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### Facile construction & modeling of a highly active thiacalixphenyl[4]arene-protected nano-

## palladium catalyst for various C-C cross-coupling reactions

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#### Materials and Instrumentation

All alkyl halides, phenylboronic acid, trichloro(phenyl) stannane, styrene, and other reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Chemical Co., Ltd., India. Analytical grade chemicals were used for this work and without further purification. Thin layer chromatography was carried out on silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> silica-aluminum plates, and the plates were visualized using ultraviolet light.

All the glassware was dried overnight in an oven before use. The mass analyses were performed using the ESI technique on a Q-TOF (micromass) spectrometer. NMR data were collected using a Bruker AV(III) 400 MHz with a BBFO probe. All samples were analyzed in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO. The reference values for residual solvent were taken as  $\delta$ =7.27(CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and  $\delta$ =2.5(DMSO) for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and  $\delta$ =77.1 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and  $\delta$ =40.0(DMSO) for <sup>13</sup>C-NMR. Multiplicities for coupled signals were designated using the abbreviations s=singlet, d=doublet, dd= doublet of doublets, ddd= doublet of doublets, and m= multiplets, and all frequencies are given in hertz. A VEEGO (Model No: VMP-DS) melting point apparatus (Mumbai, India) was used to measure the melting points (uncorrected) in a single capillary tube. Centrifugation of the colloidal solutions was performed using a Remi Model No. C-24BL laboratory centrifuge. The absorption spectra were recorded using a Jasco V-760 UV-vis recording spectrophotometer (Easton, US) with an EHCS-760 in the range of 200 – 800 nm. The TEM images were recorded on a JEOL model JEM 2100 using an acceleration voltage of 200 kV. The zeta potentials were obtained by a Malvern Zetasizer (Model ZEN3600) without dilution.

#### Insilico details

The quantum chemical calculation has been performed using Gaussian 09 program package (Revision A.01)<sup>1</sup>. The geometry optimization of thiacalixphenyl[4]arene (**TPA**), thiacalixphenyl[4]arene tetra-ethylacetate (**TPTEA**), thiacalixphenyl[4]arene tetra-acetohydrazide (**TPTAH**) was optimized at Hetree-fock and B3LYP level of theory. Available crystallographic pattern of Palldium(Pd) was extracted from American Mineralogist Crystal Structure Database (AMCSD) and the unit cell was extended using the builder panel of Winmostar V8.018. The Desmond program was applied for the simulation of

nano-assembly with TIP3P water model solvated conditions <sup>2</sup>. These conditions were pertained to standard protocol including periodic orthorhombic box of dimension 10 Å×10 Å×10 Å with 58917 Å<sup>3</sup> Box volume or the OPLS\_3 force field treatment <sup>3, 4</sup>. Energy minimization and equilibration of the solvated structure were achieved for the determination of native structure conformation. 50 nano seconds MD production time interval was retained with 300 K temperature and 50,000 iterations (for every 1 pico seconds). Nose–Hoover thermostat algorithm was applied with constant volume and shape ensemble (NVT) for the MD simulation process. Different interactions were monitored for the exploration of simulation using smooth particle mesh Ewald (PME) method (with a  $10^{-9}$  tolerance limit) for long range interactions <sup>5</sup>, while short range interactions were optimized at the 9 Å cut-off distance.

The geometry optimization of **TPTAH\_PdNps** has been performed at Hatree-Fock level of approximation with [B3LYP/6-31 G(d,p)/SDD] basis sets. The C, H, N, O and S atoms were described by the 6-31 G(d,p), while SDD <sup>6, 7</sup> relativistic pseudopotential was used for the Palladium cluster. Vibration frequency calculations were performed to ensure that the optimized geometries represent local minima associated with positive eigen values only. The electrostatic potential is mapped onto a particular value of the total electron density (isovalue=0.004) using the Gauss view. Natural bond orbital (NBO) calculations were also performed at the same level of theory using Gaussian NBO Version 3.1 program to estimate the NBO charges due to second order interactions.

The single point energy calculations were carried out to calculate the strength of the complex in the term of binding energy. The binding energy of the TPTAH\_PdNPs was calculated by energies as mentioned as in following equation.

#### $BE = E_{(TPTAH_PdNPs)} - [E_{(TPTAH)} + E_{(Pd_Cluster)}]$

Where,  $E_{(TPTAH_PdNPs)}$  is the energy of the TPTAH\_PdNPs and  $E_{(TPTAH)}$  and  $E_{(Pd_Cluster)}$  are the energies of the TPTAH and Pd\_Cluster, respectively. The donor-acceptor interaction and atom charge distribution visualize through discovery studio visualizer<sup>8</sup>.



