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# Direct Synthesis of *ortho*-Halogenated Arylphosphonates via a Three-Component Reaction Involving Arynes

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A rylphosphorus compounds are of great importance for organic synthesis,<sup>1</sup> material chemistry,<sup>2</sup> and medicinal chemistry.<sup>3</sup> In particular, *ortho*-substituents on the phenyl ring are useful fragments for phosphine ligands and other applications.<sup>4</sup> For example, dialkylbiaryl phosphines are known as Buchwald-type phosphine ligands, which become air stable due to the presence of sterically hindered *ortho*-substituents.<sup>5</sup> These arylphosphorus compounds can typically be synthesized via the addition of *n*-butyllithium to *ortho*-functionalized aryl halides followed by quenching with phosphorus electrophiles (Scheme 1a, up).<sup>6</sup> An alternative



method employs Pd-, Cu-, or Ni-catalyzed Hirao reaction of these aryl halides with phosphorus nucleophiles (Scheme 1a, down).<sup>7</sup> Noteworthily, the direct *ortho*-functionalization of arylphosphorus compounds using the strategy of transition-metal-catalyzed aryl C–H activation has been well-documented over the past decade.<sup>8</sup> However, previous methods are often limited by the availability of the starting materials. In addition, strong bases, transition-metal catalysts, expensive

ligands, high temperatures, or long reaction times are generally required for the reaction conditions. Thus, the development of a mild and efficient synthetic protocol for the preparation of *ortho*-functionalized arylphosphorus compounds is highly desirable.

Arynes including benzyne have been of particular interest due to their high reactivity and broad applications in organic synthesis.<sup>9,10</sup> Notably, aryne chemistry has been widely utilized in constructing aryl C-P bonds under mild reaction conditions, providing various arylphosphorus compounds with good efficiency.<sup>11</sup> Three-component reactions involving arynes, which mainly include the initial addition of nucleophiles to arynes and subsequent trapping of the aryl anion intermediate with electrophiles, enable the rapid assembly of 1,2-disubstituted arenes with ample structural diversification.<sup>9,12</sup> However, three-component reactions of arynes, phosphorus nucleophiles, and other electrophiles have received less attention, and the employment of phosphorus nucleophiles and the electrophilic components is limited to tertiary phosphines and carbonyl compounds.<sup>13</sup> It is noteworthy that Wittig and co-workers have reported a series of work on the ortho-difunctionalization reaction of arynes and organophosphorus compounds.<sup>14</sup> With the above background and our recent studies on phosphorylation reactions,<sup>15</sup> we became interested in developing a novel three-component reaction of arynes, phosphorus nucleophiles, and halogen electrophiles<sup>12a-e</sup> for accessing ortho-halogenated arylphosphorus compounds, which could be rapidly converted to diversely ortho-functionalized arylphosphorus compounds.<sup>1b-e</sup> To the best of our knowledge, this type of reaction has never

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been reported. Herein, we describe a direct approach for the synthesis of *ortho*-halogenated arylphosphonates through a three-component reaction of silylaryl triflates as aryne precursors,<sup>16</sup> trialkyl phosphites, and halides under mild reaction conditions (Scheme 1b).

According to our recent studies on P-arylation of dialkyl phosphites and secondary phosphine oxides with arynes,<sup>15a,b</sup> we first examined the three-component reaction of commercially available benzyne precursor **1a**, diethyl phosphite or diphenylphosphine oxide (3.0 equiv), and  $CCl_4$  (15 equiv) in the presence of CsF (3.0 equiv) and 4 Å molecular sieves in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 65 °C. Unfortunately, only the direct P-arylation products formed by the protonation of the aryl anion intermediates<sup>15a</sup> were observed probably due to the acidic hydrogen atoms of R<sub>2</sub>P(O)H. Inspired by Mhaske's pioneering research,<sup>17</sup> triethyl phosphite **2a** containing no acidic hydrogen atoms was then employed as the phosphorus nucleophile, and a range of reaction conditions were investigated as shown in Table 1. To our delight, the reaction afforded the desired



6	OTf	+ P(OEt) <sub>3</sub> + 2a		fluoride (3.0 equiv) 18-crown-6 (3.0 equiv)	
Ļ	TMS 1a		3a	base (1.0 equiv) 4Å MS (100 mg) solvent, 65 °C, 24 h	CI 4a
	entry	fluoride	base	solvent	yield of $4a$ (%)
	1 <sup>b</sup>	CsF		CH <sub>3</sub> CN	27
	2	CsF		CH <sub>3</sub> CN	39
	3	KF		CH <sub>3</sub> CN	45
	4	KF		THF	33
	5	KF		DCE	30
	6	KF	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO	3 CH <sub>3</sub> CN	27
	7	KF	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	32
	8	KF	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	56
	9 <sup>c</sup>	KF	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	76
	10 <sup>d</sup>	KF	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	80
	$11^{d,e}$	KF	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	48
	$12^{d,f}$	KF	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	0

