

Supplementary Information for

**Redox-Active Triazatruxene-based Conjugated Microporous  
Polymers for High-Performance Supercapacitors**

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## 1. Experimental details and characterizations

All the reagents used were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, J&K or Xiya Reagent (China). When necessary, solvents and reagents were purified using standard procedures. Materials Synthesis: **TATR** were synthesized as described previously.<sup>1</sup> All manipulations involving air-sensitive reagents were performed under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen. Described below are the synthesis and purification procedures for the key intermediates and final products.

**Characterization of materials:** NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Ultra Shield Plus 400 MHz NMR (<sup>1</sup>H: 400 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C: 100 MHz). The matrix assisted laser desorption ionization time of flight mass spectroscopy (MALDI-TOF MS) measurements were carried out with a Shimadzu AXIMA-CFR mass spectrometer. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) observation was carried out using a JEOL 6340-FESEM system operated at 3 kV. Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) was performed on a JEOL JEM-3010x operated at 100 kV. TEM samples were prepared by first dispersing the materials into ethanol or toluene assisted by ultrasonication. A drop of as-prepared solution was cast onto a holey carbon film of a copper TEM grid for examination.

**X-ray diffraction (XRD):** The powder wide-angle X-ray diffraction (WAXD) measurements were carried out with a Bruker D8 Advance diffractometer with Cu radiation ( $\lambda_1 = 1.54056 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 1.54439 \text{ \AA}$ ) at 40 kV and 40 mA equipped with a Linkseye detector. Measurements were collected within a  $2\theta$  range from 3 to 40° with a step size of 0.2°.

**Nitrogen sorption analysis:** The pore structure of conjugated microporous polymer sample was assessed from the N<sub>2</sub> isotherm curve measured by a gas adsorption analyzer (V-Sorb 2800P, Gold APP Corp., Beijing, China). Prior to the adsorption experiments, all samples were degassed at 150 °C for 3 h to eliminate the surface contaminants (water or oils). The Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) method was utilized to calculate the specific surface areas and the Saito-Florey (SF) method

for the calculation of pore size.

**X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS):** The XPS analysis was performed on ESCALAB 250 system with monochromatic Al K $\alpha$  excitation under vacuum below  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  Pa. The sample was tested on Pt net electrode without any additive.

**Electrochemical analysis:** Electrochemical studies on all the electrodes were conducted in a three electrode system: Electrochemical studies on the as-prepared electrodes were carried out on a CHI 660D electrochemical working station (Shanghai Chenhua Instrument, Inc.). All electrochemical performances were carried out in a conventional three-electrode system equipped with a platinum electrode and a saturated calomel electrode (SCE) as counter and reference electrodes, respectively. Before electrochemical measurements, we have purged out O<sub>2</sub> from the solution by the inert gas-Ar. The working electrode was made by mixing active materials, acetylene black, and PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene) at a weight ratio of 80:15:5, coating on a piece of nickel foam of about 1 cm<sup>2</sup>, and being pressed to be a thin foil at the pressure of 5.0 MPa. The electrolyte was 1.0 M Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution. Cyclic voltammetric (CV) measurements were recorded from -1.0 to 0 V with a scan rate from 5 to 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. Galvanostatic charge-discharge measurements were performed at different constant current densities from 1.0 to 10 A g<sup>-1</sup>.

The specific capacitance (C<sub>s</sub>, F g<sup>-1</sup>) was calculated from the slope of discharge curve using the equation of  $C_s = I * t / (V * m)$ , where  $I$  is the discharge current in the unit of A,  $V$  is the discharge voltage in the unit of V,  $t$  is the discharge time in the unit of s, and  $m$  is the mass of **TAT-CMP-1** or **TAT-CMP-2** in the film electrode in the unit of g.

1.1. Synthesis of 5,10,15-trihexyl-3-nitro-10,15-dihydro-5H-diindolo[3,2-a:3',2'-c] carbazole (**TAT-3NO<sub>2</sub>**). 65% nitric acid (1.5 mL, 33.3 mmol) was added to a solution of **TATR** (3.68 g, 6.2 mmol) in dichloromethane (DCM) (37 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred for 4 h and

then extracted with DCM (100 mL) for three times. The organic layer was dried with anhydrous magnesium sulfate ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ) and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified on a silica gel column eluted with DCM: Petroleum Ether (PE) (1:1) to afford **TAT-3NO<sub>2</sub>** (3.73 g) in 82%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  8.58 (s, 3H), 8.30 (s, 6H), 5.02-4.93 (m, 6H), 1.99 (s, 6H), 1.29-1.22 (m, 18H), 0.80 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  143.82, 142.47, 139.68, 127.55, 121.10, 116.15, 107.00, 103.38, 47.65, 31.94, 31.23, 29.95, 29.71, 29.37, 26.22, 22.70, 22.38, 14.13, 13.84; MALDI-TOF MS ( $m/z$ ): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{48}\text{N}_6\text{O}_6$ , Exact Mass: 732.36, Mol. Wt.: 732.88, Found: 731.090 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); Elemental analysis calcd (%): C 68.83, H 6.60, N 11.47. Found: C 68.72, H 6.33, N 11.78.

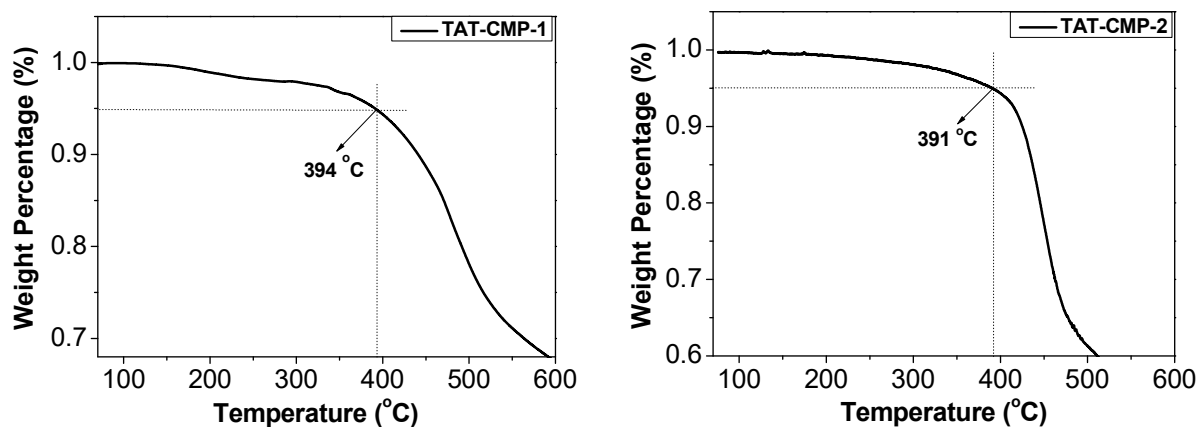
1.2 Synthesis of 5,10,15-trihexyl-10,15-dihydro-5H-diindolo[3,2-a:3',2'-c]carbazol-3-amine (**TAT-3NH<sub>2</sub>**). Under nitrogen, **TAT-3NO<sub>2</sub>** (1.04 g, 1.60 mmol) and palladium on activated carbon (Pd/C) (0.14 g) were dissolved in *N,N*-dimethyl formamide (20 mL) and the solution was refluxed. Hydrazine monohydrate (1.5 mL) was added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred at this temperature for 10 h. Pd/C was removed by filtration through Celite and the filtrate was extracted with DCM. The organic layer was dried with  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and the solvents were evaporated under vacuum. The crude product was purified on a silica gel column using DCM/PE: 1/4, as eluent to get **TAT-3NH<sub>2</sub>** (0.75 g) in 73%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  7.99 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 3H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 3H), 6.70 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 2.0$  Hz, 3H), 4.75-4.69 (m, 6H), 3.84 (s, 6H), 1.93 (s, 6H), 1.27 (t,  $J = 11.0$  Hz, 18H), 0.83 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  142.92, 142.85, 141.21, 141.06, 138.33, 138.02, 123.53, 123.52, 122.60, 122.39, 121.55, 121.52, 119.45, 119.42, 116.49, 110.47, 110.29, 109.27, 103.60, 103.50, 103.16, 96.79, 47.14, 47.09, 46.80, 31.51, 31.49, 31.48, 29.87, 29.76, 29.75, 29.55, 26.40, 22.54, 22.53, 22.51, 13.97, 13.95; MALDI-TOF MS ( $m/z$ ): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{54}\text{N}_6$ , Exact Mass: 642.44, Mol. Wt.: 642.94, Found: 642.55 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); Elemental

