## **Supporting Information**

# Comparative study of aryl halides in Pd-mediated reactions: key factors beyond the oxidative addition step

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#### Size distribution of palladium nanoparticles before and after Heck reaction



**Figure S1**. Size distribution of palladium nanoparticles in the initial catalyst (**A**); after Heck reaction with p-NO<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Br remaining on the Pd/MWCNT (**B**); after Heck reaction with p-NO<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Cl remaining on the Pd/MWCNT (**C**).

### Palladium nanoparticles found in the Heck reaction mixture



**Figure S2.** TEM image of palladium nanoparticles captured with "nanofishing" procedure after 1 h of Heck reaction involving PhBr and Pd/MWCNT.



**Figure S3.** TEM image of palladium nanoparticles captured with "nanofishing" procedure after 1 h of Heck reaction involving PhBr and Pd/MWCNT.



**Figure S4.** TEM image of palladium nanoparticles captured with "nanofishing" procedure after 1 h of Heck reaction involving PhBr and Pd/MWCNT.



**Figure S5.** TEM image of palladium nanoparticles captured with "nanofishing" procedure after 1 h of Heck reaction involving PhBr and Pd/MWCNT.

#### **Overview of the «nanofishing» approach**



**Figure S6.** (A) Cassette for the storage of copper grids for TEM; (B) Reverse tweezers; (C) Studied solution containing nanoparticles; (D) reaction solvent for washing the grid; (E) volatile solvent (acetone) for washing grid after the reaction solvent; (F) Holder for drying in air.



Figure S7. Pick the grid with reverse tweezers.



**Figure S8.** Place the grid into the reaction mixture for a few seconds.



Figure S9. Wash the grid with the reaction solvent (DMF in this case).



Figure S10. Wash the grid with a volatile solvent (acetone).



Figure S11. Dry the grid in air at room temperature and analyze by TEM.

#### **ESI-MS** spectrum



**Figure S12**. Experimental ESI-(-)MS spectrum of the reaction mixture p-NO<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-Cl and styrene with Pd/MWCNT in DMF solution. No corresponding palladium complexes were observed in the ArCl/[Pd]/styrene system.

### Nanofishing procedure for Heck reaction at 140 $^\circ C$



**Figure S13.** TEM study of palladium nanoparticles obtained at 1 h from the reaction mixture of the Heck reaction with ArBr at 140 °C.