

## Supporting Information

# Singlet and Triplet Energy Transfer Rate Acceleration by Additions of Clusters in Supramolecular Pigment-Organometallic Cluster Assemblies†

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## Materials.

The  $[\text{Pd}_3(\text{dppm})_3(\text{CO})]^{2+} \text{PF}_6^-$  cluster<sup>1</sup>, 5-(4-carboxyphenyl)-10,15,20-tritolporphyrinatozinc (**4**), 5,15-2-(4-carboxyphenyl)-10,20-ditolporphyrinatozinc (**5**) and 5,10,15, 20-4-(4-carboxyphenyl)-tetratolporphyrinatozinc (**6**) were synthesized according to the previous literature<sup>3</sup>. Carboxylate salts  $\text{MCO}_2\text{ZnP}$  (**I**),  $\text{DCO}_2\text{ZnP}$  (**II**) and  $\text{TCO}_2\text{ZnP}$  (**III**) were synthesized by ion-exchange resin<sup>4</sup>.

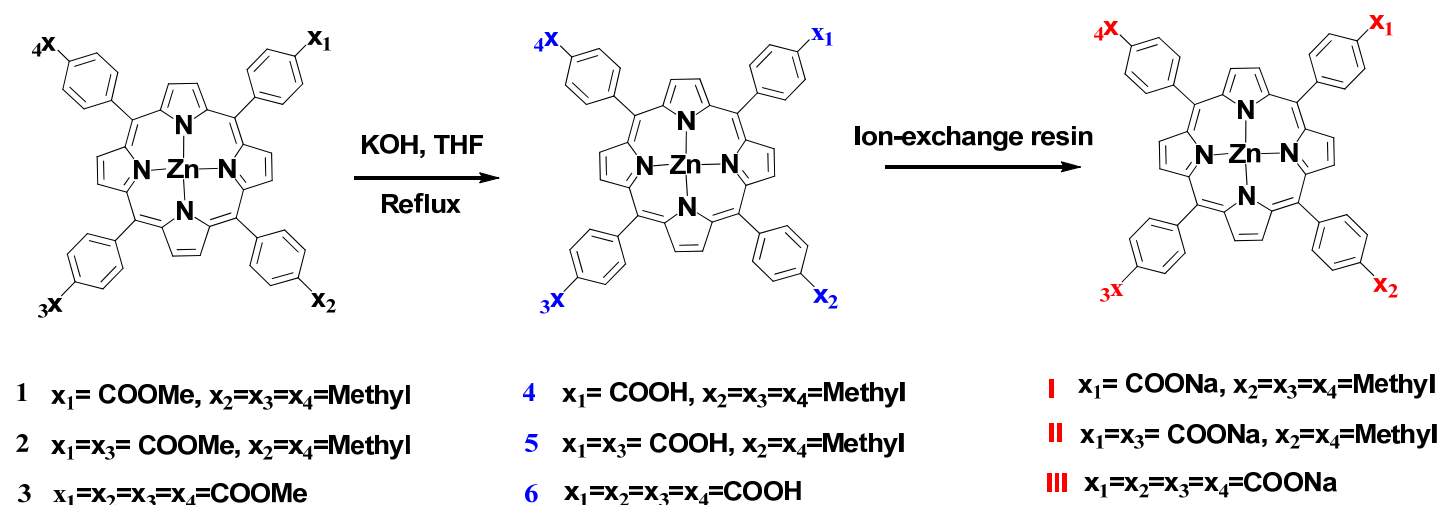
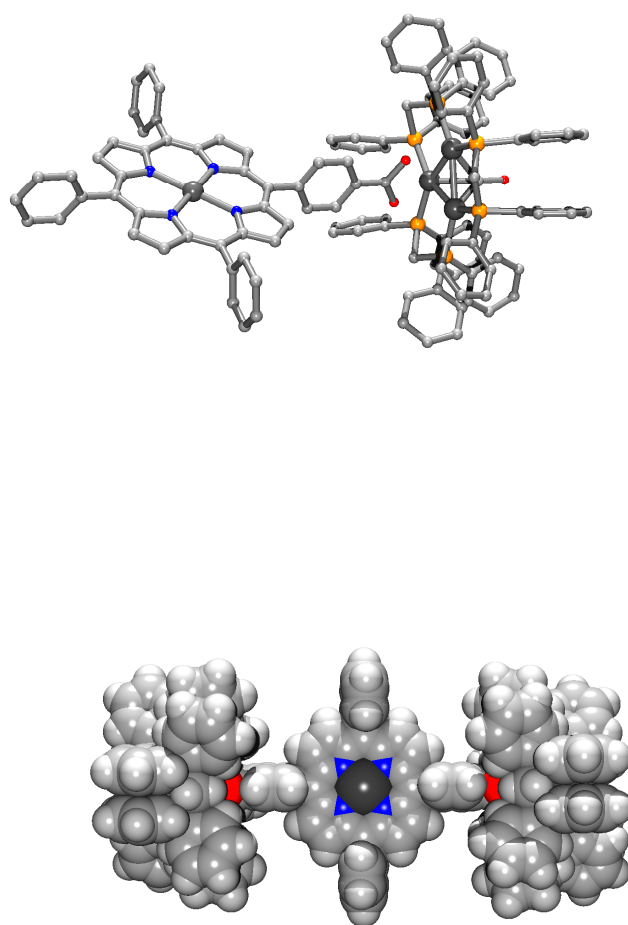


Figure S1. The synthetic routes of carboxylate-porphyrin salts

**General Procedure for the Synthesis of Porphyrin Salts, with the synthesis of DCO<sub>2</sub>ZnP (II) as an example.** The porphyrin dicarboxylic acid (5, 0.05 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (20 mL). The solution was passed through DOWEX HCRW2 (Na form) ion-exchange resin. As the methanol and water were removed, the porphyrin salt was obtained as purple solid. Yield: 60 %. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO, δ, ppm): 8.19 (m, 8H), 8.25-8.22 (m, 4H), 8.08-8.03 (m, 8H), 87.62-7.59 (m, 4H), 2.68 (s, 6H). Elemental analysis (%) calcd for C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Zn+4H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 63.34; H, 4.21; N, 6.16; Found: C, 63.87; H, 4.53; N, 5.78.



**Figure S2.** Models of [Pd<sub>3</sub>(dppm)<sub>3</sub>(CO)]<sup>2+</sup> with carboxylate-porphyrins showing the cavity above the unsaturated face of the Pd<sub>3</sub> center. Up, ball-and-stick model for MCO<sub>2</sub>ZnP-(Pd<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup>); bottom, space filling model for DCO<sub>2</sub>ZnP-(Pd<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup>)<sub>2</sub>.

