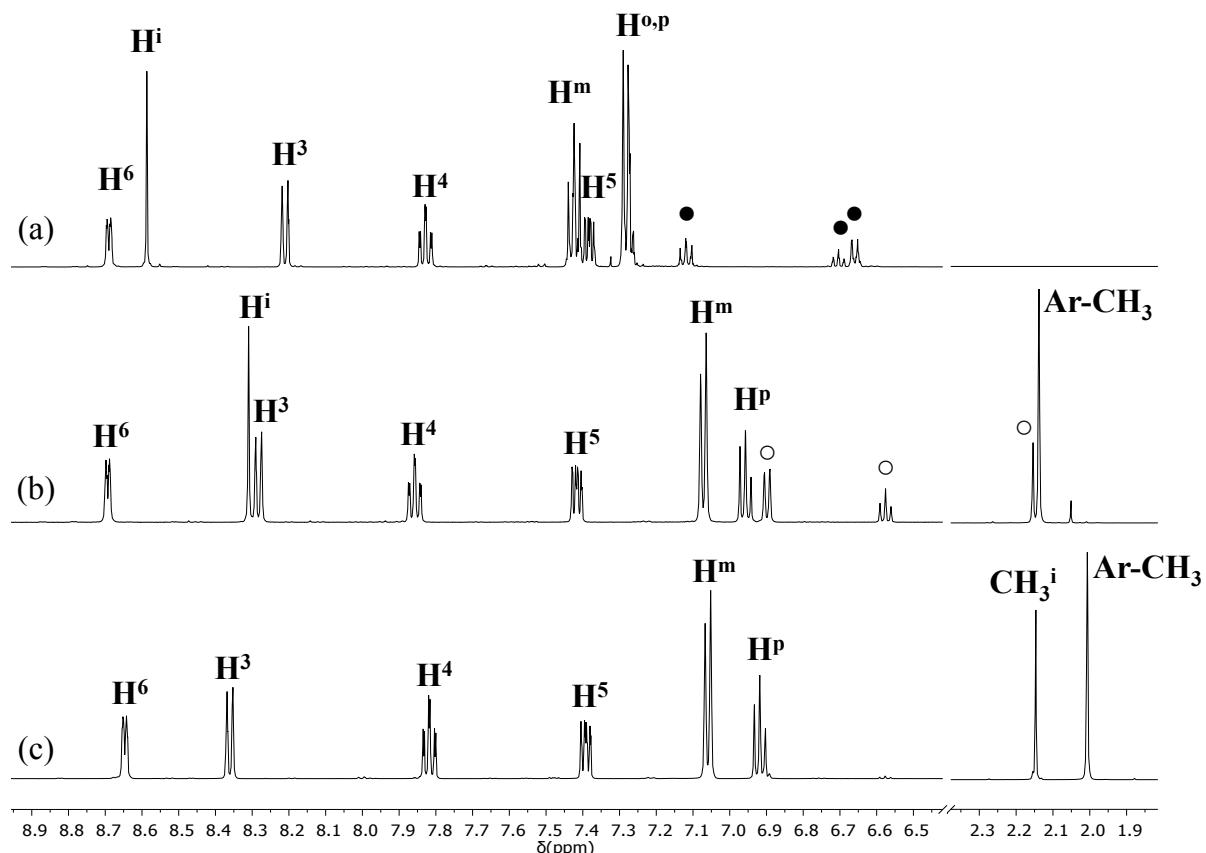


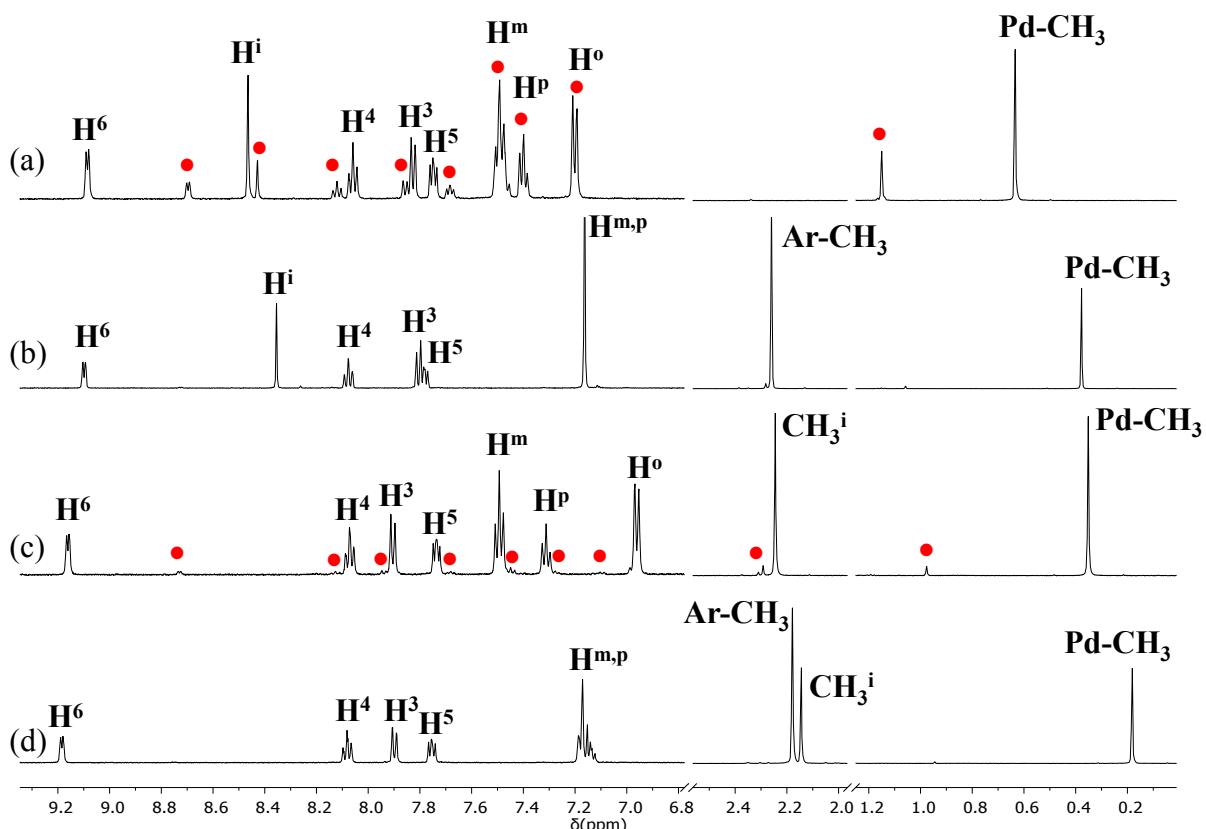
**Electronic Supplementary Information**

# **Palladium complexes with simple iminopyridines as catalysts for polyketone synthesis**

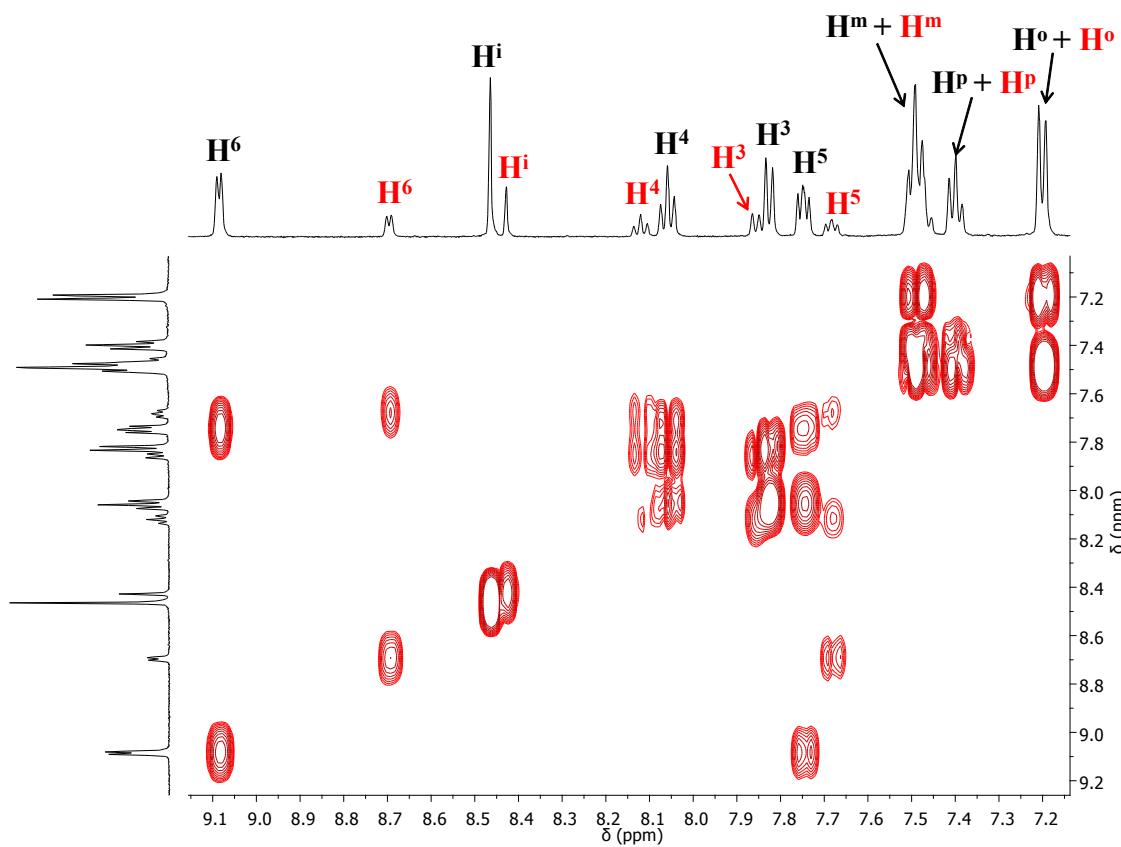
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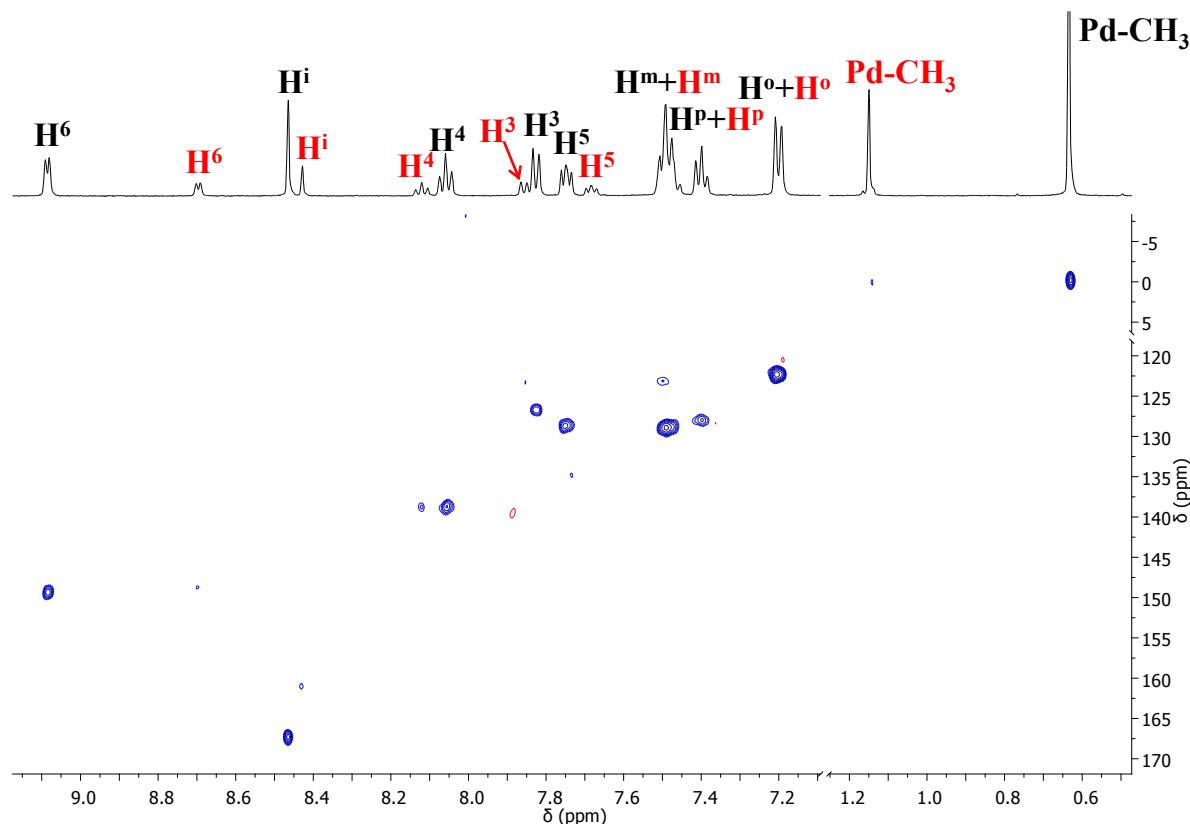
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of (a) **1**; (b) **2**; (c) **4**. Aliphatic and aromatic regions are not on scale.