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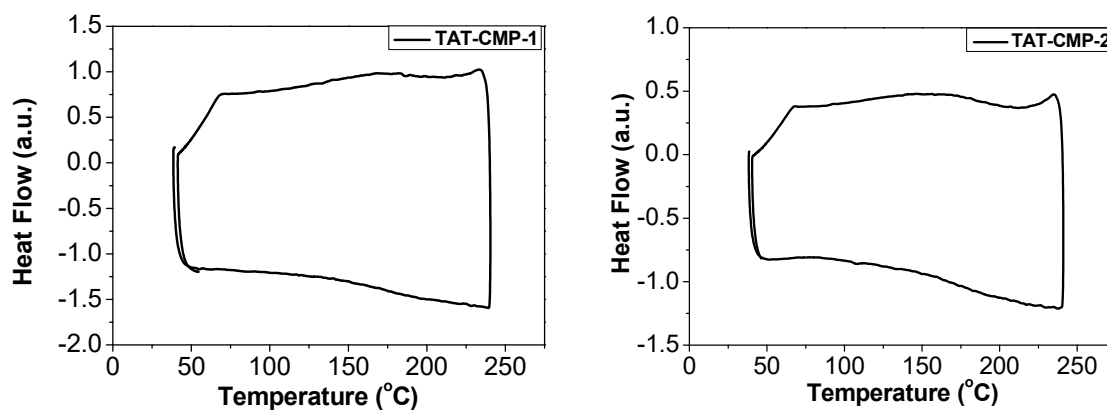
1.3 Synthesis of **TAT-CMP-1**. A 25 mL Schlenk tube (OD26 x L110 mm) was charged with Pyromellitic dianhydride (**PMDA**) (32.7 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **TAT-3NH<sub>2</sub>** (64.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) in a 1/2 v/v solution (6 mL) of 1,4-dioxane/mesitylene. The tube was sonicated for 5 min and flash frozen at 77 K (LN<sub>2</sub> bath), evacuated to an internal pressure of 0.15 mmHg and then tightened by the screw cap. The reaction mixture was heated at 120°C for 3 d to afford a brown precipitate, which was isolated by filtration over a medium glass frit and washed with anhydrous 1,4-dioxane. The product was immersed in anhydrous DCM (20 mL) for 3 d. In this process, the activation solvent was decanted and freshly replaced for four times. The solvent was removed under vacuum at room temperature to get **TAT-CMP-1** (75.0 mg) in 82%. Elemental analysis calcd (%): C 71.11, H 5.35, N 8.65. Found: C 70.82, H 5.51, N 8.54.

1.4 Synthesis of **TAT-CMP-2**. A 25 mL Schlenk tube (OD26 x L110 mm) was charged with Terephthalaldehyde (**TPAL**) (20.1 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **TAT-3NH<sub>2</sub>** (64.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) in a 1/2 v/v solution (6 mL) of 1,4-dioxane/mesitylene. The tube was sonicated for 5 min and flash frozen at 77 K (LN<sub>2</sub> bath), evacuated to an internal pressure of 0.15 mmHg and then tightened by the screw cap. The reaction mixture was heated at 120°C for 3 d to afford a red precipitate, which was isolated by filtration over a medium glass frit and washed with anhydrous 1,4-dioxane. The product was immersed in anhydrous DCM (20 mL) for 3 d, during which the activation solvent was decanted and freshly replaced for four times. The solvent was removed under vacuum at room temperature to get **TAT-CMP-2** (67.1 mg) in 85%. Elemental analysis calcd (%): C 80.72, H 7.47, N 10.05. Found: C 80.43, H 7.13, N 10.40.

