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# Supporting Information for

# Chiral Tectonics toward Square Planar Tetranuclear Pd(II) Complexes: Propagation of Axial Chirality through a Long Molecular Axis

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#### S1. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and mass analyses of Pd (II) complexes

**Tpret.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ =2.25 (8H, q, *J*=7.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.09 ppm (12H, t, *J*= 7.5 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 195.5 (C<sub>CO</sub>), 106.1 (C<sub>1,2</sub>), 29.3 (C<sub>methylene</sub>), 8.9 (C<sub>methyl</sub>),ppm; LRMS (FAB<sup>+</sup>, 3-NBA) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, found *m/z*=255 [M+H]

[{(hfac)Pd(II)}2(tpret)] (1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ=6.21 (2H, s, CH), 2.15 (8H, q, *J*=7.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.02 ppm (12H, t, *J*=7.5 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>).

[{(taetH)Pd(II)}<sub>2</sub>(tpret)](2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ=2.17 (8H, q, *J*=7.4 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.00 (12H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.97 (12H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.04 ppm (12H, t, *J*=7.4 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ=192.8 (C<sub>CO</sub>), 190.4 (C<sub>CO</sub>), 187.6 (C<sub>CO</sub>), 111.8 (C<sub>vinyl</sub>), 110.1 (C<sub>vinyl</sub>), 108.1 (C<sub>vinyl</sub>), 31.5 (C<sub>methylene</sub>), 26.3 (C<sub>methyl</sub>), 23.2 (C<sub>methyl</sub>), 9.85 (C<sub>methyl in Et</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>, CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O) calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>12</sub><sup>106</sup>Pd<sup>108</sup>Pd+H 861.1146, found *m/z*=861.1149 [M+H]. The product isolated was analyzed by HPLC (SiO<sub>2</sub>) and showed to be pure.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (**2**)







HRMS (2)

**[{(hfac)Pd(II)(taet)Pd(II)}<sub>2</sub>(tpret)] (4).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ=6.25 (2H, s, CH), 2.17 (8H, q, *J*=7.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.02 (12H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.96 (12H, s, CH), 1.04 (12H, t, *J*=7.5 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>)

[{(bzac)Pd(II)(taet)Pd(II)}<sub>2</sub>(tpret)] (5b). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ =7.83 (4H, broad d, *J*=7.5 Hz, *o*-H), 7.47 (2H, broad t, *J*=7.5 Hz, *p*-H), 7.38 (4H, t, *J*=7.5 Hz, *m*-H), 6.06 (2H, s, CH), 2.20 (6H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.15 (8H, q, *J*=7.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.973 (6H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.969 (6H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.96 (12H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.02 ppm (12H, t, *J*=7.5 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ =190.5 (twice in integral ratio to signals of other carbonyl carbon atoms, C<sub>CO</sub>), 188.9 (C<sub>CO</sub>), 188.0 (C<sub>CO</sub>), 187.9 (twice, C<sub>CO</sub>), 187.6 (C<sub>CO</sub>), 180.5 (C<sub>CO</sub>),

135.9 (C<sub>arom</sub>), 131.5 (C<sub>arom</sub>), 128.3 (*o*-C<sub>arom</sub>), 127.5 (*m*-C<sub>arom</sub>), 112.1 (twice, C<sub>vinyl</sub>), 110.1 (C<sub>vinyl</sub>), 98.6 (C<sub>vinyl</sub>), 31.5 (C<sub>methylene</sub>), 26.21 (twice, C<sub>methyl</sub>), 26.17 (C<sub>methyl</sub>), 26.09 (C<sub>methyl</sub>), 26.01 (C<sub>methyl</sub>), 9.9 (C<sub>methyl in Et</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>, CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O) calcd for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>62</sub>O<sub>16</sub>Pd<sub>4</sub>+H<sup>+</sup> 1391.0286, found *m*/*z*=1391.0299 [M+H<sup>+</sup>]. The product isolated was analyzed by HPLC (SiO<sub>2</sub>) and showed to be pure.



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (**5b**)



HRMS (5b)

[{(dbm)Pd(II)(taet)Pd(II)}2(tpret)] (5a). <sup>1</sup>H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ=7.93 (8H, broad d, *J*=8.0 Hz, *o*-H), 7.51 (4H, broad t, *J*=8.0 Hz, *p*-H), 7.42 (8H, broad t, *J*=8.0 Hz, *m*-H), 6.72 (2H, s, CH), 2.18 (8H, q, *J*=8.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.02 (12H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.01 (12H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.05 ppm (12H, t, *J*=8.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ =190.5 (Cco), 188.0 (Cco), 187.8 (Cco), 182.1 (Cco), 136.6 (Carom), 131.6 (Carom), 128.4 (*o*-Carom), 127.6 (*m*-Carom), 112.14 (twice, Cvinyl), 112.10 (Cvinyl), 110.2 (Cvinyl), 31.5 (Cmethylene), 26.3 (Cmethyl), 26.0 (Cmethyl), 9.9 (Cmethyl) ppm; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>, CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O) calcd for C<sub>64</sub>H<sub>66</sub>O<sub>16</sub>Pd<sub>4</sub>+H<sup>+</sup> 1515.0568, found *m*/*z*=1515.0530 [M+H<sup>+</sup>]. The product isolated was analyzed by HPLC (SiO<sub>2</sub>) and showed to be pure.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (5a)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (5a)





