

Supporting Information for

**Phosphine-free Heck reaction: mechanistics insights and catalysis “on water” with a charge-tagged palladium complex**

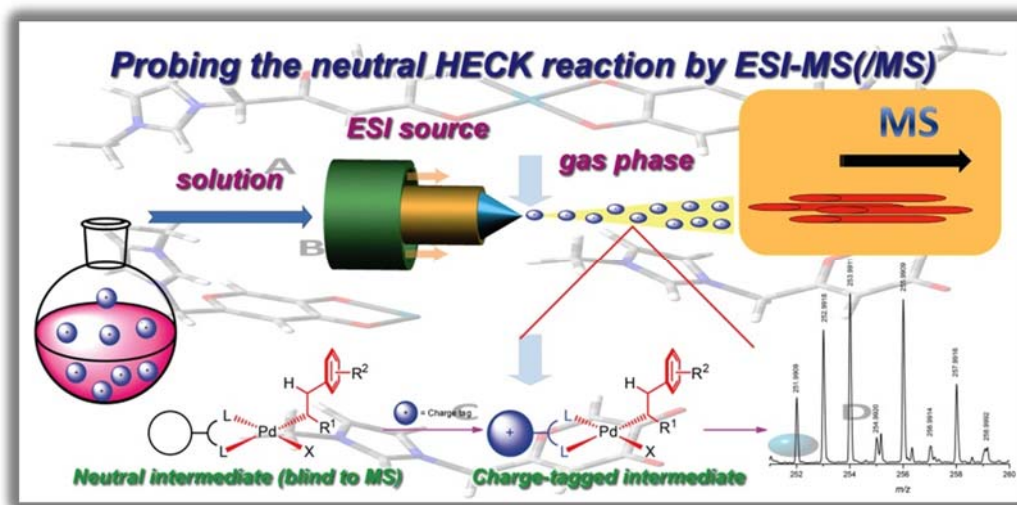
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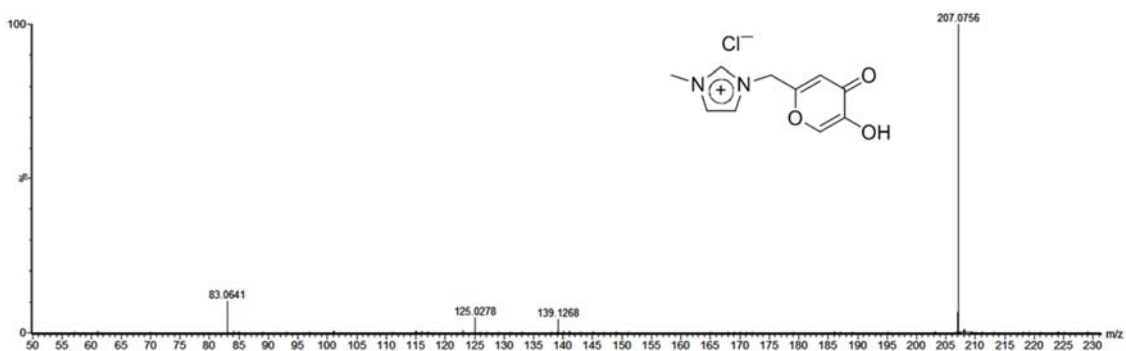


