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Non-redox metal ions can promote Wacker-type oxidations even better than copper(II): a new opportunity in catalyst design

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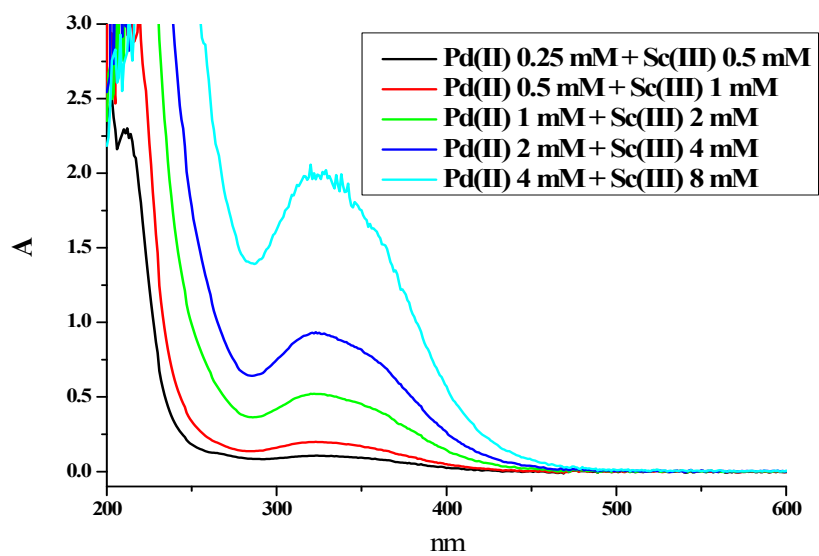


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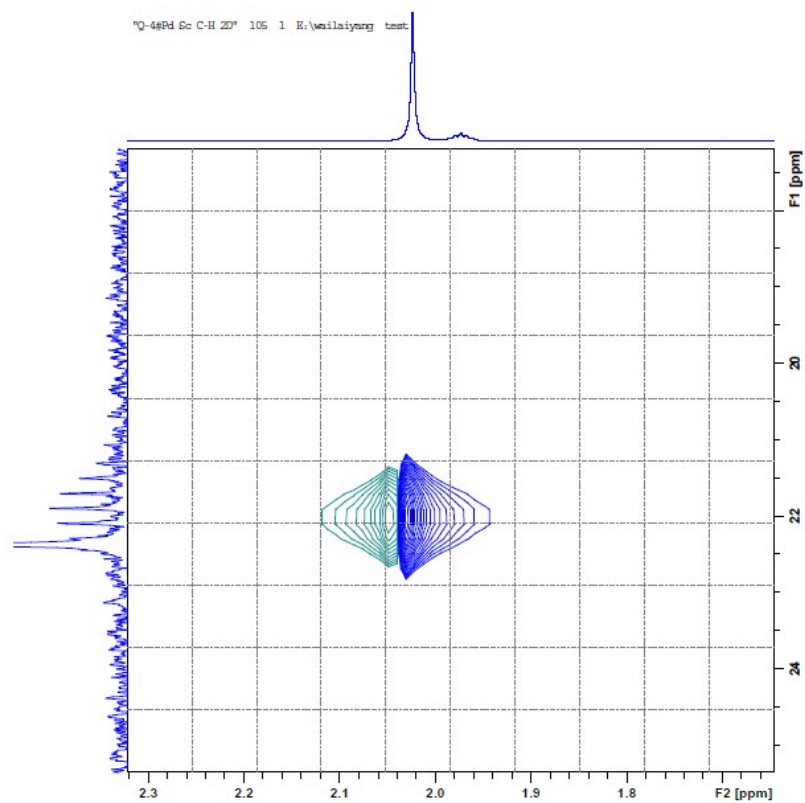


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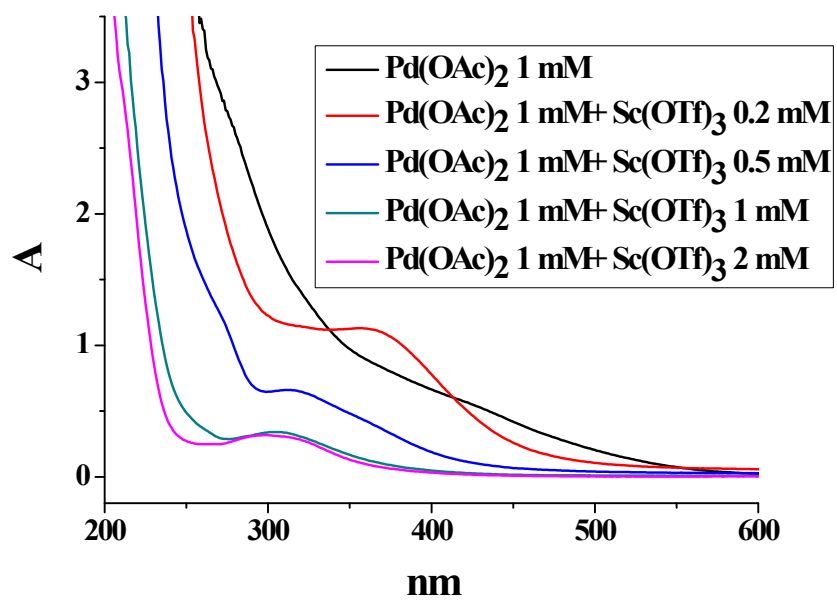


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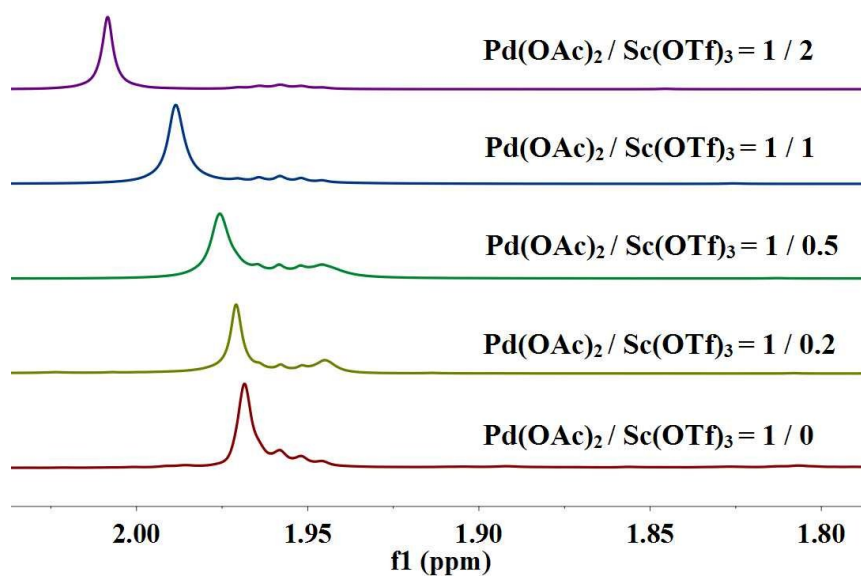


