

## Supporting Information

### **Rational Synthesis of Interpenetrated 3D Covalent Organic Frameworks for Asymmetric Photocatalysis**

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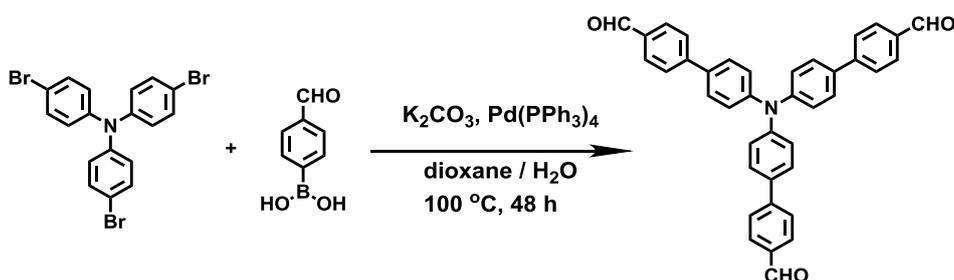
## 1. Materials and general procedures

All the chemicals are commercial available, and used without further purification. All solvents were dried and distilled according to conventional methods. The IR (KBr pellet) spectra were recorded (400-4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region) on a Nicolet Magna 750 FT-IR spectrometer. Powder X-ray diffraction data (PXRD) were collected on a D8 Advance diffractometer using Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation. The confocal fluorescence microscopy images were obtained on a (Leica)/TCS SP8 STED 3X super-resolution multiphoton confocal microscope (SMCM). Thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) were carried out in an air atmosphere with a heating rate of 10  $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$  on a STA449C integration thermal analyzer. Scanning Electron SEM was conducted on a Sirion 200 (SEM) Field-emission Scanning Electron Microscopy, FEI.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR experiments were carried out on a MERCURY plus 400 spectrometer operating at resonance frequencies of 400 MHz. Solid  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR experiments were carried out on a Bruker Avance III 600 MHz. The pore-size-distribution curves were calculated from nitrogen adsorption isotherms using non-local density functional theory (NLDFT). Before the adsorption measurement, the samples were activated at 120  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  under vacuum ( $< 10^{-3}$  torr) for 12 h. ICP-OES was performed on Optima 7300DV ICP-OES (Perkin Elmer Corporation, USA). The 3D-EDT data was obtained on a commercially available FEI Tecnai Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM) operating at an acceleration voltage of 120 kV. The solid-state UV spectra were recorded by using pressed  $\text{BaSO}_4$  matrix in the range of 200-800 nm at room temperature with a UV/Vis/NIR Spectrometer Lambda 750S (Perkin Elmer, Inc., USA). Electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectra were recorded at room temperature using a Bruker ESP-300E spectrometer at 9.8 GHz, X-band, with 100 Hz field modulation. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) experiments were carried out using CHI 660E in a three-electrode electrochemical cell with a scan rate of 0.5  $\text{V s}^{-1}$ . The experiments were conducted in anhydrous acetonitrile with tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (0.1 M) as supporting electrolyte. The auxiliary electrode was a platinum wire. The reference electrode was based on the calomel electrode. The working electrode was a glassy carbon electrode. The fluorescent spectra were measured on a LS 55 (Perkin Elmer, USA).

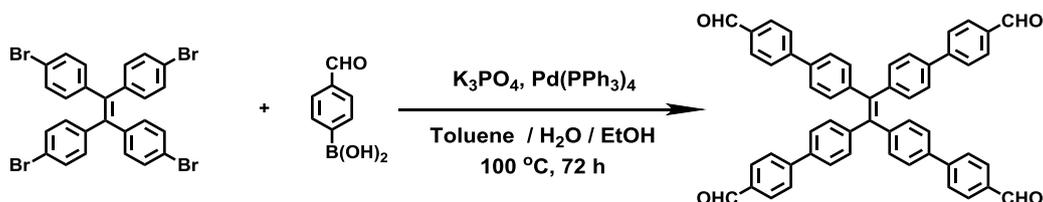
## 2. Synthesis.

### 2.1. Synthesis of the precursors

Tris(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)amine was synthesized according to the published procedure.<sup>[1]</sup> Tris(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-phenyl)amine was synthesized according to the published procedure.<sup>[2]</sup>

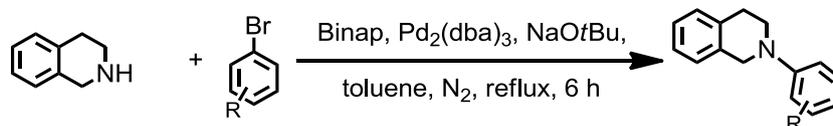


Tris(4-bromophenyl)amine (4.8 g, 10 mmol) and 4-formylphenylboronic acid (5.4 g, 36 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (11.0 g, 80 mmol) and  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (570 mg, 0.5 mmol) in dioxane/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (19/1 v/v, 200 mL) were degassed for 10 min. The suspension was stirred under  $\text{N}_2$  at 100  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 48 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated and then extracted with dichloromethane (DCM). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and then concentrated under reduced pressure to remove the solvent. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexanes/DCM (1:2 v/v) to afford 4',4''',4''''-nitrotritolris([1,1'-biphenyl] 4-carbaldehyde) (**NBC**) (3.6 g, 65 % yield).



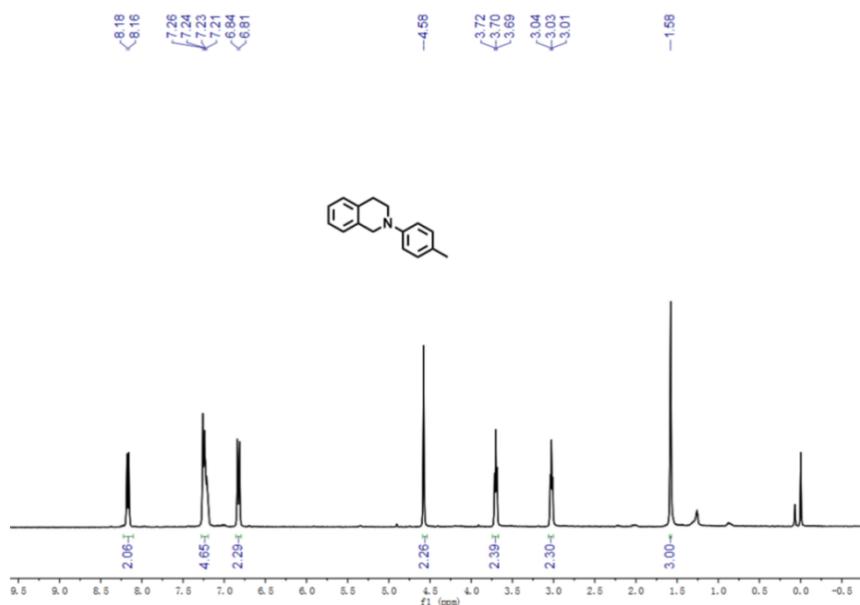
1,1,2,2-tetrakis(4-bromophenyl)ethene (6.4 g, 10 mmol) and 4-formylphenylboronic acid (6.7 g, 45 mmol),  $K_3PO_4$  (25.4 g, 120 mmol) and  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  (570 mg, 0.5 mmol) in Toluene/H<sub>2</sub>O/EtOH (10/1/1 v/v/v, 220 mL) were degassed for 10 min. The suspension was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at 100 °C for 72 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated and then extracted with dichloromethane (DCM). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and then concentrated under reduced pressure to remove the solvent. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexanes/DCM (1:1 v/v) to afford 4',4''',4''''',4''''''-(ethene-1,1,2,2-tetrayl)tetrakis[(1,1'-biphenyl)-4-carbaldehyde] (**ETBC**) (4.3 g, 58 % yield).

## 2.2. Synthesis of cross-dehydrogenative coupling (CDC) reaction substrates.

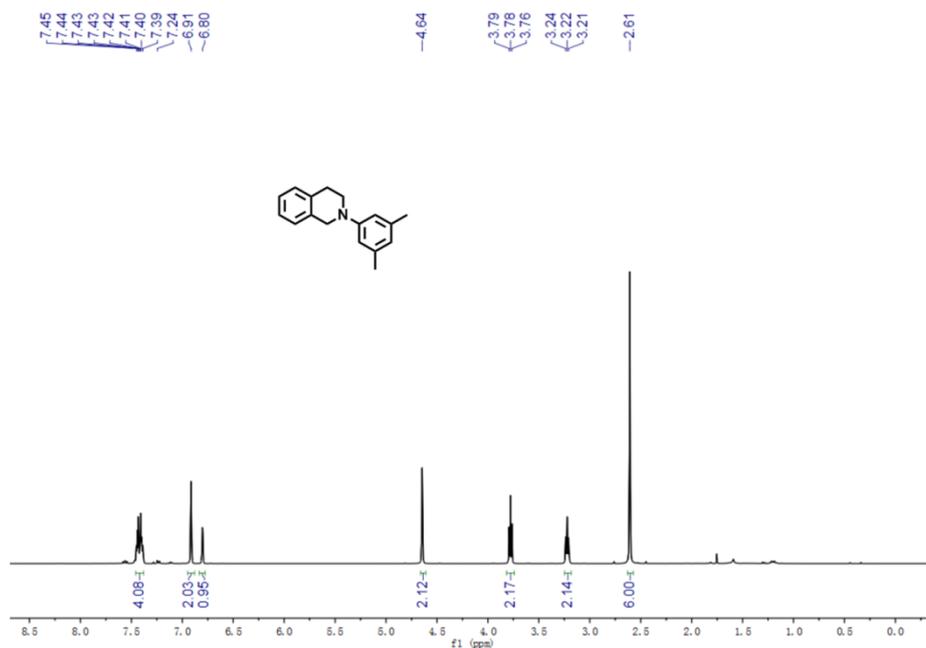


The mixture of BINAP (5.5 mol %) and  $Pd_2(dba)_3$  (5 mol %) in distilled toluene (20 mL) was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at 110 °C for 30 min. It was cooled down to room temperature, and aryl bromide derivative (10 mmol), NaOtBu (15 mmol), and 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (15 mmol) were added. The mixture was then degassed three times with N<sub>2</sub> and heated under reflux. After overnight the mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with diethyl ether (50 mL) and filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup>. Concentration under reduced pressure afforded the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 20:1, v/v) to obtain pure product.

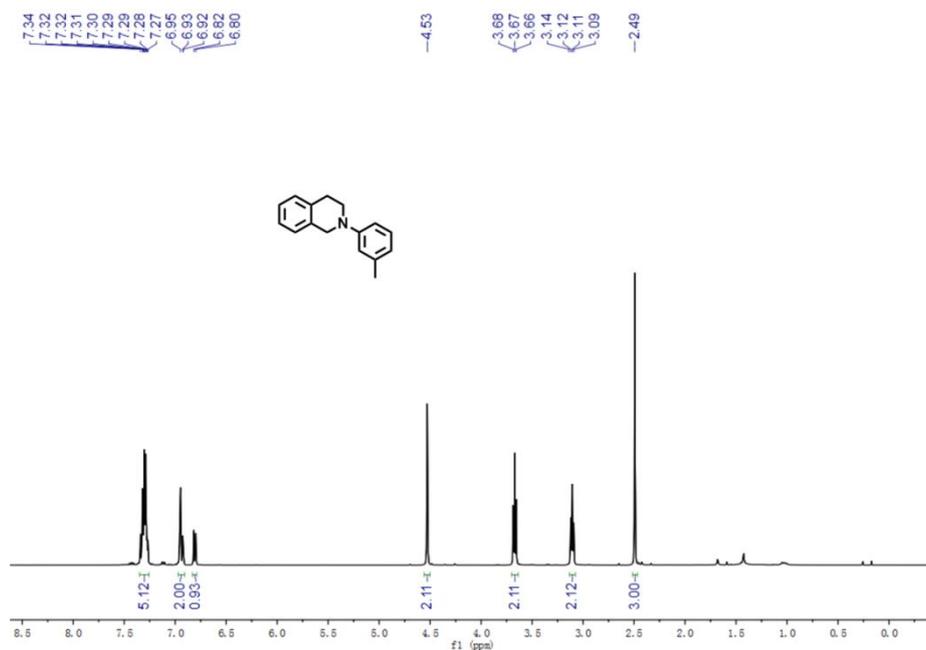
2-(*p*-Tolyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**3a**) (a white solid) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.18-8.16 (s, 2H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 4H), 6.84-6.81 (d, 2H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 3.72-3.69 (t, 2H), 3.04-3.01 (t, 2H), 1.58 (s, 3H).



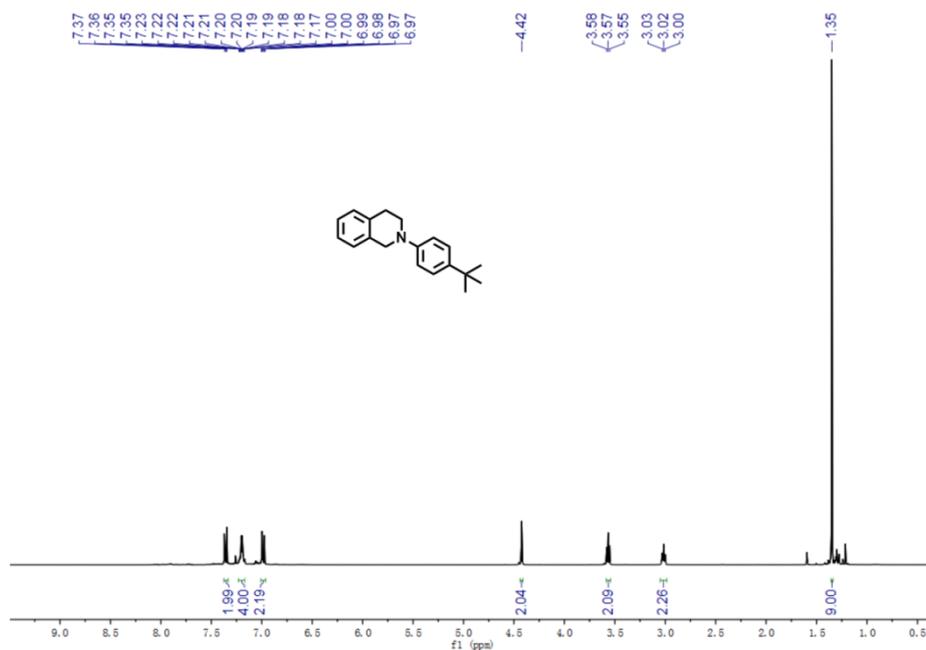
2-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**3b**) (a white solid):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.45-7.39 (m, 4H), 6.91 (s, 2H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 3.79-3.76 (t, 2H), 3.24-3.21 (t, 2H), 2.61 (s, 6H).



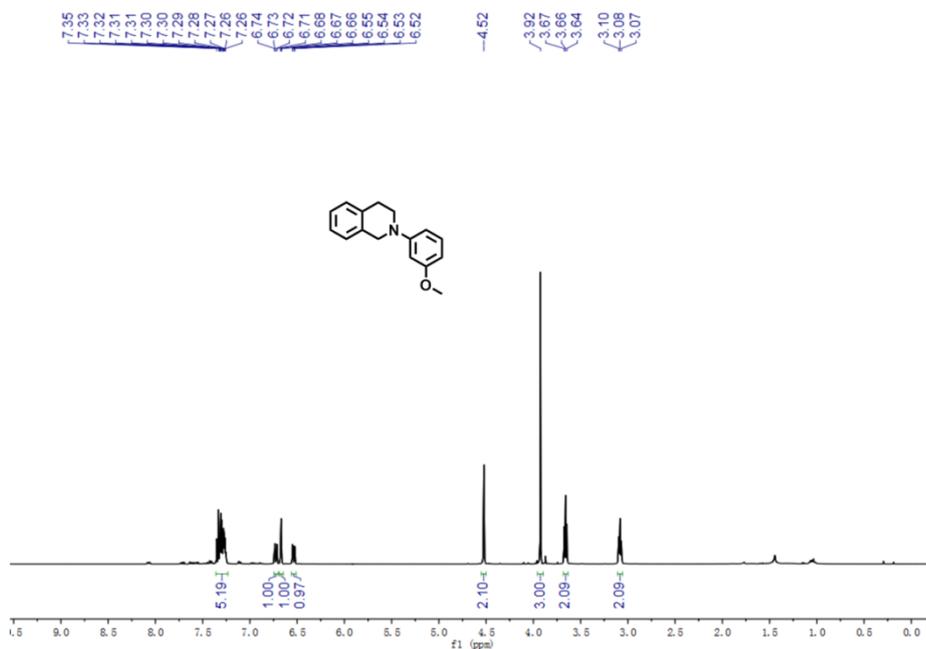
2-(3-Methylphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**3c**) (a yellow solid):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.34-7.21 (m, 5H), 6.95-6.92 (t, 2H), 6.82-6.80 (d, 1H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 3.68-3.66 (t, 2H), 3.14-3.09 (m, 2H), 2.94 (s, 3H).