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.6 mmol), **3a** (3 mmol), fluoride (0.6 mmol), 18-crown-6 (0.6 mmol), base (0.2 mmol), 4 Å MS (100 mg), solvent (2 mL), 65 °C, 24 h. Isolated yield. <sup>*b*</sup>The reaction was performed without 18-crown-6. <sup>*c*</sup>0.3 mmol of **1a** and 0.2 mmol of **2a** were employed. <sup>*d*</sup>0.4 mmol of **1a** and 0.2 mmol of **2a** were employed. <sup>*e*</sup>The reaction was performed at 80 °C. <sup>*f*</sup>The reaction was performed at 40 °C.

diethyl ortho-chlorophenylphosphonate 4a in 27% isolated yield (entry 1), together with the protonated product diethyl phenylphosphonate<sup>17</sup> in 40% yield. With the use of 18-crown-6 (3.0 equiv) and KF instead of CsF, the desired 4a was isolated in 45% yield (entries 2 and 3). A simple screening of solvents was then carried out (entries 4 and 5), and CH<sub>3</sub>CN was proved to be the optimum solvent. When an inorganic base was introduced into the reaction (entries 6-8), the yield of 4aincreased to 56% in the presence of  $K_3PO_4$  probably due to the neutralization of HCl generated by CCl4 or other acidic protons with bases (entry 8). Pleasingly, when the reaction was carried out with excess amounts of benzyne precursor 1a (1.5 or 2.0 equiv), the yield of 4a significantly increased to 76% (entry 9) or 80% (entry 10). It is noteworthy that only trace amounts of the protonated product were detected in the reaction (entry 10). The product yield significantly decreased

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when the reaction was performed at 80 or 40  $^{\circ}$ C (entries 11 and 12). In addition, the reaction using CHCl<sub>3</sub> or NCS instead of CCl<sub>4</sub> as the chlorine source failed to give the corresponding 4a.

Aryl iodides or bromides are typically employed for the transition-metal-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions, while aryl chlorides are usually unreactive under mild reaction conditions.<sup>1b-e</sup> We then turned to screening of halogen sources to prepare other halogenated arylphosphonates. As shown in Table 2, the employment of  $CBr_4$ , NBS,  $CCl_3Br$ , or  $CBr_3F$ 

Table 2. Screening of Halogen Sources<sup>a</sup>

TMS +	P(OEt)3         +         X-R         KF           2a         3         K3PC           4Å M         CH3CI	(3.0 equiv) vn-6 (3.0 equiv) $v_1 (1.0 equiv)$ dS (100 mg) N, 65 °C, 24 h <b>5a</b> , X = Br <b>6a</b> , X = I
entry	3 (equiv)	product (yield)
1 <sup>b</sup>	$CBr_4(3)$	5a (0%)
2	NBS (3)	<b>5a</b> (0%)
3	$CCl_3Br$ (15)	<b>5a</b> (0%)
4	CBr <sub>3</sub> F (15)	<b>5a</b> (0%)
5 <sup>b</sup>	CHBr <sub>3</sub> (15)	<b>5a</b> (62%)
6 <sup>b</sup>	$CHI_3$ (3)	<b>6a</b> (35%)
7	NIS (3)	<b>6a</b> (0%)
8	$I_2(3)$	<b>6a</b> (0%)

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.4 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), **3** (3 or 15 equiv), KF (0.6 mmol), 18-crown-6 (0.6 mmol),  $K_3PO_4$  (0.2 mmol), 4 Å MS (100 mg), CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL), 65 °C, 24 h. Isolated yield based on **2a**. <sup>*b*</sup>K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> was replaced by DBU.

failed to give the desired *ortho*-bromophenylphosphonate **5a** (entries 1–4), while the use of CHBr<sub>3</sub> as the bromine source smoothly afforded **5a** in 62% yield in the presence of DBU instead of K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (entry 5). Similarly, *ortho*-iodophenylphosphonate **6a** was obtained in 35% yield with the use of CHI<sub>3</sub> as the iodine source (entry 6), and the employment of NIS or molecular I<sub>2</sub> failed to give **6a** (entries 7 and 8).

With the optimized reaction conditions in hand, we then set out to explore the generality of the three-component reaction. We first applied the optimized conditions (Table 1, entry 10) to the synthesis of ortho-chloroarylphosphonates via the coupling of a variety of aryne precursors 1, trialkyl phosphites 2, and  $CCl_4$ , and the results were illustrated in Table 3. Pleasingly, the reactions of benzyne (generated from 1a) with various trialkyl phosphites 2 and CCl<sub>4</sub> led to the formation of ortho-chloroarylphosphonates 4a-4e in 42-80% isolated yields. We also tried the reactions with the use of other P(III) nucleophiles such as dimethyl phenylphosphonite 2f and ethyl diphenylphosphinite 2g, while both reactions failed to give the desired 4f and 4g. In addition, 2f and 2g were oxidized to give dimethyl phenylphosphonate and ethyl diphenylphosphinate, respectively. The employment of other symmetric arynes (generated from 1b and 1c) afforded 4h and 4i in good yields. We then turned to unsymmetric arynes, and 3-methoxysubstituted aryne (generated from 1d) reacted cleanly with triethyl phosphite and CCl<sub>4</sub> to generate 4j as a single isomer, which was in good agreement with the regioselectivity reported in the literature.<sup>18</sup> The employment of unsymmetric 4substituted arynes (generated from 1e-1g) bearing different groups (Me, OMe and OCF<sub>3</sub>) produced 4k/4k'-4m/4m' in 55–63% yields with two regioisomers, which further suggested

