

## Supplementary Information for

# Performance of recent density functionals to discriminate between Olefin and Nitrogen Binding to Palladium

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<b>Reference CCSD(T)/CBS</b>		-9.00	-3.1	206.2	-39.73	209.3	-30.46
<b>LDA</b>							
SVWN5		-4.34	0.4	202.9	-53.46	202.5	-49.12
<b>GGA and NGA</b>							
HFS		-5.80	-0.4	205.7	-48.73	206.1	-42.93
HFB		-12.57	-7.8	218.1	-22.43	225.9	-9.86
PBE		-6.96	-0.4	208.2	-38.73	208.6	-31.77
PBE-D2		-4.78	0.2	208.7	-42.11	208.5	-37.33
OPBE		-5.56	2.1	206.2	-31.03	204.1	-25.47
OLYP		-9.06	-0.1	209.6	-27.88	209.7	-18.82
SLYP		-2.30	0.5	201.2	-61.07	200.6	-58.77
BP86		-7.90	-1.1	208.6	-37.70	209.7	-29.80
BP86-D2		-4.87	-0.3	209.2	-42.45	209.5	-37.58
BP86-PFD		-3.44	-6.3	213.8	-43.79	220.2	-40.35
PW91		-7.14	-0.8	208.1	-39.51	208.9	-32.37
BLYP		-10.67	-3.1	211.8	-32.81	214.9	-22.14
BLYP-D2		-7.37	-1.7	212.3	-38.24	214.1	-30.87
B97D		-6.52	-1.7	211.1	-37.80	212.8	-31.28
B97D3		-7.12	-2.1	209.9	-38.41	212.0	-31.29
HCTH407		-9.35	0.0	209.5	-30.78	209.5	-21.43
SOGGA11		-6.49	0.8	208.7	-28.32	207.8	-21.83
N12		-7.08	-0.1	206.6	-37.49	206.8	-30.41
<b>Meta-GGA and meta-NGA</b>							
TPSS		-7.64	-0.6	208.5	-37.82	209.1	-30.18
M06-L		-6.46	1.5	210.5	-36.15	209.0	-29.69
M11L		-9.86	-5.5	205.9	-33.22	211.3	-23.36
t-HCTH		-8.99	-1.5	208.2	-34.32	209.6	-25.32
MN12-L		-9.00	-3.3	203.7	-40.67	207.1	-31.67
<b>Dispersion +D3(BJ)</b>							
B3LYP-D3		-9.17	-4.5	208.9	-39.02	213.4	-29.84
B3PW91-D3		-6.68	-2.5	206.6	-41.39	209.1	-34.71
BLYP-D3		-7.71	-1.9	212.0	-38.41	213.9	-30.70
BMK-D3		-10.17	-0.9	210.4	-38.68	211.3	-28.52
BP86-D3		-5.14	-0.8	208.3	-42.34	209.1	-37.20
CAM-B3LYP-D3		-11.08	-5.4	206.9	-40.36	212.3	-29.27
LC- $\omega$ PBE-D3		-8.33	-2.5	205.0	-42.33	207.5	-33.99
PBE1PBE-D3		-7.41	-2.6	205.9	-41.34	208.5	-33.94
B2PLYP-D3		-7.30	-2.1	207.2	-39.62	209.4	-32.32
<b>Hybrid GGA</b>							
O3LYP	11.61	-9.97	-1.6	208.4	-29.77	209.9	-19.80
$\tau$ -HCTH-hyb	15	-9.24	-3.1	207.5	-37.57	210.6	-28.33
B3LYP	20	-11.77	-5.2	209.1	-34.40	214.3	-22.63
Rev-B3LYP		-11.31	-4.8	208.5	-35.90	213.3	-24.58
B3PW91		-9.48	-2.9	207.0	-36.53	209.9	-27.04
B3P86		-9.31	-3.0	206.4	-38.88	209.4	-29.57
mPW3PBE		-9.06	-2.7	206.6	-38.04	209.3	-28.98
B97-1	21	-9.85	-4.0	208.2	-35.79	212.2	-25.94
B97-2		-9.83	-3.3	207.4	-34.58	210.7	-24.74
X3LYP	21.8	-11.75	-5.3	208.8	-35.29	214.2	-23.54
B98	21.98	-10.36	-4.3	208.0	-35.53	212.3	-25.17
APF	23	-9.10	-2.8	206.5	-37.88	209.3	-28.77
APFD		-4.65	-8.7	211.4	-43.75	220.1	-39.10
PBE0	25	-8.83	-2.8	206.1	-38.82	208.9	-30.00
mPW1LYP	25	-12.19	-6.2	209.0	-34.99	215.2	-22.80
mPW1PBE	25	-9.06	-3.0	206.1	-38.04	209.1	-28.98
SOGGA11-X	40.15	-10.82	-5.9	207.1	-36.59	213.0	-25.77
MPW1K	42.8	-10.46	-5.0	205.0	-38.10	210.0	-27.64
BH&H	50	-10.19	-5.0	202.2	-48.65	207.3	-38.47
BH&HLYP		-13.89	-9.2	207.2	-34.72	216.4	-20.83
<b>Reference CCSD(T)/CBS</b>		-9.00	-3.1	206.2	-39.73	209.3	-30.46

Table S1: Relative energies ( $\Delta E$  in kcal/mol), distance difference, Pd-G and Pd-N distances (in pm) for the model molecules.