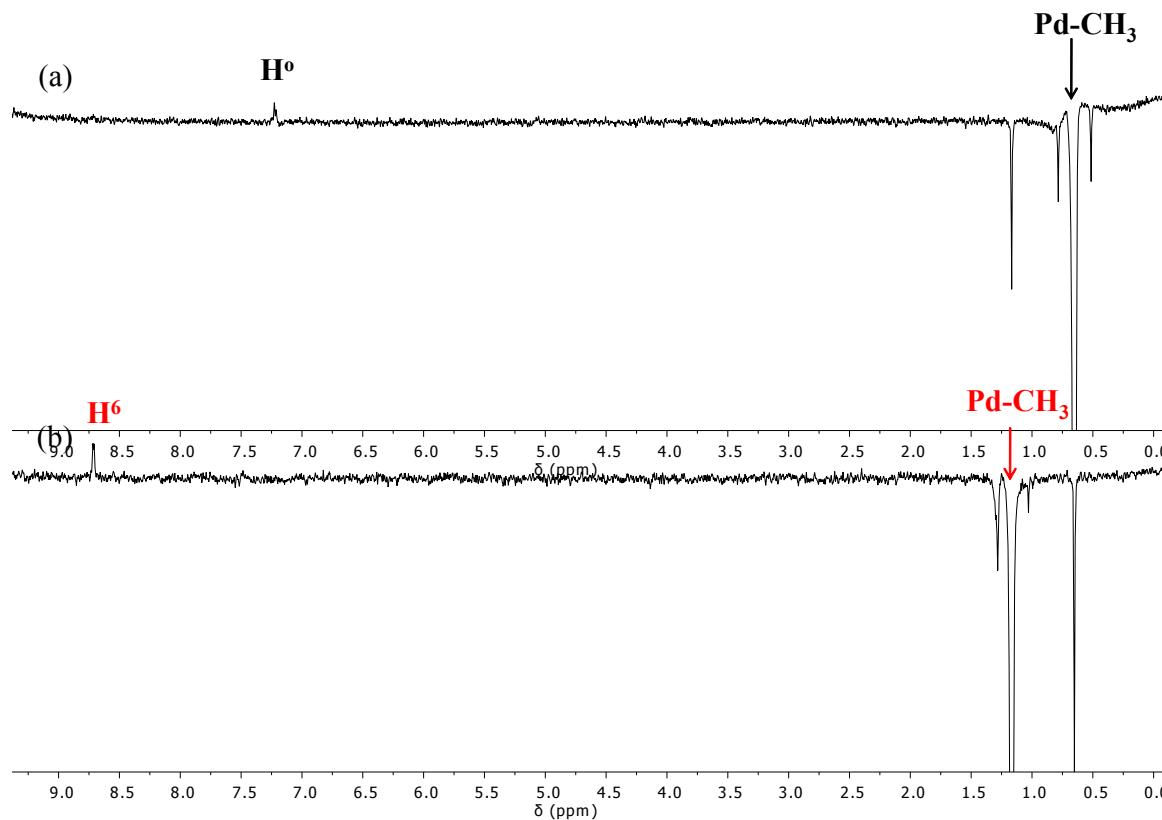
**Figure S2.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of (a) **1a**; (b) **2a**; (c) **3a**; (d) **4a**: *cis* (black) and *trans* (red) isomers. Aliphatic and aromatic regions are not on scale.



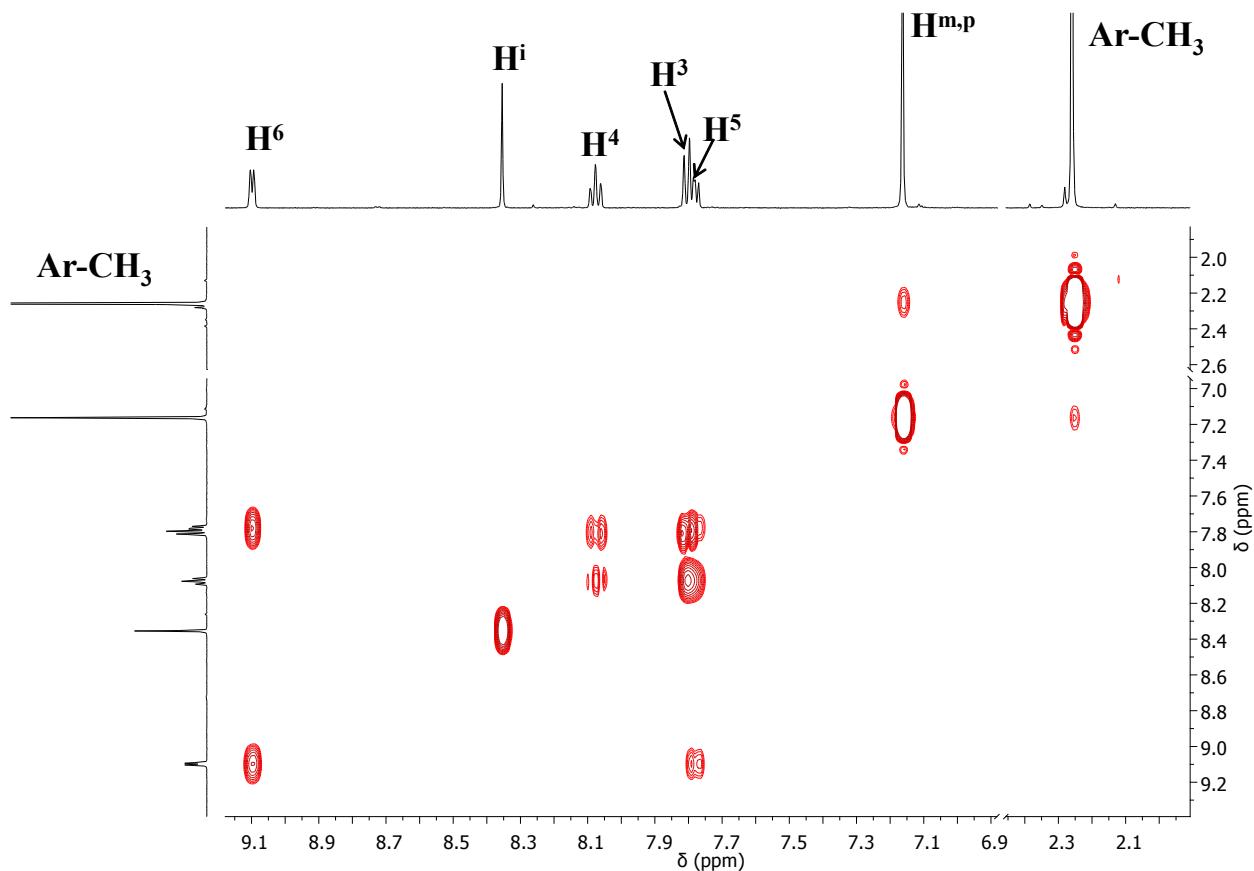
**Figure S3.**  $\{^1\text{H},^1\text{H}\}$ -COSY spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **1a**, *cis* (black) and *trans* (red) isomers. Aromatic region.



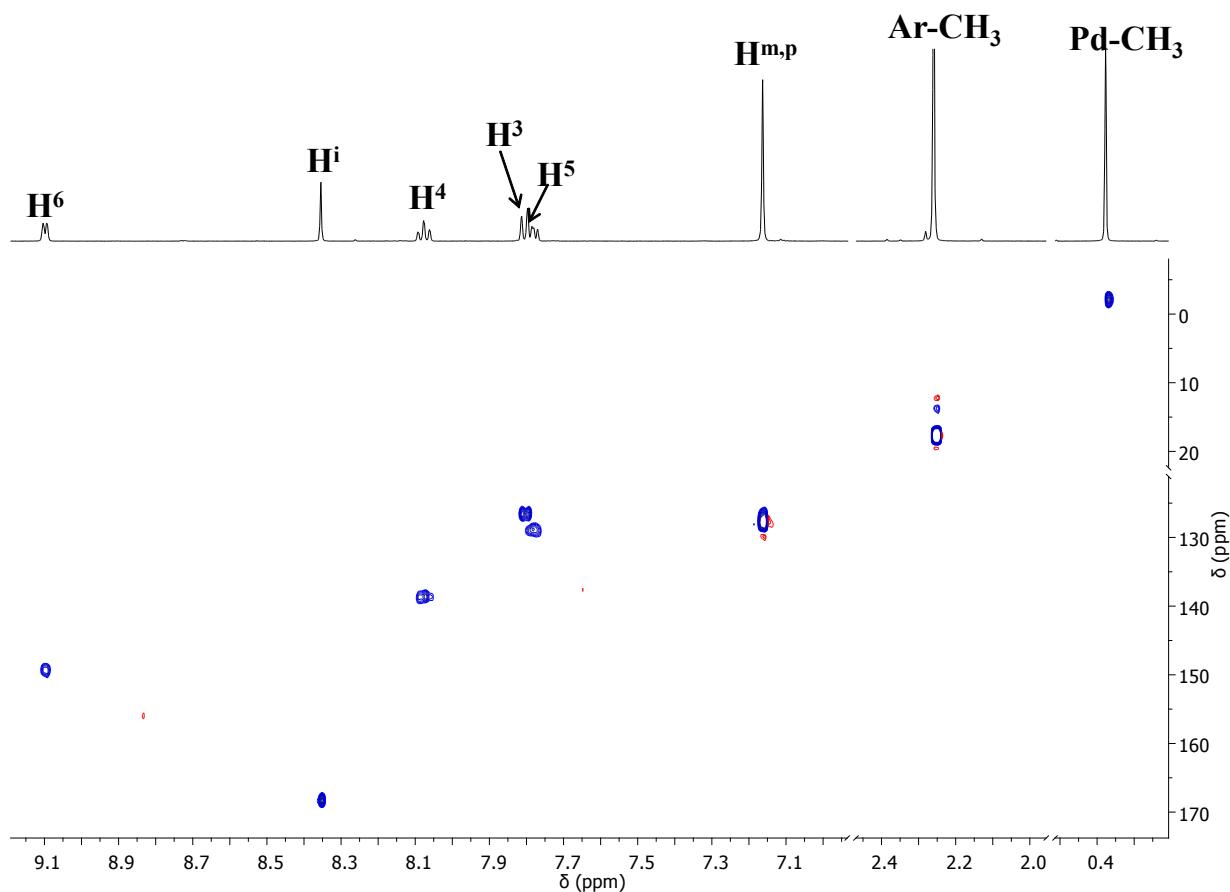
**Figure S4.**  $\{^1\text{H},^{13}\text{C}\}$ -HSQC spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **1a**, *cis* (black) and *trans* (red) isomers.



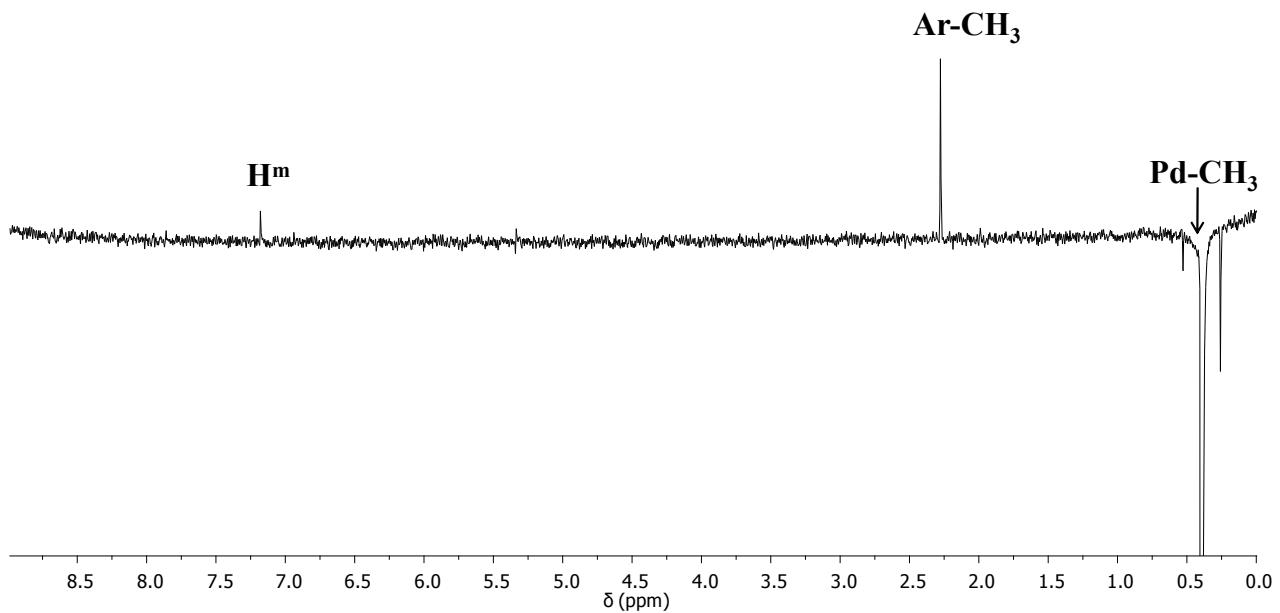
**Figure S5.** NOE spectra in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **1a** obtained by irradiating the  $\text{Pd-CH}_3$  signal of (a) *cis* and (b) *trans* isomer.



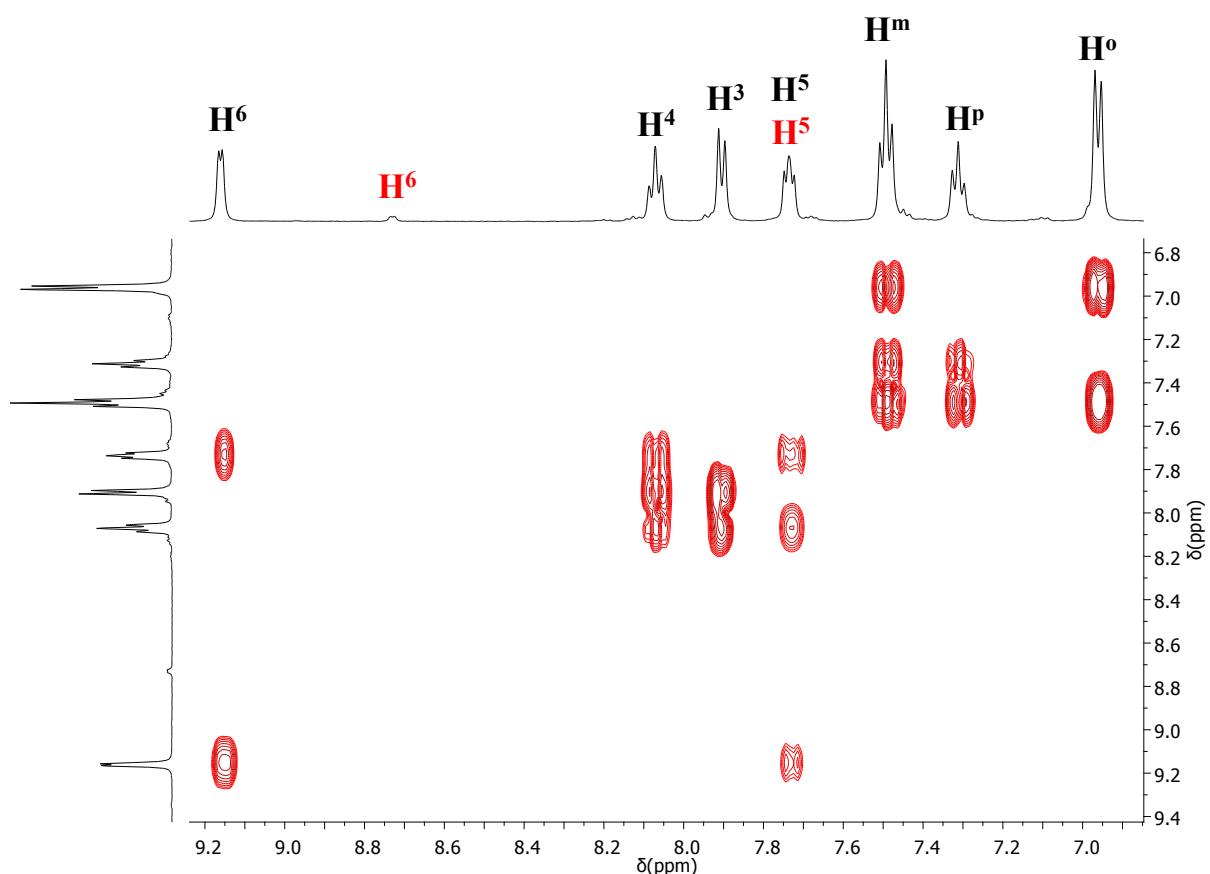
**Figure S6.**  $\{{}^1\text{H}, {}^1\text{H}\}$ -COSY spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **2a**.



