## **Supporting Information**

# Facile immobilization of P<sup>N</sup>N<sup>N</sup>P-Pd pincer complexes in MFU-4*I*-OH and the effects of guest loading on Lewis acid catalytic activity

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Figure S1. PXRD patterns of PdI-x



Figure S2. Acid-digested <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H/ DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of PdI-0.06



Figure S3. Acid-digested <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H/ DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of PdI-0.10



Figure S4. Acid-digested <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H/ DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of PdI-0.18



Figure S5. Acid-digested <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H/ DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of PdI-0.40



Figure S6. Acid-digested <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H/ DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of PdI-0.50



Figure S7. Acid-digested <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra (CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H/DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of PdI-x

Entry	Equiv. of H <sub>3</sub> (P <sup>N</sup> N <sup>N</sup> P-PdI) added to MFU-4 <i>I</i> -OH	Equiv. of H₃(P <sup>N</sup> N <sup>N</sup> P-PdI) adsorbed
1	0.06	0.06
2	0.10	0.10
3	0.16	0.16
4	0.18	0.18
5	0.25	0.25
6	0.40	0.40
7	1.00	0.50
8	1.00 (MFU-4 <i>I</i> -CI)	0.00

**Figure S8**. Quantification of  $H_3(P^NN^P-PdI)$  adsorbed in MFU-4/-OH upon reaction with varying amounts of complex. The amount of  $H_3(P^NN^P-PdI)$  added/adsorbed is given as equivalents per formula unit MOF ( $Zn_5(OH)_4(btdd)_3$ ).



Figure S9. Alternating pore structure of MFU-4/-OH showing the Type A (~12 Å, red) and Type B (~18 Å, cyan) pores.



Figure S10. XRF spectra of PdI-x



Figure S11. DFT differential pore volume plots for MFU-4*I*-OH, PdI-0.06, PdI-0.16, and PdI-0.40 calculated using the infinite slit adsorption model with 2D-non-local density functional theory.



**Figure 12.** a) Approximate Zn····Zn intercluster distances in the Zn–OH functionalized pore of MFU-4/-OH. b) Approximate distances between the carboxylic acid groups of H<sub>3</sub>(PNNNP-PdI).

The similarity between the MFU-4*I*-OH intercluster distances and distances between the carboxylic acid groups of  $H_3$ (PNNNP-PdI) support the notion that the encapsulated PNNNP-PdI complex can simultaneously bind to multiple Zn sites of the node.



Figure S13. XRF spectra of PdBF4-x



Figure S14. Acid-digested  $^{31}P\{^{1}H\}$  NMR spectrum (CF\_3CO\_2H/DMSO-d\_6) of PdBF\_4-0.40



Figure S15. Acid digested <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H/ DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of PdBF<sub>4</sub>-0.06



Figure S16. Acid digested <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H/ DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of PdBF<sub>4</sub>-0.10



Figure S17. Acid digested <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H/ DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of PdBF<sub>4</sub>-0.18



Figure S18. Acid digested <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H/DMSO) of PdBF<sub>4</sub>-0.40



Figure S19. PXRD patterns of PdBF4-x



**Figure S20.** Experimental kinetic data collected during the catalytic cyclization of citronellal (100 mM) with PdBF<sub>4</sub>-x (0.5 mol % Pd) using a single term exponential fit at loadings of x = 0.06 (green) and 0.10 (black) equiv. Pd per formula unit. At loadings of x = 0.18 (red) and 0.40 (blue) equiv. Pd per formula unit, a linear regression model is used for fitting.



Substrate	Retention Time (min)	Integration (a.u)	<b>Response Factor</b>	Yield (%)
Isopulegol	6.987	390229	1.98	62
Citronellal	7.182	31803	1.98	5
Diastereomers	7.233-7.720	205349	1.98	33
Hexamethylbenzene	13.322	1845798	1.00	_

Figure S21. GC-FID trace of the carbonyl-ene cyclization of citronellal with PdBF<sub>4</sub>-0.06 (0.5 mol % Pd) (0.2 mmol hexamethylbenzene internal standard)



Substrate	Retention Time (min)	Integration (a.u)	<b>Response Factor</b>	Yield (%)
Isopulegol	6.987	268065	1.98	51
Citronellal	7.182	120160	1.98	22
Diastereomers	7.233-7.720	142103	1.98	27
Hexamethylbenzene	13.322	2803957	1.00	_

Figure S22. GC-FID trace of the carbonyl-ene cyclization of citronellal with PdBF<sub>4</sub>-0.10 (0.5 mol % Pd) (0.2 mmol hexamethylbenzene internal standard)