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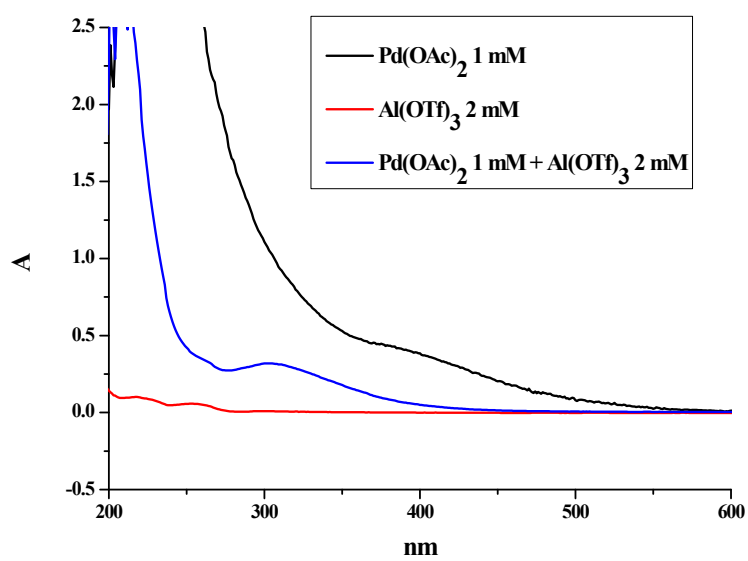


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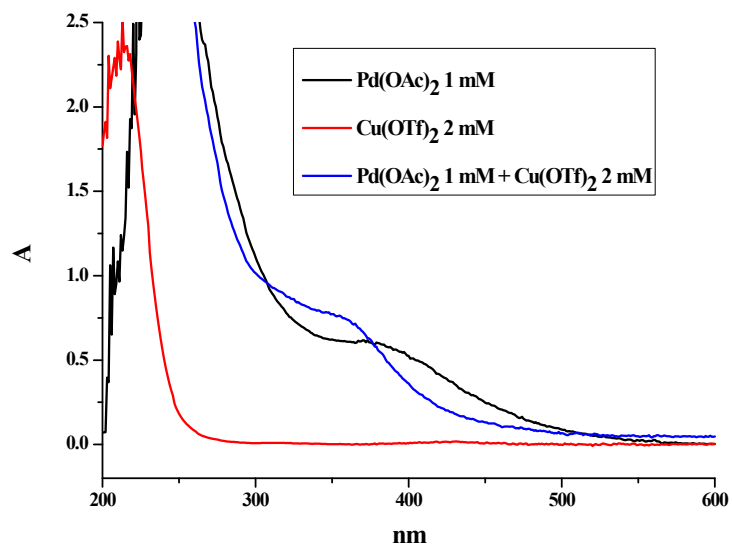
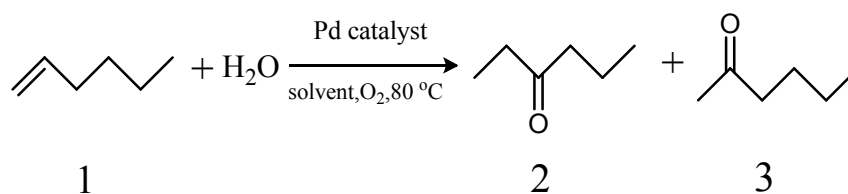


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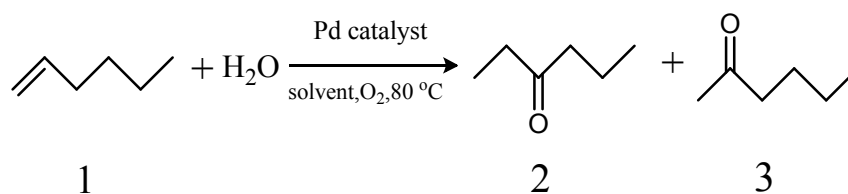
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Entries	Catalyst	Additives	Solvent	Conv. [%]	Yield of 2 [%]	Yield of 3 [%]
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	Sc (OTf) ₃	DMF	28.3	trace	6.9
2	Pd(OAc) ₂	Sc (OTf) ₃	DMSO	23.0	trace	4.5
3	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu (OTf) ₂	DMSO	21.9	trace	4.3
4	Pd(OAc) ₂	Sc (OTf) ₃	DMA	21.8	trace	11.8
5^[b]	Pd(OAc)₂	Sc (OTf)₃	CH₃CN	>99	29.3	53.1
6 ^[b]	PdCl ₂	Sc (OTf) ₃	CH ₃ CN	19.7	trace	3.9
7 ^[b]	Pd(OAc) ₂	Sc (OTf) ₃	5 mL CH ₃ CN+ 0.2 mL DMSO	23.6	2.9	11.8
8 ^[b]	Pd(OAc) ₂	Sc (OTf) ₃	5 mL CH ₃ CN+ 0.2 mL DMF	35.1	7.1	13.7
9 ^[b]	Pd(OAc) ₂	Sc (OTf) ₃	5 mL CH ₃ CN+ 0.2 mL DMA	29.4	3.2	9.9

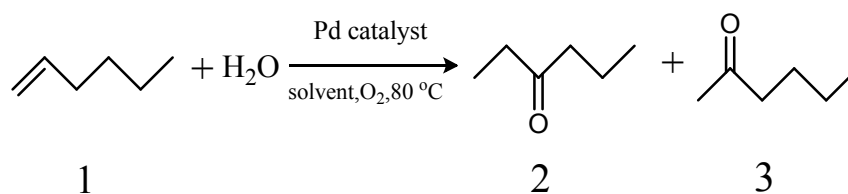
[a] Reaction conditions: solvent (5 mL), H₂O (0.2 mL), 1-hexene (2 mmol), Pd(II) catalyst (0.02 mmol), Sc(OTf)₃ (0.04 mmol), O₂ (20 atm), 80 °C, 16 h.

[b] Reaction conditions: solvent (5 mL), H₂O (0.2 mL), 1-hexene (2 mmol), Pd(II) catalyst (0.02 mmol), Sc(OTf)₃ (0.04 mmol), O₂ (20 atm), 80 °C, 2 h.

Table S2 The influence of water content on Pd(II)/Sc(III)-catalyzed 1-hexene oxidation^a

Entries	H ₂ O (mL)	Conv. [%]	Yield of 2 [%]	Yield of 3 [%]
1	-	15.1	trace	1.4
2	0.05	31.1	2.1	8.3
3	0.1	83.3	21.7	41.2
4	0.2	84.1	24.3	43.2
5	0.3	64.0	13.4	27.5
6	0.4	62.2	14.9	31.1

[a] Reaction conditions: CH₃CN (5 mL), 1-hexene (2 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.02 mmol), Sc(OTf)₃ (0.04 mmol), O₂ (20 atm), 60 °C, 5 h.

Table S3 The influence of Pd(II)/Sc(III) ratio on 1-hexene oxidation^[a]

Entries	Sc(OTf) ₃ (equiv)	Conv. (%)	Yield of 2 (%)	Yield of 3 (%)	Pd(0) black formation
1	-	13.7	trace	1.3	a lot
2	0.5	25.7	2.0	8.1	some
3	1	53.7	10.1	23.2	minor
4	2	78.1	20.7	40.9	none
5	3	98.2	28.8	53.3	none
6	4	99.3	29.1	54.2	none

[a] Reaction conditions: CH₃CN (5 mL), H₂O (0.2 mL), 1-hexene (2 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.02 mmol), O₂ (20 atm), 60 °C, 2 h.

Table S4 Lewis acid promoted Pd(II)-catalyzed 1-hexene isomerization under different conditions^[a]

Entries	Catalyst	Lewis acid	Time	Conv./%	Internal olefin yield /%
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	-	1 h	-	-
2	-	Cu(OTf) ₂	1 h	-	-
3	-	Sc(OTf) ₃	1 h	-	-
4	Pd(OAc) ₂	Sc(OTf) ₃	6 min	98.2	89.5
5	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OTf) ₂	6 min	55.8	49.3

[a] Reaction conditions: CD₃CN (0.5 mL), Pd(OAc)₂ (4 mM), Lewis acid (8 mM), 1-hexene (40 mM), reaction performed in NMR tube at 25 °C.