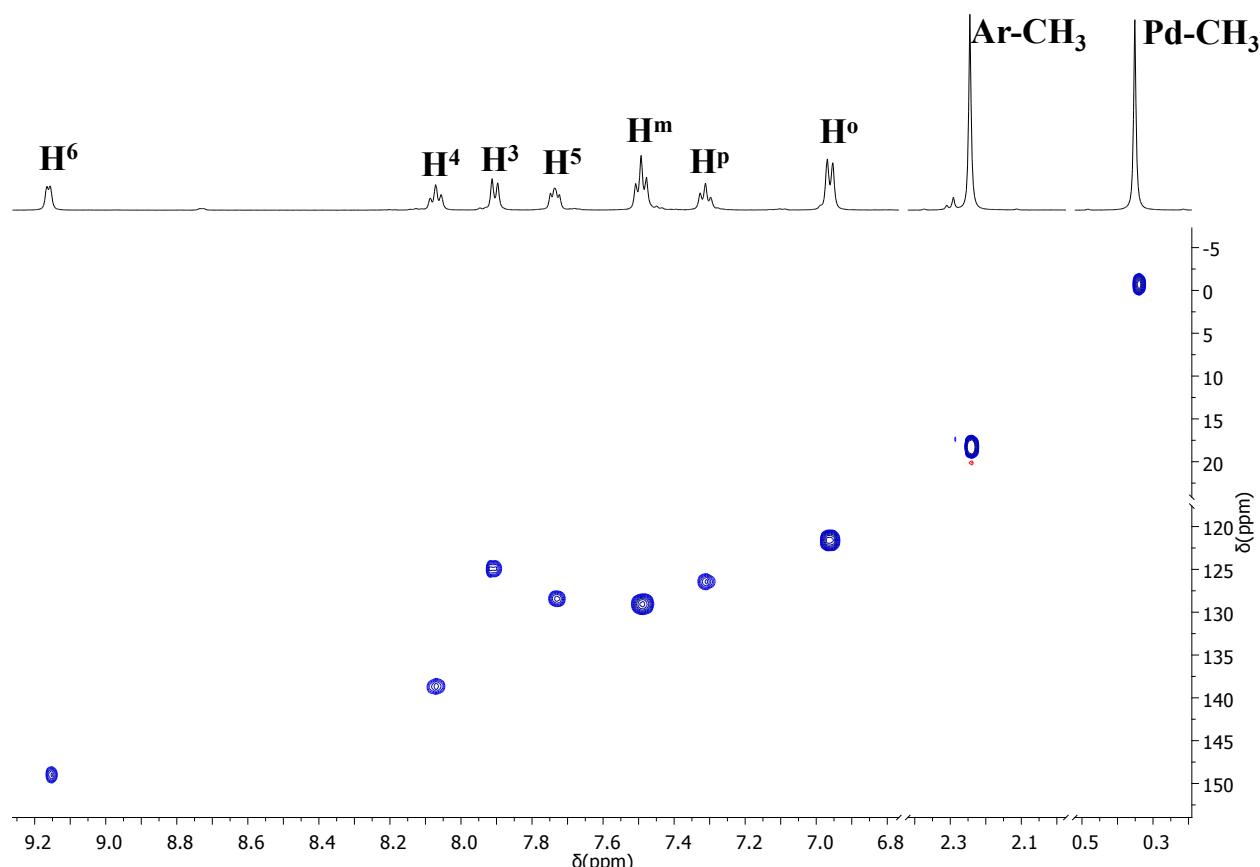
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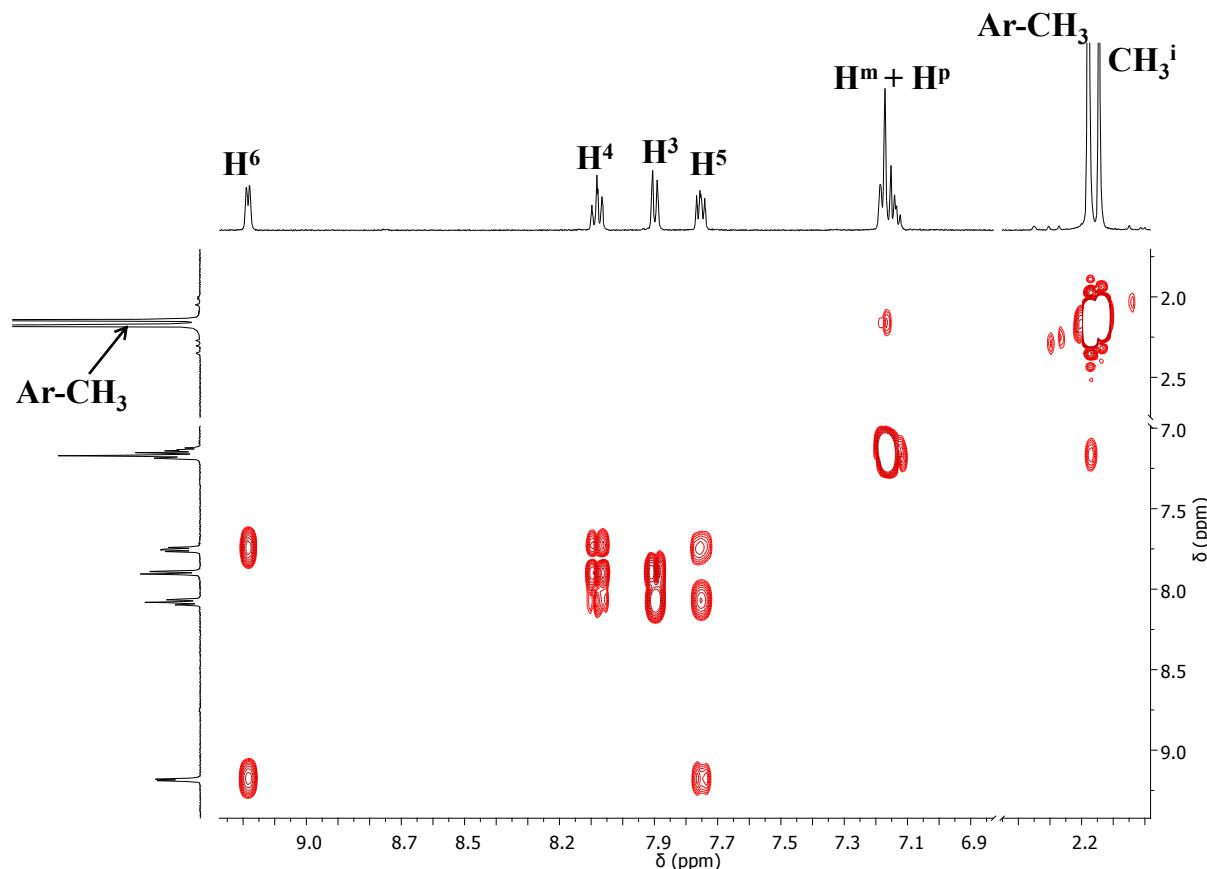
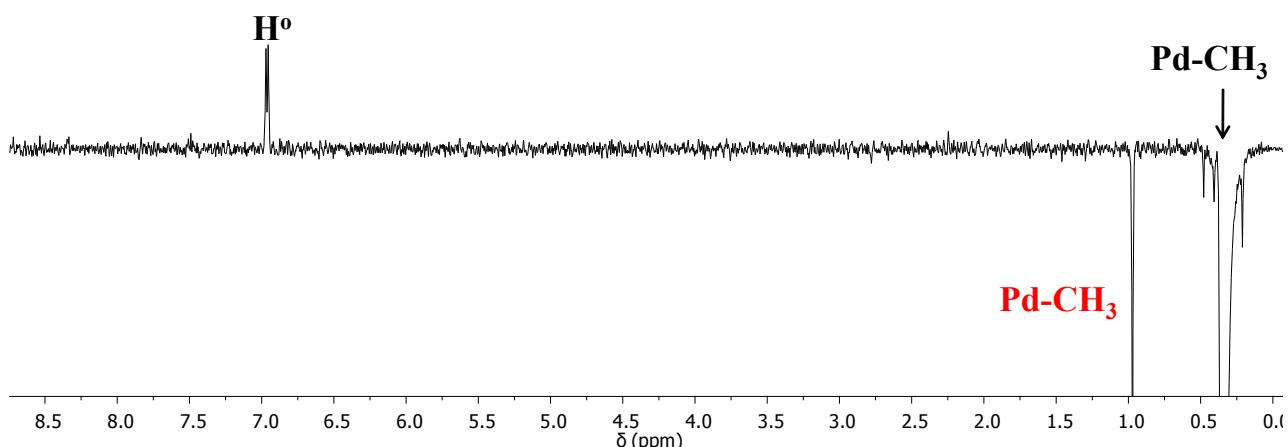
**Figure S8.** NOE spectra in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **2a** obtained by irradiating the  $\text{Pd-CH}_3$  signal.

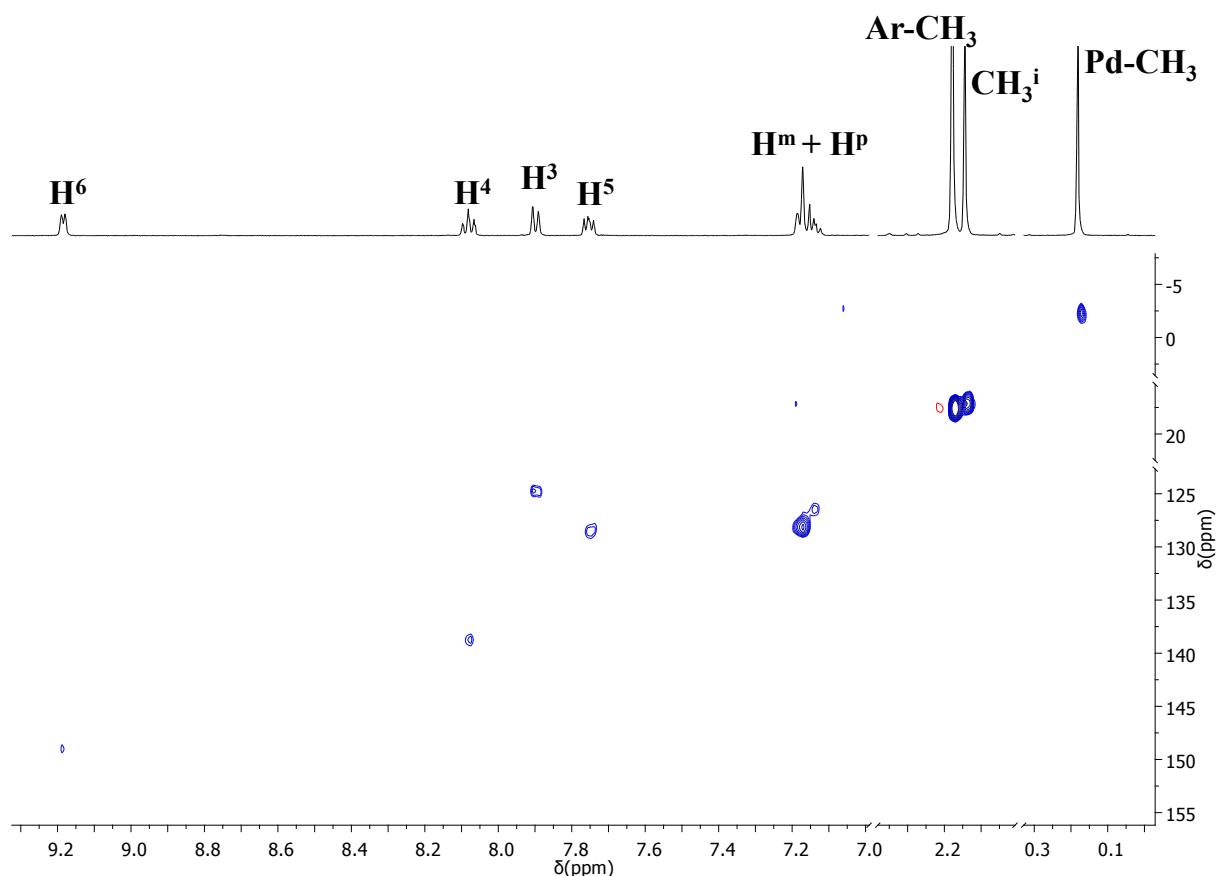


**Figure S9.**  $\{^1\text{H},^1\text{H}\}$ -COSY spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **3a**, *cis* (black) and *trans* (red) isomers. Aromatic region.

