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### **Supporting Information**

## Control of Reaction Pathways in the Photochemical Reaction of a Quinone with Tetramethylethylene by Metal Binding

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Figure S1. Benesi-Hildebrand plots of absorption spectral changes of  $QE_3$  upon titration with (a) NaClO<sub>4</sub> or (b) Mg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in MeCN at 20 °C. (c) Plot of absorption spectral changes of  $QE_3$  upon titration with Ca(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in MeCN at 20 °C. The spectral change was monitored at  $\lambda_{max}$  of  $QE_3$  at 270 nm. [ $QE_3$ ] = 0.2 mM

### 2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy for a mixture of TME and $Pd(OAc)_2$



**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of TME (top) and a 1:3 mixture of TME and  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (bottom) in CD<sub>3</sub>CN at 20 °C. [TME] = 10 mM, [Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>] = 30 mM.

### 3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy for a ternary mixture of QE<sub>3</sub>, TME, and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>



Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of a 1:1:1 mixture of  $QE_3$ , TME, and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> in CD<sub>3</sub>CN at 20 °C.  $[QE_3] = [TME] = [Pd(OAc)_2] = 10 \text{ mM}.$ 

### 4. Cyclic voltammetry for mixtures of QE<sub>3</sub> and metal salt



**Figure S4.** Redox profiles in cyclic voltammetry (V vs Fc/Fc<sup>+</sup>) of  $QE_3$ , Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, and mixtures of  $QE_3$ /NaClO<sub>4</sub>,  $QE_3$ /Mg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,  $QE_3$ /Ca(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, and  $QE_3$ /Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> in MeCN. Scan rate, 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>; working electrode, Pt; supporting electrolyte, 0.1 M Bu<sub>4</sub>NClO<sub>4</sub>. [ $QE_3$ ] = [Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>] = 1.0 mM, [NaClO<sub>4</sub>] = [Mg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] = [Ca(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] = 10 mM

### **5.** HPLC traces for the photochemical reactions of $QE_n$



**Figure S5.** HPLC traces monitored at 220 nm for the product mixtures of the photochemical reactions of (a)  $\mathbf{QE}_0$ , (b)  $\mathbf{QE}_3$ , (c)  $\mathbf{QE}_3/\text{Ca}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ , and (d)  $\mathbf{QE}_3/\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  with TME. BP: biphenyl as an internal standard.

#### 6. X-ray crystallography of 2aE<sub>0</sub>



Figure S6. ORTEP diagram of  $2aE_0$ , using 50% probability ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity (see ref. 3 and 4). X-ray diffraction data were collected on a Bruker SMART APEX II Ultra CCD diffractometer using MoK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) at 298 K. An empirical absorption correction was applied using the SADABS program. The structure was solved by the direct method and refined by full-matrix least-squares calculations on F2 using the SHELXTL 97 program package. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, and hydrogen atoms were added to calculated positions. The packing diagrams were drawn using ORTEP-3.

### Crystal data and structure refinement

Empirical formula	$C_{13}H_{18}O_3$
Formula weight	222.27
Space group	monoclinic, P2(1)/c
Temperature	296 K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	a = 7.0639 (16)
	b = 12.459 (3)
	c = 14.360(3)
Unit cell volume	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$
	$\beta = 99.692^{\circ}$

	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$
Unit cell volume	1245.8 (5) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	4
F(000)	480.0
Crystal size	$0.40 \times 0.30 \times 0.10$ mm
Absorption coefficient	0.083 mm <sup>-1</sup>
Data completeness	0.988
Theta (max)	27.440
Radiation	MoK¥a
Goodness of fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.227
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0287
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	$R_1 = 0.0455, wR_2 = 0.1584$
R indices (all date)	$R_1 = 0.0564, wR_2 = 0.1720$

### 7. Photodecomposition of QE<sub>0</sub>



**Figure S7.** Decomposition of  $QE_0$  in CD<sub>3</sub>CN at 20 °C upon photo-irradiation by 500 W xenon lamp equipped with a >420 nm optical filter, monitored by (a) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy and (b) HPLC analysis. The amount of  $QE_0$  was evaluated from the peak integral ratio to biphenyl (**BP**) as an internal standard. (c) Plots of the ratio of  $QE_0$  to **BP**. [ $QE_0$ ] = 10 mM

### 8. Cyclic voltammetry of TME



**Figure S8.** A redox profile in cyclic voltammetry (V vs Fc/Fc<sup>+</sup>) of tetramethylethylene in MeCN. Scan rate, 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>; working electrode, Pt; supporting electrolyte, 0.1 M  $Bu_4NClO_4$ . [TME] = 1.0 mM



9. Phosphorescence spectra of  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{QE}}\xspace_n$  in the absence or presence of metal salt

Figure S9. Phosphorescence spectra of  $QE_0$  and  $QE_3$  in the absence or presence of metal salt in MeCN glass at 77 K. Emission monochromator resolution and excitation band pass with excitation at 280 nm: 5.0 and 20.0 nm, respectively (see ref. 1).