<b>Model systems</b>							
<i>Functional</i>	% echange (attenuation)	$\Delta E = E(\text{azane}) - E(\text{ethylene})$ (kcal/mol)	$\Delta d = d(\text{PdN}) - d(\text{PdG})$ (pm)	Azane complex		Alkene complex	
				d(Pd-N) (pm)	Binding E (kcal/mol)	d(Pd-G) (pm)	Binding E (kcal/mol)
<b>Reference CCSD(T)/CBS</b>		-9.00	-3.1	206.2	-39.73	209.3	-30.46
<b>Hybrid meta-GGA</b>							
TPSSh	10	-8.37	-1.5	207.6	-37.80	209.2	-29.43
M06	27	-7.24	-4.6	209.3	-37.87	213.9	-30.63
B1B95	28	-8.76	-2.7	206.6	-36.49	209.4	-27.73
MPW1B95	31	-8.72	-3.0	206.2	-37.85	209.2	-29.13
BMK	42	-12.64	-1.7	210.1	-35.00	211.8	-22.36
MPW1B1K	44	-9.52	-4.4	205.2	-38.14	209.6	-28.63
M06-2X	54	-11.38	-6.0	209.8	-35.96	215.7	-24.58
M06-HF	100	-12.32	-9.4	205.9	-38.87	215.3	-26.55
<b>Range separated Hybrid</b>							
LC-BP86	0-100 (0,47)	-9.64	-2.6	201.9	-48.50	204.5	-38.86
LC-PBE		-9.25	-2.1	201.9	-46.63	203.9	-37.38
LC- $\omega$ PBE		-10.04	-2.7	205.2	-39.48	207.9	-29.44
LC-BLYP		-12.93	-5.0	204.4	-43.12	209.4	-30.19
CAM-B3LYP	19-65 (0,33)	-12.57	-5.6	207.0	-37.89	212.6	-25.32
LC-TPSS	0-100 (0,47)	-9.78	-2.5	202.5	-45.00	205.0	-35.22
$\omega$ B97	0-100 (0,40)	-10.70	-3.5	207.3	-39.91	210.8	-29.21
$\omega$ B97X	15,77-100 (0,30)	-11.18	-4.6	207.3	-39.31	211.9	-28.13
wB97X-D	22,20-100 (0,20)	-9.69	-4.4	207.7	-39.10	212.1	-29.42
M11	42,8-100 (0,25)	-9.62	-2.5	207.7	-35.52	210.2	-25.90
HISSEbPBE	0-60-0 (0,84,0,20)	-10.00	-4.2	205.5	-39.23	209.6	-29.22
HSE06	25-0 (0,11)	-9.07	-3.1	206.6	-39.05	209.7	-29.97
N12-SX	25-0 (0,11)	-8.53	-2.0	206.0	-38.28	208.0	-29.75
MN12-SX	25-0 (0,11)	-9.49	-4.0	205.4	-36.14	209.4	-26.66
<b>Double hybrid</b>							
B2PLYP		-8.72	-2.3	207.5	-37.32	209.8	-28.60
B2PLYP-D3		-7.30	-2.1	207.2	-39.62	209.4	-32.32
mPW2PLYP		-9.28	-3.1	207.2	-37.91	210.3	-28.63
B2GPPLYP		-8.12	-2.1	206.4	-38.61	208.5	-30.48
B2GPPLYP-D3		-6.31	-1.9	206.1	-41.60	208.0	-35.28
<b>Ab initio</b>							
HF		0.00	-20.1	210.0	-24.78	230.2	-6.31
MP2/aVTZ		0.10	2.8	202.6	-45.39	199.8	-45.49
MP2/aVQZ		-0.20	3.4	202.4	-45.54	199.0	-45.34
MP2/aV5Z		-0.20	6.7	202.3	-45.46	195.6	-45.27
MP3		-12.59	-7.8	206.0	-37.18	213.8	-24.58
MP2.5		-6.77	-2.0	204.1	-41.25	206.1	-34.48
MP2.68		-9.01	-3.9	204.9	-39.75	208.8	-30.73
SCS-MP2		-4.70	0.6	204.4	-40.71	203.7	-36.00
SCS-MP3		-7.96	-1.8	205.4	-38.67	207.2	-30.71
CCSD/aVTZ		-11.29	-5.1	206.1	-37.84	211.2	-26.55
CCSD(T)/aVTZ		-8.77	-3.1	206.2	-39.73	209.3	-30.96
CCSD(T)/CBS[Q/5]		-9.26	-3.3	205.8	-39.73	209.0	-30.46
<b>Reference CCSD(T)/CBS</b>		-9.00	-3.1	206.2	-39.73	209.3	-30.71

Table S1 (continued): Relative energies ( $\Delta E$  in kcal/mol), distance difference, Pd-G and Pd-N distances (in pm) for the model molecules.

<b>2-iodo-N-allyl-aniline</b>					
				Amino complex	Alkene complex
<i>Functional</i>	% echange (attenuation)	$\Delta E = E(\text{amino}) - E(\text{ethylene})$ (kcal/mol)	$\Delta d = d(\text{PdN}) - d(\text{PdG})$ (pm)	d(Pd-N) (pm)	d(Pd-G) (pm)
<b>Reference</b>		1.58	5.2	215.9	210.7
<b>LDA</b>					
SVWN5		11.47	7.7	210.8	203.1
<b>GGA and NGA</b>					
HFS		7.36	6.8	213.8	207.0
HFB		-8.08	-4.1	230.7	234.8
PBE		4.28	7.7	217.8	210.0
PBE-D2		5.11	6.5	216.7	210.2
OPBE		6.58	12.4	216.0	203.5
OLYP		-0.20	10.8	221.5	210.7
SLYP		14.82	7.5	208.5	201.0
BP86		2.95	6.7	218.2	211.4
BP86-D2		4.14	4.9	216.6	211.8
PW91		4.10	7.3	217.7	210.5
BLYP		-2.03	4.2	223.1	218.9
BLYP-D2		-0.06	1.9	220.8	218.9
B97D		0.11	2.8	219.6	216.9
B97D3		-0.07	3.7	218.8	215.1
HCTH407		-0.89	10.7	221.8	211.1
SOGGA11		5.04	9.2	217.5	208.3
N12		5.67	9.7	217.1	207.4
<b>Meta-GGA and meta-NGA</b>					
TPSS		2.63	5.5	216.7	211.2
M06-L		2.53	8.4	220.3	211.9
M11-L		0.67	-3.1	214.8	217.8
$\tau$ -HCTH		1.22	7.8	219.6	211.8
MN12-L		-3.59	-6.1	208.8	214.9
<b>Dispersion +D3(BJ)</b>					
BP86-D3		3.22	5.8	216.3	210.6
BLYP-D3		-0.86	2.5	220.3	217.7
B3LYP-D3		-1.05	0.2	217.8	217.6
B3PW91-D3		2.53	3.9	214.7	210.8
PBE1PBE-D3		3.35	4.4	214.4	210.1
BMK-D3		-4.50	-2.4	214.7	217.1
CAM-B3LYP-D3		-2.17	-0.2	215.8	216.0
LC- $\omega$ PBE-D3		1.66	3.7	212.1	208.4
<b>Hybrid GGA</b>					
O3LYP	11.61	-0.37	8.3	219.8	211.5
$\tau$ -HCTH-hyb	15	0.95	4.3	217.7	213.4
B3LYP	20	-1.96	1.3	220.0	218.7
B3PW91		2.06	4.8	216.7	211.9
B3P86		2.55	4.4	215.9	211.5
mPW3PBE		2.72	5.0	216.1	211.2
B97-1	21	0.16	3.2	218.3	215.0
B97-2		0.62	4.7	217.8	213.1
X3LYP	21.8	-1.78	1.0	219.5	218.6
B98	21.98	-0.38	2.5	218.1	215.6
APF	23	2.79	4.8	215.9	211.1
APFD		2.24	-5.5	218.8	224.3
PBE0	25	3.31	4.9	215.4	210.5
mPW1LYP	25	-2.47	-0.5	220.0	220.4
mPW1PBE	25	3.04	4.7	215.5	210.7
SOGGA11-X	40.15	-0.12	1.1	217.6	216.4
MPW1K	42.8	1.91	2.1	214.5	212.4
BH&H	50	4.27	1.0	210.4	209.5
BH&HLYP		-3.41	-5.2	218.0	223.3
<b>Reference</b>		1.58	5.2	215.9	210.7

