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Abstract

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A new family of hemilabile benzimidazolyl phosphine ligands was designed and synthesized. The benzimidazole scaffold of this family of ligands could be easily prepared and diversified from inexpensive substituted *o*phenylenediamines and substituted carboxylic acids by conventional Phillips benzimidazole synthesis.

Two classes of ligands, P,N-type 2-arylated benzimidazolyl phosphine ligands and alterable P,O- or P,N-type 2-phosphino-substituted benzimidazolyl ligands, were successfully synthesized by a "Cross-matching" approach.

The 2-arylated benzimidazolyl phosphine ligands showed excellent catalytic activities for the Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of aryl chlorides with arylboronic acids, especially under very-low-catalyst-loading down to 1 ppm. In addition, these ligands were efficient towards Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of aryl chlorides with potassium aryltrifluoroborates. Notably, the X-ray crystallographic data confirmed that the ligand was coordinated in a κ^2 -*P*,*N* fashion to the palladium center.

On the other hand, the palladium complexes of 2-phosphino-substituted benzimidazolyl ligands showed coordination in a κ^2 -*P*,*N* fashion and potential *P*,*O*-hemilabile ability, which could be altered by tuning the steric bulkiness of phosphino group. Interestingly, the complexes with *P*,*O*-coordination and *P*,*N*-coordination showed high efficacy towards Suzuki-Miyaura coupling and Buchwald-Hartwig amination of aryl chlorides, respectively. Particularly noteworthy, to probe with these fascinating hemilabile properties, chemoselective cross-coupling of aryl chlorides was also examined. The palladium-ligand complexes showed essentially complete orthogonal property (>99%) to afford Suzuki coupling products when carrying out competitive cross-coupling of aryl chlorides with arylboronic acids and amines.

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Abbreviations

δ	Chemical shift (NMR)
η	Descriptor for hapticity
К	Shows hapticity in σ -bonding ligands
m/z	Mass-to-charge ratio
S	Singlet
d	Doublet
t	Triplet
q	Quartet
m	Multiplet
GC	Gas chromatography
HRMS	High resolution mass spectroscopy
MS	Mass spectrometry
IR	Infra-red
NMR	Nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy
equiv.	Equivalent
h	Hour
r.t.	Room temperature
THF	Tetrahydrofuran
MeOH	Methanol
E.A.	Ethyl acetate
DMF	Dimethyl formamide
DCM	Dichloromethane
t-BuOH	<i>tert</i> -butanol
ClPPh ₂	Chlorodiphenylphosphine
ClPCy ₂	Chlorodicyclohexylphosphine
ClPt-Bu ₂	Di-tert-butylchorophosphine
<i>n</i> -BuLi	<i>n</i> -Butyllithium
R	Generalized alkyl group
Me	Methyl
Et	Ethyl
<i>n</i> -Bu	<i>n</i> -Butyl
<i>i</i> -Pr	Isopropyl

<i>t</i> -Bu	<i>t</i> -Butyl
Ar	Aryl
Ph	Phenyl
Bn	Benzyl
Су	Cyclohexyl
Сур	Cyclopentyl
o-Tol	ortho-Tolyl
1-Ad	1-Adamantyl
Pt-Bu ₃	Tri-tert-butylphosphine

Chapter 1 Introduction

1.1 Background

The development of efficient and convenient methods for organic synthesis remains an important topic in modern organic chemistry. The straightforward and modular features of these methods empower scientists to synthesize highly complex, yet diversified molecules in a relatively simple way. Palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions are state-of-the-art methods among various other synthetic processes in organic synthesis.¹ Although transition-metal-catalyzed bond construction protocols, such as the Suzuki-Miyaura coupling² and amination reaction, ³ were first reported in the early 1980s, substantial improvements on such reactions have only been achieved since the mid-1990s.⁴

Before the late 1990s, aryl iodides, bromides, and triflates were often employed as electrophiles in various kinds of cross-coupling reactions owing to their relatively high reactivity. However, the more-abundant and inexpensive, but also more-inert aryl chlorides were applied less frequently in the coupling reactions. To expand the scope of the cross-coupling reactions, significant efforts have been made in recent decades. Since the recognition of the significant effects of supporting ligands on the efficiency of coupling reactions, novel electron-rich (enhancement of oxidative addition) and sterically bulky phosphine (improvement of reductive elimination) ligands have been developed since the late 1990s. Within the last decade, Beller,⁵ Buchwald,⁶ Fu,⁷ Hartwig,⁸ other research groups⁹ and our group ¹⁰ have contributed a huge amount of work to the area of phosphine ligand design and synthesis (**Figure 1.1**). Although progress has been made, there are still efforts to increase the scope of these reactions.



Figure 1.1 Phosphine Ligands Development by Different Research Groups

Among several series of phosphines developed, heterocyclic phosphines in which the phosphino group is attached to a heterocyclic ring are a unique type of supporting ligand for coupling reactions. In fact, heterocyclic phosphines have been applied to coupling reactions since 1988, Farina showed that tri-2-furylphosphine and tri-2-thienylphosphine were effective ligands in palladium-catalyzed Stille coupling instead of using traditional triphenylphosphine (**Scheme 1.1**).¹¹ However, these simple heterocyclic phosphines have inherent limitations since there is no further room for steric and electronic fine-tuning. In 2004, Beller and co-workers reported the design and synthesis of a new class of heterocyclic phosphines PAPs,^{5c} which using pyrrole as the main scaffold and integrating with different phosphino groups and an aryl group, to allow the heterocyclic phosphines having different steric and electronic fine-tuning.



Scheme 1.1 The First Palladium-Catalyzed Stille Coupling by Using Heterocyclic

Phosphines

1.2 Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling Reaction

The palladium-catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction has become a widely used protocol and is one of the most efficient tools for the synthesis of biaryl motifs.¹² This methodology has many advantages, including excellent functional group compatibility and that it uses organoboron compounds of low toxicity as well as arylboronic acids that are mostly commercially available.

1.2.1 Development of Heterocyclic Phosphines Towards Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling Reaction of Aryl Halides

In 2003, Sinou reported a class of easily obtainable phosphine ligands bearing a carbohydrate skeleton.¹³ The Pd/1a and Pd/1b systems showed efficacy in the Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of 1-iodo-4-nitrobenzene with phenylboronic acid (Scheme 1.2). However, when the coupling partners were changed to aryl chlorides, no biaryl product formation could be observed.



Scheme 1.2 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Iodide by Sinou

In late 2003, Beller revealed a novel class of phosphino-substituted 1arylpyrroles, PAPs **2a** to **2d**, **3** and **4** (**Figure 1.2**).^{5c} Particularly noteworthy is that the coupling of a nonactivated aryl chloride at room temperature could be achieved with a turnover number (TON) of 800 (Table 1.1, entry 1). Moreover, the catalyst loading could be reduced to 0.005 mol% when the reaction temperature was elevated to 100 °C (Table 1.1, entry 3).



Figure 1.2 Beller's PAP Ligands

Table 1.1 Palladium-Catal	yzed Suzuki	Coupling of A	Aryl Chlorides b	y Beller
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$R \xrightarrow{II} + PhB(OH)_{2} \xrightarrow{Pd(OAc)_{2}}_{Ligand} \xrightarrow{R \xrightarrow{II}}_{II} \xrightarrow{PhB(OH)_{2}}_{K_{3}PO_{4}, Toluene} \xrightarrow{R \xrightarrow{II}}_{Ph}$						
Entry	ArCl	Ligand	mol% Pd	Temp. °C	% Yield	TON
1	Me. 🔿	2c	0.1	r.t.	80	800
2		2c	0.01	60	99	9,900
3	∽ .Cl	2c	0.005	100	98	19,600
4		2b	0.05	60	72	1,440
5	Me	2c	0.05	60	16	320
6	CI	2d	0.05	60	15	300
7	Me	3	0.05	60	55	1,100
8		4	0.05	60	35	700

In addition to those compounds containing a pyrrole backbone, Beller soon after reported another series of phosphine ligands featuring imidazole and benzimidazole moieties: 1-aryl-2-(dialkylphosphino)imidazoles and - benzimidazoles **5** to **7** (**Figure 1.3**).¹⁴ These types of ligand also feature easy tunability, and their synthesis can be conveniently scaled up. These ligands showed excellent catalytic activity in two palladium-catalyzed coupling reactions: Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reaction and Buchwald-Hartwig amination reaction (see **Section 1.3.1**). The superior ligands, **6** and **7**, were applied in the coupling reactions of different aryl and heteroaryl chlorides (**Scheme 1.3**). The coupling results using the Pd/**6** and Pd/**7** systems showed excellent product yields with low catalyst loading, which could even be down to 0.01 mol% of Pd.



Figure 1.3 1-Aryl-2-(dialkylphosphino)imidazole and -benzimidazole Ligands



Scheme 1.3 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Chlorides by Beller

In 2005¹⁵ and 2006,^{9g} Zhang reported a new class of triazole-based monophosphines ClickPhos, the palladium complexes with these ligands showed excellent catalytic activities in both the Suzuki coupling and amination reactions (see Section 1.3.1). The general effectiveness of Pd/ClickPhos 8a was extensively demonstrated by coupling a broad range of aryl and heteroaryl chlorides with several arylboronic acids (Scheme 1.4).



Scheme 1.4 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Chlorides by Zhang
In 2007, we developed a new class of easily accessible indolyl phosphines, NPCy *o*-Andole-phos **9**,^{10b} which could be prepared easily *via* an efficient protocol involving Fischer indolization from commercially available phenylhydrazine and substituted acetophenones. The combination of this ligand with $Pd_2(dba)_3$ provided good efficacy towards Suzuki coupling of an array of aryl, heteroaryl chlorides and alkenyl chloride (**Scheme 1.5**). In addition, coupling with alkylboronic acid was also successful.



Scheme 1.5 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Chlorides by Kwong

Later on, we reported a new class of indolylphosphine ligands, Amidolephos **10**,^{10f} which could be easily accessed using a simple one-pot assembly from commercially available indoles, acid chlorides, and chlorophosphines. The Pd/**10** system was further applied to the Suzuki coupling of aryl and heteroaryl chlorides and an array of arylboronic acids (**Scheme 1.6**). This system showed good efficacy in the Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of aryl chlorides.



Scheme 1.6 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Chlorides by Kwong

In 2008, Singer described a new family of ligands, Bippyphos compounds **11**.^{9j} Palladium-catalyzed Suzuki coupling and amination (see **Section 1.3.1**), were possible using the Pd/Bippyphos **11** systems. In case of the Suzuki coupling reaction, Cy-Bippyphos **11b** generally succeeded in coupling aryl halides and arylboronic acids to afford tri-*ortho*-substituted biaryls, and one example involving the coupling of an aryl bromide gave the corresponding tetra-*ortho*-substituted biaryl in excellent yield (**Scheme 1.7**).



Scheme 1.7 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Halides by Singer

In 2009, Hayashi reported a novel class of phosphinotriazines 12.¹⁶ The ligand structures could be extended to include water-soluble chains 12a and polymer supports 12b. The Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reaction using these phosphinotriazines was excellent. Interestingly, the solubility of ligand 12a could be tuned by varying the length of the polyethylene glycol chain and the substituent on the other site. The Pd/12a system demonstrated excellent performance in the palladium-catalyzed Suzuki coupling of an aryl bromide in water (Scheme 1.8). The polystyrene-supported ligand 12b could readily be

recycled in the Suzuki coupling and the reactivity of this system remained active even after being reused for five times (**Table 1.2**).



Scheme 1.8 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Bromide in Water by Hayashi

Table 1.2 Repetitive Use of Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of ArylBromide by Hayashi

Me — Br	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ ·CHCl ₃ (5 mol%) 12b (20 mol%)	MePh		
	PhB(OH) ₂	Cs₂CO₃, Dioxane 100 °C, 2 h	\ <u></u>	O 12b
	Entry	Run	Reuse	% Yield
	1	1	0	>99
	2	2	1	>99
	3	3	2	>99
	4	4	3	>99
	5	5	4	98
	6	6	5	76
	7	7	6	43

In 2010, we showed a novel C-P type indolyl phosphine, CPPh α -Nadolephos **13**, with –PPh₂ moiety and its application towards palladium-catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura coupling for challenging tetra-*ortho*-substituted biaryl syntheses (**Scheme 1.9**).^{10j} With the employment of Pd₂(dba)₃ and CPPh α -Nadole-phos **13**, deactivated, activated aryl and herteroaryl chlorides were good partners for this challenging coupling reaction.



Scheme 1.9 Palladium-Catalyzed Tetra-*Ortho*-Substituted Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Chlorides by Kwong

1.3 Buchwald-Hartwig Amination Reaction

Palladium-catalyzed carbon-nitrogen bond coupling was firstly disclosed by Migita and co-workers in the early 1980s,^{3, 17} and was extensively developed and further generalized by the groups of Buchwald¹⁸ and Hartwig¹⁹ in the mid-1990s. This so-called Buchwald–Hartwig amination has become an extremely useful method for constructing aromatic carbon–nitrogen bonds. These coupling processes are versatile and have widespread applications in pharmaceutical syntheses.²⁰

1.3.1 Development of Heterocyclic Phosphines Towards Palladium-Catalyzed Buchwald-Hartwig Amination Reaction of Aryl Halides

In 2003, Singer and co-workers firstly reported $Pd_2(dba)_3$ catalyzed amination of aryl halides using **14a**, **14b**, **15a** or **15b** as the ligand.^{9d} These pyrrole- and pyrazole-based ligands are easily synthesized yet the reactivity for the amination reactions is limited (**Scheme 1.10**).



Scheme 1.10 Palladium-Catalyzed Amination of Aryl Halides by Singer

In 2004, Beller reported new monodentate *N*-substituted heteroarylphosphines, dialkyl(1-arylindol-2-yl)phosphines **16a** and **16b**, which showed generally excellent catalytic activity in the palladium-catalyzed amination of aryl and heteroaryl chlorides, even under mild conditions.^{5d} Ligand **16b** was found to be the most efficient phosphine for this reaction. The Pd/**16b** system showed general application in the amination of various aryl and heteroaryl chlorides (**Scheme 1.11**). Both aliphatic and aromatic amines were efficient coupling partners. Remarkably, the amination could also occur under milder reaction conditions, such as at room temperature.



Scheme 1.11 Palladium-Catalyzed Amination of Aryl Chlorides by Beller

In the same year, Beller and co-workers developed 1-aryl-2-(dialkylphosphino)imidazoles and -benzimidazoles (see Section 1.2.1),¹⁴ which also showed good to excellent catalytic performance in Buchwald-Hartwig amination reactions. The usefulness of these ligands was also examined by coupling an array of aryl and heteroaryl chlorides with different amines (Scheme 1.12). It should be noted that both aliphatic and aromatic amines were feasible coupling partners, and the amination could also be accomplished smoothly at room temperature.



Scheme 1.12 Palladium-Catalyzed Amination of Aryl Chlorides by Beller

In 2004, Tom and co-workers described three families of ligands, including tritylimidazole-based **17**, for the palladium-catalyzed amination of aryl bromides.²¹ The efficacy of ligand **17** in the amination was evaluated (**Scheme 1.13**). However, this phosphine showed moderate general application to this reaction in terms of substrate scope.



Scheme 1.13 Palladium-Catalyzed Amination of Aryl Bromides by Tom

As described in previous section (see Section 1.2.1), Zhang and coworkers reported that the ClickPhos family showed excellent catalytic activities in both the Suzuki coupling and amination reactions. This ligand family could allow up to 98% yield in the amination reaction.^{15,9g} The activities of Pd/ClickPhos **8b** were evaluated in the amination of aryl chlorides and a diverse array of primary and secondary amines (**Scheme 1.14**). The Pd/ClickPhos **8b** system demonstrated high catalytic activity and a broad substrate scope in the amination reaction.



Scheme 1.14 Palladium-Catalyzed Amination of Aryl Chlorides by Zhang

In 2008, Singer and co-workers disclosed the family of Bippyphos ligands, compounds **11** (see **Section 1.2.1**).^{9j} The ligand Bippyphos **11a** showed high efficiency in the amination reaction of chloropyridine (**Scheme 1.15**).



Scheme 1.15 Palladium-Catalyzed Amination of Chloropyridine by Singer

Anilines are important intermediates in the manufacture of agrochemicals, pharmaceuticals, dyes, etc.²² In 2009, Beller reported the Pd-catalyzed amination of aryl halides with ammonia.²³ In spite of the remarkable results for the production of secondary and tertiary amines, relatively little work has been done on the amination of aryl halides with ammonia for producing primary arylamines. The authors established a new ancillary ligand **18** for the Pd-catalyzed coupling reactions. The scope of the reaction using the Pd(OAc)₂/**18** complex was evaluated for the amination of aryl bromines or chlorides with ammonia (**Scheme 1.16**). The optimized catalytic system allowed good substrate scope, including the use of deactivated and activated aryl or heteroaryl halides.



Scheme 1.16 Palladium-Catalyzed Amination of Aryl Halides with Ammonia by Beller

Additionally, in 2011, Beller and coworkers reported the recyclable ligand **19** for the amination reactions.²⁴ Palladium catalyst supported with ligand **19** could catalyze the amination of aryl halides with ammonia (**Scheme 1.16**), primary, and secondary amines. Moreover, the catalyst can be recycled at least for 3 times without significant decrease of its catalytic activity (**Table 1.3**).

 Table 1.3 The Catalyst Recycling Amination of 4-Chloroquinaldine with Morpholine

 by Beller



1.4 Strategies and Exploration of Heterocyclic Phosphines Towards Palladium-Catalyzed Cross-Couplings of Aryl Halides

According to previous reviews on the development of heterocyclic phosphines towards palladium-catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling and Buchwald-Hartwig amination reaction, heterocyclic phosphines have found a wide range of applications in palladium-catalyzed coupling reactions. Palladium catalysts supported by these heterocyclic phosphines demonstrated superior reactivity in both Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling and Buchwald-Hartwig amination processes.

Not only can aryl iodides and bromides be used as eletrophiles in these coupling reactions, but also inert aryl chlorides are applicable. Yet, the syntheses of these effective heterocyclic phosphine ligands are relatively simple and convenient. Owing to their ease of synthesis and diversification, designing and synthesizing new generations of heterocyclic phosphine ligands should be a great urgency and potential to improve the reactivity as well as substrate scope of palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions.

Therefore, for the purpose of exploring the palladium-catalyzed crosscoupling of aryl halides, we herein plan to design strategically new classes of heterocyclic phosphines with high diversity that provide an appropriate steric and electronic properties for coupling reactions. Then, the applications of these new classes of heterocyclic phosphines towards palladium-catalyzed cross-couplings of aryl halides will also be undergone.

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Chapter 2 Strategic Design and Synthesis of New Classes of Benzimidazolyl Phosphine Ligands

2.1 Introduction

The structure of the phosphine ligand has been recognized to significantly influence the efficiency of cross-coupling reactions. Novel ligand design was found to be important for number of considerable advancements. During the past decade, pioneering establishments in designing effective phosphines for palladium-catalyzed cross-couplings, such as Beller,¹ Buchwald,² Fu,³ Hartwig,⁴ our group,⁵ and other groups,⁶ have contributed a huge amount of work. Although significant progress has been made, the ligand syntheses featuring simple, straightforward, streamlined, and large-scale-viable advantages are still highly desirable for more widespread applications of cross-coupling reactions.

2.1.1 Strategic Design of New Classes of Ligands

As in previous discussion, it showed an idea that a strategic ligand design is a key to be successful towards the palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions. We herein propose designing a new class of heterocyclic phosphine ligand based on several strategic points: (1) the starting materials should be inexpensive and readily available; (2) the ligand synthetic route should be straightforward; (3) the ligand diversity and tuning should be easily accessible. Based on the above strategic points, benzimidazole was chosen as the ligand framework to develop a new class of benzimidazolyl phosphine ligands. Benzimidazole is a heterocyclic aromatic organic compound consists of a phenyl ring fused to an imidazole ring. Benzimidazole is key system both in nature such as vitamin B_{12} , purines (component of DNA base structure), and obviously in pharmaceutical, veterinary and agrochemical products such as thiabendazole, benomyl (**Figure 2.1**).



Figure 2.1 Structures of Benzimidazole, Vitamin B_{12} , Thiabendazole and Benomyl

2.1.2 Considerations of Benzimidazole as Ligand Scaffold

There are several reasons for selecting benzimidazole as ligand framework: (1) benzimidazole is an inexpensive chemical and costs USD 140 per 500 g; (2) the cost of substituted benzimidazole is also reasonable, such as 5,6-dimethylbenzimidazole, USD 90 per 100 g; (3) the starting materials of synthesizing benzimidazole derivatives, such as *o*-phenylenediamine, USD 176 per kg, and formic acid, USD 74 per liter, are also relatively inexpensive.⁷

Benzimidazole and its derivatives are readily available. In addition, benzimidazole is a key system in nature, pharmaceutical, veterinary and agrochemical, thus a wide range of synthetic methods have been reported since 1872. Those methods including from the most general Phillips benzimidazole organic synthesis to recent metal-catalyzed synthesis have been well addressed to provide us a "cookery book" to prepare benzimidazole derivatives. Herein, some benzimidazole synthetic methods have been selected and showed below (**Table 2.1**).

Researcher / Year	Synthetic Scheme		
The first Benzimidazole synthesis by Hobrecker, F. ⁸ / 1872	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Me} \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ $		
Ladenburg, A. ⁹ / 1875	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Me} \\ & \\ & \\ \text{NH}_2 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{CH}_3\text{CHOOH}} \\ & \\ & \\ \text{Reflux} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{Me}} \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\$		
Phillips, M. A. ¹⁰ / 1928	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		
Sprecher, M. ¹¹ / 1969	$ \begin{array}{c} $		
Mahajan, M. P. ¹² / 1982	$R \xrightarrow{II} N \xrightarrow{NH} Ph \xrightarrow{Pb(OAc)_4} \xrightarrow{R} N \xrightarrow{N} Ph$		
Artico, M. ¹³ / 1983	$ \begin{array}{c} & \overset{Me}{\longrightarrow} & \overset{O}{\longrightarrow} & \overset{O}{\longrightarrow} & \overset{Me}{\longrightarrow} & \overset{O}{\longrightarrow} & \overset{O}{\longrightarrow} & \overset{Me}{\longrightarrow} & \overset{O}{\longrightarrow} & \mathsf{O$		
Rigo, B. ¹⁴ / 1988	$ \begin{array}{c} & \underset{NHAc}{}{\underset{NHAc}{}} \xrightarrow{Me_{3}SiCl} & \underset{N}{}{\underset{Me_{3}SiO}{}} \xrightarrow{Me} & \underset{N}{}{\underset{Me_{3}SiO}{}} \xrightarrow{Me} & \underset{N}{}{\underset{Me_{3}SiO}{}} \xrightarrow{Me} & \underset{N}{}{\underset{Me_{3}SiO}{}} \xrightarrow{Me} & \underset{N}{}{\underset{Me}{}{\underset{Me}{}} \xrightarrow{CF_{3}SO_{3}H} & \underset{N}{}{\underset{Ac}{}} \xrightarrow{N} & \underset{Ac}{}{\underset{Ac}{}} \xrightarrow{Me} & \underset{Ac}{} \underset{Me} & \underset{Ac}{} \underset{Me} & $		
Sannicolò, F. ¹⁵ / 1988	$HO = \begin{pmatrix} H \\ N \\ HO \\ R' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} H \\ N \\ R' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1. MnO_2 \\ 2. Reflux in DMSO \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R \\ N \\ R' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} N \\ N \\ R' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R' \\ R' \\ R' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R' \\ R' \\ R' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R' \\ R' \\ R' \\ R' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R' \\ R'$		
Wakefield, B. J. ¹⁶ / 1992	$(\bigcirc N \stackrel{NH_2}{\longrightarrow} \stackrel{1. \text{ LDA}}{3. \text{ H}_3 \text{ O}^+} (\bigcirc N \stackrel{N}{\longrightarrow} \stackrel{N}{\longrightarrow} \stackrel{N}{\longrightarrow} \stackrel{Ar}{1. \text{ LDA}} (\bigcirc N \stackrel{N}{\longrightarrow} \stackrel{Ar}{\longrightarrow} \stackrel{1. \text{ LDA}}{3. \text{ H}_3 \text{ O}^+} (\bigcirc N \stackrel{N}{\longrightarrow} \stackrel{N}{\longrightarrow} \stackrel{Ar}{\longrightarrow} \stackrel{N}{\longrightarrow} \stackrel$		

 Table 2.1 The Development of Benzimidazole Synthesis (1872-1994)

Senanayake, C. H. ¹⁷ / 1994	$ \begin{array}{c} $	MgCl ₂	R^{2} N R^{3} N H R^{3}
	П		П

Last but not least, it is notable that the chemical properties of benzimidazole provide a potential for diversifying the ligand structures since the benzimidazole scaffold allows both steric and electronic fine tunings. Particularly noteworthy is that the 3-position of benzimidazole is a potentially hemilabile *N*chelating group providing weak coordinating property to offer the dynamic interaction for catalyst longevity. Therefore, there is one more strategic point for our ligand design: the presence of hemilabile group to enhance the catalyst longevity. Herein, the concept of a hemilabile phosphine ligand will be discussed in the following section.

2.2 Concept of Hemilabile Ligands

Hemilabile ligands, *P*,*N*-type or *P*,*O*-type, are the ligands that possess both of the soft and hard donor atoms. The development of this type of ligands is of current interest. Different features of the donor atoms provide the metal complexes with unique reactivity (**Figure 2.2**).¹⁸ The hard donor, such as nitrogen and oxygen atoms, weakly coordinates to soft metal centers, such as palladium, a vacant site can be easily afforded by dissociation of nitrogen/oxygen atom from the metal center, for further oxidation addition of the substrate binding to the catalyst.¹⁹



Figure 2.2 Concept of Hemilabile Ligand

To contribute the ligand with an attractive and versatile system, a highly tunable aryl backbone should be combined with phosphorous and nitrogen/oxygen donors, which have a tremendous different electronic and steric characteristics. This ligand design can also demonstrate a "On and Off" mechanism by either providing a vacant site for substrate or coordinating with metal (**Figure 2.3**).



Figure 2.3 Potential Dynamic "On and Off" Mechanism of Benzimidazole-Derived Ligand

In order to show the potential and importance of hemilabile ligands, the development of both *P*,*N*- and *P*,*O*-type ligands towards palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions will be herein presented.

2.2.1 *P*,*N*-Type Ligands

2.2.1.1 Development of *P*,*N*-Type Ligands Towards Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling Reaction of Aryl Halides

In 2002, Yudin reported a new class of cyclohexane-based P,N-type ligand **20**,²⁰ which showed high stability towards oxidation at the phosphorus atom. The combination of Pd(dba)₂ and ligand **20** was found to be active to catalyze the Suzuki-Miyaura coupling for 2-bromomesitylene and phenylboronic acid in 55% yield (**Scheme 2.1**).



Scheme 2.1 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Bromide by Yudin

In 2004, Hor and co-workers described a combination of $Pd_2(dba)_3$ and ligand **21** efficiently catalyzed the Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of an array of arylboronic acids and aryl chlorides, affording the desired biaryl products in excellent yields (**Scheme 2.2**).²¹ Notably, X-Ray crystallography showed Pd(0) species with heterodifunctional chelation with ligand **21**.



Scheme 2.2 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Chlorides by Hor

In 2005, Scrivanti and co-workers reported η^2 -(olefin)palladium(0)(iminophosphine) complex **22** for the Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reaction.²² High reaction rate was obtained in the coupling of 4bromoacetophenone with phenylboronic acid (**Scheme 2.3**).



Scheme 2.3 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Bromide by Scrivanti

In the same year, Liang showed a phosphine palladacycle $\{[NP]PdCl\}_2$ 23 was highly active catalyst precursor for Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of wide range of aryl iodides, bromides and chlorides (Scheme 2.4).²³



Scheme 2.4 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Halides by Liang

In 2006, He developed a air-stable P,N-chelated palladium(II) complex 24,²⁴ which was a highly efficient and simple catalyst for Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reaction of aryl bromides with arylboronic acids at room temperature (Scheme 2.5).



Scheme 2.5 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Bromides by He

As mentioned previously, Scrivanti reported a *P*,*N*-coordinated η^2 -(olefin)palladium(0)(iminophosphine) complexes **22** for the Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reaction with high rate.²² In 2009, Scrivanti and co-workers developed another *P*,*N*-type coordination ({8-[(di-*tert*-butylphosphinyl)oxy]quinoline}-PdCl₂) complex **25** for low-catalyst-loading Suzuki coupling of aryl bromides, down to 0.00025 mol% Pd (**Scheme 2.6**).²⁵



Scheme 2.6 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Bromides by Scrivanti

In 2011, McNulty demonstrated a direct synthesis of *P*,*N*- and *P*,*O*-type (see Section 2.2.2.1) heterocyclic phosphine ligand.²⁶ Palladium complex of the *P*,*N*-ligand 26 was determined to be highly active in the Suzuki coupling reaction of aryl halides, especially aryl chlorides (Scheme 2.7).



Scheme 2.7 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Halides by McNulty

2.2.1.2 Development of *P*,*N*-Type Ligands Towards Palladium-Catalyzed Buchwald-Hartwig Amination Reaction of Aryl Halides

In 1999, Guram, Bei and co-workers reported a class of phenyl backbonederived *P*,*N*- and *P*,*O*-type (see Section 2.2.2) ligands and their application in Buchwald-Hartwig amination reaction.²⁷ They showed a preliminary study of *P*,*N*-type ligand towards amination reaction of aryl chlorides (Scheme 2.8). This ligand 27 showed only low activity, but it demonstrated the possibility of using *P*,*N*-type ligands towards amination reaction.



Scheme 2.8 Palladium-Catalyzed Amination of Aryl Chloride by Guram and Bei

In 2010, Stradiotto reported the syntheses of 2-(di-*tert*-butylphosphino)-N,N-dimethylaniline **28a**, and 2-(di-1-adamantylphosphino)-N,N-dimethylaniline **28b**, and their applications in Buchwald-Hartwig amination.²⁸ These air-stable P,N-type ligands enabled the amination of aryl and heteroaryl chlorides with a diverse range of primary alkyl- and arylamines, cyclic and acyclic secondary amines, N-H imines, hydrazones, lithium amide, and ammonia (**Scheme 2.9** & **2.10**).



Scheme 2.9 Palladium-Catalyzed Amination of Aryl Chlorides by Stradiotto



Scheme 2.10 Palladium-Catalyzed Amination of Aryl Chlorides with Ammonia by Stradiotto

In the same year, Stradiotto and co-workers reported a new air-stable P,N-ligand Mor-DalPhos **29**.²⁹ The [Pd(cinnamyl)Cl]₂/Mor-DalPhos **29** system could catalyze the *N*-arylation of ammonia from both aryl chlorides and aryl tosylates with high chemoselectivity and, for the first time, at room temperature (**Scheme 2.11**).



Scheme 2.11 The First Palladium-Catalyzed Amination of Aryl Chlorides with Ammonia at Room Temperature by Stradiotto

2.2.2 *P,O*-Type Ligands

2.2.2.1 Development of *P,O*-Type Ligands Towards Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling Reaction of Aryl Halides

In 1999, Guram and Bei reported a P,O-type ligand **30a** for Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reactions.³⁰ The reactivity of Pd(dba)₂/**30a** catalytic systems for general Suzuki coupling reaction of aryl chlorides was also demonstrated (**Scheme 2.12**). The effectiveness of ligand **30a** was further extended to carbon-nitrogen bond coupling reactions (see **Section 2.2.2.2**).²⁷ Notably, the X-ray crystal structure showed both the phosphorus and oxygen donors bound to the palladium center.



Scheme 2.12 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Chlorides by Guram and Bei

In 2003, Johannsen reported a novel class of planar chiral phosphine **31**,³¹ possessing a ferrocenylarene scaffold, was active in the Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reaction of aryl chlorides even at room temperature (**Scheme 2.13**).



Scheme 2.13 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Chlorides by Johannsen

In 2004, we reported a simple and efficient air-stable benzamide-derived monophosphine Bphos **32**, which was prepared in one step based on an economically attractive approach from commercially available benzamide starting material.³² The Pd₂(dba)₃/*t*-Bu-Bphos **32** system showed high catalytic activity in aryl/heteroaryl chlorides and aryl/alkylboronic acids couplings (**Scheme 2.14**).



Scheme 2.14 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Chlorides by Kwong

In the same year, Gibson, Long and co-worker reported a 1,1'disubstituted ferrocenyl *P*,*O*-type ligand **33**.³³ Preliminary studies showed that the combination of $Pd_2(dba)_3$ and ligand **33** could act as a catalyst for Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reaction of 4-bromotoluene with phenylboronic acid (**Scheme 2.15**).



Scheme 2.15 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Bromide by Gibson and Long

In 2006, Hor reported ferrocenyl P,O-type ligands **34a** and **34b** with acetal protection moieties.³⁴ Noteworthy, the authors investigated the oxidative addition intermediates from the reaction of ligand **34b** with a palladium precursor and an aryl iodide, which showed a major P,O-coordination as judged by NMR spectroscopic analysis. The catalytic activity of ligands **34a** and **34b** were investigated in palladium-catalyzed Suzuki coupling of aryl chlorides with phenylboronic acid, very good yields of desired products were also observed (**Scheme 2.16**).



Scheme 2.16 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Chlorides by Hor

As discussed previously (see Section 2.2.1.1), in 2011, McNulty demonstrated a direct synthesis of *P*,*N*- and *P*,*O*-type heterocyclic phosphine ligand.²⁶ The combination of $Pd(OAc)_2$ and *P*,*O*-type ligand 35 showed that the catalytic activity towards Suzuki coupling reaction of aryl halides was not as good as *P*,*N*-type ligand 26, and it was difficult to activate aryl chloride (Scheme 2.17).



Scheme 2.17 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Halides by McNulty
2.2.2.2 Development of *P,O*-Type Ligands Towards Palladium-Catalyzed Buchwald-Hartwig Amination Reaction of Aryl Halides

As early in 1997, Buchwald reported a general palladium-catalyzed amination of aryl bromides by using ferrocenyl *P*,*O*-type ligand (*rac*)-PPF-OMe **36** (Scheme 2.18).³⁵



Scheme 2.18 Palladium-Catalyzed Amination of Aryl Bromides by Buchwald

As described is previously (see Section 2.2.1.2), in 1999, Guram, Bei and co-workers reported a class of phenyl backbone-derived *P*,*N*- and *P*,*O*-type ligands and their application in Buchwald-Hartwig amination reaction.²⁷ The $Pd(dba)_2/P,O$ -type ligands 30a and 30b were efficient for aminations of aryl bromides and aryl chlorides respectively (Scheme 2.19).



Scheme 2.19 Palladium-Catalyzed Amination of Aryl Halides by Guram and Bei

In 2004, Singer reported a new sulfone-type ligand **37** that consisted of a hemilabile sulfonyl oxygen and a dialkylphosphino group.³⁶ The authors demonstrated the efficacy of ligand **37** in the amination of aryl bromides (**Scheme 2.20**). Notably, the authors stated that this class of *P*,*O*-type ligand did not have the general scope or the exceptional catalytic activity.



Scheme 2.20 Palladium-Catalyzed Amination of Aryl Bromides by Singer

As mentioned previously, in 2004, we reported a simple and efficient airstable benzamide-derived monophosphine Bphos **32**, which was efficient towards palladium-catalyzed Suzuki coupling of aryl chlorides (see **Section 2.2.2.1**).³² Later on in 2007, we demonstrated $Pd(OAc)_2/t$ -Bu-Bphos **32** system towards palladium-catalyzed amination of aryl and heteroaryl chlorides with high activity.³⁷ Particularly noteworthy, we presented the first example of *P*,*O*-type ligand providing turnover numbers up to 8,400 (**Scheme 2.21**).



Scheme 2.21 Palladium-Catalyzed Amination of Aryl Chloride with High Turnover Number by Kwong

2.3 Ligand Design Blueprint

As previous discussion of the ligand scaffold choosing and the development and potential of hemilabile ligands, the ligand design "blueprint" has been decided. In our blueprint, there are two possible series of ligand that can be readily prepared (**Figure 2.4**).



Figure 2.4 Two Possible Ligand Series

Inspired by the unique feature of P,N-type ligands in cross-couplings of aryl halides and the effectiveness of the monophosphines, such as CM-phos for the cross-coupling reactions, we are interested in designing a new family of hemilabile P,N-type ligands. Noteworthy, this new family of ligands embodies a highly tunable, yet easily accessible, main skeleton with a hemilabile coordinating site (**Figure 2.5**).



Figure 2.5 Features of New P,N-type Phosphine Ligand Family

After we have finished the design of a new *P*,*N*-type phosphine ligand family, and inspired by our previous report of *P*,*O*-type ligand, Amidole-phos.^{5e} To the best of our knowledge, there has been no successful example reported todate for ligand which derived from the same parent structure that has either *P*,*O* or *P*,*N* coordination ability. In continuing our research program of developing heterocyclic phosphines, we herein investigate another new family of benzimidazolyl phosphines having unique coordinating manner (**Figure 2.6**).



