

Studies on the Reactivity of Isocyanates and Isothiocyanates with Palladium–Imidoyl Complexes

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The reactions of palladium–iminoacyl complexes with isocyanates (RNCO) and isothiocyanates (RNCS) have been investigated. The reaction of $\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{Me})=\text{NXY}\}(\text{Cl})(\text{P}-\text{P})$ ($\text{P}-\text{P} = \text{dppe}$, **1**; dppp , **2**) with RNCE ($\text{E} = \text{O}, \text{S}$) in the presence of AgBF_4 yields the novel compounds $[\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{=CH}_2)\text{N}(\text{XY})\text{C}(\text{=E})\text{NHR}\}(\text{dppe})][\text{BF}_4]$ ($\text{E} = \text{O}$ and $\text{R} = \text{Et}$, **3**; Ph , **4**; $\text{E} = \text{S}$ and $\text{R} = \text{Me}$, **5**; Ph , **6**); the formation of these complexes results from an addition reaction followed by the migration of a proton from the methyl group in the imidoyl fragment to the nitrogen in the RNCE moiety. In contrast, the reaction between $\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{Ph})=\text{NXY}\}(\text{I})(\text{dppe})$ and RNCO in the presence of AgBF_4 yields the addition product $[\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{Ph})=\text{N}(\text{XY})\text{C}(\text{=O})(=\text{NPh})\}(\text{dppe})][\text{BF}_4]$ (**10**). Protonation of the imidoyl group in $\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{Me})=\text{NXY}\}(\text{Cl})(\text{dppe})$ suppresses the addition reaction when the protonated complex is reacted with RNCS; the products obtained in this case are $[\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{Me})=\text{NHXY}\}(\text{dppe})(\text{S}=\text{C}=\text{NR})][\text{BF}_4]_2$ ($\text{R} = \text{Me}$, **15**; Ph , **16**).

Introduction

Metal-mediated C–C bond formation processes are employed in several methodologies for the synthesis of novel organic species and polymeric materials. These organometallic reactions involve several different basic transformations such as the insertion of small molecules into metal–carbon bonds (e.g., CO and CNR),^{1,2} cross-coupling reactions,³ or the addition of unsaturated species to organometallic compounds.⁴ More recently, there has been increasing interest in finding

analogous reactions for the metal-mediated formation of C–N and C–O bonds, one of the most successful processes being the palladium-mediated coupling reactions developed independently by Buchwald⁵ and Hartwig.⁶ Another potential way of generating new C–N and C–O bonds is by the insertion of imines or ketones into metal–carbon bonds. Despite being an attractive approach, due to the strong tendency of imines to σ -coordinate to metal centers, there are very few examples where this type of transformation has been unambiguously achieved. Recently, Sen⁷ and Arndtsen⁸ have independently reported the insertion of imines into the palladium–carbon bond of complexes with general formula $[(\text{L}-\text{L})\text{PdC}(\text{Me})=\text{O}]^+$ (where $\text{L}-\text{L} = \text{phen}$, bipy , dppe , and dppp), providing a new methodology for the formation of C–N bonds.

A different approach to the formation of C–N bonds has been devised by Werner in which the nitrogen atom of a coordinated imidoyl group acts as a nucleophile reacting with the electrophilic carbon of species such as CS_2 and RNCS.⁹ Analogous addition reactions have

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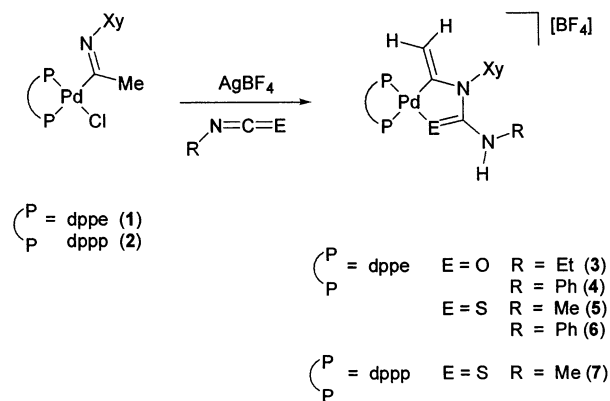
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Scheme 1



subsequently been employed by others for the synthesis of organic fragments that contain C–N bonds.¹⁰

As part of a systematic investigation to discover new organometallic approaches for the formation of C–C and C–N bonds, we have studied the insertion of isocyanides into palladium–carbon bonds followed by the insertion or addition of a second unsaturated species (such as olefins, imines, isocyanates, and isothiocyanates) into the palladium–imido group formed via the first insertion.¹¹ Herein we report the reactions of Pd{C(Me)=NXY}(Cl)(P–P) and Pd{C(Ph)=NXY}(I)(P–P) (P–P = dppe and dppp) with isocyanates (RNCO) and isothiocyanates (RNCS). In these reactions a series of novel palladium-mediated transformations take place leading to the formation of new C–N bonds.

Results and Discussion

Reaction of Pd{C(Me)=NXY}(Cl)(P–P) with Isocyanates and Isothiocyanates. We have recently reported preliminary results showing that the iminoacyl compound Pd{C(Me)=NXY}(Cl)(dppe) (**1**) reacts with MeNCS in the presence of AgBF₄ to yield the new complex [Pd{C(=CH₂)N(Xy)C(=S)NHMe}(dppe)][BF₄] (**5**), though this was not structurally characterized.¹¹ To explore the generality of this reaction and gain a better understanding of its mechanism, the iminoacyl complex **1** was reacted with a series of isocyanates and isothiocyanates.

Following the same synthetic procedure used for the preparation of **5**, 1 equiv of the corresponding isocyanate or isothiocyanate (RNCE where R = Et, Ph and E = O; R = Ph and E = S) was reacted with 1 equiv of **1** in the presence of AgBF₄ (see Scheme 1). In each one of the reactions with the three different substrates, the im-

mediate formation of a white precipitate (AgCl) was observed. The course of these reactions was monitored by ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy, which indicated that with either EtNCO or PhNCS, the quantitative conversion of the starting material to a new product occurred within 10 min of reaction. The ³¹P{¹H} NMR of the new compound in each one of these two cases consisted of a pair of doublets, suggesting the presence of two inequivalent phosphorus centers coupling to each other. On the basis of spectroscopic, analytical, and structural investigations these compounds were characterized as [Pd{C(=CH₂)N(Xy)C(=O)NHEt}(dppe)][BF₄] (**3**)

and [Pd{C(=CH₂)N(Xy)C(=S)NHPh}(dppe)][BF₄] (**6**), respectively. In contrast, the reaction with PhNCO led to the initial formation of two products, each of which showed two doublets in the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra. After stirring for 12 h, the complete conversion to only one of the two products was observed (see below for discussion of the relevance of the intermediate species for the proposed mechanism). This final product was characterized as [Pd{C(=CH₂)N(Xy)C(=O)NHPh}(dppe)][BF₄] (**4**) on the basis of spectroscopic and analytical evidence.

The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra of **3**, **4**, and **6** show an AB pattern associated with the two inequivalent phosphorus atoms from the dppe coordinated to the palladium center (see Scheme 1). The ¹H NMR spectra of the three complexes show two signals in the region between 3.9 and 4.8 ppm, characteristic of vinylic protons. These protons appear as doublets of doublets since they couple to the two different phosphorus environments of dppe. The proton on the nitrogen of the former isocyanate or isothiocyanate appears as a singlet between 6.45 and 7.10 ppm, depending on the substrate used. The ¹³C NMR spectra of the three new complexes are also consistent with the proposed formulation; the resonances for the C=E (E = O, S) carbon atoms of the corresponding products appear as a doublet of doublets due to coupling with both the *cis* and *trans* phosphines (at 164 ppm for E = O and 176 for E = S). The vinylic carbon directly attached to the palladium is strongly coupled to the *trans*-phosphorus, giving a doublet with ²J_{PC} couplings ranging between 136 and 138 Hz. These coupling constants are larger, though within the same order of magnitude, than the value previously reported for other (phosphine)Pd–C(=CH₂) systems.¹² The X-ray crystal structures of two of these complexes (**4** and **6**) (vide infra) were determined and confirmed the proposed formulation.

It is well established that the nature of chelating phosphines has an important influence on the reactivity of metal complexes (e.g., the insertion of CNR or CO into palladium–carbon bonds occurs much more readily when dppp is used instead of dppe).¹³ Consequently, it was of interest to investigate whether the reaction of

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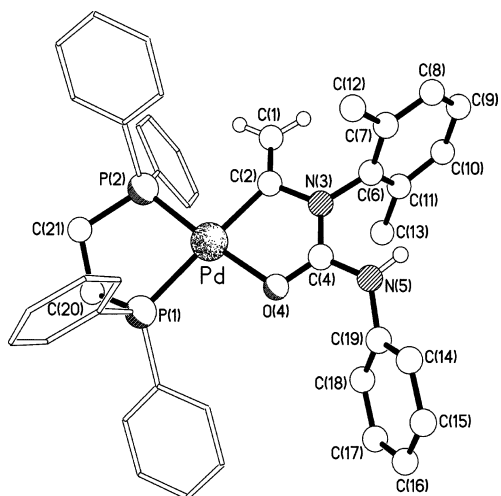


Figure 1. Molecular structure of the cation in **4**.

