

## **Kinetico–mechanistic studies of C–H bond activation on new Pd complexes containing N,N' chelating ligands**

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**Table S1.-** Values of  $k_{obs}$  for the systems studied, as a function of the starting coordination compound, temperature and pressure, in neat acetic acid unless stated;  $[Pd] = (5-10) \times 10^{-4}$  M. All the values are the average of 2 to 4 runs.

Palladium complex	T /°C	P /atm	$10^4 \times k_{obs} /s^{-1}$
<b><i>E</i>-1AcO</b>	26	1	0.41
	30	1	0.43
	44	1	2.8
	51	400	13
	51	500	15
	51	600	16
	51	800	17
	51	1100	20
	51	1400	21
	52	1	9.0
	59	1	14
	62	1	28
	69	1	38
	<b><i>E</i>-1Cl</b>	30	1
41		1	0.89
56		1	4.9
55		400	5.0
55		500	5.5
55		700	5.6
55		1000	6.1
55		1300	6.9
55		1600	8.2
68		1	15
<b><i>Z</i>-1AcO</b>	50	1	0.080
	60	1	0.25
	70	1	0.73
	75	400	1.3
	75	700	1.8
	75	1000	1.2
	75	1300	1.1

	75	1600	1.5
	80	1	2.4
<b>Z-1Cl</b>	55	1	0.066
	70	1	0.35
	88	1	1.6
<b>E-2AcO(M)<sup>a</sup></b>	26	1	0.25
	29	1	0.23
	30	1	0.43
	30	1	0.25
	40	1	1.3
	44	1	2.8
	50	1	4.3
	50	400	7.9
	50	600	9.5
	50	750	9.9
	50	800	12
	50	1100	13
	50	1250	14
	50	1400	18
	50	1500	20
	52	1	9.0
	59	1	20
	60	1	13
	62	1	28
	65	1	31
	69	1	54
<b>E-2AcO(m)<sup>b</sup></b>	20	1	7.0
	30	1	17
	49	1	35
<b>E-2Cl(M)</b>	30	1	0.18
	32	1	0.38
	35	1	0.47
	40	1	0.49
	45	1	1.3
	50	1	3.0
	55	1	4.6

	56	400	10
	56	700	12
	56	1000	16
	56	1300	17
	56	1600	19
	60	1	6.1
	64	1	9.0
	69	1	14
<i>E-2Cl(m)</i> <sup>b</sup>	18	1	17
	20	1	21
	30	1	39
	40	1	60

<sup>a</sup> The same values were obtained, within experimental error, from the measures from the crude *E-2AcO(M)+E-2AcO(m)* (4/1) mixture obtained in the preparation of the *E-2AcO* complex (see text).

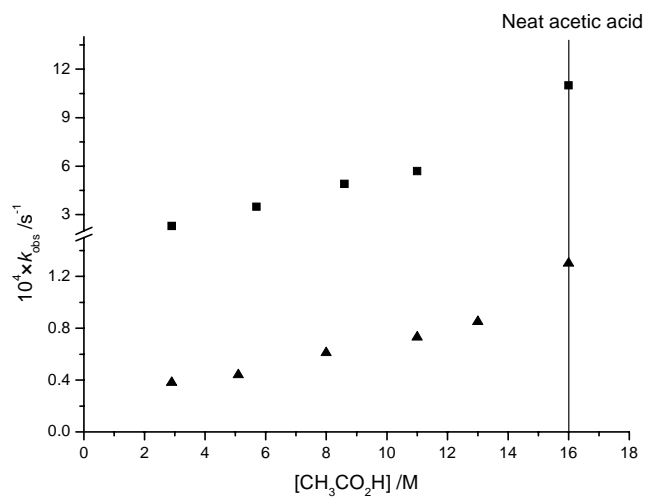
<sup>b</sup> Measured as the fast reaction by the addition of 0.05 cm<sup>3</sup> of a concentrated solution of the crude palladium complex mixture of *E-2AcO* and *E-2Cl* in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to 2.5 cm<sup>3</sup> of neat acetic acid.

**Table S2.-** Values of  $k_{obs}$  for the systems studied, as a function of the starting coordination compound, temperature and acetic acid concentration, in toluene solution, or triflic acid in acetic acid solution;  $[Pd] = (5-10) \times 10^{-4}$  M. All the values are the average of 2 to 4 runs.

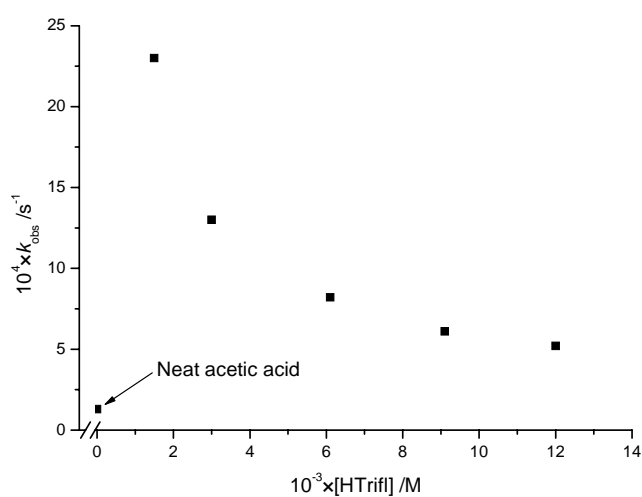
Palladium complex	T /°C	[CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H] /M	10 <sup>3</sup> ×[HTrif] / M	10 <sup>4</sup> × $k_{obs}$ /s <sup>-1</sup>
<b><i>E</i>-1AcO</b>	31	16	-	0.51
	31	16	1.3	14
	31	16	3.8	6.4
	31	16	6.4	4.4
<b><i>E</i>-1Cl</b>	30	16	-	0.35
	30	16	1.3	51
	30	16	3.8	42
	30	16	6.4	36
	30	16	10	25
	30	16	13	23
<b><i>E</i>-2AcO(M)</b>	29	16	-	0.23
	29	12	-	0.15
	29	8.5	-	0.10
	29	5.7	-	0.12
	40	16	-	1.3
	40	16	1.5	23
	40	16	3.0	13
	40	16	6.1	8.2
	40	16	9.1	6.1
	40	16	12	5.2
	40	13	-	0.85
	40	11	-	0.73
	40	8.0	-	0.61
	40	5.1	-	0.44
	40	2.9	-	0.38
	50	16	-	4.3
	50	14	-	2.9
50	13	-	2.1	
50	11	-	1.6	
50	8.6	-	1.4	

60	16	-	11
60	11	-	5.7
60	8.6	-	4.9
60	5.7	-	3.5
60	2.9	-	2.3

**FIGURE S1.**— Variation of the value of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  with the concentration of acid in solutions of complex  $E-2\text{AcO}(\text{M})$  in acetic acid/toluene mixtures at different temperatures ( $\blacktriangle$ , 40 °C;  $\blacksquare$ , 60 °C).



**FIGURE S2.**— Variation of the value of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  for the cyclometallation reaction of  $E-2\text{AcO}(\text{M})$  with the concentration of triflic acid in neat acetic acid at 40 °C.



**FIGURE S3.**— Eyring plot for the variation of the rate constants for the cyclometallation reaction of compounds *E*-1AcO (▲), *E*-2AcO(m) (◆) and *E*-2Cl(M) (●) in acetic acid solution.

