Subject: Manuscript # JSSC-2006-00277 entitled “Palladium(II) Chelate of Tetradentate Schiff Base as Mixed Stationary Phase.”

Dear Professor Frantisek Svec,

Thank you very much for the email you sent on 15th of September 2006, containing valuable comments of the ‘Referee’ regarding suitable modification of the manuscript. We have carefully examined the comments of the ‘Referee’ and have modified the manuscript accordingly as under:

1. The abstract have been modified with inclusion of additional information.
2. The introduction has been extended to include the objectives of the present study for the improvement of GC field.
3. Acronyms such as H₂AA₂en on p-3 and TG on p-6 have been defined.
4. We would like to thank the ‘Referee’ for suggesting to examine, how different is selectivity of the two columns? The values were calculated as suggested and results have been discussed in the manuscript.
5. The reproducibility of the separations of the mixed stationary phase have been calculated and presented in the manuscript. The mixed stationary phase is robust for long-term use. The column packed with mixed stationary phase was used continuously for four months, thereafter the column has been re-examined at an interval of 3 to four months during last two years, for the reproducibility of the performance of the column. Same results have been obtained during test period for the elution and separation of the analytes.