RNCE (E = S, O) with the coordinated iminoacyl group would be affected by changing the bite angle of the chelating bis-phosphine. For this, the reaction between MeNCS and Pd{C(=NXy)Me}(Cl)(dppp) (**2**) was investigated. Upon mixing the two reagents in a 1:1 ratio in the presence of AgBF₄, the immediate formation of a white precipitate (AgCl) was observed. Within 10 min all of **2** had reacted and a new compound formed, as monitored by ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy. After filtering off the AgCl, reducing the volume of the resulting filtrate, and adding hexane to the mixture, a white solid precipitated, which was characterized as [Pd{C(=CH₂)-N(Xy)C(=S)NHMe}(dppp)][BF₄] (**7**) on the basis of spectroscopic, analytical, and structural studies. As for compounds **3–6**, the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **7** shows two doublets, i.e., the expected AB pattern associated with the two inequivalent phosphorus atoms of the coordinated dppp. The vinylic protons appear in the ¹H NMR spectrum as doublets of doublets ($\delta = 3.89$ and 4.18 ppm) due to coupling with the two different phosphorus environments. The ¹³C NMR spectrum shows two doublets of doublets (at 111.5 and 163.5 ppm, respectively) for the vinylic carbons, the latter corresponding to the carbon directly bound to palladium; another doublet of doublets is observed at 175.5 ppm for the carbon of the C=S moiety. The coupling of these carbons to the phosphorus atoms of the phosphine clearly indicates that the organic fragment is coordinated to the palladium center. The elemental analyses and the mass spectrum of **7** (with a molecular peak at 723 amu, which corresponds to **7** – BF₄) are also consistent with this formulation. The molecular structure of the compound was determined by X-ray crystallography (see next section), which confirmed the proposed formulation.

The above results indicate that the outcome of the reaction between **1** or **2** and RNCS is the same whether dppe or dppp is used.

Structural Characterization of 4, 6, and 7. A single-crystal X-ray analysis confirmed the structure of **4** (see Figure 1) as being the product resulting from the reaction between the coordinated iminoacyl group of **1** and phenylisocyanate. The geometry at palladium is distorted square planar with *cis* angles at the metal in

Table 1. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for **4**, Both Independent Molecules of **6** (labeled **6a** and **6b**, respectively), and **7**

	4 [X = O]	6a [X = S]	6b [X = S]	7 [X = S]
Pd–C(2)	2.051(5)	2.051(6)	2.058(6)	2.053(6)
Pd–X(4)	2.064(4)	2.2760(17)	2.2894(15)	2.302(2)
Pd–P(1)	2.3416(13)	2.3089(16)	2.3364(16)	2.338(2)
Pd–P(2)	2.2266(14)	2.2807(16)	2.2908(16)	2.287(2)
C(1)–C(2)	1.323(8)	1.339(10)	1.327(10)	1.343(10)
C(2)–N(3)	1.447(7)	1.439(8)	1.463(7)	1.446(9)
N(3)–C(4)	1.353(7)	1.326(9)	1.324(8)	1.346(10)
C(4)–X(4)	1.271(7)	1.706(6)	1.718(6)	1.719(7)
C(4)–N(5)	1.342(8)	1.349(10)	1.345(8)	1.333(10)
C(2)–Pd–X(4)	81.10(18)	84.73(19)	84.31(17)	84.3(2)
C(2)–Pd–P(2)	95.23(15)	100.55(19)	97.07(17)	93.3(2)
X(4)–Pd–P(2)	175.81(12)	170.06(7)	176.11(7)	172.96(8)
C(2)–Pd–P(1)	176.2(2)	174.22(18)	177.41(18)	169.8(2)
X(4)–Pd–P(1)	98.88(11)	90.36(6)	93.99(6)	92.76(6)
P(2)–Pd–P(1)	84.93(5)	84.76(6)	84.75(6)	90.73(6)

the range 81.1(2)–98.9(1)°. The coordination plane is slightly twisted, the {PdP₂} and {Pd,C(2),O(4)} planes being inclined by ca. 5°. The C,O chelate ring has a folded conformation, with the palladium atom lying 0.178 Å out of the plane of the remaining four atoms, which are coplanar to within 0.003 Å. The pattern of bonding to palladium is unexceptional (Table 1) and matches closely to that observed in, for example, bis-(trimethylphosphine)(prop-2-en-2-yl-1-carboxylato-*O*)-palladium,¹⁴ with the bond to phosphorus *trans* to carbon being more than 0.1 Å longer than that *trans* to oxygen. There are no previously reported examples of related vinylurea C,O chelates coordinated to palladium, and as such it is interesting to detail the bonding within this fragment. There is a clear pattern of delocalization in the bonds attached to C(4), whereas C(2)–N(3) is of “normal” single bond length (see Table 1 for bond distances). The 2,6-dimethylphenyl ring is inclined by ca. 84° to the chelate ring, and there is a ca. 45° torsional twist about N(5)–C(19).

Complex **6**, the thio analogue of **4**, crystallizes with two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit, the only significant difference between them being in the torsional twist about the N–C₆H₅ bond, which is ca. 56° in one molecule and ca. 45° in the other. The bond lengths do not show any major differences (Table 1). The palladium coordination plane in **6** exhibits a tetrahedral distortion similar to that seen in **4**, with the {PdP₂} and {Pd,C(2),S(4)} planes inclined to each other by ca. 9° and 4° in the two independent molecules. The vinylthiourea chelate ring has a folded conformation, with the palladium atom lying 0.280 Å [0.388 Å] out of the plane of the remaining four atoms, which are coplanar to within 0.005 Å [0.008 Å] (values for the second independent molecule are given in brackets). The Pd–C(2) and Pd–P(1) bond lengths do not differ markedly from their counterparts in **1**, but the Pd–P(2) distance is significantly increased, reflecting the differing *trans* influence of sulfur vis-à-vis oxygen. Within the “thiourea” fragment there is a slight shortening of the N(3)–C(4) bond length compared with its value in **4**; the C(4)–N(5) distance is unchanged.

The closely related dppp complex **7**, with a methyl substituent at the N(5) position replacing the phenyl

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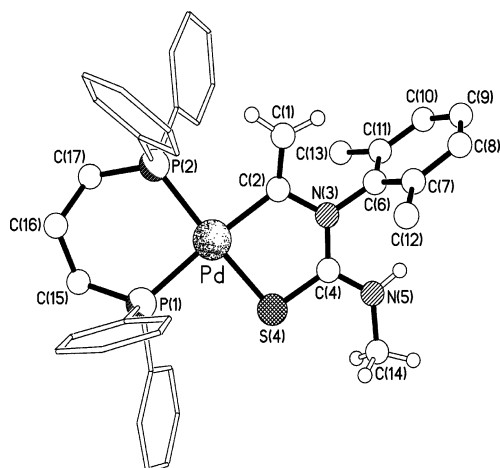


Figure 2. Molecular structure of the cation in **7**.

group in both **4** and **6**, has a very similar gross structure (see Figure 2). There is a small (ca. 12°) tetrahedral distortion in the palladium coordination plane, and the palladium atom lies 0.241 \AA out of the C_2NS chelate ring plane (which is coplanar to within 0.007 \AA). The only noteworthy difference in the palladium coordination distances is a slight increase in the length of the bond to the sulfur atom [$2.302(2) \text{ \AA}$ here, cf. $2.276(2)$ and $2.289(2) \text{ \AA}$ in **6**]. The geometry of the vinylthiourea fragment (Table 1) is essentially the same as that seen in **6**, but with the $N(3)-C(4)$ linkage reverting to a value closer to that seen in **4** (vide supra).

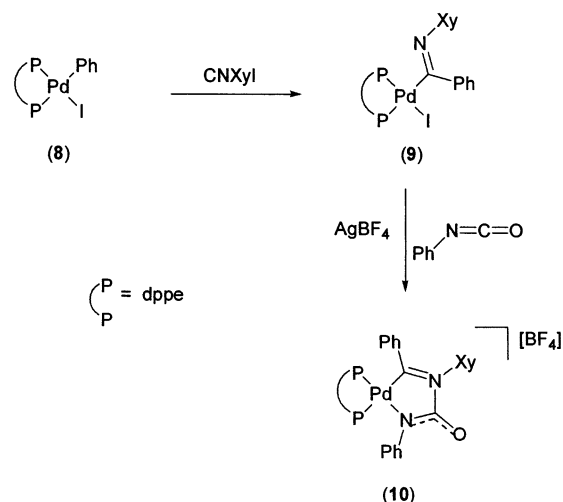
The analytical, spectroscopic, and structural characterizations of compounds **3–7** demonstrate that the reaction between the coordinated iminoacyl fragment and isocyanates (and isothiocyanates) leads to the unprecedented formation of a vinyl-urea coordinated to palladium. The synthesis of this product is likely to be the result of a nucleophilic attack by the nitrogen of the iminoacyl fragment at the electrophilic carbon of the incoming isocyanate (or isothiocyanate) followed by a migration of one of the iminoacyl's methyl protons to the nitrogen of the incoming substrate. A similar mechanism has been proposed by Werner in an analogous reaction with cobalt complexes.⁹

The formation of such an organic fragment opens up the possibility of using this organometallic transformation for the synthesis of a wide range of asymmetric vinyl ureas (and thioureas) as well as the possibility of using these fragments for the synthesis of some drug candidates.¹⁵

Reaction of RNCE with $Pd\{C(Ph)=NXY\}(I)-(P-P)$. As indicated in the Introduction, the insertion of O-, N-, and S-containing unsaturated species into metal-carbon bonds is a potentially attractive organometallic transformation since it could yield organic precursors for the synthesis of a wide range of heteroatomic organic species. The original motivation to study the reactions between palladium-iminoacyl complexes

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Scheme 2



and $R-N=C=E$ ($E = O, S$) was to investigate the possibility of these species undergoing an insertion reaction. However, as has been discussed in the previous section, our results indicate that the reactions between the iminoacyl complex **1** and $RNCE$ ($R = Me, Ph; E = S; R = Et, Ph; E = O$) do not lead to insertion products but to an addition product that involves the migration of one of the iminoacyl's protons to the nitrogen of the isocyanate (or isothiocyanate). It is possible that this proton migration to form the vinyl ureas and thioureas prevents the insertion reaction from occurring. Consequently, to gain a better understanding of these reactions and try to favor the insertion of $RNCE$ into the palladium-carbon bond, it was decided to carry out reactions analogous with the ones discussed in the previous sections but using the complex $Pd\{C(Ph)=NXY\}(I)(dppe)$ (**9**). The presence of a phenyl group instead of the methyl in the imido group should stop the proton migration and hence modify the reactivity of the system.

