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Preparation of tricationic tris(pyridylpalladium(II)) metallacyclophane as an anion receptor

Supporting Information

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General. All manipulations were carried out under nitrogen atmosphere. NMR spectra were recorded on a Agilent UNITY INOVA 500 (500 MHz for ¹H, 126 MHz for ¹³C, and 202 MHz for ³¹P) or a Agilent Mercury 300 (300 MHz for ¹H). Chemical shifts were reported in δ ppm referenced to an internal tetramethylsilane standard or residual DMSO-*d*₅ (δ 2.49 ppm) for ¹H NMR. CDCl₃ (δ 77.0 ppm) or DMSO-*d*₆ (δ 39.5 ppm) was used as internal reference for ¹³C NMR. An external 85% H₃PO₄ standard was used for ³¹P NMR. ¹H, ¹³C, and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded at 25 °C unless otherwise noted. IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-4200. Nominal (LRMS) and exact mass (HRMS) spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMS-T100LP.

Materials. All reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification.



Preparation of 2

An oven-dried 200 mL 2-necked flask equipped with a condenser was charged with 3,5-dibromobenzene (711 mg, 3.00 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (3.47 g, 3.00 mmol), and 1,4-dioxane (90 mL) at nitrogen atmosphere, and the mixture was refluxed for 22 h. After allowed to room temperature, the mixture was evaporated, and the residue was washed with ethyl acetate for four times. The resulting precipitate was dried under reduced pressure to give **2** as a white solid (2.34 g, 90% yield); mp. > 258 °C (decomp.); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.93 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.54 (m, 12H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.35 (m, 6H), 7.34–7.28 (m, 12H), 6.65–6.62 (m, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 159.0 (t, *J*(C,P) = 5 Hz), 151.4 (t, *J*(C,P) = 4 Hz), 145.1 (t, *J*(C,P) = 4 Hz), 143.3, 134.5 (t, *J*(C,P) = 6 Hz), 130.39 (t, *J*(C,P) = 23 Hz), 130.35, 128.1 (t, *J*(C,P) = 5 Hz), 120.7; ³¹P{¹H} NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 23.9; IR (ATR) 3055, 3008, 1519, 1478, 1432, 1095, 999, 864, 741, 690, 521, 508 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) *m/z* 869 ([M+H]⁺, 100), 825 ([M–Br+Cl+H]⁺, 90), 630 ([M–PPh₃+Na+H]⁺, 72), 789 ([M–Br]⁺, 60), 1693 ([2M–Br+Cl+H]⁺, 10), 1649 ([2M–2Br+2Cl+H]⁺, 6), 1737 ([2M+H]⁺, 4); HRMS (ESI+): *m/z* Calcd. for C₄₁H₃₄Br₂NP₂Pd [M+H]⁺: 865.95681. Found: 865.95976.

Preparation of 3: a Typical Procedure

An oven-dried 500 mL 2-necked flask was charged with **2** (2.33 g, 2.68 mmol), 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane (1.05 g, 2.64 mmol), and benzene (230 mL) at nitrogen

atmosphere, and the suspension was stirred at room temperature for 22 h. The reaction mixture was then evaporated and the residue was dropped into vigorously stirred *n*-hexane (ca. 600 mL). The precipitate was filtered and dried under reduced pressure to give 3 as a white solid (1.95 g, quantitative yield); mp. > 255 °C (decomp.); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.25 (dd, J = 1 Hz, 3 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (dd, J = 1 Hz, 2 Hz, 1H), 7.93–7.87 (m, 4H), 7.54–7.46 (m, 8H), 7.45–7.37 (m, 8H), 7.20 and 7.19 (dd, J = 2 Hz, 3 Hz, 1H), 2.58–2.45 (m, 2H), 2.30–2.17 (m, 2H); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 157.0 (d, J(C,P) = 135Hz), 156.4, 153.7, 145.8 (d, J(C,P) = 3 Hz), 144.6, 133.4 (d, J(C,P) = 12 Hz), 133.0 (d, J(C,P)= 11 Hz, 132.0 (d, J(C,P) = 4 Hz), 131.2 (d, J(C,P) = 2 Hz), 130.2 (d, J(C,P) = 37 Hz), 129.2 (d, J(C,P) = 9 Hz), 129.1 (d, J(C,P) = 8 Hz), 127.9 (d, J(C,P) = 53 Hz), 120.9 (d, J(C,P) = 10Hz), 29.9 (dd, J(C,P) = 21 Hz, 33 Hz), 23.9 (dd, J(C,P) = 12 Hz, 27 Hz); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (202) MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 55.4 (*J*(P,P) = 24 Hz), 37.3 (*J*(P,P) = 24 Hz); IR (ATR) 3046, 3020, 2944, 2909, 1520, 1480, 1434, 1308, 1184, 1102, 1009, 868, 818, 747, 693, 532, 520 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) m/z 743 ([M+H]+, 100), 1404 ([2M-Br]+, 77), 1326 ([2M-BrPy]+, 52), 694 ([M-Br+CH₃OH]⁺, 37), 698 ([M-Br+Cl+H]⁺, 28), 1282 ([2M-BrPy-Br+Cl]⁺, 24), 924 ([M–Br+PPh₃]⁺, 24), 1359 ([2M–2Br+Cl]⁺, 13), 1090 ([M–Br+DPPE+CH₃OH]⁺, 13); HRMS (ESI+): *m/z* Calcd. for C₃₁H₂₈Br₂NP₂Pd [M+H]⁺: 739.90986. Found: 739.91377.

