

Supplementary Information for:

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Table S1. Experimental (in CDCl₃) and calculated ⁷⁷Se NMR shifts (ppm) for main set of carbene·Se adducts (**1**·Se-**24**·Se).

№ of compound	Carbene	Exp. ^a	Calculated																
			BP86/TZPPP/BP86/TZPP (PCM//PCM) ^{a,b}	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE0/ 6-31+G(d) (vac //vac)	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE0/ 6-31+G(d) (vac //vac) ^d	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE0/ 6-31+G(d) (PCM//PCM)	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE0/ 6-31+G(d) (PCM//vac)	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE0/ 6-31+G(d) (vac//PCM)	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE0/6-311+G(2d)	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE0/6-311+G(2d) ^d	PBE0/{6-311G(2d,2p),Se(NMR-DKH)}// PBE0/{6-311+G(2d),Se(NMR-DKH)}	PBE0/6-311G(3df,2p)//PBE0/6-311+G(2d)	PBE0/6-311G(3df,2p)//PBE0/6-311+G(3df,2p)	PBE0/{6-311G(3df,2p),Se(NMR-DKH)}// PBE0/{6-311+G(3df,2p),Se(NMR-DKH)}	PBE0/{6-311G(3df,2p);Se(NMR-DKH)}// PBE0/{6-311+G(3df,2p);Se(NMR-DKH)} ^d	PBE/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE0/6-311+G(2d)	PBE50/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE0/6-311+G(2d)	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE/6-311+G(2d)	PBE/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE/6-311+G(2d)
	σ(SeMe ₂) ^b			1790		1814	1815	1791	1788		1693	1790	1793	1694		1699	1872	1742	1647
1	ICy	-22.1	1617.0	-74.1	-39.0	-113.9	-126.3	-52.3	-32.3	-27.7	-42.0	-21.3	-28.7	-45.6	-30.2	-56.7	-5.9	-37.6	-71.9
2	IDD	-11.3	1618.5	-60.3	-27.5	-102.8	-115.2	-42.9	-26.9	-23.0	-35.5	-16.7	-19.8	-30.2	-18.3	-50.3	-3.5	-28.4	-59.3
3	IMes	26.7	1535.7	-0.3	22.3	-42.5	-54.4	24.1	29.1	25.8	26.5	41.4	37.1	35.0	32.2	10.1	54.5	40.1	10.1
4	SIDD	75.0	1521.3	44.9	59.9	-14.8	-25.4	61.7	74.2	65.1	69.2	80.7	79.0	73.8	62.3	52.1	94.9	72.8	42.7
5	SIMes	109.7	1462.6	125.0	126.4	61.3	57.2	141.8	124.6	109.0	127.0	131.9	130.3	126.6	103.2	97.9	151.8	138.6	101
6	I ⁱ Pr ^{Me}	-18.2	1608.0	-46.3	-15.9	-85.8	-101.8	-23	-22.6	-19.2	-34.7	-11.1	-13.5	-29.2	-17.5	-49.9	6.0	-24.6	-59.3
7	IMe	29.9	1531.1	4.5	26.3	-37.3	-48.7	28.4	32.5	28.8	30.6	44.5	40.4	28.9	27.5	13.8	57.6	43.5	13.9
8	IPent	101.2	1427.2	119.8	122.1	99.3	93.5	138.4	131.9	115.4	134.6	141.2	139.2	135.4	110.1	126.0	141.6	134.7	120.6
9	INon	101.9	1427.5	128.6	129.4	105.7	103.8	136.8	128.5	112.4	134.4	139.4	137.2	135.1	109.8	122.0	138.7	131.5	116.8
10	IHept	99.8	1435.9	124.8	126.3	98.6	95.4	133.8	128.5	112.4	134.1	139.5	137.3	134.9	109.7	122.3	138.5	131.4	117
11	IPr	90.0	1441.9	90.0	97.4	43.3	41.6	103.2	115.1	100.8	130.5	124.7	122.5	133.4	108.5	112.9	123.5	119.6	109.1
12	IPr ^{OMe}	86.5	1443.6	88.4	96.0	37.5	34	102.6	116.5	102.0	131.2	125.8	123.7	133.9	108.9	113.1	125.4	121.3	109.7
13	SIPr	190.0	1347.2	209.0	196.2	152.9	153	215.6	228.5	199.6	244.2	231.8	229.7	245.5	195.4	217.2	235.9	231.4	214.5