The new imido complex **9** was readily prepared by reacting $Pd(Ph)(I)(dppe)$ (**8**) with 1 equiv of $CNXy$ (see Scheme 2). Within 1 h the complete transformation of this species to the $CNXy$ -inserted compound **9** was observed. In contrast to the analogous reaction involving the insertion of isocyanides into palladium-methyl bonds,¹¹ in this reaction no multiple-insertion products were observed. The new complex **9** was fully characterized by NMR and IR spectroscopies, FAB(+) mass spectrometry, and elemental analysis, which confirmed the formation of the desired product. Particularly characteristic is the IR spectrum, which shows a strong band at 1602 cm^{-1} ($C=N$) corresponding to inserted isocyanide.

Once it was fully characterized, compound **9** was reacted in situ with 1 equiv of $RNCE$ ($R = Ph$ and $E = O; R = Ph, Me$ and $E = S$) in the presence of $AgBF_4$. With $PhNCO$, after the immediate precipitation of AgI , the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min and then filtered. The $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum of the mixture showed the presence of only one pair of doublets at 57.5 and 50.4 ppm (consistent with a complex having two different phosphorus centers coupling to each other) shifted relative to the starting materials. Reduction of the solvent to half its volume and careful addition of a

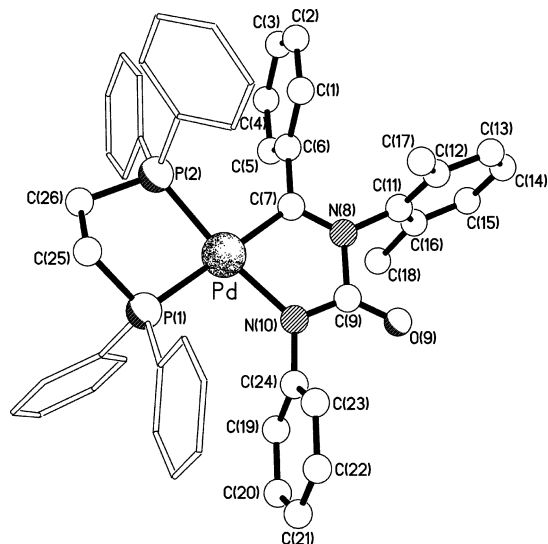


Figure 3. Molecular structure of the cation in **10**.

Table 2. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for 10

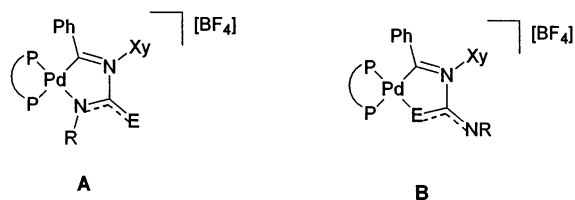
Pd–C(7)	2.033(6)	Pd–N(10)	2.061(5)
Pd–P(1)	2.3372(13)	Pd–P(2)	2.2618(14)
C(7)–N(8)	1.292(8)	N(8)–C(9)	1.500(7)
C(9)–O(9)	1.216(8)	C(9)–N(10)	1.300(8)
C(7)–Pd–N(10)	79.1(2)	C(7)–Pd–P(2)	95.82(16)
N(10)–Pd–P(2)	171.83(15)	C(7)–Pd–P(1)	177.96(17)
N(10)–Pd–P(1)	101.33(13)	P(2)–Pd–P(1)	83.53(5)

layer of diethyl ether resulted in the formation of a crystalline solid, which on the basis of structural, spectroscopic, and analytical data was formulated as the new

palladium complex $[\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{Ph})=\text{N}(\text{Xy})\text{C}(=\text{O})(=\text{NPh})\}(\text{dppf})][\text{BF}_4]$ (**10**) (see Scheme 2 and Figure 3). The IR spectrum of **10** shows strong bands characteristic of C=O (1712 cm^{-1}), C=N (1590 cm^{-1}), and BF_4 (1052 cm^{-1}), which supports the above formulation. The molecular peak in the FAB(+) mass spectrum at 830 amu and the elemental analyses are also consistent with the proposed formulation.

To determine the bonding pattern for the new complex **10** and definitively establish its exact nature, a single-crystal X-ray analysis was carried out. This study confirmed **10** to be a palladium complex with a unique *N,C* bound chelating urea-type structure (see Figure 3) resulting from the addition of PhNCO to the coordinated imidoyl moiety $-\text{C}(\text{Ph})=\text{NXy}$ (see Scheme 2). In this compound the geometry at palladium is distorted square planar with *cis* angles in the range $79.1(2)$ – $95.8(1)^\circ$, the palladium and its four coordinated atoms being coplanar to within 0.064 \AA . The *N,C* chelate ring has a folded geometry, with the metal center lying 0.255 \AA out of the plane of the remaining four atoms, which are coplanar to within 0.002 \AA . The palladium coordination distances are unexceptional, with the Pd–P bond *trans* to carbon being ca. 0.08 \AA longer than that *trans* to nitrogen. Within the *N,C* chelate ring C(7)–N(8) has “normal” double-bond character and N(8)–C(9) is a long single bond, while both C(9)–N(10) and C(9)–O(9) exhibit significant double-bond character (Table 2). The bonds in the N(10)–C(9)–O(9) fragment can thus be better described as a delocalized system with a partial negative charge (while the nitrogen from the imidoyl

Scheme 3



fragment holds a partial positive charge). It is noteworthy that there is a significant enlargement of the N(10)–C(9)–O(9) angle [$131.9(6)^\circ$] compared with N(8)–C(9)–O(9) [$115.9(5)^\circ$], reflecting a distinct contribution from a resonance hybrid involving a donation of the N(8) “lone pair” into the Ph–N=C=O carbon center.

These results indicate that PhNCO does not insert into the palladium–imidoyl bond of **9**. In contrast to the products obtained in the reaction between RNCO and **1**, with complex **9** the proton migration from the imidoyl R group to the nitrogen atom of PhNCO is obviously not observed (since R = Ph and not Me). Instead, a nucleophilic attack from the nitrogen of the imidoyl moiety to the carbon of the isocyanate takes place, generating a new C–N bond, which results in the formation of an asymmetric urea.

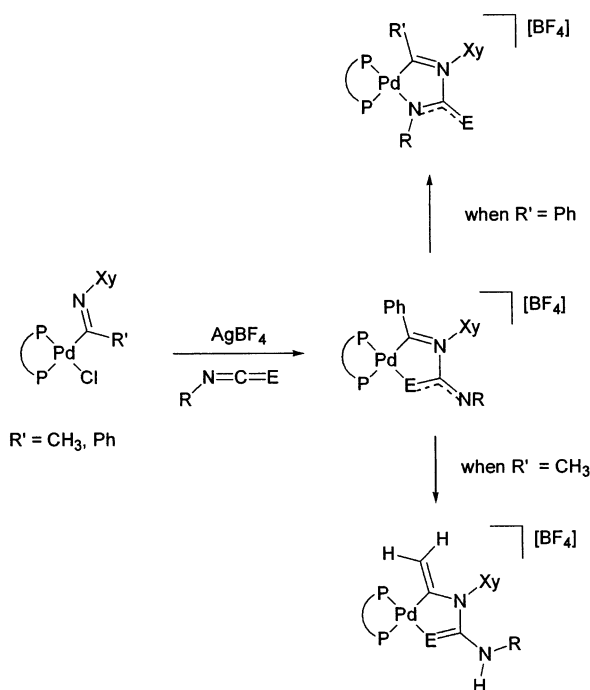
To investigate if the coordinated imidoyl fragment would react in an analogous manner with thiocyanates, $\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{Ph})=\text{NXy}\}(\text{I})(\text{P}-\text{P})$ (prepared in situ from **8** and CNXy) was reacted with 1 equiv of RNCS (R = Me, Ph) in the presence of AgBF_4 . For both isothiocyanates, the reaction was monitored by $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectroscopy, which showed the quantitative conversion of **9** to a new product (in each one of the two reactions) within 10 min. After filtering the AgI and reducing the volume, the products were precipitated from the corresponding reaction mixtures. On the basis of spectroscopic and analytical techniques these solids were characterized as

the addition products $[\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{Ph})=\text{N}(\text{Xy})\text{C}(=\text{S})(=\text{NMe})\}(\text{dppf})][\text{BF}_4]$ (**11**) and $[\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{Ph})=\text{N}(\text{Xy})\text{C}(=\text{S})(=\text{NPh})\}(\text{dppf})][\text{BF}_4]$ (**12**), respectively.

The $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of both **11** and **12** consist of a pair of doublets associated with the presence of two inequivalent phosphorus atoms in these complexes. The elemental analyses and FAB(+) mass spectra of both compounds are also consistent with the proposed formulations. It is worth noting that in complexes **10**–**12** there are two potential ways in which the organic moiety can bind to the metal center (see Scheme 3): via the nitrogen (structure A) or via the oxygen/sulfur atom (structure B).

