

## Supporting Information for:

Influence of Backbone Substituents on the Ethylene (Co)Polymerization Properties of  $\alpha$ -diimine Pd(II) and Ni(II) Catalysts

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## 1. Tables

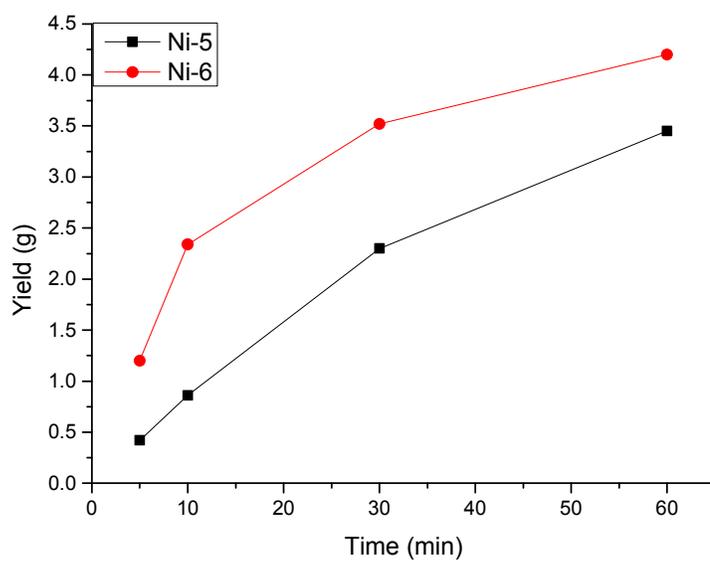
### 1.1 Effect of Time on Ethylene Polymerization.

**Table S1. Effect of Time on Ethylene Polymerization at 40 °C<sup>a</sup>.**

Ent.	Cat.	Time (min)	Yield (g)	Act. <sup>b</sup>
1	Ni-5	5	0.42	5.0
2	Ni-5	10	0.86	5.2
3	Ni-5	30	2.3	4.6
4	Ni-5	60	3.45	3.5
5	Ni-6	5	1.2	14.4
6	Ni-6	10	2.34	14.0
7	Ni-6	30	3.52	7.0
8	Ni-6	60	4.2	4.2

<sup>a</sup>Conditions: 1  $\mu\text{mol}$  pre-catalyst, 500 eq. cocatalyst, 1 mL  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 49 mL toluene, 9 atm.

<sup>b</sup>Activity (Act.) =  $10^6$  g/(mol Ni·h).



**Figure S1. Yield versus time for catalyst Ni-5, Ni-6.**

## 1.2 The Tables of Ethylene (Co)Polymerization.

**Table S2. Ethylene polymerization with nickel complexes Ni-1~Ni-6.<sup>a</sup>**

Ent.	Cat.	<i>T</i> (°C)	t (min)	Yield (g)	Average Yield(g)
1	Ni-1	20	10	2.6	2.65
				3.0	
				2.35	
2	Ni-2	20	10	2.22	2.34
				2.46	
3	Ni-3	20	10	2.92	2.70
				2.48	
4	Ni-4	20	10	2.2	2.35
				2.5	
5	Ni-5	20	10	1.09	1.08
				1.11	
				1.04	
6	Ni-6	20	10	2.32	2.88
				3.44	
7	Ni-1	20	30	3.64	3.42
				2.78	
				3.84	
8	Ni-5	20	30	1.91	1.82
				1.8	
				1.75	
9	Ni-6	20	30	3.87	3.62
				3.3	
				3.69	
10	Ni-1	40	10	2.24	2.31
				2.38	
11	Ni-1	60	10	2.05	2.10
				2.14	
12	Ni-1	80	10	1.32	1.63
				1.94	
13	Ni-5	40	10	0.87	0.86
				0.78	
				0.93	
14	Ni-5	60	10	0.7	0.74
				0.86	
				0.66	
15	Ni-5	80	10	0.88	0.72
				0.6	
16	Ni-6	40	10	2.14	2.34
				2.54	
17	Ni-6	60	10	1.8	2.0
				2.2	

18	<b>Ni-6</b>	80	10	$\frac{1.45}{1.01}$	1.23
19 <sup>b</sup>	<b>Ni-5</b>	20	10	$\frac{0.94}{1.05}$	1.00
20 <sup>c</sup>	<b>Ni-5</b>	20	10	$\frac{0.8}{0.83}$	0.82

<sup>a</sup>Conditions: 1  $\mu$ mol Ni, MAO cocatalyst, Al/Ni=500, 1 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 49 mL toluene, 9 atm.

<sup>b</sup>Cocatalyst: Et<sub>2</sub>AlCl. <sup>c</sup>Cocatalyst: EtAlCl<sub>2</sub>.

**Table S3. Ethylene polymerization with palladium complexes Pd-1~Pd-6.<sup>a</sup>**

Ent.	Cat.	<i>T</i> (°C)	Yield (g) <sup>b</sup>	Average Yield(g)
1	<b>Pd-1</b>	20	0.26	0.22
			0.22	
			0.18	
2	<b>Pd-2</b>	20	0.21	0.23
			0.24	
3	<b>Pd-3</b>	20	0.32	0.35
			0.37	
4	<b>Pd-4</b>	20	0.31	0.28
			0.24	
5	<b>Pd-5</b>	20	0.43	0.51
			0.57	
			0.53	
6	<b>Pd-6</b>	20	0.23	0.27
			0.34	
			0.24	
7	<b>Pd-1</b>	40	1.0	0.96
			0.92	
8	<b>Pd-1</b>	60	0.29	0.21
			0.13	
9	<b>Pd-1</b>	80	0.07	0.11
			0.15	
10	<b>Pd-5</b>	40	1.65	1.73
			1.68	
			1.86	
11	<b>Pd-5</b>	60	0.71	0.69
			0.73	
			0.63	
12	<b>Pd-5</b>	80	0.12	0.15
			0.2	
			0.13	
13	<b>Pd-6</b>	40	1.25	1.31
			1.37	
14	<b>Pd-6</b>	60	0.29	0.35
			0.4	

15	<b>Pd-6</b>	80	$\frac{0.14}{0.06}$	0.1
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<sup>a</sup>Conditions: 10  $\mu$ mol pre-catalyst, 1.2 eq. NaBAF, 2 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 48 mL toluene, 9 atm, 1 h.

**Table S4. Copolymerization of Ethylene and MA with complexes Pd-1~Pd-6.<sup>a</sup>**

Ent.	Cat.	[MA] (M)	Yield (g)	Average Yield(g)
1	<b>Pd-1</b>	-	$\frac{1.65}{1.74}$	1.7
2	<b>Pd-1</b>	1	$\frac{0.33}{0.21}$	0.27
3	<b>Pd-1</b>	2	$\frac{0.23}{0.15}$	0.19
4	<b>Pd-2</b>	-	$\frac{1.82}{2.1}$	1.96
5	<b>Pd-2</b>	1	$\frac{0.5}{0.37}$	0.44
6	<b>Pd-2</b>	2	$\frac{0.31}{0.21}$	0.26
7	<b>Pd-3</b>	-	$\frac{2.04}{2.27}$	2.16
8	<b>Pd-3</b>	1	$\frac{0.34}{0.45}$	0.40
9	<b>Pd-3</b>	2	$\frac{0.27}{0.22}$	0.25
10	<b>Pd-4</b>	-	$\frac{2.2}{2.08}$	2.14
11	<b>Pd-4</b>	1	$\frac{1.39}{1.6}$	1.5
12	<b>Pd-4</b>	2	$\frac{0.68}{0.8}$	0.74
13	<b>Pd-5</b>	-	$\frac{2.01}{2.15}$	2.08
14	<b>Pd-5</b>	1	$\frac{0.65}{0.63}$ 0.58	0.62
15	<b>Pd-5</b>	2	$\frac{0.4}{0.51}$ 0.45	0.45
16	<b>Pd-6</b>	-	$\frac{1.79}{1.61}$	1.7
17	<b>Pd-6</b>	1	$\frac{0.32}{0.27}$	0.3
18	<b>Pd-6</b>	2	$\frac{0.21}{0.19}$	0.2

<sup>a</sup>Conditions: 0.030 mmol pre-catalyst, 1.2 eq. NaBAF, total volume of DCM and MA: 25 mL, 30 °C, 1 atm, 15 h.

## 2. Spectra Data

### 2.1 $^1\text{H}$ , $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR of ligands L1, L2, L3, L4 (Figure S2-S8).

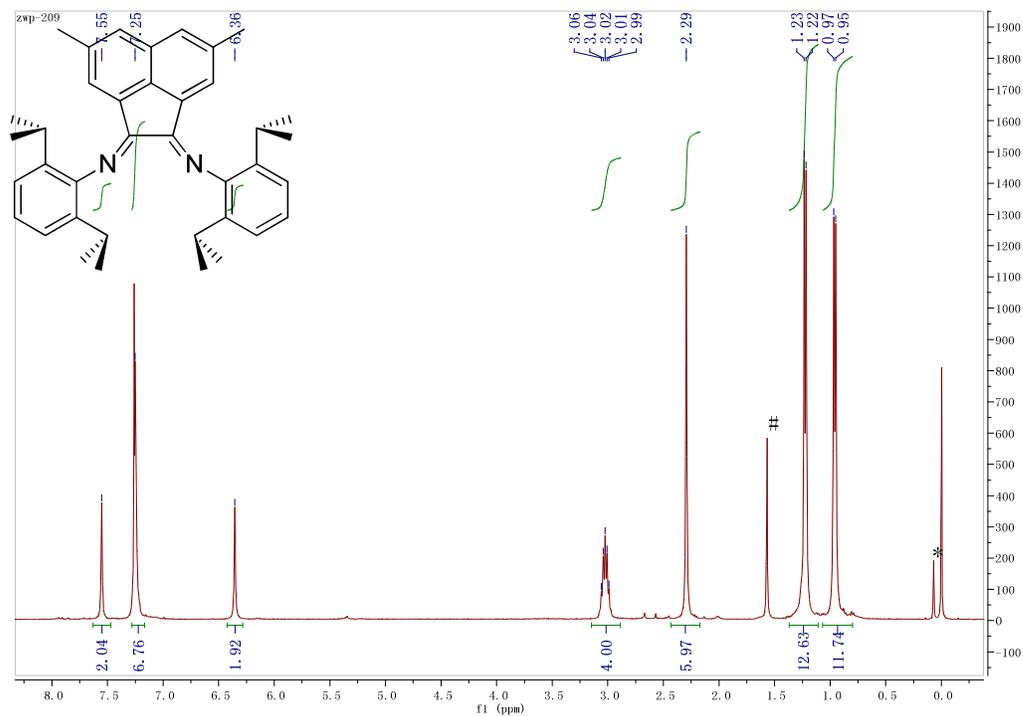


Figure S2.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of L1 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . \* silicone grease, #  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

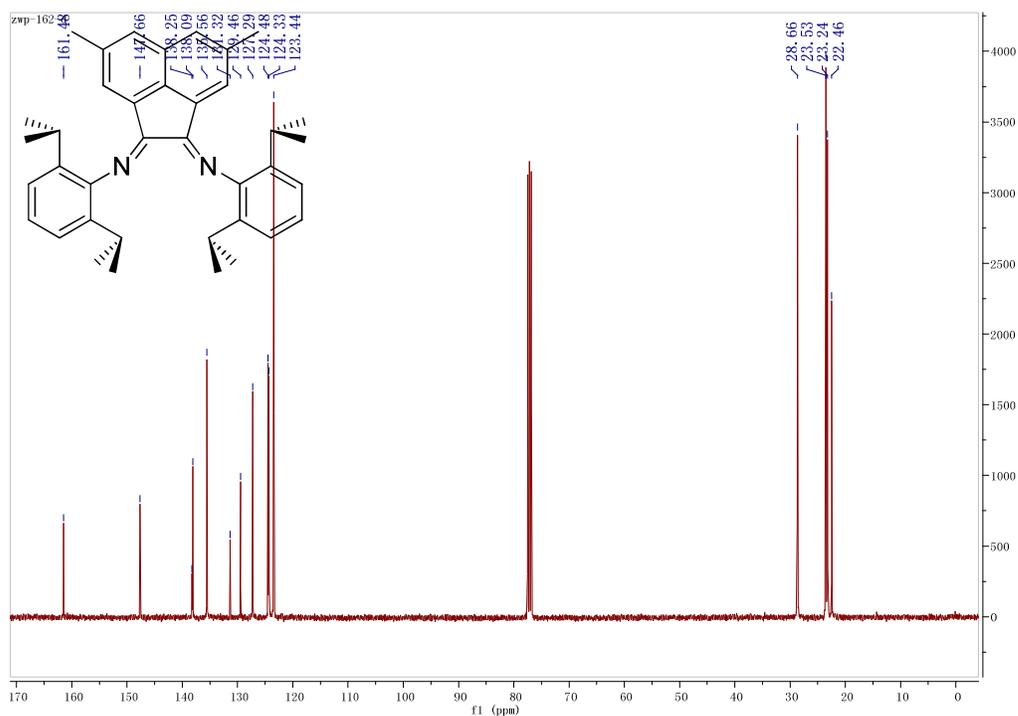


Figure S3.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of L1 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

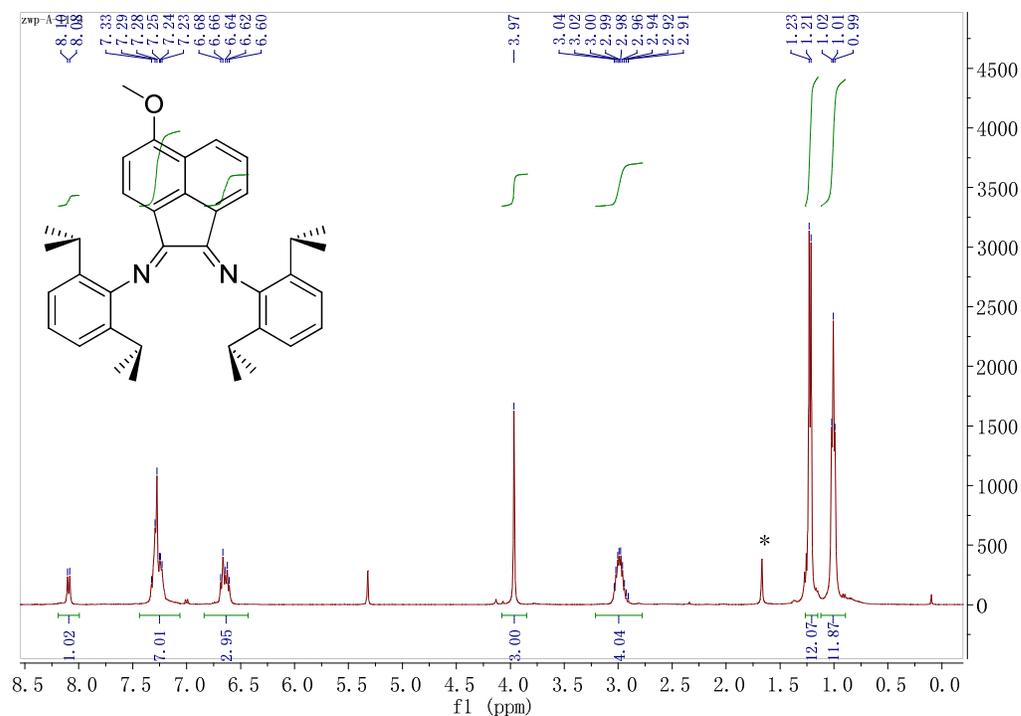


Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of L2 in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. \* H<sub>2</sub>O.

