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Iminophosphoranes are reported as convenient precursors to amides, ureas, carbamates and other carbonyl-containing molecules through CO2-fixation. Key to this transformation with stable isotopes and carbon-11 is interception of the reactive isocyanate intermediate. Automated synthesis and isolation of PET radiopharmaceuticals is achieved.

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Abstract

Carbonyls are frequently found in bioactive compounds due to their propensity for hydrogen bonding and synthetic utility in functional group manipulations. Carbon-11 (¹¹C) is routinely incorporated into small molecule radiotracers for positron emission tomography (PET) imaging. Herein, we report a high-yielding, direct CO₂-fixation methodology coupling structurally diverse iminophosphoranes with various nucleophiles to synthesize ureas, carbamates, thiocarbamates, and amides, and which is amenable for ¹¹C radiolabeling. The success of this strategy relies upon the interception of an isocyanate intermediate of sequential aza-Wittig reactions using a suitable nucleophile. This methodology is practical, as demonstrated by the synthesis of >35 products and isolation of the radiopharmaceuticals [¹¹C]URB694 (13% radiochemical yield, 69 GBq·μmol⁻¹) and [¹¹C]glibenclamide (62% RCY, 59 GBq·μmol⁻¹), within 17 minutes and 21 minutes from [¹¹C]CO₂, respectively.

Introduction

Positron emission tomography (PET) is a non-invasive molecular imaging modality used to evaluate biological processes *in vivo* with short-lived radionuclides. PET radiopharmaceuticals are used to diagnose metastatic and cardiovascular diseases, conduct non-invasive pathology studies to detect biomarkers of neurodegeneration, and to probe molecular and functional mechanisms in living systems.¹ Carbon-11 (11 C, $t_{1/2} = 20.4$ min) is prized for isotopic labeling of biomolecules and pharmaceuticals, and is routinely incorporated into PET imaging agents for both research and clinical applications.^{2,3} Currently, a lack of diverse methods for directly incorporating [11 C]CO₂ into complex molecules has limited its use.⁴ Consequently, [11 C]CO₂ is most often converted into reactive secondary precursors such as [11 C]CH₃I or [11 C]CH₃OTf, which are accompanied by elongated processing times and significant reductions in radiochemical yield due

to sub-quantitative conversions.^{5–8} Isocyanates are valuable synthetic intermediates that can be readily converted into pharmaceutically-relevant functional groups such as carbamates, ureas, and amides. 9,10 Conventional approaches to synthesizing 11C-isocyanates rely on stepwise trapping of [11C]CO₂ with amines, followed by dehydration using phosphoryl chloride (POCl₃) or Mitsunobutype conditions. 4,11,12 Importantly, the former strategy displays poor tolerance towards anilines and the highly acidic conditions pose challenges for maintaining efficient trapping of [11C]CO₂ in solution. The latter technique has displayed improved utility for synthesizing asymmetrical ureas 12 and also amides using either Grignard reagents¹³ or organozinc coupling reactions,¹⁴ though high mass loading of azo reagents and phosphines may complicate radiotracer purification. Each strategy requires careful control of temperature and reagent concentrations during sequential reaction steps in order to prevent formation of complex mixtures of symmetrical byproducts and heterocycles. 11,15 Iminophosphoranes have been shown to undergo the aza-Wittig reaction directly with CO₂ to produce isocyanates in high yields. 16 Indeed, similar reactivity towards carbonyl containing functional groups has been exploited in the synthesis of complex alkaloids such as (-)dendrobine and a myriad heterocyclic drugs and natural products. 17,18 In the context of 11C, the commercially available precursor N-(triphenylphosphoranylidene)aniline was previously reported to prepare acyclic ¹¹C-ureas from [¹¹C]CO₂ in moderate radiochemical yields (RCYs). ¹⁹ Del Vecchio et al. deployed o-azidoanilines and azido alcohols with dimethylphenylphosphine to synthesize cyclic ureas and carbamates, including oxatomide, domperidone, and zolmitriptan in useful yields through a proposed intramolecular Staudinger aza-Wittig sequence (SAW, Scheme 1a) upon heating to 70 °C. 20,21 An intermolecular variant of this reaction produced a linear carbamate in low RCY at much higher temperature.

We aimed to develop conditions that are high yielding and selective for C–O, C–N, C–C, and C–S bond formation and would be amenable for one-pot [¹¹C]CO₂-fixation to prepare radiopharmaceuticals and novel tracer candidates. Through the synthesis of functionalized iminophosphorane precursors, this approach would obviate the need for highly acidic POCl₃, Mitsunobu reagents, explosive azide precursors, and toxic phosphines used in current methodologies, enhancing the substrate versatility and practicality of this method for good manufacturing practices (GMP) environments (Scheme 1b). Herein, we describe a versatile and efficient approach to carbonyl ligation using iminophosphorane-CO₂-fixation coupled with intermolecular nucleophilic addition. This method is effective for synthesizing acyclic products with stable isotopes under mild conditions and is suitable for automated synthesis and ¹¹C radiolabeling. We demonstrate a broad substrate scope, high functional group tolerance, and practical application for the synthesis and isolation of radiopharmaceuticals.

Scheme 1. Synthetic approaches to iminophosphorane [¹¹C]CO₂-fixation.

Results and Discussion

At the outset, we focused on developing a nucleophilic coupling strategy to iminophosphorane-CO₂ fixation conditions using stable isotopes, since no such straightforward high yielding procedure for this coupling has been reported. First, CO_2 was bubbled into a heated toluene solution containing N-(triphenylphosphoranylidene)aniline (1a) until complete consumption of the iminophosphorane, followed by the addition of benzyl alcohol (2).

Table 1. Optimization of reaction conditions

Ph N=P-Ph Ph	+ Ph OH	$\frac{\text{CO}_2, \text{ additive}}{\text{solvent}} \rightarrow N = C = N$	+ Ph N O Ph
1a	2	3	4

Entry	Solvent	[2] (mM)	3 yield (%)	4 yield (%)
1 ^{a,b}	toluene	100	77	6
$2^{a,b}$	toluene	150	77	6
$3^{a,c}$	toluene	100	42	36
$4^{a,c}$	toluene	250	0	84
5 ^d	toluene	250	0	70
6^{d}	1,4-dioxane	250	0	72
7^{d}	DMF	250	0	75
8^{d}	ACN	250	0	78
$9^{d,e}$	ACN	250	0	84
$10^{d,f}$	ACN	250	0	70

^aYields obtained by UPLC/MS. Reactions performed in toluene at 110 °C. ^bNucleophile added after iminophosphorane consumption. ^cNucleophile added at t = 0. ^dConditions: **2** (0.625 mmol), solvent (2.5 mL), 85 °C; then **1** (100 mM, 2.5 mL) added over 1 h. Reaction time: 2 hr. Isolated yields. ^eDBU (2.6 equiv). ^fBEMP (2.6 equiv.)

Low yield of the desired product **4** (6%) was observed using stepwise addition (Table 1, entry 1). The observed major product was the symmetrical *N,N'*-diphenylcarbodiimide (CDI, **3**), likely formed by a second aza-Wittig coupling reaction to the isocyanate intermediate. The ratio of **4**:3 increased to 0.9:1 when the nucleophile was present from the beginning of the reaction (entry 3). Increasing the concentration of **2** led to exclusive formation of **4** in 84% yield (entry 4). This suggests that short-lived free isocyanates are formed in the presence of iminophosphoranes, subject to two competing reaction pathways: CDI formation and carbamate formation. Thus, at high

concentrations of an intercepting nucleophile, it is possible to selectively divert the reaction towards intermolecular ligation. Carbamate **4** could be prepared and isolated in good yields from hydrocarbon, ethereal, and polar solvents using similar conditions (entries 5–8). With our primary focus on establishing easily translatable conditions to ¹¹C radiochemistry, we were delighted to find that two common CO₂ trapping bases, amidine DBU and phosphazene BEMP (2.6 equiv.), significantly increased the rate of formation of **4**, concomitant with moderate impacts in yield (entries 9–10, table S1). These effects are likely due to the increased availability of soluble CO₂ in the form of activated complexes.^{22,23}

We assessed the compatibility of the iminophosphorane-CO₂-fixation method with a diverse scope of nucleophiles (Scheme 2a). Under our developed conditions, carbamates derived from benzyl, isopropyl, and 4-methoxyphenethyl alcohol were isolated in 84–94% yields (4-6). In contrast, phenyl carbamates and thiocarbamates (7-9) required higher nucleophile concentrations to achieve yields in excess of 70%, likely due to their propensity for elimination. Benzyl mercaptan also proved to be a compatible nucleophile, forming the corresponding thiocarbamate 10 in excellent yield (86%). Sterically hindered nucleophiles such as *tert*-butanol yielded product 11 (83%) in high yield, and *N*-methyl-*N*-*tert*-butylamine also provided the urea 12 in 78% yield. We were gratified to find that amides such as 13 (82%) could be accessed directly by carbon-carbon bond formation using diethyl malonate. Despite this success, some nucleophiles were found to be incompatible with the interrupted aza-Wittig conditions, including Grignard reagents, and phenylacetylene. However, a number of our synthesized products (7-9, 11-12) stand in as blocked isocyanates, and facilitate indirect nucleophilic substitution (Scheme 2b).²⁴ *In situ* formed *O*-phenylcarbamate 7 could be successfully transformed to amides 14–16, all in moderate to good

yields based on iminophosphorane **1a**. Overall, both direct and indirect nucleophilic substitutions are robust, and further open the door to selective C-C bond formation using iminophosphoranes.

We next investigated the scope of functionalized aryl iminophosphoranes synthesized by the Kirsanov reaction and isolated by our modified general procedure (Scheme 2c, see ESI for details). First, CBz-protected products (17-21) were isolated to determine sensitivity to electronic and steric features of iminophosphoranes under the optimized conditions. Electron-rich arenes, aryl bromides, and *ortho*-substitution (17-18, 21) were all well-tolerated in comparison with electron-deficient iminophosphoranes (19–20). Alkyl iminophophosphoranes afforded products such as carbamate 22 (82%) and blocked isocyanates 23–24 in good yields. The utility of this method for biopharmaceuticals was assessed by targeting the fatty acid amide hydrolase inhibitor URB694 (25), melatonin (26), and the oral multi-kinase inhibitor regorafenib (29). Hydroquinone carbamate 25 was isolated as a mixture of regioisomers in 60% yield. Indirect substitution using phenol-blocked isocyanates yielded melatonin 26 (72%), phenylalanine derivative 27 (84%), and electron-deficient amide 28 (73%). Finally, the urea regorafenib 29 was synthesized first by direct nucleophilic coupling, though indirect substitution using an *N-tert*-butylmethylamine blocked isocyanate intermediate better facilitated purification of 29 in 71% overall yield.

Scheme 2: Interrupted aza-Wittig for Extended Functionality: Reaction Scope

^aConditions: **1** (0.25 mmol), R²-XH (2.5 equiv.), DBU (2.6 equiv.), ACN (2.5 mL), reflux; isolated yields. ^b PhOH (10 equiv.), R³-MgX (20 equiv.) or R³-SH (2.5 equiv.) or PhCCH (12 equiv.), THF. ^c R²-XH (10 equiv.), LHMDS (0.99 equiv.), THF. See ESI for detailed procedures.

Satisfied with the iminophosphorane-CO₂ nucleophilic coupling methodology using stable isotopes, we were determined to apply this method to carbon-11 radiochemistry. Since [¹¹C]CO₂ is the limiting reagent in these processes (typically <1 µmol), reconsideration of reaction

conditions to produce [¹¹C]4 was required (Table 2). First, we focused on the influence of the concentration of 1a on product yield using high concentrations of DBU and benzyl alcohol in ACN (entry 1). We noted a low 13% RCY with these initial conditions, mainly due to a large excess of unreacted [¹¹C]CO₂. Increasing the concentration of 1a (entries 2–3) led to maximum 32% RCY and reducing the concentration of DBU to 100 mM enhanced the selectivity toward [¹¹C]4 (entry 4–5). Increasing the reaction temperature in DMF to 100 °C resulted in 65% RCY (entries 6–7). Finally, increasing the concentration of nucleophile 2 further improved the selectivity of [¹¹C]4, leading to a 91% RCY (entries 7–9). Trapping efficiencies of [¹¹C]CO₂ during the optimization of [¹¹C]4 were all greater than 90%.

 Table 2. Radiochemistry Optimization

(11C)CO₂

N=PI	Ph ₃ +	OH		N* N	0
			DBU, ACN T, 10 min	Н	
1a		2		[11	C]4
Entry	T	[1a]	[2]	[DBU]	RCY ^a
	(°C)	(mM)	(mM)	(mM)	(%)
1	65	7	200	200	13
2	65	70	200	200	32
3	65	100	200	200	29
4	65	70	200	150	39
5	65	70	200	100	56
6 ^b	65	70	200	100	62
7^{b}	100	70	200	100	65
8^{b}	100	70	600	100	78
9^{b}	100	70	1200	100	91

^aRadiochemical yield calculated from relative integration of HPLC-UV chromatogram. ^bReaction performed in DMF.

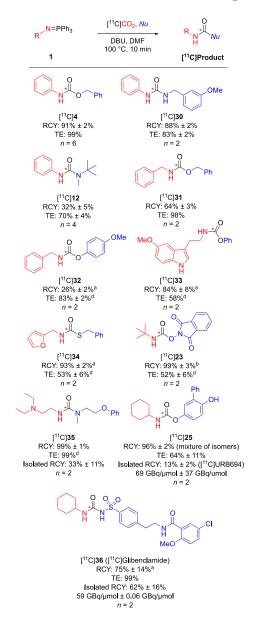
Structurally diverse iminophosphoranes were also used to successfully radiolabel compounds using this procedure (Scheme 3). Aniline derived products using iminophosphorane **1a** include labeled urea [11C]**30** in 88% RCY, and blocked isocyanate [11C]**12** in 32% RCY. Using

benzyl iminophosphorane, *O*-benzyl carbamate [¹¹C]**31** was formed in 64% yield. By substituting DABCO for DBU, *O*-aryl carbamate [¹¹C]**32** (26%), 5-methoxytryptamine carbamate [¹¹C]**33** (84%), and thiocarbamate [¹¹C]**34** (93%) could be radiolabeled, with trapping efficiencies ranging from 53–83%. We suspect that mildly basic conditions and higher nucleophile concentrations improve the yields of **32-34** due to their sensitivity towards low temperature elimination. From *tert*-butyl iminophosphorane, *N*-hydroxysuccinimide-derived [¹¹C]**23** (99%) was also efficiently radiolabeled.

To further demonstrate the practicality of this technique [11C]35, an experimental antiarrhythmic compound, also containing the β-glucocerebrosidase activating moiety N-methyl-N-(2-phenoxyethyl)amine, was isolated using a fully automated method (see ESI). ^{27,28} [11 C]35 was labeled with 99% RCY starting from 15.7 GBq of [11C]CO₂, and obtained in an isolated yield of 33% \pm 10.6% (2.7 \pm 0.4 GBq) within 22 min from [11C]CO₂ delivery. The fatty acid amide hydrolase inhibitor [11C]URB694 ([11C]25, [11C]CURB) is used in clinical research studies to investigate psychiatric illnesses and alcohol use disorder, and was prepared from cyclohexyliminophosphorane in 96% ± 2% RCY (2:3 regioselectivity). ^{29,30} From 25.9 GBq of [11C]CO₂, 1.9 GBq ± 0.7 GBq of [11C]CURB was obtained as the major isomer in 99% radiochemical purity, with an isolated decay corrected yield of 13% \pm 2%, and a molar activity of 69 GBq·μmol⁻¹ ± 37 GBq·μmol⁻¹ within 17 min from [¹¹C]CO₂ delivery. Lastly, the clinically approved sulfonylurea glibenclamide, currently used in the treatment of diabetes mellitus type 2, and shown to reduce tissue damage in preclinical models for CNS injuries, was synthesized with 75% ± 14% RCY. 31 [11C]Glibenclamide ([11C]36) is a substrate for organic anion-transporting polypeptide (OATP) transporter and can be used to study the integrity of the blood-brain barrier by non-invasive PET imaging. 32,33 This radiopharmaceutical, which is currently synthesized in

two-steps using [11 C]CH₃OTf, was efficiently labeled using an iminophosphorane precursor directly from [11 C]CO₂. 34 Following purification 7.4 \pm 1.9 GBq of [11 C]glibenclamide was obtained with an isolated decay corrected yield of 62 \pm 16% from 25.9 GBq of [11 C]CO₂, and a molar activity of 59 \pm 0.06 GBq· μ mol⁻¹ within 21 minutes from the beginning of synthesis.