The X-ray crystal structure of **10** has demonstrated that in this compound the coordination is via the nitrogen and not the oxygen atom (which is consistent with the hard–soft properties of the metal and the donor groups). In contrast, in compounds **11** and **12**, coordination to palladium via the softer sulfur atom would be expected on the basis of soft–soft interactions. Although no structural information could be obtained for these compounds, spectroscopic data suggest that this is indeed the favored coordination mode. In particular, the ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **11** provides strong evidence, with the methyl group on the nitrogen of the former methyl isothiocyanate appearing as a

Scheme 4

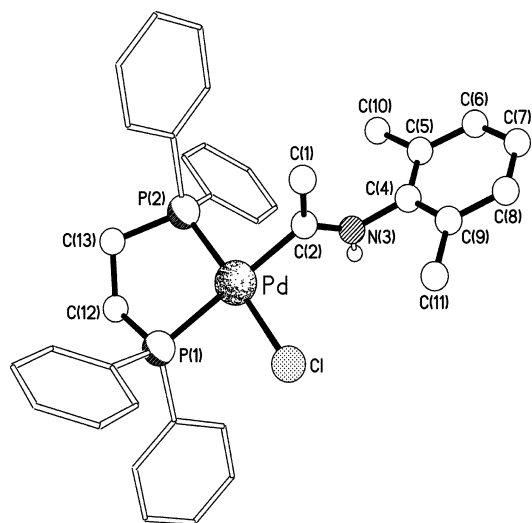


singlet at $\delta = 3.26$ ppm. If the nitrogen was directly coordinated to the palladium (structure A in Scheme 3), the methyl protons would couple to the two phosphorus atoms of dppe, giving a doublet of doublets instead of the observed singlet.

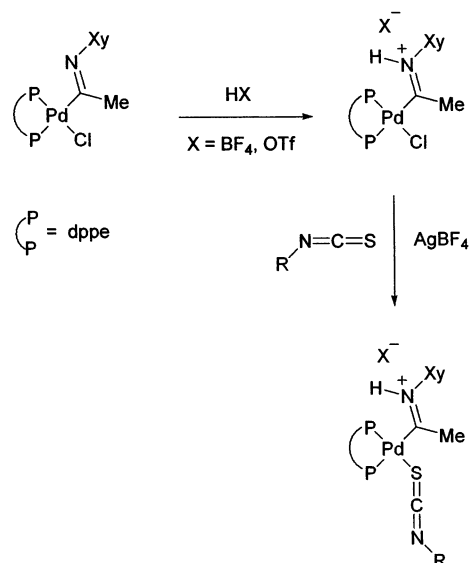
Proposed Pathway for the Reaction between Palladium–Imido Complexes and RNCE. The results discussed in the previous sections suggest that the reaction between palladium–imido complexes and RNCE (E = O, S) involves a nucleophilic attack of the imido nitrogen on the carbon of the isocyanate (or isothiocyanate). This leads to the formation of species such as **10–12**, which are the isolated products when the imido group coordinated to palladium is $-\text{C}(\text{Ph})=\text{NXy}$ (see Scheme 4). In contrast, the reaction between RNCE and compound **1** (where the imido fragment is $-\text{C}(\text{Me})=\text{NXy}$) yields compounds **3–7**. It is likely that the formation of these products follows the same reaction path described for compounds **10–12**, followed by the migration of one of the iminoacyl methyl protons to the nitrogen of the RNCE group.

Evidence that products analogous to **10–12** are intermediates in the syntheses of **3–7** comes from the reaction between **1** and PhNCO . As was described above, the formation of an intermediate compound was detected by $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectroscopy in the early stages of this reaction. The chemical shifts of the two doublets observed for this intermediate (58.9 and 50.1 ppm) are very similar to those observed for **10** (57.5 and 50.4 ppm). Although we were not able to isolate and purify this species to fully characterize it (due to the fact that it converts to **4**), it is reasonable to assume that an intermediate species analogous to **10** is probably forming in the course of the reaction to obtain complexes **3–7** (see Scheme 4).

Protonation of the Iminoacyl Group of $\text{Pd}\{-\text{C}(\text{Me})=\text{NXy}\}(\text{Cl})(\text{dppe})$. To explore further the reactivity of the coordinated imido groups and see under what conditions a potential insertion of RNCE could be

Figure 4. Molecular structure of the cation in **13**.

Scheme 5



avored, it was decided to investigate the effect of protonating the nitrogen of the iminoacyl group of compound **1**. With this the nucleophilicity of the nitrogen atom would be reduced and hence change the reactivity of this fragment.

The new compounds $[\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{Me})=\text{NHXY}\}(\text{Cl})(\text{dppe})][\text{X}]$ (X = CF_3SO_3 , **13**; X = BF_4 , **14**) were readily prepared by addition of the corresponding acid to $(\text{dppe})\text{Pd}\{-\text{C}(\text{Me})=\text{NXy}\}\text{Cl}$ (see Scheme 5).

These compounds were characterized by spectroscopic, analytical, and structural techniques. Particularly informative is the presence of a singlet at 11.6 ppm (for X = CF_3SO_3) and 11.8 ppm (for X = BF_4) in the ^1H NMR spectra of **13** and **14**, which correspond to the N–H of the protonated iminoacyl groups. To study the structural effects on the iminoacyl complex induced by protonation, both complexes **13** and **14** were analyzed by X-ray crystallography (see Figure 4 for the molecular structure of **13**).

The coordination geometries for both compounds exhibit only small differences (see Table 3), and the protonated iminoacyl moiety has an essentially identical conformation in each case. The only notable difference

Table 3. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for 13 and 14

	13	14		13	14
Pd–C(2)	2.042(4)	2.036(4)	Pd–Cl	2.3338(13)	2.3582(11)
Pd–P(1)	2.3144(12)	2.3260(11)	Pd–P(2)	2.2558(12)	2.2566(11)
C(2)–N(3)	1.291(6)	1.299(6)	N(3)–C(4)	1.468(6)	1.455(6)
C(2)–Pd–P(2)	96.02(13)	96.97(12)	C(2)–Pd–P(1)	176.72(14)	170.84(12)
P(2)–Pd–P(1)	85.66(4)	84.51(4)	C(2)–Pd–Cl	86.82(13)	88.04(12)
P(2)–Pd–Cl	177.16(5)	174.13(4)	P(1)–Pd–Cl	91.49(4)	91.02(4)

between the two cations is in the orientation of the iminoacyl plane with respect to the metal coordination plane (ca. 78° in **13** and ca. 68° in **14**). In **13** the imino N–H group is hydrogen bonded to one of the oxygen atoms of the disordered (60/40) triflate anion: N···O, H···O 2.85, 1.96 Å, N–H···O 170° (major occupancy). In **14** this group is hydrogen bonded to an included water molecule with N···O, H···O 2.72, 1.83 Å and N–H···O 176°; the water protons are involved in hydrogen-bonding interactions to the fluorine atoms of disordered BF₄ anions.

Once the characterization of the protonated compounds was completed, the reaction of **14** with isothiocyanates was investigated. Addition of 1 equiv of MeNCS to **14** in the presence of AgBF₄ resulted in the formation of a white precipitate (AgCl) and a clear solution. The reaction was monitored by ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy, which showed the complete conversion of **14** to a new product ($\delta = 54.4$ and 59.8 ppm) within 15 min. This product was isolated as a white solid and characterized on the basis of spectroscopic and analytical techniques as [Pd{C(Me)=NHXY}(dppe)(S=C=NMe)]-[BF₄]₂ (**15**). The IR spectrum of this complex showed stretches associated with N–H (3448, 3230 cm⁻¹), terminally coordinated RNCS (2253 cm⁻¹), iminoacyl C=N (1564 cm⁻¹), and BF₄ (1062 cm⁻¹). The ¹H NMR spectrum showed a singlet for the methyl group of the MeNCS moiety, suggesting that the isothiocyanate coordinates via the sulfur (as would be expected) and not via the nitrogen (in which case coupling to the phosphorus of the dppe should be observed). The iminoacyl group in complex **15** remains protonated, as confirmed by a singlet at 12.0 ppm in the ¹H NMR spectrum. The formulation was further confirmed by FAB(+) mass spectrometry and elemental analyses.

The analogous complex [Pd{C(Me)=NHXY}(dppe)-(S=C=NPh)][BF₄]₂ (**16**) was prepared by reacting **14** with 1 equiv of PhNCS. As for **15**, the IR spectrum indicates that PhNCS is terminally coordinated to the palladium (2197 cm⁻¹). In the ¹H NMR spectrum a singlet at 11.78 ppm indicates that the iminoacyl group remains protonated. The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum shows two doublets ($\delta = 54.6$ and 60.5 ppm) with values very similar to those seen for **15**. The FAB(+) mass spectrum and the elemental analyses are consistent with this formulation.

The results described above indicate that the protonation of **1** (to yield **13** and **14**) does indeed stop the nucleophilic attack by the nitrogen of the iminoacyl fragment to the carbon of the isothiocyanate. However, the desired insertion of isothiocyanate into the metal–carbon bond was not observed under these conditions; instead the terminally coordinated complexes **15** and **16** were obtained. Even after leaving these complexes in solution for prolonged periods of time, no further reactions were observed.

To explore the possibility of inducing the insertion of the coordinated isothiocyanate into the palladium–carbon bond (by adding a second coordinating species), compound **15** was reacted with 1 equiv of CNXY. The reaction was monitored by ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy, which showed that within 15 min the complete conversion of **15** to a new product occurred. Addition of hexane to the reaction mixture precipitated a white solid, which, on the basis of spectroscopic and analytical data, was characterized as [Pd{C(Me)=NHXY}(dppe)(CNXY)][BF₄]₂ (**17**). Clearly, this reaction led to the simple substitution of the coordinated isothiocyanate by isocyanide, and no further reactions were observed.

