

Supporting Information

for

Synthesis of triphenylene-fused phosphole oxides via C–H functionalizations

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Experimental details and characterization data of new compounds

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Materials and methods

General. All reactions with air or moisture-sensitive compounds were performed using standard Schlenk techniques in oven-dried reaction vessels under a nitrogen or argon atmosphere. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck 60 F254 silica gel plates. Flash column chromatography was performed using 40–63 μm silica gel (Si 60, Merck). ¹H, ¹³C and ³¹P nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on JEOL ECA-400 (400 MHz) or Bruker AV-400 (400 MHz) and AV-300 (300 MHz) NMR spectrometers. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield from an internal standard, tetramethylsilane (0 ppm) and CHCl₃ (77.0 ppm), respectively. ³¹P NMR spectra are referenced to an external reference (85% H₃PO₄, 0 ppm). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained with a Q-Tof Premier LC HR mass spectrometer. Melting points were determined using a capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. UV–vis and fluorescence spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu UV-1800 spectrophotometer and a Shimadzu RF-5301PC spectrofluorophotometer, respectively.

Materials. Unless otherwise noted, commercial reagents were purchased from Alfa Aesar, Sigma Aldrich, TCI and other commercial suppliers and used as received. Xantphos and CoCl₂ (anhydrous, 97%) were purchased from Alfa Aesar and used as received. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) and 1,4-dioxane were distilled over Na/benzophenone. Dichloromethane (DCM) was distilled over calcium hydride. Anhydrous dimethylformamide (DMF) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. 3-(Methoxymethoxy)phenylmagnesium bromide was prepared from the corresponding 3-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl bromide and magnesium turnings in anhydrous THF and titrated before use.

Synthesis of triphenylene-fused phosphole oxides

The synthesis and characterization of 7-hydroxybenzo[b]phosphole oxide (3) and its triflate 4 are described in our previous work.¹

Suzuki-Miyaura coupling between 4 and bromoarylboronic acid

Typical procedure: 7-(2-Bromophenyl)-2,3-dibutyl-1-phenylphosphindole 1-oxide (6a). A 25 mL oven-dried Schlenk tube was charged with 4 (0.97 g, 2.0 mmol) and DMF (6 mL). The resulting solution was degassed through freeze-pump-thaw cycles (3 times). To the degassed solution, Pd(PPh₃)₄ (115.6 mg, 0.10 mmol), K₃PO₄ (0.64 g, 3.0 mmol), and 2-bromophenylboronic acid (0.48 g, 2.4 mmol) were added sequentially. The resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: EtOAc/hexane 1:2) to afford the title compound as colorless oil (0.72 g, 73%). Signal broadening was observed in the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of this compound and compound 7b, presumably due to the slow rotation of the aryl–aryl bond. The presence of a minor peak in the corresponding ³¹P NMR spectra suggests the existence of a mixture of equilibrating diastereomers.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 7.68 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.11 (m, 6H), 2.66 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.56-2.44 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.21 (m, 1H), 1.67-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.36 (m, 2H), 1.31-1.25 (m, 2H), 1.02 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.79 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 150.8 (d, $J_{PC} = 19.5$ Hz), 143.6 (d, $J_{PC} = 28.4$ Hz), 143.2 (d, $J_{PC} = 7.9$ Hz), 138.2 (2C), 134.3, 133.7 (d, $J_{PC} = 98.6$ Hz), 132.2 (2C), 131.8, 131.5, 131.0 (d, $J_{PC} = 95.1$ Hz), 130.5, 130.2, 128.7 (d, $J_{PC} = 92.5$ Hz), 128.3, 127.9, 126.7, 122.6, 120.6 (d, $J_{PC} = 10.7$ Hz), 30.8 (d, $J_{PC} = 1.6$ Hz),

30.7 (d, $J_{PC} = 1.1 \text{ Hz}$), 26.4 (d, $J_{PC} = 12.9 \text{ Hz}$), 26.1 (d, $J_{PC} = 11.0 \text{ Hz}$), 23.2, 22.9, 14.0, 13.7; ³¹P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 39.5 (major), 37.2 (minor); HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₈H₃₁BrOP [M + H]⁺ 493.1296, found 493.1286.