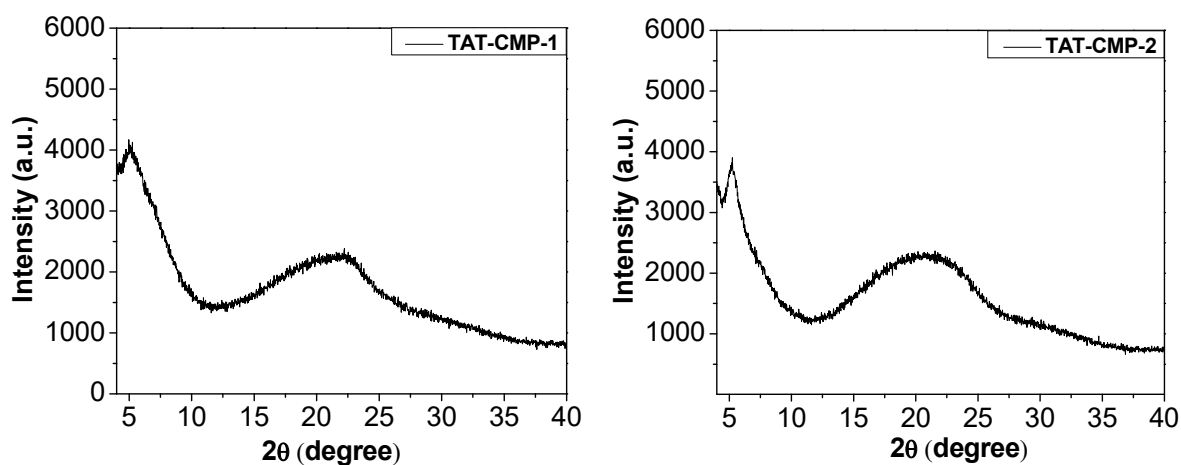
## 2. Supporting figures and tables



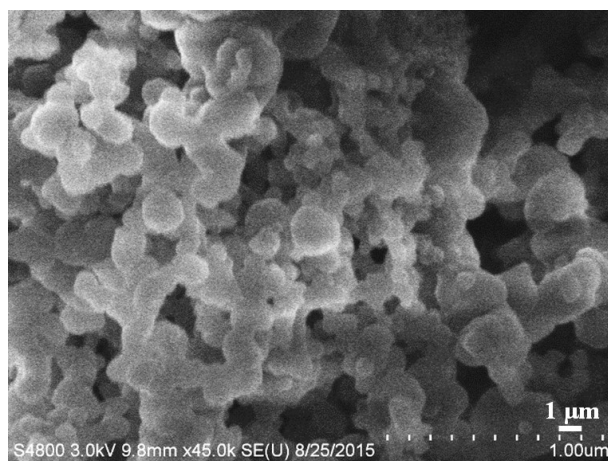
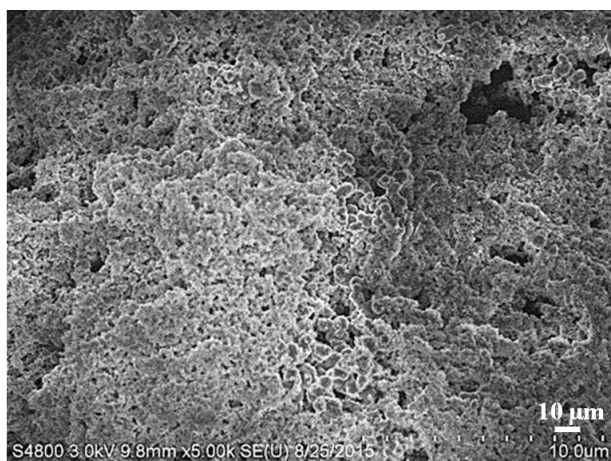
**Figure S1.** TGA thermograms of TAT-CMP-1 (left) and TAT-CMP-2 (right) measured at a heating rate of  $10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C min}^{-1}$ .



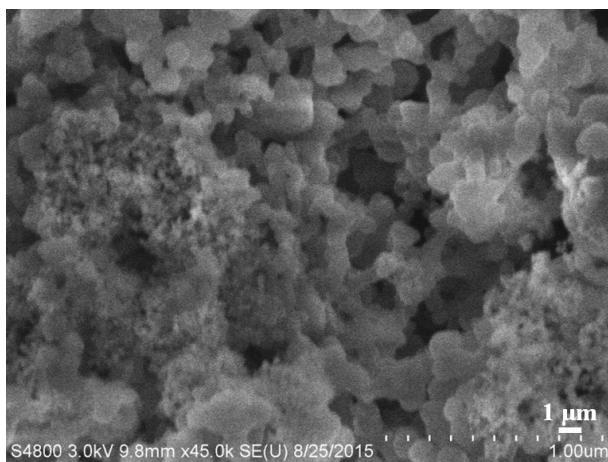
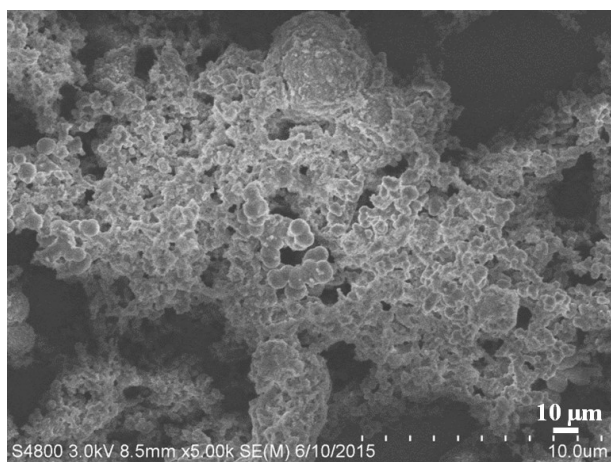
**Figure S2.** DSC thermograms of TAT-CMP-1 (left) and TAT-CMP-2 (right) measured at a heating rate of  $10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C min}^{-1}$ .



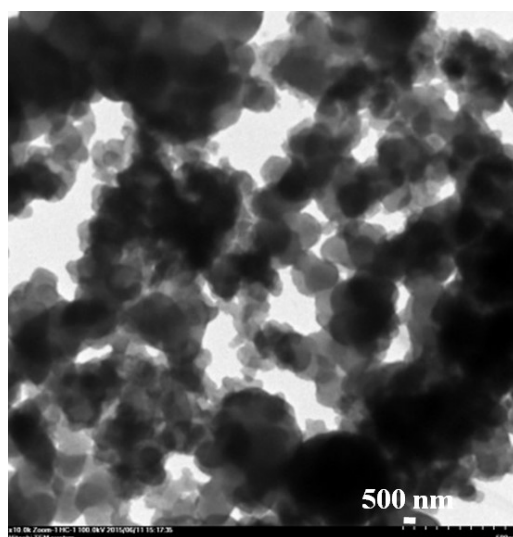
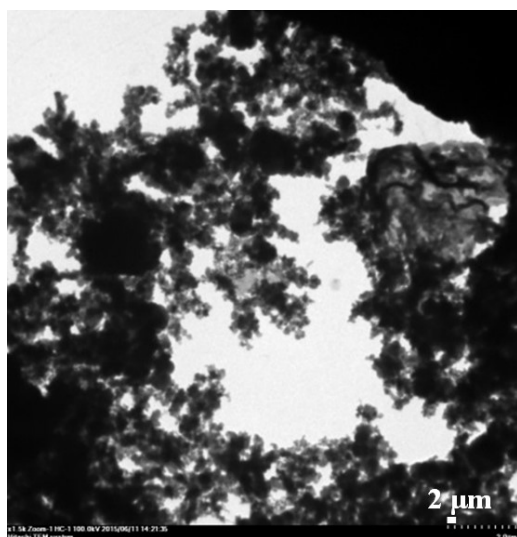
**Figure S3.** The powder XRD patterns of TAT-CMP-1 and TAT-CMP-2.



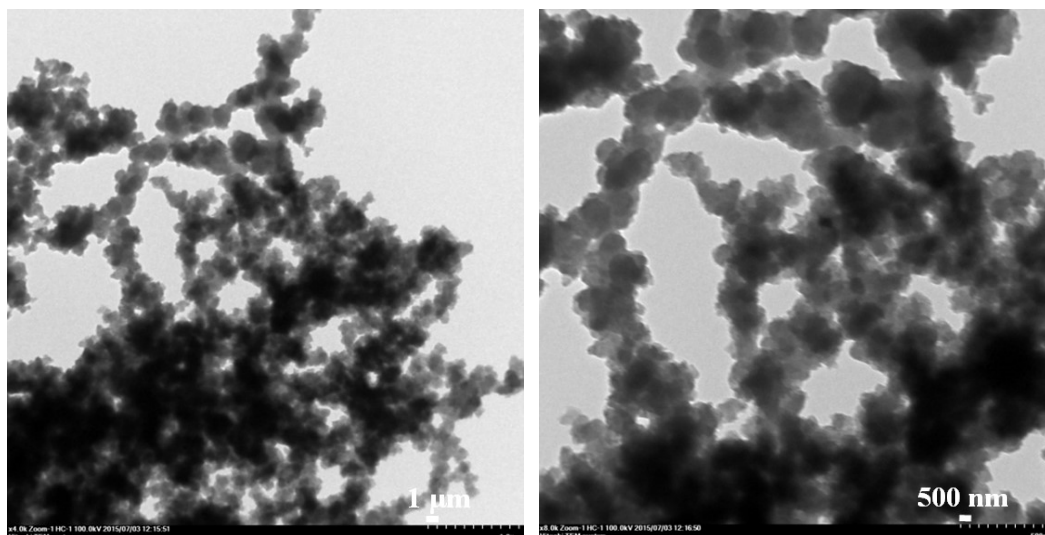
**Figure S4.** SEM images of TAT-CMP-1.



