

## Supporting information

# A Novel Ratiometric AIEE/ESIPT Probe for Palladium Species Detection with ultra-sensitivity

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## 1. Materials and Methods

Entry	Reagent	Quantity	Solvent (50mL)	Conc.
<b>A</b>	HPNI	21.9 mg	THF	1 mM
<b>B</b>	HPNI-1	26.1 mg	THF	1 mM
<b>C</b>	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	5.8 mg	DMSO	0.1 mM

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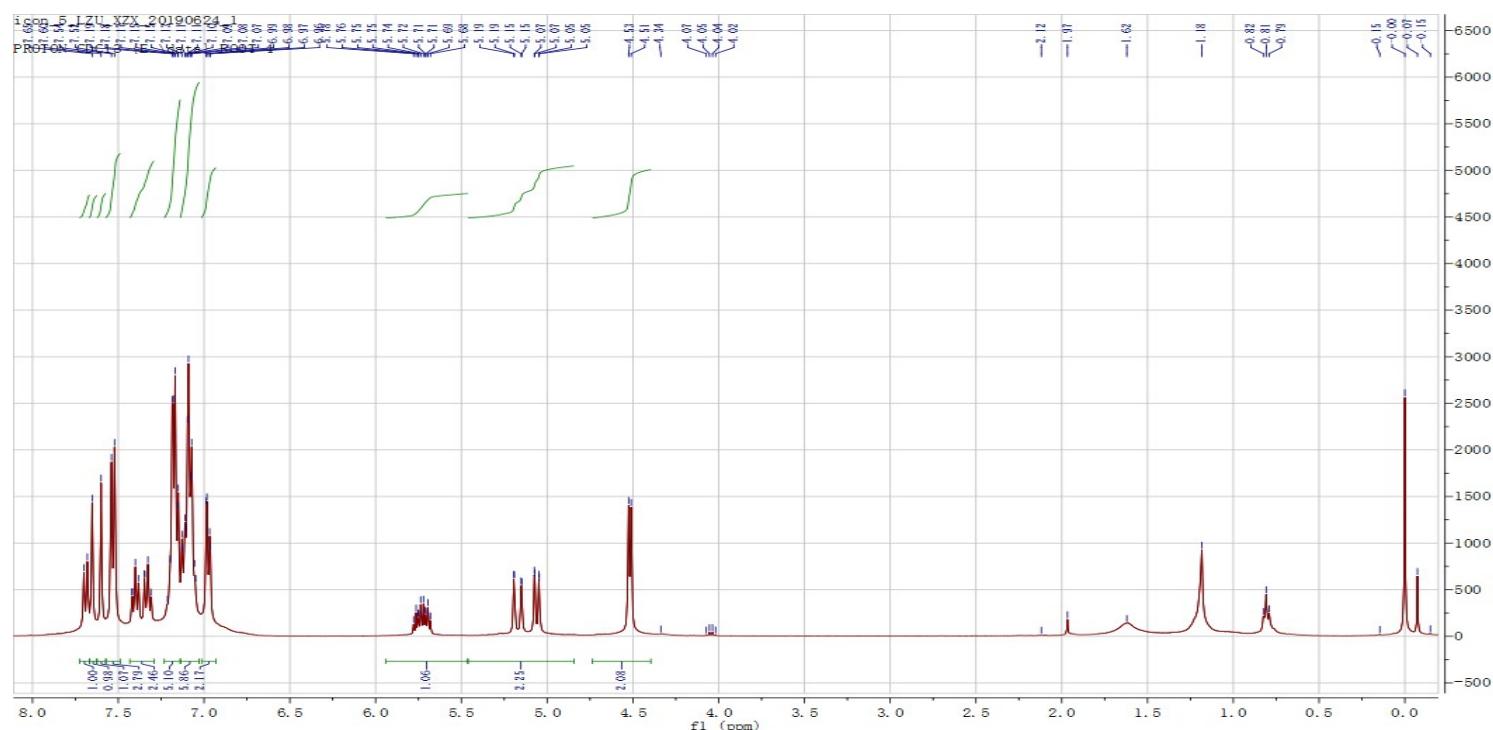
<b>D</b>	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	5.3 mg	DMSO	0.1 mM
<b>E</b>	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub>	4.6 mg	DMSO	0.1 mM
<b>F</b>	(C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> PdCl <sub>2</sub>	1.8 mg	DMSO	0.1 mM
<b>G</b>	K <sub>2</sub> PdCl <sub>6</sub>	2.0 mg	H <sub>2</sub> O	0.1 mM

