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1. Procedure

A. Benzyl 4-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenylamino)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3). A 1-L 3-necked round-bottomed flask equipped with a PTFEcoated magnetic stirring bar (3 x 1 cm) is fitted with a gas inlet adapter connected to a nitrogen line and a gas bubbler. The other two necks are capped with rubber septa; a thermocouple probe is inserted through one of the septa (Note 1). The flask is charged with methyl 4-aminobenzoate (**1**, 25.6 g, 169 mmol, 1 equiv), 1-benzyloxycarbonyl-4-piperidone (**2**, 47.0 g, 201 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and dichloromethane (300 mL) (Note 2). Glacial acetic acid (9.5 mL, 10.0 g, 167 mmol, 1 equiv) is added in one portion to the stirred solution using a graduated pipette. The flask is immersed in a room temperature water bath. Sodium triacetoxyborohydride (53.1 g, 250 mmol, 1.5 equiv) is added in 4 portions (12–14 g each) at 30-min intervals,

keeping the internal temperature below 27 °C (Notes 3 and 4). After 17 h at 22–23 °C (Notes 5, 6, and 7), one septum is replaced with a 125-mL dropping funnel which is charged with 2 N aq. NaOH (125 mL, 0.25 mol, 1.5 equiv). The NaOH solution is added to the flask over 5 min (Note 8), keeping the internal temperature below 30 °C. The biphasic mixture is vigorously stirred for 1 h, then the contents are transferred to a 1-L separatory funnel and the layers separated. The organic phase is washed with water (2×125 mL). The dichloromethane extracts are filtered through a bed of anhydrous sodium sulfate (50 g) into a tared 1-L round-bottomed flask and concentrated by rotary evaporation (bath temperature: 40 °C; 200–250 mmHg) to 130 g. Methyl *t*-butyl ether (125 mL) is added and the contents are concentrated by rotary evaporation (bath temperature: 40 °C; 100 mmHg) to 130 g. Two additional methyl *t*-butyl ether flushes are carried out (Note 9). The flask is equipped with a PTFE-coated magnetic stirring bar (3 x 1 cm) and a 500-mL addition funnel. Methyl *t*-butyl ether (250 mL) is added to the flask in one portion and the resulting clear solution is stirred at 22 °C. Crystallization initiates within 10 min. The addition funnel is charged with *n*-heptane (250 mL), which is added drop wise over 1 h. The resulting white suspension is stirred at $20-22$ °C for 1 h, then vacuum-filtered through a 350-mL medium-porosity sintered-glass funnel. The solid is washed with 1:1 (vol/vol) *n*-heptane/methyl *t*-butyl ether (50 mL) and *n*-heptane (50 mL). The solid is dried in a vacuum oven (70 mmHg) at 50 \degree C for 24 h to afford benzyl 4-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenylamino)piperidine-1-carboxylate (**3**) (52.0 g, 84% yield) (Notes 10 and 11).

B. Benzyl 4-(2-chloro-N-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)acetamido) piperidine-1-carboxylate (5). A 1-L 3-necked round-bottomed flask equipped with a PTFE-coated magnetic stirring bar $(3 \times 1 \text{ cm})$ is fitted with a gas inlet adapter connected to a nitrogen line and a gas bubbler. The other two necks are capped with rubber septa; a thermocouple probe is inserted through one of the septa (Note 1). The flask is charged with benzyl 4-(4- (methoxycarbonyl)phenyl-amino)piperidine-1-carboxylate (**3**, 25.0 g, 68 mmol, 1 equiv), ethyl acetate (250 mL), and pyridine (8.3 mL, 103 mmol, 1.5 equiv) (Note 12). The flask is placed in an ice-water bath and cooled to an internal temperature of 3 °C. Chloroacetyl chloride (10.1 g, 89 mmol, 1.3 equiv) is added via a 12-mL syringe over 5 min, keeping the internal temperature below 10 °C. The ice-bath is removed and the orange slurry is stirred for 1.5 h at ambient temperature (Note 13). One of the septa is replaced with a 125-mL addition funnel and charged with 5% aq. KH_2PO_4