Scheme 3: Carbon-11 Substrate Scope



^a DBU replaced with DABCO. ^b DBU replaced with LHMDS. ^c KO^fBu. ^d [¹¹C]CO₂ trapped at -60 °C. See ESI for detailed procedures. * indicates position of ¹¹C.

Conclusion

In conclusion, we have developed a methodology to synthesize several stable and radiolabeled functional groups using the interrupted aza-Wittig approach. The advantages of this method include direct [\frac{11}{C}]CO2-fixation using stable iminophosphorane precursors prepared from commercially available amines, diverse functional group selectivity, and applicability to relevant PET imaging agents. Radiopharmaceuticals are synthesized under mild reaction conditions with rapid synthesis times and using automated procedures to represent a novel strategy for labeling biologically relevant molecules. We anticipate this method contributing to the accessibility of indemand radiopharmaceuticals such as [\frac{11}{C}]CURB and [\frac{11}{C}]glibenclamide, among others.

Supporting Information

Characterization data; experimental procedures; preparation of precursors; NMR spectra for compounds

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Interrupted Aza-Wittig Reactions Using Iminophosphoranes to Prepare ¹¹C-Carbonyls

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Section 1: General Information

All chemicals and solvents used were bought commercially and were not further purified unless indicated otherwise. All CO₂ fixation reactions were carried out by bubbling CO₂ (balloon) through the solution. CO2 was passed through a drying tube filled with Drierite in order to obtain anhydrous CO₂. All other reactions were routinely carried out under inert (argon or nitrogen) atmosphere. All solvents used were anhydrous. Anhydrous 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU) was obtained by reflux in KOH pellets, and distilled under reduced pressure. Reaction products were confirmed using ¹H-NMR, ¹³C-NMR, and mass spectrometry. Purification of reaction products was carried out by flash column chromatography using silica gel unless stated otherwise. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on aluminum or glass backing. ¹H-NMR spectra obtained using Bruker AVANCE 300 or Bruker AVANCE 400. Spectral data are reported in ppm using solvent as the reference (CDCl₃ at 7.26 ppm for ¹H NMR and DMSO at 2.50 ppm. ¹H NMR data was reported as: multiplicity (ap = apparent, br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), integration, and coupling constant(s) in Hz. Low resolution mass spectrometry was performed using Waters Xevo TQD with an Acquity UPLC H-Class Plus system. High resolution mass spectrometry was performed using a Kratos Concept - Magnetic Sector Electron Impact Mass Spectrometer. Radiolabeled products were synthesized using Synthra Melplus Research module. All products generated were characterized in accordance to the literature.

Sigma-Aldrich: *N*-(triphenylphosphoranylidene)aniline; triphenylphosphine dibromide; benzyl alcohol; 2-tert-butylimino-2-diethylamino-1.3-dimethylperhydro-1,3,2-diazaphosphorine; 2-propanol; thiophenol; phenol; diethyl malonate; 4-bromoaniline; 4-fluoroaniline; furfurylamine; methyl magnesium bromide solution (3.0 M in diethyl ether); phenyl magnesium bromide solution (3.0 M in diethyl ether); benzylamine; N-methyl-2-phenoxyethanamine; phenylacetylene;2-phenyl hydroquinone; phenylisocyanate;5-chloro-2-methoxy-N-[2-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)ethyl]benzamide;N-butyllithium solution (1.6 M) in hexanes.

Oakwood Chemical: 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene; 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethanol; 4-nitroaniline; cyclohexylamine; *tert*-butylamine; triethylamine; 3-methoxybenzylamine; 1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol

Alfa Aesar: Benzyl mercaptan; tert-butyl alcohol; N-tert-butylmethylamine; *p*-Anisidine; *o*-toluidine; 4-fluorobenzylamine; 3-chloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline; 4-(4-amine-3-fluorophenoxy)-N-methylpicolinamide; N-hydroxypthalamide.

Acros Organics: 5-methoxytryptamine; L-phenylalanine methyl ester hydrochloride; N,N-diethylenediamine; 2-Naphthalenethiol.

Tokyo Chemical Company: Glibenclamide

Section 2: Synthetic Procedures

1. Synthesis of iminophosphoranes.

A flame dried flask was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and charged with triphenylphosphine dibromide (0.6 mmol) under inert atmosphere and dissolved in DCM (2.0 mL). The flask was placed in an ice bath, and a solution containing the corresponding amine (0.6 mmol) and triethylamine (0.6 mmol) in DCM (2 mL) was added to the reactor in a dropwise manner over 10 minutes. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and anhydrous THF (10 mL) was added to the residue. The solution was filtered through a Celite plug, and the concentrated under reduced pressure. A sufficient volume of chloroform was added to solubilize the residue, and hexane was added to precipitate the product. The product was re-precipitated five or more times to remove unwanted triphenylphosphine oxide (TPPO).

Note: Amine hydrochlorides (0.6 mmol) were first dissolved in DCM (2.0 mL) and 1.1 equiv. of triethylamine was added. After stirring the reaction medium at room temperature for 30 min, ammonium salts were removed by adding Et_2O followed by filtration over a celite pad. Solvents were removed by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure and the afforded free amines were used without further purification.

2. Synthesis of carbamate and thiocarbamate products.

A flame dried flask was charged with the corresponding nucleophile (0.25 mmol), DBU (0.65 mmol), and ACN (2.5 mL). The mixture was brought to reflux, and CO_2 was bubbled through the solution for 10 minutes, prior to the addition of iminophosphorane (IMP). A solution containing IMP (0.25 mmol) in ACN (2 mL) was added dropwise over one hour to the reaction mixture. CO_2 was bubbled continuously throughout the reaction until completion. The contents of the flask were concentrated under reduced pressure and re-suspended in 5 mL of DCM. The solution was extracted with saturated NH₄+Cl⁻ (3 x 10 mL) and dried over magnesium sulfate. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography using a 0-25% hexane/ethyl acetate gradient.

Note: Blocked isocyanate products (**7–9, 11–12**) and products of alkyl iminophosphoranes (**22–23, 25**) use 2.5 mmol of nucleophile (10 equiv.) and are not subjected to solvent-solvent extraction unless mentioned otherwise. The concentrated residue is immediately purified by flash column chromatography using a 0-25% hexane/ethyl acetate gradient.

3. Synthesis of urea products.

A flame dried flask was charged with an amine nucleophile (0.50 mmol), DBU (0.25 mmol), and ACN (2.5 mL). CO_2 was bubbled through this solution for 10 minutes, followed by the addition of a solution containing iminophosphorane (0.25 mmol) in ACN (2 mL), added dropwise over 20 minutes at room temperature. The contents of the flask were concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash chromatography using a 0-25% hexane/ethyl acetate gradient.

4. Synthesis of amides using Grignards via blocked isocyanate intermediates.

A flame dried round bottom flask was charged with the corresponding blocking nucleophile (2.5 mmol), DBU (0.65 mmol), and THF (2.5 mL). The mixture was brought to reflux, and CO_2 was bubbled through the solution for 10 minutes. A solution containing IMP (0.25 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added dropwise over one hour to the reaction mixture. CO_2 was bubbled continuously throughout the reaction until completion. The reaction solution was sparged with argon for five minutes and added dropwise to a cooled flask containing Grignard (5 mmol) dissolved in THF (2 mL). The reaction was left to stir overnight and quenched with methanol (15 mL). The contents of the flask were concentrated under reduced

pressure, re-suspended in DCM, and extracted with $NH_4^+Cl^-$ (3 x 20 mL), water (3 x 15 mL) and brine (3 x 15 mL) and dried over magnesium sulfate. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography using a 0-25% hexane/ethyl acetate gradient.

5. Synthesis of amides using phenylacetylene.

A flame dried round bottom flask was charged with phenylacetylene (2.5 mmol) dissolved in THF (5 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. n-Butyllithium (2.45 mmol) was added dropwise to the solution. The solution was left to stir for 2 hrs. The reaction was brought to room temperature, and the contents of this flask were added dropwise to a separate flask containing the prepared blocked isocyanate using procedure 4. The reaction was left to stir at room temperature for 2 hours. The contents of the flask were concentrated under reduced pressure, resuspended in DCM (5 mL), and extracted with ammonium chloride (3 x 15mL), water (3 x 15 mL), brine (1 x 15 mL) and dried over magnesium sulfate. The product was purified by flash chromatography using a hexane/ethyl acetate gradient.

6. Synthesis of amides using diethyl malonate.

A flame dried round bottom flask was charged with diethylmalonate (10 mmol) and dissolved in THF (5 mL). The flask was cooled to -78 °C, and LHMDS (2.45 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction was left to stir for 2 hrs. The solution was brought to room temperature, and 1.25 mL of the solution was added to a separate flask that was charged with DBU (0.65 mmol) and THF (1.25 mL). The reaction was heated to reflux, and CO_2 was bubbled into the reaction for 5 minutes. A solution of IMP (0.25 mmol) dissolved in THF (2 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture over 1 hr. CO_2 was bubbled continuously into the reaction until completion. The contents of the flask were concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography using a 0-25% hexane/ethyl acetate gradient.

7. Deprotonation of alkyl iminophosphorane salts.

The iminophosphorane salt (0.25 mmol) was added to a 5-mL flame dried round bottom flask and dissolved in THF (2.5 mL). The flask was cooled to 0 °C using an ice-water bath, and KHMDS was added to the solution (0.245 mmol). The reaction was left to stir for 5 minutes and brought to room temperature for use.

8. Synthesis of carbon-11 radiolabeled products.

Using the Synthra Melplus Research module, iminophosphorane (28.29 μ mol), DBU (40 μ mol), and nucleophile (483 μ mol) were dissolved in 400 μ l of DMF and loaded into reactor 1. DMF or ACN (1 mL) was loaded into vial A1. Carbon-11 (CO₂) ([\$^{11}\$C]\$CO₂), generated by the bombardment of a gas target filled with pressurized N₂/O₂ mixture using a Siemens 11 MeV cyclotron, at 55 μ A for 2 minutes, and was directed to a steel coil cooled at -180 °C. The reactor was cooled to -60 °C prior to heating the coil to 25 °C. [\$^{11}\$C]\$CO₂ was bubbled into the solution at 5mL/min. The reactor was heated to 100 °C for 10 minutes, and solvent from vial A1 was added to the reactor to dilute the mixture. The solution was transferred to a glass vial, and analyzed by radioHPLC. Integration of radiation detector chromatograms on analytical HPLC informed radiochemical yields, and products were identified by co-injection of nonradioactive standards. Isolated yields were determined by decay correcting the activity to the end of synthesis (EoS). Analytical HPLC conditions for radiolabeled products (unless otherwise stated): 50% ACN / 50% 0.1 M AMF for 2 minutes, then gradient to 95% ACN/ 5% 0.1 M AMF to 12 minutes, 65% ACN/35% 0.1 M AMF to 13 minutes, then gradient to 20% ACN/ 80% 0.1 M AMF to 20 minutes.

9. Radiosynthesis of [11C]35

A solution of iminophosphorane 1o (2.19 μ mol in 200 μ L of DMF) was prepared, and DBU (2.18 μ mol) was added ten minutes prior to end-of-bombardment. The solution of iminophosphorane and a solution of N-methyl-2-phenoxyethanamine (0.12 mmol in 200 μ mL of DMF) were loaded into the reaction vessel and tightly sealed two minutes prior to end-of-bombardment. [11 C]CO $_2$ was trapped at -180 °C. The trap was heated to 25 °C, and [11 C]CO $_2$ was released under a stream of helium at 3 mL/min to bubble into the reaction vessel until peak activity. The reactor was heated to 100 °C for 1 min and quenched with 800 μ L of H $_2$ O. The solution was injected onto an HPLC column for purification. HPLC conditions: Nucleodur C18 Pyramid 7 μ m, 250 x 10 mm eluted with 30% ACN/70% 0.1 M AMF at 5 mL/min. The product was collected, and the identity was established by co-injection with the non-radioactive standard using an analytical HPLC.

10. Radiosynthesis of [11C]25b ([11C]URB694)

DMF was degassed using five freeze-thaw cycles prior to use. 2-Phenyl-1,4-dihydroquinone was purified by flash column chromatography (0-25% hexanes/ethyl acetate) on the day of use. A solution of iminophosphorane 1g (2.27 µmol in 100 µL of DMF, 0.01 mg/µL) was prepared, and DBU (2.27 µmol) was added two minutes prior to end-of-bombardment. The solution was mixed under argon for one minute, and 25 µL of this solution was added to a vial containing 2-phenyl-1,4-dihydroquinone (80.5 µmol) in 125 µL of DMF. This precursor solution was loaded into the reaction vessel and tightly sealed. A stream of helium was swept through the reaction vessel after loading. [\$^{11}C\$]CO2\$ was trapped at -180 °C. The trap was heated to 25 °C, and [\$^{11}C\$]CO2\$ was released under a stream of helium at 3 mL/min to bubble into the reaction vessel until peak activity. The reactor was heated to 100 °C for 2 min and quenched with 800 µL of mobile phase. The solution was injected onto an HPLC column for purification. HPLC conditions: Nucleodur C18 Pyramid 7µm, 250 x 10 mm eluted with 70% MeOH/30% H2O containing 1% formic acid at 7 mL/min. The product was collected, and the identity was established by co-injection with the cold standard using an analytical HPLC.

11. Radiosynthesis of [11C]36 ([11C]Glibenclamide)

DMF was degassed using five freeze-thaw cycles prior to use. A solution of iminophosphorane 1g (2.27 µmol in 100 µL of DMF) was prepared, and 27.5 µL of DABCO (1.22 µmol, 0.02 mg/µl solution in DMF) was added two minutes prior to the end-of-bombardment. The solution was stirred for 30 seconds, and 25 µL of this solution was added to the reactor. 5-Chloro-2-methoxy-N-[2-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)ethyl]benzamide (40.66 µmol) was dissolved in 125 µL of DMF and added to a Teflon sealed vial under inert atmosphere containing potassium tert-butoxide (40 µmol), also mixed 2 minutes prior to the end-of-bombardment. The solution was loaded into the reaction vessel and tightly sealed. A stream of helium was swept through the reaction vessel after loading. [11 C]CO $_{2}$ was trapped at -180 °C. The trap was heated to 25 °C, and [11 C]CO $_{2}$ was released under a stream of helium at 3 mL/min to bubble into the reaction vessel until peak activity. The reactor was heated to 100 °C for 2 min and quenched with 800 µL of mobile phase. The solution was injected onto an HPLC column for purification. HPLC conditions: Nucleodur C18 Pyramid 7µm, 250 x 10 mm eluted with 55% ACN/45% H $_{2}$ O containing 0.1% TFA at 5 mL/min for 10 minutes, then switched to 75% ACN/25% H $_{2}$ O + 0.1% TFA for 3 minutes. The product was collected, and the identity was established by co-injection with the cold standard using an analytical HPLC.