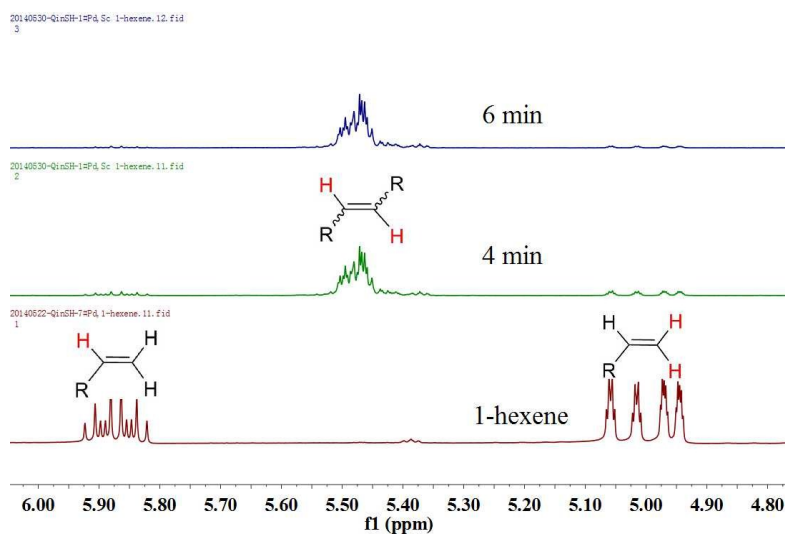


Figure S7-1 The ¹H NMR kinetics of olefinic bond in 1-hexene isomerization at 25 °C (0.5 mL of acetonitrile-d₃ containing 4 mM Pd(OAc)₂, 8 mM Sc(OTf)₃ and 40 mM 1-hexene).

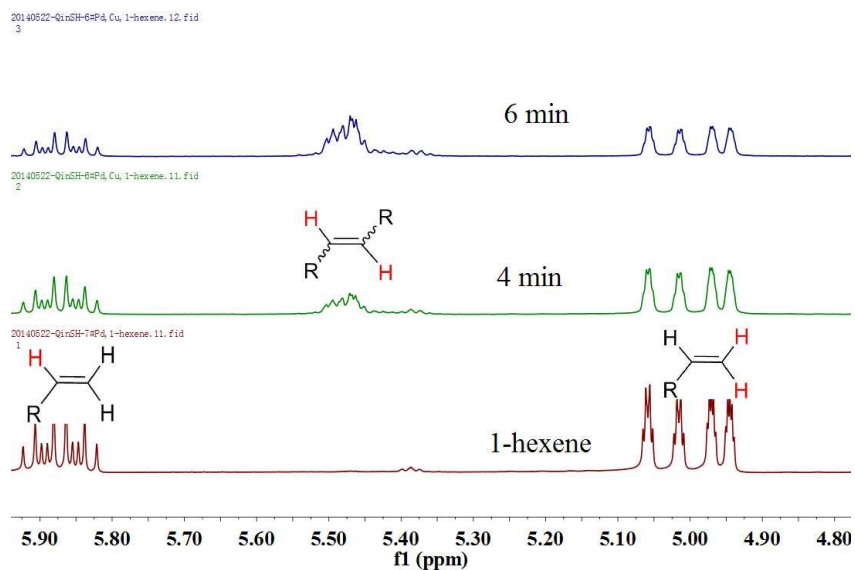


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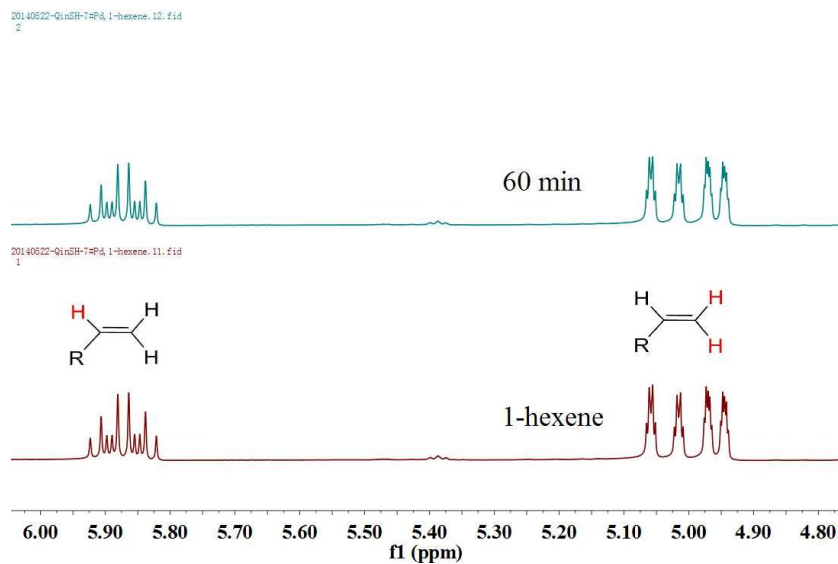


Figure S7-3 The ^1H NMR kinetics of olefinic bond in 1-hexene isomerization 25 °C (0.5 mL of acetonitrile- d_3 containing 4 mM $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ and 40 mM 1-hexene).