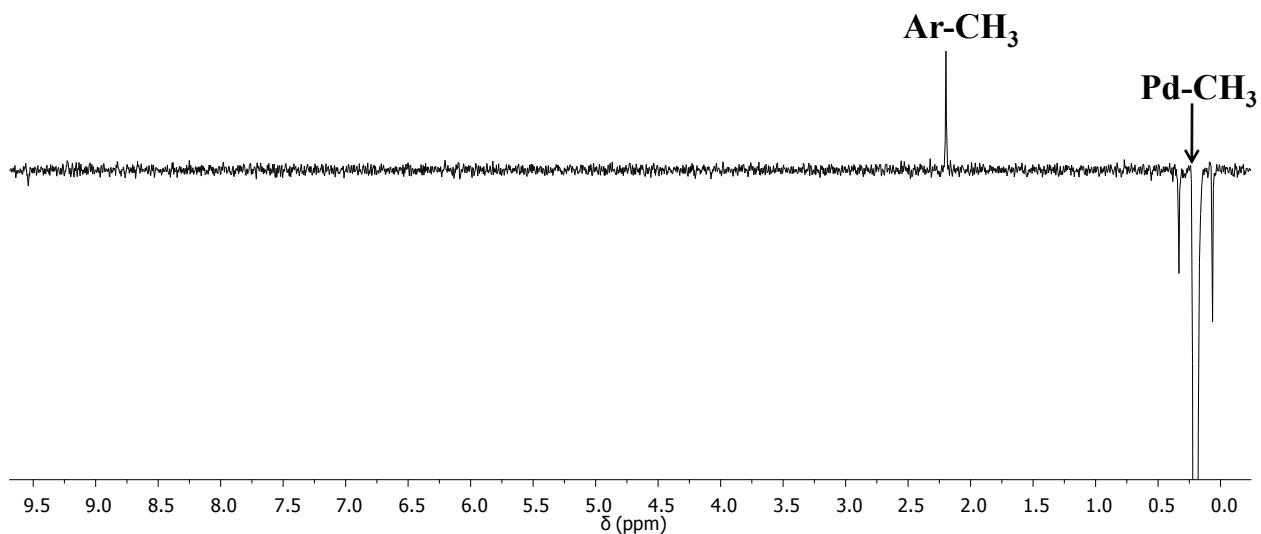


**Figure S10.**  $\{^1\text{H},^{13}\text{C}\}$ -HSQC spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **3a**.

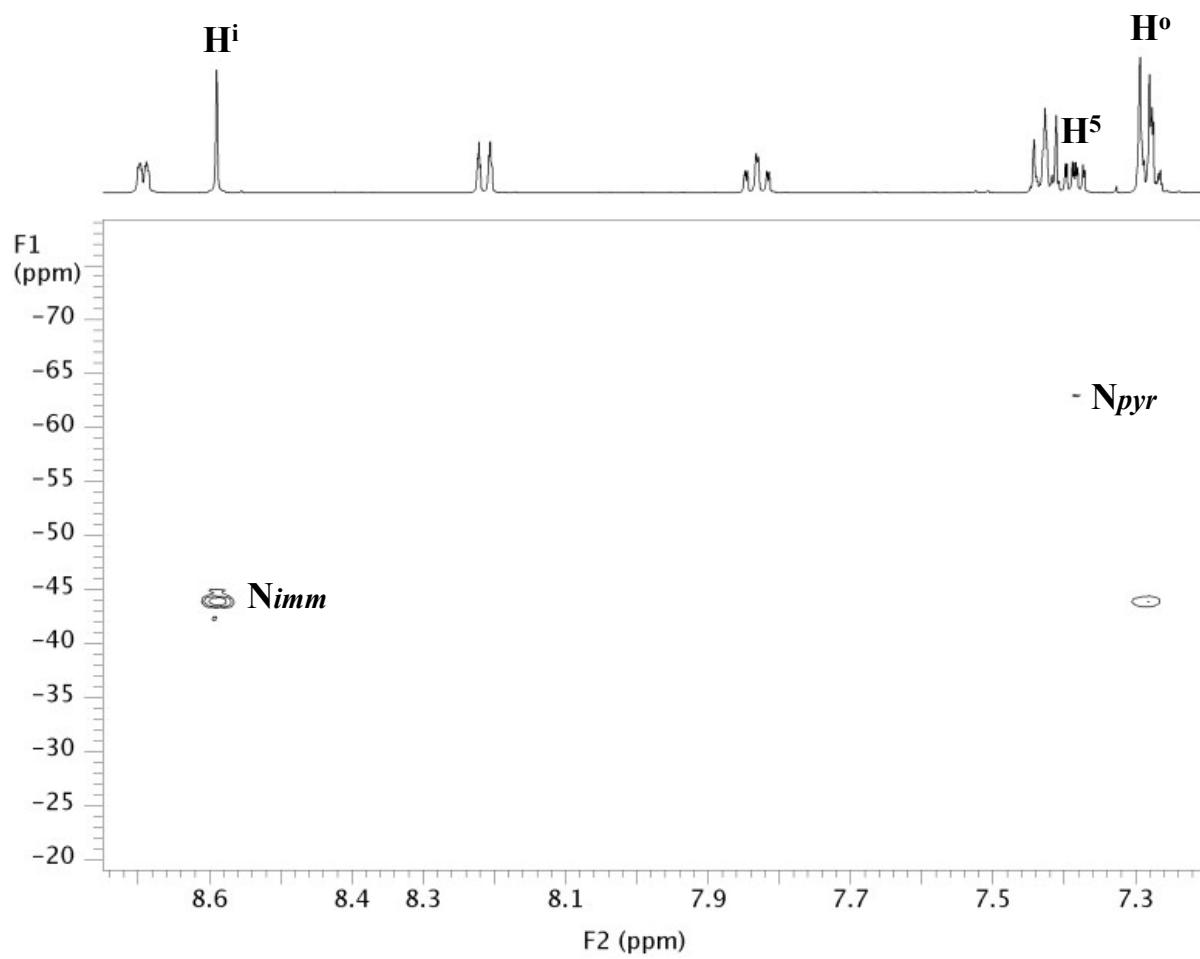




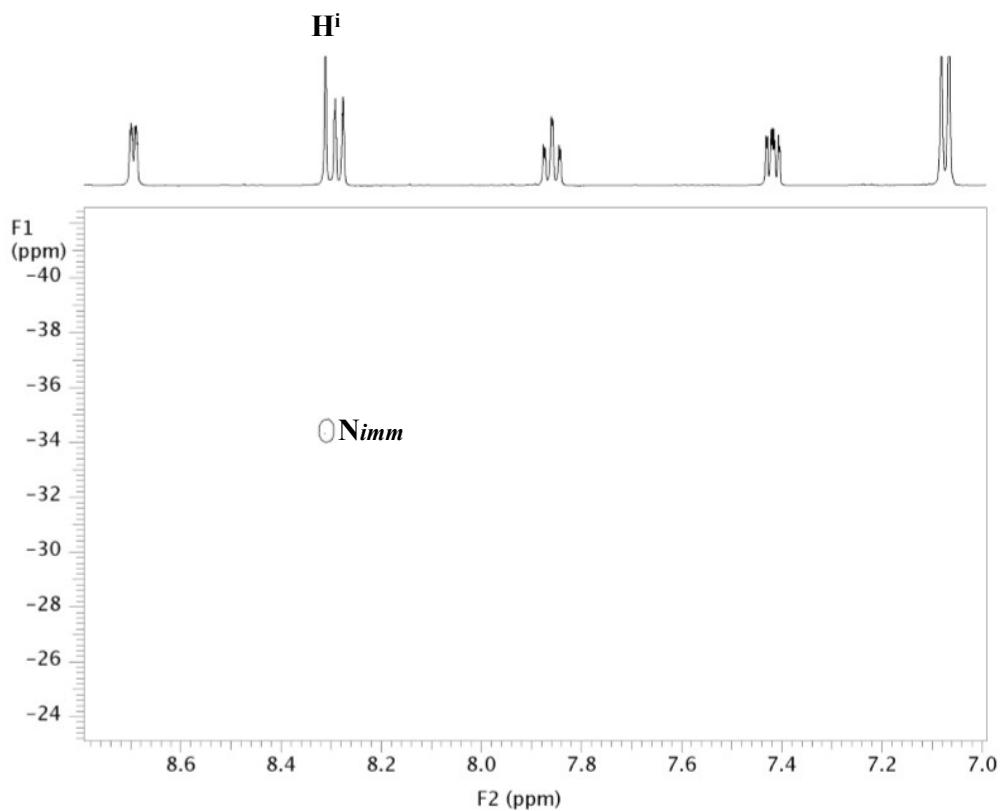
**Figure S13.**  $\{^1\text{H}, ^{13}\text{C}\}$ -HSQC spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **4a**. Aromatic region, aliphatic region in the box.



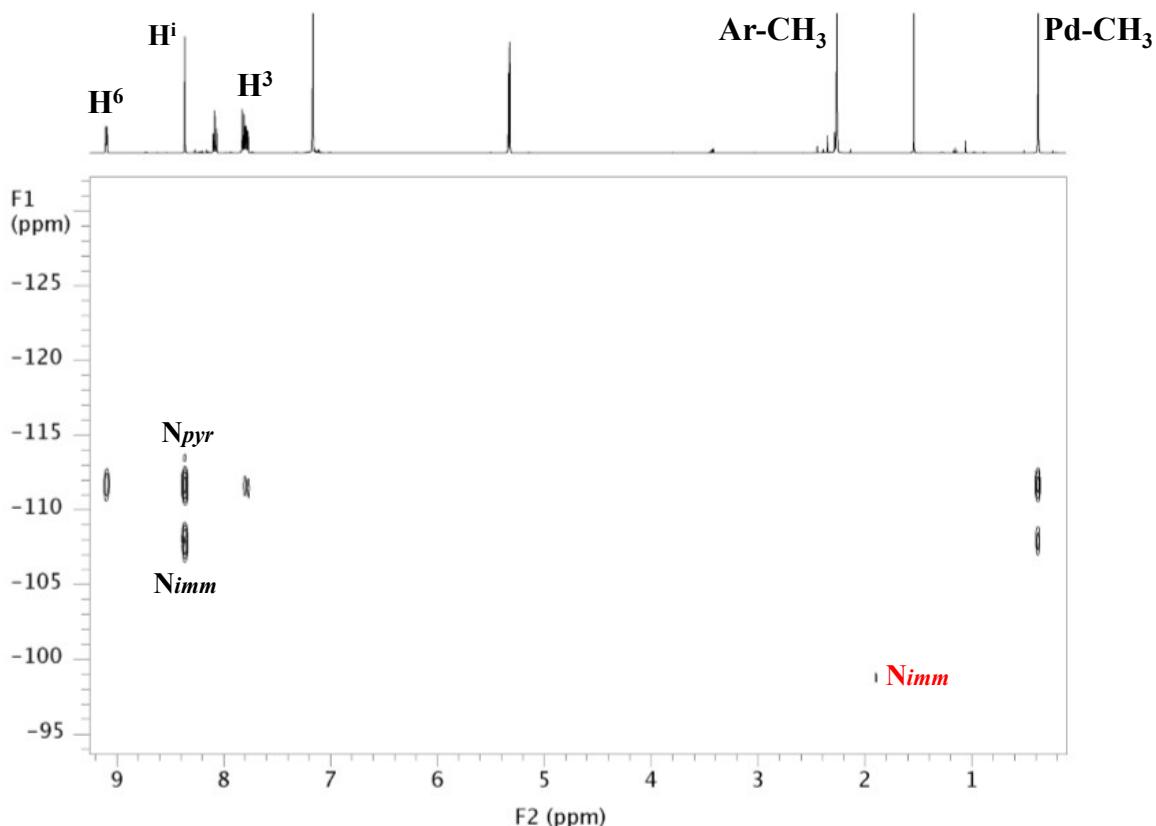
**Figure S14.** NOE spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **4a** obtained by irradiating the  $\text{Pd-CH}_3$  signal.



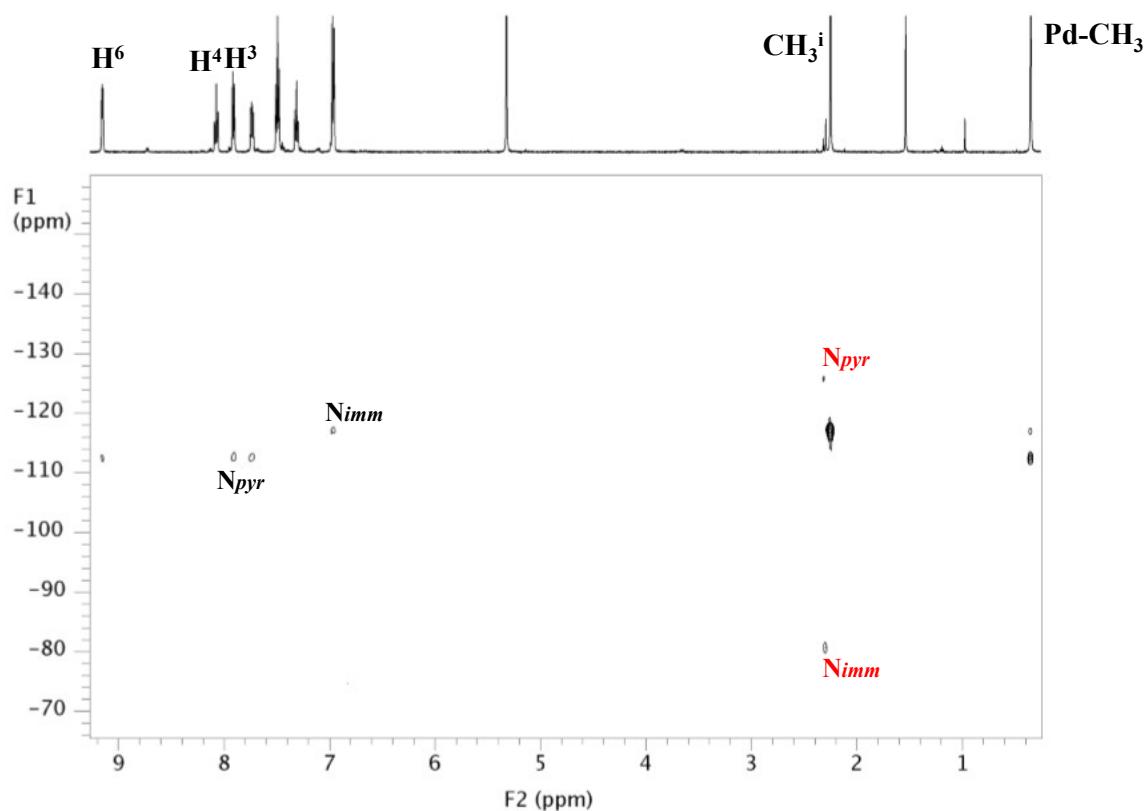
**Figure S15.**  $\{^1\text{H}, ^{15}\text{N}\}$ -HMBC spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of ligand **1**.  $J = 3$  Hz.



