## **Supporting Information**

Constructing green mercury-free catalysts with single pyridinic N

species for acetylene hydrochlorination and mechanism investigation

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Fig. S1 Reaction energy diagram of the substances involved in the reaction path 2.



Fig. S2 XRD patterns of PoPD and PoPD-derived carbon materials.



Fig. S3 SEM images of PoPD-derived carbon materials.



Fig. S4 Conversion of acetylene over 6 wt% Hg/C, PoPD-C-800, and 0.25 wt% Au/AC catalysts under 200  $h^{-1}$  and 150 °C.

Sample	С	Ν	Ο	S	С	Ν	Н
	(wt %) <sup>a</sup>	(wt %) <sup>a</sup>	(wt %) <sup>a</sup>	(wt %) <sup>a</sup>	(wt %) <sup>b</sup>	(wt %) <sup>b</sup>	(wt %) <sup>b</sup>
PoPD-30	72.53	18.68	8.27	0.52	69.17	18.78	3.88
PoPD-50	73.03	19.06	7.61	0.30	72.46	19.66	3.53
PoPD-70	73.11	19.57	7.00	0.32	72.98	20.34	3.15
PoPD-70-300	74.10	19.32	6.33	0.25	73.43	19.45	3.07

Table S1 Compositions of C, N, and O (wt %) in samples determined by XPS<sup>a</sup> and EA<sup>b</sup> methods.

Sample	$S_{BET} (m^2 g^{-1})$	$V_{tot} (cm^3 g^{-1})$	D (nm)
PoPD-C-400	12	0.026	9.5
PoPD-C-600	17	0.032	7.8
PoPD-C-800	93	0.083	3.6
PoPD-C-1000	240	0.147	2.5

**Table S2** Textural properties of PoPD-derived carbon materials.

 $\overline{S_{BET}}$ : Specific surface area; V<sub>tot</sub>: Total pore volume; D: Average pore diameter.

Catalyst	Temperature (°C)	GHSV (h <sup>-1</sup> )	Conversion (%)	Reference
SiC@NC	200	30	80	S1
PDA/SiC-600	200	30	77	S2
ZIF-8/SAC	180	30	73	<b>S</b> 3
$Z_4M_1$	180	50	60	S4
N,S-C-2.5	180	50	82	<b>S</b> 5
N-CNTs	180	180	3.8	<b>S</b> 6
N-MC-G	220	30	85.5	<b>S</b> 7
PSAC-N0.8	250	120	68	S8
C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> /AC	180	50	77	S9
N,P-C600	210	50	98.7	S10
N,S-C-NH <sub>3</sub>	220	35	80	S11
C-NH <sub>3</sub> (ZIF-8)	220	30	92	S12
AC-n-U500	240	30	92	S13
B,N-graphene	150	36	95	S14
NC1-1073	300	320	81	S15
3NR/4CAC	220	30	97.9	S16
PANI-AC	180	36	76	S17
N-OMC-O2.0	180	50	35	S18
N-MWCNTs	200	116	16.5	S19
ND@G	220	300	50	S20
C-1000	220	36	95	S21
D-AC-M	220	30	63	S22
MF-700	220	30	97	S23
p-BN	280	40	90	S24
PoPD-70-300	280	120	70	This work
PoPD-C-800	220	50	98.5	This work
PoPD-C-800	220	200	90.1	This work

**Table S3** The comparisons of catalytic performance between PoPD-derived materials and other reported metal-free catalysts.

Sample	C (wt %)	N (wt %)	O (wt %)
PoPD-C-400	72.06	13.18	14.76
PoPD-C-600	77.16	10.32	12.52
PoPD-C-800	79.11	8.53	12.36
PoPD-C-1000	81.93	5.91	12.16

**Table S4** Compositions of C, N, and O (wt %) in PoPD-derived carbon materials determined by XPS.

**Table S5** N species contents with binding energies in PoPD-derived carbon materials determined by XPS analysis.

Sample	N species contents with binding energies (at.%)					
	Pyridinic N	Pyrrolic N	Graphitic N	Pyridinic N-oxide		
PoPD-C-400	45.56 (398.35 eV)	33.49 (399.68 eV)	18.69 (400.82 eV)	2.26 (402.64 eV)		
PoPD-C-600	40.15 (398.37 eV)	22.80 (399.70 eV)	32.07 (400.70 eV)	4.98 (402.68 eV)		
PoPD-C-800	38.27 (398.37 eV)	8.99(399.73 eV)	45.33 (400.93 eV)	7.41 (402.69 eV)		
PoPD-C-1000	23.51 (398.32 eV)	6.55 (399.74 eV)	60.52 (400.98 eV)	9.42 (402.72 eV)		

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