14	SIPr ^{OMe}	184.6	1349.5	194.2	183.9	144.7	136.8	205.2	220.4	192.5	236.7	225.7	224.1	238.0	189.6	210.3	231.1	224.5	206.4
15	IPr*	106.0	1442.9	89.7	97.1	85.8	82.1	100.6	107.2	93.9	120.6	118.6	116.5	124.6	101.7	112.5	111.3	107.8	105.1
16	IPr* ^{OMe}	104.0	1439.1	93.5	100.3	90.3	86	104.8	112.4	98.4	124.2	124.4	122.1	128.4	104.6	117.7	116.3	113.6	110.7
17	IPr ^{Cl}	173.6	1347.4	177.0	169.7	146.3	139.5	188.8	199.9	174.7	214.3	207.9	205.8	218.0	174.1	204.7	198.9	203.4	202.5
18	I'Bu	182.6	1354.9	167.0	161.3	133.4	120.4	173.4	189.3	165.4	202.0	195.9	195.0	214.2	171.1	170.1	196.8	193	172.2
19	IAd	196.9	1360.6	176.4	169.2	146.9	136.3	180.9	192.3	168.0	207.7	201.6	199.9	217.3	173.5	178.9	204.8	202	182.3
20	Tr1	33.5	1498.3	17.8	37.4	-33.1	-46.2	32.6	41.8	36.9	37.6	47.7	44.1	37.1	33.9	21.6	59.7	52.7	25.2
21	Tr2	76.1	1441.8	78.7	88.0	21.7	8.3	92.8	99.4	87.1	91.4	102.8	99.5	90.5	75.3	79.4	115.1	115.2	88.9
22	Tr3	73.6	1473.5	73.3	83.5	16.5	4	86.2	92.3	80.9	86.9	95.9	93.6	88.0	73.3	80.0	101.8	96.3	76.9
23	Tr4	46.9	1508.4	12.9	33.3	-13.9	-24.2	24.5	33.1	29.3	33.3	39.5	35.6	33.8	31.3	7.4	54.2	40.5	7.7
24	Tr5	131.2	1304.5	122.6	-39.0	72.6	77.6	121.6	159.3	-27.7	165.7	165.6	168.6	171.8	-30.2	152.2	168.4	184.7	171.1
	R ²		0.887 (0.938 ^c)	0.951	0.951	0.923	0.913	0.940	0.969	0.969	0.969	0.969	0.968	0.975	0.975	0.949	0.967	0.958	0.948
	RMSE				14.7					11.5					10.3				

^a data from the ref. [20]; ^b shielding; ^c evaluated without Tr5; ^d scaled.

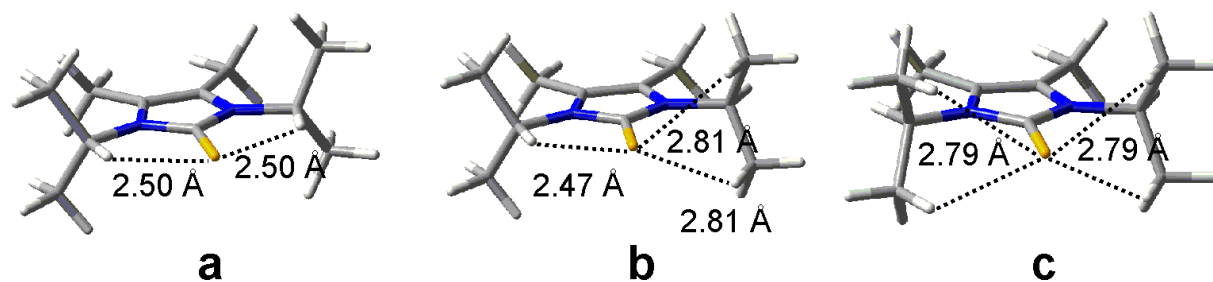


Figure S1. Different forms of $\text{IPr}^{\text{Me}}\cdot\text{Se}$ ($6\cdot\text{Se}$) with corresponding distances (Å) between $i\text{Pr}$ hydrogen's and Se.

Table S2. ^{77}Se NMR shifts (ppm) for **ICy** (1 Se), **IDD** (2 Se) and **IPr^{Me}** (6 Se) Se-adducts. Experimental (in CDCl_3) and calculated^a CSs for different forms with corresponding energies (in parenthesis).

№ of compound	Carbene	Exp.	Calculated NMR shifts (Energy), ppm (kcal/mol)		
			a ^b	b ^b	c ^b
1	ICy	-22.1	-39.0 (0.0)	40.4 (1.5)	99.2 (4.2)
2	IDD	-11.3	-27.5 (0.0)	30.9 (1.6)	80.2 (3.9)
6	IPr^{Me}	-18.2	-15.9 (0.0)	46.5 (0.3)	109.8 (1.5)

^a at PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE0/6-31+G(d) level and scaled; ^b structure of isomers as on Figure S1.