Conclusions

The results here presented have demonstrated that the insertion of the unsaturated species RNCE (E = O, S) into the Pd–C(R)=NXY bond is not facile. Instead, addition reactions involving the nucleophilic attack of the imido nitrogen atom at the electrophilic carbon center of RNCE occur readily. These reactions have led to the formation of new N–C bonds, resulting in the synthesis of coordinated asymmetric ureas and thio-ureas which could potentially be interesting organic fragments for the synthesis of more complex structures.^{15,16} The products obtained are highly dependent on the nature of the R group in the –C(R)=NXY fragment. When R = CH₃, the addition reaction is followed by the migration of one of the methyl protons to the nitrogen of the incoming RNCE. In the case of R = Ph this migration is not possible, and thus a product resulting from an addition reaction only is obtained. It has also been demonstrated that the nucleophilic attack by the imido nitrogen can be prevented by protonation. This leads to the formation of species where both the imido and RNCE groups are coordinated to the palladium without reacting with each other.

Experimental Section

Materials and Apparatus. All manipulations were carried out in an atmosphere of purified and dry nitrogen using standard Schlenk line techniques unless otherwise stated. Solvents were dried from the appropriate drying agent, degassed, and stored under nitrogen. All commercially available starting materials were not further purified unless otherwise stated; however all liquid starting materials were dried over molecular sieves and thoroughly degassed by freeze–pump–

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thaw prior to use. ^1H , ^{31}P , and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL-EX270 spectrometer (270.17, 109.38, and 67.94 MHz, respectively) with TMS, H_3PO_4 , and TMS, respectively, as internal references. IR spectra were recorded on Research Series FT-IR using KBr disks in the range 4000–500 cm^{-1} . Elemental analyses were carried out at the London Metropolitan University. The complexes $\text{Pd}(\text{Me})(\text{Cl})(\text{COD})$,¹⁷ $\text{Pd}(\text{Me})(\text{Cl})(\text{P}-\text{P})$ ($\text{P}-\text{P} = \text{dppp}$ and dppe),¹⁸ $\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{Me})=\text{NXY}\}(\text{Cl})(\text{dppe})$,⁹ $\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{Me})=\text{NXY}\}(\text{Cl})(\text{dppp})$,⁹ and $\text{Pd}(\text{Ph})(\text{I})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ ¹⁹ were synthesized according to previously reported procedures.

Synthesis of $[\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{=CH}_2)\text{N}(\text{Xy})\text{C}(\text{=O})\text{NHET}\}(\text{dppe})][\text{BF}_4]$ (3). Ethyl isocyanate (13.9 μL , 0.18 mmol) was added to a stirring solution of $\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{Me})=\text{NXY}\}(\text{Cl})(\text{dppe})$ (0.11 g, 0.16 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL). AgBF_4 (0.03 g, 0.17 mmol) was added as a solid to the reaction mixture. AgCl immediately precipitated from the yellow solution. The reaction mixture was stirred for a further 10 min, after which time the AgCl was filtered off. A yellow solid (characterized as **3**) was obtained by concentrating the mixture under reduced pressure (to approximately 10 mL) followed by addition of hexane (10 mL). Yield: 0.08 g; 0.10 mmol; 90%. Anal. Found: C, 55.73; H, 5.00; N, 3.17. Calcd for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_2\text{P}_2\text{OBF}_4\text{Pd}\cdot 0.5\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$: C, 55.72; H, 4.97; N, 3.17. IR (ν (KBr)): 3420 (N–H), 3056 (alkene C–H), 1598 (C=O),²⁰ 1566 s, 1541 s (C=C), 1102, 1058 (BF_4). $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3): δ 62.2 (d, 1P, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 32$ Hz), 42.4 (br d, 1P, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 32$ Hz). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 1.09 (t, 3H, (NCH_2CH_3), $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.0$ Hz), 2.13 (s, 6H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 2.66 (m, 4H, ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}$)), 3.33 (q, 2H, HNCH_2CH_3 , $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.0$ Hz), 3.89 [dd, 1H, ($\text{dppe})\text{PdC}(\text{=CH}_2)$, $^4J_{\text{PH}} = 19.0$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{PH}} = 13.0$ Hz], 4.85 (dd, 1H, ($\text{dppe})\text{PdC}(\text{=CH}_2)$, $^4J_{\text{PH}} = 5.0$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{PH}} = \text{unresolved}$), 7.12–7–28 (m, 4H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{CH}_3)_2 + \text{EtNH}$), 7.40–7.88 (m, 20H, PC_6H_5). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (CDCl_3): δ 14.2 (s, NCH_2CH_3), 17.8 (s, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 22.5 (br, ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}$)), 31.5 (br, ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}$)), 36.6 (s, NCH_2CH_3), 103.9 (br, $\text{PdC}(\text{=CH}_2)$), 125.8–136.8 (several signals assigned to the phenyl rings), 160.7 (dd, ($\text{dppe})\text{PdC}(\text{=CH}_2)$, $^2J_{\text{PCtrans}} = 138$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{PCcis}} = \text{unresolved}$), 163.7 (br, (C=O)). MS (FAB^+ ; m/z (relative intensity)): 721 (100) [$\text{M} - \text{BF}_4$] $^+$, 504 (16) [($\text{dppe})\text{Pd}]^+$.

Synthesis of $[\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{=CH}_2)\text{N}(\text{Xy})\text{C}(\text{=O})\text{NHPh}\}(\text{dppe})][\text{BF}_4]$ (4). Phenyl isocyanate (26.1 μL , 0.24 mmol) was added to a stirring solution of $\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{Me})=\text{NXY}\}(\text{Cl})(\text{dppe})$ (0.15 g, 0.22 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (25 mL). AgBF_4 (0.043 g, 0.22 mmol) was added as a solid to the reaction mixture. AgCl immediately precipitated from the yellow solution. The reaction mixture was stirred for a further 10 min. The reaction mixture was left to stir for 12 h, after which time the precipitated AgCl was filtered off to give a clear yellow solution. A yellow product was obtained (and characterized as **4**) by the reduction of the solvent to 10 mL and addition of hexane (15 mL). Yield: 0.13 g; 0.18 mmol; 81%. Anal. Found: C, 60.14; H, 4.93; N, 3.18. Calcd for $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{41}\text{P}_2\text{N}_2\text{OBF}_4\text{Pd}$: C, 60.27; H, 4.82; N, 3.27. IR (ν (KBr)): 3321 (N–H), 3056 (alkene C–H), 1593w (C=O),¹⁹ 1555s, 1533s (C=C), 1102, 1064 (BF_4). $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3): δ 43.8 (d, 1P, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 32$ Hz), 62.8 (d, 1P, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 32$ Hz). ^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2): δ 2.22 (s, 6H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 2.58 (m, 4H, ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}$)), 3.48 (dd, 1H, ($\text{dppe})\text{PdC}(\text{=CH}_2)$, $^4J_{\text{PH}} = 6.5$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{PH}} = \text{unresolved}$), 4.02 (dd, 1H, ($\text{dppe})\text{PdC}(\text{=CH}_2)$, $^4J_{\text{PH}} = 18$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{PH}} = 13$ Hz), 6.45 (s br, 1H, NH), 7.1–7–78 (m, 28H,

$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5(\text{CH}_3)_2 + 4 \times \text{PC}_6\text{H}_5 + \text{HN}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)$). MS (FAB^+ ; m/z (relative intensity): 769 (100) [$\text{M} - \text{BF}_4$] $^+$, 650 (15) [$\text{M} - \text{BF}_4 - \{\text{N}(\text{Ph})\text{NHC}(\text{=O})\}^+$, 504(26) [($\text{dppe})\text{Pd}]^+$.

Synthesis of $[\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{=CH}_2)\text{N}(\text{Xy})\text{C}(\text{=S})\text{NHPh}\}(\text{dppe})][\text{BF}_4]$ (6). Phenyl isothiocyanate (28.7 μL , 0.24 mmol) was added to a stirring solution of $\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{Me})=\text{NXY}\}(\text{Cl})(\text{dppe})$ (0.15 g, 0.22 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (25 mL). AgBF_4 (0.04 g, 0.22 mmol) was added as a solid. AgCl immediately precipitated from the yellow solution, and within 5 min the solution turned pale yellow. The reaction mixture was stirred for a further 10 min, after which time the AgCl was filtered off. A pale yellow solid (characterized as **6**) was obtained by the reduction of the solvent to 10 mL followed by addition of hexane (15 mL). Yield: 0.13 g; 0.15 mmol; 68%. Anal. Found: C, 57.11; H, 4.63; N, 2.92. Calcd for $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_2\text{P}_2\text{S}\text{BF}_4\text{Pd}\cdot 0.5\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$: C, 57.02; H, 4.62; N, 3.06. IR (ν (KBr)): 3448 (N–H), 3054 (alkene C–H), 1592 m, 1534 s (C=C), 1359 (C=S), 1102, 1053 (BF_4). $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3): δ 56.9 (d, 1P, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 32$ Hz), 46.9 (d, 1P, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 33$ Hz). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 2.16 (s, 6H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 2.58 (m, 4H, ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}$)), 4.10 (m, 1H, $\text{PdC}(\text{=CH}_2)$), 4.29 (m, 1H, $\text{PdC}(\text{=CH}_2)$), 7.01 (br s, PhNH), 7.17–7–84 (m, 3H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{CH}_3)_2 + 20\text{H}$, $4 \times \text{PC}_6\text{H}_5 + 5\text{H}$, C_6H_5). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (CDCl_3): δ 17.8 (s, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 25.8 (br, ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}$)), 30.6 (br, ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}$)), 113.2 (br, $\text{PdC}(\text{=CH}_2)$), 126.4–136.4 (several signals assigned to the phenyl rings of dppe and Xy and phenyl group), 163.2 (dd, $\text{PdC}(\text{=CH}_2)$, $^2J_{\text{PCtrans}} = 136$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{PCcis}} = 2$ Hz), 176.4 (dd, (C=S), $^3J_{\text{PC}} = 14$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{PC}} = 3$ Hz). MS (FAB^+ ; m/z (relative intensity)): 785 (100) [$\text{M} - \text{BF}_4$] $^+$, 504 (10) [($\text{dppe})\text{Pd}]^+$.

