

**Orthometallated Palladium(II) Imine Complexes as Candidate  
Materials for the Biaxial Nematic Phase. Crystal and Molecular  
Structure of Three Palladium Imine Complexes**

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## Electronic Supplementary Information

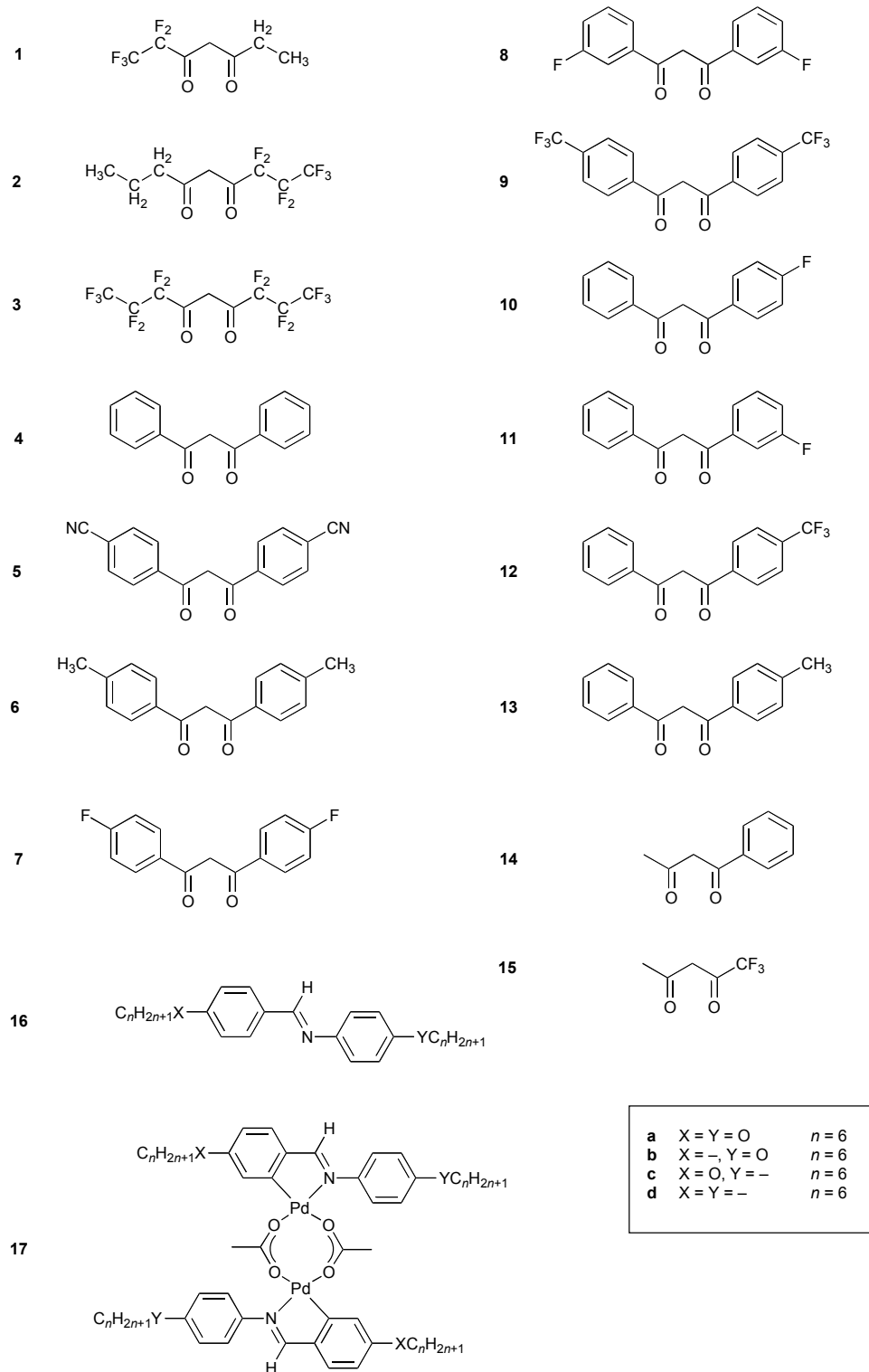


Figure S1 Ligands and complexes used in the study, presented structurally (see Figure 6 of main manuscript).

