

Supporting Information

**Half-Rotation in a Kinetically Locked [2]Catenane Induced
By Transition Metal Ion Substitution**

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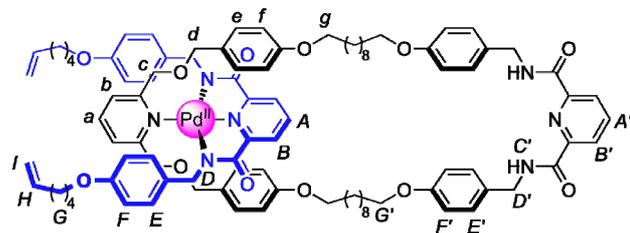
1. General Experimental Section

Unless stated otherwise, all reagents and solvents were purchased from Aldrich Chemicals and used without further purification. Column chromatography was carried out using Silica 60A (particle size 35-70 μm , Fisher, UK) as the stationary phase, and TLC was performed on precoated silica gel plates (0.25 mm thick, 60 F254, Merck, Germany) and observed under UV light. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AV 400, and Bruker DMX 500 instruments. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) from low to high frequency and referenced to the residual solvent resonance. Coupling constants (J) are reported in hertz (Hz). Standard abbreviations indicating multiplicity were used as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, dd = double doublet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, b = broad, ddd = doublet of double doublets. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR assignments were made using 2D-NMR methods (COSY, ROESY, TOCSY, HSQC, HMBC) and are unambiguous unless stated otherwise. Melting points (m.p.) were determined using a Sanyo Gallenkamp apparatus and are reported uncorrected. Low resolution ESI mass spectrometry was performed with a Finnigan LCQ-MS, Micromass Platform II or Waters Quattro Ultima LC-MS/MS mass spectrometers. High resolution ESI and FAB mass spectrometry were carried out by the mass spectrometry services at the University of Edinburgh and the EPSRC National Mass Spectrometry Service Centre, Swansea, UK. Compounds 1H_2^1 and $2\text{Pd}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})^2$ were prepared as reported previously.

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2. Synthetic Procedures and NMR Spectra



2Pd(1H₂): A solution of **1H₂** (0.288 g, 0.287 mmol) and **2Pd(CH₃CN)** (0.197 g, 0.287 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was stirred for 1 h at room temperature.

The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude residue purified by column chromatography, (98:2 CH₂Cl₂:MeOH) to yield **2Pd(1H₂)**: as a yellow, solid (0.45 g, yield = 95%). m.p. 98-99 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 298 K): δ = 1.15-1.51 (m, 32H, alkyl-H), 1.71 (m, 8H, alkyl-H), 2.07 (m, 4H alkyl-H), 3.82 (m, 8H, H_{G'} + H_G), 3.92 (t, 4H, *J* = 6.6 Hz, H_g), 4.32 (s, 4H, H_d), 4.45 (s, 4H, H_c), 4.49 (d, 4H, *J* = 6.1 Hz, H_{D'}), 4.54 (s, 4H, H_d), 4.98 (m, 4H, H_H), 5.81 (m, 2H, H_I), 6.41 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.6 Hz, H_F), 6.55 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.6 Hz, H_E), 6.70 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.6 Hz, H_{F'}), 6.79 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.6 Hz, H_f), 7.18 (m, 8H, H_e + H_{E'}), 7.45 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H_b), 7.66 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H_B), 7.88 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H_a), 7.95 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H_A), 8.02 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H_{A'}), 8.32 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, H_{B'}), 8.72 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H, H_{C'}); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 298 K) δ = 25.89, 26.13, 26.38, 29.24, 29.33 (x2), 29.34, 29.58, 29.61, 29.63, 29.75, 34.04, 43.18, 49.14, 68.34, 68.44, 72.08, 73.7, 114.61, 114.75, 114.95, 114.97, 122.68, 124.86, 125.32, 128.94, 129.37, 129.79, 130.07, 131.18, 133.57, 139.22, 139.34, 139.96, 141.02, 149.75, 153.03, 158.52, 158.87, 159.52, 160.89, 164.14, 171.59; ESI-MS: *m/z* = 1651 [MH]⁺; HRESI-MS: *m/z* = 1650.7558 (calcd. for C₉₅H₁₁₄N₇O₁₂Pd, 1650.7583).

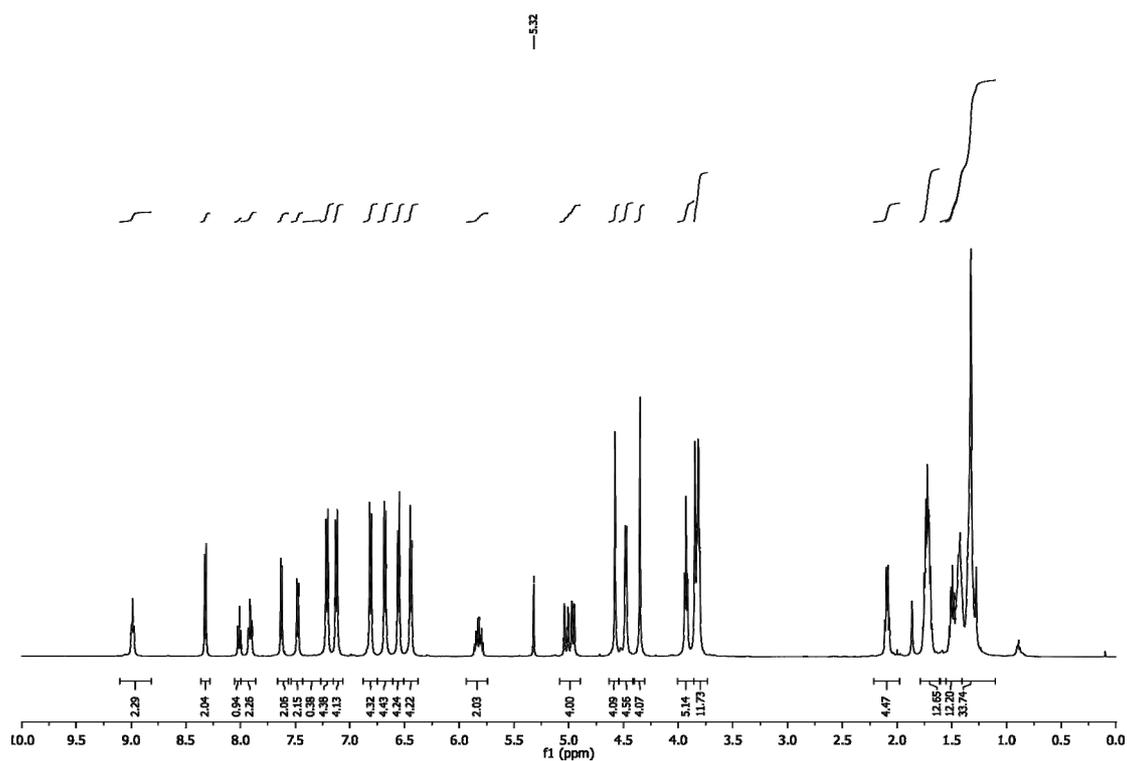


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of $2\text{Pd}(\text{1H}_2)$.

