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# Building cobaloxime-based metal-organic framework for photocatalytic aerobic oxidation of arylboronic acids to phenols

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#### 1. Materials

Analytical reagents were purchased from Guangdong Guanghua Sci-Tech Co., Ltd. (Shantou, China) and Energy Chemical (Shanghai, China) and used without further purification. The water involved in the experiment is self-made reverse osmosis water in the lab.

#### 2. Instruments and methods

**Single crystal X-ray diffraction (SC-XRD)** tests were performed on Rigaku XtaLab Pro MM007HF DW X diffractometer at ambient temperature.

**Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD)** data were collected on Rigaku MiniFlex600 diffractometer using Cu  $K_{\alpha}$  radiation. Patterns were scanned over 2-30° (2 $\theta$ ) with a scan speed of 10°/min and a step width of 0.02°, respectively (Environment: 25 °C, 50% humidity).

Temperature-dependent powder X-ray diffraction (TD-PXRD) patterns were recorded on Rigaku Ultima IV X-ray diffractometer equipped with graphite-monochromatic Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  = 1.54178 Å) in nitrogen flow at various temperatures.

The morphology of Zr-TCPCo was investigated by using ZEISS Gemini 300 field-emission **scanning electron microscope (SEM)** with an acceleration voltage of 5 kV. EDS mapping analysis was conducted on the same microscope with an voltage of 15 kV.

**Infrared spectra (IR)** were measured from 400 cm<sup>-1</sup> to 4000 cm<sup>-1</sup> by Nicolet AVATAR 360 in transition mode. Samples were diluted in KBr pellets.

**Gas adsorption** was performed on a ASAP2020 instrument (Micrometrics). Before starting the test, about 120 mg of Zr-TCPCo was degassed at 120 °C for 1 day under dynamic vacuum after 6 days of solvent exchange with DMF and acetone (final mass: 117.2 mg). The surface areas were calculated from the  $N_2$  adsorption isotherms data by applying the linearized BET equation (selective data range:  $P/P_0 = 0.001 \sim 0.05$ ,

with a correlation coefficient of 0.999 and a C value equal to 444.36). Pore size distributions were obtained using NLDFT method.

**Diffuse reflection spectra (Solid state UV-Vis spectra)** were recorded on PerkinElmer Lambda 950 spectrophotometer using BaSO<sub>4</sub> as a reference. Scans were measured from 800 nm to 300 nm with a scan width of 0.5 nm.

X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) test was performed on was collected on an Escalab 250XiXPS energy spectrometer using Al Kα radiation. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was performed on the TA Instruments Q50 thermogravimetric instrument under N<sub>2</sub> flow (40 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>) and heated from room temperature to 600 °C at a rate of 10 °C min<sup>-1</sup>.

**Electrochemical measurements** were recorded on a CHI660E electrochemical workstation (CH Instruments, China). A standard three-electrode system with platinum mesh as the counter electrode, the Ag/AgCl electrode as the reference electrode, and Zr-TCPCo loading on FTO (ink: 5 mg MOF + 0.8 mL EtOH + 0.2 mL Nafion solution, 10 μL on 1×1 cm²) as the working electrode, respectively. 0.1 M Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> aqueous solution is used as the electrolyte. **Cyclic voltammetry** (CV) measurements were conducted starting from OCP (0.2 V vs Ag/AgCl) and scanning from -1.3 to 1 V vs Ag/AgCl. The scan rate was set at 50 mV/s and the test was conducted for 5 full circles. **AC Impedance measurement** (IMPE) for the Mott-Schottky plot was tested from 0.6 V to -0.6 V vs Ag/AgCl.

**Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)** was recorded on the Bruker AscendTM 400 MHz NMR spectrometer with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard.

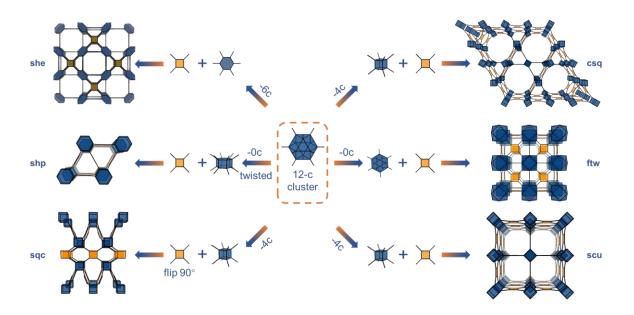
**High-Resolution Mass Spectra (HRMS)** were recorded using a Q Exactive mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA).

**Irradiation** with visible light was performed using blue LEDs ( $\lambda$  = 450 ± 10 nm) illumination instruments (The instruments were designed by ourselves and the actual output power density of the LEDs at 0.5 cm distance is 33.70 mW/cm² detected by CEL-NP2000-10 (Beijing Ceau Light Co. Ltd., China) light power meter). The

material of the reaction vessel is common glass; the distance from the light source is about 0.5 cm.

#### 3. Topology analysis of Zr-based metal-organic frameworks

The topological analysis of Zr-TCPCo was performed by using the computer program Systre<sup>[1]</sup> and the online database Reticular Chemistry Structure Resource (RCSR).<sup>[2]</sup>



Scheme S1. Possible networks constructed from planar 4-c ligand and hexanuclear zirconium node with different connectivity. Blue polyhedra and orange squares represent metal clusters and ligands, respectively. -xc (x=0, 4, 6) represents the number of reduced connectivity.

#### 4. Synthesis of Zr-TCPCo

The molecular cobaloxime complex was synthesized based on a previously reported procedure. [3]

26 mg of ZrCl<sub>4</sub>, 0.5 mL *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) and 2 mL of acetic acid (HOAc) were added into a 20 mL vial, which was tightly caped after addition. The glass bottle was heated at 60 °C until all materials were completely dissolved. Next, 30 mg of cobaloxime complex was added to the above-mentioned transparent solution while hot. After ultrasonicating for seconds, a dark green solution formed. The vial was subsequently heated at 120 °C for 24 h to obtain yellow-orange crystals. The crystals were filtered, washed with DMF adequately and preserved in DMF for subsequent characterization.

This procedure can be performed in a ten-time scale by using a 100 mL Duran-Schott vial (See Figure S1).

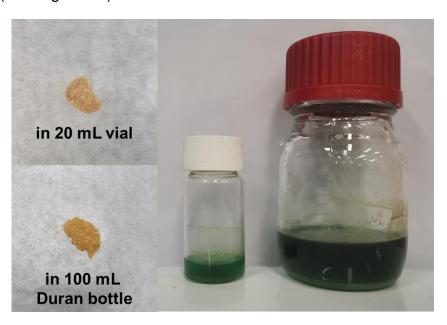


Figure S1. Pictures of small and large scale synthesis of Zr-TCPCo and the final products.