[{(**npac**)**Pd**(**II**)}2(**taet**)] (**7b**). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ=8.38 (2H, s, aromatic H<sub>1</sub>), 7.91-7.81 (8H, aromatic H<sub>3,4,5,8</sub>), 7.53 (2H, broad t, *J*=8.0 Hz, aromatic H<sub>6</sub>), 7.49 (2H, broad t, *J*=8.0 Hz, aromatic H<sub>7</sub>), 6.23 (2H, s, CH), 2.26 (6H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.03 (6H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.01 ppm (6H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ=188.9 (C<sub>co</sub>), 188.1 (C<sub>co</sub>), 187.7 (C<sub>co</sub>), 180.2 (C<sub>co</sub>), 134.8 (C<sub>arom</sub>), 133.1 (C<sub>arom</sub>), 132.6 (C<sub>arom</sub>), 129.2 (C<sub>arom</sub>),

128.3 (Carom), 128.0 (Carom), 127.7 (Carom), 127.6 (Carom), 126.5 (Carom). 124.1 (Carom), 112.2 (Cvinyl), 98.9 (Cvinyl), 26.2 (Cmethyl), 26.1 (Cmethyl), 26.0 (Cmethyl) ppm; HRMS (FAB<sup>+</sup>, 3-NBA) calcd for  $C_{38}H_{34}O_8Pd_2$ +H<sup>+</sup> 833.0406, found *m*/*z*=833.0433 [M+H]. The product isolated was analyzed by HPLC (SiO<sub>2</sub>) and showed to be pure.





<sup>13</sup>C NMR (**7b**)



HRMS (7b)

[{(npac)Pd(II)(taet)Pd(II)}2(tpret)] (5c). <sup>1</sup>H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ =8.40 (2H, s, aromatic H<sub>1</sub>), 7.94-7.80 (8H, aromatic H<sub>3,4,5,8</sub>), 7.56 (2H, broad t, *J*=8.0 Hz, aromatic H<sub>6</sub>), 7.52 (2H, broad t, *J*=8.0 Hz, aromatic H<sub>7</sub>), 6.25 (2H, s, CH), 2.28 (6H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.18 (8H, q, *J*=8.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.04 (6H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.01 (6H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.00 (12H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.05 ppm (12H, t, *J*=8.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ =190.5 (twice, C<sub>CO</sub>), 188.9 (C<sub>CO</sub>), 188.05 (C<sub>CO</sub>), 187.98 (twice, C<sub>CO</sub>), 187.67 (C<sub>CO</sub>), 180.2 (C<sub>CO</sub>), 134.8 (C<sub>arom</sub>), 133.1 (C<sub>arom</sub>), 132.7 (C<sub>arom</sub>), 129.1 (C<sub>arom</sub>), 128.4 (C<sub>arom</sub>), 128.1 (C<sub>arom</sub>), 127.7 (C<sub>arom</sub>), 127.6 (C<sub>arom</sub>), 126.6 (C<sub>arom</sub>). 124.1 (C<sub>arom</sub>), 112.2 (C<sub>vinyl</sub>), 112.1 (C<sub>vinyl</sub>), 110.2 (C<sub>vinyl</sub>), 26.06 (C<sub>methyl</sub>), 9.9 (C<sub>methyl in Et</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>, CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O) calcd for C<sub>62</sub>H<sub>66</sub>O<sub>16</sub>Pd<sub>4</sub>+H<sup>+</sup> 1491.0568, found *m/z*=1491.0599 [M+H]. The product isolated was analyzed by HPLC (SiO<sub>2</sub>) and showed to be pure.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (5c)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (5c)



HRMS (5c)

#### S2. HPLC chromatographic resolution of Pd(II) complexes

The chromatograms are shown below when Pd(II) complexes were resolved on a chiral HPLC column:



**Figure S1.** The HPLC chromatogram when  $[\{(bzac)Pd(II)(taet)Pd(II)\}_2(tpret)]$  (**5b**) and  $[\{(npac)Pd(II)(taet)Pd(II)\}_2(tpret)]$  (**5c**) was eluted on a 4 mm (i.d.) × 25 cm column (IC Daicel, Japan) at a flow rate of 0.5 ml/min. The eluent was dichloromethane with 0.07% methanol. The monitoring wavelength was 400 nm.