10. Charge and spin densities of  $QE_3$  and  $QE_3$   $\supset$  Ca(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in DFT calculations with UB3LYP/6-31+G(d,p) (see ref. 2)

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QE <sub>3</sub> -				21
3	14	19 35 22	28	31
	12			
5 1	Spin density	12 C 0.003558	Atomic charges	12 C 0.336778
	1 C 0.010214	16 C -0.002705	1 C 0.486375	16 C -0.420760
6	2 C 0.108995	19 C -0.000112	2 C 0.121412	19 C 0.061179
	3 C 0.080063	22 C -0.000028	3 C -0.360283	22 C -0.209638
	4 C 0.069025	25 C 0.000001	4 C 0.028923	25 C -0.034886
ģ	5 C 0.135623	28 C -0.000001	5 C 0.207163	28 C -0.165184
	6 C 0.116224	31 C 0.000000	6 C -0.360630	31 C -0.177198
	9 O 0.218621	35 O 0.000094	9 O -0.726048	35 O -0.398376
	10 O 0.257428	36 O -0.000001	10 O -0.708401	36 O -0.401463
	11 O 0.014590	37 O 0.000000	11 O -0.400854	37 O -0.389827



C				1
Spin d	Al	omi	c charges	
1 C	0.071166	1	С	0.202566
2 C	0.063165	2	С	0.731048
3 C	0.158150	3	С	-0.055366
4 C	-0.017595	4	С	-0.888307
5 C	0.183216	5	С	0.153947
6 C	0.094733	6	С	-0.220909
9 O	0.246869	9	0	-0.679162
10 O	0.206159	10	0	-0.526343
11 O	0.006853	11	0	-0.371563
12 C	-0.002545	12	С	0.262017
15 C	0.001177	15	С	-0.255466
18 O	-0.000027	18	0	-0.399389
19 C	0.000051	19	С	0.100305
22 C	0.000112	22	С	-0.231050
25 O	0.000117	25	0	-0.389221
26 C	0.000061	26	С	-0.152000
29 C	-0.000167	29	С	-0.064454
32 O	0.000030	32	0	-0.385323
33 C	0.000077	33	С	-0.141869
37 Ca	0.000197	37	Ca	1.228496
39 O	0.000508	39	0	-0.642469
40 O	0.000085	40	0	-0.523286
41 O	0.000132	41	0	-0.510003
42 O	0.000421	42	0	-0.498303
43 O	0.001260	43	0	-0.634325
44 O	0.000084	44	0	-0.517821
45 O	0.000144	45	0	-0.504070
46 O	0.000175	46	0	-0.503131
47 Cl	-0.000036	47	Cl	1.290809
48 Cl	-0.001049	48	Cl	1.268391

# 11. Charge and spin densities of $QE_0^-$ and $QE_0^-/Pd(OAc)_2$ in DFT calculations with UB3PW91/LANL2DZ

QE<sub>0</sub>-



Spin density			Atom	Atomic charges		
1 (	С	-0.487438	1 C	-0.487438		
2 (	С	0.267825	2 C	0.267825		
3 (	С	0.047194	3 C	0.047194		
4 (	С	-0.279242	4 C	-0.279242		
5 (	С	-0.348669	5 C	-0.348669		
6 (	С	0.039172	6 C	0.151874		
9 (	С	0.286203	9 O	-0.420262		
10 (	С	0.334053	10 O	-0.375564		
11 (	С	0.014028	11 O	-0.302369		
13 (	С	-0.001680	13 C	-0.504549		

 $QE_0^{-}/Pd(OAc)_2$ 



Spin density	Atomic charges		
1 C -0.082228	1 C -0.485149		
2 C 0.165940	2 C 0.266031		
3 C -0.020573	3 C 0.062851		
4 C 0.163932	4 C -0.297456		
5 C -0.002765	5 C -0.284537		
6 C 0.206394	6 C 0.390323		
9 O 0.158102	9 O -0.444324		
10 O 0.390051	10 O -0.323317		
11 O 0.029775	11 O -0.290003		
13 C -0.003445	13 C -0.505852		
17 Pd 0.044351	17 Pd 0.425708		
18 O 0.113524	18 O -0.394485		
19 O -0.053260	19 O -0.459225		
20 C -0.127328	20 C 0.460679		
21 C 0.134163	21 C 0.427788		
22 O 0.119734	22 O -0.394819		
23 O -0.167580	23 O -0.356857		
24 C 0.966156	24 C -0.526914		
27 C -1.035293	27 C -0.519643		