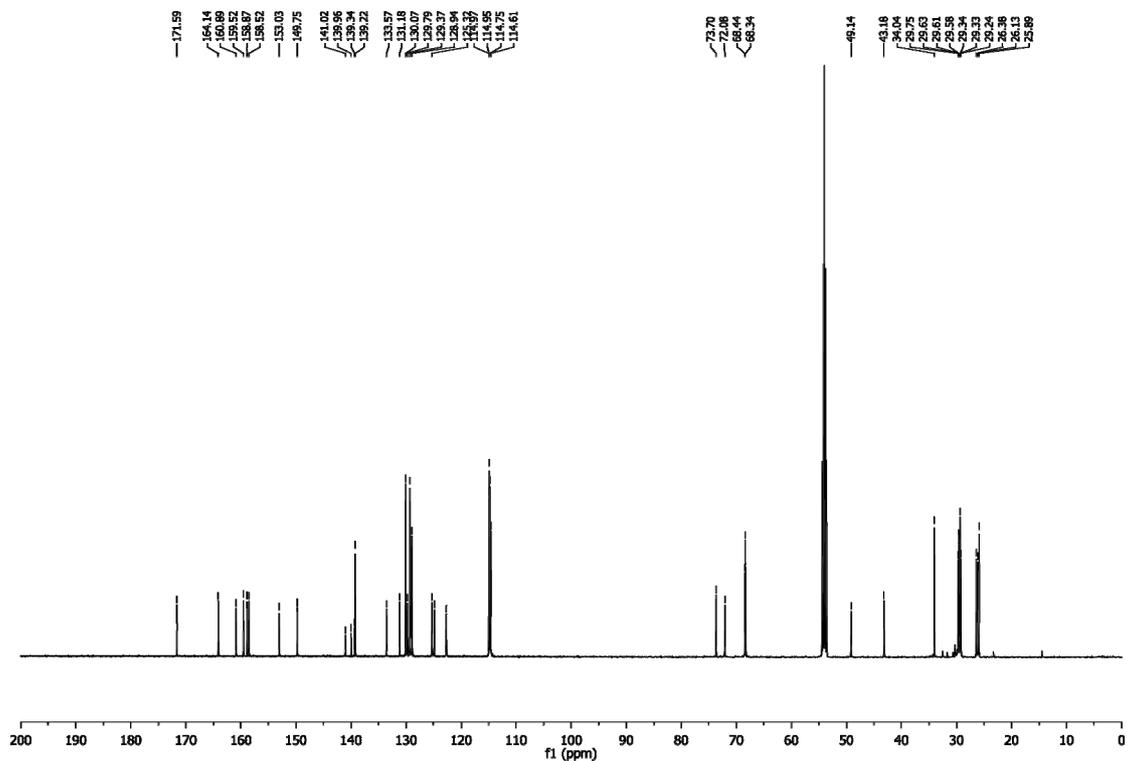
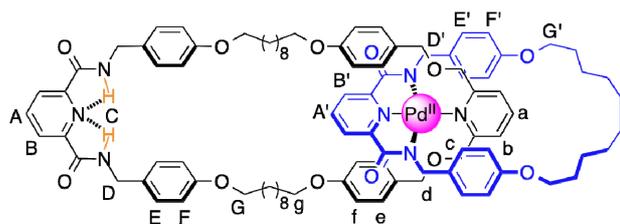


Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $2\text{Pd}(\text{1H}_2)$.



Pd3H₂: (a) A solution of **2Pd(1H₂)** (0.44 g, 0.26 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (100 mL) was added via a double ended needle to a solution of first generation

Grubbs' catalyst (0.064 g, 0.077 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (500 mL) under an atmosphere of nitrogen. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 18 h, concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude residue purified by column chromatography (98:2 CH₂Cl₂:MeOH) to yield a yellow solid (0.28 g).

(b) To a stirred solution of the yellow solid obtained in part (a) (0.28 g) in THF (50 mL), was added 10% w/w Pd-C (0.04 g) and the resultant suspension stirred under an atmosphere of hydrogen for 18 h. The suspension was filtered through a plug of Celite, and the solution concentrated under reduced pressure to yield Pd3H₂ as a yellow solid (0.272 g, yield = 64% over two steps). m.p. 158-159 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 298 K): δ= 1.25-1.38 (m, 24H, alkyl-H), 1.41 (m, 12H, alkyl-H), 1.72 (m, 12H, alkyl-H), 3.82 (t, 4H, *J* = 6.5 Hz, H_g), 3.87 (m, 8H, H_G + H_{G'}), 3.96 (s, 4H, H_{D'}), 4.45 (s, 4H, H_d), 4.52, (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 4H, H_D), 4.64 (s, 4H, H_c), 6.23 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.6 Hz, H_{F'}), 6.33 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.6 Hz, H_{E'}), 6.68 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, H_F), 6.76 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.6 Hz, H_f), 7.14 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, H_E), 7.22 (m, 6H, H_e+H_b), 7.58 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H_{B'}), 7.74 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H_{A'}), 7.87 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H_a), 8.04 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H_A), 8.34 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H_B), 8.88 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.1 Hz, H_C); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 298 K): δ= 25.99, 26.01, 26.23, 29.00, 29.01, 29.05, 29.26 (x2), 29.32, 29.34, 29.68, 30.07, 43.23, 50.02, 67.64, 68.36, 68.39, 71.99, 73.76, 114.82, 114.9, 114.95, 122.3, 124.83, 125.33, 128.61, 129.34, 129.48 (x2), 130.61, 131.08, 133.14, 139.39, 140.84, 149.77, 152.95, 158.04, 158.91, 159.64, 160.47, 164.06, 171.71; LRFAB-MS (3-NOBA matrix): *m/z* = 1624 [*M*]⁺; HRFAB-MS (3-NOBA matrix): *m/z* = 1624.73425 (calcd. for ¹²C₉₂¹³C₁H₁₁₁N₇O₁₂Pd, 1624.73563).