Table 3. Synthesis of ortho-Chloroarylphosphonates<sup>a</sup>

KF (3.0 equiv) 18-crown-6 (3.0 equiv) (OR)<sub>2</sub>  $1 + P(OR)_3 + CCI_4$ K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (1.0 equiv) 2 3a 4Å MS (100 mg) CH3CN, 65 °C, 24 h OTf .OTf .OTf Me TMS TMS TMS Me 1a 1b 1c OTf OTf 1e, R' = Me 1f, R' = OMe TMS TMS 1g, R' = OCF<sub>3</sub> R TMS 1h ÓMe 1d scope of phosphites (O<sup>i</sup>Pr)<sub>2</sub>  $(O^n Bu)_2$ (OEt)<sub>2</sub> (OMe)<sub>2</sub> CI C CI CI 4a, 80% 4b, 78% 4c, 42% 4d, 60% \_\_OMe MeO. (O<sup>n</sup>Hex)<sub>2</sub> h 2f OMe -Ph Ph Ph. ,OEt 2g 4e, 52% 4f (from 2f), <5% 4g (from 2g), <5% <u>Þh</u> scope of arvnes O II P(OEt)<sub>2</sub> (OEt)<sub>2</sub> OEt)2 Me Me 4h, 77% 4i, 61% ÓМе 4j (from 1d), 53% (OEt)<sub>2</sub> (OEt)<sub>2</sub> 4k  $62\%, (1:1)^{l}$ 41 MeC 4k 55%, (5:1)<sup>b</sup> 41 (OEt)<sub>2</sub> (OEt)<sub>2</sub> MeC (OEt)<sub>2</sub> CI (OEt)<sub>2</sub> 4m F<sub>3</sub>CO 63%, (4:1)<sup>t</sup> OEt)2 4m' F<sub>3</sub>CC (OEt)<sub>2</sub> 4n 74%, (7:1)<sup>b</sup> 4n'

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1** (0.4 mmol), **2** (0.2 mmol), **3a** (3 mmol), KF (0.6 mmol), 18-crown-6 (0.6 mmol),  $K_3PO_4$  (0.2 mmol), 4 Å MS (100 mg), CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL), 65 °C, 24 h. Isolated yield based on **2**. <sup>*b*</sup>The yield includes both major isomer **4** and minor isomer **4**'. The ratio was determined by <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR.

that an aryne intermediate was involved in the reaction. Noteworthily, bulky 1,2-didehydronaphthalene (generated from 1h) was also applicable to the reaction, leading to the formation of the desired 4n/4n' (7:1) in 74% yield.

Next, the synthesis of *ortho*-bromoarylphosphonates and *ortho*-iodoarylphosphonates was carried out under the optimized conditions (Table 2, entry 5 or 6), and the results were illustrated in Table 4. The coupling of symmetric arynes, various trialkyl phosphites, and CHBr<sub>3</sub> provided *ortho*-bromoarylphosphonates 5a-5g in 55-63% isolated yields. The desired **5h** was also obtained in 40% yield as a single isomer when the unsymmetric aryne precursor **1d** was

Table 4. Synthesis of ortho-Bromoarylphosphonates and ortho-Iodophenylphosphonates<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: 1 (0.4 mmol), 2 (0.2 mmol), 3 (3 mmol of CHBr<sub>3</sub> or 0.6 mmol of CHI<sub>3</sub>), KF (0.6 mmol), 18-crown-6 (0.6 mmol), DBU (0.2 mmol), 4 Å MS (100 mg), CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL), 65 °C, 24 h. Isolated yield based on 2. <sup>b</sup>The yield includes both major isomer **Si** and minor isomer **Si**'. The ratio was determined by  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR.

employed. In addition, silylaryl triflate **1h** underwent this reaction efficiently, delivering 5i/5i' (4:1) in 51% yield. Moreover, the reaction of benzyne, triethyl or trimethyl phosphite, and CHI<sub>3</sub> afforded *ortho*-iodophenylphosphonates **6a** and **6b** in 35% and 33% yields, respectively.