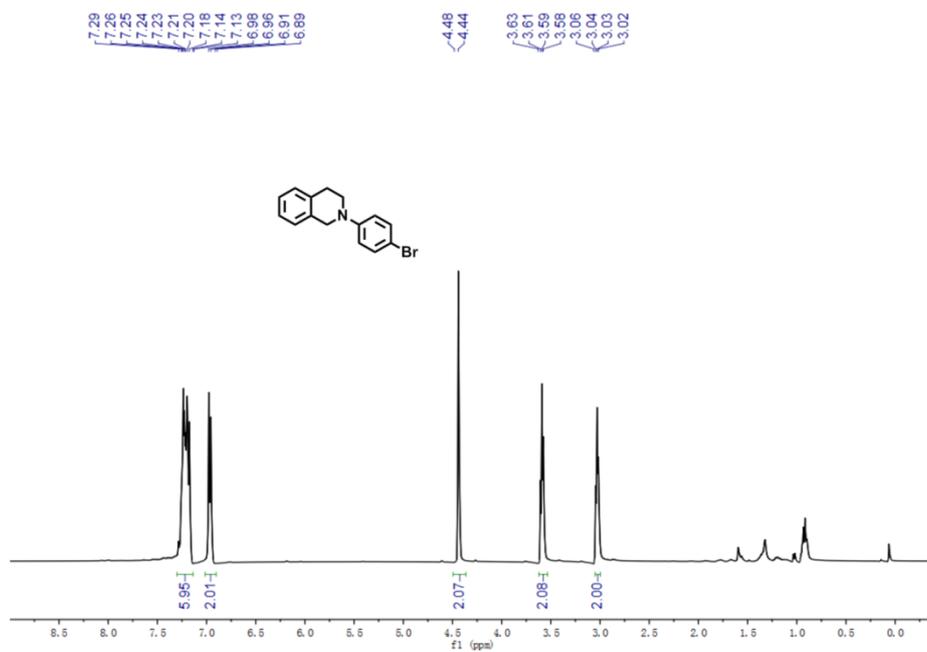
2-(4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**3d**) (a white solid):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.37-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 4H), 7.00-6.97 (m, 2H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 3.58-3.55 (t, 2H), 3.03-3.00 (m, 2H), 1.35 (s, 9H).



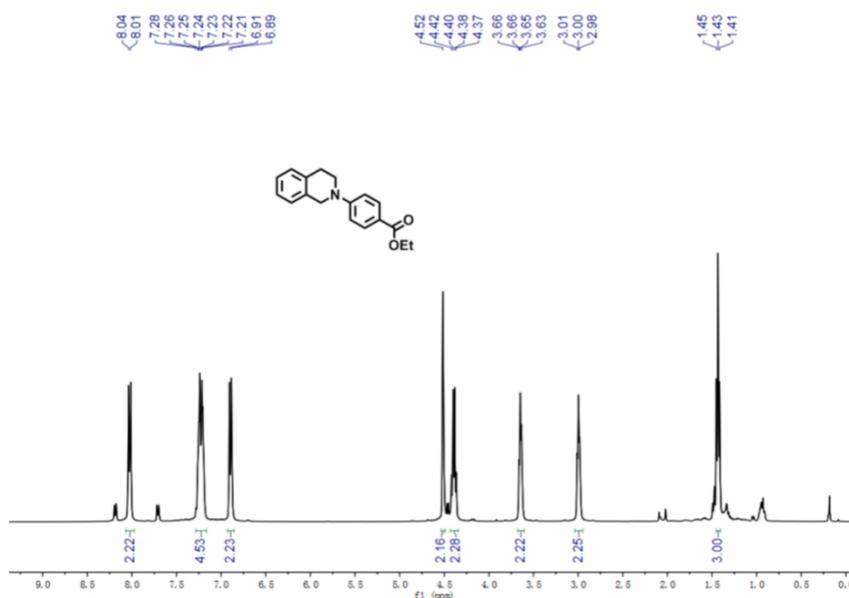
2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline: (**3e**) (a white solid): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.35-7.26 (m, 5H), 6.74-6.71 (m, 1H), 6.68-6.66 (t, 1H), 6.55-6.52 (m, 1H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.67-3.64 (t, 2H), 3.10-3.07 (t, 2H).



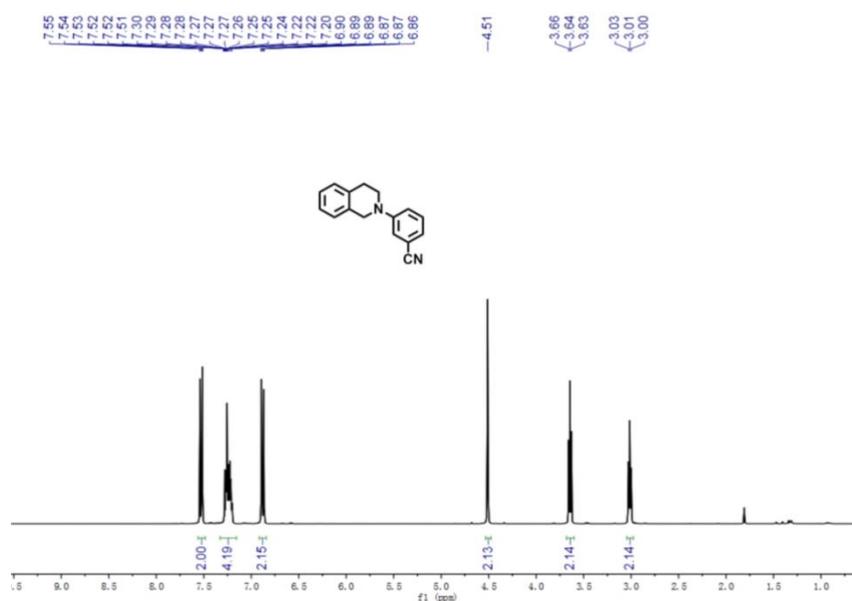
2-(4-Bromophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**3f**) (a white solid): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.29-7.13 (m, 6H), 6.98-6.89 (m, 2H), 4.48-4.44 (d, 2H), 3.63-3.58 (m, 2H), 3.06-3.02 (m, 2H).



Ethyl 4-(3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H)-yl)benzoate (**3g**) (a yellow solid): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.04-8.01 (d, 2H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 4H), 6.91-6.89 (d, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 4.42-4.37 (m, 2H), 3.66-3.63 (m, 2H), 3.01-2.89 (t, 2H), 1.45-1.41 (t, 3H).



2-(3-Nitrophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**3h**) (a yellow solid): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.55-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.20 (m, 4H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 2H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 3.66-3.63 (t, 2H), 3.03-3.00 (m, 2H).



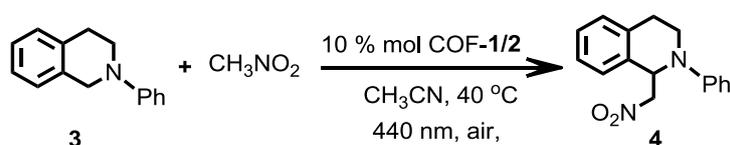
### 2.3. Synthesis of COFs.

**Synthesis of COF-1.** A mixture of **NBC** (20 mg, 0.036 mmol), **ETTA** (10.6 mg, 0.027 mmol), *n*-BuOH (0.6 mL) and *o*-dichlorobenzene (*o*-DCB) (0.3 mL) in a small vial was sonicated for 15 mins. After 0.2 mL aqueous acetic acid (6 M) was added, and the mixture was sonicated to afford a homogeneous dispersion. The solution was transferred into a pyrex tube and degassed by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles. The tube was sealed off and heated at 120 °C for 3 days. The solid was collected by filtration and washed with anhydrous THF and acetone. The powder was dried at 60 °C under vacuum overnight to afford yellow solid (25.4 mg, 83% yield).

**Synthesis of COF-2.** A mixture of **ETBC** (20 mg, 0.033 mmol), **BADA** (9.8 mg, 0.025 mmol), *n*-BuOH (0.6 mL) and *o*-dichlorobenzene (*o*-DCB) (0.3 mL) in a small vial was sonicated for 15 mins. After 0.2 mL aqueous acetic acid (9 M) was added, and the mixture was sonicated to afford a homogeneous dispersion. The solution was transferred into a pyrex tube and degassed by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles. The tube was sealed off and heated at 120 °C for 3 days. The solid was collected by filtration and washed with anhydrous THF and acetone. The powder was dried at 60 °C under vacuum overnight to afford yellow solid (20.8 mg, 70% yield).

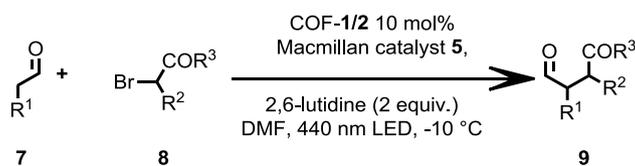
## 3. General procedure for photocatalysis.

### 3.1 The cross-dehydrogenative coupling (CDC) reaction.



In a flame-dried Schlenk tube, substituted tetrahydroisoquinoline derivatives (0.5 mmol), COF-1/2 (10 mol %) and CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) were dispersed in 2 mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN. The mixture was stirred under air atmosphere at 40 °C. After irradiation with 440 nm LED for 40 h, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by a flash chromatography on silica gel.

### 3.2. Asymmetric $\alpha$ -alkylation of aldehydes.



In a Schlenk tube, COF-1/2 (10 mol %) and the Macmillan catalyst **5** (0.2 eq., 0.0769 mmol) were dissolved in 2 mL DMF. Aldehydes **7** (2 eq., 0.769 mmol), bromo derivatives **8** (1 eq., 0.385 mmol), and 2,6-lutidine (2 eq., 0.769 mmol) were then added. The reaction mixture was carefully degassed, and the vessel was refilled with N<sub>2</sub>. The Schlenk tube was stirred and irradiated with 440 nm LED at -10 °C. After 48-72 h of irradiation, 1 M HCl (2 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with DCM (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Products were purified by column flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether: Et<sub>2</sub>O (10:1) as colourless oil. The enantiomeric excess of the title compounds were determined according to the published procedure.<sup>[3,4]</sup>

### 3.3. Recrystallization of COFs from covalent organic polymers (COPs).

After the photocatalytic reactions, covalent organic polymers (COPs), which COFs lost their crystallinity to give in the  $\alpha$ -alkylation of aldehydes, was collected by filtration, washed with DMF and THF for some times, and dried at 60 °C under vacuum overnight.

**Recrystallization of COF-1.** COP-1 (20 mg), NBC (40 mg), *o*-dichlorobenzene/ *n*-butanol (0.9 mL, 1/2 in vol.) and acetic acid (0.2 mL, 6 M) were added to a Pyrex tube. After the sonication for 10 min, the tube was flash frozen at 77 K (liquid N<sub>2</sub> bath), degassed by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles and sealed off. After heated at 120 °C for 3 days, the crude product was collected by filtration and washed with anhydrous THF and acetone for three times. Further purification of the powder was carried out by Soxhlet extraction in THF for 12 h and dried at 60 °C under vacuum overnight to afford COF-1 as yellow powder (15.6 mg, 78% yield).

**Recrystallization of COF-2.** The COP-2 (20 mg), BADA (10 mg), *o*-dichlorobenzene / *n*-butanol (0.9 mL, 1/2 in vol.) and acetic acid (0.2 mL, 6 M) were added to a Pyrex tube. The tube was flash frozen at 77 K (liquid N<sub>2</sub> bath), degassed by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles and sealed off. After heated at 120 °C for 3 days, the solid was collected by filtration and washed with anhydrous THF and acetone for three times. Further purification of the powder was carried out by Soxhlet extraction in THF for 12 h and dried at 60 °C under vacuum overnight to afford COF-2 as yellow powder (15.9 mg, 80% yield).

### 3.4. Recycle experiments on CDC reaction.

In a Schlenk tube, **3a** (0.5 mmol), CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) and COF-1/2 (10 mol %) were dissolved in 2 mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN. The mixture was stirred under air atmosphere at 40 °C. After irradiation with 440 nm LED for 40 h, the catalyst was separated by centrifugation, and the supernatant was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by a flash chromatography on silica gel. The recovered COP-1/2 were washed with fresh THF and dried. After recrystallization of COFs from COPs, they were then used for the next runs directly.

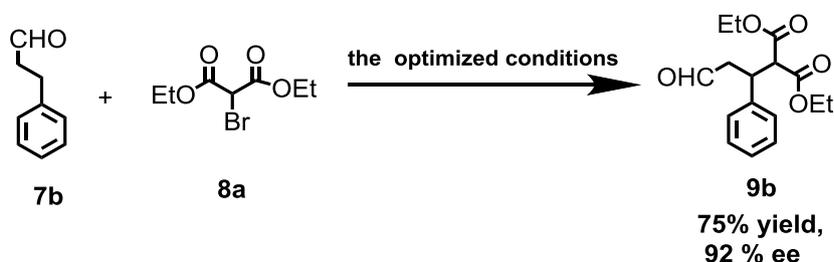
### 3.5. Recycle experiments on the asymmetric $\alpha$ -alkylation of aldehydes.

In a Schlenk tube, COF-1/2 (10 mol %) and the Macmillan catalyst **5** (32 mg, 0.1 mmol) were dissolved in 2 mL DMF. **7b** (134 mg, 1 mmol), **8a** (119 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 2,6-lutidine (107 mg, 1 mmol) were then added. The reaction mixture was carefully degassed *via* freeze-pump thaw, and the vessel refilled with N<sub>2</sub>. The Schlenk tube was stirred and irradiated with 440 nm LED positioned approximately at -10 °C. After 40 h of irradiation, 1 M HCl (2 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with DCM (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over

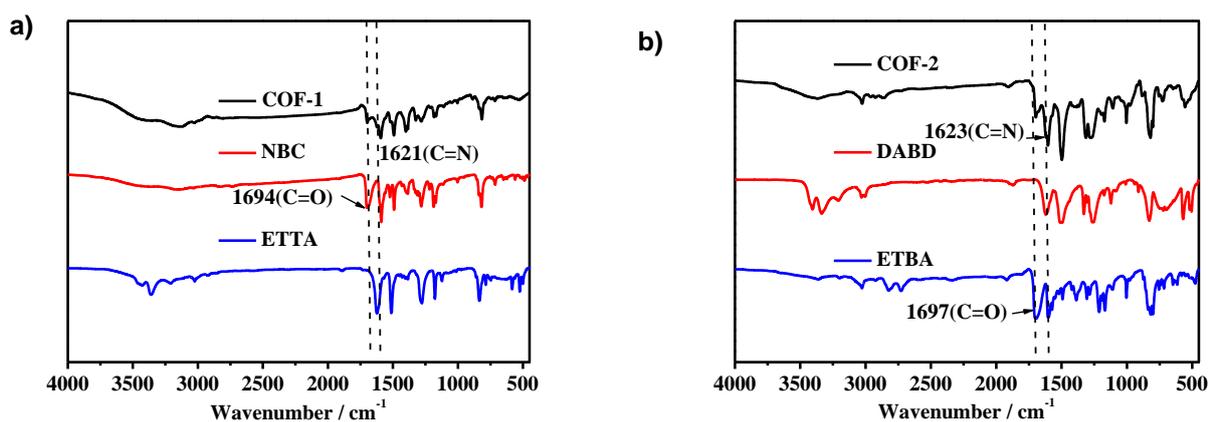
Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Products were purified by column flash chromatography on silica gel. Enantiomeric excess was determined by the integration of the two 1H NMR signals (both doublets) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 4.93 ppm and 4.83 ppm arising from the resultant diastereomeric acetals. The recovered COP-1/2 were washed with fresh THF and dried. After recrystallization of COFs from COPs, they were then used for the next runs directly.