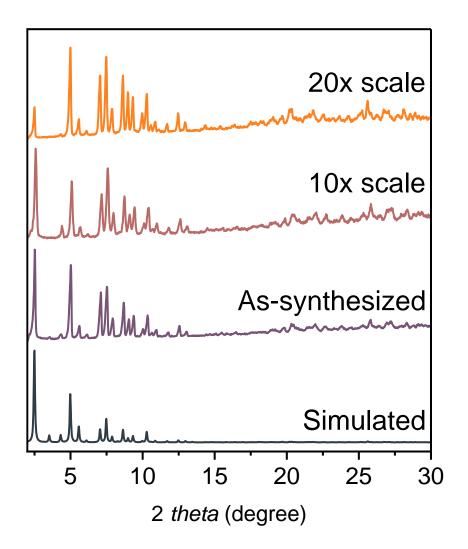


Figure S2. PXRD patterns of Zr-TCPCo synthesized in different scales.

## 5. Single crystal X-ray crystallography of Zr-TCPCo

Single crystals of Zr-TCPCo were transferred to a microscope slide along with a little mother liquor. A small piece of crystal (about 0.1×0.15×0.2 mm³) was picked and washed completely in vacuum grease, then mounted using a Dual-Thickness MicroLoop<sup>TM</sup> (MiTeGen, Ithaca, New York, USA).

Data collection was performed on Rigaku Oxford XtaLAB Pro diffractometer equipped with a micro focus sealed X-ray tube (Cu K $_{\alpha}$  radiation,  $\lambda$  = 1.54178 Å) and PILATUS 200K detector. Data reduction, absorption correction was conducted on CrysAlisPro (Rigaku, V1.171.39.7e, 2015). Absorption correction was based on implanted spherical harmonics in SCALE3 ABSPACK.

The structure was solved by the intrinsic phasing method using *SHELXT*<sup>[4]</sup> implanted in *Olex2*.<sup>[5]</sup> Refinement with full matrix least squares techniques on *F*<sup>2</sup> was performed by using *SHELXL*.<sup>[6]</sup> Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically and all hydrogen atoms were generated based on riding mode. Crystallographic data and structure refinement results are given in Table S1. Atomic coordinates and isotropic displacement parameters are shown in Table S2.

Table S1. Crystallographic data of Zr-TCPCo

Complex	Zr-TCPCo
CCDC No.	2222381
Formula	C80 H68 Cl2 Co2 N8 O52.67 Zr8
Formula weight	2902.61
Temperature (K)	200
Crystal system	Cubic
Space group	Pm3̄ m
a/Å	35.2672(2)
V/ų	43864.5(7)
Z	6
$D_{ m c}/{ m g}~{ m cm}^{-3}$	0.659
refins coll.	50465
unique reflns	8113
$R_{int}$	0.0358
$R_1[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0692
$wR_2[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.2155
R₁ (all data)	0.0770
wR₂ (all data)	0.2250
GOF	1.085

Table S2. Atomic coordinates (x10<sup>4</sup>) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\mathring{A}^2$ x10<sup>3</sup>) for Zr-TCPCo. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U<sub>ij</sub> tensor.

	x	У	Z	U(eq)
Zr1	3435.2(2)	6564.8(2)	7268.9(2)	56.1(5)
Zr2	2499.6(2)	6795.6(2)	7500.4(2)	62.1(5)
Co1A	0	5000	6875.7(8)	41.4(7)
О3	3317.3(15)	6682.7(15)	6682.7(15)	65(2)
O4	2607.6(14)	7392.4(14)	7392.4(14)	65.2(18)
O6	2253.3(8)	6190.9(9)	6726.9(10)	72.5(9)
O5	2118.3(8)	6326.7(9)	7339.3(10)	76.0(10)
O8A	2868.5(15)	6330(2)	7131.5(15)	46.4(12)
O7A	3090.1(14)	6909.9(14)	7504(2)	44.4(12)
N1A	408.0(16)	5341.6(15)	6861.1(18)	44.0(7)
O2	2987(4)	5989(4)	6563(4)	131(3)
C5	2059.7(11)	6158.8(12)	7025.7(15)	67.0(12)
O9A	350.8(13)	5724.0(13)	7054.2(16)	48.7(9)
O10A	0	5000	7493(3)	50.6(13)
O1	1900(4)	7513(4)	7077(4)	132(2)
C11A	738(2)	5209.0(19)	7032(2)	43.1(8)
C11	1560(4)	5813(4)	6658(5)	75(3)
C10	1234(4)	5593(4)	6642(5)	83(3)
<b>C</b> 7	1579(4)	5748(5)	7330(5)	91(5)
C8	1255(4)	5508(5)	7300(6)	101(5)
C4	3292(4)	5863(3)	6782(3)	130(2)
C1	1356(3)	7359(4)	7475(4)	132(2)
C3	3384(4)	5448(3)	6682(5)	131(2)
C2	1785(3)	7283(3)	7369(3)	131(2)
O8B	2837.6(18)	6554(3)	7162.4(18)	63(2)

O7B	3052(2)	6948(2)	7722(3)	72(2)
CI1A	0	5000	6238(3)	55.2(12)
Co1B	0	5000	7030.6(8)	40.4(7)
N1B	404.6(15)	5349.1(15)	7043.5(18)	43.1(7)
O9B	353.6(13)	5709.7(13)	6835.4(16)	48.7(8)
O10B	0	4865(4)	7623(3)	46.3(12)
C1A	742.1(19)	5202.0(19)	6876(2)	42.6(8)
CI1B	0	5000	6397(3)	54.7(12)
C8A	1158.8(13)	5652.4(16)	7301.6(13)	93(3)
C7A	1478.4(14)	5882.3(16)	7320.6(12)	91(3)
C6	1727.3(8)	5899.3(10)	7015.5(13)	71.3(11)
C12	1656.6(12)	5686.5(16)	6691.4(12)	85(3)
C10A	1337.0(13)	5456.6(15)	6672.4(13)	92(3)
C9	1088.1(8)	5439.6(9)	6977.5(14)	76.2(12)
07	3544(3)	5983(2)	7061(3)	95.6(18)
08	1927(3)	7007(3)	7600(4)	109(2)
CI2	0	5192.8(14)	6342(3)	102(3)

## 6. SEM and EDS mapping analysis of Zr-TCPCo

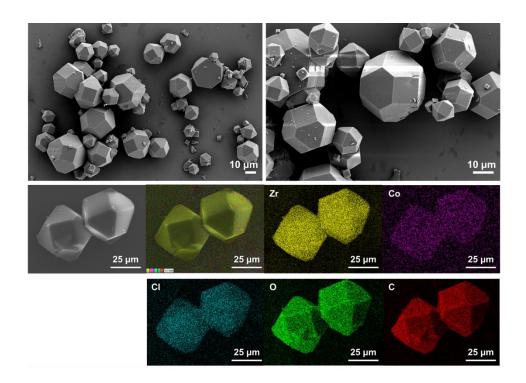


Figure S3. SEM and EDS analysis of Zr-TCPCo before catalysis.