**Summary**

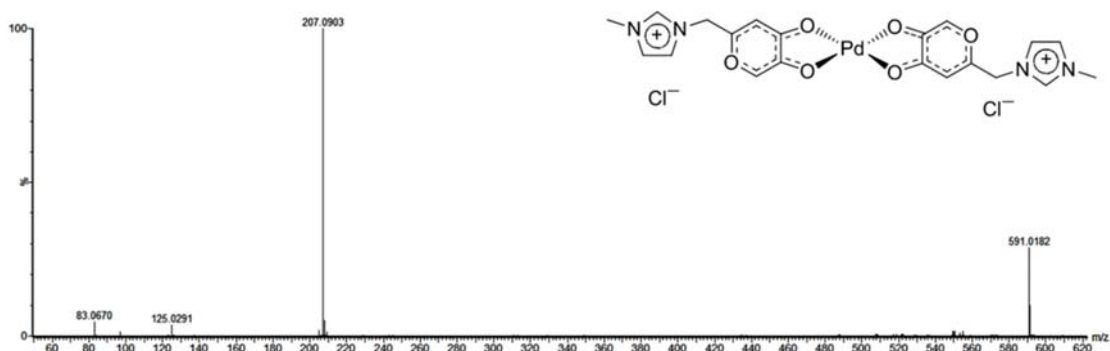
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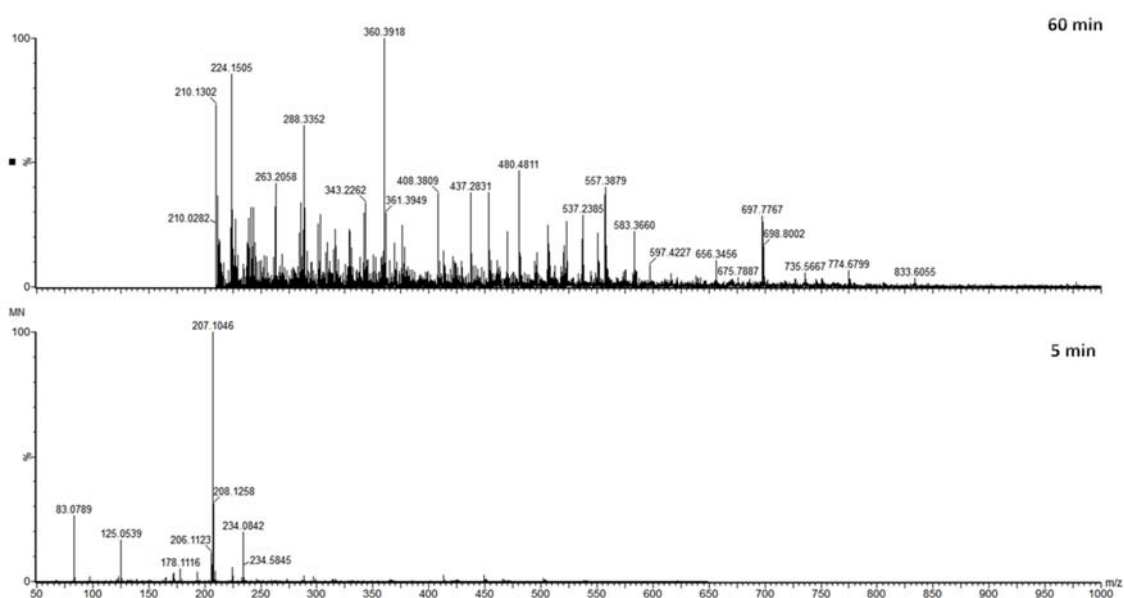
Cartesian coordinates, energy and thermal corrections for all of the  
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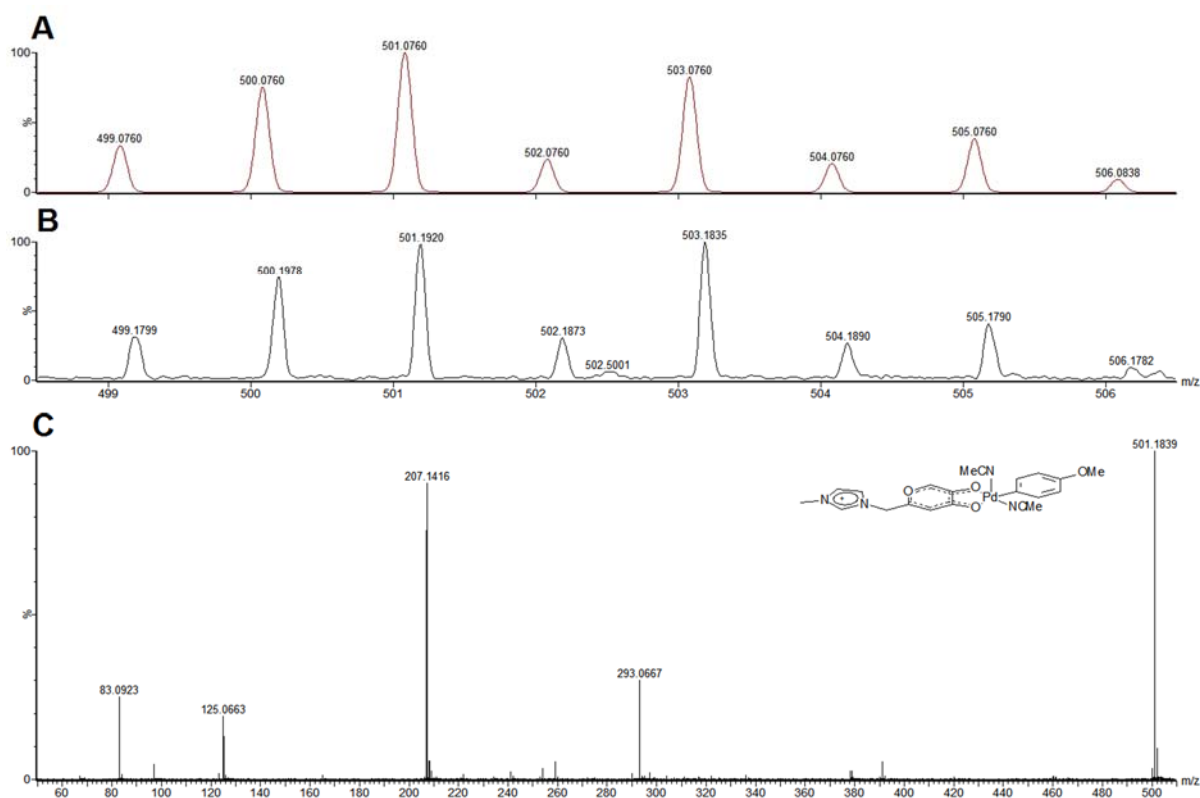
**Figure S1.** ESI(+)-MS/MS of the ionophilic ligand. The ion of  $m/z$  207 refers to the cation without the chlorine anion.