Table S2: Relative energies ( $\Delta E$  in kcal/mol), distance difference, Pd-G and Pd-N distances (in pm) for 2-iodo-N-allyl-aniline.

<b>2-iodo-N-allyl-aniline</b>					
				Amino complex	Alkene complex
<i>Functional</i>	% echange (attenuation)	$\Delta E = E(\text{amino}) - E(\text{ethylene})$ (kcal/mol)	$\Delta d = d(\text{PdN}) - d(\text{PdG})$ (pm)	d(Pd-N) (pm)	d(Pd-G) (pm)
<b>Reference</b>		1.58	5.2	215.9	210.7
<b>Hybrid meta-GGA</b>					
<i>TPSSh</i>	10	2.38	4.6	216.0	211.4
<i>M06</i>	27	2.21	3.1	218.3	215.3
<i>B1B95</i>	28	3.18	3.7	215.2	211.5
<i>MPW1B95</i>	31	3.33	3.3	214.8	211.5
<i>BMK</i>	42	-4.96	-2.0	216.3	218.4
<i>MPW1B1K</i>	44	2.86	1.6	213.8	212.1
<i>M06-2X</i>	54	-0.75	-3.5	221.9	225.3
<i>M06-HF</i>	100	-1.43	-8.2	216.4	224.6
<b>Range separated Hybrid</b>					
<i>LC-BP86</i>	0-100 (0,47)	3.88	3.5	208.7	205.2
<i>LC-PBE</i>		4.70	4.5	208.7	204.3
<i>LC-<math>\omega</math>PBE</i>		1.68	4.2	213.1	208.9
<i>LC-BLYP</i>		-1.88	0.6	212.6	212.0
<i>CAM-B3LYP</i>	19-65 (0,33)	-2.16	0.2	216.7	216.4
<i>LC-TPSS</i>	0-100 (0,47)	3.17	3.6	209.4	205.8
<i><math>\omega</math>B97</i>	0-100 (0,40)	-1.75	2.1	216.5	214.4
<i><math>\omega</math>B97X</i>	15,77-100 (0,30)	-1.65	1.4	216.7	215.3
<i><math>\omega</math>B97X-D</i>	22,20-100 (0,20)	-1.27	2.1	216.2	214.0
<i>M11</i>	42,8-100 (0,25)	-0.07	-0.3	216.5	216.8
<i>HISSbPBE</i>	0-60-0 (0,84,0,20)	2.44	2.8	214.6	211.8
<i>HSE06</i>	25-0 (0,11)	2.86	4.3	216.0	211.7
<i>N12-SX</i>	25-0 (0,11)	4.06	5.9	215.1	209.2
<i>MN12-SX</i>	25-0 (0,11)	-0.87	-1.5	213.2	214.7
<b>Ab initio</b>					
<i>HF</i>		-8.09			
<i>MP2</i>		11.69			
<i>MP3</i>		-3.22			
<i>MP2.5</i>		4.24			
<i>MP2.68</i>		1.55			
<i>SCS-MP2</i>		5.47			
<i>SCS-MP3</i>		1.70			
<b>Double hybrid</b>					
<i>B2PLYP</i>		1.80	5.2	215.9	210.7
<i>mPW2PLYP</i>		1.37	4.2	215.6	211.5
<b>Reference</b>		1.58	5.2	215.9	210.7

Table S2 (continued): Relative energies ( $\Delta E$  in kcal/mol), distance difference, Pd-G and Pd-N distances (in pm) for 2-iodo-N-allyl-aniline.

<b>Model systems</b>						
			Azane complex		Alkene complex	
<i>Functional</i>	$\Delta E = E(\text{azane}) - E(\text{ethylene})$ (kcal/mol)	$\Delta d = d(\text{PdN}) - d(\text{PdG})$ (pm)	d(Pd-N) (pm)	Binding E (kcal/mol)	d(Pd-G) (pm)	Binding E (kcal/mol)
<b>Reference CCSD(T)/CBS</b>	-9.00	-3.1	206.2	-39.73	209.3	-30.46
<b>GGA</b>						
<i>OLYP</i>	-9.06	-0.1	209.6	-27.89	209.7	-18.82
<i>OPBE</i>	-5.56	2.1	206.2	-31.02	204.1	-25.47
<i>OPW91</i>	-5.84	1.9	206.5	-30.75	204.6	-24.91
<i>OP86</i>	-5.86	1.5	206.3	-32.84	204.8	-26.98
<i>PW91LYP</i>	-10.00	-3.0	211.0	-36.52	214.0	-26.51
<i>PW91PBE</i>	-6.87	-0.7	207.8	-39.78	208.5	-32.91
<i>PW91</i>	-7.14	-0.8	208.1	-39.51	208.9	-32.38
<i>PW91P86</i>	-7.18	-1.2	207.9	-41.52	209.1	-34.34
<i>PBELYP</i>	-10.10	-2.9	211.5	-35.51	214.4	-25.4
<i>PBE</i>	-6.96	-0.4	208.2	-38.73	208.6	-31.71
<i>PBEPW91</i>	-7.21	-0.7	208.5	-38.46	209.2	-31.25
<i>PBEP86</i>	-7.26	-1.0	208.3	-40.46	209.3	-33.7
<i>BLYP</i>	-10.67	-3.1	211.8	-32.81	214.9	-22.15
<i>BPBE</i>	-7.59	-0.7	208.5	-35.96	209.2	-28.37
<i>BPW91</i>	-7.84	-0.8	208.8	-35.70	209.6	-27.85
<i>BP86</i>	-7.90	-1.1	208.6	-37.70	209.7	-29.8