7-(3-Bromonaphthalen-2-yl)-2,3-dibutyl-1-phenylphosphindole 1-oxide (6b): The reaction was performed on a 0.5 mmol scale according to the typical procedure to afford the title compound as colorless oil (182.6 mg, 65%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.98 (app. doublet, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.69 (app. doublet, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 7.40 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (app. d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.05-6.98 (m, 4H), 2.68 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.54-2.45 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.17 (m, 1H), 1.70-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.38 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.19 (m, 2H), 1.03 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.78 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 150.8 (d, $J_{PC} = 18.0$ Hz), 143.7 (d, $J_{PC} = 28.8$ Hz), 143.1 (d, $J_{PC} = 7.9$ Hz), 135.0, 134.8 (d, $J_{PC} = 115.0$ Hz), 133.8, 133.3, 132.7 (overlapped, 2C), 131.7 (d, $J_{PC} = 102.1$ Hz), 131.6, 131.5, 131.0 (d, $J_{PC} = 11.1$ Hz), 130.7, 130.4, 130.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.1 (overlapped, 2C), 127.7 (d, $J_{PC} = 102.5$ Hz), 126.4 (d, $J_{PC} = 35.6$ Hz), 120.6 (d, $J_{PC} = 10.9$ Hz), 120.1, 30.9, 30.7, 26.5 (d, $J_{PC} = 13.0$ Hz), 26.1 (d, $J_{PC} = 10.6$ Hz), 23.2, 23.0, 14.0, 13.7; ³¹P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 39.8 (major), 37.5 (minor); HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₃₂H₃₃BrOP [M + H]⁺ 543.1452, found 543.1463.

Suzuki-Miyaura coupling between 6a/6b and arylboronic acid

Typical procedure: In a 25 mL Schlenk tube, **6a** or **6b** (0.3 mmol) was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) under a N_2 atmosphere. Then, $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (8.3 mg, 9.0 μ mol), PCy_3 (16.9 mg, 0.060 mmol), KF (116.2 mg, 2.0 mmol), and arylboronic acid (0.36 mmol) were added sequentially. The resulting mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, diluted with water, and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: EtOAc/hexane 1:2) to afford the desired *ortho*-teraryl product.

Note: The ¹H NMR spectra of teraryl compounds **7a–c** (CDCl₃, 298 K) displayed extensive signal broadening, and most of the signals did not show resolved spin–spin coupling. Some of the ¹³C NMR signals also showed substantial broadening, which made it difficult to match the number of the observed peaks to the number of the unique carbons. This is presumably due to the restricted, slow rotation of the aryl–aryl bonds compared to the time scale of the NMR measurement.

2,3-Dibutyl-7-(3',4'-dimethoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-1-phenylphosphindole 1-oxide (7a): The reaction was performed on 1.0 mmol scale, and the title compound was obtained as colorless

oil (0.51 g, 93%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 8.04 (brs, 1H), 7.52-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.19-7.12 (m, 5H), 6.73-6.57 (m, 2H), 5.96 (brs, 1H), 5.66 (brs, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 2.67 (app. brs, 3H), 2.33-2.31 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.59 (m, 3H), 1.56-1.47 (m, 3H), 1.42-1.25 (m, 2H), 1.02 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (app. triplet, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 147.7 (d, $J_{PC} = 30.3$ Hz), 144.5 (d, $J_{PC} = 8.1$ Hz), 133.7, 133.4, 131.8, 131.3, 131.0 (d, $J_{PC} = 107.3$ Hz), 130.5, 129.0 (d, $J_{PC} = 124.3$ Hz), 128.5, 121.7, 119.7 (d, $J_{PC} = 11.1$ Hz), 112.8, 110.3, 55.8, 55.7, 31.0, 30.9 (d, $J_{PC} = 1.5$ Hz), 26.5, 26.4, 23.2, 23.1, 14.0, 13.7 (Note: The number of well-resolved ¹³C peaks in the downfield region (> 100 ppm; 14) was less than the number of unique aromatic carbons (24) due to extensive signal broadening); ³¹P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 40.3 (major), 38.2 (minor); HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₃₆H₄₀O₃P [M + H]⁺ 551.2715, found 551.2709.