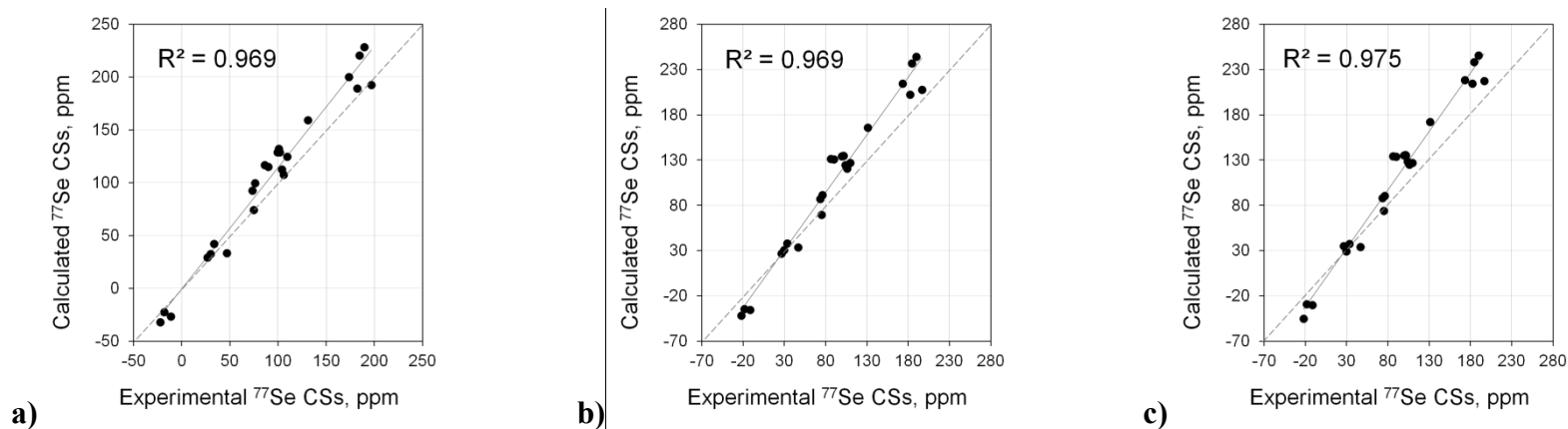


Figure S2. Correlation of calculated vs. experimental ^{77}Se NMR shifts for the main set of carbene Se adducts (**1**·Se - **24**·Se) (a - PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE0/6-311+G(2d) level, b - PBE0/{6-311G(2d,2p);Se(NMR-DKH)}/PBE0/{6-311+G(2d);Se(NMR-DKH)}, c - PBE0/{6-311G(3df,2p);Se(NMR-DKH)}/PBE0/{6-311+G(3df,2p);Se(NMR-DKH)} level).

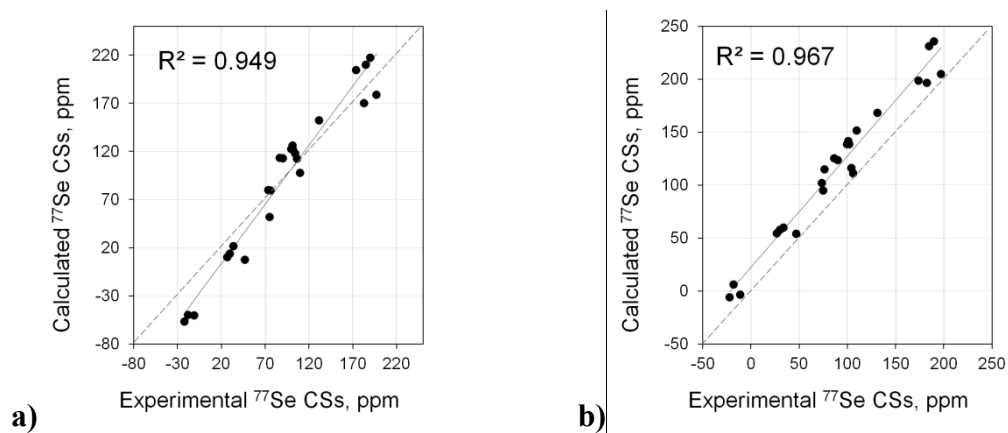


Figure S3. Correlation of calculated vs. experimental ^{77}Se NMR shifts for the main set of carbene Se adducts (**1**·Se - **24**·Se) (a - PBE/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE0/6-311+G(2d) level, b - PBE50/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE0/6-311+G(2d) level).

Table S3. Se-C bond lengths (L, Å) and some valence angles (°) for 1•Se, 5•Se, 7•Se, 13•Se, and 18•Se calculated at DFT level of theory (PBE0) with different basis sets.