### 3.6. The substrates adsorbed COF-1 on the asymmetric $\alpha$ -alkylation of aldehydes.

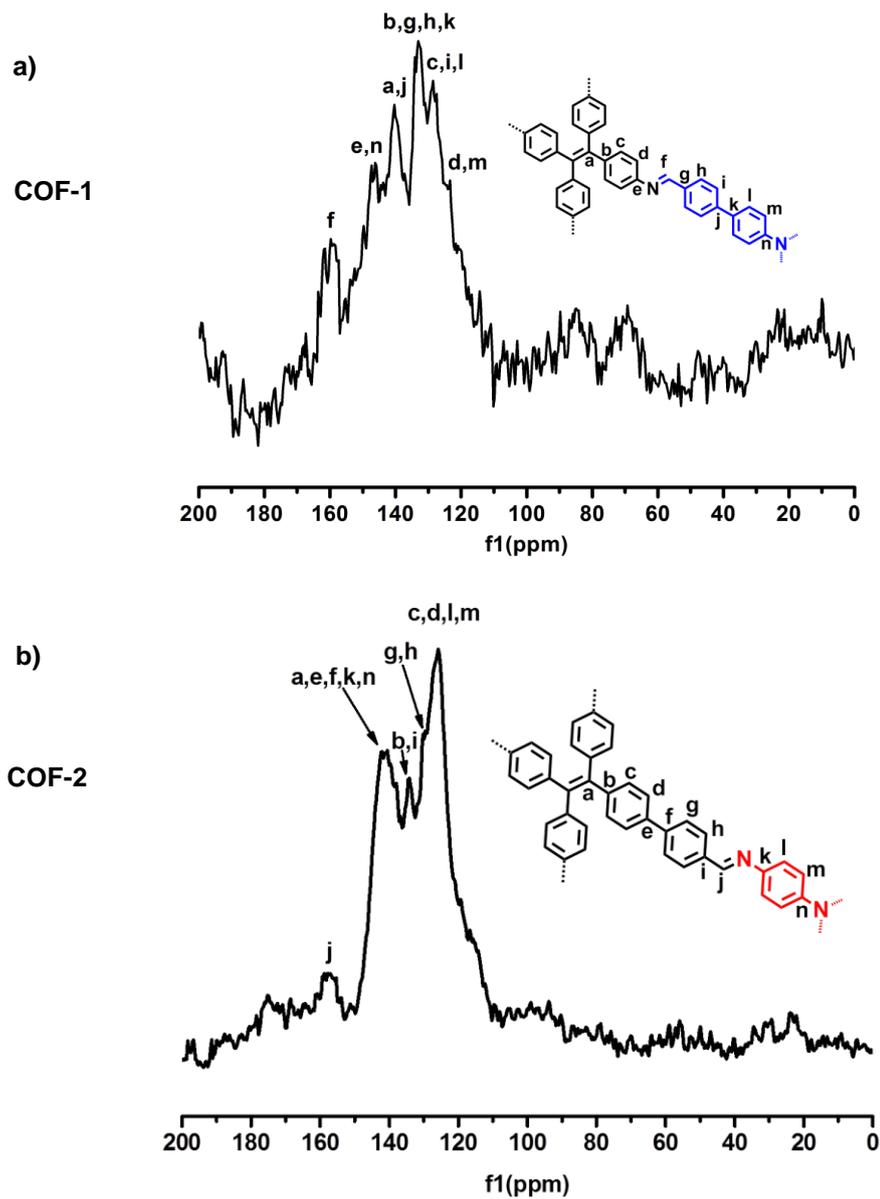
The activated COF-1 (20 mg) were soaked in a EtOH solution including **7b** (0.769 mmol), **8a** (0.385 mmol) and Macmillan catalyst **5** (0.0769 mmol) for 24 h. To remove attachments adsorbed on the surface of COF-1, the resulted samples were washed with hexane. The wet samples were blotted dry with tissue paper. The samples, 2,6-lutidine, and DMF were then added in a Schlenk tube. The reaction mixture was carefully degassed, and the vessel was refilled with N<sub>2</sub>. The Schlenk tube was stirred and irradiated with 440 nm LED at -10 °C. After 48 h of irradiation, 1 M HCl (2 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with DCM (3 × 20 mL). The organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Products were purified by column flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether: Et<sub>2</sub>O (10:1) as colourless oil. The product **9b** was obtained in 75% yield 92% ee. Therefore, the reaction can occur both inside and outside of COF.



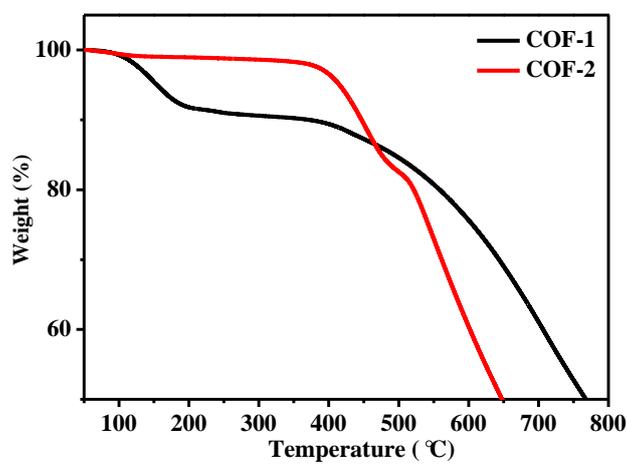
4. Fig. S1 FT-IR spectra of COFs.



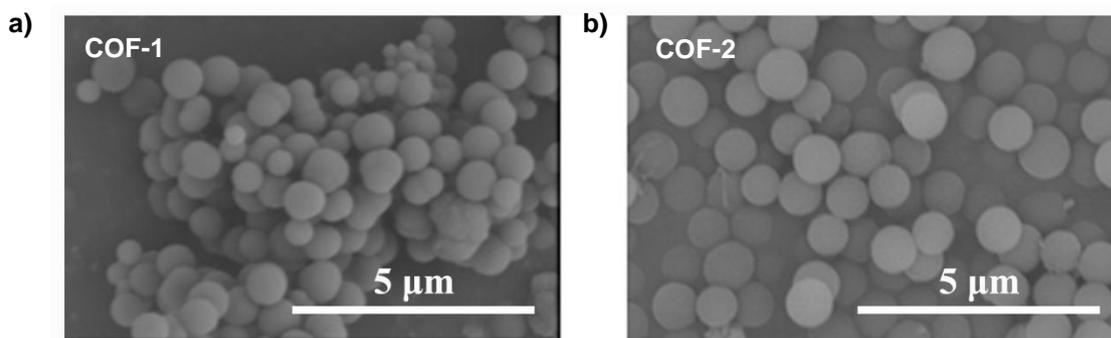
5. Fig. S2 Solid-state  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra.



6. Fig. S3 TGA curves.



## 7. Fig.S4 SEM images of COFs.



## 8. Fig. S5 3D electron diffraction tomography (3D-EDT) of COF-1.

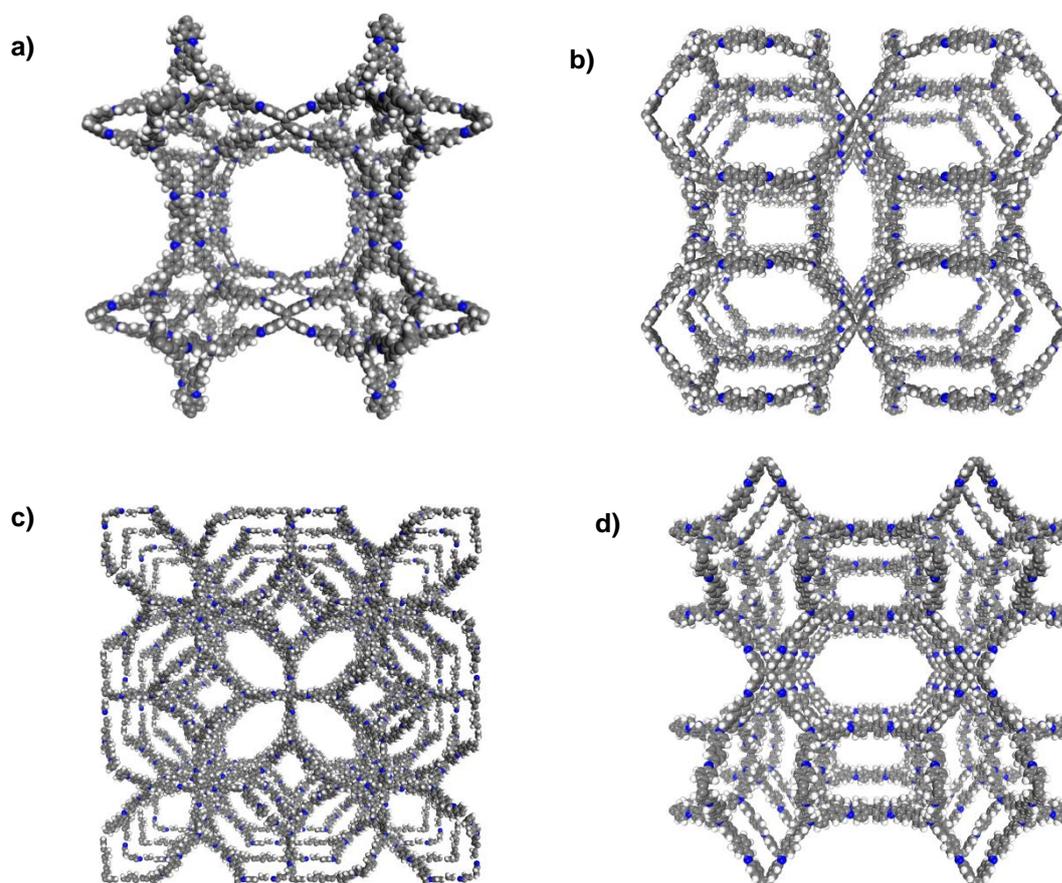


## 9. Fig. S6-S9 Structural modeling and PXRD analysis of the COFs.

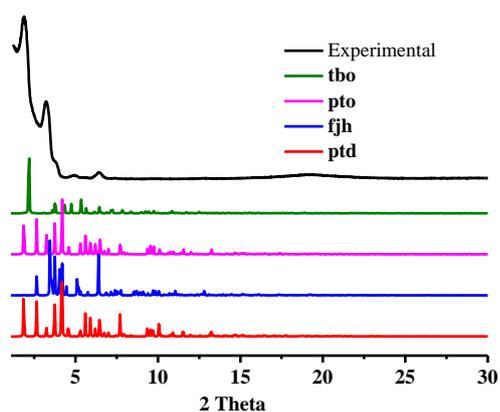
**9.1. Structure Simulation:** Molecular modeling of COFs was generated with the Materials Studio (ver. 7.0) suite of programs. Pawley refinement was carried out using Reflex, a software package for crystal determination from PXRD pattern. Unit cell dimension was set to the theoretical parameters. The Pawley refinement was performed to optimize the lattice parameters iteratively until the  $R_{wp}$  value converges and the overlay of the observed with refined profiles shows good agreement. The lattice models (e.g., cell parameters, atomic positions, and total energies) were then fully optimized using MS Forcite molecular dynamics module (universal force fields, Ewald summations) method.

For COF-1, considering the geometry of the precursors and the connection patterns, only a few topologies (eg. **tbo**, **pto**, **ffc**, **fjh**, **ptd**, **ffc** etc.) are reasonable according to RCSR. The lattice models (e.g. cell parameters, atomic positions, and total energies) were then fully optimized using DFT method.

**Fig. S6** Space-filling models of COF-1 with different nets: **a) tbo**, **b) pto**, **c) fjh**, **d) ptd**. Carbon, gray; Nitrogen, blue; Hydrogen, white.

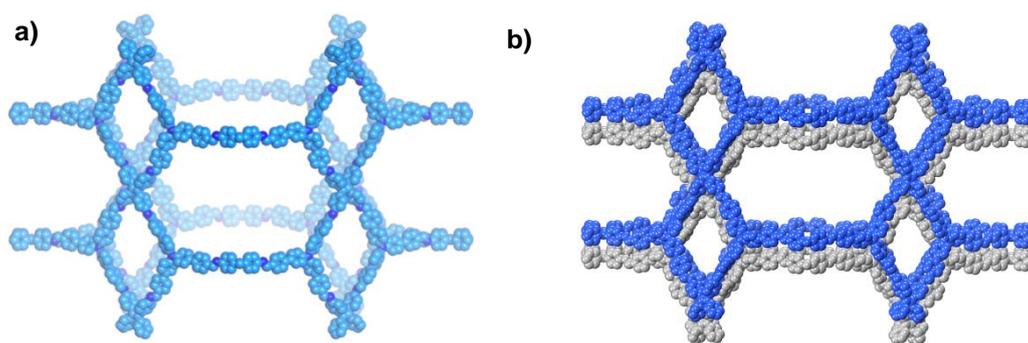


**Fig. S7** The calculated PXRD profiles of COF-1: **tbo** (green), **pto** (purple), **fjh** (blue), **ptd** (red). The experimental pattern was also presented (black).

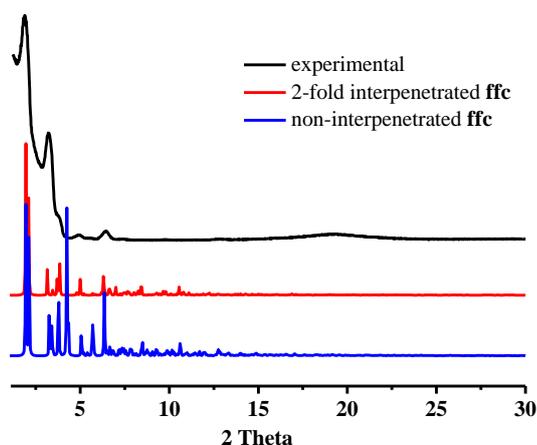


We have also simulated the structures of COF-1 with non-interpenetrated **ffc** topology and 2-fold interpenetrated **ffc** topology (Figure S8). The calculated PXRD pattern of COF-1 with non-interpenetrated **ffc** topology doesn't match with the experimental one, while the one of COF-1 with 2-fold interpenetrated **ffc** topology is almost identical to the experimental data ( $R_p = 2.65\%$  and  $R_{wp} = 3.96\%$ ).

**Fig. S8** Space-filling models of COF-1 with **ffc** net: **a**) non-interpenetrated **ffc**, **b**) two-fold interpenetrated **ffc** topology of COF-1.



**Fig. S9** The calculated PXRD profiles of COF-1: 2-fold interpenetrated **ffc** topology (red), non-interpenetrated **ffc** topology (blue). The experimental pattern was also presented (black).



## 10. Tables S1-S2 Fractional atomic coordinates and unit cell parameters.

**Table S1** Fractional atomic coordinates for the unit cell of COF-1 with  $C2/M$  space group.

COF-1: Space group: $C2/M$			
$a = 47.319576 \text{ \AA}$ , $b = 90.967522 \text{ \AA}$ , $c = 27.999498 \text{ \AA}$			
$\alpha = 90^\circ$ , $\beta = 88.20074^\circ$ , $\gamma = 90^\circ$			
Atom	x	y	z
C1	0.61187	0.73556	-0.07421
C2	0.08832	0.24103	-0.04845
C3	0.07783	0.23348	-0.00846
C4	0.59047	0.72033	0.00528
C5	0.61369	0.7147	-0.02131
C6	0.62435	0.72232	-0.06092
N7	0.5816	0.7138	0.04942
C8	0.58257	0.69985	0.05804
C9	0.57696	0.69454	0.10664
C10	0.57125	0.67965	0.11451

C11	0.56687	0.67443	0.16093
C12	0.5686	0.68404	0.20005
C13	0.57472	0.69893	0.19193
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C203	0.36837	0.5	0.39779
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**Table S2** Fractional atomic coordinates for the unit cell of COF-2 with C2/M space group.

COF-1: Space group: C2/M			
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$\alpha = 90^\circ, \beta = 88.30852^\circ, \gamma = 90^\circ$			
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H132	0.58951	0.65799	0.23249
H133	0.86017	0.9841	0.47404
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H139	0.71759	0.86176	0.33384
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C204	0.40062	0.5	0.38201

### 11. Fig. S10 N<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherms and BET surface area plots.

Fig. S10a N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms (77 K) of COFs after treated by 2 M NaOH (aq) for 48 h.

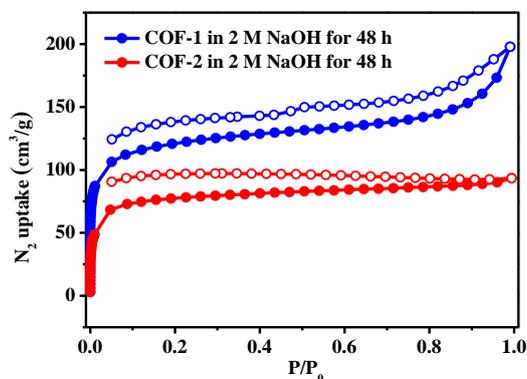


Fig. S10b N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms (77 K) of COFs from COPs.