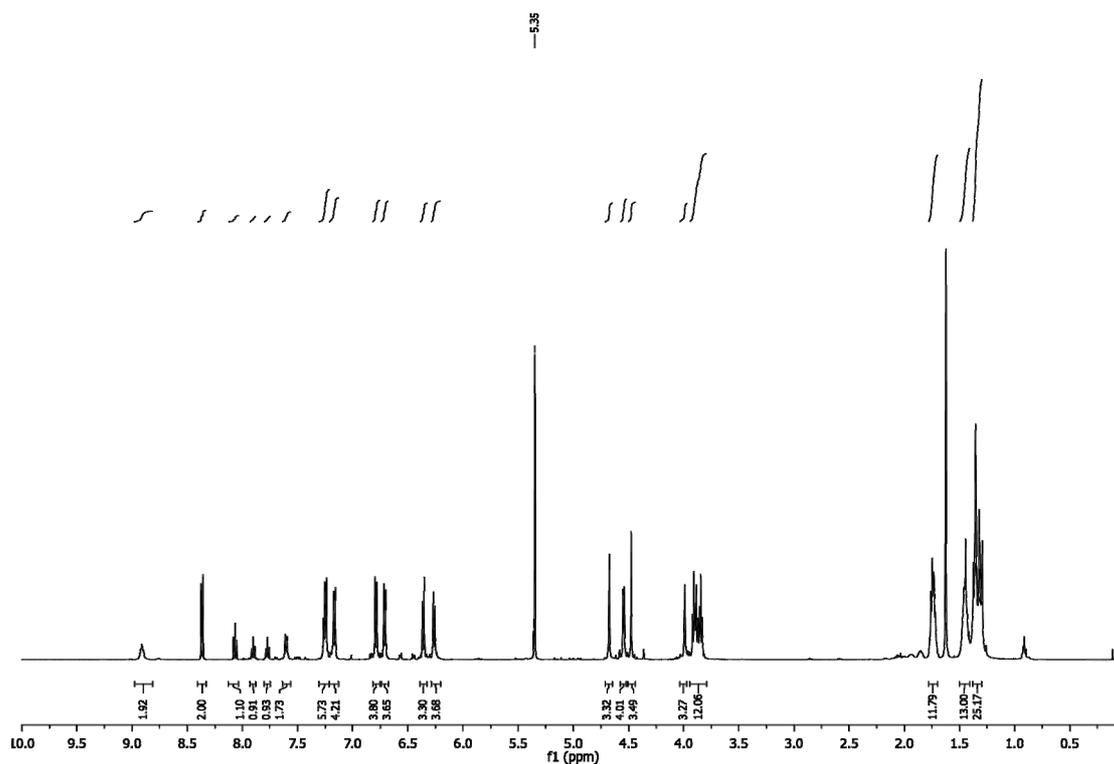


Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectrum of Pd_3H_2 .

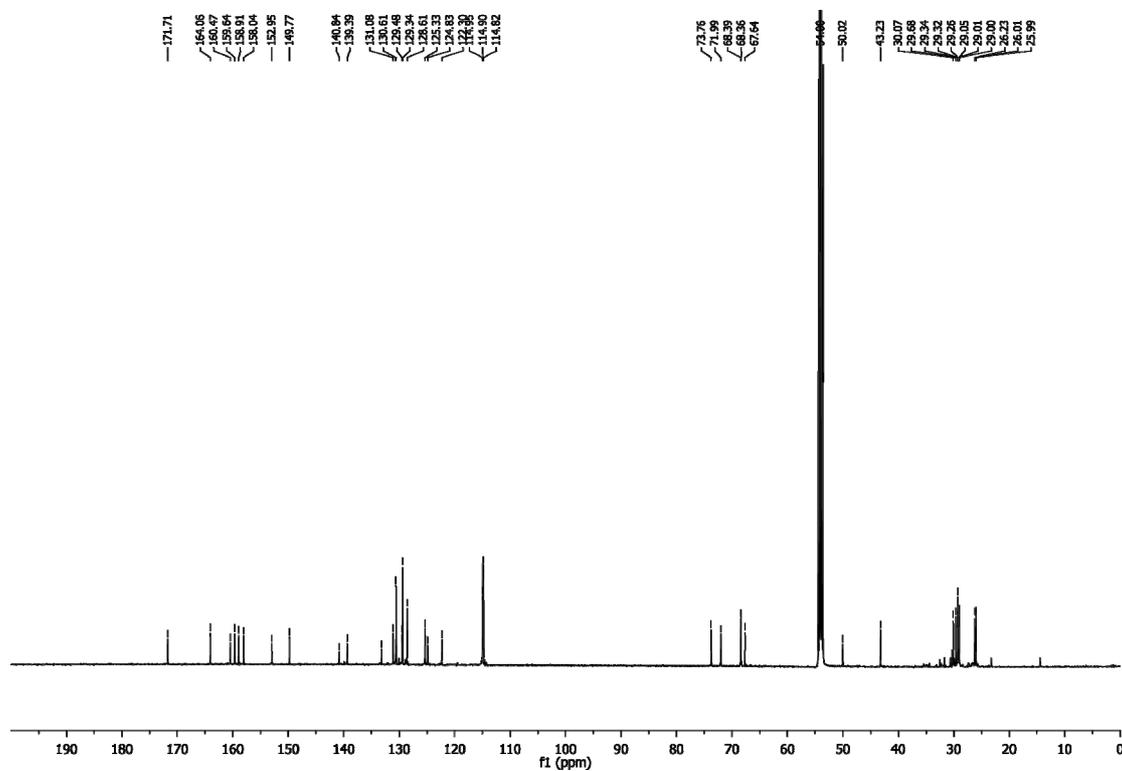
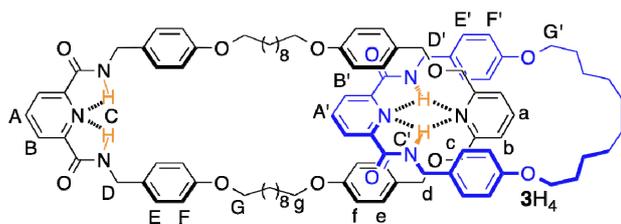


Figure S4. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of Pd_3H_2 .



