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# **Supporting Information**

for

Synthesis, coordination behavior, and catalytic properties of dppf congeners with an inserted carbonyl moiety

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#### X-ray Crystallography

#### The crystal structure of 15

Compound **15** crystallizes with the symmetry of the orthorhombic space group *Pbca* with one molecule per the asymmetric unit (Figure S1). The molecule contains symmetrically coordinated diimine ligand (Pd-N1 = 2.161(1), Pd-N1 = 2.155(1) Å), which forms a planar chelate ring (atoms Pd, N1, N2, C1, and C2 are coplanar within ca. 0.03 Å). The in-ring distances are as follows: N1-C1 1.277(2) Å, N2-C2 1.488(2) Å, and C1-C2 1.469(2) Å). Similar parameters were determined for  $[Pd\{\eta^2-(E)-CH(CN)=CH(CN)\}N^N)]^1$  and  $[Pd(\eta^2-MeO_2CC\equiv CCO_2Me)(N^N)]^2$  (N^N = *N*,*N*'-di-*t*-butylethanedialdiimine). The  $\eta^2$ -*N*-methylmaleimide (mi) is coordinated in side-on fashion with Pd-C41 = 2.067(1) Å, and Pd-C42 = 2.068(1) Å, essentially planar (the eight atoms are coplanar within 0.02 Å) and oriented nearly perpendicularly to the {Pd, N1, N2} plane (dihedral angle: 72.18(6)°). Such features are again similar to those determined for [Pd( $\eta^2$ -mi){fc(P(*t*-Bu)R)<sub>2</sub>- $\kappa^2 P$ ,*P*'}] (fc = ferrocene-1,1'-diyl, R = Ph, 2-pyridyl).<sup>3</sup>



Figure S1. PLATON plot of the molecular structure of 15 showing 30% probability ellipsoids.



Figure S2. PLATON plot of the molecular structure of 3 showing 30% probability ellipsoids.



Figure S3. PLATON plot of the molecular structure of 9 showing 30% probability ellipsoids.



**Figure S4.** PLATON plot of the complex molecule in the structure of **11**·3CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> showing 30% probability ellipsoids.



**Figure S5.** PLATON plot of the complex molecule in the structure of  $12 \cdot \text{CHCl}_3$  showing 30% probability ellipsoids.



**Figure S6.** PLATON plot of the complex molecule in the structure of  $12 \cdot 3C_2H_4Cl_2$  showing 30% probability ellipsoids.



**Figure S7.** PLATON plot of the complex molecule in the structure of **14a**·1.5Et<sub>2</sub>O showing 30% probability ellipsoids.



**Figure S8.** PLATON plot of the molecular structure of  $16 \cdot \text{CHCl}_3$  showing 30% probability ellipsoids.



Figure S9. PLATON plot of the molecular structure of **20** showing 30% probability ellipsoids.

Compound	3	9	$11.3CH_2Cl_2$
Formula	$C_{35}H_{40}FeOP_2$	$C_{35}H_{40}FeOP_2Se_2$	$C_{38}H_{34}Cl_8FeOP_2Pd$
Μ	594.46	752.38	1014.44
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> –1 (no. 2)	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> (no. 4)	<i>P</i> –1 (no. 2)
<i>T</i> [K]	120(2)	120(2)	150(2)
a [Å]	6.0140(2)	10.3484(8)	10.6263(5)
<i>b</i> [Å]	11.4903(5)	13.291(1)	13.0647(6)
<i>c</i> [Å]	22.172(1)	11.8953(9)	16.3339(8)
α [°]	85.552(2)		110.403(2)
β [°]	84.954(1)	101.676(3)	104.240(2)
γ [°]	78.179(1)		98.716(2)
<i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	1491.1(1)	1602.3(2)	1988.5(2)
Ζ	2	2	2
μ(Mo Kα) [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.640	2.870	1.467
Diffrns collected	62932	41498	55604
Independent diffrns	6841	7372	9147
Observed <sup>a</sup> diffrns	6135	7080	8196
$R_{\text{int}^b}$ [%]	3.25	3.43	2.89
No. of parameters	352	370	460
<i>R<sup>b</sup></i> obsd diffrns [%]	2.91	1.92	2.49
<i>R, wR<sup>b</sup></i> all data [%]	3.34, 7.61	2.14, 4.30	2.99, 6.13
Δρ [e Å-3]	0.599, -0.243	0.225, -0.340	0.811, -0.817
CCDC deposition no.	2177221	2177222	2177223

Table S2. Selected crystallographic data and structure refinement parameters.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> Diffractions with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ . <sup>*b*</sup> Definitions:  $R_{int} = \Sigma |F_o^2 - F_o^2(\text{mean})| / \Sigma F_o^2$ , where  $F_o^2(\text{mean})$  is the average intensity of symmetry-equivalent diffractions.  $R = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|$ ,  $wR = [\Sigma \{w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2\} / \Sigma w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ .