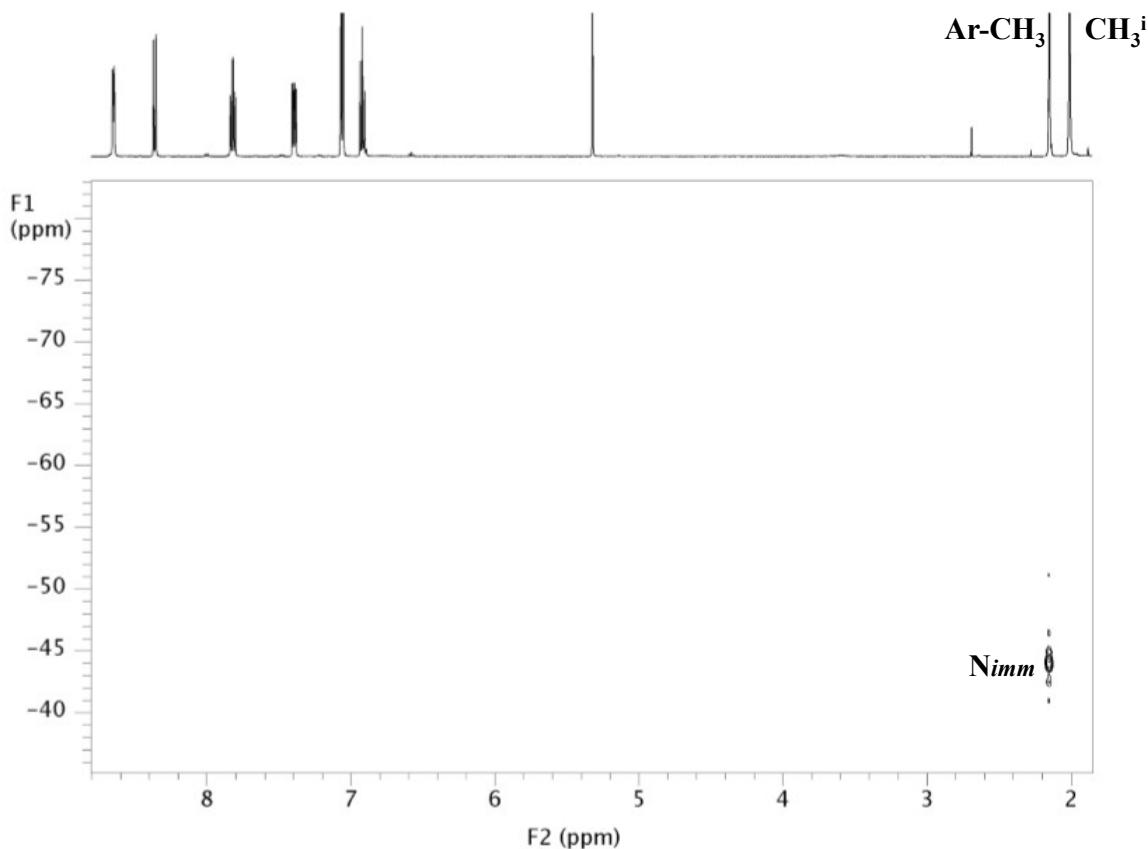
**Figure S16.**  $\{^1\text{H}, ^{15}\text{N}\}$ -HMBC spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of ligand **2**.  $J = 3$  Hz.



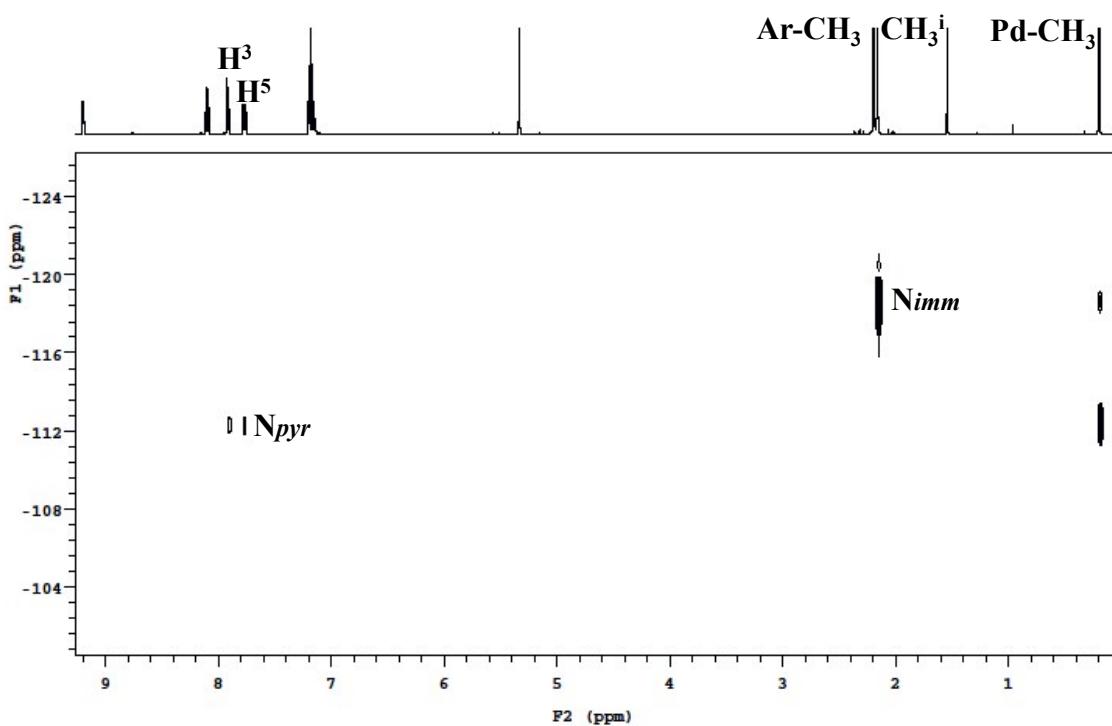
**Figure S17.**  $\{^1\text{H}, ^{15}\text{N}\}$ -HMBC spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **2a**.  $J = 5$  Hz. *cis* (black) and *trans* (red) isomers.



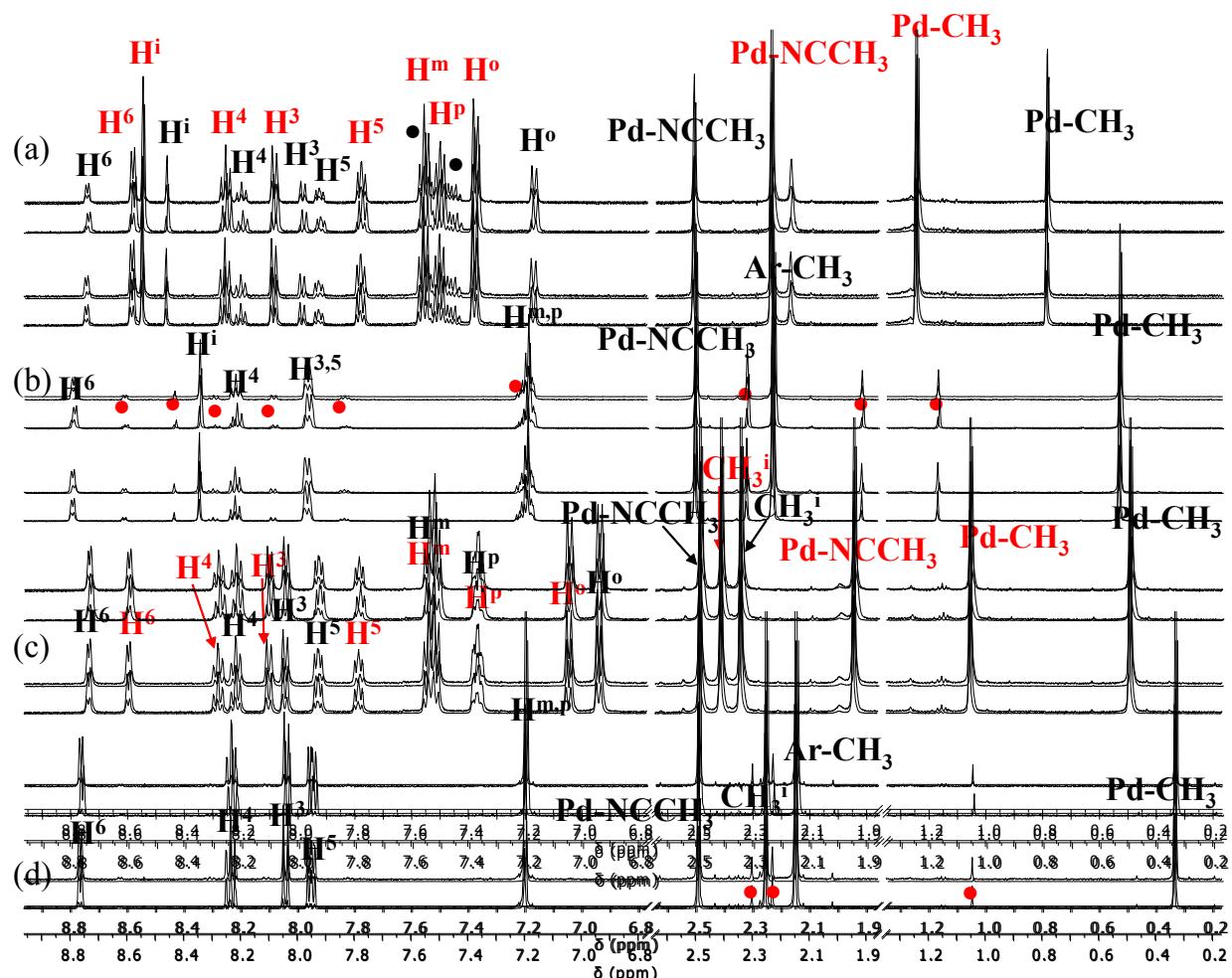
**Figure S18.**  $\{^1\text{H}, ^{15}\text{N}\}$ -HMBC spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **3a**.  $J = 4$  Hz. *cis* (black) and *trans* (red) isomers.



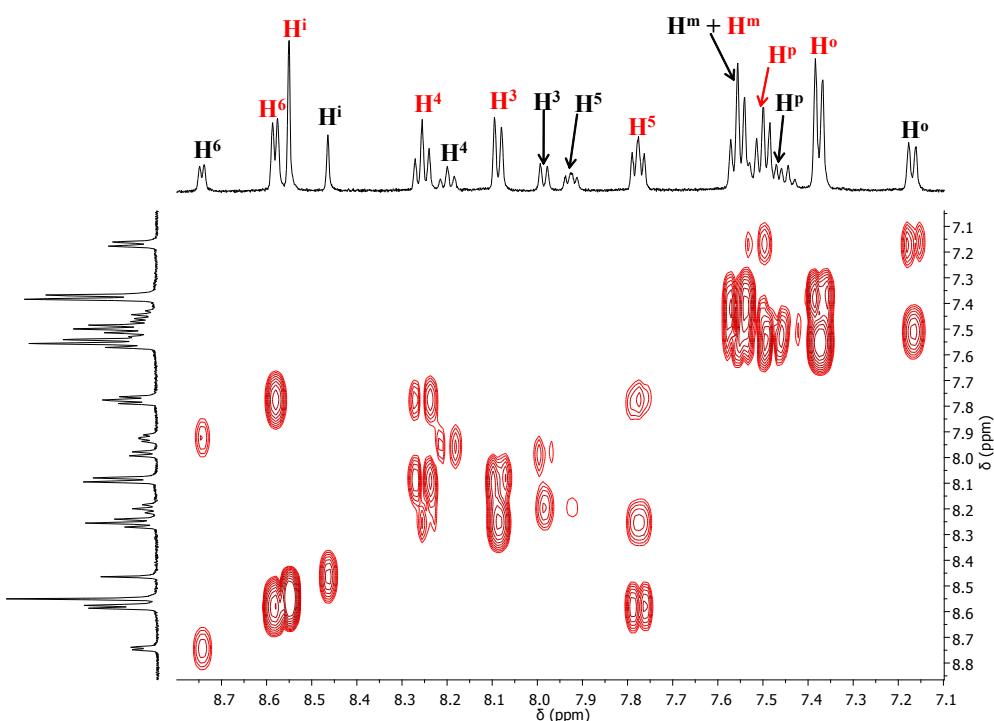
**Figure S19.**  $\{^1\text{H}, ^{15}\text{N}\}$ -HMBC spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **4**.  $J = 2$  Hz.



