Supporting Information

Structural and electronic properties of Pd-decorated graphene oxides and their effects on the adsorption of nitrogen oxides: insights from density functional calculations

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Table S1: Summary of calculated results for the adsorption of Pd on rGOs with both hydroxyl and epoxy groups: the binding energy (E_b) , the distance between Pd and its neighboring C (d_1) , and O (d_2) atoms.

| Structure | binding site | $E_{\rm b}({\rm eV})$ | $d_1(\text{\AA})$ | d_2 (Å) |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Pd@G-O-OH-1a | С | 1.45 | 2.12 | 2.42 |
| Pd@G-O-OH-1b | C and O | 2.25 | 2.13 | 2.06 |
| Pd@G-O-OH-2a | С | 1.06 | 2.25 | |
| Pd@G-O-OH-2b | C and O | 1.36 | 2.13 | 2.07 |
| Pd@G-O-OH-2c | 0 | 0.08 | 2 | |
| Pd@G-2O-OH-1a | С | 1.63 | 2.1 | 2.69 |
| Pd@G-2O-OH-1b | 0 | 2.25 | | 2.04 (2.3) |
| Pd@G-2O-OH-1c | 0 | 2.66 | | 1.97 |
| Pd@G-2O-OH-1d | 0 | 2.58 | | 1.96 |
| Pd@G-2O-OH-2 | C and O | 1.78 | 2.08 | 2.05 |

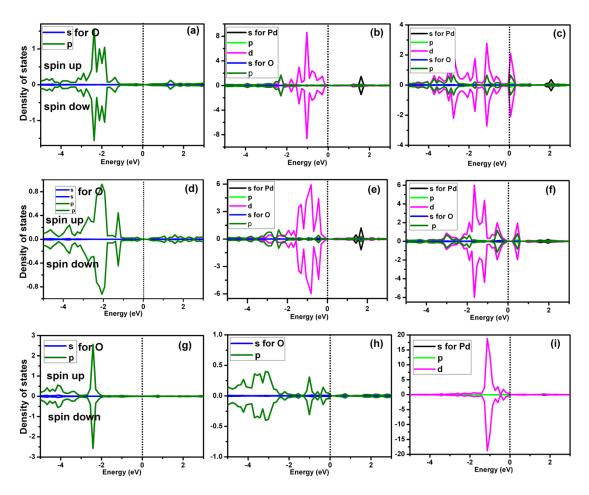


Figure S1. The spin-polarized Projected density of states (PDOS) of O atom from GO before and after Pd interaction and the PDOS of adsorbed Pd for Pd-decorated GOs. (a) G-2O-1, (b) Pd@G-2O-1a, (c) Pd@G-2O-1c, (d) G-2O-2, (e) Pd@G-2O-2a, (f)

Pd@G-2O-2b, (g) G-2OH-2, and (h)-(i) Pd@G-2OH-2. The Fermi level is set to 0.

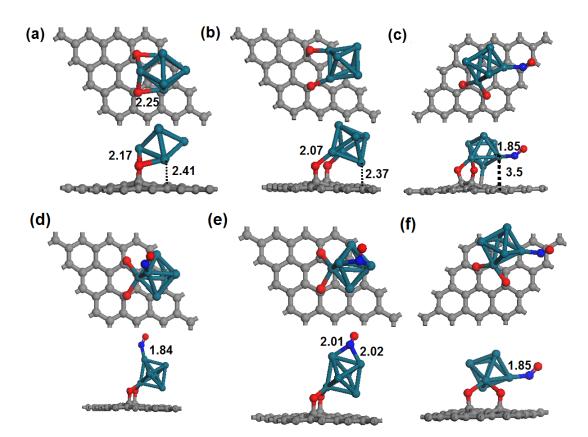


Figure S2. Top and side views of optimized structure (distance in Å) for Pd_6 deposited on G-2O-1 (a)-(b) and NO adsorbed on Pd_6 -rGO hybrid (e)-(h). (a) Pd_6 @ G-2O-1-c and (b) Pd_6 @G-2O-1-d. Adsorption of NO at (c) Pd5 site of Pd_6 @ G-2O-1-a and (d)-(f) various Pd sites of Pd_6 @ G-2O-1-b.

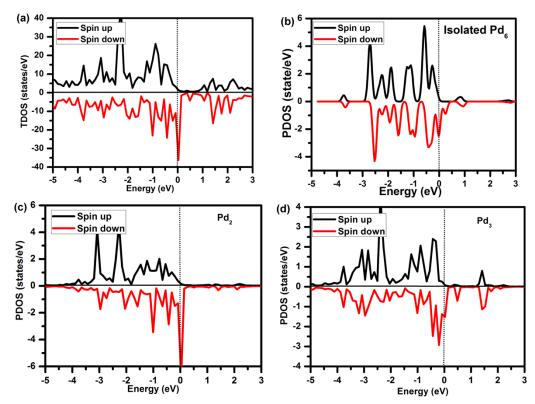


Figure S3. The spin-polarized TDOS and PDOS of Pd atom for isolated Pd_6 cluster and Pd cluster adsorbed rGO. (a) $Pd_6@$ G-2O-1-a and (b) one Pd atom, (c) Pd2 and (d) Pd3 of $Pd_6@$ G-2O-1-a. The Fermi level is set to 0.