Carbene	Basis sets	L (Se-C ^{Carbene})	∠N-C ^{Carbene} -Se	∠N-C ^{Carbene} -N
1 ICy	6-31+G(d)	<i>1.811</i>	<i>127.31</i>	<i>105.38</i>
	6-311+G(2d)	1.835	127.26	105.47
	6-311+G(3df,2p)	1.832	127.30	105.39
	6-311+G(2d) Se - NMR_DKH	1.834	127.28	105.44
	6-311+G(3df,2p) Se - NMR_DKH	1.833	127.32	105.35
5 SIMes	6-31+G(d)	<i>1.795</i>	<i>125.82</i>	<i>108.37</i>
	6-311+G(2d)	1.818	125.73	108.53
	6-311+G(3df,2p)	1.816	125.76	108.49
	6-311+G(2d) Se - NMR_DKH	1.817	125.76	108.48
	6-311+G(3df,2p) Se - NMR_DKH	1.816	125.76	108.48
7 IMe	6-31+G(d)	<i>1.800</i>	<i>127.50</i>	<i>104.99</i>
	6-311+G(2d)	1.821	127.57	104.87
	6-311+G(3df,2p)	1.818	127.58	104.84
	6-311+G(2d) Se - NMR_DKH	1.820	127.59	104.82
	6-311+G(3df,2p) Se - NMR_DKH	1.819	127.58	104.83
13 SIPr	6-31+G(d)	<i>1.796</i>	<i>126.37</i>	<i>108.23</i>
	6-311+G(2d)	1.817	125.81	108.38
	6-311+G(3df,2p)	1.815	125.83	108.35
	6-311+G(2d) Se - NMR_DKH	1.816	125.83	108.34
	6-311+G(3df,2p) Se - NMR_DKH	1.815	125.83	108.35
18 I^tBu	6-31+G(d)	<i>1.827</i>	<i>127.09</i>	<i>105.82</i>
	6-311+G(2d)	1.847	127.13	105.74
	6-311+G(3df,2p)	1.844	127.14	105.72
	6-311+G(2d) Se - NMR_DKH	1.845	127.14	105.70
	6-311+G(3df,2p) Se - NMR_DKH	1.845	127.14	105.72

Table S4. Experimental (in CDCl₃) and calculated at non-relativistic and fully relativistic mDKS levels of theory ⁷⁷Se NMR shifts (ppm) for selected carbene·Se adducts (**1**·Se -**2**·Se, **4**·Se -**7**·Se, **13**·Se -**14**·Se, **17**·Se -**20**·Se).

№ of compound	Carbene	Exp.	Calculated				
			non-relativistic		relativistic		
			PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(2d)	PBE0/{6-311G(3df,2p); Se(NMR-DKH)}// PBE0/{6-311+G(3df,2p); Se(NMR-DKH)}	"TZ_DZ" ^b // PBE0/6-311+G(2d)	"DTZ_TZ_DZ" ^b // PBE0/6-311+G(2d)	"TZ_DZ" ^b // PBE0/{6-311+G(3df,2p); Se(NMR-DKH)}
	σ(SeMe ₂) ^a		1788	1694	2066	2034	2070
1	ICy	-22.1	-32.3	-45.6	-5.4	-40.5	-11.4
2	IDD	-11.3	-26.9	-30.2	-3.9	-36.9	-3.6
4	SIDD	75.0	74.2	73.8	102.3		
5	SIMes	109.7	124.6	126.6	158.9	124.4	
6	IⁱPr^{Me}	-18.2	-22.6	-29.2	4.4	-30.0	4.5
7	IMe	29.9	32.5	28.9	65.1		
13	SIPr	190.0	228.5	245.5	250.7	233.1	250.4
14	SIPr^{OMe}	184.6	220.4	238.0	244.4	227.6	244.1
17	IPr^{Cl}	173.6	199.9	218.0	218.3	202.2	215.9
18	IⁱBu	182.6	189.3	214.2	215.4	191.7	215.8
19	IAd	196.9	192.3	217.3	226.4	199.3	208.8
20	Tr1	33.5	41.8	37.1	75.9		

^a shielding; ^b "TZ_DZ" - 4c-mDKS: PBE0/{ucc-pvtz+ucc-pvdz, Se(dyall-v^{dz})}, "DTZ_TZ_DZ" - 4c-mDKS: PBE0/{ucc-pvtz+ucc-pvdz, Se(dyall-v^{tz})}.