Figure 2.6 Features of New Alterable *P*,*N* and *P*,*O*-type Phosphine Ligand Family

Sum up, the benzimidazole as ligand scaffold (1) is inexpensive and readily available; (2) can be synthesized straightforwardly; (3) can be easily accessed with high diversification and tunability; (4) contains hemilabile group to enhance the catalyst longevity. Based on the above strategic points, benzimidazole was chosen as the ligand framework to develop a new class of hemilabile benzimidazolyl phosphine ligands.

2.4 **Results and Discussion**

2.4.1 Preparation of the Benzimidazolyl Phosphine Ligands

Among those benzimidazole synthetic methods shown in **Table 2.1**, Phillips benzimidazole synthesis was selected for the protocol to synthesize the benzimidazole templates. While conventional Phillips benzimidazole synthesis work well for the preparation of 2-alkyl-substituted derivatives which involving heating the organic acid with *o*-phenylenediamine in aqueous hydrochloric acid, they frequently fail or give low yields in the preparation of 2-aryl-substituted benzimidazoles. Therefore, we finally chose polyphosphoric acid as catalyst instead of aqueous hydrochloric acid, which is highly effective, convenient, and general for promoting condensations of 2-aryl-substituted benzimidazoles.³⁸ Phillips benzimidazole synthesis is one of the most versatile methods which using the commercially available and inexpensive *o*-phenylenediamine with carboxylic acid as starting materials for synthesizing the benzimidazole. A combination of these two starting materials provides a high diversification of benzimidazolyl derivatives.

Phillips benzimidazole synthesis involves heating the carboxylic acid with *o*-phenylenediamine in aqueous hydrochloric acid to form the monoacyl derivative of free arylamine first.³⁹ Then, the monoacyl derivative undergoes tautomerism to afford enol-form intermediate, followed by ring closure involving dehydration.⁴⁰ The mechanism is briefly shown as **Scheme 2.22**.



Scheme 2.22 Mechanism of Benzimidazole Synthesis

2.4.2 Preparation of the 2-Arylated Benzimidazolyl Phosphine Ligands

According to our ligand design blueprint (see **Figure 2.5** and **2.6**), the first series of ligand family, phosphorus atom at 2-aryl ring, has been synthesized as follow.

2.4.2.1 Synthesis of 2-Arylbenzimidazolyl Ligand Templates

An array of 2-arylbenzimidazolyl ligand template was successfully synthesized in moderate to excellent yields by condensation of commercially available and inexpensive *o*-phenylenediamine with 2-bromobenzoic acid in the presence of polyphosphoric acid (**Table 2.2**). This synthetic protocol could provide multiple entries of ligand template *via* a "Cross-matching" approach from two components. Even though both of the *o*-phenylenediamine and 2-bromobenzoic acid were being substituted, the product yields did not drop significantly. Noteworthy, the ligand template, 2-(2-bromophenyl)-1*H*-benzoimidazole (**Table 2.2**, entry 1), could be synthesized in a 100 mmol scale with good yields yet without difficulties in both synthetic and purification processes.

	R ¹ . HO	Polyphosphor	ric acid R ¹ N Br	ע ני
	NH ₂ Br	150 °C, 6	Sh N H	J.K-
Entry	o-Phenylenediamine	2-Bromobenzoic acid	Product	% Yield ^b
1	NH ₂ NH ₂	HO	N Br N H	84
2	NH ₂ NH ₂	HO O	N Br Me	77
3	NH ₂ NH ₂	HO O Me	N Br N Me	80
4	NH ₂ NH ₂		H H CI	46
5	NH ₂ NH ₂	HO O F	H F	72
6	Me NH ₂ Me NH ₂	HO	Me Me N H	78
7	Me NH ₂ Me NH ₂	HO O	Me Me Ne Ne Ne Ne Ne Ne Ne Ne Ne Ne Ne	95
8	CI NH ₂ CI NH ₂	HO	CI CI N H	84

Table 2.2 Synthesis of 2-Arylbenzimidazolyl Ligand Templates^a

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^{*a*}Reaction conditions: *o*-Phenylenediamine (1 equiv.) and 2-bromobenzoic acid (1 equiv.) were stirred in polyphosphoric acid at 150 °C for 6 h under ambient atmosphere. ^{*b*}Isolated yield.

2.4.2.2 Synthesis of *N*-Substituted 2-Arylbenzimidazolyl Ligand Precursors

After synthesizing an array of 2-arylbenzimidazolyl ligand template, different *N*-substituted 2-arylbenzimidazolyl ligand precursors were also prepared. In this part, there were two arrays of *N*-substituted, methylated and *iso*-propylated, ligand precursors were synthesized. For the methylated ligand precursor, the benzimidazole N-H proton was deprotonated by sodium hydride and then reacted with dimethyl sulfate to give a series of *N*-methylated ligand precursors in good to excellent yields (**Table 2.3**). In addition, even though there was presence of different substituent in either benzimidazole part or 2-aryl part, the yields did not diminish significantly.

	$\frac{R^{1}}{N}$	H, THF SO ₄ R ¹ N Br N R ² Me	
Entry	Ligand template	Product	% Yield ^b
1	N Br N H	Me Br Me	82
2	N Br Me N H	N Br Me N Me	80
3	N Br N H Me	N Br N Me Me	82
4	N Br N H Cl	N Me CI	45
5	H H F	N N Me F	63
6	Me Me H	Me Me Me Me	79
7	Me Me H	Me Me N Me	96
8	CI Br CI H	CI N Br CI N Me	79

Table 2.3 Synthesis of N-Methylated 2-Arylbenzimidazolyl Ligand Precursors^a

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: Ligand template (1 equiv.), NaH (1.2 equiv.) and Me₂SO₄ (1.1 equiv.) were stirred in THF for overnight under nitrogen. ^{*b*}Isolated yield.

On the other hand, for *iso*-propylated ligand precursors, the benzimidazole N-H proton was deprotonated by potassium hydroxide and then reacted with 2-bromopropane to give different types of *N-iso*-propylated ligand precursor in good yields (**Table 2.4**).

Table 2.4 Synthesis of N-iso-Propylated 2-Arylbenzimidazolyl LigandPrecursors^a

	R1 N Br 1. KOH N R2 2. <i>i</i> -Pr	H, DMF -Br <i>i</i> -Pr	R ²
Entry	Ligand template	Product	% Yield ^b
1	N Br N H	N HPr	75
2	N Br Me N H	N <i>i</i> -Pr	67
3	Me Me N H	Me Me N i-Pr	75

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: Ligand template (1 equiv.), KOH (2 equiv.) and *i*-Pr–Br (3 equiv.) were stirred in DMF for overnight under nitrogen. ^{*b*}Isolated yield.

2.4.2.3 Synthesis of 2-Arylated Benzimidazolyl Phosphine Ligands

 Table 2.5 Synthesis of 2-Arylated Benzimidazolyl Phosphine Ligands^a





^{*a*}Reaction conditions: Ligand precursor (1 equiv.), *n*-Bu-Li (1 equiv.) and $ClPR_2$ (1 equiv.) were stirred in THF at 1.) -78 °C for 30 min, 2.) room temperature for overnight under nitrogen. ^{*b*}Isolated yield.

As mentioned in the previous part, an array of ligand skeleton was successfully obtained in moderated to excellent yields from condensation of commercially available *o*-phenylenediamine and 2-bromobenzoic acid (**Table 2.2**) followed by simple *N*-substitution reaction (**Table 2.3** and **2.4**). Thus, a simple lithium/bromo exchange could be undergone by lithiation and subsequently trapping with different chlorophosphines to afford corresponding benzimidazolyl phosphine ligands in reasonable to good yields (**Table 2.5** and **Figure 2.7**). This family of ligand exhibits excellent air stability in both solid and solution states.⁴¹ In addition, it should be noted that no chromatographic purification is needed in most of the ligand syntheses shown above, which offers additional advantage to this family of ligand.



Figure 2.7 Summary of 2-Arylated Benzimidazolyl Phosphine Ligands

2.4.2.4 Structural Insight of 2-Arylated Benzimidazolyl Phosphine Ligands



Figure 2.8 ORTEP Representation of Ligand PCy PhMezole-phos **L1b** (30% probability ellipsoids, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity purpose.)

Bond Distances (Å)					
P(1)-C(13)	1.8536(14)	P(1)-C(14)	1.8583(15)		
P(1)-C(20)	1.8597(15)				
Angles (°)					
C(13)-P(1)-C(14)	101.22(6)	C(13)-P(1)-C(20)	102.88(7)		
C(14)-P(1)-C(20)	104.06(7)				

Table 2.6 Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (°)

Empirical formula	C ₂₆ H ₃₃ N ₂ P
Formula weight	404.51
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2(1)/n
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 11.9517(3) \text{ Å} \qquad \alpha = 90^{\circ}.$
	$b = 13.6898(3) \text{ Å}$ $b = 90.7170(10)^{\circ}.$
	$c = 13.8621(3) \text{ Å} \qquad \gamma = 90^{\circ}.$
Volume	2267.89(9) Å ³
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.185 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.136 mm^{-1}
F(000)	872
Crystal size	0.50 x 0.40 x 0.40 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	2.24 to 27.53°.
Index ranges	-12<=h<=15, -17<=k<=17, -17<=l<=18
Reflections collected	27624
Independent reflections	5195 [R(int) = 0.0305]
Completeness to theta = 27.53°	99.5 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.746 and 0.689
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	5195 / 0 / 263
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.005
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0389, wR2 = 0.1077
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0558, wR2 = 0.1223
Extinction coefficient	0.0159(15)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.255 and -0.197 e.Å ⁻³

 Table 2.7 Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for PCy PhMezole-phos L1b



Figure 2.9 ORTEP Representation of Ligand PCy *m*-TolMezole-phos **L1e** (30% probability ellipsoids, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity purpose.)

Bond Distances (Å)				
P(1)-C(22)	1.864(2)	P(1)-C(9)	1.865(2)	
P(1)-C(16)	1.871(3)			
Angles (°)				
C(22)-P(1)-C(9)	105.20(10)	C(22)-P(1)-C(16)	103.37(11)	
C(9)-P(1)-C(16)	103.04(11)			

Table 2.8 Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (°)

Empirical formula	C ₂₇ H ₃₅ N ₂ P		
Formula weight	418.54		
Temperature	296(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Monoclinic		
Space group	C2/c		
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 34.4485(10) \text{ Å} \qquad \alpha = 90^{\circ}.$		
	$b = 8.0070(2) \text{ Å}$ $b = 97.054(2)^{\circ}.$		
	$c = 17.8633(5) \text{ Å} \qquad \gamma = 90^{\circ}.$		
Volume	4889.9(2) Å ³		
Z	8		
Density (calculated)	1.137 Mg/m ³		
Absorption coefficient	0.128 mm^{-1}		
F(000)	1808		
Crystal size	0.40 x 0.38 x 0.38 mm ³		
Theta range for data collection	2.30 to 27.42°.		
Index ranges	-43<=h<=44, -10<=k<=9, -22<=l<=23		
Reflections collected	24666		
Independent reflections	5377 [R(int) = 0.0368]		
Completeness to theta = 27.42°	96.3 %		
Absorption correction	None		
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.4856		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²		
Data / restraints / parameters	5377 / 0 / 272		
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.003		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0708, $wR2 = 0.1484$		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1345, wR2 = 0.2059		
Extinction coefficient	0.00105(10)		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.467 and -0.714 e.Å ⁻³		

 Table 2.9 Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for PCy m-TolMezole-phos L1e

2.4.3 Preparation of 2-Phosphino-Substituted Benzimidazolyl Ligands

After we have synthesized the first series of 2-arylated benzimidazolyl phosphine ligands, there is still one more ligand design idea in our blueprint (see **Figure 2.4** and **2.6**). Another possible ligand series, phosphorus atom at 2-position, will herein be started to prepare.

2.4.3.1 Synthesis of N-Substituted Benzimidazolyl Ligand Precursors

In this part, different *N*-substituted benzimidazolyl ligand precursors were synthesized. Commercially available benzimidazole and 5,6dimethylbenzimidazole was chosen as the starting materials, the benzimidazole NH proton was deprotonated by sodium hydride and then reacted with different acid chlorides or sulfonyl chlorides to afford an array of *N*-methylated ligand precursors in moderate to excellent yields (**Table 2.6**). Particularly noteworthy, these ligand precursors could be prepared in a large scale (up to 100 mmol scale).

	R ¹ N H	+ $R^{2} \xrightarrow{V} O$ Y = C or SO	R ¹ N R ² Y O	
Entry	Benzimidazole	Acid / Sufonyl chloride	Product	% Yield ^b
1	N N H	CI(N <i>i</i> -Pr ₂	i-Pr ₂ NO	73
2	Me Me N H	CI N <i>i</i> -Pr ₂	Me Me i-Pr ₂ N O	92
3	N H	CI O=S O'	<i>i</i> -Pr NO <i>i</i> -Pr	85
4	N H	Cl O=S Me Me		62

 Table 2.10 Synthesis of N-Substituted Benzimidazolyl Ligand Precursors^a

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: Benzimidazole (1 equiv.), NaH (1.2 equiv.) and acid / sulfonyl chloride (1.1 equiv.) were stirred in THF for overnight under nitrogen. ^{*b*}Isolated yield.

2.4.3.2 Synthesis of 2-Phosphino-Substituted Benzimidazolyl Ligands

Table 2.11 Synthesis of 2-Phosphino-Substituted Benzimidazolyl Ligands^a

	R1	N 1. <i>n</i> -BuLi,	THF, -78 °C	N	
	Ň	2. CIPR ₂ ,	r.t.	N PR ₂	
Entry	Ligand precursor	ClPR ₂	Product		% Yield ^b
1		ClPCy ₂		R = Cy	73
2	∕_N	ClPt-Bu ₂	<u>−</u> N	$\mathbf{R} = t - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}$	65
3	N	ClP <i>i</i> -Pr ₂	N PR ₂	$\mathbf{R} = i$ -Pr	67
4	i-Pr ₂ NO	ClPPh ₂	i-Pr ₂ NO	R = Ph	58
5	2	ClPEt ₂	2	R = Et	52
6		ClPCy ₂		$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}$	60
7		ClPt-Bu ₂	PR ₂	$\mathbf{R} = t$ -Bu	37
8	Me	ClPCyp ₂	Me	R = Cyp	65
9		ClPCy ₂		$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}$	77
10		ClPt-Bu ₂	M-	$\mathbf{R} = t$ -Bu	48
11	Ne	ClP <i>i</i> -Pr ₂	N	$\mathbf{R} = i$ -Pr	57
12	Me	ClPPh ₂	Me PR ₂	$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{h}$	42
13		ClPo-Tol ₂		R = o-Tol	77
14	I-PI2IN O	ClPCyp ₂	<i>I-P1</i> 2N 0	R = Cyp	62
15		$ClP(1-Ad)_2$		R = 1-Ad	19
	∕N		∕N		
16		CIPC _{V2}	PR ₂	$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{v}$	77
17	S O	$ClPt-Bu_2$	SSO	R = t-Bu	29
1,	i-Pr		i-Pr	11 1 2 4	_,
	<i>i</i> -Pr		<i>i</i> -Pr ~ …		
	N N		N.		
18	MeNO	ClPCy ₂	Me NO PR2	$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}$	60
19	S ^S O	ClPt-Bu ₂	S [©] O	$\mathbf{R} = t$ -Bu	44
	Me		Me		
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^{*a*}Reaction conditions: Ligand precursor (1 equiv.), *n*-Bu-Li (1.1 equiv.) and $CIPR_2$ (1.2 equiv.) were stirred in THF at 1.) -78 °C for 10-60 min, 2.) room temperature for overnight under nitrogen. ^{*b*}Isolated yield.

After we have synthesized different *N*-substituted benzimidazolyl ligand precursors. These ligand precursors were then subject to phosphine compounds. The 2-H on the benzimidazole ring relatively acidic that could be effectively abstracted by direct *ortho*-metalation (DoM)⁴² using *n*-butyllithium and then trapped with corresponding chlorophosphines to afford a newly family of 2-phosphino-substituted benzimidazolyl phosphines in good yields (**Table 2.11** and **Figure 2.10**). Notably, most of the crude products could be simply purified by washing with methanol/hexane/ethanol mixture without tedious chromatographic purification process. However, if we used much more sterically hindered chlorophosphine, such as di(1-adamantanyl)chlorophosphine (**Table 2.11**, entry 15) and di-*tert*-butylchlorophosphine (**Table 2.11**, entries 7, 17 and 19), the product yields were much lower and column chromatographic purification was needed to applied. Noteworthy, these ligands could exhibit exceptionally high stability in both solid and solution states.⁴¹



Figure 2.10 Summary of 2-Phosphino-Substituted Benzimidazolyl Ligands

2.4.3.3 Structural Insight of 2-Phosphino-Substituted Benzimidazolyl Ligands

Since some of the X-Ray structure of the ligands have been established and reported by our former groupmate,⁴³ we herein only showed selected ligands for structural insight.



Figure 2.11 ORTEP Representation of Ligand P*t*-Bu Mezole-phos **L2g** (30% probability ellipsoids, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity purpose.)

Bond Distances (Å)				
P(1)-C(1)	1.831(2)	P(1)-C(13)	1.870(3)	
P(1)-C(9)	1.889(3)			
Angles (°)				
C(1)-P(1)-C(13)	102.61(11)	C(1)-P(1)-C(9)	100.54(11)	
C(13)-P(1)-C(9)	112.57(12)			

Table 2.12 Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (°)

Empirical formula	C ₁₆ H ₂₅ N ₂ P
Formula weight	276.35
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2(1)/c
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 10.5609(3) \text{ Å} \qquad \alpha = 90^{\circ}.$
	$b = 20.2219(6) \text{ Å}$ $b = 101.783(2)^{\circ}.$
	$c = 7.9641(2) \text{ Å} \qquad \gamma = 90^{\circ}.$
Volume	1664.98(8) Å ³
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.102 Mg/m^3
Absorption coefficient	0.156 mm^{-1}
F(000)	600
Crystal size	0.40 x 0.32 x 0.28 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	1.97 to 27.51°.
Index ranges	-13<=h<=13, -25<=k<=26, -10<=l<=10
Reflections collected	16504
Independent reflections	3736 [R(int) = 0.0353]
Completeness to theta = 27.51°	97.3 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.6130
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	3736 / 0 / 190
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.000
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0673, wR2 = 0.1459
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1195, wR2 = 0.2006
Extinction coefficient	0.0115(10)
Largest diff. peak and hole	$0.715 \text{ and } -0.826 \text{ e.}\text{\AA}^{-3}$

 Table 2.13 Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Pt-Bu Mezole-phos L2g



Figure 2.12 ORTEP Representation of Ligand P1-Ad Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2o** (30% probability ellipsoids, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity purpose.)

Table 2.14 Selected Bond Distances	(Å	(A) and	Angles	(°)
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Bond Distances (Å)				
P(1)-C(1)	1.829(3)	P(1)-C(27)	1.883(3)	
P(1)-C(17)	1.884(3)			
	Ang	les (°)		
C(1)-P(1)-C(27)	102.24(13)	C(1)-P(1)-C(17)	100.64(12)	
C(27)-P(1)-C(17)	113.63(12)			

Empirical formula	C ₃₆ H ₅₂ N ₃ O P
Formula weight	573.78
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2(1)/c
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 12.9682(8) \text{ Å} \qquad \alpha = 90^{\circ}.$
	$b = 18.5528(13) \text{ Å}$ $b = 109.159(4)^{\circ}.$
	$c = 14.4697(10) \text{ Å} \qquad \gamma = 90^{\circ}.$
Volume	3288.5(4) Å ³
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.159 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.115 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	1248
Crystal size	0.30 x 0.24 x 0.24 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	1.85 to 27.61°.
Index ranges	-16<=h<=16, -24<=k<=24, -18<=l<=18
Reflections collected	35992
Independent reflections	7527 [R(int) = 0.1202]
Completeness to theta = 27.61°	98.7 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.2947
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	7527 / ? / 487
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.002
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0924, $wR2 = 0.2054$
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1785, wR2 = 0.2632
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.682 and -0.425 e.Å ⁻³

Table 2.15 Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for P1-Ad Amizole^{M2}-phos

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Figure 2.13 ORTEP Representation of Ligand PCy ^{P3}Sulfozole-phos **L2p** (30% probability ellipsoids, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity purpose.)

Table 2.16 Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (°)

Bond Distances (Å)				
P(1)-C(1)	1.835(2)	P(1)-C(29)	1.858(2)	
P(1)-C(23)	1.876(4)			
Angles (°)				
C(1)-P(1)-C(29)	98.66(10)	C(1)-P(1)-C(23)	95.38(17)	
C(29)-P(1)-C(23)	100.45(16)			

Empirical formula	$C_{34}H_{49}N_2O_2PS$
Formula weight	580.78
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2(1)/c
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 9.9526(18) \text{ Å} \qquad \alpha = 90^{\circ}.$
	$b = 10.6286(18) \text{ Å}$ $b = 99.114(9)^{\circ}$.
	$c = 31.305(5) \text{ Å} \qquad \gamma = 90^{\circ}.$
Volume	3269.7(10) Å ³
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.180 Mg/m^3
Absorption coefficient	0.180 mm^{-1}
F(000)	1256
Crystal size	0.60 x 0.60 x 0.50 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	2.27 to 27.51°.
Index ranges	-12<=h<=12, -13<=k<=13, -40<=l<=39
Reflections collected	31650
Independent reflections	7190 [R(int) = 0.0695]
Completeness to theta = 27.51°	95.7 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.5905
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	7190 / 11 / 464
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.001
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0774, wR2 = 0.1671
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1284, wR2 = 0.1930
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.283 and -0.345 e.Å ⁻³

 Table 2.17 Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for PCy P3Sulfozole-phos L2p



Figure 2.14 ORTEP Representation of Ligand PCy ^{M3}Sulfozole-phos **L2r** (30% probability ellipsoids, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity purpose.)

Bond Distances (Å)			
P(1)-C(1)	1.846(2)	P(1)-C(23)	1.856(2)
P(1)-C(17)	1.862(2)		
Angles (°)			
C(1)-P(1)-C(23)	97.23(10)	C(1)-P(1)-C(17)	101.37(10)
C(23)-P(1)-C(17)	103.32(10)		

Table 2.18 Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (°)

Empirical formula	$C_{28} H_{37} N_2 P S O_2$
Formula weight	496.63
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2(1)/n
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 17.3725(4) \text{ Å} \qquad \alpha = 90^{\circ}.$
	$b = 9.5702(2) \text{ Å}$ $b = 116.2830(10)^{\circ}.$
	$c = 18.2919(4) \text{ Å} \qquad \gamma = 90^{\circ}.$
Volume	2726.78(10) Å ³
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.210 Mg/m^3
Absorption coefficient	0.204 mm^{-1}
F(000)	1064
Crystal size	$0.50 \ge 0.50 \ge 0.42 \text{ mm}^3$
Theta range for data collection	2.17 to 27.48°.
Index ranges	-22<=h<=22, -12<=k<=12, -23<=l<=23
Reflections collected	30636
Independent reflections	6267 [R(int) = 0.0507]
Completeness to theta = 27.48°	99.8 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.5390
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	6267 / 0 / 435
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.000
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0627, wR2 = 0.1422
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1008, $wR2 = 0.1820$
Extinction coefficient	0.0042(4)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.588 and -0.454 e.Å ⁻³

 Table 2.19 Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for PCy ^{M3}Sulfozole-phos L2r

2.4.3.4 Synthesis of 2-Phosphino-Substituted Benzimidazolyl Ligands by One-Pot Assembly Approach

During the synthesis of the *N*-substituted benzimidazolyl ligand precursors, we observed that the reactions completed from GC analysis. In addition, the resultant precursors were found in a yield of about 80% to 90%. Therefore, we attempted to prepare this novel class of benzimidazolyl phosphine ligands *via* a simple one-pot assembly from benzimidazoles, acid chlorides and chlorophosphines. Since a combination of these starting materials provides a high diversification of the ligand structures, the synthetic protocol could generate diversified entities of ligand structures *via* "One-pot assembly" and "Crossmatching" approaches. Fortunately, the "One-pot assembly" approach was succeeded and the final product yields were only diminished by 10% to 20% when comparing with individual procedures (**Scheme 2.23**).



Scheme 2.23 Ligand Synthesis by One-Pot Assembly Approach

2.5 Conclusion

To conclude, we have designed two new classes of hemilabile benzimidazolyl phosphine ligands *via* "Cross-matching" and "One-pot assembly" approaches. The benzimidazole as ligand scaffold (1) is inexpensive and readily available; (2) can be synthesized straightforwardly; (3) can be easily accessed with high diversification and tunability; (4) contains hemilabile group to enhance the catalyst longevity potentially.

Phillips benzimidazole synthesis was selected for the protocol to synthesize the benzimidazole templates. In addition, polyphosphoric acid was chosen as catalyst instead of aqueous hydrochloric acid, which is highly effective, convenient, and general for promoting condensations of 2-aryl-substituted benzimidazoles.

Particularly, these two classes of benzimidazolyl phosphine ligands exhibited high air stability in both solid and solution forms.



Figure 2.15 A Summary of Newly Prepared Benzimidazolyl Phosphines

2.6 Experimental Section

2.6.1 General Considerations

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without purification. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen.⁴⁴ Chlorodiphenylphosphine (Tech. grade) was distilled under vacuum prior to use.⁴⁴ New bottle of nbutyllithium was used (Note: since the concentration of n-BuLi from old bottle may vary, we highly recommend to perform a titration prior to use). This layer chromatography was performed on precoated silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ plates. Silica gel (70-230 and 230-400 mesh) was used for column chromatography. Melting points were recorded on an uncorrected instrument. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker (400 MHz) spectrometer. Spectra were referenced internally to the residual proton resonance in $\text{CDCl}_3(\delta 7.26 \text{ ppm})$ as the internal standard. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported as part per million (ppm) in δ scale downfield from TMS. ¹³C NMR spectra were referenced to $CDCl_3(\delta 77.0 \text{ ppm})$, the middle peak). ³¹P NMR spectra were referenced to 85% H₃PO₄ externally. Coupling constants (J) were reported in Hertz (Hz). Mass spectra (EI-MS and ES-MS) were recorded on a mass spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on ESIMS. GC-MS analysis was conducted on a GCD system using a column with 30 m \times 0.25 mm.
2.6.2 General Procedures for Preparation of the 2-Arylated Benzimidazolyl Phosphine Ligands

2-(2-Bromophenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.2**, entry 1)



General procedure for precursor synthesis: 2-Bromobenzoic acid (100 mmol) and 1,2-phenylenediamine (100 mmol) were taken in polyphosphoric acid (~120 g) and heated to 150 °C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was poured over crushed ice and kept in a refrigerator overnight. The resulting violet solid precipitate was filtered and added to 0.5 M Na₂CO₃ solution (500 mL), stirred for 30 min and filtered. The precipitate was dissolved in methanol (300 mL), and filtered through celite. The solution was evaporated to yield a white solid. Hexane was used to further wash the product. The product was then dried under vacuum to afford 2-(2-bromophenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (22.8 g, 84%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.87 (m, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 10.52 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, MeOD) δ 114.6, 121.7, 122.5, 127.2, 131.1, 131.7, 131.8, 133.1, 138.0, 150.7; MS (EI): *m/z* (relative intensity) 272.0 (M⁺, 100), 193.0 (53), 90.0 (28).

2-(2-Bromo-3-methylphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.2**, entry 2)



General procedure for precursor synthesis was followed. 2-Bromo-3methylbenzoic acid (10 mmol), 1,2-phenylenediamine (10 mmol) and polyphosphoric acid (~25 g) were used to afford 2-(2-bromo-3-methylphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (2.20 g, 77%) as a pale yellow solid. Melting point: 238.4-240.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 2.54 (s, 3H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.68 (s, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 23.9, 115.7, 122.5, 124.7 127.8, 130.2, 132.5, 133.8, 139.1, 151.6; IR (cm⁻¹): 3049.99, 2974.46, 2876.73, 2767.63, 2683.26, 1621.25, 1590.10, 1572.81, 1532.81, 1448.13, 1419.06, 1385.91, 1371.96, 1316.70, 1282.73, 1267.19, 1243.26, 1228.31, 1148.71, 1099.50, 1024.82, 983.10, 913.53, 874.99, 795.60, 786.48, 765.94, 751.62, 742.03, 727.31, 706.64, 617.36, 544.01, 441.65, 429.63; HRMS: calcd. for C₁₄H₁₁N₂BrH⁺: 287.0184, found 287.0175.

2-(2-Bromo-4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.2**, entry 3)



General procedure for precursor synthesis was followed. 2-Bromo-4methylbenzoic acid (10 mmol), 1,2-phenylenediamine (10 mmol) and polyphosphoric acid (~25 g) were used to afford 2-(2-bromo-4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (2.31 g, 80%) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 7.30-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.58-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.79-7.81 (m, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 10.24 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 20.8, 121.6, 128.9, 129.8, 132.3, 134.1, 142.0, 150.9; HRMS: calcd. for C₁₄H₁₁N₂BrH⁺: 287.0184, found 287.0169.

2-(2-Bromo-5-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.2**, entry 4)



General procedure for precursor synthesis was followed. 2-Bromo-5chlorobenzoic acid (10 mmol), 1,2-phenylenediamine (10 mmol) and polyphosphoric acid (~25 g) were used to afford 2-(2-bromo-5-chlorophenyl)-1*H*benzo[*d*]imidazole (1.41 g, 46%) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 7.32-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.66-7.71 (m, 3H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 10.48 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 112.2, 119.7, 120.4, 122.3, 131.5, 132.0, 132.9, 134.3, 135.6, 149.4; HRMS: calcd. for C₁₃H₈N₂BrClH⁺: 306.9638, found 306.9641.

2-(2-Bromo-4,5-difluorophenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.2**, entry 5)



General procedure for precursor synthesis was followed. 2-Bromo-4,5difluorobenzoic acid (10 mmol), 1,2-phenylenediamine (10 mmol) and polyphosphoric acid (~25 g) were used to afford 2-(2-bromo-4,5-difluorophenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (2.22 g, 72%) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 7.25-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.64 (s, 2H), 7.90-7.95 (m, 1H), 8.06-8.10 (m, 1H), 12.84 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 116.6, 121.1, 121.3, 122.9, 123.0, 123.2, 130.0, 147.7, 147.8, 149.0, 149.1, 150.2, 150.3, 151.5, 151.6; HRMS: calcd. for C₁₃H₇N₂F₂BrH⁺: 308.9839, found 308.9846.

2-(2-Bromophenyl)-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.2**, entry 6)



General procedure for precursor synthesis was followed. 2-Bromobenzoic acid (10 mmol), 4,5-dimethyl-1,2-phenylenediamine (10 mmol) and polyphosphoric acid (~25 g) were used to afford 2-(2-bromophenyl)-5,6dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (2.33 g, 78%) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 2.40 (s, 6H), 3.45 (s. 1H), 7.31-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 20.0, 120.5, 127.7, 130.7, 131.2, 132.1, 132.4, 133.8, 149.0; HRMS: calcd. for C₁₅H₁₃N₂BrH⁺: 301.0340, found 301.0339.

2-(2-Bromo-3-methylphenyl)-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.2**, entry 7)



General procedure for precursor synthesis was followed. 2-Bromo-3methylbenzoic acid (10 mmol), 4,5-dimethyl-1,2-phenylenediamine (10 mmol) and polyphosphoric acid (~25 g) were used to afford 2-(2-bromo-3methylphenyl)-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (2.99 g, 95%) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 2.32 (s, 6H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 7.35 (s, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.51 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 20.4, 23.9, 124.7, 127.7, 130.2, 130.8, 132.2, 134.0, 139.1, 150.7; HRMS: calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅N₂BrH⁺: 315.0497, found 315.0500.

2-(2-Bromophenyl)-5,6-dichloro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.2**, entry 8)



General procedure for precursor synthesis was followed. 2-Bromobenzoic acid (10 mmol), 4,5-dichloro-1,2-phenylenediamine (10 mmol) and polyphosphoric acid (~25 g) were used to afford 2-(2-bromophenyl)-5,6-dichloro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (2.87 g, 84%) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 7.41 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 10.44 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 121.9, 125.1, 128.3, 132.0, 132.3, 132.7, 133.9, 153.5; HRMS: calcd. for C₁₃H₇N₂Cl₂BrH⁺: 340.9248, found 340.9242.

2-(2-Bromophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.3**, entry 1)



General procedure for methylation: 2-(2-Bromophenyl)-1*H*benzo[*d*]imidazole (10.9 g, 40 mmol) was dissolved in 500 mL THF in dropping funnel and added dropwise to the 1 L THF solution contained 1.2 equiv. NaH (60% in mineral oil, 1.92 g, 48 mmol) at room temperature. NaH was washed with hexane (10 mL \times 3) under N₂. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Dimethylsulfate (4.16 mL, 44 mmol) was then added to the mixture dropwise. The mixture was refluxed for 30 min and stirred at room temperature for 3 h. Solvent was removed by vacuum. Ethyl acetate and water were added to the mixture and the organic phase was separated. The combined organic phase was washed with brine several times and concentrated. The concentrated mixture was applied to 3×3 cm silica pad and eluted with ethyl acetate. The organic solvent was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated in vacuum. The white solid of 2-(2-bromophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (9.41 g, 82%) was obtained. ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.66 (s, 3H), 7.34-7.49 (m, 5H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.89 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.7, 109.6, 120.0, 122.3, 122.8, 123.7, 127.4, 131.3, 132.0, 132.3, 132.7, 135.4, 142.7, 152.4; MS (EI): *m*/*z* (relative intensity) 286.0 (M⁺, 100), 207.1 (93), 103.1 (22), 77.0 (43).

2-(2-Bromo-3-methylphenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (Table 2.3, entry2)



General procedure for methylation was followed. 2-(2-Bromo-3methylphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (1.435 g, 5.0 mmole) in 30 mL THF, NaH (60% in mineral oil, 0.24 g, 6.0 mmol) in 20 mL THF and dimethylsulfate (0.48 mL, 5.0 mmole) were used to afford 2-(2-bromo-3-methylphenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*benzo[*d*]imidazole (1.20 g, 80%) as a pale yellow solid. Melting point: 104.3-106.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 2.55 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 7.33-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 23.3, 30.5, 109.7, 119.6, 122.1, 122.7, 126.1, 127.2, 129.5, 132.2, 132.8, 135.5, 139.1, 142.8, 153.2; IR (cm⁻¹): 3051.61, 2951.27, 1611.46, 1572.09, 1518.69, 1482.36, 1457.82, 1450.68, 1431.16, 1397.90, 1378.25, 1324.36, 1278.70, 1244.13, 1173.27, 1152.84, 1129.09, 1115.73, 1097.10, 1081.53, 1025.76, 1005.21, 981.65, 919.53, 879.09, 796.63, 763.46, 741.64, 718.37, 698.59, 590.43, 549.53, 486.47, 429.23; HRMS: calcd. for $C_{15}H_{13}N_2BrH^+$: 301.0340, found 301.0333.

2-(2-Bromo-4-methylphenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (Table 2.3, entry3)



General procedure for methylation was followed. 2-(2-Bromo-4methylphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (1.435 g, 5.0 mmole) in 30 mL THF, NaH (60% in mineral oil, 0.24 g, 6.0 mmol) in 20 mL THF and dimethylsulfate (0.48 mL, 5.0 mmole) were used to afford 2-(2-bromo-4-methylphenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*benzo[*d*]imidazole (1.23 g, 82%) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 2.48 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 7.32-7.48 (m, 5H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 20.8, 30.6, 109.70, 119.7, 122.0, 122.6, 123.3, 128.3, 129.3, 131.9, 133.2, 135.6, 142.2, 142.9, 152.6; HRMS: calcd. for C₁₅H₁₃N₂BrH⁺: 301.0340, found 301.0326.

2-(2-Bromo-5-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (Table 2.3, entry4)



General procedure for methylation was followed. 2-(2-Bromo-5chlorophenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (1.23 g, 4.0 mmole) in 30 mL THF, NaH (60% in mineral oil, 0.19 g, 4.8 mmol) in 20 mL THF and dimethylsulfate (0.39

mL, 4.0 mmole) were used to afford 2-(2-bromo-5-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.58 g, 45%) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 3.69 (s, 3H), 7.34-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 30.8, 109.8, 119.9, 121.8, 122.3, 123.0, 131.4, 132.2, 133.6, 133.9, 134.0, 135.6, 142.8, 151.1; HRMS: calcd. for C₁₄H₁₀N₂ClBrH⁺: 320.9794, found 320.9781.