(125 mL), which is added to the reaction contents over 5 min while keeping the internal temperature below 25 \degree C. After stirring for 10 min (Note 14), the contents of the flask are transferred to a 1-L separatory funnel. The layers are separated and the organic layer is washed with half-saturated brine, then dried by filtration through 50 g anhydrous sodium sulfate into a 1-L round-bottomed flask. The contents are concentrated by rotary evaporation (bath temperature: 40° C; 100 to 50 mmHg, foaming) (38 g). Methyl *t*-butyl ether (150 mL) is added to the flask and concentrated (bath temperature: 40 °C; 100 to 50 mmHg, foaming) to an orange oil (35 g). The flask is equipped with a PTFE-coated magnetic stirring bar $(3 \times 1 \text{ cm})$ and methyl *t*-butyl ether (150 mL) is added. The contents are warmed in a 50 °C water bath to dissolve the oil, then cooled to ambient temperature with stirring. Within 15 min the mixture turns turbid and a white solid begins to form (Note 15). After stirring for 4 h, the solid is filtered using a 150-mL medium porosity sintered-glass funnel and washed with methyl *t*-butyl ether (75 mL). The solid is dried in a vacuum oven (70 mmHg) at 40 $^{\circ}$ C for 2 days to afford benzyl 4-(2-chloro-N-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)acetamido) piperidine-1-carboxylate (**5**) (28.5 g, 94% yield) as an off-white solid (Note 16).

C. Methyl 1-(1-(benzyloxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2-oxoindoline-5 carboxylate (6). A 500-mL 3-necked round-bottomed flask equipped with a PTFE-coated magnetic stirring bar $(3 \times 1 \text{ cm})$ is fitted with a reflux condenser with a gas inlet adapter connected to a nitrogen line and a gas bubbler. The other two necks are capped with rubber septa; a thermocouple probe is inserted through one of the septa (Note 1). The flask is charged with benzyl 4-(2-chloro-*N*-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)acetamido)-piperidine-1 carboxylate (**5**, 20.0 g, 44.6 mmol, 1 equiv), palladium acetate (1.01 g, 4.5 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 2-(di-*t*-butylphosphino)biphenyl (2.74 g, 9.2 mmol, 0.2 equiv), 2-methyltetrahydrofuran (130 mL), and 2-propanol (32 mL) (Note 17). The light brown suspension is sparged subsurface with nitrogen gas for 15 min (Note 18). Triethylamine (6.93 g, 68 mmol, 1.5 equiv) is added via a 12-mL syringe and the mixture is sparged for an additional 5 min. The flask is placed in an oil bath at 80 °C and heated to an internal temperature of 74–76 \degree C for 2 h (Note 19). The hot mixture (Note 20) is vacuum-filtered through a pad of Celite (25 g, pre-wetted with 2-MeTHF) in a 150-mL medium-porosity sintered glass funnel into a 1-L round-bottomed flask. The flask employed to carry out the reaction is rinsed with hot (75 °C) 2-MeTHF (100 mL) and used to wash the Celite pad. The filtrate is concentrated by rotary evaporation (bath temperature: 40° C; 40 mmHg) to give an orange-brown solid (34 g). The flask is equipped with a PTFEcoated magnetic stirring bar (3 x 1 cm) and 2-propanol (270 mL) is added. The stirred suspension is heated to a gentle reflux with a heating mantle to dissolve all solids, generating a nearly black solution. The heating mantle is turned off and the contents are allowed to cool to ambient temperature over 2 h with stirring to give thick crystallization (Note 21). The suspension is stirred for 4 h, then vacuum-filtered using a 150-mL medium-porosity sintered-glass funnel, washed with 2-propanol (2 x 30 mL, Note 22), then dried in a vacuum oven (70 mmHg) at 40 °C for 2 days to afford oxindole **6** as a gray solid (15.9 g, 87% yield) (Notes 23 and 24).

2. Notes

1. The internal temperature was monitored using a J-Kem Gemini digital thermometer with a Teflon-coated T-Type thermocouple probe (12 inch length, $1/8$ inch outer diameter, temperature range -200 to $+250$ °C).