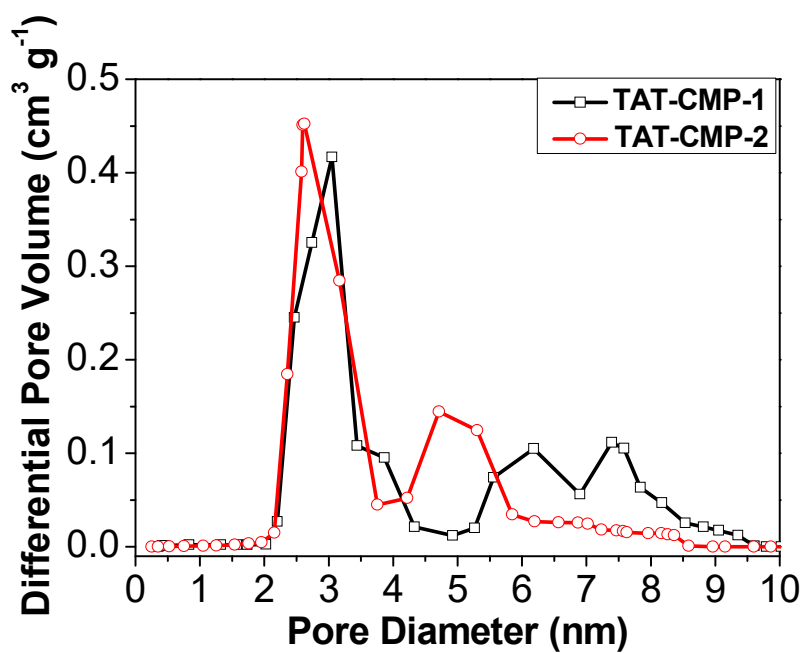
**Figure S5.** SEM images of TAT-CMP-2.



