# Supporting information

# A Brønsted Acid-Catalyzed Generation of Palladium Complexes:

## **Efficient Head-to-Tail Dimerization of Alkynes**

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## A. General information

The intermediates were prepared in a glove box ( $O_2 < 0.1$  ppm,  $H_2O < 0.1$  ppm). All other reactions were carried out in oven-dried Schlenk tubes or NMR tube under  $N_2$ atmosphere. Dry solvents were obtained by purification according to standard methods. Reagents were used as received unless otherwise noted. Column chromatography was performed using Silica Gel 60 (particle size 40-50 µm) purchased from Kanto Chemical Co. Inc. The pure products were obtained by column chromatography or GPC (LC-908). <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and <sup>31</sup>P NMR data were acquired on a JEOL LA-400 spectrometer (400 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H, 100 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C, and 160 MHz for <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectroscopy) or a JEOL LA-500 instrument (500 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H, 125.4 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C, and 201.9 MHz for <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectroscopy) in deuterated solvents as indicated. Chemical shifts for <sup>1</sup>H NMR are referred to internal Me<sub>4</sub>Si (0 ppm) and reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$  ppm), multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz) and integration. Data for <sup>13</sup>C NMR are reported in ppm relative to the center line of a triplet at 77.0 ppm for chloroform-d, and those for  ${}^{31}P$  NMR were relative to H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (85% solution in D<sub>2</sub>O, 0 ppm). X-ray analysis was performed by the Analytical Center at the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, Japan.

## **B.** The synthesis and characterization of the intermediate 2

### 1). The synthesis of complex 2a

$$Ph \longrightarrow + Pd(PEt_3)_4 + Ph_2P(O)OH \xrightarrow{C_6D_6, 25 \text{ °C}, 20 \text{ h } Ph} Pd \xrightarrow{PEt_3 O}_{Pd = O - PPh_2}$$
2a

In glove box, 0.065 mmol of phenylacetylene, 0.065 mmol of  $Pd(PEt_3)_4$ , 0.065 mmol of  $Ph_2P(O)OH$  were dissolved in 0.5 mL of dry and degassed  $C_6D_6$  in a NMR tube. The reaction was complete after standing the mixture at room temperature for 20 h as s2 indicated from <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra. Removal of the volatile (solvent and PEt<sub>3</sub>) under high vacuum afforded a white solid. Recrystallization of the solid from hexane and toluene at -30 °C gave analytically pure product **2a**, 35.3 mg, yield: 82%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.23-8.28 (m, 4H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.10-7.23 (m, 8H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 1.52-1.63 (m, 6H), 1.38-1.49 (m, 6H), 0.86-0.94 (m, 18H); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.8 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  19.22 (s, 1P), 10.72 (s, 2P).



**Figure 1.** ORTEP Drawing of alkenylpalladium complex **2a**. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability. H atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg): C1-C2 = 1.322(4), C2-C3 = 1.477(4), C2-Pd = 2.015(3), O1-Pd = 2.1368(17), P2-Pd = 2.3124(7), P3-Pd = 2.3209(6); C1-C2-Pd = 119.2(2), C3-C2-Pd = 119.2(2), C2-Pd-P2 = 90.44(8), C2-Pd-P3 = 91.11(8), O1-Pd-P2 = 88.37(5).

### 2). The synthesis of complex 2b



In glove box, 0.06 mmol of  $Pd(PEt_3)_4$  and 1 equiv of alkynes were mixed in 0.5 mL of toluene, 30 min later, the volatiles was removed under high vacuum, then 1 equiv of  $Ph_2P(O)OH$  and 0.5 mL of toluene- $d_8$  were added, as followed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectroscopies, the reaction was complete in 4 days at room temperature, the analytical pure product was obtained by precipitation from toluene/hexane solution at

-30 °C, colorless oil, 34 mg, yield, 71%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Tol- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  8.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.22 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 6H), 7.23-7.34 (m, 7H), 6.19 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99-4.07 (m, 4H), 1.60-1.78 (m, 12H), 1.35-1.44 (m, 3H), 1.01-1.11 (m, 21H); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.8 MHz, Tol- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  20.51 (s, 1P), 10.44 (s, 1P), 9.96 (s, 2P).

## C. The synthesis and characterization of the intermediates 1

1).



