Large-scale preparation of B/N co-doped graphene-like carbon as an efficient metal-free catalyst for reduction of nitroarenes

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Figure S1. SEM images of (a) BNG-700 and (b) BNG-900, High magnification SEM image of (c) BNG-800.



Figure S2. AFM images of (a) the pristine graphite and (b) BNG-800.



Figure S3. High resolution XPS spectra (a) B1s spectra of BNG-700, (b) B1s spectra of BNG-900, (c) N1s spectra of BNG-700 and (d) N1s spectra of BNG-900.

| Catalysts | Reductant | Temp. | Tim e | Usage | Yiel d (%) | Activity (mmol/g h) | Reference |
|-----------|--|--------|----------|--------|------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| BNG-800 | $\frac{\text{NH}_2\text{NH}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}}{(1.5 \text{ equiv.})}$ | 70 °C | 3 h | 4 mg | 99 | 41 | This work |
| OLC | $\frac{\text{NH}_2\text{NH}_2\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}}{(1.5 \text{ equiv.})}$ | 70 °C | 4 h | 5 mg | 99 | 24.7 | 1 |
| NG-800 | NaBH ₄ (10 equiv.) | R.T. | 6 h | 2.5 mg | 97 | 32.3 | 2 |
| RGO | $NH_2NH_2 \cdot H_2O$ (40 equiv.) | 30 °C | 48 h | 6.3 mg | 97 | 1.6 | 3 |
| CNT-HP | NH ₂ NH ₂ ·H ₂ O (5 equiv.) | 100 °C | 4 h | 5 mg | 93.9 | 23.5 | 4 |
| ST-HHT-PQ | $NH_2NH_2 \cdot H_2O$ (67 equiv.) | 100 °C | 13 h | 10 mg | 97.5 | 3.75 | 5 |
| B-PGO | $NH_2NH_2 \cdot H_2O$ (11 equiv.) | 90 °C | 4 h | 6.7mg | 90.7 | 16.9 | 6 |

Table S1. Comparison of the reduction of nitroarenes in the presence of BNG-800

 with other catalysts ^a

^a reaction conditions: 0.5 mmol substrate

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