Synthesis of $[\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{=CH}_2)\text{N}(\text{Xy})\text{C}(\text{=S})\text{NHMe}\}(\text{dppp})][\text{BF}_4]$ (7). Methyl isothiocyanate (0.016 g, 0.23 mmol) was added to a stirring solution of $\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{Me})=\text{NXY}\}(\text{Cl})(\text{dppp})$ (0.15 g, 0.21 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (25 mL). AgBF_4 (0.04 g, 0.21 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture as a solid. AgCl immediately precipitated from the yellow solution. The reaction mixture was stirred for a further 10 min, after which time the AgCl was filtered off. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to 10 mL, and hexane was added until the solution turned cloudy. The solution was then filtered, and then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The solid residue was washed with diethyl ether (20 mL) to produce a fine white powder (which was characterized as **7**). Yield: 0.12 g; 0.15 mmol; 69%. Anal. Found: C, 56.68; H, 5.00; N, 3.41. Calcd for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{41}\text{P}_2\text{N}_2\text{S}\text{BF}_4$: C, 56.78; H, 5.01; N, 3.41. IR (ν (KBr)): 3386 (N–H), 3054 (alkene C–H), 1560s (C=C), 1262m (C=S), 1099, 1057 (BF_4). $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3): δ -1.8 (d, 1P, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 63$ Hz), 14.0 (d, 1P, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 63$ Hz). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 1.93 (s, 6H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 2.01 (m, 2H, ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}$)), 2.55 (m, 4H, ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}$)), 2.87 (d, 3H, HNCH_3 , $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 4.5$ Hz), 3.89 (dd, 1H, $\text{PdC}(\text{=CH}_2)$, $^4J_{\text{PH}} = 7.0$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{PH}} = \text{unresolved}$), 4.18 (dd, 1H, $\text{PdC}(\text{=CH}_2)$, $^4J_{\text{PH}} = 17.5$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{PH}} = \text{unresolved}$), 5.39 (m, 1H, CH_3NH), 7.12–7–24 (m, 3H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 7.32–7.74 (m, 20H, $4 \times \text{PC}_6\text{H}_5$). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (CDCl_3): δ 17.6 (s, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 18.7 (s, ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}$)), 24.5 (dd, ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}$), $^1J_{\text{PC}} = 25.5$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{PC}} = 5$ Hz), 28.6 (dd, ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}$), $^1J_{\text{PC}} = 31$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{PC}} = 12$ Hz), 32.2 (s, (N-CH₃)), 111.5 (dd, $\text{PdC}(\text{=CH}_2)$, $^3J_{\text{PCtrans}} = 16$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{PCcis}} = 6$ Hz), 128.8–136.2 (several signals assigned to the phenyl rings of dppe and Xy group), 163.8 (dd, $\text{PdC}(\text{=CH}_2)$, $^2J_{\text{PCtrans}} = 138$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{PCcis}} = 5$ Hz), 175.5 (dd, (C=S), $^3J_{\text{PC}} = 14$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{PC}} = 3$ Hz). MS (FAB^+ ; m/z (relative intensity)): 723 (100) [$\text{M} - \text{BF}_4$] $^+$, 504 (9) [($\text{dppe})\text{Pd}]^+$.

Synthesis of $\text{Pd}(\text{Ph})(\text{I})(\text{dppe})$ (8). 1,2-Bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane (0.95 g, 2.40 mmol) was added to a solution of $\text{Pd}(\text{Ph})(\text{I})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (2.0 g, 2.40 mmol) in toluene (65 mL). A precipitate formed after ca. 2 min. The mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h and then filtered. The resulting filtrate was washed with toluene (20 mL) and diethyl ether (20 mL). Yield: 1.25 g; 1.7 mmol; 74%. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3): δ 49.5 (d, 1P, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 28$ Hz), 34.5 (d, 1P, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 28$ Hz). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 2.28 (m, 4H, ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}$)), 6.67 (m, 3H, (3,4,5-Pd-

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Synthesis of Pd{C(Ph)=NXY}(I)(dppe) (9). 2,6-Dimethylphenyl isocyanide (0.06 g, 0.42 mmol) was added to a solution of (dppe)Pd(Ph)I (0.30 g, 0.42 mmol) in THF (30 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h. A product was obtained by concentrating the reaction mixture under reduced pressure (to about 10 mL) followed by addition of hexane (20 mL). The resulting pale yellow solid (characterized as **9**) was washed with diethyl ether (20 mL). Yield: 0.32 g; 0.38 mmol; 91%. Anal. Found: C, 58.49; H, 4.50; N, 1.69. Calcd for $C_{41}H_{38}N_2PdI$: C, 58.62; H, 4.56; N, 1.67. IR (ν (KBr)): 1602m, 1570s (N=C). $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2): δ 41.9 (d, 1P, $^2J_{PP} = 43$ Hz), 32.2 (d, 1P, $^2J_{PP} = 42$ Hz). 1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2): δ 1.87 (s, 6H, $(CH_3)_2C_6H_3NC$), 2.02 (br m, 2H (PCH₂CH₂P)), 2.25 (br m, 2H (PCH₂CH₂P)), 6.60–7.83 (m, 28H, ($4 \times$ P-Ph) + $(C_6H_3(CH_3)_2 + (C_6H_5)$)). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2): δ 20.2 (C_6H_3 - $(CH_3)_2$), 24.2 (dd, (PCH₂CH₂P), $^1J_{PC} = 25$ Hz, $^2J_{PC} = 12$ Hz), 31.5 [dd, (PCH₂CH₂P), $^1J_{PC} = 32$ Hz, $^2J_{PC} = 24$ Hz], 121.4–133.7 (several signals assigned to the phenyl rings of dppe, Xy and Ph groups), 143.2 (dd, PdC{=NR}1- C_6H_5 , $^3J_{PC(trans)} = 26$ Hz, $^3J_{PC(cis)} = 15$ Hz), 150.6 (dd, PdC{=NR}Ph, $^2J_{PCtrans} = 18$ Hz, $^2J_{PCcis} = 5$ Hz). MS (FAB⁺ m/z (relative intensity)): 840 (97) [M^+], 712(10) [$M^+ - I$], 631(11) [(dppe)PdI]⁺.

Synthesis of Pd{C(Ph)=N(Xy)C(=O)(=NPh)}(dppe)-[BF₄] (10). To a solution of Pd(Ph)I(dppe) (0.15 g, 0.21 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) was added 2,6-dimethylphenyl isocyanide (0.03 g, 0.21 mmol). An immediate color change to orange was observed. The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 1 h to ensure that the isocyanide had inserted. Phenyl isocyanate (23 μ L, 0.21 mmol) was then added to the reaction mixture followed by AgBF₄ (0.041 g, 0.21 mmol). This resulted in the precipitation of AgI from the solution. The reaction was stirred for a further 10 min and then filtered to removed the AgI. The solvent was then reduced to ca. 15 mL, and hexane was added to precipitate a yellow solid. The yellow solid was washed with two portions of diethyl ether (10 mL) and dried under vacuum. Yield: 0.15 g; 0.16 mmol; 78%. Anal. Found: C, 62.76; H, 4.68; N, 3.08. Calcd for $C_{48}H_{43}N_2P_2BF_4OPd$: C, 62.73; H, 4.72; N, 3.05. IR (ν (KBr)): 1712 (C=O), 1590 (C=N), 1052 (BF₄). $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ 57.5 (d, 1P, $^2J_{PP} = 34$ Hz), 50.4 (d, 1P, $^2J_{PP} = 34$ Hz). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ 2.12 (s, 6H, $C_6H_3(CH_3)_2$), 2.22 (m, 4H, (PCH₂CH₂P)), 6.31–6.97 (m, 13H, PdC(=NXY)(C_6H_5), $C_6H_3(CH_3)_2$, C(O)NPh), 7.46 (m, 20H, $4 \times$ P- (C_6H_5)). MS (FAB⁺ m/z (relative intensity)): 831 (4) [$M - BF_4$]⁺, 712 (100) [$M - BF_4 - (PhN=C=O)$]⁺, 581 (26) [(dppe)-PdPh]⁺, 504 (21) [(dppe)Pd]⁺.