7-(2-(Benzo[*d***][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)phenyl)-2,3-dibutyl-1-phenylphosphindole 1-oxide (7b):** The reaction was performed on 0.3 mmol scale. The title compound was obtained as colorless oil (143 mg, 89%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 7.95 (brs, 1H), 7.52-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.12 (m, 6H), 6.62 (dd, J = 7.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (brs, 1H), 5.82 (s, 2H), 5.64 (app. singlet, 1H), 5.56 (app. singlet, 1H), 2.67 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.61-2.57 (m, 1H), 2.34 (app. brs, 1H), 1.75-1.61 (m, 3H), 1.57-1.49 (m, 3H), 1.39-1.26 (m, 2H), 1.02 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 146.4 (d, $J_{PC} = 83.1$ Hz), 144.3 (d, $J_{PC} = 8.1$ Hz), 140.1, 136.5, 135.1, 131.7, 131.4 (d, $J_{PC} = 101.4$ Hz), 131.3, 131.2 (d, $J_{PC} = 112.0$ Hz), 130.9 (d, $J_{PC} = 84.1$ Hz), 129.7, 128.4 (d, $J_{PC} = 12.1$ Hz), 128.2, 126.6 (d, $J_{PC} = 4.1$ Hz), 122.8, 119.7 (d, $J_{PC} = 10.8$ Hz), 109.7, 107.4, 100.7, 31.0 (d, $J_{PC} = 1.6$ Hz), 30.8 (d, $J_{PC} = 1.6$ Hz), 26.5 (d, $J_{PC} = 13.2$ Hz), 26.2 (d, $J_{PC} = 10.7$ Hz), 23.2, 23.1, 14.0, 13.7 (Note: The number of well-resolved ¹³C peaks in the downfield region (> 100 ppm; 19) was less than the number of unique aromatic/ether carbons (25) due to extensive signal broadening); ³¹P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 39.9; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₃₅H₃₆O₃P [M + H]⁺ 535.2402, found 535.2399.

2,3-Dibutyl-7-(3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)naphthalen-2-yl)-1-phenylphosphindole 1-oxide

(7c): The reaction was performed on 0.3 mmol scale. The title compound was obtained as colorless oil (115 mg, 64%). The observation of two 31 P NMR signals suggested that the compound exists as a mixture of slow-equilibrating diastereomers. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 8.6 (app. brs, 1H), 7.84-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.22-6.76 (m, 6H), 6.61 (dd, J = 7.4, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 6.07 (app. brs, 1H), 5.76 (app. brs, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.50 (app. doublet, 3H), 2.69 (app. brs, 2H), 2.56 (app. brs, 1H), 2.29 (app. brs, 1H), 1.68-1.58 (m, 4H), 1.56-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.27 (m, 2H), 1.03 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (app. triplet, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 147.8 (d, $J_{PC} = 30.0$ Hz), 144.5 (d, $J_{PC} = 2.0$ Hz), 133.9, 133.1, 131.8, 128.4, 127.5, 126.7, 126.3, 121.4, 119.8 (d, $J_{PC} = 11.0$ Hz), 110.4, 56.0, 55.8, 31.0, 30.9, 26.6, 26.5, 23.2, 23.0, 14.1, 13.8 (Note: The number of well-resolved 13 C peaks in the downfield region (> 100 ppm; 12) was less than the number of unique aromatic carbons (28) due to extensive signal broadening; 31 P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 41.4, 39.1; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₄₀H₄₂O₃P [M + H]⁺ 601.2872, found 601.2878.

Oxidative cyclization of teraryls 7a-7c into triphenylenes 8a-8c

Typical procedure: To a solution of **7a** (0.1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) was added PIFA (0.11 mmol) and BF₃·Et₂O (0.25 mmol) in a dropwise manner at −78 °C under an argon

atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 12 h, and then quenched with aq. NH₄Cl. The resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 5 mL), and the combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/hexane 2:3) to afford the corresponding cyclized products.

7,8-Dibutyl-2,3-dimethoxy-9-phenylphenanthro[9,10-g]phosphindole 9-oxide (8a): The title compound was obtained as light yellow solid (32.5 mg, 59%); m.p. 184-186 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 9.93-9.90 (m, 1H), 8.69 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (dd, J = 6.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 2H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 4.06 (s, 3H), 2.73 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.64-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.40-2.29 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.33 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.21 (m, 2H), 1.03 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.80 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 149.6 (d, $J_{PC} = 35.5$ Hz), 148.8 (d, $J_{PC} = 20.0$ Hz), 144.4 (d, $J_{PC} = 28.9$ Hz), 133.9 (d, $J_{PC} = 109.2$ Hz), 133.4, 131.5 (d, $J_{PC} = 2.8$ Hz), 131.1, 131.0, 130.7 (d, $J_{PC} = 8.5$ Hz), 130.3, 129.95 (d, $J_{PC} = 94.1$ Hz), 129.94, 128.7 (d, $J_{PC} = 1.4$ Hz), 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0 (d, $J_{PC} = 95.7$ Hz), 127.9 (2C), 126.2, 124.6, 123.9 (2C), 122.0, 120.2 (d, $J_{PC} = 12.7$ Hz), 104.5 (d, $J_{PC} = 44.6$ Hz), 56.00, 55.97, 30.9, 30.8, 26.4 (d, $J_{PC} = 13.7$ Hz), 26.0 (d, $J_{PC} = 11.7$ Hz), 23.1, 22.9, 14.0, 13.7; ³¹P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 45.3; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₃₆H₃₈O₃P [M + H]⁺ 549.2559, found 549.2562.