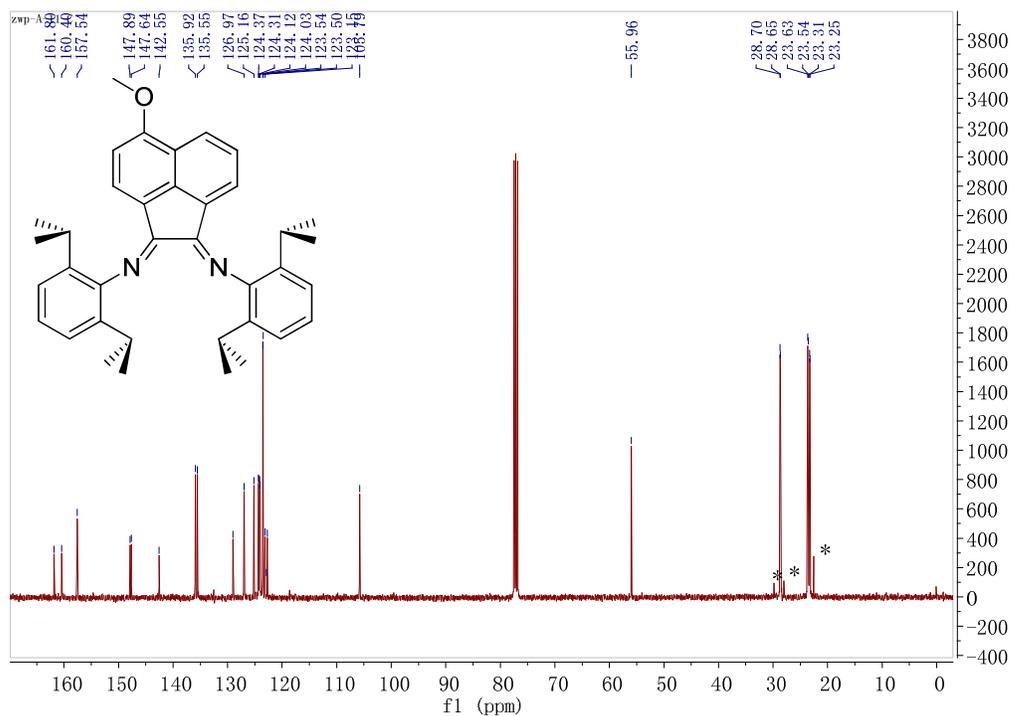


Figure S5. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of L2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. \* n-hexane.

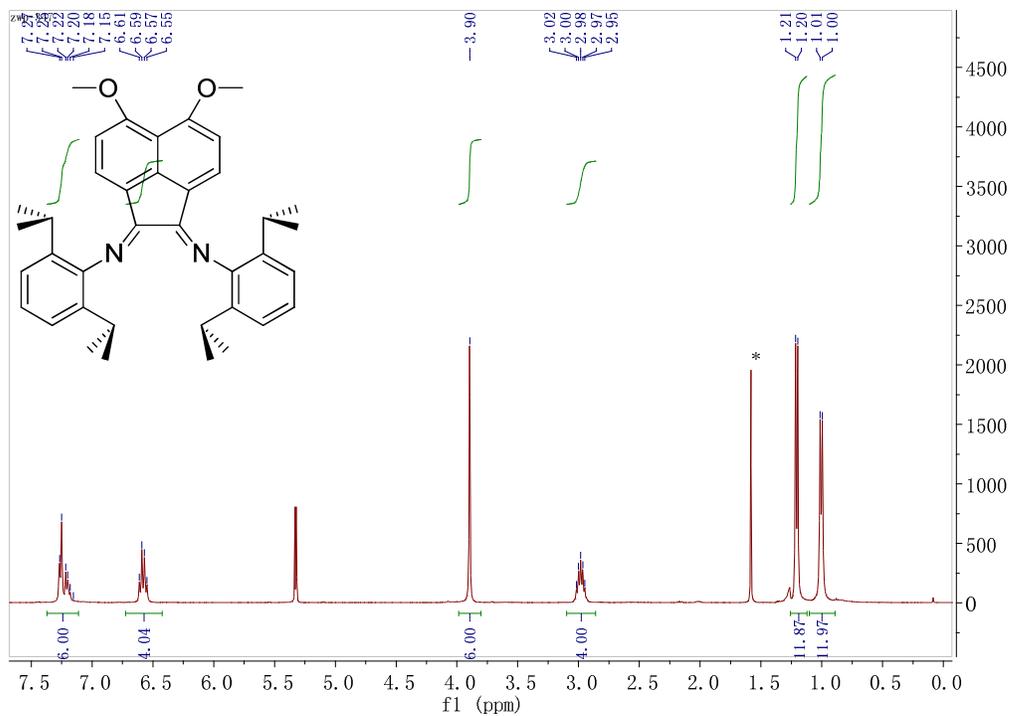


Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of L3 in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. \* H<sub>2</sub>O.

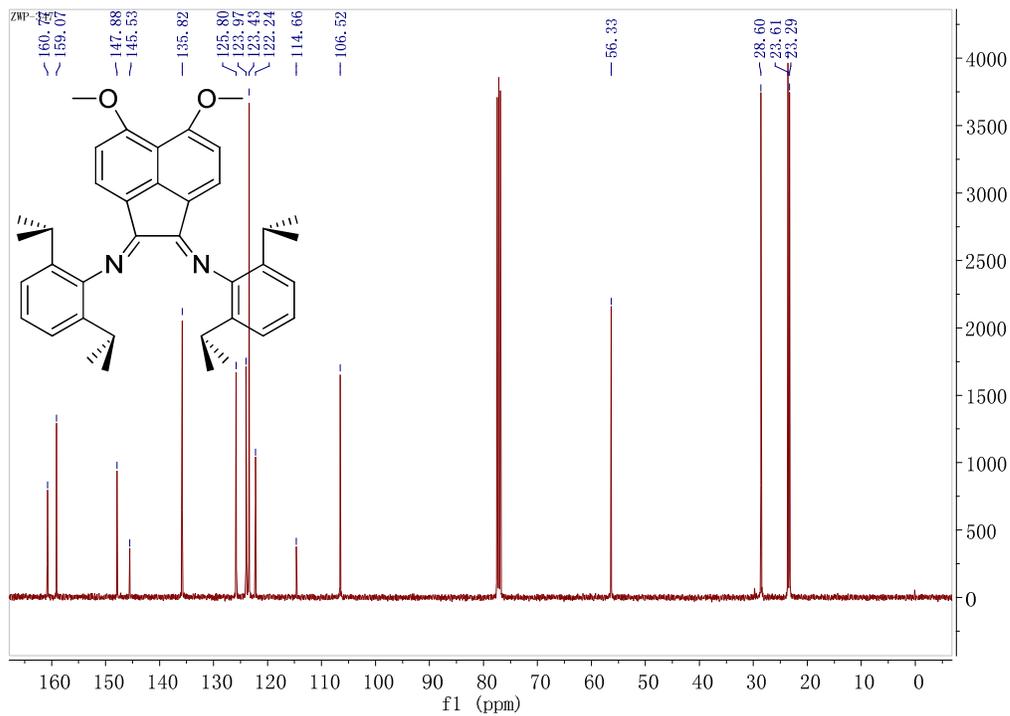


Figure S7. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of L3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

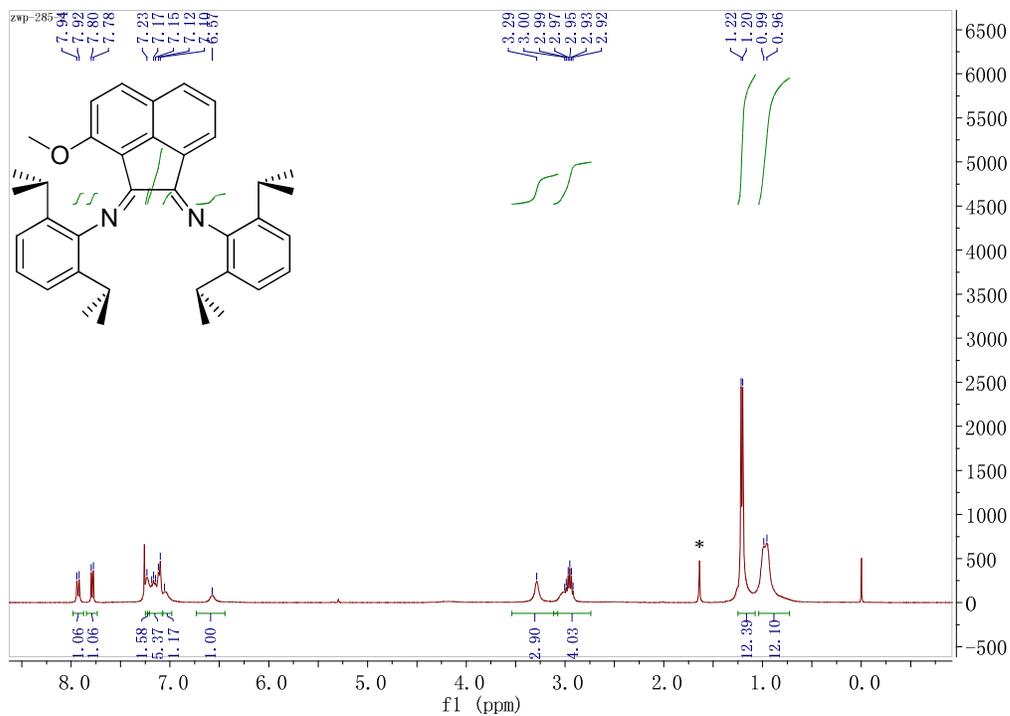


Figure S8.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of L4 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . \*  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

## 2.2 $^1\text{H}$ , $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR of Complexes Pd-1~Pd-5 (Figure S9- S18).

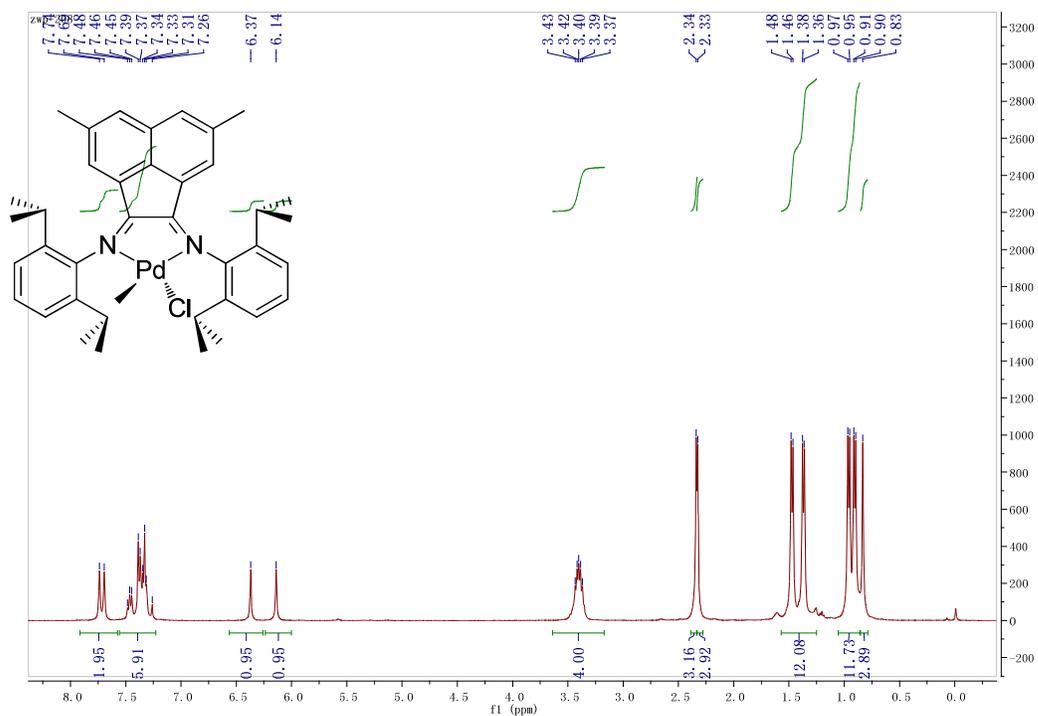


Figure S9.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $(4,7\text{-diMe-N}^{\wedge}\text{N})\text{PdMeCl}$  (Pd-1) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

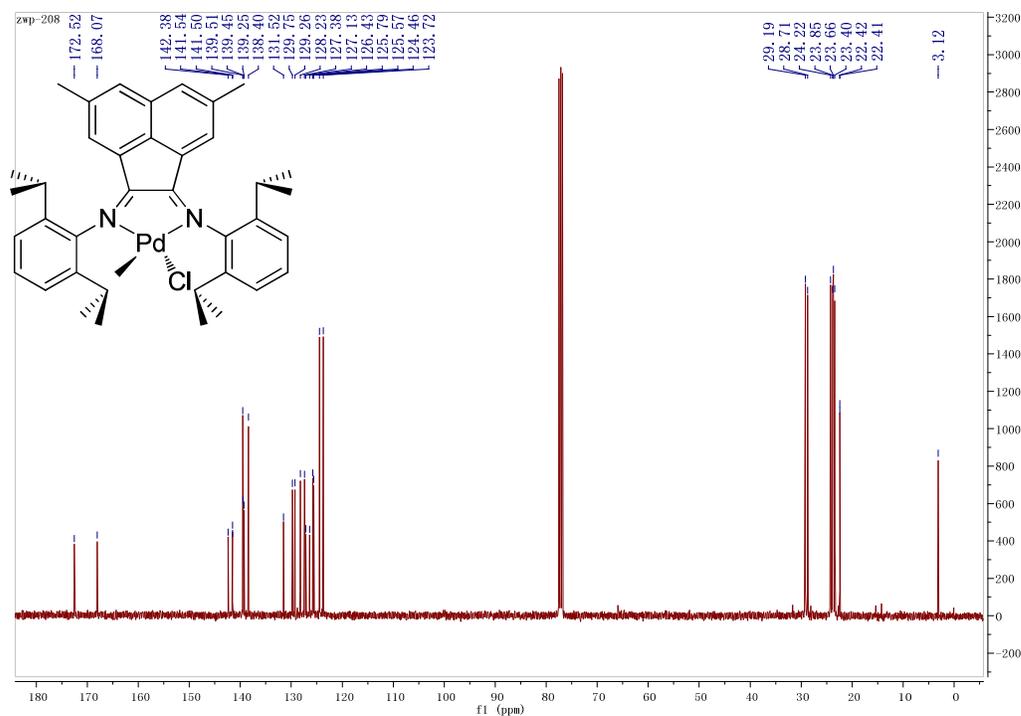


Figure S10.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of  $(^{\text{Me}}\text{N}^{\text{N}})\text{PdMeCl}$  (Pd-1) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