2. The following reagents and solvents were used as received for Step A: methyl 4-aminobenzoate (Sigma-Aldrich, 98%), 1-benzyloxycarbonyl-4 piperidone (Sigma-Aldrich, 99%), sodium triacetoxyborohydride (Sigma-Aldrich, 95%), dichloromethane (Fisher, certified ACS reagent, stabilized), glacial acetic acid (Fisher, certified ACS plus), *t*-butyl methyl ether (Sigma-Aldrich, >98.5%), and heptanes (Sigma-Aldrich, Chromasolv, >99%).

3. The first two $Na(OAc)$ ₃BH portions produced 3–5-degree exotherms.

4. The addition of $Na(OAc)$ ₃BH afforded a pale yellow/green, slightly cloudy mixture.

5. The submitters monitored the progress of the reaction after each $Na(OAc)$ ₃BH addition (5 additions) by quenching an aliquot with water after 30 min, diluting with 9/1 MeCN/water and analyzing by UPLC (Note 6). The results were (limiting reagent/product ratio): $1st$ portion: 42/58; second portion: 28/72; third portion: 13/87; fourth portion: 8/92. One and two h after the $5th$ portion had been added, the ratios were 3/97 and 2.4/97.6%. respectively. The checker monitored the reaction by ${}^{1}H$ NMR (CDCl₃) by quenching a reaction aliquot into dichloromethane/water, separating the layers, and concentrating the dichloromethane layer to dryness. The diagnostic resonances were δ 6.54–6.57 (m, 2H) for product **3** and 6.63-6.66 (m, 2H) for starting material **1**. Two h after the final addition of Na(OAc)₃BH, 10% unreacted 1 remained; after 16 h, the level was 3%.

6. UPLC conditions: column, ACQUITY UPLC HSS T3 1.8μm, 2.1 \times 50 mm; wavelength: 210 nm; column temperature: 45 °C; eluent A) water (0.05% TFA) B) MeCN; gradient: 0 min: A) 95%, B) 5%; 2.9 min: A) 0% B) 100%; 3.15 min: A) 0% B) 100%; 3.25 min: A) 95% B) 5%; 4.0 min: A) 95% B) 5%.

7. UPLC analysis by the submitters after 16 h showed 11% of benzyl 4-hydroxypiperidine-1-carboxylate (byproduct from the reduction of 1 benzyloxycarbonyl-4-piperidone; retention time: 1.35 min), 84.7% of desired product **3** (retention time: 2.08 min), and 4.4% of an unidentified byproduct (retention time: 0.88 min).

8. The flask should be kept under a nitrogen atmosphere during the quench since hydrogen gas is produced upon quenching unreacted $Na(OAc)$ ₃ $BH.$

9. Three co-evaporations with MTBE is an efficient way to remove most of the dichloromethane and maximize the yield in the subsequent crystallization. Concentration of the dichloromethane phase to very small volumes affords a foamy oil, making further removal of dichloromethane by co-evaporation with MTBE less efficient. After the co-evaporations, ${}^{1}H$ NMR (CDCl₃) of the residue showed 5 mol $\%$ residual dichloromethane.

10. Amine **3** has the following physical and spectroscopic properties: Mp: 90–92 °C. ¹ H NMR (400 MHz CDCl3) : 1.35–1.43 (m, 2 H), 2.06 (d, *J* $= 10.9$ Hz, 2 H), 3.03 (t, $J = 11.8$ Hz, 2 H), 3.50–3.55 (m, 1 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 4.10–4.17 (m, 3 H), 5.15 (s, 2 H), 6.54–6.57 (m, 2 H), 7.31–7.38 (m, 5 H), 7.85–7.88 (m, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 32.2, 42.9, 49.7, 51.7, 67.4, 112.0, 118.8, 128.1, 128.2, 128.7, 131.8, 136.72, 150.7, 155.4, 167.3. IR (ATR cell) cm-1: 3357, 2951, 1707, 1675, 1604, 1531, 1500, 1471, 1436, 1363, 1353, 1309, 1274, 1226, 1197, 1172, 1149, 1095, 1008, 983, 951, 839, 788, 769, 750, 693. LC-MS m/z calcd for $[M]^+$ (C₂₁H₂₄N₂O₄) 368.4, found, 368.7; Anal. Calcd for $C_{21}H_{24}N_2O_4$: C, 68.46; H, 6.57; N, 7.60. Found: C, 68.54; H, 6.50; N, 7.57. HPLC area % purity: 97-98% (HPLC method: fused-core C-18 column, 4.6 x 100 mm, 2.7 μm particle size; mobile phase, $A = 0.1 \% H_3PO_4/H_2O$, $B = MeCN$, gradient 10-95% B in 6 min and hold at 95% B for 2 minutes, detection at 210 nm, flow 1.8 mL/min, temp 40 $^{\circ}$ C; t_R $= 4.93$ min).

