

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Heterogeneous single-atom photocatalysts for oxidative Heck reactions†

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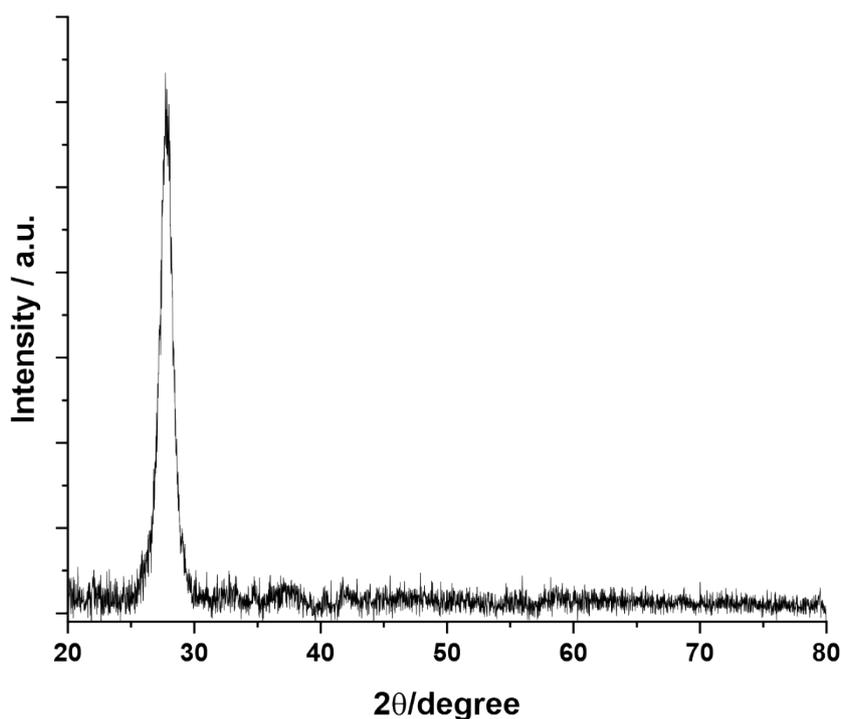
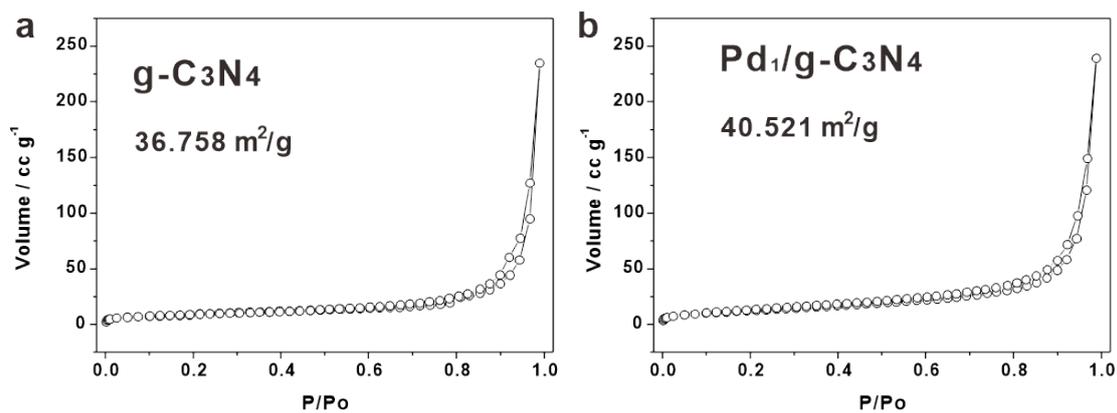
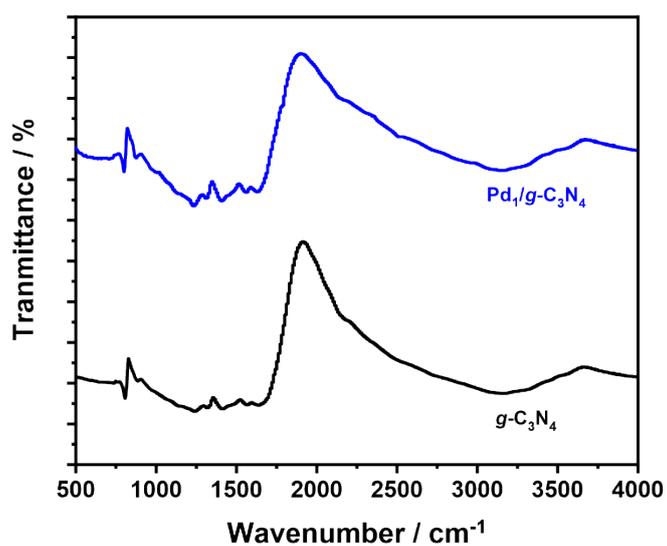