To show the synthetic utility of our method, a scale-up experiment and transformation of the resultant product were conducted (Scheme 2). A gram-scale reaction of 2a (1.33 g, 8.0 mmol) with 1a (16 mmol) and  $CCl_4$  (120 mmol) was conducted under the standard conditions, and the desired 4a was isolated in 52% yield (1.03 g). The reaction of *ortho*-bromophenylphosphonate 5a with PhSnBu<sub>3</sub> resulted in the

#### Scheme 2. Gram-Scale Synthesis and Synthetic Application



Stille coupling, leading to the formation of biarylphosphonate 7a in 65% yield. Furthermore, both the Hiyama coupling of 5a with PhSi(OEt)<sub>3</sub> and the Suzuki coupling of 5a with PhB(OH)<sub>2</sub> smoothly afforded 7a in good yields. We then turned to the Heck coupling, and the reaction of 5a with methyl acrylate led to the desired 7b in 70% yield. In addition, the cyanation of 5a with CuCN gave *ortho*-cyanophenylphosphonate 7c in 56% yield.

Based on the above experimental results and previous reports,  $^{12,13,17}$  a plausible main reaction pathway for the formation of **4a** is outlined in Scheme 3. Benzyne, which is

Scheme 3. Proposed Mechanism



generated by fluoride-induced elimination of benzyne precursor 1a, suffers a nucleophilic attack of triethyl phosphite to produce the 1,3-zwitterionic intermediate 8, which is trapped by  $CCl_4$  to form the intermediate 9. The product 4a is then obtained via subsequent Michaelis–Arbuzov type of mechanism<sup>19</sup> involving the participation of a fluoride ion or others. In addition, the formation of 5 and 6 could possibly be explained by the similar pathway of the formation of 4a.

In conclusion, we have developed a novel three-component reaction of arynes with the use of a trialkyl phosphite as the nucleophile and a halide as the electrophile to prepare *ortho*halogenated arylphosphonates in moderate to good yields under mild reaction conditions. The resultant products could be further used in organic synthesis and transformed into other *ortho*-functionalized arylphosphorus compounds. The good functional group compatibility and mild reaction conditions showcase the potential of this approach in chemical synthesis.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Details. Unless otherwise stated, commercially available reagents including dry solvents were used without additional purification. Acetonitrile was distilled from calcium hydride. THF was distilled from sodium. Petroleum ether refers to the petroleum fraction bp 40-90 °C. Commercial reagents were used without purification unless otherwise noted. Kobayashi's aryne precursors 1 which were not commercially available were prepared according to the literature.<sup>16</sup> Flash chromatography was performed using the indicated solvent system on silica gel standard grade (200-300 mesh). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on a Bruker 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on a Bruker 400 (100 MHz) spectrometer. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on a Bruker 400 (162 MHz) spectrometer. <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on a Bruker 400 (376 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported relative to CDCl<sub>3</sub> (\$ 7.26 ppm) for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and CDCl<sub>3</sub> (\$ 77.0 ppm) for <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Q-Exactive Orbitrap mass spectrometer (Thermo, CA). Abbreviations for signal coupling are as follows: s = singlet, d =

doublet; t = triplet, dd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet, dt = double of triplets. The known compounds 4a, <sup>20</sup> 4b, <sup>21</sup> 4c, <sup>22</sup> 4d, <sup>23</sup> 5a, <sup>24</sup> 5b, <sup>4e</sup> 5c, <sup>25</sup> 5i, <sup>26</sup> 6a, <sup>27</sup> 7a, <sup>28</sup> 7b, <sup>29</sup> and  $7c^{30}$  showed characterization data in full agreement with previously reported data.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Compounds 4. To a solution of 2-(trimethylsilyl)-phenyl triflate 1a (119 mg, 0.4 mmol), triethyl phosphite 2a (33 mg, 0.2 mmol), and  $CCl_4$  3a (462 mg, 3.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) were added K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (42 mg, 0.2 mmol), KF (35 mg, 0.6 mmol), 18-crown-6 (159 mg, 0.6 mmol), and 4 Å molecular sieves (100 mg). The mixture was stirred in an oil bath at 65 °C for 24 h. After removal of the solvent, the residue was then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) to give the pure product 4a (40 mg, 80%) as a yellow oil.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Compounds 5. To a solution of 2-(trimethylsilyl)-phenyl triflate 1a (119 mg, 0.4 mmol), triethyl phosphite 2a (33 mg, 0.2 mmol), and CHBr<sub>3</sub> 3b (756 mg, 3.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) were added DBU (31 mg, 0.2 mmol), KF (35 mg, 0.6 mmol), 18-crown-6 (159 mg, 0.6 mmol), and 4 Å molecular sieves (100 mg). The mixture was stirred in an oil bath at 65 °C for 24 h. After removal of the solvent, the residue was then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) to give the pure product 5a (36 mg, 62%) as a yellow oil.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Compounds 6. To a solution of 2-(trimethylsilyl)-phenyl triflate 1a (119 mg, 0.4 mmol), triethyl phosphite 2a (33 mg, 0.2 mmol), and CHI<sub>3</sub> 3c (236 mg, 0.6 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) were added DBU (31 mg, 0.2 mmol), KF (35 mg, 0.6 mmol), 18-crown-6 (159 mg, 0.6 mmol), and 4 Å molecular sieves (100 mg). The mixture was stirred in an oil bath at 65 °C for 24 h. After removal of the solvent, the residue was then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) to give the pure product 6a (24 mg, 35%) as a yellow oil.