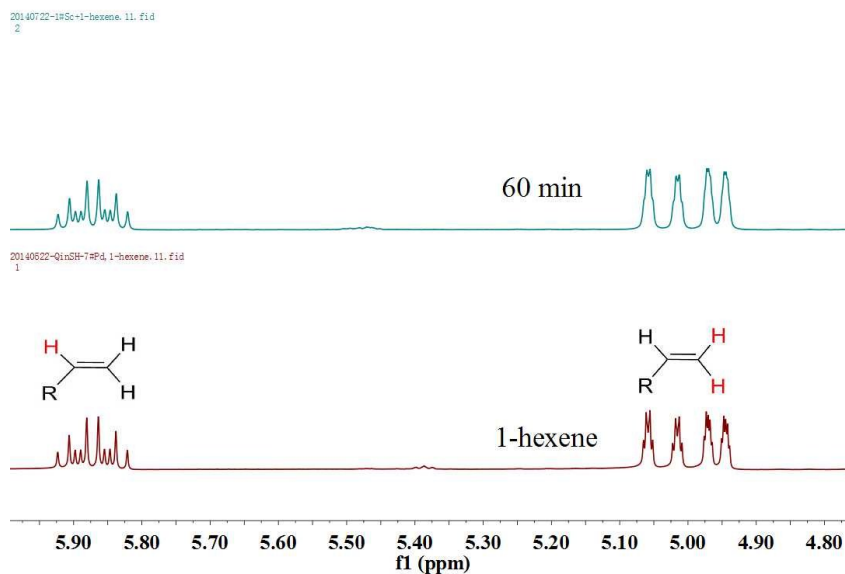


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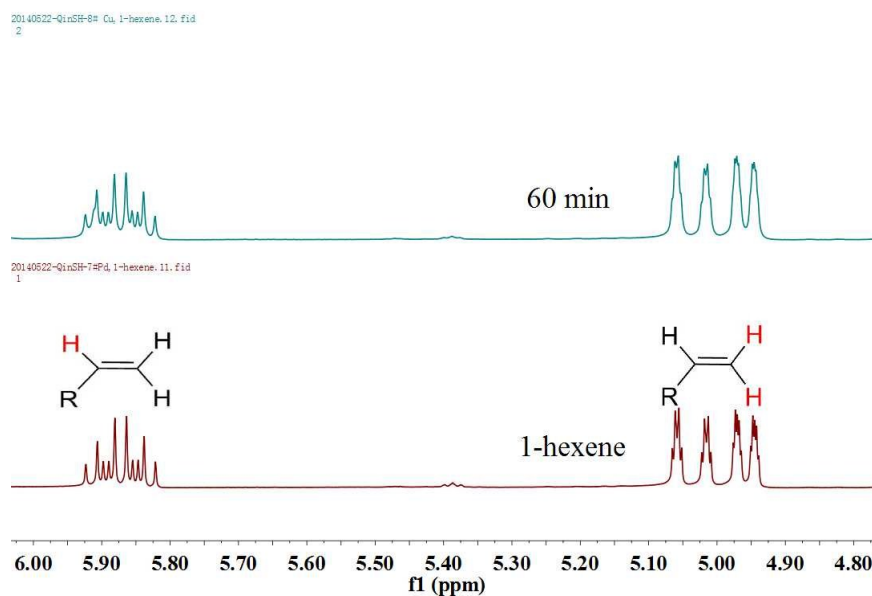


Figure S7-5 The ^1H NMR kinetics of olefinic bond in 1-hexene isomerization 25 °C (0.5 mL of acetonitrile- d_3 containing 8 mM $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ and 40 mM 1-hexene).

Table S5 Lewis acid promoted Pd(II)-catalyzed 1-octene isomerization under different conditions^[a]

Entries	Catalyst	Lewis acid	Time	Conv./%	Internal olefin yield /%
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	-	1 h	-	-
2	-	Cu(OTf) ₂	1 h	-	-
3	-	Sc(OTf) ₃	1 h	-	-
4	Pd(OAc) ₂	Sc(OTf) ₃	4 min	94.5	90.3
5	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OTf) ₂	6 min	75.7	63.2

[a] Reaction conditions: CD₃CN (0.5 mL), Pd(OAc)₂ catalyst (4 mM), Lewis acid (8 mM), 1-octene (40 mM), reaction performed in NMR tube at 25 °C.

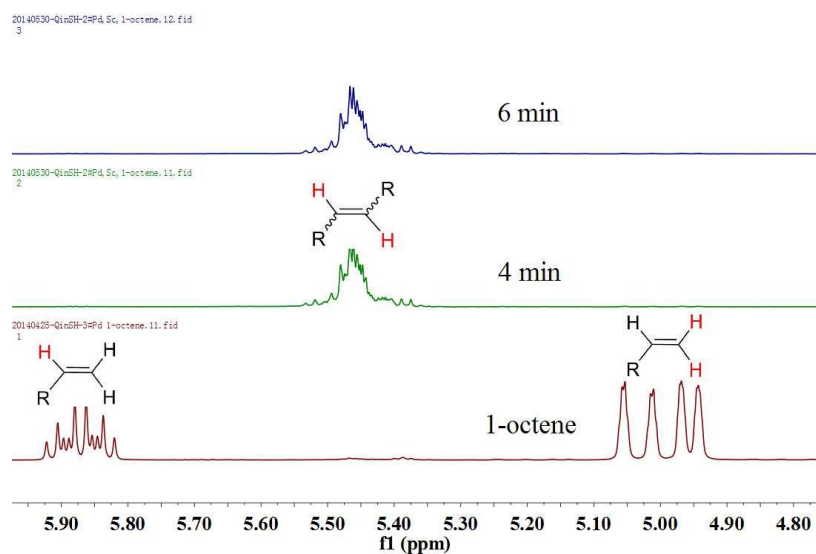


Figure S8-1 The ¹H NMR kinetics of olefinic bond in 1-octene isomerization 25 °C (0.5 mL of acetonitrile-d₃ containing 4 mM Pd(OAc)₂, 8 mM Sc(OTf)₃ and 40 mM 1-octene).

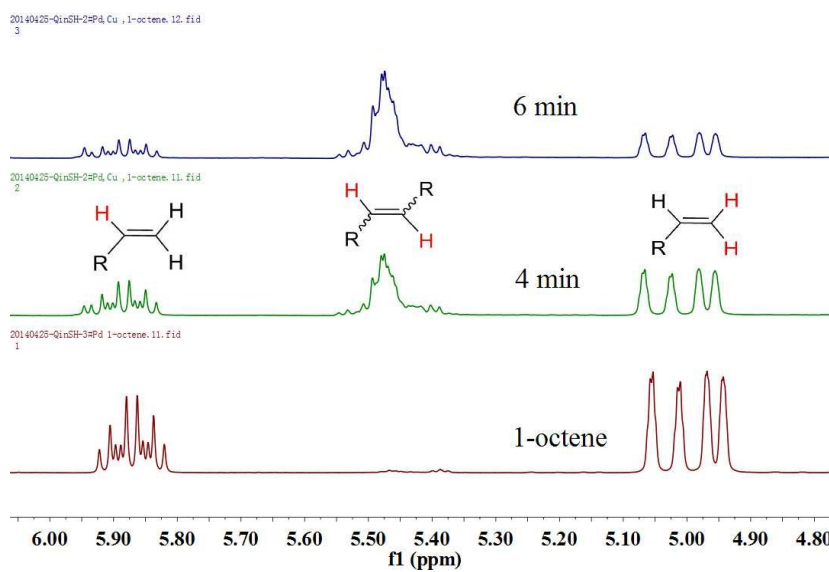


Figure S8-2 The ^1H NMR kinetics of olefinic bond in 1-octene isomerization 25 °C (0.5 mL of acetonitrile- d_3 containing 4 mM $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$, 8 mM $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ and 40 mM 1-octene).