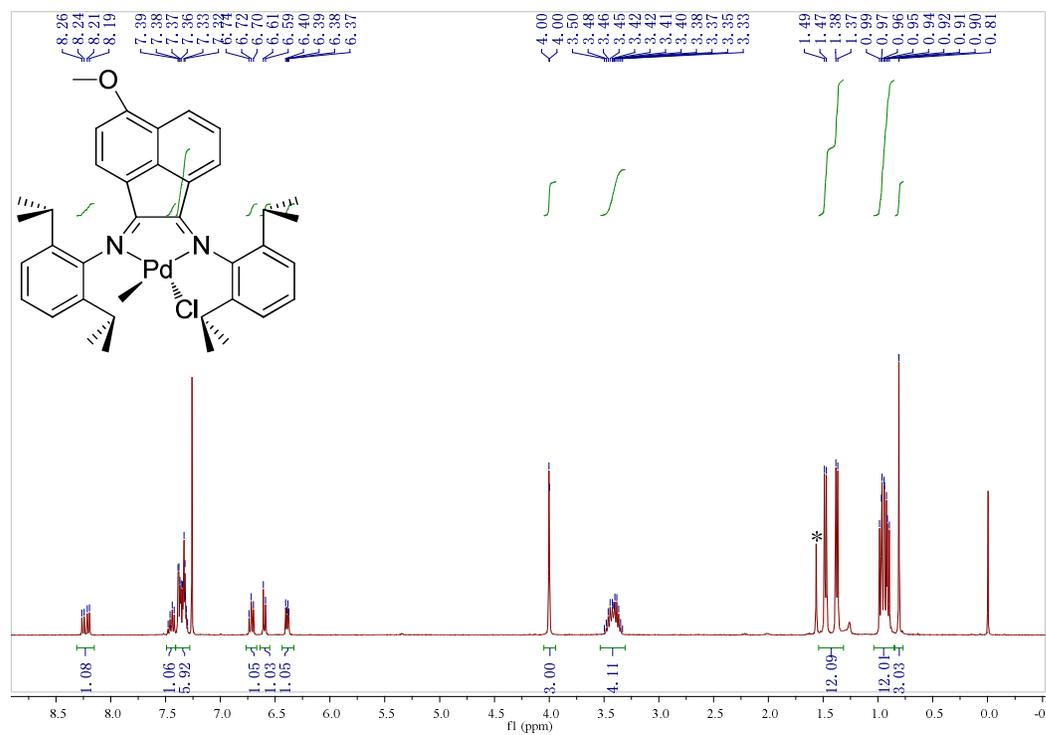


Figure S11.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $(^{5\text{-OMe}}\text{N}^{\text{N}})\text{PdMeCl}$  (Pd-2) in  $\text{CDCl}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

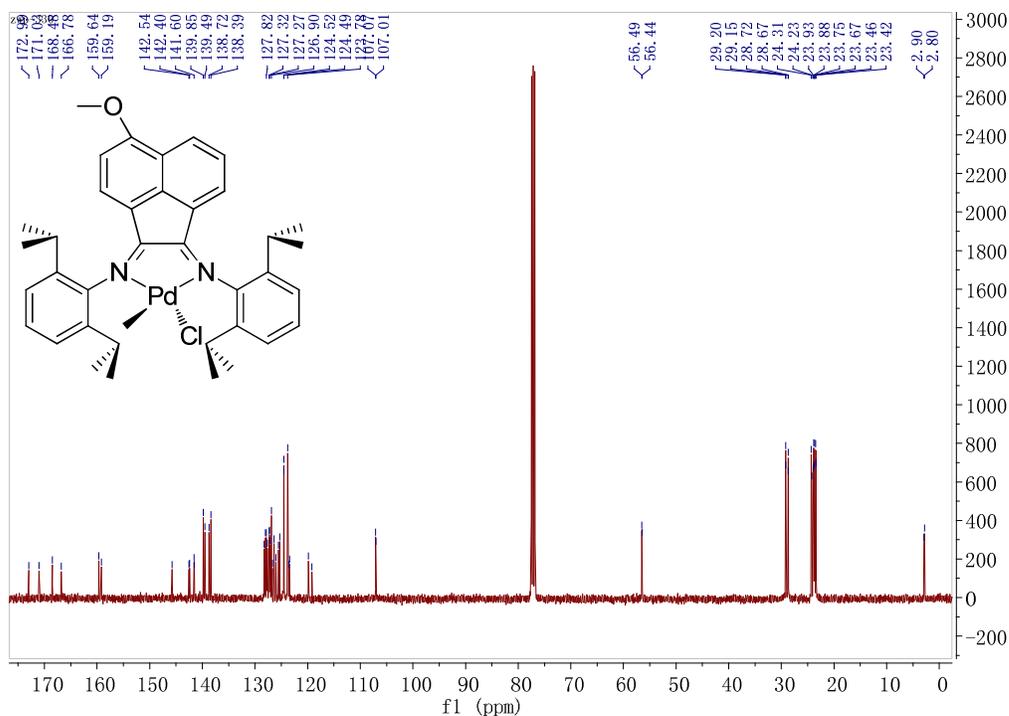


Figure S12. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (<sup>5</sup>-OMeN<sup>N</sup>)PdMeCl (Pd-2) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

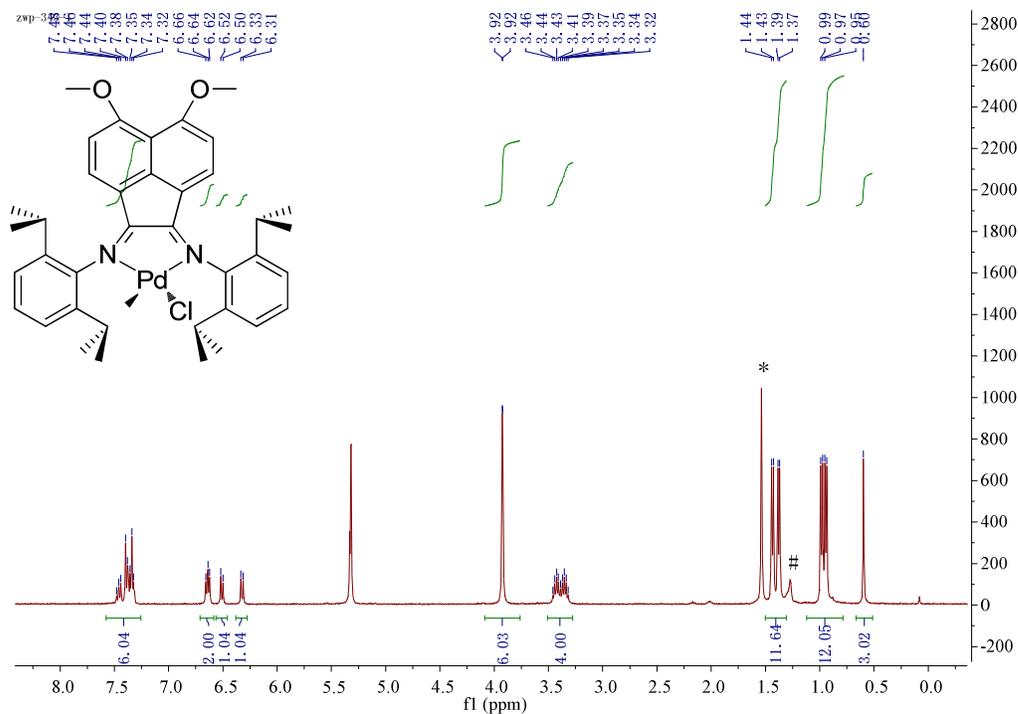
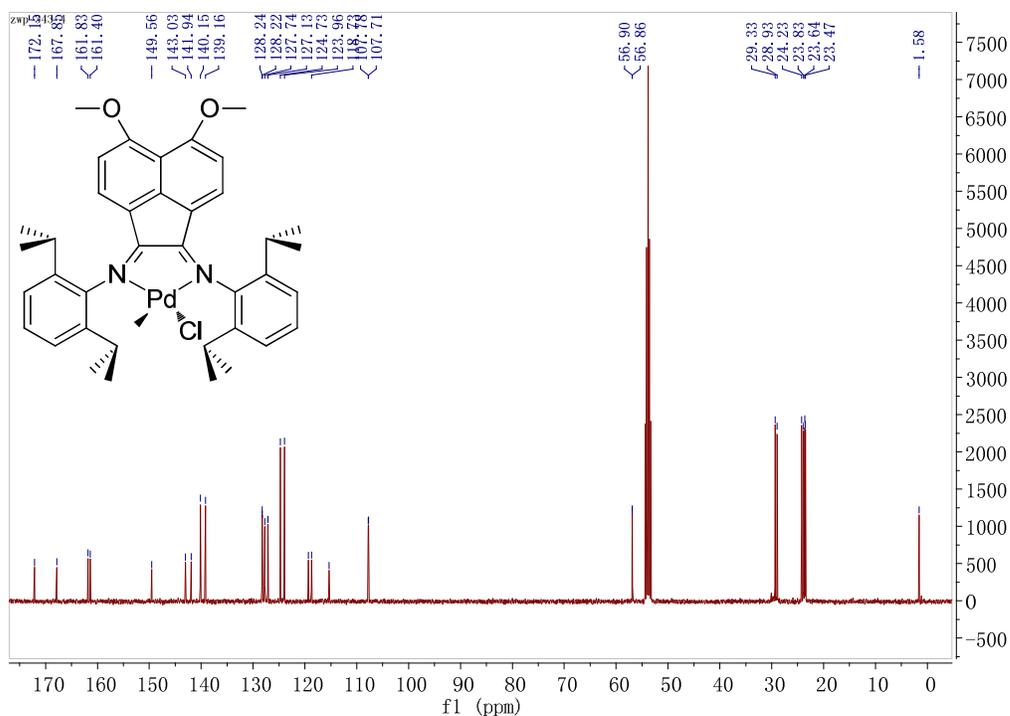
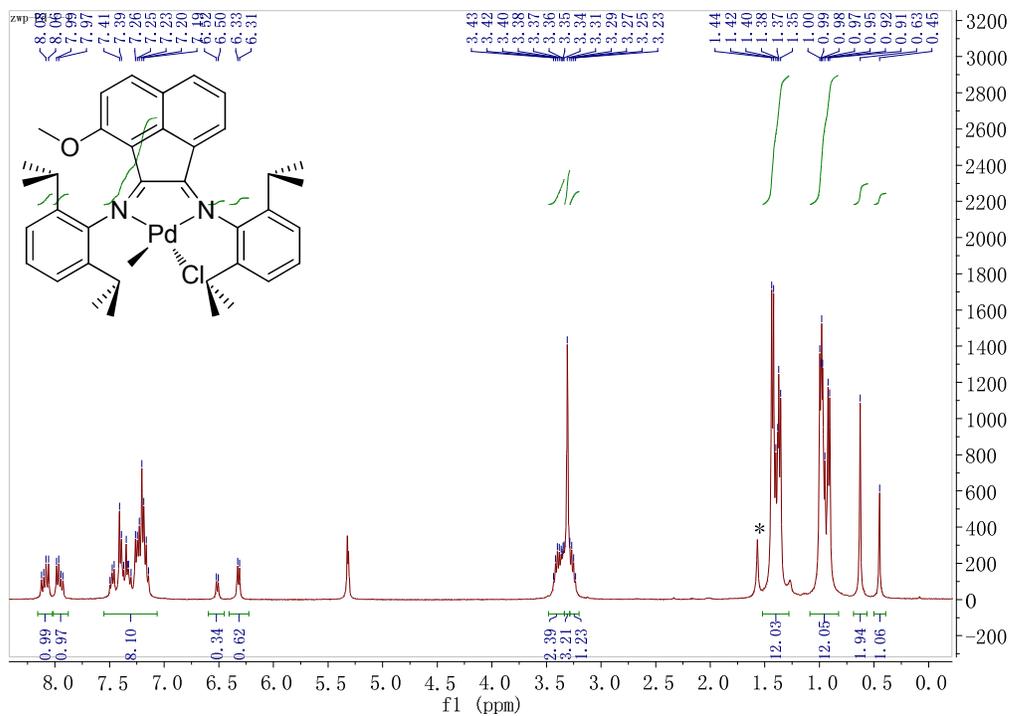


Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (<sup>5</sup>, <sup>6</sup>-diOMeN<sup>N</sup>)PdMeCl (Pd-3) in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. \*H<sub>2</sub>O, #n-hexane.



**Figure S14.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of  $(^{5,6}\text{-diOMeN}^{\wedge}\text{N})\text{PdMeCl}$  (Pd-3) in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



**Figure S15.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $(^{3\text{-OMeN}^{\wedge}\text{N})\text{PdMeCl}$  (Pd-4) in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

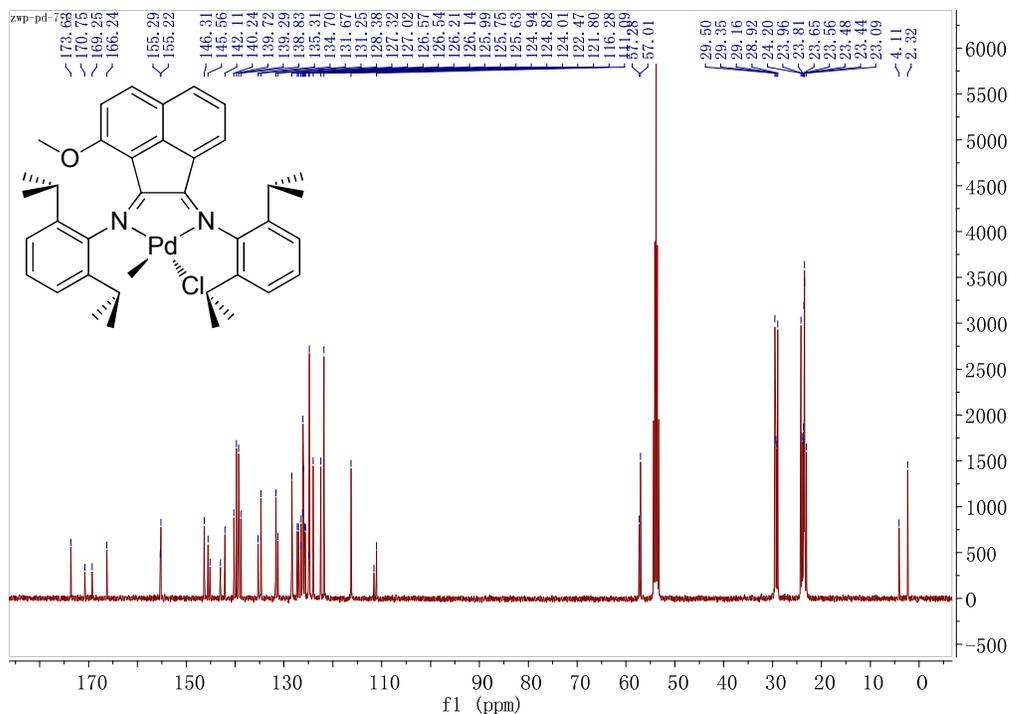


Figure S16.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of  $(^3\text{-OMeN}^{\wedge}\text{N})\text{PdMeCl}$  (Pd-4) in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .