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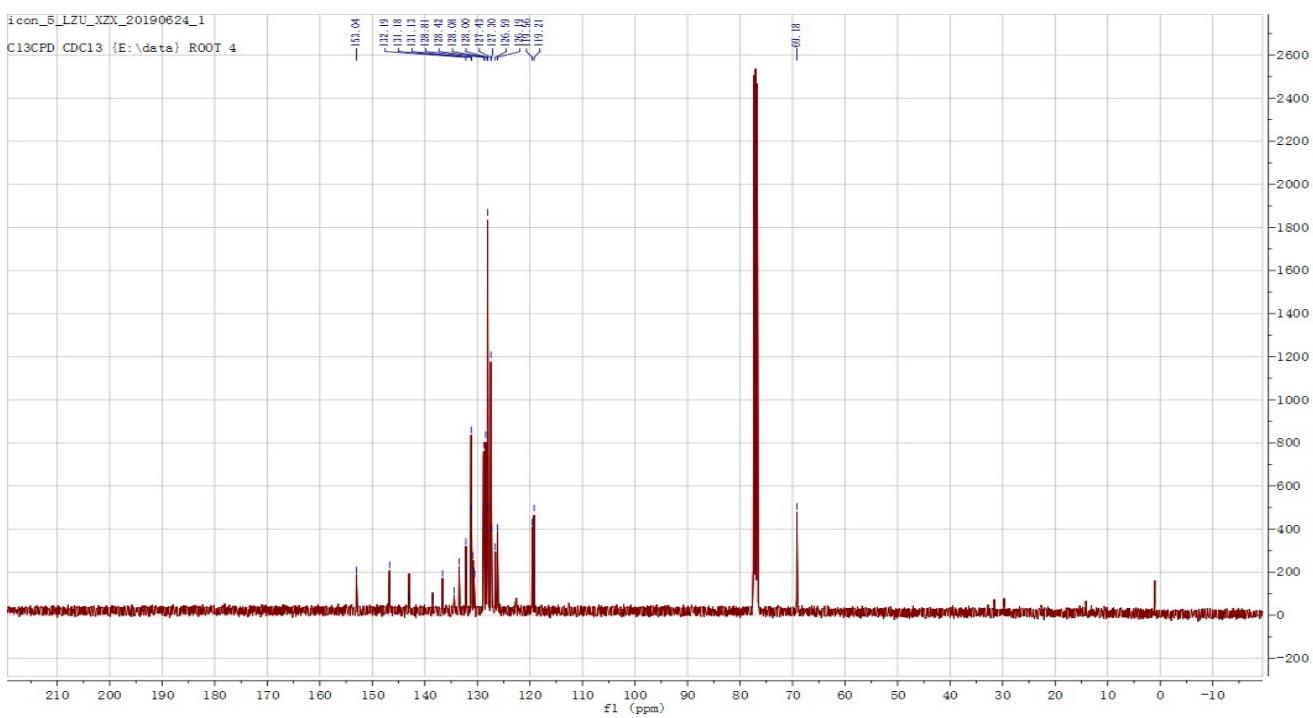
Notes: All reagents and solvents were obtained commercially and used without further purification unless otherwise noted. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOLBCS 400M spectrometer. Mass spectra (ESI) were recorded on a LQC system (Finnigan MAT, USA). All UV-visible spectra was recorded by a Varian Cary 100 spectrophotometer. Fluorescence spectra were recorded using an Edinburgh FLSP920. Fluorescence spectra were measured after addition of palladium for 1min.