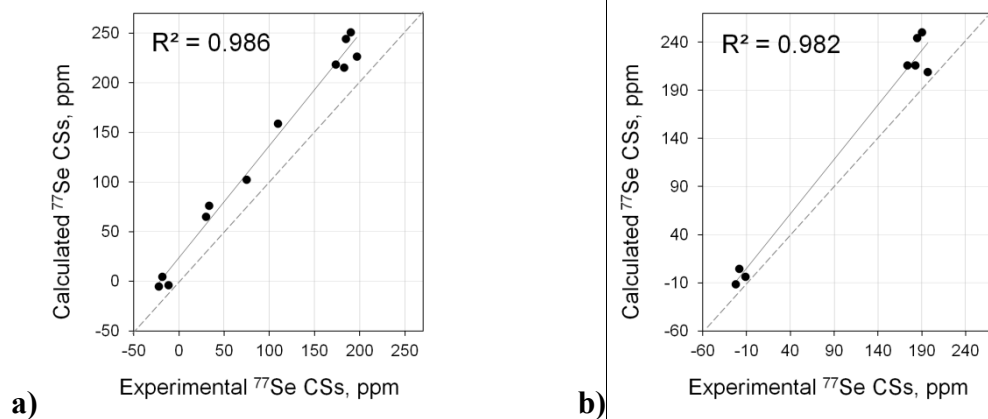


Figure S4. Correlation of calculated vs. experimental ^{77}Se NMR shifts for the main set of carbene Se adducts (a - **1·Se -2·Se**, **4·Se -7·Se**, **13·Se -14·Se**, **17·Se -20·Se**, TZ_DZ//PBE0/6-311+G(2d) level, b - **1·Se -2·Se**, **6·Se**, **13·Se -14·Se**, **17·Se -19·Se**, TZ_DZ//PBE0/{6-311+G(3df,2p);Se(NMR-DKH)} level).

Table S5. Experimental (in CDCl_3) and calculated^a ^{77}Se NMR shifts (ppm) for some carbene·Se adducts (**13·Se-14·Se**, **17·Se**) and their associates with chloroform.

№ of compound	Carbene	Exp.	Calc.	
			NHC-Se	NHC-Se* CHCl_3
13	SIPr	190.0	199.6	178.4
14	SIPr^{OMe}	184.6	192.5	172.7
17	IPr^{Cl}	173.6	174.7	161.1

^a at PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE0/6-311+G(2d) level and scaled;

Table S6. Experimental (in CDCl₃ unless otherwise stated) and calculated ⁷⁷Se NMR shifts (ppm) for extended set of carbene·Se adducts (**1·Se** - **38·Se**).

№ of compound	Carbene	Exp. ^a	Calculated					
			PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)// PBE0/6-31+G(d)	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)// PBE0/6-31+G(d) ^b	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(2d)	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(2d) ^b	PBE0/{6-311G(3df,2p); Se(NMR-DKH)}// PBE0/{6-311+G(3df,2p); Se(NMR-DKH)}	PBE0/{6-311G(3df,2p); Se(NMR-DKH)}// PBE0/{6-311+G(3df,2p); Se(NMR-DKH)} ^b
1	ICy	-22.1	-74.1	-48.8	-32.3	-33.7	-45.6	-42.6
2	IDD	-11.3	-60.3	-36.5	-26.9	-28.7	-30.2	-29.2
3	IMes	26.7	-0.3	17.2	29.1	22.4	35.0	27.2
4	SIDD	75.0	44.9	57.7	74.2	63.5	73.8	60.9
5	SIMes	109.7	125.0	129.3	124.6	109.5	126.6	106.6
6	IⁱPr^{Me}	-18.2	-46.3	-24.0	-22.6	-24.8	-29.2	-28.4
7	IMe	29.9	4.5	21.5	32.5	25.5	28.9	22.0
8	IPent	101.2	119.8	124.7	131.9	116.2	135.4	114.2
9	INon	101.9	128.6	132.6	128.5	113.1	135.1	114.0
10	IHept	99.8	124.8	129.2	128.5	113.1	134.9	113.8
11	IPr	90.0	90.0	98.0	115.1	100.8	133.4	112.5
12	IPr^{OMe}	86.5	88.4	96.6	116.5	102.1	133.9	112.9
13	SIPr	190.0	209.0	204.5	228.5	204.3	245.5	209.6
14	SIPr^{OMe}	184.6	194.2	191.3	220.4	196.9	238.0	203.1
15	IPr*	106.0	89.7	97.8	107.2	93.6	124.6	104.9
16	IPr*^{OMe}	104.0	93.5	101.2	112.4	98.4	128.4	108.2
17	IPr^{Cl}	173.6	177.0	175.9	199.9	178.2	218.0	185.8
18	I^tBu	182.6	167.0	166.9	189.3	168.5	214.2	182.5

19	IAd	196.9	176.4	175.3	192.3	171.3	217.3	185.2
20	Tr1	33.5	17.8	33.4	41.8	33.9	37.1	29.1
21	Tr2	76.1	78.7	87.9	99.4	86.5	90.5	75.3
22	Tr3	73.6	73.3	83.1	92.3	80.0	88.0	73.2
23	Tr4	46.9	12.9	29.0	33.1	26.0	33.8	26.2
24	Tr5	131.2	122.6	127.2	159.3	141.2	171.8	145.8
25		593.0 ^c	646.9	596.4	649.0	588.0	678.2	584.5
26	ITME	3.0 ^c	-46.4	-24.0	-17.1	-19.8	-22.0	-22.1
27	<i>i</i> Pr	-3.0 ^c	-56.4	-33.0	-22.4	-24.6	-42.0	-39.5
28	ThIPr	396.0 ^c	513.0	476.6	504.1	455.8	531.1	457.0
29	BI ⁱ Pr	67.0 ^c	56.8	68.3	76.9	66.0	74.8	61.7
30	AAC1	437.0 ^c	525.5	487.8	546.7	494.6	573.7	493.9
31		183.0 ^c	207.9	203.5	222.1	198.5	232.3	198.2
32 (C _a)		516.0	542.9	503.3	564.4	510.8	585.2	503.9
32 (C _b)		113.0	127.9	131.9	150.9	133.5	155.1	131.3
33	6-Mes	271.0 ^c	280.0	268.1	292.9	263.1	291.8	249.7
34	Trazy	196.0 ^c	167.1	167.0	206.5	184.2	213.6	182.0
35	CAC-Mes	472.0 ^c	522.2	484.8	532.3	481.5	553.5	476.4
36	6-CAAC	1180.0 ^c	1288.5	1170.6	1288.6	1171.5	1360.8	1175.8
37	DAC1a	847.0 ^c	874.8	800.4	894.3	811.8	934.3	806.3
38	<i>i</i> Pr ₂ -pery	364.0 ^c	349.9	330.6	366.8	330.5	386.5	331.8
	<i>R</i> ²		0.991	0.991	0.994	0.994	0.993	0.993
	RMSE			23.8		19.3		21.0

