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Ratiometric fluorescent determination of palladium based on the C-N bond cleavage of allyl quaternary ammonium

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Fig. S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PPI in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. S2 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of PPI in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. S3 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of AL-PPI in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



Fig. S4 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of AL-PPI in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



Fig. S5 ESI-HRMS spectra of PPI.



Fig. S6 ESI-HRMS spectra of AL-PPI.



**Fig. S7** (a) Fluorescence spectra of **AL-PPI** (10  $\mu$ M) in the presence of different concentrations of Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> in ethanol. (b) Fluorescence intensity ratio (I<sub>410</sub>/I<sub>520</sub>) as a function of Pd<sup>0</sup> concentration.



**Fig. S8** (a) Fluorescence spectra of **AL-PPI** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> in CTAC (2 mM) aqueous solution ( $\lambda_{ex} = 375$  nm). (b) The florescence intensity ratio (I<sub>416</sub>/I<sub>502</sub>) versus concentration of Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>.



**Fig. S9** Time course of emission intensity ratio of **AL-PPI** (10  $\mu$ M) after addition of Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (10  $\mu$ M) in (a) ethanol and (b) in PBS (10 mM, pH 7.4) containing CTAC (2 mM).



Fig. S10 The changes of absorption spectra of AL-PPI (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> in CTAC aqueous solution.



Fig. S11 Fluorescence spectral changes of AL-PPI (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of Pd<sup>2+</sup> (0-80  $\mu$ M) in CTAC aqueous solution ( $\lambda_{ex} = 375$  nm).



**Fig. S12** (a) Fluorescence spectra of **AL-PPI** (10  $\mu$ M) in the presence of (a) TFP (75 $\mu$ M) and (b) PPh<sub>3</sub> (75  $\mu$ M) in PBS buffer (10 mM, pH 7.4) containing Pd<sup>2+</sup> (10  $\mu$ M) and CTAC (2 mM). Inset: time-dependent fluorescence response of **AL-PPI** toward Pd<sup>2+</sup> in the presence of phosphine ligand.



Fig. S13 Mechanism for selective recognition of Pd<sup>2+</sup> by AL-PPI with the aid of TFP.



**Fig. S14** Fluorescence spectra of a mixed solution of **AL-PPI** (10  $\mu$ M), TFP (75  $\mu$ M) upon addition of Pd<sup>2+</sup> (10  $\mu$ M) and other metal ions, including Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Hg<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Ag<sup>+</sup>, Sn<sup>2+</sup>, Al<sup>3+</sup>, Cd<sup>2+</sup>, Co<sup>2+</sup>, Cr<sup>3+</sup>, Pb<sup>2+</sup> and Pt<sup>2+</sup> (20  $\mu$ M, respectively) ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 375 nm). All spectra were recorded at 15 min after mixing of **AL-PPI** and analyte in PBS (10 mM, pH 7.4) containing CTAC (2 mM) ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 375 nm).



**Fig. S15** Fluorescence emission spectra of of **AL-PPI** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of in NaOAc-HOAc buffer solution (10 mM, pH = 5.0) containing CTAC (2 mM). Inset: time-dependent fluorescence change of **AL-PPI** (10  $\mu$ M) in the presence of TFP (75  $\mu$ M) and Pd<sup>2+</sup> (10  $\mu$ M).



Fig. S16 The linear relationship of the  $I_{416}/I_{502}$  as a function of the concentration of Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0-5  $\mu$ M) in the Qizhen Lake water containing AL-PPI (10  $\mu$ M) and CTAC (2 mM).

AL-PPI	Added (µM)	Found (µM)	RSD (%)	Recovery (%)
1	0.5	0.453	0.25	90.6
2	1.0	1.257	2.67	125.7
3	3.0	3.041	5.37	101.3
4	5.0	5.399	1.37	108.4

**Table S1** Analysis results of  $Pd^0$  in real water samples  $(n = 4)^{a,b}$ 

<sup>a</sup>lake water from Qizhen Lake, Northwestern Polytechnical University. <sup>b</sup>Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> is used as source of Pd<sup>0</sup>.