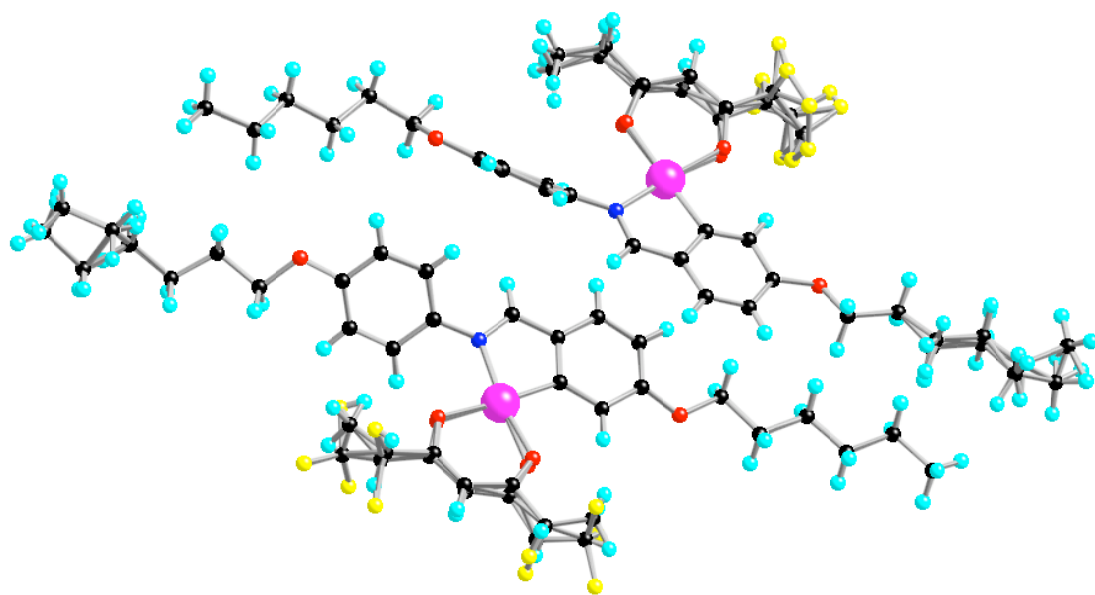


Figure S 2 View of Complex **1a** with disorder included

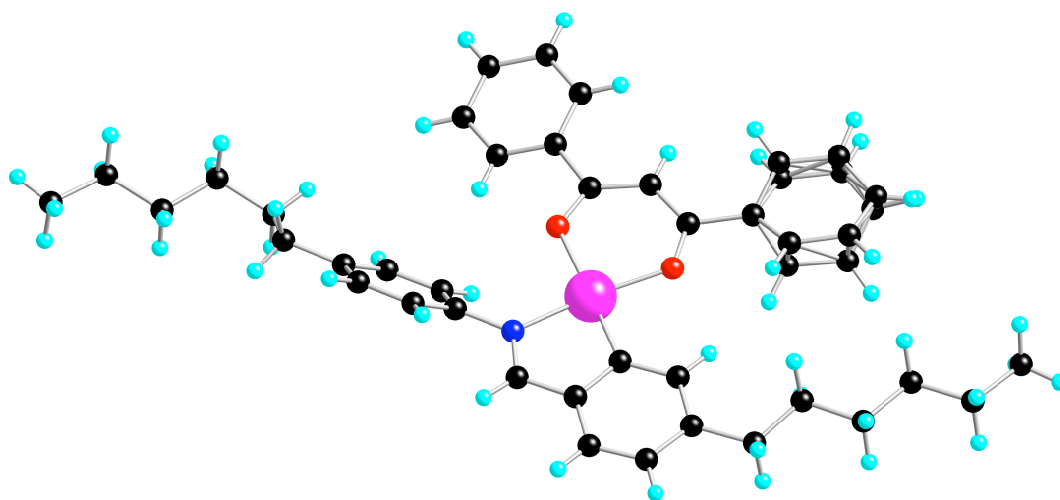


Figure S 3 View of one molecule in the unit cell of complex **4d** with disorder included