3H₄: To a solution of Pd3H₂ (0.215 g, 0.132 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 mL) and methanol (20 mL) was added potassium cyanide (0.086 g, 1.32 mmol) in methanol (5 mL).

The solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, until it was colourless, and then heated gently to reduce the overall volume to less than 5 mL. The resultant mixture was dispersed in water (25 mL) and washed with dichloromethane (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with further water (25 mL) and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After filtration, the solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude residue recrystallised from acetonitrile to give **3H₄** as a colourless solid (0.198 g, yield = 98%). m.p. 139-141 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 298 K): δ = 1.26-1.41 (m, 24H, alkyl-H), 1.41 (m, 12H, alkyl-H), 1.69 (m, 12H, alkyl-H), 3.81 (m, 12H, H_G + H_g + H_{g'}), 4.13 (s, 4H, H_d), 4.18 (d, 4H, *J* = 6.2 Hz, H_{D'}), 4.30 (s, 4H, H_c), 4.50 (d, 4H, *J* = 6.1 Hz, H_D), 6.41 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.8 Hz, H_{F'}), 6.74 (m, 8H, H_{E'} + H_f), 6.74 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.8 Hz, H_F), 7.00 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.6 Hz, H_e), 7.06 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.7 Hz, H_b), 7.13 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.8 Hz, H_E), 7.53 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.7 Hz, H_a), 7.97 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H_{A'}), 8.05 (m, 3H, H_A+H_C), 8.28 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H_{B'}), 8.34 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.7 Hz, H_B), 8.94 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.2 Hz, H_{C'}); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 298 K): δ = 26.05, 26.46 (x2), 28.87, 29.05, 29.66, 29.72, 29.78, 29.84, 29.93, 29.95 (x2), 42.89, 43.33, 67.54, 68.34, 68.51, 71.97, 73.1, 114.41, 114.64, 114.92, 120.23, 125.18, 125.54, 129.42 (x2), 129.92, 130.21, 130.55, 130.77, 137.4, 138.71, 139.48, 149.6, 149.64, 158.16, 158.25, 158.97, 159.13, 163.73, 163.80; LRFAB-MS (3-NOBA matrix): *m/z* = 1522 [*M*+1]⁺; HRFAB-MS (3-NOBA matrix): *m/z* = 1521.85493 (calcd. for C₉₂¹³C₁H₁₁₄N₇O₁₂, 1521.85590).

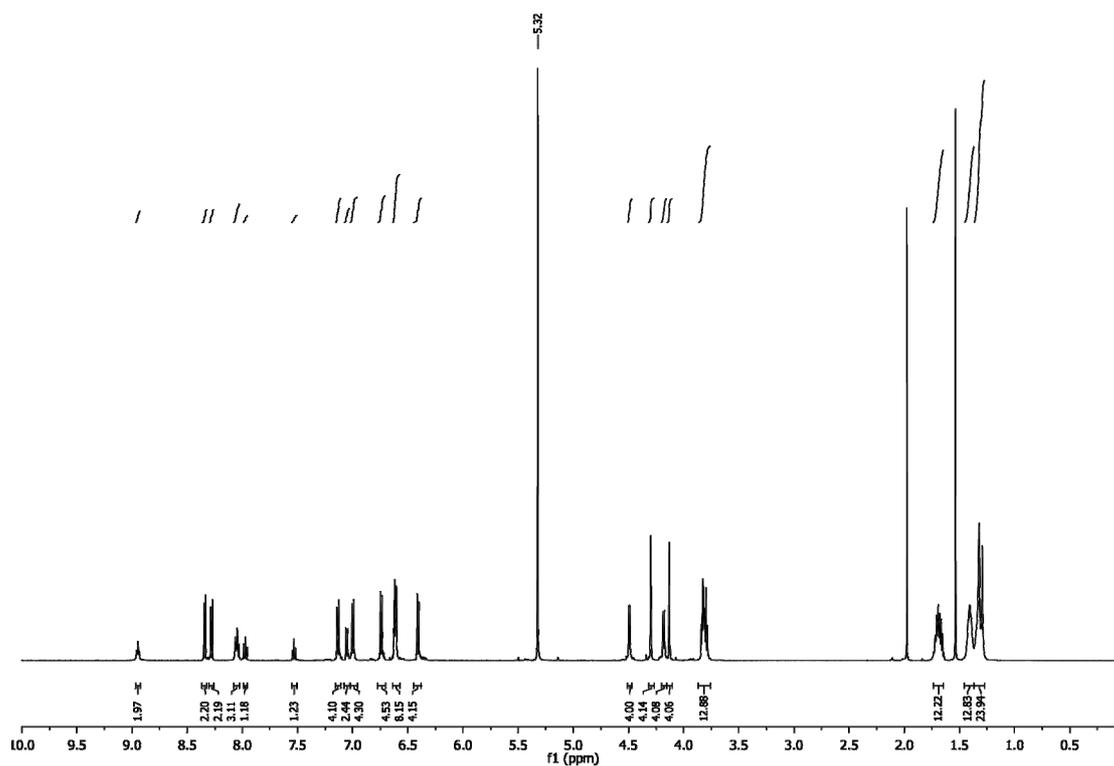


Figure S5. ¹H NMR spectrum of 3H₄.

