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## Supplementary Information for

# New insights on the influence of weak and strong acids on the oxidative stability and photocatalytic activity of porphyrins

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#### S1a: Synthesis and spectral data (<sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and UV-Vis ) of the free base porphyrins

The *para* and *ortho* substituted meso-tetra(phenyl)porphyrins were synthesized and purified according to the Adler et al. method.<sup>1</sup> In a typical reaction, the solution of pyrrole (5.6 ml, 0.08 mol) and benzaldehyde (8 ml, 0.08 mol) were added to 300 ml refluxing propionic acid in a 1 l round bottom flask equipped with a water condenser. In order to prevent the aldehye and pyrrole from pouring or squirting out after addition to the refluxing propionic acid, pyrrole and benzaldehyde were separately dissolved in 5 ml propionic acid and then were added to the refluxing propionic acid (290 ml). The mixture was refluxed for 30 min. After cooling the reaction mixture to the room temperature, the solution was filtered and the filter cake was washed thoroughly with methanol and hot water, respectively. The product was chromatographed once on a neutral alumina column with dichloromethane to obtain purple crystals of H<sub>2</sub>TPP. The spectral data (<sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and UV-Vis ) of the free base porphyrins are as follows. Also, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the used porphyrins are shown in S2 to S7. The NMR data were in accordance with those reported in the literature.<sup>2-6</sup>

**H<sub>2</sub>TPP.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: -2.77 (2H, br, s, NH), 7.77-7.84 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 4H<sub>p</sub>, m), 8.26-8.27 (8H<sub>o</sub>, d), 8.90 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 120.18 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 142.20 (C<sub>1</sub>), 134.60 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 126.73 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 127.75 (C<sub>4</sub>), 131.5 (C<sub>β</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (logε): 417 (5.79), 513 (4.58), 548 (4.38), 590 (4.30), 647 (4.29).

**H<sub>2</sub>T(4-OMe)PP.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: -2.72 (2H, br, s, NH), 7.29-7.32 (8H<sub>m</sub>, d), 8.15-8.17 (8H<sub>o</sub>, d), 8.89 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s), 4.13 (12H<sub>Me</sub>, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 119.75 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 134.67 (C<sub>1</sub>), 135.62 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 112.20 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 159.39 (C<sub>4</sub>), 131.34 (C<sub>β</sub>), 55.61 (C<sub>Me</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (logε)= 421 (5.61), 517 (4.32), 555 (4.22), 593 (4.06), 651 (4.11).

**H<sub>2</sub>T(2-Me)PP.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: -2.59 (2H, br, s, NH), 7.54-7.74 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 4H<sub>p</sub>, m, meta and para-position relative to C atom attached to meso position), 7.99-8.11 (4H<sub>o</sub>, m, ortho-position relative to C atom attached to meso position), 7.99-8.11 (4H<sub>o</sub>, m, ortho-position relative to C atom attached to meso position ), 8.70 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s), 2.01-2.11 (12H<sub>Me</sub>, m); ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 118.82 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 139.54 (C<sub>1</sub>), 139.63 (C<sub>2</sub>), 128.38 (C<sub>3</sub>), 129.22 (C<sub>4</sub>), 124.21 (C<sub>5</sub>), 133.90 (C<sub>6</sub>), 141.48 (C<sub>α</sub>), 129.22 (C<sub>β</sub>), 21.37 (C<sub>Me</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (logε): 416 (6.04), 512 (4.74), 545 (4.34), 589 (4.34), 645 (4.25).

**H<sub>2</sub>T(4-Me)PP.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: -2.76 (2H, br, s, NH), 7.55-7.58 (8H<sub>m</sub>, d), 8.09-8.12 (8H<sub>o</sub>, d), 8.86 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s), 2.65 (12H<sub>Me</sub>, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 120.47 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 139.73 (C<sub>1</sub>), 134.92 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 127.81 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 137.71 (C<sub>4</sub>), 131.37 (C<sub>β</sub>), 21.57 (C<sub>Me</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (logε): 418 (5.89), 516 (4.54), 551 (4.34), 590 (4.18), 647 (4.20).

