | 2a                           | <b>3aa</b> , 88%                 | <b>4aa</b> , 2%                     |
| 2                     | OMe               | 2b                           | <b>3ab</b> , 82%                 | <b>4ab</b> , 8%                     |
| 3                     | OPh               | 2c                           | <b>3ac</b> , 56%                 | <b>4ac</b> , 28%                    |
| 4                     | ≥∽o <sup>⊄</sup>  | 2d                           | <b>3ad</b> , 55%                 | <b>4</b> ad, 27%                    |
| 5                     |                   | _OMe<br><b>2e</b>            | <b>3ae</b> , 50%                 | <b>4ae</b> , 23%                    |
| 6                     |                   | ∠CF <sub>3</sub> 2f          | <b>3af</b> , 56%                 | <b>4af</b> , 27%                    |
| 7                     | SMe               | 2g                           | <b>3ag</b> , 77%                 | <b>4ag</b> , 0%                     |
| 8                     | SPh               | 2h                           | <b>3ah</b> , 14%                 | <b>4ah</b> , 10%                    |
| 9                     | SePr              | 1 <b>2i</b>                  | <b>3ai</b> , 0%                  | <b>4ai</b> , 0%                     |
| 10                    | ≫~~ <sub>Ph</sub> | 2j                           | <b>3aj</b> , 73%                 | <b>4aj</b> , 0%                     |
| 11<br>12 <sup>b</sup> | >°                | ) 2k                         | <b>3ak</b> 92%<br><b>3ak</b> 84% | <b>4ak</b> , 8%<br><b>4ak</b> , 16% |
| 13                    | <>>>OP            | h <b>2</b> I                 | <b>3al</b> , 78%                 | <b>4al</b> , 13%                    |
| 14                    | SP                | h <b>2m</b>                  | <b>3am</b> , 80%                 | <b>4am</b> , 0%                     |

 Table 1
 Photoinduced hydrophosphinylation of allylic compounds

<sup>a</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>b</sup> High-pressure Hg lamp, 35 h.

In the case of allylbenzene **2j**, adduct **3aj** was formed in 73% yield, but there was no adduct **4aj** (entry 10). The reactions of vinyl compounds such as cyclohexyl vinyl ether **2k** with **1a** afforded 92% yield of **3ak** along with small amount of **4ak** (entry 11). It was also acceptable to use a super-high pressure Hg lamp as the light source, and the photoinduced addition of **1a** to **2k** afforded **3ak** 



Scheme 3 Photoinduced substitution reaction between allyl phenyl chalcogenides and Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O)H

and **4ak** in 84% and 16% yields, respectively (entry 12). Homoallyl phenyl ether **2l** provided **3al** and **4al** in 78% and 13% yields, respectively (entry 13). Homoallyl phenyl sulfide **2m** was allowed to react with **1a** to give only adduct **3am** in 80% yield (entry 14).

As can be seen from Table 1, the photoinduced hydrophosphinylation of allylic and related compounds successfully provided a series of 1,3-bidentate *P*-ligand precursors, which can easily be converted to the corresponding trivalent phosphine ligands by the reduction with DIBAL-H [67]<sup>1</sup>.

In particular, it has been found that allylic compounds bearing an oxygen atom at the allylic position afford duplicate addition products **4** as byproducts. To get insight into the formation of multiple addition products, the reaction of diphenylphosphine oxide **1a** with allyl phenyl ether **2c** was carried out varying the amounts of **2c** (Table 2).

As shown in Table 2, the reaction of 1a with 1 equiv. of 2c afforded [P]-monomer (3ac), [P]-dimer (4ac), and [P]-polymers (5ac) in 67%, 6%, and 15% yields, respectively (entry 1). When the amounts of 2c increased to 3 equiv., the yields of 3ac and 5ac decreased to 59% and 5%, respectively and the yield of 4ac increased to 29% (entry 2). The photoirradiated reactions of 1a with 5 equiv. of 2c using a high-pressure mercury lamp or a xenon lamp gave the similar results (entries 3 and 4). When the reactions were conducted in 10 or 15 equiv. of 2c, the yields of both 3ac and 4ac decreased and the yield of 5ac increased to 18% (entries 5–6). These results indicate that the use of large amounts of allylic compounds resulted in decrease in the formation of [P]-monomer.

We next evaluated the influence of P–H compounds on the single/multiple addition using 5 equiv. of **2c** (Table 3).