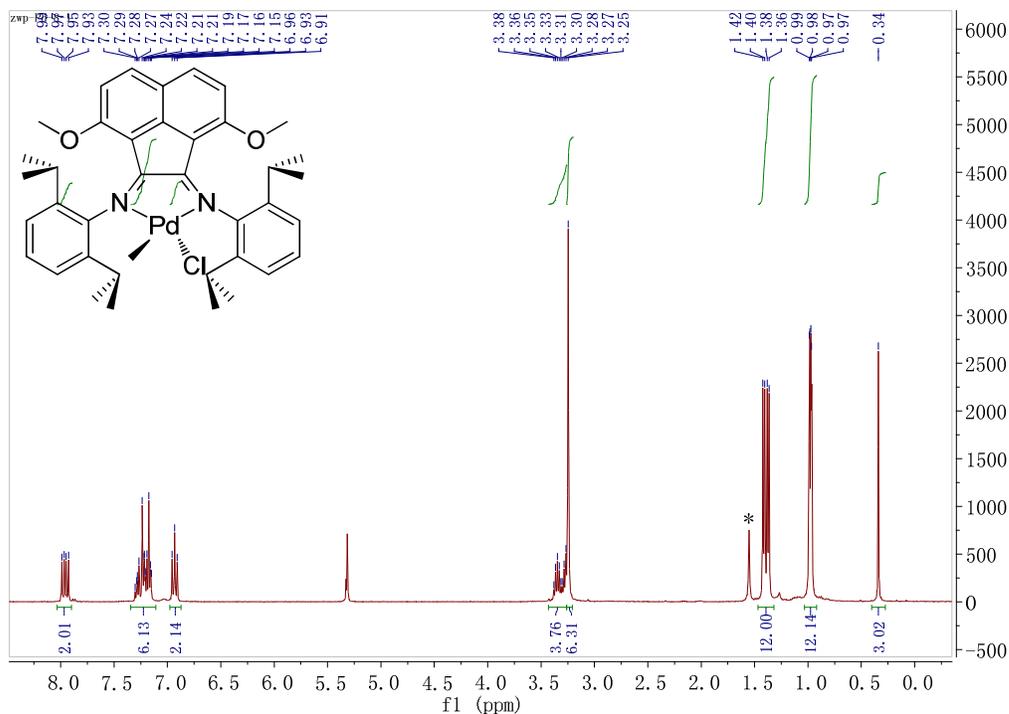


Figure S17.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $(^3,8\text{-diOMeN}^{\wedge}\text{N})\text{PdMeCl}$  (Pd-5) in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

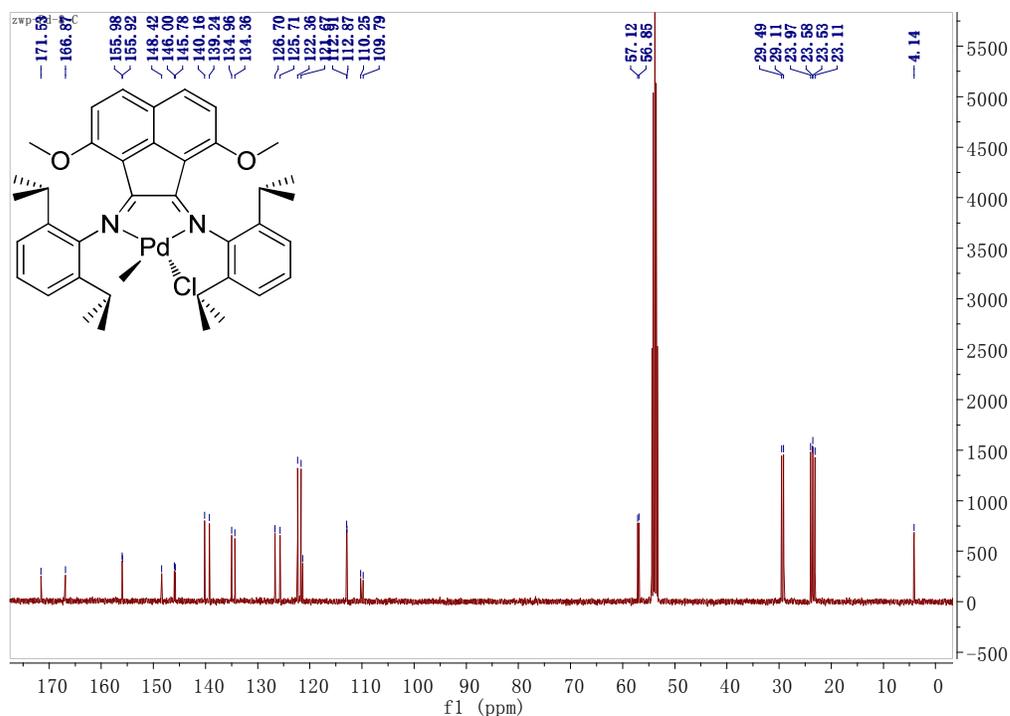


Figure S18.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $(3,8\text{-diOMe } N^N)\text{PdMeCl}$  (Pd-5) in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .

### 2.3 HRMS (m/z) of L1~L5 (Figure S19~S23).

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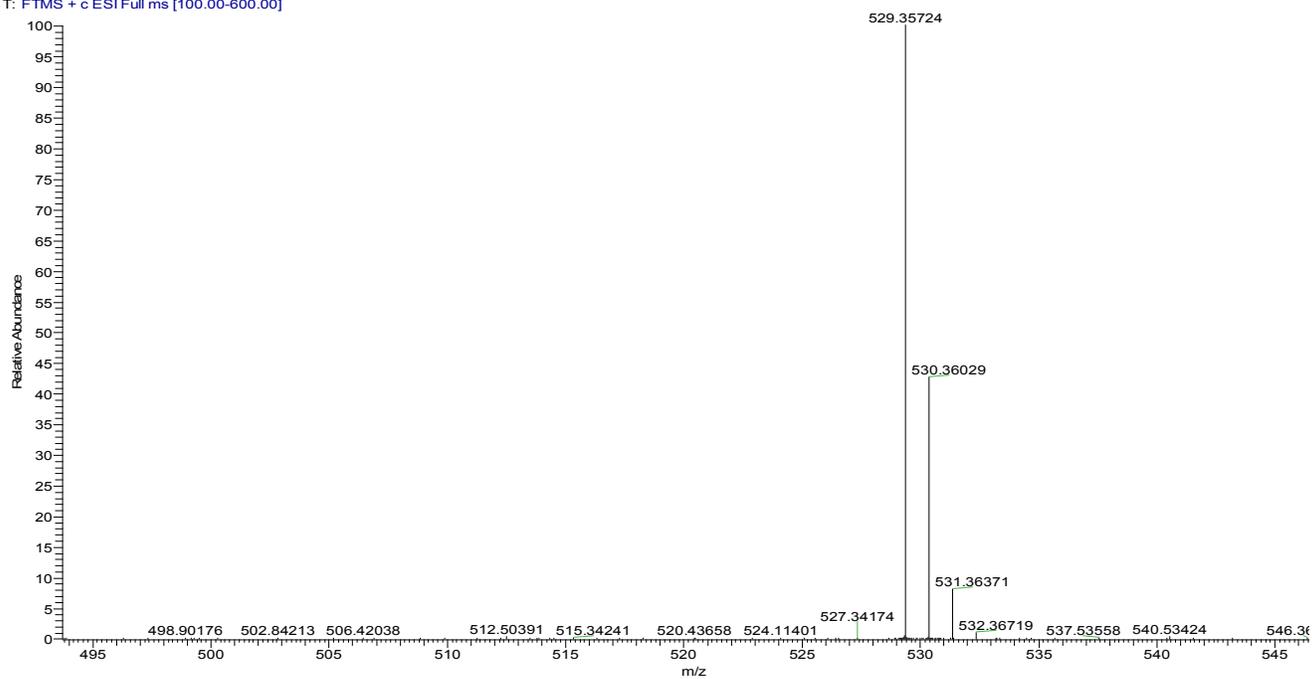


Figure S19. HRMS (m/z) of L1.

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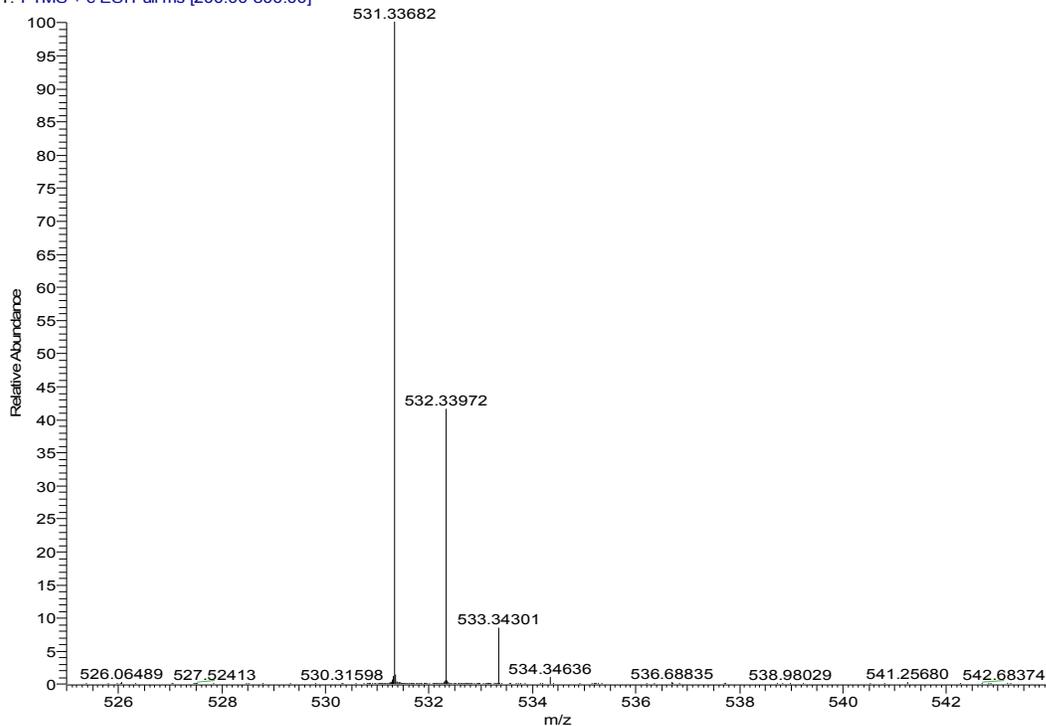


Figure S20. HRMS (m/z) of L2.

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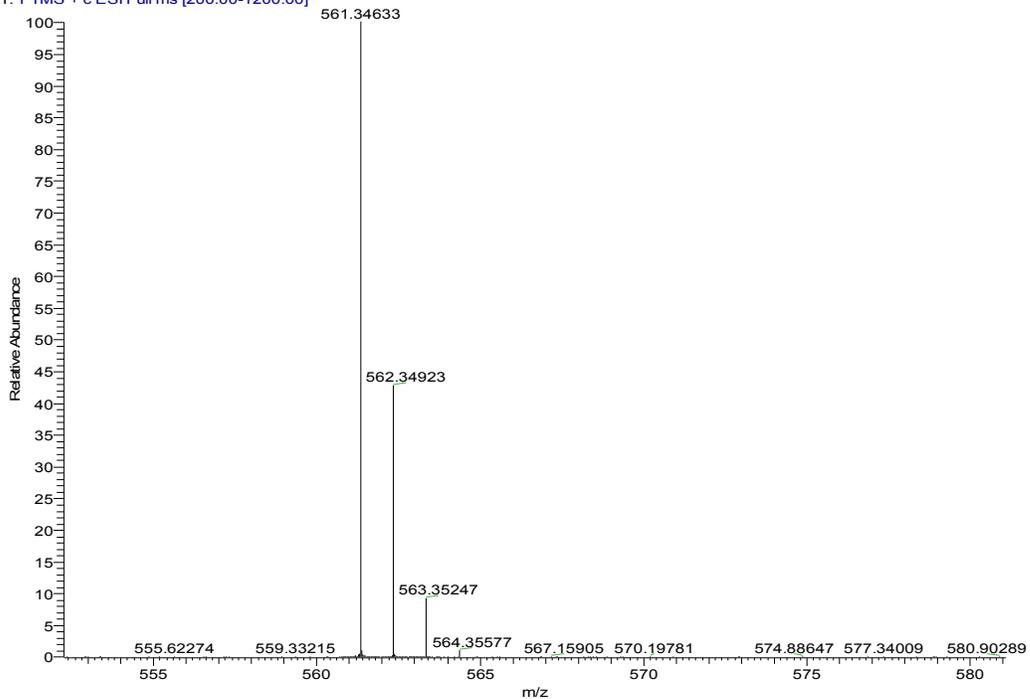


Figure S21. HRMS (m/z) of L3.

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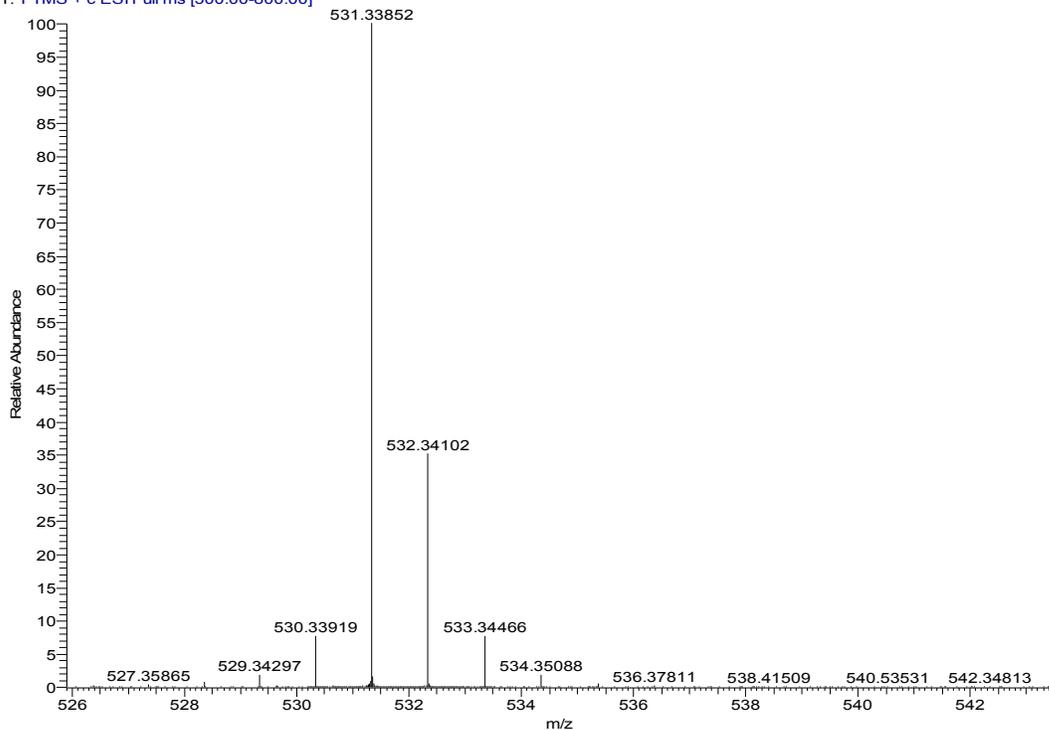


Figure S22. HRMS (m/z) of L4.