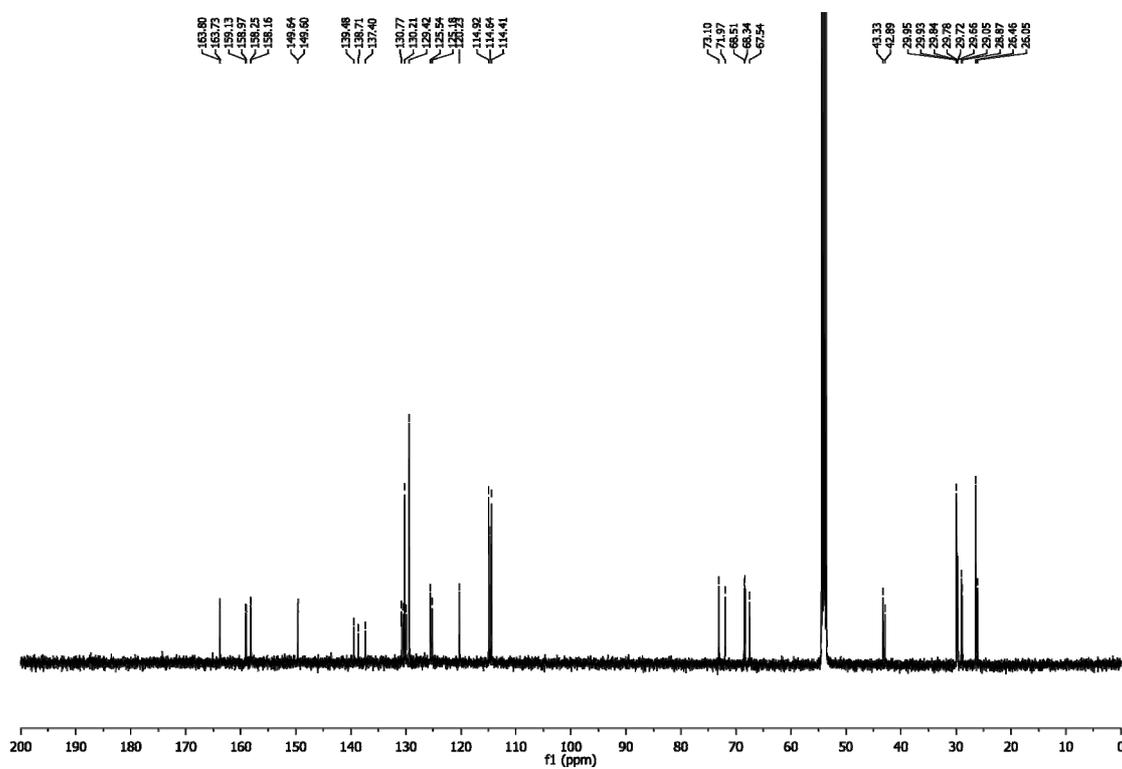


Figure S6. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 3H₄.

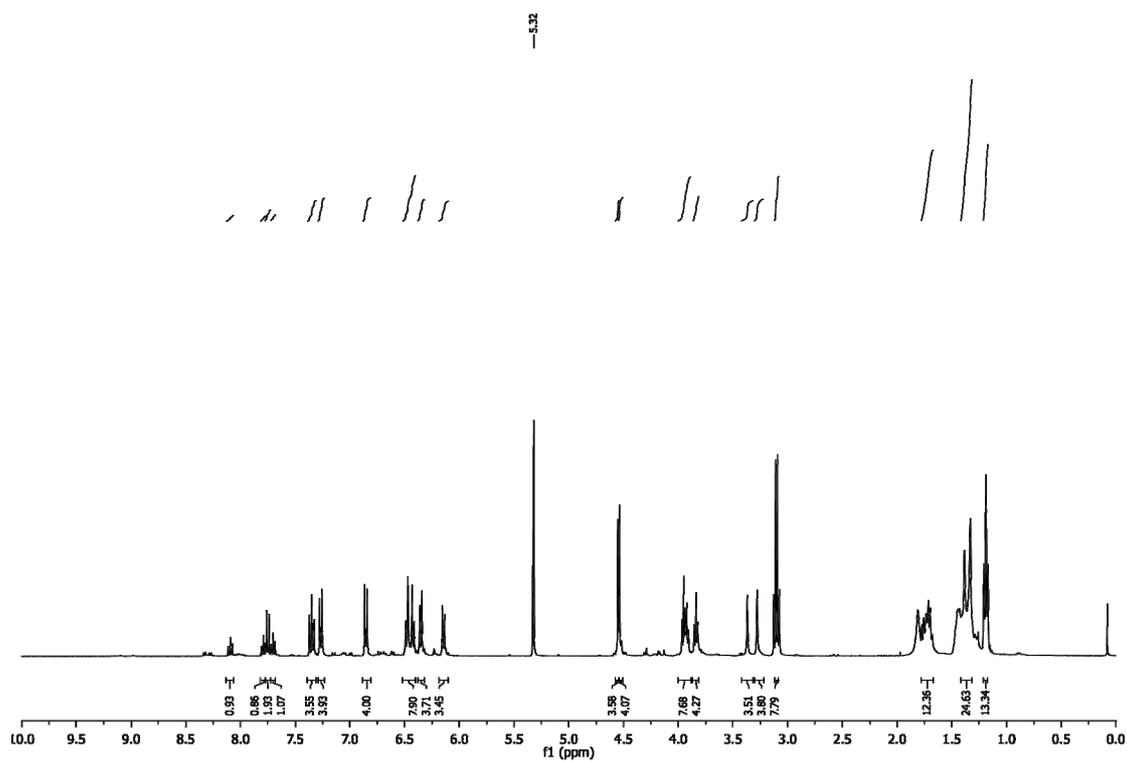


Figure S7. ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{Co}_3]\text{NEt}_4$.