<b>2-iodo-N-allyl-aniline</b>				
			Amino complex	Alkene complex
<i>Functional</i>	$\Delta E = E(\text{azane}) - E(\text{ethylene})$ (kcal/mol)	$\Delta d = d(\text{PdN}) - d(\text{PdG})$ (pm)	d(Pd-N) (pm)	d(Pd-G) (pm)
<b>Reference</b>	1.58	5.2	215.9	210.7
<b>GGA</b>				
<i>OLYP</i>	-0.20	10.8	221.5	210.7
<i>OPBE</i>	4.28	7.7	217.8	210.0
<i>OPW91</i>	6.01	12.4	216.4	204.1
<i>OP86</i>	5.94	11.5	216.0	204.4
<i>PW91LYP</i>	-1.00	4.0	222.0	218.0
<i>PW91PBE</i>	4.56	7.5	217.3	209.8
<i>PW91</i>	4.10	7.3	217.7	210.5
<i>PW91P86</i>	3.99	6.6	217.4	210.8
<i>PBELYP</i>	-1.29	4.3	222.6	218.4
<i>PBE</i>	4.28	7.7	217.8	210.0
<i>PBEPW91</i>	3.82	7.6	218.2	210.6
<i>PBEP86</i>	3.72	6.8	217.9	211.0
<i>BLYP</i>	-2.03	4.2	223.1	218.9
<i>BPBE</i>	3.48	7.7	218.1	210.5
<i>BPW91</i>	3.03	7.5	218.6	211.1
<i>BP86</i>	2.95	6.7	218.2	211.4

Table S3: Influence of the exchange and correlation functionals for the model systems and 2-iodo-N-allyl-aniline. Relative energies ( $\Delta E$  in kcal/mol), distance difference, Pd-G and Pd-N distances (in pm).

### Electronic energy for the Alkene complex (in Hartree)

	2.00	2.05	2.10	2.15	2.20	2.25	2.30	2.35	2.40
dPdC	2.00	2.05	2.10	2.15	2.20	2.25	2.30	2.35	2.40
dPdG	1.87	1.93	1.98	2.04	2.09	2.14	2.20	2.25	2.30
B2PLYP/aVTZ	-1351.97068	-1351.97643	-1351.98005	-1351.98200	-1351.98266	-1351.98238	-1351.98137	-1351.97986	-1351.97800
HF/aVTZ	-1349.10509	-1349.11353	-1349.12004	-1349.12491	-1349.12853	-1349.13100	-1349.13256	-1349.13350	-1349.13396
MP2/aVTZ	-1350.46398	-1350.46702	-1350.46809	-1350.46771	-1350.46623	-1350.46408	-1350.46141	-1350.45831	-1350.45495
MP2/aVQZ	-1350.56966	-1350.57260	-1350.57360	-1350.57315	-1350.57162	-1350.56943	-1350.56673	-1350.56360	
MP2/aV5Z	-1350.61186	-1350.61478	-1350.61575	-1350.61529	-1350.61375	-1350.61155	-1350.60886	-1350.60573	
MP2 CBS from MP2(Q/5)	-1346.09856	-1346.10984	-1346.11937	-1346.12731	-1346.13403	-1346.13940	-1346.14364	-1346.14716	
MP3/aVTZ	-1350.45862	-1350.46453	-1350.46856	-1350.47107	-1350.47240	-1350.47280	-1350.47246	-1350.47156	-1350.47025
MP2.5/aVTZ	-1350.46130	-1350.46577	-1350.46832	-1350.46939	-1350.46932	-1350.46844	-1350.46693	-1350.46494	-1350.46260
MP2.68/aVTZ	-1350.46034	-1350.46533	-1350.46841	-1350.46999	-1350.47043	-1350.47001	-1350.46892	-1350.46732	-1350.46535
SCS-MP2/aVTZ	-1350.42069	-1350.42458	-1350.42655	-1350.42708	-1350.42652	-1350.42524	-1350.42340	-1350.42111	-1350.41854
SCS-MP3/aVTZ	-1350.41935	-1350.42396	-1350.42667	-1350.42792	-1350.42806	-1350.42742	-1350.42616	-1350.42442	-1350.42236
MP3 SCS (c=0,5)	-1350.41667	-1350.42271	-1350.42690	-1350.42960	-1350.43115	-1350.43178	-1350.43168	-1350.43104	-1350.43002
CCSD/aVTZ			-1350.49123	-1350.49335	-1350.49425	-1350.49422	-1350.49345	-1350.49215	
CCSD(T)/aVTZ			-1350.56290	-1350.56475	-1350.56533	-1350.56497	-1350.56388	-1350.56225	