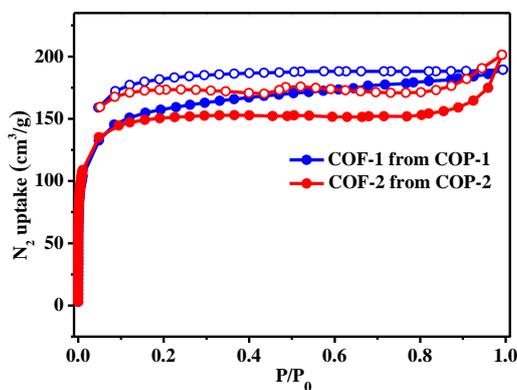
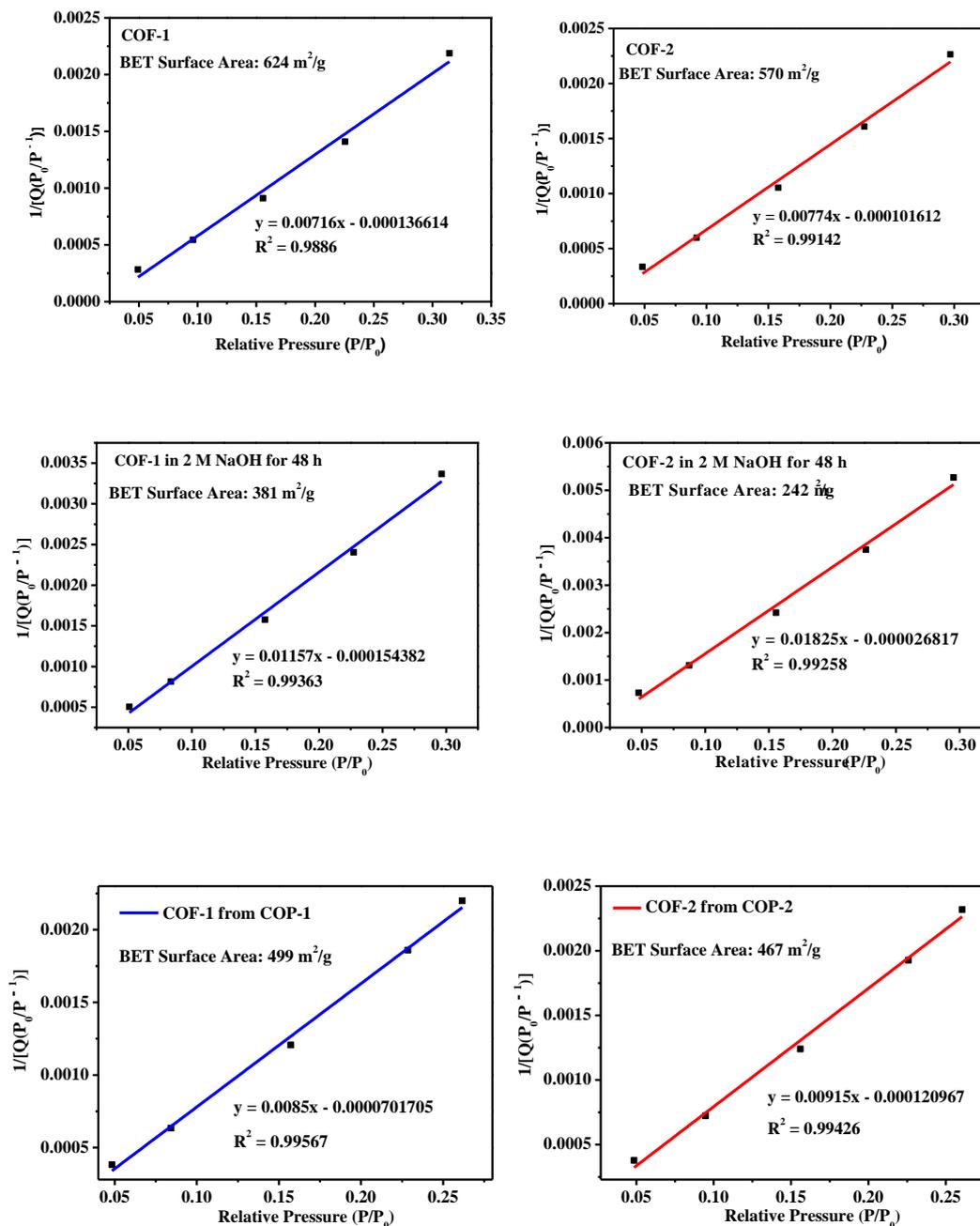
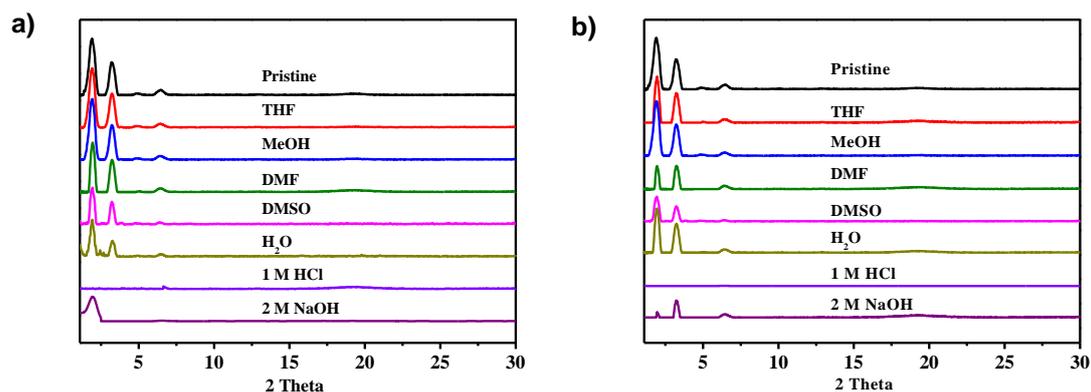


Fig. S10c BET surface area plots of COFs.



12. Fig. S11 The stability test of COFs.

The samples were immersed in different solvents at room temperature for 48 h. After that, the powders were filtrated, washed with THF and diethyl ether, and dried in 60 °C for 6h.

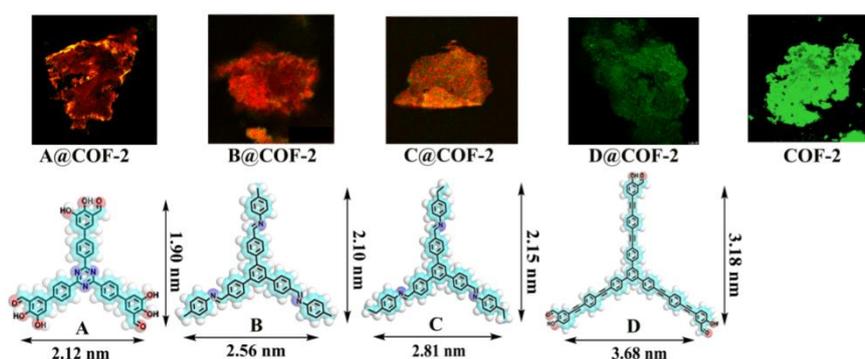


### 13. Fig. S12-S23 Dye uptake measurements.

#### 13.1. Confocal fluorescence microscopy (CFM) experiments.

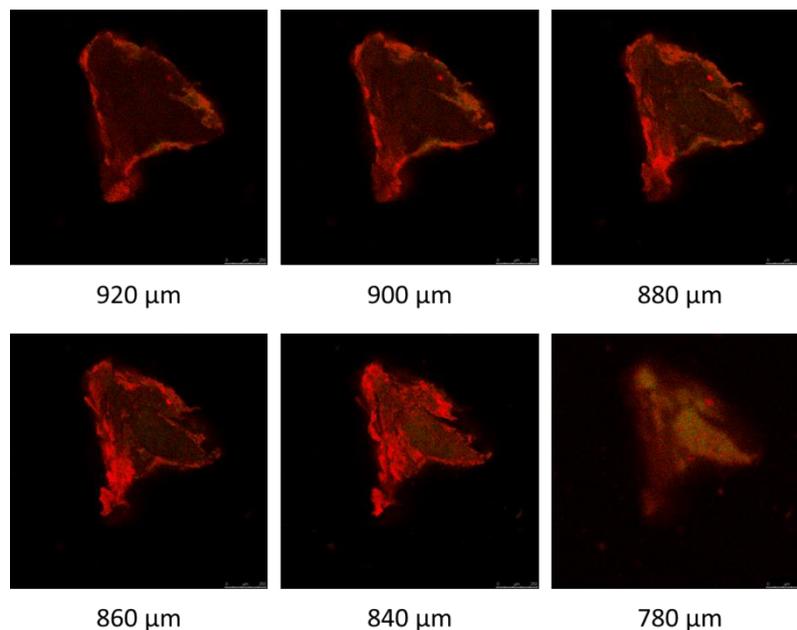
The activated COFs (5 mg) were soaked in a THF solution of different dyes (A-D) for 24 h. To remove the dye adsorbed on the surface of COFs, the resulted samples were washed with THF and EtOH thoroughly until the washings became colorless. The wet samples were blotted dry with tissue paper. By carefully adjusting the confocal fluorescence microscopy, we were able to obtain the cross sectional fluorescence images across the crystals, which reflect the local concentration of dyes.

**Fig. S12** CFM images of COF-2 after incubation with different dyes (A-D), respectively.



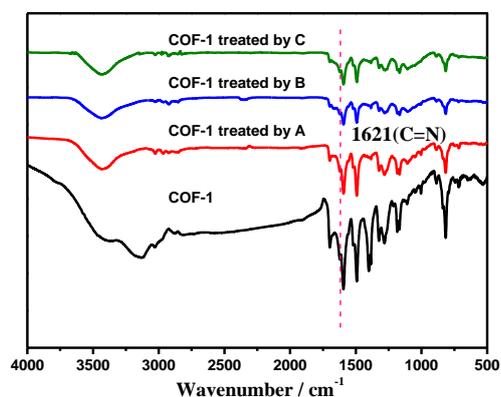
**Fig. S13** CFM images of COF-1 incubated with dye A by across the crystals in different Z wide position

The activated COF-1 (5 mg) were soaked in a THF solution of dye A for 24 h. To remove the dye adsorbed on the surface of COF-1, the resulted samples were washed with THF and EtOH thoroughly until the washings became colorless. The wet samples were blotted dry with tissue paper. By carefully adjusting the confocal fluorescence microscopy, we were able to obtain the cross sectional fluorescence images across the crystals in different Z wide position, which reflect the spatial arrangement of incubated organic dye A within the COF-1. Dye A and COF-1 after spectral separation can be assigned to red and green fluorescence by confocal fluorescence microscopy (CFM), respectively.



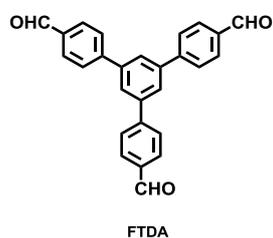
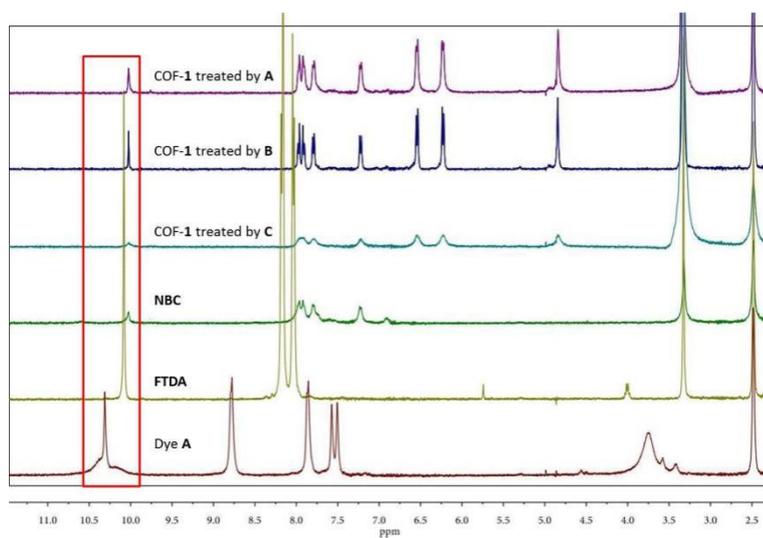
**Fig. S14** FT-IR spectra of COF-1 treated by different dyes (A-C)

The activated COF-1 (5 mg) were soaked in a THF solution of different dyes (A-C) for 24 h. To remove the dye adsorbed of COF-1, the resulted samples were washed with DMF, THF, acetone and diethyl ether for many times. The wet samples were blotted dry with tissue paper. The difference between the treated samples and COF-1 were determined by the IR spectrometer.



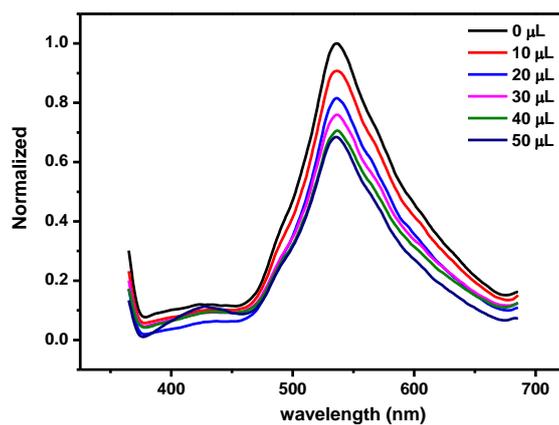
**Fig. S15**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the digested COF-1 and digested COF-1 treated by dyes

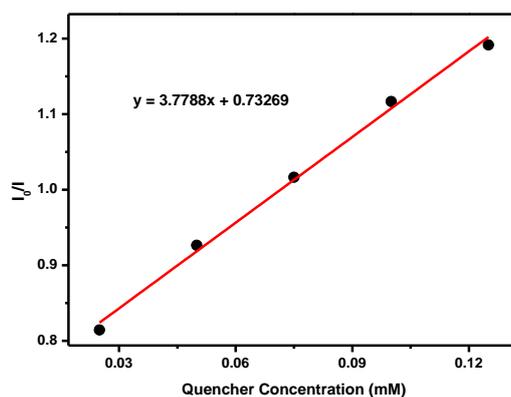
The activated COF-1 (5 mg) were soaked in a THF solution of different dyes (A-C) for 24 h. To remove the dye adsorbed of COF-1, the resulted samples were washed with DMF, THF, acetone and diethyl ether for many times. The wet samples were blotted dry with tissue paper. Then, the samples were hydrolyzed by refluxing in a THF/Con. HCl (2/1 by vol.) for 3 days. After filtration, the filtrate was evaporated under vacuum, then the filtrate was washed with dichloromethane (DCM) and subsequently neutralized with saturated  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution. Then the mixture was extracted with DCM. The organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and concentrated under reduced pressure and submitted to  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy in  $d^6$ -DMSO. The NMR experiment showed the dissociated COF-1 contained only the aldehyde peaks of **NBC** by comparing the aldehyde peaks.



**Fig. S16** Fluorescence intensity of COF-1 titrated by Macmillan catalyst **5**

Experiments were carried out by adding 10  $\mu\text{L}$  solution of the Macmillan catalyst **5** ( $5 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/L in EtOH) to a solution of COF-1 ( $5.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol/L in EtOH) in 2 mL solution every five minutes. Fluorescence spectra were recorded after the addition of the Macmillan catalyst **5**. The excitation wavelength is 350 nm.

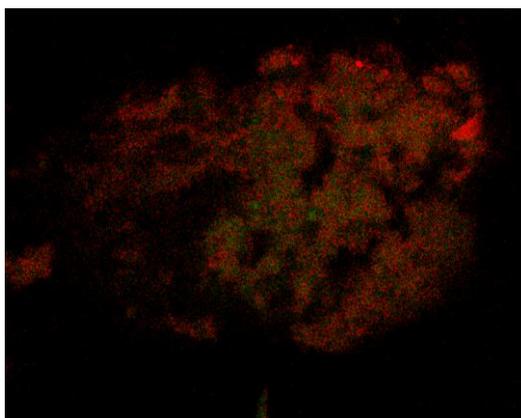




$$K = 3.7 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

**Fig. S17** CFM images of COF-1 after incubation with Macmillan catalyst **5**

The activated COF-1 (5 mg) were soaked in a EtOH solution of Macmillan catalyst **5** for 24 h. To remove Macmillan catalyst **5** adsorbed on the surface of COFs, the resulted samples were washed with EtOH for six times. The wet samples were blotted dry with tissue paper. By carefully adjusting the confocal fluorescence microscopy, we were able to obtain the cross sectional fluorescence images across the crystals, which reflect the local concentration of Macmillan catalyst **5**. Macmillan catalyst **5** and COF-1 after spectral separation can be assigned to red and green fluorescence by confocal fluorescence microscopy (CFM), respectively.



