## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Effects of symmetry and carboxyl anchoring group of zinc phthalocyanine derivatives on $g-C_3N_4$ for the photosensitized $H_2$ production

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Fig. S1 MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of Zn-tetrad-Pc-1.



Fig. S2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of Zn-tetrad-Pc-1.



**Fig. S3** Fluorescence emission and UV-vis absorption spectra of Zn-*di*-PcNcTh-1 and Zn-*tetrad*-Pc-1 in DCM solution with excitation fixed at 666 and 650 nm, respectively.



**Fig. S4** Typical cyclic voltammogram (CV) curves of Zn-*di*-PcNcTh-1 and Zn-*tetrad*-Pc-1 in DCM solution containing 0.1 M [NBu<sub>4</sub>][ClO<sub>4</sub>] at a scan rate of 20 mV·S<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S5** Adsorption curves of Zn-*di*-PcNcTh-1 and Zn-*tetrad*-Pc-1 in 5.0 mL CHCl<sub>3</sub> solution containing 0.1 g Pt/g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>.



Fig. S6 The frontier molecular orbitals of Zn-di-PcNcTh-1, full optimized at B3LYP/6-31G level.



**Fig. S7.** FTIR spectra of  $g-C_3N_4$ , Zn-*di*-PcNcTh-1, and Zn-*di*-PcNcTh-1/g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> with dye-loaded amount of 10  $\mu$ mol g<sup>-1</sup>.