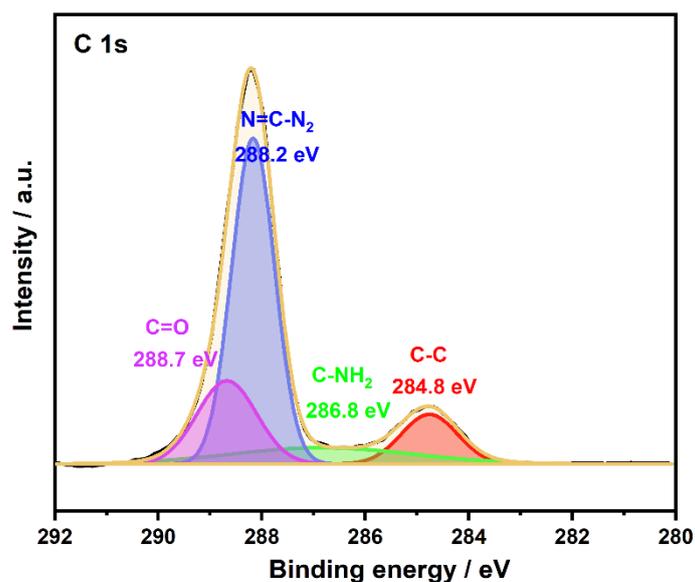
Fig. S1 XRD pattern of Pd<sub>1</sub>/g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>.



**Fig. S2** BET curves of (a)  $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$  and (b)  $\text{Pd}_1/g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$ .



**Fig. S3** FTIR spectra of  $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$  and  $\text{Pd}_1/g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$ .



**Fig. S4.** Core-level XPS of C 1s in pristine  $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$ .

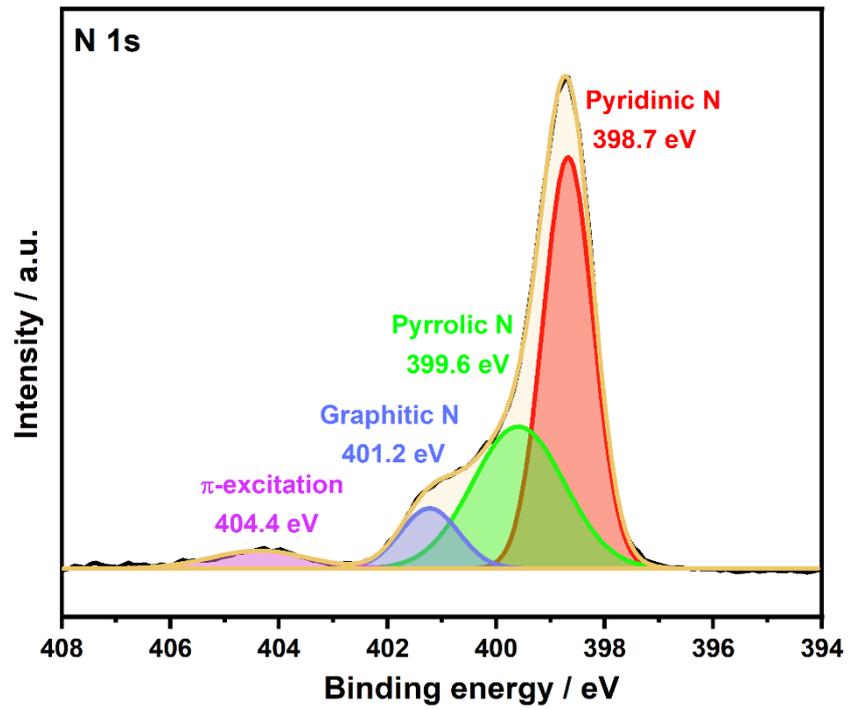


Fig. S5. Core-level XPS of N 1s in pristine  $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$ .