**Gram-Scale Synthesis.** To a solution of 2-(trimethylsilyl)-phenyl triflate 1a (4.77 g, 16 mmol), triethyl phosphite 2a (1.33 g, 8.0 mmol), and  $CCl_4$  3a (18.46 g, 120 mmol) in acetonitrile (80 mL) were added K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (1.70 g, 8.0 mmol), KF (1.39 g, 24 mmol), 18-crown-6 (6.34 g, 24 mmol), and 4 Å molecular sieves (4.0 g). The mixture was stirred in an oil bath at 65 °C for 48 h. After removal of the solvent, the residue was then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) to give the pure product 4a (1.03 g, 52%) as a yellow oil.

Synthetic Application (The Stille Coupling). A mixture of diethyl (2-bromophenyl)phosphonate 5a (59 mg, 0.2 mmol), tributylphenyltin (88 mg, 0.24 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.4 mg, 0.006 mmol), DABCO (1.4 mg, 0.012 mmol), and TBAF (157 mg, 0.6 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) was taken under argon atmosphere in a sealed tube vial. The mixture was stirred in an oil bath at 100 °C for 24 h. After removal of the solvent, the residue was then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) to give the pure product 7a (38 mg, 65%) as a yellow oil.

Synthetic Application (The Hiyama Coupling). A mixture of diethyl (2-bromophenyl)phosphonate 5a (59 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyltriethoxysilane (96 mg, 0.4 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.4 mg, 0.006 mmol), DABCO (1.4 mg, 0.012 mmol), and TBAF (104 mg, 0.4 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) was taken under argon atmosphere in a sealed tube vial. The mixture was stirred in an oil bath at 80 °C for 24 h. After removal of the solvent, the residue was then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) to give the pure product 7a (43 mg, 74%) as a yellow oil.

Synthetic Application (The Suzuki Coupling). A mixture of diethyl (2-bromophenyl)phosphonate 5a (59 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenylboronic acid (36 mg, 0.3 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (23 mg, 0.02 mmol), and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (42 mg, 0.4 mmol) in toluene/water/ethanol (5/5/1, 2 mL) was taken under argon atmosphere in a sealed tube vial. The mixture was stirred in an oil bath at 100 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) for three times, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then purified by flash column

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chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) to give the pure product 7a (49 mg, 85%) as a yellow oil.

**Synthetic Application (The Heck Coupling).** A mixture of diethyl (2-bromophenyl)phosphonate **5a** (59 mg, 0.2 mmol), methyl acrylate (35 mg, 0.4 mmol),  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  (23 mg, 0.02 mmol), and  $Na_2CO_3$  (42 mg, 0.4 mmol) in DMA (2 mL) was taken under argon atmosphere in a sealed tube vial. The mixture was stirred in an oil bath at 100 °C for 24 h. After the addition of water (5 mL) to the reactant, the mixture was then extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) five times, dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ , and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) to give the pure product 7b (42 mg, 70%) as a yellow oil.

**Synthetic Application (Cyanation).** To a solution of diethyl (2bromophenyl)phosphonate **5a** (59 mg, 0.2 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) was added CuCN (28 mg, 0.3 mmol). The mixture was stirred in an oil bath at reflux for 16 h. After the addition of water (5 mL) to the reactant, the mixture was then extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) five times, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) to give the pure product 7c (27 mg, 56%) as a yellow oil.

Diethyl (2-Chlorophenyl)phosphonate (4a).<sup>20</sup> Yellow oil (40 mg, 80%);  $R_f = 0.24$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.03–7.97 (m, 1H), 7.47–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.32 (m, 1H), 4.25–4.08 (m, 4H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.8 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 135.9 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 133.5 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 130.7 (d, J = 10.3 Hz), 127.4 (d, J = 190 Hz), 126.4 (d, J = 13.7 Hz), 62.5 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 16.3 (d, J = 6.5 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.5.

Dimethyl (2-Chlorophenyl)phosphonate (4b).<sup>21</sup> Yellow oil (34 mg, 78%);  $R_f = 0.22$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01–7.94 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.32 (m, 1H), 3.81 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.8 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 137.0 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 133.8 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 130.8 (d, J = 10.4 Hz), 126.4 (d, J = 13.8 Hz), 126.3 (d, J = 192 Hz), 52.9 (d, J = 5.7 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.6.

Diisopropyl (2-Chlorophenyl)phosphonate (4c).<sup>22</sup> Yellow oil (23 mg, 42%);  $R_f = 0.30$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.06–7.98 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.28 (m, 1H), 4.76–4.64 (m, 2H), 1.37 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 6H), 1.24 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.7 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 135.9 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 133.2 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 130.6 (d, J = 10.2 Hz), 128.7 (d, J = 190 Hz), 126.2 (d, J = 13.8 Hz), 71.3 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 24.0 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 23.6 (d, J = 4.9 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.0.