## Spectroscopic Measurements.

The spectroscopic and photophysical measurements were carried out in methanol and the mixture of methanol and 2-MeTHF, which was distilled with calcium hydride under argon. The absorption measurements of the  $[\text{Pd}_3(\text{dppm})_3(\text{CO})]^{2+}$  cluster, associated with the binding constant calculation, were carried out in methanol because the largest difference can be shown in  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  between the free cluster and host-guest assembly.

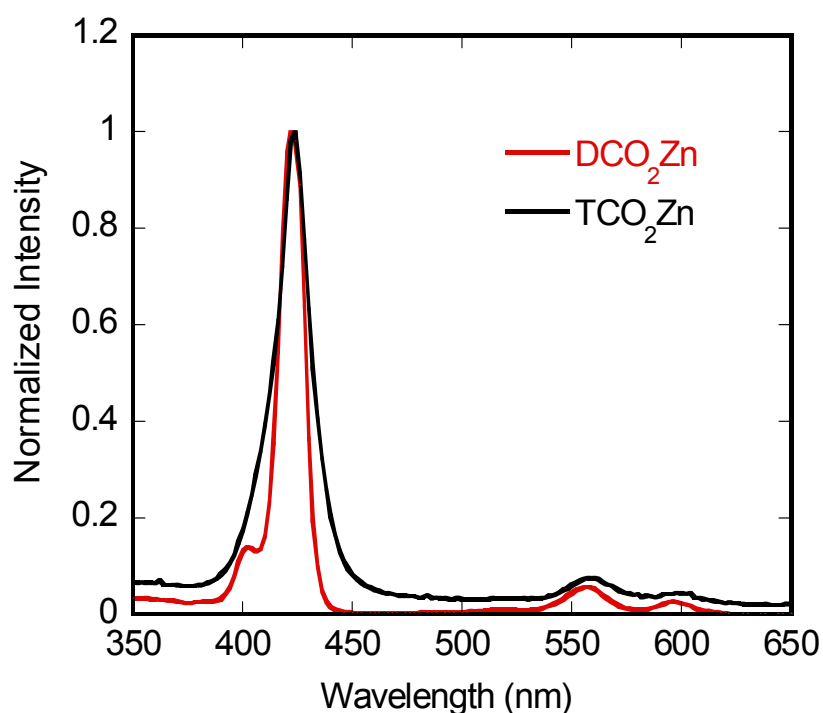
## Methodology.

The binding constants ( $K_{1n}$ :  $K_{11}$ ,  $K_{12}$ , and  $K_{14}$ ) were measured according to the typical method as follows: Two different solutions (A and B) were prepared in methanol. Solution A contained the “free cavity” cluster  $[\text{Pd}_3(\text{dppm})_3(\text{CO})]^{2+} (\text{PF}_6^-)_2$ . Solution B was the mixture of the cluster, which contains exactly the same concentration as that used in solution A, with the porphyrin carboxylate salt. The spectroscopic changes induced by solution A as a result of additions of constant volume (0.1 mL) of solution B were monitored by measuring the absorption spectra after each addition. The competitive binding constants ( $K_{11}$ ,  $K_{12}$ , and  $K_{14}$ ) were measured by plotting  $1/\Delta A$  vs  $1/[\text{substrate}]$  (Benesi-Hildebrand), where  $\Delta A$  is the absorbance change upon an increase in the substrate concentration. The substrate concentration was corrected based on the change of the total volume at each addition, and these adjusted values were used for the plots. The ratio of intercept/slope in this plot gives  $K_{11}$ ,  $K_{12}$ , and  $K_{14}$ . The binding constant values were more accurately evaluated by using the Scatchard and Scott plots  $\Delta A/[\text{substrate}]$  vs  $-\Delta A$  with  $K_{1n} = -\text{slope}$  (Scatchard) and  $-\text{[substrate]}/\Delta A$  vs  $[\text{substrate}]$  with  $K_{1n} = \text{slope}/\text{intercept}$  (Scott) with the experimental uncertainties 10%. The uncertainties are based on multiple measurements. The Scott and Scatchard's plots are presented in this ESI.

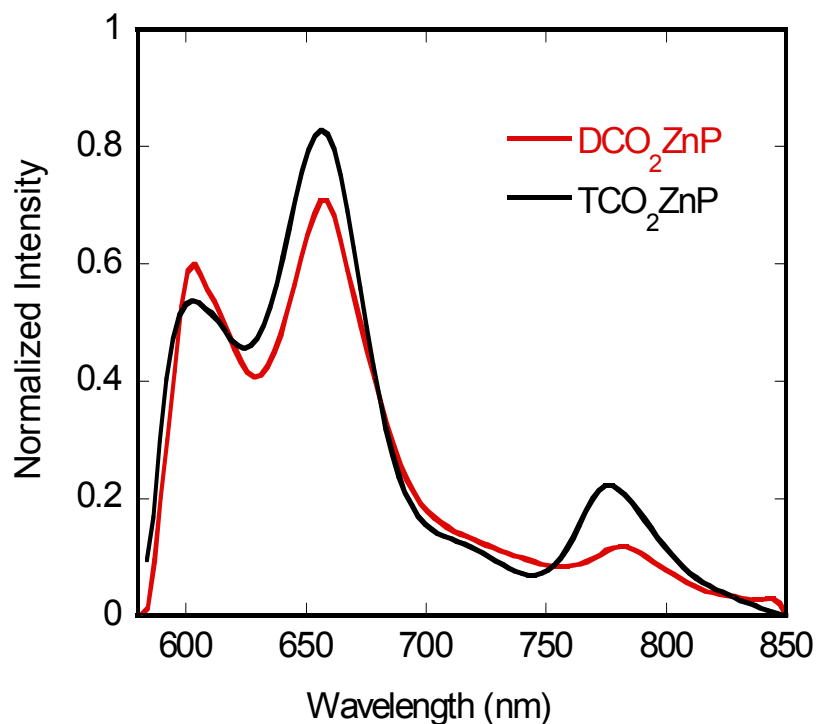
The measurement to identify the formation of 1:2 and 1:4 assemblies was carried out in the following way. Two different solutions (C and D) were prepared in methanol. Solution C contained the free carboxylate-porphyrins. Solution D was the mixture of the porphyrin, which contains exactly the same concentration as that used in solution C, with the cluster. The uncertainties (10%) are based on multiple measurements.