2-(2-Bromo-4,5-difluorophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.3**, entry 5)



General procedure for methylation was followed. 2-(2-Bromo-4,5difluorophenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (1.54 g, 5.0 mmole) in 35 mL THF, NaH (60% in mineral oil, 0.24 g, 6.0 mmol) in 20 mL THF and dimethylsulfate (0.48 mL, 5.0 mmole) were used to afford 2-(2-bromo-4,5-difluorophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (1.01 g, 63%) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.68 (s, 3H), 7.33-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.54-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.83-7.85 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.8, 109.7, 117.9 (overlapped), 118.0, 120.0, 121.0, 121.2, 121.8, 122.0, 122.6, 123.3, 128.6, 128.7 (overlapped), 135.2, 142.3, 148.0, 148.1, 149.7, 149.8, 150.3, 150.5, 150.6, 152.3, 152.4 (unresolved complex C-F splittings were observed); HRMS: calcd. for C₁₄H₉N₂F₂BrH⁺: 322.9995, found 322.9985. 2-(2-Bromophenyl)-1,5,6-trimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.3**, entry 6)



General procedure for methylation was followed. 2-(2-Bromophenyl)-5,6dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (1.505 g, 5.0 mmole) in 30 mL THF, NaH (60% in mineral oil, 0.24 g, 6.0 mmol) in 20 mL THF and dimethylsulfate (0.48 mL, 5.0 2-(2-bromophenyl)-1,5,6-trimethyl-1Hmmole) afford were used to benzo[d]imidazole (2c) (1.23 g, 79%) as a pale yellow solid. Melting point: 153.9-155.7 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 20.0, 20.3, 30.6, 109.8, 119.7, 123.8, 127.5, 131.1, 131.2, 132.1, 132.3, 132.6, 132.7, 134.2, 141.5, 151.6; IR (cm⁻¹): 3058.87, 3015.58, 2962.86, 2936.58, 1738.11, 1691.11, 1624.33, 1597.64, 1563.63, 1520.96, 1479.04, 1438.85, 1389.87, 1336.11, 1319.74, 1263.57, 1249.71, 1185.53, 1141.08, 1122.68, 1078.17, 1060.90, 1024.28, 1000.61, 870.99, 846.40, 821.75, 766.37, 728.53, 705.75, 665.42, 645.16, 607.35, 540.93, 514.11, 480.73, 456.26, 423.71; HRMS: calcd. for $C_{16}H_{15}N_2BrH^+$: 315.0497, found 315.0498.

2-(2-Bromo-3-methylphenyl)-1,5,6-trimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.3**, entry 7)



General procedure for methylation was followed. 2-(2-Bromo-3methylphenyl)-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (1.575 g, 5.0 mmole) in 30 mL THF, NaH (60% in mineral oil, 0.24 g, 6.0 mmol) in 20 mL THF and dimethylsulfate (0.48 mL, 5.0 mmole) were used to afford 2-(2-bromo-3methylphenyl)-1,5,6-trimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (1.58 g, 96%) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.2, 20.6, 23.5, 30.7, 109.9, 119.9, 126.4, 127.2, 129.7, 131.5, 132.3, 133.8, 139.0, 152.2; HRMS: calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇N₂BrH⁺: 329.0653, found 329.0646.

2-(2-Bromophenyl)-5,6-dichloro-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.3**, entry 8)



General procedure for methylation was followed. 2-(2-Bromophenyl)-5,6dichloro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (1.368 g, 4.0 mmole) in 15 mL THF, NaH (60% in mineral oil, 0.19 g, 4.8 mmol) in 20 mL THF and dimethylsulfate (0.39 mL, 4.0 mmole) were used to afford 2-(2-Bromophenyl)-5,6-dichloro-1-methyl-1*H*benzo[*d*]imidazole (1.12 g, 79%) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 3.63 (s, 3H), 7.46-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.77-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 31.0, 111.3, 121.0, 123.4, 126.0, 126.6, 127.6, 131.4, 131.8, 132.1, 132.9, 134.9, 142.2, 154.5; HRMS: calcd. for C₁₄H₉N₂Cl₂BrH⁺: 354.9404, found 354.9388. 2-(2-Bromophenyl)-1-isopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.4**, entry 1)



General procedure for propylation: 2-(2-Bromophenyl)-1Hbenzo[d]imidazole (0.816 g, 3.0 mmole), 1.5 equiv. sodium hydroxide (0.18 g, 4.5 mmole) and 3.0 equiv. 2-bromopropane (0.845 mL, 9 mmole) were dissolved in DMF at room temperature and stirred for overnight. Water was added to the reaction mixture until the reaction mixture turn milky, and the reaction mixture was then kept in a refrigerator overnight. A pale yellow solid was grown and filtered. Small amount cold methanol and cold hexane was further used to wash the product. The pale yellow solid of 2-(2-bromophenyl)-1-isopropyl-1Hbenzo[d]imidazole (1.18 g, 75%) was obtained. Melting point: 124.0-125.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 1.52 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.74 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 4.34 (septet, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.69-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.77-7.81 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 21.0, 21.2, 49.2, 112.1, 120.2, 121.7, 122.3, 123.8, 127.4, 131.2, 131.8, 132.7, 132.8, 133.2, 143.8, 151.7; IR (cm⁻¹): 3421.58, 3058.43, 2976.14, 2931.40, 1610.13, 1562.20, 1517.54, 1451.74, 1424.11, 1397.01, 1375.76, 1336.71, 1306.49, 1283.67, 1245.85, 1180.18, 1160.95, 1149.25, 1132.92, 1103.52, 1059.01, 1029.39, 1017.71, 957.70, 908.35, 885.70, 850.69, 828.74, 769.13, 755.67, 748.48, 733.64, 705.77, 682.37, 648.75, 624.77, 536.46, 447.35, 430.92; HRMS: calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅N₂BrH⁺: 315.0497, found 315.0491.

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2-(2-Bromo-3-methylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.4**, entry 2)



General procedure for propylation was followed. 2-(2-Bromo-3methylphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (5.74 g, 20 mmole), sodium hydroxide (2.24 g, 40 mmole) and 2-bromopropane (5.63 mL, 60 mmole) in 35 mL DMF were used to afford 2-(2-bromo-3-methylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-1*H*benzo[*d*]imidazole (4.41 g, 67%) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 1.52 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.74 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 4.34 (septet, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.72 (m, 1H), 7.79-7.82 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 21.0, 21.2, 23.3, 112.1, 120.1, 121.7, 122.2, 126.2, 127.1, 129.1, 132.0, 132.8, 133.7, 139.2, 143.8, 152.4; HRMS: calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇N₂BrH⁺: 329.0653, found 329.0652.

2-(2-Bromo-3-methylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.4**, entry 3)



General procedure for propylation was followed. 2-(2-Bromo-3methylphenyl)-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (1.575 g, 5 mmole), sodium hydroxide (0.56 g, 10 mmole) and 2-bromopropane (1.40 mL, 15 mmole) in 20 mL DMF were used to afford 2-(2-bromo-3-methylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-5,6dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (1.33 g, 75%) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.50 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.73 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 2.41 (s,

3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 4.304 (septet, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.62 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.1, 20.7, 21.2, 21.5, 23.5, 48.9, 112.2, 120.2, 126.5, 127.0, 129.2, 130.9, 132.0, 139.0; HRMS: calcd. for C₁₉H₂₁N₂BrH⁺: 357.0966, found 357.0978.

2-(2-(Diphenylphosphino)phenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (PPh PhMezole-phos **L1a**) (**Table 2.5**, entry 1)



General procedure for ligand synthesis: 2-(2-Bromophenyl)-1-methyl-1Hbenzo[d] imidazole (0.86 g, 3.0 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled THF (20 mL) at room temperature under N₂. The solution was cooled to -78 °C in dry ice/acetone bath. Titrated n-BuLi (3.0 mmol) was added dropwise by syringe. reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at -78 °C, After the chlorodiphenylphosphine (0.55 mL, 3.0 mmol) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 5 h. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. DCM and water were added to the mixture and the organic phase was separated. The combined organic phase was washed with brine several times and concentrated. The concentrated mixture was applied to 2×10 cm silica pad and eluted with 200 mL E.A./Hexane (1:9). This fraction was discarded and further eluted with ethyl E.A./Hexane (4:6). The collected solvent was removed under vacuum. The solid product was further purified by washing with small amount of cold diethyl ether. The product was then dried under vacuum. White solid of 2-(2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*] imidazole (0.89 g, 76%) was obtained. Melting point: 174.2-176.2°C; ³¹P NMR (161MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -11.7; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 3.46 (s, 3H), 7.25-7.38 (m, 14H), 7.49-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.72-7.74 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 30.5, 109.3, 119.5, 121.7, 122.2, 128.1, 128.2, 128.5, 129.5, 130.4, 130.5, 133.5, 133.7, 133.8, 135.4, 136.0, 136.3, 136.6, 136.7, 139.5, 139.7, 142.7, 153.1 (unresolved complex C-P splittings were observed); IR (cm⁻¹): 3051.12, 1613.13, 1478.90, 1462.03, 1424.04, 1377.53, 1327.71, 1282.58, 1244.50, 1148.55, 1125.98, 1093.06, 1027.09, 1005.94, 773.97, 745.88, 695.76, 521.56, 493.47, 469.17; MS (EI): *m/z* (relative intensity) 392.1 (M⁺, 2), 315.1 (100), 223.0 (22), 207.0 (26); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₆H₂₁N₂PH⁺: 393.1521, found 393.1524.

2-(2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)phenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (PCy PhMezole-phos **L1b**) (**Table 2.5**, entry 2)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. 2-(2-Bromophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (2.86 g, 10.0 mmol), *n*-BuLi (10.0 mmol), chlorodicyclohexylphosphine (2.20 mL, 10.0 mmol), and 40 mL THF were used to afford 2-(2-(dicyclohexylphosphino)phenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (2.90 g, 72%) as a white solid. Small amount of cool hexane instead of diethyl ether was used for washing the products. Melting point: 155.7-158.1 °C; ³¹P NMR (161MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -8.07; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 1.10-1.31 (m, 10H), 1.67-1.78 (m, 10H), 1.91-1.94 (m, 2H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 7.30-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.61 (m, 4H), 7.71-7.79 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 26.3, 27.1, 27.1, 27.2, 29.2, 29.3, 30.0, 30.2, 30.6, 30.7, 33.6, 33.7, 109.4, 119.3, 121.5, 122.0, 128.5, 128.8, 130.5, 1306, 132.6, 132.7, 135.3, 137.0, 137.2, 138.8, 139.1, 142.9, 154.6, 154.6 (unresolved complex C-P splittings were observed); IR (cm⁻¹): 3049.23, 2922.74, 2846.49, 1444.05, 1420.25, 1380.93, 1323.98, 1279.02, 1236.37, 1179.81, 1150.92, 1121.29, 1041.62, 1001.29, 885.48, 849.19, 773.73, 746.94, 526.06, 457.22; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 404.2 (M⁺, 0), 321.1 (100), 238.0 (39), 223.0 (28), 55.1 (7); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₆H₃₃N₂PH⁺: 405.2460, found 405.2445.

2-(2-(Diisopropylphosphino)phenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (P*i*-Pr PhMezole-phos **L1c**) (**Table 2.5**, entry 3)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. 2-(2-Bromophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.86 g, 3.0 mmol), *n*-BuLi (3.0 mmol), chlorodiisopropylphosphine (0.47 mL, 3.0 mmol) were used to afford 2-(2-(diisopropylphosphino)phenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.69 g, 72%) as a white solid. Small amount of cool hexane instead of diethyl ether was used for washing the products. Melting point: 147.7-149.7 °C; ³¹P NMR (161MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 0.45; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 1.02-1.09 (m, 12H), 2.14-2.18 (m, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 7.31-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.63 (m, 3H), 7.71-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.78-7.80 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 19.1, 19.2, 19.5, 19.6, 23.6, 23.8, 30.5, 30.6, 109.3, 119.3, 121.5, 122.1, 128.6, 128.9, 130.5, 130.6, 132.2, 132.3, 135.2, 137.4, 137.6, 138.5, 138.8, 142.9, 154.4, 154.5 (unresolved complex C-P splittings were observed); IR (cm⁻¹): 2959.77, 2941.70, 2859.58, 1441.13, 1421.73, 1382.81, 1325.73, 1279.50, 1239.22, 1150.84, 1119.29, 1032.32, 1002.00, 881.61, 775.91, 749.74, 653.87, 609.59, 596.19, 515.71; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 324.2 (M⁺, 0), 281.1 (100), 238.0 (56), 223.0 (38), 207.0 (48); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₀H₂₅N₂PH⁺: 325.1834, found 325.1822.

2-(2-(Diphenylphosphino)-3-methylphenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (PPh *m*-TolMezole-phos **L1d**) (**Table 2.5**, entry 4)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. 2-(2-Bromo-3methylphenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.903 g, 3.0 mmole), *n*-BuLi (3.0 mmol), chlorodiphenylphosphine (0.55 mL, 3.0 mmol), and 20 mL THF were used to afford 2-(2-(diphenylphosphino)-3-methylphenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.81 g, 67%) as a white solid. ³¹P NMR (161MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -9.13; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 2.10 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 7.27-7.56 (m, 16H), 7.67-7.68 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 22.6, 22.7, 30.7, 109.3, 119.4, 121.7, 122.1, 127.7, 128.1, 128.7 (overlapped), 129.7, 131.9, 132.1, 133.0, 135.0, 135.2, 135.4, 139.0, 139.3, 142.7, 145.2 (overlapped), 154.5 (overlapped) (unresolved complex C-P splittings were observed); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₇H₂₃N₂PH⁺: 407.1677, found 407.1681. 2-(2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-3-methylphenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (PCy *m*-TolMezole-phos L1e) (Table 2.5, entry 5)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. 2-(2-Bromo-3methylphenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.903 g, 3.0 mmole), *n*-BuLi (3.0 mmol), chlorodicyclohexylphosphine (0.66 mL, 3.0 mmol), and 20 mL THF were used to afford 2-(2-(dicyclohexylphosphino)-3-methylphenyl)-1-methyl-1Hbenzo[d]imidazole (0.62 g, 50%) as a white solid. Melting point: 175.9-176.5 °C; ³¹P NMR (161MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 4.85; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 1.28-1.79 (m, 22H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.38-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 22.6, 26.2, 26.9, 27.0, 27.3, 27.4, 30.7, 30.8, 33.0, 33.3, 35.6, 35.7, 109.4, 119.3, 121.6, 122.0, 128.0, 128.1, 128.5, 132.1, 135.2, 136.0, 136.2, 143.0, 144.5 (unresolved complex C-P splittings were observed); IR (cm⁻¹): 3426.80, 3054.44, 2923.97, 2846.57, 1614.56, 1591.11, 1516.29, 1458.32, 1446.75, 1434.63, 1386.29, 1325.45, 1299.50, 1278.05, 1243.64, 1193.38, 1173.27, 1149.17, 1129.44, 1109.44, 1087.25, 1039.54, 1002.89, 922.96, 888.59, 876.45, 848.13, 797.98, 765.62, 748.48, 722.84, 704.03, 616.21, 592.11, 560.57, 523.88, 496.14, 457.60, 438.18; HRMS: calcd. for C₂₇H₃₅N₂PH⁺: 419.2616, found 419.2602.

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2-(2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-4-methylphenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (PCy *p*-TolMezole-phos L1f) (Table 2.5, entry 6)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. 2-(2-Bromo-4methylphenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.903 g, 3.0 mmole), *n*-BuLi (3.0 mmol), chlorodicyclohexylphosphine (0.66 mL, 3.0 mmol), and 20 mL THF were used to afford 2-(2-(dicyclohexylphosphino)-4-methylphenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.86 g, 69%) as a white solid. ³¹P NMR (161MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -8.14; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 1.17-1.31 (m, 11H), 1.75-1.97 (m, 11H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 7.35-7.45 (m, 5H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 21.3, 26.4, 27.2 (overlapped), 27.3, 29.3, 29.4, 30.2, 30.3, 30.7 (overlapped), 33.7, 33.8, 109.4, 119.3, 121.5, 122.0. 129.5, 130.4, 130.5, 133.1 (overlapped), 135.4, 135.9, 136.3, 136.6, 136.9, 138.8, 143.0, 154.8, 154.9 (unresolved complex C-P splittings were observed); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₇H₃₅N₂PH⁺: 419.2616, found 419.2603.

2-(5-Chloro-2-(dicyclohexylphosphino)phenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (PCy 5-ClPhMezole-phos L1g) (Table 2.5, entry 7)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. 2-(2-Bromo-5chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.482 g, 1.5 mmole), *n*-BuLi (1.5 mmol), chlorodicyclohexylphosphine (0.35 mL, 1.5 mmol), and 10 mL THF were used to afford 2-(5-chloro-2-(dicyclohexylphosphino)phenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.47 g, 72%) as a white solid. ³¹P NMR (161MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -8.91; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 0.95-1.28 (m, 11H), 1.69-1.93 (m, 11H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 7.35-7.65 (m, 6H), 7.80 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 26.3, 27.1, 27.20, 27.26, 29.2, 29.3, 30.0, 30.2, 30.8, 30.9, 33.6, 33.7, 109.6, 119.5, 121.8, 122.4, 129.1, 130.6, 134.1, 134.7, 135.3, 135.8, 136.0, 140.4, 140.7, 142.9, 153.2 (unresolved complex C-P splittings were observed); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₆H₃₂N₂ClPH⁺: 439.2070, found 439.2075.

2-(2-(Diphenylphosphino)-4,5-difluorophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (PPh 4,5-F₂PhMezole-phos **L1h**) (**Table 2.5**, entry 8)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. 2-(2-Bromo-4,5difluorophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.969 g, 3.0 mmole), *n*-BuLi (3.0 mmol), chlorodiphenylphosphine (0.55 mL, 3.0 mmol), and 15 mL THF were used to afford 2-(2-(diphenylphosphino)-4,5-difluorophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.26 g, 20%) as a white solid. ³¹P NMR (161MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -13.63 (d, *J*_{P-F} = 12.8 Hz); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 3.56 (s, 3H), 7.31-7.46 (m, 15H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 30.7, 109.6, 119.1, 119.3, 119.7, 122.1, 122.8, 127.2, 128.3, 128.4, 128.7, 132.5, 132.7, 134.7, 134.8, 135.4, 142.7 (unresolved complex C-P splittings were observed); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₆H₁₉N₂F₂PH⁺: 429.1332, found 429.1331.

2-(2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-4,5-difluorophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*] imidazole (PCy 4,5-F₂PhMezole-phos L1i) (Table 2.5, entry 9)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. 2-(2-Bromo-4,5difluorophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.969 g, 3.0 mmole), *n*-BuLi (1.5 mmol), chlorodicyclohexylphosphine (0.66 mL, 3.0 mmol), and 15 mL THF were used to afford 2-(2-(dicyclohexylphosphino)-4,5-difluorophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.38 g, 29%) as a white solid. ³¹P NMR (161MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 3.25 (d, *J*_{P-F} = 19.3 Hz); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 1.11-1.30 (m, 11H), 1.63-1.85 (m, 11H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 7.24-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 26.2, 26.8, 27.1, 27.2, 30.6, 30.7, 30.8, 31.5, 31.7, 109.6, 118.1, 118.3, 119.5, 121.8, 122.4, 127.1, 135.2, 135.9, 142.8, 153.0 (unresolved complex C-P splittings were observed); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₆H₃₁N₂F₂PH⁺: 441.2271, found 441.2270.

2-(2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)phenyl)-1,5,6-trimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (PCy PhMezole^{M2}-phos **L1j**) (**Table 2.5**, entry 10)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. 2-(2-Bromophenyl)-1,5,6-trimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.945 g, 3.0 mmole), *n*-BuLi (3.0 mmol), chlorodicyclohexylphosphine (0.66 mL, 3.0 mmol), and 20 mL THF were used to afford 2-(2-(dicyclohexylphosphino)phenyl)-1,5,6-trimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*] imidazole (0.89 g, 70%) as a white solid. Melting point: 163.8-165.3 °C; ³¹P NMR (161MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -8.02; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 1.06-1.30 (m, 10H), 1.62-1.94 (m, 12H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 19.9, 20.2, 26.4, 27.1, 27.2, 27.3, 29.3, 29.4, 30.1, 30.3, 30.6, 30.7, 33.6, 33.8, 109.6, 119.4, 128.5, 128.6, 130.4, 130.6, 130.7, 131.2, 132.6, 132.7, 133.9, 137.1, 137.3, 139.0, 139.4, 141.5, 153.7, 153.8 (unresolved complex C-P splittings were observed); IR (cm⁻¹): 3047.73, 2921.06, 2846.50, 1738.77, 1630.96, 1518.75, 1484.32, 1445.60, 1422.70, 1388.42, 1342.50, 1323.03, 1261.76, 1177.31, 1141.90, 1122.34, 1064.74, 1042.81, 1022.99, 995.70, 951.64, 916.17, 889.40, 858.70, 821.37, 773.15, 742.62, 723.16, 676.80, 653.67, 607.25, 517.62, 511.07, 490.76, 464.09, 447.60, 427.36, 417.95; HRMS: calcd. for C₂₈H₃₇N₂PH⁺: 433.2773, found 433.2758.

2-(2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-3-methylphenyl)-1,5,6-trimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*] imidazole (PCy *m*-TolMezole^{M2}-phos **L1k**) (**Table 2.5**, entry 11)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. 2-(2-Bromo-3methylphenyl)-1,5,6-trimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.987 g, 3.0 mmole), *n*-BuLi (3.0 mmol), chlorodicyclohexylphosphine (0.66 mL, 3.0 mmol), and 50 mL THF were used to afford 2-(2-(dicyclohexylphosphino)-3-methylphenyl)-1,5,6trimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.75 g, 56%) as a white solid. ³¹P NMR (161MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 4.72; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 0.99-1.68 (m, 22H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 7.20 (s, 2H), 7.35-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.51 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 19.9, 20.2, 22.6, 25.2, 26.2, 26.9, 27.0, 27.2, 27.3, 30.6 (overlapped), 30.7, 30.8, 33.0, 33.3, 34.6, 35.5, 35.7, 109.6, 119.4, 128.1, 128.3, 130.3, 131.0, 131.9, 133.7, 136.1, 136.3, 141.6 (unresolved complex C-P splittings were observed); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₉H₃₉N₂PH⁺: 447.2929, found 447.2909.

2-(2-(Diphenylphosphino)phenyl)-1-isopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (PPh PhPrzole-phos L1I) (Table 2.5, entry 12)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. 2-(2-Bromophenyl)-1isopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.945 g, 3.0 mmole), *n*-BuLi (3.0 mmol), chlorodiphenylphosphine (0.55 mL, 3.0 mmol), and 20 mL THF were used to afford 2-(2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl)-1-isopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.39 g, 31%) as a white solid. ³¹P NMR (161MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -15.00; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 4.39 (septet, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.31 (m, 7H), 7.36-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.49-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.65-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.72 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 21.0, 48.9, 112.0, 120.0, 121.5, 121.9, 128.4 (overlapped), 128.5, 129.0, 129.7, 130.2, 130.3, 132.8, 133.3, 133.5, 134.7, 134.7, 137.1, 137.2, 137.9, 138.2, 138.7, 138.8, 143.8, 152.8, 152.8 (unresolved complex C-P splittings were observed); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₈H₂₅N₂PH⁺: 421.1834, found 421.1820. 2-(2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)phenyl)-1-isopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (PCy PhPrzole-phos **L1m**) (**Table 2.5**, entry 13)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. 2-(2-Bromophenyl)-1-isopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.945 g, 3.0 mmole), *n*-BuLi (3.0 mmol), chlorodicyclohexylphosphine (0.66 mL, 3.0 mmol), and 20 mL THF were used to afford 2-(2-(dicyclohexylphosphino)phenyl)-1-isopropyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole(0.85 g, 66%) as a white solid. Melting point: 82.5-83.8 °C; ³¹P NMR (161MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -9.49; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 0.917-1.50 (m, 17H), 1.71 (s, 11H), 4.21-4.28 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.76 (m, 1H); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 21.2, 25.2, 26.2, 26.4, 26.8, 26.9, 27.0, 27.5, 28.8, 29.0, 30.0, 30.2, 30.4, 32.6, 34.6, 48.6, 111.9, 119.8, 121.2, 121.7, 128.3, 128.7, 130.2, 130.3, 132.70, 132.73, 132.76, 137.4, 137.7, 139.6, 139.9, 143.8, 153.8, 153.9 (unresolved complex C-P splittings were observed); IR (cm⁻¹): 3422.10, 3051.66, 2922.87, 2847.27, 1611.76, 1521.94, 1447.51, 1428.73, 1399.82, 1368.61, 1306.98, 1282.20, 1266.35, 1179.27, 1155.75, 1130.42, 1101.74, 1068.67, 1024.13, 999.98, 885.75, 849.94, 770.41, 742.29, 724.16, 629.15, 523.07, 472.27, 429.31; HRMS: calcd. for C₂₈H₃₇N₂PH⁺: 433.2773, found 433.2758.

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2-(2-(Diphenylphosphino)-3-methylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (PPh *m*-TolPrzole-phos **L1n**) (**Table 2.5**, entry 14)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. 2-(2-Bromo-3methylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (0.987 g, 3.0 mmole), n-BuLi (3.0 mmol), chlorodiphenylphosphine (0.55 mL, 3.0 mmol), and 20 mL THF were 2-(2-(diphenylphosphino)-3-methylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-1Hused to afford benzo[d]imidazole (0.74 g, 57%) as a white solid. ³¹P NMR (161MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -10.42; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 1.36 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.55 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 4.38 (septet, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.45 (m, 14H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.72-7.74 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 20.5, 21.2, 22.7, 48.9, 111.9, 119.8, 121.5, 121.8, 127.5, 127.7, 127.9, 128.0, 128.2, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 130.1, 130.9, 131.1, 131.4, 131.6, 132.6, 133.3, 134.5, 135.5, 135.8, 141.2, 141.7, 143.8, 145.5, 154.5 (unresolved complex C-P splittings were observed); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₉H₂₇N₂PH⁺: 435.1990, found 435.1983.

2-(2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-3-methylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*] imidazole (PCy *m*-TolPrzole-phos **L1o**) (**Table 2.5**, entry 15)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. 2-(2-Bromo-3methylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.987 g, 3.0 mmole), *n*-BuLi (3.0 mmol), chlorodicyclohexylphosphine (0.66 mL, 3.0 mmol), and 20 mL THF were used to afford 2-(2-(dicyclohexylphosphino)-3-methylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.71 g, 53%) as a white solid. ³¹P NMR (161MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 4.07; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 0.90-0.94 (m, 3H), 1.16-1.36, (m, 12H), 1.55 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.73-1.81 (m, 8H), 2.13-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.33 (m, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 4.29-4.37 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 13.8, 21.2, 21.5 (overlapped), 21.5, 22.2, 22.6, 26.1, 26.3, 26.8, 27.0, 27.1, 27.3, 27.4 (overlapped), 30.1, 30.2, 30.8 (overlapped), 31.5, 32.9, 33.1, 33.3, 33.5, 35.5, 35.7, 36.3, 36.4, 48.4, 111.9, 119.7, 121.2, 121.5, 127.6, 127.7, 128.4, 131.9, 132.4, 135.7, 143.9, 144.1, 155.2 (unresolved complex C-P splittings were observed); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₉H₃₉N₂PH⁺: 447.2929, found 447.2920.

2-(2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-3-methylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*benzo[*d*]imidazole (PCy *m*-TolPrzole^{M2}-phos **L1p**) (**Table 2.5**, entry 16)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. 2-(2-Bromo-3methylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (1.071 g, 3.0 mmole), *n*-BuLi (3.0 mmol), chlorodicyclohexylphosphine (0.66 mL, 3.0 mmol), and 20 mL THF were used to afford 2-(2-(dicyclohexylphosphino)-3methylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.78 g, 55%) as a white solid. ³¹P NMR (161MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 4.11; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 0.92-0.96 (m, 1H), 1.19-1.45 (m, 13H), 1.56 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.67-1.84 (m, 9H), 2.15-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.31-2.32 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 4.26-4.35 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 20.4, 21.3, 21.5 (overlapped), 22.3, 26.2, 26.4, 26.9, 27.0, 27.2, 27.4, 27.5, 30.1, 30.2, 30.8, 30.9, 33.0, 33.3, 33.5, 35.6, 35.8, 36.3, 36.4, 48.2, 112.1, 119.7, 127.6, 127.7, 128.3, 129.9, 130.4, 130.9, 131.8, 135.9, 136.2, 141.9, 142.6, 144.0, 144.1, 154.4 (overlapped) (unresolved complex C-P splittings were observed); HRMS: calcd. for C₃₁H₄₃N₂PH⁺: 475.3242, found 475.3240.

2.6.3 General Procedures for Preparation of 2-Phosphino-Substituted Benzimidazolyl Ligands

N,*N*-Diisopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (**Table 2.10**, entry 1)



General procedure for condensation reaction: Benzimidazole (2.36 g, 20.0 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (20 mL). The resultant solution was added dropwise to the THF (25 mL) solution containing 1.2 equiv. of NaH (60% in mineral oil, 0.96 g, 24.0 mmol) at 0 °C. (Note: NaH was pre-washed with dry hexane, 5 mL \times 3, under nitrogen). The mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. Then, 1.1 equiv. of N,N-diisopropylcarbamoylchloride (3.60 g, 22 mmol) was added directly to the reaction and the mixture was refluxed for 30 min and stirred at room temperature for overnight. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Ethyl acetate (~300 mL) and water (~100 mL) were added to the mixture and the aqueous phase was separated. The organic phase was further washed with brine (~50 mL \times 3), and dried by Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The concentrated mixture was applied to 2×2 inch silica pad and eluted with ethyl acetate. After the solvent was removed under vacuum, the white crystals (3.58 g, 73%) were obtained after re-crystallization from ethyl acetate/hexane. Melting point: 95.3-96.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.44 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 12H), 3.78-3.85 (m, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.61-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H); 13 C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.9, 49.0, 112.0, 120.3, 123.3, 124.3, 132.5, 140.3, 143.0, 149.4; IR (cm⁻¹) 3081.14, 3004.29, 2971.89, 2932.78, 1690.49, 1481.08, 1445.25, 1377.46, 1344.46, 1301.23, 1213.79, 1136.61, 1064.74, 1027.83, 952.93, 890.93, 829.02, 758.54, 609.88; MS (EI): *m/z* (relative intensity) 245 (M⁺, 42), 145 (11), 128 (74), 118 (58), 86 (100); HRMS: calcd. for C₁₄H₁₉N₃OH⁺: 246.1606, found 246.1610.

N,*N*-Diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (**Table** 2.10, entry 2)



General procedure for condensation reaction was followed. 5.6-Dimethylbenzimidazole (14.6 g, 100 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (230 mL) and transferred dropwise to the THF (150 mL) solution containing 1.2 equiv. of NaH (60% in mineral oil, 4.8 g, 120 mmol) at 0 °C. (Note: NaH was pre-washed with dry hexane, 10 mL \times 3, under nitrogen). The mixture was stirred h for 1 at room temperature. Then, 1.1 equiv. of N.Ndiisopropylcarbamoylchloride (18.0 g, 110 mmol) was added directly to the reaction and the mixture was refluxed for 1 h and stirred at room temperature for overnight. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Ethyl acetate (~500 mL) and water (~200 mL) were added to the mixture and the aqueous phase was separated. The organic phase was further washed with brine ($\sim 100 \text{ mL} \times 3$), and dried by Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The concentrated mixture was applied to $2 \times$ 2 inch silica pad and eluted with ethyl acetate. After the solvent was removed under vacuum, the pale yellow powder (25.2 g, 92%) was obtained after recrystallization from ethyl acetate/hexane. Melting point: 117.1-119.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.44 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 12H), 2.41 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 6H), 3.79-3.86 (m, 2H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz,

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CDCl₃) δ 20.0, 20.3, 20.8, 48.8, 112.2, 120.1, 130.9, 132.1, 133.5, 139.4, 141.5, 149.7; IR (cm⁻¹) 2971.93, 1681.36, 1496.99, 1433.01, 1345.52, 1304.23, 1248.68, 1211.19, 1144.93, 1097.41, 1044.36, 1019.94, 994.95, 909.64, 842.74, 754.86, 646.71, 616.50, 585.00, 554.32, 524.15, 433.79; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 273 (M⁺, 42), 173 (11), 145 (26), 128 (61), 86 (100); HRMS: calcd. for C₁₆H₂₃N₃OH⁺: 274.1919, found 274.1922.

1-(2,4,6-Triisopropylphenylsulfonyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.10**, entry 3)



General procedure for condensation reaction followed. was Benzimidazole (2.36 g, 20.0 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (20 mL) and added dropwise to the THF (25 mL) solution containing 1.2 equiv. of NaH (60% in mineral oil, 0.96 g, 24.0 mmol) at 0 °C. (Note: NaH was pre-washed with dry hexane, $10 \text{ mL} \times 3$, under nitrogen). The mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. Then, 1.1 equiv. of 2,4,6-triisopropylbenzenesulfonyl chloride (6.66 g, 22 mmol) was added directly to the reaction and the mixture was refluxed for 30 min and stirred at room temperature for overnight. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Ethyl acetate (~300 mL) and water (~100 mL) were added to the mixture and the aqueous phase was separated. The organic phase was further washed with brine (~50 mL \times 3), and dried by Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The concentrated mixture was applied to 1×1 inch silica pad and eluted with ethyl acetate. After the solvent was removed under vacuum, the white crystal (6.50 g, 85%) was obtained after re-crystallization from ethyl

acetate/hexane. Melting point: 134.6-136.9 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.14 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 12H), 1.26 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.93 (septet, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (septet, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (s, 2H), 7.28-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 23.5, 24.3, 29.5, 34.2, 111.6, 120.9, 124.2, 124.5, 125.1, 130.0, 131.2, 140.5, 143.4, 151.6, 155.5; IR (cm⁻¹) 3447.58, 3128.15, 3057.52, 3032.29, 2967.19, 2929.17, 2870.96, 1781.20, 1611.42, 1597.78, 1555.05, 1495.68, 1475.97, 1460.62, 1447.83, 1387.03, 1371.52, 1344.48, 1306.68, 1293.92, 1258.78, 1197.09, 1182.66, 1173.06, 1159.16, 1141.02, 1104.25, 1071.32, 1061.47, 1038.33, 1022.20, 1009.98, 957.90, 939.78, 930.63, 892.40, 884.25, 844.06, 781.29, 761.95, 754.37, 743.33, 675.47; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 384 (M⁺, 35), 305 (17), 267 (100), 251 (61), 218 (54), 203 (43), 175 (79), 159 (24), 133 (33), 118 (99), 91 (85); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₂H₂₈N₂O₂SH⁺: 385.1950, found 385.1952.

1-(Mesitylsulfonyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (Table 2.10, entry 4)



General procedure for condensation reaction was followed. Benzimidazole (2.36 g, 20.0 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (20 mL) and added dropwise to the THF (25 mL) solution containing 1.2 equiv. of NaH (60% in mineral oil, 0.96 g, 24.0 mmol) at 0 °C. (Note: NaH was pre-washed with dry hexane, 10 mL \times 3, under nitrogen). The mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. Then, 1.1 equiv. of 2-mesitylenesulfonyl chloride (4.81 g, 22 mmol) was added directly to the reaction and the mixture was refluxed for 30 min and stirred at room temperature for overnight. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Ethyl acetate (~300 mL) and water (~100 mL) were added to the mixture and the aqueous phase was separated. The organic phase was further washed with brine (~50 mL \times 3), and dried by Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The concentrated mixture was applied to 1×1 inch silica pad and eluted with ethyl acetate. After the solvent was removed under vacuum, the white crystal (3.69 g, 62%) was obtained after re-crystallization from ethyl acetate/hexane. Melting point: 113.7-115.8 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 1H). 7.01 (s, 2H), 7.27-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR $(100 \text{ MHz}, \text{ CDCl}_3) \delta 21.0, 22.5, 111.6, 121.0, 124.3, 125.2, 130.8, 131.3, 132.6,$ 140.4, 141.4, 143.7, 145.1; IR (cm⁻¹) 3447.21, 3125.47, 2980.62, 1772.53, 1700.33, 1684.45, 1653.26, 1635.63, 1616.87, 1601.46, 1576.53, 1559.09, 1539.82, 1521.46, 1516.93, 1506.62, 1496.31, 1472.33, 1445.56, 1419.45, 1401.03, 1387.17, 1352.33, 1309.51, 1288.61, 1253.98, 1190.14, 1165.72, 1127.65, 1056.36, 1033.40, 1021.04, 939.68, 893.10, 882.96, 857.45, 779.42, 765.57, 749.40, 711.67, 677.48, 650.43, 616.39, 590.90, 580.23, 526.97, 486.01, 418.71; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 300 (M⁺, 28), 235 (7), 183 (9), 119 (100), 103 (7), 91 (24), 77 (11), 63 (7); HRMS: calcd. for $C_{16}H_{16}N_2O_2SH^+$: 301.1011, found 301.0998.

2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1carboxamide (PCy Amizole-phos **L2a**) (**Table 2.11**, entry 1)



procedure for ligand synthesis: N,N-Diisopropyl-1H-General benzo[d]imidazole-1-carboxamide (1.23 g, 5.0 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled THF (30 mL) at room temperature under nitrogen. The solution was cooled to -78 °C in dry ice/acetone bath. Titrated n-BuLi (5.5 mmol) was added dropwise by syringe. After the reaction mixture was stirred for an hour at -78 °C, chlorodicyclohexylphosphine (1.33 mL, 6.0 mmol) dissolved in 5 ml THF was added dropwise by syringe. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. MeOH (~10 mL) was added slowly to quench the reaction. Solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was applied to column chromatography and the pure product was then dried under vacuum. White solid (1.61g, 73%) was obtained. Melting point: 205.2-206.8 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.11-2.70 (m, 34H), 3.39-3.60 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.36 (m, 3 H), 7.89-7.91 (m, 1H); 13 C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.8, 26.2, 27.0, 30.0, 33.0, 34.9, 110.0, 120.0, 122.7, 123.5, 133.9, 143.7, 150.0, 153.0, 153.3 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -15.95; IR (cm⁻¹) 2926.88, 2848.80, 1693.42, 1437.21, 1371.58, 1329.53, 1300.93, 1255.22, 1201.02, 1147.90, 1028.78, 1002.16, 829.67, 748.43; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 440 (M⁺, 3), 398 (31), 358 (73), 276 (33), 244 (100), 231 (25), 198 (14), 149 (29); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₆H₄₀N₃OPH⁺: 442.2987, found 442.3004.