The addition of diphenylphosphine (Ph<sub>2</sub>PH, **1b**) and diphenylphosphine sulfide (Ph<sub>2</sub>P(S)H, **1c**) to allyl phenyl ether **2c** produced only [*P*]-monomers **3bc** and **3cc** in 62% and 89% yields, respectively (entries 2–3). In both cases, [*P*]-dimers **4bc** and **4cc** were not produced under the condition. In the case of **1b**, the less bulkiness around the phosphorus group might accelerate the hydrogen abstraction of the generated carbon radical from **1b**. The bond dissociation energy (BDE) [**34**] of the P–H bonds of **1c** is lower than that of **1a** successfully improved the product selectivity to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Upon treating with DIBAL-H,  $\gamma$ -functionalized *P*-ligand precursors, Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O)–CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-X, (X = functional group), can be converted to the corresponding phosphines, Ph<sub>2</sub>P–CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-X, which are allowed to complex with Me<sub>2</sub>S•BH<sub>3</sub>, followed by purification of thus formed Ph<sub>2</sub>P(BH<sub>3</sub>)–CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-X by column chromatography. Then, deprotection using DABCO successfully affords  $\gamma$ -functionalized *P*-ligands, Ph<sub>2</sub>P–CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-X.

Table 2 Influence of amounts of allyl ether 2c on the formation of duplicate and multiplicate addition products 4ac and 5ac

| 0<br>H <sub>2</sub> PH + | ≫OPh | $\frac{h\nu (\lambda > 300 \text{ nm})}{\text{neat, rt, 18 h}} Ph_2P_1$ | OPh<br>H | Ph <sub>2</sub> P<br>+ O<br>U | + $Ph_2P$<br>OPh |
|--------------------------|------|---|----------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 1a                       | 2c   |   | 3ac      | H<br>4ac                      | 5ac <sup>b</sup> |

0.2 mmol

| Entry          | Amounts of <b>2c</b> | Yield <sup>a</sup> (%) |     |     |  |
|----------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----|-----|--|
|                |                      | 3ac                    | 4ac | 5ac |  |
| 1 <sup>c</sup> | 1 equiv.             | 67                     | 6   | 15  |  |
| $2^{c}$        | 3 equiv.             | 59                     | 29  | 5   |  |
| 3 <sup>c</sup> | 5 equiv.             | 58                     | 33  | 5   |  |
| 4              | 5 equiv.             | 56                     | 28  | 4   |  |
| 5              | 10 equiv.            | 45                     | 21  | 18  |  |
| 6              | 15 equiv.            | 35                     | 16  | 18  |  |

<sup>a</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>b</sup> $n \ge 3$ 

<sup>c</sup>High-pressure Hg lamp, 25 h

| Table 3 | Single/multi | ple addition | using several | P-H comp | ounds |
|---------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------|-------|
|         | <u> </u>     |              | <u> </u>      |          |       |



| Entry          | P source   | Yield <sup>a</sup> (%) |                  |  |
|----------------|--|------------------------|------------------|--|
|                |  | 3                      | 4                |  |
| 1              | Ph <sub>2</sub> P(O)H, 1a  | <b>3ac</b> , 56%       | <b>4ac</b> , 28% |  |
| 2              | Ph <sub>2</sub> PH, <b>1b</b>  | <b>3bc</b> , 62%       | <b>4bc</b> 0%    |  |
| 3              | $Ph_2P(S)H$ , 1c   | <b>3cc</b> , 89%       | <b>4cc</b> , 0%  |  |
| 4              | $Ph_2P(Se)H$ , 1d  | <b>3dc</b> , 96%       | <b>4dc</b> , 4%  |  |
| 5 <sup>b</sup> | $(p-\text{MeOC}_6\text{H}_4)_2\text{P(O)H}$ , 1e                           | <b>3ec</b> , 36%       | <b>4ec</b> , 27% |  |
| 6 <sup>b</sup> | ( <i>p</i> -FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> P(O)H, <b>1f</b> | <b>3fc</b> , 44%       | <b>4fc</b> , 9%  |  |
| 7 <sup>b</sup> | (EtO) <sub>2</sub> P(O)H, <b>1g</b>  | <b>3gc</b> 0%          | <b>4gc</b> 0%    |  |