**H<sub>2</sub>T(2-CI)PP.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: -2.62 (2H, br, s, NH), 7.66-7.87 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 4H<sub>p</sub>, m, meta and para-position relative to C atom attached to meso position), 8.10-8.26 (4H<sub>o</sub>, m, ortho-position relative to C atom attached to meso position), 8.10-8.26 (4H<sub>o</sub>, m, ortho-position relative to C atom attached to meso position), 8.72 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 116.76 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 137.10 (C<sub>1</sub>), 136.94 (C<sub>2</sub>), 129.01 (C<sub>3</sub>), 129.93 (C<sub>4</sub>), 125.32 (C<sub>5</sub>), 135.52 (C<sub>6</sub>), 140.50 (C<sub>α</sub>), 135.39 (C<sub>β</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (logε): 416 (5.64), 512 (4.47), 543 (4.07), 587 (4.15), 643 (3.96).

**H<sub>2</sub>T(4-Cl)PP.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: -2.83 (2H, br, s, NH), 7.77-7.79 (8H<sub>m</sub>, d), 8.15-8.17 (8H<sub>o</sub>, d), 8.87 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 119.01 ( $C_{meso}$ ), 140.37 ( $C_1$ ), 135.52 ( $C_2$ ,  $C_6$ ), 127.07 ( $C_3$ ,  $C_5$ ), 134.41 ( $C_4$ ), 131.64 ( $C_β$ ); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (logε): 418 (5.79), 513 (4.52), 547 (4.25), 590 (4.16), 647 (4.10).

**S1b:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and UV-Vis spectral data of the porphyrin dications with CF<sub>3</sub>COOH

**H**<sub>4</sub>**TPP(CF**<sub>3</sub>**COO)**<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 0.276 (4H, br, s, NH), 7.99-8.043 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 4H<sub>p</sub>, m), 8.616-8.652 (8H<sub>o</sub>, m), 8.616-8.652 (8H<sub>β</sub>, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 122.77 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 139.90 (C<sub>1</sub>), 138.52 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 128.31 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 130.01 (C<sub>4</sub>), 145.72 (C<sub>α</sub>), 128.31 (C<sub>β</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (logε): 437 (5.83), 600 (4.46), 652 (4.93).

**H<sub>4</sub>T(4-OMe)PP(CF<sub>3</sub>COO)**<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 0.425 (4H, br, s, NH), 7.553-8.573 (8H<sub>m</sub>, d), 8.527-8.562 (8H<sub>β</sub>, 8H<sub>o</sub>, br), 4.195 (12H<sub>Me</sub>, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 122.09 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 133.44 (C<sub>1</sub>), 140.01 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 114.01 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 161.49 (C<sub>4</sub>), 146.11 (C<sub>α</sub>), 127.75 (C<sub>β</sub>), 55.84 (C<sub>Me</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (logε): 449 (5.77), 686 (5.07).

**H<sub>4</sub>T(2-Me)PP(CF<sub>3</sub>COO)<sub>2</sub>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: -0.954 (4H, br, s, NH), 7.721-7.895 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 4H<sub>p</sub>, br, meta and para-positions relative to C atom attached to the meso position), 8.181-8.216 (4H<sub>o</sub>, br, ortho-position relative to the C atom attached to the meso position), 8.651-8.682 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s), 2.208-2.285 (H<sub>Me</sub>, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 121.47 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 138.33 (C<sub>1</sub>), 140.86 (C<sub>2</sub>), 128.41 (C<sub>3</sub>), 129.08 (C<sub>4</sub>), 125.39 (C<sub>5</sub>), 136.62 (C<sub>6</sub>), 145.51 (C<sub>α</sub>), 130.54 (C<sub>β</sub>), 21.87 (C<sub>Me</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}/nm$  (logε): 432 (5.99), 583 (6.46), 633 (4.89).

**H<sub>4</sub>T(4-Me)PP(CF<sub>3</sub>COO)<sub>2</sub>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 0.42 (4H, br, s, NH), 7.79-7.82 (8H<sub>m</sub>, d), 8.46-8.49 (8H<sub>o</sub>, d), 8.55 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s), 2.67 (12H<sub>Me</sub>, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100MHz,CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 122.60 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 137.56 (C<sub>1</sub>), 138.62 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 129.12 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 140.31 (C<sub>4</sub>), 145.85 (C<sub>α</sub>), 127.95 (C<sub>β</sub>), 21.68 (C<sub>Me</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (logε): 442 (5.85), 666 (5.01).