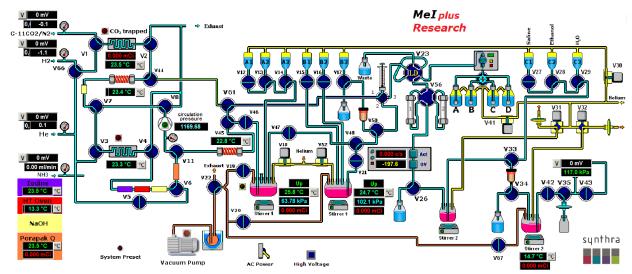
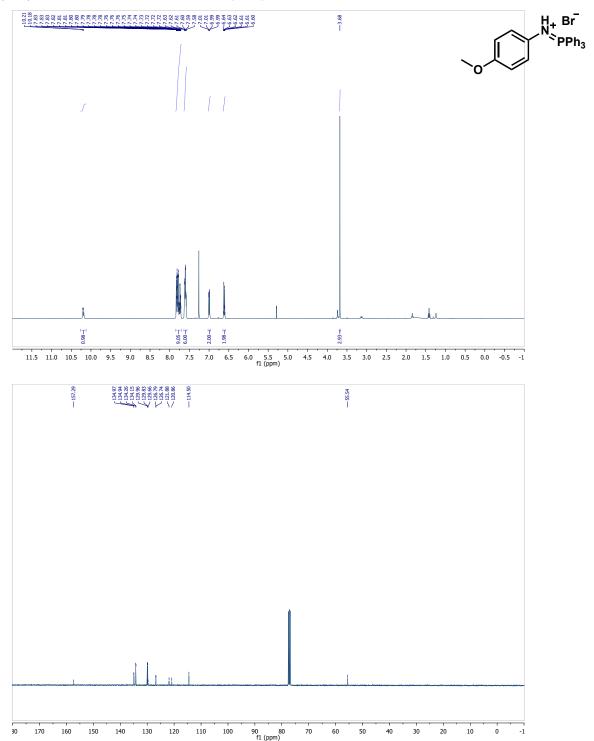


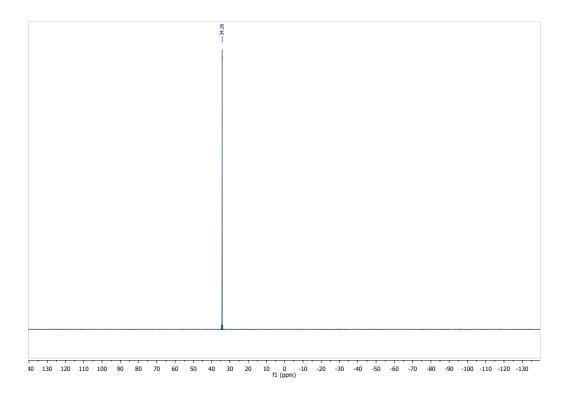
Figure S1. Synthra Melplus Research apparatus scheme.

Section 3: Experimental Data

1b. 4-methoxy-N-(triphenylphosphanylidene)anilinium bromide

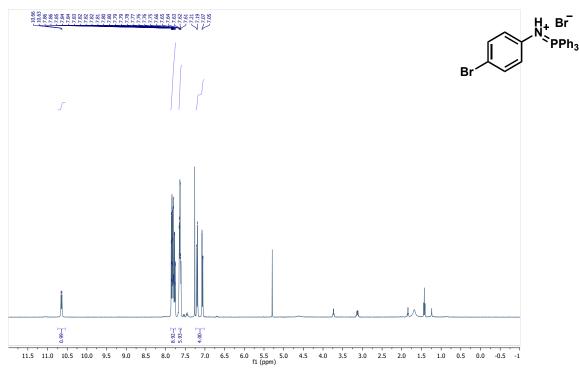
Followed the general procedure (1), product obtained as a light brown solid (17 mg, yield 26%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.20 (d, 1H), 7.83–7.72 (m, 9H), 7.63–7.58 (m, 6H), 7.00 (dd, 2H), 6.62 (ddd, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 157.3, 134.9, 134.2, 129.9, 129.7, 126.8, 121.4, 114.5, 55.5. 31 P-NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 34.26 (s, 1P). MS (ESI+): Calculated C_{25} H₂₃NOP as 384.1517, [M+H] found as 384.1535.

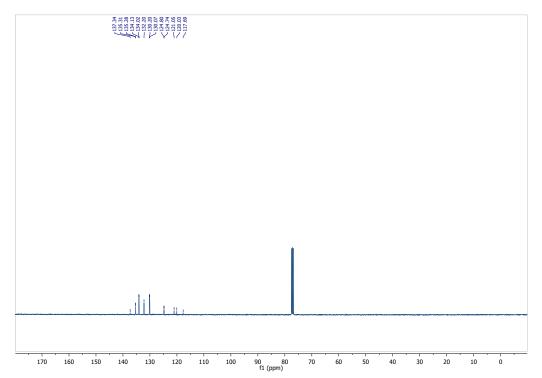


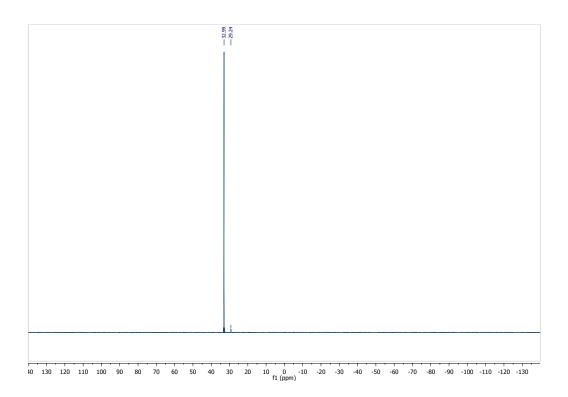


1c. 4-bromo-N-(triphenylphosphanylidene)anilinium bromide

Followed the general procedure (1), product obtained as a white solid (209 mg, yield 68%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.65 (d, 1H), 7.86–7.75 (m, 9H), 7.66–7.61 (m, 6 H), 7.13 (dd, 4H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 137.3, 135.3, 134.1, 132.2, 130.1, 124.8, 120.5, 117.7. 31 P-NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 32.99 (s, 1P), 29.24 (s, 1P, TPPO). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₂₄H₂₀NBrP as 432.0517, [M+H] found as 432.0504.

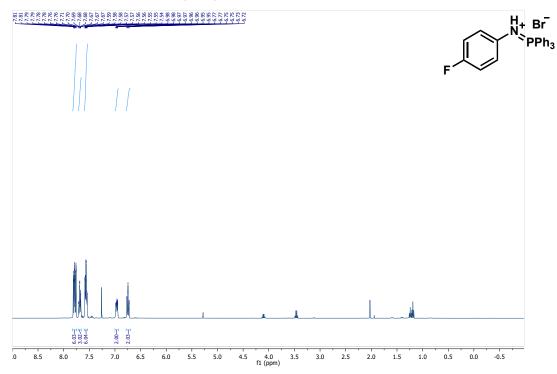


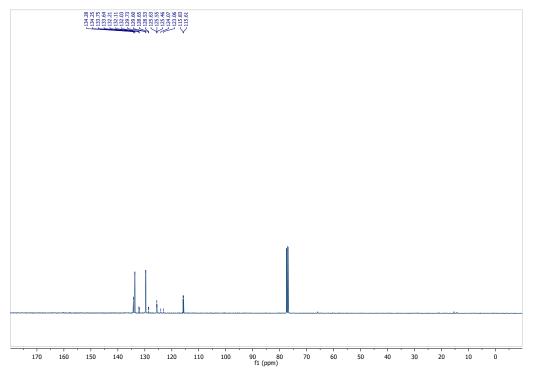


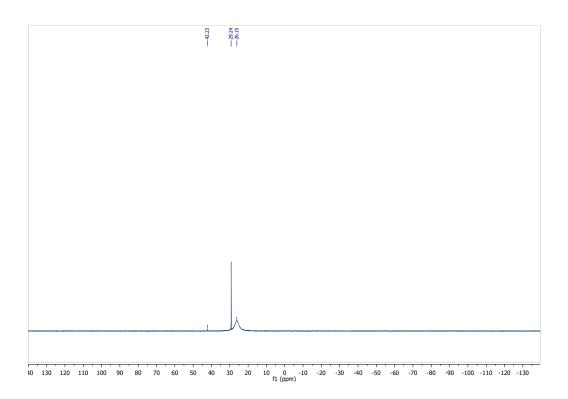


1d. 4-fluoro-N-(triphenylphoshanylidene)anilinium bromide

Followed the general procedure (1), product obtained as an off-white solid (44 mg, yield 17%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.79 (m, 6H), 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.57 (m, 6H), 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.75 (m, 2H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 134.3, 133.7, 132.1, 129.7, 128.6, 125.5, 123.6, 115.7. 31 P-NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 42.23 (s, 1P), 29.24 (s, 1P), 26.15 (s, 1P). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₂₄H₂₀NFP as 372.1317, [M+H] found as 372.1307.

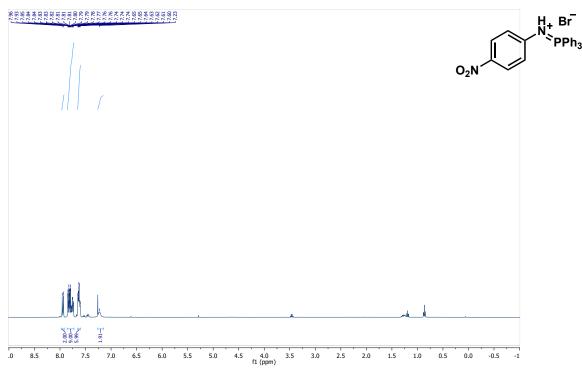


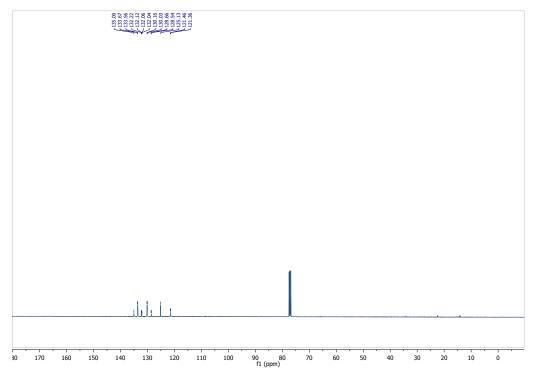


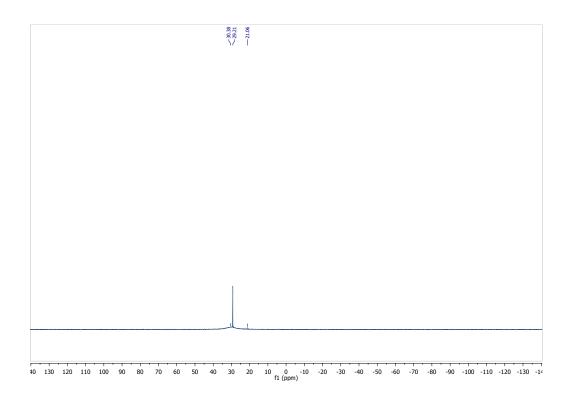


1e. 4-nitro-N-(triphenylphosphanylidene)anilinium bromide

Followed the general procedure (1), product obtained as a yellow solid (230 mg, yield 80%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.85–7.74 (m, 9H), 7.63 (m, 6H), 7.23 (s, 2H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 135.0, 133.6, 132.2, 132.1, 130.1, 128.6, 125.1, 121.4. 31 P-NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 30.38 (s, 1P), 29.21 (s, 1P, TPPO). MS (ESI+): Calculated C_{24} H₂₀N₂O₂P as 399.1262, [M+H] found as 399.1248.

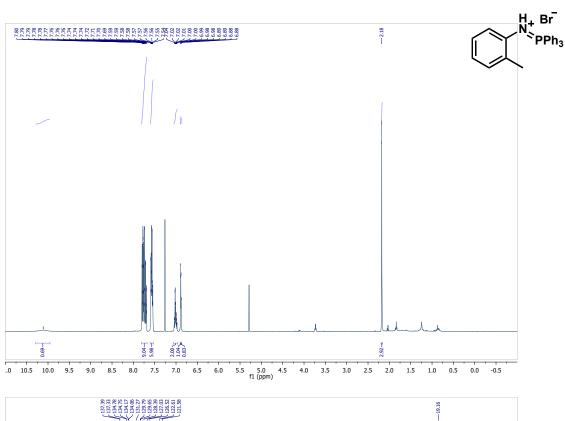


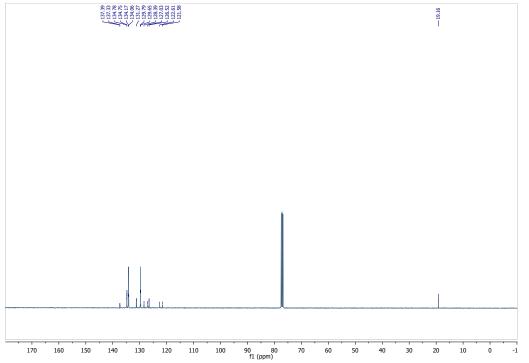


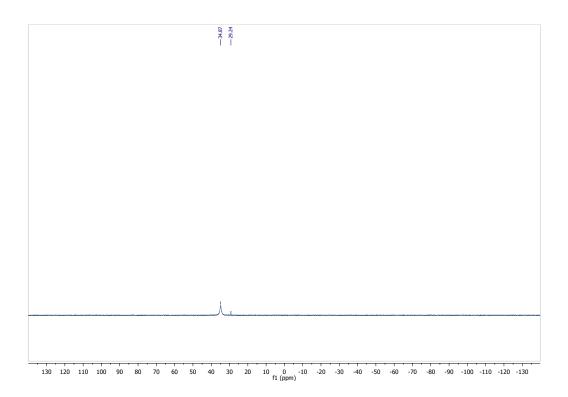


1f. 2-methyl-N-(triphenylphosphanylidene)anilinium bromide

Followed the general procedure (1), product obtained as a white solid (76 mg, yield 28%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.11 (s, 1H), 7.80–7.58 (m, 9H), 7.59–7.54 (m, 6H), 7.04–6.98 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, 1H), 6.88 (d, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 137.4, 134.8, 134.1, 131.3, 129.7, 127.7, 126.5, 122.1, 19.2. 31 P-NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 34.87 (s, 1P), 29.24 (s, 1P, TPPO). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₂₅H₂₃NP as 368.1568, [M+H] found as 368.1555.

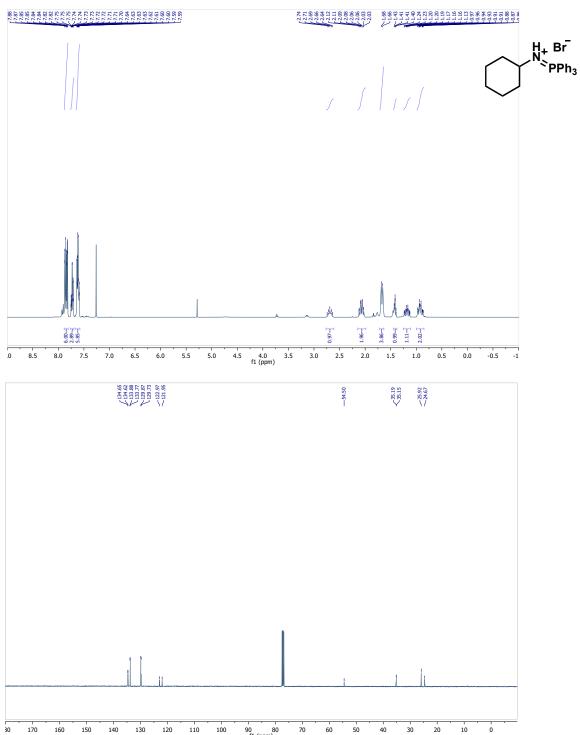


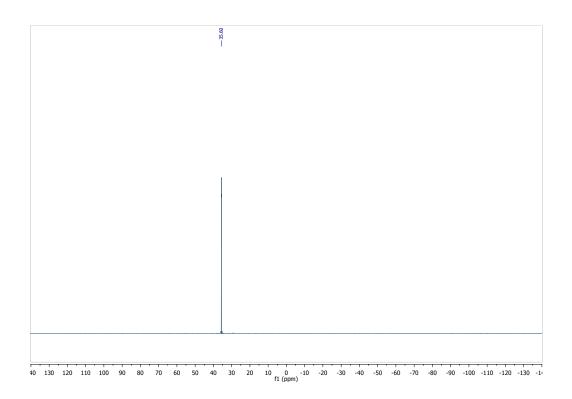




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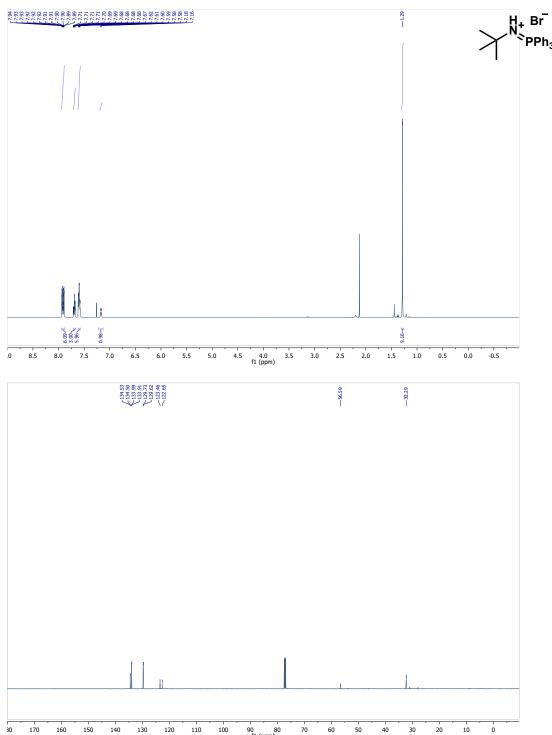
Followed the general procedure (1), product obtained as a white solid (147 mg, yield 56%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88–7.82 (m, 6H), 7.75–7.70 (m, 3H), 7.64–7.59 (m, 6H), 2.69 (m, 1H), 2.12–2.03 (m, 2H), 1.67 (d, 4H), 1.42 (dd, 1H), 1.18 (m, 1H), 0.92 (m, 2H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 134.6, 133.8, 129.8, 122.5, 54.5, 35.2, 25.9, 24.7. 31 P-NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 35.60 (s, 1P). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₂₄H₂₇NP as 360.1881, [M+H] found as 360.1879.