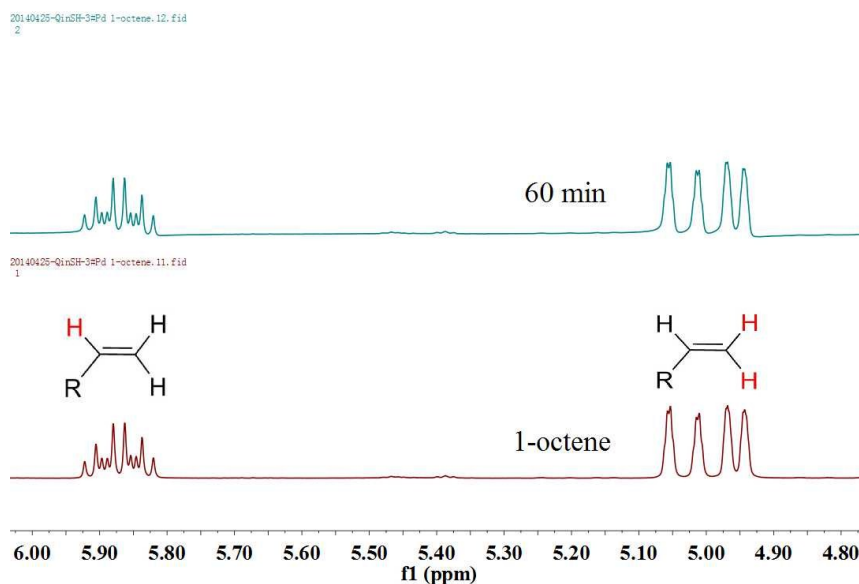


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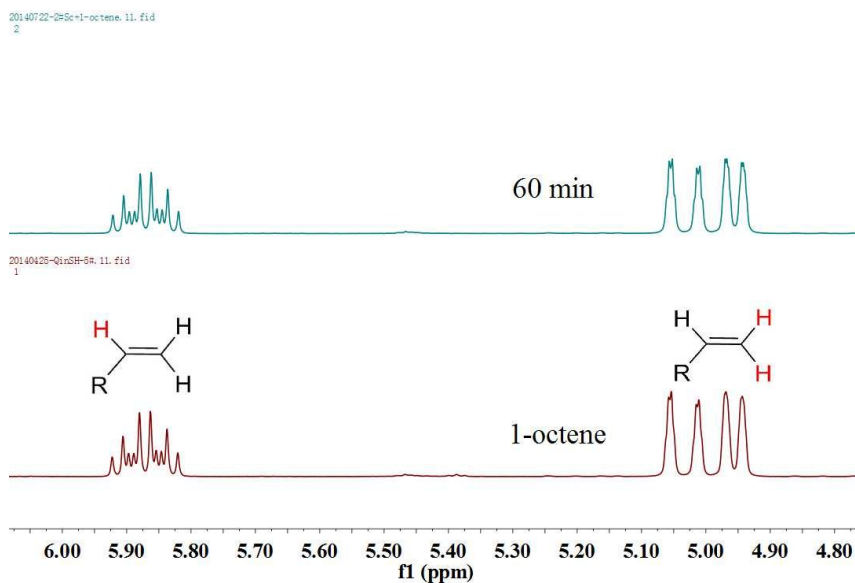


Figure S8-4 The ^1H NMR kinetics of olefinic bond in 1-octene isomerization 25 °C (0.5 mL of acetonitrile- d_3 containing 8 mM $\text{Sc}(\text{OTf})_3$ and 40 mM 1-octene).

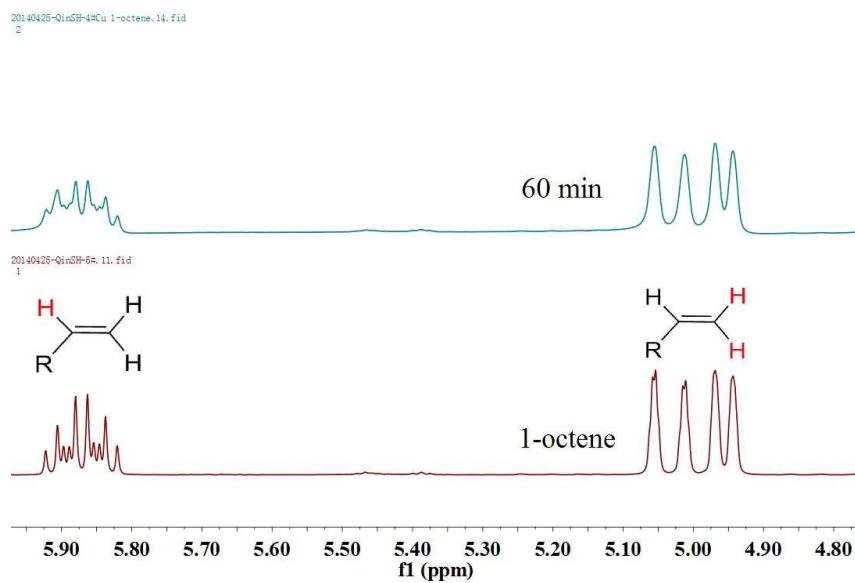


Figure S8-5 The ^1H NMR kinetics of olefinic bond in 1-octene isomerization 25 °C (0.5 mL of acetonitrile- d_3 containing 8 mM $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ and 40 mM 1-octene).

Table S6 Lewis acid promoted Pd(II)-catalyzed 1-dodecene isomerization under different conditions^[a]

Entries	Catalyst	Lewis acid	Time	Conv./%	Internal olefin yield /%
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	-	1 h	-	-
2	-	Cu(OTf) ₂	1 h	-	-
3	-	Sc(OTf) ₃	1 h	-	-
4	Pd(OAc) ₂	Sc(OTf) ₃	6 min	99.6	84.4
5	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OTf) ₂	6 min	48.4	41.4

[a] Reaction conditions: CD₃CN (0.5 mL), Pd(OAc)₂ (4 mM), Lewis acid (8 mM), 1-dodecene (40 mM), reaction performed in NMR tube at 25 °C.

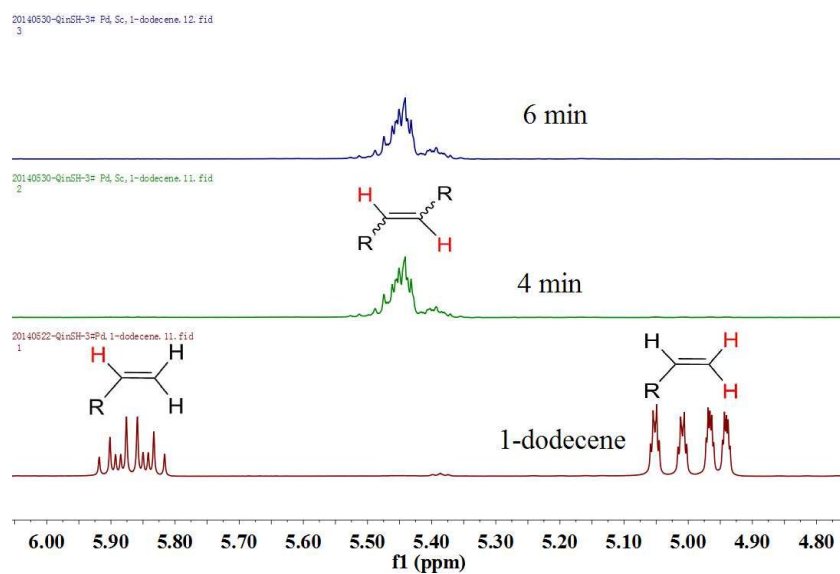


Figure S9-1 The ¹H NMR kinetics of olefinic bond in 1-dodecene isomerization 25 °C (0.5 mL of acetonitrile-d₃ containing 4 mM Pd(OAc)₂, 8 mM Sc(OTf)₃ and 40 mM 1-dodecene).

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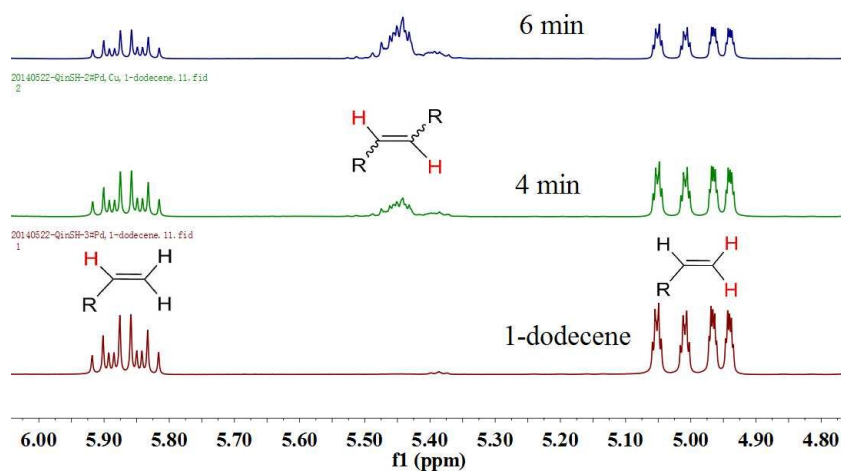


Figure S9-2 The ¹H NMR kinetics of olefinic bond in 1-dodecene isomerization 25 °C (0.5 mL of acetonitrile-^d₃ containing 4 mM Pd(OAc)₂, 8 mM Cu(OTf)₂ and 40 mM 1-dodecene).