7: 98% yield as a colorless crystal; mp. > 242 °C (decomp.); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.16 (dd, J = 2 Hz, 4 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dd, J = 1 Hz, 3 Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.64 (m, 6H), 7.63–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.42 (m, 8H), 7.38–7.29 (m, 8H), 7.25 and 7.23 (dd, J = 2 Hz, 4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 157.4 (d, J(C,P) = 136 Hz), 156.9, 153.7 (d, J(C,P) = 4 Hz), 146.0 (d, J(C,P) = 7 Hz), 144.8, 143.6 (dd, J(C,P) = 46 Hz, 52 Hz), 140.7 (dd, J(C,P) = 35 Hz, 42 Hz), 134.3 (d, J(C,P) = 16 Hz), 133.8 (d, J(C,P) = 12 Hz), 133.5 (d, J(C,P) = 17 Hz), 133.2 (d, J(C,P) = 11 Hz), 132.6–132.2 (m), 131.7 (d, J(C,P) = 2 Hz), 131.1, 130.4 (d, J(C,P) = 41 Hz), 129.0 (d, J(C,P) = 11 Hz), 128.9 (d, J(C,P) = 10 Hz), 128.5 (d, J(C,P) = 55 Hz), 120.8 (d, J(C,P) = 10 Hz); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 55.2 (J(P,P) = 24 Hz), 45.6 (J(P,P) = 24 Hz); IR (ATR) 3047, 3025, 2972, 1523, 1480, 1433, 1303, 1181, 1159, 1098, 1007, 867, 747, 690, 666, 546, 525 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) m/z 1499 ([2M–Br]⁺, 100), 1185 ([M–Br+DPPBenz+CH₃OH]⁺, 57), 1326 ([2M–BrPy]⁺, 52), 742 ([M–Br+CH₃OH]⁺, 41), 710 ([M–Br]⁺, 18); HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for C₇₀H₅₄Br₃N₂P₄Pd₂ [2M–Br]⁺: 1494.88572. Found: 1494.89538.

Preparation of 1·(NO₃)₃: a Typical Procedure

An oven-dried 100 mL 2-necked flask was charged with 3 (381 mg, 0.514 mmol), DMF (25 mL), and chloroform (13 mL) at nitrogen atmosphere, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min. To the solution was added silver nitrate (87.4 mg, 0.514 mmol) at rt, and the suspension was stirred at intact temperature for 20 h. The mixture was then

concentrated to ca. 20 mL and filtered through Celite pad. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give $1 \cdot (NO_3)_3$ as a white solid, which was further purified by crystallization from its DMF/chloroform (1:1) solution by vapor diffusion with diethyl ether (357 mg, 96% yield as a colorless crystal); mp. > 225 °C (decomp.); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 9.96 (s, 3H), 8.25 (dd, J = 8 Hz, 13 Hz, 6H), 7.94 (dd, J = 7 Hz, 12 Hz, 6H), 7.68 (dt, J = 3 Hz, 8 Hz, 6H), 7.47 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H), 7.37–7.19 (m, 21H), 7.09 (dt, J = 3 Hz, 9 Hz, 6H), 7.05 (t, J = 2 Hz, 3H), 6.95 (t, J = 13 Hz, 6H), 6.93 (t, J = 13 Hz, 6H), 6.80 (d, J = 7Hz, 3H), 3.53–3.38 (m, 3H), 3.23–3.07 (m, 3H), 2.62–2.42 (m, 3H), 2.00–1.82 (m, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 161.5 (dd, J(C,P) = 4 Hz, 121 Hz), 153.1 (d, J(C,P) = 5 Hz, 148.6 (d, J(C,P) = 5 Hz), 145.9, 135.3 (d, J(C,P) = 12 Hz), 134.8 (d, J(C,P) = 12 Hz) 13 Hz), 132.6, 132.1, 132.0 (d, J(C,P) = 10 Hz), 131.25 (d, J(C,P) = 10 Hz), 131.21, 130.8, 130.2 (d, J(C,P) = 11 Hz), 129.8 (d, J(C,P) = 11 Hz), 129.2 (d, J(C,P) = 10 Hz), 129.1 (d, J(C,P) = 41 Hz), 128.8 (d, J(C,P) = 11 Hz), 127.8 (d, J(C,P) = 46 Hz), 127.7 (d, J(C,P) = 56Hz), 127.4 (d, J(C,P) = 61 Hz), 120.5 (d, J(C,P) = 9 Hz), 31.5 (dd, J(C,P) = 17 Hz, 35 Hz), 25.5 (dd, J(C,P) = 9 Hz, 29 Hz); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 56.6 (J(P,P) = 18Hz), 46.3 (*J*(P,P) = 19 Hz); IR (ATR) 3050, 2954, 2922, 1655, 1520, 1435, 1332, 1107, 997, 876, 819, 748, 707, 692, 532 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) m/z 1024 ([M+NO₃]²⁺, 100), 734 ([BrPy(dppe)+THF]⁺, 18), 1386 ([M–BrPyPd(dppe)+NO₃]⁺, 16), 662 ([BrPyPd(dppe)]⁺, 13), 2110 ($[M+2NO_3]^+$, 3); HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for $C_{93}H_{81}Br_3N_4O_3P_6Pd_3$ [$M+NO_3$]²⁺: 2041.93890. Found: 2041.93943.