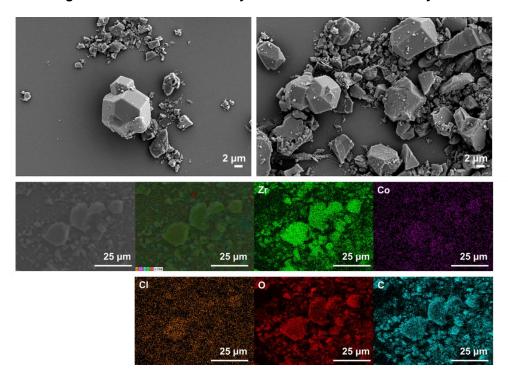


Figure S4. SEM and EDS analysis of Zr-TCPCo after catalysis.

## 7. XPS test of Zr-TCPCo

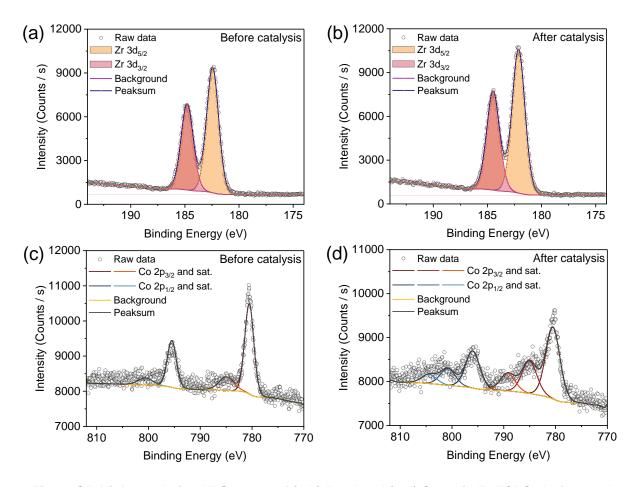


Figure S5. High-resolution XPS spetra of (a-b) Zr 3d and (c-d) Co 2p in Zr-TCPCo before and after catalysis.

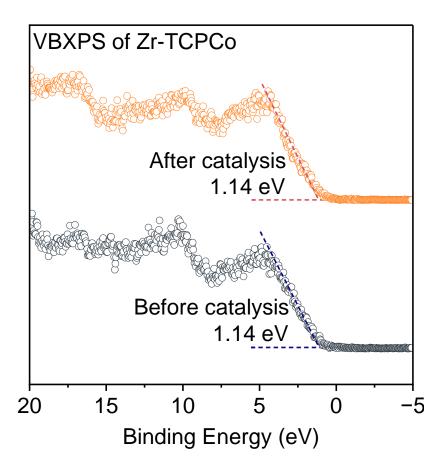


Figure S6. VBXPS spectra of Zr-TCPCo before and after catalysis.

## 8. Stability test

#### 8.1 Thermostability

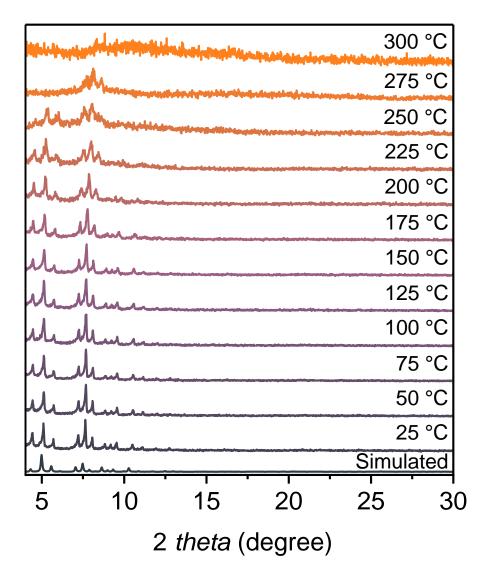


Figure S7. VT-PXRD patterns for Zr-TCPCo.

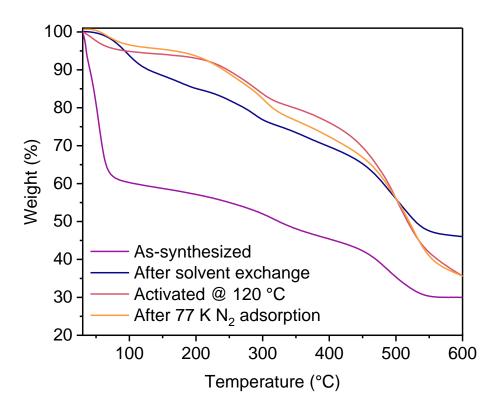


Figure S8. The thermogravimetry curves of Zr-TCPCo.

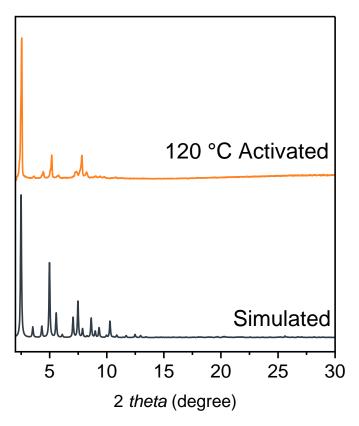


Figure S9. PXRD pattern of activated Zr-TCPCo before gas adsorption test.

#### 8.2 Chemical stability

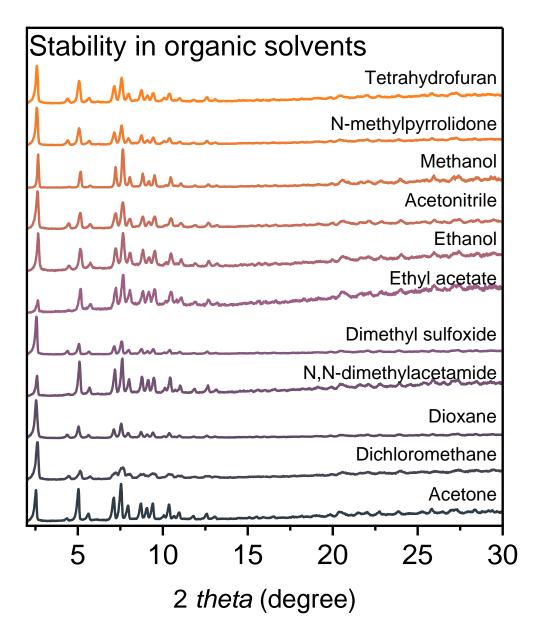


Figure S10. PXRD patterns of Zr-TCPCo after immersing in different organic solvents for 3 days.

