## **Supporting Information**

## Does Intrinsic Photocontrollable Oxidase-Mimicking Activity of 2-Aminoterephthalic Acid Dominate the Activity of Metal–Organic Framework?

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## Equipments.

UV-visible absorption spectra were obtained using a UV-2550 UV-vis spectrophotometer (Shimadzu, Japan). The image of field emission scanning electron microscope (SEM) was taken on an S-4800 (Hitachi, Japan). Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns were recorded on a powder diffractometer (Bruker D8 Advanced Diffractometer System, Germany) with a Cu K $\alpha$  (1.5418 Å) source. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) data were recorded on a Thermo Scientific ESCALAB 250 with an Al K $\alpha$  source (1486.6 eV).



Figure S1. The UV-vis absorption spectrum of 2-Aminoterephthalic Acid (ATA).



Figure S2. Photoluminescence (PL) spectrum of ATA.



Figure S3. Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) spectra of ATA before and

after oxidase-like catalytic reaction.



**Figure S4.** The UV-vis absorption spectra of different systems in acetate buffer solution (pH 3.0): a) OPD under light irradiation, b) ATA-OPD under light irradiation. Inset are the corresponding photographs.



Figure S5. Relationship between catalytic activity and ATA concentration.



**Figure S6.** (A) Steady-state kinetic assays. The nonlinear fitting of Michaelis–Menten curves of ATA with TMB as substrate and (B) corresponding double-reciprocal plot.



**Figure S7.** Photooxidase-like activity of ATA during repetitive cycles. Activity of 100% is set where absorbance is highest and the relative activities for others are calculated accordingly.



Figure S8. The UV absorption spectra of different system in acetate buffer solution (pH 3.0) with 5 min or 30 s (e)incubation (a-d): a) TMB under visible light irradiation,
b) Al-MOF + TMB (no light irradiation), c) Al-MOF + TMB under UV light irradiation,
d) Al-MOF + TMB under visble light irradiation, e) ATA + TMB under visble light irradiation. Inset: the closer view of b and c.



**Figure S9.** XRD pattern of  $CuCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ , ATA before and after incubation with Cu(II) under light exposure.



**Figure S10.** Selectivity test of Cu<sup>2+</sup> against Fe<sup>2+</sup> (50  $\mu$ M) and Fe<sup>3+</sup> (12.5  $\mu$ M) in the absence and presence of masking agent (F<sup>-</sup>).



Figure S11. Fluorescence spectrum of the as-prepared Al-ATA



**Figure S12.** Photooxidase-like activity of Al-ATA during repetitive cycles. Activity of 100% is set where absorbance is highest and the relative activities for others are calculated accordingly.



Figure S13. SEM of Al-MOF after catalytic oxidization of TMB.

Catalyst	$K_m$ (mM)	V <sub>max</sub> (10 <sup>-8</sup> M s <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
HRP	0.434	10	1
ATA	0.407	8.41	This work

 Table S1 Kinetics parameters of ATA and HRP with TMB as the substrate.

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