**Figure S6.** TEM images of TAT-CMP-1.



**Figure S7.** TEM images of TAT-CMP-2.

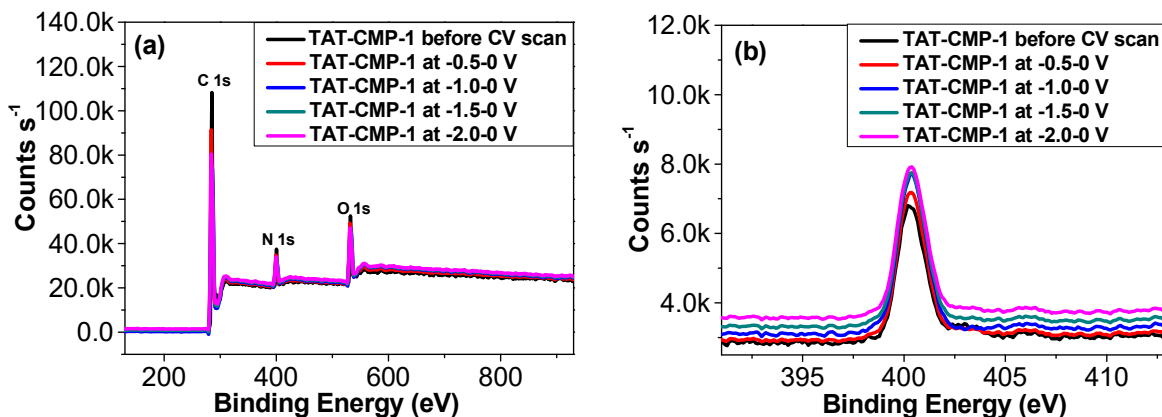


**Figure S8.** The average pore distribution of TAT-CMP-1 and TAT-CMP-2.

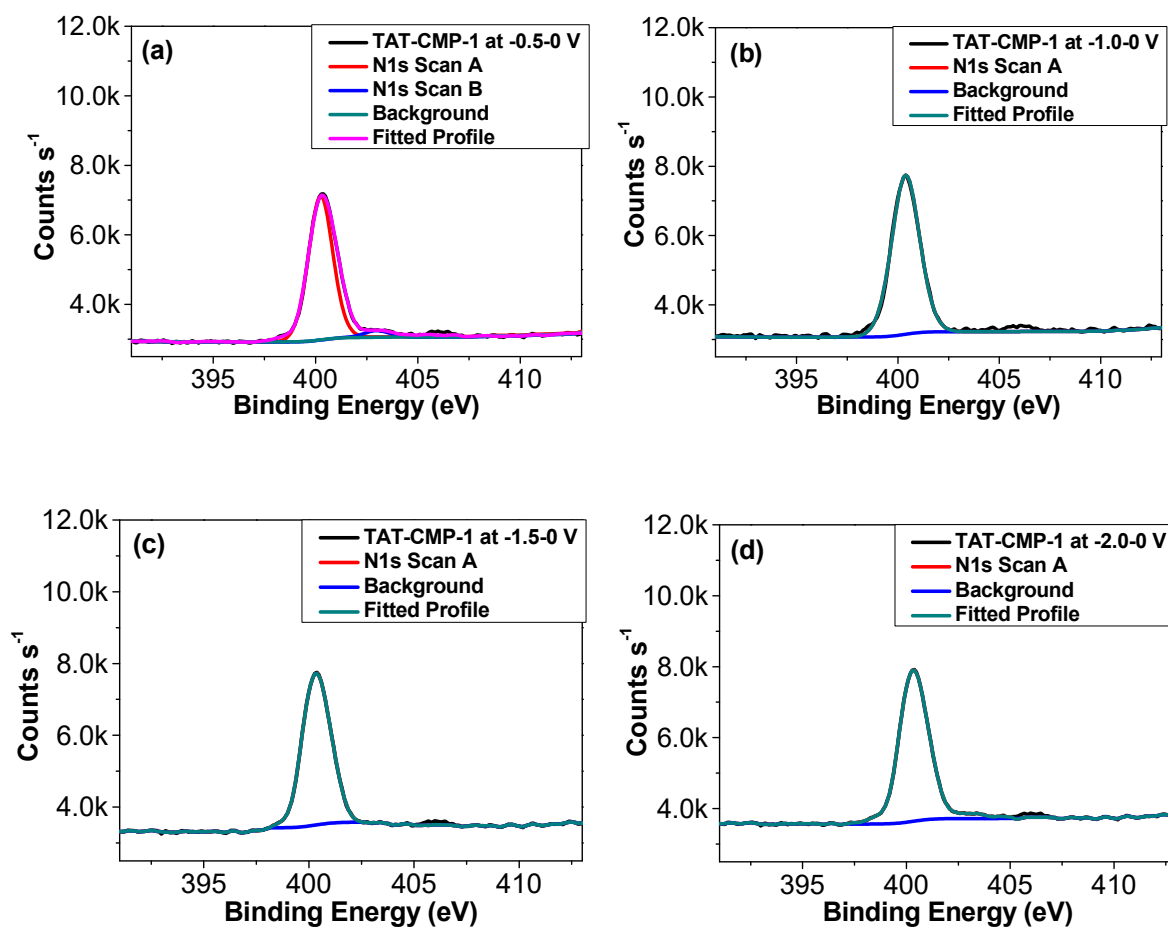


**Table S1.** The peak of N 1s of **TAT-CMP-1** and **TAT-CMP-2** in the second CV scanning at different potentials.

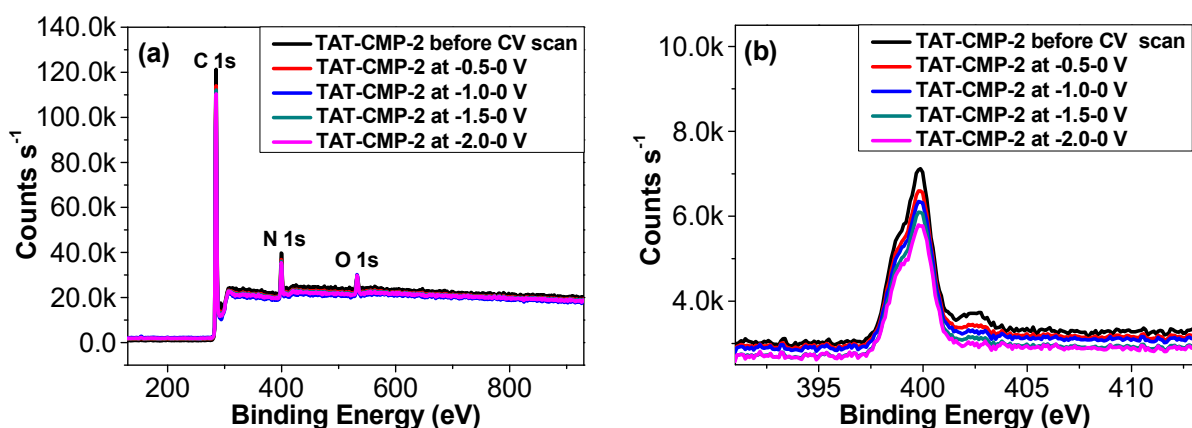
		N 1s Scan A (eV)	N 1s Scan B (eV)	N 1s Scan C (eV)	N 1s Scan D (eV)
<b>TAT-CMP-1</b>	Before CV scanning	400.2	401.1	403.0	--
	-0.5-0 V	400.2	--	403.0	--
	-1.0-0 V	400.3	--	--	--
	-1.5-0 V	400.3	--	--	--
	-2.0-0 V	400.3	--	--	--
<b>TAT-CMP-2</b>	Before CV scanning	398.7	399.9	402.7	401.5
	-0.5-0 V	398.8	399.9	402.6	--
	-1.0-0 V	399.9	398.9	--	--
	-1.5-0 V	399.8	398.7	--	--
	-2.0-0 V	399.9	398.7	--	--



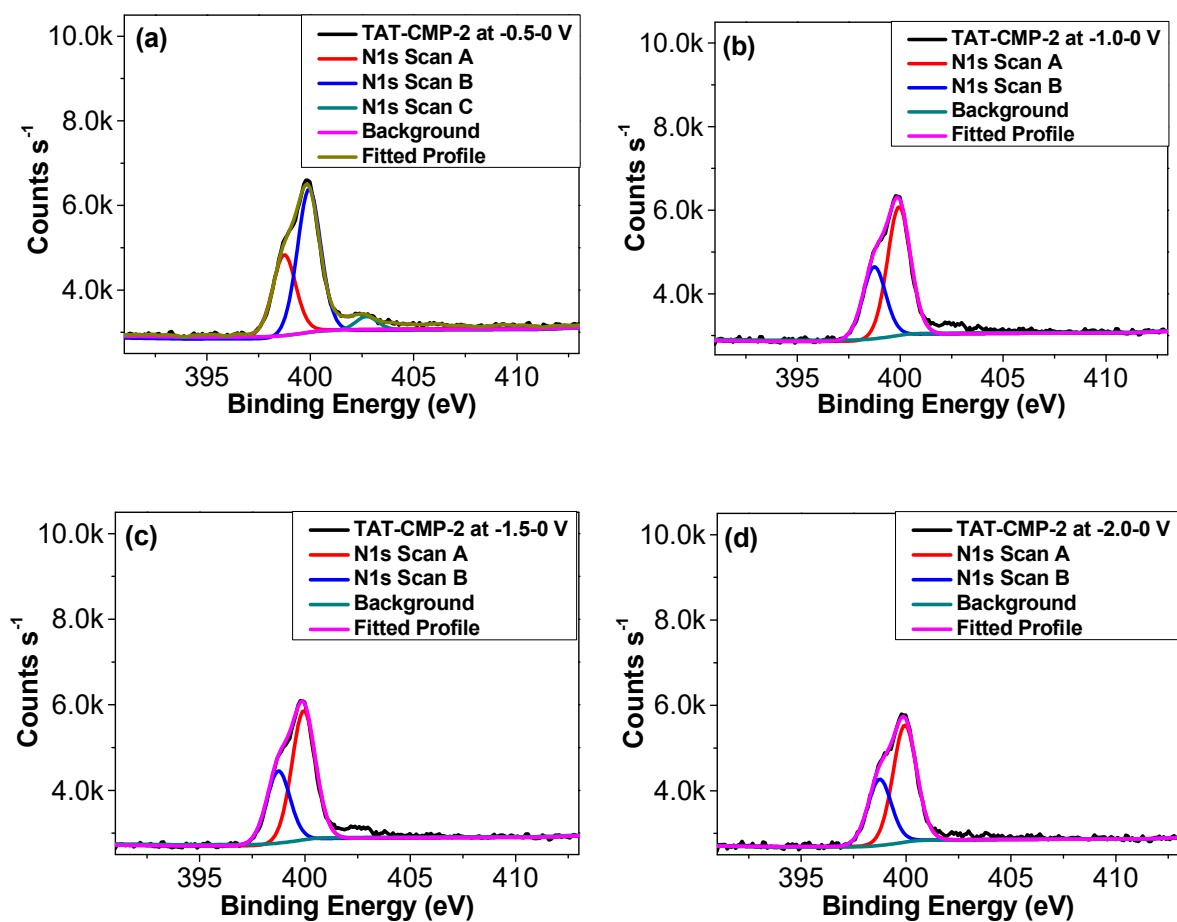
**Figure S9.** (a) XPS spectra of TAT-CMP-1 recorded in the second CV scanning at different potentials from 0 V to -0.5 V, -1.0 V, -1.5 V, and -2.0 V; (b) N 1s core-level spectra of TAT-CMP-1 recorded in the second CV scanning from 0 V to -0.5 V, -1.0 V, -1.5 V, and -2.0 V.