## Instruments

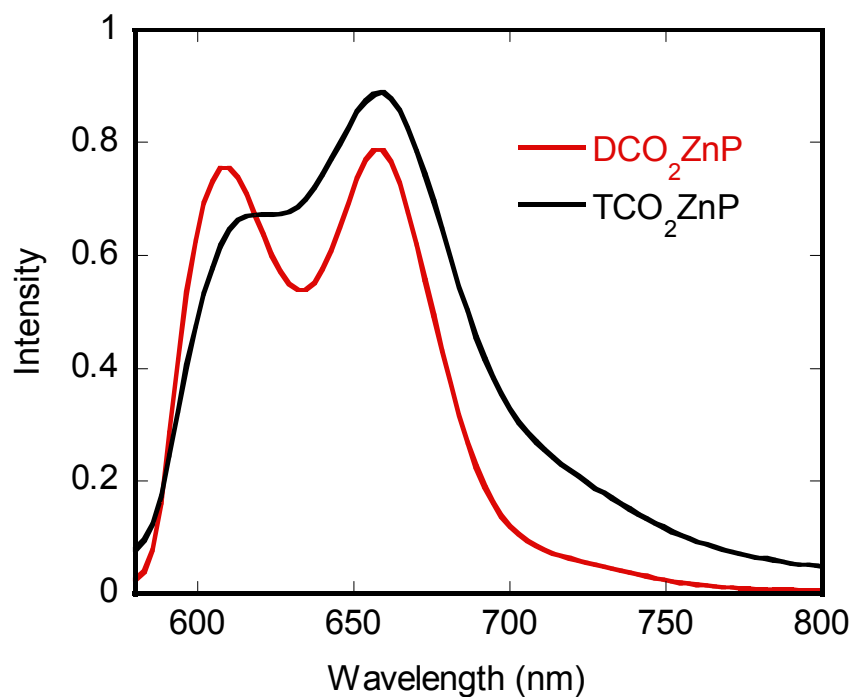
UV-visible spectra were recorded on a Varian Cary 300 spectrophotometer. The emission spectra were obtained using a double-monochromator Fluorolog 2 instrument from Spex. The emission lifetimes were measured on a TimeMaster model TM-3/2003 apparatus from PTI. The source was a nitrogen laser with a high-resolution dye laser (fwhm  $\sim 1400$  ps), and the fluorescence lifetimes were obtained from deconvolution or distribution lifetime analysis. The uncertainties were about 50-100 ps. The phosphorescence lifetimes were performed on a PTI LS-100 using a 1  $\mu$ s tungsten flash lamp (fwhm  $\sim 1$   $\mu$ s). The flash photolysis spectra and the transient lifetimes were measured with a Luzchem spectrometer using the 355 nm line of a YAG laser from Continuum (Serulite) and the 530 nm line from a OPO module pump by the same laser (fwhm = 3 ns).



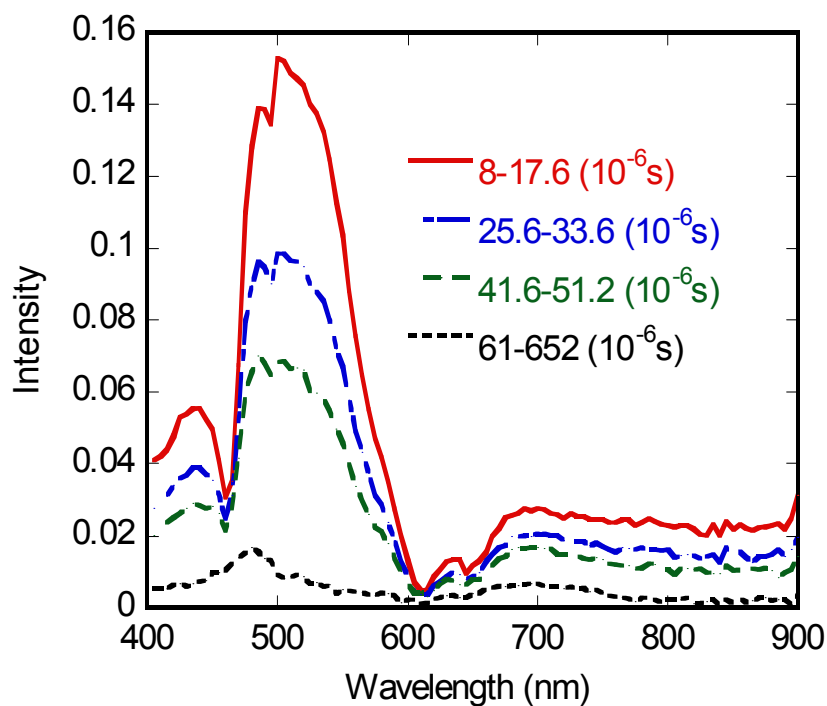
**Figure S3.** Absorption spectrum of  $\text{DCO}_2\text{ZnP}$  and  $\text{TCO}_2\text{ZnP}$  in MeOH at 298K.



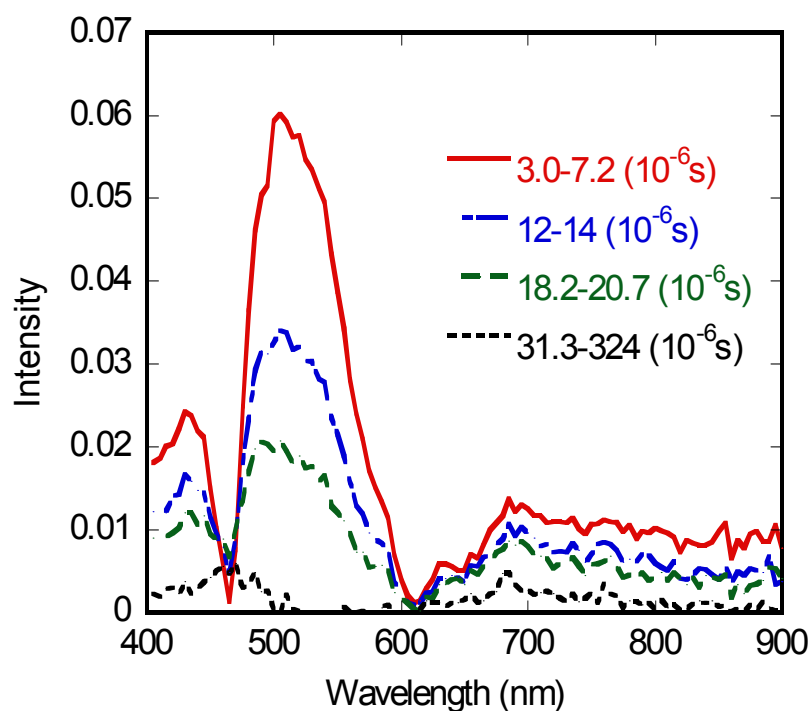
**Figure S4.** The corrected emission of  $\text{DCO}_2\text{ZnP}-(\text{Pd}_3^{2+})_2$  and  $\text{TCO}_2\text{ZnP}-(\text{Pd}_3^{2+})_4$  at 298 K in 2MeTHF:MeOH (20:1) mixture.  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 560\text{nm}$ .