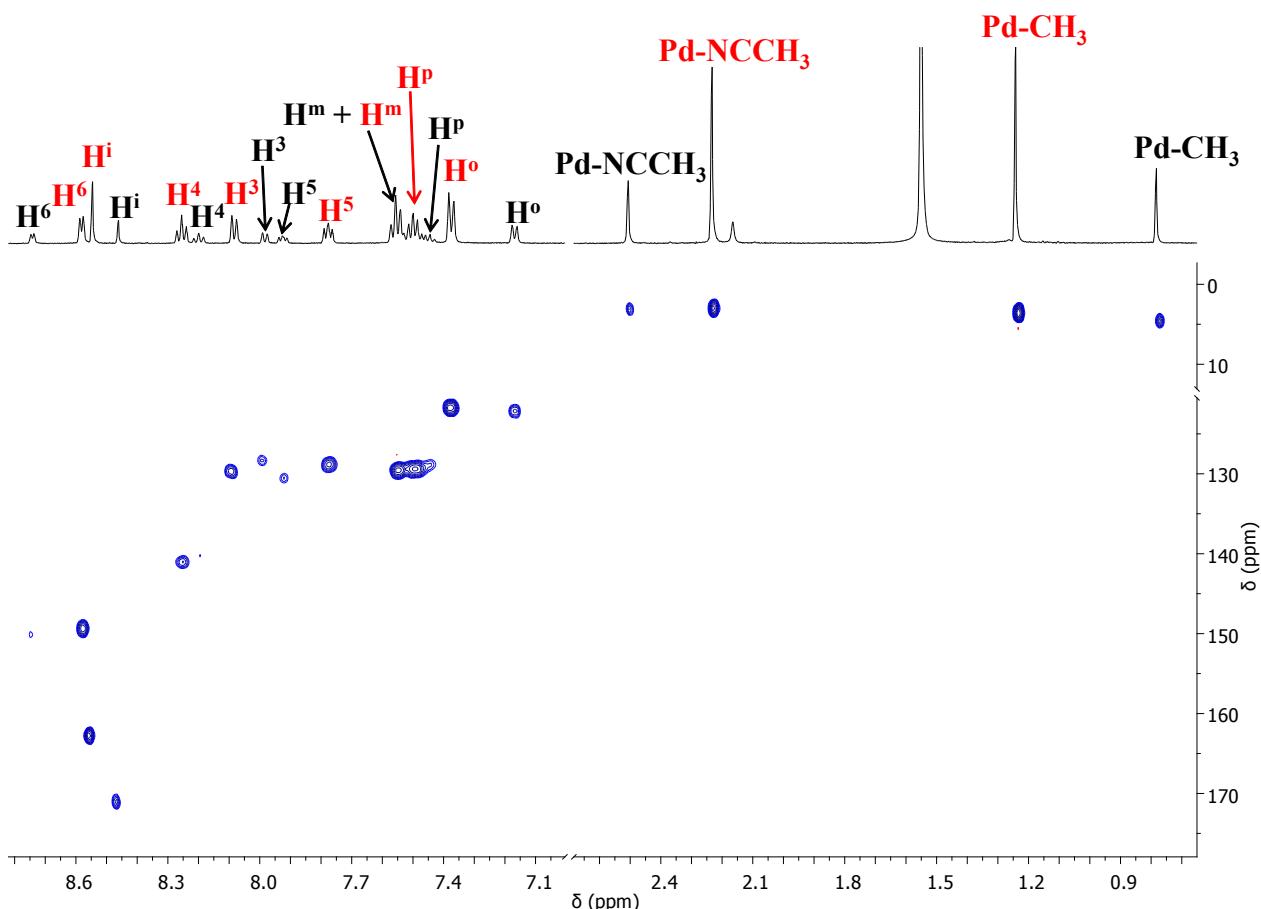
**Figure S20.**  $\{^1\text{H}, ^{15}\text{N}\}$ -HMBC spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **4a**.  $^2J = 4$  Hz.



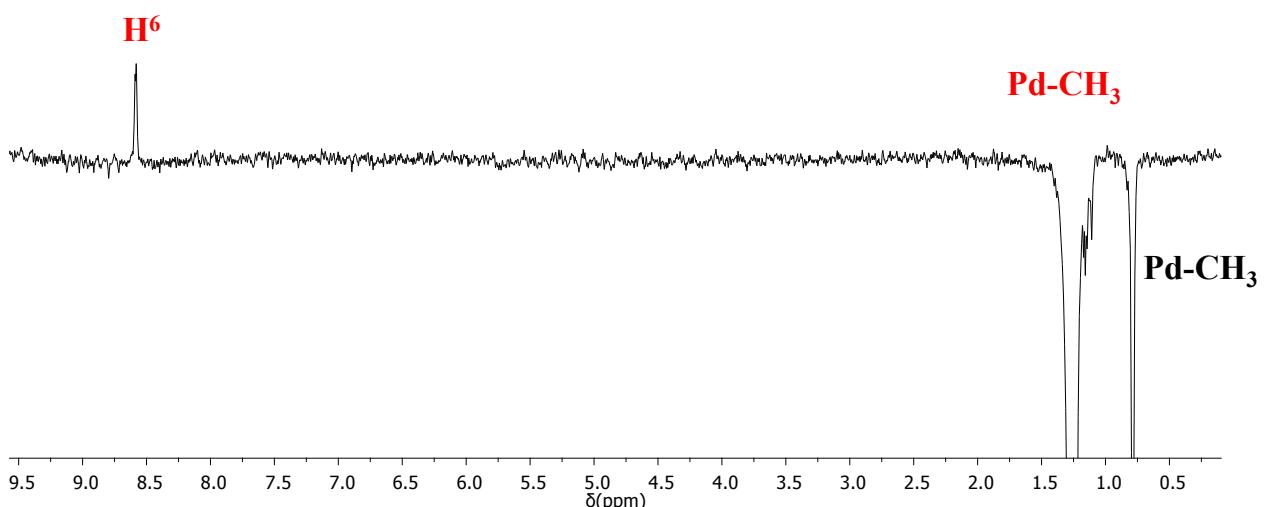
**Figure S21.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of (a) **1b**; (b) **2b**; (c) **3b**; (d) **4b**: *cis* (black) and *trans* (red) isomers. Aliphatic and aromatic regions are not on scale.



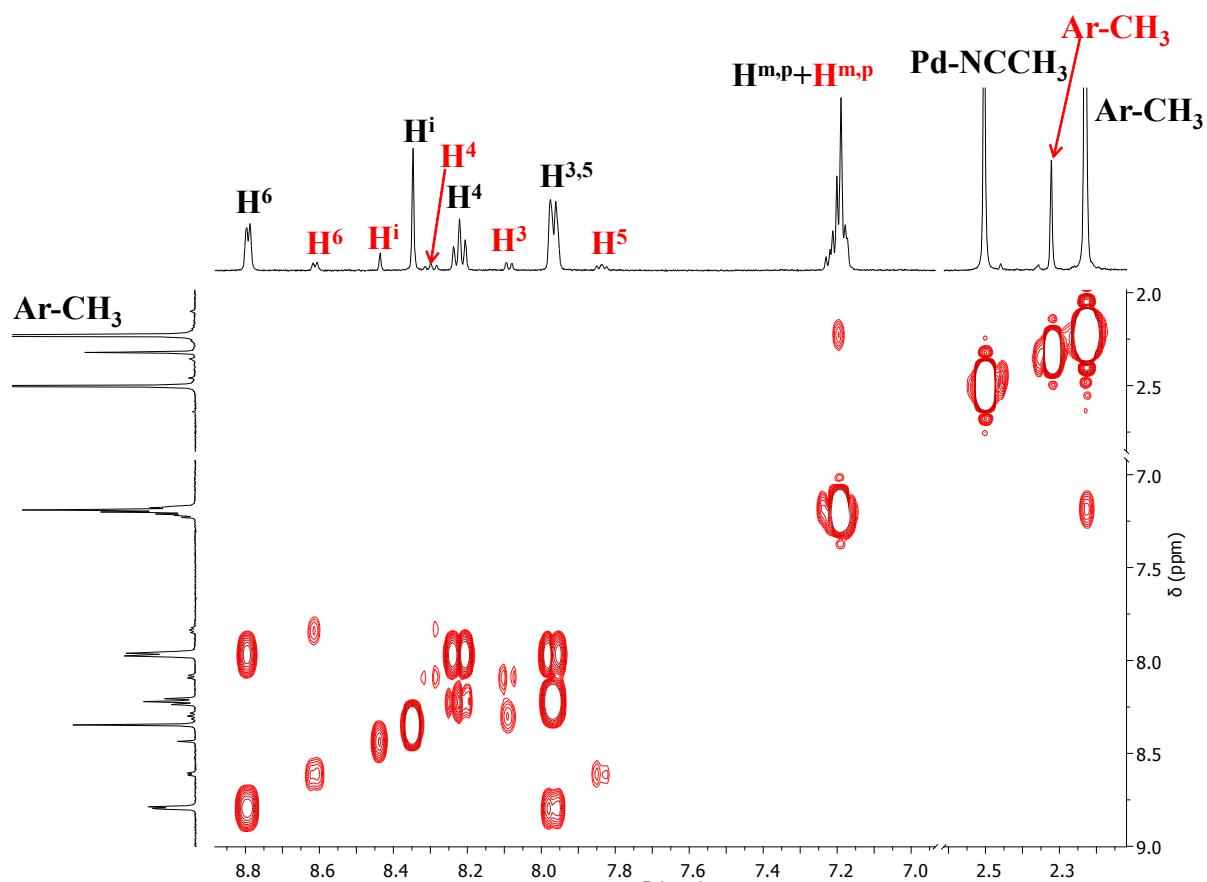
**Figure S22.**  $\{^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}\}$ -COSY spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **1b**, *cis* (black) and *trans* (red) isomers. Aromatic region.



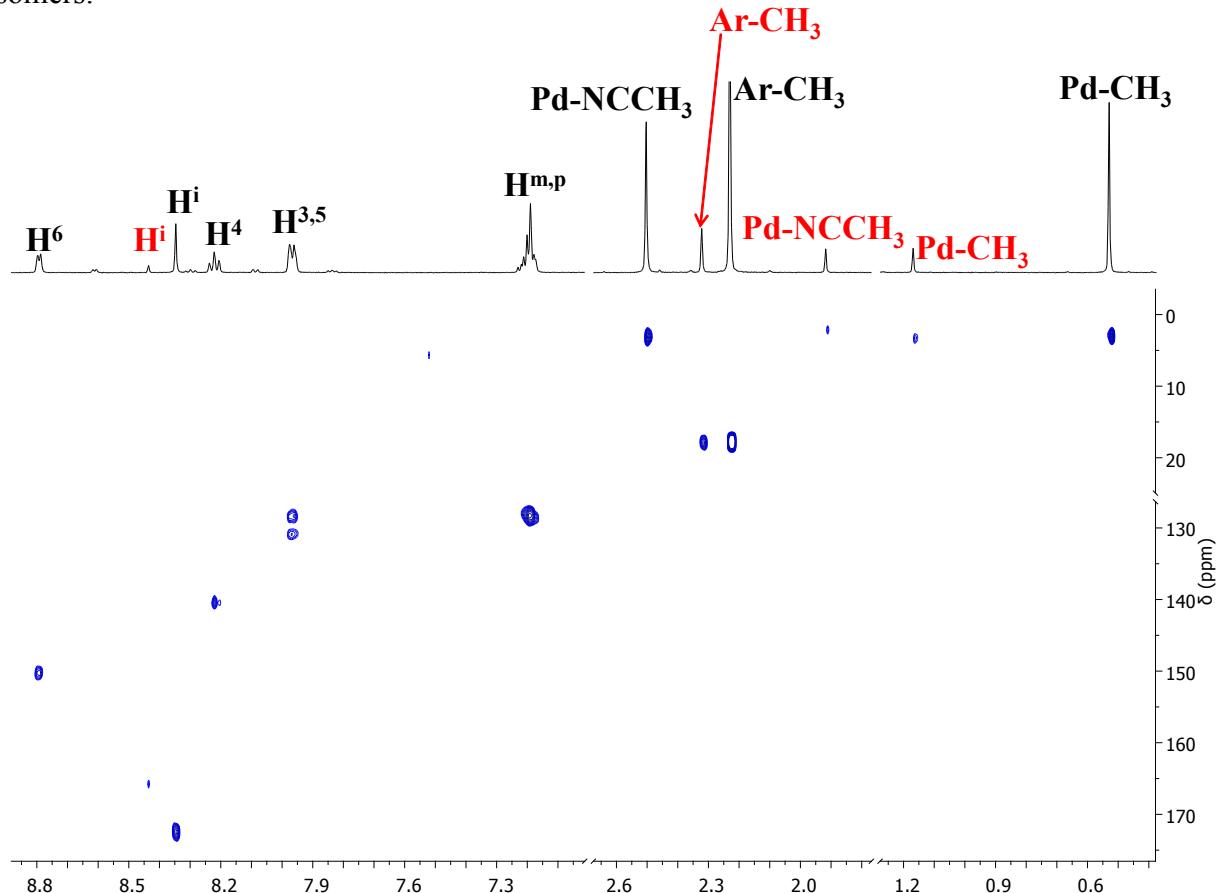
**Figure S23.**  $\{^1\text{H}, ^{13}\text{C}\}$ -HSQC spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **1b**, *cis* (black) and *trans* (red) isomers.