**H<sub>4</sub>T(2-Cl)PP(CF<sub>3</sub>COO)<sub>2</sub>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 1.5 (4H, br, s, NH), 7.77-7.938 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 4H<sub>p</sub>, m, meta and para-positions relative to the C atom attached to the meso position), 8.29 (4H<sub>o</sub>, br, ortho-position relative to C atom attached to the meso position), 8.681 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 117.99 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 137.39 (C<sub>1</sub>), 137.72 (C<sub>2</sub>), 129.58 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>), 125.88 (C<sub>5</sub>), 136.75 (C<sub>6</sub>), 146.16 (C<sub>α</sub>), 131.04 (C<sub>β</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}/nm$  (logε): 431 (5.76), 580 (4.69), 632 (4.75).

H<sub>4</sub>T(4-Cl)PP(CF<sub>3</sub>COO)<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 0.392 (4H, br, s, NH), 8.026-8.046 (8H<sub>m</sub>, d), 8.518-8.539 (8H<sub>o</sub>, d), 8.635 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 121.73 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 138.11 (C<sub>1</sub>), 139.22 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 128.81 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 137.50 (C<sub>4</sub>), 145.67 (C<sub>α</sub>), 128.38 (C<sub>β</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}/nm$  (logε): 439 (6.06), 656 (5.16).

S1c: <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and UV-Vis spectral data of the porphyrin dications with HClO<sub>4</sub>

H<sub>4</sub>TPP(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 8.021-8.098 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 4H<sub>p</sub>, m), 8.65-8.67 (8H<sub>o</sub>, d), 8.838 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s), no signal was observed for the NH protons at 20  $^{0}$ C.; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 123.38 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 139.50 (C<sub>1</sub>), 138.72 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 128.56 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 130.46 (C<sub>4</sub>), 146.21 (C<sub>α</sub>), 129.76(C<sub>β</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}/nm(log\epsilon)$ : 439 (4.64), 600 (3.36), 655 (3.79).

H<sub>4</sub>T(2-Cl)PP(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 1.3(4H, br, s, NH), 7.84-8.03 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 4H<sub>p</sub>, m, meta and para-positions relative to the C atom attached to the meso position), 8.38-8.42 (4H<sub>o</sub>, br, ortho-position relative to C atom attached to the meso position), 8.79-8.26 (8H<sub>β</sub>, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 119.46 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 137.80 (C<sub>1</sub>), 138.32(C<sub>2</sub>), 129.87 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>), 126.52(C<sub>5</sub>), 137.29 (C<sub>6</sub>), 146.20 (C<sub>α</sub>), 132.17 (C<sub>β</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}/nm$  (logε): 435 (4.60), 583 (3.41), 631 (3.50).

**S1d:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and UV-Vis spectral data of the porphyrin dications with HCl

**H<sub>4</sub>TPP(Cl)<sub>2</sub>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 7.984-8.074 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 4H<sub>p</sub>, m), 8.626-8.663 (8H<sub>o</sub>, m), 8.626-8.663 (8H<sub>β</sub>, m), no signal was observed for the NH protons at 20  $^{\circ}$ C.; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 122.63 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 139.93 (C<sub>1</sub>), 139.05 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 128.12 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 130.01 (C<sub>4</sub>), 146.05 (C<sub>α</sub>), 128.40(C<sub>β</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}/nm$  (logε): 445 (5.70), 611 (3.43), 662 (3.77).

**H<sub>4</sub>T(2-Cl)PP(Cl)<sub>2</sub>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 1.497(4H, br, s, NH), 7.84-8.01 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 4H<sub>p</sub>, m, meta and para-positions relative to the C atom attached to the meso position), 8.37 (4H<sub>o</sub>, br, ortho-position relative to C atom attached to the meso position), 8.53 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 118.72 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 138.21 (C<sub>1</sub>), 138.63 (C<sub>2</sub>), 127.97 (C<sub>3</sub>), 130.08 (C<sub>4</sub>), 126.39 (C<sub>5</sub>), 137.75 (C<sub>6</sub>), 146.13 (C<sub>α</sub>), 131.79 (C<sub>β</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}/nm$  (logε): 444 (4.48), 591 (3.39), 641 (3.49).

**S1e:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and UV-Vis spectral data of the porphyrin dications with CHCl<sub>2</sub>COOH

**H<sub>4</sub>TPP(CHCl<sub>2</sub>COO)<sub>2</sub>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 7.99-8.07 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 4H<sub>p</sub>, m), 8.64-8.66 (8H<sub>o</sub>, m), 8.71 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 123.16 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 139.57 (C<sub>1</sub>), 138.62 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 128.96 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 130.34 (C<sub>4</sub>), 145.78 (C<sub>α</sub>), 128.56 (C<sub>β</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}/nm$  (logε): 439 (4.59), 600 (3.30), 652 (3.73).