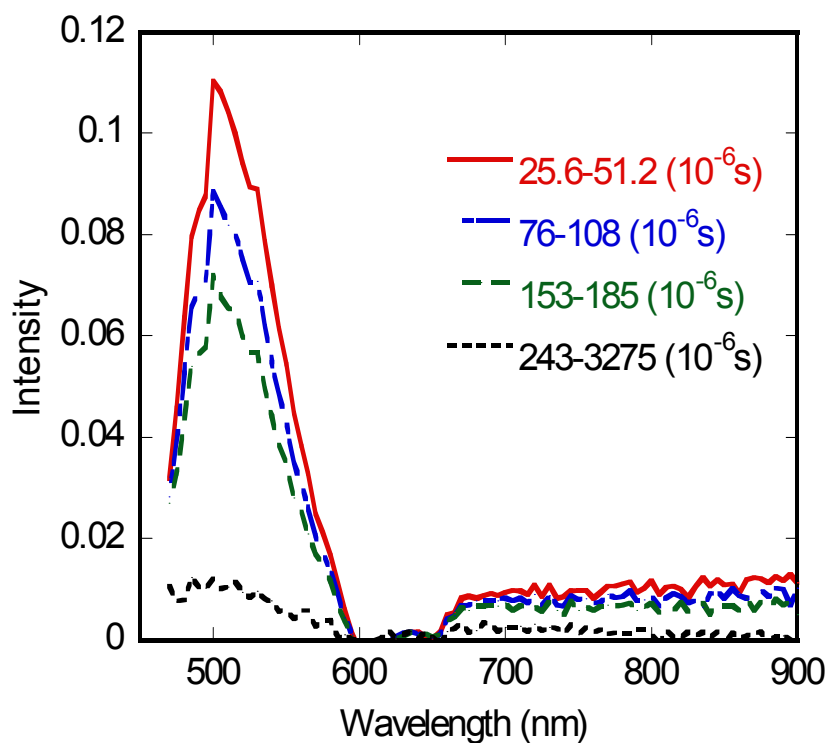
**Figure S5.** The corrected emission of  $\text{DCO}_2\text{ZnP}-(\text{Pd}_3^{2+})_2$  and  $\text{TCO}_2\text{ZnP}-(\text{Pd}_3^{2+})_4$  at 298 K in 2MeTHF:MeOH (20:1) mixture.  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 560\text{nm}$ .



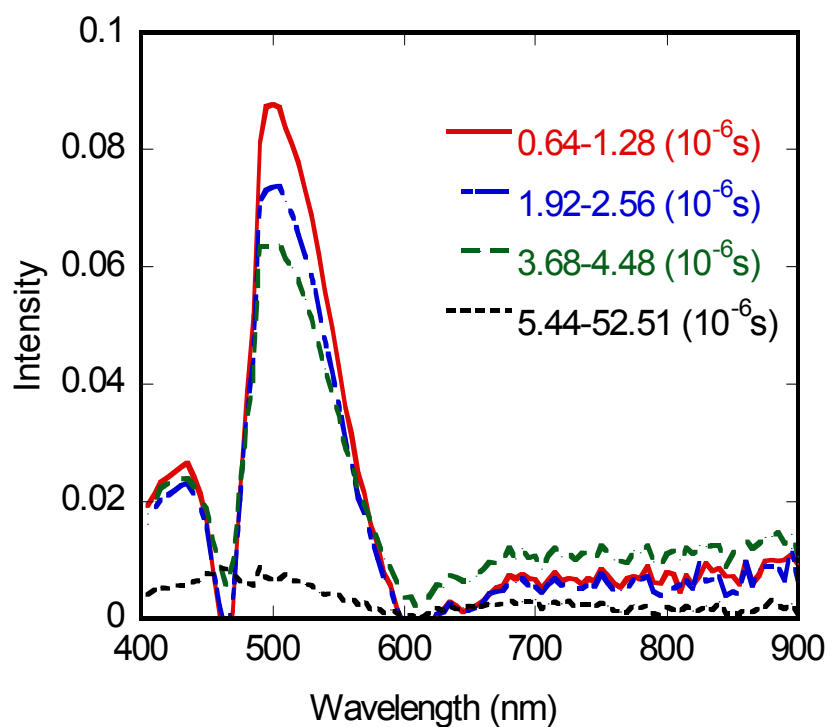
**Figure S6.** Transient absorption spectrum of  $MCO_2ZnP$  in MeOH at 298K.  $\lambda_{exc} = 355$  nm. The delay times between the pump and probe pulses are placed in the figure.



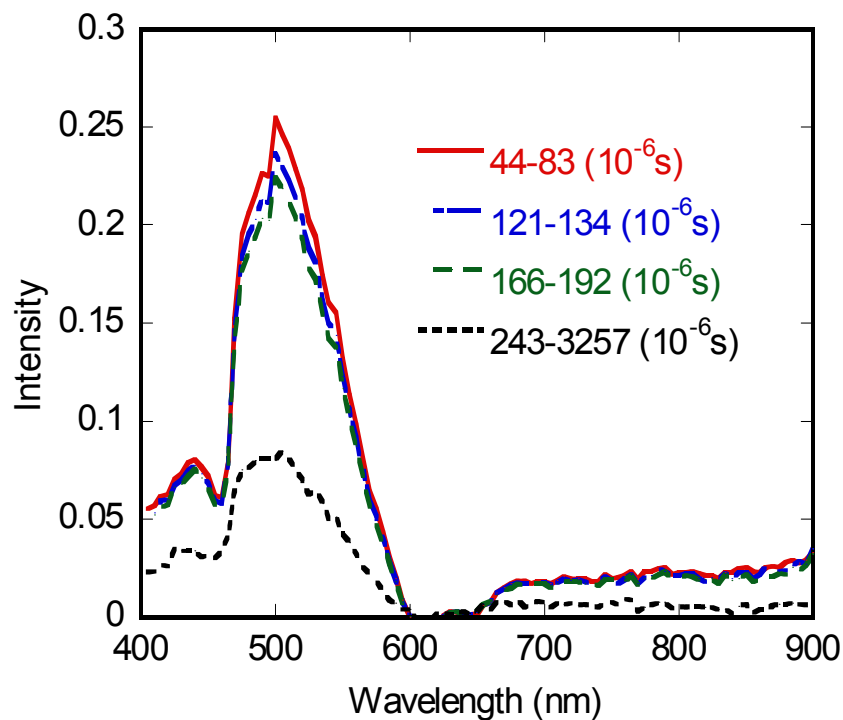
**Figure S7.** Transient absorption spectrum of  $MCO_2ZnP-(Pd_3^{2+})$  in MeOH at 298K.  $\lambda_{exc} = 355$  nm. The delay times between the pump and probe pulses are placed in the figure.