Compound	<b>12</b> ·CHCl <sub>3</sub>	$13 \cdot 3C_2H_4Cl_2$	<b>14a</b> •1.5Et <sub>2</sub> 0
Formula	$C_{36}H_{41}Cl_5FeOP_2Pd$	$C_{37}H_{44}Cl_4FeOP_2Pd$	$C_{41}H_{67}Cl_2FeO_{2.5}P_2Pd$
Μ	891.13	870.71	895.03
Crystal system	triclinic	triclinic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> –1 (no. 2)	<i>P</i> –1 (no. 2)	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> /c (no. 14)
<i>T</i> [K]	120(2)	120(2)	120(2)
<i>a</i> [Å]	10.4175(6)	10.3654(6)	11.7264(5)
<i>b</i> [Å]	14.4351(7)	11.5653(7)	19.7632(8)
<i>c</i> [Å]	14.8759(8)	16.703(1)	17.7941(8)
α [°]	62.941(2)	99.203(2)	
β [°]	83.906(2)	94.117(2)	98.506(2)
γ [°]	82.033(2)	113.043(2)	
<i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	1970.6(2)	1798.8(2)	4078.4(3)
Ζ	2	2	4
μ(Mo Kα) [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	1.272	1.319	1.042
Diffrns collected	38683	40823	60155
Independent diffrns	9067	8278	9305
Observed <sup>a</sup> diffrns	8449	7645	8625
$R_{ m int}^{b}$ [%]	2.02	2.46	2.30
No. of parameters	379	419	434
<i>R<sup>b</sup></i> obsd diffrns [%]	2.01	2.17	3.84
<i>R, wR<sup>b</sup></i> all data [%]	2.23, 5.22	2.49, 5.26	4.20, 8.23
Δρ [e Å-3]	0.398, -0.602	0.637, -0.787	0.727, -0.821
CCDC deposition no.	2177224	2177225	2177226

#### **Table S2 continued**

Compound	15	<b>16</b> •CHCl <sub>3</sub>	20
Formula	$C_{15}H_{25}N_3O_2Pd$	$C_{41}H_{34}Cl_3FeNO_3P_2Pd$	C <sub>39</sub> H <sub>33</sub> FeNO <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> Pd
М	385.78	919.23	771.85
Crystal system	orthorhombic	triclinic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> bca (no. 61)	<i>P</i> -1 (no. 2)	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> /n (no. 14)
<i>T</i> [K]	120(2)	120(2)	120(2)
<i>a</i> [Å]	17.3887(4)	8.1762(3)	12.7157(3)
<i>b</i> [Å]	9.9535(3)	12.2017(4)	14.7205(4)
<i>c</i> [Å]	19.3374(5)	20.0739(6)	17.3222(4)
α [°]		81.262(1)	
β [°]		80.928(1)	103.817(1)
γ [°]		74.063(1)	
<i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	3346.9(2)	1889.1(1)	3148.6(1)
Ζ	8	2	4
μ(Mo Kα) [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	1.117	1.198	1.172
Diffrns collected	38345	30799	42761
Independent diffrns	4852	8654	7219
Observed <sup>a</sup> diffrns	4472	8088	6865
$R_{\text{int}}^{b}$ [%]	2.17	2.11	2.07
No. of parameters	197	470	416
<i>R<sup>b</sup></i> obsd diffrns [%]	1.93	2.12	1.94
<i>R, wR<sup>b</sup></i> all data [%]	2.16, 4.70	2.40, 4.93	2.09, 4.82
Δρ [e Å-3]	0.548, -0.485	0.434, -0.433	0.763, -0.389
CCDC deposition no.	2177227	2177228	2177229

### Table S2 continued

## Copies of the NMR spectra

(Note: solvent signals in the NMR spectra are denoted by an asterisk.)



Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 5.



**Figure S11.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **5**.



170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 f1 (ppm)

**Figure S12.** <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **5**.



Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 1·BH<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S14. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 1·BH<sub>3</sub>.



170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 f1 (ppm)

Figure S15.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **1·BH**<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S17.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **2·BH**<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S18. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **2·BH**<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S19. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **3·BH<sub>2</sub>Cl**.



Figure S20.  $^{\rm 13}C\{^{\rm 1}H\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of  $3{\cdot}BH_2Cl.$ 



Figure S21.  ${}^{\rm 31}P\{{}^{\rm 1}H\}$  NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of  $3{\cdot}BH_2Cl.$ 



Figure S22. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 4·BH<sub>2</sub>Cl/4·BH<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S23. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 4·BH<sub>2</sub>Cl/4·BH<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S24. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 4·BH<sub>2</sub>Cl/4·BH<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S26.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **1**.



170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 f1 (ppm)

Figure S27.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **1**.



Figure S28. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 2.



Figure S29.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 2.



Figure S30.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 2.



Figure S31. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 3.



Figure S32.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 3.



Figure S33.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 3.



Figure S35.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 4.



170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 f1 (ppm)

Figure S36.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 4.



Figure S37. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 7.



**Figure S38.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **7**.



Figure S39.  ${\rm ^{31}P}\{{\rm ^{1}H}\}$  NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl\_3) of 7.



Figure S40. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 8.



Figure S41.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 8.



**Figure S42.** <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **8**.



Figure S44.  ${}^{\rm 13}\text{C}\{{}^{\rm 1}\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 9.



Figure S45.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 9.



**Figure S47.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **10**.



170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 f1 (ppm)

Figure S48.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **10**.



Figure S49. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **11**.



**Figure S50.** <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **11**.



**Figure S52.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **12**.



**Figure S53.** <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **12**.



Figure S54. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 13.



**Figure S55.** <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **13**.



**Figure S57.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **14a**.



Figure S58.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **14a**.



**Figure S59.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of mixture **14a** and **14b** measured 10 min after mixing.



**Figure S60.** <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of mixture **14a** and **14b** measured 10 min after mixing.



Figure S61. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 15.



Figure S62.  $^{\rm 13}C\{^{\rm 1}H\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 15.



**Figure S64.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **16**.



**Figure S65.** <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **16**.



Figure S66. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C) of **17**.



**Figure S67.** <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C) of **17**.



Figure S68. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 °C) of **17**.



**Figure S70.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **18**.



Figure S71.  $^{31}P\{^{1}H\}$  NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 18.



Figure S72. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C) of 19.



**Figure S73.** <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C) of **19**.



**Figure S74.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 °C) of **19**.



Figure S75. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 20.



**Figure S76.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **20**.



Figure S77.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **20**.

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