### 13.2. General procedure for dye uptake measurements by UV-vis.

The activated COFs (5 mg) were soaked in a THF solution of different dyes (**A-D**) for 24 h. To remove the dye adsorbed on the surface of COFs, the resulted samples were washed with THF thoroughly until the washings became colorless. The washed samples were sonicated with solvent several times, and the solution was diluted to 100 mL. The absorbance of the sample solutions were determined by the UV-vis Spectrometer. The concentrations of dye can be calculated by comparing the UV-vis absorbance with a standard curve. Data for known concentrations of dyes were used to make the standard curve, plotting concentration on the X axis, and the assay measurement of absorbance on the Y axis. According to the Beer-Lambert law, the standard curve can be calculated by linear fitting of the data.

#### Creation of a standard curve:

$$A = \log_{10} \frac{I_0}{I_t} = \log_{10} \frac{1}{T} = k \cdot l \cdot c$$

**Dye-A:** (1) Dye-A was prepared into THF solutions with different concentrations. Their concentrations are 1  $\mu\text{M}$ , 2  $\mu\text{M}$ , 5  $\mu\text{M}$ , 10  $\mu\text{M}$  and 20  $\mu\text{M}$ , respectively. (2) The absorbance of different concentrations of A was determined by UV/Vis Spectrometer. Data for known concentrations of A were used to make the standard curve, plotting concentration on the X axis, and the assay measurement of absorbance on the Y axis. According to the Beer-Lambert law, the standard curve can be calculated by linear fitting of the data.

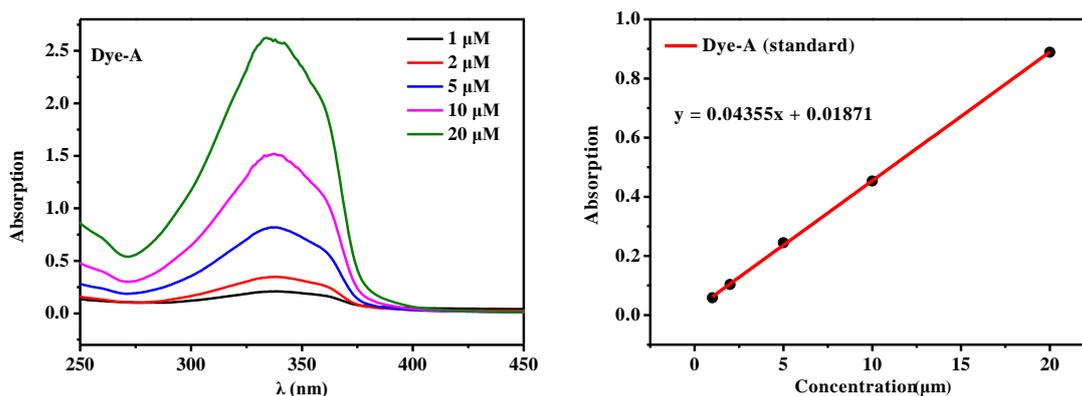
**Dye-B:** (1) Dye-B was prepared into THF solutions with different concentrations. Their concentrations are 2  $\mu\text{M}$ , 5  $\mu\text{M}$ , 10  $\mu\text{M}$ , 20  $\mu\text{M}$  and 40  $\mu\text{M}$ , respectively. (2) The absorbance of different concentrations of B was determined by UV/Vis Spectrometer. Data for known concentrations of B were used to make the standard curve, plotting concentration on the X axis, and the assay measurement of absorbance on the Y axis. According to the Beer-Lambert law, the standard curve can be calculated by linear fitting of the data.

**Dye-C:** (1) Dye-C was prepared into THF solutions with different concentrations. Their concentrations are 2  $\mu\text{M}$ , 5  $\mu\text{M}$ , 10  $\mu\text{M}$ , 20  $\mu\text{M}$  and 40  $\mu\text{M}$ , respectively. (2) The absorbance of different concentrations of C was determined by UV/Vis Spectrometer. Data for known concentrations of C were used to make the standard curve, plotting concentration on the X axis, and the assay measurement of absorbance on the Y axis. According to the Beer-Lambert law, the standard curve can be calculated by linear fitting of the data.

**Dye-D:** (1) Dye-D was prepared into THF solutions with different concentrations. Their concentrations are 1  $\mu\text{M}$ , 2  $\mu\text{M}$ , 5  $\mu\text{M}$ , 10  $\mu\text{M}$  and 20  $\mu\text{M}$ , respectively. (2) The absorbance of different concentrations of D was determined by UV/Vis Spectrometer. Data for known concentrations of D were used to make the standard curve, plotting concentration on the X axis, and the assay measurement of absorbance on the Y axis. According to the Beer-Lambert law, the standard curve can be calculated by linear fitting of the data.

The absorbance of the sample solutions were determined by the UV/Vis Spectrometer. The concentrations of dye can be calculated by comparing the UV/Vis absorbance with a standard curve.

**Fig. S18** Creation of a standard curve:



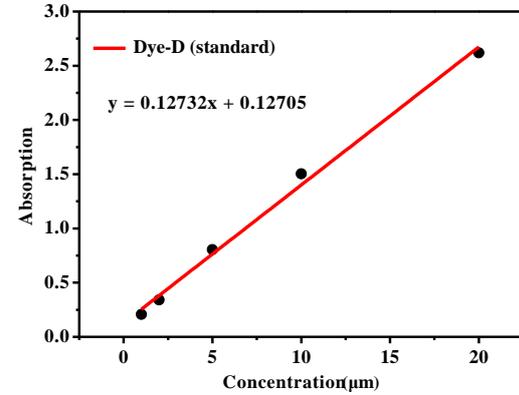
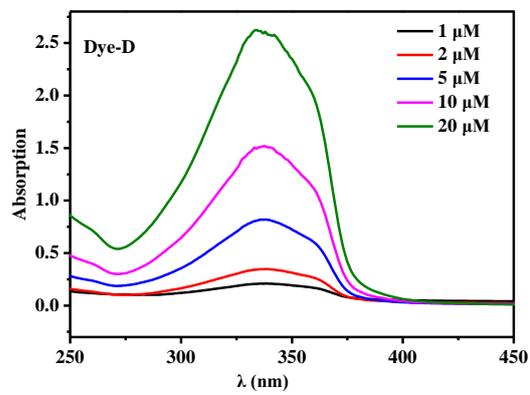
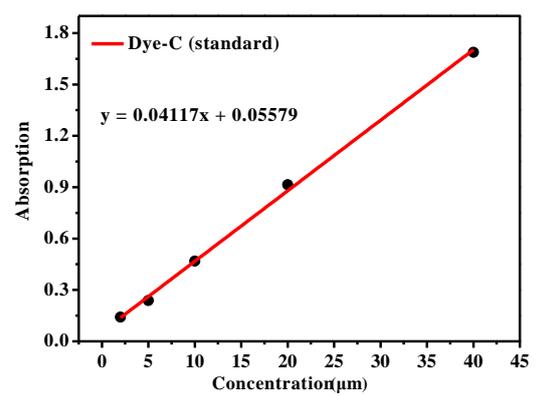
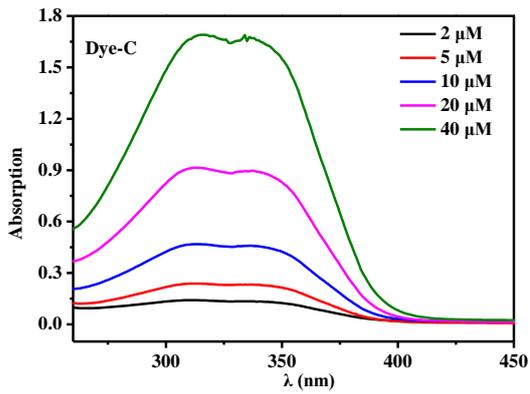
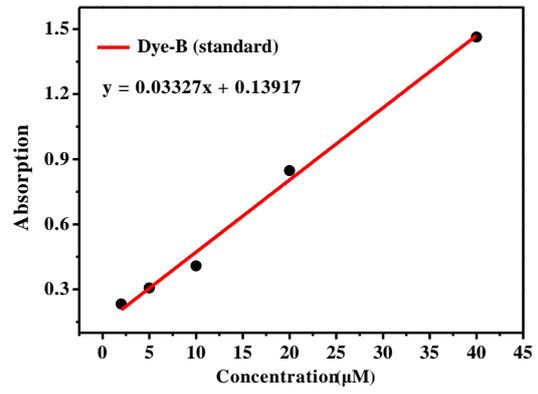
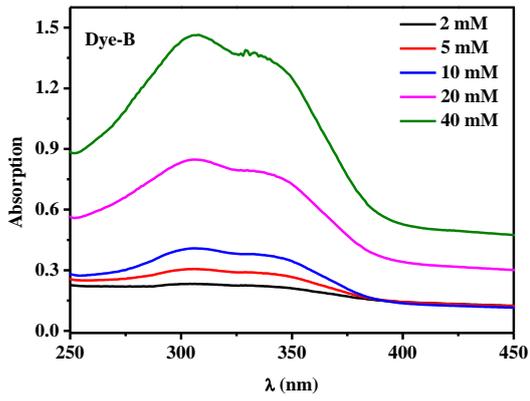
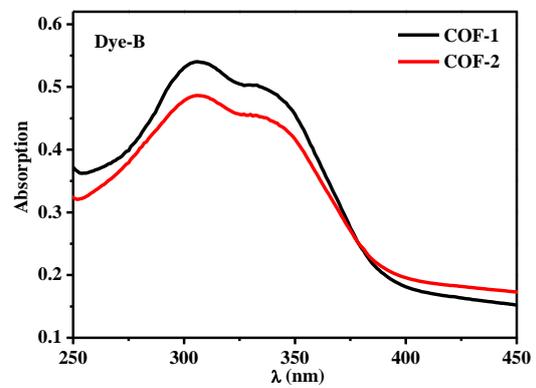
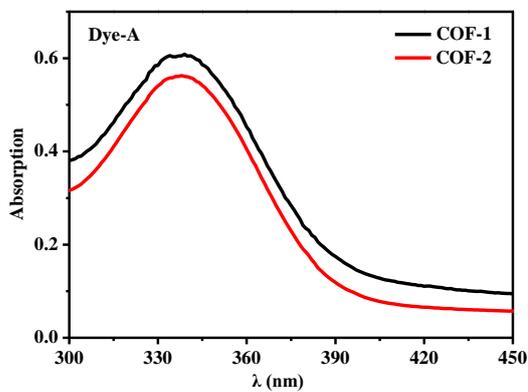


Fig. S19 Adsorption curve of dyes.



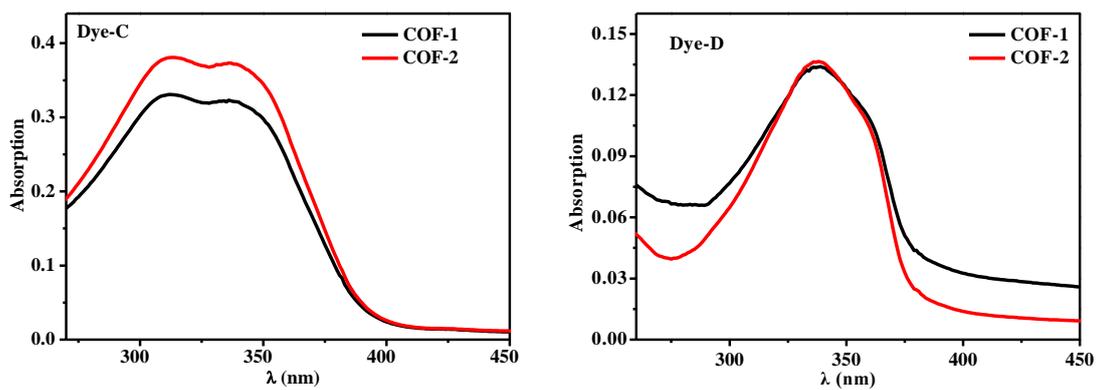


Fig. S20 Different dyes uptake of COF-2 by UV-Vis.

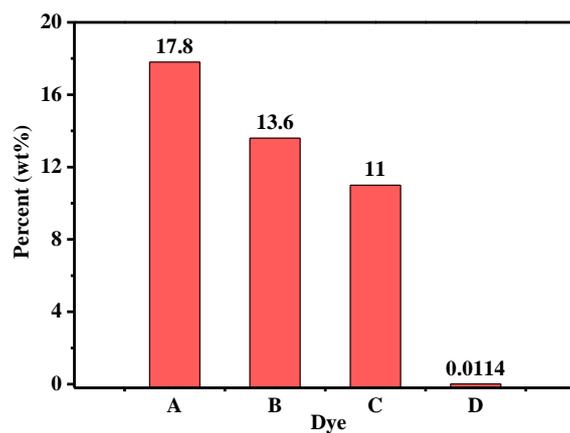
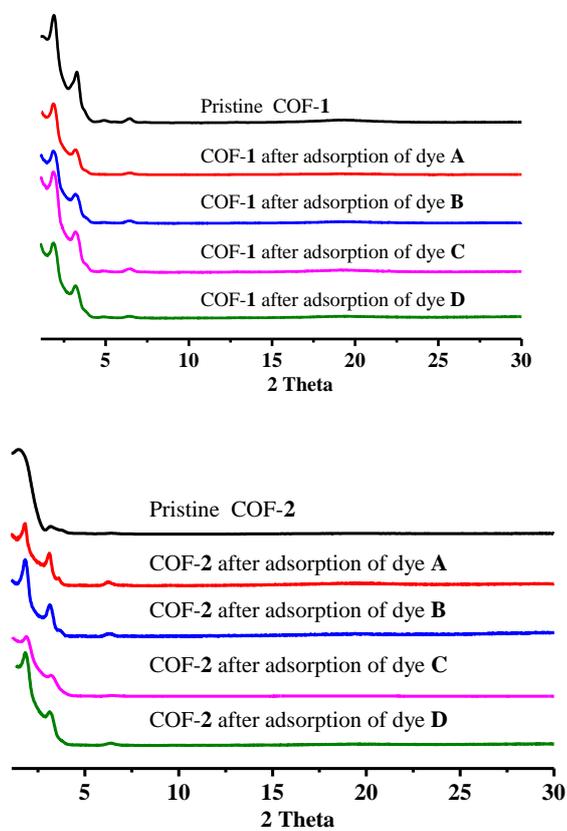


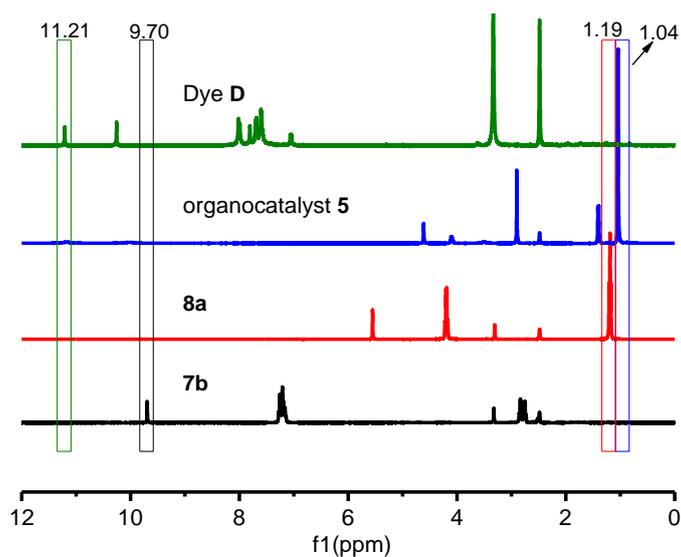
Fig. S21 PXRD patterns of COFs after adsorption of dye.



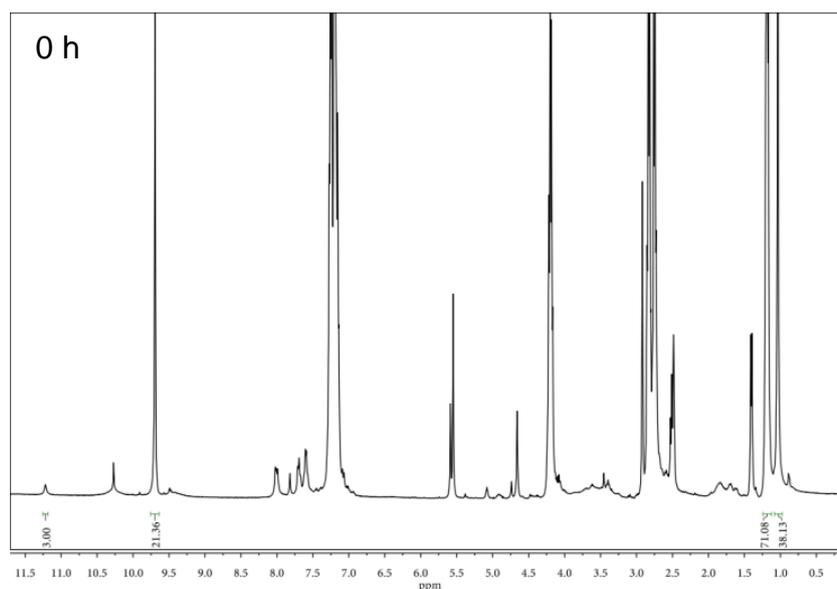
### 13.3. General procedure for dye uptake measurements by NMR.