Synthesis of Pd{C(Ph)=N(Xy)C(=S)(=NMe)}(dppe)-[BF₄] (11). Methyl isothiocyanate (0.02 g, 0.24 mmol) was added to a stirring solution of Pd{C(Ph)=NXY}(I)(dppe) (0.20 g, 0.24 mmol) in THF (25 mL). AgBF₄ (0.05 g, 0.24 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture as a solid. AgI immediately precipitated from the bright yellow solution. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min, after which time the AgI was filtered off. A yellow solid was obtained by concentrating the filtrate under reduced pressure (to approximately 10 mL) followed by addition of hexane (10 mL). Yield: 0.13 g; 0.15 mmol; 62%. Anal. Found: C, 59.26; H, 4.75; N, 3.16. Calcd for $C_{43}H_{41}N_2P_2SBF_4Pd$: C, 59.16; H, 4.73; N, 3.21. IR (ν (KBr)): 1609 (C=N), 1104, 1056 (BF₄). $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2): δ 53.7 (d, 1P, $^2J_{PP} = 35$ Hz), 52.5 (d, 1P, $^2J_{PP} = 34$ Hz). 1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2): δ 2.01 (s, 6H, $C_6H_3(CH_3)_2$), 2.38 (m, 4H, (PCH₂CH₂P)), 3.26 (s, 3H, NCH₃), 6.20–7.01 (m, 8H, C(=NR) $C_6H_5 + C_6H_3$ - $(CH_3)_2$), 7.40–7.88 (m, 20H, $4 \times$ P- C_6H_5). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ 18.2 (s, $C_6H_3(CH_3)_2$), 25.5 (dd, (PCH₂CH₂P), $^1J_{CP} = 31$ Hz, $^2J_{CP} = 16$ Hz), 31.9 (br, (PCH₂CH₂P)), 39.8 (s, N(CH₃)), 125.5–133.2 (several signals assigned to the phenyl rings of dppe and Xy), 141.7 (d, PdC-Ph, $J_{PC} = 2$ Hz), 142.8 (dd, C=S, $J_{PC} = 7$ Hz, $J_{PC} = 3$ Hz). MS (FAB⁺ m/z (relative intensity)): 785 (22) [M

- BF_4]⁺, 712 (100) [$M - BF_4 - \{(Me)N=C=S\}$]⁺, 581 (29) [(dppe)PdPh]⁺, 504 (22) [(dppe)Pd].

Synthesis Pd{C(Ph)=N(Xy)C(=S)(=NPh)}(dppe)[BF₄] (12). To a solution of Pd(Ph)I(dppe) (0.15 g, 0.21 mmol) in THF (25 mL) was added 2,6-dimethylphenyl isocyanide (0.03 g, 0.21 mmol). An immediate color change to orange was observed. The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 1 h to ensure that the isocyanide had inserted. Phenyl isothiocyanate (25 μ L, 0.21 mmol) was then added to the stirring solution followed by AgBF₄ (0.041 g, 0.21 mmol). This resulted in the immediate precipitation of AgI from the solution. The reaction was stirred for a further 10 min and then filtered to remove the AgI. The solvent was reduced to ca. 15 mL, and hexane was added to precipitate a yellow solid. This solid was then washed with two portions of diethyl ether (10 mL) and dried under vacuum. Yield: 0.17 g; 0.18 mmol; 87%. Anal. Found: C, 61.62; H, 4.49; N, 3.13. Calcd for $C_{48}H_{43}N_2P_2BF_4SPd$: C, 61.56; H, 4.65; N, 3.00. IR (ν (KBr)): 1579 (C=N), 1055 (BF₄). $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2): δ 54.2 (d, 1P, $^2J_{PP} = 33$ Hz), 52.6 (d, 1P, $^2J_{PP} = 33$ Hz). 1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2): δ 2.15 (s, 6H, $C_6H_3(CH_3)_2$), 2.44 (m, 4H, (PCH₂CH₂P)), 6.31–7.81 (m, 33H, $4 \times$ P-Ph, PdC(=NXY)Ph, $C_6H_3(CH_3)_2$). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2): δ 18.5 (s, $C_6H_3(CH_3)_2$), 25.9 (dd, (PCH₂CH₂P), $^1J_{CP} = 28$ Hz, $^2J_{CP} = 17$ Hz), 32.1 (dd, (PCH₂CH₂P), $^1J_{CP} = 39$ Hz, $^2J_{CP} = 19$ Hz), 120.7–133.4 (several signals assigned to the phenyl rings of dppe, Xy, and Ph groups), 142.4 (dd, PdC-Ph, $^2J_{CP(trans)} = 68$ Hz, $^2J_{CP(cis)} = 6$ Hz), 147.0 (s, C=S). MS (FAB⁺ m/z (relative intensity)): 847 (34) [$M - BF_4$]⁺, 712 (100) [$M - BF_4 - (PhN=C=S)$]⁺, 581 (28) [(dppe)PdPh]⁺, 504 (23) [(dppe)Pd]⁺.

Synthesis of Pd{C(Me)=NHXY}(Cl)(dppe)[OTf] (13). Pd{C(Me)=NXY}(Cl)(dppe) (0.30 g, 0.44 mmol) was dissolved in THF (30 mL) and HOTf (39 μ L, 0.44 mmol) added dropwise to this solution. The original yellow color gradually disappeared to yield an almost colorless solution. The reaction mixture was filtered and all the solvent removed under reduced pressure from the filtrate. This resulted in an oil, which upon rapid stirring with diethyl ether (25 mL) yielded a white solid. Yield: 0.24 g; 0.29 mmol; 65%. Anal. Found: C, 54.16; H, 4.62; N, 1.41. Calcd for $C_{37}H_{37}N_2P_2PdClO_3SF_6$: C_4H_8O : C, 54.19; H, 4.99; N, 1.54. IR (ν (KBr)): 3436 (N-H), 1628, 1570 (C=N), 1290, 1245, 1155, 1105, 1029 (OTf). $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ 49.5 (d, $^2J_{PP} = 23$ Hz), 56.9 (d, $^2J_{PP} = 23$ Hz). 1H NMR (d_3 -MeCN): δ 1.82 (s, 6H, $C_6H_3(CH_3)_2$), 1.90, (dd, 3H, Pd-C(CH_3), $^3J_{PH} = 4.5$ Hz, $^3J_{PH} = 1.0$ Hz) 2.33 (m, 2H, PCH₂CH₂P), 2.78 (m, 2H, PCH₂CH₂P), 7.06 (m, 2H, 3,5-H on Xy group), 7.19 (m, 1H, 4-H on Xy group), 7.60 (m, 12H, P-Ph(3,4,5)), 7.87 (m, 8, P-Ph(2,6)), 11.6 (s, NH). MS (FAB⁺ m/z (relative intensity)): 688 (83) [$M - OTf$]⁺, 652 (12) [$M - OTf - Cl$]⁺, 504 (12) [(dppe)Pd]⁺.

Synthesis of Pd{C(Me)=NHXY}(Cl)(dppe)[BF₄] (14). Pd{C(=NXY)Me}(Cl)(dppe) (0.50 g, 0.73 mmol) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL), and HBF₄ [(54 wt % in diethyl ether), 0.10 mL] was added dropwise to this solution. The original yellow color gradually disappeared to yield an almost colorless solution. The reaction mixture was filtered and all the solvent removed under reduced pressure from the filtrate. This resulted in an oil, which upon rapid stirring with diethyl ether (25 mL) yielded a white solid. Yield: 0.47 g; 0.61 mmol; 83%. Anal. Found: C, 55.82; H, 4.95; N, 1.76. Calcd for $C_{36}H_{37}N_2P_2PdClBF_4$: C, 55.84; H, 4.82; N, 1.81. IR (ν (KBr)): 3448, 3238 (N-H), 1566 (C=N), 1103, 1083, 1054 (BF₄). $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ 48.6 (d, $^2J_{PP} = 22$ Hz), 56.1 (d, $^2J_{PP} = 22$ Hz). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ 1.77 (s, 6H, $C_6H_3(CH_3)_2$), 2.03 (dd, 3H, Pd-C(CH_3), $^3J_{PH} = 4.0$ Hz, $^3J_{PH} =$ unresolved), 2.19 (m, 2H, PCH₂CH₂P), 2.79 (m, 2H, (PCH₂CH₂P)), 6.90 (d, 2H, 3,5- C_6H_3 - $(CH_3)_2$, $^3J_{HH} = 7.5$ Hz), 7.04 (m, 1H, 4- $C_6H_3(CH_3)_2$), 7.53 (m, 12H, P-Ph(3,4,5)), 7.82 (m, 8, P-Ph(2,6)), 11.8 (s, NH). MS (FAB⁺ m/z (relative intensity)): 688 (100) [$M - BF_4$]⁺, 650 (19) [(dppe)PdC(Me)=NXY]⁺, 504 (18) [(dppe)Pd]⁺.

Table 4. Crystal Data, Data Collection, and Refinement Parameters for Compounds 4, 6, 7, 10, 13, and 14^a

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formula	[C ₄₃ H ₄₁ N ₂ OP ₂ Pd][BF ₄]	[C ₄₃ H ₄₁ N ₂ SP ₂ Pd][BF ₄]	[C ₃₉ H ₄₁ N ₂ P ₂ SPd][BF ₄]
solvent		0.5CH ₂ Cl ₂	
fw	856.9	915.5	825.0
color, habit	pale yellow needles	colorless blocks	colorless prisms
cryst size/mm	1.00 × 0.25 × 0.23	0.67 × 0.60 × 0.37	0.53 × 0.40 × 0.27
temp/K	203	203	183
cryst syst	orthorhombic	monoclinic	monoclinic
space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁ (no. 19)	<i>C</i> c (no. 9)	<i>C</i> c (no. 9)
<i>a</i> /Å	13.000(2)	18.083(2)	12.780(2)
<i>b</i> /Å	14.578(2)	15.166(2)	18.527(2)
<i>c</i> /Å	20.620(2)	31.243(3)	17.258(2)
β/deg		90.65(1)	107.12(1)
<i>V</i> /Å ³	3907.8(8)	8568(2)	3905.4(8)
<i>Z</i>	4	8 ^b	4
<i>D</i> _c /g cm ⁻³	1.457	1.419	1.403
radiation used	Mo Kα	Mo Kα	Mo Kα
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.61	0.67	0.66
θ range/deg	2.0–25.0	2.2–25.0	2.0–25.0
no. of unique reflns			
measured	3846	7764	3609
obs, <i>F</i> _o > 4σ(<i>F</i> _o)	3374	7192	3389
no. of variables	433	971	426
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ ^c	0.036, 0.074	0.038, 0.085	0.033, 0.077