2-(Di-tert-butylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-1-

carboxamide (Pt-Bu Amizole-phos L2b) (Table 2.11, entry 2)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. *N*,*N*-Diisopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (1.23 g, 5.0 mmol), titrated *n*-BuLi (5.5 mmol), and di-*tert*-butylchlorophosphine (1.14 mL, 6.0 mmol) were used to afford 2-(di-*tert*-butylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1carboxamide (1.26 g, 65%) as white solid compound. Melting point: 179.2-181.7 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.11-1.71 (m, 30H), 3.63 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.86-7.89 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.3, 21.4, 30.3, 30.5, 33.7, 46.7, 51.1, 110.2, 120.3, 122.6, 123.6, 132.9, 133.8, 133.8, 143.9, 149.8, 153.0, 153.5 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.35; IR (cm⁻¹) 2966.55, 1698.01, 1467.64, 1436.03, 1369.71, 1320.08, 1257.55, 1200.60, 1072.82, 1029.41, 914.88, 827.80, 748.38, 596.73, 546.15; MS (EI): *m*/*z* (relative intensity) 388 (M⁺, 0), 346 (2), 332 (100), 276 (12), 234 (11), 205 (15), 149 (8); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₂H₃₆N₃OPH⁺: 390.2674, found 390.2676.

2-(Diisopropylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (*Pi*-Pr Amizole-phos **L2c**) (**Table 2.11**, entry 3)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. *N*,*N*-Diisopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (1.23 g, 5.0 mmol), titrated *n*-BuLi (5.5 mmol), and chlorodiisopropylphosphine (0.95 mL, 6.0 mmol) were used to afford 2-(diisopropylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (1.21 g, 67%) as orange solid compound. Melting point: 103.4-104.7 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.12-1.66 (m, 26H), 2.19-2.79 (m, 2H), 3.48-3.53 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.86-7.89 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 19.7, 20.6, 23.1, 25.1, 110.0, 120.0, 122.7, 123.6, 133.8, 133.9, 143.6, 149.5, 153.2, 153.5 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -7.66; IR (cm⁻¹) 2967.35, 2869.78, 1696.43, 1456.76, 1434.64, 1373.05, 1330.37, 1304.47, 1258.39, 1206.15, 1151.88, 1032.17, 829.88, 746.24; MS (EI): *m*/*z* (relative intensity) 361 (M⁺, 2), 318 (2), 276 (37), 244 (18), 233 (18), 191 (24), 149 (17); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₀H₃₂N₃OPH⁺: 362.2361, found 362.2365.

2-(Diphenylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (PPh Amizole-phos **L2d**) (**Table 2.11**, entry 4)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. *N*,*N*-Diisopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (1.23 g, 5.0 mmol), titrated *n*-BuLi (5.5

mmol), and chlorodiphenylphosphine (1.33 mL, 6.0 mmol) were used to afford 2-(diphenylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (1.24 g, 58%) as white solid compound. Melting point: 182.5-184.3 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.22-1.46 (m, 12H), 3.48-3.60 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.39 (m, 9H), 7.60-7.87 (m, 4H), 7.872 (d, *J* = 0.8Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.5, 49.2, 110.1, 120.7, 123.0, 124.1, 128.5, 128.6, 129.3, 133.9, 134.1, 134.2, 144.0, 149.4, 152.7, 152.8 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -25.44; IR (cm⁻¹) 2974.70, 1694.01, 1434.97, 1371.91, 1332.10, 1303.00, 1255.05, 1201.96, 1154.08, 1028.23, 829.83, 747.36, 693.97; MS (EI): *m*/*z* (relative intensity) 428 (M⁺, 1), 386 (14), 344 (57), 301 (25), 244 (100), 223 (20), 201 (29), 183 (45), 159 (16); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₆H₂₈N₃OPH⁺: 430.2048, found 430.2047.

2-(Diethylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (PEt Amizole-phos **L2e**) (**Table 2.11**, entry 5)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. *N*,*N*-Diisopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (1.23 g, 5.0 mmol), titrated *n*-BuLi (5.5 mmol), and chlorodiethylphosphine (0.73 mL, 6.0 mmol) were used to afford 2-(diethylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (0.86 g, 52%) as white solid compound. Melting point: 89.6-92.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.12-1.16 (m, 6H), 1.45 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 12H), 1.88-1.98 (m, 2H), 2.12-2.19 (m, 2H), 3.52 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.86-7.87 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.8, 10.0, 18.4, 20.1, 20.4, 20.6, 109.8, 119.8, 120.9, 122.8, 123.6, 134.2, 143.6, 149.7, 155.1, 155.3 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -28.99; IR (cm⁻¹) 2964.92, 2931.77, 2873.92, 1692.74, 1458.29, 1430.67, 1372.97, 1329.45, 1303.45, 1261.05, 1205.70, 1154.14, 1029.23, 830.66, 744.74; MS (EI): *m/z* (relative intensity) 332 (M⁺, 3), 304 (45), 290 (38), 262 (15), 248 (100), 228 (23), 207 (22), 177 (28), 149 (28); HRMS: calcd. for C₁₈H₂₈N₃OPH⁺: 334.2048, found 334.2043.

2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (PCy Mezole-phos L2f) (Table 2.11, entry 6)



General procedure for ligand synthesis followed. 1was Methylbenzimidazole (0.66 g, 5.0 mmol) which is commercially available, titrated *n*-BuLi (5.5 mmol), and chlorodicyclohexylphosphine (1.33 mL, 6.0 mmol) were used to afford 2-(dicyclohexylphosphino)-1-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (0.98 g, 60%) as white solid compound. Melting point: 113.2-114.7 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.21-1.39 (m, 10H), 1.76-1.80 (m, 8H), 1.97-1.99 (m, 2H), 2.32-2.39 (m, 2H), 3.98 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.87-7.91 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 26.2, 26.6, 26.8, 27.0, 29.2, 29.3, 30.2, 30.3, 31.1, 31.3, 33.4, 33.5, 109.4, 119.8, 121.9, 122.5, 136.3, 144.1, 154.4, 154.6 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -22.55; IR (cm⁻¹) 2921.43, 2847.08, 1443.52, 1406.85, 1318.98, 1270.75, 1235.00, 1002.19, 809.49, 758.68, 724.40; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 328 (M⁺, 8), 245 (100), 213 (2), 164 (25); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₀H₂₉N₂PH⁺: 329.2147, found 329.2133.
2-(Di-*tert*-butylphosphino)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (P*t*-Bu Mezole-phos L2g) (Table 2.11, entry 7)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. 1-Methylbenzimidazole (0.66 g, 5.0 mmol) which is commercially available, titrated n-BuLi (5.5 mmol), and di-tert-butylchlorophosphine (1.33 mL, 6.0 mmol) were used to afford 2-(di-tert-butylphosphino)-1-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (0.51 g, 37%) as white solid compound. Melting point: 91.7-92.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 1.29 (s, 9H), 1.32 (s, 9H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 7.27-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, J =7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 29.7, 29.8, 31.2, 31.4, 33.1, 33.3, 109.7, 109.8, 119.7, 121.7, 122.4, 135.8, 144.0, 154.8, 155.0 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 5.97; IR (cm⁻¹) 3061.02, 3046.17, 2971.12, 2939.42, 2858.50, 2361.90, 1928.69, 1893.90, 1776.58, 1672.39, 1608.70, 1591.17, 1481.15, 1467.01, 1454.30, 1430.03, 1404.22, 1384.08, 1365.23, 1351.58, 1335.71, 1314.41, 1275.81, 1232.62, 1211.35, 1176.15, 1149.73, 1137.35, 1078.10, 1027.46, 1014.59, 1004.86, 965.92, 960.42, 931.89, 896.78, 808.51, 767.34, 743.75, 726.76, 686.94, 601.94, 574.85, 555.50, 546.14, 459.20, 446.09, 416.94; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 276 (M⁺, 21), 220 (62), 205 (65), 164 (100); HRMS: calcd. for C₁₆H₂₅N₂PH⁺: 277.1834, found 227.1825.

2-(Dicyclopentylphosphino)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (PCyp Mezole-phos L2h) (Table 2.11, entry 8)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. 1-Methylbenzimidazole (0.66 g, 5.0 mmol) which is commercially available, titrated n-BuLi (5.5 mmol), and chlorodicyclopentylphosphine (1.29 mL, 6.0 mmol) were used to afford 2-(dicyclopentylphosphino)-1-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (1.17 g, 65%) as white solid compound. Melting point: 74.5-78.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.26-1.29 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.73 (m, 12H), 2.02-2.06 (m, 2H), 2.63-2.66 (m, 2H), 4.01 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 3H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.85-7.87 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 25.5, 26.5, 26.6, 31.1, 37.0, 37.1, 110.0, 120.0, 122.0, 122.6, 136.1, 144.1, 156.8, 157.0 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -24.34; IR (cm⁻¹) 2944.91, 2857.45, 1447.26, 1406.21, 1365.01, 1314.55, 1272.97, 1233.63, 1129.77, 1084.77, 904.08, 807.87, 733.84, 681.80, 541.10, 427.17; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 300 (M⁺, 11), 231 (100), 199 (5), 164 (27); HRMS: calcd. for C₁₈H₂₅N₂PH⁺: 301.1834, found 301.1826.

2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole -1-carboxamide (PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos L2i) (Table 2.11, entry 9)



N,N-Diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-1-carboxamide (1.365 g, 5.0 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled THF (2 mL) and toluene (40 mL, the reaction mixture THF/toluene = 1:20) at room temperature under nitrogen atmosphere. The solution was cooled to -98 °C in methanol/liquid N₂ bath. Titrated *n*-BuLi (5.5 mmol) was added dropwise by syringe. The reaction mixture was further stirred for 10 min at -98 °C and chlorodicyclohexylphosphine (1.33 mL, 6.0 mmol) was then added dropwise by syringe. The reaction was allowed to reach room temperature and stirred for 3 h. MeOH (~10 mL) was added slowly to quench the reaction. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Ethyl acetate (~200 mL) and water (~100 mL) were added to the mixture and the aqueous phase was separated. The organic phase was further washed with brine (~50 mL \times 3), and dried by Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The concentrated mixture was applied to 1×1 inch silica pad and eluted with diethyl ether. After the solvent was removed under vacuum, the white crystals (1.81 g, 77%) were obtained after recrystallization from ether/hexane. Melting point: 162.5-165.3 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.26-1.95 (m, 34H), 2.39 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 6H), 3.49 (m, 2H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 19.9, 20.2, 20.4, 20.5, 20.6, 46.2, 50.6, 110.4, 120.7, 131.0, 132.2, 133.6, 139.9, 146.8, 149.2, 160.5 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -16.35; IR (cm⁻¹) 2970.33, 1697.80, 1634.45, 1515.61, 1438.33, 1373.10, 1331.74, 1298.93, 1234.28, 1208.02, 1157.10, 1035.95, 810.58, 626.04; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 468 (M⁺, 9), 426 (27), 386 (64), 343 (9), 304 (18), 272 (100), 259 (23), 177 (55); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₈H₄₄N₃OPH⁺: 470.3300, found 470.3292.

2-(Di-*tert*-butylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (P*t*-Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2j**) (**Table 2.11**, entry 10)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. N.N-Diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (1.365 g, 5.0 mmol), titrated n-BuLi (5.5 mmol), and di-tert-butylchlorophosphine (1.14 mL, 6.0 mmol) were afford 2-(di-tert-butylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1Hto used benzo[d]imidazole-1-carboxamide (1.00g, 48%) as white solid compound. Melting point: 168.4-171.6 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.14-1.68 (m, 30H), 2.63 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 6H), 3.62-3.65 (m, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.2, 20.5, 30.3, 30.5, 33.7, 110.3, 120.2, 131.5, 132.4, 132.9, 142.6, 150.1, 151.9, 152.2 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.95; IR (cm⁻¹) 2966.65, 1696.82, 1466.79, 1436.62, 1368.95, 1311.06, 1202.72, 1169.01, 1061.29, 1026.91, 910.66, 889.34, 864.47, 837.57, 807.97, 623.78, 591.78, 527.86; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 416 (M⁺, 0), 374 (3), 360 (100), 318 (5), 304 (10), 262 (15), 233 (28), 177 (20); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₄H₄₀N₃OPH⁺: 418.2987, found 418.2992.

2-(Diisopropylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (P*i*-Pr Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2k**) (**Table 2.11**, entry 11)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. N,N-Diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (1.365 g, 5.0 mmol), titrated n-BuLi (5.5 mmol), and chlorodiisopropylphosphine (0.95 mL, 6.0 mmol) were used afford 2-(diisopropylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1Hto benzo[d]imidazole-1-carboxamide (1.11 g, 57%) as orange solid compound. Melting point: 94.8-96.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.07-1.95 (m, 26H), 2.39 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 6H), 3.51 (s, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR $(100 \text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta$ 19.7, 20.2, 20.4, 20.6, 110.1, 119.8, 131.6, 132.5, 132.9, 142.3, 149.8, 152.0, 152.3 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -8.07; IR (cm⁻¹) 2963.39, 2868.49, 1695.01, 1464.11, 1434.71, 1373.01, 1332.31, 1308.69, 1209.16, 1154.84, 1027.41, 1003.84, 878.00, 838.52, 619.02; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 389 (M⁺, 2), 346 (100), 304 (46), 273 (15), 262 (18), 219 (28), 177 (28), 86 (18); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₂H₃₆N₃OPH⁺: 390.2674, found 390.2660.

2-(Diphenylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1carboxamide (PPh Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2l**) (**Table 2.11**, entry 12)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. N.N-Diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (1.365 g, 5.0 mmol), titrated *n*-BuLi (5.5 mmol), and chlorodiphenylphosphine (0.53 mL, 2.4 mmol) were used to afford 2-(diphenylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1Hbenzo[d]imidazole-1-carboxamide (0.38 g, 42%) as white solid compound. Melting point: 174.6-176.8 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.28-1.37 (m, 12H), 2.38 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 6H), 3.4-3.61 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.36 (m, 7H), 7.55-8.33 (m, 5H); 13 C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.2, 20.5, 110.2, 120.6, 128.4, 128.5, 129.1, 132.0, 132.8, 132.9, 133.5, 133.8, 134.0, 134.5, 142.7, 149.7, 151.4, 151.5 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); 31 P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -25.66; IR (cm⁻¹) 3050.16, 2967.16, 2928.78, 1691.23, 1434.42, 1405.18, 1371.81, 1334.72, 1304.95, 1208.83, 1152.97, 1090.58, 1025.99, 883.41, 840.40, 746.11, 692.54, 623.60, 586.65, 507.68, 431.67; MS (EI): *m/z* (relative intensity) 456 (M⁺, 1), 414 (15), 372 (45), 346 (9), 329 (27), 272 (100), 256 (22), 201 (25), 183 (49); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₈H₃₂N₃OPH⁺: 458.2361, found 458.2369.

2-(Di*o*-tolylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1carboxamide (P*o*-Tol Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2m**) (**Table 2.11**, entry 13)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. N.N-Diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (1.365 g, 5.0 mmol), titrated n-BuLi (5.5 mmol), and chlorodi(o-tolyl)phosphine (1.492 g, 6.0 mmol) were used to afford 2-(dio-tolylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1Hbenzo[d]imidazole-1-carboxamide (1.60 g, 77%) as white solid compound. Melting point: 188.2-191.7 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.22-1.46 (m, 12H), 2.38 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.42 (s, 6H), 3.50-3.58 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.31 (m, 9H), 7,61 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.2, 20.5, 20.6, 21.0, 21.3, 110.2, 120.5, 125.6, 126.3, 128.5, 129.2, 130.0, 131.7, 131.9, 132.0, 133.1, 133.2, 133.3, 133.6, 135.0, 142.2, 142.4, 142.9, 149.6, 150.7, 150.8 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -39.43; IR (cm⁻¹) 3051.33, 2966.69, 1690.59, 14444.41, 1372.89, 1327.06, 1204.19, 1155.99, 1058.60, 835.46, 748.82, 714.18, 586.55, 447.71; MS (EI): *m/z* (relative intensity) 442 (M⁺, 9), 400 (18), 357 (19), 272 (100), 229 (18), 207 (73), 187 (19), 165 (13); HRMS: calcd. for C₃₀H₃₆N₃OPH⁺: 486.2674, found 486.2661.

2-(Dicyclopentylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole -1-carboxamide (PCyp Amizole^{M2}-phos L2n) (Table 2.11, entry 14)



General procedure for ligand synthesis was followed. *N,N*-Diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (1.365 g, 5.0 mmol), titrated *n*-BuLi (5.5 mmol), and chlorodicyclopentylphosphine (1.29 mL, 6.0 mmol) were used to afford 2-(dicyclopentylphosphino)-*N,N*-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (1.37 g, 62%) as white solid compound. Melting point: 171.4-172.8 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.27-2.44 (m, 30H), 2.54 (s, 6H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.2, 20.4, 25.5, 26.3, 30.5, 30.7, 110.1, 119.7, 131.6, 132.2, 132.8, 142.3, 149.7, 154.0, 154.2 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -19.70; IR (cm⁻¹) 2952.49, 2864.67, 1696.68, 1436.25, 1372.36, 1331.78, 1305.86, 1211.37, 1157.86, 1060.90, 1027.97, 1003.17, 894.49, 842.03, 625.66, 586.69, 523.09; MS (EI): *m/z* (relative intensity) 440 (M⁺, 3), 398 (32), 358 (75), 331 (8), 315 (10), 276 (34), 259 (7), 244 (100), 228 (27); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₆H₄₀N₃OPH⁺: 442.2987, found 442.2970. 2-(Di-1-adamantylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*] imidazole-1-carboxamide (P1-Ad Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2o**) (**Table 2.11**, entry 15)



N,*N*-Diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (0.735 g, 2.7 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled THF (2 mL) and toluene (30 mL) at room temperature under nitrogen atmosphere. The solution was cooled to -98 °C in methanol/liquid N2 bath. Titrated n-BuLi (3.15 mmol) was added dropwise by syringe. The reaction mixture was further stirred for 10 min at -98 °C and chlorodi-1-adamantylphosphine (1.11 g, in THF/toluene, 5 mL/5 mL) was then added dropwise by syringe. The reaction was allowed to reach room temperature and stirred for overnight. MeOH (~10 mL) was added slowly to quench the reaction. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The white powder (0.29 g, 19%) were obtained after running column chromatography by E.A./hexane (1:9) system. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 0.93-2.42 (m, 48H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H); 13 C NMR (100MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 19.9, 20.2, 21.1, 21.5, 28.9, 29.0, 36.8, 38.2, 41.3, 110.3, 119.8, 131.5, 132.4, 132.8, 142.7, 150.0, 150.1, 150.4 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 12.94; HRMS: calcd. for C₃₆H₅₂N₃OPH⁺: 574.3926, found 574.3933.

2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-1-(2,4,6-triisopropylphenylsulfonyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*] imidazole (PCy ^{P3}Sulfozole-phos **L2p**) (**Table 2.11**, entry 16)



1-(2,4,6-Triisopropylphenylsulfonyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (1.92 g, 5.0 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled THF (20 mL) and toluene (40 mL, the reaction mixture THF/toluene = 1:2) at room temperature under nitrogen atmosphere. The solution was cooled to -78 °C in dry ice/acetone bath. Titrated *n*-BuLi (5.5 mmol) was added dropwise by syringe. The reaction mixture was further stirred for 15 min at -78 °C and chlorodicyclohexylphosphine (1.33 mL, 6.0 mmol) was then added dropwise by syringe. The reaction was allowed to reach room temperature and stirred for overnight. MeOH (~10 mL) was added slowly to quench the reaction. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Ethyl acetate (~200 mL) and water (~100 mL) were added to the mixture and the aqueous phase was separated. The organic phase was further washed with brine (~50 mL \times 3), and dried by Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The concentrated mixture was applied to 1×1 inch silica pad and eluted with diethyl ether. After the solvent was removed under vacuum, the white crystals (1.81 g, 77%) were obtained after re-crystallization from ether/hexane. Melting point: 208.8-210.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 0.87-1.36 (m, 30H), 1.53-1.86 (m, 8H), 2.05-2.11 (m, 2H), 2.91-2.98 (m, 1H), 4.23-4.29 (m, 2H), 7.20 (s, 2H), 7.37-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 26.7, 26.8, 26.9, 29.2, 29.3, 29.5, 29.6, 29.8, 34.3, 34.7, 34.8, 113.9, 120.1, 123.7, 123.8, 124.9, 133.8, 134.3, 142.8, 151.6, 155.0, 155.9, 156.3

(Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -14.25; IR (cm⁻¹) 3447.50, 3048.54, 2927.62, 2850.75, 1599.22, 1583.18, 1560.10, 1550.26, 1459.10, 1445.69, 1426.76, 1375.85, 1346.95, 1332.42, 1292.71, 1251.55, 1229.16, 1181.46, 1157.48, 1142.31, 1106.33, 1057.58, 1037.79, 1023.23, 1011.10, 938.35, 902.43, 881.00, 850.61, 844.69, 816.68, 765.34, 746.69, 671.77, 654.25, 646.00, 624.02, 607.44, 575.97, 557.33, 542.45, 523.35, 433.64, 418.76; MS (EI): *m*/*z* (relative intensity) 580 (M⁺, 0), 383 (100), 231 (23), 207 (19); HRMS: calcd. for C₃₄H₄₉N₂O₂SPH⁺: 581.3331, found 581.3306.

2-(Di-*tert*-butylphosphino)-1-(2,4,6-triisopropylphenylsulfonyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*] imidazole (P*t*-Bu ^{P3}Sulfozole-phos **L2q**) (**Table 2.11**, entry 17)



1-(2,4,6-Triisopropylphenylsulfonyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (1.15 g, 3.0 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled THF (20 mL) at room temperature under nitrogen atmosphere. The solution was cooled to -78 °C in dry ice/acetone bath. Titrated *n*-BuLi (3.3 mmol) was added dropwise by syringe. The reaction mixture was further stirred for 15 min at -78 °C and di-*tert*-butylchlorophosphine (0.68 mL, 3.6 mmol) was then added dropwise by syringe. The reaction was allowed to reach room temperature and stirred for overnight. MeOH (~10 mL) was added slowly to quench the reaction. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Ethyl acetate (~200 mL) and water (~100 mL) were added to the mixture and the aqueous phase was separated. The organic phase was further washed with brine

(~50 mL \times 3), and dried by Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The concentrated mixture was applied to 1×1 inch silica pad and eluted with diethyl ether. After the solvent was removed under vacuum, the orange solid (0.46 g, 29%) was obtained after re-crystallization from ether/hexane. Melting point: 165.6-166.2 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 1.04-1.09 (m, 30H), 1.24-1.29 (m, 8H), 2.88-2.98 (m, 1H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 7.20 (s, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 23.2, 23.8, 24.4, 29.2, 29.3, 29.8, 29.9, 33.8, 34.0, 34.4, 114.4, 120.4, 123.6, 123.8, 125.2, 133.9, 134.2, 142.5, 151.9, 152.0, 154.8, 155.0, 155.2 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 10.48; IR (cm⁻¹) 3287.51, 3053.72, 2966.91, 2894.06, 2865.47, 2361.74, 1601.34, 1566.93, 1460.26, 1430.30, 1374.55, 1346.83, 1331.45, 1251.48, 1225.27, 1177.87, 1130.04, 1107.20, 1070.78, 1057.94, 1035.59, 1012.81, 940.62, 903.40, 885.54, 846.26, 816.00, 762.51, 753.64, 742.24, 670.41, 627.58, 609.64, 576.50, 556.12, 547.25, 522.55, 459.86, 435.54, 434.83, 425.33; MS (EI): *m/z* (relative intensity) 528 (M⁺, 13), 471 (6), 415 (7), 383 (16), 367 (34), 351 (31), 309 (21), 262 (37), 233 (12), 205 (33), 175 (20), 150 (100), 119 (24), 91 (27), 57 (56); HRMS: calcd. for C₃₀H₄₅N₂O₂SPH⁺: 529.3018, found 529.3035.

2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-1-(mesitylsulfonyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole

(PCy ^{M3}Sulfozole-phos L2r) (Table 2.11, entry 18)



1-(Mesitylsulfonyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (1.50 g, 5.0 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled THF (20 mL) and toluene (40 mL, the reaction mixture THF/toluene = 1:2) at room temperature under nitrogen atmosphere. The solution was cooled to -78 °C in dry ice/acetone bath. Titrated *n*-BuLi (5.5 mmol) was added dropwise by syringe. The reaction mixture was further stirred for 15 min at -78 °C and chlorodicyclohexylphosphine (1.33 mL, 6.0 mmol) was then added dropwise by syringe. The reaction was allowed to reach room temperature and stirred for overnight. MeOH (~10 mL) was added slowly to quench the reaction. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Ethyl acetate (~200 mL) and water (~100 mL) were added to the mixture and the aqueous phase was separated. The organic phase was further washed with brine ($\sim 50 \text{ mL} \times 3$), and dried by Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The concentrated mixture was applied to $1 \times$ 1 inch silica pad and eluted with diethyl ether. After the solvent was removed under vacuum, the white crystals (1.47 g, 60%) were obtained after recrystallization from ether/hexane. Melting point: 169.1-170.8 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 0.89-1.35 (m, 12H), 1.55-1.81 (m, 8H), 2.05-2.11 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 6H), 6.99 (s, 2H), 7.37-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 22.6, 26.2, 26.7, 26.8, 26.9, 29.4, 29.5, 29.7, 29.9, 34.8, 34.9, 114.7, 120.2, 123.8, 125.0, 131.8, 134.9, 135.3, 140.62, 140.64, 142.7, 144.5, 156.1, 156.5 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ -13.58; IR (cm⁻¹) 3447.52, 2917.15, 2849.51, 1601.72, 1583.65, 1559.98, 1458.06, 1444.02, 1428.95, 1405.36, 1360.72, 1331.76, 1292.23, 1254.65, 1230.73, 1179.17, 1168.51, 1157.34, 1135.47, 1105.03, 1053.46, 1027.42, 1011.52, 903.46, 884.92, 850.87, 817.37, 768.05, 747.20, 718.29, 670.25, 643.83, 607.84, 587.04, 573.60, 562.09, 549.52, 532.72, 525.85, 510.92; MS (EI): *m/z* (relative intensity) 496 (M⁺, 0), 349 (15), 299 (100), 267 (9), 207 (30), 149 (14), 117 (12); HRMS: calcd. for $C_{28}H_{37}N_2O_2SPH^+$: 497.2392, found 497.2375.

2-(Di-*tert*-butylphosphino)-1-(mesitylsulfonyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (P*t*-Bu ^{M3}Sulfozole-phos L2s) (Table 2.11, entry 19)



1-(Mesitylsulfonyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (0.90 g, 3.0 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled THF (20 mL) at room temperature under nitrogen atmosphere. The solution was cooled to -78 °C in dry ice/acetone bath. Titrated *n*-BuLi (3.3 mmol) was added dropwise by syringe. The reaction mixture was further stirred for 15 min at -78 °C and di-*tert*-butylchlorophosphine (0.68 mL, 3.6 mmol) was then added dropwise by syringe. The reaction was allowed to reach room temperature and stirred for overnight. MeOH (~10 mL) was added slowly to quench the reaction. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Ethyl acetate (~200 mL) and water (~100 mL) were added to the mixture and the aqueous phase was separated. The organic phase was further washed with brine (~50 mL × 3), and dried by Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The concentrated mixture was applied to 1×1 inch silica pad and eluted with diethyl ether. After the solvent was removed under vacuum, the white crystals (0.58 g, 44%) were obtained after re-crystallization from ether/hexane. Melting point: 163.7-165.8 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 1.05-1.08 (m, 18H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 6H), 6.98 (s, 2H), 7.39-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 20.7, 22.8, 22.9, 29.6, 29.8, 33.8, 34.0, 115.3, 120.5, 123.7, 125.2, 131.8, 134.5, 135.6, 141.0, 141.1, 142.5, 144.5, 155.1, 155.5 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 11.39; IR (cm⁻¹) 2972.67, 2941.30, 2894.51, 2860.87, 1604.42, 1566.07, 1467.32, 1425.26, 1400.93, 1378.77, 1356.37, 1340.87, 1334.53, 1291.59, 1249.27, 1229.65, 1193.68, 1174.23, 1129.38, 1117.80, 1050.78, 1026.04, 1015.68, 932.46, 901.17, 861.23, 816.95, 765.77, 749.16, 712.24, 680.80, 670.07, 643.40, 611.40, 587.30, 560.81, 551.86, 523.13, 461.50, 439.85, 419.51; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 444 (M⁺, 0), 387 (5), 331 (6), 299 (100), 267 (77), 253 (6), 235 (15), 205 (15), 189 (10), 165 (17), 149 (28), 119 (37), 105 (10), 91 (20), 77 (8), 57 (51); HRMS: calcd. for C₂₄H₃₃N₂O₂SPH⁺: 445.2079, found 445.2085.

2.6.4 General Procedures for Preparation of 2-Phosphino-Substituted Benzimidazolyl Ligands by One-Pot Assembly Approach

2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole -1-carboxamide (PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2i**)



5,6-Dimethylbenzimidazole (1.46 g, 10.0 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (50 mL). The resultant solution was added dropwise to the THF (20 mL) solution containing 1.1 equiv. of NaH (60% in mineral oil, 0.44 g, 11.0 mmol) at 0 °C. (Note: NaH was pre-washed with dry hexane under nitrogen). The mixture was stirred for 20 min at room temperature. Then, 1.1 equiv. of N,Ndiisopropylcarbamoylchloride (1.80 g, 11.0 mmol) was added directly to the reaction and the mixture was refluxed for 30 min. After the completion of the reaction as confirmed by GC-MS analysis, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. THF (4 mL) and toluene (80 mL, the reaction mixture THF/toluene = 1:20) were added. The solution was cooled to -98 $^{\circ}$ C in methanol/liquid N₂ bath. Titrated *n*-BuLi (11.0 mmol) was added dropwise by syringe. The reaction mixture was further stirred for 10 min at -98 °C and chlorodicyclohexylphosphine (2.65 mL, 12.0 mmol) was then added dropwise by syringe. The reaction was allowed to reach room temperature and stirred for 3 h. MeOH (~10 mL) was added slowly to quench the reaction. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Ethyl acetate (~200 mL) and water (~100 mL) were added to the mixture and the aqueous phase was separated. The organic phase was further washed with brine (~50 mL \times 3), and dried by Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The concentrated mixture was applied to 1×1 inch silica pad and eluted with diethyl ether. After the solvent was removed under vacuum, the white crystals (3.03 g, 65%) were obtained after re-crystallization from ether/hexane.

2-(Di-*tert*-butylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (P*t*-Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2j**)



5,6-Dimethylbenzimidazole (0.73 g, 5.0 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (30 mL). The resultant solution was added dropwise to the THF (10 mL) solution containing 1.1 equiv. of NaH (60% in mineral oil, 0.22 g, 5.5 mmol) at 0 °C. (Note: NaH was pre-washed with dry hexane under nitrogen). The mixture was stirred for 20 min at room temperature. Then, 1.1 equiv. of N,Ndiisopropylcarbamoylchloride (0.90 g, 5.5 mmol) was added directly to the reaction and the mixture was refluxed for 30 min. After the completion of the reaction as confirmed by GC-MS analysis, the solution was cooled to -78 °C in dry ice/acetone bath. Titrated *n*-BuLi (6.0 mmol) was added dropwise by syringe. The reaction mixture was further stirred for 10 min at -78 °C and di-tertbutylchlorophosphine (1.14 mL, 6.0 mmol) was then added dropwise by syringe. The reaction was allowed to reach room temperature and stirred for 3 h. MeOH (~10 mL) was added slowly to quench the reaction. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Ethyl acetate (~100 mL) and water (~50 mL) were added to the mixture and the aqueous phase was separated. The organic phase was further washed with brine (~25 mL \times 3), and dried by Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The concentrated mixture was applied to 1×1 inch silica pad and eluted with diethyl ether. After the solvent was removed under vacuum, the white solid (0.62 g, 30%) was obtained after re-crystallization from ether/hexane.

2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (Scheme 2.23, L2t)



Benzimidazole (0.59 g, 5.0 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (20 mL). The resultant solution was added dropwise to the THF (10 mL) solution containing 1.1 equiv. of NaH (60% in mineral oil, 0.22 g, 5.5 mmol) at 0 °C. (Note: NaH was pre-washed with dry hexane under nitrogen). The mixture was stirred for 20 min at room temperature. Then, 1.1 equiv. of N,Ndiisopropylcarbamoylchloride (0.90 g, 5.5 mmol) was added directly to the reaction and the mixture was refluxed for 30 min. After the completion of the reaction as confirmed by GC-MS analysis, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. THF (1 mL) and toluene (20 mL) were added. The solution was cooled to -78 °C in acetone/liquid N2 bath. Titrated n-BuLi (5.5 mmol) was added dropwise by syringe. The reaction mixture was further stirred for 10 min at -78 °C and chlorodicyclohexylphosphine (1.35 mL, 6.0 mmol) was then added dropwise by syringe. The reaction was allowed to reach room temperature and stirred for overnight. MeOH (~10 mL) was added slowly to quench the reaction. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The white powder (0.65 g, 30%) was obtained after running column chromatography by E.A./hexane (1:9) system. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 1.08-3.65 (m, 33H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.79 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 26.3, 27.1, 29.9, 110.3, 119.8, 122.7, 123.7, 134.0, 143.9, 151.2, 153.7, 153.9 (Complex unresolved C-P splitting was observed); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ -14.70; HRMS: calcd. for C₂₄H₃₆N₃OPH⁺: 414.2674, found 414.2693.

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Chapter 3 An Efficient Class of *P*,*N*-Type 2-Arylated Benzimidazolyl Ligands for Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling of Aryl Chlorides

3.1 Introduction

The palladium-catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling is undoubtedly one of the most versatile and useful tool for the synthesis of diversified biaryls, which has numerous applications in pharmaceutical, materials, and agricultural chemistry.¹ To deal with the coupling reaction of aryl bromides as well as aryl chlorides, many effective supporting ligands have been developed in the past decade. The advancement of some notable ligands such as Pt-Bu₃,² Beller's PAP,³ Buchwald's biaryl-phosphines,⁴ and Hartwig's Q-Phos⁵ provide excellent catalytic activity in various cross-coupling reactions with aryl chlorides.^{3c, 6} In view of the characteristics of the ligand structure, they are generally electron-rich and sterically hindered monophosphines. The increase of electron-richness can enhance oxidative addition. Meanwhile, sterically bulky skeletons can assist the catalyst complex to generate unsaturated palladium(0) species, which can facilitate both oxidative addition and reductive elimination steps. Indeed, monophosphine ligands may still give stable palladium catalysts. However, monophosphine ligands have limited coordinative flexibility for stabilizing the unstable low-coordinate and low-valent palladium complex, which is highly active but easily decomposed at high temperature or under prolonged heating. Consequent decomposition of the active catalysts would lead to the formation of inactive palladium black, which limits the maximum turnover, especially at extremely low-catalyst-loading conditions. Beller suggested that a several-fold dosage increase of monophosphine ligand is an effective means of preventing decomposition of active low-valent palladium complexes, thus enabling the catalyst loading to be lowered and the TON to be maximized.^{7, 3b} However, the choice between reactivity and the cost of sacrificing ligand becomes a dilemma and is clearly inefficient. The introduction of hemilabile phosphine ligands that have two basic sites with different donating ability provided a new way to address this problem. A hemilabile coordinating group offering both reactivity and stability towards the palladium center is sensitive to dynamic needs of the metal atom at different stages of the catalytic cycle. For instance, the nitrogen donor atom can weakly coordinate to soft metal centers (e.g., Pd and Rh) to stabilize low-valent metal complexes, yet can easily dissociate in solution to provide a vacant site whenever demanded.⁸ In fact, phosphine ligands that possess potential hemilabile ability have been studied in the past decade (**Figure 3.1**, see also **Section 2.2.1**).⁹



Figure 3.1 Recent Developments on P,N-Type Ligands for Suzuki Coupling

In respect to *P*,*N*-type ligands,¹⁰ in 2004, Hor reported active ferrocenylderived *P*,*N*-type ligands with an imino group for the Suzuki coupling reaction.10^f In 2005, a similar ligand with an aryl scaffold was also found to be effective in coupling processes.¹¹ Liang reported an amido-phosphinyl complex as an effective catalyst for the Suzuki coupling of aryl chlorides.¹² He and co-workers reported the use of bis(aminophosphine)-palladium chelated complexes for the Suzuki coupling of aryl bromides.^{10e} Scrivanti reported a P,N-type coordination ({8-[(di-*tert*-butylphosphinyl)oxy]quinoline}-PdCl₂) complex for low-catalystloading Suzuki coupling of aryl bromides.¹³ Palladium complexes supported by these ligands demonstrated excellent catalytic activities towards the Suzuki coupling of aryl bromides and/or activated aryl chlorides at extremely low catalyst loadings (down to 1 ppm). However, currently developed hemilabile phosphine ligands, especially, P,N-type phosphine ligands, still have much room for improvement, particularly for the Suzuki coupling of neutral and deactivated aryl chlorides in systems with extremely low catalyst loadings. This challenge has still not been met.