### 3. The characterization data of HPNI-1

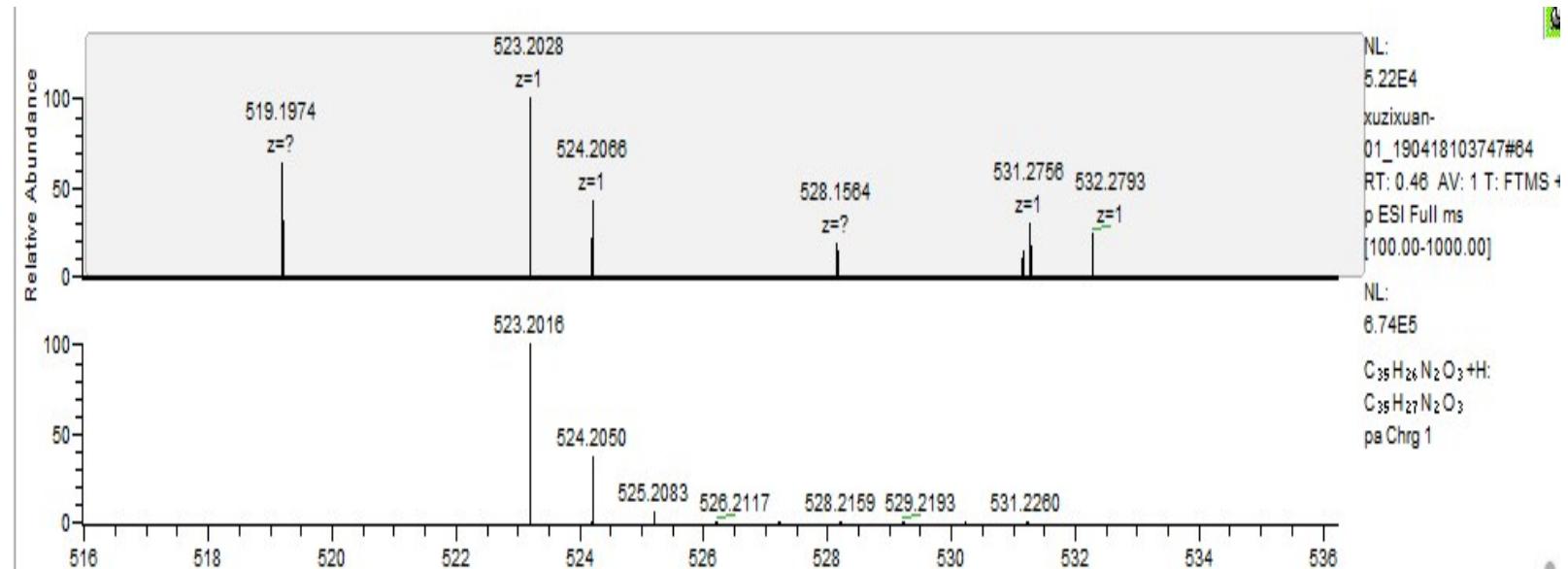
<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of HPNI-1