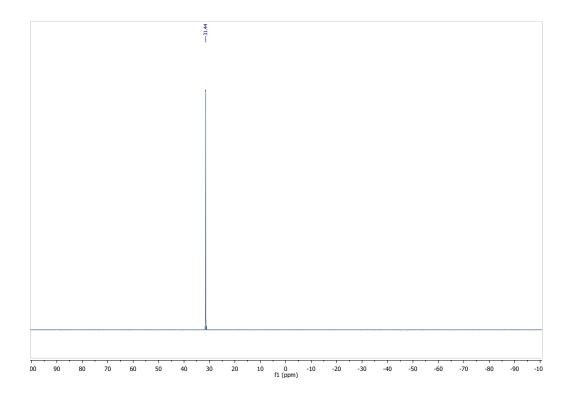




1h. tert-butyl(triphenylphosphanylidene)azanium bromide

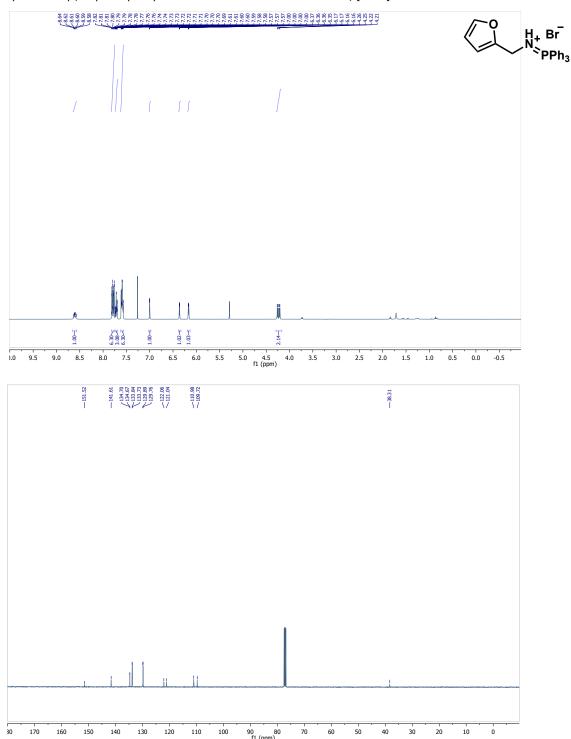
Followed the general procedure (1), product obtained as a white solid (47 mg, yield 19%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.94–7.89 (m, 6H), 7.71–7.67 (m, 3H), 7.62–7.58 (m, 6H), 7.17 (d, 1H), 1.29 (s, 9H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 134.5, 134.0, 129.7, 123.1, 56.6, 32.3. 31 P-NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 31.44 (s, 1P). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₂₂H₂₅NP as 334.1725, [M+H] found as 334.1703.

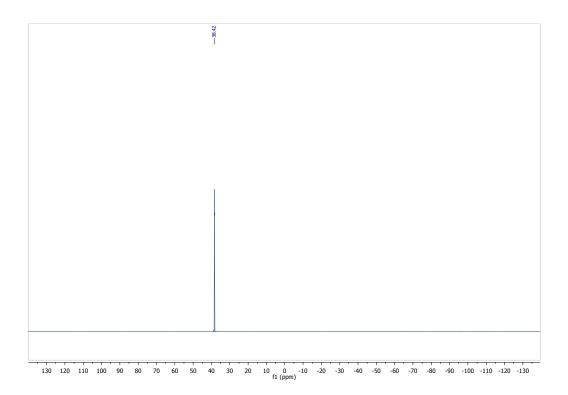




1i. [(furan-2-yl)methyl](triphenylphosphanylidene)azanium bromide

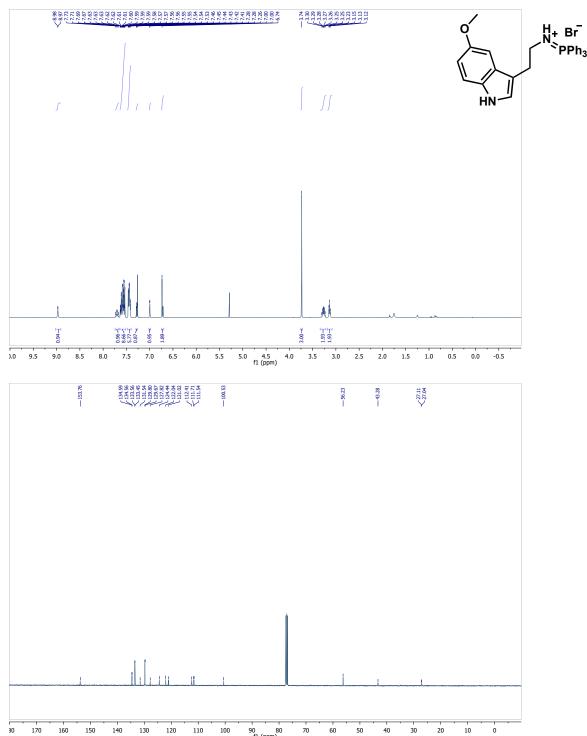
Followed the general procedure (1), product obtained as a white solid (142 mg, yield 54%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.61 (m, 1H), 7.82–7.76 (m, 6H), 7.74–7.69 (m, 3H), 7.61–7.57 (m, 6H), 7.00 (dd, 1H), 6.36 (dd, 1H), 6.17 (dd, 1H), 4.24 (dd, 2H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 151.5, 141.6, 134.7, 133.8, 129.8, 121.6, 111.0, 109.7, 38.3. 31 P-NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 38.42 (s, 1P). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₂₃H₂₁NPO as 358.1361, [M+H] found as 358.1364.

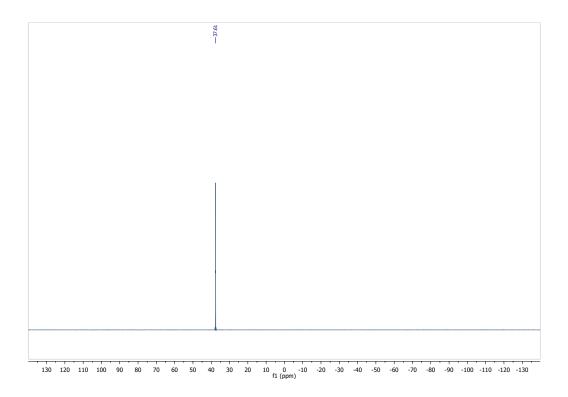




1j. [2-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl](triphenylphosphanylidene)azanium bromide

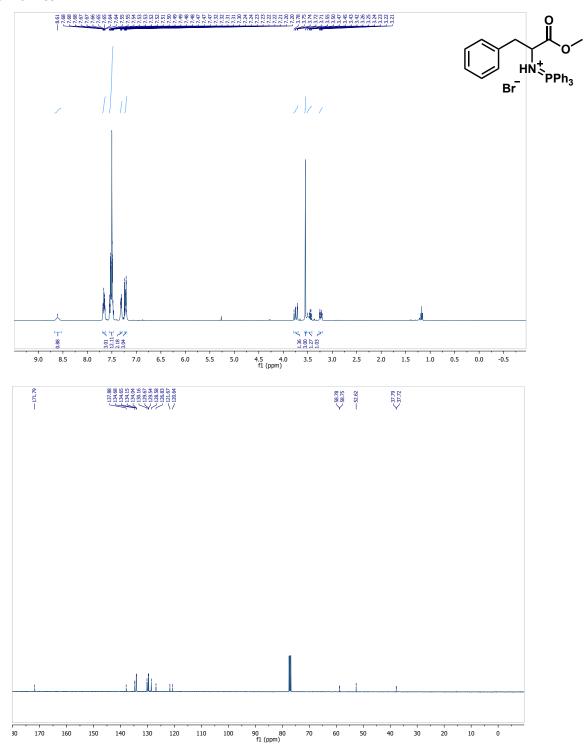
Followed the general procedure (1), product obtained as a white solid (143 mg, yield 45%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.98 (d, 1H), 7.70 (dd, 1H), 7.63–7.53 (m, 9H), 7.46–7.41 (m, 6H), 7.27 (dd, 1H), 7.00 (dd, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.27 (m, 2H), 3.14 (dd, 2H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 153.8, 134.6, 133.5, 131.5, 129.7, 127.8, 124.4, 121.5, 112.4, 111.7, 111.5, 100.5, 56.2, 43.3, 27.1. 31 P-NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 37.61 (s, 1P). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₂₉H₂₈N₂PO as 451.1939, [M+H] found as 451.1922.

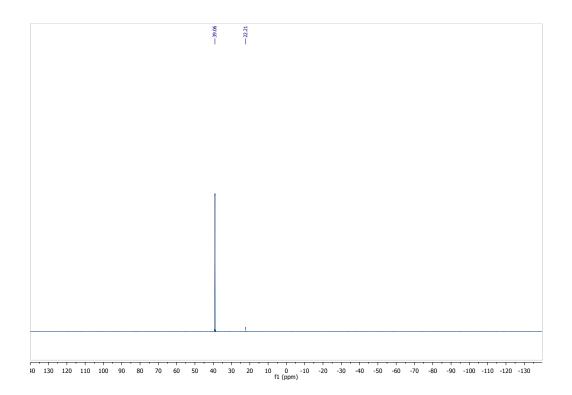




1k. (1-methoxy-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-yl)(triphenylphosphanylidene)azanium bromide

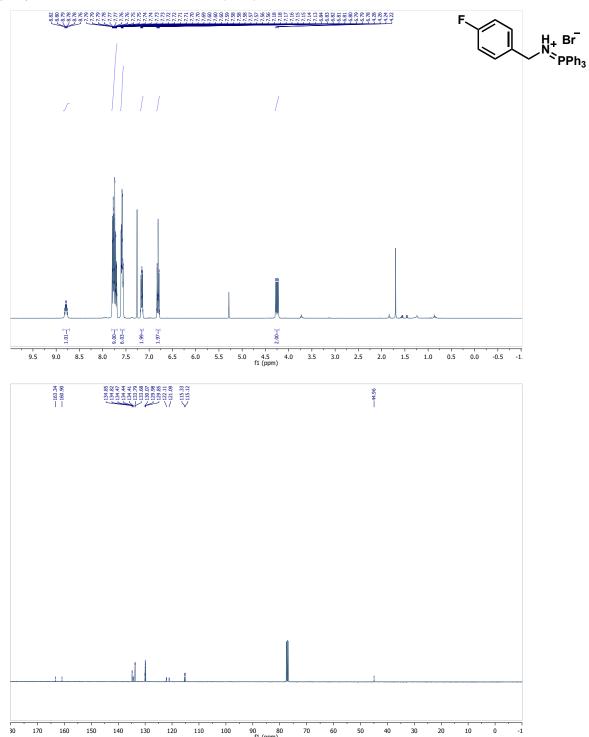
Followed the general procedure (1), product obtained as a white solid (78 mg, yield 25%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.61 (s, 1H), 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.51 (m, 12H), 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.22 (m, 3H), 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.46 (m, 1H), 3.24 (m, 1H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 171.8, 137.9, 134.7, 134.1, 130.2, 129.6, 128.6, 126.9, 121.2, 58.8, 52.6, 37.8. 31 P-NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 39.06 (s, 1P), 22.21 (s, 1P, TPPO). MS (ESI+): Calculated C_{28} H₂₇NPO₂ as 440.1779, [M+H] found as 440.1785.

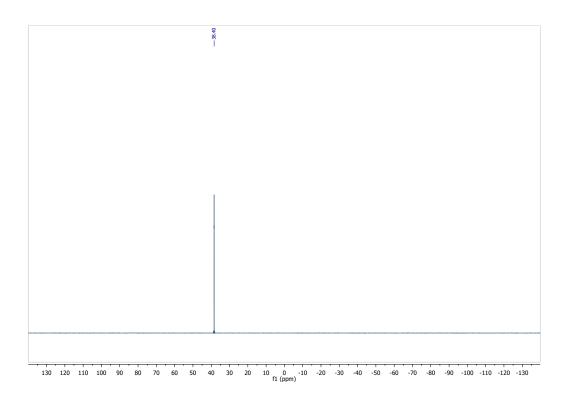




1l. [(4-fluorophenyl)methyl](triphenylphosphanylidene)azanium bromide

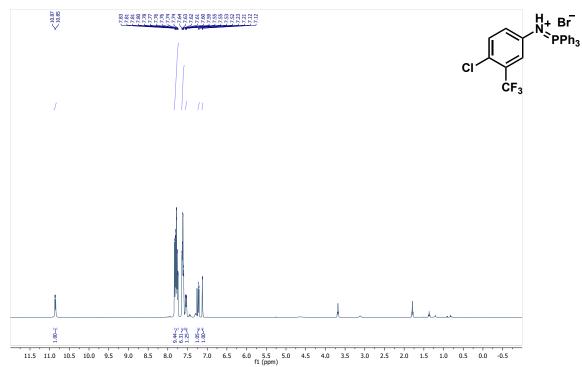
Followed the general procedure (1), product obtained as a white solid (100 mg, yield 36%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.79 (m, 1H), 7.79–7.70 (m, 9H), 7.60–7.56 (m, 6H), 7.18–7.13 (m, 2H), 6.84–6.78 (m, 2H), 4.25 (dd, 2H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 162.1, 134.8, 134.4, 133.8, 130.1, 129.9, 121.6, 115.2, 45.0. 31 P-NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 38.40 (s, 1P). MS (ESI+): Calculated C_{25} H₂₂NPF as 386.1474 [M+H] found as 386.1492.

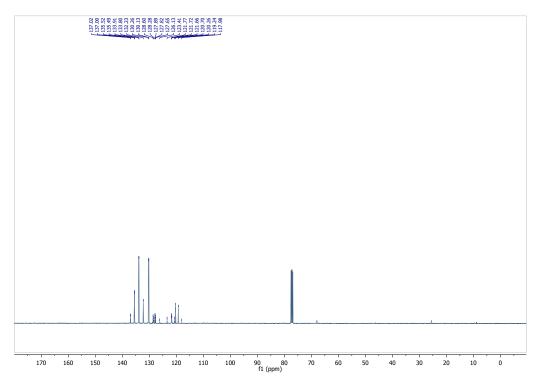


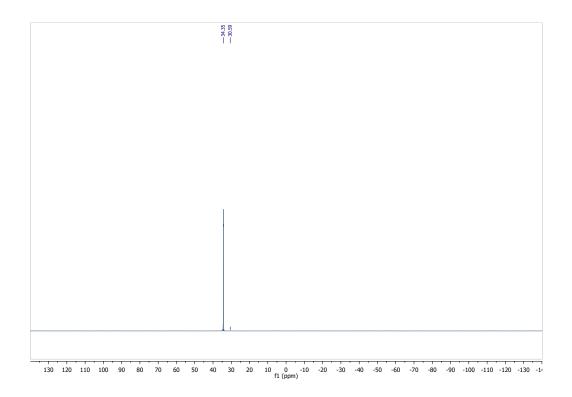


1m. 4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-N-(triphenylphosphanylidene)anilinium bromide

Followed the general procedure (1), product obtained as a white solid (171 mg, yield 53%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.86 (d, 1H), 7.83–7.74 (m, 9H), 7.64–7.59 (m, 6H), 7.54 (dd, 1H), 7.22 (d, 1H), 7.12 (d, 1H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 137.0, 135.5, 133.9, 132.2, 130.2, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 122.1, 121.7, 119.8. 31 P-NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 34.35 (s, 1P), 30.59 (s, 1P, TPPO). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₂₅H₁₉NF₃PCl as 456.0896, [M+H] found as 456.0886.