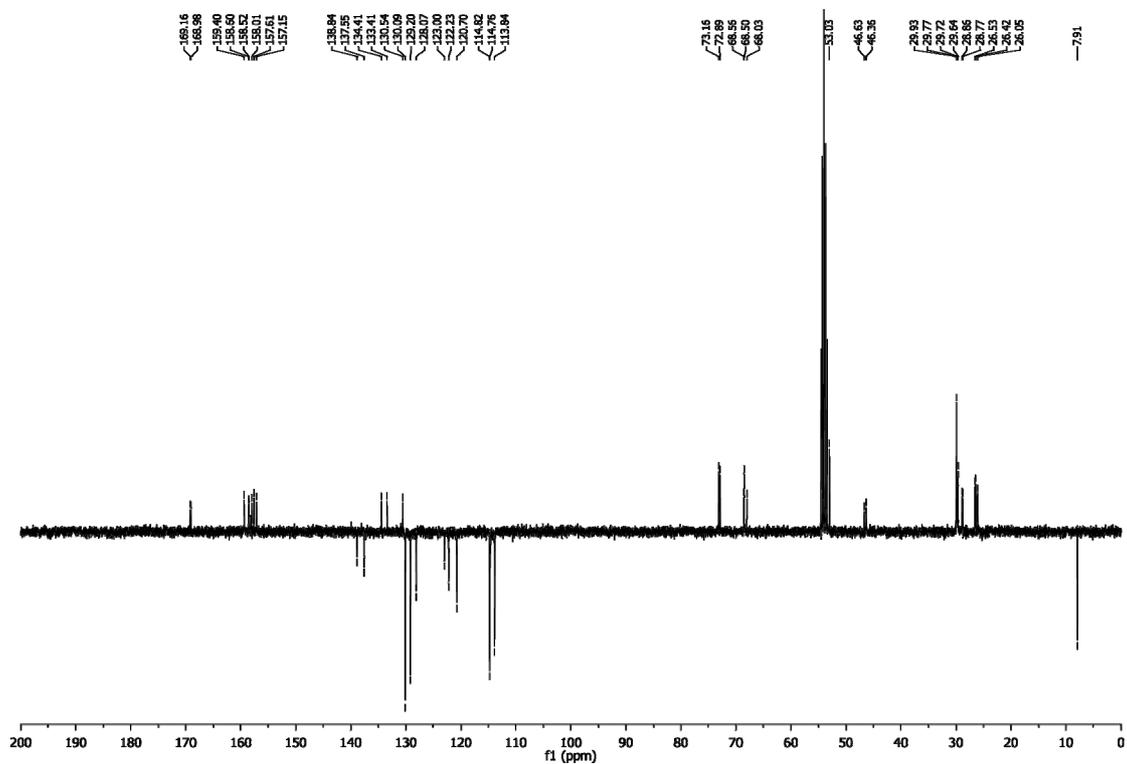


Figure S8. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[\text{Co}_3]\text{NEt}_4$.

Conversion of [Co**3**]NEt₄ to **3H**₄:

[Co**3**]NEt₄ (20 mg, 11.7 μmol) was dissolved in MeOH (5 ml) and AcOH (5 ml) and activated Zn (0.050 g) was added and the resulting suspension was stirred for 30 min. under an atmosphere of air. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude residue was redissolved in CHCl₃ (25 mL) and washed with a 17.5% NH₃ solution saturated with Na₄EDTA (50 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CHCl₃ (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (98:2 CH₂Cl₂:MeOH as eluent) to yield **3H**₄ as a colorless solid (16 mg, 90%).

Conversion of **3H**₄ to Pd**3H**₂:

To a solution of **3H**₄ (15 mg, 9.86 μmol) dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) and CH₃CN (1mL) was added Pd(OAc)₂, (2.5 mg, 10.8 μmol, 1.1 eq.) and the solution was stirred for 8 h and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (98:2 CH₂Cl₂:MeOH as eluent) to yield Pd**3H**₂ as a pale yellow solid (11 mg, 71%).

3. X-ray Crystallographic Data

Pd3H₂

Identification code	Pd3H2
Empirical formula	C97 H117 N9 O12 Pd
Formula weight	1707.40
Temperature	93(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	P-1
Unit cell dimensions	a = 13.579(2) Å α = 77.683(8)° b = 17.669(3) Å β = 74.610(8)° c = 19.456(3) Å γ = 81.063(8)°
Volume	4373.2(13) Å ³
Z	2
Density (calculated)	1.297 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.280 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	1808
Crystal size	0.10 x 0.03 x 0.01 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	2.06 to 25.39°
Index ranges	-16 ≤ h ≤ 16, -19 ≤ k ≤ 21, -23 ≤ l ≤ 23
Reflections collected	44474
Independent reflections	15933 [R(int) = 0.0905]
Completeness to theta = 25.00°	99.5 %
Absorption correction	Multiscan
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.693
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	15933 / 9 / 1081
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.956
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.1191, wR2 = 0.2963
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1641, wR2 = 0.3327
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.776 and -0.607 e.Å ⁻³
CCDC number	874997

3H4

Identification code	3H4
Empirical formula	C93 H113 N7 O12
Formula weight	1520.90
Temperature	173(2) K
Wavelength	1.54178 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2(1)/c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 28.663(11) Å $\alpha = 90^\circ$. b = 11.665(4) Å $\beta = 115.997(9)^\circ$. c = 28.056(11) Å $\gamma = 90^\circ$.
Volume	8432(5) Å ³
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.198 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.631 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	3264
Crystal size	0.12 x 0.05 x 0.05 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	1.71 to 67.20°.
Index ranges	-34 ≤ h ≤ 33, -13 ≤ k ≤ 13, -33 ≤ l ≤ 33
Reflections collected	112492
Independent reflections	14994 [R(int) = 0.1994]
Completeness to theta = 67.00°	99.6 %
Absorption correction	Multiscan
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.8464
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	14994 / 40 / 1026
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.288
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.1259, wR2 = 0.3598
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1798, wR2 = 0.4100
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.939 and -0.482 e.Å ⁻³
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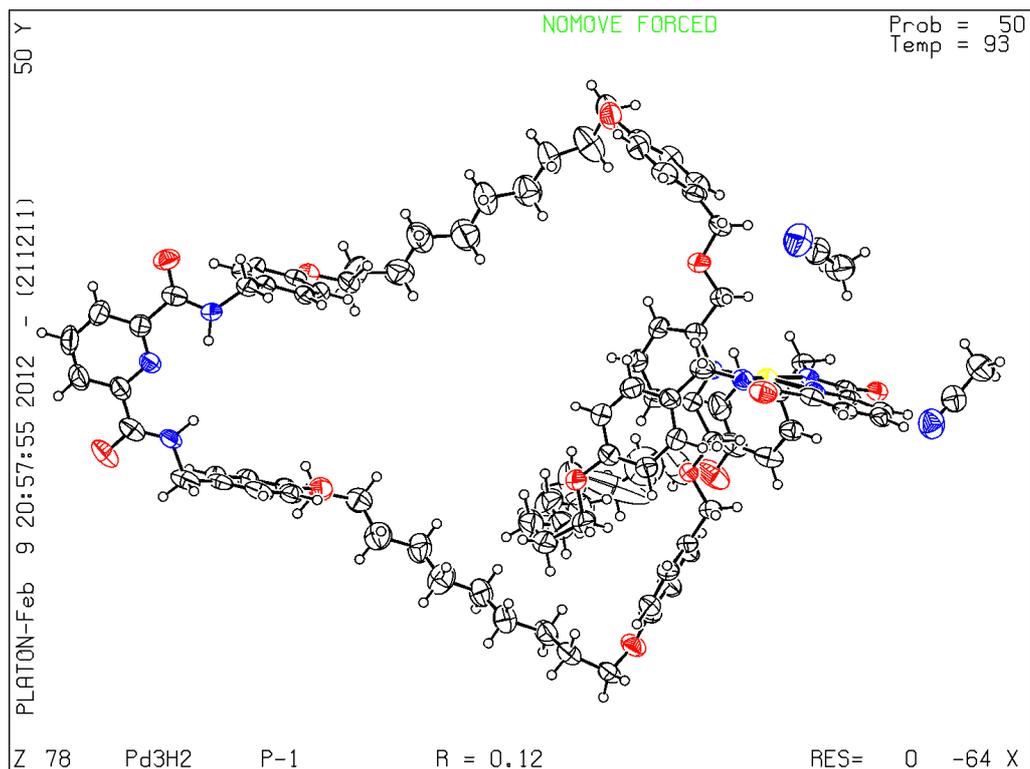