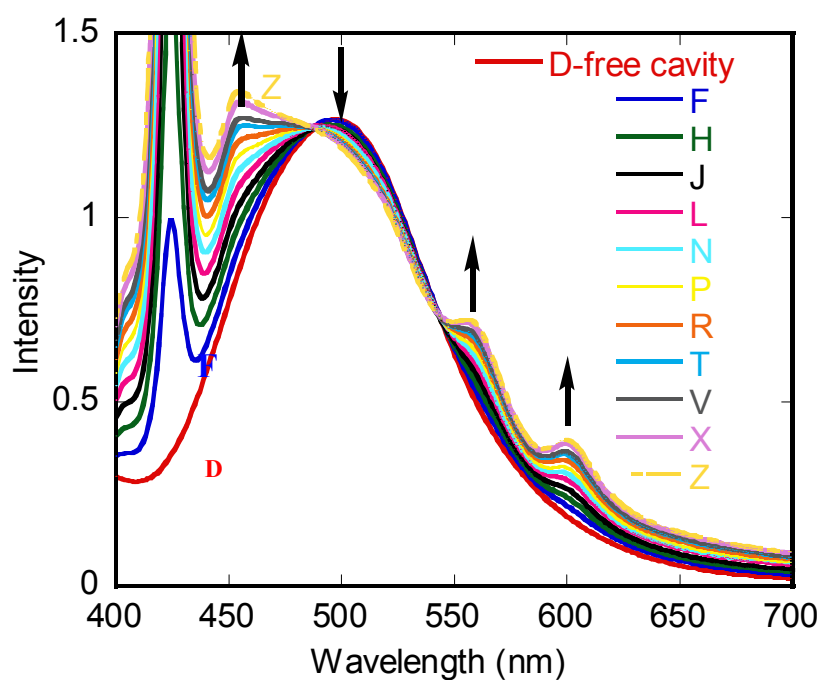
**Figure S8.** Transient spectrum of  $DCO_2ZnP$  in MeOH at 298K.  $\lambda_{exc} = 355$  nm. The delay times between the pump and probe pulses are placed in the figure.



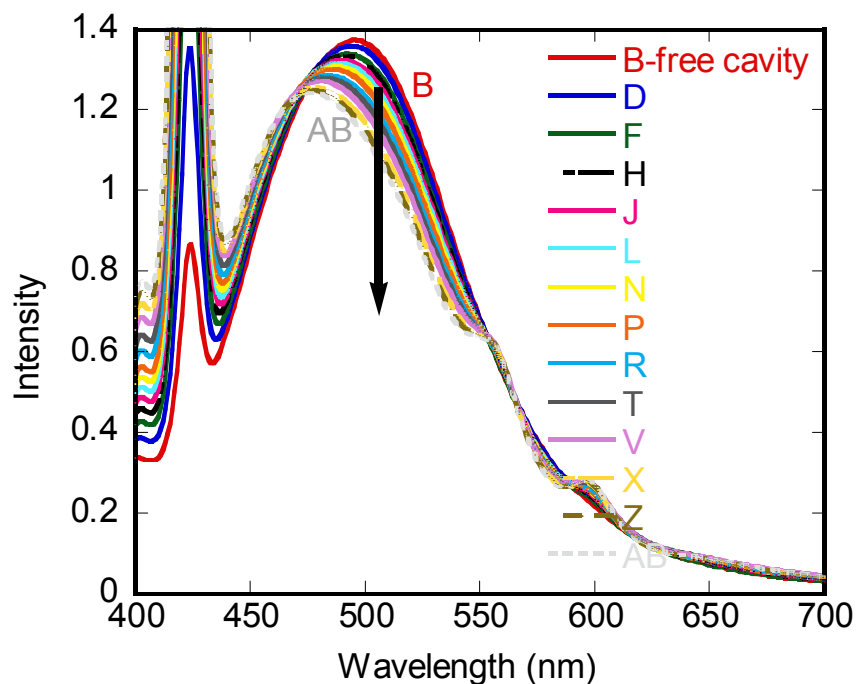
**Figure S9.** Transient absorption spectrum of  $DCO_2ZnP-(Pd_3^{2+})_2$  in MeOH at 298K.  $\lambda_{exc} = 355$  nm. The delay times between the pump and probe pulses are placed in the figure.



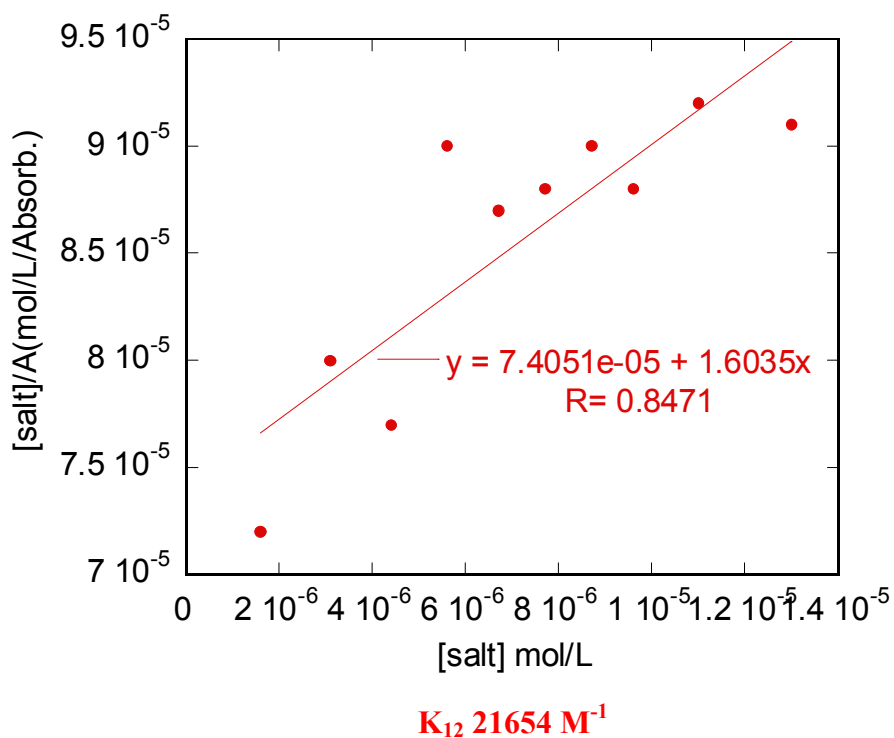
**Figure S10.** Transient absorption spectrum of  $TCO_2ZnP$  (alone) in MeOH at 298K.  $\lambda_{exc} = 355$  nm. The delay times between the pump and probe pulses are placed in the figure.