Bold values represents compound numbers

<sup>a</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR

<sup>b</sup>High-pressure Hg Lamp, 35 h



Scheme 4 An attempted addition of 3ac to 2c under light



Scheme 5 A proposed mechanism of the radical addition of 1a to 2c

afford only **3cc** in high yield, because the lower BDE of the P–H bond accelerates the hydrogen abstraction of the generated carbon radical from the P–H compounds. The photoinduced reaction of phosphine selenide (Ph<sub>2</sub>P(Se)H, **1d**) with **2c** afforded the adduct **3dc** in 96% yield along with only 4% of the adduct **4dc** (entry 4). Two other Ar<sub>2</sub>P(O)H, **1e** and **1f** were also investigated. While Ar<sub>2</sub>P(O)H with a methoxy group as an electron-donating group gave **3ec** and **4ec** in 36% and 27% yields, respectively (entry 5), Ar<sub>2</sub>P(O)H with a fluoro group as an electron-withdrawing group gave the adducts **3fc** and **4fc** in 44% and 9% yields, respectively (entry 6). However, the hydrophosphinylation with diethyl phosphonate (**1g**) did not produce the corresponding adducts (entry 7). The above results show that the ratios of the adducts **3** and **4** depend on the nature of substituents on the phosphorus atom.

To clarify whether **3ac** is a precursor for **4ac**, the photoinduced reaction of **2c** and **3ac** was conducted as shown in Scheme 4. As the result, no **4ac** was formed, and this fact indicates **3ac** is not a precursor for **4ac**.

A possible pathway is proposed in Scheme 5. Upon photoirradiation, 1a generates phosphinoyl radical (Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O)•), which adds to 2c to afford carbon-centered radical **A**. Hydrogen abstraction by radical **A** from 1a produces anti-Markovnikov adduct 3ac [41, 42]. The radical **A** also adds to another 2c to produce adduct 4ac. To get some information about the formation of 4, we estimated the electronic effect of the allylic substituents and the phosphorus substituents by using chemical shifts of allylic protons in <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra. Table 4 indicates the substituent

| O<br>II<br>Ph <sub>2</sub> PH | H + ≫~_R <sup>h</sup> | nn (I > 300 nm)<br>neat, rt, 18 h | ~~                                 | Ph <sub>2</sub> P<br>0 | R   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 0.20 m                        | nmol 5.0 equiv.       |                                   | 3                                  | 4                      | ĸ   |
| Entry                         | Allylic compound      | Corresponding alkane              | $\Lambda\delta$ [nnm] <sup>a</sup> | Yield <sup>b</sup>     |     |
|                               | Thiyne compound       | Contesponding unkane              |                                    | 3                      | 4   |
| 1                             | OPh                   | OPh<br>H H                        | 0.53                               | 56%                    | 28% |
| 2                             | S∽0 <sup>0</sup>      | С<br>Н Н                          | 0.39                               | 55%                    | 27% |
| 3                             | ≫∕_0∕                 | H H                               | 0.33                               | 82%                    | 8%  |
| 4                             | ≫∽он                  | й н                               | 0.25                               | 88%                    | 2%  |
| 5                             | <i>™</i> Hex          | H H                               | 0                                  | 99%                    | 0%  |

Table 4 The reactivity of allylic compounds

<sup>a</sup>Based on the chemical shift of *n*-octane <sup>b</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR

chemical shift values  $(\Delta\delta)$ , which can be calculated by the shift values of allylic methylene protons of functionalized alkenes toward the methylene chemical shift of *n*-octane. An increase in the electron-withdrawing ability of the allylic substituents results in a downfield shift of the allylic protons, and increasing the  $\Delta\delta$  values resulted in increase of the yields of **4**. By referring the  $\Delta\delta$  values, the reactivity of the allylic compounds could be predicted. The more reactive allylic compounds led to the higher yields of the adduct **4**. In other words, as the electron-withdrawing ability of the allylic substituent increased, the yield of **3** decreased and the yield of **4** increased.

Electronic effects of the photoinduced multiple addition of **1a** to allylic compounds **2** are summarized in Scheme 6. Scheme 6a indicates the structures of radical intermediates  $\mathbf{A}^*$  and  $\mathbf{B}^*$ , which are generated from the single and duplicate addition, respectively. In these radical intermediates, the location of Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O) group against the carbon radical center affects the stability of radical intermediates  $\mathbf{A}^*$  and  $\mathbf{B}^*$ . Since the distance between the Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O) group and the carbon-centered radical on the radical  $\mathbf{B}^*$  was longer than that on the radical  $\mathbf{A}^*$ , the radical  $\mathbf{B}^*$  was less stable than the radical  $\mathbf{A}^*$ . The electron-withdrawing ability of the heteroatoms contributed slightly to the stabilization of the radical species, as there was no significant difference in the signal of the protons at the  $\beta$  positions of compounds **3ao**, **3co**, and **3eo** (Scheme 6b). The stability of radical intermediates is affected by many factors



Scheme 6 The substituent effect on the stability of the radicals

including the electronic effect of substituents on both allylic compounds and phosphorus reagents, the steric hindrance, and the distance between  $Ph_2P(O)$  group and the carbon radicals generated.