To retain the advantage of an effective skeleton and further introduce beneficial hemilability to the ligand, we were inspired to use 2-arylated benzimidazolyl phosphine ligands (see **Section 2.4.2**). This framework features the same advantages as the 2-phenylindole scaffold¹⁴ and allows high potential diversification from the rapid assembly of two starting components through the application of simple synthetic methods. Moreover, the additional nitrogen atom provides a weak coordinating site for potential dynamic interaction that could increase catalyst longevity (**Figure 3.2**). In 2012, we have successfully applied this class of benzimidazolyl phosphine ligands in the Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of aryl mesylates and Buchwald-Hartwig amination of aryl chlorides.¹⁵ Herein, we disclose an extension to this class of ligands in the Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of aryl chlorides.



Hemilabile *N*-Chelating offers potential dynamic "**On** and **Off**" mechanism by either providing a vacant site for substrate or coordinating with metal

Figure 3.2 Strategic Design and Potential Dynamic "On and Off" Mechanism

3.2 **Results and Discussion**

3.2.1 Study on the Effectiveness of *P*,*N*-Type Benzimidazolyl Phosphines

 Table 3.1 Optimization of Reaction Conditions on Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki

 Miyaura Coupling of Aryl Chloride^a



Entry	mol% Pd	Pd:L	Solvent	Base	% Yield
1	0.2	1:2	Dioxane	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	99
2	0.2	1:2	Dioxane	K_3PO_4	58
3	0.2	1:2	Dioxane	K_2CO_3	44
4	0.2	1:2	Dioxane	Na ₂ CO ₃	22
5	0.2	1:2	Dioxane	Cs_2CO_3	25
6	0.2	1:2	Dioxane	CsF	38
7	0.2	1:2	Dioxane	NaOt-Bu	36
8	0.2	1:2	THF	K_3PO_4 · H_2O	24
9	0.2	1:2	Toluene	K_3PO_4 · H_2O	34
10	0.2	1:2	DMF	K_3PO_4 · H_2O	11
11	0.2	1:2	t-BuOH	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	23
12	0.05	1:2	Mesitylene	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	42
13	0.05	1:2	Dioxane	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	74
14	0.05	1:3	Dioxane	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	71
15	0.05	1:4	Dioxane	K_3PO_4 · H_2O	65
16	0.05	1:2	Dioxane/Toluene	K_3PO_4 · H_2O	51
17	0.05	1:2	Dioxane/Xylene	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	52
18	0.05	1:2	Dioxane/Mesitylene	K_3PO_4 · H_2O	99
19 ^b	0.05	1:2	Dioxane/Mesitylene	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	1
20 ^c	0.05	1:2	Dioxane/Mesitylene	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	81

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: 1-Chloro-2,6-dimethylbenzene (1.0 mmol), phenylboronic acid (1.5 mmol), base (3.0 mmol), and solvent (3 mL) were stirred at 135 °C for 22 h under nitrogen. Calibrated GC yields were reported using dodecane as the internal standard, average of two runs. ^{*b*}L1a as ligand. ^{*c*}L1c as ligand.

In order to investigate the effectiveness of the new class of hemilabile P,N-type benzimidazolyl phosphines, PhMezole-phos L1a to L1c, these ligands were employed in palladium-catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of aryl chlorides. Sterically hindered 2-chloro-*m*-xylene and phenylboronic acid were used as the model substrates in our benchmark reaction (Table 3.1).

An array of inorganic bases, such as $K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$, K_3PO_4 , K_2CO_3 , Na_2CO_3 , Cs_2CO_3 , CsF and NaOt-Bu, was first surveyed under 0.2 mol% of Pd(OAc)_2/PCy PhMezole-phos **L1b** system (**Table 3.1**, entries 1 to 7). $K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$ was found to be the best base in this catalytic system. Generally, organoboronic acid is easily dehydrated to give boroxine upon the elimination of one equivalent of water. Therefore, $K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$ could be suggested to generate more phenylboronic acid from boroxine.

For commonly used organic solvents, such as, tetrahydrofuran (THF), dioxane, *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (DMF), toluene, mesitylene and *tert*-butanol (*t*-BuOH), they have different boiling points and solubility towards the catalytic system. In addition, the unique performance of the solvent is based on the principle of solvent effect. Then, non-polar dioxane was found to be the best single solvent (**Table 3.1**, entries 1 and 8 to 12). On the other hand, the effect of solvent mixing was also studied. When mixing dioxane with different solvents with higher boiling points, such as toluene, xylene and mesitylene (**Table 3.1**, entries 13 and 16 to 18), mixing dioxane with mesitylene was found to give the best result (**Table 3.1**, entry 18).

Upon investigating the metal to ligand ratio, the Pd-loading was tuned down to 0.05 mol%. The metal to ligand ratio from 1:2 to 1:4, ratio of 1:2 provided the highest yield (**Table 3.1**, entries 13 to 15). Therefore, the use of metal to ligand ratio of 1:2 was then chosen for the further screening trials.

Last but not least, the effect of ligand with different phosphino moieties was examined. Ligand PPh PhMezole-phos L1a with a diphenylphosphinyl moiety provided only trace amount of substrate conversion (**Table 3.1**, entry 19), whereas the dicyclohexylphosphinyl analogue, PCy PhMezole-phos L1b, gave the best catalytic activity. On the contrary, ligand P*i*-Pr PhMezole-phos L1c, bearing a diisopropylphosphinyl moiety, showed a lower catalytic activity in the Suzuki coupling reaction (**Table 3.1**, entry 20). The possible reason was that dicyclohexylphosphino moiety was sufficiently electron-rich and sterically bulky to facilitate oxidative addition and reductive elimination respectively.

Finally, $K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$, mixing dioxane with mesitylene, metal to ligand ratio of 1:2 and PCy PhMezole-phos **L1b** were chosen in the optimization of reaction conditions for further substrate scope investigation.

3.2.2 Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling of Non-Activated Aryl Chlorides

 Table 3.2 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Non-Activated Aryl

 Chlorides^a



^{*a*}Reaction conditions: ArCl (1.0 mmol), Ar'B(OH)₂ (1.5 mmol), $K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$ (3.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂/PCy PhMezole-phos (**L1b**) = 1:2, and dioxane (3 mL) were stirred at 135 °C for 22 h under nitrogen. ^{*b*}Isolated yield. ^{*c*}Dioxane/mesitylene (1:1) as solvent (3 mL). ^{*d*}CM-phos as ligand, calibrated GC yield.

A range of aryl chlorides was examined under the preliminary optimized reaction conditions (**Table 3.2**). It was immediately clear that the palladium catalyst supported by the hemilabile benzimidazolyl phosphine, PCy PhMezole-

phos L1b, was highly active towards the Suzuki coupling reaction. The sterically hindered 2-chloro-*m*-xylene could be coupled with phenylboronic acid smoothly with high yield under 0.05 mol% Pd-loading (**Table 3.2**, entry 1). The catalyst loading and turnover number for the electron-neutral and deactivated aryl chloride could be reduced to 0.001 mol% Pd (80,000 TON) and 0.002 mol% Pd (37,000 TON), respectively (**Table 3.2**, entries 4 and 6). We then applied 2-[2-(dicyclohexylphosphinyl)phenyl]-*N*-methyl-1*H*-indole (CM-phos, **Figure 3.3**),¹⁴ in which the 3-position of nitrogen group is replaced by carbon-hydrogen group, in the low-catalyst-loading coupling reaction (**Table 3.2**, Entries 4 and 5). The result showed that the hemilabile nitrogen coordinating group in the benzimidazole ring played an very important role in sustaining the high catalytic activity of the catalyst by prolonging the catalyst longevity.



Figure 3.3 The Structure of CM-phos

3.2.3 Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling of Activated Aryl Chlorides

Table 3.3 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Activated Aryl Chlorides^a





^{*a*}Reaction conditions: ArCl (1.0 mmol), Ar'B(OH)₂ (1.5 mmol), $K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$ (3.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂/PCy PhMezole-phos (**L1b**) = 1:2, and dioxane/mesitylene (1:1, 3 mL) were stirred at 135 °C for 22 h under nitrogen. ^{*b*}Isolated yield. ^{*c*}K₂CO₃ as base. ^{*d*}Dioxane as solvent (3 mL).

Common functional groups, such as ketone, aldehyde, ester and nitrile, were compatible with these mild reaction conditions, and the catalyst loading could generally be reduced to 0.01 mol% to 0.001 mol% Pd-loading (**Table 3.3**, entries 1 to 8). Notably, the maximum catalytic activity of this new system was also probed (**Table 3.3**, entries 9 to 12). When the Pd-loading was reduced to 0.0005 mol% and 0.0002 mol%, this system was still effectively able to convert the substrate into the corresponding product in excellent yields. Although incomplete conversion of substrate was observed when 1 ppm of palladium catalyst was applied, turnover numbers as high as 720,000 (TON) were achieved. To the best of our knowledge, this is the lowest catalyst loading achieved by *P*,*N*-type phosphine ligands.
3.2.4 Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling of Heteroaryl Chlorides

 Table 3.4 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Heteroaryl Chlorides^a



^{*a*}Reaction conditions: Het-ArCl (1.0 mmol), Ar'B(OH)₂ (1.5 mmol), K₃PO₄·H₂O (3.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂/PCy PhMezole-phos (**L1b**) = 1:2, and dioxane/mesitylene (1:1, 3 mL) were stirred at 135 °C for 22 h under nitrogen. ^{*b*}Isolated yield. ^{*c*}Dioxane as solvent (3 mL). ^{*d*}Pd(OAc)₂/PCy PhMezole-phos (**L1b**) = 1:4.

Generally, heteroaryl chlorides are classified as electron-deficient aryl chlorides due to the electron-withdrawing property of the heteroatom. However, under very-low-catalyst-loading conditions, the coordinating property of the heteroatom to the metal complex becomes significant and may be problematic for coupling reactions. Indeed, the high concentration of coordinating substrates may displace the phosphine ligands to generate inactive complexes and lead to a reduction in the catalytic activity of the original active species. This newly developed system could effectively deal with pyridyl and quinolyl substrates when the metal to ligand ratio is 1:2 at a Pd-loading of 0.01 mol%. The isolated yield can be as high as 99% (**Table 3.4**, entries 1 to 4). Actually, the deleterious coordinating effect becomes serious when the catalyst loading was reduced to 0.002 mol% Pd (**Table 3.4**, entry 5). A slight increase of the metal to ligand ratio from 1:2 to 1:4 was required to compensate for the coordinating substrates under the extremely low-catalyst loading conditions. The Pd-loading could be further decreased to 0.001 mol%, and the isolated yield remained as high as 99% (**Table 3.4**, entry 6). This finding showed that the hemilabile group reduces the dependence of the reaction on the ligand concentration and can maintain the catalyst activity.

3.2.5 Structural Insight of Palladium-Ligand interaction

To further gain the insight into the metal-ligand interactions, our group had previously studied the X-ray crystallography of the palladium-ligand complex.^{15a} We attempted to complex the $PdCl_2(CH_3CN)_2$ with one equivalent of PCy PhMezole-phos **L1b** in dichloromethane at room temperature (Scheme 3.1).



Scheme 3.1 Complexation of PCy PhMezole-phos with PdCl₂(CH₃CN)₂

The X-ray crystallographic data confirmed that the benzimidazolyl ligand PCy PhMezole-phos **L1b** was coordinated in a κ^2 -*P*,*N* fashion to the palladium center (**Figure 3.4**).



Figure 3.4 ORTEP Representation of Complex Pd-PCy PhMezole-phos **L1b** (30% probability ellipsoids, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity purpose.)

Table 3.5 Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (°)

Bond Distances (Å)								
Pd(1)-N(1)	2.0113(17)	Pd(1)-P(1)	2.2493(6)					
Pd(1)-Cl(1)	2.2969(7)	Pd(1)-Cl(2)	2.3744(6)					
P(1)-C(20)	1.8371(19)	P(1)-C(14)	1.846(3)					
Angles (°)								
N(1)-Pd(1)-P(1) 86.05(5)		N(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(1)	170.26(5)					
P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(1)	96.35(2)	N(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	88.90(5)					
P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	168.21(2)							

Empirical formula	PdCl ₂ (C ₂₆ H ₃₃ N ₂ P) .CH ₂ Cl ₂		
Formula weight	666.74		
Temperature	296(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Triclinic		
Space group	P-1		
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 9.2097(6) \text{ Å} \qquad \alpha = 99.428(6)^{\circ}.$		
	b = 10.1097(6) Å β = 97.595(6)°.		
	$c = 18.0481(16) \text{ Å} \qquad \gamma = 113.505(4)^{\circ}.$		
Volume	1483.49(19) Å ³		
Ζ	2		
Density (calculated)	1.493 Mg/m ³		
Absorption coefficient	1.059 mm^{-1}		
F(000)	680		
Crystal size	0.50 x 0.40 x 0.18 mm ³		
Theta range for data collection	2.29 to 27.87°.		
Index ranges	-12<=h<=12, -13<=k<=13, -23<=l<=23		
Reflections collected	26578		
Independent reflections	6987 [R(int) = 0.4427]		
Completeness to theta = 27.87°	98.8 %		
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents		
Max. and min. transmission	0.8323 and 0.6196		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²		
Data / restraints / parameters	6987 / 4 / 335		
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.001		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0716, wR2 = 0.1649		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.2766, wR2 = 0.2023		
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.156 and -0.928 e.Å ⁻³		

Table 3.6 Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Pd-PCy PhMezole-phos L1b

Complex

3.3 Conclusion

We have developed a series of efficient hemilabile P,N-type benzimidazolyl phosphine ligands. Palladium complexes derived from these ligands showed excellent catalytic activities for the Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of aryl chlorides with arylboronic acids, especially under very-low-catalyst-loading condition. Benefiting from the hemilabile benzimidazolyl group, the Pd-loading for the Suzuki coupling of functionalized aryl chlorides can be reduced to 1 ppm; the palladium levels in neutral, deactivated and coordinating aryl chloride systems can be reduced to 0.001 mol%. To the best of our knowledge, this is the lowest catalyst loading achieved by P,N-type phosphine ligands up-to-date. We anticipate that further enhancements in reactivity and versatility of the ligand series will be attainable.

3.4 Experimental Section

3.4.1 General Considerations

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without purification. All Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reactions were performed in resealable screw cap schlenk flask (approx. 20 mL volume) in the presence of Teflon coated magnetic stirrer bar ($3mm \times 10 mm$). 1,4-Dioxane, mesitylene, tert-butanol and toluene were distilled from sodium under nitrogen.¹⁶ Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen.¹⁶ Commercial aryl chlorides (liquid form only) were purified by passed through a short plug (0.5 cm wide \times 4 cm high) of neutral alumina or distillation. Most commercially available boronic acids were used as received. Water content of arylboronic acids would affect the coupling results, some arylboronic acids may require further recrystallization depending on the received conditions. $K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$ were purchased from chemical supplier and used without grinding. Thin layer chromatography was performed on precoated silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ plates. Silica gel (70-230 and 230-400 mesh) was used for column chromatography. Melting points were recorded on an uncorrected instrument. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker (400 MHz) spectrometer. Spectra were referenced internally to the residual proton resonance in $\text{CDCl}_3(\delta 7.26 \text{ ppm})$ as the internal standard. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported as part per million (ppm) in δ scale downfield from TMS. ¹³C NMR spectra were referenced to $CDCl_3(\delta 77.0 \text{ ppm})$, the middle peak). Coupling constants (J) were reported in Hertz (Hz). Mass spectra (EI-MS and ES-MS) were recorded on a mass spectrometer. Highresolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on ESIMS. GC-MS analysis was conducted on a GCD system using a column with 30 m \times 0.25 mm. The products

described in GC yield were accorded to the authentic samples/dodecane calibration standard from GC-FID system. Compounds described in the literature were characterized by comparison of their ¹H and/or ¹³C NMR spectra to the previously reported data. The procedures in this section are representative, and thus the yields may differ from those reported in tables.

3.4.2 General Procedure for Initial Ligand and Reaction Conditions Screening

General procedure for initial ligand and reaction conditions screening: A stock solution of Pd(OAc)₂ (2.3 mg, 0.010 mmol) with ligand in freshly distilled solvent (10 mL) was initially prepared with continuously stirring at room temperature. Phenylboronic acid (0.1829 g, 1.5 mmol), base (3.0 equiv., 3.0 mmol) and magnetic stirrer bar (3 mm × 8 mm) were charged to an array of Schlenk tubes. Each tube was carefully evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (3 cycles). 2-Chloro-1,3-dimethylbenzene (0.137 mL, 1.0 mmol) and stock solution (2.0 mL, 0.2 mol% Pd) were added *via* syringe. Further 1.0 mL solvent was added *via* syringe (final volume: 3 mL). This batch of Schlenk tube was resealed and magnetically stirred in a preheated 135 °C oil bath. The reactions were allowed to reach room temperature. Ethyl acetate (~10 mL), dodecane (227 μ L, internal standard) water (~5 mL) were added. The organic layer was subjected to GC analysis. The GC yield was previously calibrated by authentic sample/dodecane calibration curve.

3.4.3 General Procedure for Suzuki-Miyaura Couplings of Aryl Chlorides

General procedure for Suzuki-Miyaura couplings of aryl chlorides: $Pd(OAc)_2$ (2.3 mg, 0.010 mmol) and ligand L1b (Pd:L = 1:2) in freshly distilled 10 mL 1,4-dioxane (0.1 mol% Pd per 1 mL stock solution) was initially prepared with continuously stirring at room temperature. Arylboronic acid (1.5 mmol), $K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$ (3.0 mmol) and magnetic stirrer bar (3 mm × 8 mm) were charged to an array of Schlenk tubes. Each tube was carefully evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (3 cycles). Aryl chloride (1.0 mmol) was then added to the Schlenk tubes. The stock solution was further diluted to give different concentrations. The diluted stock solution was then transferred to Schlenk tubes *via* syringes. Further solvents were added (final volume: 3 mL). This batch of Schlenk tube was resealed and the reaction mixture was magnetically stirred in a preheated 135 °C oil bath. After the completion of reaction as judged by GC or TLC analysis, the reactions were allowed to reach room temperature. Water (~3 mL) and ethyl acetate (~10 mL \times 3) were added. The organic layers were combined and concentrated. The crude products were purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh).

3.4.4 Characterization Data for Coupling Products

2,6-Dimethylbiphenyl (**Table 3.2**, entry 1) 17



R_f = 0.5 (pure hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.22 (s, 6H), 7.28-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.7, 126.5, 127.0, 127.2, 128.3, 128.9, 135.9, 141.0, 141.8; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 182.1 (M⁺, 96), 167.1 (100).

2-Methoxy-4'-methylbiphenyl (Table 3.2, entry 2)¹⁸



R_f = 0.6 (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.53 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.1, 55.4, 111.1, 120.7, 128.3, 128.6, 129.3, 130.6, 130.7, 135.5, 136.4, 156.4; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 198.1 (M⁺, 100), 183.1 (54), 168.1 (56).

4-Methoxy-4'-methylbiphenyl (Table 3.2, entry 3)¹⁹



R_f = 0.6 (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.49 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.9, 55.2, 114.1, 126.5, 127.8, 129.3, 133.6, 136.2, 137.9, 158.9; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 198.1 (M⁺, 100), 183.1 (58), 155.1 (33).

2-Methylbiphenyl (**Table 3.2**, entry 4)^{3b}



R_f = 0.5 (pure hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.45 (s, 3H), 7.41-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.4, 125.7, 126.7, 127.2, 128.0, 129.1, 129.7, 130.2, 135.2, 141.9, 141.9; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 168.1 (M⁺, 100), 153.1 (40).

4-Methoxybiphenyl (**Table 3.2**, entry 6)³^b



 $R_f = 0.4$ (1:9 DCM/Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.93 (s, 3H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.64-7.69 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 55.1, 114.1, 126.5, 126.6, 128.0, 128.6, 133.6, 140.7, 159.1; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 184.1 (M⁺, 100), 169.1 (49), 141.1 (48), 115.1 (36).

3-Methoxybiphenyl (Table 3.2, entry 7)³b



 $R_f = 0.5$ (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.96 (s, 3H), 7.02-7.05 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 55.1, 112.5, 112.8, 119.5, 127.1, 127.3, 128.6, 129.6, 141.0, 142.6, 159.9; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 184.1 (M⁺, 100), 154.1 (24), 141.1 (33), 115.1 (36). 1-(4'-Methoxybiphenyl-3-yl)ethanone (**Table 3.3**, entry 1)²⁰



R_f = 0.4 (1:9 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.62 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 26.4, 55.0, 114.1, 126.0, 126.3, 127.9, 128.7, 130.9, 132.2, 137.3, 140.9, 159.3, 197.8; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 226.1 (M⁺, 100), 211.1 (91), 183.1 (49), 168.1 (26), 139.1 (35).

Methyl 2'-methylbiphenyl-3-carboxylate (**Table 3.3**, entry 2)¹⁸



 $R_f = 0.5$ (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.32 (s, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.58 (m, 2H), 8.08-8.10 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.2, 51.9, 125.8, 127.5, 127.9, 128.0, 129.6, 130.0, 130.2, 130.3, 133.5, 135.1, 140.7, 142.1, 166.9; MS (EI): *m*/*z* (relative intensity) 226.1 (M⁺, 98), 195.1 (52), 167.1 (100), 152.1 (43).

Methyl 4'-methoxybiphenyl-4-carboxylate (Table 3.3, entry 3)²¹



R_f = 0.3 (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 51.9, 55.2, 114.3, 126.3, 128.1, 128.2, 130.0, 132.3, 145.1, 159.8, 166.9; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 242.1 (M⁺, 100), 211.1 (68), 139.1 (24).

Methyl biphenyl-4-carboxylate (**Table 3.3**, entry 4)²²



 $R_f = 0.5$ (1:9 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.97 (s, 3H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 51.9, 126.9, 127.1, 128.0, 128.8, 130.0, 139.8, 145.5, 166.8; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 212.1 (M⁺, 63), 181.1 (100), 152.1 (57).

Biphenyl-4-carbaldehyde (**Table 3.3**, entry 5)¹⁰f



R_f = 0.5 (1:9 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 7.47 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 127.3, 127.6, 128.4, 129.0, 130.1, 135.3, 139.6, 146.9, 191.7; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 181.1 (M⁺, 100), 152.1 (74).

2'-Methylbiphenyl-3-carbonitrile (**Table 3.3**, entry 6)¹⁸



 $R_f = 0.5$ (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.29 (s, 3H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.48 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.0, 112.1, 118.6, 125.9, 128.8, 129.3, 130.2, 130.4, 132.4, 133.4, 134.8, 139.2, 142.9; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 193.1 (M⁺, 100), 165.1 (42).

3'-Methylbiphenyl-4-carbonitrile (**Table 3.3**, entry 7) $^{10_{\rm f}}$



 $R_{f} = 0.5 (1:20 \text{ E.A./Hexane}); {}^{1}\text{H NMR} (400\text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_{3}) \delta 2.47 (s, 3\text{H}), 7.27 (s, 1\text{H}), 7.40-7.42 (m, 3\text{H}), 7.66-7.71 (m, 4\text{H}); {}^{13}\text{C NMR} (100\text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_{3}) \delta 21.2, 110.4, 118.7, 124.0, 127.4, 127.6, 128.7, 129.1, 132.2, 138.5, 138.8, 145.4; MS (EI):$ *m/z*(relative intensity) 193.1 (M⁺, 100), 165.1 (23).

(4'-Methylbiphenyl-4-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**Table 3.3**, entry 8)²³



R_f = 0.5 (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.45 (s, 3H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.0, 126.5, 126.9, 128.1, 129.5, 129.8, 130.5, 132.1, 135.7, 136.8, 137.6, 137.9, 144.9, 196.0; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 272.1 (M⁺, 83), 195.1 (100) 165.1 (22), 152.1 (32).

Biphenyl-4-yl(phenyl)methanone (**Table 3.3**, entry 9)²⁴



R_f = 0.5 (1:9 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 126.7, 127.1, 128.0, 128.1, 128.8, 129.8, 130.5, 132.2, 136.0, 137.6, 139.7, 145.0, 196.0; MS (EI): m/z(relative intensity) 258.1 (M⁺, 81), 181.1 (100), 152.1 (44). 2-*p*-Tolylpyridine (**Table 3.4**, entry 1)²⁵

 $R_f = 0.5$ (1:9 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 2.50 (s, 3H), 7.24-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.75-7.80 (m, 2H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.76 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 21.0, 119.9, 121.8, 126.7, 129.4, 136.6, 136.6, 139.0, 149.6, 157.1; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 169.1 (M⁺, 100).

3-Phenylpyridine (**Table 3.4**, entry 2)³b



 $R_f = 0.2$ (1:9 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 7.38-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.91-7.94 (m, 1H). 8.64 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.93 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 123.5, 127.1, 128.0, 129.0, 134.1, 136.4, 137.9, 148.3, 148.5; MS (EI): *m/z* (relative intensity) 155.1 (M⁺, 100).

2-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)quinoline (**Table 3.4**, entry 3)²⁶



 $R_f = 0.5$ (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.03 (s, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.66-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.78 (m, 4H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 101.2, 107.7, 108.3, 118.3, 121.5, 125.8, 126.8, 127.2, 129.4, 129.4, 133.9, 136.4, 148.0, 148.2, 148.7, 156.4; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 249.1 (M⁺, 100), 191.1 (24).

2-(4-tert-Butylphenyl)-6-methoxypyridine (Table 3.4, entry 4)



R_f = 0.8 (1:9 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 1.51 (s, 9H), 4.15 (s, 3H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 31.1, 34.6, 53.0, 108.9, 112.4, 125.5, 126.4, 136.4, 139.1, 152.1, 154.7, 163.8; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 241.1 (M⁺, 35), 226.2 (100); HRMS: calcd. for C₁₆H₁₉NOH⁺ : 242.1545, found 242.1537.

2-Methyl-6-phenylpyridine (**Table 3.4**, entry 5)²⁷



R_f = 0.5 (1:9 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 2.69 (s, 3H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 24.4, 117.3, 121.6, 126.8, 128.6, 128.7, 136.8, 139.7, 156.4, 158.3; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 169.1 (M⁺, 100).

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Chapter 4 *P*,*N*-Type 2-Arylated Benzimidazolyl Ligands for Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling of Aryl Chlorides with Potassium Aryltrifluoroborates

4.1 Introduction

As in **Chapter 3**, the 2-arylated benzimidazolyl phosphines **PhMezolephos** showed excellent catalytic activities for the Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of aryl chlorides with arylboronic acids, especially under very-low-catalyst-loading conditions down to 1 ppm palladium loading.

In general, arylboronic acids are good nucleophilic organoboron reagents in Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reaction.¹ However, boronic acids are noted to never be ideal because they exhibit several drawbacks such as the partial formation of dimeric and cyclic trimeric boroxines, which depend on storage water content. This structural ambiguity affects the stoichiometry of boronic acids added to the intended reaction. Organotrifluoroborate salts are attractive alternatives to aryl and heteroarylboronic acids because they are usually sold in high purity from commercial sources and are readily available from other organoboron compounds.^{2,3} Recently, Molander⁴ and many other respected researchers⁵ made superb efforts to make advancements toward transition metal-catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura coupling using organotrifluoroborate salts as coupling partners.

Therefore, we herein attempt to explore the catalytic activity of this type of ligands towards palladium-catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of aryl chlorides with potassium aryltrifluoroborates.

4.2 **Results and Discussion**

4.2.1 Study on the Effectiveness of *P*,*N*-Type Benzimidazolyl Phosphines

 Table 4.1 Optimization of Reaction Conditions on Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki

 Miyaura Coupling of Aryl Chlorides with Potassium Aryltrifluoroborates^a



Entry	Pd source	mol% Pd	Pd:L	Solvent	Base	% Yield
1	$Pd(OAc)_2$	0.5	1:2	t-BuOH	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	70
2	$Pd(OAc)_2$	0.5	1:2	Toluene	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	16
3	$Pd(OAc)_2$	0.5	1:2	Dioxane	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	16
4	$Pd(OAc)_2$	0.5	1:2	DMF	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	15
5	$Pd(OAc)_2$	0.5	1:2	<i>t</i> -Amyl alcohol	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	60
6	$Pd(OAc)_2$	0.5	1:2	t-BuOH/Toluene	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	99
7	Pd(dba) ₂	0.2	1:2	t-BuOH/Toluene	K_3PO_4 · H_2O	99
8	$Pd_2(dba)_3$	0.2	1:2	t-BuOH/Toluene	K_3PO_4 · H_2O	34
9	Pd(dba) ₂	0.2	1:1	t-BuOH/Toluene	K_3PO_4 · H_2O	44
10	Pd(dba) ₂	0.2	1:3	t-BuOH/Toluene	K_3PO_4 · H_2O	55
11	Pd(dba) ₂	0.2	1:4	t-BuOH/Toluene	K_3PO_4 · H_2O	37
12	Pd(dba) ₂	0.1	1:2	t-BuOH/Toluene	K_3PO_4 · H_2O	82
13	$Pd(OAc)_2$	0.1	1:2	t-BuOH/Toluene	K_3PO_4 · H_2O	28
14	Pd(dba) ₂	0.1	1:2	t-BuOH/Toluene	NaOt-Bu	12
15	Pd(dba) ₂	0.1	1:2	t-BuOH/Toluene	Cs_2CO_3	10
16	$Pd(dba)_2$	0.1	1:2	t-BuOH/Toluene	K_3PO_4	56
17	Pd(dba) ₂	0.1	1:2	t-BuOH/Toluene	CsF	3
18	Pd(dba) ₂	0.1	1:2	t-BuOH/Toluene	K_2CO_3	49
19	Pd(dba) ₂	0.1	1:2	t-BuOH/Toluene	Na ₂ CO ₃	44
20 ^b	Pd(dba) ₂	0.1	1:2	<i>t</i> -BuOH/Toluene	K_3PO_4 · H_2O	1
21 ^c	Pd(dba) ₂	0.1	1:2	<i>t</i> -BuOH/Toluene	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	80

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: 2-Chlorotoluene (1.0 mmol), potassium phenyltrifluoroborate (1.5 mmol), base (3.0 mmol), and solvent (3 mL) were stirred at 135 °C for 20 h under nitrogen. Calibrated GC yields were reported using dodecane as the internal standard, average of two runs. ^{*b*}L1a as ligand. ^{*c*}L1c as ligand.

To test the effectiveness of the benzimidazolyl phosphine ligands, 2chlorotoluene coupled with potassium phenyltriflouroborate was used as the benchmark entry (**Table 4.1**). Commonly used organic solvents, such as *tert*butanol (*t*-BuOH), *t*-amyl alcohol, toluene, dioxane and *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) were firstly examined under 0.5 mol% of Pd(OAc)₂/PCy PhMezole-phos **L1b** system. Alcoholic solvents such as *t*-BuOH and *t*-amyl alcohol showed superior result when compared to the other polar aprotic and non-polar solvents (**Table 4.1**, entries 1 to 5). The improvement in performance could be attributed to the increase in solubility of the triflouroborate salt. As we had experience for solvent mixing to promote the catalytic activity (see **Section 3.2.1**), mixing *t*-BuOH with toluene showed superior result among those single solvents (**Table 4.1**, entry 6).

Three kinds of palladium sources were examined. $Pd(dba)_2$ gave the best result among $Pd(OAc)_2$, $Pd(dba)_2$, and $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (**Table 4.1**, entries 7, 8, 12 and 13). Upon varying the metal to ligand ratio, the Pd-loading was tuned down from 0.5 mol% to 0.2 mol%. From metal to ligand ratio 1:1 to 1:4, the ratio of 1:2 provided the highest yield (**Table 4.1**, entries 7 and 9 to 11). The use of $Pd(dba)_2$ and metal to ligand ratio of 1:2 was then chosen for further screening process.

After that, several common inorganic bases, such as $K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$, K_3PO_4 , K_2CO_3 , Na_2CO_3 , Cs_2CO_3 , CsF and NaOt-Bu, were examined. In the presence of ligand PCy PhMezole-phos **L1b**, $K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$ was found to be the best base of choice in this catalytic system (**Table 4.1**, entries 12 and 14 to 19).

The effect of ligand with different phosphion moieties was also examined. Ligand PPh PhMezole-phos **L1a** with diphenylphosphino moiety provided trace conversion while the dicyclohexylphosphino analogue, PCy PhMezole-phos **L1b**, gave the best catalytic activity. In addition, ligand P*i*-Pr PhMezole-phos **L1c** bearing a diisopropylphosphino moiety showed a low catalytic activity (**Table 4.1**, entries 12, 20 and 21).

At last, $Pd(dba)_2$, PCy PhMezole-phos **L1b**, metal to ligand ratio of 1:2, K_3PO_4 ·H₂O and mixing *t*-BuOH with toluene were chosen as the optimized reaction conditions which was used for further substrate scope development.

4.2.2 Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling of Aryl Chlorides with Potassium Aryltrifluoroborates

Table 4.2 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Aryl Chlorides withPotassium Aryltrifluoroborates a





^{*a*}Reaction conditions: ArCl (1.0 mmol), Ar'BF₃K(OH)₂ (1.5 mmol), K₃PO₄·H₂O (3.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂/PCy PhMezole-phos (**L1b**) = 1:2, and *t*-BuOH/toluene (1:1, 3 mL) were stirred at 135 °C for 24 h under nitrogen. Catalyst loading and time for the reactions were not optimized. ^{*b*}Isolated yield.

The scope of this reaction was then investigated under the optimized conditions. A range of aryl chlorides was examined and the results are listed in **Table 4.2**. The deactivated aryl chlorides containing methyl or methoxy in *ortho*-or *para*- position were found to be a feasible coupling partner under 0.2 mol% Pd-loading (**Table 4.2**, entries 1 to 4). In addition, *ortho*-substituted aryltrifluoroborate was also good substrate for this reaction (**Table 4.2**, entries 5, 9 and 10).

On the other hand, a variety of common functional groups, such as ketone, ester and nitrile, were compatible under 0.05 mol% Pd-loading although the catalyst loading was not optimized (**Table 4.2**, entries 5 to 8).

Apart from a variety of aryl chlorides, heteroaryl chlorides were also examined. Quinolyl and pyridyl substrates could couple with potassium aryltrifluoroborates to furnish products in moderate to excellent yields. (**Table 4.2**, entries 9 to 12).

4.3 Conclusion

In conclusion, the combination of $Pd(dba)_2$ and PCy PhMezole-phos L1b was efficient towards Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of aryl chlorides with potassium aryltrifluoroborates. Non-activated, functionalized aryl and heteroaryl chlorides could also couple with potassium aryltrifluoroborates smoothly. Notably, the catalyst loading down to 0.05 mol% can also be achieved.

4.4 Experimental Section

4.4.1 General Considerations

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without purification. All Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reactions were performed in resealable screw cap schlenk flask (approx. 20 mL volume) in the presence of Teflon coated magnetic stirrer bar (3mm × 10 mm). tert-Butanol, toluene, mesitylene and 1,4-dioxane were distilled from sodium under nitrogen.⁶ Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen.⁶ Commercial aryl chlorides (liquid form only) were purified by passed through a short plug (0.5 cm wide \times 4 cm high) of neutral alumina or distillation. Most commercially available potassium aryltrifluoroborates were used as received. K₃PO₄·H₂O were purchased from chemical supplier and used without grinding. Thin layer chromatography was performed on precoated silica gel 60 Silica gel (70-230 and 230-400 mesh) was used for column F₂₅₄ plates. chromatography. Melting points were recorded on an uncorrected instrument. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker (400 MHz) spectrometer. Spectra were referenced internally to the residual proton resonance in $\text{CDCl}_3(\delta 7.26 \text{ ppm})$ as the internal standard. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported as part per million (ppm) in δ scale downfield from TMS. ¹³C NMR spectra were referenced to CDCl₃(δ 77.0 ppm, the middle peak). Coupling constants (J) were reported in Hertz (Hz). Mass spectra (EI-MS and ES-MS) were recorded on a mass spectrometer. Highresolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on ESIMS. GC-MS analysis was conducted on a GCD system using a column with 30 m \times 0.25 mm. The products described in GC yield were accorded to the authentic samples/dodecane calibration standard from GC-FID system. Compounds described in the literature

were characterized by comparison of their ¹H and/or ¹³C NMR spectra to the previously reported data. The procedures in this section are representative, and thus the yields may differ from those reported in tables.

