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Efficient catalytic activation of Suzuki Miyaura C–C coupling reactions with recyclable palladium nanoparticles tailored with sterically demanding di-*n*-alkyl sulfide

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S1. Immobilisation of 4-Bromobenzoic Acid on Silica¹

4-Bromobenzoic acid (1.99 g, 10 mmol) was refluxed with freshly distilled SOCl₂ (20 mL) for 3 h. Thereafter the solution was cooled and thionyl chloride was evaporated off to give 4-bromobenzoyl chloride as a white solid. 3-Aminopropyl trimethoxysilane-modified silica



Scheme S1. Immobilisation of 4-Bromobenzoic Acid on Silica

(1.00 g, Aldrich), pyridine (0.404 mL), dry THF (10 mL) and 4-bromobenzoyl chloride (1.150 g, 5.25 mmol) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in a round bottom flask under a N₂ atmosphere. The suspension was filtered through G-4 crucible and washed with 5% (v/v) HCl (3×20 mL) followed by 0.02 M aqueous K₂CO₃ (2×20 mL) and rinsed with distilled water (40 mL) and ethanol (40 mL). The resulting solid was washed with excess dichloromethane and dried at room temperature in air, resulting in white powder.

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Figure S1. ¹H NMR Spectrum of Ligand (L1)



Figure S2. ¹³C{¹H} NMR Spectrum of Ligand (L1)



Figure S3. ¹H NMR Spectrum of 1



Figure S4. ¹³C{¹H} NMR Spectrum of 1



Figure S5. SEM Image Pd NPs 2



Figure S6. SEM image Pd NPs 3



Figure S7. SEM image Pd NPs 4



Figure S8. SEM image Pd NPs 5



Figure S9. SEM image Pd NPs 6



Figure S10. SEM image Pd NPs 7



Figure S11. SEM image Pd NPs obtained during Suzuki reaction of complex 1

















Figure S14. SEM–EDX of Pd NPs 4









Figure S16. SEM–EDX of Pd NPs 6











Figure S20. Powder XRD pattern of 2



Figure S22. Powder XRD pattern of 4







Figure S24. Powder XRD pattern of 6



Figure S25. Powder XRD pattern of 7



Figure S26. Size distribution graph of NPs 2







Figure S28. Size distribution graph of NPs 6 and 7





Figure S29. Images of solutions of Pd NPs in CHCl₃ (2, 3, 6, and 4 respectively)