### Electronic energy for the Amino complex (in Hartree)

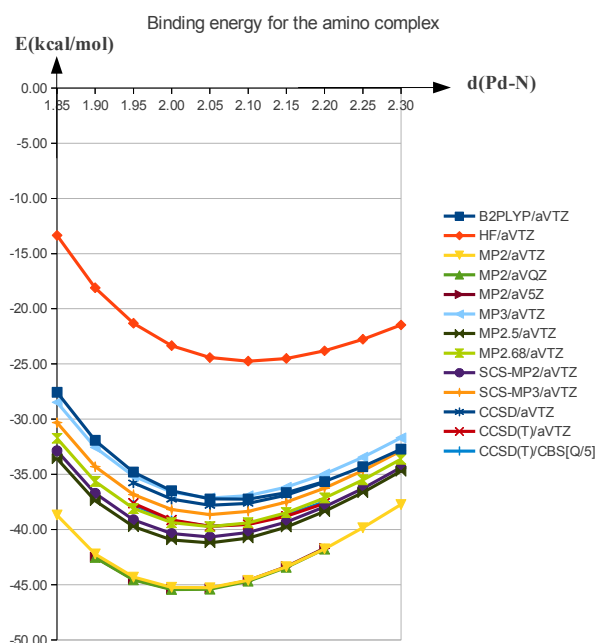
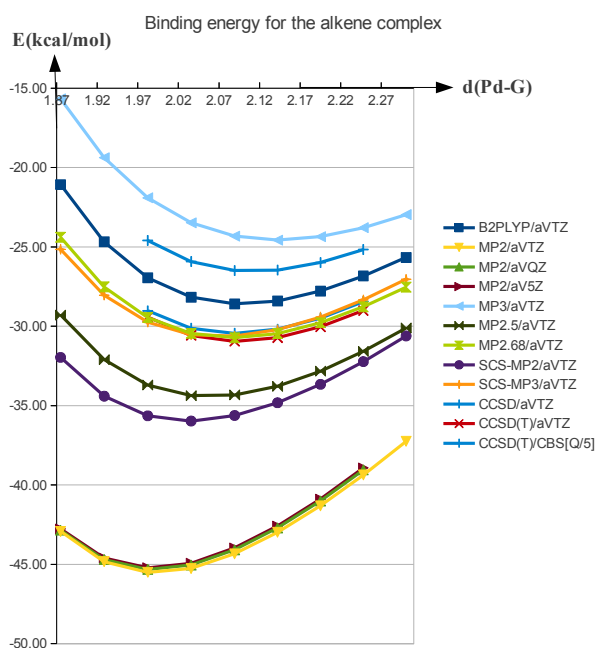
	1.85	1.90	1.95	2.00	2.05	2.10	2.15	2.20	2.25	2.30
dPdN	1.85	1.90	1.95	2.00	2.05	2.10	2.15	2.20	2.25	2.30
B2PLYP/aVTZ	-1329.98169	-1329.98864	-1329.99322	-1329.99591	-1329.99710	-1329.99711	-1329.99619	-1329.99458	-1329.99243	-1329.98992
HF/aVTZ	-1327.30415	-1327.31172	-1327.31684	-1327.32007	-1327.32179	-1327.32231	-1327.32192	-1327.32081	-1327.31914	-1327.31708
MP2/aVTZ	-1328.51691	-1328.52253	-1328.52587	-1328.52736	-1328.52741	-1328.52633	-1328.52438	-1328.52180	-1328.51875	-1328.51539
MP2/aVQZ		-1328.62292	-1328.62615	-1328.62754	-1328.62750	-1328.62635	-1328.62433	-1328.62170		
MP2/aV5Z		-1328.66334	-1328.66655	-1328.66792	-1328.66787	-1328.66670	-1328.66468	-1328.66205		
MP2 CBS from MP2(Q/5)		-1324.50315	-1324.50883	-1324.51264	-1324.51490	-1324.51596	-1324.51613	-1324.51555		
MP3/aVTZ	-1328.52730	-1328.53383	-1328.53800	-1328.54031	-1328.54113	-1328.54080	-1328.53958	-1328.53767	-1328.53524	-1328.53246
MP2.5/aVTZ	-1328.52211	-1328.52818	-1328.53194	-1328.53383	-1328.53427	-1328.53357	-1328.53198	-1328.52974	-1328.52700	-1328.52393
MP2.68/aVTZ	-1328.52398	-1328.53022	-1328.53412	-1328.53616	-1328.53674	-1328.53617	-1328.53472	-1328.53260	-1328.52997	-1328.52700
SCS-MP2/aVTZ	-1328.47796	-1328.48410	-1328.48793	-1328.48989	-1328.49040	-1328.48977	-1328.48824	-1328.48606	-1328.48338	-1328.48037
SCS-MP3/aVTZ	-1328.48056	-1328.48693	-1328.49096	-1328.49313	-1328.49383	-1328.49338	-1328.49204	-1328.49003	-1328.48751	-1328.48463
CCSD/aVTZ			-1328.56	-1328.56	-1328.56	-1328.56	-1328.56	-1328.56		
CCSD(T)/aVTZ			-1328.61646	-1328.61887	-1328.61979	-1328.61952	-1328.61834	-1328.61646		

### Electronic energies (in Hartree)

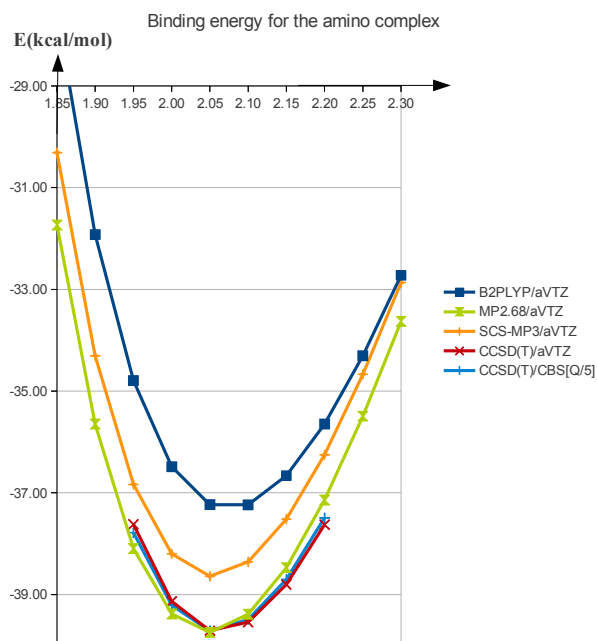
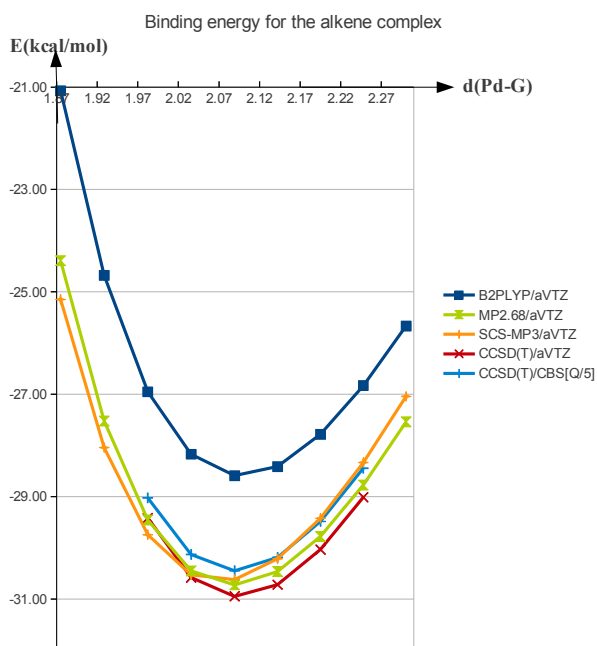
	[Pd(PH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl] <sup>+</sup>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>
HF/aVTZ	-1271.05741		
HF/aVQZ	-1271.07149		
MP2/aVDZ	-1271.98980		
MP2/aVTZ	-1271.98980	-78.40578	-56.46546
MP2/aVQZ	-1272.07242	-78.42895	-56.48271
MP2/aV5Z	-1272.10682	-78.43687	-56.48877
MP2/CBS from MP2(Q/5)	-1272.14292	-78.44518	-56.49514
CCSD/aVTZ	-1272.02258	-78.42947	-56.47707
CCSD(T)/VTZ	-1272.07115	-78.44487	-56.48535

Table S4: Electronic energies (in Hartree) for the model systems. For all ab initio methods, single points were performed on B2PLYP/aVTZ geometries. For the **ModA** complex, both Pd-C distances were frozen at the same value. As the complex is symmetric, this does not introduce artificial constraint. The Pd-G distance was then computed and is given in the upper table. For the **ModN** complex, the Pd-N distance was frozen.