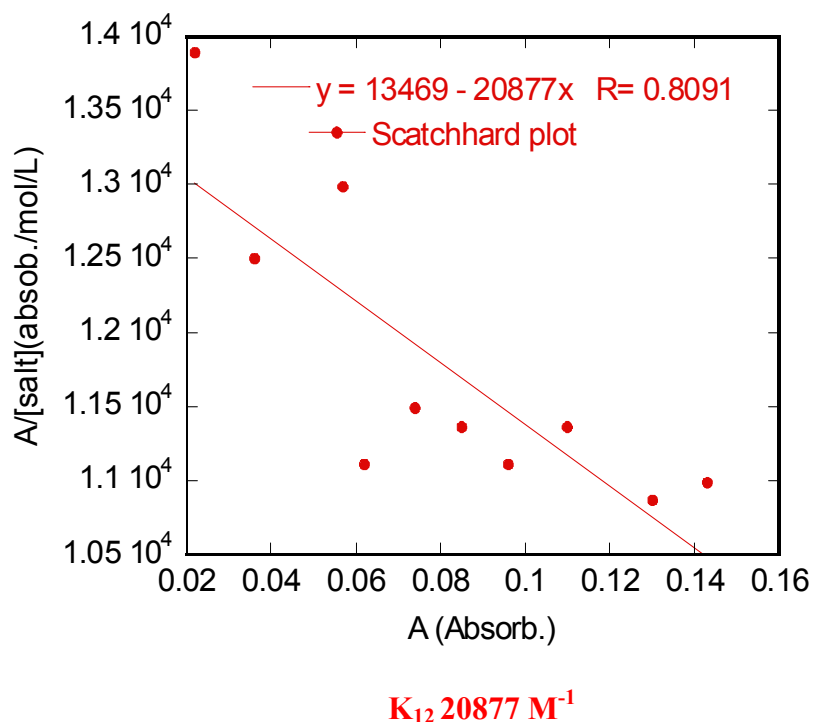


**Figure S11.** UV-vis spectra for the addition of  $MCO_2ZnP$  into a MeOH solution of  $[Pd_3(dppm)_3(CO)_3](PF_6)_2 = 6.7 \times 10^{-5}$  M. Curve F-Z obtained with successive addition of  $6.7 \times 10^{-9}$  M of  $MCO_2ZnP$  with 0.1ml for every addition. (The arrows indicate the direction of absorption change with change in concentration).

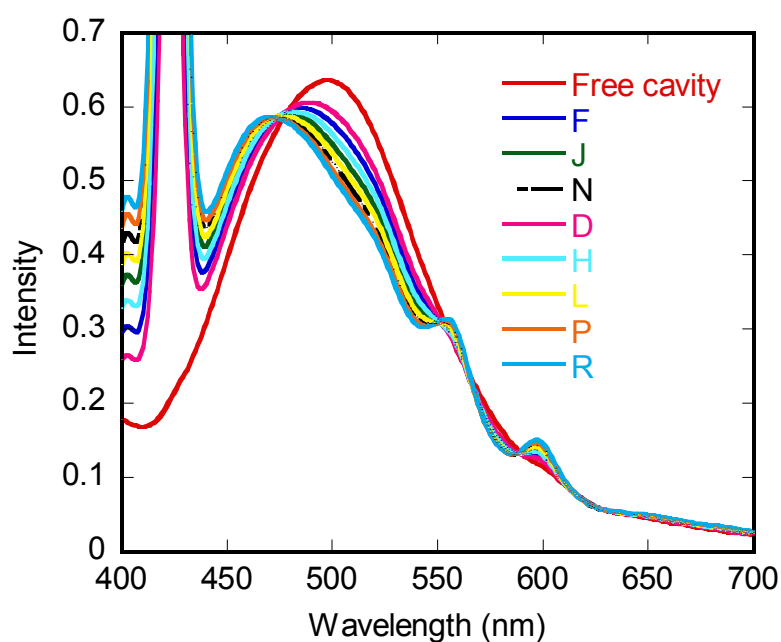


**Figure S12.** UV-vis spectra for the addition of  $\text{DCO}_2\text{ZnP}$  ( $3.35 \times 10^{-5}\text{M}$ ) into a MeOH solution of  $[\text{Pd}_3(\text{dppm})_3(\text{CO})_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$  ( $6.7 \times 10^{-5}\text{M}$ ) with 0.1ml for every addition. Curves **D-AB** obtained with successive additions of  $3.35 \times 10^{-9}\text{M}$  of  $\text{DCO}_2\text{ZnP}$ .