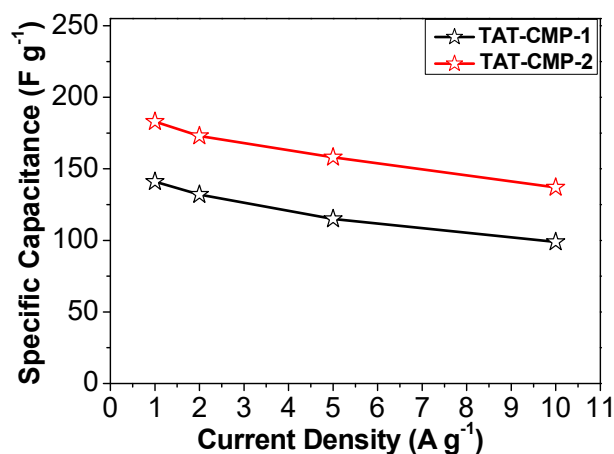
**Figure S10.** N 1s core-level spectra of TAT-CMP-1 recorded in the second CV scanning at different potentials from 0 V to (a) -0.5 V, (b) -1.0 V, (c) -1.5 V, and (d) -2.0 V.



**Figure S11.** (a) XPS spectra of TAT-CMP-2 recorded in the second CV scanning at different potentials from 0 V to -0.5 V, -1.0 V, -1.5 V, and -2.0 V. (b) N 1s core-level spectra of TAT-CMP-2 recorded in the second CV scanning from 0 V to -0.5 V, -1.0 V, -1.5 V, and -2.0 V.



**Figure S12.** N 1s core-level spectra of TAT-CMP-2 recorded in the second CV scanning at different potentials from 0 V to (a) -0.5 V, (b) -1.0 V, (c) -1.5 V, (d) -2.0 V.



**Figure S13.** The specific capacitances calculated by the CP curves and current densities of TAT-CMP-1 and TAT-CMP-2.

**Table S2.** Performance comparison of areal capacitances among various porous materials.

Materials	Capacitance gravimetric F g <sup>-1</sup> (Conditions)	Normalized capacitance μF cm <sup>-2</sup> (S <sub>BET</sub> , m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Reference
TAT-CMP-1	141 (1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	160 (88)	This Work
TAT-CMP-2	183 (1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	173 (106)	This Work
covalent organic frameworks	48 (0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	4 (1124)	2
carbon nanotubes	98 (1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	10 (988)	3
porous carbon nanosheets	128 (0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	7 (1735)	4
carbon nanoparticles	84 (1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	23 (365)	5
porous carbon materials	129 (10 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	20 (655)	6
mesoporous carbon	160 (1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	14 (1161)	7
nitrogen-enriched porous carbons	166 (0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	33 (500)	8

### 3. MALDI-TOF and NMR spectra

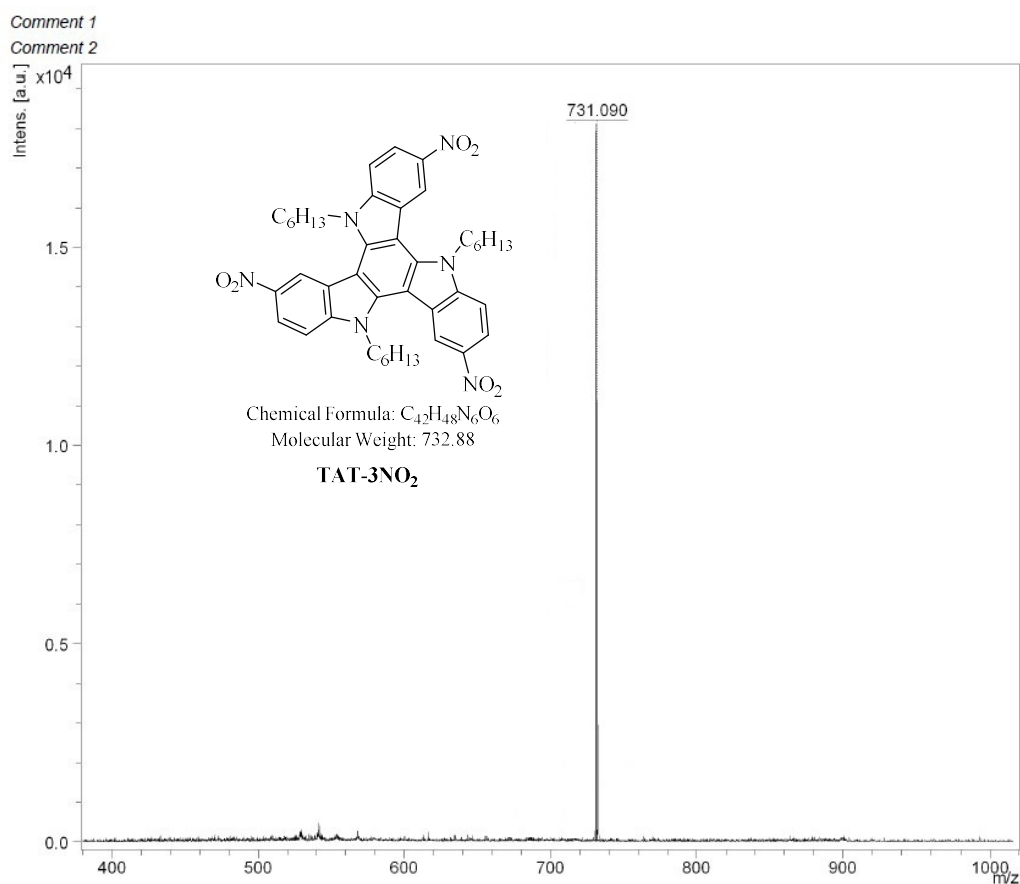


Figure S15. MALDI-TOF of TAT-3NO<sub>2</sub>.