 $1 \cdot (BF_4)_3$: 96% yield as a colorless crystal; mp. > 237 °C (decomp.); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm) 9.51 (s, 3H), 8.29 (dd, J = 8 Hz, 13 Hz, 6H), 7.90 (dd, J = 7 Hz, 12 Hz, 6H), 7.71 (dt, J = 2 Hz, 8 Hz, 6H), 7.62 (dt, J = 2 Hz, 8 Hz, 3H), 7.53 (t, J = 8 Hz, 3H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 3H), 7.32–7.23 (m, 15H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 2 Hz, 3H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 7.06 (dt, *J* = 2 Hz, 8 Hz, 6H), 6.91–6.82 (m, 12H), 3.45–3.12 (m, 6H), 2.80–2.60 (m, 3H), 1.83–1.66 (m, 3H); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm) 162.6 (dd, J(C,P) = 3 Hz, 120 Hz), 152.3, 148.3, 145.2, 135.4 (d, *J*(C,P) = 13 Hz), 134.6 (d, *J*(C,P) = 14 Hz), 132.5, 131.75 (d, *J*(C,P) = 9 Hz), 131.72, 131.4 (d, J(C,P) = 11 Hz), 131.0, 130.5, 129.9 (d, J(C,P) = 9 Hz), 129.7 (d, J(C,P) = 41 Hz, 129.4 (d, J(C,P) = 10 Hz), 128.9 (d, J(C,P) = 40 Hz), 128.50 (d, J(C,P) = 56Hz), 128.48 (d, J(C,P) = 10 Hz), 128.0 (d, J(C,P) = 11 Hz), 127.3 (d, J(C,P) = 54 Hz), 119.4 $(d, J(C,P) = 9 Hz), 30.2 (dd, J(C,P) = 17 Hz, 35 Hz), 24.0 (dd, J(C,P) = 8 Hz, 30 Hz); {}^{31}P{}^{1}H{}$ NMR (202 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm) 57.5 (J(P,P) = 20 Hz), 45.7 (J(P,P) = 18 Hz); IR (ATR) 3054, 2970, 2930, 1739, 1520, 1435, 1050, 877, 818, 744, 690, 533, 520 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) m/z $1036 ([M+BF_4]^{2+}, 100), 1404 ([M-BrPyPd(dppe)+Br]^+, 42), 694 ([BrPy(dppe)+CH_3OH]^+, 29),$ 662 ([BrPyPd(dppe)]⁺, 18), 1410 ([M–BrPyPd(dppe)+BF₄]⁺, 8), 2159 ([M+2BF₄]⁺, 6); HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for C₉₃H₈₁Br₃F₄N₃P₆Pd₃ [M+BF₄]²⁺: 2066.95400. Found: 2066.94348. 1·(OTs)₃: 99% yield as a colorless crystal; mp. 230–233 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