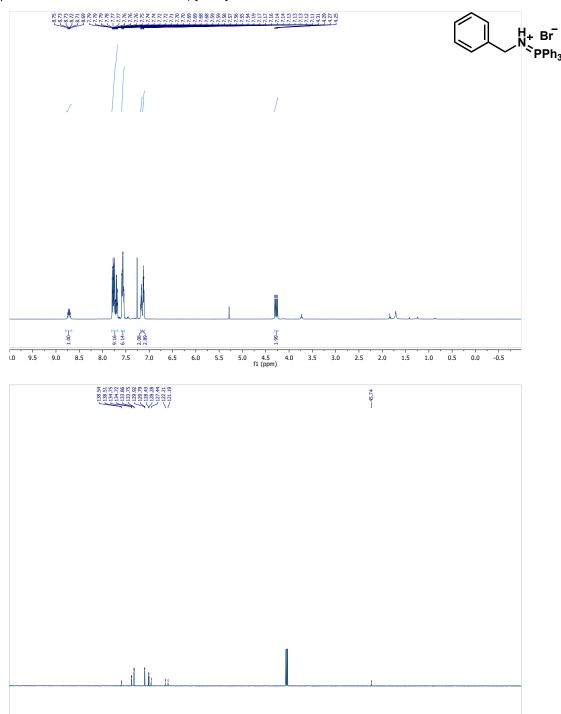
1n. benzyl(triphenylphosphanylidene)azanium bromide

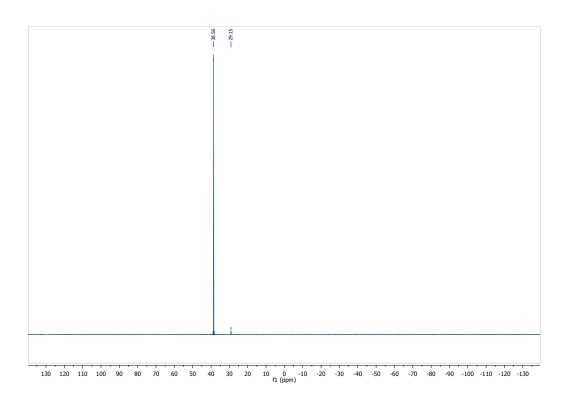
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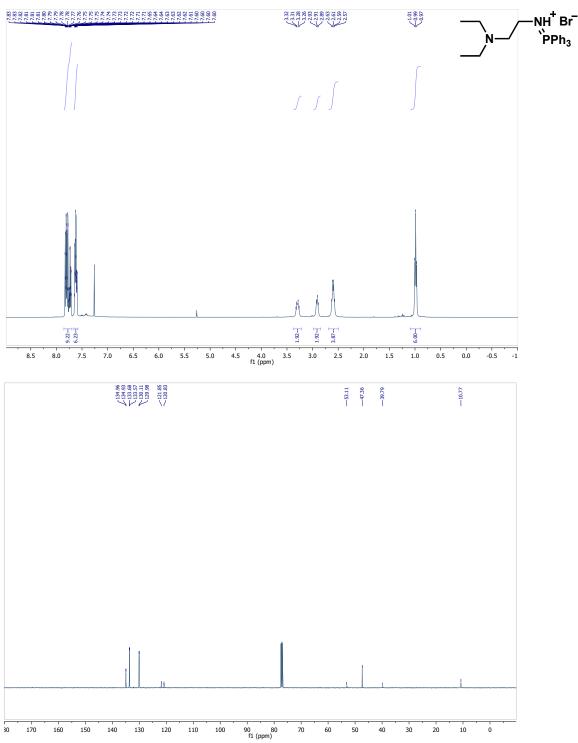
Followed the general procedure (1), product obtained as a white solid (199 mg, yield 74%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.72 (m, 1H), 7.74 (m, 9H), 7.57 (m, 6H), 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.13 (m, 3H), 4.28 (dd, 2H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 138.5, 134.7, 133.8, 129.9, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 121.7, 45.7. 31 P-NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 38.56 (s, 1P), 29.15 (s, 1P, TPPO). MS (ESI+): Calculated C_{25} H₂₃NP as 368.1568, [M+H] found as 368.1574.

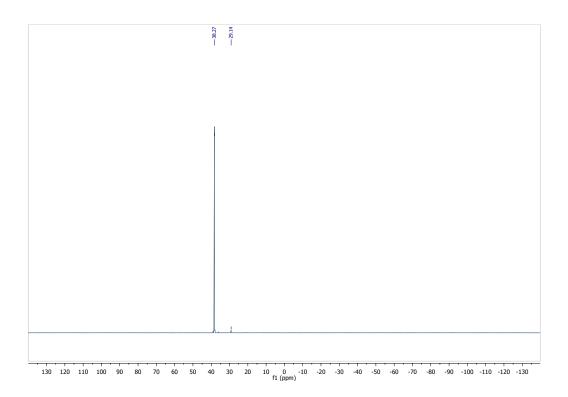




10. [2-(diethylamino)ethyl](triphenylphosphanylidene)azanium bromide

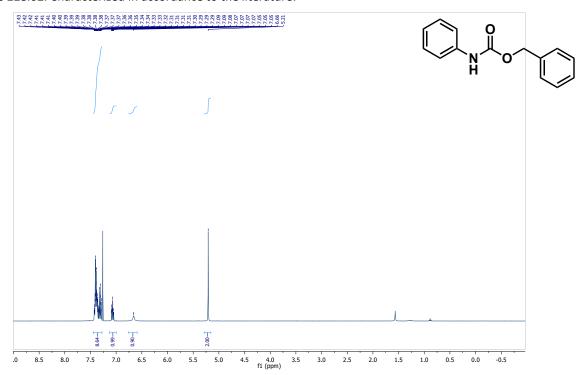
Followed the general procedure (1), product obtained as a sticky yellow solid (113 mg, yield 41%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.83–7.71 (m, 9H), 7.65–7.60 (m, 6H), 3.29 (dd, 2H), 2.91 (t, 2H), 2.60 (dd, 4H), 0.99 (t, 6H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 134.9, 133.6, 130.0, 121.3, 53.1, 47.4, 39.8, 10.8. 31 P-NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 38.27 (s, 1P), 29.14 (s, 1P, TPPO). MS (ESI+): Calculated C_{24} H₃₀N₂P as 377.2147, [M+H] found as 377.2166.





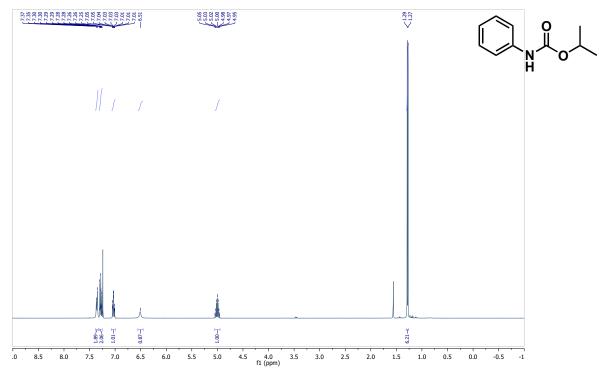
4. benzyl N-phenylcarbamate

Followed the general procedure (2), product obtained as a white powder (23 mg, yield 84%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.43–7.29 (m, 9H), 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 2H). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₁₄H₁₃NO₂ as 227.09, [M+H] found as 228.02. Characterized in accordance to the literature. 1



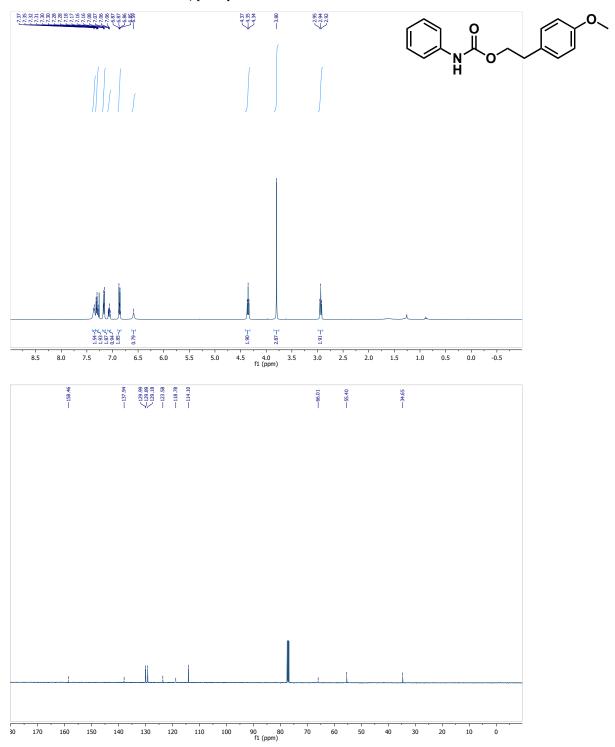
5. propan-2-yl N-phenylcarbamate

Followed the general procedure (2), product obtained as a white powder (41 mg, yield 91%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36 (d, 2H), 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 5.00 (sept, 1H), 1.28 (d, 6H). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₁₀H₁₃NO₂ as 179.09, [M+H] found as 180.08. Characterized in accordance to the literature.²



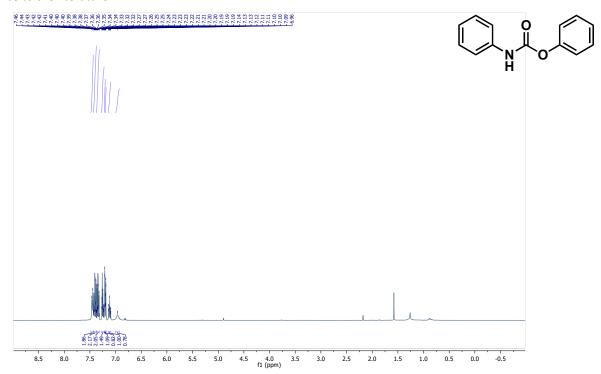
6. 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl N-phenylcarbamate

Followed the general procedure (**2**), product obtained as a white powder (64 mg, yield 94%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36 (d, 2H), 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 3.36 (dd, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.94 (dd, 2H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 158.5, 137.9, 130.0, 129.9, 129.2, 123.6, 118.8, 114.1, 66.0, 55.4, 34.7. MS (ESI+): Calculated C₁₆H₁₇NO₃Na as 294.1106, [M+H] found as 294.1088.



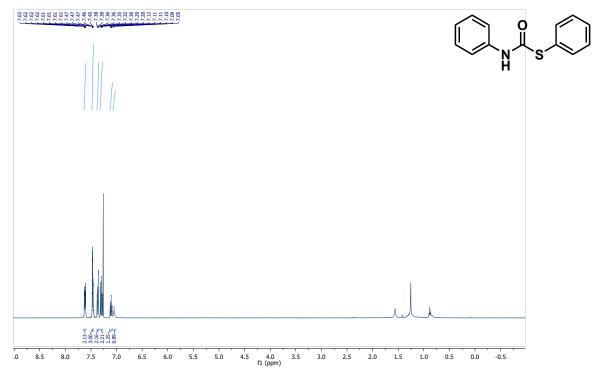
7. phenyl N-phenylcarbamate

Followed the general procedure (2), using 10 equiv. of phenol. Product obtained as a white powder (40 mg, yield 75%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 (d, 2H), 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.21 (dd, 1H), 7.20 (dd, 1H), 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H). MS (ESI+): Calculated $C_{13}H_{11}NO_2$ as 213.08, [M+H] found as 214.26. Characterized in accordance to the literature.³



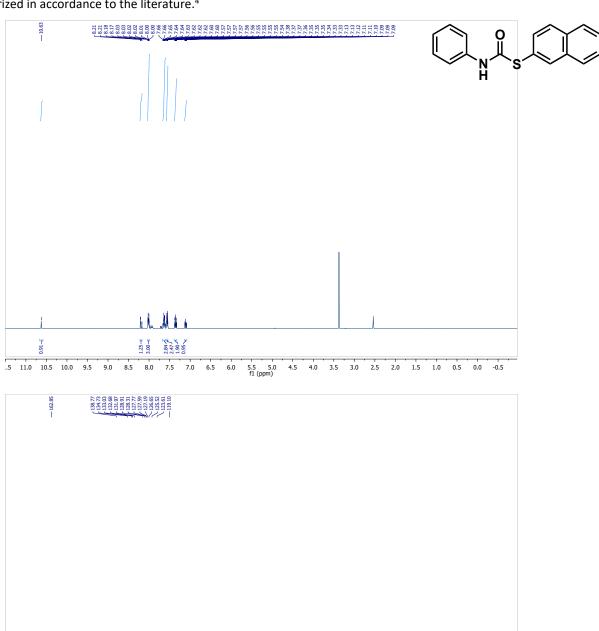
8. N-phenyl-1-(phenylsufanyl)formamide

Followed the general procedure (2), using 10 eqv. of thiophenol. Product obtained as a white powder (43.5 mg, yield 76%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₁₃H₁₁NOS as 229.06, [M+H] found as 230.11. Characterized in accordance to the literature.⁴



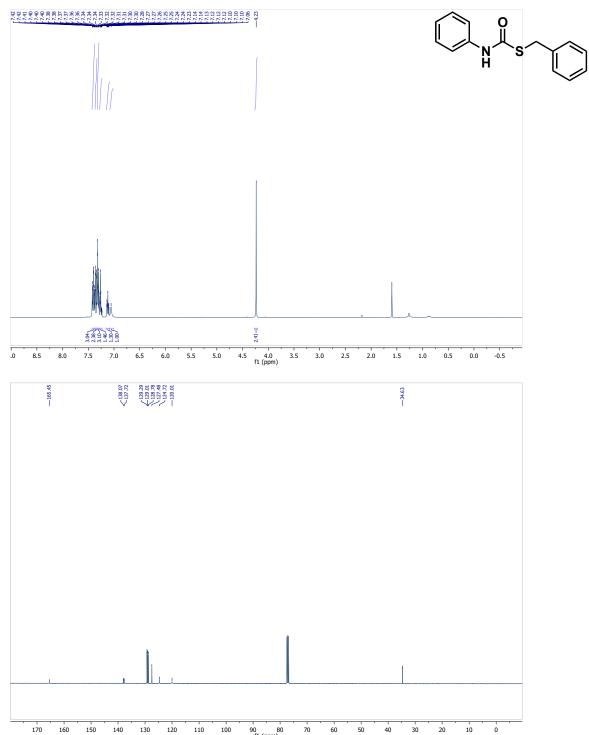
9. 1-(naphthalen-2-ylsulfanyl)-N-phenylformamide

Followed the general procedure (2), using 10 equiv. of 2-napthalenethiol product obtained as a white powder (49 mg, yield 70%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 10.63 (s, 1H), 8.19 (dd, 1H), 8.02 (m, 3H), 7.63 (m, 3H), 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.11 (m, 1H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): 162.9, 138.8, 134.7, 133.0, 132.7, 132.0, 128.9, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 126.7, 125.6, 123.6, 119.1. MS (ESI+): Calculated C_{17} H₁₃NOS as 279.07, [M+H] found as 280.26. Characterized in accordance to the literature.⁴



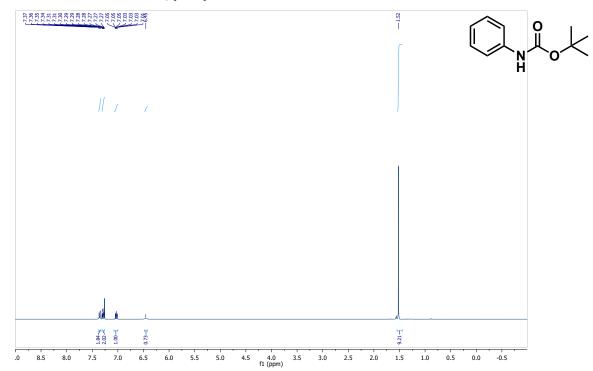
10. N-phenyl(benzylsufanyl)formamide

Followed the general procedure (2), product obtained as a white powder (66.5 mg, yield 86%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 4.23 (s, 2H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 165.5, 138.1, 137.8, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 127.5, 124.7, 120.0, 34.6. MS (ESI+): Calculated C₁₄H₁₃NOS as 243.07, [M+H] found as 244.13. Characterized in accordance to the literature. 4



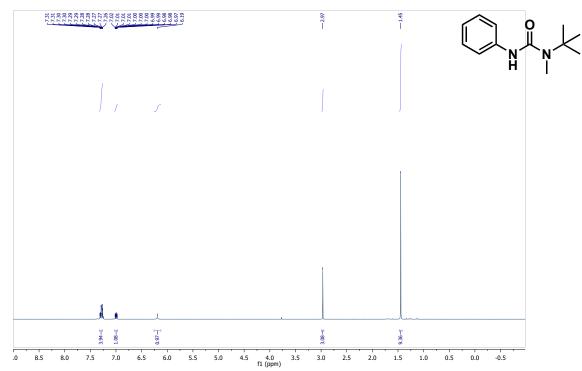
11. tert-butyl N-phenylcarbamate

Followed the general procedure (2), using 10 equiv. of tert-butyl alcohol. Product obtained as a white powder (40 mg, yield 83%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 1.52 (s, 9H). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₁₁H₁₅NO₂ as 193.11, [M+H] found as 194.14. Characterized in accordance to the literature. 5



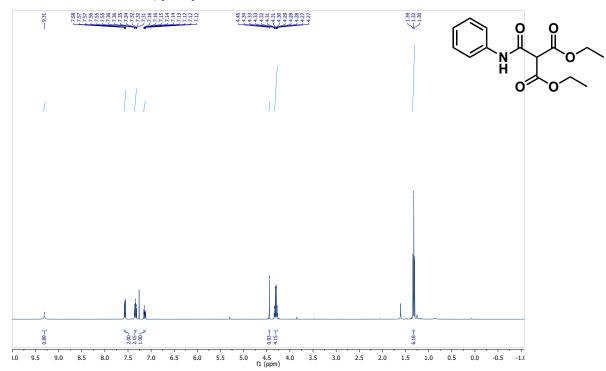
12. 3-tert-butyl-3-methyl-1-phenylurea

Followed the general procedure (3), product obtained as a white powder (40 mg, yield 78%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 9H). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₁₂H₁₈N₂O as 206.14, [M+H] found as 207.14. Characterized in accordance to the literature.



