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[Dimethylformamide-Stabilised Palladium Nanoclusters Catalysed Coupling Reactions of Aryl Halides with Hydrosilanes/Disilanes]

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Figure S1 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, D₂O, 20 °C) spectra of (a) Pd NCs and (b) DMAc displaced Pd NCs



Figure S2 FT-IR measurement (red) DMAc displaced Pd NCs (blue) as prepared Pd NCs



Figure S3 XPS wide scan spectra of (a) Pd NCs, (b) DMAc-substituted Pd NCs, (c) Pd NCs–DMF at the third measurement, and (d) DMAc-substituted Pd NCs at the third measurement. Table S1 XPS peak positions, FWHMs

| | | Binding Energy (eV) [FWHM] | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
| Element | Pd 3d _{5/2} | Pd 3d _{3/2} | N 1s | O 1s | C 1s | | |
| (a) Pd NCs | 338.8 [1.2] | 344.0 [1.5] | 400.8 [2.4] | 532.8 [3.0] | 288.2[1.5] | | |
| | 337.2 [2.3] | 342.1 [2.2] | | 531.9 [1.5] | 286.4[1.4] | | |
| | | | | | 285.1[1.1] | | |
| (b)DMAc-substituted Pd NCs | 338.5 [1.6] | 343.7 [1.9] | 402.2 [1.5] | 532.5 [1.9] | 288.2 [1.5] | | |
| | 336.6 [2.1] | 341.8 [2.1] | 400.5 [2.0] | | 286.4 [1.4] | | |
| | | | | | 285.1 [1.1] | | |
| (c)Pd NCs–DMF | 338.8 [0.9] | 344.0 [1.3] | 400.7 [2.4] | 533.6 [2.9] | 288.5 [1.2] | | |
| at the third measurement | 338.0 [2.1] | 343.3 [2.3] | | 532.1 [1.8] | 286.3 [2.2] | | |
| (d)DMAc-substituted Pd NCs | 335.7 [1.8] | 342.1 [1.7] | 399.8 [2.4] | 532.0 [1.8] | 288.0 [1.4] | | |
| at the third measurement | 334.7 [1.4] | 340.2 [1.6] | | | 285.7 [1.4] | | |
| | | | | | 284.6 [1.1] | | |



(A) Figure S4 XPS Spectra of C 1s from (i) Pd NCs, (ii) DMA-substituted Pd NCs, (iii) Pd NCs– DMF at the third measurement, and (iv) DMAc-substituted Pd NCs at the third measurement,



(B) Figure S5 XPS Spectra of O 1s from (i) Pd NCs, (ii) DMAc-substituted Pd NCs, (iii) Pd NCs– DMF at the third measurement, and (iv) DMAc-substituted Pd NCs at the third measurement,



(C) Figure S6 XPS Spectra of N 1s from (i) Pd NCs, (ii) DMAc-substituted Pd NCs, (iii) Pd NCs– DMF at the third measurement, and (iv) DMAc-substituted Pd NCs at the third measurement,



Figure S7 a plausible reaction mechanism of Pd NCs catalyzed coupling reactions of aryl halides with hydrosilanes(left)¹/disilanes(right)²

| <intensity></intensity> | | | <concentration></concentration> | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| element | Na | Pd | element | Na | Pd | |
| wavelength(nm) | 588.995nm | 340.458nm | wavelength(nm) | 588.995nm | 340.458nm | |
| Run 1 | 15.1392 | 0.627558 | unit | ppm | ppm | |
| Run 2 | 15.1701 | 0.625988 | Run 1 | 201.354 | 2.3557 | |
| Run 3 | 15.1219 | 0.624458 | Run 2 | 201.766 | 2.34897 | |
| | | | Run 3 | 201.123 | 2.34242 | |
| average | 15.1438 | 0.626001 | | | | |
| | | | average | 201.414 | 2.34903 | |
| R | 0.048169 | 0.0031 | | | | |
| SD | 0.024401 | 0.00155 | R | 0.643555 | 0.013282 | |
| RSD | 0.16113 | 0.247599 | SD | 0.326007 | 0.006641 | |
| | | | RSD | 0.161859 | 0.282717 | |

Table S2 concentration of K and Pd by ICP-AES

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3a Dimethyldiphenylsilane





3b dimethyl(phenyl)(p-tolyl)silane







3c (4-methoxyphenyl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane

3d (4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane







3e dimethyl(phenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)silane



3f methyl 4-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)benzoate





3g methyltriphenylsilane





3h triethyl(phenyl)silane





3i triethoxy(phenyl)silane





5a trimethyl(phenyl)silane





5b trimethyl(p-tolyl)silane





5c (4-methoxyphenyl)trimethylsilane





5d (4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)trimethylsilane





5e 1-(4-(trimethylsilyl)phenyl)ethan-1-one





5f methyl 4-(trimethylsilyl)benzoate





5g trimethyl(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)silane