Substrate	Retention Time (min)	Integration (a.u)	<b>Response Factor</b>	Yield (%)
Isopulegol	6.987	206918	1.98	21
Citronellal	7.182	678981	1.98	68
Diastereomers	7.233-7.720	113207	1.98	11
Hexamethylbenzene	13.322	2455973	1.00	_

Figure S23. GC-FID trace of the carbonyl-ene cyclization of citronellal with PdBF<sub>4</sub>-0.18 (0.5 mol % Pd) (0.2 mmol hexamethylbenzene internal standard)



Substrate	Retention Time (min)	Integration (a.u)	<b>Response Factor</b>	Yield (%)
Isopulegol	6.987	77705	1.98	7.6
Citronellal	7.182	941518	1.98	92
Diastereomers	7.233-7.720	4288	1.98	0.4
Hexamethylbenzene	13.322	3282212	1.00	_

Figure S24. GC-FID trace of the carbonyl-ene cyclization of citronellal with PdBF<sub>4</sub>-0.40 (0.5 mol % Pd) (0.2 mmol hexamethylbenzene internal standard)



Figure S25. PXRD pattern of PdBF4-0.06 after recyclability studies



Figure S26. Acid digested <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H/ DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of PdBF<sub>4</sub>-0.06 after catalysis



Figure S27. Experimental data collected for recycled catalyst during the cyclization of citronellal (100 mM) with PdBF<sub>4</sub>-0.06





Analyte	Retention Time (min)	Response Factor	Integration Run 1	Yield (%) Run 1	Integration (a.u) Run 2	Yield (%) Run 2	Integration Run 3	Yield (%) Run 3
Isopulegol	6.987	1.98	179397	74.6	796064	77.9	1176068	74.9
Citronellal	7.182	1.98	7123	3.0	34737	3.4	68142	4.3
Diastereomers	7.233-7.720	1.98	54039	22.4	190969	18.7	326638	20.8
Hexamethylbenzene	13.322	1.00	1057531		3789368	_	5611119	_

**Figure S28.** GC-FID data collected for the catalyst recycling studies with **PdBF<sub>4</sub>-0.06** (0.5 mol % Pd, 0.2 mmol hexamethylbenzene internal standard).

**Procedure for hot filtration test.** The catalytic citronellal cyclization reaction was prepared as described in the Experimental section with **PdBF**<sub>4</sub>**-0.18** (0.5 mol % Pd) following minor modifications. A 100 mM solution of citronellal in toluene containing a known amount of hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard was combined with 0.5 mol% **PdBF**<sub>4</sub>**-0.18**. The reaction mixture was heated and monitored by GC-FID to determine product yields. After 20 minutes, the reaction mixture was decanted from the solid MOF and filtered through a 0.45 µm syringe filter. The reaction was transferred to a clean vial, sealed, and allowed to proceed for an additional 40 minutes. Reaction aliquots were periodically characterized by GC-FID and showing no substrate conversion after removal of the MOF catalyst.

![](_page_18_Figure_1.jpeg)

Figure S29. Experimental data collected during hot filtration test for the cyclization of citronellal (100 mM) with PdBF<sub>4</sub>-0.18

Entry	Catalyst	mmol·g <sub>cat</sub> <sup>-1</sup> ·h <sup>-1</sup>	Ref
1	PdBF <sub>4</sub> -0.06	9.16	
2	PdBF <sub>4</sub> -0.10	12.20	
3	PdBF <sub>4</sub> -0.18	8.48	
4	PdBF <sub>4</sub> -0.40	4.10	
5	Sn-beta (Si:Sn 82)	341.17	1
7	MOF-808-2.5SO4	83.10	2
9	hcp UiO-66	9.60	3
10	UiO-66	8.83	3
11	UiO-66-NO <sub>2</sub>	4.93	4
12	UiO-66-NO <sub>2</sub> -10 <sub>HCI</sub>	2.14	5
13	Dehydrated UiO-66	1.32	6
14	UiO-66-350	1.00	7
15	Pd@MIL-101-Cr	0.92	8
16	MIL-101-Cr	0.62	8
17	Zr-Ti-NDC	0.56	9
18	Cu <sub>3</sub> (btc) <sub>2</sub>	0.55	10
19	Hydrated UiO-66	0.43	6
20	MIL-100(Fe)	0.18	11

**Figure S30.** Literature examples of heterogenous catalysts for the cyclization of citronellal. Activity is reported as mmol of substrate consumed per gram of catalyst per hour (mmol· $g_{cat}^{-1}\cdot h^{-1}$ ).