^a data from the ref. [11,18, 20]; ^bscaled; ^cin acetone-*d*₆.

Table S7. Experimental (in C₆D₆ unless otherwise stated) and calculated ³¹P NMR shifts (ppm) for main set of carbene-PPh adducts (**3**·PPh, **5**·PPh, **11**·PPh, **13**·PPh, **26**·PPh-**29**·PPh, **35**·PPh, **39**·PPh-**40**·PPh).

№ of compound	Carbene	Exp. ^a	Calculated						
			BP86/TZPP// BP86/TZPP ^{a,b}	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)// PBE0/6-31+G(d)	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)// PBE0/6-31+G(d) ^c	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(2d)	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(2d) ^c	PBE0/6-311G(3df,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(2d)	PBE0/6-311G(3df,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(2d) ^c
3	IMes	-23.0	402.1	-35.0	-25.6	-28.9	-26.1	-30.4	-26.2
5	SIMes	-10.4	387.3	-18.1	-9.6	-12.4	-10.4	-14.4	-11.2
11	IPr	-18.9	389.6	-27.1	-18.1	-20.1	-17.7	-21.5	-17.9
13	SIPr	-10.2 ^d	383.1	-15.4	-7.0	-8.6	-6.7	-10.7	-7.7
26	ITME	-53.5 ^e	424.0	-64.7	-53.8	-56.9	-52.7	-58.8	-52.9
27	IⁱPr	-61.2	430.2	-73.1	-61.8	-67.0	-62.4	-68.6	-62.1
28	ThIPr	57.0	335.3	52.4	57.3	59.0	57.6	59.6	58.2
29	BIⁱPr	-34.6	408.2	-44.8	-34.9	-37.8	-34.6	-39.4	-34.7
35	CAC-Mes	39.7	337.1	32.0	37.9	39.0	38.6	37.1	37.1
39	CAAC-IPr	68.9	321.5	64.2	68.5	70.4	68.5	69.8	67.8
40	6-IPr	14.8	359.7	8.7	15.8	13.7	14.5	16.9	18.2
	<i>R</i> ²		0.987	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.998	0.998
					1.5		1.6		1.9

^a data from the ref. [20]; ^b shielding; ^c scaled; ^d in CDCl₃; ^e in THF-*d*₈

Table S8. Experimental (in C₆D₆ unless otherwise stated) and calculated ³¹P and ¹³C NMR shifts (ppm) for extended set of carbene-PPh adducts (**3**·PPh, **5**·PPh, **11**·PPh, **13**·PPh, **25**·PPh-**29**·PPh, **35**·PPh, **37**·PPh, **39**·PPh-**44**·PPh).