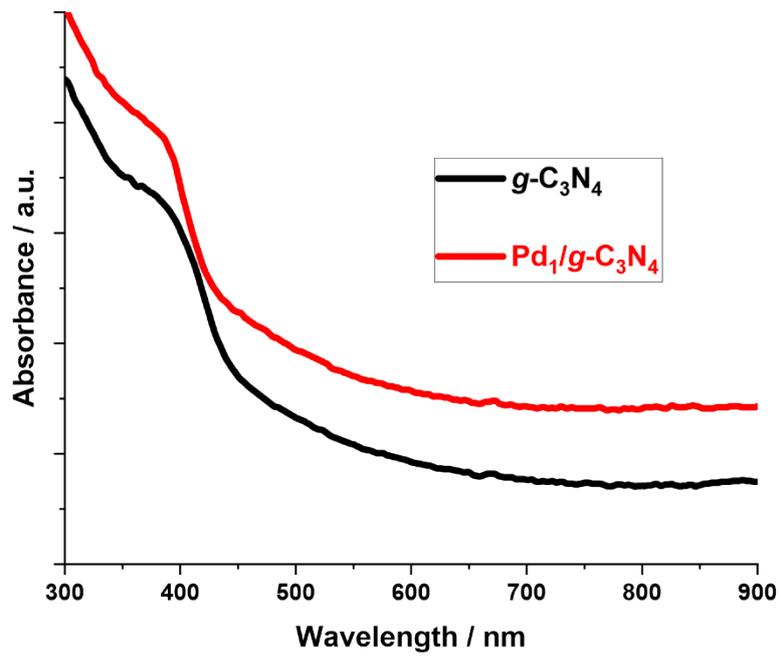
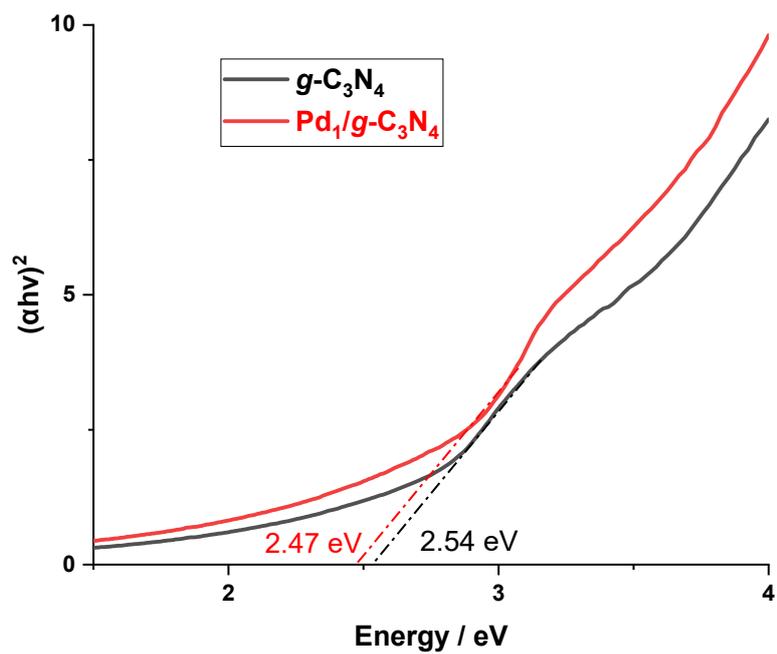
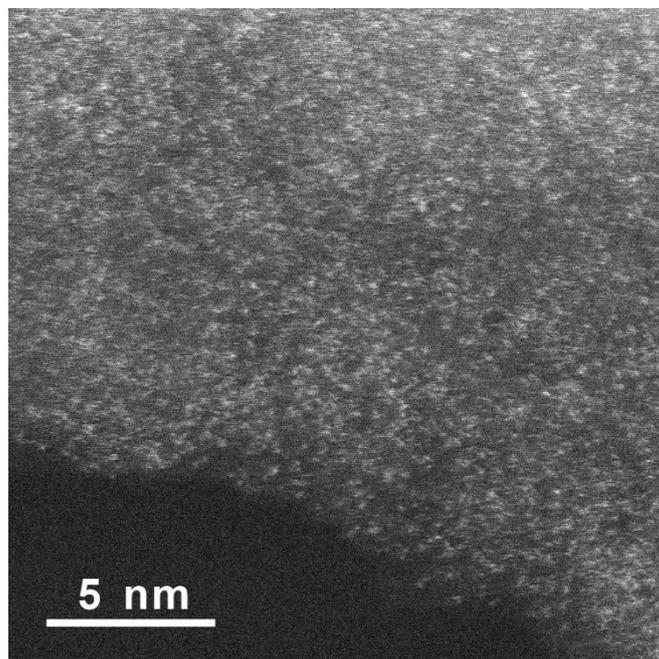