	10	13	14
formula	[C ₄₈ H ₄₃ N ₂ OP ₂ Pd][BF ₄]	[C ₃₆ H ₃₇ NP ₂ CIPd][CF ₃ SO ₃]	[C ₃₆ H ₃₇ NP ₂ CIPd][BF ₄]
solvent		MeCN	H ₂ O
fw	919.0	877.6	792.3
color, habit	yellow prismatic needles	colorless prismatic needles	colorless platy blocks
cryst size/mm	0.90 × 0.17 × 0.17	0.63 × 0.47 × 0.30	0.30 × 0.20 × 0.20
temp/K	293	293	203
cryst syst	trigonal	monoclinic	monoclinic
space group	<i>P</i> 3 ₂ (no. 145)	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i> (no. 14)	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i> (no. 14)
<i>a</i> /Å	12.031(1)	15.167(2)	11.345(2)
<i>b</i> /Å		15.247(2)	17.518(2)
<i>c</i> /Å	26.047(1)	18.550(2)	18.456(2)
β/deg		110.25(1)	104.72(1)
<i>V</i> /Å ³	3264.9(3)	4024.6(9)	3547.6(9)
<i>Z</i>	3	4	4
<i>D</i> _c /g cm ⁻³	1.402	1.448	1.483
radiation used	Cu Kα	Mo Kα	Mo Kα
μ/mm ⁻¹	4.59	0.71	0.74
θ range/deg	4.2–64.0	2.0–25.0	2.2–25.0
no. of unique reflns			
measured	3674	7054	6255
obs, <i>F</i> _o > 4σ(<i>F</i> _o)	3546	5188	4758
no. of variables	479	454	407
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ ^c	0.031, 0.077	0.045, 0.101	0.041, 0.083

^a Details in common: graphite-monochromated radiation, refinement based on *F*². ^b There are two crystallographically independent molecules in the asymmetric unit. ^c *R*₁ = Σ||*F*_o| - |*F*_c||/Σ|*F*_o|; *wR*₂ = {Σ[w(*F*_o² - *F*_c²)²]/Σ[w(*F*_o²)²]}^{1/2}; *w*⁻¹ = σ²(*F*_o²) + (*aP*)² + *bP*.

Synthesis of [Pd{C(Me)=NHXy}(dppe)(S=C=NMe)]-[BF₄]₂ (15). Methyl isothiocyanate (0.01 g, 0.14 mmol) was added to a stirring solution of [Pd{C(Me)NHXy}(Cl)(dppe)]-[BF₄] (0.10 g, 0.13 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) followed by AgBF₄ (0.03 g, 0.14 mmol). AgCl immediately precipitated from the clear solution. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min, and then the AgCl was filtered off. The filtrate was then concentrated under reduced pressure (to 10 mL) and hexane (10 mL) added to precipitate **15** as a white product. Yield: 0.06 g; 0.07 mmol; 51%. Anal. Found: C, 55.49; H, 5.93; N, 2.50. Calcd for C₃₈H₄₀N₂P₂PdSB₂F₈·1.75C₆H₁₄: C, 55.50; H, 6.19; N, 2.66. IR (ν_{max}/cm⁻¹) (KBr): 3448, 3230 (N-H), 2253 (N=C=S), 1564 (C=N), 1062 (BF₄). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ 54.4 (d, 1P, ²*J*_{PP} = 17 Hz), 59.8 (d, 1P, ²*J*_{PP} = 17 Hz). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 1.80 (s, 6H, C₆H₃(CH₃)₂), 2.00 (dd, 3H, Pd{C(CH₃)=NXy}), ⁴*J*_{HH} = 4.5 Hz, ⁴*J*_{HH} = unresolved), 2.52 (m, 2H, (PCH₂-CH₂P)), 3.06 (m, 2H, (PCH₂CH₂P)), 3.17 (br, 3H, NCH₃), 6.94 (d, 2H, 3,5-*H* {C₆H₃(CH₃)₂}, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.5 Hz), 7.08 (t, 1H, 4-*H* {C₆H₃(CH₃)₂}, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.5 Hz), 7.51–7.96 (m, 20H, 4(PC₆H₅)), 12.0 (br, 1H, *NH*). MS (FAB⁺ *m/z* (relative intensity)): 723 (55) [M - 2BF₄]⁺, 650 (100) [M - 2BF₄ - MeN=C=S]⁺, 519 (19) [(dppe)PdMe]⁺, 504 (23) [(dppe)Pd]⁺.

Synthesis of [Pd{C(Me)=NHXy}(dppe)(S=C=NPh)]-[BF₄]₂ (16). Phenyl isothiocyanate (23.2 μL, 0.20 mmol) was added to a stirring solution of [Pd{C(Me)=NHXy}(Cl)(dppe)]-[BF₄] (0.15 g, 0.20 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) followed by AgBF₄ (0.04 g, 0.195 mmol). AgCl immediately precipitated from the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min, after which time the AgCl was filtered off. The filtrate was then concentrated under reduced pressure (to 10 mL) and hexane (10 mL) added to precipitate **16** as a white product. Yield: 0.13 g; 0.15 mmol; 76%. Anal. Found: C, 52.91; H, 4.04; N, 2.26. Calcd for C₄₃H₄₂N₂P₂PdSB₂F₈: C, 53.17; H, 4.46; N, 2.95. IR (ν (KBr)): 3239 (N-H), 2197, 2094 (N=C=S), 1564 (C=N), 1061 (BF₄). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ 54.6 (br d, 1P, ²*J*_{PP} = unresolved), 60.5 (d, 1P, ²*J*_{PP} = 18 Hz). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 1.70 (s, 6H, {C₆H₃(CH₃)₂}), 1.93 (br, 3H, PdC(CH₃)), 2.49 (m, 4H, (PCH₂CH₂P)), 6.79–7.96 (m, 28H, 4(PC₆H₅) + NC₆H₅ + {C₆H₃(CH₃)₂}), 11.78 (br, 1H, *NH*). MS (FAB⁺ *m/z* (relative intensity)): 785 (38) [M - BF₄]⁺, 650 (100) [M - BF₄ - PhN=C=S]⁺, 519 (14) [(dppe)PdMe]⁺, 504 (24) [(dppe)Pd]⁺.

Synthesis of [Pd{C(Me)=NHXy}(dppe)(CNXy)]-[BF₄]₂ (17). CNXy (0.01 g, 0.09 mmol) was added to a solution of **15** (0.07 g, 0.08 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). The reaction was

monitored by $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectroscopy, which showed the complete conversion of **15** to a new product after 15 min. After this time, hexane (10 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, precipitating a white solid, which was characterized as **17**. Yield: 0.05 g; 0.05 mmol; 67%. Anal. Found: C, 56.47; H, 4.89; N, 2.85. Calcd for $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_2\text{P}_2\text{B}_2\text{F}_8\text{Pd}$: C, 56.49; H, 4.84; N, 2.93. IR (ν (KBr)): 3216 (N–H), 2199 (N=C), 1570 (C=N), 1058 (BF_4). $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3): δ 54.9 (two overlapping doublets, 2P). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 1.70 (s, 6H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{CH}_3)_2$, terminally coordinated isocyanide), 2.11 (dd, 3H, $\text{Pd}\{\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)=\text{NXYl}\}$, $^4J_{\text{PH}} = 4.0$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{PH}} =$ unresolved), 2.16 (s, 6H, $\{\text{C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{CH}_3)_2\}$), 2.64 (m, 2H, (PCH₂CH₂P)), 3.04 (m, 2H, (PCH₂CH₂P)), 6.90 (m, 6H, 2 $\{\text{C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{CH}_3)_2\}$), 7.45–7.69 (m, 12H, 3,4,5-*H* (PC_6H_5)), 7.74–7.92 (m, 8H, 2,6-*H* (PC_6H_5)), 12.29 (s br, 1H, NH). MS (FAB⁺ *m/z* (relative intensity)): 869 (19) $[\text{M} - \text{BF}_4]^+$, 650 (100) $[(\text{dppe})\text{PdC}\{\text{=NC}_6\text{H}_3(\text{CH}_3)_2\}\text{Me}]^+$, 519 (12) $[(\text{dppe})\text{PdMe}]^+$, 504 (16) $[(\text{dppe})\text{Pd}]$.

Crystal Structure Determination. Table 4 provides a summary of the crystallographic data for compounds **4**, **6**, **7**, **10**, **13**, and **14**. Data were collected on Siemens/Bruker P4 diffractometers using ω -scans, and the structures were refined based on F^2 using the SHELXTL program system.²¹ The absolute structures of **4**, **6**, **7**, and **10** were determined by a

combination of *R*-factor tests and by use of the Flack parameter [for **4**: $R_1^+ = 0.0358$, $R_1^- = 0.0387$, $x^+ = 0.00(4)$, $x^- = +1.00(4)$; for **6**: $R_1^+ = 0.0376$, $R_1^- = 0.0387$, $x^+ = 0.00(5)$, $x^- = +1.01(5)$; for **7**: $R_1^+ = 0.0333$, $R_1^- = 0.0346$, $x^+ = -0.12(8)$, $x^- = +1.12(8)$; for **10**: $R_1^+ = 0.0311$, $R_1^- = 0.0442$, $x^+ = +0.01(2)$, $x^- = +0.99(2)$]. CCDC 212289–212294.

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