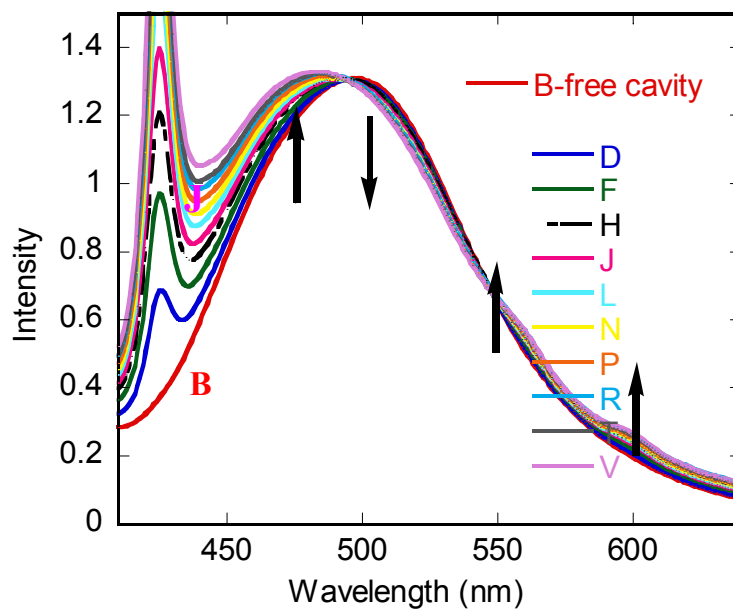




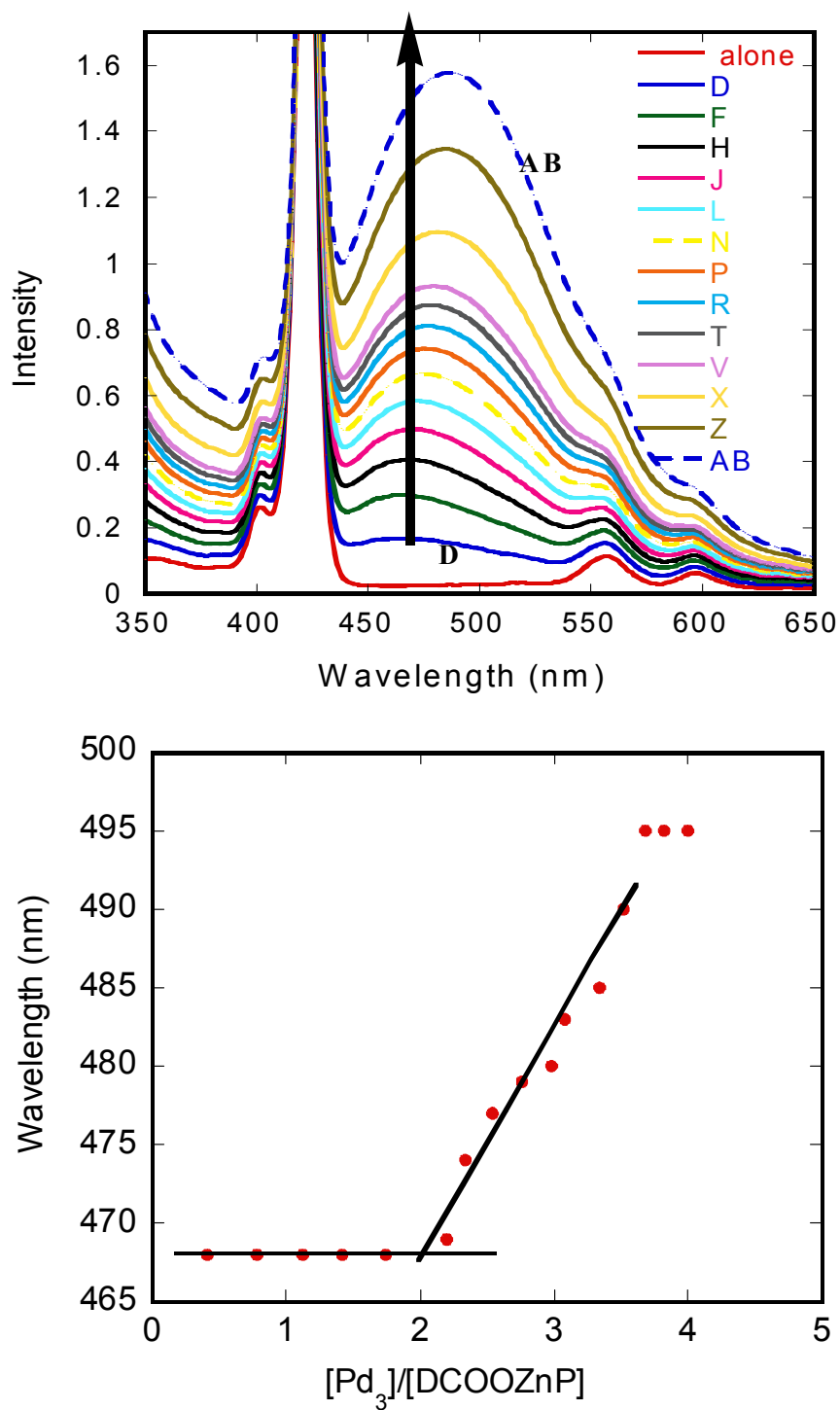
**Figure S13.** Scott plots and Scatchard for the 2:1 formation of  $\text{DCO}_2\text{ZnP}-(\text{Pd}_3^{2+})_2$  assembly at 298 K in MeOH (20:1) mixture.



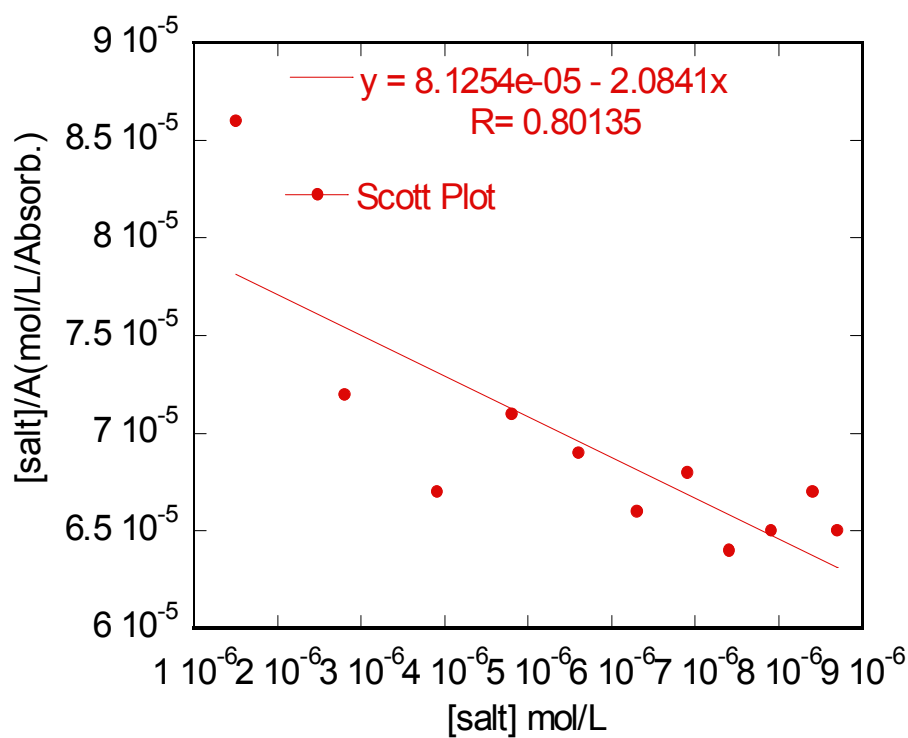
**Figure S14.** UV-vis spectra for the addition of  $\text{DCO}_2\text{ZnP}$  into a MeOH solution of  $[\text{Pd}_3(\text{dppm})_3(\text{CO})_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$  ( $3.35 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ). Curves **D-R** obtained with successive additions of  $3.35 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$  of  $\text{DCO}_2\text{ZnP}$  with 0.1ml for every addition. (The arrows indicate the direction of absorption change with change in concentration).



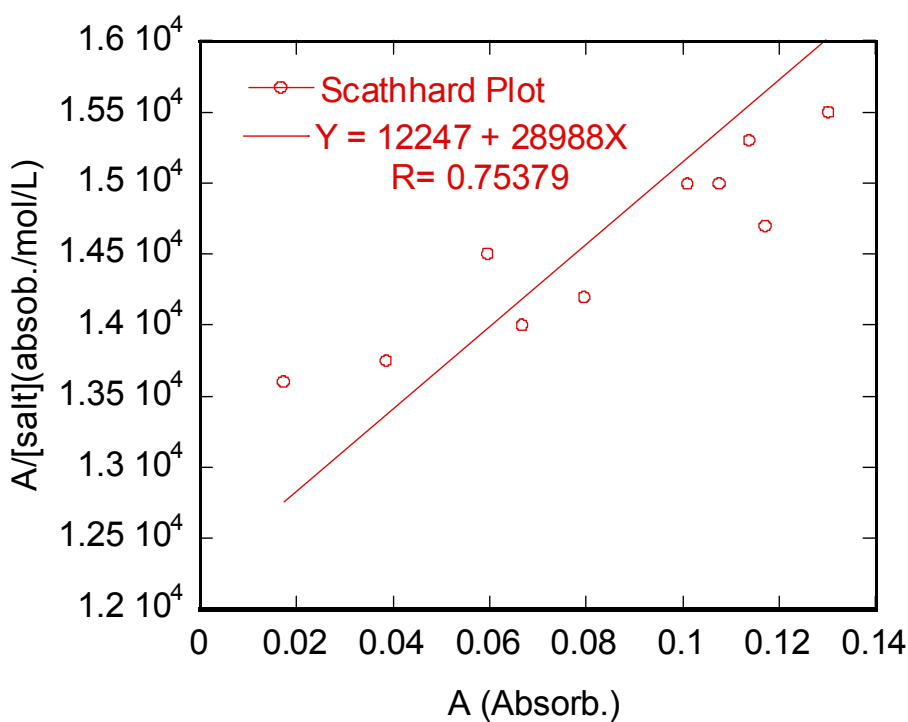
**Figure S15.** Uv-visible spectra for the addition of  $TCO_2ZnP$  into a MeOH solution of  $[Pd_3(dppm)_3(CO)_3](PF_6)_2$  ( $6.7 \times 10^{-5}$  M). Curves **D-V** obtained with successive addition of  $1.68 \times 10^{-5}$  M of  $TCO_2ZnP$  with 0.1 ml for every addition. (The arrows indicate the direction of absorption change with change in concentration).