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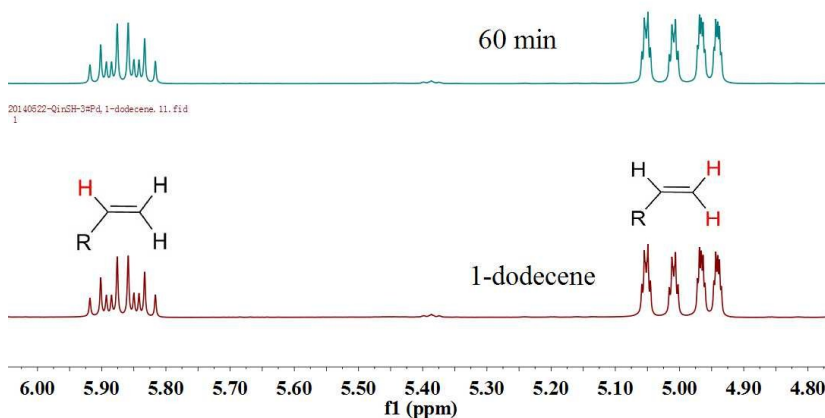


Figure S9-3 The ¹H NMR kinetics of olefinic bond in 1-dodecene isomerization 25 °C (0.5 mL of acetonitrile-^d₃ containing 4 mM Pd(OAc)₂ and 40 mM 1-dodecene).

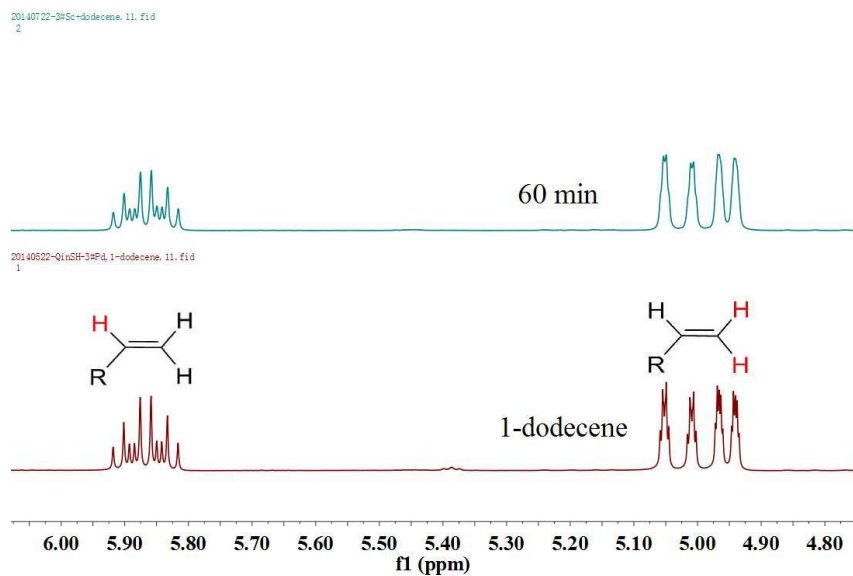


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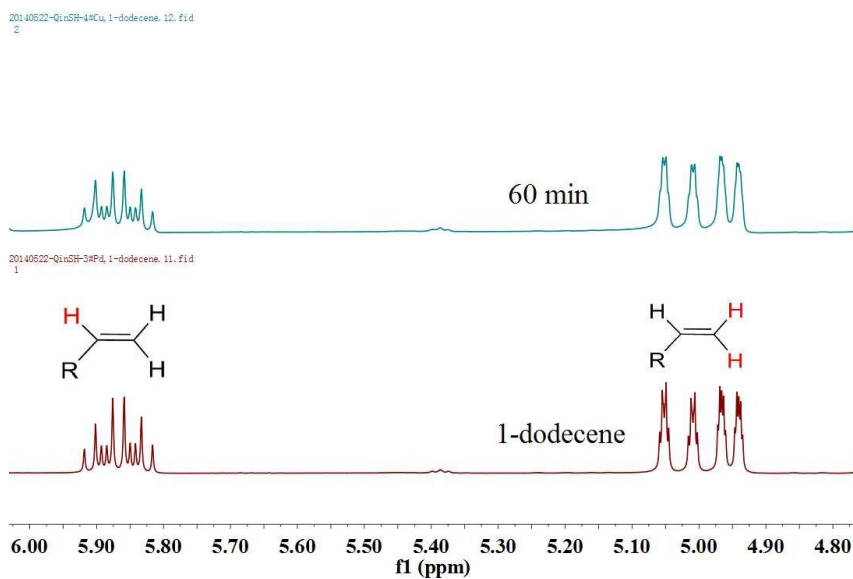
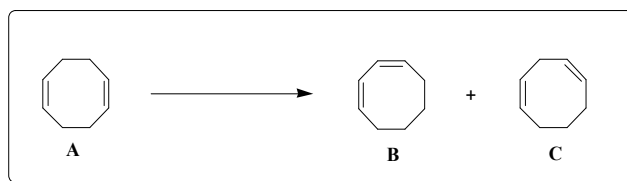


Figure S9-5 The ^1H NMR kinetics of olefinic bond in 1-dodecene isomerization 25 °C (0.5 mL of acetonitrile- d_3 containing 8 mM $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ and 40 mM 1-dodecene).

Table S7 Lewis acid promoted Pd(II)-catalyzed 1,5-cyclooctadiene isomerization under different conditions^[a]



Entries	Catalyst	Lewis acid	Time	Conv./%	Yield B /%	Yield C /%
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	-	24 h	0.9	-	-
2	-	Sc(OTf) ₃	24 h	1.1	-	-
3	-	Cu(OTf) ₂	24 h	1.0	-	-
4	Pd(OAc) ₂	Sc(OTf) ₃	24 h	95.2	89.0	4.7
5	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OTf) ₂	24 h	93.0	88.0	4.1
6	Pd(OAc) ₂	Al(OTf) ₃	22 h	91.6	87.3	3.4
7	Pd(OAc) ₂	Mg(OTf) ₂	22 h	88.5	79.6	4.8
8	Pd(OAc) ₂	Zn(OTf) ₂	22 h	89.1	80.0	6.5

[a] Reaction conditions: CH₃CN (5 mL), Pd(OAc)₂ (4 mM), Lewis acid (8 mM), 1,5-cyclooctadiene (0.2 M), 90 °C.