![](_page_19_Figure_2.jpeg)

**Figure S31**. Experimental data collected during the cyclization of citronellal (100 mM) with **Ph**<sub>4</sub>-**P<sup>N</sup>N<sup>N</sup>P-PdBF**<sub>4</sub> (0.5 mol % Pd) using single term exponential fits.

![](_page_20_Figure_0.jpeg)

**Figure S32.** Experimental data collected during the catalytic cyclization of citronellal (100 mM) with **PdBF**<sub>4</sub>**-0.06** (0.5 mol % Pd) using a single term exponential fit (green) and **Ph**<sub>4</sub>**-P**<sup>N</sup>**N**<sup>N</sup>**P**-**PdBF**<sub>4</sub> using two separate single term exponential fits (purple).

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Analyte	Retention Time (min)	Integration (a.u)	<b>Response Factor</b>	Yield (%)
Isopulegol	6.987	816483	1.98	69.3
Citronellal	7.182	49783	1.98	4.3
Diastereomers	7.233-7.720	315448	1.98	26.4
Hexamethylbenzene	13.322	6401646	1.00	—

**Figure S33.** GC-FID trace of the carbonyl-ene cyclization of citronellal with Ph<sub>4</sub>-P<sup>N</sup>N<sup>N</sup>P-PdBF<sub>4</sub> (0.5 mol % Pd) (0.2 mmol hexamethylbenzene internal standard)

![](_page_22_Figure_0.jpeg)

**Figure S34.** Initial rate constants calculated from the experimental data collected during the first time points for the cyclization of citronellal (100 mM) with the **PdBF<sub>4</sub>-x** series and the homogenous catalyst Ph<sub>4</sub>-P<sup>N</sup>N<sup>N</sup>P-PdBF<sub>4</sub> (0.5 mol % Pd)

### Overview and Preparation of Homogenous Analogue Ph<sub>4</sub>-PNNNP-PdBF<sub>4</sub>

Ph<sub>4</sub>-P<sup>N</sup>N<sup>N</sup>P-PdBF<sub>4</sub> was synthesized from Ph<sub>4</sub>-P<sup>N</sup>N<sup>N</sup>P-Pdl according to the method reported previously for tBu<sub>4</sub>-P<sup>N</sup>N<sup>N</sup>P-PdBF<sub>4</sub>.<sup>12</sup> Oxidative ligand exchange of I<sup>-</sup> for BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> was carried out using 5 equivalents of NOBF<sub>4</sub> in a DCM:MeCN (v/v 1:1) solvent mixture. The reaction was monitored by <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectroscopy which showed the disappearance of the associated [P<sup>N</sup>N<sup>N</sup>P-PdI]<sup>+</sup> resonance at 73 ppm and appearance of a new resonance associated with [P<sup>N</sup>N<sup>N</sup>P-Pd-MeCN]<sup>+</sup> at 77 ppm. Minor resonances were observed at 75 ppm and 74 ppm consistent with partial iodination of the pyridyl backbone. Additionally, a minor resonance at 73 ppm consistent with [P<sup>N</sup>N<sup>N</sup>P-Pd-OH]<sup>+</sup> is observed owing to the presence of adventitious water.

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Figure S35. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of [Ph<sub>4</sub>-P<sup>N</sup>N<sup>N</sup>P-PdCl]Cl

![](_page_23_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure S36. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of [Ph<sub>4</sub>-P<sup>N</sup>N<sup>N</sup>P-PdCI]CI

![](_page_23_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure S37. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of [Ph<sub>4</sub>-P<sup>N</sup>N<sup>N</sup>P-PdI]I

![](_page_24_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure S39. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of [Ph<sub>4</sub>-P<sup>N</sup>N<sup>N</sup>P-PdI]I

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Figure S40. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CD<sub>3</sub>CN) of [Ph<sub>4</sub>-P<sup>N</sup>N<sup>N</sup>P-Pd-MeCN][BF<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>

![](_page_25_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure S41. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (CD<sub>3</sub>CN) of [Ph<sub>4</sub>-P<sup>N</sup>N<sup>N</sup>P-Pd-MeCN][BF<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>

![](_page_25_Figure_2.jpeg)

**Figure S42.** <sup>1</sup>H – <sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum (CD<sub>3</sub>CN) of [Ph<sub>4</sub>-P<sup>N</sup>N<sup>N</sup>P-Pd-MeCN][BF<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub> with red boxes to indicate pyridine backbone cross peaks

![](_page_26_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure S43. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (CD<sub>3</sub>CN) of [Ph<sub>4</sub>-P<sup>N</sup>N<sup>N</sup>P-Pd-MeCN][BF<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>

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