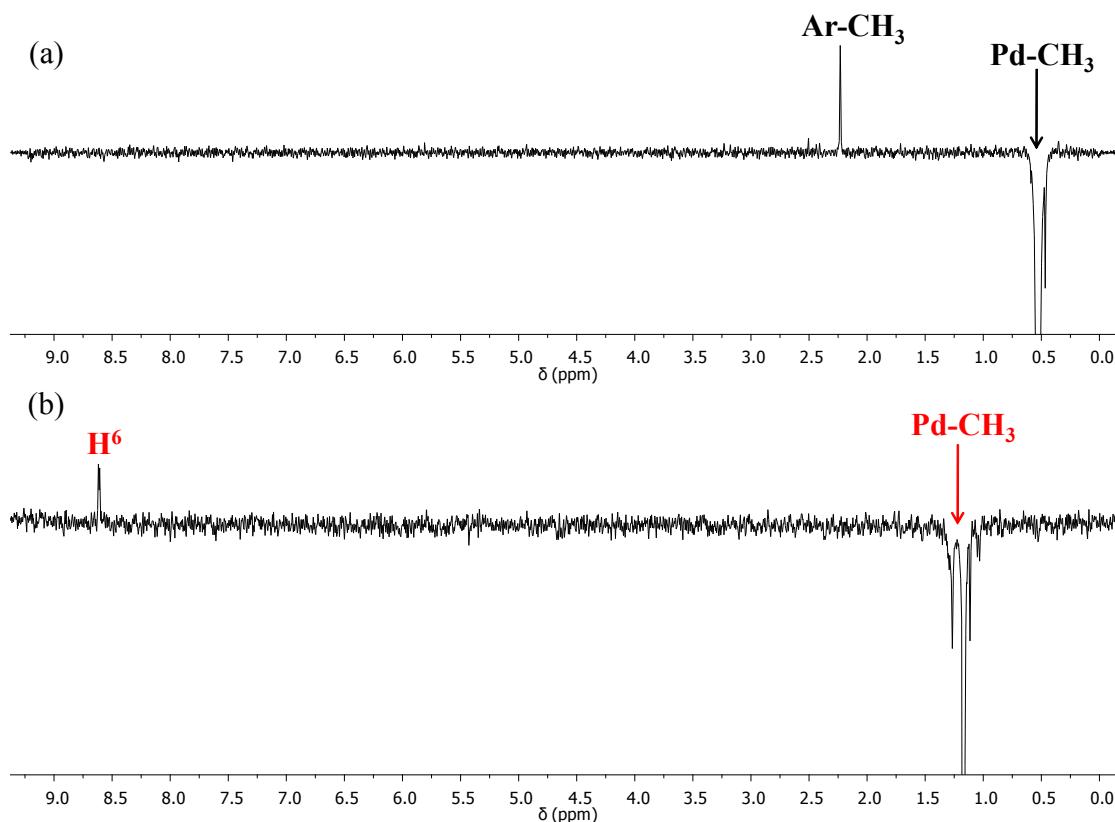
**Figure S24.** NOE spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **1b** obtained by irradiating the  $\text{Pd-CH}_3$  signal of the *trans* isomer.



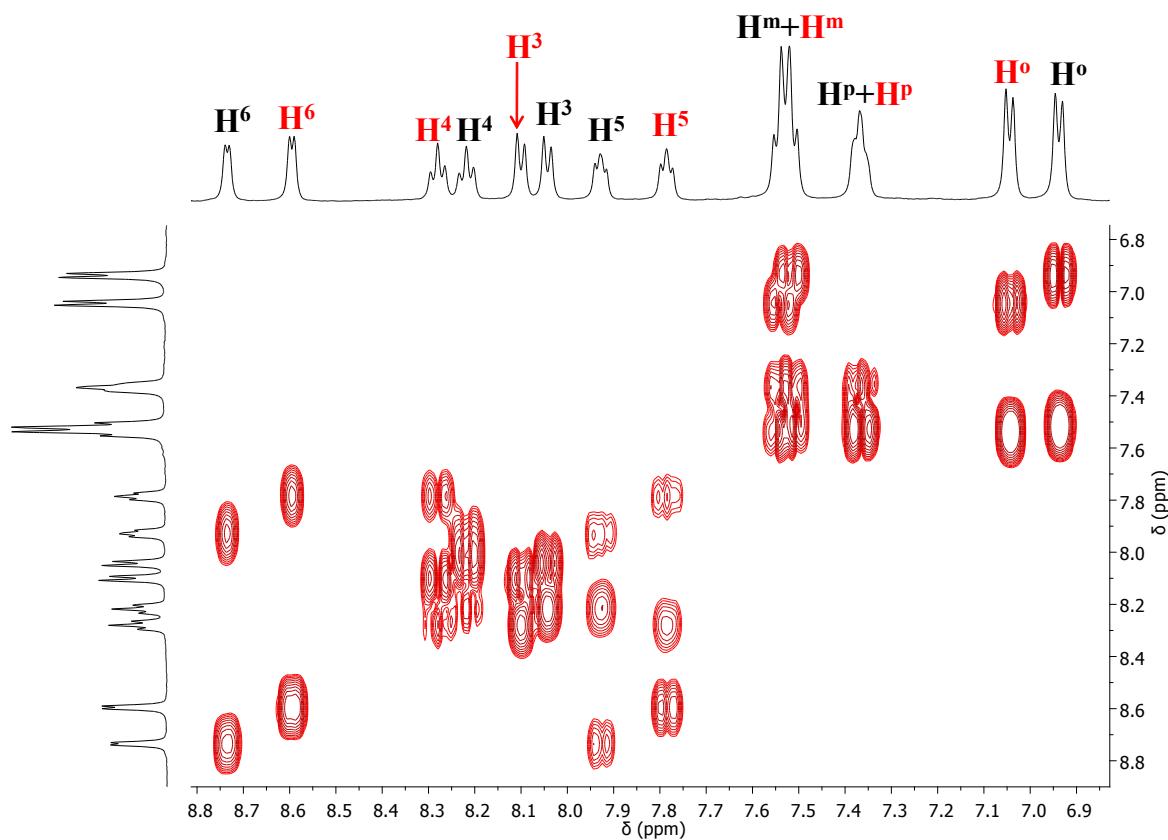
**Figure S25.**  $\{^1\text{H},^1\text{H}\}$ -COSY spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **2b**, *cis* (black) and *trans* (red) isomers.



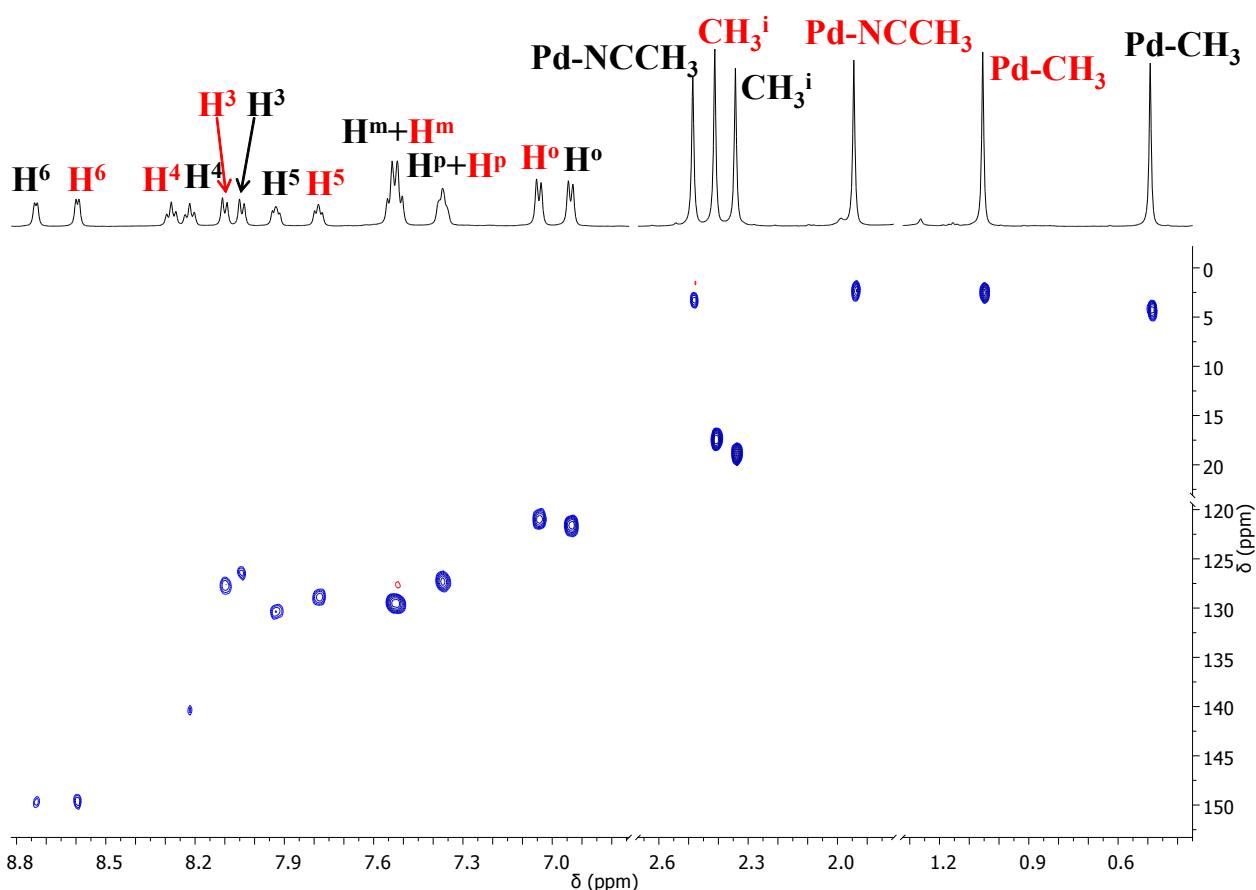
**Figure S26.**  $\{^1\text{H},^{13}\text{C}\}$ -HSQC spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **2b**, *cis* (black) and *trans* (red) isomers.



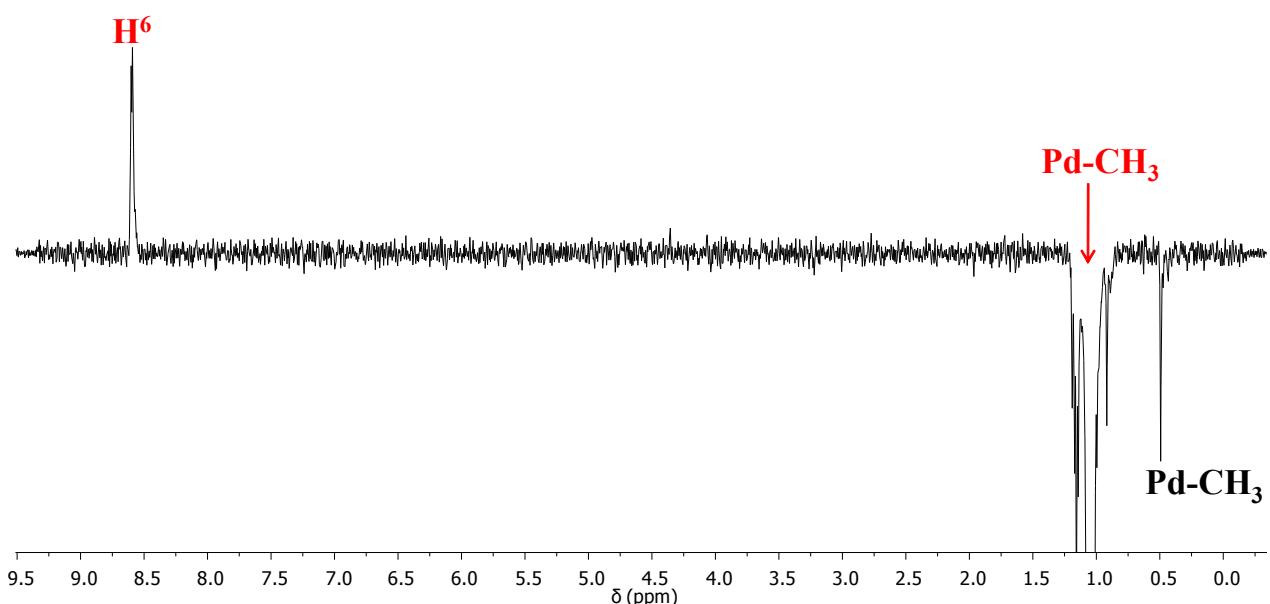
**Figure S27.** NOE spectra in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **2b** obtained by irradiating the  $\text{Pd-CH}_3$  signal of (a) *cis* and (b) *trans* isomer.



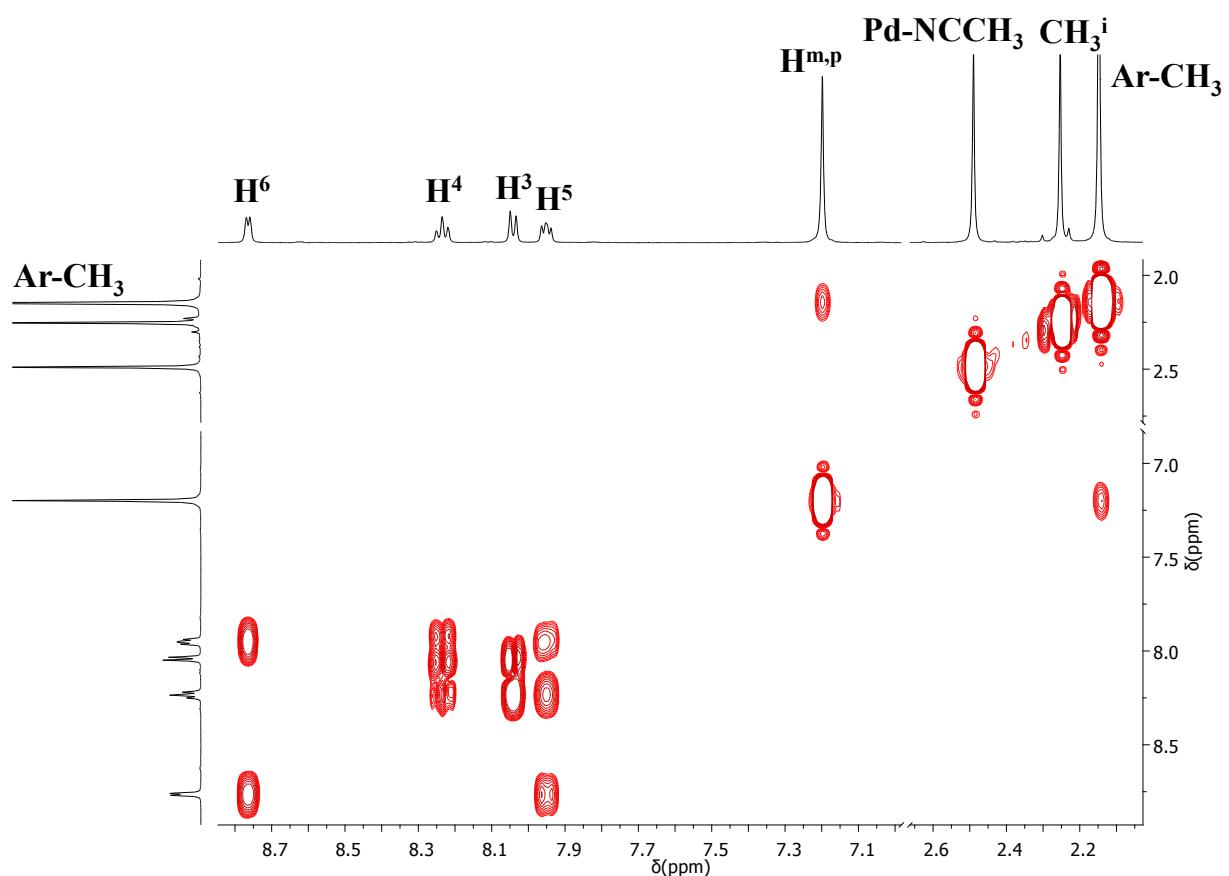
**Figure S28.**  $\{^1\text{H},^1\text{H}\}$ -COSY spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **3b**, *cis* (black) and *trans* (red) isomers. Aromatic region.