Dibutyl (2-Chlorophenyl)phosphonate (4d).<sup>23</sup> Yellow oil (37 mg, 60%);  $R_f = 0.33$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.04–7.96 (m, 1H), 7.47–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.32 (m, 1H), 4.18–3.99 (m, 4H), 1.72–1.63 (m, 4H), 1.46–1.36 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.8 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 136.0 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 133.5 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 130.7 (d, J = 10.3 Hz), 127.4 (d, J = 191 Hz), 126.3 (d, J = 13.7 Hz), 66.2 (d, J = 5.9 Hz), 32.4 (d, J = 6.6 Hz), 18.7, 13.6; <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 14.8.

Dihexyl (2-Chlorophenyl)phosphonate (4e). Yellow oil (38 mg, 52%);  $R_f = 0.35$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.03–7.96 (m, 1H), 7.47–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.31 (m, 1H), 4.16–3.99 (m, 4H), 1.68 (dt, *J* = 14.6, 6.7 Hz, 4H), 1.40–1.33 (m, 4H), 1.29–1.25 (m, 8H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.8 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 135.9 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 133.5 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 130.7 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 127.5 (d, *J* = 191 Hz), 126.3 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz), 66.5 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 31.3, 30.4 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 25.2, 22.5, 14.0; <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 14.7; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>31</sub><sup>35</sup>ClO<sub>3</sub>P 361.1694, found 361.1692.

Diethyl (6-Chloro-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-yl)phosphonate (4h). Yellow oil (45 mg, 77%);  $R_f = 0.24$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.86 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.23–4.05 (m, 4H), 2.95–2.88 (m, 4H), 2.15–2.08 (m, 2H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.1 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 142.8 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz), 134.4 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 131.7 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 126.7 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 124.2 (d, *J* = 191 Hz), 62.3 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 33.0, 32.1, 25.4, 16.3 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  16.0; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub><sup>35</sup>ClO<sub>3</sub>P 289.0755, found 289.0750.

Diethyl (2-Chloro-4,5-dimethylphenyl)phosphonate (4i). Yellow oil (34 mg, 61%);  $R_f = 0.25$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.76 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.22–4.03 (m, 4H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.3 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 137.0 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 135.2 (d, J = 13.9 Hz), 133.6 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 131.6 (d, J = 11.0 Hz), 123.8 (d, J = 192 Hz), 62.3 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), 19.7, 19.0, 16.3 (d, J = 6.6 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 15.6; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>19</sub><sup>35</sup>ClO<sub>3</sub>P 277.0755, found 277.0751.

*Diethyl* (2-*Chloro-6-methoxyphenyl*)*phosphonate* (4*j*). Yellow oil (29 mg, 53%);  $R_f = 0.31$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.07–7.04 (m, 1H), 6.87–6.84 (m, 1H), 4.27–4.13 (m, 4H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.3 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 138.1 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 137.4 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 118.6 (d, *J* = 198 Hz), 116.6 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz), 112.0 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz), 62.3 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 55.6, 16.3 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  13.0; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub><sup>35</sup>ClO<sub>4</sub>P 279.0548, found 279.0544.

*Diethyl* (2-*Chloro-4-methylphenyl)phosphonate* (**4***k*). Yellow oil (16 mg, 31%);  $R_f = 0.32$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 (dd, J = 14.0, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.09 (m, 1H), 4.19–4.02 (m, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.6 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 136.5 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 135.8 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 131.2 (d, J = 10.7 Hz), 127.1 (d, J = 14.0 Hz), 124.0 (d, J = 193 Hz), 62.3 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 21.1, 16.2 (d, J = 6.6 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  15.2; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub><sup>35</sup>ClO<sub>3</sub>P 263.0598, found 263.0596.

Diethyl (2-Chloro-5-methylphenyl)phosphonate (4k'). Yellow oil (16 mg, 31%);  $R_f = 0.35$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.82 (dd, J = 14.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 8.2, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.25 (m, 1H), 4.24–4.05 (m, 4H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.6 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 136.4, 134.3 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 133.6 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 130.5 (d, J = 10.8 Hz), 126.7 (d, J = 189 Hz), 62.4 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 20.7, 16.3 (d, J = 6.6 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 15.0; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub><sup>35</sup>ClO<sub>3</sub>P 263.0598, found 263.0596.

*Diethyl* (2-*Chloro-4-methoxyphenyl*)*phosphonate* (41). Yellow oil (26 mg, 46%);  $R_f = 0.33$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 (dd, J = 13.7, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, J = 4.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dt, J = 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.20–4.05 (m, 4H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.3 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 138.1 (d, J = 4.2 Hz), 137.4 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 118.6 (d, J = 198 Hz), 116.6 (d, J = 11.2 Hz), 112.0 (d, J = 14.6 Hz), 62.3 (d, J = 5.3 Hz), 55.6, 16.3 (d, J = 6.6 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  15.5; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub><sup>35</sup>ClO<sub>4</sub>P 279.0548, found 279.0544.