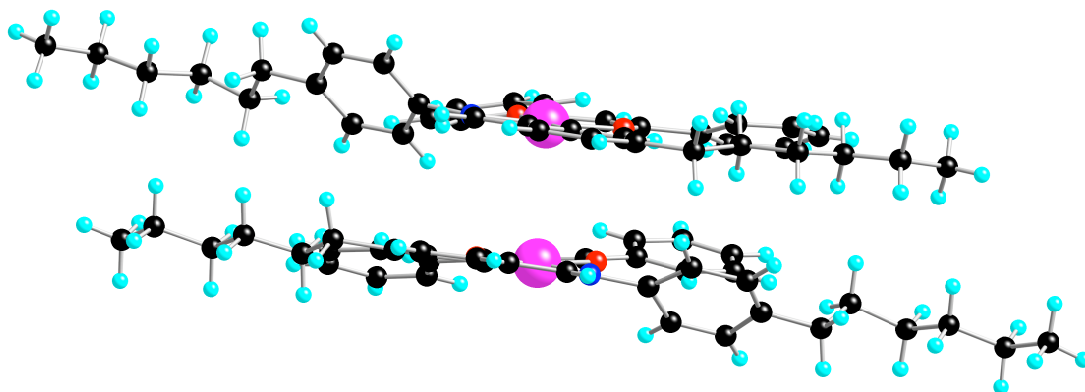


Figure S 4 Side-on view of compound **4d** (with disorder removed) showing Pd–Pd separation

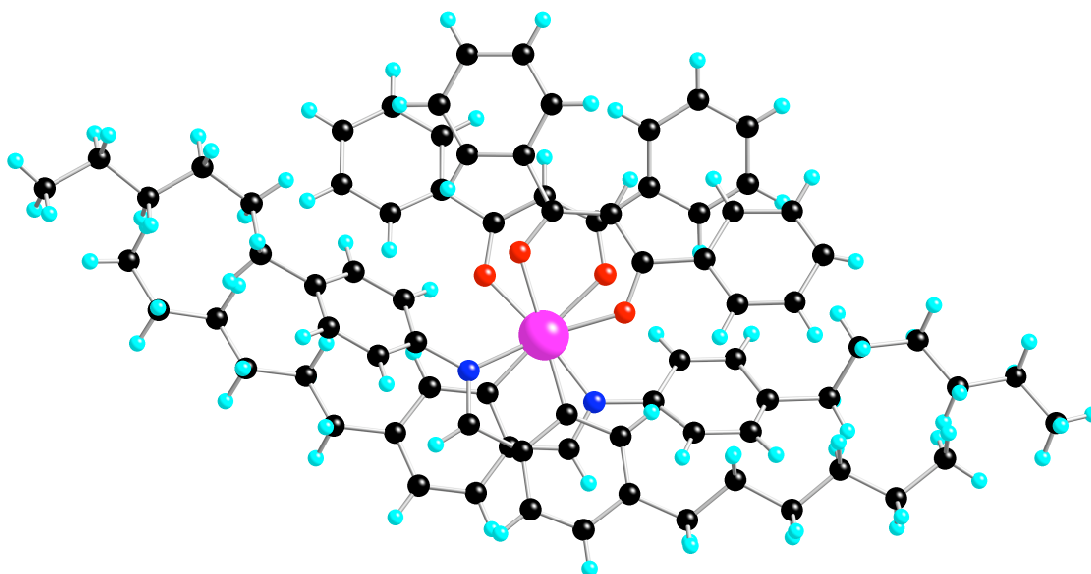


Figure S 5 Top view of compound **4d** (with disorder removed) with two palladium atoms overlaid