(ppm) 10.17 (s, 3H), 8.35 (ddd, *J* = 2 Hz, 8 Hz, 13 Hz, 6H), 8.07 (dd, *J* = 7 Hz, 12 Hz, 6H), 7.98 (br s, 6H), 7.37–7.02 (m, 42H), 6.98 (dt, J = 8 Hz, 11 Hz, 6H), 6.84 (t, J = 2 Hz, 3H), 6.60 (d, J = 7 Hz, 3H), 3.53-3.38 (m, 3H), 3.31-3.11 (m, 3H), 2.63-2.40 (m, 3H), 2.37 (br s, 3H), 2.37 (br s, 3H), 3.53-3.38 (m, 3H), 3.53-3.11 (m, 3H), 3.53-3.40 (m, 3H), 3.50-3.40 (m, 3H), 3.50-3.40 (m, 3H), 3.50-3.40 (m, 3H), 3.50-3.409H), 2.01–1.87 (m, 3H); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 162.0 (dd, J(C,P) = 2 Hz, 109 Hz), 154.0 (d, J(C,P) = 5 Hz), 148.0 (d, J(C,P) = 3 Hz), 145.2, 145.0, 138.7, 135.6 (d, J(C,P) = 13 Hz, 135.2 (d, J(C,P) = 14 Hz), 132.15, 132.07 (d, J(C,P) = 9 Hz), 131.7, 131.4 (d, J(C,P) = 9 Hz), 131.1, 130.7, 129.7 (d, J(C,P) = 12 Hz), 129.5 (d, J(C,P) = 42 Hz), 129.32 (d, J(C,P) = 8 Hz), 129.25 (d, J(C,P) = 9 Hz), 128.7 (d, J(C,P) = 11 Hz), 128.5, 128.4 (d, J(C,P)= 41 Hz), 128.2 (d, J(C,P) = 55 Hz), 127.8 (d, J(C,P) = 55 Hz), 126.5, 120.1 (d, J(C,P) = 8Hz), 31.5 (dd, J(C,P) = 17 Hz, 34 Hz), 25.4 (dd, J(C,P) = 9 Hz, 29 Hz); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 55.5 (J(P,P) = 20 Hz), 45.4 (J(P,P) = 20 Hz); IR (ATR) 3050, 2916, 1739, 1633, 1519, 1484, 1434, 1199, 1105, 1033, 1011, 874, 815, 747, 693, 678, 563, 529 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) m/z 1078 ([M+OTs]²⁺, 100), 662 ([BrPyPd(dppe)]⁺, 35), 694 $([BrPy(dppe)+CH_3OH]^+,$ 33), $([M-BrPyPd(dppe)+Cl]^+,$ 29). 1495 1359 $([M-BrPyPd(dppe)+OTs]^+, 4)$, 2328 $([M+2OTs]^+, 2)$; HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for C₁₀₀H₈₈Br₃N₃O₃P₆Pd₃S [M+OTs]²⁺: 2150.96267. Found: 2150.95244.

Preparation of 1 · (SbF₆)₃: a Typical Procedure

An oven-dried 100 mL 2-necked flask was charged with 3 (1.95 g, 2.63 mmol), DMF (135 mL), and chloroform (68 mL) at nitrogen atmosphere, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min. To the solution was added nitrobenzene (270 µL, 2.63 mmol) and silver hexafluoroantimonate (904 mg, 2.63 mmol) at rt, and the suspension was stirred at intact temperature for 20 h. The mixture was then concentrated to ca. 100 mL and filtered through Celite pad. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give $3 \cdot (SbF_6)_3$ as a white solid, which was further purified by crystallization from its DMF/chloroform (1:1) solution by vapor diffusion with diethyl ether (1.54 g, 65% yield as a colorless crystal); mp. > 232 °C (decomp.); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm) 9.19 (s, 3H), 7.94–7.87 (m, 6H), 7.71 (dd, J = 8 Hz, 12 Hz, 6H), 7.60 (s, 3H), 7.55 (t, J = 8 Hz, 6H), 7.50–7.40 (m, 12H), 7.38–7.24 (m, 18H), 7.09 (d, J = 7 Hz, 3H), 7.04 (dd, J = 9 Hz, 12 Hz, 6H), 6.98 (dd, J = 9 Hz, 11 Hz, 6H), 3.40–3.20 (m, 3H), 3.17–2.96 (m, 3H), 2.60–2.2.55 (m, 3H), 2.30–2.13 (m, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm) 161.5 (d, J(C,P) = 122 Hz), 152.3, 148.6, 145.7, 134.1 (d, J(C,P) = 12 Hz), 133.8 (d, J(C,P) = 12 Hz), 132.7, 132.253 (d, J(C,P) = 9 Hz), 132.250, 131.6, 131.5 (d, J(C,P) = 11 Hz), 131.0, 129.5 (d, J(C,P) = 12 Hz), 129.4 (d, J(C,P)= 40 Hz), 128.7 (d, J(C,P) = 10 Hz), 128.5 (d, J(C,P) = 11 Hz), 128.1 (d, J(C,P) = 40 Hz), 128.0 (d, J(C,P) = 54 Hz), 127.8 (d, J(C,P) = 55 Hz), 119.8 (d, J(C,P) = 9 Hz), 29.7 (dd, J(C,P) = 17 Hz, 36 Hz), 24.5 (dd, J(C,P) = 9 Hz, 31 Hz); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (202 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm) 55.7 (J(P,P) = 19 Hz), 46.0 (J(P,P) = 18 Hz); IR (ATR) 3059, 2921, 1666,

1521, 1484, 1436, 1386, 1308, 1106, 1070, 998, 870, 813, 749, 692, 654, 530 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) m/z 1049 ([M+Br+CH₃OH]²⁺, 100), 662 ([BrPyPd(dppe)]⁺, 79), 1010 ([M+CI]²⁺, 62), 694 ([BrPy(dppe)+CH₃OH]⁺, 79), 1359 ([M–BrPyPd(dppe)+CI]⁺, 40), 1111 ([M+SbF₆]²⁺, 20), 1436 ([M–BrPyPd(dppe)+Br+CH₃OH]⁺, 19), 2333 ([M+SbF₆+Br]⁺, 2), 2257 ([M+SbF₆+CI]⁺, 2), 2457 ([M+2SbF₆]⁺, 1), 2209 ([M+2Br+2CH₃OH]⁺, 1); HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for C₉₃H₈₁Br₃F₁₂N₃P₆Pd₃Sb₂ [M+2SbF₆]⁺: 2449.73956. Found: 2449.74932.