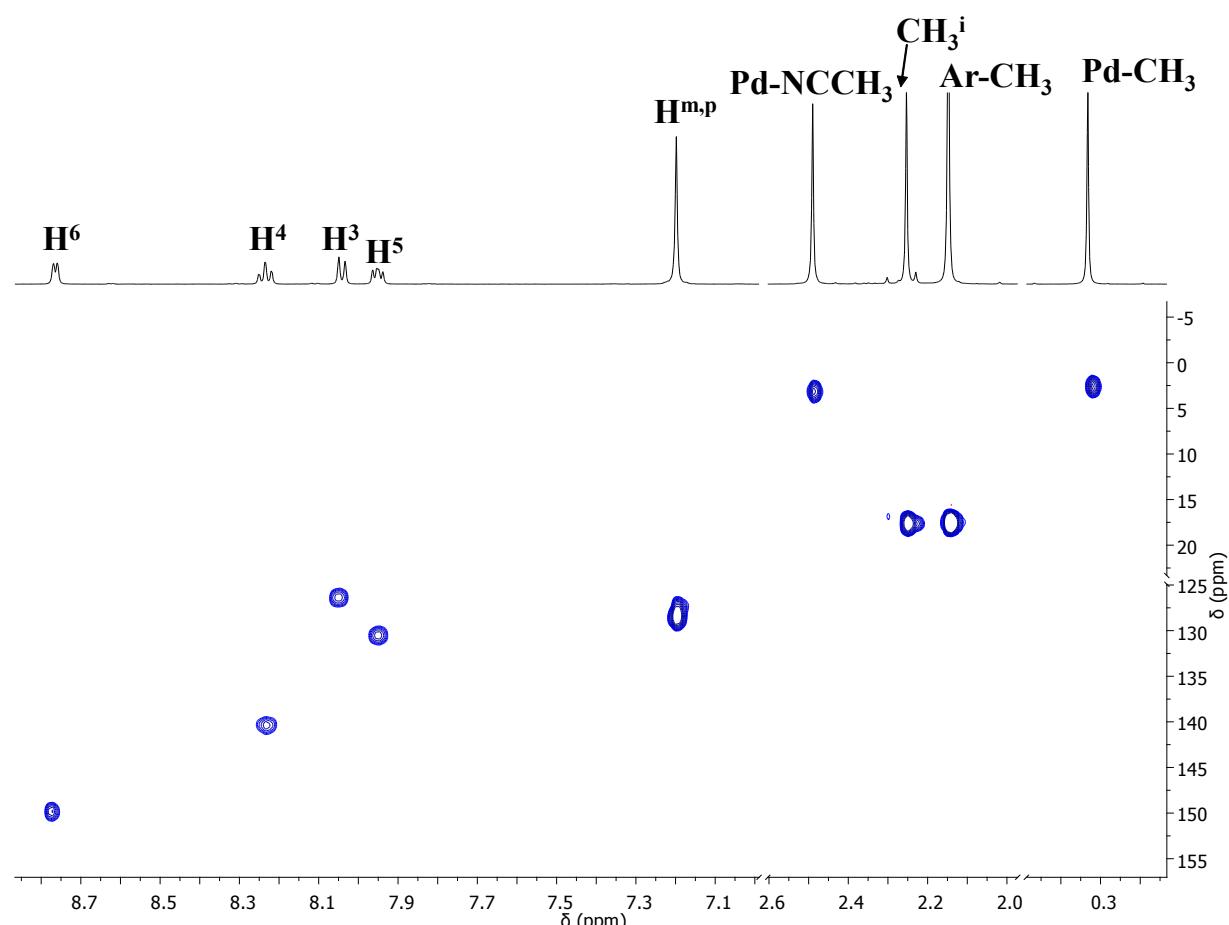
**Figure S29.**  $\{^1\text{H}, ^{13}\text{C}\}$ -HSQC spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **3b**, *cis* (black) and *trans* (red) isomers.



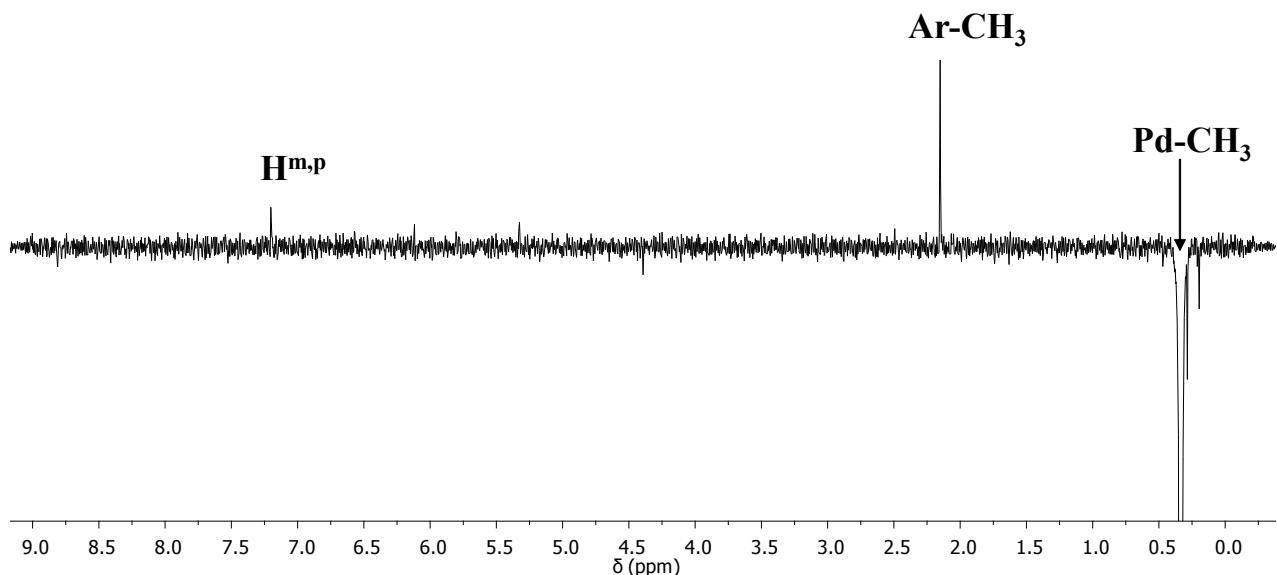
**Figure S30.** NOE spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **3b** obtained by irradiating the  $\text{Pd}-\text{CH}_3$  signal of the *trans* isomer.



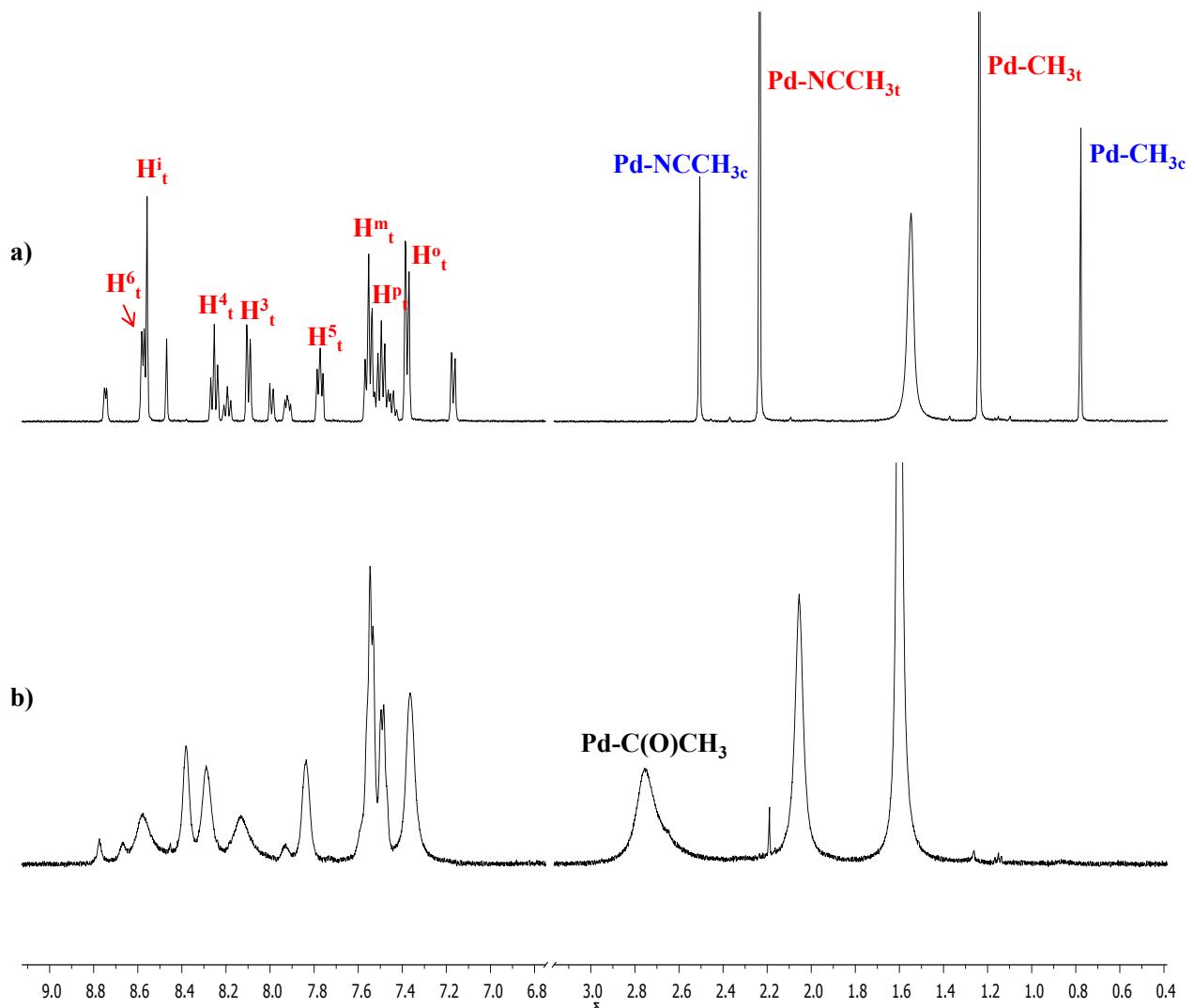
**Figure S31.**  $\{^1\text{H},^1\text{H}\}$ -COSY spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **4b**.



**Figure S32.**  $\{^1\text{H},^{13}\text{C}\}$ -HSQC spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **4b**.



**Figure S33.** NOE spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of **4b** obtained by irradiating the Pd-CH<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S34.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K of: a) **1b**; b) **1b** + CO.

**Table S1.** X ray diffraction data for complexes **1a-4a**.

	<b>1a</b>	<b>2a</b>	<b>3a</b>	<b>4a</b>
Formula	<i>PdClC<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub> · CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub></i>	<i>PdClC<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub> · ½CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub></i>	<i>PdClC<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub></i>	<i>PdClC<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub></i>
Formula weight (Da)	424.03	409.65	353.13	381.18
Temperature (K)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space Group	P 21/n	P 2/c	P 21/n	P 21/n
a (Å)	11.948(2)	11.000(9)	9.743(2)	7.488(2)
b (Å)	7.674(2)	7.808(3)	18.454(1)	12.883(1)
c (Å)	17.388(3)	19.367(5)	15.501(2)	16.337(1)
α (deg)	90	90	90	90
β (deg)	96.537(4)	104.43(2)	100.64(1)	100.720(5)
γ (deg)	90	90	90	90
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1583.9(6)	1610(2)	2739.1(6)	1548.5(4)
Z	4	4	8	4
ρ (g/cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.778	1.689	1.713	1.635
F (000)	840	820	1408	768
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.578	1.397	1.451	1.290
θ min,max(deg)	1.938,29.951	1.883,29.986	1.707,29.981	1.996,29.983
Resolution (Å)	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70
Total refl. colctd	28341	68618	99089	55460
Independent refl.	4766	4798	8290	4667
Obs. Refl. ( $F_o > 4\sigma F_o$ )	4762	4764	8289	4642
$I/\sigma_I$ (all data)	55.92	58.13	105.57	72.13
$I/\sigma_I$ (max resltn)	43.78	43.05	76.60	54.93
$R_{merge}$ (all data)	2.6%	4.2%	2.0%	2.7%
$R_{merge}$ (max resltn)	2.3%	4.5%	1.7%	2.3%
Completeness (all data)	0.988	0.985	0.990	0.982
Completeness (max resltn)	0.991	0.975	0.994	0.989
Multiplicity (all data)	5.8	14.2	11.8	11.6
Multiplicity (max resltn)	4.6	11.2	8.9	8.9
Data/restraint/parameters	4766/0/182	4798/0/187	8290/0/326	4667/0/182
$R_{(I>2\sigma(I)),wR_2(I>2\sigma(I))}$	0.0288,0.0823	0.0216,0.0578	0.0257,0.0703	0.0258,0.0745
$R$ (all data), $wR_2$ (all data)	0.0288,0.0824	0.0217,0.0579	0.0257,0.0703	0.0259,0.0746
GooF	1.051	1.215	1.190	1.092