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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

<u>DOI:</u> 10.1002/ejic.201100694 <u>Title:</u> Bulky and Modular 3,3'-Bipyrazoles as Ligands: Synthesis, Characterization, and Catalytic Activity of Pd Complexes <u>Author(s):</u> Markus J. Spallek, Skrollan Stockinger, Richard Goddard, Frank Rominger, Oliver Trapp*

General. All reagents and solvents were obtained from Acros, ABCR, Alfa Aesar, Sigma-Aldrich or VWR and were used without further purification unless otherwise noted. Dichloromethane was freshly distilled from calcium hydride under argon atmosphere; THF was freshly distilled from sodium under argon atmosphere. Deuterated solvents were purchased from Euriso-Top. Acetonitrile was dried by a MB SPS-800 with the aid of drying columns. Handling of air- and moisture-sensitive materials was carried out in flame dried flasks under an atmosphere of argon using Schlenk-techniques. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Polygram[®] precoated plastic sheets SIL G/UV254 (SiO₂, 0.20 mm thickness) from Macherey-Nagel. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance 500, Bruker Avance 300 and Bruker ARX-250 spectrometers at RT. Chemical shifts (in ppm) were referenced to residual solvent protons. Signal multiplicity was determined as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet) or m (multiplet). ¹³C assignment was achieved via DEPT135 spectra and HSQC experiments. GC-and GC-MS measurements were performed on a Thermo PolarisQ Trace GC-MS, equipped with split injector (250°C), FID (250°C) and a quadrupole ion-trap MS (Thermo, San Jose, CA). MS spectra were recorded on a Finnigan MAT TSQ 700 or a JEOL JMS-700 spectrometer. IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Vector 22 FT-IR. CD-and UV-Vis spectra were recorded on a JASCO J-810 spectropolarimeter. Crystal structure analysis was accomplished on Bruker Smart CCD and Bruker APEX diffractometers. Melting points were determined on a Büchi melting point apparatus and temperatures were uncorrected. Elemental analysis was performed on an Elementar Vario EL.

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of ligands 1 – 3(a–k)

























¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of palladium complexes 4a-k























CD spectra of ligand 3h and palladium complex 4h in various solvents

All solution spectra were recorded in distilled solvents.



SI Figure 1: CD spectra of palladium complex 4h and the free ligand 3h in tetrahydrofurane

CD spectra of palladium complexes 4h, 4j, 4d **and** 4k

The solution spectra were recorded in distilled tetrahydrofurane.



SI Figure 2: CD spectra of palladium complexes 4h, 4j, 4d and 4k in tetrahydrofurane

UV-Vis spectra of palladium complexes 4h, 4j, 4d and 4k:

The solution spectra (c = 0.03 mM) of the palladium complexes were recorded in distilled tetrahydrofurane.

SI Figure 3: UV-Vis spectra of palladium complexes 4h, 4j, 4d and 4k in tetrahydrofurane.