4.4.2 General Procedure for Initial Ligand and Reaction Conditions Screening

General procedure for initial ligand and reaction conditions screening: A stock solution of Pd(dba)₂ (5.8 mg, 0.010 mmol) with ligand in freshly distilled solvent (10 mL) was initially prepared with continuously stirring at room temperature. Potassium phenyltrifluoroborate (0.2760 g, 1.5 mmol), base (3.0 equiv., 3.0 mmol) and magnetic stirrer bar (3 mm × 8 mm) were charged to an array of Schlenk tubes. Each tube was carefully evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (3 cycles). 2-Chlorotoluene (0.118 mL, 1.0 mmol) and stock solution (1.0 mL, 0.1 mol% Pd) were added *via* syringe. Further 2.0 mL solvent was added *via* syringe (final volume: 3 mL). This batch of Schlenk tube was resealed and magnetically stirred in a preheated 135 °C oil bath. The reactions were allowed to reach room temperature. Ethyl acetate (~10 mL), dodecane (227 μ L, internal standard) water (~5 mL) were added. The organic layer was subjected to GC analysis. The GC yield was previously calibrated by authentic sample/dodecane calibration curve.

4.4.3 General Procedure for Suzuki-Miyaura Couplings of Aryl Chlorides with Potassium Aryltrifluoroborates

General procedure for Suzuki-Miyaura couplings of aryl chlorides with potassium aryltrifluoroborates: Pd(dba)₂ (5.8 mg, 0.010 mmol) and ligand L1b (Pd:L = 1:2) in freshly distilled 10 mL toluene (0.1 mol% Pd per 1 mL stock solution) was initially prepared with continuously stirring at room temperature. Potassium aryltrifluoroborate (1.5 mmol), K₃PO₄·H₂O (3.0 mmol) and magnetic stirrer bar (3 mm × 8 mm) were charged to an array of Schlenk tubes. Each tube was carefully evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (3 cycles). Aryl chloride (1.0 mmol) was then added to the Schlenk tubes. The stock solution was then transferred to Schlenk tubes *via* syringes. Further solvents were added (final volume: 3 mL, *t*-BuOH/ toluene, 1:1). This batch of Schlenk tube was resealed and magnetically stirred in a preheated 135 °C oil bath. After the completion of reaction as judged by GC or TLC analysis, the reactions were allowed to reach room temperature. Water (~3 mL) and ethyl acetate (~10 mL × 3) were added. The organic layers were combined and concentrated. The crude products were purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh).

4.4.4 Characterization Data for Coupling Products

4-Methylbiphenyl (**Table 4.2**, entry 1)⁷



R_f = 0.5 (pure hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.56 (s, 3H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.0, 126.9, 128.6, 129.4, 136.9, 138.31, 141.1; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 168.1 (M⁺, 100), 152.1 (24).

2-Methylbiphenyl (**Table 4.2**, entry 2)⁸



R_f = 0.5 (pure hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 7.40-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.58 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.4, 125.7, 126.7, 127.2, 128.0, 129.1, 129.7, 130.2, 135.2, 141.9, 141.9; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 168.1 (M⁺, 100), 153.0 (42).

2,4'-Dimethylbiphenyl (**Table 4.2**, entry 3)⁸



 $R_f = 0.5$ (pure hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 7.42-7.43 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.4, 21.1, 125.7, 127.0, 128.7, 129.0, 129.8, 130.2, 135.3, 136.2, 139.0, 141.8; MS (EI): *m/z* (relative intensity) 182.1 (M⁺, 88), 167.1 (100).

4-Methoxybiphenyl (**Table 4.2**, entry 4)⁷

 $R_f = 0.5$ (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.93 (s, 3H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.63-7.68 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 55.2, 114.1, 126.5, 128.0, 128.6, 133.6, 140.7, 159.1; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 184.1 (M⁺, 100), 169.1 (49), 141.1 (45), 115.1 (34).

 $(2'-Methylbiphenyl-4-yl)(phenyl)methanone (Table 4.2, entry 5)^8$



 $R_f = 0.5$ (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.38 (s, 3H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.62-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.92-7.96 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.2, 125.7, 127.6, 128.0, 128.9, 129.3, 129.7, 130.3, 132.1, 134.8, 135.7, 137.4, 140.5, 146.0, 195.9; MS (EI): *m/z* (relative intensity) 272.1 (M⁺, 80), 195.1 (100).

1-(4-(Naphthalen-2-yl)phenyl)ethanone (**Table 4.2**, entry 6)⁹



R_f = 0.3 (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.66 (s, 3H), 7.54-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.89-7.96 (m, 3H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 26.5, 125.0, 126.2, 126.3, 126.4, 127.3, 127.5, 128.2, 128.6, 128.8, 132.9, 133.4, 135.7, 136.9, 145.4, 197.5; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 246.1 (M⁺, 67), 231.1 (100), 202.1 (69). Methyl 4'-methylbiphenyl-3-carboxylate (**Table 4.2**, entry 7)¹⁰



R_f = 0.5 (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.0, 52.0, 126.8, 127.9, 127.9, 128.69, 129.5, 130.5, 131.2, 137.1, 137.4, 141.2, 166.9; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 226.1 (M⁺, 100), 195.1 (71), 167.1 (35), 152.1 (39).

3-(Naphthalen-2-yl)benzonitrile (Table 4.2, entry 8)¹¹



 $R_f = 0.4$ (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.64-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.90-7.96 (m, 5H), 8.00 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 112.8, 118.7, 124.6, 126.0, 126.4, 126.5, 127.5, 128.1, 128.8, 129.4, 130.5, 130.6, 131.4, 132.8, 133.3, 135.8, 142.0; MS (EI): *m/z* (relative intensity) 229.1 (M⁺, 100).

2-*o*-Tolylpyridine (**Table 4.2**, entry 9)⁸



 $R_f = 0.5 (1:4 \text{ E.A./Hexane}); {}^{1}\text{H} \text{ NMR} (400\text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 2.40 (s, 3\text{H}), 7.22 (t, J)$ = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (s, 3H), 7.38-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.71 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (d, J) = 4.0 Hz, 1H); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (100\text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 20.0, 121.3, 123.7, 125.6, 128.0, 129.3, 130.4, 135.4, 135.8, 140.1, 148.8, 159.7; MS (EI): *m/z* (relative intensity) 168.1 (M⁺, 100). 1-o-Tolylisoquinoline (**Table 4.2**, entry 10)¹²



R_f = 0.5 (1:4 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.09 (s, 3H), 7.32-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.68 (m, 3H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.64 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 19.5, 119.6, 125.3, 126.6, 126.9, 127.1, 128.1, 129.3, 129.8, 130.0, 136.1, 136.1, 138.7, 141.9, 161.1; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 218.1 (M⁺, 100), 108.6 (16).

3-Phenylpyridine (**Table 4.2**, entry 11)⁷



 $R_f = 0.5$ (1:4 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 7.39-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H). 8.63 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.91 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 123.5, 127.1, 128.0, 129.0, 134.1, 136.4, 137.9, 148.2, 148.4; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 155.1 (M⁺, 100).

2-Methoxy-6-(naphthalen-2-yl)pyridine (Table 4.2, entry 12)¹³



 $R_f = 0.6 (1:10 \text{ E.A./Hexane}); {}^{1}\text{H} \text{ NMR} (400\text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 4.20 (s, 3\text{H}), 6.82 (d, <math>J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.50-7.70 (m, 4\text{H}), 7,94-8.01 (m, 3\text{H}), 8.29 (d, <math>J = 8.4 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 8.62 (d, J = 8.8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (100\text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 53.1, 109.1, 112.9, 124.4, 125.9, 126.0, 126.2, 127.5, 128.1, 128.5, 133.3, 133.5, 136.2, 139.0, 154.3, 163.6; MS (EI): <math>m/z$ (relative intensity) 234.1 (M⁺, 100), 294.1 (47).

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Chapter 5 Easily Accessible and Highly Tunable Alterable *P,O*or *P,N*-Type 2-Phosphino-Substituted Benzimidazolyl Ligands for Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling of Aryl Chlorides

5.1 Introduction

As mentioned previously in **Chapter 3**, palladium-catalyzed crosscouplings have received widespread applications in pharmaceutical, natural product and agricultural synthesis.¹ During the past decade, considerable efforts have been undertaken by researchers aiming to design unique phosphine ligands which allow challenging coupling reaction to proceed smoothly.²

Distinctive ligand scaffold has been underlined to be important in promoting cross-coupling reactions. In this regards, phosphine ligands in palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling of aryl halides generally contain electron-rich (to promote oxidative addition) and sterically bulky (to improve reductive elimination) features. In particular, phosphine containing a proximal dynamic hemilabile coordinating group would potentially offer additional catalyst longevity.³ In 1999, Guram and Bei reported *P*,*O*-type ligands for Suzuki-Miyaura coupling and amination of aryl chlorides.⁴ Recently, Hor,⁵ Singer,⁶ Stradiotto,⁷ and other group⁸ disclosed new entity of mixed-donor chelating ligands, which could tackle difficult cross-coupling processes. In 2011, McNulty reported *P*,*O* and *P*,*N*-type heterocyclic phosphines.⁹ They suggested that different conformational feature of palladium-complexes would give dramatic

influence on catalytic activity.

We recently reported P,O and P,N-type ligands, Amidole-phos¹⁰ and PhMezole-phos (see **Chapter 3 & 4**), respectively (**Figure 5.1**). We herein demonstrate our exploration of a new family of 2-phosphino-substituted benzimidazolyl ligands towards Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling of aryl chlorides.



Figure 5.1 Previous Ligand Structures/Coordination and Present Investigation.

5.2 **Results and Discussion**

5.2.1 Structural Insight of Palladium-Ligand interaction

To investigate the unique binding properties of the 2-phosphinosubstituted benzimidazolyl ligands series, we have grown single crystal of palladium complexes from $PdCl_2(CH_3CN)_2$ and ligands (**Scheme 5.1**).



Scheme 5.1 Complexation of 2-Phosphino-Substituted Benzimidazolyl Ligands with PdCl₂(CH₃CN)₂

After we have grown different crystal structures of complex, we found that phosphine with bulky -Pt-Bu₂ moiety was found to coordinate in a κ^2 -*P*,*N* fashion (**Figure 5.3**, **5.6** and **5.8** to **5.9**), while phosphine with less sterically congested, such as $-PCy_2$ and -Pi-Pr moiety (**Figure 5.2**, **5.4**, **5.5** and **5.7**), was a dimeric complex, in which the bottom carbamoyl oxygen pointed towards the palladium center and showed a potential *P*,*O*-hemilabile ability. Hence, we deduced that adjusting the bulkiness of the phosphino group could alter the site of coordination of the ligand to metal.



Figure 5.2 ORTEP Representation of Complex Pd-PCy Amizole-phos **L2a** (30% probability ellipsoids, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity purpose.)

Bond Distances (Å)				
Pd(1)-P(1)	2.2257(9)	Pd(1)-Cl(1)	2.2816(11)	
Pd(1)-Cl(2)	2.3240(11)	Pd(1)-Cl(2)#1	2.4236(9)	
Cl(2)-Pd(1)#1	2.4236(9)	P(1)-C(7)	1.814(4)	
P(1)-C(21)	1.842(4)	P(1)-C(15)	1.846(4)	
Angles (°)				
P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(1)	85.51(4)	P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	96.18(3)	
Cl(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	178.26(4)	P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)#1	177.53(4)	
Cl(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)#1	93.14(4)	Cl(2)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)#1	85.15(4)	
Pd(1)-Cl(2)-Pd(1)#1	94.85(4)			

Table 5.1 Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (°)

Empirical formula	$[PdCl_2(C_{26}H_{40}N_3OP)]_2$
Formula weight	1237.76
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2(1)/c
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 13.8769(5) \text{ Å} \qquad \alpha = 90^{\circ}.$
	$b = 24.3168(10) \text{ Å} \qquad \beta = 101.287(2)^{\circ}.$
	$c = 9.5464(3) \text{ Å}$ $\gamma = 113.505(4)^{\circ}.$
Volume	3159.0(2) Å ³
Z	2
Density (calculated)	1.301 Mg/m^3
Absorption coefficient	0.828 mm^{-1}
F(000)	1280
Crystal size	0.18 x 0.10 x 0.08 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	2.33 to 27.58°.
Index ranges	-17<=h<=17, -31<=k<=29, -12<=l<=12
Reflections collected	35115
Independent reflections	7203 [R(int) = 0.1233]
Completeness to theta = 27.58°	98.5 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.5803
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	7203 / 0 / 308
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.001
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0756, $wR2 = 0.1535$
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1710, wR2 = 0.2278
Extinction coefficient	0.0081(2)
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.077 and -1.145 e.Å ⁻³

Table 5.2 Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Pd-PCy Amizole-phos L2a



Figure 5.3 ORTEP Representation of Complex Pd-P*t*-Bu Amizole-phos **L2b** (30% probability ellipsoids, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity purpose.)

Bond Distances (Å)				
Pd(1)-N(2)	2.029(3)	Pd(1)-P(1)	2.2569(8)	
Pd(1)-Cl(2)	Pd(1)-Cl(2) 2.2827(10)		2.3688(10)	
P(1)-C(1)	1.838(3)	P(1)-C(15)	1.850(3)	
P(1)-C(19)	1.862(3)			
Angles (°)				
N(2)-Pd(1)-P(1)	70.84(7)	N(2)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	169.14(8)	
P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	98.37(3)	N(2)-Pd(1)-Cl(1)	95.88(8)	
P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(1)	166.04(4)	Cl(2)-Pd(1)-Cl(1)	94.97(4)	

Table 5.3 Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (°)

Empirical formula	PdCl ₂ (C ₂₂ H ₃₆ N ₃ OP)
Formula weight	566.81
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2(1)/n
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 13.4083(3) \text{ Å} \qquad \alpha = 90^{\circ}.$
	$b = 11.6455(3) \text{ Å} \qquad \beta = 98.0390(10)^{\circ}.$
	$c = 16.6487(4) \text{ Å} \qquad \gamma = 90^{\circ}.$
Volume	2574.09(11) Å ³
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.463 Mg/m^3
Absorption coefficient	1.009 mm^{-1}
F(000)	1168
Crystal size	0.48 x 0.28 x 0.24 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	1.83 to 27.42°.
Index ranges	-17<=h<=17, -15<=k<=15, -21<=l<=21
Reflections collected	39515
Independent reflections	5840 [R(int) = 0.0600]
Completeness to theta = 27.42°	99.6 %
Absorption correction	None
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.4921
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	5840 / 0 / 288
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.002
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0651, wR2 = 0.1941
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0822, wR2 = 0.2254
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.006 and -0.930 e.Å ⁻³

Table 5.4 Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Pd-Pt-Bu Amizole-phos L2b



Figure 5.4 ORTEP Representation of Complex Pd-P*i*-Pr Amizole-phos **L2c** (30% probability ellipsoids, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity purpose.)

Bond Distances (Å)					
Pd(1)-P(2)	2.2257(10)	Pd(1)-Cl(1)	2.2799(11)		
Pd(1)-Cl(3)	2.3294(10)	Pd(1)-Cl(4)	2.4192(9)		
Pd(2)-P(1)	2.2245(8)	Pd(2)-Cl(2)	2.2751(13)		
Pd(2)-Cl(4)	2.3359(12)	Pd(2)-Cl(3)	2.4329(8)		
Angles (°)					
P(2)-Pd(1)-Cl(1)	84.44(4)	P(2)-Pd(1)-Cl(3)	97.49(4)		
Cl(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(3)	178.05(3)	P(2)-Pd(1)-Cl(4)	178.06(4)		
Cl(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(4)	93.67(4)	Cl(3)-Pd(1)-Cl(4)	84.41(4)		
Pd(1)-Cl(3)-Pd(2)	95.71(3)				

Table 5.5 Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (°)

Empirical formula	$[PdCl_2(C_{20}H_{32}N_3OP)]_2$
Formula weight	1077.51
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	Cc
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 31.8142(7) \text{ Å} \qquad \alpha = 90^{\circ}.$
	b = 11.9373(3) Å β = 115.0800(10)°.
	$c = 14.0027(3) \text{ Å} \qquad \gamma = 90^{\circ}.$
Volume	4816.50(19) Å ³
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.486 Mg/m^3
Absorption coefficient	1.074 mm^{-1}
F(000)	2208
Crystal size	0.50 x 0.40 x 0.34 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	1.85 to 27.45°.
Index ranges	-31<=h<=41, -14<=k<=15, -18<=l<=18
Reflections collected	27296
Independent reflections	8494 [R(int) = 0.0379]
Completeness to theta = 27.45°	99.7 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.6418
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	8494 / 2 / 577
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.005
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0382, $wR2 = 0.0768$
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0607, wR2 = 0.0923
Absolute structure parameter	0.00
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.948 and -1.232 e.Å ⁻³

Table 5.6 Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Pd-Pi-Pr Amizole-phos L2c



Figure 5.5 ORTEP Representation of Complex Pd-PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2i** (30% probability ellipsoids, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity purpose.)

Bond Distances (Å)					
Pd(1)-P(1)	2.2219(6)	Pd(1)-Cl(1)	2.2850(7)		
Pd(1)-Cl(2)	2.3272(6)	Pd(1)-Cl(2)#1	2.4205(6)		
Cl(2)-Pd(1)#1	2.4205(6)	P(1)-C(1)	1.815(2)		
P(1)-C(23)	1.840(2)	P(1)-C(17)	1.845(2)		
Angles (°)					
P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(1)	85.35(2)	P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	96.47(2)		
Cl(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	178.15(2)	P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)#1	177.16(2)		
Cl(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)#1	93.04(2)	Cl(2)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)#1	85.15(2)		
Pd(1)-Cl(2)-Pd(1)#1	94.85(2)				

 Table 5.7 Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (°)

Empirical formula	$[(PdCl)Cl(C_{28}H_{44}N_{3}OP)]_{2} .2(CH_{2}Cl_{2})$	
Formula weight	1463.72	
Temperature	296(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 9.6010(3) \text{ Å}$ $\alpha = 88.389(2)^{\circ}.$	
	$b = 13.0326(3) \text{ Å} \qquad \beta = 77.005(2)^{\circ}.$	
	$c = 14.0213(4) \text{ Å} \qquad \gamma = 81.740(2)^{\circ}.$	
Volume	1691.75(8) Å ³	
Z	1	
Density (calculated)	1.437 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.938 mm^{-1}	
F(000)	756	
Crystal size	0.20 x 0.14 x 0.12 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	1.49 to 27.53°.	
Index ranges	-12<=h<=12, -16<=k<=16, -18<=l<=18	
Reflections collected	31841	
Independent reflections	7762 [R(int) = 0.0750]	
Completeness to theta = 27.53°	99.5 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.6448	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	7762 / 1 / 350	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.001	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0494, wR2 = 0.1133	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0897, wR2 = 0.1337	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.960 and -0.937 e.Å ⁻³	

Table 5.8 Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Pd-PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos

L2i Complex



Figure 5.6 ORTEP Representation of Complex Pd-Pt-Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2j** (30% probability ellipsoids, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity purpose.)

Table 5.9	Selected	Bond Distances	(Å)	and Angles (°)
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Bond Distances (Å)				
Pd(1)-N(1)	Pd(1)-N(1) 2.0402(16) Pd(1)-P(1)		2.2509(5)	
Pd(1)-Cl(1)	2.2796(6)	Pd(1)-Cl(2)	2.3486(6)	
P(1)-C(1)	1.8373(19)	P(1)-C(17)	1.857(2)	
P(1)-C(21)	1.869(2)			
Angles (°)				
N(1)-Pd(1)-P(1)	70.87(4)	N(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(1)	168.44(5)	
P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(1)	97.73(2)	N(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	97.36(4)	
P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	168.20(2)	Cl(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	94.00(2)	

Empirical formula	PdCl ₂ (C ₂₅ H ₄₀ N ₂ OP) .(CH ₂ Cl ₂)	
Formula weight	679.79	
Temperature	296(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2(1)/c	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 11.4333(3) \text{ Å} \qquad \alpha = 90^{\circ}.$	
	$b = 13.5925(4) \text{ Å} \qquad \beta = 91.390(2)^{\circ}.$	
	$c = 20.6057(6) \text{ Å} \qquad \gamma = 90^{\circ}.$	
Volume	3201.33(16) Å ³	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.410 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.985 mm^{-1}	
F(000)	1400	
Crystal size	0.50 x 0.34 x 0.14 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	1.78 to 27.46°.	
Index ranges	-14<=h<=14, -17<=k<=17, -26<=l<=21	
Reflections collected	49147	
Independent reflections	7249 [R(int) = 0.0537]	
Completeness to theta = 27.46°	99.1 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.5817	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	7249 / 0 / 317	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.000	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0374, wR2 = 0.0815	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0559, wR2 = 0.0905	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.735 and -0.818 e.Å ⁻³	

Table 5.10 Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Pd-Pt-Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos

L2j Complex



Figure 5.7 ORTEP Representation of Complex Pd-P*i*-Pr Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2k** (30% probability ellipsoids, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity purpose.)

Bond Distances (Å)				
Pd(1)-P(1)	2.2238(8)	Pd(1)-Cl(1)	2.2790(9)	
Pd(1)-Cl(2)	2.3311(9)	Pd(1)-Cl(2)#1	2.4231(9)	
Cl(2)-Pd(1)#1	2.4231(8)	P(1)-C(1)	1.818(3)	
P(1)-C(20)	1.848(3)	P(1)-C(17)	1.852(4)	
Angles (°)				
P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(1)	84.54(3)	P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	97.33(3)	
Cl(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	178.13(3)	P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)#1	177.51(3)	
Cl(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)#1	93.29(3)	Cl(2)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)#1	84.84(3)	
Pd(1)-Cl(2)-Pd(1)#1	95.16(3)			

Table 5.11 Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (°)

Empirical formula	$[PdCl(Cl)(C_{22}H_{37}N_{3}OP)]_{2} . 2(H_{2}O)$
Formula weight	1171.66
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2(1)/c
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 18.443(3) \text{ Å} \qquad \alpha = 90^{\circ}.$
	$b = 11.3457(18) \text{ Å} \beta = 112.822(7)^{\circ}.$
	$c = 14.494(2) \text{ Å} \qquad \gamma = 90^{\circ}.$
Volume	2795.4(7) Å ³
Z	2
Density (calculated)	1.392 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.934 mm^{-1}
F(000)	1212
Crystal size	$0.50 \ge 0.42 \ge 0.42 \text{ mm}^3$
Theta range for data collection	2.16 to 27.53°.
Index ranges	-23<=h<=23, -14<=k<=14, -18<=l<=17
Reflections collected	32253
Independent reflections	6057 [R(int) = 0.0425]
Completeness to theta = 27.53°	94.2 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.6089
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	6057 / 0 / 296
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.001
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0489, $wR2 = 0.1413$
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0701, $wR2 = 0.1798$
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.089 and -1.152 e.Å ⁻³

Table 5.12 Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Pd-Pi-Pr Amizole^{M2}-phos

L2k Complex



Figure 5.8 ORTEP Representation of Complex Pd-P*t*-Bu ^{P3}Sulfozole-phos **L2q** (30% probability ellipsoids, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity purpose.)

Bond Distances (Å)				
Pd(1)-N(1)	2.035(2)	Pd(1)-P(1)	2.2598(8)	
Pd(1)-Cl(2)	2.2814(9)	Pd(1)-Cl(1)	2.3348(9)	
P(1)-C(22)	1.852(3)	P(1)-C(27)	1.854(4)	
P(1)-C(23) 1.866(4)				
	Ang	gles (°)		
N(1)-Pd(1)-P(1)	71.27(8)	N(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	170.95(8)	
P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	99.78(3)	N(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(1)	96.15(8)	
P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(1)	167.36(3)	Cl(2)-Pd(1)-Cl(1)	92.83(4)	

Table 5.13 Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (°)

Empirical formula	PdCl ₂ (C ₃₀ H ₄₆ N ₂ O ₂ SP) .CH ₂ Cl ₂
Formula weight	791.94
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Orthorhombic
Space group	Pna2(1)
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 28.5856(7) \text{ Å} \qquad \alpha = 90^{\circ}.$
	$b = 12.8636(4) \text{ Å} \qquad \beta = 90^{\circ}.$
	$c = 10.0522(3) \text{ Å} \qquad \gamma = 90^{\circ}.$
Volume	3696.33(18) Å ³
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.423 Mg/m^3
Absorption coefficient	0.920 mm^{-1}
F(000)	1636
Crystal size	0.32 x 0.30 x 0.24 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	1.74 to 27.43°.
Index ranges	-37<=h<=35, -16<=k<=15, -13<=l<=9
Reflections collected	21451
Independent reflections	7050 [R(int) = 0.0502]
Completeness to theta = 27.43°	97.2 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.5681
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	7050 / 1 / 375
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.005
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0566, wR2 = 0.1278
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0803, wR2 = 0.1648
Absolute structure parameter	-0.05(5)
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.146 and -1.535 e.Å ⁻³

 Table 5.14 Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Pd-Pt-Bu
 P3Sulfozole-phos

L2q Complex



Figure 5.9 ORTEP Representation of Complex Pd-P*t*-Bu ^{M3}Sulfozole-phos **L2s** (30% probability ellipsoids, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity purpose.)

Table 5.15 Selected Bond Distances	(A) and Angles (3)

Bond Distances (Å)				
Pd(1)-N(1)	2.0261(15)	Pd(1)-P(1)	2.2681(5)	
Pd(1)-Cl(1)	2.2772(5)	Pd(1)- $Cl(2)$	2.3503(5)	
P(1)-C(1)	1.8572(17)	P(1)-C(21)	1.8694(19)	
P(1)-C(17) 1.8712(18)				
Angles (°)				
N(1)-Pd(1)-P(1)	70.53(4)	N(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(1)	170.90(4)	
P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(1)	100.375(19)	N(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	97.93(4)	
P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	168.428(19)	Cl(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	91.16(2)	

Empirical formula	PdCl ₂ (C ₂₄ H ₃₃ N ₂ O ₂ SP)
Formula weight	621.85
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2(1)/n
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 13.0661(3) \text{ Å} \qquad \alpha = 90^{\circ}.$
	$b = 15.4288(4) \text{ Å} \qquad \beta = 100.8850(10)^{\circ}.$
	$c = 13.6838(3) \text{ Å} \qquad \gamma = 90^{\circ}.$
Volume	2708.94(11) Å ³
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.525 Mg/m^3
Absorption coefficient	1.042 mm^{-1}
F(000)	1272
Crystal size	0.50 x 0.44 x 0.16 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	2.01 to 28.55°.
Index ranges	-17<=h<=15, -20<=k<=20, -18<=l<=18
Reflections collected	39631
Independent reflections	6850 [R(int) = 0.0467]
Completeness to theta = 28.55°	99.2 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.5717
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	6850 / 0 / 353
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.002
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0334, $wR2 = 0.0729$
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0510, $wR2 = 0.0798$
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.362 and -0.387 e.Å ⁻³

 Table 5.16 Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Pd-Pt-Bu ^{M3}Sulfozole-phos

L2s Complex



Figure 5.10 ORTEP Representation of Complex Pd-P*t*-Bu Mezole-phos **L2g** (30% probability ellipsoids, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity purpose.)

Bond Distances (Å)				
Pd(1)-N(1)	2.039(2)	Pd(1)-P(1)	2.2618(7)	
Pd(1)-Cl(1)	2.2820(8)	Pd(1)-Cl(2)	2.3631(8)	
P(1)-C(1)	1.833(3)	P(1)-C(9)	1.867(3)	
P(1)-C(13) 1.880(3)				
Angles (°)				
N(1)-Pd(1)-P(1)	70.62(7)	N(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(1)	169.58(7)	
P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(1)	99.31(3)	N(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	96.62(7)	
P(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	167.23(3)	Cl(1)-Pd(1)-Cl(2)	93.42(3)	

Table 5.17 Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (°)

Empirical formula	$PdCl_2(C_{16}H_{25}N_2P)$
Formula weight	453.65
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2(1)/n
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 16.2011(4) \text{ Å} \qquad \alpha = 90^{\circ}.$
	$b = 12.5887(3) \text{ Å} \qquad \beta = 103.8050(10)^{\circ}.$
	$c = 19.7586(4) \text{ Å} \qquad \gamma = 90^{\circ}.$
Volume	3913.37(16) Å ³
Z	8
Density (calculated)	1.540 Mg/m^3
Absorption coefficient	1.301 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	1840
Crystal size	0.50 x 0.40 x 0.40 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	1.86 to 27.42°.
Index ranges	-20<=h<=20, -15<=k<=16, -25<=l<=25
Reflections collected	40456
Independent reflections	8580 [R(int) = 0.0583]
Completeness to theta = 27.42°	96.2 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.5123
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	8580 / 0 / 379
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.004
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0638, wR2 = 0.1831
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0785, wR2 = 0.2080
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.109 and -1.800 e.Å ⁻³

 Table 5.18 Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Pd-Pt-Bu Mezole-phos L2g

5.2.2 Preliminary Study on the Effectiveness of 2-Phosphino-Substituted Benzimidazolyl Ligands

Table 5.19 Investigation on the Effectiveness of 2-Phosphino-SubstitutedBenzimidazolyl Ligands in Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling ofAryl Chloride a



Entry	Ligand	% Yield
1	PCy Amizole-phos L2a ($\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{R}'' = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{O})\mathbf{N}i$ - $\mathbf{Pr}_2, \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}$)	43
2	Pt-Bu Amizole-phos L2b ($\mathbb{R}' = \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{R}'' = \mathbb{C}(\mathbb{O})\mathbb{N}i$ -Pr ₂ , $\mathbb{R} = t$ -Bu)	8
3	P <i>i</i> -Pr Amizole-phos L2c ($\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{R}'' = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{O})\mathbf{N}i$ -Pr ₂ , $\mathbf{R} = i$ -Pr)	18
4	PPh Amizole-phos L2d ($\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{R}'' = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{O})\mathbf{N}i$ - $\mathbf{Pr}_2, \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{Ph}$)	0
5	PEt Amizole-phos L2e ($\mathbb{R}' = \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{R}'' = \mathbb{C}(\mathbb{O})\mathbb{N}i$ -Pr ₂ , $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{E}t$)	0
6	PCy Mezole-phos L2f ($\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{R}'' = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}$)	18
7	Pt-Bu Mezole-phos L2g ($\mathbb{R}' = \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{R}'' = \mathbb{M}e, \mathbb{R} = t$ -Bu)	0
8	PCyp Mezole-phos L2h ($\mathbb{R}' = \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{R}'' = \mathbb{M}e, \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{C}yp$)	9
9	PCy Amizole ^{M2} -phos L2i ($\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{Me}, \mathbf{R}'' = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{O})\mathbf{N}i$ -Pr ₂ , $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}$)	57
10	Pt-Bu Amizole ^{M2} -phos L2j (R' = Me, R'' = C(O)Ni-Pr ₂ , R = t-Bu)	13
11	P <i>i</i> -Pr Amizole ^{M2} -phos L2k ($\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{M}e, \mathbf{R}'' = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{O})\mathbf{N}i$ -Pr ₂ , $\mathbf{R} = i$ -Pr)	23
12	PPh Amizole ^{M2} -phos L2l (R' = Me, R" = C(O)N <i>i</i> -Pr ₂ , R = Ph)	0
13	Po-Tol Amizole ^{M2} -phos L2m ($\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{M}e, \mathbf{R}'' = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{O})\mathbf{N}i-\mathbf{P}r_2, \mathbf{R} = o$ -Tol)	0
14	PCyp Amizole ^{M2} -phos L2n ($\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{Me}, \mathbf{R}'' = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{O})\mathbf{N}i$ -Pr ₂ , $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{yp}$)	38
15	PCy ^{P3} Sulfozole-phos L2p ($\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{R}'' = \mathbf{SO}_2 - 2, 4, 6 - i - Pr_3C_6H_2, \mathbf{R} = Cy$)	3
16	Pt-Bu ^{P3} Sulfozole-phos L2q ($\mathbb{R}' = \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{R}'' = SO_2-2, 4, 6-i-Pr_3C_6H_2, \mathbb{R} = t-Bu$)	0
17	PCy ^{M3} Sulfozole-phos L2r ($\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{R}'' = \mathbf{SO}_2-2, 4, 6-\mathbf{Me}_3\mathbf{C}_6\mathbf{H}_2, \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{Cy}$)	3
18	Pt-Bu ^{M3} Sulfozole-phos L2s (R' = H, R'' = $SO_2-2,4,6-Me_3C_6H_2$, R = t-Bu)	0

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: 2-Chlorotoluene (1.0 mmole), phenylboronic acid (1.5 mmole), $K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$ (3.0 mmole), $Pd(OAc)_2/L = 1:2$, and THF (3 mL) were stirred for 24 h at 100 °C under nitrogen. Calibrated GC yields were reported using dodecane as the internal standard, average of two runs.

In order to test the effectiveness of the 2-phosphino-substituted benzimidazolyl ligands, the 2-chlorotoluene and phenylboronic acid was used as the benchmark substrate. A combination of Pd(OAc)₂ with an array of 2-phosphino-substituted benzimidazolyl ligands was applied in probing the ligand efficacy (**Table 5.19**). Ligands PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2i** showed the highest percentage yield of the desired product among the other ligands examined.

The efficacy of ligands Amizole-phos **L2a** to **L2e** in Suzuki-Miyaura coupling were firstly investigated (**Table 5.19**, entries 1 to 5). Ligand PCy Amizole-phos **L2a** with dicyclohexylphosphino moiety provided the best catalytic activity among the other corresponding ligands. Ligand Pt-Bu Amizole-phos **L2b** bearing a sterically congested and electron-donating di-*tert*-butylphosphino moiety showed almost no conversion towards the coupling reaction while ligand P*i*-Pr Amizole-phos **L2c** bearing diisopropylphosphino moiety in which the steric bulkiness is similar to dicyclohexylphosphino moiety afforded lower conversion. On the other hand, ligand PPh Amizole-phos **L2d** with a diphenylphosphino moiety provided no conversion since the π -conjugated system in two phenyl rings decreased the electron richness in coordinated metal center by delocalization. In addition, ligand PEt Amizole-phos **L2e** bearing a less sterically congested diethylphosphino moiety showed also no conversion.

In order to indicate the importance of the bottom *N*-substituted group of the ligands, the carbamoyl-substituent ligands were changed to methyl group (ligands Mezole-phos L2f, L2g and L2h), and sulfonyl group (ligands

^{P3}Sulfozole-phos **L2p** and **L2q**, and ^{M3}Sulfozole-phos **L2r** and **L2s**). Steric bulkiness of the bottom *N*-substituted group can be arranged in ascending order, methyl < carbamoyl < mesitylsulfonyl < 2,4,6-triisopropylphenylsulfonyl. No matter increasing the steric bulkiness of the *N*-substituted group by replacing carbamoyl group with mesitylsulfonyl group or 2,4,6-triisopropylphenylsulfonyl group, or reducing the size to methyl group, they just gave a trace or even no conversion (**Table 5.19**, entries 6 to 8 and 15 to 18). Ligand PCy Amizole-phos **L2a** bearing carbamoyl group as the bottom *N*-substituted group showed a better catalytic result, which could also be implied that carbamoyl group offered the most suitable bulkiness for the dynamic "On and Off" interaction towards the metal center of the catalytic system and hence to enhance the performance on the reductive elimination.

In order to further enhance the catalytic activity of the newly developed 2phosphino-substituted benzimidazolyl ligands, a fine tuning was made on the scaffold by incorporating two methyl groups to the benzimidazole 5,6-position. When comparing between ligands Amizole-phos **L2a** to **L2d** and Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2i** to **L2l**, ligands Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2i** to **L2l** bearing two methyl groups gave better catalytic activity towards the coupling reaction. The reason of this phenomenon could be explained by the enhancement of electron richness of the phosphorus atom to facilitate oxidative addition. In the chemical shifts of ³¹P NMR of ligands Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2i** to **L2l** were at more up-field region than that of Amizole-phos **L2a** to **L2d** (**Table 5.20**). Therefore, the importance of two methyl groups substituted on the benzene ring of benzimidazole scaffold could be demonstrated.