S2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR of TPTEA



S3 <sup>13</sup>C NMR of TPTEA



S4 <sup>13</sup>C-DEPT NMR of TPTEA



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**S6** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of TPTAH



S7 <sup>13</sup>C NMR of TPTAH



**S8**<sup>13</sup>C-DEPT NMR of TPTAH

Characterization: Suzuki Cross-Coupling reaction						
Та	En	Figur	Mass	1H-NMR(400MHz, CDCl3) ( δ ppm)		
ble	try	е	101855			
1	BP	16 &	172.18			
		S17	(M+H2O)*	7.28 (II, 20,AI-0);7.37 (I, 40,AI-0);7.37 (UU, 40,AI-0)		
2	1	S18 &	191.18	2.53 (s, 3H,-CH3);7.36-7.39 (d, 2H,Ar-H);7.46 (t, 1H,Ar-H);7.56 (t,		
		S19	(M+Na)⁺	2H,Ar-H);7.63-7.68 (d, 2H,Ar-H);7.71-7.73 (d, 2H,Ar-H)		
	2	S20 &	186.5	3.77 (s, 3H,-CH3);6.89-6.92 (d, 2H,Ar-H);7.23 (t, 1H,Ar-H);7.34 (d,		
		S21	(M+2)⁺	2H,Ar-H);7.47 (d, 4H,Ar-H)		
	3	S22 &	202.6	7.34 (t, 1H,Ar-H);7.40 (tt, 2H,Ar-H);7.49-7.51 (dt, 2H,Ar-H);7.58-		
		S23	(M+Na)⁺	7.65 (m, 4H,Ar-H)		



**S9** Mass of 1,1'-biphenyl(Table 1)







**S11** Mass of Entry 1(Table 2)







**S13** Mass of Entry 2(Table 2)







S15 Mass of Entry 3(Table 2)



**S16** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Entry 3(Table 2)

Characterization: Heck Cross-Coupling reaction							
Та	En	Figuro	Macc	$1 \parallel NNAP(AOON4 \parallel_2 CDC(2) ( \delta nnm)$			
ble	try	Figure	IVIdSS				
	DP	S24 &	203.2(M+	7.21 (s, 2H,-CH=CH-);7.36 (d, 2H,Ar-H);7.46 (t, 4H,Ar-H);7.46 (t,			
3	Е	S25	Na)+	4H,Ar-H)			
		S26 &	219.2(M+	2.29 (s, 3H,-CH3);7.01 (s, 2H,-CH=CH-);7.11 (d, 2H,Ar-H);7.18 (d,			
4	1	S27	Na)+	1H,Ar-H);7.28 (t, 2H,Ar-H);7.30-7.40 (d, 4H,Ar-H)			
		S28 &	196.5(M+	2.29 (s, 3H,-CH3);7.05 (s, 2H,-CH=CH-);7.11-7.18 (d, 3H,Ar-H);			
	2	S29	2)+	7.20 (t, 2H,Ar-H);7.34-7.43 (d, 4H,Ar-H)			
		S30 &	231.4(M+	7.16 (s, 2H,-CH=CH-);7.31 (t, 3H,Ar-H); 7.45 (d, 2H,Ar-H);7.56-			
	3	S31	Na)+	7.79 (d, 4H,Ar-H); 9.90 (s, 1H,-CHO)			



**S17** Mass of 1,2-diphenylethene(Table 3)



**S18** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1,2-diphenylethene(Table 3)



**S19** Mass of Entry 1(Table 4)



S20 <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Entry 1(Table 4)



S21 Mass of Entry 2(Table 4)



**S22** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Entry 2(Table 4)



S23 Mass of Entry 3(Table 4)



**S24** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Entry 3(Table 4)

Characterization: Stille Cross-Coupling reaction								
Ta ble	Ent ry	Figure	Mass	1H-NMR(400MHz, CDCl3) ( δ ppm)				
		S32 &	177.8(M	7.27 (t, 2H,Ar-H);7.36 (t, 4H,Ar-H);7.51 (d, 4H,Ar-H)				
5	BP	S33	+Na)+					
		S34 &	170.4	2.53 (s, 3H,-CH3);7.36 (d, 2H,Ar-H);7.43 (t, 1H,Ar-H);7.53 (t, 2H,Ar-				
	1	S35	(M+2)+	H);7.60 (d, 2H,Ar-H);7.70 (d, 2H,Ar-H)				
6		S36 &	207.5(M	3.76 (s, 3H,-O-CH3);6.89 (d, 2H,Ar-H);7.22 (t, 1H,Ar-H);7.34 (t,				
	2	S37	+Na)+	2H,Ar-H);7.46 (t, 4H,Ar-H)				
		S38 &	205.2(M	7.51 (t, 3H,Ar-H);7.65 (d, 4H,Ar-H);7.88 (t, 1H,Ar-H);8.15 (t, 1H,Ar-				
	3	S39	+Na)+	H);10.10 (s, 1H,-CHO)				