Each curve was fitted using a third order polynomial that provided the energy and distance of the minimum. These parameters are reported in Table S1.

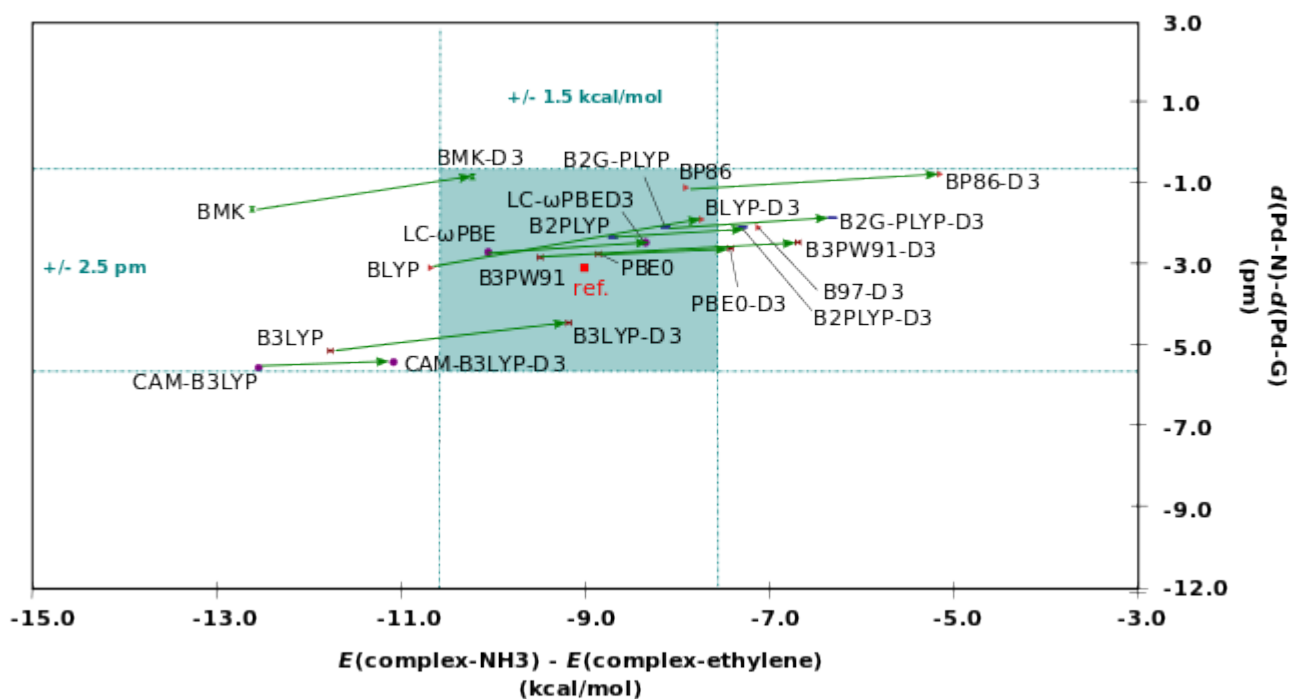


**Figure SI-1:** Binding energies (in kcal/mol) for alkene (as a function of the Pd-G distance) and azane (as a function of the Pd-N distance) complexes at *ab initio* level. The binding energies are computed using energies from Table S4 for  $[\text{Pd}(\text{PH}_3)_2\text{Cl}]^+$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  and  $\text{NH}_3$ .

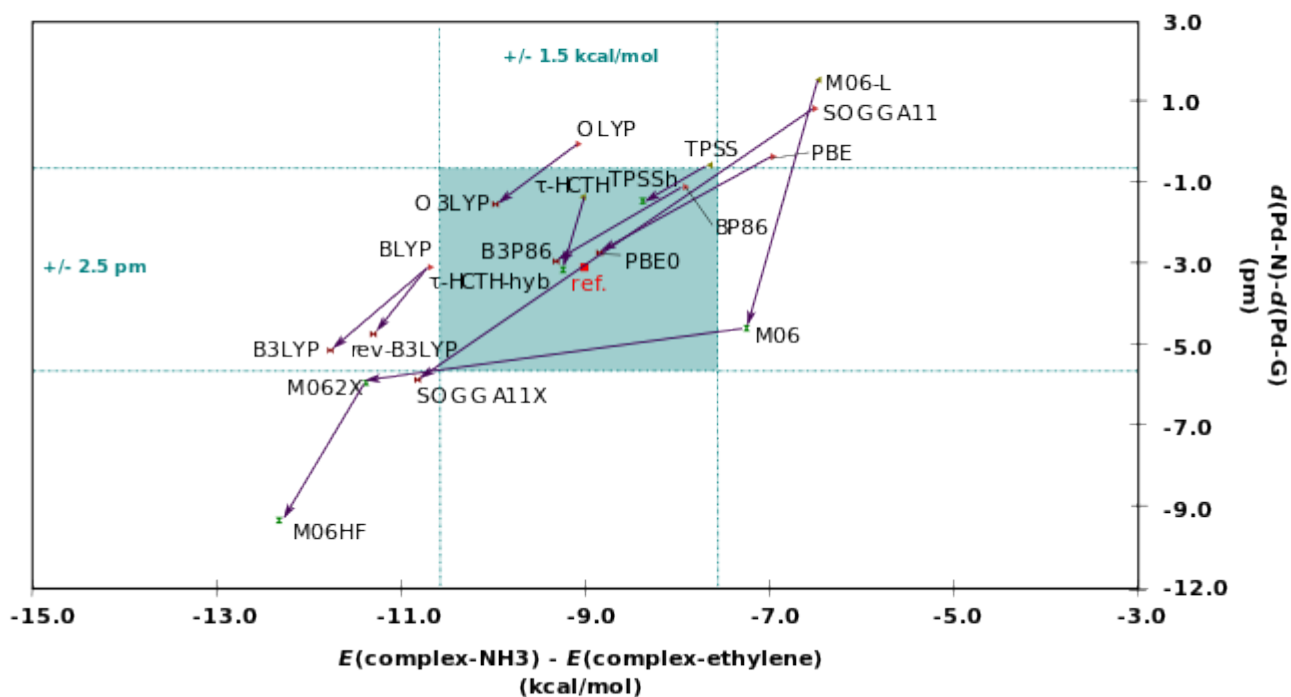


**Figure SI-2:** Binding energies for alkene and amino complexes for B2PLYP/aVTZ, SCS-MP3/aVTZ, CCSD(T)/aVTZ, CCSD(T)/CBS and MP2.68/aVTZ.