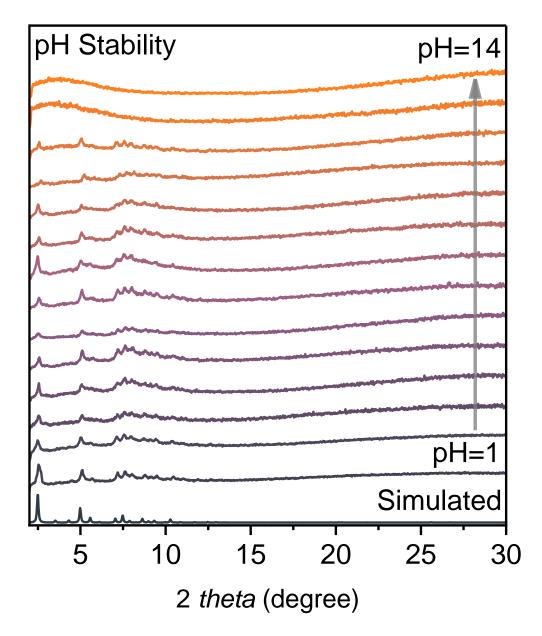


Figure S11. PXRD patterns of Zr-TCPCo after immersing in solutions with different pH values for 1 day.

## 8.3 Air and water stability

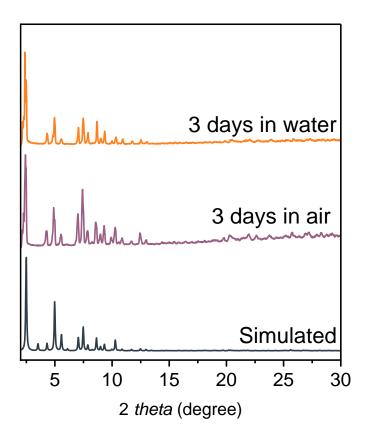


Figure S12. PXRD patterns of Zr-TCPCo after exposure to water and air for 1 day.

## 9. IR test of Zr-TCPCo

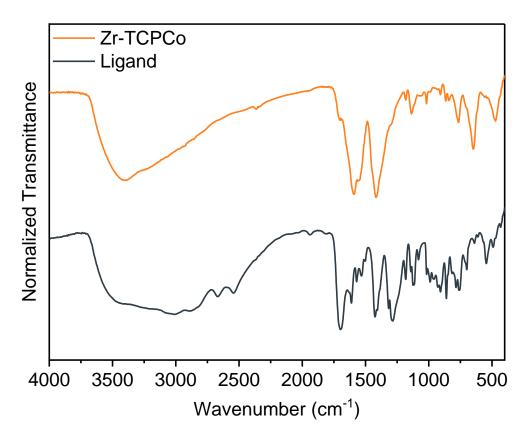


Figure S13. IR spectra of Zr-TCPCo and the cobaloxime ligand.

## 10. K-M function plot of Zr-TCPCo

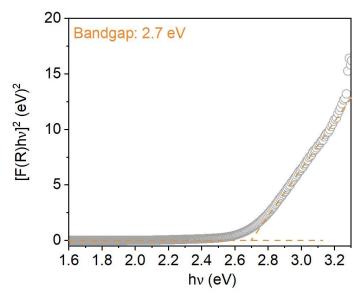


Figure S14. K-M function plot of Zr-TCPCo.

## 11. Mott-Schottky test

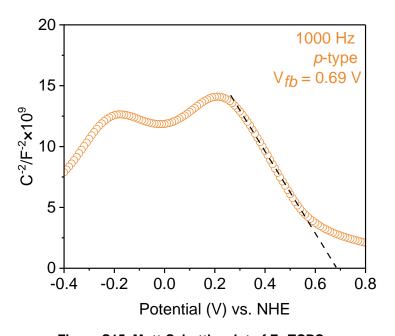


Figure S15. Mott-Schottky plot of Zr-TCPCo.

# 12. Cyclic voltammetry analysis

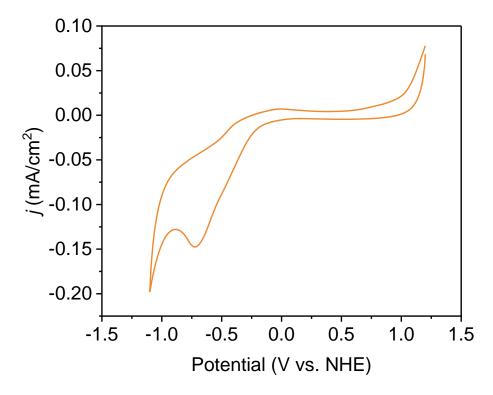
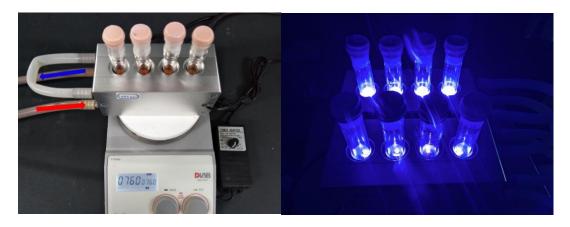


Figure S16. Cyclic voltammetry analysis of Zr-TCPCo.

#### 13. General procedure for the photochemical reactions

**a** (0.2 mmol), Zr-TCPCo (3.0 mg), Et<sub>3</sub>N (55.5  $\mu$ L, 2.0 equiv.) were dissolved in 2.0 mL DCE in a 10.0 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, then degassed with O<sub>2</sub> for 5 min. The reaction tube was irradiated by blue LEDs ( $\lambda$  = 450 ± 10 nm) at room temperature for 12 h. After the reaction, the Zr-TCPCo was separated by centrifugation and washed with a very small amount of DCE, then the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation and purified by column chromatography on silica gel using hexane/ethyl acetate as the eluent to afford the desired product **b**.



#### 14. Characterization data of the products

h1

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b1** as off white solid (17.3 mg, 91% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.34 (s, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.80 – 6.72 (m, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 157.8, 129.8, 119.3, 115.7.

**HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 95.0491; Found: 95.0499

b2

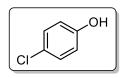
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b2** as off white solid (13.3 mg, 60% yield).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 9.36 (s, 1H), 6.97 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.5 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 156.0 (d, J = 233.0 Hz), 154.1 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 116.5 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 116.0 (d, J = 22.7 Hz).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -128.94 (s, 1F).

HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>FO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 113.0397; Found: 113.0402



b3

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b3** as pale-yellow solid (19.7 mg, 77% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.67 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 156.8, 129.6, 122.8, 117.4.

**HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>CIO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 129.0102; Found: 129.0099

b4

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **O4** as pale-yellow solid (25.5 mg, 74% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.70 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 157.3, 132.5, 118.1, 110.4.

**HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>BrO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 172.9597; Found: 172.9595

b5

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **O5** as pale-yellow solid (12.6 mg, 53% yield).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.33 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 196.5, 162.4, 131.2, 129.1, 115.6.

**HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>6</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 120.0444; Found: 120.0438

b6

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3/1, v/v) afforded **b6** as off white solid (18.9 mg, 86% yield).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.61 (s, 2H), 6.54 (s, 4H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 150.2, 116.1.

HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 111.0441; Found: 111.0447

**b7** 

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b7** as off white solid (24.6 mg, 75% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 9.09 (s, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.52 (p, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.38 – 1.17 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 155.7, 132.8, 129.5, 115.5, 34.8, 31.5, 31.4, 22.5, 14.4.

**HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 165.1274; Found: 165.1277

b8

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b8** as white solid (32.9 mg, 88% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 9.35 (s, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J = 8.6, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 4H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 158.9, 154.4, 148.3, 130.3, 122.7, 121.4, 117.4, 116.8.

HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 187.0754; Found: 187.0759

b9

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b9** as white solid (28.0 mg, 70% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 8.94 (s, 1H), 7.41 (dt, J = 14.7, 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.00 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 151.9, 151.7, 138.1, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 116.3, 116.2, 70.2.

**HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 201.0910; Found: 201.0905

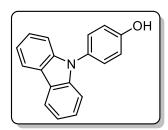
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Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b10** as pale-green solid (40.2 mg, 77% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 9.42 (s, 1H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 6.93 (dd, J = 8.7, 6.5 Hz, 8H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 155.1, 148.3, 138.7, 129.7, 128.4, 122.4, 122.0, 116.9.

**HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 262.1226; Found: 262.1222



b11

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b11** as off white solid (49.2 mg, 95% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 9.88 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.28 (dd, J = 12.8, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 157.5, 141.3, 128.7, 128.3, 126.6, 122.9, 120.9, 120.1, 117.1, 110.1.

**HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 260.1070; Found: 260.1074

b12

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b12** as white solid (33.3 mg, 74% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 9.51 (s, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (dq, J = 22.3, 7.6, 7.1 Hz, 4H), 6.80 (dd, J = 13.5, 7.4 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 158.4, 149.9, 142.9, 130.0, 125.9, 122.4, 122.3, 120.1, 117.8, 116.5.

**HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 187.0754; Found: 187.0760

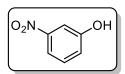
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Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b13** as white solid (27.5 mg, 81% yield).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 9.50 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.13 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 154.7, 139.1, 130.8, 129.5, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 126.9, 119.9, 116.5.

**HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 171.0804; Found: 171.0809



b14

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b14** as light brown solid (13.0 mg, 47% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 10.45 (s, 1H), 7.67 (ddd, J = 8.1, 2.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (ddd, J = 8.2, 2.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 158.8, 149.2, 131.1, 122.9, 114.3, 110.1.

HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 140.0342; Found: 140.0344

b15

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b15** as off white solid (17.8 mg, 78% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 10.33 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 166.6, 162.5, 131.9, 120.8, 115.8, 52.1.

**HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 125.0597; Found: 125.0562

b16

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b16** as off white solid (50.2 mg, 97% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 9.95 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.29 (ddd, J = 8.2, 5.1, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.07 – 6.95 (m, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 159.3, 140.6, 138.4, 131.4, 126.7, 123.2, 121.0, 120.5, 117.5, 115.3, 113.8, 110.3.

**HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 260.1070; Found: 260.1066

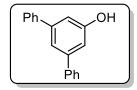
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Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b17** as colorless oil (17.9 mg, 65% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 9.10 (s, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 153.0, 148.2, 140.2, 108.7, 106.8, 101.1, 98.4.

HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 139.0390; Found: 139.0398



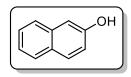
**b18** 

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b18** as white solid (40.8 mg, 83% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.76 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.38 (dd, J = 15.1, 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.08 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 158.8, 142.8, 140.9, 129.4, 128.1, 127.3, 116.8, 113.3.

**HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 247.1117; Found: 247.1110



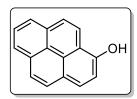
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Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b19** as white solid (21.8 mg, 75% yield).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 9.73 (s, 1H), 7.75 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, J = 8.2, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H).

 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  155.8, 135.2, 129.8, 128.2, 128.0, 126.6, 126.4, 123.1, 119.1, 109.1.

HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 145.0648; Found: 145.0656



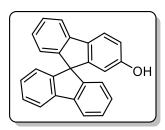
**b20** 

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7/1, v/v) afforded **b20** as white solid (25.8 mg, 59% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 10.65 (s, 1H), 8.36 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (dd, J = 7.7, 5.7 Hz, 3H), 8.07 – 7.97 (m, 3H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 152.7, 131.9, 131.8, 127.9, 126.7, 126.6, 126.00, 125.96, 124.5, 124.4, 124.3, 124.1, 124.1, 121.9, 118.6, 113.8.

**HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 219.0804; Found: 219.0808



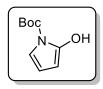
**b21** 

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b21** as off white solid (51.8 mg, 78% yield).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 9.38 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (dd, J = 15.0, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (td, J = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (td, J = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (td, J = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (td, J = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, J = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 158.2, 150.6, 149.2, 147.9, 142.3, 141.6, 132.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 126.8, 124.1, 123.8, 122.0, 121.0, 119.8, 115.7, 110.6, 65.8.

**HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 333.1274; Found: 333.1271



h22

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1, v/v) afforded **b22** as colorless oil (32.9 mg, 90% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 3.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (dt, J = 3.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (t, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 150.2, 123.3, 120.8, 112.1, 84.4, 27.8.

HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 184.0968; Found: 184.0973

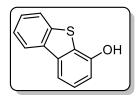
**b23** 

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3/1, v/v) afforded **b23** as off white solid (33.3 mg, 73% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 10.30 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 151.3, 144.4, 142.9, 129.5, 129.1, 127.2, 127.0, 126.3, 115.7.

**HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 146.0600; Found: 146.0598



**b24** 

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b24** as off white solid (24.4 mg, 61% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 10.48 (s, 1H), 8.33 – 8.24 (m, 1H), 8.05 – 7.99 (m, 1H), 7.82 (dd, J = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 152.8, 139.2, 137.4, 136.2, 127.4, 126.7, 126.2, 125.1, 125.0, 123.6, 122.7, 113.4, 112.0.

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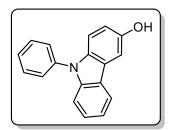
**b25** 

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **b25** as off white solid (25.8 mg, 70% yield).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 10.23 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.38 (td, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 155.8, 144.6, 143.5, 127.8, 125.7, 124.6, 124.3, 123.4, 121.6, 114.5, 112.2, 111.8.

HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 185.0597; Found: 185.0591



**b26** 

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1, v/v) afforded **b26** as light-yellow solid (30.6 mg, 59% yield).