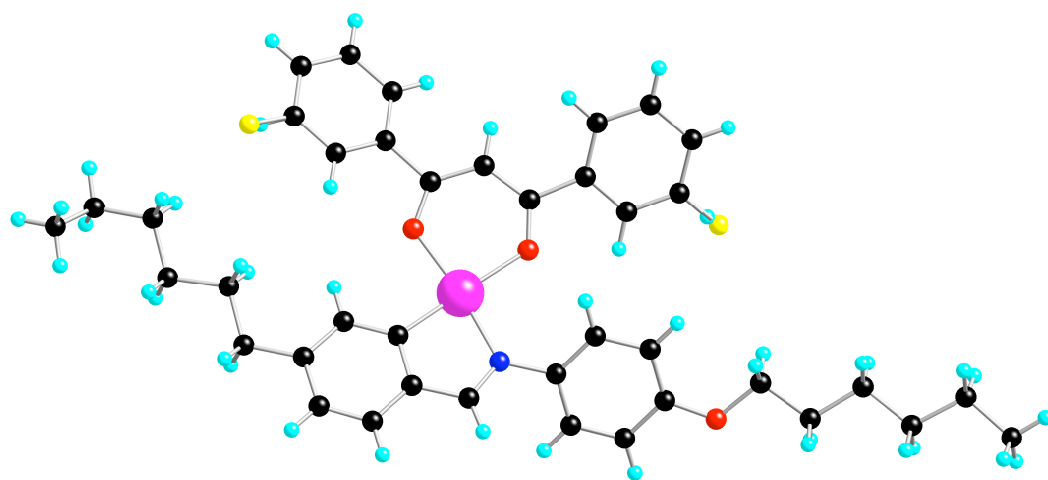


Figure S 6 View of complex **11b** with disorder included

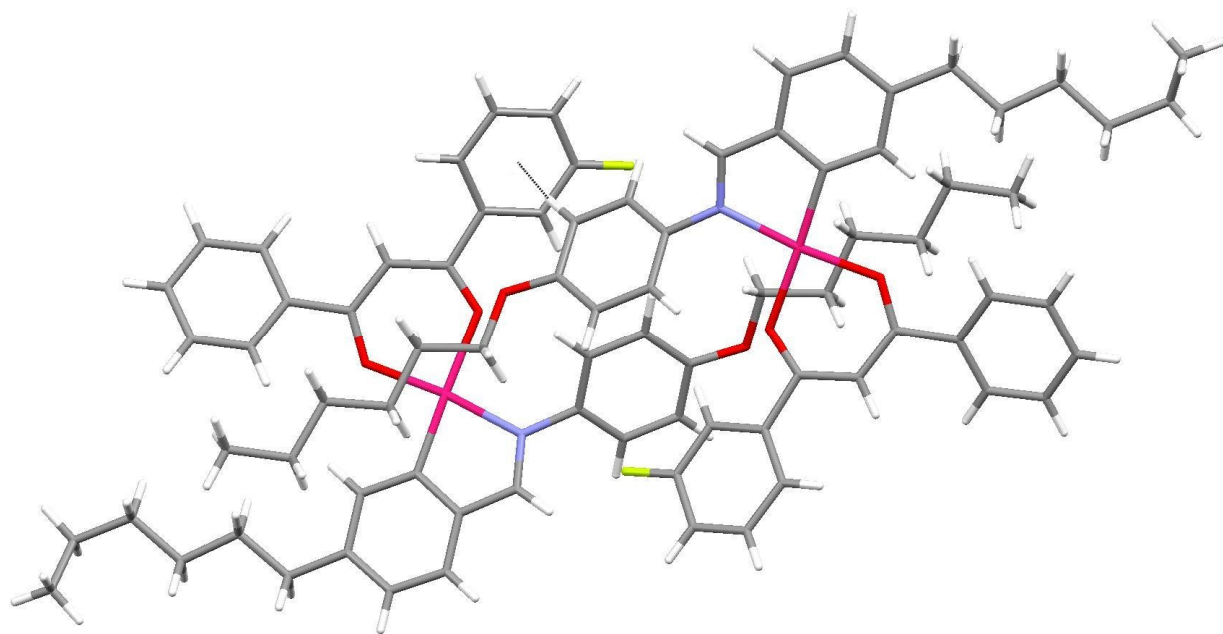


Figure S7 Complex 11b showing the intermolecular  $\pi$ -H bonding.