Figure S9. X-ray crystal structure of Pd₃H₂

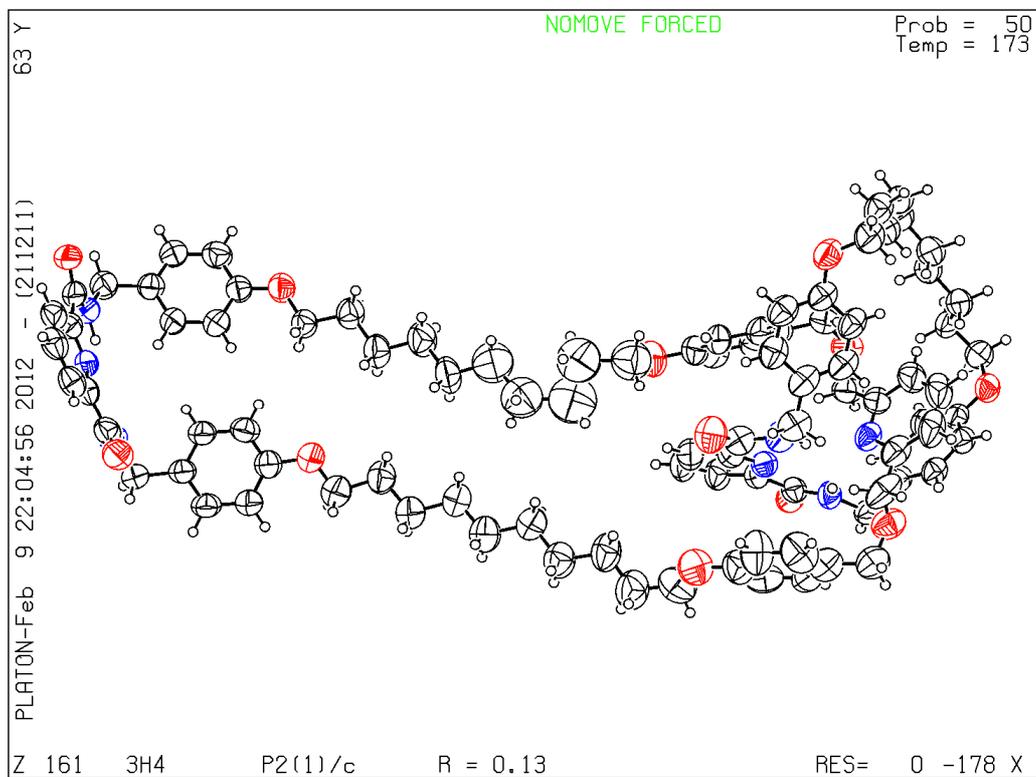


Figure S10. X-ray crystal structure of 3H₄

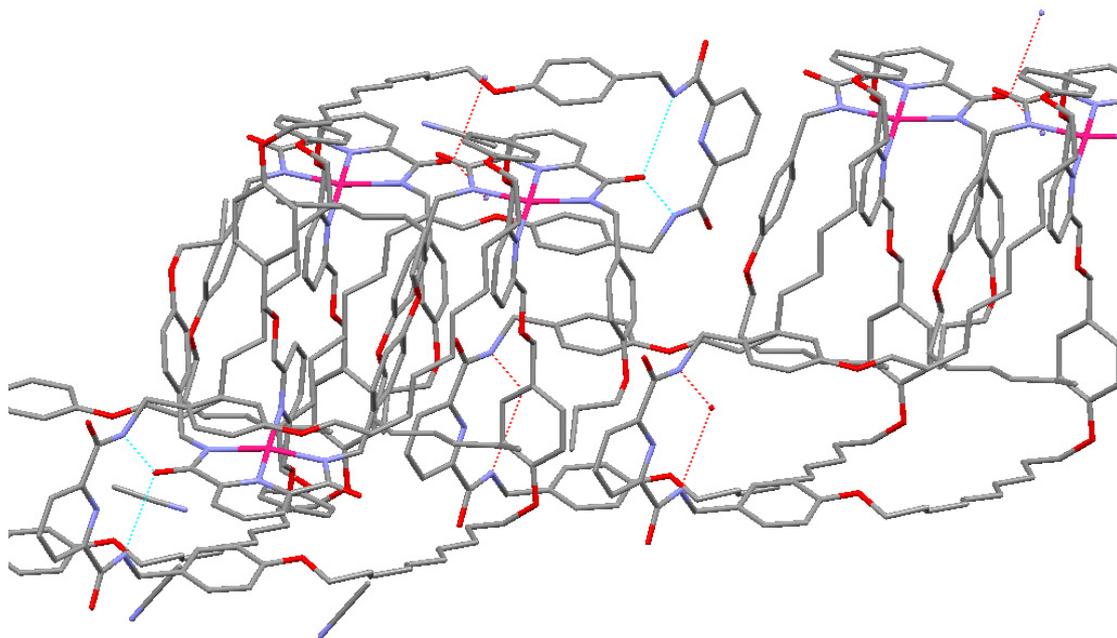


Figure S11. Crystal Packing of Pd₃H₂

4. Mass Spectrometry Data

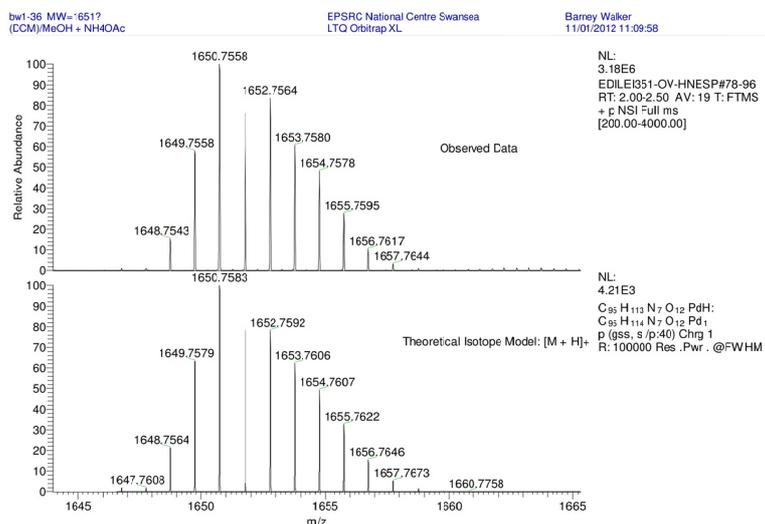


Figure S12. Mass Spectrum (+ESI) of 2Pd(1H₂).