Diethyl (2-Chloro-4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)phosphonate (4m). Yellow oil (34 mg, 50%);  $R_f = 0.21$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 (dd, J = 13.9, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.21–7.18 (m, 1H), 4.26–4.08 (m, 4H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.3 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 138.3 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 137.4 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 126.2 (d, J = 194 Hz), 122.7 (d, J = 11.0 Hz), 120.2 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 260$  Hz), 118.1 (d, J = 15.2 Hz), 62.8 (d, J = 5.6 Hz), 16.2 (d, J = 6.4 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.0; <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR

(376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –57.7; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m*/*z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub><sup>35</sup>ClF<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P 333.0265, found 333.0262.

*Diethyl* (1-*Chloronaphthalen-2-yl)phosphonate* (4n). Yellow oil (39 mg, 65%);  $R_f = 0.25$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.47–8.43 (m, 1H), 8.03 (dd, J = 12.3, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.89–7.82 (m, 2H), 7.68–7.62 (m, 2H), 4.28–4.14 (m, 4H), 1.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.6 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 136.1 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 131.1 (d, J = 11.7 Hz), 129.7 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 128.7, 128.2, 127.8 (d, J = 1.2 Hz), 126.8 (d, J = 13.6 Hz), 125.4 (d, J = 1.0 Hz), 124.7 (d, J = 190 Hz), 62.6 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 16.3 (d, J = 6.6 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 15.1; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub><sup>35</sup>ClO<sub>3</sub>P 299.0598, found 299.0594.

Diethyl (2-Bromophenyl)phosphonate (**5a**).<sup>24</sup> Yellow oil (49 mg, 62%);  $R_f = 0.23$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01–7.95 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.39–7.32 (m, 2H), 4.22–4.05 (m, 4H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.2 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 134.2 (d, J = 11.1 Hz), 133.5 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 129.4 (d, J = 192 Hz), 126.8 (d, J = 13.6 Hz), 125.1 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 62.5 (d, J = 5.6 Hz), 16.2 (d, J = 6.6 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.8.

Dimethyl (2-Bromophenyl)phosphonate (5b).<sup>4e</sup> Yellow oil (29 mg, 55%);  $R_f = 0.20$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.02–7.96 (m, 1H), 7.71–7.65 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.37 (m, 2H), 3.82 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.4 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 134.4 (d, J = 11.3 Hz), 133.8 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 128.4 (d, J = 194 Hz), 127.0 (d, J = 13.8 Hz), 125.2 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 53.0 (d, J = 5.6 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.8.

*Diisopropyl (2-Bromophenyl)phosphonate* (*5c*).<sup>25</sup> Yellow oil (25 mg, 39%);  $R_f = 0.28$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.05–8.00 (m, 1H), 7.62–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.37–7.28 (m, 2H), 4.73–4.65 (m, 2H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 6H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.2 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 134.2 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz), 133.2 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 130.7 (d, *J* = 192 Hz), 126.7 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 125.2 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 71.4 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 24.0 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 23.6 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.2.

Dibutyl (2-Bromophenyl)phosphonate (5d). Yellow oil (35 mg, 50%);  $R_f = 0.33$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05–7.97 (m, 1H), 7.68–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.42–7.33 (m, 2H), 4.16–4.00 (m, 4H), 1.71–1.64 (m, 4H), 1.46–1.37 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.3 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 134.3 (d, J = 11.1 Hz), 133.5 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 129.5 (d, J = 193 Hz), 126.9 (d, J = 13.5 Hz), 125.2 (d, J = 4.1 Hz), 66.2 (d, J = 5.9 Hz), 32.4 (d, J = 6.8 Hz), 18.7, 13.6; <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 15.0; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>23</sub><sup>79</sup>BrO<sub>3</sub>P 349.0563, found 349.0557.

Dihexyl (2-Bromophenyl)phosphonate (**5e**). Yellow oil (49 mg, 61%);  $R_f = 0.35$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.04–7.98 (m, 1H), 7.68–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.42–7.34 (m, 2H), 4.15–4.00 (m, 4H), 1.69 (dt, *J* = 14.6, 6.7 Hz, 4H), 1.41–1.34 (m, 4H), 1.29–1.25 (m, 8H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.3 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 134.3 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz), 133.5 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 129.5 (d, *J* = 192 Hz), 126.8 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 125.2 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 66.6 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 31.3, 30.4 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 25.2, 22.5, 14.0; <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 15.0; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m*/*z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>31</sub><sup>79</sup>BrO<sub>3</sub>P 405.1189, found 405.1184.

Diethyl (6-Bromo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-yl)phosphonate (**5f**). Yellow oil (35 mg, 53%);  $R_f = 0.22$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.88 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.20–4.06 (m, 4H), 2.92 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.14–2.06 (m, 2H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.3 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 143.4 (d, J = 14.3 Hz), 132.2 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 130.3 (d, J = 12.5 Hz), 126.2 (d, J = 192 Hz), 122.5 (d, J = 4.8 Hz), 62.4 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), 32.8, 32.1, 25.3, 16.3 (d, J = 6.7 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, Note

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  16.2; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub><sup>79</sup>BrO<sub>3</sub>P 333.0250, found 333.0247.