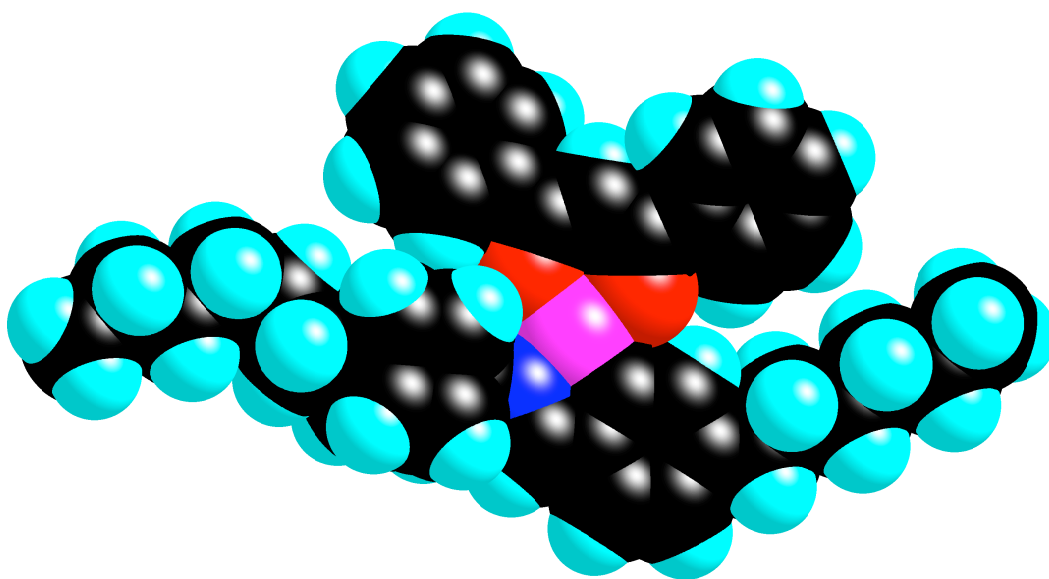


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Table. Analytical data for the new compounds

Compound	Yield/%	Calculated (Found)/%		
		C	H	N
<b>1a</b>	85	54.67 (54.60)	5.73 (5.73)	1.99 (2.06)
<b>1b</b>	71	55.86 (55.70)	5.86 (5.85)	2.04 (1.69)
<b>1c</b>	59	55.86 (55.71)	5.86 (5.82)	2.04 (1.74)
<b>1d</b>	26	57.19 (56.89)	6.00 (5.73)	2.08 (1.93)
<b>2a</b>	80	45.91 (45.73)	3.53 (3.38)	2.23 (2.18)
<b>2b</b>	57	54.30 (54.03)	5.63 (5.70)	1.86 (1.53)
<b>2c</b>	74	54.30 (54.17)	5.63 (5.71)	1.86 (1.57)
<b>2d</b>	58	55.48 (55.36)	5.75 (5.59)	1.90 (1.83)
<b>3a</b>	44	45.68 (45.39)	3.95 (3.92)	1.57 (1.46)
<b>4a</b>	82	67.65 (67.22)	6.39 (6.34)	1.97 (1.62)
<b>4b</b>	64	69.20 (69.03)	6.53 (6.36)	2.02 (1.77)
<b>4c</b>	45	69.20 (69.33)	6.53 (6.75)	2.02 (1.46)
<b>4d</b>	51	70.84 (70.58)	6.69 (6.73)	2.07 (1.77)
<b>5a</b>	61	66.35 (66.31)	5.70 (5.75)	5.53 (5.13)
<b>6</b>	24	80.93 (81.42)	6.39 (6.86)	-
<b>6a</b>	45	68.24 (68.28)	6.82 (6.51)	1.89 (1.89)
<b>6b</b>	35	69.84 (69.66)	6.84 (6.98)	1.94 (1.85)