№ of compound	Carbene	$\delta(^{31}\text{P})$							$\delta(^{13}\text{C})$						
		Exp. ^a	Calculated						Exp. ^a	Calculated					
			PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(d)	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(d) ^b	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(2d)	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(2d) ^b	PBE0/6-311G(3df,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(2d)	PBE0/6-311G(3df,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(2d) ^b		PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(d)	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(d) ^b	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(2d)	PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(2d) ^b	PBE0/6-311G(3df,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(2d)	PBE0/6-311G(3df,2p)// PBE0/6-311+G(2d) ^b
3	IMes	-23.0	-35.0	-24.4	-28.9	-24.9	-30.4	-25.1	170.0 ^d	170.2	165.8	169.8	165.9	172.0	166.0
5	SIMes	-10.4	-18.1	-9.1	-12.4	-9.9	-14.4	-10.5	184.3 ^d	186.9	180.5	186.3	180.7	188.3	180.7
11	IPr	-18.9	-27.1	-17.2	-20.1	-16.9	-21.5	-17.0	172.9	175.8	170.7	175.3	170.8	177.4	170.9
13	SIPr	-10.2 ^c	-15.4	-6.7	-8.6	-6.4	-10.7	-7.2	186.9 ^c	193.9	186.7	192.7	186.5	194.6	186.4
25		69.5	65.7	66.4	72.2	67.5	71.3	67.4	199.7	207.0	198.3	206.4	198.8	208.3	198.7
26	ITME	-53.5 ^d	-64.7	-51.1	-56.9	-50.6	-58.8	-50.9	169.1 ^d	174.9	169.9	174.6	170.2	177.0	170.5
27	IⁱPr	-61.2	-73.1	-58.7	-67.0	-59.8	-68.6	-59.8	167.8	174.4	169.5	173.8	169.5	176.5	170.1
28	ThIPr	57.0	52.4	54.4	59.0	55.5	59.6	56.7	192.0	204.0	195.7	203.5	196.2	204.7	195.4
29	BIⁱPr	-34.6	-44.8	-33.2	-37.8	-33.1	-39.4	-33.3	177.4	181.6	175.9	181.2	176.1	183.6	176.5
35	CAC-Mes	39.7	32.0	36.0	39.0	37.2	37.1	36.3	180.3	186.6	180.3	184.8	179.4	186.6	179.2
37	DAC1a	83.0	75.4	75.1	81.1	75.7	80.0	75.3	172.0	182.4	176.6	181.5	176.4	183.4	176.3
39	CAAC-IPr	68.9	64.2	65.0	70.4	65.9	69.8	66.0	208.1	218.0	208.1	217.2	208.5	219.1	208.4
40	6-IPr	14.8	8.7	15.0	13.7	14.0	16.9	17.9	186.5	193.6	186.5	192.1	186.0	195.4	187.1
41	6-NHC^{pyr}	34.9	38.1	41.5	44.0	41.7	42.5	41.2	199.9	208.2	199.4	207.7	200.0	209.7	199.9
42	CAAC^{Menthyl}	56.2	50.2	52.4	55.5	52.3	53.9	51.5	191.3	200.1	192.2	199.0	192.1	200.5	191.7
43		126.3 ^c	146.2	138.9	147.4	136.3	146.8	136.0	217.2	229.7	218.4	227.2	217.5	229.3	217.6

44		-34.9	-53.1	-40.7	-46.3	-40.9	-47.7	-40.8	138.5	140.5	139.5	140.2	139.3	141.6	138.7
	R^2		0.992	0.992	0.993	0.993	0.993	0.993		0.985	0.985	0.985	0.985	0.986	0.986
	RMSE			4.8		4.3		4.3			2.2		2.2		2.1

^a data from the ref. [20-21]; ^b scaled; ^c in CDCl₃; ^d in THF-*d*₈.

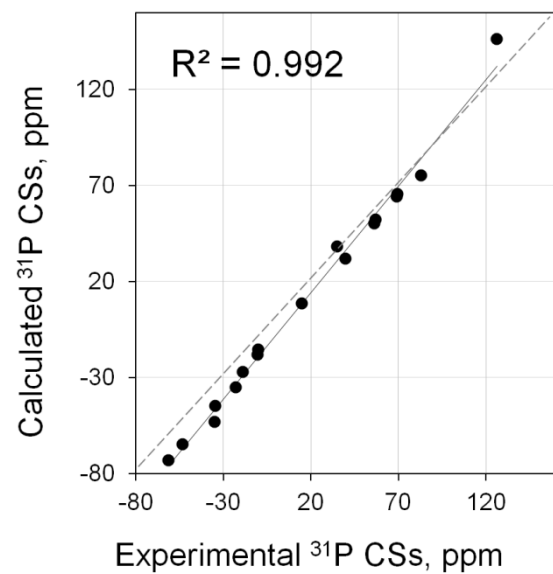


Figure S5. Correlation of calculated (PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE0/6-31+G(d) level) vs. experimental ^{31}P NMR shifts for extended set of carbene PPh adducts (**3**·PPh, **5**·PPh, **11**·PPh, **13**·PPh, **25**·PPh-**29**·PPh, **35**·PPh, **37**·PPh, **39**·PPh-**44**·PPh).

Table S9. Experimental (in C₆D₆) and calculated^a ¹³C NMR shifts (ppm) for set of carbenes (**3**, **5**, **11**, **13**, **25-29**, **35**, **39-44**).

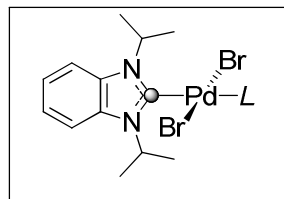
№ of compound	Carbene	Exp. ^b	Calc.	
				scaled
3	IMes	219.7	228.7	218.5
5	SIMes	243.8	258.0	242.8
11	IPr	220.6	229.7	219.3
13	SIPr	244.0	255.4	240.6
25		255.5	268.7	251.7
26	ITME	213.7	224.3	214.8
27	IⁱPr	210.5	222.4	213.3
28	ThIPr	254.4	269.4	252.2
29	BIⁱPr	221.6	238.6	226.7
35	CAC-Mes	260.56	279.0	260.2
39	CAAC-IPr	309.4	344.1	314.2
40	6-Ipr	245.1	256.6	241.6
41	6-NHC^{pyr}	282.0	301.7	279.0
42	CAAC^{Menthyl}	319.0	348.3	317.6
43		330.5	368.8	334.6
44		185.1	192.4	188.4
	<i>R</i> ²		0.994	0.994
	<i>RMSE</i>			3.0

^a at PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE0/6-31+G(d) level; ^b data from the ref. [21].