**H<sub>4</sub>T(2-Cl)PP(CHCl<sub>2</sub>COO)<sub>2</sub>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 1.3(4H, br, s, NH), 7.85-8.02 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 4H<sub>p</sub>, br, meta and para-positions relative to the C atom attached to the meso position), 8.34-8.47(4H<sub>o</sub>, br, ortho-position relative to C atom attached to meso position), 8.65-8.71 (8H<sub>β</sub>, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 119.20 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 137.76 (C<sub>1</sub>), 138.52 (C<sub>2</sub>), 129.07 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>), 126.73 (C<sub>5</sub>), 137.53 (C<sub>6</sub>), 145.58(C<sub>α</sub>), 130.09 (C<sub>β</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}/nm$  (logε): 435 (4.47), 582 (3.36), 632 (3.45).

**S1f:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and UV-Vis spectral data of the porphyrins dication with CH<sub>2</sub>CICOOH

**H<sub>4</sub>TPP(CH<sub>2</sub>CICOO)<sub>2</sub>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS),  $\delta$ /ppm: 8.009-8.078 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 4H<sub>p</sub>, m), 8.7 (8H<sub>o</sub>, m), 8.78 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s); no signal was observed for the NH protons at 20 <sup>0</sup>C.; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS),  $\delta$ /ppm: 122.63 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 140.26 (C<sub>1</sub>), 138.19 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 128.81 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 129.82 (C<sub>4</sub>), 145.93 (C<sub>α</sub>), 128.22 (C<sub>β</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm: 440 , 608, 659.

H<sub>4</sub>T(4-OMe)PP(CH<sub>2</sub>CICOO)<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 7.57-7.59 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 8H<sub>o</sub>, d), 8.58 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s), 4.19 (12H<sub>Me</sub>, s); no signal was observed for the NH protons at 20 <sup>o</sup>C.; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 122.18 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 133.44 (C<sub>1</sub>), 139.95 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 114.05 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 161.52 (C<sub>4</sub>), 146.13 (C<sub>α</sub>), 128.13 (C<sub>β</sub>), 56.28 (C<sub>Me</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm: 452, 693.

**H<sub>4</sub>T(2-Me)PP(CH<sub>2</sub>ClCOO)<sub>2</sub>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 7.72-7.8 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 4H<sub>p</sub>, br, meta and paraposition relative to C atom attached to meso position), 8.21-8.28 (4H<sub>o</sub>, br, ortho-position relative to C atom attached to meso position), 8.73-8.75 (8H<sub>β</sub>, br), 2.24-2.32 (H<sub>Me</sub>, m); no signal was observed for the NH protons at 20 °C.; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 120.3 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 140.3 (C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>), 129.8 (C<sub>3</sub>), 129.5 (C<sub>4</sub>), 124.8 (C<sub>5</sub>), 135.5 (C<sub>6</sub>), 145.15 (C<sub>α</sub>), 129.8 (C<sub>β</sub>), 21.93 (C<sub>Me</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, λ<sub>max</sub>/nm: 434, 584, 635.

H<sub>4</sub>T(4-Me)PP(CH<sub>2</sub>ClCOO)<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 7.85-7.87 (8H<sub>m</sub>, d), 8.5334-8.56 (8H<sub>o</sub>, d), 8.64 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s), 2.71 (12H<sub>Me</sub>, s); no signal was observed for the NH protons at 20  $^{0}$ C.; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 122.8 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 137.43 (C<sub>1</sub>), 138.64 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 129.22 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 140.5 (C<sub>4</sub>), 145.8 (C<sub>α</sub>), 128.22 (C<sub>β</sub>), 21.48 (C<sub>Me</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm: 445, 670.

H<sub>4</sub>T(2-Cl)PP(CH<sub>2</sub>ClCOO)<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 7.8-7.99 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 4H<sub>p</sub>, br, meta and parapositions relative to the C atom attached to the meso position), 8.3-8.5 (4H<sub>o</sub>, br, ortho-position relative to C atom attached to meso position), 8.70-8.72 (8H<sub>β</sub>, br); no signal was observed for the NH protons at 20  $^{\circ}$ C.; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 118.72 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 137.7 (C<sub>1</sub>), 137.83 (C<sub>2</sub>), 128.28 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>), 126.46 (C<sub>5</sub>), 137.53 (C<sub>6</sub>), 145.7 (C<sub>α</sub>), 131.81 (C<sub>β</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, λ<sub>max</sub>/nm: 434, 581, 632.