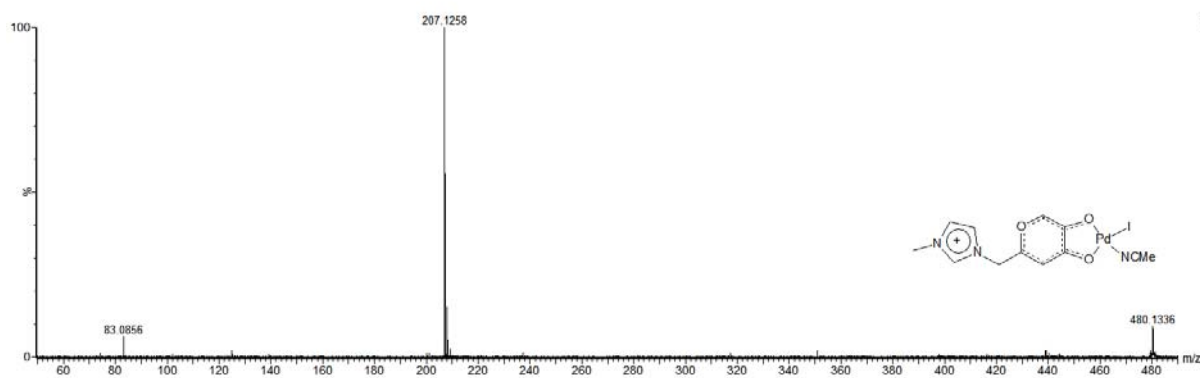
**Figure S2.** ESI(+)-MS/MS of the protonated  $KjPdC$ . The extra proton is not shown in the structure.



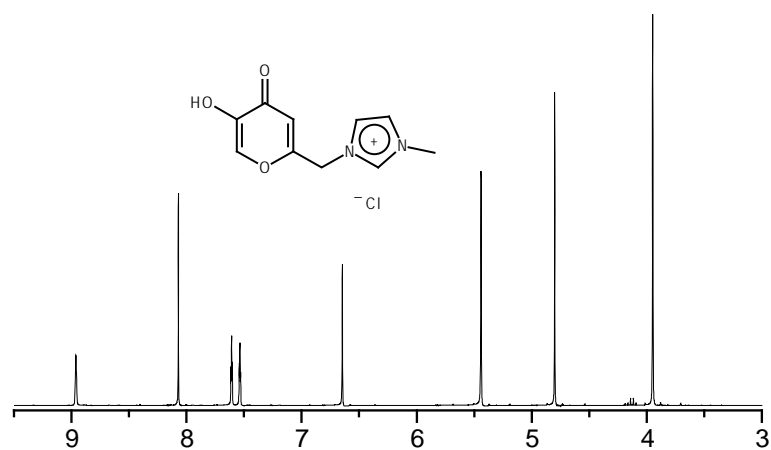
**Figure S3.** ESI(+)-MS after 5 (bottom) and 60 (top) minutes. Note the MS for 60 minutes was monitored above  $m/z$  200 to avoid any signal suppression.



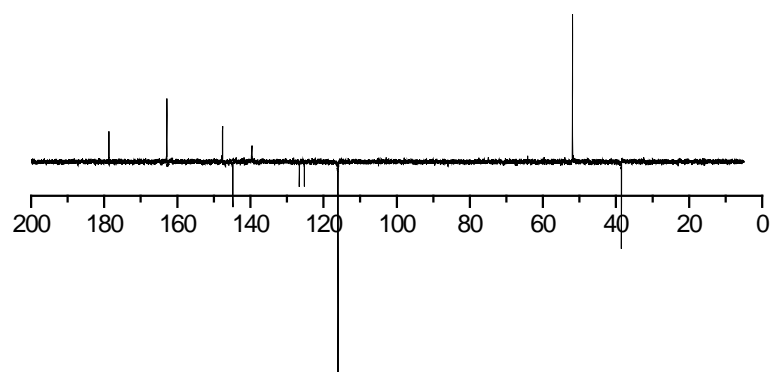
**Figure S4.** (A) Simulated isotopic pattern for the cation  $[C_{21}H_{23}N_4O_4Pd]^+$ . (B) Isotopologues from the oxidative addition step. Note the presence of two solvent molecules helping in the intermediate stabilization. Also, note that the charge (+1) is due to the presence of a charge tag (imidazolium ring). (C) ESI-MSMS of the ion of  $m/z$  501.