4·(SbF₆)₃: 92% yield as a colorless crystal; mp. > 241 °C (decomp.); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm) 8.93 (s, 3H), 7.92–7.74 (m, 12H), 7.73–7.65 (m, 9H), 7.63–7.56 (m, 12H), 7.54 (t, J = 8 Hz, 3H), 7.50 (t, J = 8 Hz, 3H), 7.45–7.37 (m, 12H), 7.35–7.27 (m, 12H), 7.17 $(d, J = 8 Hz, 3H), 7.07 (dd, J = 9 Hz, 11 Hz, 12H); {}^{13}C{}^{1}H} NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d_6) \delta$ (ppm) 160.9 (d, J(C,P) = 122 Hz), 151.7, 148.3, 145.8, 141.0 (dd, J(C,P) = 43 Hz, 57 Hz), 138.2 (dd, J(C,P) = 31 Hz, 49 Hz), 134.1 (d, J(C,P) = 18 Hz), 134.0–133.7 (m), 133.4 (d, *J*(C,P) = 13 Hz), 132.74 (d, *J*(C,P) = 11 Hz), 132.68, 132.4, 132.2 (d, *J*(C,P) = 11 Hz), 132.0, 131.6, 129.8 (d, J(C,P) = 12 Hz), 129.7 (d, J(C,P) = 13 Hz), 129.1 (d, J(C,P) = 11 Hz), 128.8 (d, J(C,P) = 11 Hz), 128.2 (d, J(C,P) = 42 Hz), 127.2 (d, J(C,P) = 56 Hz), 126.4 (d, J(C,P) = 12 Hz)59 Hz), 126.3 (d, J(C,P) = 46 Hz), 119.8 (d, J(C,P) = 10 Hz); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 54.5 (*J*(P,P) = 22 Hz), 48.2 (*J*(P,P) = 22 Hz); IR (ATR) 3056, 2943, 1748, 1669, 1520, 1436, 1386, 1217, 1098, 998, 871, 748, 692, 654, 546, 527 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) m/z 742 ([M-2BrPyPd(dppbenz)+CH₃OH]⁺, 100), 710 ([M-2BrPyPd(dppbenz)]⁺, 79), 972 $([M-2BrPyPd(dppbenz)+PPh_3]^+, 42), 1532 ([M-BrPyPd(dppe)+Br+CH_3OH]^+, 9), 1655$ $([M-BrPyPd(dppe)+SbF_6]^+, 2), 2601 ([M+2SbF_6]^+, 2), 2477 ([M+SbF_6+Br+CH_3OH]^+, 1);$ HRMS (ESI+): *m*/*z* Calcd. for C₁₀₅H₈₁Br₃F₁₂N₃P₆Pd₃Sb₂ [M+2SbF₆]⁺: 2593.73956. Found: 2593.75442.

2, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, in CDCl₃, 25 °C)



3, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, in CDCl₃, 25 °C)



7, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, in CDCl₃, 25 °C)



1·(NO₃)₃, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, in CDCl₃, 25 °C)



1·(NO₃)₃, ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, in CDCl₃, 25 °C)



1·(BF₄)₃, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, in DMSO-*d*₆, 25 °C)



1·(BF₄)₃, ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, in DMSO-*d*₆, 25 °C)



1·(OTs)₃, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, in CDCl₃, 25 °C)





1·(SbF₆)₃, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, in DMSO-*d*₆, 25 °C)



1·(SbF₆)₃, ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, in DMSO-*d*₆, 25 °C)



4·(SbF₆)₃, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, in DMSO-*d*₆, 25 °C)



4·(SbF₆)₃, ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, in DMSO-*d*₆, 25 °C)



¹H NMR experiment (Fig. 3)

NMR experiments were performed on a Agilent Mercury 300 (300 MHz) at 298 K. Each sample solution was prepared in a sample vial and transferred to a 5 mm quartz NMR tube with adjusting 50 mm of solution height.

Dye extraction experiment (Fig. 4)

The dye solution was prepared by dissolving 5·Na (1.25 mg, 3.0 μ mol, for (b)) or 6·Na (0.98 mmg, 3.0 μ mol, for (c)) in water (300 mL). The dye solution (10 mL) and chloroform (10 mL) was added to a sample vial, and the bilayer was shaken and left to stand (left). To this bilayer was then added 1·(SbF₆)₃ (0.27 mg, 0.10 μ mol) and the bilayer was again shaken and left to stand (right).