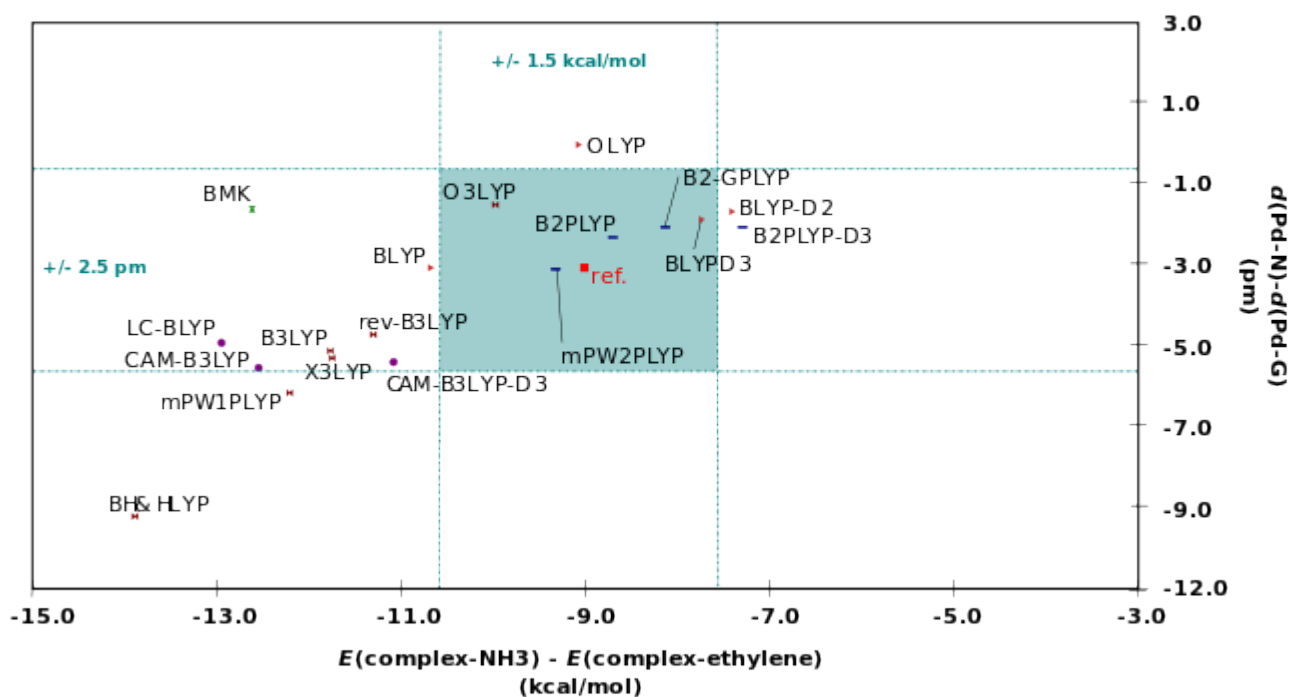




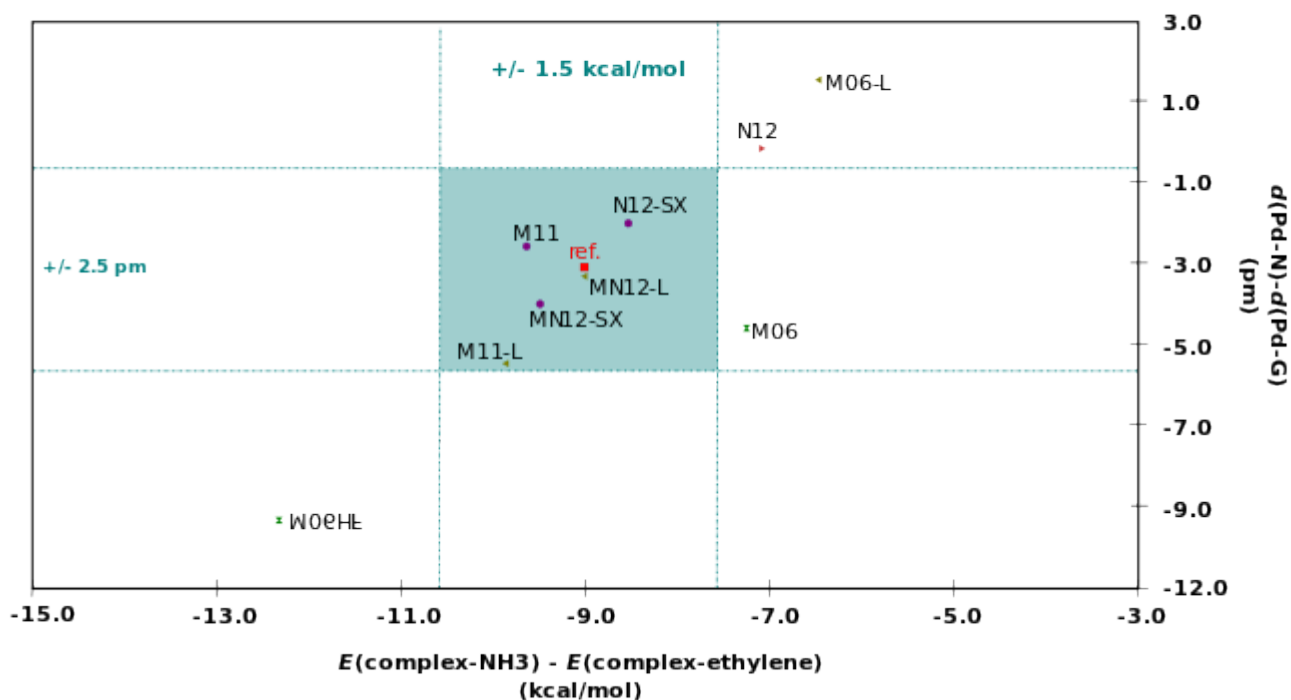
**Figure SI-3:** Influence of dispersion effect on  $\Delta E$  and  $\Delta d$ . Symbol code: ■ Reference, ▶ GGA, ▶ meta GGA, ● RSH, ▶ hybrid GGA, ▶ hybrid meta GGA, ▶ double hybrid, ★ ab initio.