**Figure S16.** Top: UV-vis spectra for the addition of  $[Pd_3(dppm)_3(CO)_3](PF_6)_2$  into a MeOH solution of  $DCO_2ZnP$  ( $0.75 \times 10^{-5}$  M). Curves **D-AB** obtained with successive additions of  $6.7 \times 10^{-5}$  M of  $[Pd_3(dppm)_3(CO)_3](PF_6)_2$ . Bottom: Absorption shifts of  $[Pd_3(dppm)_3(CO)_3](PF_6)_2$  in MeOH as a function of the ratio of added cluster to the  $DCO_2ZnP$  –containing solution.

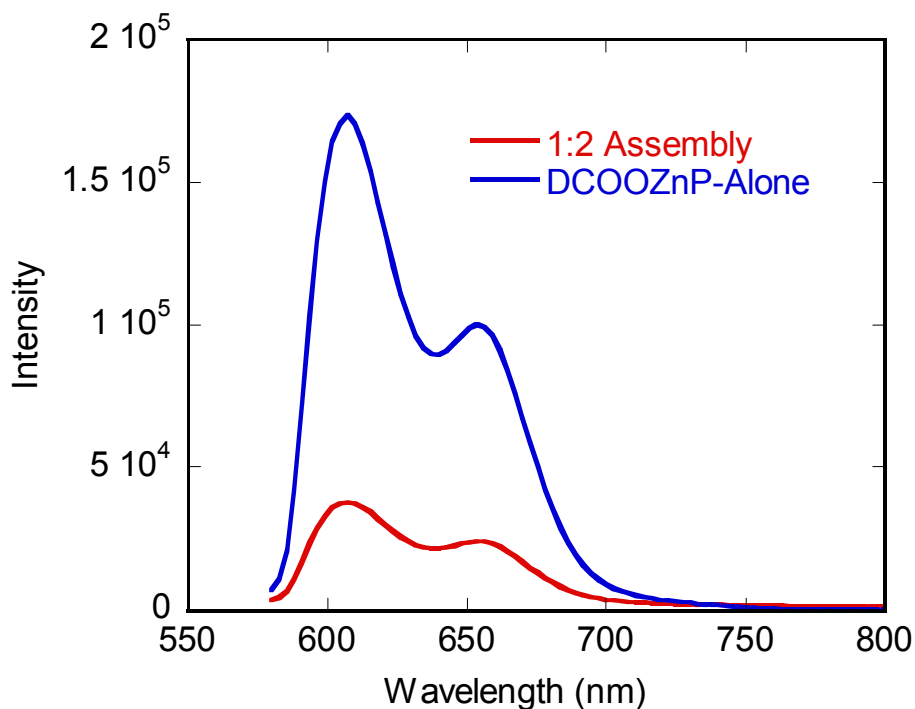


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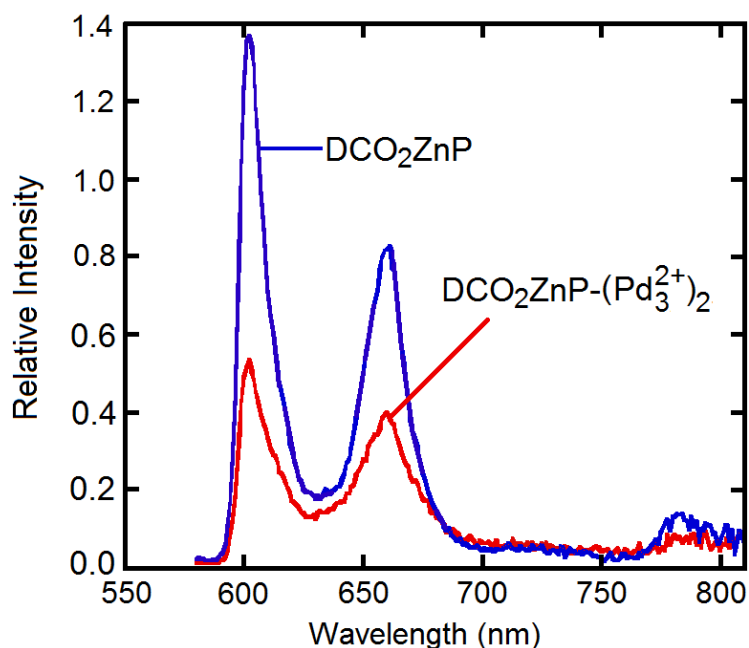


$$K_{14} 28998 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

**Figure S17.** Scott plots and Scatchard, for the formation of  $\text{TCO}_2\text{ZnP}-(\text{Pd}_3^{2+})_4$ .



**Figure S18.** The emission of  $DCO_2ZnP$  and  $DCO_2ZnP-(Pd_3^{2+})_2$  at 298 K in MeOH.  $\lambda_{exc} = 560\text{nm}$  (the concentration of  $DCO_2ZnP$  is the same with the concentration of  $DCO_2ZnP-(Pd_3^{2+})_2$ ).



**Figure S19.** The emission of  $DCO_2ZnP$  and  $DCO_2ZnP-(Pd_3^{2+})_2$  at 77 K in MeOH.  $\lambda_{exc} = 560\text{nm}$  (the concentration of  $DCO_2ZnP$  is the same with the concentration of  $DCO_2ZnP-(Pd_3^{2+})_2$ ).

Table S1.  $K_{In}$  Values for  $MCO_2ZnP$ ,  $DCO_2ZnP$ , and  $TCO_2ZnP$  with  $[Pd_3(dppm)_3(CO)]^{2+}$  in MeOH at 298 K.<sup>a</sup>

| Substrate                | $K_{In}(M^{-1})$ | Scott | Scatchard |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------|-----------|
| $MCO_2ZnP-(Pd_3^{2+})^b$ | $K_{I1}$         | 19300 | 19000     |
| $DCO_2ZnP-(Pd_3^{2+})_2$ | $K_{I2}$         | 21700 | 20900     |
| $TCO_2ZnP-(Pd_3^{2+})_4$ | $K_{I4}$         | 25700 | 29000     |

<sup>a</sup> The uncertainties are ~10% based on multiple measurements. <sup>b</sup> Ref. 2.

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