H<sub>4</sub>T(4-Cl)PP(CH<sub>2</sub>ClCOO)<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS),  $\delta$ /ppm: 7.98 (8H<sub>m</sub>, d), 8.49 (8H<sub>o</sub>, d), 8.74 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s); no signal was observed for the NH protons at 20 <sup>o</sup>C.; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS),  $\delta$ /ppm: 121.8 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 138.44 (C<sub>1</sub>), 139.3 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 128.9 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 137.4 (C<sub>4</sub>), 145.78 (C<sub>α</sub>), 128.6 (C<sub>β</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm: 443, 660.

S1g: <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and UV-Vis spectral data of the porphyrin dications with HCOOH

**H**<sub>4</sub>**TPP(HCOO)**<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS),  $\delta$ /ppm: 7.777 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 4H<sub>p</sub>, d), 8.174 (8H<sub>o</sub>, d), 8.828 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s); no signal was observed for the NH protons at 20 °C, but at -60 °C, the NH resonance was observed at  $\delta$  0.49 ppm<sup>1</sup>.; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS),  $\delta$ /ppm: 123.26 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 139.23 (C<sub>1</sub>), 138.85 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 129 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 130.70 (C<sub>4</sub>), 145.67 (C<sub>α</sub>), 128.78 (C<sub>β</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (logε): 439 (5.75), 604 (4.42), 657 (4.89).

 $H_4T(4-OMe)PP(HCOO)_2$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 7.532 (8H<sub>m</sub>, d), 8.547 (8H<sub>o</sub>, d), 8.56 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s), 4.162 (12H<sub>Me</sub>, s); no signal was observed for the NH protons at 20 °C, but at -60 °C, the NH resonance was observed at δ

0.42 ppm<sup>1</sup>.; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS),  $\delta$ /ppm: 122.59 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 132.67 (C<sub>1</sub>), 140.31 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 114.62 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 162.13 (C<sub>4</sub>), 145.99 (C<sub>α</sub>), 128.46 (C<sub>β</sub>), 55.89 (C<sub>Me</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (logε): 452 (5.36), 695 (4.73).

**H<sub>4</sub>T(2-Me)PP(HCOO)**<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 7.863-7.9 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 4H<sub>p</sub>, br, meta and para-position relative to C atom attached to meso position), 8.254-8.332 (4H<sub>o</sub>, br, ortho-position relative to C atom attached to meso position), 8.73-8.76 (8H<sub>β</sub>, br), 2.144-2.203 (H<sub>Me</sub>, m); no signal was observed for the NH protons at 20 °C.; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 121.69 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 138.12 (C<sub>1</sub>), 140.86 (C<sub>2</sub>), 129.53 (C<sub>3</sub>), 129.56 (C<sub>4</sub>), 125.62 (C<sub>5</sub>), 136.54 (C<sub>6</sub>), 145.63 (C<sub>α</sub>), 130.60 (C<sub>β</sub>), 21.03 (C<sub>Me</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, λ<sub>max</sub>/nm (logε): 433 (5.79), 582 (4.49), 635 (4.69).

**H<sub>4</sub>T(4-Me)PP(HCOO)<sub>2</sub>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 7.88-7.91 (8H<sub>m</sub>, d), 8.533-8.553 (8H<sub>o</sub>, d), 8.7 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s), 2.767 (12H<sub>Me</sub>, s); no signal was observed for the NH protons at 20 °C.; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 123.1 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 136.87 (C<sub>1</sub>), 138.86 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 129.63 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 141.34 (C<sub>4</sub>), 145.75 (C<sub>α</sub>), 128.68 (C<sub>β</sub>), 21.62 (C<sub>Me</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (logε): 443 (5.88), 672 (5.09).

**H<sub>4</sub>T(2-CI)PP(HCOO)<sub>2</sub>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 7.92-7.95 (8H<sub>m</sub> and 4H<sub>p</sub>, br, meta and para-positions relative to the C atom attached to the meso position), 8.4-8.5 (4H<sub>o</sub>, br, ortho-position relative to C atom attached to meso position), 8.78-8.826 (8H<sub>β</sub>, br); no signal was observed for the NH protons at 20 <sup>o</sup>C.; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 119.24 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 137.83 (C<sub>1</sub>), 138.02 (C<sub>2</sub>), 129.87 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>), 126.62 (C<sub>5</sub>), 136.84 (C<sub>6</sub>), 145.57 (C<sub>α</sub>), 132.55 (C<sub>β</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (logε): 432 (5.65), 580 (4.41), 631 (4.52).