Phosphino	Ligand	δ of $^{31}\mathrm{P}$	0/ X ¹ 11	Ligand	δ of $^{31}\mathrm{P}$	0/ 37.11
moiety	(R' = H)	NMR	% Yield	(R' = H)	NMR	% ¥1eld
$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}$	L2a	-15.95	43	L2i	-16.35	57
$\mathbf{R} = t$ -Bu	L2b	14.35	8	L2j	13.95	13
$\mathbf{R} = i$ -Pr	L2c	-7.66	18	L2k	-8.07	23
$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{h}$	L2d	-25.44	0	L21	-25.66	0

 Table 5.20 Direct Comparison of the Effectiveness between Ligands Amizole

 phos L2a to L2d and Amizole^{M2}-phos L2i to L2l

Table 5.21 Optimization of Reaction	Conditions or	n Palladium-	Catalyzed	Suzuki-
Miyaura Coupling of Aryl Chloride ^a				

CI Me + Base Solvent Me Me Me N PCy Amizole ^{M2} -phos (L2i) Me I-Pr ₂ N PCy Amizole ^{M2} -phos (L2i) PCy Amizole ^{M2} -phos (L2i) PCy Amizole ^{M2} -phos (L2i) PCy Amizole ^{M2} -phos (L2i)					PCy ₂ D nos (L2i)	
Entry	Pd source	Pd:L	Base	Solvent	Temp. °C	% Yield
1	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	1:2	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O	THF	100	44
2	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:2	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	THF	100	57
3	Pd(dba) ₂	1:2	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	THF	100	31
4	PdCl ₂	1:2	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	THF	100	0
5	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:1	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	THF	100	14
6	$Pd(OAc)_2$	1:2.5	K_3PO_4 · H_2O	THF	100	67
7	$Pd(OAc)_2$	1:3	K_3PO_4 · H_2O	THF	100	75
8	$Pd(OAc)_2$	1:4	K_3PO_4 · H_2O	THF	100	34
9	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:5	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	THF	100	32
10	$Pd(OAc)_2$	1:10	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	THF	100	11
11	$Pd(OAc)_2$	1:3	K_3PO_4	THF	100	55
12	$Pd(OAc)_2$	1:3	K_2CO_3	THF	100	62
13	$Pd(OAc)_2$	1:3	Na ₂ CO ₃	THF	100	28
14	$Pd(OAc)_2$	1:3	Cs_2CO_3	THF	100	4
15	$Pd(OAc)_2$	1:3	CsF	THF	100	2
16	$Pd(OAc)_2$	1:3	NaO(<i>t</i> -Bu)	THF	100	0
17	$Pd(OAc)_2$	1:3	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	Dioxane	100	35
18	$Pd(OAc)_2$	1:3	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	Toluene	100	17
19	$Pd(OAc)_2$	1:3	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	<i>t</i> -Butanol	100	13
20	$Pd(OAc)_2$	1:3	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	THF	r.t.	0
21	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:3	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	THF	90	28
22	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:3	$K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$	THF	110	93

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: 2-Chlorotoluene (1.0 mmole), phenylboronic acid (1.5 mmole), base (3.0 mmole), and solvent (3 mL) were stirred for 24 h under nitrogen. Calibrated GC yields were reported using dodecane as the internal standard, average of two runs.

Ligand PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2i** was selected to further optimize the reaction conditions (**Table 5.21**). Reaction parameters of metal source, metal to ligand ratio, base, solvent and temperature were varied for optimizing the reaction conditions.

Palladium source, such as Pd(OAc)₂, Pd(dba)₂, Pd₂(dba)₃ and PdCl₂, of the coupling reaction was first studied, 0.05 mol% Pd(OAc)₂ gave the highest yield towards coupling reaction (**Table 5.21**, entries 1 to 4). Upon investigating the metal to ligand ratio from 1:1 to 1:5 and 1:10, the ratio of 1:3 provided the highest catalytic activity (**Table 5.21**, entries 2 and 5 to 10). When the metal to ligand ratio increased form 1:1 to 1:3, the product yield increased. However, when adjusting metal to ligand ratio to 1:4 or higher even to 1:10, the % yield of the coupling reaction decreased significantly. The possible reason was that excess amount of ligand would cause coordinating effect which might block the coordinating site for the substrate approach, resulting in lowering the catalytic activity.

Several bases, such as $K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$, K_3PO_4 , K_2CO_3 , Na_2CO_3 , Cs_2CO_3 , CsFand NaOt-Bu, were examined in the presence of PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2i** (**Table 5.21**, entries 7 and 11 to 16). $K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$ was found to be the best base of choice in this catalytic system and was finally chosen for further optimization.

Among the commonly used organic solvents, such as tetrahydrofuran (THF), dioxane, toluene and *tert*-butanol (*t*-BuOH), THF gave the best result

(**Table 5.21**, entries 7 and 17 to 19). As according to the principle of solvent effect, polar aprotic THF was the most suitable solvent for this catalytic system.

Last but not least, since temperature is an essential factor towards coupling reaction for overcoming the energy barrier, the effect on different temperature has been studied. At 110 °C, the catalytic system provided >90% yield while no conversion at room temperature (Table **5.21**, entries 7 and 20 to 22).

At last, $Pd(OAc)_2$, metal to ligand ratio of 1:3, $K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$, THF and 110 °C were chosen as the optimized condition for investigating substrate scope of this catalytic system.

5.2.3 Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling of Non-Activated and Functionalized Aryl Chlorides

 Table 5.22
 Palladium-Catalyzed
 Suzuki
 Coupling
 of
 Non-Activated
 and

 Functionalized Aryl Chlorides^a

R ¹	$\frac{1}{1}$ + $\frac{B(OH)_2}{1}$ P(Pd(OAc) ₂ Cy Amizole ^{M2} -phos (K ₃ PO ₄ :H ₂ O, THF 110 °C, 24 h	L2i) R ¹	<i>i</i> -Pr ₂ N Onizole ^{M2} -phos	PCy ₂ 5 (L2i)
Entry	ArCl	Ar'B(OH) ₂	Product	mol% Pd	% yield ^b
1	Me Cl	(HO) ₂ B	Me	0.05	93
2	OMe	(HO) ₂ B	OMe	0.067	96
3	OMe	Me (HO) ₂ B	OMe Me	0.1	86
4	MeO	Me (HO) ₂ B	MeO-	0.1	97
5	NC	(HO) ₂ B	NC	0.05	>99
6	O Me	MeO (HO) ₂ B	MeO Me	0.02	81
7	Me	MeO (HO) ₂ B	Me OMe	0.05	80
8	O CI	(HO) ₂ B	O H	0.01	94



^{*a*}Reaction conditions: ArCl (1.0 mmole), Ar'B(OH)₂ (1.5 mmole), $K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$ (3.0 mmole), Pd(OAc)₂/PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos (**L2i**) = 1:3, and THF (3 mL) were stirred at 110 °C for 24 h under nitrogen. ^{*b*}Isolated yields.

A variety of aryl chlorides were examined under the preliminary optimized conditions (**Table 5.22**). The deactivated aryl chlorides containing different substituted group, such as methyl and methoxy group, were studied in coupling with different arylboronic acids. In the presence of moderate Pd-loading, 0.05 to 0.1 mol%, aryl chlorides were coupled with arylboronic acids to give excellent product yields (**Table 5.22**, entries 1 to 4). Even though both aryl chlorides and arylboronic acids were *ortho*-substituted, an excellent product yield could also be achieved (**Table 5.22**, entry 3).

Apart from the studies in non-activated substrates, the substrates which consist of functional groups such as ketone, aldehyde, ester, nitrile and nitro group were compatible under this catalytic system. The Pd-loading of 0.01 to 0.05 mol% was also achieved (**Table 5.22**, entries 5 to 11).

5.2.4 Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling of Heteroaryl Chlorides

Table 5.23 Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling of Heteroaryl Chlorides^a

R ¹ R ¹	$\frac{1}{1}$	Pd(OAc) ₂ PCy Amizole ^{M2} -phos (L K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O, THF 110 °C, 24 h	$\begin{array}{c} 2i) \\ \hline \\ 2i) \\ \hline \\ r \\ R^{1} \\ \hline \\ r \\ R^{2} \\$	/e N i-Pr ₂ N V Amizole ^{M2} -pho	PCy ₂ s (L 2i)
Entry	Het-ArCl	R'B(OH) ₂	Product	mol% Pd	% Yield ^b
1	N CI	Me (HO) ₂ B	Ne N	0.02	82
2	N CI	(HO) ₂ B	N Me	0.067	80
3	N CI Me	(HO) ₂ B	Me Me Me	0.05	83
4	N, CI	Me (HO) ₂ B	Me	0.01	99
5	CI	(HO) ₂ B	N Me	0.1	98
6	Me S-CI	(HO) ₂ B	Me Me	0.02	98
7^c	O Me	(HO) ₂ B Me	o n-Bu Me	0.05	87

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: Het-ArCl (1.0 mmole), R'B(OH)₂ (1.5 mmole), K₃PO₄·H₂O (3.0 mmole), Pd(OAc)₂/PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos (**L2i**) = 1:3, and THF (3 mL) were stirred at 110 °C for 24 h under nitrogen. ^{*b*}Isolated yields. ^{*c*}Reaction conditions: ArCl (1.0 mmole), *n*-BuB(OH)₂ (2.0 mmole), K₃PO₄·H₂O (3.0 mmole), Pd(OAc)₂/PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos (**L2i**) = 1:3, and toluene (3 mL) were stirred at 110 °C for 24 h under nitrogen.

Apart from the studies in non-activated and functionalized substrates, the coupling of heteroaryl chlorides was also examined in the presence of PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2i**. The results show that the heteroaryl chlorides were also effective substrates for Suzuki coupling under Pd-loading from 0.01 to 0.1 mol% (**Table 5.23**, entries 1 to 6). This catalytic system could effectively deal with pyridyl, quinolyl and thiophenyl substrates to give excellent isolated yields up to 99%.

Notably, preliminary study in the coupling of alkylboronic acid with aryl chloride was also success (**Table 5.23**, entry 7). The optimized reaction conditions were modified by increasing the alkylboronic acid ratio to two equivalents and changing the solvent to toluene. Particularly noteworthy, it showed that this catalyst system could tolerate against β -H elimination.

5.3 Conclusion

In conclusion, the structural insights of palladium to different 2phosphino-substituted benzimidazolyl ligands have been studied. From the X-ray crystallographic data, we confirmed that the benzimidazolyl ligand with bulky – Pt-Bu₂ moiety was coordinated in a κ^2 -P,N fashion, while the phosphine with less sterically congested, such as –PCy₂ and –P*i*-Pr moiety, was a dimeric complex, in which the bottom carbamoyl oxygen pointed towards the palladium center and showed a potential P,O-hemilabile ability.

In order to test the effectiveness of 2-phosphino-substituted benzimidazolyl ligands, which have interesting alterable coordinating feature, preliminary study of Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of aryl chlorides in the presence of PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2i** was conducted. A variety of non-activated, functionalized aryl and heteroaryl chlorides could be coupled smoothly with an array of arylboronic acids and even alkylboronic acid. Notably, Pd-loading down to 0.01 mol% could also be achieved. Further exploration and versatility of this hemilabile 2-phosphino-substituted benzimidazolyl ligands will be attainable.

5.4 Experimental Section

5.4.1 General Considerations

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without purification. All Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reactions were performed in resealable screw cap schlenk flask (approx. 20 mL volume) in the presence of Teflon coated magnetic stirrer bar (3mm × 10 mm). tert-Butanol, toluene and 1,4-dioxane were distilled from sodium under nitrogen.¹¹ Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen.¹¹ Commercial aryl chlorides (liquid form only) were purified by passed through a short plug (0.5 cm wide \times 4 cm high) of neutral alumina or distillation. Most commercially available boronic acids were used as received. All bases were purchased from chemical supplier and used without grinding. Thin layer chromatography was performed on precoated silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ plates. Silica gel (70-230 and 230-400 mesh) was used for column chromatography. Melting points were recorded on an uncorrected instrument. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker (400 MHz) spectrometer. Spectra were referenced internally to the residual proton resonance in $\text{CDCl}_3(\delta 7.26 \text{ ppm})$ as the internal standard. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported as part per million (ppm) in δ scale downfield from TMS. ¹³C NMR spectra were referenced to $CDCl_3(\delta 77.0 \text{ ppm})$. the middle peak). Coupling constants (J) were reported in Hertz (Hz). Mass spectra (EI-MS and ES-MS) were recorded on a mass spectrometer. Highresolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on ESIMS. GC-MS analysis was conducted on a GCD system using a column with 30 m \times 0.25 mm. The products described in GC yield were accorded to the authentic samples/dodecane calibration standard from GC-FID system. Compounds described in the literature

were characterized by comparison of their ¹H and/or ¹³C NMR spectra to the previously reported data. The procedures in this section are representative, and thus the yields may differ from those reported in tables.

5.4.2 General Procedure for Initial Ligand and Reaction Conditions Screening

General procedure for initial ligand and reaction conditions screening: A stock solution of Pd(OAc)₂ (2.3 mg, 0.010 mmol) with ligand in freshly distilled solvent (10 mL) was initially prepared with continuously stirring at room temperature. Phenylboronic acid (0.1829 g, 1.5 mmol), base (3.0 equiv., 3.0 mmol) and magnetic stirrer bar (3 mm × 8 mm) were charged to an array of Schlenk tubes. Each tube was carefully evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (3 cycles). 2-Chlorotoluene (0.117 ml, 1.0 mmol) and stock solution of palladium complex (0.5 mL, 0.05 mol% Pd) were added *via* syringe. Further 2.5 ml solvent was added *via* syringe (final volume: 3 mL). This batch of Schlenk tube was resealed and magnetically stirred in a preheated oil bath. The reactions were allowed to reach room temperature. Ethyl acetate (~10 mL), dodecane (227 μ L, internal standard) water (~5 mL) were added. The organic layer was subjected to GC analysis. The GC yield was previously calibrated by authentic sample/dodecane calibration curve.
5.4.3 General Procedure for Suzuki-Miyaura Couplings of Aryl Chlorides

General procedure for Suzuki-Miyaura couplings of aryl chlorides: A stock solution of $Pd(OAc)_2$ (2.3 mg, 0.010 mmol) with ligand (Pd:L = 1:3) in freshly distilled 10 mL THF (0.1 mol% Pd per 1 mL stock solution) was initially prepared with continuously stirring at room temperature. Arylboronic acid (1.5 mmol), $K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$ (3.0 mmol) and magnetic stirrer bar (3 mm × 8 mm) were charged to an array of Schlenk tubes. Each tube was carefully evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (3 cycles). Aryl chloride (1.0 mmol) was then added to the Schlenk tubes. The stock solution was further diluted to give different concentrations of palladium complex. The diluted solutions were then transferred to Schlenk tubes via syringes. Further solvent was added (final volume: 3 mL). This batch of Schlenk tube was resealed and magnetically stirred in a preheated oil bath. After the completion of reaction as judged by GC or TLC analysis, the reactions were allowed to reach room temperature. Water (~3 mL) and ethyl acetate (~10 mL \times 3) were added. The organic layers were combined and concentrated. The crude products were purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh).

5.4.4 Characterization Data for Coupling Products

2-Methylbiphenyl (**Table 5.22**, entry 1)¹²



R_f = 0.5 (pure hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.39 (s, 3H), 7.34-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.42-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.43 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.4, 125.7, 126.7, 127.2, 128.0, 129.1, 129.7, 130.2, 135.2, 141.9, 141.9; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 168 (M⁺, 100), 153 (42).

2-Methoxybiphenyl (Table 5.22, entry 2)¹³



 $R_f = 0.5$ (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.92 (s, 3H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.55-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.73 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 55.3, 111.1, 120.7, 126.8, 127.8, 128.5, 129.4, 130.6, 130.7, 138.4, 156.3; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 184 (M⁺, 100), 169 (51), 141 (31), 115 (28).

2-Methoxy-2'-methylbiphenyl (Table 5.22, entry 3)¹⁰



R_f = 0.5 (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.35 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.54 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 19.8, 55.2, 110.5, 120.3, 125.3, 127.2, 128.4, 129.4, 129.9, 130.7, 130.9, 136.7, 138.5, 156.5; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 198.2 (M⁺, 100), 183.1 (36), 165.1 (47).

4'-Methoxy-2-methylbiphenyl (**Table 5.22**, entry 4)¹⁰



 $R_f = 0.4$ (pure hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.37 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 7.02-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.36 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.4, 55.17, 113.4, 125.7, 126.9, 129.8, 130.1, 130.2, 134.3, 135.4, 141.5, 158.4; MS (EI): *m/z* (relative intensity) 198.2 (M⁺, 100), 183.2 (24), 165.1 (27), 153.1 (29).

3-Phenylbenzonitrile (**Table 5.22**, entry 5)¹⁰



 $R_f = 0.5$ (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 112.8, 118.7, 126.9, 128.30, 129.0, 129.5, 130.5, 131.3, 138.7, 142.3; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 179.1 (M⁺, 100), .151.0 (13).

1-(2'-Methoxybiphenyl-4-yl)ethanone (**Table 5.22**, entry 6)¹⁴



 $R_{f} = 0.4 (1:10 \text{ E.A./Hexane}); {}^{1}\text{H NMR} (400\text{MHz, CDCl}_{3}) \delta 2.63 (s, 3\text{H}), 3.82 (s, 3\text{H}), 7.01 (d,$ *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t,*J*= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d,*J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d,*J* $= 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}); {}^{13}\text{C NMR} (100\text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_{3}) \delta 26.4, 55.4, 111.2, 120.8, 127.9, 129.3, 129.3, 129.5, 130.5, 135.3, 143.4, 156.35, 197.6; MS (EI):$ *m*/*z*(relative intensity) 226.2 (M⁺, 56), 211.1 (100), 168.1 (48), 139.1 (22).

1-(2'-Methoxybiphenyl-3-yl)ethanone (**Table 5.22**, entry 7)¹⁵



R_f = 0.4 (1:10 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.64 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.74-7.77 (m, 1H), 7.92-7.95 (m, 1H), 8.14-8.15 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 26.5, 55.4, 111.1, 120.8, 126.6, 128.1, 129.1, 129.43, 129.5, 130.6, 134.1, 136.9, 138.9, 156.3, 198.0; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 226.1 (M⁺, 81), 211.1 (100), 168.1 (67), 139.1 (25).

2'-Methylbiphenyl-4-carbaldehyde (Table 5.22, entry 8)¹⁰



 $R_f = 0.4$ (1:10 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.32 (s, 3H), 7.25-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 10.09 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.2, 125.8, 127.9, 129.3, 129.4, 129.8, 130.4, 134.83, 134.9, 140.4, 148.2, 191.8; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 196.1 (M⁺, 100), 165.1 (67), 152.1 (40).

(4-(Naphthalen-1-yl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone (**Table 5.22**, entry 9)¹⁰



 $R_f = 0.3$ (1:40 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46-7.64 (m, 9H), 7.90-7.97 (m, 7H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 125.3, 125.6, 125.9, 126.3, 126.9, 128.3, 128.3, 130.00 (overlapped), 130.1, 131.2, 132.4, 133.7, 136.3, 137.6, 139.0, 145.1, 196.4; MS (EI): *m*/*z* (relative intensity) 308.1 (M⁺, 100), 231.1 (57), 202.1 (58). Methyl 2'-methylbiphenyl-3-carboxylate (Table 5.22, entry 10)¹⁶



R_f = 0.5 (1:10 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.31 (s, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 7.26-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.58 (m, 2H), 8.06-8.09 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.3, 51.0, 125.8, 127.6, 127.9, 128.1, 129.6, 130.0, 130.2, 130.3, 133.5, 135.1, 140.7, 142.1, 166.9; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 226.1 (M⁺, 99), 195.1 (53), 167.1 (100), 152.0 (44).

1-(4-Nitrophenyl)naphthalene (**Table 5.22**, entry 11)¹⁷



 $R_f = 0.5$ (1:10 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.67 (m, 5H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.97-8.00 (m, 2H), 8.33-8.37 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 123.3, 124.9, 125.1, 126.0, 126.5, 126.9, 128.4, 128.8, 130.7, 130.7, 133.6, 137.5, 146.9, 147.4; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 249.1 (M⁺, 100), 202.1 (89).

2-o-Tolylpyridine (**Table 5.23**, entry 1)¹⁰



 $R_f = 0.6$ (1:2 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.40 (s, 3H), 7.23-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.76 (m, 1H), 8.71-8.73 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.1, 121.4, 123.9, 125.7, 128.1, 129.4, 130.6, 135.6, 135.9, 140.3, 149.0, 159.9; MS (EI): *m/z* (relative intensity) 168.2 (M⁺, 100).

3-o-Tolylpyridine (**Table 5.23**, entry 2)¹⁰



 $R_{f} = 0.5 (1:4 \text{ E.A./Hexane}); {}^{1}\text{H NMR} (400\text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_{3}) \delta 2.28 (s, 3\text{H}), 7.21-7.36 (m, 5\text{H}), 7.63-7.66 (m, 1\text{H}), 8.60-8.62 (m, 2\text{H}); {}^{13}\text{C NMR} (100\text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_{3}) \delta 20.1, 122.8, 125.9, 127.9, 129.7, 130.4, 135.3, 136.2, 137.2, 137.9, 147.9, 149.8; MS (EI): <math>m/z$ (relative intensity) 169.1 (M⁺, 100), 141.1 (19), 115.1 (21).

3-Methyl-2-*o*-tolylpyridine (**Table 5.23**, entry 3)¹⁸



 $R_f = 0.4$ (1:4 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 7.13-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.53-7.55 (m, 1H), 8.49-8.50 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 18.7, 19.0, 121.8, 125.3, 127.5, 128.1, 131.1, 135.1, 137.3, 139.9, 146.4, 159.3; MS (EI): *m/z* (relative intensity) 182.1 (M⁺, 41), 168.1 (100).

2-o-Tolylquinoline (**Table 5.23**, entry 4)¹⁰



R_f = 0.5 (1:10 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.48 (s, 3H), 7.33-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.72-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.0, 122.0, 125.7, 126.0, 126.3, 127.2, 128.2, 129.2, 129.3, 129.4, 130.5, 135.6, 135.7, 140.3, 147.5, 159.8; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 218.2 (M⁺, 100), 108.6 (20). 1-o-Tolylisoquinoline (**Table 5.23**, entry 5)¹⁹



R_f = 0.4 (1:4 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.10 (s, 3H), 7.30-7.46 (m, 5H), 7.63-7.68 (m, 3H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.64 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 19.5, 119.6, 125.3, 126.6, 126.9, 127.1, 128.1, 129.2, 129.8, 130.0, 136.0, 136.1, 138.7, 141.9, 161.1; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 218.1 (M⁺, 100), 108.6 (17).

1-(5-o-Tolylthiophen-2-yl)ethanone (**Table 5.23**, entry 6)²⁰



 $R_f = 0.4$ (1:10 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 7.07 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.7, 26.2, 125.8, 127.2, 128.5, 129.8, 130.7, 132.4, 132.8, 135.6, 143.4, 151.6, 190.2; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 216.1 (M⁺, 57), 201.1 (100), 129.1 (18).

1-(4-Butylphenyl)ethanone (**Table 5.23**, entry 7)¹⁰



R_f = 0.5 (1:10 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (sextet, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (quintet, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.7, 22.1, 26.3, 33.1, 35.5, 128.3, 128.4, 134.7, 148.6, 197.5; MS (EI): m/z (relative intensity) 176.2 (M⁺, 19), 161.2 (100), 133.1 (6), 105.1 (11).

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Chapter 6 Alterable *P,O*- or *P,N*-Type 2-Phosphino-Substituted Benzimidazolyl Ligands for Palladium-Catalyzed Buchwald-Hartwig Amination of Aryl Chlorides

6.1 Introduction

Buchwald-Hartwig amination is one of the most powerful tools available for constructing aromatic carbon-nitrogen bonds in the synthesis of pharmaceutical and biologically materials.¹ As the first catalytic amination protocol was discovered,² efforts toward increasing the reaction efficacy have been actively input.³ Recently, many researchers reported the conversion of aryl iodides and bromides to corresponding aryl amines by employing copper⁴ or iron⁵ with various ligands as catalysts. However, the use of the easily available as well as inexpensive aryl chlorides still requires a highly active palladium catalyst for the amination reactions.

As previously discussed in **Chapter 5**, we have developed a series of 2phosphino-substituted benzimidazolyl ligands which were employed towards palladium-catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction of aryl chlorides and showed a good catalytic activity. Herein, we would like to extent the scope of this catalytic system and apply it to palladium-catalyzed Buchwald-Hartwig amination reaction.

6.2 **Results and Discussion**

6.2.1 Preliminary Study on the Effectiveness of 2-Phosphino-Substituted Benzimidazolyl Ligands

Table 6.1 Investigation on the Effectiveness of 2-Phosphino-SubstitutedBenzimidazolyl Ligands in Palladium-Catalyzed Buchwald-Hartwig Amination ofAryl Chloride a



Entry	Ligand	% Yield
1	PCy Amizole-phos L2a ($\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{R}'' = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{O})\mathbf{N}i$ -Pr ₂ , $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}$)	1
2	Pt-Bu Amizole-phos L2b ($\mathbb{R}' = \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{R}'' = \mathbb{C}(\mathbb{O})\mathbb{N}i$ -Pr ₂ , $\mathbb{R} = t$ -Bu)	57
3	P <i>i</i> -Pr Amizole-phos L2c ($\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{R}'' = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{O})\mathbf{N}i$ -Pr ₂ , $\mathbf{R} = i$ -Pr)	1
4	PPh Amizole-phos L2d ($\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{R}'' = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{O})\mathbf{N}i$ -Pr ₂ , $\mathbf{R} = Ph$)	0
5	PCy Mezole-phos L2f ($\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{R}'' = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}$)	0
6	Pt-Bu Mezole-phos L2g ($\mathbb{R}' = \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{R}'' = \mathbb{M}e, \mathbb{R} = t$ -Bu)	5
7	PCy Amizole ^{M2} -phos L2i ($\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{Me}, \mathbf{R}'' = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{O})\mathbf{N}i$ -Pr ₂ , $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}$)	6
8	Pt-Bu Amizole ^{M2} -phos L2j (R' = Me, R'' = C(O)Ni-Pr ₂ , R = t-Bu)	80
9	P <i>i</i> -Pr Amizole ^{M2} -phos L2k (R' = Me, R'' = C(O)N <i>i</i> -Pr ₂ , R = <i>i</i> -Pr)	3
10	PPh Amizole ^{M2} -phos L2l (R' = Me, R" = $C(O)Ni$ -Pr ₂ , R = Ph)	0
11	Po-Tol Amizole ^{M2} -phos L2m (R' = Me, R'' = $C(O)Ni$ -Pr ₂ , R = o-Tol)	0
12	PCy ^{P3} Sulfozole-phos L2p ($\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{R}'' = \mathbf{SO}_2-2, 4, 6-i-\Pr_3C_6H_2, \mathbf{R} = Cy$)	0
13	Pt-Bu ^{P3} Sulfozole-phos L2q (R' = H, R'' = $SO_2-2,4,6-i-Pr_3C_6H_2$, R = t-Bu)	2
14	PCy ^{M3} Sulfozole-phos L2r ($\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{R}'' = \mathbf{SO}_2-2, 4, 6-\mathbf{Me}_3\mathbf{C}_6\mathbf{H}_2, \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{Cy}$)	0
15	Pt-Bu ^{M3} Sulfozole-phos L2s ($\mathbb{R}' = \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{R}'' = SO_2-2, 4, 6-Me_3C_6H_2, \mathbb{R} = t-Bu$)	3

[&]quot;Reaction conditions: 4-Chlorotoluene (1.0 mmole), *N*-methylaniline (1.5 mmole), K_2CO_3 (2.5 mmole), $Pd(OAc)_2/L = 1:4$, $PhB(OH)_2$ (0.02 mmole) and toluene (3 mL) were stirred at 110 °C for 24 h under nitrogen. Calibrated GC yields were reported using dodecane as the internal standard, average of two runs.

To investigate the efficacy of the 2-phosphino-substituted benzimidazolyl ligands in Buchwald-Hartwig amination reaction, 4-chlorotoluene and *N*-methylaniline were used as benchmark substrates. 1 mol % $Pd(OAc)_2$ was applied in probing the catalytic efficiency of different ligands using toluene as solvent and K₂CO₃ as base (**Table 6.1**). Ligand Pt-Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2j** performed the best in yielding desired product among the other ligands tested.

When investigating the usefulness of the ligands towards Buchwald-Hartwig amination reaction, we followed the same logical path as reported in **Section 5.22**. The efficiency of ligands Amizole-phos **L2a** to **L2d** were first examined in amination of 4-chlorotoulene with *N*-methylaniline (**Table 6.1**, entries 1 to 4). Ligand Pt-Bu Amizole-phos **L2b** with di-*tert*-butylphosphino moiety afforded the best catalytic activity while others only gave trace or no conversion. Thus, we could deduce that ligand bearing a sterically congested and electron-donating di-*tert*-butylphosphino moiety might afford better catalytic activity towards the amination reaction.

Then, the importance of the bottom *N*-substituted group of the ligands was also examined (**Table 6.1**, entries 2, 5, 6 an 12 to 15). Ligands with different bottom *N*-substituted group, such as carbamoyl, methyl, mesitylsulfony and 2,4,6triisopropylphenylsulfonyl, were employed to the catalytic system. Ligand Pt-Bu Amizole-phos **L2b** with carbamoyl-substituent showed the best catalytic result among others, which could also be implied that carbamoyl group offered the most suitable bulkiness for the dynamic "On and Off" interaction towards the metal center of the catalytic system and hence to enhance the performance on the reductive elimination.

As followed by the logical path, ligands $Amizole^{M2}$ -phos **L2i** to **L2l** with dimethyl substitution on 5,6-position on benzimidazole ring were also applied to amination reaction. The catalytic result also showed that ligand Pt-Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2j** bearing dimethyl substitution had better performance when comparing with Pt-Bu Amizole-phos **L2b** with no substitution. It could be explicated that the addition of two electron-donating methyl groups on the benzimidazole scaffold gave better catalytic activity (same as Suzuki coupling in **Chapter 5**). Therefore, ligand Pt-Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2j** with the optimized steric and electronic properties was selected for further optimization of reaction conditions.

	Ph + HN CI Me	Pd source Pt-Bu Amizole ^{M2} -phos (L2j) Base		Me N [^] Ph Me	Me	×
Me					Me Pt-Bu ₂	
					<i>i</i> -Pr ₂ N O	
		3010	ent		P <i>t</i> -Bu Amiz	ole ^{M2} -phos (L2j)
Entry	Pd source	Pd:L	mol% Pd	Base	Solvent	% Yield
1	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	1:4	0.5	K ₂ CO ₃	Toluene	74
2	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:4	0.5	K_2CO_3	Toluene	80
3	$Pd(dba)_2$	1:4	0.5	K_2CO_3	Toluene	20
4	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:4	0.2	K_2CO_3	Toluene	30
5	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:4	0.2	K_3PO_4 · H_2O	Toluene	19
6	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:4	0.2	Cs_2CO_3	Toluene	8
7	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:4	0.2	NaO(<i>t</i> -Bu)	Toluene	3
8	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:4	0.2	K_3PO_4	Toluene	18
9	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:4	0.2	Na ₂ CO ₃	Toluene	4
10	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:4	0.2	КОН	Toluene	3
11	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:4	0.2	NaOH	Toluene	2
12	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:4	0.2	K_2CO_3	THF	14
13	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:4	0.2	K_2CO_3	Dioxane	17
14	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:4	0.2	K_2CO_3	Xylene	Trace
15	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:1	0.5	K_2CO_3	Toluene	34
16	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:2	0.5	K_2CO_3	Toluene	67
17	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:3	0.5	K_2CO_3	Toluene	70
18	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:5	0.5	K_2CO_3	Toluene	92
19	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:6	0.5	K_2CO_3	Toluene	72
20^{b}	Pd(OAc) ₂	1:4	0.5	K_2CO_3	Toluene	65

Table 6.2 Optimization of Reaction Conditions on Palladium-CatalyzedBuchwald-Hartwig Amination of Aryl Chloride a

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: 4-Chlorotoluene (1.0 mmole), *N*-methylaniline (1.5 mmole), base (2.5 mmole), PhB(OH)₂ (0.02 mmole) and solvent (3 mL) were stirred at 110 °C for 24 h under nitrogen. Calibrated GC yields were reported using dodecane as the internal standard, average of two runs. ^{*b*}At 100 °C.

Ligand Pt-Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos L2j was selected for optimizing the reaction conditions. The parameters were varied for optimizing the reaction conditions, including metal source, base, solvent, metal to ligand ratio and temperature.

For the preliminary study of the palladium precursors, $Pd(OAc)_2$, $Pd(dba)_2$, $Pd_2(dba)_3$ were examined. 0.5 mol% $Pd(OAc)_2$ offered a superior desired product yield among others (**Table 6.2**, entries 1 to 3).

Common inorganic bases, such as K_2CO_3 , K_3PO_4 ·H₂O, K_3PO_4 , Cs_2CO_3 , Na_2CO_3 , NaOt-Bu, KOH and NaOH, were also studied in the presence of the 0.2 mol% Pd(OAc)₂ and ligand Pt-Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2j** (**Table 6.2**, entries 4 to 11). K_2CO_3 led to notable efficiencies in yielding the desired product due to the mild basicity towards this amination reaction. However, a strong base, such as NaO(t-Bu), NaOH and KOH, only gave an inferior result when compared to the weaker bases.

Among the solvents investigated, such as toluene, tetrahydrofuran (THF), dioxane and xylene, toluene gave the best result (**Table 6.2**, entries 4 and 12 to 14). As each catalytic system had a highly selectivity in solvent and owned its unique solvent system. Thus, toluene was elucidated that was the most suitable solvent of choice in this catalytic system.

After that, upon investigating the metal to ligand ratio from 1:1 to 1:6 and 1:10, the ratio of 1:5 gave the highest product yield > 90% (**Table 6.2**, entries 2

and 15 to 19). However, further increasing the metal to ligand ratio to 1:6 rendered the obviously dwindling of the percentage of product yield. In general, there is a coordinating property of amines to metal complexes, and it may be problematic for the reaction. Therefore, we observed that higher metal to ligand ratio of 1:5 was needed in amination reaction here when compared with that of 1:3 in Suzuki coupling (**Section 5.22**).

Finally, $Pd(OAc)_2$, metal to ligand ratio of 1:5, K_2CO_3 and toluene were chosen as the optimized condition for further establishing the substrate scope of amination.

6.2.2 Buchwald-Hartwig Amination of Aryl Chlorides with Aromatic Amines

 Table 6.3 Palladium-Catalyzed Buchwald-Hartwig Amination of Aryl Chlorides

 with Aromatic Amines^a



^{*a*}Reaction conditions: ArCl (1.0 mmole), Amine (1.5 mmole), K_2CO_3 (2.5 mmole), $Pd(OAc)_2/Pt$ -Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos (**L2j**) = 1:5, PhB(OH)₂ (0.02 mmole) and toluene (3 mL) were stirred at 110 °C for 24 h under nitrogen. ^{*b*}Isolated yields.

An array of aryl chlorides was examined in the coupling of aromatic amines under the optimized catalytic system in presence of Pt-Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2j** (**Table 6.3**). *N*-Methylaniline, aniline and diphenylamine were effective substrates to couple with chlorotoluene to afford excellent corresponding product yields (**Table 6.3**, entries 1, 2 and 4) under Pd-loading in range from 0.5 to 1.5 mol%.

Noteworthy, sterically congested 2,6-dimethylaniline was found to be a capable coupling partner towards this catalytic system (**Table 6.3**, entries 3 and 5). It was notable that deactivated 4-chloroanisole was also a capable partner for the reaction and excellent yield could be achieved under 2 mol% Pd-loading (**Table 6.3**, entry 5).

6.2.3 Buchwald-Hartwig Amination of Functionalized Aryl Chlorides with Aromatic Amines

 Table 6.4 Palladium-Catalyzed Buchwald-Hartwig Amination of Functionalized

 Aryl Chlorides with Aromatic Amines^a



^{*a*}Reaction conditions: ArCl (1.0 mmole), Amine (1.5 mmole), K_2CO_3 (2.5 mmole), $Pd(OAc)_2/Pt$ -Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos (**L2j**) = 1:5, PhB(OH)₂ (0.02 mmole) and toluene (3 mL) were stirred at 110 °C for 24 h under nitrogen. ^{*b*}Isolated yields.

After the investigating the feasibility of the amination reaction of aryl chlorides with aromatic amines by employing P*t*-Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2j**, the amination of functionalized aryl chlorides with *N*-methylaniline was then examined (**Table 6.4**).

Functionalized aryl chlorides containing ketone, ester, nitrile, nitro group were compatible furnished desired products in excellent yields. The Pd-loading could be even lowered to 0.2 mol % without deleterious effect. Since functional group tolerance is important in the applications of amination for synthesizing pharmaceutically useful intermediates, Pd(OAc)₂/Pt-Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2j** system showed excellent functional group compatibility towards different functional group.

6.2.4 Buchwald-Hartwig Amination of Heteroaryl Aryl Chlorides with Aromatic Amines

 Table 6.5 Palladium-Catalyzed Buchwald-Hartwig Amination of Heteroaryl

 Chlorides with Aromatic Amines^a



^{*a*}Reaction conditions: Het-ArCl (1.0 mmole), Amine (1.5 mmole), K_2CO_3 (2.5 mmole), Pd(OAc)₂/Pt-Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos (**L2j**) = 1:5, PhB(OH)₂ (0.02 mmole) and toluene (3 mL) were stirred at 110 °C for 24 h under nitrogen. ^{*b*}Isolated yields.

In order to further expand the substrate scope, a variety of heteroaryl chlorides were coupled with different amines in the presence of P*t*-Bu Amizole^{M2}- phos **L2j** (**Table 6.5**). Both pyridyl and quinolyl were effective substrates for coupling with a variety of amines and excellent yields were obtained in the presence of 0.5 to 1 mol% Pd-loading.

6.2.5 Buchwald-Hartwig Amination of Aryl/Heteroaryl Chlorides with Aliphatic Amines

Table 6.6 Palladium-Catalyzed Buchwald-Hartwig Amination of Aryl/Heteroaryl

 Chlorides with Aliphatic Amines^a



^{*a*}Reaction conditions: ArCl (1.0 mmole), Amine (1.5 mmole), NaO(*t*-Bu) (2.5 mmole), Pd(OAc)₂/PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos (**L2i**) = 1:5, PhB(OH)₂ (0.02 mmole) and toluene (3 mL) were stirred at 110 °C for 24 h under nitrogen. ^{*b*}Isolated yields. ^{*c*}L2j as ligand and GC yields. ^{*d*}K₂CO₃ as base and GC yields.