Single crystal X-ray diffraction experiment (Fig. 2, S1, S2, S3, S4, and S5)

A single crystal was immersed in Paratone-N oil and placed in the N₂ cold stream at 173 K. Data were collected using a diffractometer with Dectris PILATUS3R 200K-A detector (RIGAKU XtaLAB Pro, CuK α : λ = 1.54184 Å). Absorption correction was performed by an empirical method implemented in SCALE3 ABSPACK. Structure solution and refinement were performed by using SHELXT-2018/2¹ and SHELXL-2018/3². Hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically on the calculated positions using a riding model (AFIX 137, 23, 33 and 43) with U_{iso} values constrained to 1.2/1.5 U_{eq} of their parent atoms.

1·(**NO**₃)₃: colourless prismatic crystal (0.500 × 0.300 × 0.200 mm³), obtained from DMF/CHCl₃/*n*-hexane.

 $C_{101}H_{97}Br_3Cl_6N_8O_{11}P_6Pd_3$, Mr = 2556.31; triclinic, space group P-1, Z = 2, $D_{calc} = 1.618$ g·cm⁻³, a = 16.3967(3), b = 16.6563(2), c = 23.2181(4) Å, $\alpha = 73.1360(10)$, $\beta = 73.9560(10)$, $\gamma = 61.181(2)^\circ$, V = 5245.82(17) Å³, 63189 measured and 20004 independent $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections, 1257 parameters, 6 restraints, final $R_1 = 0.0478$, $wR_2 = 0.1309$, S = 1.030 $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$. CCDC 2109899

Hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically on the calculated positions using a riding model (AFIX 13, 137, 23 and 43) with U_{iso} values constrained to 1.2/1.5 U_{eq} of their parent atoms.

1·(**BF**₄)₃: colourless plate crystal (0.080 × 0.050 × 0.010 mm³), obtained from DMF/CHCl₃/*n*-hexane.

 $C_{101}H_{97}B_3Br_3Cl_6F_{12}N_5O_2P_6Pd_3$, Mr = 2630.71; triclinic, space group P-1, Z = 2, $D_{calc} = 1.629$ g·cm⁻³, a = 16.4427(3), b = 16.7626(3), c = 23.5756(4) Å, $\alpha = 72.5019(15)$, $\beta = 74.1791(14)$, $\gamma = 61.1214(19)^\circ$, V = 5363.12(19) Å³, 57487 measured and 13963 independent $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections, 1274 parameters, final $R_1 = 0.1220$, $wR_2 = 0.3137$, S = 1.204 $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$. CCDC

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Hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically on the calculated positions using a riding model (AFIX 13, 137, 23 and 43) with U_{iso} values constrained to 1.2/1.5 U_{eq} of their parent atoms.

1·(**OTs**)₃: colourless plate crystal (0.200 × 0.150 × 0.020 mm³), obtained from DMF/Et₂O. C₁₁₇H_{109.6}Br₃N₄O_{10.3}P₆Pd₃S₃, *M*r = 2577.592; triclinic, space group *P*-1, *Z* = 2, *D*_{calc} = 1.572 g·cm⁻³, *a* = 14.6590(2), *b* = 18.6024(2), *c* = 22.3327(3) Å, *a* = 76.0582(10), *β* = 86.6453(11), $\gamma = 67.2209(12)^{\circ}$, *V* = 5445.46(13) Å³, 62210 measured and 15252 independent [*I* > 2 σ (*I*)] reflections, 1273 parameters, final *R*₁ = 0.0697, *wR*₂ = 0.1829, *S* = 1.079 [*I* > 2 σ (*I*)]. CCDC 2109901

Hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically on the calculated positions using a riding model (AFIX 137, 23 and 43) with U_{iso} values constrained to 1.2/1.5 U_{eq} of their parent atoms. In the final stage of structure refinement, The solvent mask in Olex2³ was applied.

1·(**SbF**₆)₃: colourless prismatic crystal (0.200 × 0.200 × 0.100 mm³), obtained from acetone/*tert*-butyl methyl ether.

 $C_{108}H_{106}Br_3F_{18}N_4P_6Pd_3Sb_3$, Mr = 3008.118; triclinic, space group P-1, Z = 2, $D_{calc} = 1.825$ g·cm⁻³, a = 16.8469(4), b = 18.3312(3), c = 21.5816(3) Å, $\alpha = 71.4480(10)$, $\beta = 69.156(2)$, $\gamma = 63.581(2)^\circ$, V = 5475.5(2) Å³, 68796 measured and 17352 independent $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections, 1162 parameters, final $R_1 = 0.0605$, $wR_2 = 0.1638$, S = 0.996 $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$. CCDC 2109902

Hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically on the calculated positions using a riding model (AFIX 23 and 43) with U_{iso} values constrained to 1.2 U_{eq} of their parent atoms.