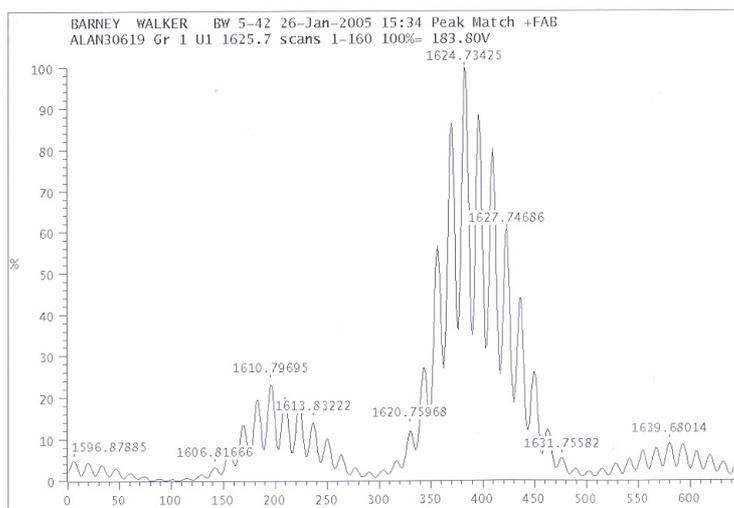


Figure S13. Mass Spectrum (+FAB) of Pd₃H₂.

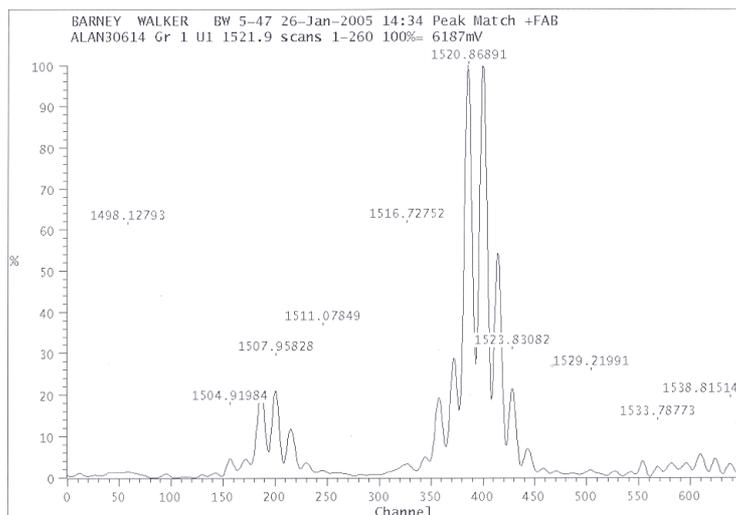


Figure S14. Mass Spectrum (+FAB) of 3H₄.

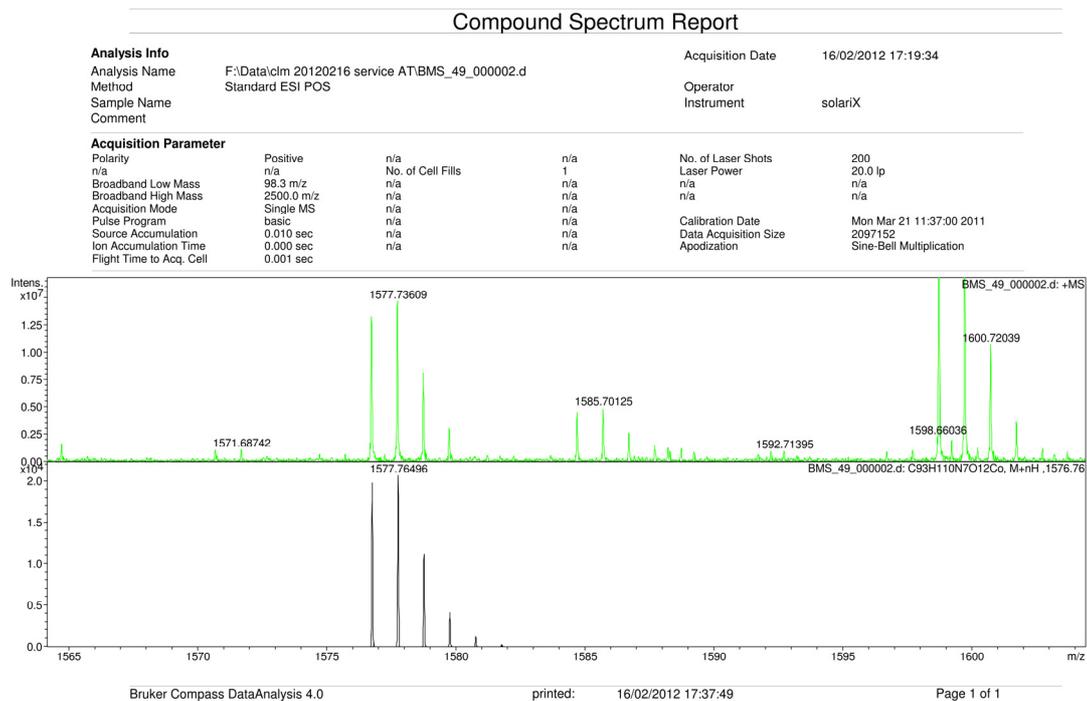


Figure S15. Mass Spectrum (+ESI) of [Co₃]NEt₄ showing M⁺ and [MHNa]⁺ peaks. Under the ESI acquisition conditions the complex appears to regain one proton and then fly as the sodium salt.