Finally, $Pd(OAc)_2/Pt$ -Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2j** system was examined towards palladium-catalyzed amination of aliphatic amines (**Table 6.6**), and however, this system gave almost no conversion (**Table 6.6**, entry 1). Therefore, fine-tuning of reaction conditions was carried out. Ligand PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2i** bearing dicyclohexylphosphino moiety showed catalytic active towards the amination of aliphatic amines with the presence of strong base NaO(t-Bu) (**Table 6.6**, entry 1). Non-activated, functionalized aryl and heteroaryl chlorides were also good partners in amination with morpholine under Pd-loading from 1 to 2 mol%.

Interestingly, this study implied that the different substrates or even reactions could match with different ligands with different phosphino analogues. From the experimental results we got in **Chapter 5** and **Chapter 6**, ligands PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2i** and P*t*-Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2j** were active towards Suzuki coupling and amination of aromatic amines respectively. It inspired us that this series of ligands with different phosphino analogues might have a feature to control the chemoselectivity of different reactions.

6.3 Conclusion

To conclude, the efficacy of 2-phosphino-substituted benzimidazolyl ligands towards Buchwald-Hartwig amination was studied. Ligands Pt-Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos L2j with di-tert-butylphosphino moiety showed to be active in amination of non-activated, functionalized aryl and heteroaryl chlorides with PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos aromatic amines, while ligand L2i bearing dicyclohexylphosphino moiety showed catalytic active towards amination of aliphatic amines. Notably, a preliminary chemo-selection between aromatic and aliphatic amines controlled by ligands with different phosphino analogue was observed. Further exploration of ligand-control chemoselective couplings will be attainable.

6.4 Experimental Section

6.4.1 General Considerations

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without purification. All Buchwald-Hartwig amination reactions were performed in resealable screw cap schlenk flask (approx. 20 mL volume) in the presence of Teflon coated magnetic stirrer bar ($3mm \times 10 mm$). Toluene, xylene and 1,4-dioxane were distilled from sodium under nitrogen.⁶ Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen.⁶ Commercial aryl chlorides (liquid form only) were purified by passed through a short plug (0.5 cm wide \times 4 cm high) of neutral alumina or distillation. Commercially available amines were purified by distillation. All bases were purchased from chemical supplier and used without grinding. Thin layer chromatography was performed on precoated silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ plates. Silica gel (70-230 and 230-400 mesh) was used for column chromatography. Melting points were recorded on an uncorrected instrument. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker (400 MHz) spectrometer. Spectra were referenced internally to the residual proton resonance in $\text{CDCl}_3(\delta 7.26 \text{ ppm})$ as the internal standard. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported as part per million (ppm) in δ scale downfield from TMS. ¹³C NMR spectra were referenced to $CDCl_3(\delta 77.0 \text{ ppm})$, the middle peak). Coupling constants (J) were reported in Hertz (Hz). Mass spectra (EI-MS and ES-MS) were recorded on a mass spectrometer. Highresolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on ESIMS. GC-MS analysis was conducted on a GCD system using a column with 30 m \times 0.25 mm. The products described in GC yield were accorded to the authentic samples/dodecane calibration standard from GC-FID system. Compounds described in the literature were characterized by comparison of their ¹H and/or ¹³C NMR spectra to the previously reported data. The procedures in this section are representative, and thus the yields may differ from those reported in tables.

6.4.2 General Procedure for Initial Ligand and Reaction Conditions Screening

General procedure for initial ligand and reaction conditions screening: A stock solution of Pd(OAc)₂ (2.3 mg, 0.010 mmol) with ligand in freshly distilled solvent (4 mL) was initially prepared with continuously stirring at room temperature. Base (2.5 equiv., 2.5 mmol) and magnetic stirrer bar (3 mm × 8 mm) were charged to an array of Schlenk tubes. Each tube was carefully evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (3 cycles). 4-Chlorotoluene (0.118 mL, 1.0 mmol), *N*-methylaniline (0.163 mL, 1.5 mmol), phenylboronic acid (0.02 mmol) and stock solution (2.0 mL, 0.5 mol% Pd or 0.8 mL, 0.2 mol%) were added *via* syringe. Further solvent was added *via* syringe (final volume: 3 mL). This batch of Schlenk tube was resealed and magnetically stirred in a preheated 110 °C oil bath. The reactions were allowed to reach room temperature. Ethyl acetate (~10 mL), dodecane (227 μ L, internal standard) water (~5 mL) were added. The organic layer was subjected to GC analysis. The GC yield was previously calibrated by authentic sample/dodecane calibration curve.

6.4.3 General Procedure for Buchwald-Hartwig Amination of Aryl Chlorides

General procedure for Buchwald-Hartwig Amination of aryl chlorides: Pd(OAc)₂ (2.3 mg, 0.010 mmol) and ligand (Pd:L = 1:5) were loaded into a Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar (3 mm × 8 mm). The tube was evacuated and flushed with nitrogen for several times. Precomplexation was applied by adding freshly distilled toluene (1 mL) and stirred for 5 min. Aryl chloride (1.0 mmol), amine (1.5 mmol), K₂CO₃ (2.5 mmol) were loaded to an array of Schlenk tubes. Further solvents were added (final volume 3 mL). This batch of Schlenk tube was resealed and magnetically stirred in a preheated 110 °C oil bath. After the completion of reaction as judged by GC or TLC analysis, the reactions were allowed to reach room temperature. Water (~3 mL) and ethyl acetate (~10 mL × 3) were added. The organic layers were combined and concentrated. The crude products were purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh).

6.4.4 Characterization Data for Coupling Products

N-Methyl-*N*-*p*-tolylbenzenamine (**Table 6.3**, entry 1)⁷



R_f = 0.8 (1:50 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.58 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3.52), 7.13 (t, J = 7.2Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.6Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.6, 40.1, 118.1, 119.7, 122.4, 128.9, 129.8, 131.7, 146.5, 149.2.

N-o-Tolylbenzenamine (**Table 6.3**, entry 2)⁸



 $R_f = 0.4$ (1:50 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.35 (s, 3H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 6.99-7.06 (m, 4H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.2Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.37 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.8, 117.3, 118.8, 120.3, 121.9, 126.7, 128.3, 129.2, 130.8, 141.1, 143.9.

2,6-Dimethyl-*N*-*p*-tolylbenzenamine (**Table 6.3**, entry 3)⁹



 $R_f = 0.7$ (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.24(s, 6H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 6.47 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 3H), 7.00 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.07-7.15 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 18.3, 20.4, 113.7, 125.3, 127.4, 128.4, 129.6, 135.4, 138.6, 143.8.

N-Phenyl-*N*-*p*-tolylbenzenamine (**Table 6.3**, entry 4)¹⁰



 $R_{f} = 0.6 (1:9 \text{ DCM/Hexane}); {}^{1}\text{H NMR} (400\text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_{3}) \delta 2.52 (s, 3\text{H}), 7.16 (t, J) = 7.2\text{Hz}, 2\text{H}), 7.25-7.30 (m, 8\text{H}), 7.39-7.43 (m, 4\text{H}); {}^{13}\text{C NMR} (100\text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_{3}) \delta 20.7, 122.1, 123.5, 124.8, 129.0, 129.8, 132.5, 145.2, 147.9.$

N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2,6-dimethylbenzenamine (**Table 6.3**, entry 5)⁷



R_f = 0.3 (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.32 (s, 6H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 2H), 7.14-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.2Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 18.2, 55.5, 114.6, 115.1, 124.9, 128.4, 134.8, 139.1, 140.0, 152.5.

(4-(Methyl(phenyl)amino)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone (**Table 6.4**, entry 1)¹¹



 $R_f = 0.4$ (1:4 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.34 (s, 3H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 6.4Hz, 3H), 7.37-7.52 (m, 5H), 7.76-7.79 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 39.75, 113.0, 125.2, 125.6, 126.2, 127.6, 129.0, 129.4, 130.9, 131.9, 138.5, 146.7, 152.0, 194.4.

1-(4-(Methyl(phenyl)amino)phenyl)ethanone (**Table 6.4**, entry 2)⁷



 $R_f = 0.4$ (2:8 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.48 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, 8.4Hz, 3H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.6Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 25.7, 39.8, 113.1, 125.3, 125.7, 126.7, 129.5, 129.8, 146.8, 152.2, 195.9.

Methyl 4-(methyl(phenyl)amino)benzoate (**Table 6.4**, entry 3)⁷



 $R_f = 0.4$ (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.8, 2H), 7.23 (t, J = 3.2Hz, 3H), 7.41 (t, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.8H, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 39.9, 51.3, 113.5, 118.9, 125.1, 125.6, 129.5, 130.8, 147.2, 152.3, 166.9.

3-(Methyl(phenyl)amino)benzonitrile (**Table 6.4**, entry 4)¹²



 $R_f = 0.5$ (1: 20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.34 (s, 3H), 7.06-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.2Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.44 (t, J = 8.4Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 39.8, 112.4, 118.3, 119.0, 119.8, 121.5, 124.4, 124.6, 129.4, 129.6, 147.2, 149.1. *N*-Methyl-*N*-(4-nitrophenyl)benzenamine (**Table 6.4**, entry 5)¹³



R_f = 0.3 (1: 20 EA: hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.39 (s, 3H), 6.64 (d, J = 9.2Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.6Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, J = 9.2Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 40.1, 112.0, 125.3, 126.3, 126.4, 129.8, 137.6, 145.9, 153.4.

N,6-Dimethyl-*N*-phenylpyridin-2-amine (**Table 6.5**, entry 1)¹⁴



R_f = 0.3 (1: 50 EA: hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.55 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 6.45 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 7.2Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.2Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.2Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 24.4, 37.9, 106.0, 112.2, 124.7, 125.8, 129.3, 136.6, 146.9, 156.4, 158.3.

6-Methoxy-*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylpyridin-2-amine (**Table 6.5**, entry 2)¹⁵



 $R_f = 0.9$ (1:4 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 6.12 (d, J = 2.8Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, J = 2.8Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.6Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 37.9, 52.9, 97.2, 100.0, 125.0, 126.1, 129.3, 139.2, 146.6, 157.5, 163.0.

6-Methoxy-*N*-phenylpyridin-2-amine (**Table 6.5**, entry 3)¹⁶



 $R_f = 0.3$ (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.98 (s, 3H), 6.29 (d, J = 8Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 8Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 6.8Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 6.8Hz 3H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 53.2, 99.7, 99.9, 119.6, 122.0, 128.9, 139.9, 128.9, 139.9, 140.5, 154.2, 163.4.

6-Methoxy-*N*,*N*-diphenylpyridin-2-amine (**Table 6.5**, entry 4)



 $R_f = 0.8$ (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.76 (s, 3H), 6.34 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.2Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 4H), 7.38-7.43 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 52.8, 101.2, 104.1, 124.2, 126.5, 128.8, 139.6, 145.7, 156.7, 162.6.

N-Methyl-*N*-phenylquinolin-2-amine (**Table 6.5**, entry 5)¹⁷



R_f = 0.4 (1:20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.74 (s, 3H), 6.84 (d, J = 9.2Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.6Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.6Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 38.4, 111.8, 122.2, 123.1, 125.6, 126.4, 126.5, 127.1, 129.2, 129.6, 136.1, 146.3, 147.7, 156.8.

N-Phenylquinolin-2-amine (**Table 6.5**, entry 6)¹⁸



R_f = 0.2 (1:9 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.00 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.2Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.6Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 8.4Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.68 (m, 4H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 111.6, 115.0, 120.4, 122.9, 124.0, 126.5, 127.3, 129.1, 129.6, 137.6, 140.1, 147.5, 154.3.

N,*N*-Diphenylquinolin-2-amine (**Table 6.5**, entry 7)



R_f = 0.3 (1: 20 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.99 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.2Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.43 (m, 9H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.6Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 9.2Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 115.1, 123.6, 124.4, 124.6, 126.4, 126.9, 127.4, 129.1, 129.3, 136.9, 145.6, 147.2, 157.0.

4-*p*-Tolylmorpholine (**Table 6.6**, entry 1)⁷



 $R_f = 0.3 (1:20 \text{ E.A./Hexane}); {}^{1}\text{H} \text{ NMR} (400\text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 2.36 (s, 3\text{H}), 3.16 (t, J)$ = 4.8Hz, 4H), 3.92 (t, J = 4.8Hz, 4H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 2H); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (100\text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 20.2, 49.7, 115.8, 129.2, 129.5, 149.0. 4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)morpholine (**Table 6.6**, entry 2)¹⁹

 $R_f = 0.3$ (1:4 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.07 (t, J = 4.8Hz, 4H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.87 (t, J = 4.8Hz, 4H), 6.86-6.92 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 50.6, 55.4, 66.9, 114.3, 117.6, 145.5, 153.8.

(4-Morpholinophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (**Table 6.6**, entry 3)²⁰



R_f = 0.2 (1:4 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.23 (t, J = 4.8Hz, 4H), 3.77 (t, J = 5.2Hz, 4H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.6Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J= 8Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.2Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 47.0, 66.1, 112.7, 127.1, 127.7, 129.1, 131.1, 132.0, 138.3, 153.6, 194.6.

4-(6-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)morpholine (**Table 6.6**, entry 4)¹⁵



R_f = 0.4 (1:10 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.45 (t, J = 4.8Hz, 4H), 3.79 (t, J = 4.8Hz, 4H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 6.10 (d, J = 4.4Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, J = 4.8Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 8Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 45.3, 52.6, 66.4, 97.6, 98.5, 139.8, 158.1, 162.8.

2-Morpholinoquinoline (**Table 6.6**, entry 5)¹¹



R_f = 0.35 (1:4 E.A./Hexane); ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.71 (t, J = 4.8Hz, 4H), 3.86 (t, J = 5.2Hz, 4H), 6.92 (d, J = 9.2Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.6Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 9.2Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 45.3, 66.6, 109.1, 122.4, 123.1, 126.5, 127.0, 129.4, 137.3, 147.5, 157.3.

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Chapter 7 Ligand-Controlled Chemoselective Cross-Coupling of Aryl Chlorides

7.1 Introduction

During the past decade, considerable efforts have been undertaken by researchers aiming to design unique phosphine ligands which allow challenging coupling reaction to proceed smoothly.¹ Actually, the synthetic versatility of cross-coupling would be further increased if catalysts are both highly reactive and particularly selective. This is significantly useful for a reaction system which can deal with the aimed site, yet remains other reactive groups intact. Therefore, it is valuable to develop a complementary set of catalysts which can enable chemoselective couplings. Well-known state-of-the-art ligands such as *Pt*-Bu₃,² PAP,^{1b, 3} and XPhos⁴ provide excellent catalytic activity in palladium-catalyzed C-C and C-N couplings of aryl halides. However, the highly reactive nature of these ligands often show limited chemoselectivty, in view of aromatic C-C and C-N bond-forming reactions, no matter under modifying ligand-diversities (-phosphino moieties) and reaction conditions.

In addition, we have developed a series of 2-phosphino-substituted ligands which was highly active in both palladium-catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura coupling and Buchwald-Hartwig amination reactions (see **Chapter 5** and **6**). Particularly noteworthy, this series of ligands showed a potential chemoselectivity, and herein we would like to test and prove this interestingly feature.

7.2 **Results and Discussion**

Pt-Bu Amizole-phos L2b

Pt-Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos L2j

7.2.1 Study on the Ligand Structural Effect Towards Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling and Amination Reactions

Having demonstrated the coordination ability of this ligand series (see Section 5.2.1), we next sought to study their effectiveness, with respected to their structures in palladium-catalyzed Suzuki coupling and amination of aryl chlorides (Chapter 5 and 6).

 Table 7.1 Dramatic Ligand Structural Effect Towards Palladium-Catalyzed

 Suzuki Coupling and Amination Processes^a



^a Reaction conditions: For Suzuki (C-C): 2-chlorotoluene (1.0 mmole), phenylboronic acid (1.5
mmole), K_3PO_4 · H_2O (3.0 mmole), 0.1 mol% Pd, Pd(OAc) ₂ /L = 1:2, and THF (3 mL) were stirred
for 24 h at 100 °C under nitrogen. For amination (C-N): 4-chlorotoluene (1.0 mmole), N-
methylaniline (1.5 mmole), K_2CO_3 (2.5 mmole), 1.0 mol% Pd, $Pd(OAc)_2/L = 1:4$, $PhB(OH)_2$ (0.02
mmol) and toluene (3 mL) were stirred for 24 h at 110 °C under nitrogen. ^b Calibrated GC yields
were reported using dodecane as the internal standard, average of two runs.

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In Suzuki-Miyaura coupling, ligands PCy Amizole-phos **L2a** and PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2i** bearing carbamoyl group with –PCy₂ moiety provided the

highest catalytic activity, while Pt-Bu Amizole-phos **L2b** and Pt-Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2j** (with –Pt-Bu₂ group) did not (**Table 7.1**). Ligand PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2i** with dimethyl-substitution on the 5,6-positions of benzimidazole ring gave improvement in the coupling reactions (**Table 7.1**). In amination reaction, interestingly, a reversal of activity (**L2a/L2i** *versus* **L2b/L2j**) was observed in this reaction (**Table 7.1**).

With the above selectivity between Suzuki coupling and amination, a competitive chemoselectivity of this catalytic system was studied (**Scheme 7.1**). Ligands bearing –PCy₂ moiety, PCy Amizole-phos **L2a** or PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2i**, showed essentially complete orthogonal property (>99%) to afford Suzuki coupling product, no matter under either Suzuki or amination reaction conditions.



Scheme 7.1 Ligand-Controlled Orthogonal Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Coupling

7.2.2 Competitive Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Couplings of Aryl Chlorides

with Boronic Acids and Amines

 Table 7.2 Competitive Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki Couplings of Aryl Chlorides

 with Boronic Acids and Amines^a



^{*a*}Reaction conditions: ArCl (1.0 mmole), Ar'B(OH)₂ (1.5 mmole), Ar'NH₂ (1.5 mmole), $K_3PO_4 \cdot H_2O$ (3.0 mmole), Pd(OAc)₂/PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos (**L2i**) = 1:3, and THF (3 mL) were stirred at 110 °C for 24 h under nitrogen. Isolated yields, average of two runs. Chemoselectivity determined by GC. ^{*b*}*n*-BuB(OH)₂ (2.0 mmole), *n*-BuNH₂ (2.0 mmole) and toluene (3 mL).

A range of aryl chlorides together with both arylboronic acids and amines (same substitution pattern) were further examined competitively (**Table 7.2**).

Non-activated, functionalized aryl and heteroaryl chlorides showed excellent chemoselectivity (~99% selectivity) to form Suzuki product under Pd(OAc)₂/PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos **L2i** system. In particular, the catalyst loading could be down to 0.01 mol% Pd. The competitive coupling could also be applied to alkylboronic acid and aliphatic amine (**Table 7.2**, example 16). To the best of our knowledge, there has been no successful example reported to-date that a carbon-carbon chemoselective bond-forming reaction can be simply controlled by phosphine ligand.

7.3 Conclusion

In summary, we have developed a new family of 2-phosphino-substituted ligands. To the best of our knowledge, we have succeeded in showing the first examples of a ligand family that have both *P*,*O* and *P*,*N* hemilabile features, and ligand-controlled chemoselective Suzuki coupling and amination reactions. We anticipate this unique structural finding from this ligand family would provide a useful direction of future ligand design in stepwise and specific cross-coupling reactions.

7.4 Experimental Section

7.4.1 General Considerations

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without purification. All Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reactions were performed in resealable screw cap schlenk flask (approx. 20 mL volume) in the presence of Teflon coated magnetic stirrer bar ($3mm \times 10 mm$). Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen.⁵ Commercial aryl chlorides (liquid form only) were purified by passed through a short plug (0.5 cm wide \times 4 cm high) of neutral alumina or distillation. Most commercially available boronic acids were used as received. Commercially available amines were purified by distillation. All bases were purchased from chemical supplier and used without grinding. Thin layer chromatography was performed on precoated silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ plates. Silica gel (70-230 and 230-400 mesh) was used for column chromatography. Melting points were recorded on an uncorrected instrument. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker (400 MHz) spectrometer. Spectra were referenced internally to the residual proton resonance in CDCl₃ (δ 7.26 ppm) as the internal standard. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported as part per million (ppm) in δ scale downfield from TMS. ¹³C NMR spectra were referenced to $CDCl_3(\delta 77.0 \text{ ppm}, \text{ the middle peak})$. Coupling constants (J) were reported in Hertz (Hz). Mass spectra (EI-MS and ES-MS) were recorded on a mass spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on ESIMS. GC-MS analysis was conducted on a GCD system using a column with 30 m \times 0.25 mm. The products described in GC yield were accorded to the authentic samples/dodecane calibration standard from GC-FID system. Compounds described in the literature were characterized by comparison of their ¹H and/or ¹³C NMR spectra to the previously reported data. The procedures in this section are representative, and thus the yields may differ from those reported in tables.

7.4.2 General Procedure for Competitive Suzuki-Miyaura Cross-Couplings of Aryl Chlorides with Boronic Acids and Amines

General procedure for competitive Suzuki-Miyaura cross-couplings of aryl chlorides with boronic acids and amines: A stock solution of Pd(OAc)₂ (2.3 mg, 0.010 mmol) with ligand (Pd:L = 1:3) in freshly distilled 10 mL THF (0.1 mol%) Pd per 1 mL stock solution) was initially prepared with continuously stirring at room temperature. Arylboronic acid (1.5 mmol), K₃PO₄·H₂O (3.0 mmol) and magnetic stirrer bar (3 mm \times 8 mm) were charged to an array of Schlenk tubes. Each tube was carefully evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (3 cycles). Aryl chloride (1.0 mmol), and corresponding amines (1.5 mmole) were then added to the Schlenk tubes. The stock solution was further diluted to give different concentrations of palladium complex. The diluted solutions were then transferred to Schlenk tubes via syringes. Further solvent was added (final volume: 3 mL). This batch of Schlenk tube was resealed and magnetically stirred in a preheated oil bath. After the completion of reaction as judged by GC or TLC analysis, the reactions were allowed to reach room temperature. Water (~3 mL) and ethyl acetate (~10 mL \times 3) were added. The organic layers were combined and concentrated. The crude products were purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh).

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Summary

We have successfully designed and explored two classes of ligands, *P*,*N*-type 2-arylated benzimidazolyl phosphine ligands and alterable *P*,*O*- or *P*,*N*-type 2-phosphino-substituted benzimidazolyl ligands by a "Cross-matching" approach. The benzimidazole scaffold of this family of ligands could be easily synthesized and diversified from inexpensive substituted *o*-phenylenediamines and substituted carboxylic acids by Phillips benzimidazole synthesis.

For the 2-arylated benzimidazolyl phosphine ligands, a total of 16 examples have been prepared with moderate to excellent yields. When applying this class of ligands towards palladium-catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of aryl chlorides, it showed excellent catalytic activities with arylboronic acids, especially under very-low-catalyst-loading down to 1 ppm. Furthermore, this class of ligands was also efficient towards Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of aryl chlorides with potassium aryltrifluoroborates. It is particularly noteworthy that the X-ray crystallographic data confirmed that the ligand was coordinated in a κ^2 -*P*,*N* fashion to the palladium center.

On the other hand, for the 2-phosphino-substituted benzimidazolyl ligands, a total of 20 examples have been synthesized by "One-pot assembly" approaches. Palladium complexes of 2-phosphino-substituted benzimidazolyl ligands showed notable coordination in a κ^2 -*P*,*N* fashion and potential *P*,*O*-hemilabile ability, which gave us evidence to believe the mode of coordination could be altered by tuning the steric bulkiness of the phosphino group. Interestingly, the complexes with *P*,*O*-coordination and *P*,*N*-coordination were

highly efficient towards Suzuki-Miyaura coupling and Buchwald-Hartwig amination of aryl chlorides respectively. Notably, in order to probe with these fascinating hemilabile properties, chemoselective cross-coupling of aryl chlorides was also examined, which showed essentially complete orthogonal property (>99%) to afford Suzuki coupling products when carrying out competitive cross-coupling of aryl chlorides with boronic acids and amines.

We believe that the contribution of work here would give us inspiration or even breakthrough to future exploration in the area of phosphine ligand syntheses and applications.

Appendix

Chapter 2 HMR and HRMS Spectra of 2-Arylbenzimidazolyl Ligand Templates

2-(2-Bromo-3-methylphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.2**, entry 2)







2-(2-Bromo-4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.2**, entry 3)





2-(2-Bromo-5-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.2**, entry 4)





2-(2-Bromo-4,5-difluorophenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.2**, entry 5)



2-(2-Bromophenyl)-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.2**, entry 6)





entry 7)







2-(2-Bromophenyl)-5,6-dichloro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.2**, entry 8)



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Arylbenzimidazolyl Ligand Precursors

2-(2-Bromo-3-methylphenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (Table 2.3, entry







2-(2-Bromo-4-methylphenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.3**, entry



4)







entry 5)







2-(2-Bromophenyl)-1,5,6-trimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.3**, entry 6)




2-(2-Bromo-3-methylphenyl)-1,5,6-trimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (Table 2.3,



entry 8)







2-(2-Bromophenyl)-1-isopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.4**, entry 1)



entry 2)





2-(2-Bromo-3-methylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole

(Table 2.4, entry 3)





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2-(2-(Diphenylphosphino)-3-methylphenyl)-1-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole

(PPh *m*-TolMezole-phos L1d) (Table 2.5, entry 4)



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2-(2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-3-methylphenyl)-1-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole







2-(2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-4-methylphenyl)-1-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole





SML104 13C



2-(5-Chloro-2-(dicyclohexylphosphino)phenyl)-1-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole





SML097 13C



2-(2-(Diphenylphosphino)-4,5-difluorophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole

(PPh 4,5-F₂PhMezole-phos L1h) (Table 2.5, entry 8)









2-(2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-4,5-difluorophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]

imidazole (PCy 4,5-F₂PhMezole-phos L1i) (Table 2.5, entry 9)







2-(2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)phenyl)-1,5,6-trimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole

(PCy PhMezole^{M2}-phos L1j) (Table 2.5, entry 10)



SML082 13C



2-(2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-3-methylphenyl)-1,5,6-trimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*] imidazole (PCy *m*-TolMezole^{M2}-phos **L1k**) (**Table 2.5**, entry 11)





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2-(2-(Diphenylphosphino)phenyl)-1-isopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole

(PPh PhPrzole-phos L1l) (Table 2.5, entry 12)





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2-(2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)phenyl)-1-isopropyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole

(PCy PhPrzole-phos L1m) (Table 2.5, entry 13)



SML088 13C



2-(2-(Diphenylphosphino)-3-methylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole





SML170 13C



2-(2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-3-methylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]

imidazole (PCy m-TolPrzole-phos L1o) (Table 2.5, entry 15)









2-(2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-3-methylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*benzo[*d*]imidazole (PCy *m*-TolPrzole^{M2}-phos **L1p**) (**Table 2.5**, entry 16)




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Ligand Precursors

N,*N*-Diisopropyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-1-carboxamide (**Table 2.10**, entry 1)



(Table

2.10, entry 2)



1-(2,4,6-Triisopropylphenylsulfonyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.10**, entry 3)

SML034 1H



Elemental Composition Report

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1-(Mesitylsulfonyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**Table 2.10**, entry 4)

SML036 1H



Elemental Composition Report

Single Mass Analysis Tolerance = 5.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off



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Chapter 2 HMR and HRMS Spectra of 2-Phosphino-Substituted Benzimidazolyl Ligands

2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-1-

carboxamide (PCy Amizole-phos L2a) (Table 2.11, entry 1)





2-(Di-tert-butylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-1-

carboxamide (Pt-Bu Amizole-phos L2b) (Table 2.11, entry 2)



2-(di-tert-butylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-1-carboxamide 31P



2-(Diisopropylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-1-carboxamide

(Pi-Pr Amizole-phos L2c) (Table 2.11, entry 3)



N,N-diisopropyl-2-(diisopropylphosphino)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-1-carboxamide 31P



2-(Diphenylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-1-carboxamide

(PPh Amizole-phos L2d) (Table 2.11, entry 4)



N,N-diisopropyl-2-(diphenylphosphino)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-1-carboxamide 31P



2-(Diethylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-1-carboxamide

(PEt Amizole-phos L2e) (Table 2.11, entry 5)





2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-1-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (PCy Mezole-phos

L2f) (Table 2.11, entry 6)





2-(Di-tert-butylphosphino)-1-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (Pt-Bu Mezole-phos

L2g) (Table 2.11, entry 7)





2-(Dicyclopentylphosphino)-1-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (PCyp Mezole-phos

L2h) (Table 2.11, entry 8)





2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole

-1-carboxamide (PCy Amizole^{M2}-phos L2i) (Table 2.11, entry 9)





2-(Di-tert-butylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-

1-carboxamide (Pt-Bu Amizole^{M2}-phos L2j) (Table 2.11, entry 10)



2-(di-tert-butylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-1-carboxamide 311





2-(Diisopropylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-

1-carboxamide (Pi-Pr Amizole^{M2}-phos L2k) (Table 2.11, entry 11)



N,N-diisopropyl-2-(diisopropylphosphino)-5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-1-carboxamide 31P





2-(Diphenylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-1-

carboxamide (PPh Amizole^{M2}-phos L2l) (Table 2.11, entry 12)



N,N-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-2-(diphenylphosphino)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-1-carboxamide 31P



2-(Dio-tolylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-1-

carboxamide (Po-Tol Amizole^{M2}-phos L2m) (Table 2.11, entry 13)



N,N-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-2-(dio-tolylphosphino)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-1-carboxamide 31P



2-(Dicyclopentylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole

-1-carboxamide (PCyp Amizole^{M2}-phos L2n) (Table 2.11, entry 14)



2-(dicyclopentylphosphino)-N,N-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-1-carboxamide 311





2-(Di-1-adamantylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]

imidazole-1-carboxamide (P1-Ad Amizole^{M2}-phos L2o) (Table 2.11, entry 15)




$\label{eq:loss} 2- (Dicyclohexylphosphino) - 1- (2, 4, 6-triisopropylphenylsulfonyl) - 1 H-benzo[d]$







2-(Di-tert-butylphosphino)-1-(2,4,6-triisopropylphenylsulfonyl)-1H-benzo[d]

imidazole (Pt-Bu ^{P3}Sulfozole-phos L2q) (Table 2.11, entry 17)







2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-1-(mesitylsulfonyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole









2-(Di-tert-butylphosphino)-1-(mesitylsulfonyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole

(Pt-Bu^{M3}Sulfozole-phos L2s) (Table 2.11, entry 19)







2-(Dicyclohexylphosphino)-N,N-diethyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-1-carboxamide

(Scheme 2.23, L2t)





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2,6-Dimethylbiphenyl (Table 3.2, entry 1)

CL-140 1H





2-Methoxy-4'-methylbiphenyl (Table 3.2, entry 2)

4-Methoxy-4'-methylbiphenyl (Table 3.2, entry 3)



2-Methylbiphenyl (Table 3.2, entry 4)

CL-214 1H



4-Methoxybiphenyl (Table 3.2, entry 6)



3-Methoxybiphenyl (Table 3.2, entry 7)



1-(4'-Methoxybiphenyl-3-yl)ethanone (Table 3.3, entry 1)

CL-282 1H





Methyl 2'-methylbiphenyl-3-carboxylate (Table 3.3, entry 2)

CL-156 1H

Methyl 4'-methoxybiphenyl-4-carboxylate (Table 3.3, entry 3)



Methyl biphenyl-4-carboxylate (Table 3.3, entry 4)

CL-234 1H



Biphenyl-4-carbaldehyde (Table 3.3, entry 5)

CL-233 1H

2'-Methylbiphenyl-3-carbonitrile (Table 3.3, entry 6)

CL-59 1H

3'-Methylbiphenyl-4-carbonitrile (Table 3.3, entry 7)

(4'-Methylbiphenyl-4-yl)(phenyl)methanone (Table 3.3, entry 8)

CL-86 1H

Biphenyl-4-yl(phenyl)methanone (Table 3.3, entry 9)

2-*p*-Tolylpyridine (**Table 3.4**, entry 1)

CL-255 1H

3-Phenylpyridine (**Table 3.4**, entry 2)

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2-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)quinoline (**Table 3.4**, entry 3)

2-(4-tert-Butylphenyl)-6-methoxypyridine (Table 3.4, entry 4)

CL-271 1H

2-Methyl-6-phenylpyridine (Table 3.4, entry 5)

CL-248 1H

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4-Methylbiphenyl (Table 4.2, entry 1)

CL-96 1H

2-Methylbiphenyl (**Table 4.2**, entry 2)

CL-87 1H

2,4'-Dimethylbiphenyl (Table 4.2, entry 3)

CL-88 1H

4-Methoxybiphenyl (Table 4.2, entry 4)

CL-97 1H

(2'-Methylbiphenyl-4-yl)(phenyl)methanone (Table 4.2, entry 5)

CL-92 1H

1-(4-(Naphthalen-2-yl)phenyl)ethanone (Table 4.2, entry 6)

CL-93 1H



Methyl 4'-methylbiphenyl-3-carboxylate (Table 4.2, entry 7)

CL-94 1H



3-(Naphthalen-2-yl)benzonitrile (Table 4.2, entry 8)

CL-95 1H



2-o-Tolylpyridine (Table 4.2, entry 9)

CL-99 1H



1-o-Tolylisoquinoline (Table 4.2, entry 10)

CL-100 1H



3-Phenylpyridine (Table 4.2, entry 11)

CL-101 1H



2-Methoxy-6-(naphthalen-2-yl)pyridine (Table 4.2, entry 12)

CL-133 1H



Chapter 5 NMR Spectra of Coupling products

2-Methylbiphenyl (Table 5.22, entry 1)

SM095 1H



2-Methoxybiphenyl (**Table 5.22**, entry 2)

SM147 1H



SM151 1H





SM149 1H



3-Phenylbenzonitrile (Table 5.22, entry 5)

SM188 1H



1-(2'-Methoxybiphenyl-4-yl)ethanone (Table 5.22, entry 6)

SM198 1H



1-(2'-Methoxybiphenyl-3-yl)ethanone (Table 5.22, entry 7)

SM190 1H



2'-Methylbiphenyl-4-carbaldehyde (Table 5.22, entry 8)

SM209 1H



(4-(Naphthalen-1-yl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone (Table 5.22, entry 9)

SM183 1H



Methyl 2'-methylbiphenyl-3-carboxylate (Table 5.22, entry 10)

SM201 1H





SM318 1H



2-*o*-Tolylpyridine (**Table 5.23**, entry 1)

SM221 1H



3-o-Tolylpyridine (Table 5.23, entry 2)

SM239 1H



3-Methyl-2-o-tolylpyridine (Table 5.23, entry 3)

SM340 1H



2-o-Tolylquinoline (Table 5.23, entry 4)

SM320 1H



1-o-Tolylisoquinoline (Table 5.23, entry 5)

SM308 1H



1-(5-o-Tolylthiophen-2-yl)ethanone (Table 5.23, entry 6)

SM335 1H



1-(4-Butylphenyl)ethanone (Table 5.23, entry 7)

SM233 1H



Chapter 6 NMR Spectra of Coupling products

N-Methyl-*N*-*p*-tolylbenzenamine (**Table 6.3**, entry 1)



N-o-Tolylbenzenamine (**Table 6.3**, entry 2)





2,6-Dimethyl-*N*-*p*-tolylbenzenamine (**Table 6.3**, entry 3)





N-Phenyl-N-p-tolylbenzenamine (Table 6.3, entry 4)

hmy-100 1H





N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2,6-dimethylbenzenamine (**Table 6.3**, entry 5)



hmy-067 1H



1-(4-(Methyl(phenyl)amino)phenyl)ethanone (**Table 6.4**, entry 2)



Methyl 4-(methyl(phenyl)amino)benzoate (Table 6.4, entry 3)

hmy-073 1H



3-(Methyl(phenyl)amino)benzonitrile (Table 6.4, entry 4)





N-Methyl-*N*-(4-nitrophenyl)benzenamine (**Table 6.4**, entry 5)

hmy-079 1H





N,6-Dimethyl-*N*-phenylpyridin-2-amine (**Table 6.5**, entry 1)


6-Methoxy-N-methyl-N-phenylpyridin-2-amine (Table 6.5, entry 2)

6-Methoxy-*N*-phenylpyridin-2-amine (Table 6.5, entry 3)



6-Methoxy-*N*,*N*-diphenylpyridin-2-amine (**Table 6.5**, entry 4)

hmy-191 1H



N-Methyl-*N*-phenylquinolin-2-amine (**Table 6.5**, entry 5)



N-Phenylquinolin-2-amine (**Table 6.5**, entry 6)

hmy-175 1H



N,*N*-Diphenylquinolin-2-amine (**Table 6.5**, entry 7)

hmy-202 1H



4-*p*-Tolylmorpholine (**Table 6.6**, entry 1)

hmy-122 1H



4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)morpholine (Table 6.6, entry 2)



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hmy-193 1H



4-(6-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)morpholine (Table 6.6, entry 4)



2-Morpholinoquinoline (Table 6.6, entry 5)

hmy-196 1H