Recrystallization from CH_2Cl_2 afforded single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis, which unambiguously confirmed the molecular structure of **8a**.² The crystal packing of **8a** demonstrated the lack of π – π stacking between the triphenylene rings (Figure S1).

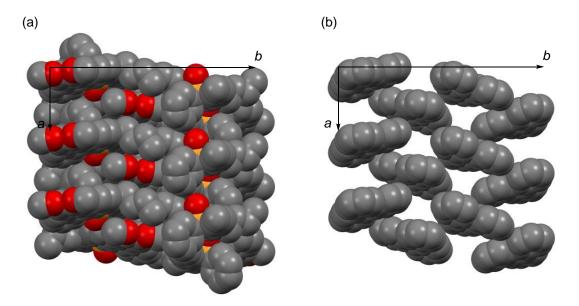


Figure S1: Crystal packing of compound **8a** showing (a) all the atoms except hydrogen and (b) only the triphenylene moieties.

1,2-Dibutyl-3-phenylphospholo[3',2':7,8]triphenyleno[2,3-*d*][1,3]dioxole 3-oxide (8b): The title compound was obtained as light yellow solid (29.8 mg, 56%); m.p. 178-181 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 9.90 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.61 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (dd, J = 7.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.66 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.29 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.07 (s, 2H), 2.72 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.64-2.52 (m, 1H), 2.40-2.29 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.24 (m, 2H), 1.02 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.80 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 148.7 (d, J_{PC} = 19.8 Hz), 148.4 (d, J_{PC} = 23.4 Hz), 144.6 (d, J_{PC} = 29.0 Hz), 134.0 (d, J_{PC} = 102.2 Hz), 133.3 (d, J_{PC} = 7.1 Hz), 131.54, 131.51, 131.1, 131.0, 130.9, 130.8, 130.5, 129.9 (d, J_{PC} = 94.3 Hz), 129.8, 128.6 (2C), 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0 (d, J_{PC} = 95.9 Hz), 126.3, 126.2, 125.5 (d, J_{PC} = 1.5 Hz), 122.2, 120.2 (d, J_{PC} = 12.8 Hz), 102.1, 101.7 (d, J_{PC} = 23.1 Hz), 30.9 (d, J_{PC} = 1.4 Hz), 30.7 (d, J_{PC} = 2.2 Hz), 26.4 (d, J_{PC} = 13.5 Hz), 26.0 (d, J_{PC} = 11.4 Hz), 23.1, 22.9, 14.0,

13.7; ³¹P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 45.3; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₃₅H₃₄O₃P [M + H]⁺ 533.2246, found 533.2249.

2,3-Dibutyl-7,8-dimethoxy-1-phenyltetrapheno[5,6-g]phosphindole 1-oxide (8c): The title compound was obtained as light yellow solid (23.9 mg, 40%); m.p. 192-194 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 10.51 (s, 1H), 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.57 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (dd, J = 6.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.96-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.67-7.50 (m, 5H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 2H), 4.10 (s, 3H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 2.73 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.67-2.54 (m, 1H), 2.44-2.35 (m, 1H), 1.71-1-64 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.40 (m, 4H), 1.33-1.25 (m, 2H), 1.03 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.81 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 149.8 (d, $J_{PC} = 29.0$ Hz), 149.2 (d, $J_{PC} = 20.0$ Hz), 144.4 (d, $J_{PC} = 29.0$ Hz), 134.4, 133.8 (d, $J_{PC} = 96.0$ Hz), 132.5, 131.7, 131.6 (2C), 131.3, 131.0, 130.9, 130.7 (d, $J_{PC} = 102.0$ Hz), 129.7, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5 (d, $J_{PC} = 97.0$ Hz), 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.3, 127.2 (d, $J_{PC} = 2.0$ Hz), 126.8, 125.6, 124.8, 123.9 (d, $J_{PC} = 2.0$ Hz), 120.5 (d, $J_{PC} = 12.0$ Hz), 120.3, 105.1 (d, $J_{PC} = 27.0$ Hz), 56.2, 56.1, 31.2, 30.9 (d, $J_{PC} = 2.0$ Hz), 26.5 (d, $J_{PC} = 14.0$ Hz), 26.1 (d, $J_{PC} = 12.0$ Hz), 23.2, 23.0, 14.1, 13.8; ³¹P NMR (161 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 46.0; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₄₀H₄₀O₃P [M + H]⁺ 599.2715, found 599.2721.

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Copies of NMR spectra