11. A yield of 85% was obtained at half scale.

12. The following reagents and solvents were used as received for Step B: ethyl acetate (Fischer Optima, 99.9%, water level <0.002%), pyridine (Sigma-Aldrich, Reagent Plus, $>99\%$), chloroacetyl chloride (Fluka purum \geq 99%), and *t*-butyl methyl ether (Sigma-Aldrich, >98.5%).

13. The submitters followed the reaction by UPLC as outlined in Note 6. The checker monitored the reaction by ${}^{1}H$ NMR as follows: A 0.1 mL reaction aliquot was quenched into 1 mL brine/1 mL EtOAc. The organic layer was separated and dried by filtering through a plug of sodium sulfate. After concentrating to dryness, the sample was dissolved in CDCl₃. NMR analysis showed no starting material resonances at 3.85 (s, 3 H) or 6.54-6.57 (m, 2 H).

14. The reaction is quenched with phosphate buffer at pH 10 and stirred for 10 min to fully quench excess chloroacetyl chloride that will otherwise inhibit the subsequent crystallization of the product.

15. Crystallization for the first run required vigorous scratching of the flask with a glass rod. In subsequent runs, the crystallization occurred spontaneously.

16. Chloride **5** has the following physical and spectroscopic properties: Mp: 103–105 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 1.23–1.28 (m, 2 H), 1.84 $(d, J = 11.6 \text{ Hz}, 2 \text{ H})$, 2.88 (br s, 2 H), 3.68 (s, 2 H), 3.96 (s, 3 H), 4.23 (br s, 2 H), 4.74–4.80 (m, 1 H), 5.04 (br s, 2 H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.4, 2H), 7.28–7.35 (m, 5 H), 8.13 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 30.4, 42.3, 43.5, 52.7, 53.7, 67.4, 128.1, 128.2, 128.6, 130.4, 131.3, 131.4, 136.7, 141.4, 155.1, 165.7, 166.0; IR (ATR cell) cm-1: 2951, 1714, 1705, 1690, 1673, 1604, 1510, 1496, 1449, 1440, 1427, 1391, 1362, 1329, 1293, 1276, 1246, 1231, 1208, 1195, 1176, 1131, 1118, 1105, 1086, 1062, 1020, 985, 968, 956, 934, 921, 870, 834, 814, 797, 788, 779, 769, 753, 715, 707, 678, 665; LC-MS m/z calcd for $[M]^+$ (C₂₃H₂₅ClN₂O₅) 444.4, found, 444.6*;* Anal. Calcd for $C_{23}H_{25}CIN_2O_5$: C, 62.09; H, 5.66; Cl, 7.97; N, 6.30. Found: C, 61.69; H, 5.39; Cl, 7.81; N, 6.17; HPLC area % purity: 98% (conditions in Note 10; $t_R = 4.73$ min

17. The following reagents and solvents were used as received for Step C: palladium acetate (Strem, 98%), 2-(di-*t*-butylphosphino)biphenyl (Acros, 99%), 2-methyltetrahydrofuran (Sigma Aldrich, Reagent Plus \geq 99.5%, inhibited with 150-400 ppm BHT), 2-propanol (Sigma-Aldrich, ACS reagent $>99.5\%$).

18. Nitrogen sparging was carried out using a 1-mL plastic syringe with a 10 cm needle with a steady stream of bubbling for 15 min. The heterogeneous mixture darkened during the sparging.