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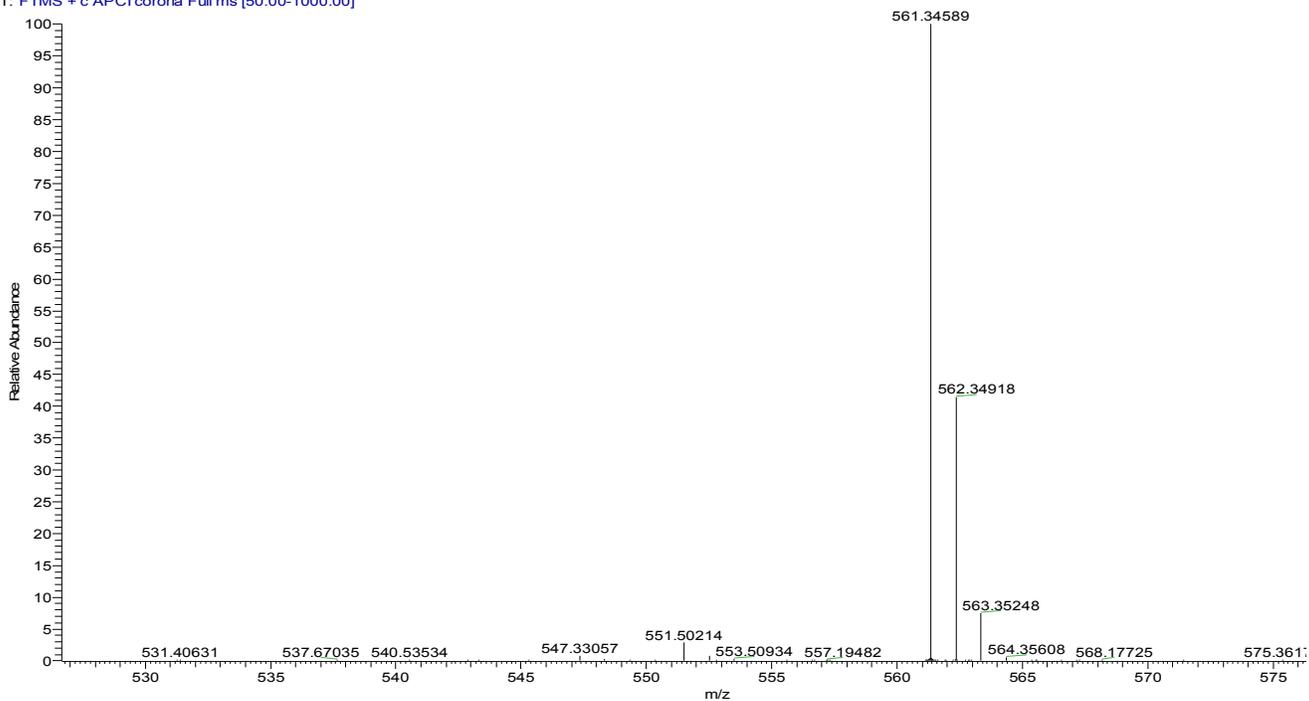
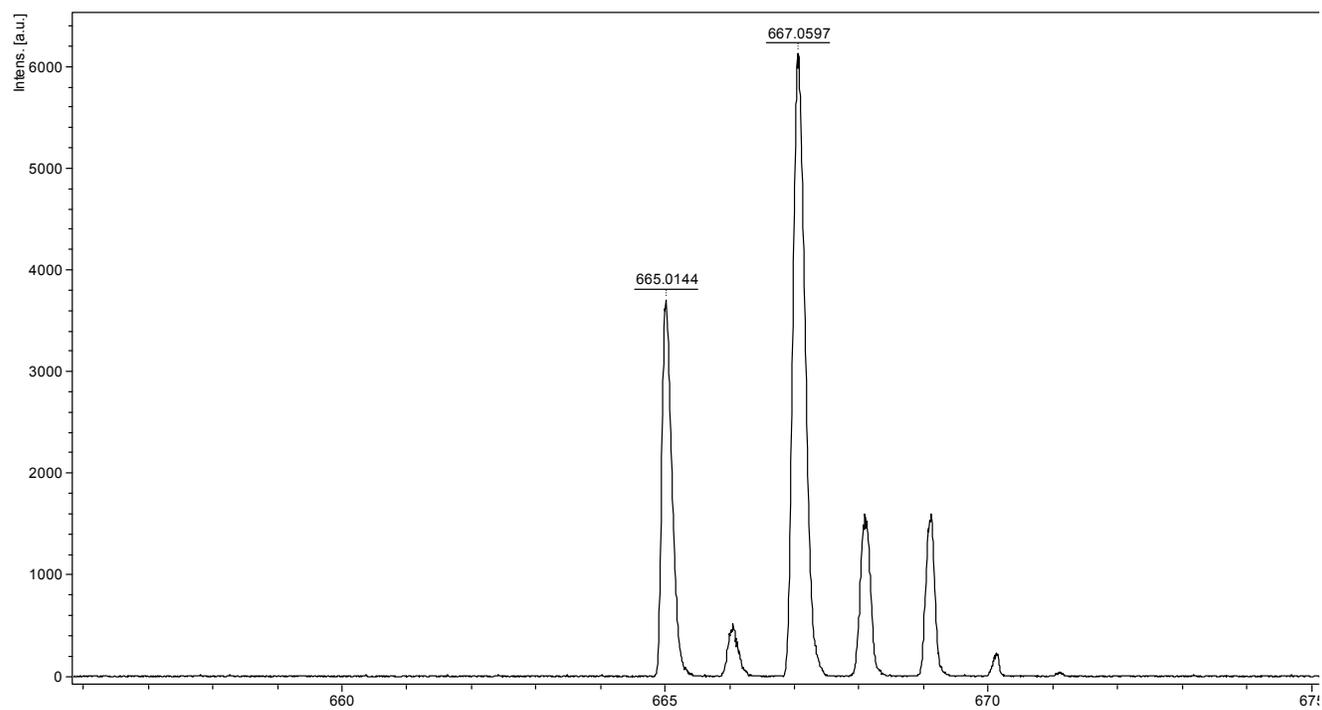
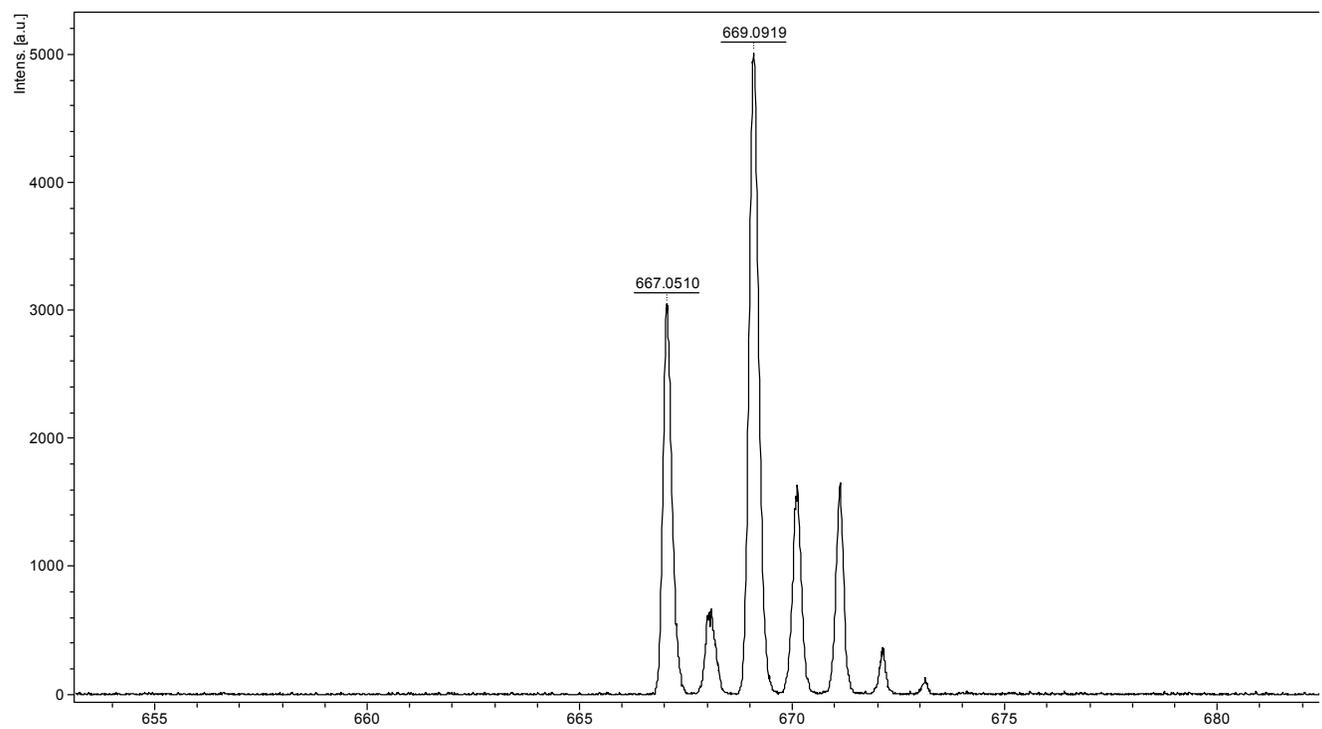


Figure S23. HRMS (m/z) of L5.

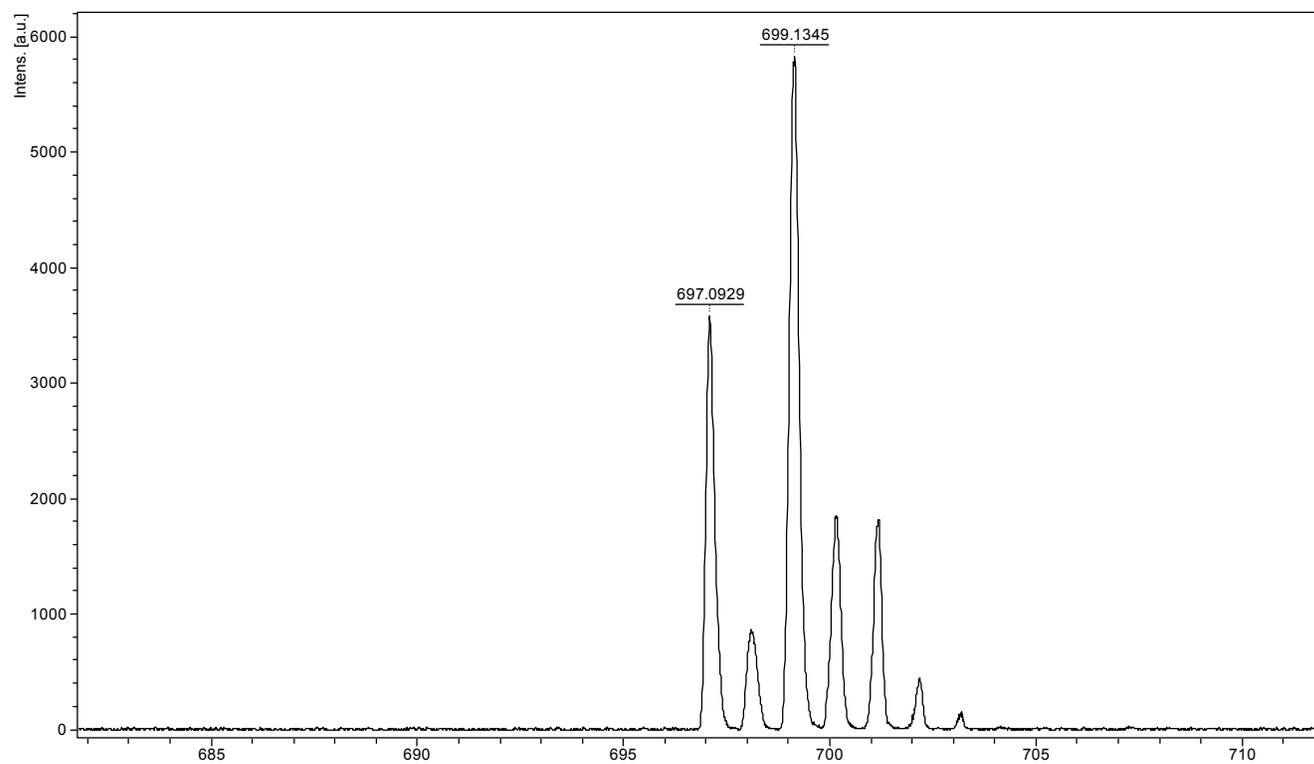
## 2.4 MALDI-TOF-MS (m/z) of Complexes 1~5 (Figure S24~S28).



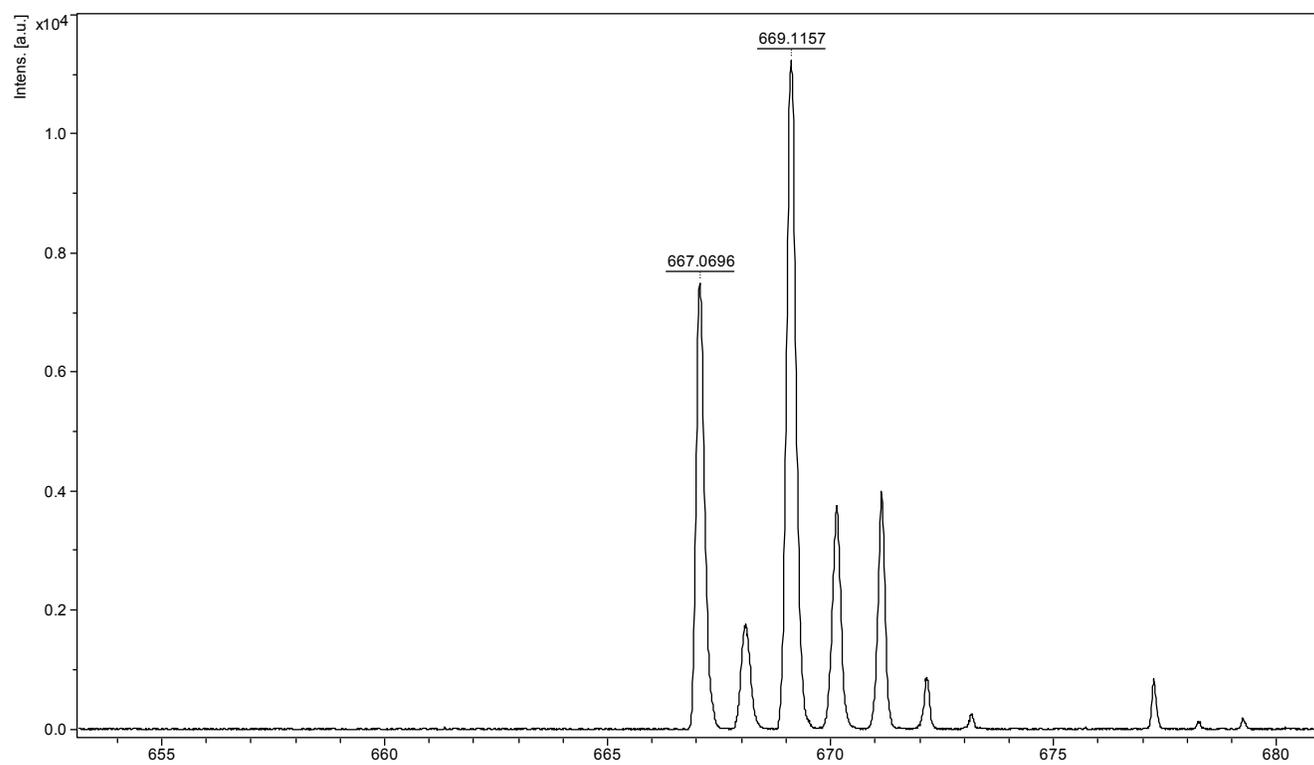
**Figure S24.** MALDI-TOF-MS (m/z) of  $(^{4,7\text{-diMe}}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{N})\text{NiBr}_2$  (Ni-1).



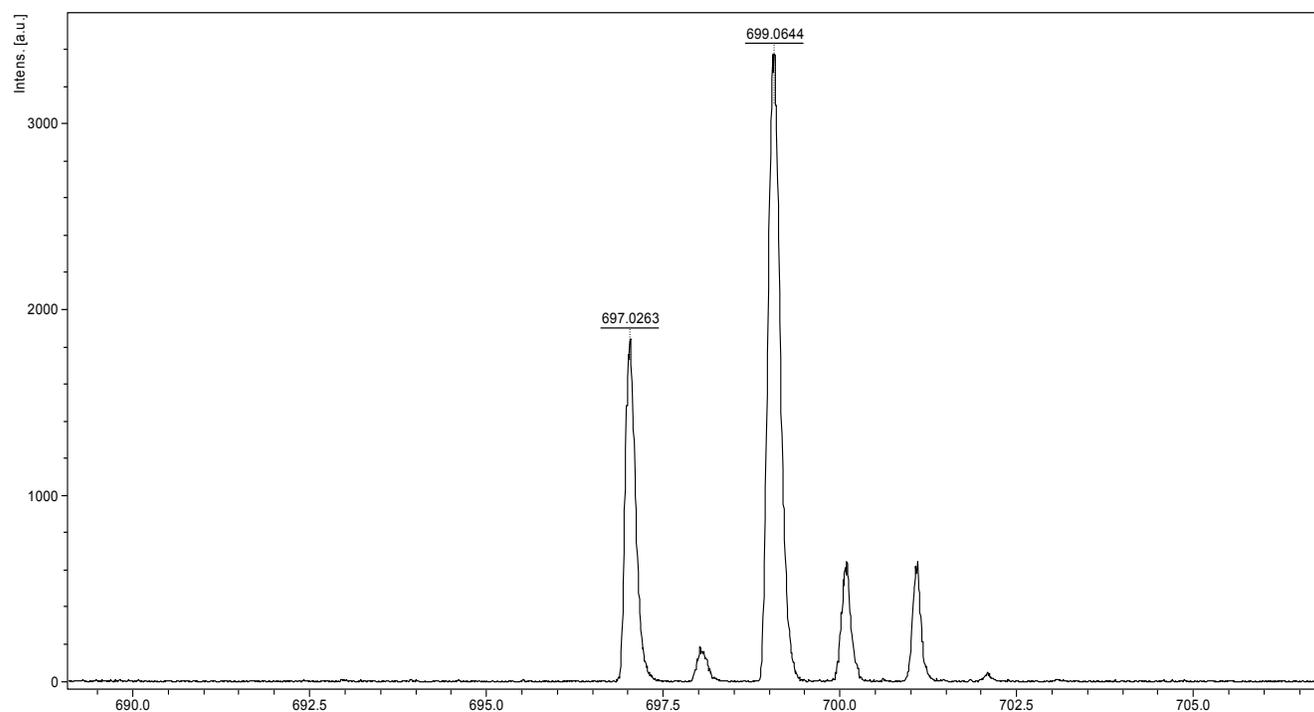
**Figure S25.** MALDI-TOF-MS (m/z) of  $(^{5\text{-OMe}}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{N})\text{NiBr}_2$  (Ni-2).