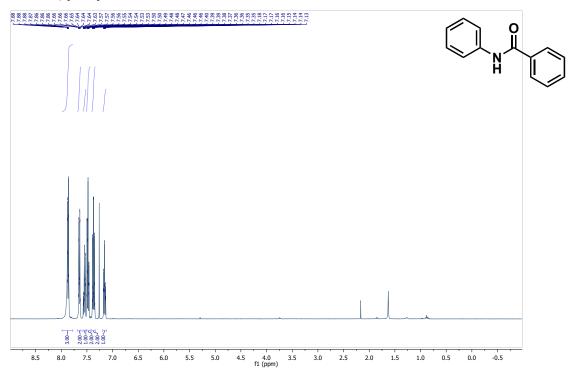
13. 1,3-diethyl 2-(phenylcarbamoyl)propanedioate

Followed the general procedure (**6**), product obtained as a white powder (57 mg, yield 82%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.31 (s, 1H), 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.14 (m, 1H), 4.45 (s, 1H), 4.31 (m, 4H), 1.32 (t, 6H). MS (ESI+): Calculated $C_{14}H_{17}NO_{5}Na$ as 302.1004, [M+H] found as 302.0982.



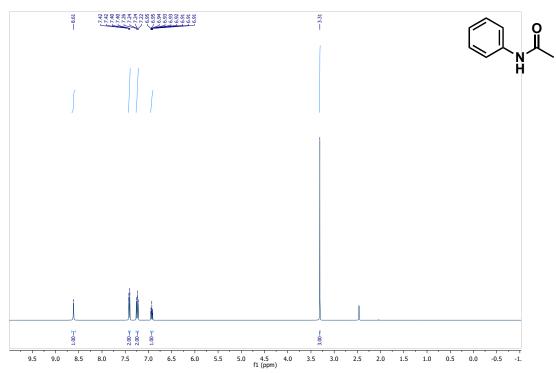
14. N-phenylbenzamide

Followed the general procedure (4), product obtained as a white powder (31 mg, yield 63%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.87 (m, 3H), 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.16 (m, 1H). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₁₃H₁₁NO as 197.08, [M+H] found as 198.16. Characterized in accordance to the literature. 13



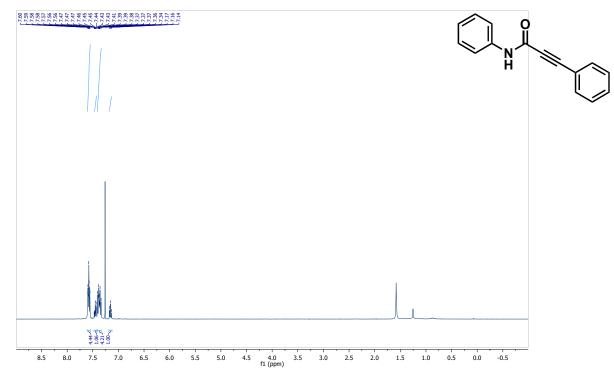
15. N-phenylacetamide

Followed the general procedure (4), product obtained as a white solid (32 mg, yield 65%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.61 (s, 1H), 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.24 (m, 2H), 6.93 (m, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₈H₉NO as 135.07, [M+H] found as 136.14. Characterized in accordance to the literature. 14



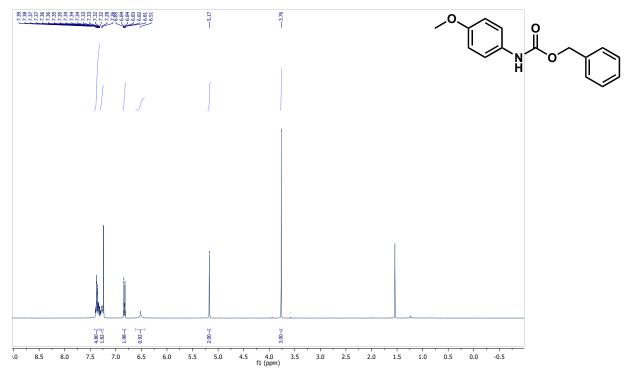
16. N,3-diphenylprop-2-ynamide

Followed the general procedure (5), product obtained as a brown solid (41.5 mg, yield 75%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.15 (m, 1H). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₁₅H₁₁NO as 221.08, [M+H] found as 222.09. Characterized in accordance to the literature. 15



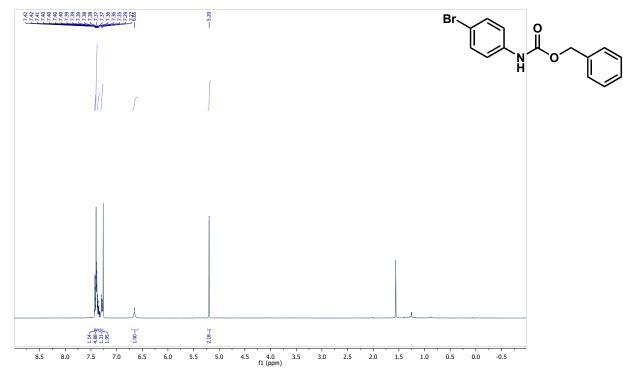
17. benzyl N-(4-methoxyphenyl)carbamate

Followed the general procedure (2), product obtained as a white powder (53 mg, yield 82%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40–7.32 (m, 5H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 2H), 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H). MS (ESI+): Calculated $C_{15}H_{15}NO_3$ as 257.11, [M+H] found as 258.20. Characterized in accordance to the literature. 1



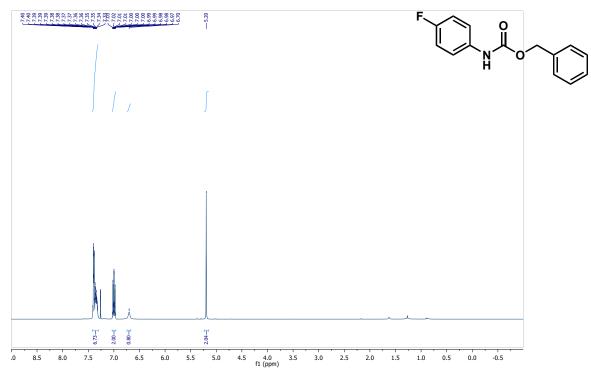
18. benzyl N-(4-bromophenyl)carbamate

Followed the general procedure (2), product obtained as a white powder (64 mg, yield 83%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 2H). MS (ESI+): Calculated $C_{14}H_{12}BrNO_2$ as 305.01, [M+H] found as 306.19. Characterized in accordance to the literature. 1



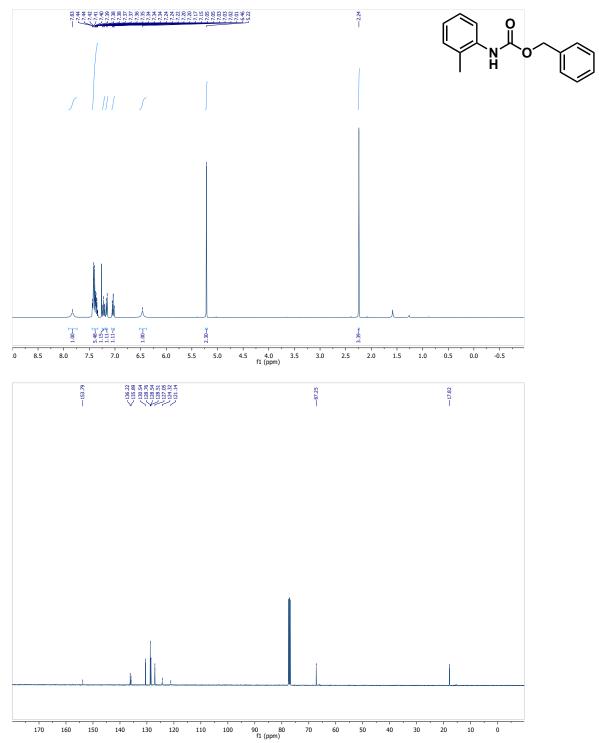
19. benzyl N-(4-fluorophenyl)carbamate

Followed the general procedure (2), product obtained as a white powder (35 mg, yield 57%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41–7.32 (m, 7H), 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 2H). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₁₄H₁₂FNO₂ as 245.09, [M+H] found as 246.06. Characterized in accordance to the literature. 1



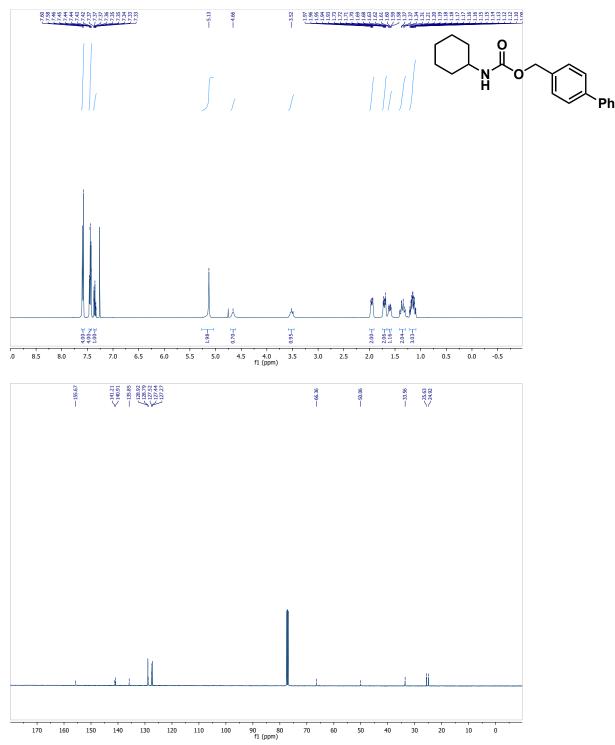
21. benzyl N-(2-methylphenyl)carbamate

Followed the general procedure (2), product obtained as a white powder (51 mg, yield 84%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.44–7.34 (m, 5H), 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H). 1 3C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 153.8, 136.2, 135.9, 130.5, 128.8, 128.5, 128.5, 127.1, 124.3, 121.1, 67.3, 17.8. MS (ESI+): Calculated $C_{15}H_{15}NO_2$ as 241.11, [M+H] found as 242.17. Characterized in accordance to the literature.²



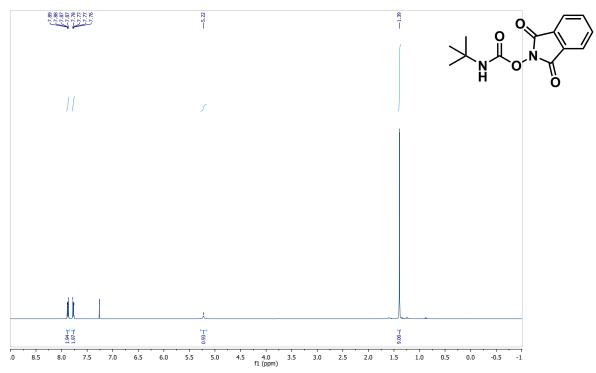
22. [(1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl]methyl N-cyclohexylcarbamate

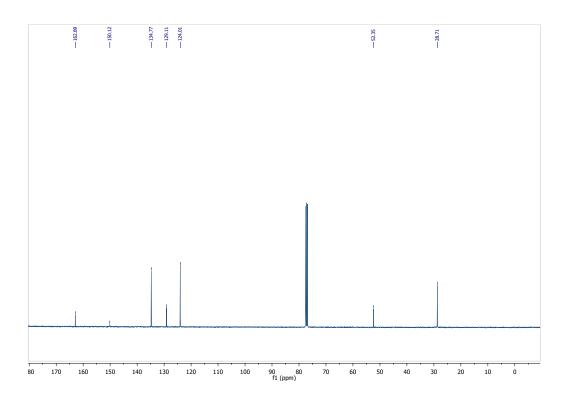
Followed the general procedure **7**, then procedure **2**, using 10 equiv. of 4-biphenylmethanol. The reaction was performed at reflux temperature in THF (2.5 mL). DBU was not used. Product obtained as a white powder (64 mg, yield 82%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59 (m, 4H), 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.35 (m, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 3.52 (s, 1H), 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.36 (m, 2H), 1.15 (m, 2H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 155.7, 141.2, 140.9, 135.9, 128.9, 128.8, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 66.4, 50.1, 33.6, 25.6, 24.9. MS (ESI+): Calculated C₂₀H₂₃NO₂Na as 332.1626, [M+H] found as 332.1635.



23. 1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindol-2-yl N-tert-butylcarbamate

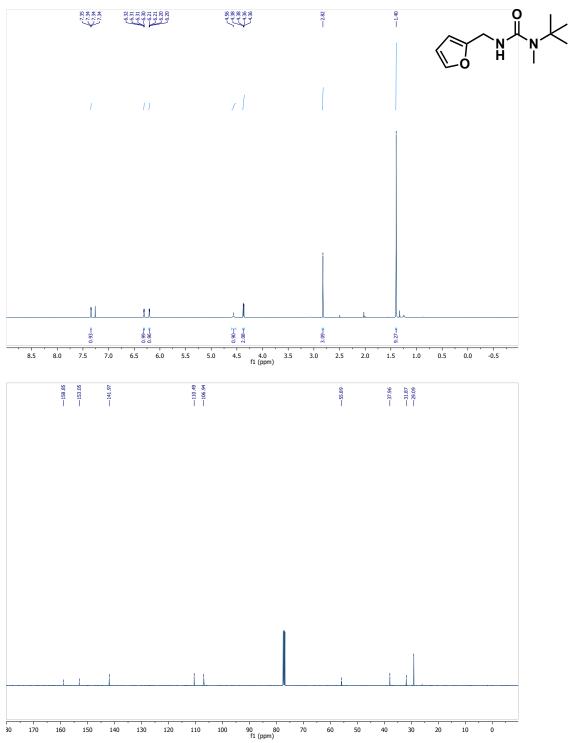
Followed the general procedure **7**, then procedure **2** using 10 equiv. of *N*-hydroxypthalimide (NHP). NHP was dissolved in THF (2.5) mL, and 10 equiv. of NEt₃ was added. The reaction was performed at reflux temperature in THF (2.5 mL). DBU was not used. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in 10 mL of DCM. Solvent extraction was performed, and the organic layer was extracting using saturated NH₄⁺Cl⁻ (3 x 5 mL), 10% Na₂CO₃ (2 x 5 mL), and water (2 x 5 mL). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the product was purified by flash chromatography using silica gel (0-25% hexane/ethyl acetate). Product obtained as a white powder (54 mg, yield 81%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.77 (m, 2H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 162.9, 150.1, 134.8, 129.1, 124.0, 52.4, 28.7. MS (ESI+): Calculated C₁₃H₁₄N₂O₄ as 262.10, [M+H] found as 263.11.