In the final stage of structure refinement, The solvent mask in Olex2³ was applied.

 $1 \cdot (OTs)(SbF_6)_2$: colourless plate crystal (0.150 × 0.100 × 0.020 mm³), obtained from DMF/CHCl₃/Et₂O.

 $C_{115.45}H_{124.65}Br_3F_{12}N_{8.15}O_{8.45}P_6Pd_3SSb_2$, Mr = 3010.042; monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$, Z = 4, $D_{calc} = 1.637 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$, a = 16.5257(3), b = 35.6560(4), c = 21.5547(3) Å, $\beta = 105.892(2)^\circ$, V = 12215.5(3) Å³, 74152 measured and 18794 independent $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections, 1611 parameters, 608 restraints, final $R_1 = 0.0615$, $wR_2 = 0.1552$, S = 0.9917 $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$. CCDC 2109903

Hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically on the calculated positions using a riding model (AFIX 137, 23, 33 and 43) with U_{iso} values constrained to 1.2/1.5 U_{eq} of their parent atoms.

In the final stage of structure refinement, The solvent mask in Olex2³ was applied.



Fig. S1 Crystal structure of $1 \cdot (OTs)(SbF_6)_2$ obtained from a mixture of $1 \cdot (SbF_6)_3$ and TBAOTs drawn by the stick model. Front (left) and top (right) views. Metallacyclophane 1^{3+} is shown in gray, *p*-toluenesulfonate ion in yellow, and hexafluoroantimonate ion in green. Solvent molecules (DMF) are omitted for clarity.

2: colorless plate crystal ($0.100 \times 0.100 \times 0.010 \text{ mm}^3$), obtained from CHCl₃/Et₂O.

 $C_{41}H_{33}Br_2NP_2Pd$, Mr = 867.84; monoclinic, space group Pc, Z = 4, $D_{calc} = 1.611$ g·cm⁻³, a = 12.33630(10), b = 11.97080(10), c = 24.3472(2) Å, $\beta = 95.4730(10)^\circ$, V = 3579.09(5) Å³, 21865 measured and 10039 independent $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections, 891 parameters, 62 restraints, final $R_1 = 0.0484$, $wR_2 = 0.1264$, S = 1.039 $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$. CCDC 2109904

Hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically on the calculated positions using a riding model (AFIX 43) with U_{iso} values constrained to 1.2 U_{eq} of their parent atoms.



Fig. S2 An ORTEP drawing of the crystal structure of **2** (30% probability).

3: colourless plate crystal ($0.350 \times 0.200 \times 0.200 \text{ mm}^3$), obtained from CHCl₃/Et₂O.

 $C_{31}H_{27}Br_2NP_2Pd$, Mr = 741.69; monoclinic, space group $P2_1/n$, Z = 4, $D_{calc} = 1.713$ g·cm⁻³, a = 9.71886(11), b = 16.93137(16), c = 17.59126(16) Å, $\beta = 96.4054(9)^\circ$, V = 2876.63(5) Å³, 18017 measured and 5252 independent $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections, 334 parameters, final $R_1 = 0.0518$, $wR_2 = 0.1385$, S = 1.123 $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$. CCDC 2109905

Hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically on the calculated positions using a riding model (AFIX 23 and 43) with U_{iso} values constrained to 1.2 U_{eq} of their parent atoms.



Fig. S3 An ORTEP drawing of the crystal structure of 3 (50% probability).

 $4 \cdot (SbF_6)_3$: colourless block crystal (0.350 × 0.150 × 0.100 mm³), obtained from acetone/*tert*-butyl methyl ether.

 $C_{125.66}H_{122.32}Br_3F_{18}N_3O_{6.89}P_6Pd_3Sb_3$, Mr = 3236.917; monoclinic, space group $P2_1/n$, Z = 4, $D_{calc} = 1.536 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$, a = 13.51766(15), b = 26.3003(2), c = 36.6039(4) Å, $\beta = 94.7417(10)^\circ$, V = 12968.8(2) Å³, 88803 measured and 22039 independent $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections, 1448 parameters, 318 restraints, final $R_1 = 0.0856$, $wR_2 = 0.2223$, $S = 1.0268 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$. CCDC 2109906

Hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically on the calculated positions using a riding model (AFIX 137, 33 and 43) with U_{iso} values constrained to 1.2/1.5 U_{eq} of their parent atoms.

In the final stage of structure refinement, The solvent mask in Olex2³ was applied.



Fig. S4 An ORTEP drawing of the crystal structure of $4 \cdot (SbF_6)_3$ (30% probability).

7: low diffracting colourless plate crystal ($0.800 \times 0.150 \times 0.070 \text{ mm}^3$), obtained from CHCl₃/Et₂O.