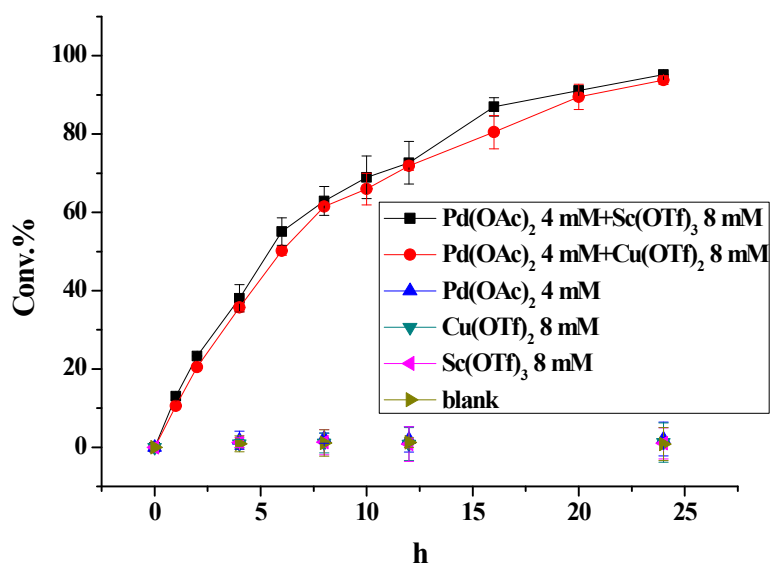


Figure S10 Isomerization kinetics of 1,5-cyclooctadiene. Conditions: CH₃CN (5 mL), Pd(OAc)₂ (4 mM), Lewis acid (8 mM), 1,5-cyclooctadiene (0.2 M), 90 °C.

GC-MS data for catalytic oxidation of 1-octene by Pd(OAc)₂ plus Sc(OTf)₃.
Conditions: CH₃CN (5 mL), water (0.2 mL), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.02 mmol), Sc(OTf)₃ (0.04 mmol), 1-octene (2 mmol), O₂ (20 atm), temperature 80 °C, reaction time 12 h. The measurements were conducted with auto sampler, HP-5 capillary column and a flame ionization detector.

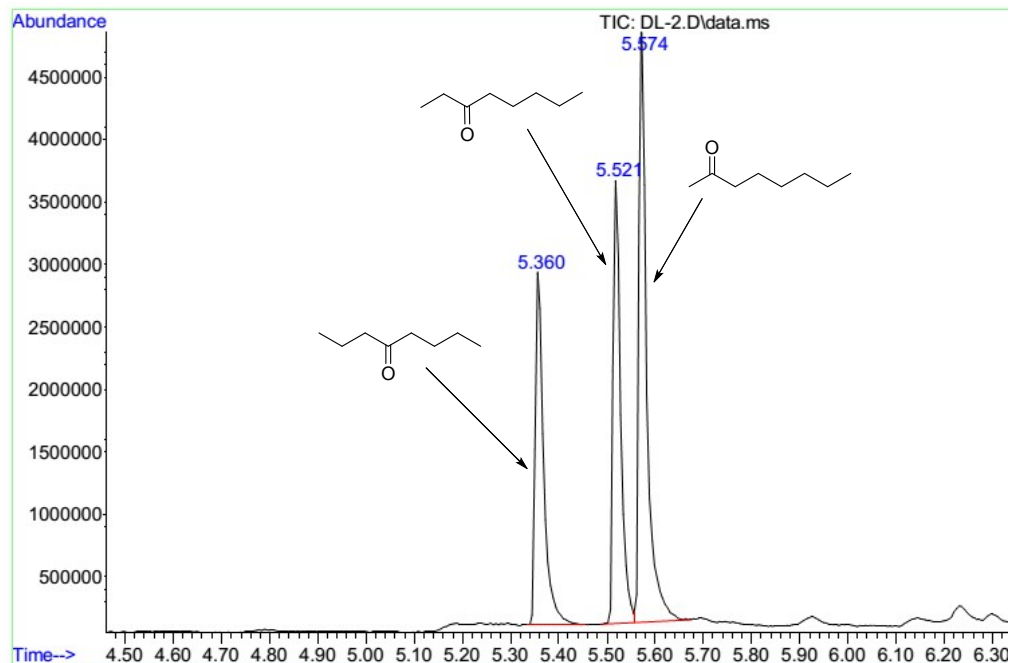


Figure S11. GC-MS graph of 1-octene oxidation by Pd(OAc)₂ plus Sc(OTf)₃.

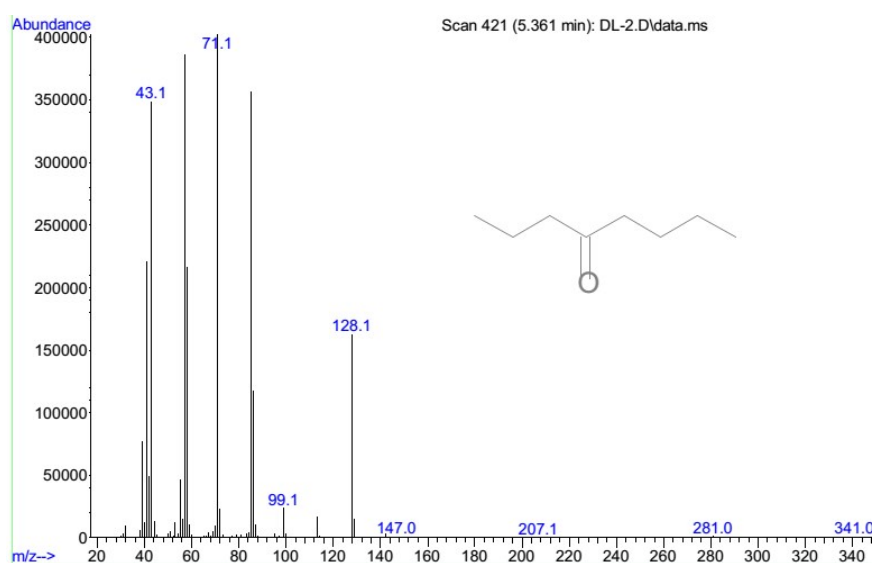


Figure S11-1. MS graph of 4-octanone in GC-MS analysis.

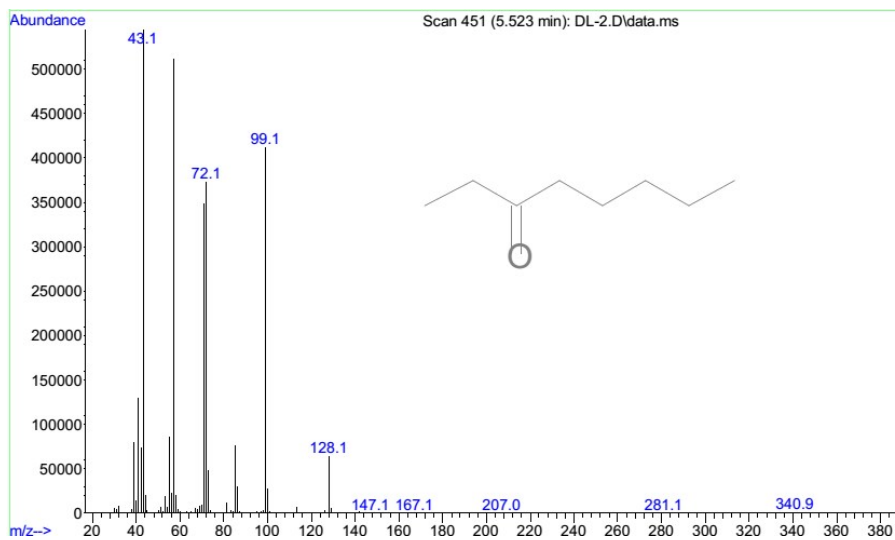


Figure S11-2. MS graph of 3-octanone in GC-MS analysis.