S25 Mass of 1,1'-biphenyl(Table 5)







S27 Mass of Entry 1(Table 6)







S29 Mass of Entry 2(Table 6)





S31 Mass of Entry 3(Table 6)



S32 <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Entry 3(Table 6)

	Name	Method	Basis set	Optimization Energy				
Sr No				G	as Phase	Solvent Phase*		
51.110				Opti. Step	Energy	Opti. Step	Energy	
	ΤΡΑ	HF	6-31g(d,p)	24	-3725.925665	15	-3725.942204 ª	
1		B3LYP	6-31g(d,p)	28	-3742.13554	8	-3742.135543 ª	
1		HF	6-311g(d,p)	17	-3726.397402	40	-3726.414499ª	
		B3LYP	6-311g(d,p)	17	-3742.699881	17	-3742.713271ª	
	ΤΡΤΑΕ	HF	6-31g(d,p)	4	-4944.709334	76	-4944.743183 ª	
2		B3LYP	6-31g(d,p)	150	-4968.065264	49	-4968.092963 ª	
2		HF	6-311g(d,p)	21	-4945.446387	40	-4945.480496ª	
		B3LYP	6-311g(d,p)	56	-4968.924728	32	-4968.955122ª	
	ТРТАН	HF		6-31g(d,p)	95	-4773.097305	48	-4773.146277 <sup>b</sup>
2		B3LYP	6-31g(d,p)	105	-4795.393777	52	-4795.434472 <sup>b</sup>	
3		HF	6-311g(d,p)	42	-4773.805815	56	-4773.855202 •	
		B3LYP	6-311g(d,p)	43	-4796.223313	116	-4796.265928 <sup>b</sup>	

## **S33** Optimization details

\*a=Chloroform; b=Water



**S34** Mapped Molecular Electrostatic potential from the electron density (total SCF density; isoval=0.0004) (a) Front view, (b) Bottom view of various atoms of TPA at B3LYP/6-311G (d,p) level



**S35** Mapped Molecular Electrostatic potential from the electron density (total SCF density; isoval=0.0004) (a) Front view, (b) Bottom view of various atoms of TPTAE at B3LYP/6-311G (d,p) level



S36 Natural Bond Orbital (NBO) charges of various atoms of (a) TPA, (b) TPTAE at B3LYP/6-311G (d,p) level



S37 Natural Bond Orbital (NBO) charges of various atoms of TPTAH at B3LYP/6-311G (d,p) level



S38 Natural Bond Orbital (NBO) charges of various atoms of TPA at B3LYP/6-311G (d,p)



**S39** Natural Bond Orbital (NBO) charges of various atoms of TPTAE at B3LYP/6-311G (d,p)



S40 Natural Bond Orbital (NBO) charges of various atoms of TPTAH at B3LYP/6-311G (d,p)



**S41** Simulation interaction analysis through RMSD (Root mean square deviation of a ligand); rGyr (Radius of Gyration); intra Hydrogen bond; MolSA (Molecular Surface Area); SASA (Solvent Accessible Surface Area) and PSA (Polar Surface Area)

## **S42** Optimization details for TPTAH\_PdNps

Cr.				Optimization Energy at Solvent Phase*			
No	Name	Method	Basis set	Opti.	Predicted	Energy	
				Step	Energy change	(Hatree)	
1	ТРТАН	HF	6-31g(d,p)	48	-1.84E-08	-4773.146277	
2	Pd_cluster	HF	SDD	13	-1.51E-07	-1778.681973	
3	TPTAH_PdNps	HF	Gen⁺	259	-2.11E-08	-6551.925885	

\*Water; + 6-31g(d,p)/SDD



**S43** Geometry optimization graph of Total energy of TPTAH\_PdNps@ HF/Gen



S44 Geometry optimization graph of RMS Gradient Norm of TPTAH\_PdNps@ HF/Gen



**S45** TPTAH\_PdNps interactions after DFT optimization at HF/6-31G (d,p) level of approximation



**S46** TPTAH\_PdNps donor-acceptor interactions and atom charges after DFT optimization at HF/6-31G (d,p) level of approximation



S47 UV-Vis Spectra of TPTAH, TPTAH-PdNPs, and PdAc

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