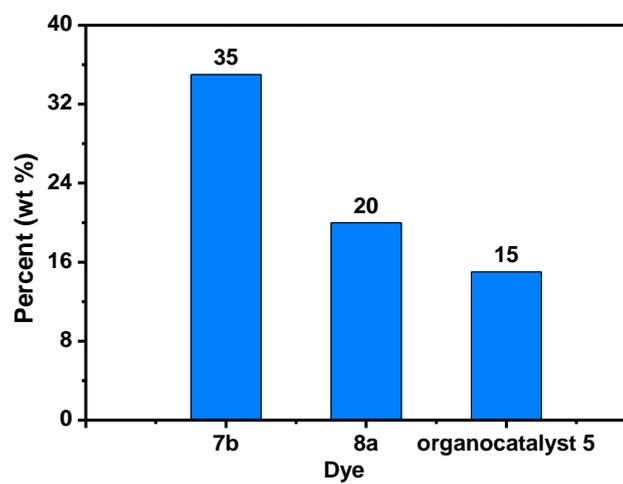
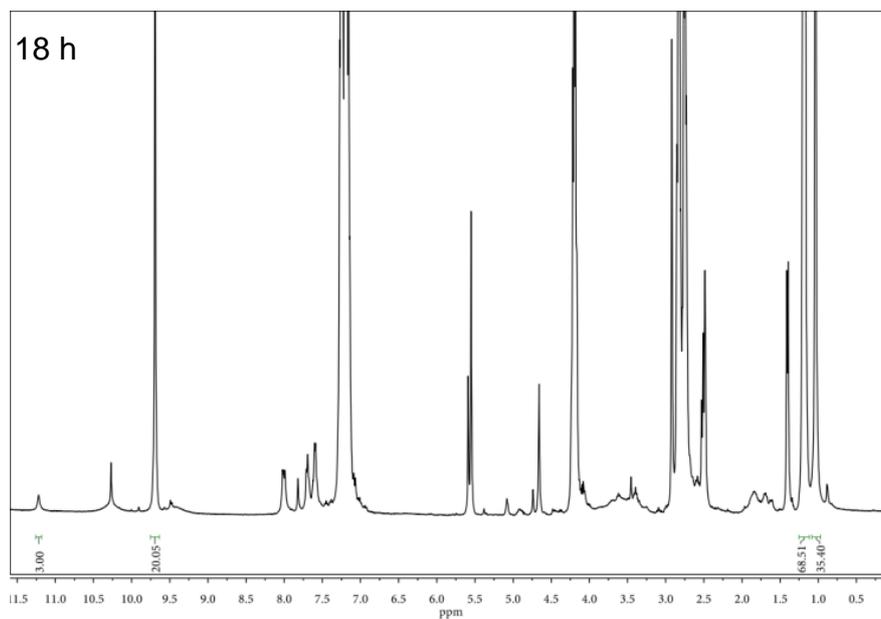
10 mg Dye **D**, 10.7 mg **7b**, 10.6 mg **8a**, and 5 mg organocatalyst **5** were dissolved in 0.5 mL  $d^6$ -DMSO in a NMR sealed tube. Then 2 mg COF-1 was added into the tube and the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum noted as blank sample (0 h) was recorded. After 18 h, the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of the sample was recorded again. Comparing the peaks of CHO groups of Dye **D** (11.21 ppm, 3 H) as the internal standard, the peaks of CHO groups of **7b** (9.70 ppm, 1 H), the peaks of  $\text{CH}_3$  groups of **8a** (1.91 ppm, 6 H) and the peaks of  $\text{CH}_3$  groups of organocatalyst **5** (1.04 ppm, 27 H), the adsorption uptakes could be calculated.

**Fig. S22** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of different dyes in  $d^6$ -DMSO.

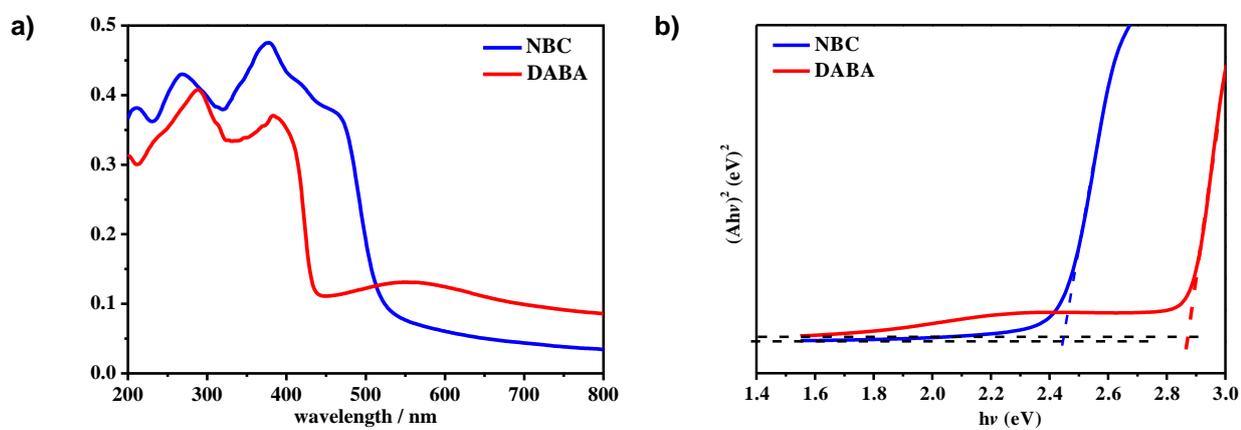


**Fig. S23** Different dyes uptake of COF-1 by NMR.

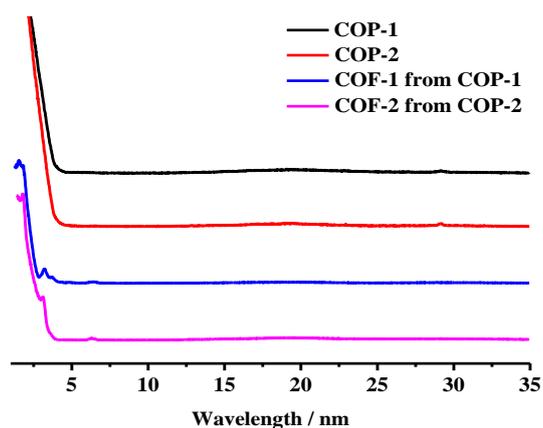




14. Fig. S24 a) Solid-state UV spectra and b) band gaps of monomers.

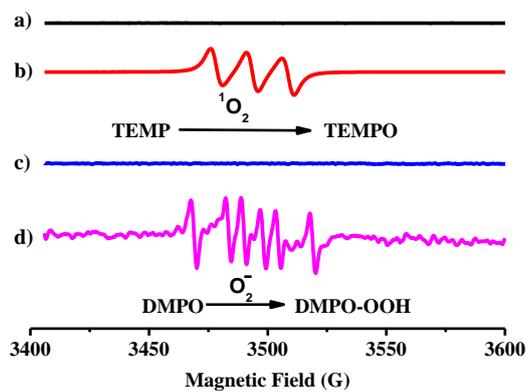


15. Fig. S25 PXRD patterns of COPs and COFs from COPs.

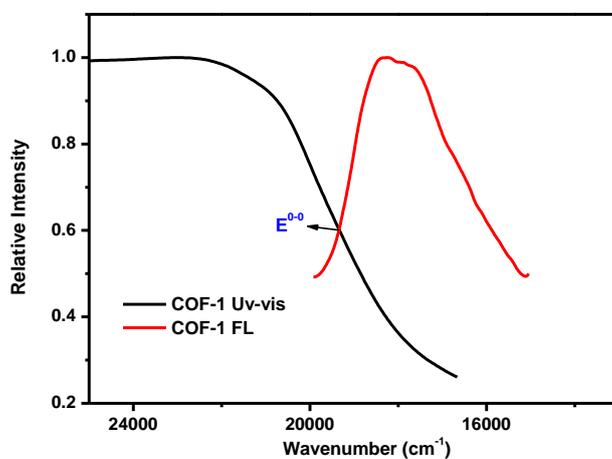


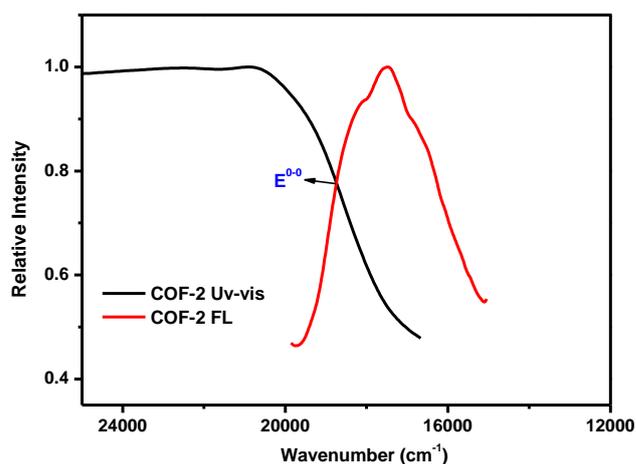
16. Fig. S26 EPR spectra.

EPR of COF-1 under irradiation with blue LEDs for 2 min in the presence of TEMP a) with **3a** and b) without **3a**; in the presence of DMPO c) without **3a** and d) with **3a**.



17. Fig. S27 Normalized absorption (black line) and emission spectra (red line) of COFs

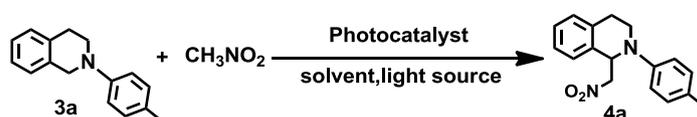




## 18. Additional results of photocatalysis.

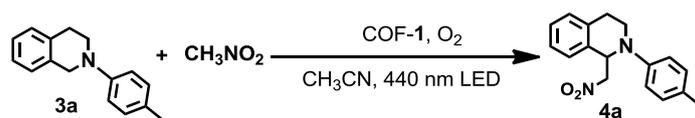
### 18.1. The CDC reaction catalyzed by COFs.

**Table S3** Optimization of reaction conditions on CDC reaction.<sup>a,b</sup>



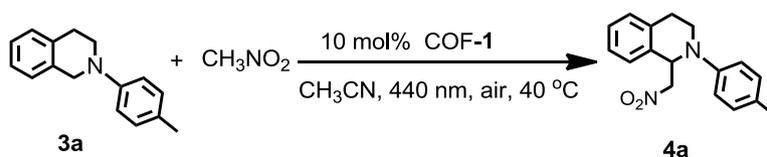
entry	solvent	Photocatalyst	T [ °C ]	yield [ % ]
1	DCM	1 mol% COF-1	23	trace
2	DCM	5 mol% COF-1	23	30
3	DCM	10 mol% COF-1	23	40
4	MeOH	10 mol% COF-1	23	60
5	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	10 mol% COF-1	23	75
6	THF	10 mol% COF-1	23	65
7	DMF	10 mol% COF-1	23	59
8	Toluene	10 mol% COF-1	23	45
9	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	10 mol% COF-1	30	80
10	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	10 mol% COF-1	40	85
11	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	10 mol% COF-1	60	79

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **3** (0.5 mmol), CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (1 mL), COF-1, solvent (2 mL) under air atmosphere by LED for 40 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yields after column chromatography.

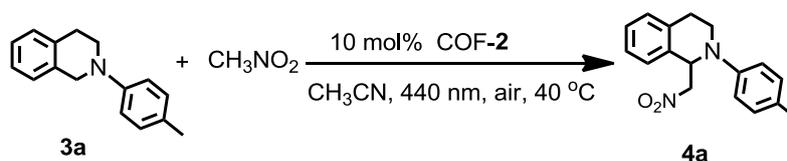
**Table S4** Control experiments for the CDC reaction.<sup>a</sup>

entry	Control experimental parameters	yield [ % ]
1	without light	<5
2	without COF-1	No
3	N <sub>2</sub> instead of O <sub>2</sub>	trace
4	O <sub>2</sub> , TEMP (1eq.)	<10
5	O <sub>2</sub> , DMPO (1eq.)	<5
6	without 3a	NR

<sup>a</sup> Standard reaction conditions: 3a (0.5 mmol), CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (1 mL), COF-1, CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) for 40 h at 40 °C under air atmosphere by 440 nm LED.

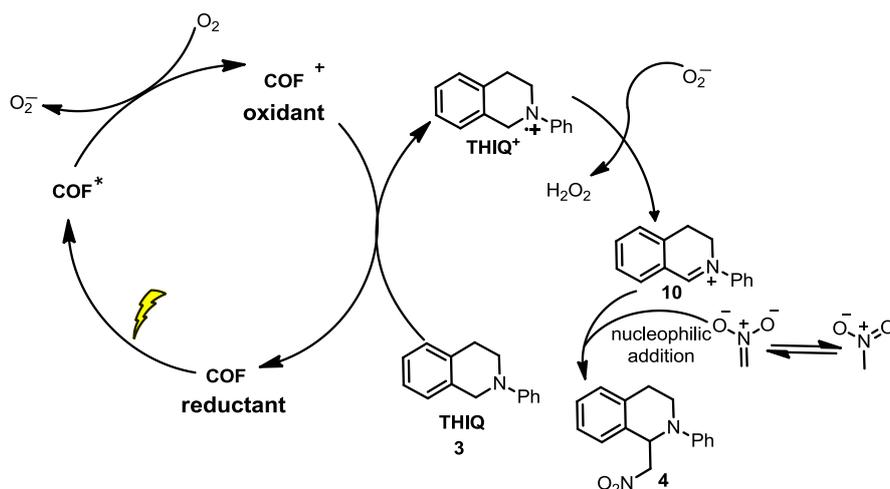
**Table S5** Recycle experiment of CDC reaction catalyzed by COF-1.

run	yield (%)
1	86
2	81
3	85
4	83
5	83

**Table S6** Recycle experiment of CDC reaction catalyzed by COF-2.

run	yield (%)
1	85
2	85
3	80
4	83
5	85

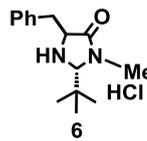
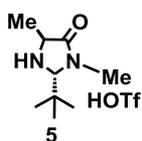
**Fig. S28** Proposed mechanism for the photocatalytic aerobic CDC reaction.



## 18.2. Asymmetric $\alpha$ -alkylation of aldehydes catalyzed by COFs with Macmillan catalyst.

**Table S7** Optimizing conditions of asymmetric  $\alpha$ -alkylation of aldehydes.<sup>a</sup>

entry	solvent	light source	Macmillan catalyst	t [h]	T [°C]	yield <sup>b</sup> [%]	ee <sup>c</sup> [%]
1	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	White LED	<b>5</b>	15	23	73	36
2	MeOH	White LED	<b>5</b>	15	23	45	31
3	toluene	White LED	<b>5</b>	15	23	63	19
4	DCM	White LED	<b>5</b>	15	23	60	15
5	DMF	White LED	<b>5</b>	15	23	83	34
6	THF	White LED	<b>5</b>	15	23	65	28
7	DMF	440 nm LED	<b>5</b>	15	23	89	37
8	DMF	440 nm LED	<b>5</b>	24	0	73	69
9	DMF	440 nm LED	<b>5</b>	40	-10	88	90
10	DMF	440 nm LED	<b>6</b>	40	-10	79	90
11 <sup>d</sup>	DMF	440 nm LED	<b>5</b>	40	-10	45	73
12 <sup>e</sup>	DMF	440 nm LED	<b>5</b>	40	-10	39	69



<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **7a**, 0.769 mmol; **8a**, 0.385 mmol; 2,6-lutidine, 0.769 mmol; catalyst COFs, 10 mol %; Macmillan catalyst **5/6** 0.0769 mmol in 2 mL of solvent under N<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the diastereomeric acetals obtained by derivatization with (2S,4S)-2,4-pentanediol. <sup>d</sup> Air instead of N<sub>2</sub>. <sup>e</sup> O<sub>2</sub> instead of N<sub>2</sub>.