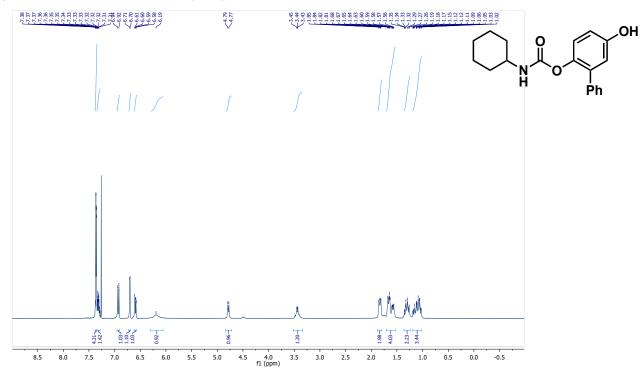
24. 3-tert-butyl-1-[(furan-2-yl)methyl]-3-methylurea

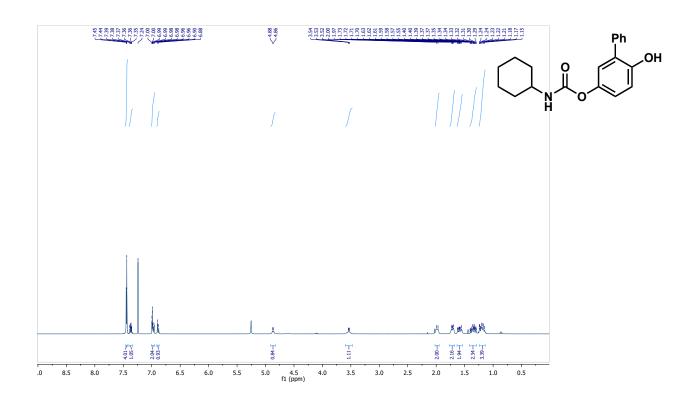
Followed the general procedure (3), product obtained as a white powder (37.5 mg, yield 71%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35 (dd, 1H), 6.31 (dd, 1H), 6.21 (dd, 1H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 4.37 (dd, 2H), 2.82 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 158.9, 153.1, 142.0, 110.5, 106.9, 55.9, 38.0, 31.9, 29.1. MS (ESI+): Calculated $C_{11}H_{18}N_2O_2N_3$ as 233.1266, [M+H] found as 233.1261.



25. 5-hydroxy-(1,1'-biphenyl)-2-yl N-cyclohexylcarbamate

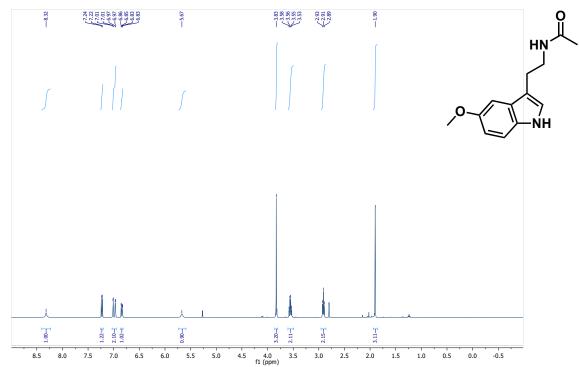
Followed the general procedure **7**, then procedure **2** using 10 equiv. of 2-phenyl-1,4-dihydroquinone. The reaction was performed at reflux temperature in THF (2.5 mL). DBU was not used. The obtained product was hydrolyzed in accordance with the literature, and a mixture of isomers was obtained (186 mg, yield 60%). Isomers were separated by prep-HPLC using a Phenomenex C18, 10 μ M, 250x10 column with 70:30 MeOH/H₂O + 1% formic acid at 10 mL/min. Obtained isomer 1 as a white powder (160 mg, 85%), obtained isomer 2 as a white powder (26.5 mg, 14%). Isomer 1 ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.31 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d, 1H), 6.71 (d, 1H), 6.60 (dd, 1H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 4.78 (d, 1H), 3.44 (m, 1H), 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.68–1.56 (m, 4H), 1.31 (m, 2H), 1.10 (m, 2H). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₁₉H₂₁NO₃ as 311.15, [M+H] found as 312.20. Isomer 2 ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 (d, 4H), 7.37 (m, 1H), 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, 1H), 4.87 (d, 1H), 3.53 (m, 1H), 1.99 (d, 2H), 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.20 (m, 2H). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₁₉H₂₁NO₃ as 311.15, [M+H] found as 312.18. Characterized in accordance to the literature.⁷





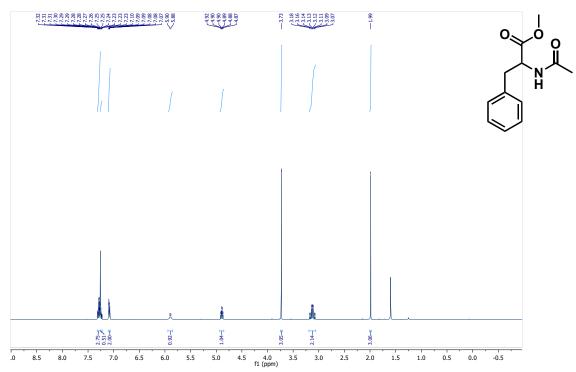
26. N-[2-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl]acetamide

Followed the general procedure **7**, then procedure **4.** Flash column chromatography at 0–80% hexanes/ethyl acetate. Product obtained as a brown oil (42 mg, yield 72%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.32 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, 1H), 6.99 (dd, 2H), 6.85 (dd, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.56 (q, 2H), 2.91 (t, 2H), 1.90 (s, 3H). MS (ESI+): Calculated $C_{13}H_{16}N_2O_2$ as 232.12, [M+H] found as 233.15. Characterized in accordance to the literature. 16



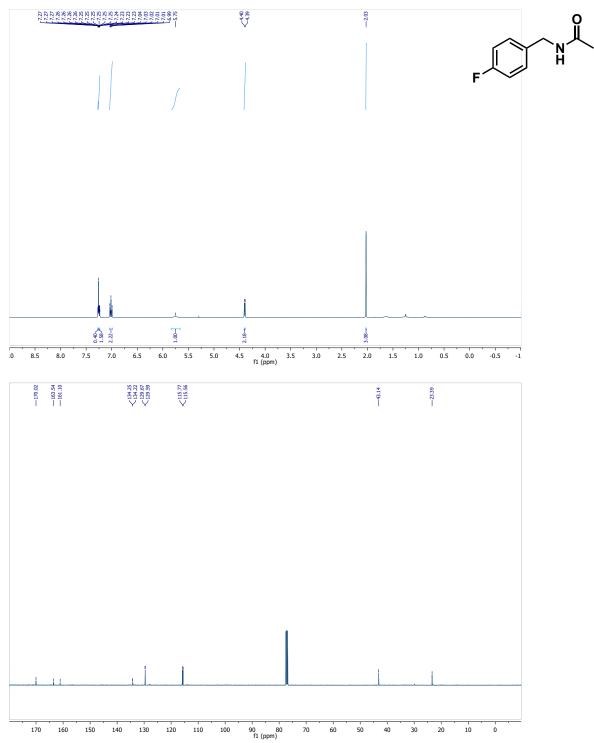
27. methyl 2-acetamido-3-phenylpropanoate

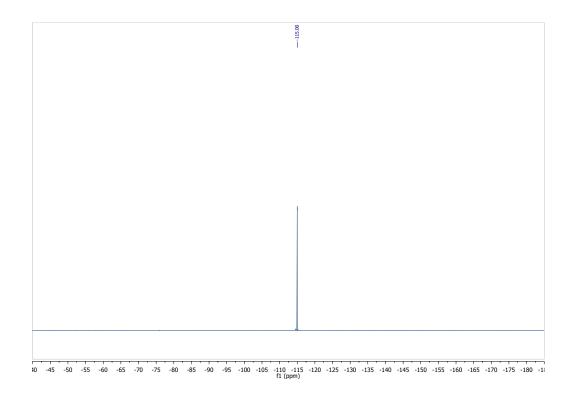
Followed the general procedure **7**, then procedure **4**. Product obtained as a white powder (46.5 mg, yield 84%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32–7.23 (m, 3H), 7.09 (m, 2H), 5.89 (d, 1H), 4.90 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.13 (m, 2H), 1.99 (s, 3H). MS (ESI+): Calculated $C_{12}H_{15}NO_3$ as 221.11, [M+H] found as 222.09. Characterized in accordance to the literature. 17



28. N-[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]acetamide

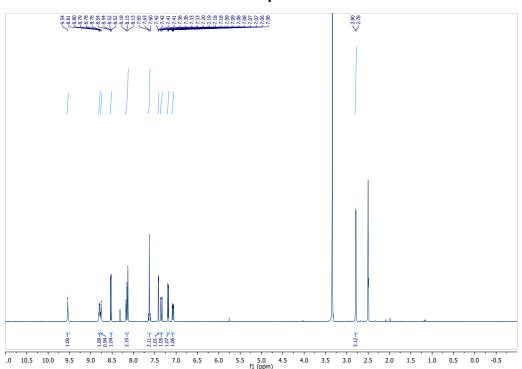
Followed the general procedure **7**, then procedure **4**. Product obtained as a white powder (30.5 mg, yield 73%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.02 (m, 2H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.40 (d, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 170.0, 162.3, 134.2, 129.6, 115.7, 43.1, 23.4. 19 F-NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): -115.00 (s, 1F). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₉H₁₀FNO as 167.07, [M+H] found as 167.94. Characterized in accordance to the literature. 15

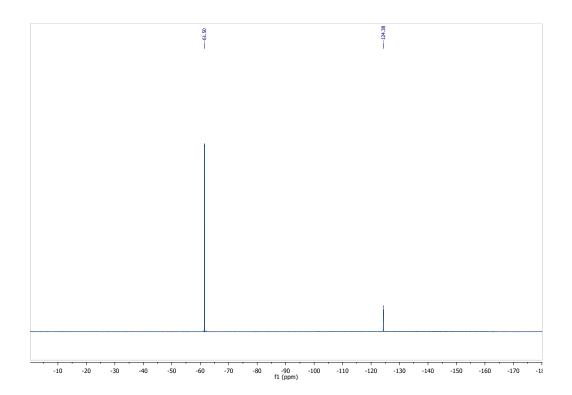




29. 4-[4-({[4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]carbamoyl}amino)-3-fluorophenoxy]-N-methylpyridine-2-carboxamide

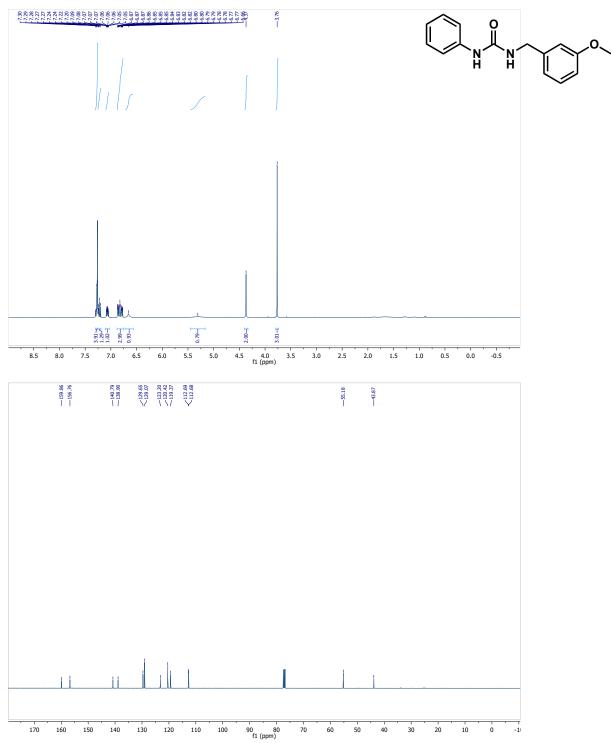
Followed the general procedure (3) to obtain the urea derived from N-tert-butylmethylamine. The intermediate was dissolved in toluene (0.25 M), and 1.5 equiv. of 4-(4-amine-3-fluorophenoxy)-N-methylpicolinamide was added. The reaction was heated to reflux until completion. Flash column chromatography performed using a gradient of 0–10% DCM/MeOH. Product obtained as a white powder (85 mg, yield 71%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.54 (s, 1H), 8.80 (q, 1H), 8.76 (s, 1H), 8.53 (dd, 1H), 8.16 (m, 2H), 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.42 (dd, 1H), 7.35 (dd, 1H), 7.19 (dd, 1H), 7.08 (m, 1H), 2.79 (d, 3H). 19 F-NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): -61.50 (s, 3F), -124.38 (s, 1F). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₂₁H₁₅ClF₄N₄O₃ as 482.08, [M+H] found as 483.14. Characterized in accordance to the literature. 18





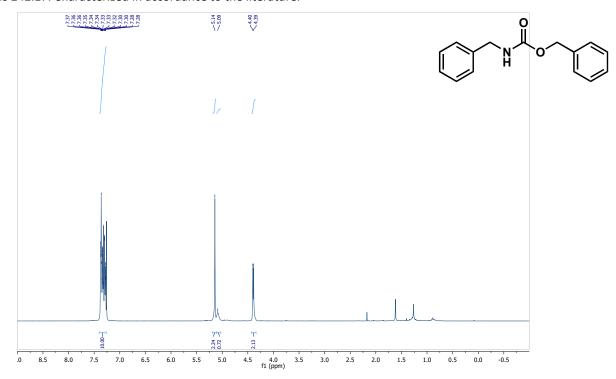
30. 1-[(3-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-3-phenylurea

Followed the procedure described by Murray et al., 8 product obtained as a white powder (56 mg, yield 88%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.82 (m, 3H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 4.37 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 159.9, 156.8, 140.8, 138.9, 129.7, 129.1, 123.2, 120.4, 119.4, 112.7, 112.7, 55.2, 43.9. MS (ESI+): Calculated $C_{15}H_{16}N_2O_2Na$ as 279.1109, [M+H] found as 279.1128.



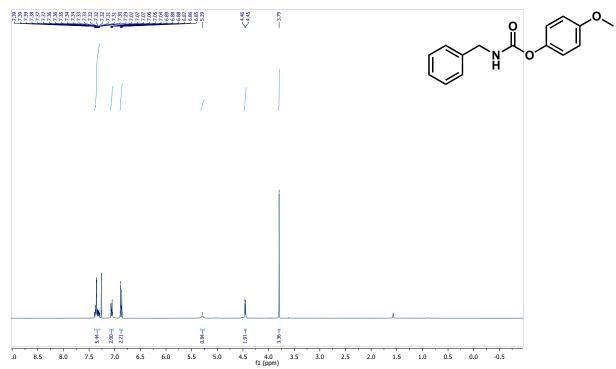
31. benzyl N-benzylcarbamate

Followed the general procedure (2), product obtained as a white powder (43 mg, yield 72%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.33 (m, 10H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 4.40 (d, 2H). MS (ESI+): Calculated $C_{15}H_{15}NO_2$ as 241.11, [M+H] found as 242.17. Characterized in accordance to the literature.