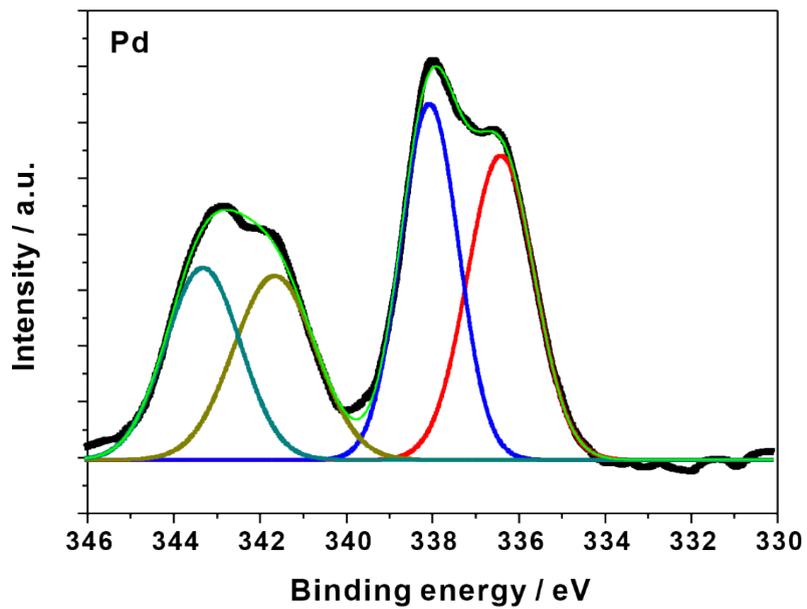
Fig. S6 UV-vis DRS of  $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$  and  $\text{Pd}_1/g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$ .



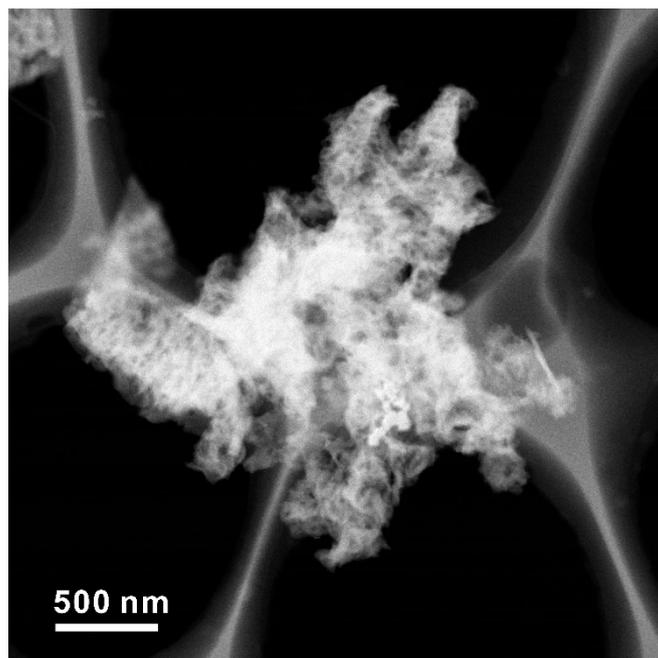
**Fig. S7** Tauc plots of  $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$  and  $\text{Pd}_1/g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$  derived from UV-vis spectra