In glove box, 1 mmol of phenylacetylene, 0.5 mmol of Pd(PEt<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, and 1 mol% Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O)OH (based on Pd atom) were dissolved in 0.5 mL of dry and degassed Toluene- $d_8$  in a NMR tube, The reaction was complete after standing the mixture at room temperature for 20 h as indicated from <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra. Removal of the volatile (solvent and PEt<sub>3</sub>) under high vacuum afforded a yellow oil. After precipitation from toluene/hexane solution at -80 °C, the analytical pure product was obtained. 227 mg, yield: 83%.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Tol- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  7.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (b, 1H), 5.33 (b, 1H), 1.94-1.97 (m, 6H), 1.75-1.78 (m, 6H), 1.16 (dt, *J*<sub>P-H</sub> = 8.0 Hz, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.0 Hz, 18H). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.8 MHz, Tol- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  13.95.

2).



In glove box, 1 mmol of *p*-methylphenylacetylene, 0.5 mmol of Pd(PEt<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, and 1 mol% Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O)OH (based on Pd atom) were dissolved in 0.5 mL of dry and degassed Toluene- $d_8$  in a NMR tube, The reaction was complete after standing the mixture at room temperature for 20 h as indicated from <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra. Removal of the volatile (solvent and PEt<sub>3</sub>) under high vacuum afforded a yellow oil. After precipitation from toluene/hexane solution at -80 °C, the analytical pure product was obtained. 215 mg, yield: 75%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Tol- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (dt, *J* <sub>P-H</sub> = 4.0 Hz, *J* <sub>H-H</sub> = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.81-1.90 (m, 6H), 1.62-1.70 (m, 6H), 1.01 (dt, *J* <sub>P-H</sub> = 8.0 Hz, *J* <sub>H-H</sub> = 8.0 Hz, Tol- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  13.99.

3).



In glove box, 1 mmol of *p-t*-butylphenylacetylene, 0.5 mmol of Pd(PEt<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, and 1 mol% Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O)OH (based on Pd atom) were dissolved in 0.5 mL of dry and degassed Toluene-*d*<sub>8</sub> in a NMR tube, The reaction was complete after standing the mixture at room temperature for 20 h as indicated from <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra. Removal of the volatile (solvent and PEt<sub>3</sub>) under high vacuum afforded a yellow oil. After precipitation from toluene/hexane solution at -80 °C, the analytical pure product was obtained. 287 mg, yield: 87%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Tol-*d*<sub>8</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (dt, *J*<sub>P-H</sub> = 4.0 Hz, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.82-1.90 (m, 6H), 1.62-1.70 (m, 6H), 1.29 (s, 9H), 1.24 (s, 9H), 1.05 (dt, *J*<sub>P-H</sub> = 8.0 Hz, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.0 Hz, Tol-*d*<sub>8</sub>)  $\delta$  13.97.

4).



In glove box, 1 mmol of *p*-phenylphenylacetylene, 0.5 mmol of Pd(PEt<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, and 1 mol% Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O)OH (based on Pd atom) were dissolved in 0.5 mL of dry and degassed Toluene- $d_8$  in a NMR tube, The reaction was complete after standing the mixture at room temperature for 20 h as indicated from <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra. Removal of the volatile (solvent and PEt<sub>3</sub>) under high vacuum afforded a yellow oil. After precipitation from toluene/hexane solution at -80 °C, the analytical pure product was obtained. 280 mg, yield: 80%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Tol- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  7.93 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.17-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.07-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.81-1.89 (m, 6H), 1.62-1.70 (m, 6H), 1.03 ( dt, *J*<sub>P-H</sub> = 8.5 Hz, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.5 Hz, 18H). <sup>31</sup>PNMR (202 MHz, Tol- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  14.12.

5).



In glove box, 1 mmol of *p*-anisylacetylene, 0.5 mmol of Pd(PEt<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, and 1 mol% Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O)OH (based on Pd atom) were dissolved in 0.5 mL of dry and degassed Toluene- $d_8$  in a NMR tube, The reaction was complete after standing the mixture at room temperature for 20 h as indicated from <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra. Removal of the volatile (solvent and PEt<sub>3</sub>) under high vacuum afforded a yellow solid. Recrystallization of the solid from hexane and toluene at -30 °C gave analytically pure product **1f**, 212 mg, yield: 70%. Crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography was obtained from the recrystallization of the solid from hexane and toluene at -30 °C. <sup>1</sup>H S6

NMR (500 MHz, Tol- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  7.86 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (dt,  $J_{P-H} = 3.5$  Hz,  $J_{H-H} = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.84-1.92 (m, 6H), 1.63-1.72 (m, 6H), 1.05 (dt,  $J_{P-H} = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_{H-H} = 8.0$  Hz, 18H). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (202 MHz, Tol- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  14.03.