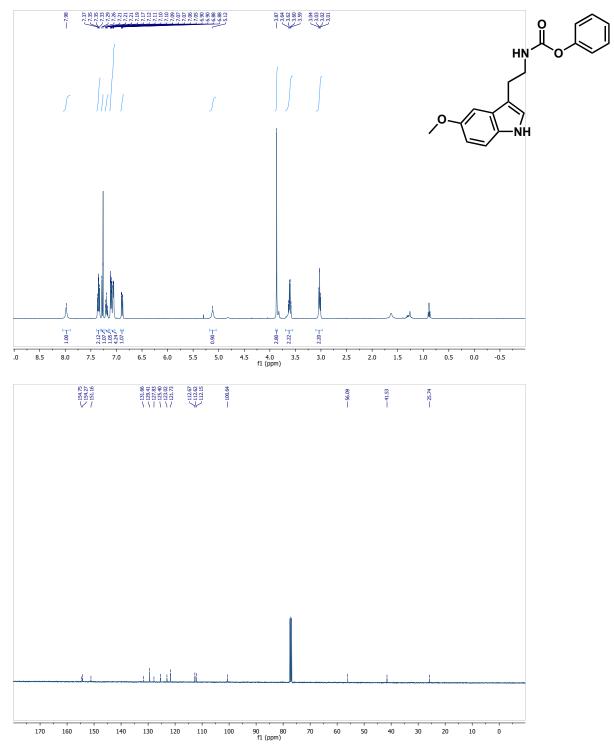
32. 4-methoxyphenyl N-benzylcarbamate

Followed the procedure described by Krátký M. et al., 9 product obtained as a white powder (81 mg, yield 92%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.87 (m, 2H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 4.46 (d, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H). MS (ESI+): Calculated $C_{15}H_{15}NO_3$ as 257.11, [M+H] found as 258.16. Characterized in accordance to the literature. 10



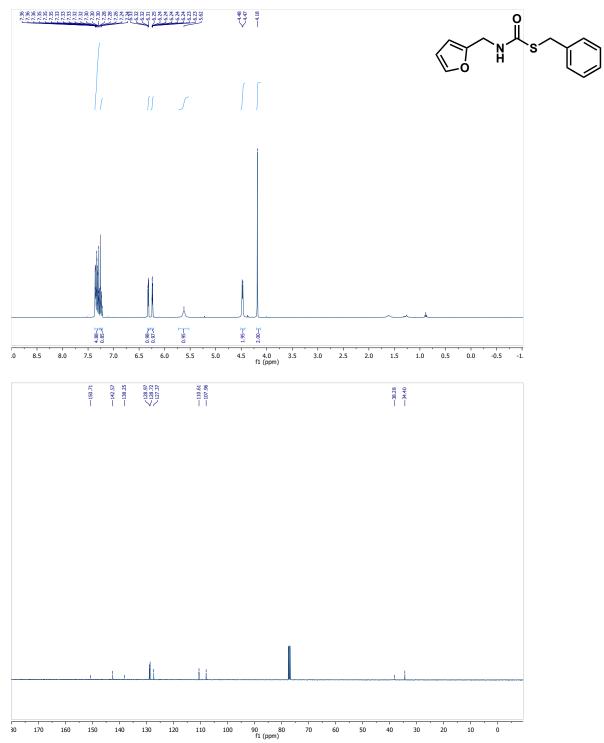
33. phenyl N-[2-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl]carbamate

Followed the procedure described by Zhou Y. et al., 11 product obtained as a light yellow solid (60 mg, yield 74%). 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.26 (d, 1H), 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.09 (m, 4H), 6.89 (dd, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.62 (m, 2H), 3.03 (m, 2H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 154.8, 154.3, 151.2, 131.7, 129.4, 127.8, 125.4, 123.0, 121.7, 112.7, 112.6, 112.2, 100.6, 56.1, 41.5, 25.7. MS (ESI+): Calculated C_{18} H₁₈N₂O₃Na as 333.1215, [M+H] found as 333.1205. Characterized in accordance to the literature.



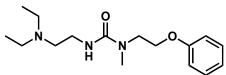
34. N-[(furan-2-yl)methyl](benzylsulfanyll)formamide

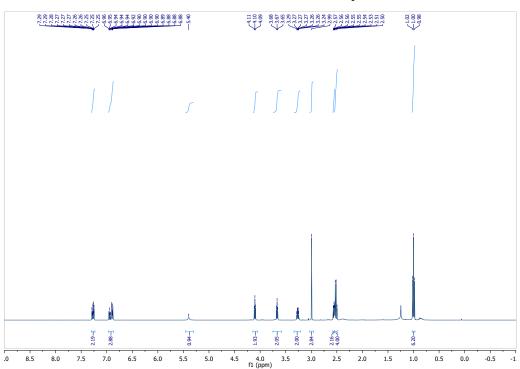
Followed the procedure described by Zhou Y. et al., ¹¹ product obtained as a white powder (63 mg, yield 25%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.32 (m, 1H), 6.24 (m, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 4.48 (d, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 150.7, 142.6, 138.3, 129.0, 128.7, 127.4, 110.6, 108.0, 38.3, 34.4. MS (ESI+): Calculated C₁₃H₁₃NO₂SNa as 270.0565, [M+H] found as 270.0571.



35. 3-[2-(diethylamino)ethyl]-1-methyl-1-(2-phenoxyethyl)urea

Followed the procedure described by Zhou Y. et al., ¹¹ product obtained as an oil (42 mg, yield 27%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.92 (m, 3H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 4.10 (t, 2H), 3.67 (t, 2H), 3.27 (m, 2H), 2.99 (s, 3H), 2.56 (m, 2H), 2.52 (m, 4H), 1.00 (t, 6H). MS (ESI+): Calculated C₁₆H₂₇N₃O₂ as 293.21, [M+H] found as 294.24. Characterized in accordance to the literature. ¹²





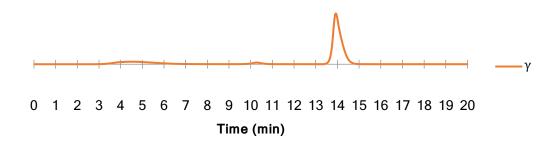
Section 4: Radiochemistry

The peaks indicated by solid arrows are present in the chromatograms following co-injection of products with additional nonradioactive standard. The differences in elution times are due to UV-Vis and radiation detectors placed in series, and in all cases were consistent with delays observed at the time of acquisition. Due to modifications of the radioHPLC system, these delays have varied over the course of this project.

Example:

RCY: 75 ± 14%, **TE**: 99% **n** = 2

Radiochemical Yield (RCY) determined based on integration of the peaks by radioHPLC.



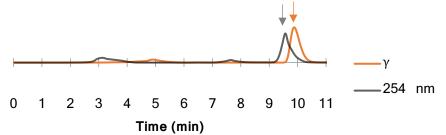
Retention Time	Area (μV*sec)	% Area	d.c. Area	d.c. % Area
(min)				
4.614	5,426,465	15.60%	6,350,537	12%
10.275	905,203	2.60%	1,284,783	2%
13.927	28,444,819	81.79%	45,723,732	86%

Trapping Efficiency (TE) determined based on the activity readings collected at the reactor and the CO₂ trap.

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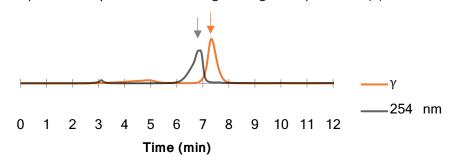
Compound was synthesized according to the general procedure (8).

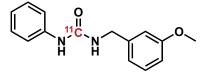


RCY: $91 \pm 2\%$, **TE**: 99% n = 6

[11C]30 (1-[(3-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-3-phenylurea)

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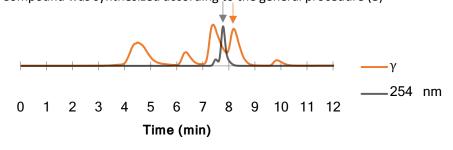


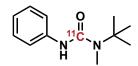


RCY: $88 \pm 2\%$, **TE**: $83 \pm 2\%$

[11C]12 (3-tert-butyl-3-methyl-1-phenylurea)

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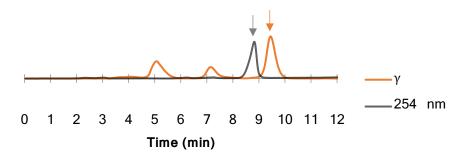




RCY: $32 \pm 5\%$, **TE:** $70 \pm 4\%$ n = 2

[11C]31 (benzyl N-benzylcarbamate)

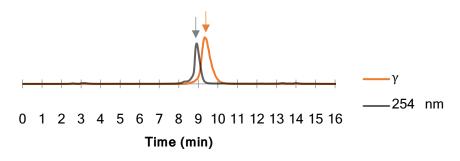
Compound was synthesized according to the general procedure (8). Exceptional conditions: Iminophosphorane **1o** (7.83 µmol).

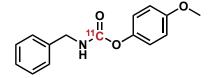


RCY: $64 \pm 3\%$, **TE**: $98 \pm 3\%$ **n** = 2

[11C]32 (4-methoxyphenyl N-benzylcarbamate)

Compound was synthesized according to the general procedure (8). <u>Exceptional conditions:</u> Iminophosphorane **1o** (7.83 μ mol), phenol (560 μ mol), DABCO (160 μ mol), no DBU. CO₂ trapped at -60 °C.

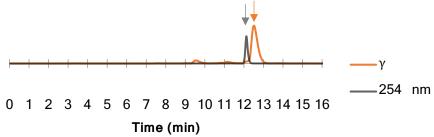


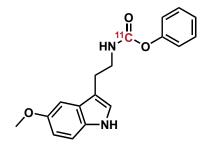


RCY: $26 \pm 2\%$, **TE**: $83 \pm 2\%$ **n** = 2

[11C]33 (phenyl-N-[2-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl]carbamate)

Compound was synthesized according to the general procedure (8). <u>Exceptional conditions:</u> Iminophosphorane 1j (7.53 µmol), phenol (1300 µmol), DABCO (16.04 µmol), no DBU. Reaction run for 2 min. CO_2 trapped at -60 °C. Analytical HPLC Conditions: 0-2 mins at 20% ACN / 80% 0.1 M AMF. 2-10 mins gradient to 80% ACN / 20% 0.1 M AMF. 10-12 mins at 80% ACN / 20% 0.1 M AMF. 12-13 mins return to initial conditions.



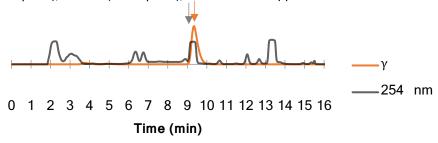


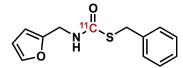
RCY: $84 \pm 8\%$, **TE**: 58%

[11C]34 (N-[(furan-2-yl)methyl](benzylsufanyl)formamide)

Compound was synthesized according to the general procedure (8).

Exceptional conditions: Iminophosphorane 1j (9.13 μ mol), benzyl mercaptan (510 μ mol), DABCO (16.04 μ mol), no DBU. CO₂ trapped at -60 °C.



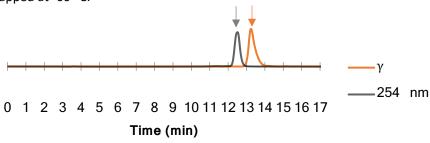


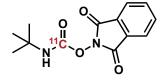
RCY: $93 \pm 2\%$, **TE**: $53 \pm 6\%$ **n** = 2

[11C]23 (1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindol-2-yl N-tert-butylcarbamate)

Compound was synthesized according to the general procedure (8).

Exceptional conditions: Iminophosphorane **1h** (11.9 μ mol), LHMDS (11.7 μ mol), N-hydroxypthalamide (510 μ mol), NET₃ (510 μ mol), no DBU). CO₂ trapped at -60 °C.



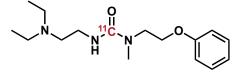


RCY: $99 \pm 3\%$, **TE**: $52 \pm 6\%$ n = 2

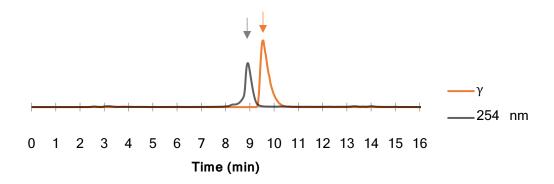
$[^{11}\text{C}] \textbf{35} \; \textbf{(3-[2-(diethylamino)ethyl]-1-methyl-1-(2-phenoxyethyl)urea)}$

Compound was synthesized using procedure 9.

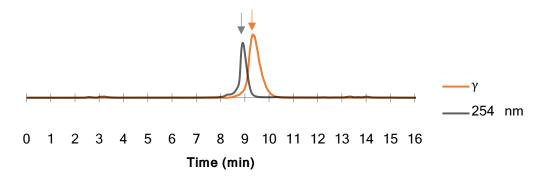
Exceptional conditions: Iminophosphorane **1p** (8.75 µmol), N-methyl-2-phenoxyethanamine (87.5 µmol), DBU (8.71 µmol). CO₂ trapped at -60 °C. Analytical HPLC Conditions: 0-2 mins at 20% ACN / 80% 0.1 M AMF. 2-10 min gradient to 65% ACN / 35% 0.1 M AMF. 10-12 min 65% ACN / 35% 0.1 M AMF. 12-13 min return to initial conditions.



RCY: 99 ± 1%, **TE:** 99% **n** = 2

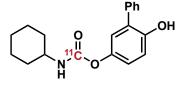


Isolated RCY: $33 \pm 11\%$

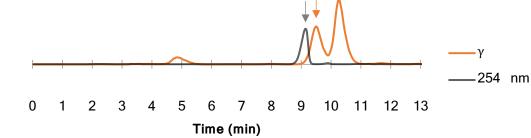


[11C]25 (5-hydroxy-(1,1'-biphenyl)-2-yl N-cyclohexylcarbamate)

Compound was synthesized using procedure 10.

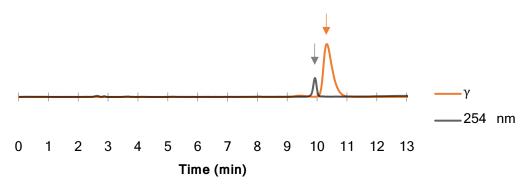


RCY: 96 ± 1%, **TE**: 64 ± 11% (as a mixture of isomers) n = 2



[¹¹C]**URB694**:

Isolated RCY: $13 \pm 2\%$, Molar Activity: 69 ± 37 GBq/ μ mol (n = 2)

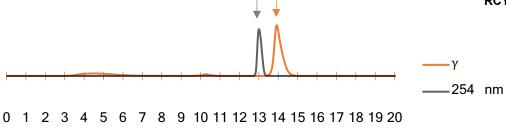


[11C]36 (5-chloro-N-[2-4-{[(cyclohexylcarbamoyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)ethyl]-2-methoxybenzamide)

Compound was synthesized using procedure **11**.

Analytical HPLC Conditions: 0-2 mins at 20% ACN / 80% 0.1 M AMF. 2-10 min gradient to 65% ACN / 35% 0.1 M AMF. 10-12 min 65% ACN / 35% 0.1 M AMF. 12-13 min return to initial conditions.

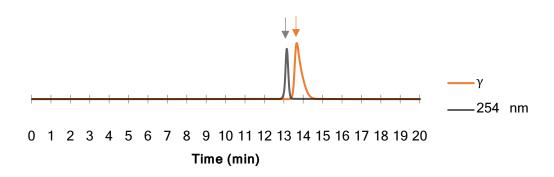
RCY: 75 ± 14%, **TE**: 99% **n** = 2



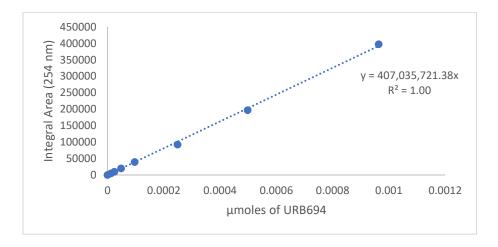
[¹¹C]Glibenclamide:

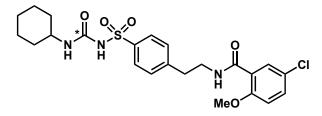
Isolated RCY: 62 \pm 16%, **Molar Activity:** 59 \pm 0.06 GBq/ μ mol (n = 2)

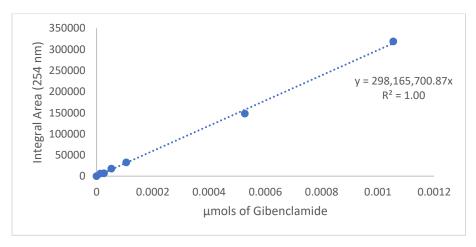
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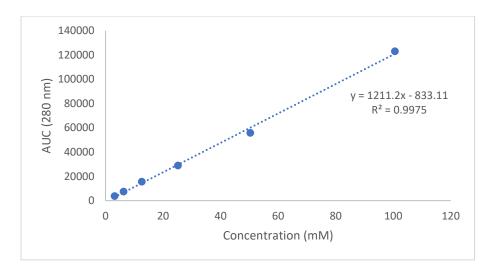


Section 5: Standard Curves

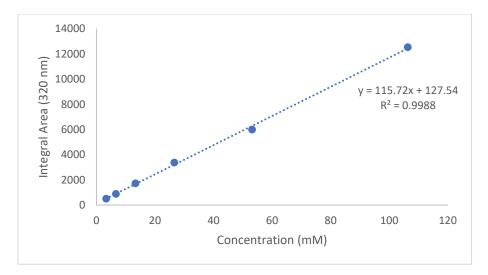








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Section 6: Optimization Table

Table S1. Solvent and additive screening^a

^aReaction conditions: **1** (0.25mmol), **2** (1.25mmol), additives (0.55mmol), dry solvent (2.5mL). Isolated yield.

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