**Figure S26.** MALDI-TOF-MS (m/z) of  $(^{5,6}\text{-diOMe-N}^{\wedge}\text{N})\text{NiBr}_2$  (Ni-3).

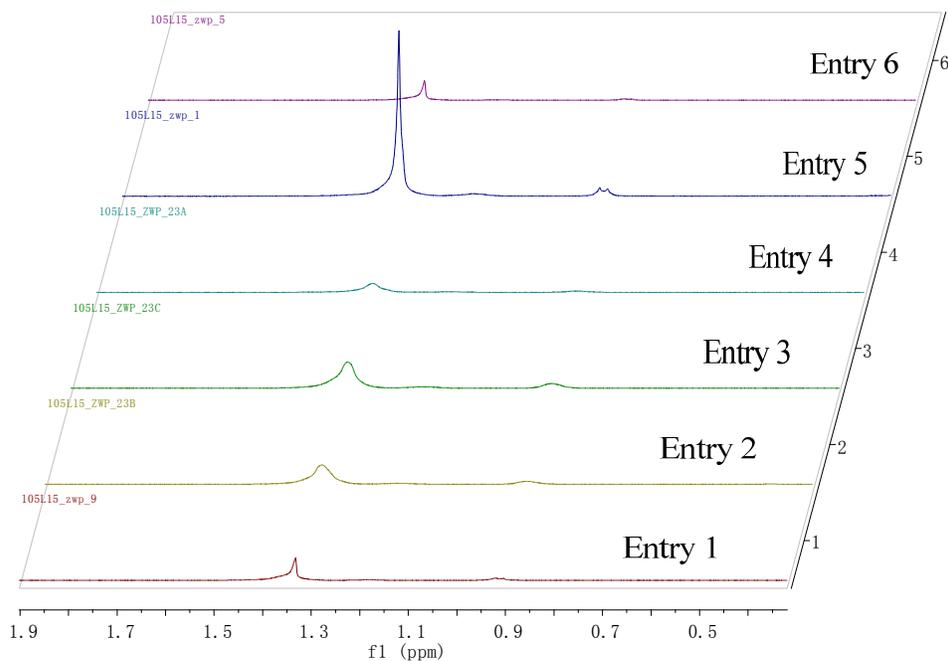


**Figure S27.** MALDI-TOF-MS (m/z) of  $(^{3}\text{-OMe-N}^{\wedge}\text{N})\text{NiBr}_2$  (Ni-4).



**Figure S28.** MALDI-TOF-MS (m/z) of  $(^{3,8\text{-diOMe}}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{N})\text{NiBr}_2$  (Ni-5).

**2.5  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of polymer and copolymer (Figure S29- S36).**



**Figure S29.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the polymer from table 1, entry 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. ( $\text{d}^8$ -toluene,  $80^\circ\text{C}$ ).

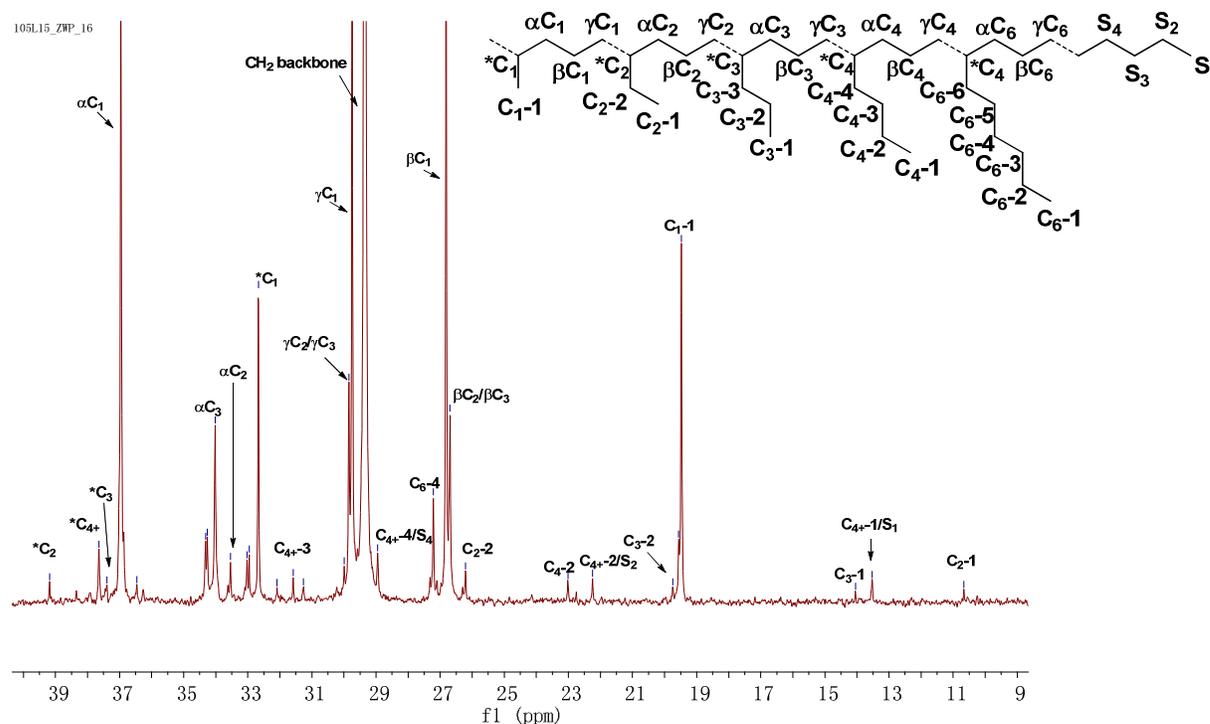
**Table S5. Polymer Branching Distributions and Number of Branches per 1000 Carbons.\***

Ent.	Cat.	$T$ ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	t (min)	branched chain (%)				Total( $^{13}\text{C}$ ) <sup>a</sup>	Total( $^1\text{H}$ ) <sup>b</sup>
				Me	Et	Pr	Lg		
1	Ni-1	20	10	70.9	9.3	9.1	10.7	83	81
5	Ni-5	20	10	80.1	4.1	5.4	10.4	54	52
6	Ni-6	20	10	78.7	5.1	6.2	10.0	77	79

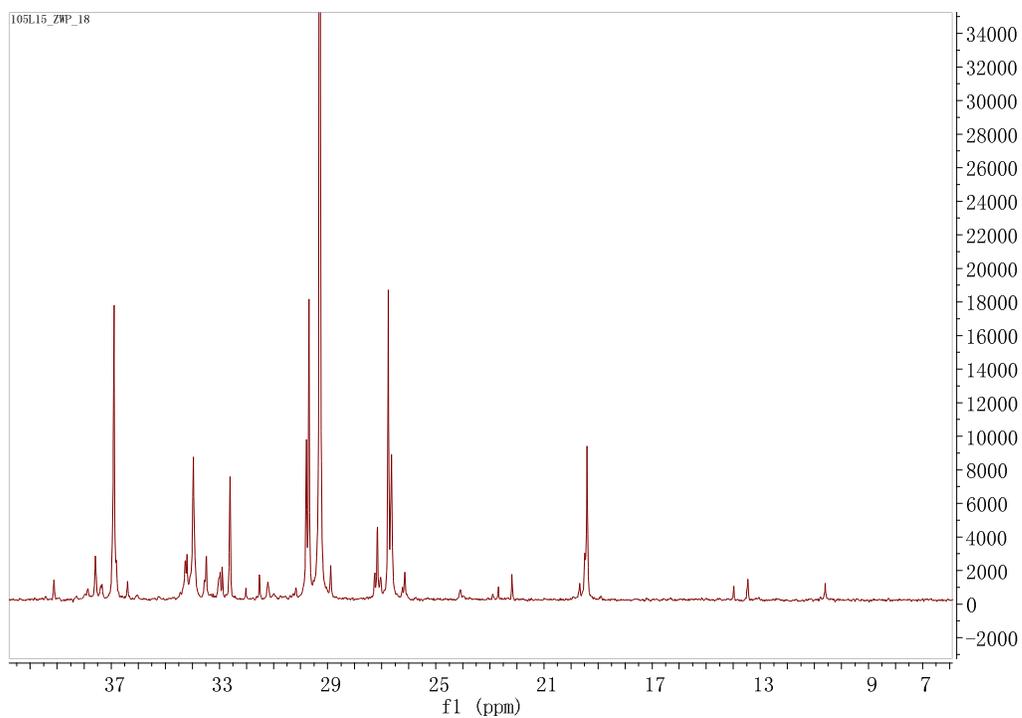
\*polymer from table 1, entry 1, 5 and 6.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR: 100 MHz, pulse width 60 $^{\circ}$ , acquisition time 4.0 s; pulse delay 4.0 s.

<sup>a</sup> Measured by  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR in  $\text{CDCl}_2\text{CDCl}_2$  at 120  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  $\text{BD} = 1000 \times (\text{I}_{\text{CH}_3} + \text{I}_{\text{Et}} + \text{I}_{\text{Pr}} + \text{I}_{\text{Lg}}) / (\text{I}_{\text{total}})$ .

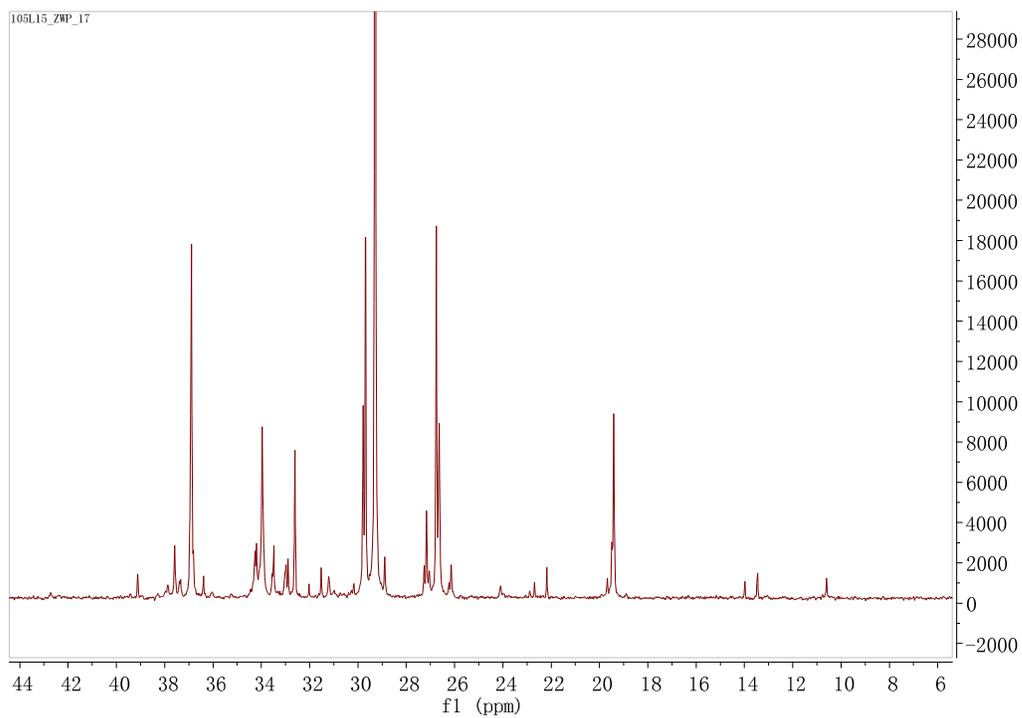
<sup>b</sup> Measured by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR in  $d^8$ -toluene at 80 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



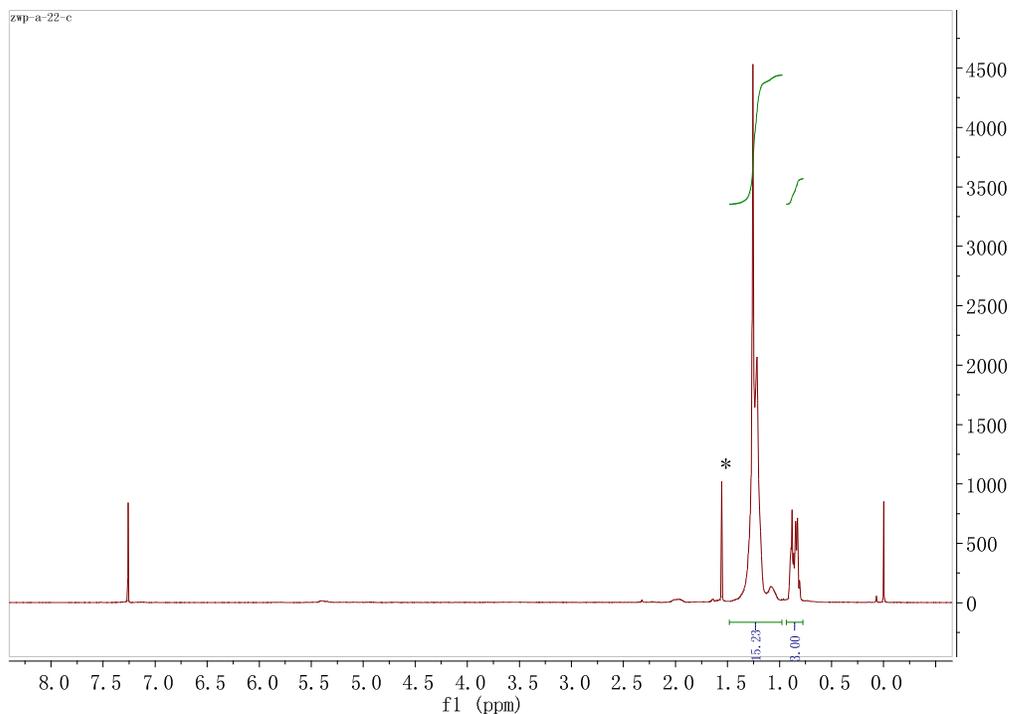
**Figure S30.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of the polymer from table 1, entry 5. ( $\text{C}_2\text{D}_2\text{Cl}_4$ , 120 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).