**Table S8** Recycle experiment of asymmetric  $\alpha$ -alkylation of aldehydes catalyzed by COF-1 with Macmillan Catalyst

5.

run	yield ( % )	ee ( % )
1	80	93
2	81	91
3	85	93
4	83	93
5	83	94

**Table S9** Recycle experiment of asymmetric  $\alpha$ -alkylation of aldehydes catalyzed by COF-2 with Macmillan Catalyst 5.

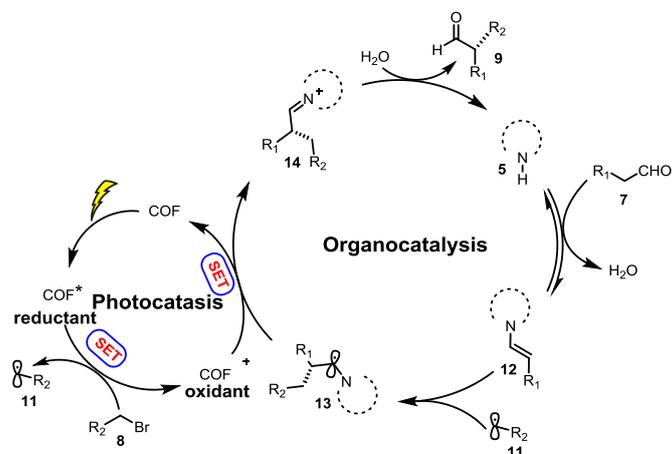
run	yield ( % )	ee ( % )
1	83	92
2	81	93
3	86	90
4	84	93
5	84	94

**Table S10** Reported results of other kinds of photocatalysts for the asymmetric  $\alpha$ -alkylation of aldehydes.

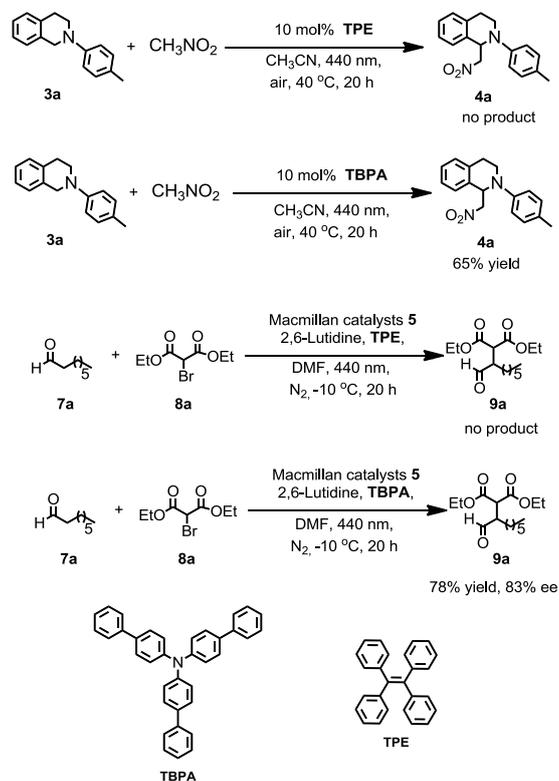
Entry	Photocatalysts	Results		Reporters	References
		9a	9b		
1	Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	93% yield, 90% ee	92% yield, 90% ee	Macmillan <i>et al.</i>	<i>Science</i> , <b>2008</b> , 322, 77.
2	Eosin Y	86% yield, 87% ee	—	Zeitler <i>et al.</i>	<i>Org. Lett.</i> , <b>2012</b> , 14, 2658
3	Rose Bengal	88% yield, 80% ee	89% yield, 83% ee	Ferroud <i>et al.</i>	<i>Green Chem.</i> , <b>2012</b> , 14, 1293
4	Bi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	85% yield, 91% ee	86% yield, 93% ee	Pericàs <i>et al.</i>	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> <b>2014</b> , 53, 9613.

5	PbBiO <sub>2</sub> Br	40% yield, 84% ee	65% yield, 96% ee	König. <i>et al.</i>	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> <b>2012</b> , 51, 4062.
6	Zn-PY11	65% yield, 86% ee	74% yield, 92% ee	Duan <i>et al.</i>	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> <b>2012</b> , 134, 14991.
7	R-Ti-MOF	98% conversion, 84% ee	98% conversion, 85% ee	Tang <i>et al.</i>	<i>Sci. Adv.</i> , <b>2017</b> , 3, 1

**Fig. S29** Proposed mechanism for asymmetric  $\alpha$ -alkylation of aldehydes.

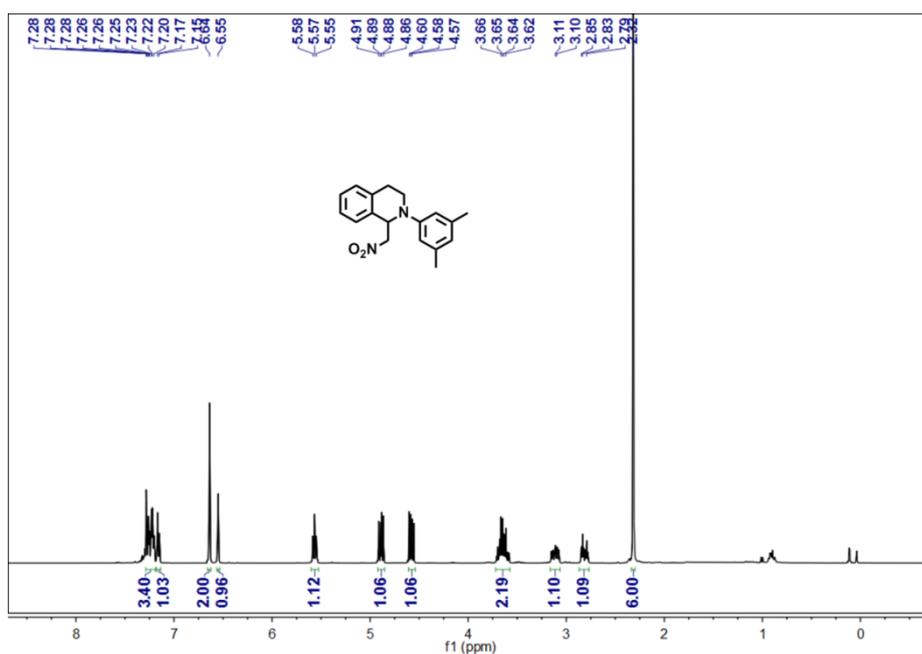


**Scheme S1.** The contrast experiment by TPE and TBPA

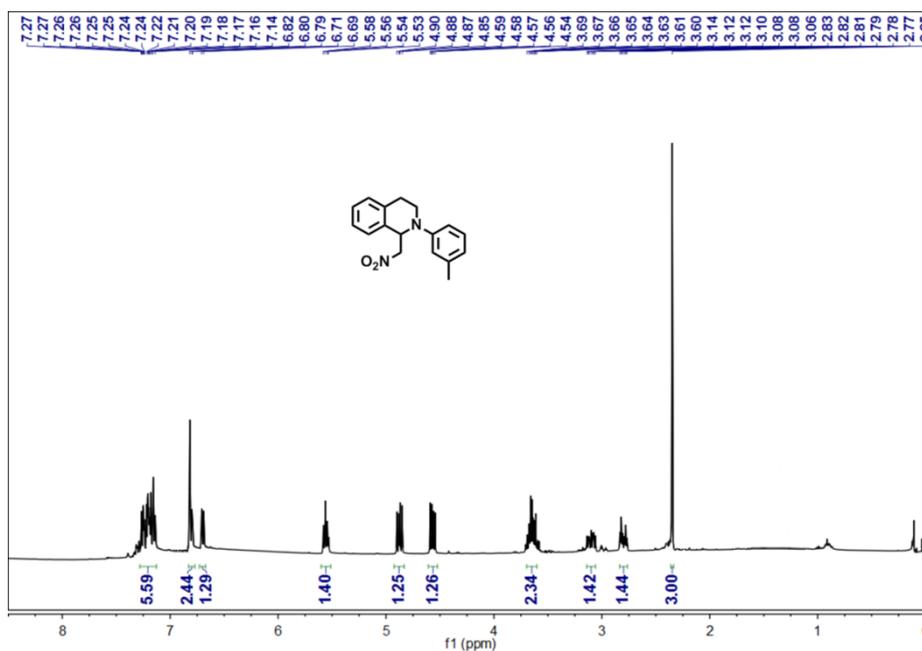




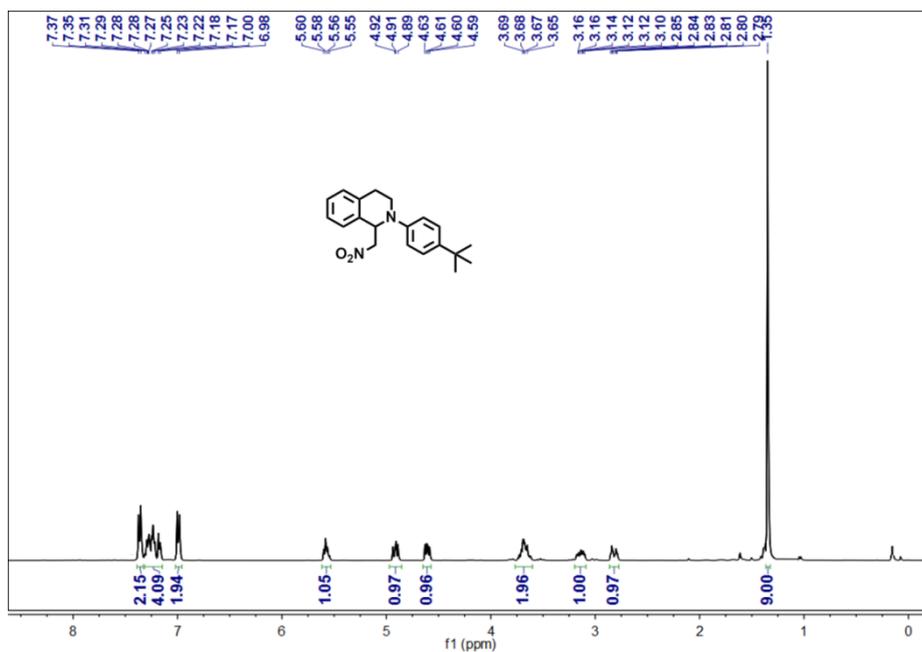
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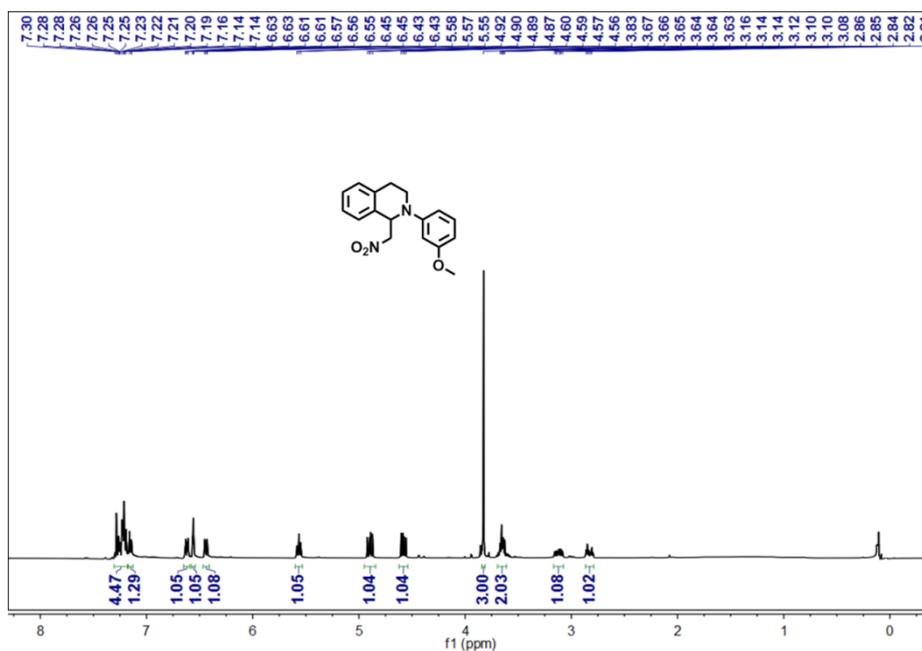
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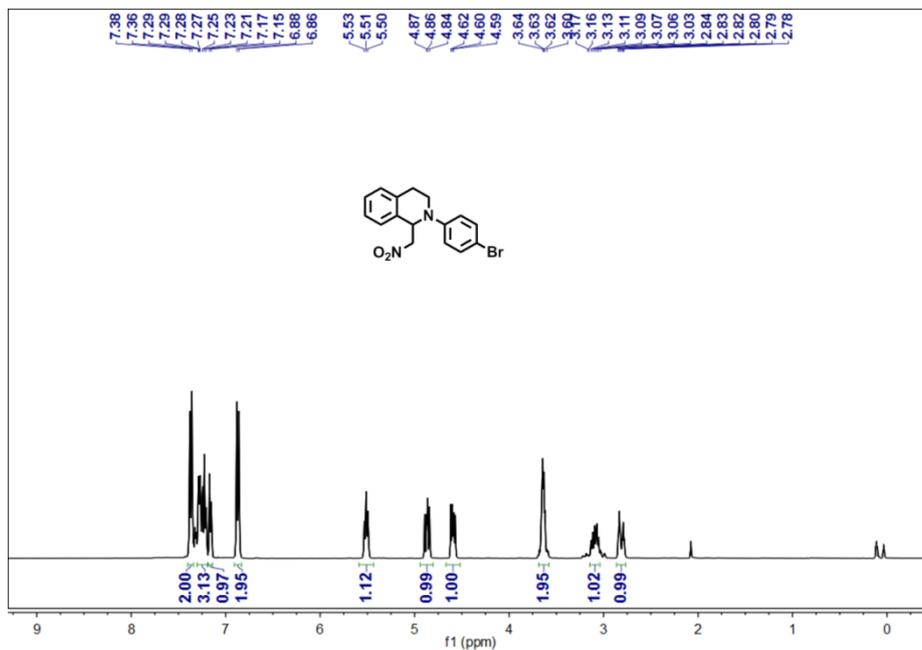
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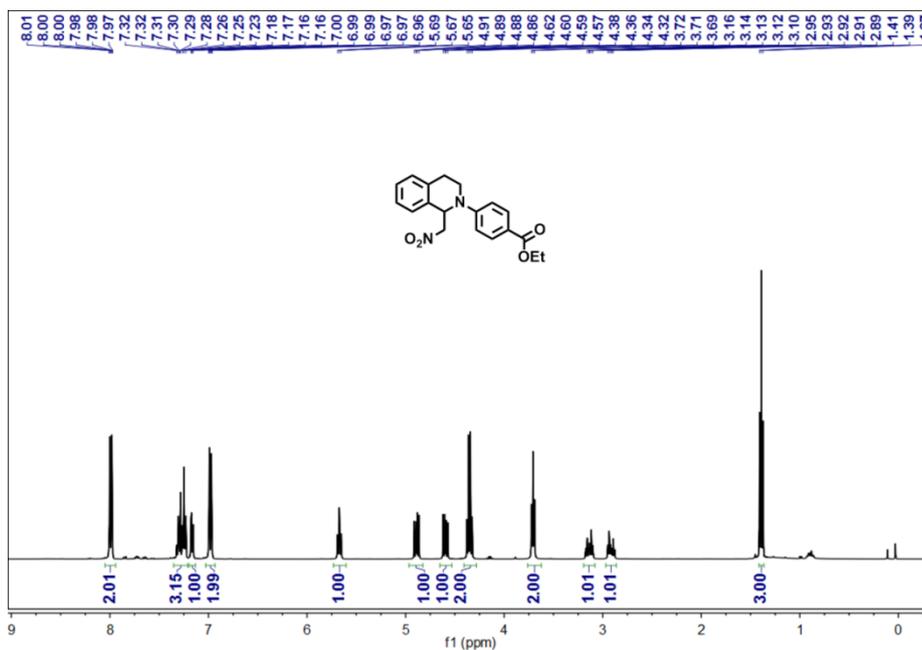
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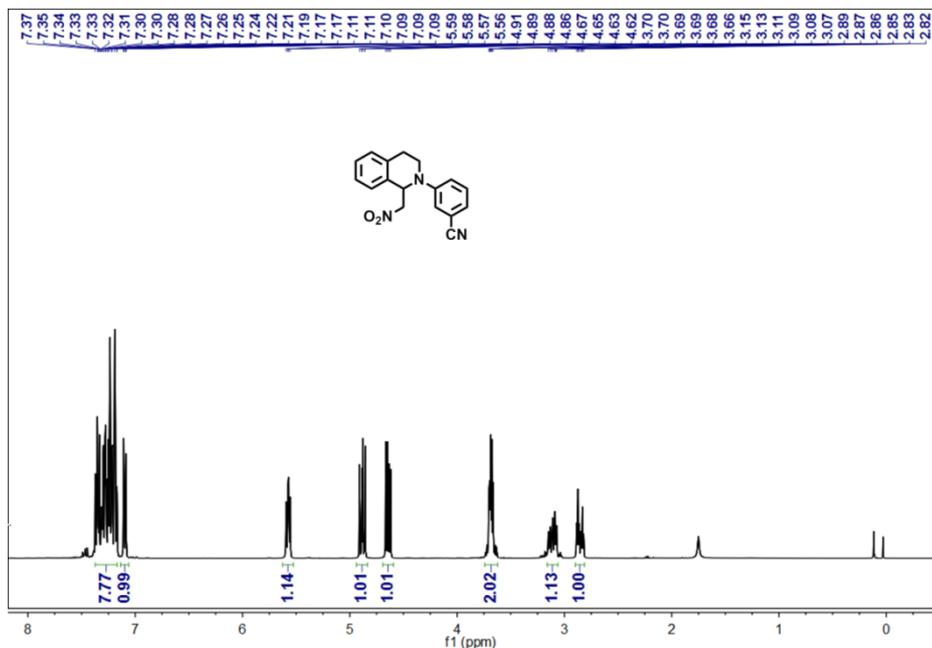
2-(4-bromophenyl)-1-(nitromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**4f**):  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.38-7.36 (d, 2H), 7.29-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.15 (d, 1H), 6.88-6.86 (d, 2H), 5.53-5.50 (t, 1H), 4.87-4.84 (t, 1H), 4.62-4.59 (t, 1H), 3.64-3.60 (m, 2H), 3.13-3.03 (m, 1H), 2.84-2.78 (m, 1H).