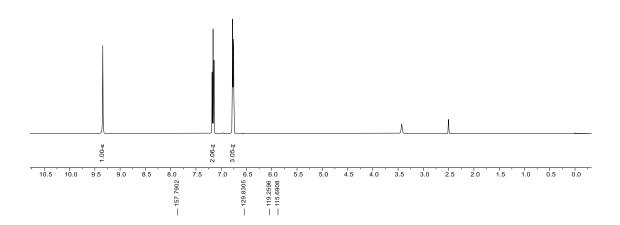
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<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 152.1, 140.9, 137.8, 134.6, 130.5, 127.6, 126.8, 126.5, 124.0., 123.1, 120.9, 119.8, 115.9, 110.6, 109.9, 105.7.

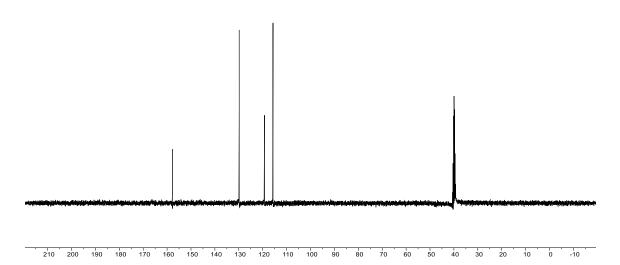
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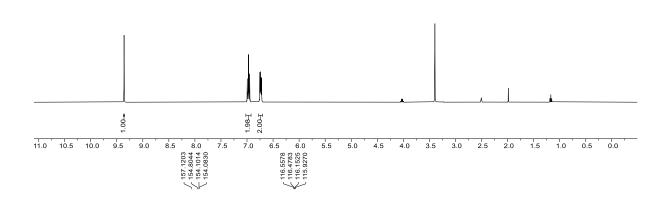