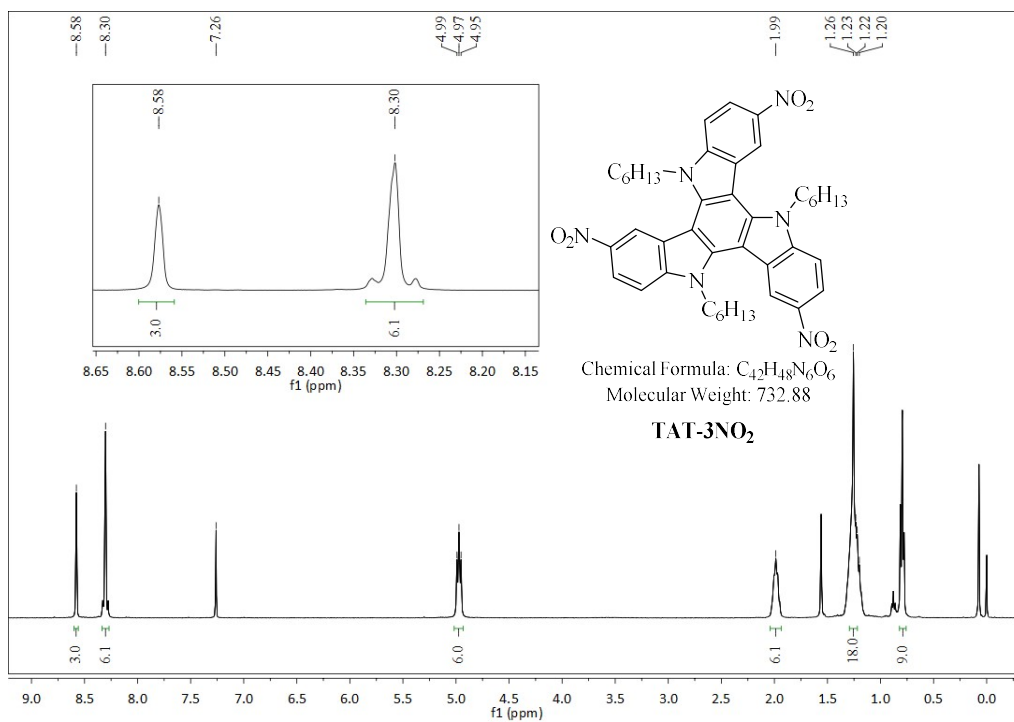
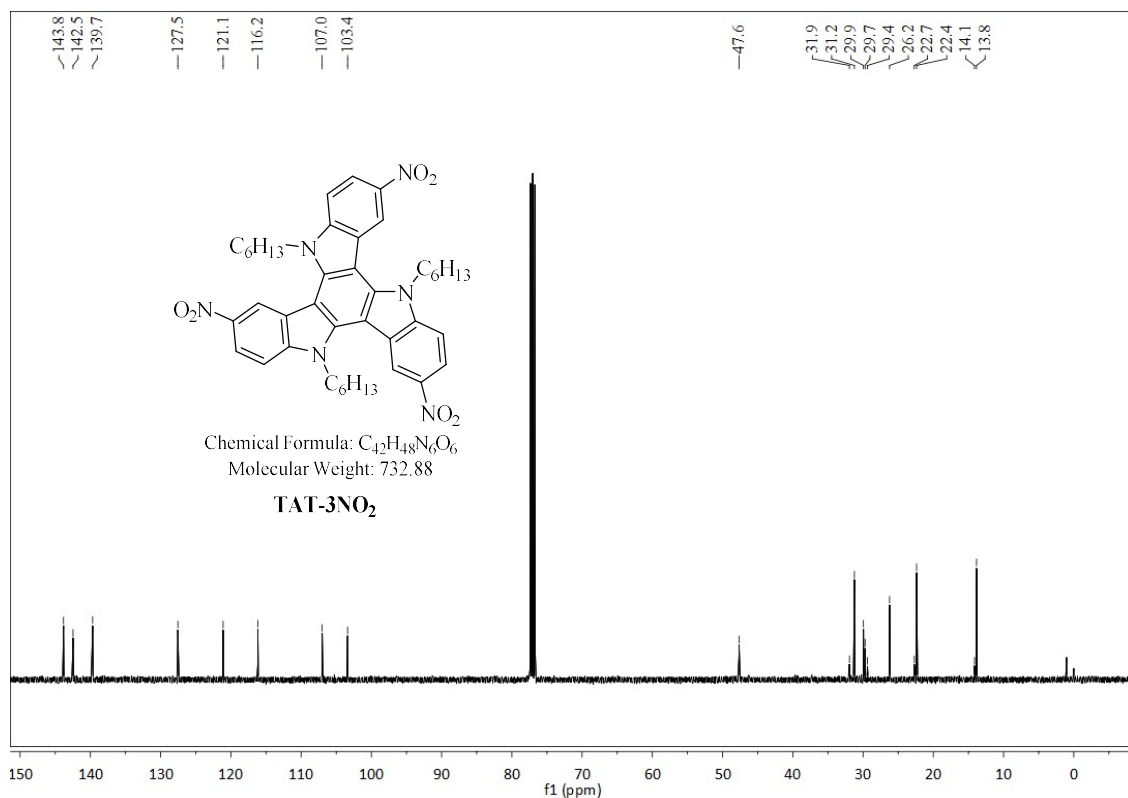
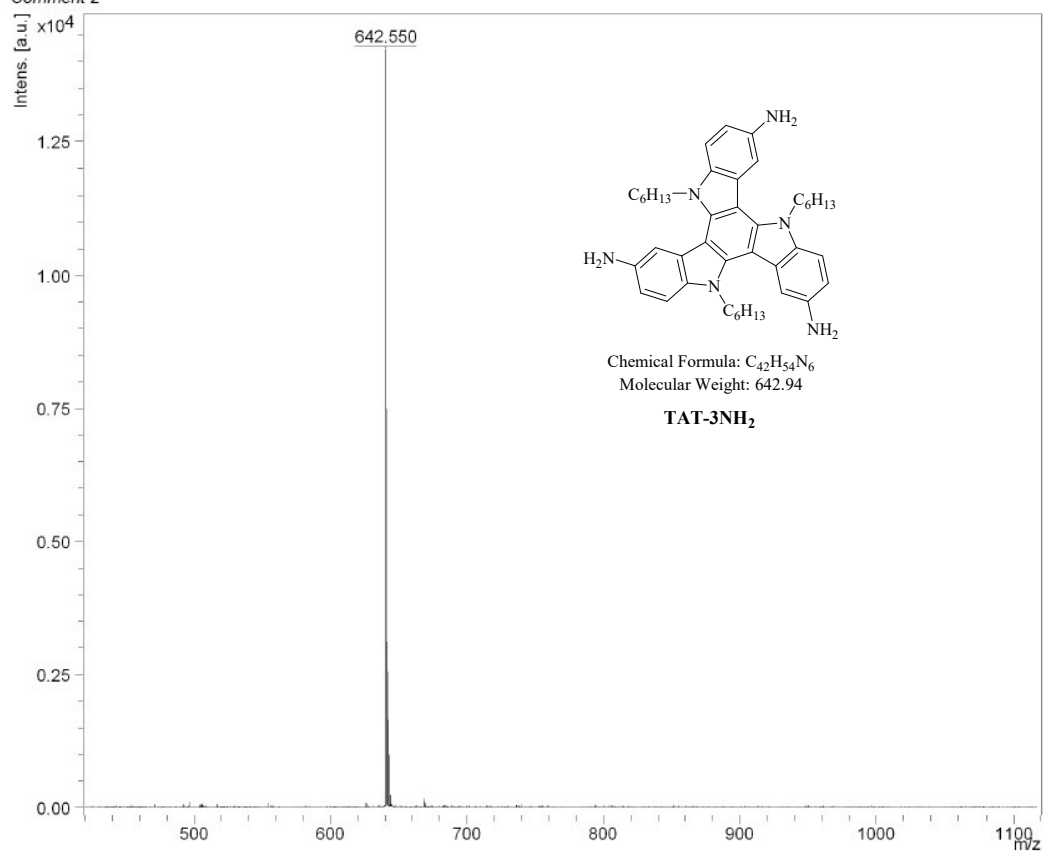


Figure S16. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of TAT-3NO<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure S17.**  $^{13}C$  NMR of TAT-3NO<sub>2</sub>.