19. The submitters monitored the reaction by UPLC analysis using the conditions in Note 6. The checker monitored the reaction by H NMR by diluting a 0.1 mL aliquot from the reaction mixture into 1 mL CDCl_3 and filtering through a 0.25 μM filter. At the 1 h time point, 2.5% starting material remained based on resonances integrated at δ 5.04 (br s, 2 H) and 8.13 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H).

20. The mixture must be filtered while still hot since the product crystallizes upon cooling.

21. Thick solids formed when the internal temperature reached 60– 65 °C. The stirring speed had to be increased for efficient mixing.

22. Care was taken to avoid cake cracking prior to the 2-propanol wash, which allowed for the efficient removal of highly colored impurities.

23. Oxindole **6** has the following physical and spectroscopic properties: Mp: 158–159 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.73–1.76 (m, 2 H), 2.29–2.39 (m, 2 H), 2.92 (br s, 2 H), 3.56 (s, 2 H), 3.93 (s, 3 H), 4.39– 4.47 (m, 3 H), 5.19 (s, 2 H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.33–7.42 (m, 5 H), 7.92–7.93 (m, 1 H), 7.96–7.98 (m, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 28.3, 35.7, 43.9, 50.4, 52.3, 67.7, 109.3, 124.3, 124.8, 126.1, 128.3, 128.4, 128.8, 130.5, 136.8, 147.8, 155.4, 166.9, 175.1. IR (ATR cell) cm⁻¹: 2948, 1699, 1616, 1588, 1489, 1453, 1428, 1386, 1358, 1332, 1320, 1291, 1272, 1256, 1241, 1227, 1192, 1169, 1139, 1126, 1097, 1077, 1021, 986, 968, 957, 938, 902, 890, 869, 838, 802, 771, 763, 731, 696, 683, 654; LC-MS *m/z* calcd for $[M]^+$ $(C_{23}H_{24}N_2O_5)$ 408.5, found, 408.7; Anal. Calcd for $C_{23}H_{24}N_{2}O_{5}$: C, 67.63; H, 5.92; N, 6.86. Found: C, 67.72; H, 5.75; N, 6.77. HPLC area % purity: 98% (conditions in Note 10; $t_R = 4.60$ min).

24. A reaction at half scale afforded an 84% yield.

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3. Discussion

Oxindoles are an important class of compounds with ubiquitous presence in both natural products² and pharmaceuticals.³ In addition, oxindoles can be employed as immediate precursors for the preparation of indoles. Numerous methods have been reported in the literature for the synthesis of oxindoles, such as the derivatization of isatin and indoles, radical cyclizations, the cyclization of o -aminophenylacetic acids and α -halo or α -hydroxyacetanilides, cyanoamidation reactions, palladium-catalyzed Heck couplings, and others.⁴ Alternatively, Buchwald and co-workers have reported a palladium-catalyzed alkylation reaction via C–H functionalization⁵ and Hartwig and co-workers a palladium-catalyzed arylation reaction via amide α -arylation⁶ (Figure 1). These two technologies represent direct and unprecedented approaches to the oxindole functionality from readily accessible precursors.

Figure 1. Buchwald's and Hartwig's palladium-catalyzed methodologies for oxindole formation

 Compound **7** (Figure 2) is a serine palmitoyl transferase (SPT) enzyme inhibitor candidate for the potential treatment of heart disease. This molecule contains an oxindole functionality and was originally prepared by our Medicinal Chemistry group in nine steps from acid **8**. A key intermediate in this synthesis is oxindole **6**, which can be generated in five steps from **8**; however, this route has several disadvantages, such as the use

of unsafe reagents (NaH) and the need for several chromatographic purifications. For the preparation of large quantities of **6** (hundreds of g to several kg), we wanted to avoid those issues and also identify a shorter synthesis. We focused our attention on Buchwald's protocol since no halogenated precursor is needed to install the 5-membered oxindole ring and one precedent was found in the literature on kg-scale.⁷