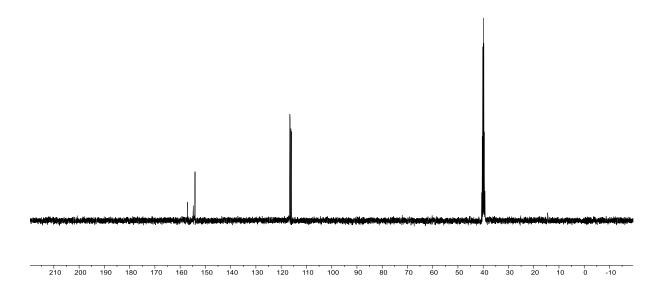




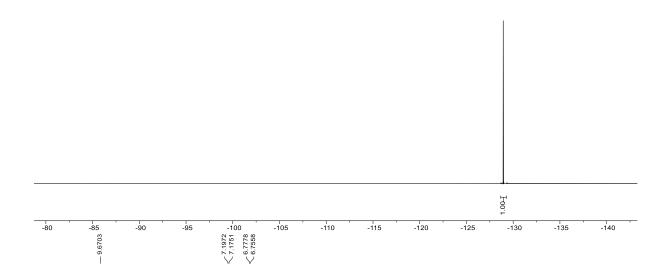




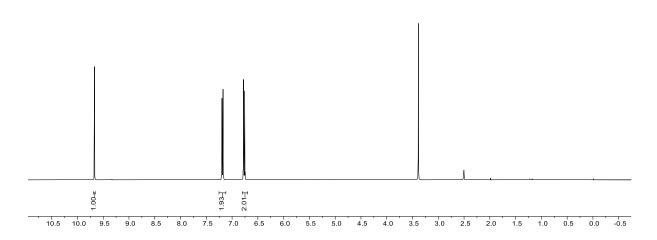




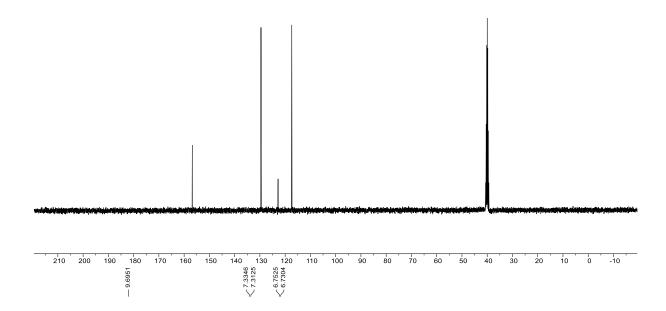




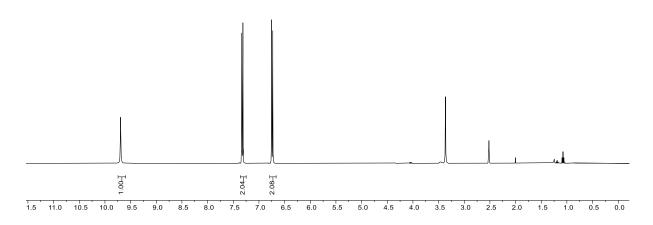




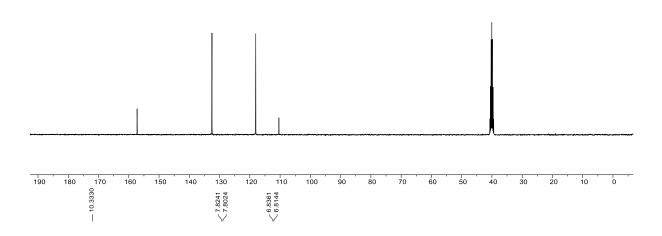




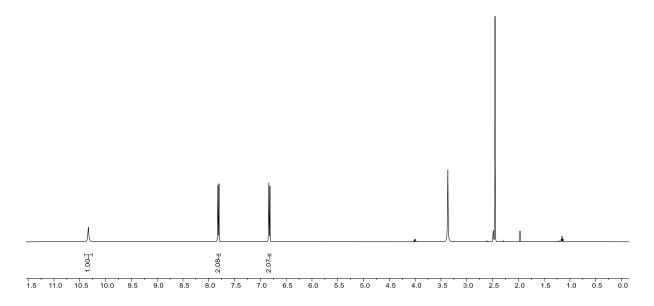




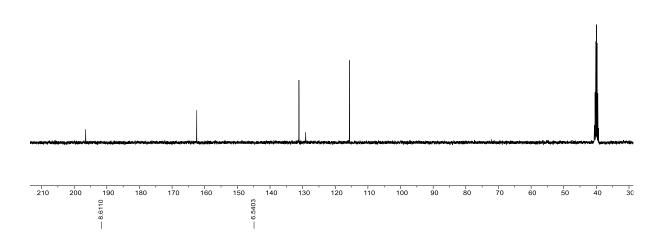




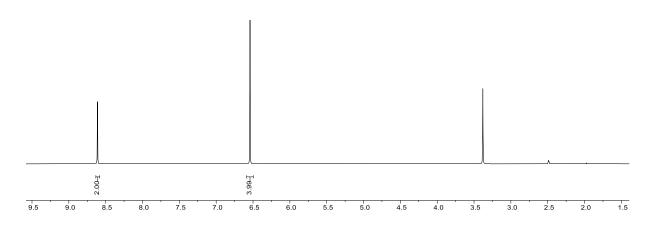






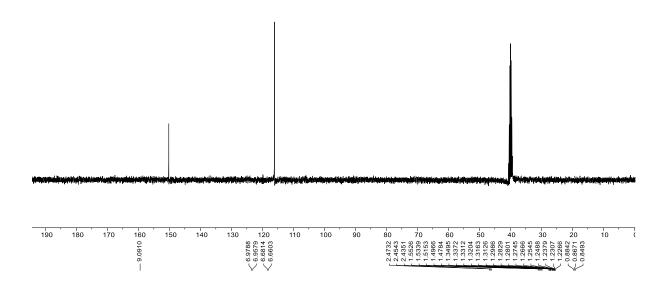


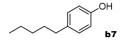


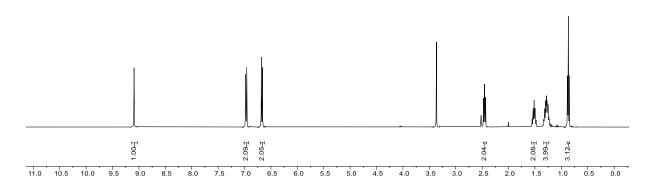




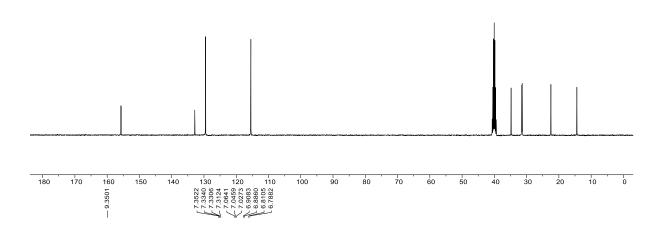


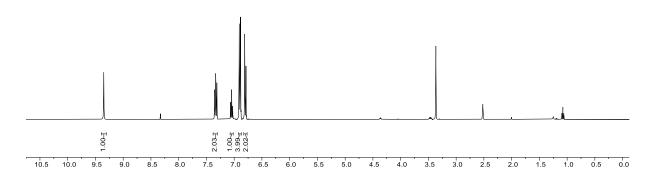




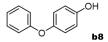


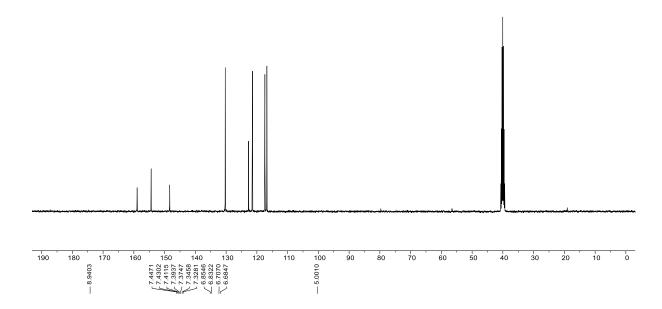


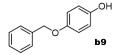


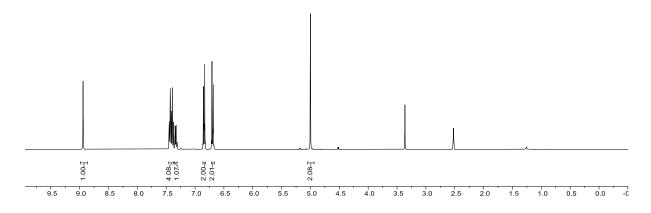