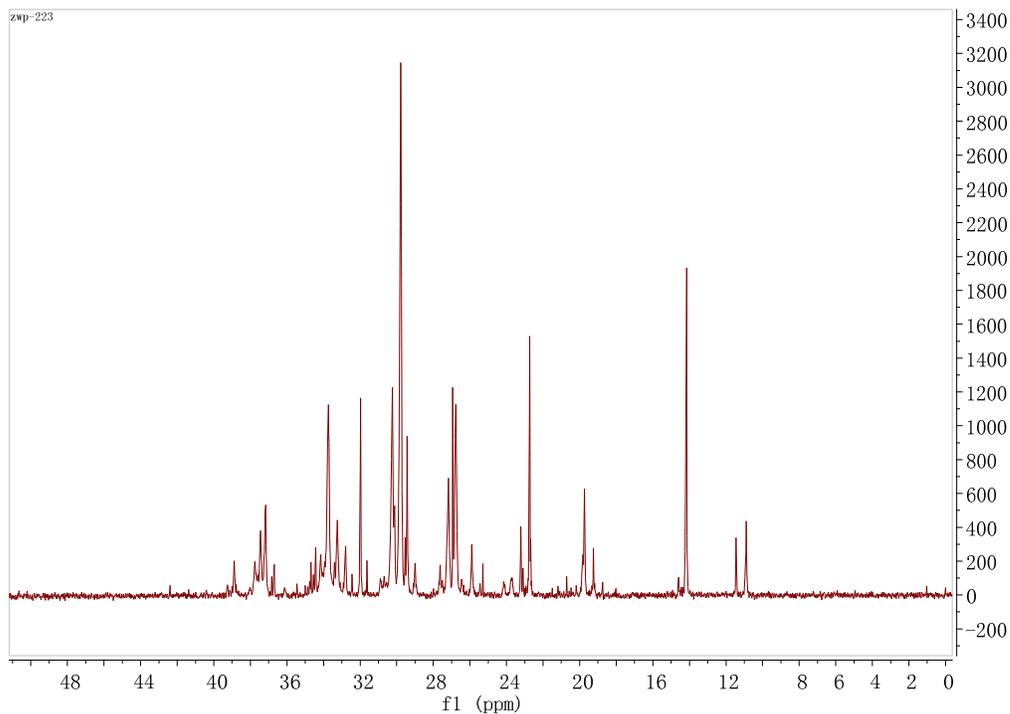
**Figure S31.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of the polymer from table 1, entry 1. ( $\text{C}_2\text{D}_2\text{Cl}_4$ ,  $120^\circ\text{C}$ ).



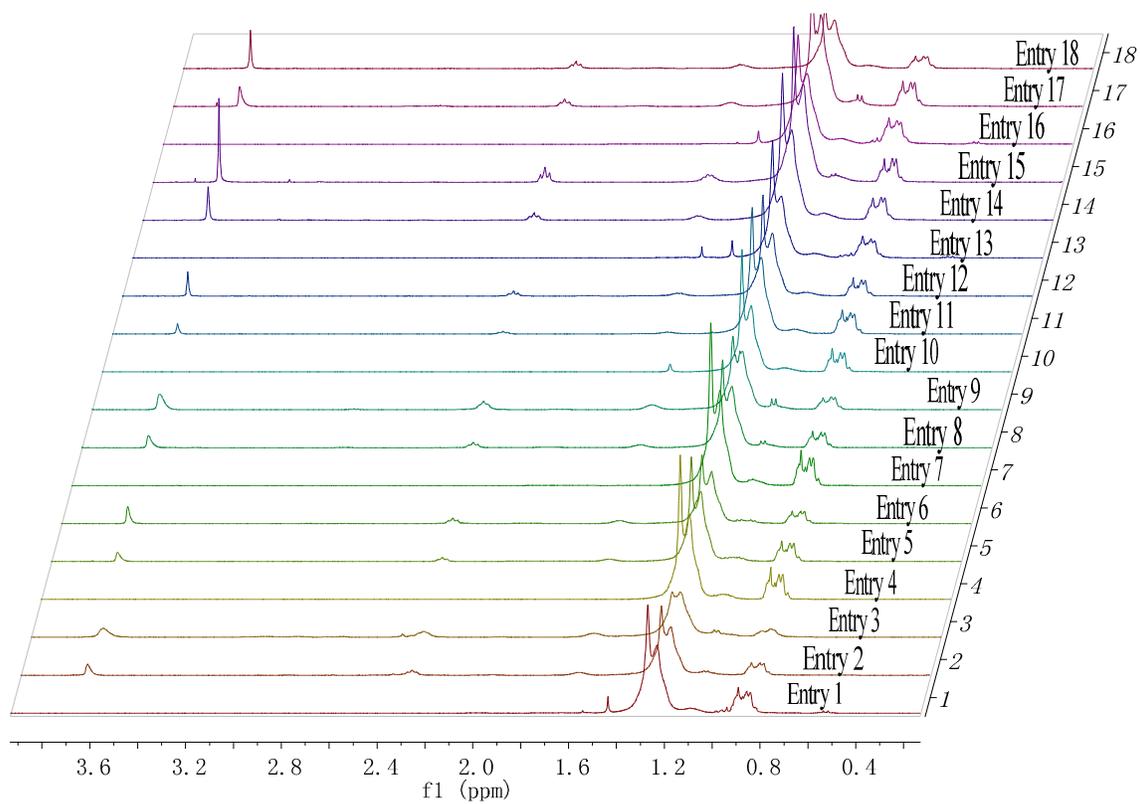
**Figure S32.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of the polymer from table 1, entry 6. ( $\text{C}_2\text{D}_2\text{Cl}_4$ ,  $120^\circ\text{C}$ ).



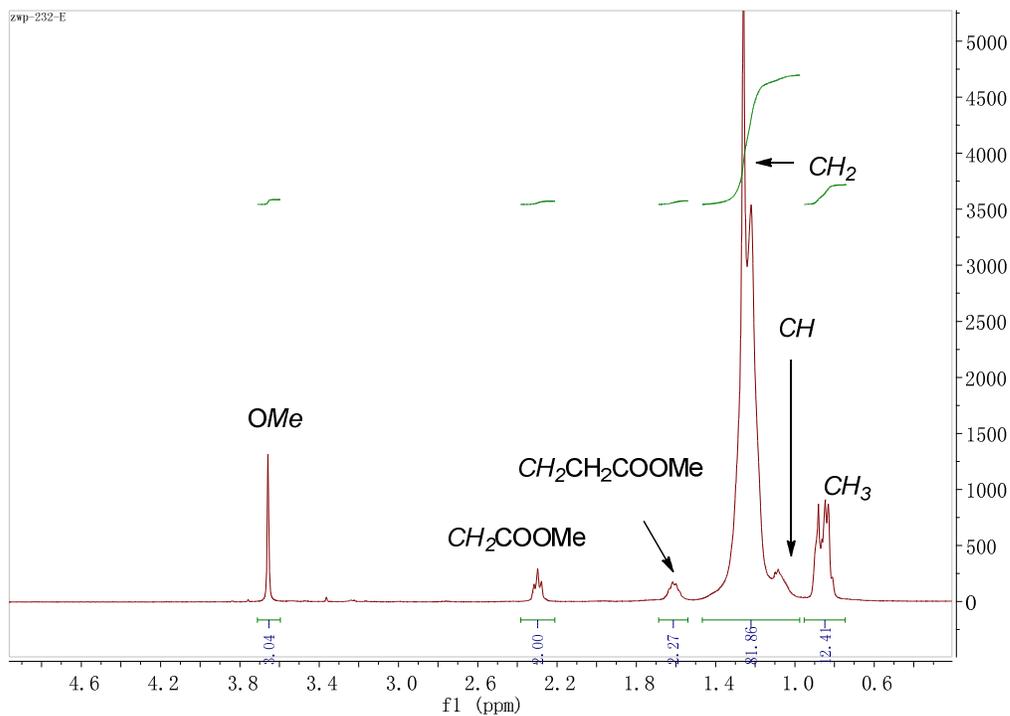
**Figure S33.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the polymer from table 2, entry 5 in  $\text{CDCl}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ .



**Figure S34.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of the polymer from table 2, entry 5 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure S35.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the polymer from table 3.



**Figure S36.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the polymer from table 3, entry 14 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

## 2.6 DSC of polymer (Figure S37-S41).

Sample: zwp-226A  
Size: 5.0000 mg

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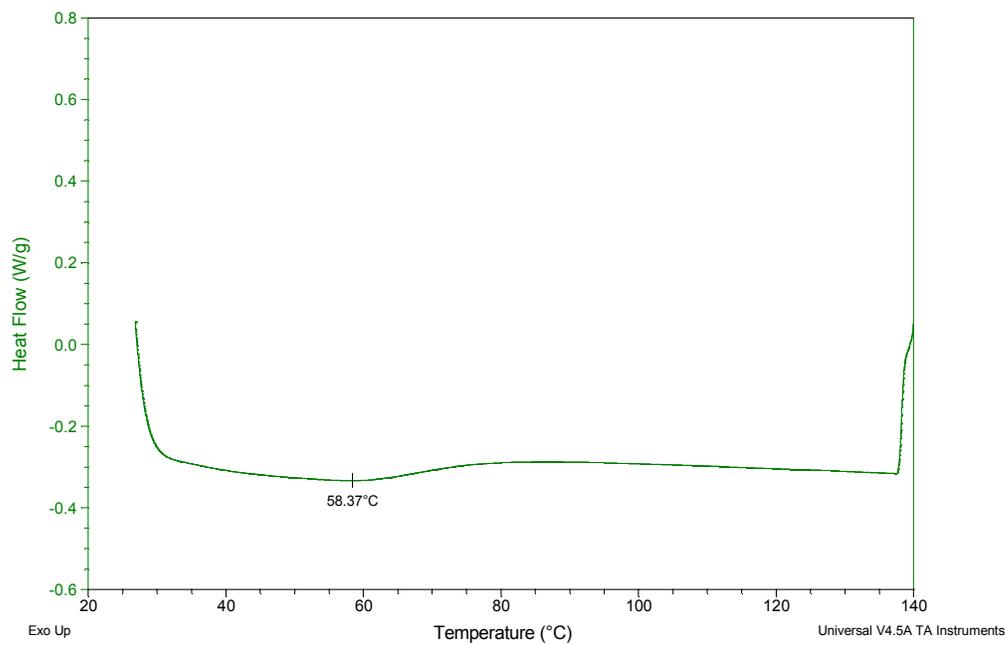


Figure S37. DSC of the polymer from table 1, entry 1.

Sample: zwp-23B  
Size: 5.0000 mg

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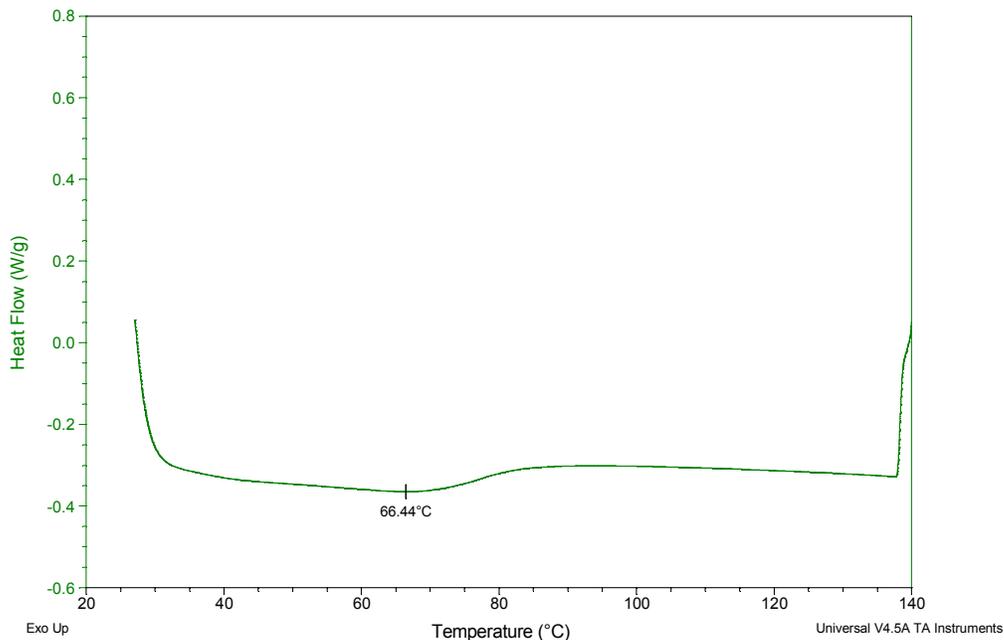


Figure S38. DSC of the polymer from table 1, entry 2.

Sample: zwp-23C  
Size: 5.3000 mg

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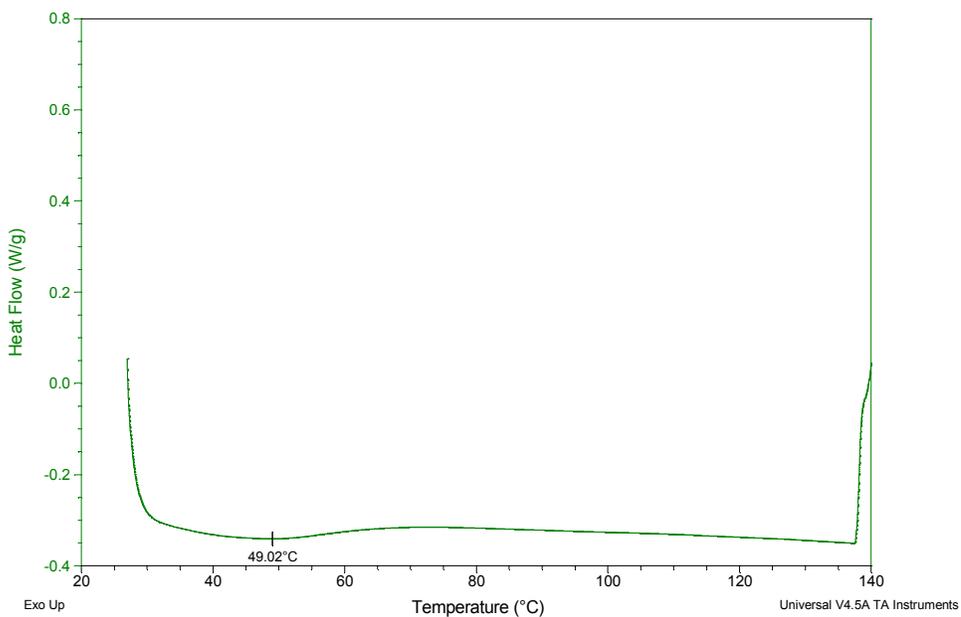
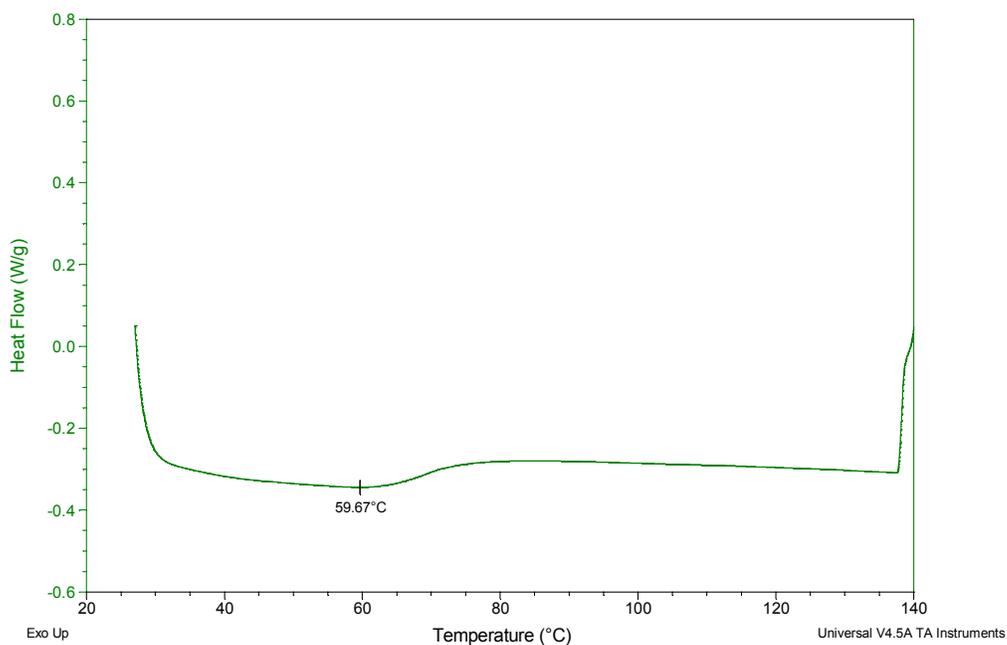


Figure S39. DSC of the polymer from table 1, entry 3.