**Figure 1.** The ORTEP drawing of intermediate vinyl(alkynyl)palladium complex **1f**. The hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity. The selected bond length and bond angles: C2-C1 = 1.166(5), C1-Pd = 2.046(4), Pd-P1 = 2.2943(12), Pd-P2 = 2.2977(13), Pd-C5 = 2.064(4), C5-C3 = 1.336(5), C5-C4 = 1.497(5); C2-C1-Pd = 177.3(4), C1-Pd-P1 = 87.20(12), C1-Pd-P2 = 89.92(12), Pd-C5-C3 = 119.1(3), Pd-C5-C4 = 120.0(3).

## D. Typical procedure for Pd(0)/Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O)OH catalyzed dimerization.

A mixture of  $Pd_2(dba)_3$  (2.3 mg), DPPE (2.0 mg), and  $Ph_2P(O)OH$  (2.2 mg) in toluene (0.5 mL)was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. 1-Octyne (110 mg) was added. The mixture was heated at 80 °C overnight. Isolation of the product on silica chromatography using hexane as an eluent gave pure **3a** as an oil (99.5 mg, 90% yield).

### E. Screening conditions for the Selective head-to-tail dimerization of

## 1-octyne

P	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub> / phosphine/ Ph <sub>2</sub> P(O)OH	- \\	
toluene, 100 °C, overnight R = $n$ -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>		R R 3a	
Run	Condition	% NMR yield	
1	PPh <sub>3</sub>	39	
2	P(p-anisyl) <sub>3</sub>	13	
3	PhPCy <sub>2</sub>	12	
5	dppf	trace	
6	Ph <sub>2</sub> P(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> PPh <sub>2</sub>	46	
7	Ph <sub>2</sub> P(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> PPh <sub>2</sub>	68	
8	dppe	95	
9 <sup>b</sup>	dppe	trace	
10 <sup>c</sup>	dppe	92	
11 <sup>d</sup>	dppe	65	

Selective head-to-tail dimerization of 1-octyne catalyzed by the combination of Pd(0)/Brønsted acid.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> Conditions: In a glass tube, 1 mol% Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>, phosphine ligand (Pd/P = 1/2), and Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O)OH (Pd/acid = 1/2) were mixed in toluene (0.5 mL) at 25 °C for 10 min, and 1-Octyne (0.5 mmol) was added, then the mixture was heated overnight. <sup>*b*</sup> In the absence of Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O)OH. <sup>*c*</sup> Heated at 80 °C using 0.25 mol% Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>, C = 2 mol/L. <sup>*d*</sup> HOAc was used instead of Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O)OH.

## F. Analytical and spectral data of products

$$r - C_6 H_{13} - C_6 H_{13} - n$$

1 mmol of terminal alkynes was loaded, yield: 90%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.19 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.12 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.48-1.56 (m, 4H), 1.37-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.29 (b, 10H), 0.90 (b, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.42, 119.23, 90.06, 81.04, 37.66, 31.74, 31.40, 28.80, 28.67, 28.58, 28.13, 22.66, 22.61, 19.32, 14.11, 14.06.

1 mmol of terminal alkynes was loaded, yield: 75%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.28 (s, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 4.11-4.18 (m, 4H), 2.60 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (s, 9H), 1.14 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  178.31, 178.16, 127.52, 122.47, 86.00, 81.36, 62.16, 62.05, 38.72, 36.56, 27.16, 27.14, 19.77.

3b



1 mmol of terminal alkynes was loaded, yield: 93%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Toluene-d<sub>8</sub>)  $\delta$  5.40 (s, 1H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.29 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Toluene-d<sub>8</sub>)  $\delta$  143.1, 116.6, 100.1, 80.5, 33.6, 32.5, 31.7, 29.9.



1 mmol of terminal alkynes was loaded, yield: 85%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.27-7.40 (m, 10H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 3.58 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.74, 136.69, 131.21, 129.18, 128.52, 128.43, 127.94, 126.57, 126.49, 121.41, 88.10, 83.21, 43.95, 25.67.



1 mmol of terminal alkynes was loaded, yield: 77%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.39 (s, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 3.04 (s, 2H), 2.39-2.46 (m, 8H), 1.26-1.46 (m, 16H), 0.86-0.92 (m, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  129.87, 121.83, 85.36, 84.65, 59.65, 53.65, 53.54, 42.61, 29.78, 29.55, 20.72, 20.63, 14.13, 14.08.

1 mmol of terminal alkynes was loaded, yield: 73%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.23 (s, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 3.52-3.58 (m, 4H), 2.35 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.86-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.72 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  131.31, 120.33, 89.39, 81.26, 44.93, 44.59, 36.67, 31.77, 31.63, 25.92, 25.32, 18.62.

1 mmol of terminal alkynes was loaded, yield: 61%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.33 (s, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 2.47-2.50 (m, 4H), 2.26-2.37 (m, 4H), 1.84-1.90 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  129.00, 122.58, 119.43, 119.07, 87.73, 81.68, 35.86, 24.53, 23.71, 18.43, 16.28, 16.14.



