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Canopied *trans*-chelating bis(*N*-heterocyclic carbene) ligand: synthesis, structure and catalysis

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Figure S2. Aromatic Region of the ¹H NMR spectrum of [Ag(1)]AgBr₂ (DMSO, 300 MHz)



Figure S3. Aliphatic Region of the ¹H NMR spectrum of [Ag(1)]AgBr₂ (DMSO, 300 MHz)



Figure S4. ¹H-¹H Correlated Spectrum (COSY) of [Ag(1)]AgBr₂ (DMSO, 300 MHz)



Figure S5. Nuclear Overhauser Effect Difference (NOE-DIFF) Spectrum of [Ag(1)]AgBr₂ (DMSO, 300 MHz) for protons resonating at 5.43 ppm



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Figure S8. Aromatic region of the ¹³C NMR spectrum of [Ag(1)]AgBr₂ (DMSO, 75 MHz)



Figure S9. Heteronuclear Multiple Quantum Coherence (HMQC) spectrum of [Ag(1)]AgBr₂ (300 MHz for ¹H, 75 MHz for ¹³C, in DMSO)



 $[Ag(1)]AgBr_2$ (DMSO, 75 MHz)



Figure S11. Aromatic region of DEPT-135 spectrum of [Ag(1)]AgBr2 (DMSO, 75 MHz)



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Figure S21. ESI-MS of $[Cl_2Pd(1)]$ (top) with theoretical isotopic distributions (bottom) for major peak sets