Sample: zwp-23A  
Size: 5.3000 mg

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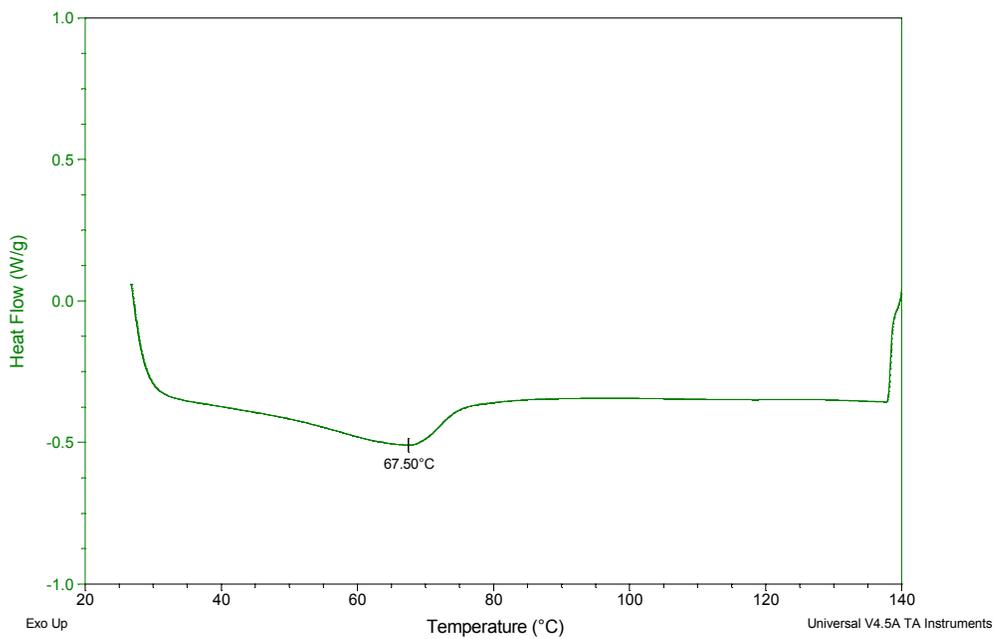


**Figure S40.** DSC of the polymer from table 1, entry 4.

Sample: zwp-224A  
Size: 5.3000 mg

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**Figure S41.** DSC of the polymer from table 1, entry 5.

### 3. X-Ray Crystallography of complexes Ni-1, Ni-5, Pd-1 and Pd-5.

#### Experimental for Ni-1

Single crystals of  $C_{76}H_{88}Br_4N_4Ni_2$  [Ni-1] were [brown]. A suitable crystal was selected and mounted on a Xcalibur, Sapphire3, Gemini ultra diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 291(2) K during data collection. Using Olex2 [1], the structure was solved with the ShelXS [2] structure solution program using Direct Methods and refined with the ShelXL [3] refinement package using Least Squares minimisation.

#### Crystal structure determination of [Ni-1]

**Crystal Data** for  $C_{76}H_{88}Br_4N_4Ni_2$  ( $M=1494.56$  g/mol): triclinic, space group P-1 (no. 2),  $a = 12.4568(14)$  Å,  $b = 12.5749(15)$  Å,  $c = 14.017(2)$  Å,  $\alpha = 64.779(14)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 65.643(14)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 69.541(10)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1768.9(5)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 1$ ,  $T = 291(2)$  K,  $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 3.635$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.403$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 11055 reflections measured ( $7.95^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 139.548^\circ$ ), 6455 unique ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0234$ ,  $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0380$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $R_1$  was 0.0388 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ) and  $wR_2$  was 0.1178 (all data).

#### Refinement model description

Number of restraints - 0, number of constraints - unknown.

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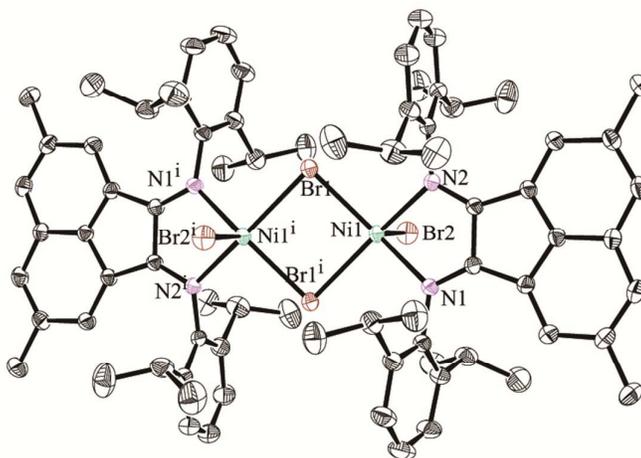


Figure S42. Molecular structure of Ni-1.

Table S6. Crystal data and structure refinement for Ni-1 (zwp-202).

Identification code	zwp-202
Empirical formula	$C_{76}H_{88}Br_4N_4Ni_2$
Formula weight	1494.56
Temperature/K	291(2)

Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	12.4568(14)
b/Å	12.5749(15)
c/Å	14.017(2)
$\alpha$ /°	64.779(14)
$\beta$ /°	65.643(14)
$\gamma$ /°	69.541(10)
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1768.9(5)
Z	1
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$ /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.403
$\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>	3.635
F(000)	768.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.380 × 0.360 × 0.320
Radiation	CuK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 1.54184)
2 $\theta$ range for data collection/°	7.95 to 139.548
Index ranges	-15 ≤ h ≤ 14, -13 ≤ k ≤ 15, -12 ≤ l ≤ 16
Reflections collected	11055
Independent reflections	6455 [ $R_{\text{int}}$ = 0.0234, $R_{\text{sigma}}$ = 0.0380]
Data/restraints/parameters	6455/0/398
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.083
Final R indexes [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R_1$ = 0.0388, $wR_2$ = 0.1101
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1$ = 0.0461, $wR_2$ = 0.1178
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.38/-0.72

### Experimental for Ni-5

Single crystals of C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>44</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NiO<sub>2</sub> [Ni-5] were [brown]. A suitable crystal was selected and **mounted** on a diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 290(2) K during data collection. Using Olex2 [1], the structure was solved with the ShelXS [2] structure solution program using Direct Methods and refined with the ShelXL [3] refinement package using Least Squares minimisation.

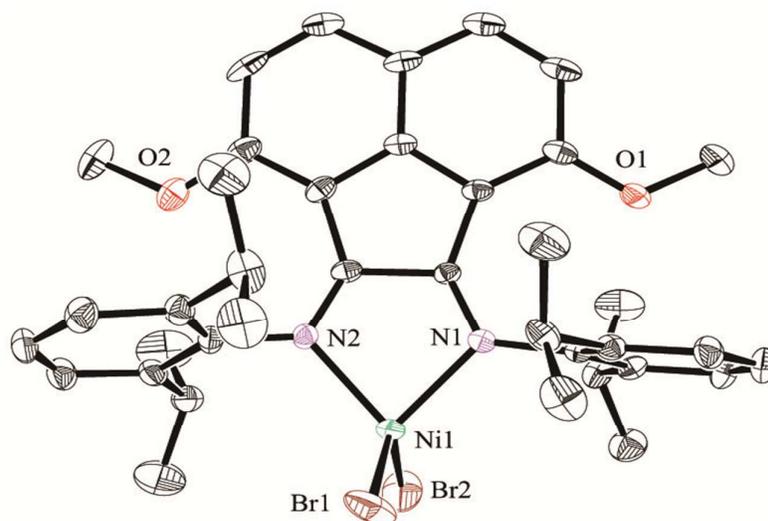
### Crystal structure determination of [Ni-5]

**Crystal Data** for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>44</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NiO<sub>2</sub> ( $M$  = 779.28 g/mol): orthorhombic, space group P2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub> (no. 19),  $a$  = 11.2644(7) Å,  $b$  = 14.2298(12) Å,  $c$  = 22.702(2) Å,  $V$  = 3638.9(5) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z$  = 4,  $T$  = 290(2) K,  $\mu$ (MoK $\alpha$ ) = 2.763 mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $D_{\text{calc}}$  = 1.422 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 11383 reflections measured ( $6.758^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 58.328^\circ$ ), 7535 unique ( $R_{\text{int}}$  = 0.0451,  $R_{\text{sigma}}$  = 0.0932) which were used in all calculations. The final  $R_1$  was 0.0558 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ) and  $wR_2$  was 0.1808 (all data).

### Refinement model description

Number of restraints - 0, number of constraints - unknown.

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**Figure S43.** Molecular structure of Ni-5.

**Table S7.** Crystal data and structure refinement for Ni-5 (zwp-201).

Identification code	zwp-201
Empirical formula	C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>44</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> NiO <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	779.28
Temperature/K	290(2)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
a/Å	11.2644(7)
b/Å	14.2298(12)
c/Å	22.702(2)
α/°	90
β/°	90
γ/°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	3638.9(5)
Z	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.422
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.763
F(000)	1600.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.330 × 0.250 × 0.240
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	6.758 to 58.328
Index ranges	-14 ≤ h ≤ 13, -5 ≤ k ≤ 19, -17 ≤ l ≤ 29
Reflections collected	11383

Independent reflections	7535 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0451$ , $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0932$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	7535/0/416
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.104
Final R indexes [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R_1 = 0.0558$ , $wR_2 = 0.1210$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.1152$ , $wR_2 = 0.1808$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$	0.51/-0.66
Flack parameter	-0.001(7)

### Experimental for Pd-1

Single crystals of  $C_{39}H_{47}ClN_2Pd$  [**Pd-1**] were **orange**. A suitable crystal was selected and **mounted** on a diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 291(2) K during data collection. Using Olex2 [1], the structure was solved with the ShelXS [2] structure solution program using Direct Methods and refined with the ShelXL [3] refinement package using Least Squares minimisation.

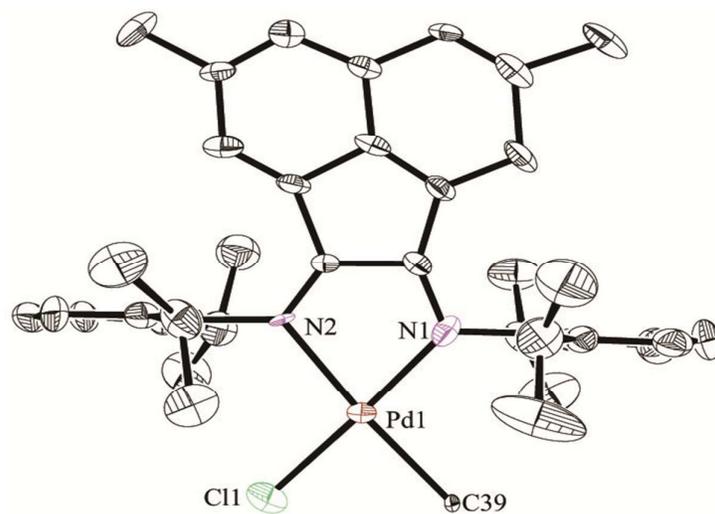
### Crystal structure determination of [Pd-1]

**Crystal Data** for  $C_{39}H_{47}ClN_2Pd$  ( $M = 685.63$  g/mol): monoclinic, space group  $P2_1$  (no. 4),  $a = 9.1419(5)$  Å,  $b = 21.4966(11)$  Å,  $c = 9.6747(7)$  Å,  $\beta = 98.435(6)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1880.7(2)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 2$ ,  $T = 291(2)$  K,  $\mu(\text{MoK}\alpha) = 0.591$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.211$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 12417 reflections measured ( $6.904^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 58.464^\circ$ ), 7637 unique ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0270$ ,  $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0476$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $R_1$  was 0.0528 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ) and  $wR_2$  was 0.1751 (all data).

### Refinement model description

Number of restraints - 67, number of constraints - unknown.

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**Figure S44.** Molecular structure of **Pd-1**.

**Table S8. Crystal data and structure refinement for Pd-1 (zwp-208).**

Identification code	zwp-208
Empirical formula	C <sub>39</sub> H <sub>47</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> Pd
Formula weight	685.63
Temperature/K	291(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub>
a/Å	9.1419(5)
b/Å	21.4966(11)
c/Å	9.6747(7)
α/°	90
β/°	98.435(6)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1880.7(2)
Z	2
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.211
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.591
F(000)	716.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.330 × 0.310 × 0.310
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	6.904 to 58.464
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 10, -29 ≤ k ≤ 28, -12 ≤ l ≤ 10
Reflections collected	12417
Independent reflections	7637 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0270, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0476]
Data/restraints/parameters	7637/67/399
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.118
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0528, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1450
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0730, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1751
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.74/-0.76
Flack parameter	0.49(4)

**Experimental for Pd-5**

Single crystals of C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>49</sub>Cl<sub>7</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Pd [**Pd-5**] were [**orange**]. A suitable crystal was selected and **amounted** on a **Xcalibur, Sapphire3, Gemini ultra** diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 293(2) K during data collection. Using Olex2 [1], the structure was solved with the ShelXS [2] structure solution program using Direct Methods and refined with the ShelXL [3] refinement package using Least Squares minimisation.

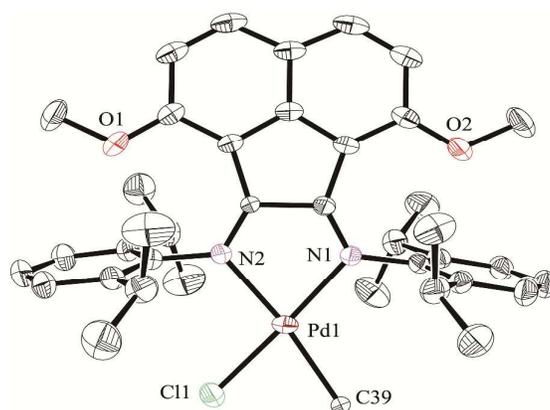
**Crystal structure determination of [Pd-5]**

**Crystal Data** for  $C_{41}H_{49}Cl_7N_2O_2Pd$  ( $M=956.37$  g/mol): orthorhombic, space group Pbc<sub>a</sub> (no. 61),  $a = 22.5591(3)$  Å,  $b = 17.8864(2)$  Å,  $c = 22.5836(3)$  Å,  $V = 9112.5(2)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 8$ ,  $T = 293(2)$  K,  $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 7.335$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.394$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 40651 reflections measured ( $7.424^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 139.326^\circ$ ), 8514 unique ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0373$ ,  $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0279$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $R_1$  was 0.0536 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ) and  $wR_2$  was 0.1641 (all data).

### Refinement model description

Number of restraints - 14, number of constraints - unknown.

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**Figure S45.** Molecular structure of Pd-5.

**Table S9.** Crystal data and structure refinement for Pd-5 (zwp-175).

Identification code	zwp-175
Empirical formula	$C_{41}H_{49}Cl_7N_2O_2Pd$
Formula weight	956.37
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	Pbc <sub>a</sub>
$a/\text{Å}$	22.5591(3)
$b/\text{Å}$	17.8864(2)
$c/\text{Å}$	22.5836(3)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90
$\beta/^\circ$	90
$\gamma/^\circ$	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	9112.5(2)
$Z$	8
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g/cm}^3$	1.394
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	7.335
$F(000)$	3920.0

Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.360 × 0.300 × 0.300
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	7.424 to 139.326
Index ranges	-25 ≤ h ≤ 27, -16 ≤ k ≤ 21, -27 ≤ l ≤ 27
Reflections collected	40651
Independent reflections	8514 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0373, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0279]
Data/restraints/parameters	8514/14/490
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.050
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0536, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1537
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0611, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1641
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.00/-0.72

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