# Conclusion

A series of  $\gamma$ -functionalized phosphine ligand precursors, Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O)–CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-X, (X = functional group), are conveniently synthesized by the radical addition of diphenylphosphine oxide (Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O)H) to allylic compounds under photoirradiation. The photoinduced addition proceeds regioselectively in an anti-Markovnikov manner, and organophosphorus compounds having hydroxy, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyloxy, and thio groups at the  $\gamma$ -position can be prepared by simple operation. The stability of carbon radicals contribute to the selectivity of the single/duplicate addition, and it is affected by the electron-withdrawing ability of allylic compounds, the steric hindrance, the nature of phosphorus substituents, and the distance from carbon-centered radicals to Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O) group.

## **Experimental section**

#### **General methods**

Unless otherwise state, materials were obtained from commercial supplies and purified by distillation. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM-ECS400 (400 MHz) system or JEOL JNM-ECX400 (400 MHz) FT system in CDCl<sub>3</sub> as the solvent with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were taken mainly on a JEOL JNM-ECS400 (100 MHz) and JEOL JNM-ECX400 (100 MHz) FT spectrometers in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL JNM-ECX400 (162 MHz) FT NMR in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> solution as an external standard. IR spectra were recorded on JASCO FT/IR-680Plus instrument.

High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker micrOTOF II ESI(+)/TOF instrument.

## General procedure for hydrophosphinylation of alkenes

Under argon atmosphere, diphenylphosphine oxide 1a (0.20 mmol) and alkene 2 (1.00 mmol) were placed in a Schlenk tube in the absence of solvents. The reaction was irradiated with a Xenon lamp (500 W) at room temperature for 18 h. The products were purified by preparative TLC on silica gel or silica gel column chromatography using *iso*-hexane/methyl acetate as an eluent.

## (3-Phenoxypropyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3ac)

[CAS No. 14580–96-2] [41, 42]: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80–7.70 (m, 4H), 7.56–7.43 (m, 6H), 7.26–7.20 (m, 2H), 6.92 (t, *J*=7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J*=8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (t, *J*=6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.51–2.44 (m, 2H), 2.15–2.06 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.6, 132.8 (d, *J*=98.7 Hz), 131.8, 130.7 (d, *J*=9.5 Hz), 129.4, 128.7 (d, *J*=11.5 Hz), 120.8, 114.4, 67.4 (d, *J*=14.1 Hz), 26.4 (d, *J*=72.7 Hz), 21.8; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  33.3.

## (5-Phenoxy-2-(phenoxymethyl)pentyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (4ac)

Colorless oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80–7.73 (m, 4H), 7.50–7.35 (m, 6H), 7.28–7.20 (m, 4H), 6.92 (td, *J*=7.3, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.98–87 (m, 4H), 2.72–2.64 (m, 1H), 2.49–2.40 (m, 1H), 1.88–1.79 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.9 (d, *J*=Hz), 133.5 (d, *J*=24.9 Hz), 131.8, 130.8 (dd, *J*=13.9, 9.6 Hz), 129.5 (d, *J*=3.8 Hz), 128.8 (dd, *J*=11.5, 7.7 Hz), 120.7 (d, *J*=13.4 Hz), 114.6 (d, *J*=5.8 Hz), 69.5 (d, *J*=6.7 Hz), 67.7, 33.2 (d, *J*=2.9 Hz), 31.3 (d, *J*=70.9 Hz), 29.5 (d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 26.4; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  31.8; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3420, 3057, 2927, 1586, 1496, 1437, 1243, 1173, 1105, 1036, 753, 692, 592, 510; HRMS (ESI+/TOF) *m*/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>P: 493.1909, Found: 493.1918.

## (2-(Cyclohexyloxy)ethyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3ak)

White solid, mp. 116–117 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.75 (dt, *J*=11.8, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dd, *J*=11.8, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.52–7.42 (m, 6H), 3.80–3.74 (m, 2H), 3.19–3.14 (m, 1H), 2.66–2.59 (m, 2H), 1.74–1.73 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.61 (m, 2H), 1.48–1.43 (m, 1H), 1.18–1.12 (m, 5H, axial position); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 133.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-P</sub>=99.2 Hz), 131.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-P</sub>=1.9 Hz), 130.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-P</sub>=9.5 Hz), 128.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-P</sub>=12.4 Hz), 77.8, 61.1, 32.1, 31.4 (d, *J*<sub>C-P</sub>=70.6 Hz), 25.8, 24.0; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  29.8; HRMS (ESI+/TOF) *m*/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>P: 351.1490, Found: 351.1490.

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