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**Figure S18.** MALDI-TOF of TAT-3NH<sub>2</sub>.

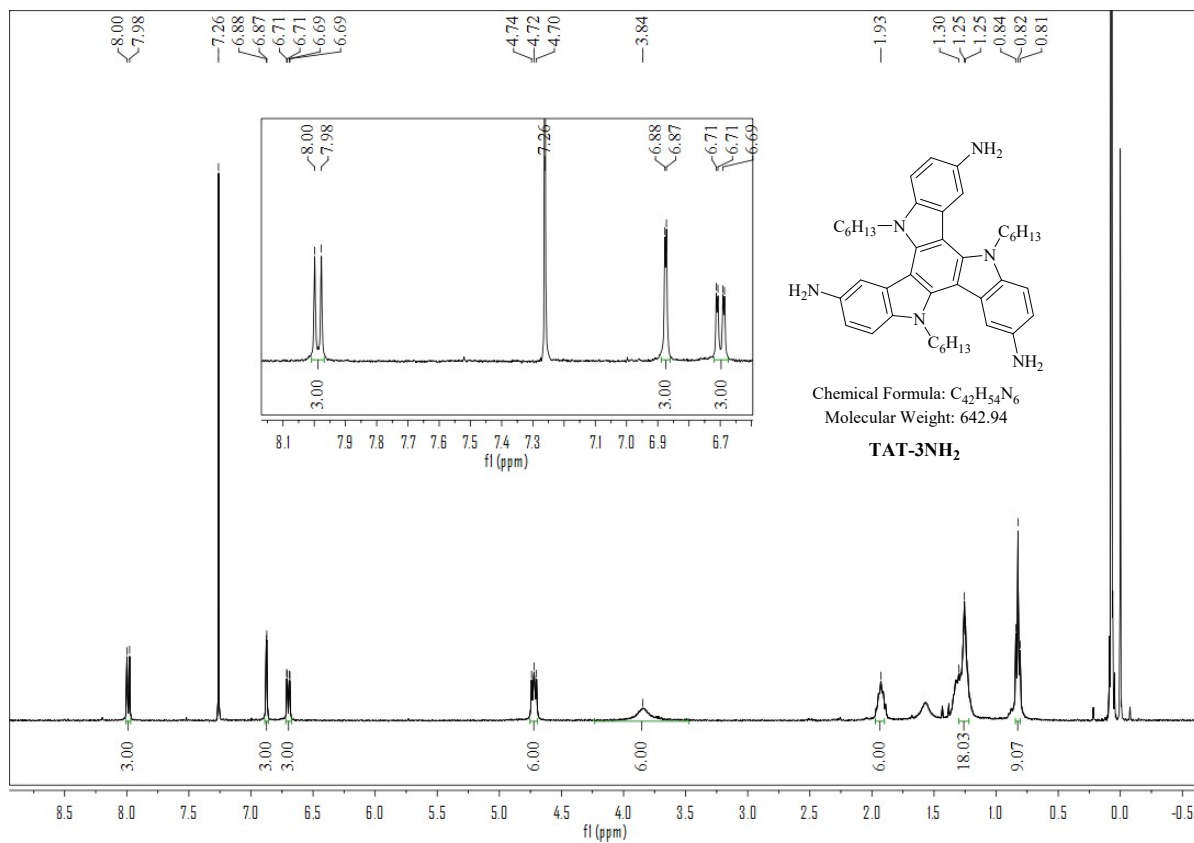


Figure S19.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of TAT-3NH<sub>2</sub>.

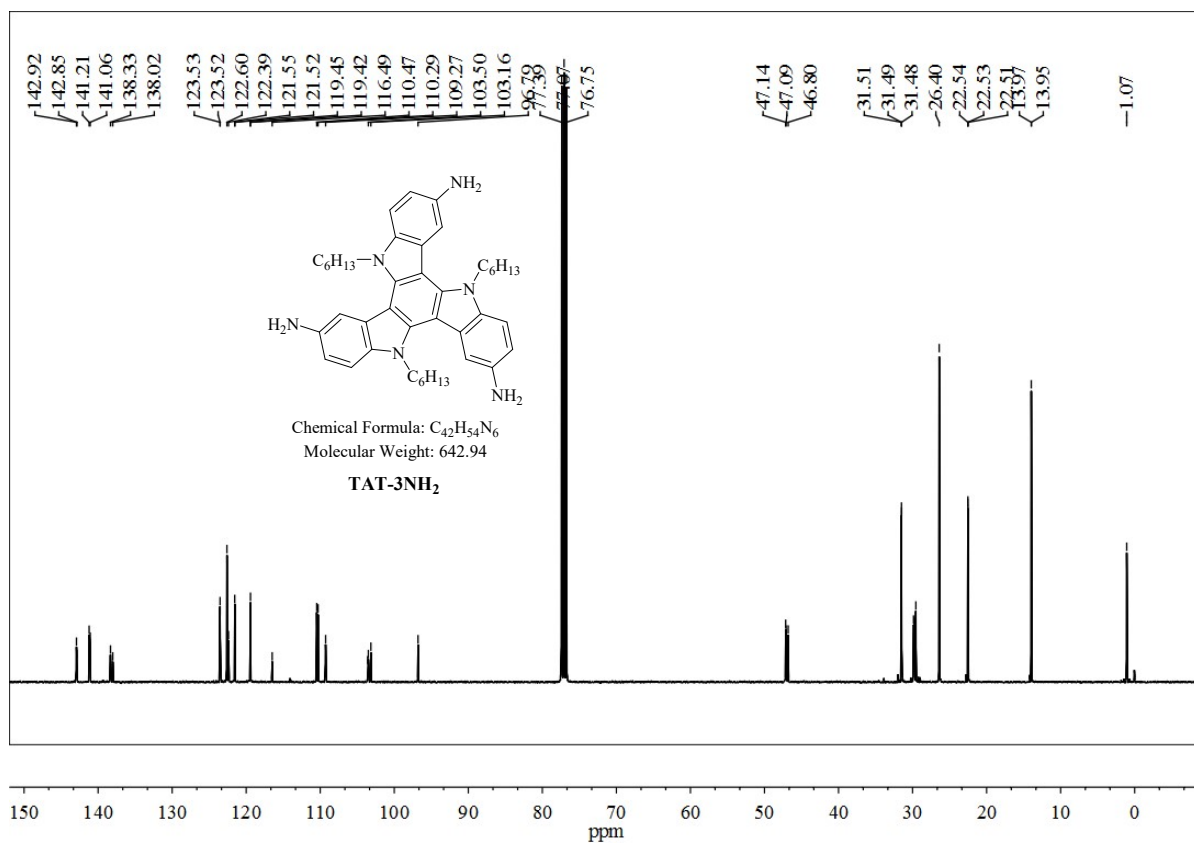


Figure S20.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of TAT-3NH<sub>2</sub>.

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