**Figure SI-4:** Influence of exact exchange on  $\Delta E$  and  $\Delta d$ . Symbol code: ■ Reference, ▶ GGA, ▶ meta GGA, ● RSH, ▶ hybrid GGA, ▶ hybrid meta GGA.



**Figure SI-5:**  $\Delta E$  as a function of  $\Delta d$  for methods using the LYP correlation functional. Symbol code: ■ Reference, ► GGA, ● RSH, ◄ hybrid GGA, ✕ hybrid meta GGA, ■ double hybrid.



**Figure SI-6:**  $\Delta E$  as a function of  $\Delta d$  for the Minnesota functionals. Symbol code: ■ Reference, ► NGA, ◄ meta GGA/NGA, ● RSH, ◄ hybrid GGA, ✕ hybrid meta GGA, ■ double hybrid, \* ab initio.

**ModA**

Energy : -1351.535629

H	2.040631	2.281767	0.974939
P	0.743391	3.652381	-1.423268
Cl	0.964445	1.404762	-3.627639
Pd	0.915338	1.338362	-1.307386
H	-0.442727	2.094612	0.917297
C	1.558542	1.330182	0.805080
C	0.183782	1.226576	0.773160
H	2.179481	0.454574	0.925588
P	1.094304	-0.965496	-1.547997
H	0.058669	-1.536378	-2.294892
H	1.129060	-1.777987	-0.405609
H	2.236787	-1.372542	-2.244656
H	-0.369609	4.099593	-2.142664
H	1.808460	4.264070	-2.092412
H	0.659724	4.398307	-0.238787
H	-0.303877	0.267419	0.867946

**ModN**

Energy : -1329.595367

P	3.112600	1.592623	-1.626454
Cl	0.751361	1.434207	-3.701197
Pd	0.812261	1.484724	-1.397116
P	-1.495994	1.299539	-1.488703
H	-2.137503	2.312499	-2.210466
H	-2.249308	1.270760	-0.304947
H	-1.950455	0.148880	-2.142836
H	3.578881	2.669480	-2.388934
H	3.674078	0.500210	-2.297109
H	3.927788	1.676368	-0.486858
N	0.847760	1.529478	0.676680
H	0.450463	0.679444	1.064005
H	0.302533	2.309711	1.029456
H	1.779936	1.622579	1.063280

**2-iodo-N-allyl-amine – Alkene complex**

Energy : -1208.687042

H	4.568950	0.280047	-0.369613
H	0.637238	-2.373756	-1.989969
H	-1.308439	-3.861863	-2.243582
H	1.571152	2.189234	-2.176660
H	3.881521	2.311723	-0.431195
C	-0.292505	-2.113962	-1.503238
P	3.478917	1.053629	0.055473
I	2.255153	-1.956894	0.957236
C	-1.391844	-2.967946	-1.640613
Pd	1.344848	0.142797	-0.387887
H	-0.579421	1.051150	-2.108163
H	3.811750	1.213665	1.409395
C	1.010091	2.150870	-1.253481
C	-0.368877	-0.971483	-0.714765
C	-0.209580	1.505958	-1.201665

C	-2.573795	-2.670145	-0.974950
H	1.276326	2.872569	-0.493487
H	-3.425955	-3.331565	-1.051340
C	-1.588710	-0.627585	-0.104340
C	-2.679007	-1.502507	-0.220715
C	-1.217224	1.776882	-0.123130
H	-2.088410	2.243480	-0.606523
N	-1.659744	0.579879	0.613819
H	-0.815928	2.495492	0.592221
H	-3.616406	-1.270251	0.262680
C	-2.865682	0.847419	1.376324
H	-2.707561	1.746939	1.968585
H	-3.070006	0.022695	2.055031
H	-3.747554	1.009032	0.741947

### 2-iodo-N-allyl-amine – Amino complex

Energy : -1208.684211

H	-1.326604	-3.822225	-2.196763
H	-3.714219	-3.933271	-1.551921
H	-0.707480	2.147143	-4.369182
C	-1.779002	-3.003962	-1.653035
I	1.914129	-2.953737	-2.700715
C	-3.128275	-3.062910	-1.287756
H	-1.981967	0.772626	-2.818825
C	-0.528112	2.198138	-3.304948
C	-1.048158	-1.874209	-1.300378
C	-1.220576	1.448861	-2.450272
C	-3.737590	-2.019290	-0.587608
H	0.235459	2.884993	-2.963584
H	-4.781917	-2.093087	-0.319164
C	-1.677471	-0.854217	-0.606226
C	-3.011446	-0.880287	-0.229991
C	-1.038755	1.517586	-0.968704
H	-1.956531	1.876018	-0.489369
N	-0.685653	0.204447	-0.355887
H	-0.238455	2.212542	-0.719269
H	-3.481371	-0.070903	0.311973
C	-0.406585	0.380957	1.086061
H	0.441913	1.050726	1.203363
H	-0.168220	-0.584174	1.521053
H	-1.273740	0.807005	1.595818
Pd	0.751980	-1.012934	-1.409741
P	2.751657	0.246035	-1.378422
H	3.889823	-0.337961	-0.796330
H	2.810403	1.501664	-0.742551
H	3.312357	0.610391	-2.614850

### 2-iodo-N-allyl-amine – Interconversion TS

Energy : -1208.666885

H	-0.175308	-2.605923	-1.291258
H	-2.216621	-3.980282	-1.122618
H	-0.007802	2.366793	-2.685520
C	-1.055353	-2.199125	-0.814258

I	2.223681	-1.185476	0.110208
C	-2.209514	-2.980947	-0.708029
H	-1.882031	0.894176	-2.169228
C	-0.614472	2.526412	-1.805800
C	-1.051508	-0.910945	-0.287187
C	-1.644301	1.717362	-1.510005
C	-3.342932	-2.492891	-0.060910
H	-0.407865	3.407085	-1.213134
H	-4.222080	-3.114951	0.033214
C	-2.201861	-0.421534	0.330147
C	-3.349149	-1.199742	0.462222
C	-2.494516	1.905745	-0.291969
H	-3.556899	1.772808	-0.529016
N	-2.072218	0.952718	0.762810
H	-2.354067	2.909123	0.108063
H	-4.229791	-0.817649	0.960190
C	-2.695325	1.257057	2.051577
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H	-2.341377	0.546911	2.794557
H	-3.789015	1.213450	2.013293
Pd	0.304232	0.562903	-0.094775
P	1.879153	2.262351	0.414099
H	2.627560	2.091805	1.590666
H	1.510923	3.610737	0.593602
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