Figure 2. Structure of serine palmitoyl transferase (SPT) enzyme inhibitor **7**

Scheme 1. Medicinal Chemistry synthesis of drug candidate **7**

 The new and shorter route to oxindole **6** starts with the reductive amination between methyl 4-aminobenzoate (**1**), a considerably cheaper starting material than 3-fluoro-4-nitrobenzoic acid (**8**), and 1 benzyloxycarbonyl-4-piperidone (**2**) in dichloromethane in the presence of 1 equiv of AcOH. The addition of $Na(OAc)$ ₃BH in several portions resulted in complete conversion of **1** to secondary amine **3** and gave acceptable levels of alcohol benzyl 4-hydroxypiperidine-1-carboxylate resulting from the reduction of **2**. The crystallization of **3** from heptane/MTBE gives analytically pure material in 84% yield.

The acylation reaction between **3** and chloroacetyl chloride in anhydrous EtOAc and pyridine to afford amide **5** is fast (1 h) and clean. Pyridine gave a cleaner impurity profile compared to other bases such as triethylamine. Schotten-Baumann conditions $(CH_2Cl_2$ or EtOAc and aqueous K_2CO_3) were also investigated, but incomplete reaction was observed due to acid chloride hydrolysis. After an aqueous workup, amide **5** is crystallized from MTBE in 94% yield.

The cyclization step to produce oxindole **6** was first attempted under the conditions reported by Buchwald in his original publication (Pd(OAc)2/2-(di-*t*-butylphosphino)biphenyl (1:2 ratio), triethylamine, toluene, 80 $^{\circ}$ C)⁵ but sticky solids were obtained due to the low solubility of 6 in this medium. A solvent (THF, IPA, MeCN, DMF) and base (triethylamine, $n-Bu_3N$) screen identified THF/IPA 4:1 as the optimal combination to dissolve both starting material and product in the presence of triethylamine to give complete conversion in 1 h at 74–76 °C. The Pd catalyst and ligand loadings were 10 and 20 mol%, respectively, and optimization experiments with lower loadings resulted in incomplete reactions.⁸ The reasons for the high catalyst and ligand loadings were not fully investigated and remain unclear.

 In summary, a short and high yielding protocol for the preparation of oxindole **6** has been demonstrated on multi-gram scale from inexpensive and readily available starting materials. All intermediates can be isolated after crystallization in high purity and chromatographic purifications are no longer required. This chemistry has been scaled up in our laboratories to produce multi kg-quantities of **6**. 9

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Appendix Chemical Abstracts Nomenclature (Registry Number)

- Methyl 4-aminobenzoate: Benzoic acid, 4-amino-, methyl ester (619-45-4)
- 1-Benzyloxycarbonyl-4-piperidone: 1-Piperidinecarboxylic acid, 4-oxo-, phenylmethyl ester (19099-93-5)
- Benzyl 4-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenylamino)piperidine-1-carboxylate: 1- Piperidinecarboxylic acid, 4-[[4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl]amino]-, phenylmethyl ester (1037834-44-8)
- Benzyl 4-(2-chloro-N-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)acetamido)piperidine-1 carboxylate: 1-Piperidinecarboxylic acid, 4-[(2-chloroacetyl)[4- (methoxycarbonyl)phenyl]amino]-, phenylmethyl ester (1037834-45-9)
- Methyl 1-(1-(benzyloxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2-oxoindoline-5 carboxylate: 1H-Indole-5-carboxylic acid, 2,3-dihydro-2-oxo-1-[1-

[(phenylmethoxy)carbonyl]-4-piperidinyl]-, methyl ester (1037834-34- 6) Sodium triacetoxyborohydride: Borate(1-), tris(acetato- κ O)hydro-, sodium (56553-60-7) Chloroacetyl chloride: Acetyl chloride, 2-chloro- (79-04-9) Palladium acetate: Acetic acid, palladium(2+) salt (2:1) (3375-31-3) 2-(Di-*tert*-butylphosphino)biphenyl: Phosphine, [1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ylbis(1,1 dimethylethyl)- (224311-51-7) Triethylamine: Ethanamine, *N,N*-diethyl- (121-44-8)

2-Methyltetrahydrofuran: Furan, tetrahydro-2-methyl- (96-47-9)

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