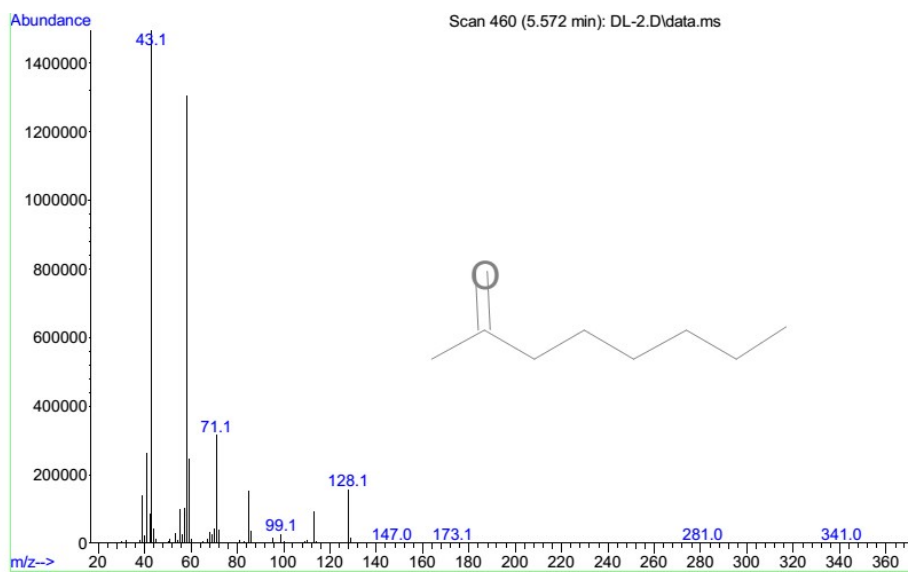


Figure S11-3. MS graph of 2-octanone in GC-MS analysis.

GC-MS data for catalytic isomerization of 1,5-cyclooctadiene by Pd(OAc)₂ plus Sc(OTf)₃.
Conditions: CH₃CN (5 mL), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.02 mmol), Sc(OTf)₃ (0.04 mmol), 1,5-cyclooctadiene (1 mmol), temperature 90 °C; reaction time 24 h. The measurements were conducted with auto sampler, HP-5 capillary column and a flame ionization detector.

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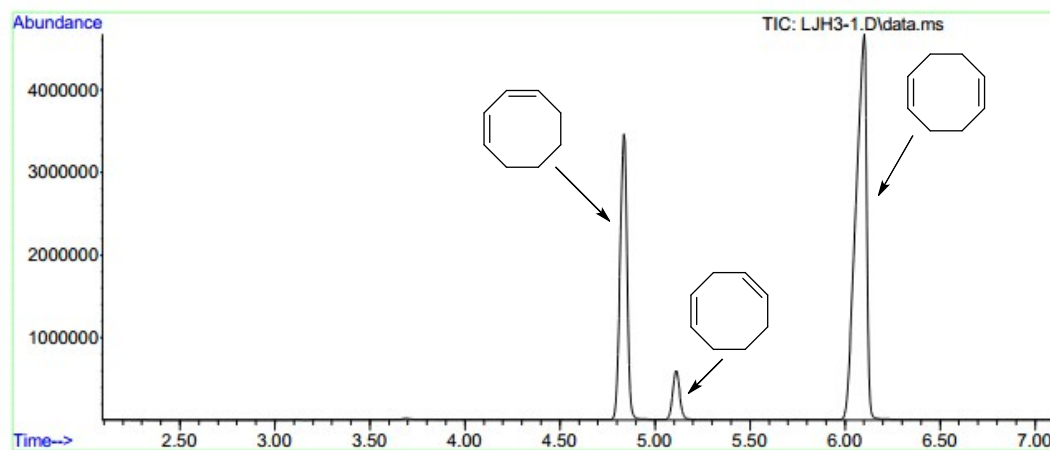


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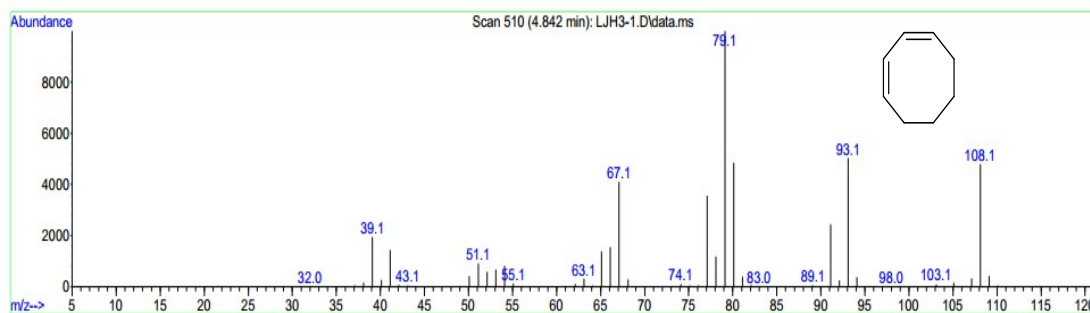


Figure S12-1. MS graph of 1,3-cyclooctadiene in GC-MS analysis.

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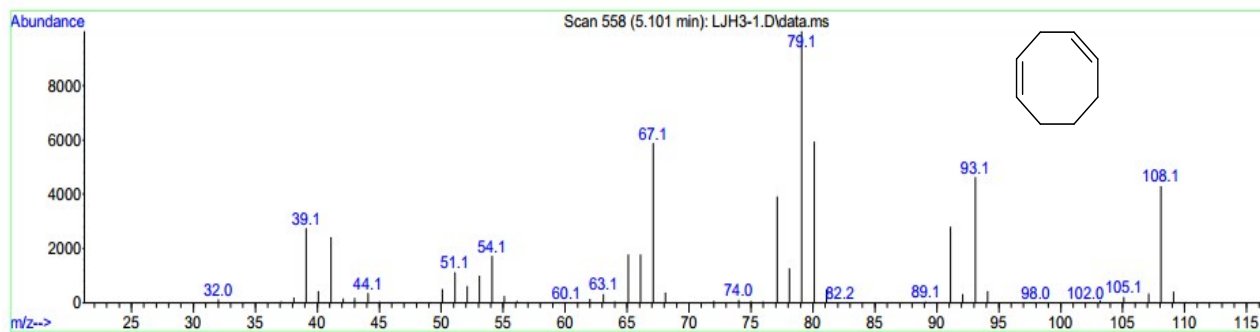


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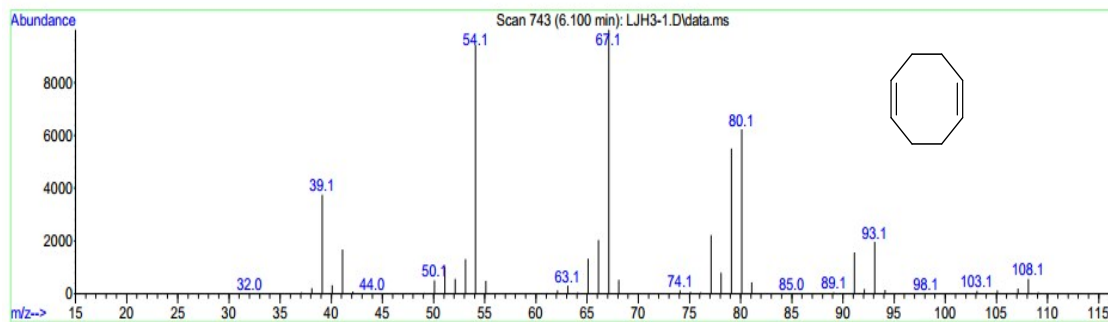


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