12. Formation of 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene in the photochemical reaction

**Figure S10.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy of (a) 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene and (b) product mixtures obtained after photo-irradiation of  $QE_0$  with TME by 500 W xenon lamp equipped with a >420 nm optical filter at 20 °C. Solvent: CD<sub>3</sub>CN, [ $QE_0$ ] = 10 mM, [TME] = 40 mM.

### 13. Photochemical reaction of $QE_0$ with TME in the presence of $Pd(OAc)_2$



**Figure S11.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of a reaction mixture obtained after photo-irradiation of  $QE_0$ with TME in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> in CD<sub>3</sub>CN at 20 °C.  $[QE_0] = [Pd(OAc)_2] = 10$  mM, [TME] = 40 mM

### 14. Photochemical reaction of $QE_3$ with TME in the presence of $Pd(OAc)_2$



**Figure S12.** Changes in <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of a photochemical reaction of  $QE_3$  with TME in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> in CD<sub>3</sub>CN at 20 °C with respect to the reaction time. [ $QE_3$ ] = [Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>] = 10 mM, [TME] = 40 mM

### 15. Photochemical reaction of $QE_3$ with TME in the presence of $Pd(OAc)_2$ (continued)



Figure S13. Plots of the yields of  $1aE_3$  and  $1bE_3$  in the product mixture of the photochemical reaction of  $QE_3$  with TME in the presence of  $Pd(OAc)_2$  in  $CD_3CN$  at 20 °C.  $[QE_3] = [Pd(OAc)_2] = 10 \text{ mM}, [TME] = 40 \text{ mM}$ 

### 16. Hyperfine coupling constants predicted by DFT calculations



Figure S14. Calculated values of the hyperfine coupling constants of  $QE_3^{+}$ ,  $QE_3^{+}/Ca^{2+}$  complex, and  $QE_3^{+}/Pd(OAc)_2$  complex by DFT with UB3LYP/6-311G(d) or UB3LYP/LANL2DZ level.

# 17. Detection of a palladium-complex of $QE_3$ generated upon photo-irradiation in ESI-FT-MS



**Figure S15.** Observed peaks in the range of m/z = 490-502 in negative mode ESI-FT-MS of a photo-irradiated MeCN solution, containing a mixture of  $\mathbf{QE}_3$ , (BNA)<sub>2</sub>, and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> ([ $\mathbf{QE}_3$ ] =  $[(BNA)_2] = [Pd(OAc)_2] = 3.0$  mM) with the calculated isotope pattern of a mono hydrolyzed  $\mathbf{QE}_3$  /Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> complex. The measurement was performed on a Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ Orbitrap Discovery. The sample solution was prepared upon photo-irradiation of a MeCN solution, containing a mixture of  $\mathbf{QE}_3$ , (BNA)<sub>2</sub>, and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> with the concentrations of 3.0 mM, respectively, with a 4 W white LED lamp for 10 sec. The sample was ionized by negative electrospray ionization with source voltage and capillary temperature of 1.5 kV and 200 °C, respectively.

### 18. Changes in ESR spectrum of QE<sub>3</sub><sup>-/</sup>/TME<sup>++</sup> upon metal binding



Figure S16. ESR spectra of (a)  $QE_3^{-}/TME^{+}$  complex, (b)  $QE_3^{-}/Ca(ClO_4)_2/TME^{+}$  complex, and (c)  $QE_3^{-}/Pd(OAc)_2/TME^{++}$  complex generated by the photo-irradiation of a mixture of  $QE_3$  (10.0 mM) and TME (40.0 mM) in the absence or presence of Ca(ClO\_4)\_2 (100.0 mM) or Pd(OAc)\_2 (10.0 mM) in deaerated MeCN at 77 K.

### 19. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of products

(a) <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of  $1aE_0$  in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



### $^{1}H-^{1}H$ NOESY spectrum of $1aE_{0}$



(b) <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of  $1bE_0$  in CDCl<sub>3</sub>





(c) <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of  $2aE_0$  in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



(d) <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of  $2bE_0$  in CDCl<sub>3</sub>





(e) <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of  $1aE_3$  in CDCl<sub>3</sub>







(g) <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of  $H_2QE_3$  in CDCl<sub>3</sub>







(i) <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of  $2bE_3$  in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

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