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of HPNI-1



### ESI spectra of HPNI-1



### 3. Additional Spectra

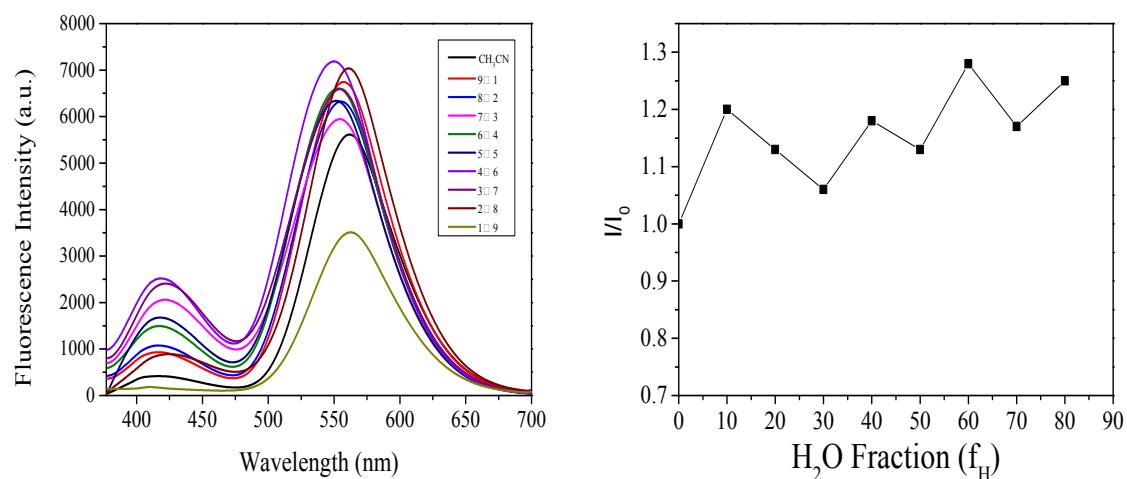


Figure S1. (a) Emission spectra of HPNI in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  mixture with different  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  fractions ( $F_{\text{H}}$ ) (b) the plot of relative emission intensity ( $I/I_0$ ) at 560 nm

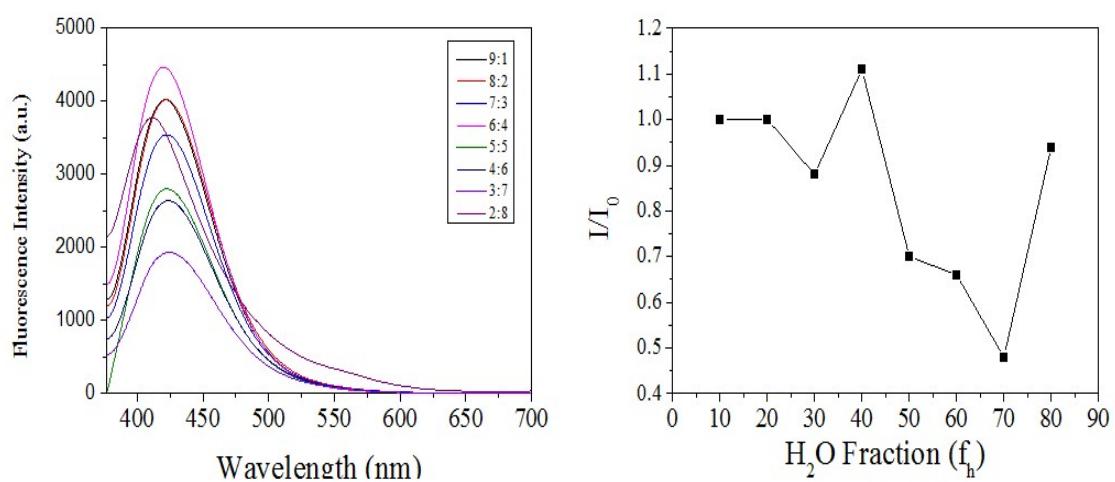


Figure S2. (a) Emission spectra of HPNI-1 in CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O mixture with different H<sub>2</sub>O fractions (F<sub>H</sub>) (b) the plot of relative emission intensity (I/I<sub>0</sub>) at 420 nm