Table S10. Experimental (in DMSO-*d*₆ unless otherwise stated) and calculated^{*a*} ¹³C NMR shifts (ppm) for set of carbene•H⁺ azolium salts (**3**•H⁺, **5**•H⁺, **11**•H⁺, **17**•H⁺, **28**•H⁺-**30**•H⁺, **32**•H⁺-**35**•H⁺).

№ of compound	Carbene	Exp. ^{<i>b</i>}	Calc.	
				scaled
3	IMes	139.9 ^{<i>b</i>}	139.3	139.1
5	SIMes	160.2	164.3	162.0
11	IPr	139.4	140.4	140.1
17	IPr^{Cl}	138.4	136.8	136.8
28	ThIPr	158.5	158.3	156.5
29	BIⁱPr	140.0	137.9	137.8
30	AAC1	146.3	151.0	149.8
32 (C _a)		155.4	151.1	149.9
32 (C _b)		144.4	149.6	148.5
33	6-Mes	155.6	161.2	159.1
34	Trazy	154.2	151.7	150.5
35	CAC-Mes	160.4 ^{<i>b</i>}	164.8	162.4
	<i>R</i> ²		0.890	0.890
	<i>RMSE</i>			3.0

^{*a*} at PBE0/6-311G(2d,2p)//PBE0/6-31+G(d) level; ^{*b*} in CDCl₃; ^{*b*} data from the ref. [18].



$L = \text{IMes (3)}, \text{SIMes (5)}, \text{IPr (11)}, \text{CH}_3\text{CN (45)}, \text{Py (46)}, \text{Imd (47)}, \text{PPh}_3 \text{ (48)}, \text{P}^i\text{Pr}_3 \text{ (49)}, \text{A (50)}, \text{B (51)}, \text{C (52)}, \text{D (53)}, \text{E (54)}, \text{Indy (55)}, \text{Pyr} \text{ (56)}$

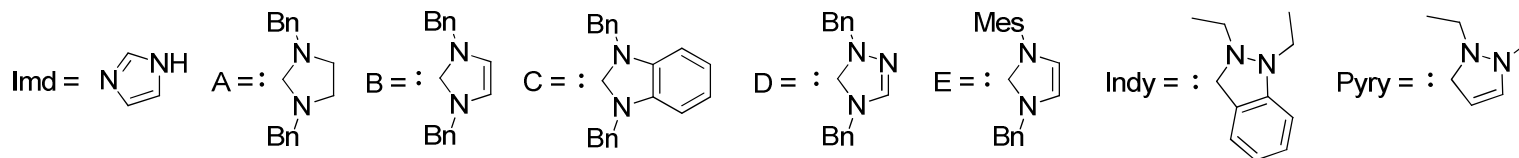


Figure S6. Structures of $[\text{PdBr}_2(\text{iPr}_2\text{-bimy})L]$ complexes. $L = \mathbf{3}, \mathbf{5}, \mathbf{11}, \mathbf{45-56}$.

Table S11. Experimental (in CDCl_3) and calculated^a ^{13}C NMR shifts (ppm) of $\text{iPr}_2\text{-bimy}$ carbenoid resonances in *trans*- $[\text{PdBr}_2(\text{iPr}_2\text{-bimy})L]$ complexes.

No of compound	Carbene (L)	Exp. ^b	Calc.	
				scaled
3	IMes	177.2	187.4	160.1
5	SIMes	177.6	188.2	161.3
11	IPr	177.5	188.5	160.1
45	CH₃CN	158.4	173.7	172.1
46	Py	160.0	173.7	172.2
47	Imd	161.4	174.8	177.4
48	PPh₃	173.1	184.5	179.5
49	PⁱPr₃	175.9	184.6	183.2
50	A	180.1	193.2	184.4
51	B	179.0	191.2	181.8
52	C	178.3	191.0	179.2
53	D	176.6	189.3	178.2
54	E	178.3	190.1	175.3
55	Indy	181.6	194.5	176.1
56	Pyr	182.4	195.6	176.5
	R^2		0.961	0.961
	RMSE			1.6

^a4c-mDKS:PBE0/{ucc-pvtz+ucc-pvdz;Pd(dyall-vdz)}//KS:PBE0/{6-31+G(d);Pd(SDD)} level; ^b data from the ref. [15-16].