## S3. ECD spectra of dinuclear Pd(II) complexes



Figure S2. The ECD spectra of  $[{(bzac)Pd(II)}_2(taet)]$  (7a) (left) and  $[{(npac)Pd(II)}_2(taet)]$  (7b) (right) resolved on a chiral column. The solid and grey lines indicated the less and more retaining fractions, respectively. The solvent was acetonitrile.



The IR and VCD spectra of Pd(II) complexes were calculated.



 $[{(hfac)Pd(II)}_2(dabe)]$  (6) (upper)  $[{(bzac)Pd(II)}_2(taet)]$  (7a) (middle) and  $[{(npac)Pd(II)}_2(taet)]$  (7b) (lower)

No	Ligand	assignment	VCD signal sign and wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) (experiment)	VCD signal sign and wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) (calculation)(S-form)		
			(less retaining fraction)			
1	dabe(CH <sub>3</sub> )	C-H bending	+ 1444	+ 1478(in plane)		
2	dabe	C-C-C (C-O)	+ 1416	+ 1443 (out of phase)		
3	dabe	C-C-C (C-O)	- 1400	- 1430 (in-phase)		
4'	dabe(CH <sub>3</sub> )	C-H bending	+ 1341	+ 1403(out of plane)		
4	dabe	C-C-C	- 1327	- 1387 (out of phase)		
4"	dabe	C-C-C	+ 1314	+ 1384 (in phase)		
5	dabe(benzyl)	C-H(benzyl)	- 1302	- 1337		

Table S1 (a) Assignment of VCD [{(hfac)Pd(II)}2(dabe)] (6)

No	Ligand	assignment	VCD signal sign and	VCD signal sign and	
			wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	
			(experiment) (more	High/Low	
			retaining fraction)	(calculation) (S-form)	
1	bzac and	C=O stretching	+ 1541	+/- 1604, 1599	
	taet				
2	bzac	С-С-С, С-Н	-/+ 1522, 1510	-/+ 1560 couplet	
3	bzac	C-H (benzyl)	+ 1488	-/+ 1531 couplet	

Table S1 (b) Assignment of VCD [{(bzac)Pd(II)}<sub>2</sub>(taet)] (7a)

No	Ligand	assignment	VCD signal sign and	VCD signal sign and
			wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
			(experiment)	High/Low
			(more retaining fraction)	(calculation)(S-form)
1	npac and	C=O stretching	+ 1542	-/+ 1607, 1602
	taet			
2,2'	npac	С-С-С, С-Н	-/+ 1521, 1511	-/+ 1560 couplet
3	npac	C-H (naphthyl)	+ 1503	-/+ 1551 couplet

Table S1 (c) Assignment	of VCD [{(npac	Pd(II) <sub>2</sub> (taet)] (7b)
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**Figure S5-1**. An ORTEP drawing of  $[{(dbm)Pd(II)(taet)Pd(II)}_2(tpret)]$  (5a) with a numbering scheme of atoms. The thermal ellipsoids are scaled to the 50% probability level. Disordered phenyl group atoms with lower occupancy, hydrogen atoms, and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.

Distances (Å)							
Pd1 – O1	1.970(2)	Pd1 – O2	1.968(3)				
Pd1 – O3	1.963(3)	Pd1 - O4	1.973(2)				
Pd2 - O5	1.971(3)	Pd2 - O6	1.968(3)				
Pd2 - O7	1.957(4)	Pd2 - O8	1.970(3)				
Pd3 - O9	1.981(2)	Pd3 - O10	1.966(3)				
Pd3 - O11	1.969(3)	Pd3 - O12	1.960(3)				
Pd4 - O13	1.961(3)	Pd4 - O14	1.965(3)				
Pd4 – O15	1.970(3)	Pd4 - O16	1.990(2)				

Table S5-1. Selected bond distances (Å) and torsion angles (deg) of [{(dbm)Pd(II)(taet)Pd(II)}2(tpret)]

Torsion angles (deg) C19 - C18 - C23 - C22 82.4(6) C28 - C29 - C36 - C35 85.3(5) C43 - C42 - C47 - C46 85.2(5)



**Figure S5-2.** An ORTEP drawing of  $[\{(npac)Pd(II)\}_2(taet)]$  (**7b**) with a numbering scheme of atoms. The thermal ellipsoids are scaled to the 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms, and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.

Table	S5-2.	Selected	bond	distances	(Å)	and	torsion	angle	(deg)	of
[{(npac	e)Pd(II)}	$_2(taet)]$								

Distances (Å)						
Pd1 – O1	1.992(3)	Pd1 – O2	1.982(2)			
Pd1 – O3	1.963(2)	Pd1 – O4	1.973(2)			
Pd2 - O5	1.963(2)	Pd2 - O6	1.973(2)			
Pd2 - O7	1.977(3)	Pd2 - O8	1.999(3)			

Torsion angle (deg)

C16 - C17 - C22 - C21 = 86.3(3)