<b>6c</b>	59	69.84 (69.89)	6.84 (7.32)	1.94 (1.71)
<b>6d</b>	49	71.43 (71.24)	6.99 (7.10)	1.98 (1.90)
<b>7</b>	34	69.23 (69.03)	3.87 (3.83)	-
<b>7a</b>	68	59.47 (59.45)	3.83 (3.73)	2.31 (2.08)
<b>7b</b>	63	65.79 (65.62)	5.94 (5.79)	1.92 (1.67)
<b>7c</b>	56	65.79 (65.75)	5.94 (6.12)	1.92 (1.56)
<b>7d</b>	76	67.27 (67.22)	6.07 (6.23)	1.96 (1.69)
<b>8</b>	21	69.60 (69.60)	3.87 (3.88)	-
<b>8a</b>	32	64.30 (64.15)	5.94 (5.43)	1.87 (1.64)
<b>8b</b>	29	65.79 (65.70)	5.94 (6.04)	1.92 (1.78)
<b>8c</b>	56	65.79 (65.54)	5.94 (6.08)	1.92 (1.64)
<b>8d</b>	31	67.27 (67.35)	6.07 (6.33)	1.96 (1.83)
<b>9</b>	23	56.68 (56.81)	2.80 (2.80)	-
<b>9a</b>	29	59.40 (59.37)	5.46 (5.11)	1.65 (1.43)
<b>9c</b>	47	60.76 (60.54)	5.22 (5.32)	1.69 (1.58)
<b>10</b>	21	74.37 (74.42)	4.58 (4.10)	-
<b>10a</b>	61	65.88 (65.76)	6.22 (6.17)	1.92 (1.70)
<b>10b</b>	63	67.46 (67.10)	6.23 (6.00)	1.97 (1.75)
<b>10c</b>	55	67.46 (67.39)	6.23 (6.28)	1.97 (1.85)
<b>10d</b>	43	69.01 (68.84)	6.37 (6.41)	2.01 (1.92)
<b>11</b>	29	74.37 (74.42)	4.58 (4.62)	-
<b>11a</b>	68	65.97 (65.90)	6.09 (6.28)	1.92 (1.77)
<b>11b</b>	47	67.46 (67.12)	6.23 (6.02)	1.97 (1.75)
<b>11c</b>	48	67.46 (67.29)	6.23 (5.99)	1.97 (1.84)
<b>11d</b>	63	69.01 (68.89)	6.37 (6.27)	2.01 (1.91)
<b>12</b>	30	65.76 (65.71)	3.79 (3.75)	-
<b>12a</b>	60	63.28 (63.27)	5.70 (5.82)	1.80 (1.69)
<b>12b</b>	59	64.61 (64.16)	5.82 (5.90)	1.84 (1.68)
<b>12c</b>	56	64.61 (64.27)	5.82 (5.68)	1.84 (1.74)
<b>12d</b>	38	65.99 (65.81)	5.94 (5.81)	1.88 (1.77)
<b>13</b>	29	80.68 (80.68)	6.07 (5.92)	-
<b>13a</b>	63	67.99 (67.77)	6.54 (6.68)	1.93 (1.69)
<b>13b</b>	31	69.53 (69.49)	6.69 (6.48)	1.98 (1.92)
<b>13c</b>	44	69.53 (69.33)	6.69 (6.84)	1.98 (1.73)
<b>13d</b>	41	71.14 (70.94)	6.84 (7.04)	2.02 (1.98)
<b>14a</b>	77	64.56 (64.74)	7.12 (6.84)	2.15 (1.88)
<b>14b</b>	47	66.50 (66.53)	6.86 (7.03)	2.22 (2.15)
<b>14c</b>	53	66.50 (66.73)	6.86 (7.10)	2.22 (2.12)
<b>14d</b>	61	68.23 (68.49)	7.03 (7.35)	2.27 (2.20)
<b>16b</b>	42	82.14 (82.39)	9.65 (9.84)	3.83 (3.54)
<b>17b</b>	68	61.07 (61.22)	7.21 (7.27)	2.64 (2.53)
<b>17c</b>	73	61.07 (61.11)	7.21 (7.18)	2.64 (2.44)
<b>17d</b>	72	62.97 (62.79)	7.44 (7.84)	2.72 (2.52)