 $C_{36}H_{28}Br_2Cl_3NP_2Pd$, Mr = 909.10; monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$, Z = 4, $D_{calc} = 1.696$ g·cm⁻³, a = 11.88724(13), b = 19.9861(2), c = 15.1044(2) Å, $\beta = 97.0850(12)^\circ$, V = 3561.11(8) Å³, 19825 measured and 5382 independent $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections, 383 parameters, 108 restraints, final $R_1 = 0.1562$, $wR_2 = 0.4345$, S = 1.906 $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$. CCDC 2109907

Hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically on the calculated positions using a riding model (AFIX 13 and 43) with U_{iso} values constrained to 1.2 U_{eq} of their parent atoms. SIMU/RIGU/EADP were applied in the refinement.



Fig. S5 An ORTEP drawing of the crystal structure of 7 (30% probability).

NMR titration experiment (binding studies, Fig. S6–S12)

NMR measurements were performed on a Agilent Mercury 300 (300 MHz) at 298 K. Each sample solution was prepared by mixing 500 μ L of $1 \cdot (SbF_6)_3$ solution (8.0 or 10.0 mM in DMSO- d_6) and the appropriate amount (25–500 μ L) of the solution of each TBA salt of guest anion (10.0 mM in DMSO- d_6) followed by adjusting the total amount of 1.0 mL with DMSO- d_6 , and transferred to a 5 mm quartz NMR tube with adjusting 50 mm of solution height.



Fig. S6 (a) Binding curve for 1^{3+} titrated with NO₃⁻ from ¹H NMR signal of 1^{3+} in DMSO-*d*₆ at 25 °C. (b) Partial ¹H NMR spectra (300 MHz, 25 °C in DMSO-*d*₆) of mixtures of $1 \cdot (SbF_6)_4$ and TBANO₃ in various mole fraction ratio. The fitting curves in (a) were drawn according to the host:guest = 1:1 binding constant analysis using *supramolecular.org* program.⁴



Fig. S7 (a) Binding curve for 1^{3+} titrated with BF₄⁻ from ¹H NMR signal of 1^{3+} in DMSO-*d*₆ at 25 °C. (b) Partial ¹H NMR spectra (300 MHz, 25 °C in DMSO-*d*₆) of mixtures of $1 \cdot (SbF_6)_4$ and TBABF₄ in various mole fraction ratio. The fitting curves in (a) were drawn according to the host:guest = 1:1 binding constant analysis using *supramolecular.org* program.⁴



Fig. S8 (a) Binding curve for 1^{3+} titrated with ClO₄⁻ from ¹H NMR signal of 1^{3+} in DMSO-*d*₆ at 25 °C. (b) Partial ¹H NMR spectra (300 MHz, 25 °C in DMSO-*d*₆) of mixtures of $1 \cdot (SbF_6)_4$ and TBAClO₄ in various mole fraction ratio. The fitting curves in (a) were drawn according to the host:guest = 1:1 binding constant analysis using *supramolecular.org* program.⁴



Fig. S9 (a) Binding curve for 1^{3+} titrated with HSO₄⁻ from ¹H NMR signal of 1^{3+} in DMSO-*d*₆ at 25 °C. (b) Partial ¹H NMR spectra (300 MHz, 25 °C in DMSO-*d*₆) of mixtures of $1 \cdot (SbF_6)_4$ and TBAHSO₄ in various mole fraction ratio. The fitting curves in (a) were drawn according to the host:guest = 1:1 binding constant analysis using *supramolecular.org* program.⁴



Fig. S10 (a) Binding curve for 1^{3+} titrated with TsO⁻ from ¹H NMR signal of 1^{3+} in DMSO-*d*₆ at 25 °C. (b) Partial ¹H NMR spectra (300 MHz, 25 °C in DMSO-*d*₆) of mixtures of $1 \cdot (SbF_6)_4$ and TBAOTs in various mole fraction ratio. The fitting curves in (a) were drawn according to the host:guest = 1:1 binding constant analysis using *supramolecular.org* program.⁴



Fig. S11 (a) Binding curve for 4^{3+} titrated with BF₄⁻ from ¹H NMR signal of 4^{3+} in DMSO- d_6 at 25 °C. (b) Partial ¹H NMR spectra (300 MHz, 25 °C in DMSO- d_6) of mixtures of $4 \cdot (SbF_6)_4$ and TBABF₄ in various mole fraction ratio. The fitting curves in (a) were drawn according to the host:guest = 1:1 binding constant analysis using *supramolecular.org* program.⁴



Fig. S12 (a) Binding curve for 4^{3+} titrated with TsO⁻ from ¹H NMR signal of 4^{3+} in DMSO- d_6 at 25 °C. (b) Partial ¹H NMR spectra (300 MHz, 25 °C in DMSO- d_6) of mixtures of $4 \cdot (SbF_6)_4$ and TBAOTs in various mole fraction ratio. The fitting curves in (a) were drawn according to the host:guest = 1:1 binding constant analysis using *supramolecular.org* program.⁴

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