1 mmol of terminal alkynes was loaded, yield: 81%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.41 (m, 6H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.29, 131.70, 130.64, 128.44, 128.38, 127.98, 127.86, 126.13, 123.13, 120.71, 90.81, 88.59.



1 mmol of terminal alkynes was loaded, yield: 92%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.21 (m, 4H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.52, 138.23, 134.63, 131.59, 130.56, 129.14, 129.12, 126.05, 120.14, 119.48, 90.84, 88.16, 21.59, 21.25.



1 mmol of terminal alkynes was loaded, yield: 91%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.70 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.45 (m, 4H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.37 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.65, 151.45, 134.67, 131.45, 130.53, 125.90, 125.38, 125.36, 120.23, 119.62, 90.82, 88.20, 34.87, 34.68, 31.38, 31.26.



1 mmol of terminal alkynes was loaded, yield: 94%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.74, 159.68, 133.11, 130.08, 127.36, 118.11, 115.28, 114.00, 113.70, 90.59, 87.54, 55.35, 55.32.



1 mmol of terminal alkynes was loaded, yield: 91%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.61-7.66 (m, 10H), 7.47 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.38 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.21, 140.59, 140.33, 136.25, 132.16, 130.25, 128.91, 128.86, 127.72, 127.51, 127.17, 127.09, 126.59, 122.00, 120.63, 90.86, 89.24.



1 mmol of terminal alkynes was loaded, yield: 69%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.97-7.07 (m, 8H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.78, 157.59, 156.93, 156.40, 133.31, 132.37, 129.94, 129.88, 129.84, 127.62, 123.92, 123.56, 119.52, 119.48, 119.15, 118.53, 118.41, 117.59, 90.46, 88.02.

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1 mmol of terminal alkynes was loaded, yield: 81%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.10 (m, 4H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 5.74 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.01 (d,  $J_{F-C} = 21.9$  Hz), 161.54 (d,  $J_{F-C} = 23.8$  Hz), 133.59 (d,  $J_{F-C} = 8.5$  Hz), 133.33 (d,  $J_{F-C} = 3.8$  Hz), 129.49, 127.85 (d,  $J_{F-C} = 7.6$  Hz), 120.50, 119.05 (d,  $J_{F-C} = 3.8$  Hz), 115.74 (d,  $J_{F-C} = 22.0$  Hz), 115.34 (d,  $J_{F-C} = 21.9$  Hz), 89.91, 88.06.



0.5 mmol of terminal alkynes and 0.5 mmol of internal alkynes were loaded, yield: 85%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.44 (m, 6H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.62, 137.26, 133.90, 131.97, 131.80, 129.95, 129.51, 128.66, 128.51, 127.21, 122.20, 102.59, 87.57, 30.68.



0.5 mmol of terminal alkynes and 0.5 mmol of internal alkynes were loaded, yield: 88%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.43 (m, 8H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 14.0Hz, 1H), 3.79-3.94 (m, 4H), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.39; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.63 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 136.88 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 131.86, 129.38, 129.20, 128.80, 128.43, 128.01, 123.37, 121.81 (d, *J* = 64.9 Hz), 94.56 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 90.19 (d, *J* = 32.4 Hz), 61.88 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 16.12 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz).

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Temperature:	183 K		5		
	Calculated	Report	ed		
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Space group	P c a 21	Pca2(1)			
Hall group	P 2c -2ac	?			
Moiety formula	C32 H47 O2 P3 Pd	?			
Sum formula	C32 H47 O2 P3 Pd	C32 H4	7 O2 P3 Pd		
Mr	663.01	663.01			
Dx,g cm-3	1.336	1.336			
Z	4	4			
Mu (mm-1)	0.734	0.734			
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F000'	1381.63				
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Nref	3968[ 7578]	7483			
Tmin,Tmax	0.753,0.929	0.758,	0.930		
Tmin'	0.738				
Correction method= MULTI-SCAN					
Data completeness= 1.89/0.99 Theta(max) = 27.500			.500		
R(reflections) = 0.0241( 6950) wR2(reflections) = 0.0610( 7483)			s)= 0.0610( 7483)		
S = 1.022 Npar= 349					

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PLAT860_ALERT_3_G Note: Number of Least-Squares Restraints ..... 6

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Temperature:	93 K				
	Calculated			Reported	
Volume	3027.9(6)			3028.0(6)	
Space group	P 21/n			P2(1)/n	
Hall group	-P 2yn			?	
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F000'	1269.20				
h,k,lmax	13,16,22			13,16,22	
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