Diethyl (2-Bromo-4,5-dimethylphenyl)phosphonate (5g). Yellow oil (33 mg, 52%);  $R_f = 0.23$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.79 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.20–4.06 (m, 4H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.3 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 137.5 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 135.7 (d, J = 14.1 Hz), 135.2 (d, J = 11.8 Hz), 125.9 (d, J = 193 Hz), 121.8 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 62.3 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), 19.6, 19.0, 16.3 (d, J = 6.6 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 15.7; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>19</sub><sup>79</sup>BrO<sub>3</sub>P 321.0250, found 321.0247.

*Diethyl* (2-*Bromo-3-methoxyphenyl)phosphonate* (**5***h*). Yellow oil (26 mg, 40%);  $R_f = 0.30$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.39–7.34 (m, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.24–4.07 (m, 4H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.5 (d, J = 15.9 Hz), 131.0 (d, J = 190 Hz), 128.1 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 128.0 (d, J = 5.2 Hz), 115.7 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 114.9 (d, J = 4.6 Hz), 62.6 (d, J = 5.6 Hz), 56.6, 16.3 (d, J = 6.7 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.8; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub><sup>79</sup>BrO<sub>4</sub>P 323.0042, found 323.0039.

Diethyl (1-Bromonaphthalen-2-yl)phosphonate (5i).<sup>26</sup> Yellow oil (28 mg, 41%);  $R_f = 0.23$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.50–8.46 (m, 1H), 8.04 (dd, J = 12.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91–7.84 (m, 2H), 7.67–7.61 (m, 2H), 4.28–4.14 (m, 4H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.0 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 132.6 (d, J = 12.8 Hz), 130.3 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 128.1, 127.6 (d, J = 191 Hz), 127.5 (d, J = 13.5 Hz), 62.6 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 16.3 (d, J = 6.7 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 15.5.

Diethyl (2-lodophenyl)phosphonate (6a).<sup>27</sup> Yellow oil (24 mg, 35%);  $R_f = 0.22$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.04–7.97 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.19–7.15 (m, 1H), 4.23–4.09 (m, 4H), 1.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.6 (d, J = 12.9 Hz), 136.2 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 133.3 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 133.1 (d, J = 192 Hz), 127.5 (d, J = 13.9 Hz), 97.4 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 62.6 (d, J = 5.6 Hz), 16.3 (d, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.9.

Dimethyl (2-lodophenyl)phosphonate (**6b**). Yellow oil (21 mg, 33%);  $R_f = 0.20$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.06–7.94 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.21–7.17 (m, 1H), 3.81 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.6 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz), 136.3 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 133.6 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 132.1 (d, *J* = 194 Hz), 127.6 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz), 97.2 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 53.0 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.9; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m*/*z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>IO<sub>3</sub>P 312.9485, found 312.9482.

Diethyl [1,1'-Biphenyl]-2-ylphosphonate (7a).<sup>28</sup> Yellow oil (the Stille coupling: 38 mg, 65%; the Hiyama coupling: 43 mg, 74%; the Suzuki coupling: 49 mg, 85%);  $R_f = 0.25$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.08–8.00 (m, 1H), 7.58–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.47–7.30 (m, 7H), 3.98–3.77 (m, 4H), 1.12 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.0 (d, J = 9.8 Hz), 141.3 (d, J = 4.2 Hz), 133.7 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 131.8 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 131.2 (d, J = 14.1 Hz), 129.2, 127.4, 127.3, 126.9 (d, J = 187 Hz), 126.7 (d, J = 14.6 Hz), 61.7 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 16.0 (d, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  18.1.

*Methyl* (*E*)-3-(2-(*Diethoxyphosphoryl*)*phenyl*)*acrylate* (**7b**).<sup>29</sup> Yellow oil (42 mg, 70%);  $R_f = 0.21$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.39 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 8.06–8.00 (m, 1H), 7.70–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.58–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.43 (m, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.25–4.05 (m, 4H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.8, 143.2 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 137.7 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 134.4 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 132.7 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 129.2 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz), 128.0 (d, *J* = 184 Hz), 127.1 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz), 120.7, 62.4 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 51.8, 16.2 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.4.

Diethyl (2-Cyanophenyl)phosphonate (**7c**).<sup>30</sup> Yellow oil (27 mg, 56%);  $R_f = 0.20$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 as the eluent); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.17–8.08 (m, 1H), 7.83–7.80 (m, 1H), 7.73–7.62 (m, 2H), 4.34–4.15 (m, 4H), 1.39 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 134.6 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 134.5 (d, J = 16.4 Hz), 132.4 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 132.3 (d, J = 188 Hz), 132.2 (d, J = 14.1 Hz), 117.1 (d, J = 5.8 Hz), 114.6 (d, J = 4.9 Hz), 63.2 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 16.2 (d, J = 6.3 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 12.6.

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