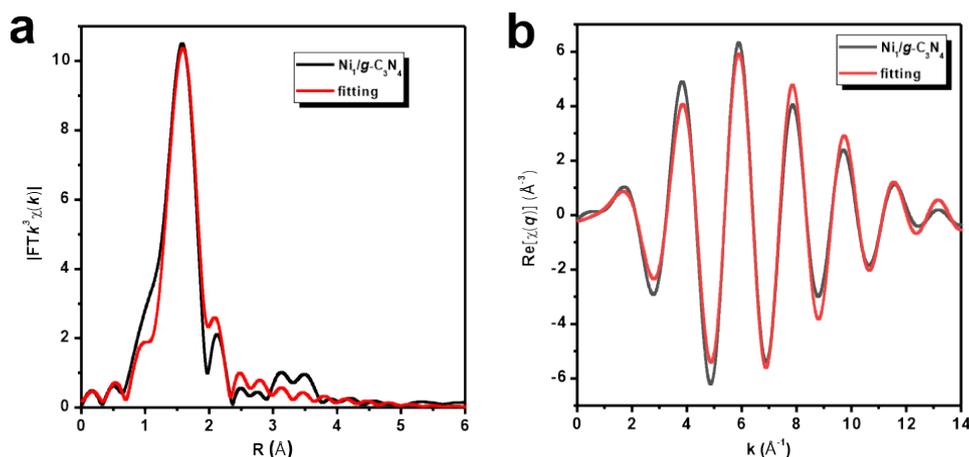
**Fig. S8** AC HAADF-STEM image of  $\text{Pd}_1/g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$  after 4 h photocatalytic reaction.



**Fig. S9** Core-level XPS of Pd 3d of Pd<sub>1</sub>/g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> after 4 h photocatalytic reaction.



**Fig. S10** TEM image of Pd<sub>1</sub>/g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> after 6 cycles photocatalytic Heck reaction.



**Fig. S11** Fourier-transformed magnitudes of Ni K-edge EXAFS spectra in (c) R space and (d) K space for Ni<sub>1</sub>/g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>.

**Table S1.** Structural parameters of Pd<sub>1</sub>/g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> at the Pd K-edge extracted from quantitative EXAFS curve-fitting using ARTEMIS module of IFEFFIT.

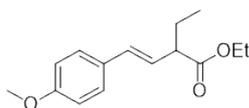
Sample	Path	CN	R(Å)	$\sigma^2(10^{-3}\text{Å}^2)$	$\Delta E_0$ (eV)
Pd <sub>1</sub> /g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	Pd-N	4.3	2.06	4.1	9.3

CN, coordination number; R, bonding distance;  $\sigma^2$ , Debye-Waller factor;  $\Delta E_0$ , inner potential shift

**Table S2.** Structural parameters of Ni<sub>1</sub>/g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> at the Pd K-edge extracted from quantitative EXAFS curve-fitting using ARTEMIS module of IFEFFIT.

Sample	Path	CN	R(Å)	$\sigma^2(10^{-3}\text{Å}^2)$	$\Delta E_0$ (eV)
Ni <sub>1</sub> /g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	Ni-N	7.3	2.03	4.0	-8.4

CN, coordination number; R, bonding distance;  $\sigma^2$ , Debye-Waller factor;  $\Delta E_0$ , inner potential shift



**Ethyl(E)-2-ethyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-enoate**, PE/EtOAc =40:1, colourless oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d,  $J$  = 8.5, 2H), 6.40 (d,  $J$  = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (dd,  $J$  = 16.0, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.18 – 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.02 (dd,  $J$  = 16.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.89 – 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.26 (t,  $J$  = 7.0, 3H), 0.94 (t,  $J$  = 7.5, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.34, 159.10, 131.50, 129.71, 127.44, 125.47, 113.91, 77.25, 77.00, 76.75, 60.50, 55.28, 51.34, 26.04, 14.24, 11.69.