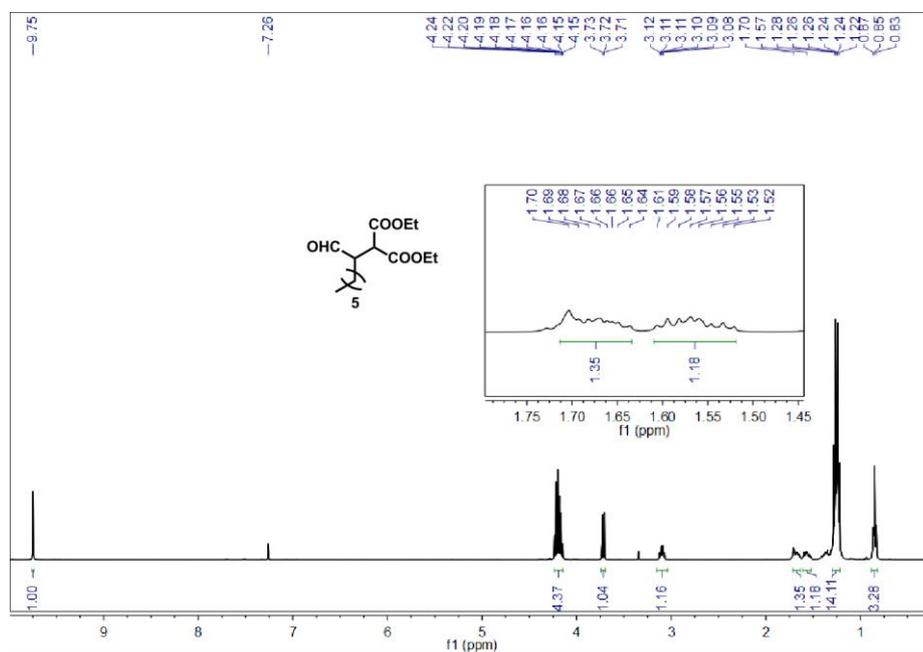
Ethyl 4-(1-(nitromethyl)-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H)-yl)benzoate (**4g**): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.07-7.97 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.96 (m, 2H), 5.69-5.65 (t, 1H), 4.91-4.86 (m, 1H), 4.62-4.57 (m, 1H), 4.38-4.32 (m, 2H), 3.72-3.69 (t, 2H), 3.16-3.10 (m, 1H), 2.95-2.89 (m, 1H), 1.41-1.37 (t, 3H).



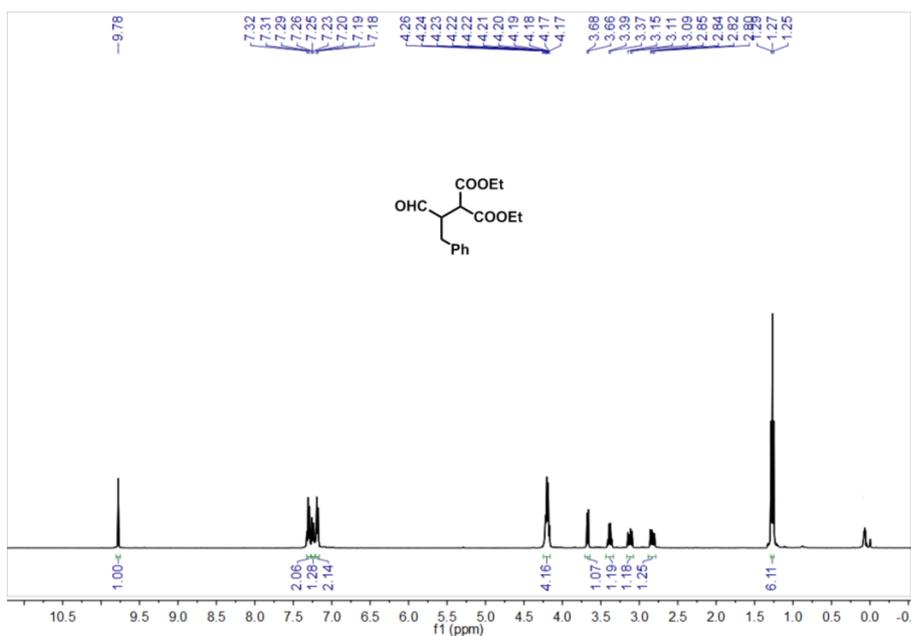
3-(1-(nitromethyl)-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H)-yl)benzonitrile (**4h**): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.37-7.17 (m, 7H), 7.11-7.09 (m, 1H), 5.59-5.56 (m, 1H), 4.91-4.86 (m, 1H), 4.67-4.62 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.66 (m, 2H), 3.15-3.07 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.82 (m, 1H).



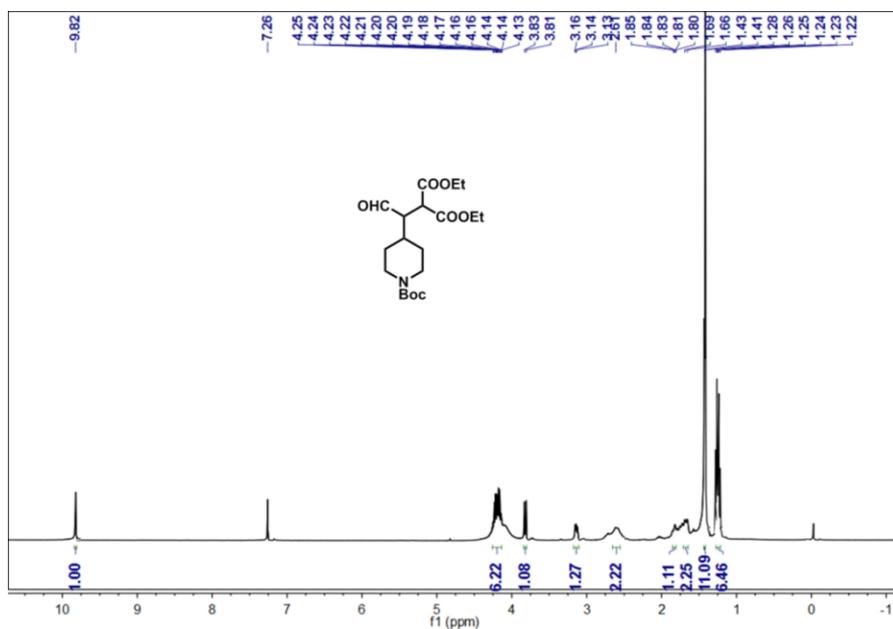
(*R*)-Diethyl 2-(1-oxohexan-2-yl)propanedioate (**9a**):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.75 (s, 1H), 4.24-4.15 (m, 4H), 3.73-3.71 (t, 1H), 3.12-3.08 (m, 1H), 1.70-1.64 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.52 (m, 1H), 1.28-1.22 (m, 14H), 0.87-0.83 (t, 3H). The enantiomeric excess of the title compound was determined by the integration of the two  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals (both doublets) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 3.70 ppm and 3.66 ppm arising from the resultant diastereomeric acetals.



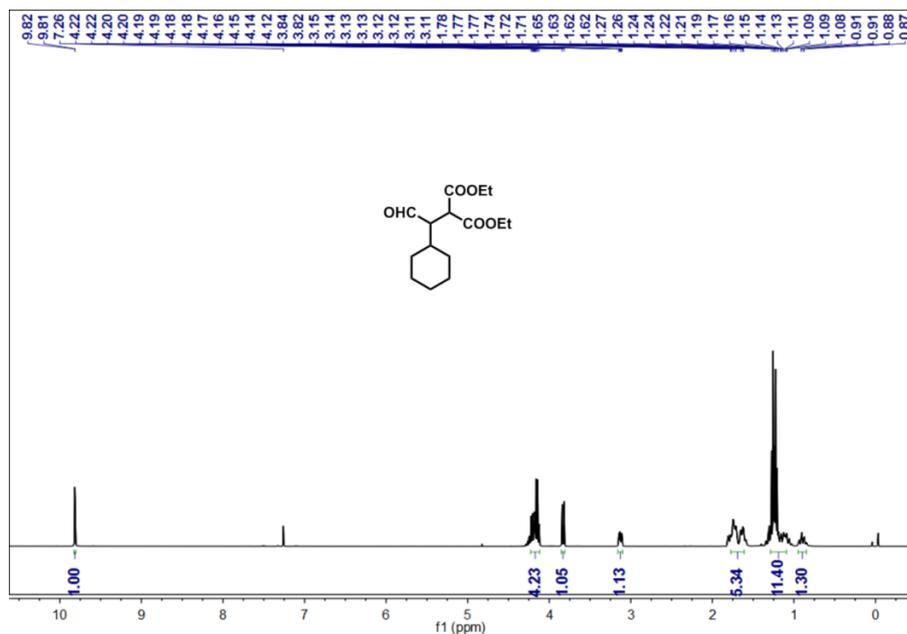
(*R*)-Diethyl 2-(1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-yl)propanedioate (**9b**):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.78 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.29 (t, 2H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.18 (m, 2H), 4.26-4.17 (m, 4H), 3.68-3.66 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.39-3.37 (d, 1H), 3.15-3.09 (t, 1H), 2.85-2.80 (m, 1H), 1.29-1.25 (t, 6H). The enantiomeric excess of the title compound was determined by the integration of the two  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals (both doublets) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 4.93 ppm and 4.83 ppm arising from the resultant diastereomeric acetals.



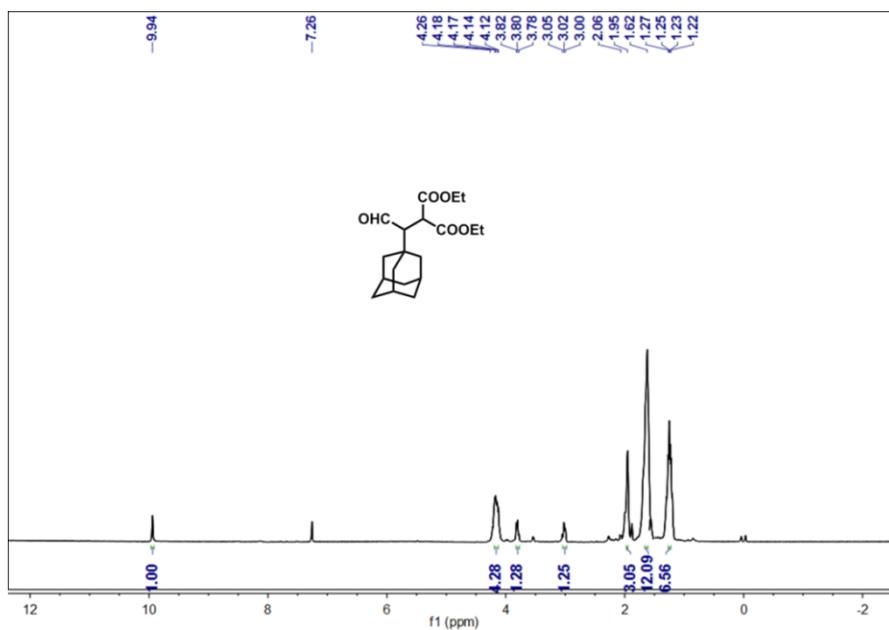
(*R*)-Diethyl 2-(1-(1-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2-oxoethyl)propanedioate (**9c**):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.82 (s, 1H), 4.25-4.13 (m, 6H), 3.83-3.81 (d, 1H), 3.16-3.13 (t, 1H), 2.61 (br, 2H), 1.85-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.69-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.41 (d, 11H), 1.28-1.22 (m, 6H); The enantiomeric excess of the title compound was determined by the integration of the two  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals (both doublets) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 5.10 ppm and 5.06 ppm arising from the resultant diastereomeric acetals.



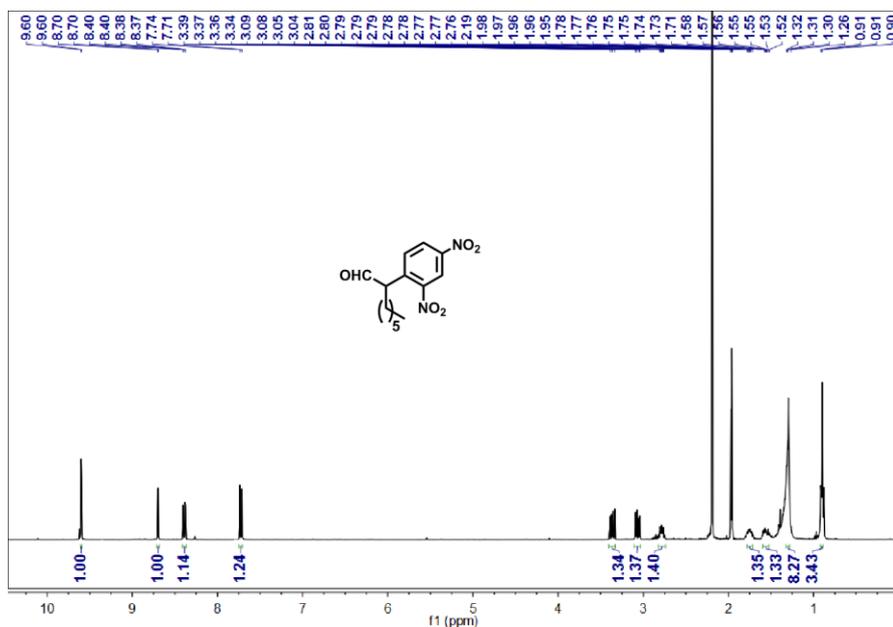
(*R*)-Diethyl 2-(1-cyclohexyl-2-oxoethyl)propanedioate (**9d**):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.82-9.81 (d, 1H), 4.22-4.12 (m, 4H), 3.84-3.82 (d, 1H), 3.15-3.11 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.62 (m, 5H), 1.27-0.108 (m, 11H), 0.91-0.87 (m, 1H). The enantiomeric excess of the title compound was determined by the integration of the two  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals (both doublets) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 3.83 ppm and 3.71 ppm arising from the resultant diastereomeric acetals.



(*R*)-Diethyl 2-adamantypropanedioate (**9e**):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.94 (s, 1H), 4.26-4.12 (m, 4H), 3.82-3.78 (t, 1H), 3.05-3.00 (t, 1H), 2.06-1.95 (d, 3H), 1.62 (s, 12H), 1.27-1.22 (m, 6H). The enantiomeric excess of the title compound was determined by the integration of the two  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals (both doublets) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 2.68 and 2.65 ppm arising from the resultant diastereomeric acetals.



(*R*)-2-(2,4-dinitrobenzyl)octanal (**9f**):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  9.61-9.60 (d, 1H), 8.71-8.70 (d, 1H), 8.40-8.37 (m, 1H), 7.74-7.71 (d, 1H), 3.39-3.34 (m, 1H), 3.09-3.04 (m, 1H), 2.81-2.76 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.71 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.52 (m, 1H), 1.32-1.26 (m, 8H), 0.91-0.90 (m, 3H). The enantiomeric excess of the title compound was determined by the integration of the two  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals (both doublets) in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  at 8.55 ppm and 8.53 ppm.



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