**Table S1.** Comparison of fluorescent probes for palladium detection

References	Probe	Detection medium	$\lambda_{\text{ex}}/\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)	Stokes shift	Detection time	Detection limit	
RSC Adv. 2017, 7, 20369-20372		CH <sub>3</sub> CN-PBS (v/v = 1/1, pH 7.4, 10 mM)	588/621	33 nm	80 min	0.78 nM	Turn on ICT
Chem. Commun. 2010, 46, 3964–3966		CH <sub>3</sub> CN-PBS (v/v = 1/9, pH 7.4, 10 mM)	480/520	40 nm	180 min	30 nM	Turn on ICT
RSC Adv. 2017, 7, 6583–6586		EtOH : PBS (9 : 1, v/v, 10 mM)	650/681	31 nm	30 min	5.7 nM	Turn on ICT
J. Photochem. Photobiol. A: Chem. 2017, 337, 25–32		THF/PBS (1:1 v/v, pH = 7.4, 20 mM)	500/547	47 nm	75 min	1.14 nM	Turn on ICT
Tetrahedron Lett. 2015, 56, 6491–6494		PBS buffer (90% DMSO, v/v, pH 7.4, 20 mM)	560/700	140 nm	30 min	52 nM	Turn on ICT
Dyes Pigm. 2017, 137, 293–298		PBS/DMSO (19:1, v/v, pH 7.4)	670/721	51 nm	30 min	22.4 nM	Turn on ICT
Analyst, 2016, 141, 2376-2379		10 mM PBS, pH 7.4	570/590	20 nm	30 min	2.1 nM	Turn on ICT
Sensors and Actuators B 2018, 98-104		PBS buffer (10 mM, pH 7.4, 20% DMSO, v/v)	602/665	63 nm	2 min	2.2 nM	Turn on ICT

Chem. Commun. 2014, 50, 13525– 13528		CH <sub>3</sub> CN–PBS (v/v = 1/3, pH 7.4, 10 mM)	$\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 545 \text{ nm}$ , $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 810/655$ nm	110 nm	20 min	2.8 nM	ratiometric	ICT
Org. Lett. 2011, 13, 4922–4925		CH <sub>3</sub> CN:H <sub>2</sub> O = 4:1 NaBH <sub>4</sub> -PPh <sub>3</sub> (10 mM) and morpholine (10 mM))	$\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 403 \text{ nm}$ $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 462/524$ nm	121 nm	5 min	6.1 nM	ratiometric	ICT
RSC Adv. 2015, 5, 52516-52521		DMSO/PBS (1/1, v/v, Ph7.4, 20 mM).	$\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 420 \text{ nm}$ , $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 570/643$ nm	171 nm	30 min	24.2 nM	ratiometric	ICT
J. Mater. Chem. B., 2016, 4, 3911-3915.		PBS buffer (10 mM, pH 7.4, with 10% CH <sub>3</sub> CN, v/v).	$\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 320 \text{ nm}$ $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 388/476$ nm/	156 nm	20 min	15.6 nM	ratiometric	ESIPT
Chem. Asian J., 2015, 10, 1142– 1145.		PBS buffer (10 mM, pH 7.4)	$\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 320 \text{ nm}$ $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 495/635$ nm/	315 nm	30 min	57 nM	ratiometric	ESIPT
Chem. Commun., 2012, 48, 2867– 2869		CH <sub>3</sub> CN–H <sub>2</sub> O (1: 4, v/v)	$\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 360 \text{ nm}$ $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 412/517$ nm/	157 nm	180 min	87 nM	ratiometric	ESIPT
Anal. Chim. Acta., 2013, 786, 139-145.		PBS buffer, pH = 7.0, 10 mL, 20 mM	$\lambda_{\text{em}} = 415/555$ nm	--	5 min	1 $\mu$ M	ratiometric	ESIPT
Sensors and Actuators B 2018, 554-562		HEPES buffer (10 mM, pH 7.4, with 20% CH <sub>3</sub> CN, v/v).	$\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 511 \text{ nm}$ $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 490/547$ nm/	36 nm	10 min	31 nM	ratiometric	ESIPT-FRET.
Org. Biomol. Chem., 2017,15, 5846-5850		PBS buffer (pH = 7.4, with 10% THF) NaBH <sub>4</sub>	$\lambda_{\text{em}} = 470/552$ nm	--	1.5 min	9.0 nM	ratiometric	ESIPT
This work		CH <sub>3</sub> CN:H <sub>2</sub> O = 3:2 KBH <sub>4</sub> (1 mM)	$\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 340 \text{ nm}$ $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 410/570$ nm	230 nm	2 min	1.34 nM	ratiometric	ESIPT-AIEE