**H<sub>4</sub>T(4-Cl)PP(HCOO)<sub>2</sub>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS),  $\delta$ /ppm: 7.746 (8H<sub>m</sub>, d), 8.4 (8H<sub>o</sub>, d), 8.674 (8H<sub>β</sub>, s); no signal was observed for the NH protons at 20 °C, but at -60 °C, the NH resonance was observed at  $\delta$  0.19 ppm<sup>1</sup>.; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (~100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS),  $\delta$ /ppm: 122.17 (C<sub>meso</sub>), 138.09 (C<sub>1</sub>), 139.59 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 129.19 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 137.54 (C<sub>4</sub>), 145.66 (C<sub>α</sub>), 128.94 (C<sub>β</sub>); UV-vis in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (logε): 442 (5.65), 662 (4.91).

#### **S2(a,b):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of H<sub>2</sub>TPP and the expansion of aromatic region



### **S2(c,d):** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of H<sub>2</sub>TPP and the expansion of aromatic region



S3(a,b): <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of H<sub>2</sub>T(4-OMe)PP and the expansion of aromatic region





S3(c,d):  ${}^{13}C$  NMR spectra of H<sub>2</sub>T(4-OMe)PP and the expansion of aromatic region

S4(a,b): <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of  $H_2T(2-Me)PP$  and the expansion of aromatic region





**S5(a,b):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of  $H_2T(4-Me)PP$  and the expansion of aromatic region



S4(c,d):  ${}^{13}C$  NMR spectra of H<sub>2</sub>T(2-Me)PP and the expansion of aromatic region



S5(c,d):  ${}^{13}C$  NMR spectra of H<sub>2</sub>T(4-Me)PP and the expansion of aromatic region

**S6(a,b):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of  $H_2T(2-CI)PP$  and the expansion of aromatic region







**S7(a,b):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of  $H_2T(4-CI)PP$  and the expansion of aromatic region







**S8(a,b):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of  $H_4$ TPP(CF<sub>3</sub>COO)<sub>2</sub> and the expansion of aromatic region







**S9(a,b,c):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of  $H_4$ TPP(HCOO)<sub>2</sub>, the expansion of aromatic region and fffect of temperature on the chemical shifts of the protons of  $H_4$ TPP(HCOO)<sub>2</sub> in CDCl<sub>3</sub><sup>7</sup>





See Ref. 7 for more details





S10(a,b): <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of H<sub>4</sub>TPP(CH<sub>2</sub>ClCOO)<sub>2</sub> and the expansion of aromatic region





S10(c,d): <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of H<sub>4</sub>TPP(CH<sub>2</sub>ClCOO)<sub>2</sub> and the expansion of aromatic region

S11(a,b): <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of H<sub>4</sub>TPP(CHCl<sub>2</sub>COO)<sub>2</sub> and the expansion of aromatic region







S12(a,b): <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of  $H_4$ TPP(Cl)<sub>2</sub> and the expansion of aromatic region



S12(c,d):  ${}^{13}C$  NMR spectra of H<sub>4</sub>TPP(CI)<sub>2</sub> and the expansion of aromatic region



**S13(a,b):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of  $H_4$ TPP(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and the expansion of aromatic region







**S14:** Double walled cylindrical glass vessel equipped with water circulation used for the photooxidation reactions (10 W red or blue LED lamps or a 200 W white mercury compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) were used as the light source).



#### **S15:**<sup>13</sup>C NMR data of Cyclooct-1-en-3-yl hydroperoxide

**Cyclooct-1-en-3-yl hydroperoxide.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS), δ/ppm: 32.85 (C<sub>4</sub>), 26.20 (C<sub>5</sub>), 26.41 (C<sub>6</sub>), 23.76 (C<sub>7</sub>), 28.90 (C<sub>8</sub>), 129.75 (C<sub>unsat</sub>), 131.88 (C<sub>unsat</sub>), 82.88 (COOH).

The <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of Cyclooct-1-en-3-yl hydroperoxide as the sole product is consistent with the previously reported data.<sup>8,9</sup>



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