Supporting Information

Bifunctional MOF heterogeneous catalysts based on the synergy of dual functional sites for efficient conversion of CO_2 at mild and co-catalyst free conditions

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1. Experimental Details



Scheme S1. The route to synthesize the catalyst MIL-101-N(n-Bu)₃Br and MIL-101-P(n-Bu)₃Br (R = N or P).

1.1 Synthesis of MIL-101-N(n-Pr)₃Br, MIL-101-N(n-amyl)₃Br, or MIL-101-N(n-hexyl)₃Br

100 mg MIL-101-Br was placed in a round bottomed three necked flask under a slow stream of Ar. 8 mL toluene was added and gently stirred. Then 0.3mmol of tri-n-propylamine, tri-n-amylamine or tri-n-hexylamine was added and the flask was heated to 110 °C in an oil bath for seven days with continuous stirring under Ar. The product was recovered by filtration and washed with acetone, followed by methanol and ethyl ether. Then it was dried in air for several minutes. The resulting product was degassed at room temperature for 1 h, 50 °C for 30 min, then 100 °C for 1 h. The resulting solid was stored in a desiccator.

2. Characterization



Figure S1. PXRD patterns of MIL-101-NH₂ and the simulated pattern for MIL-101 from ref. 1.



Figure S2. IR spectra of MIL-101-NH₂.²



Figure S3. Comparison of IR spectra of the as-made sample MIL-101-N(n-Bu)₃Br and the MIL-101-N(n-Bu)₃Br after catalysis cycles.



Figure S4. Comparison of IR spectra of the as-made sample MIL-101-P(n-Bu)₃Br and the MIL-101-P(n-Bu)₃Br after catalysis cycles.



 $\label{eq:Figure S5. Comparison of PXRD patterns of the as-made sample MIL-101-N(n-Bu)_3Br and the MIL-101-N(n-Bu)_3Br after catalysis cycles.$



Figure S6. Comparison of PXRD patterns of the as-made sample MIL-101-P(n-Bu)₃Br and the MIL-101-P(n-Bu)₃Br after catalysis cycles.

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