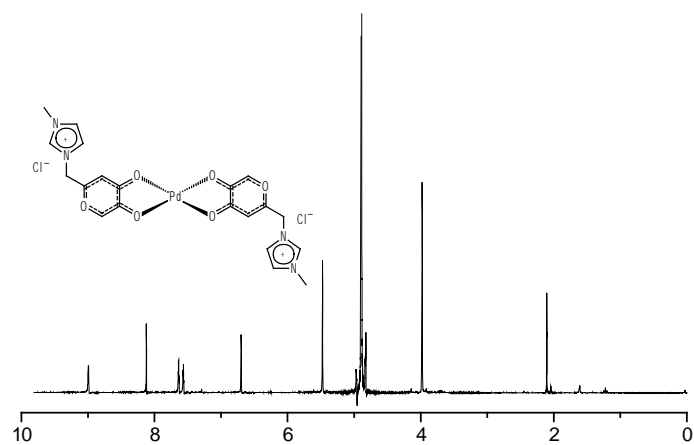
**Figure S5.** ESI(+)-MS/MS of the ion of  $m/z$  480.



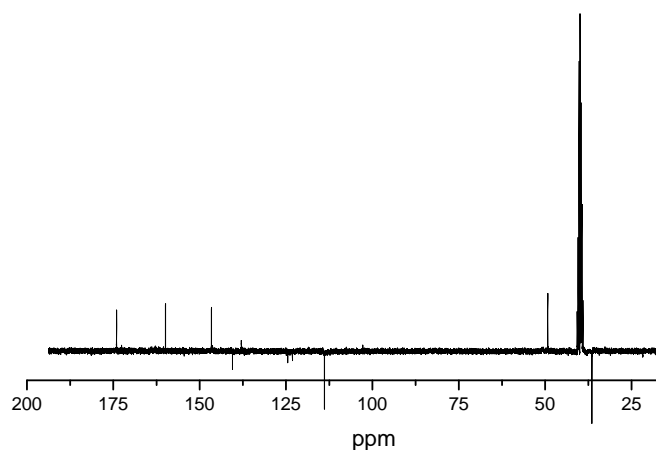
**Figure S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of the charge-tagged ligand (300 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ).



**Figure S7.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR(APT) of the charge-tagged ligand (75 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ).

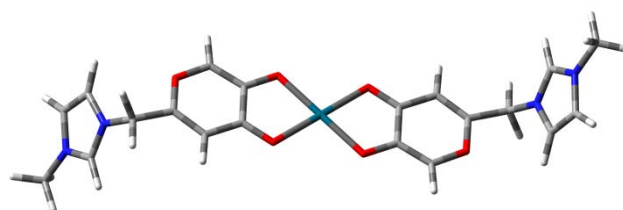


**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of the **PdKjC** catalyst (300 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ).



**Figure S9.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR(APT) of the **PdKjC** catalyst (75 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ).

**Cartesian coordinates, energy and thermal corrections for all the calculated structures**



$E(\text{M06-2X/6-311++g}(2\text{d},2\text{p})//\text{M06-2X/6-311+g}(\text{d},\text{p})) = -1570.49190771$  hartree  
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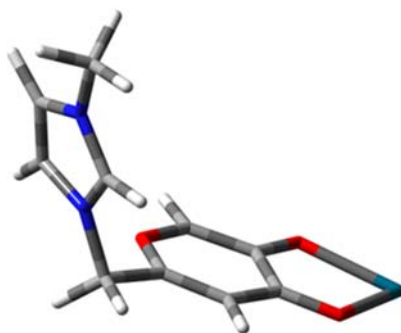
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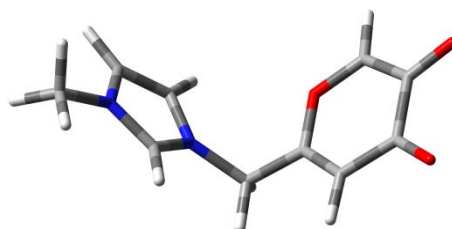


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Standard orientation:

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Standard orientation:

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## Palladium atom

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