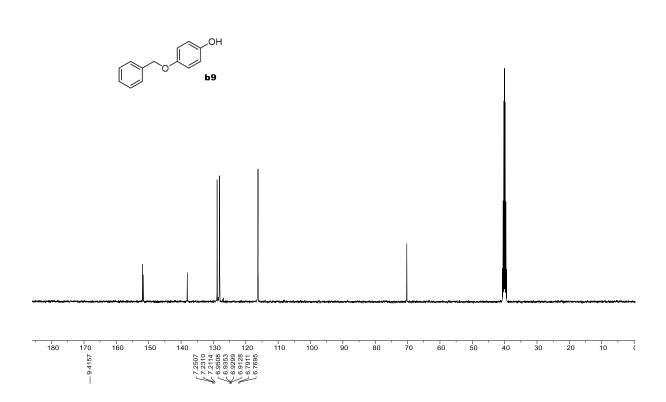


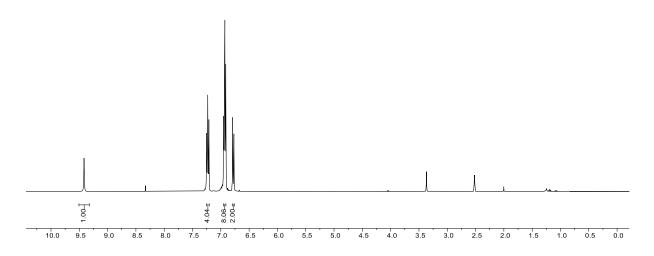




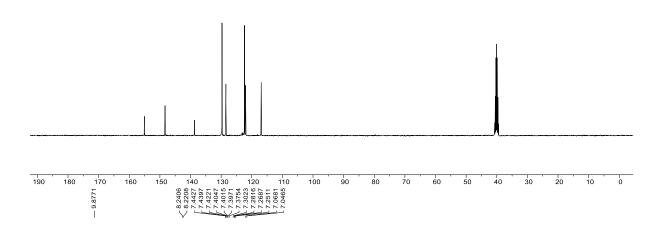


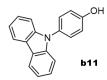


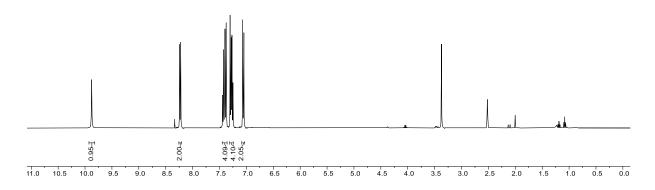


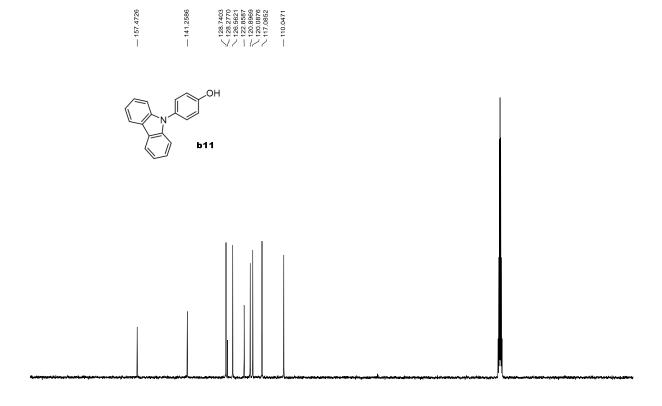






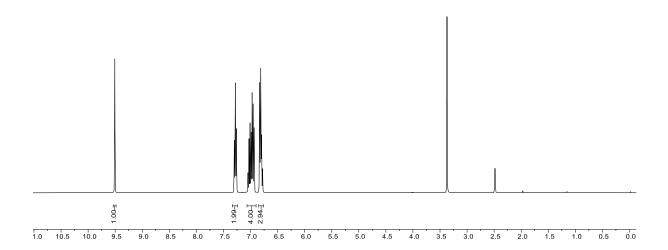




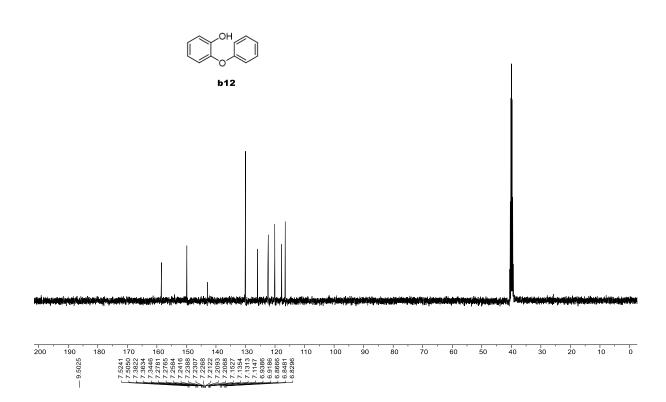


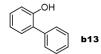
 

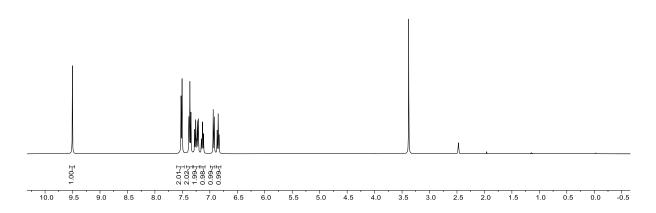
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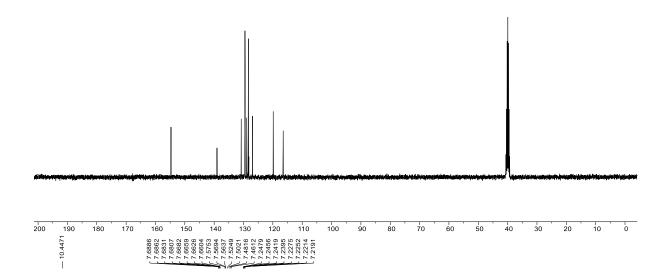




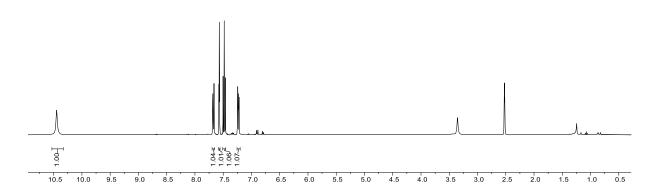




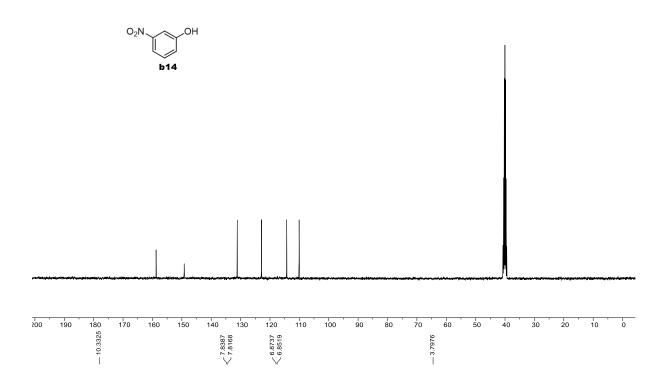


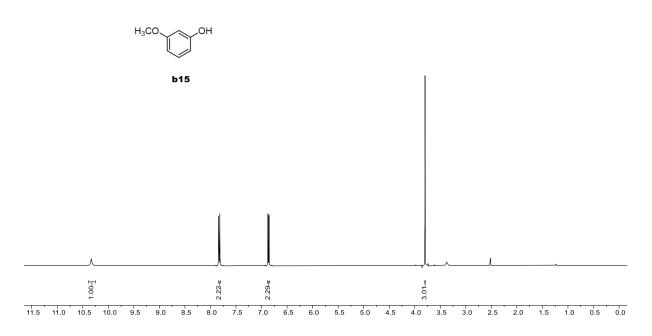




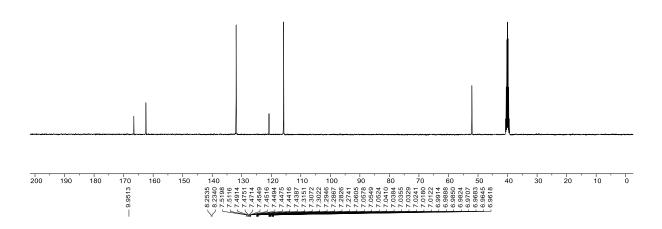


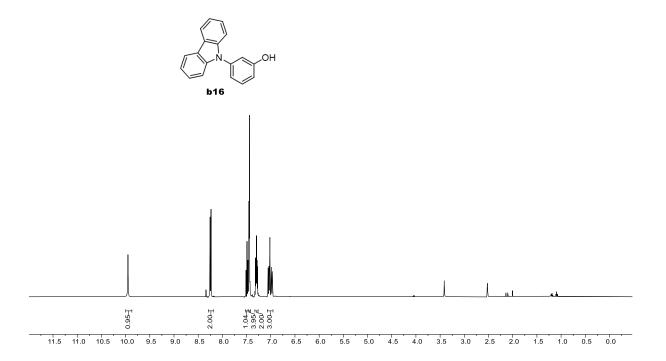




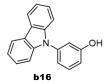


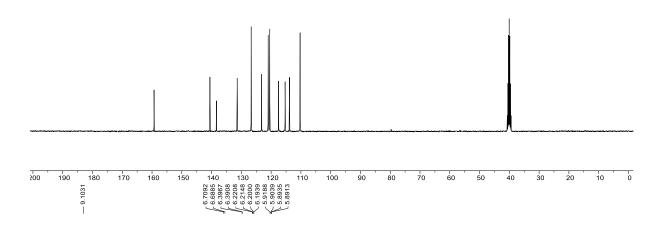


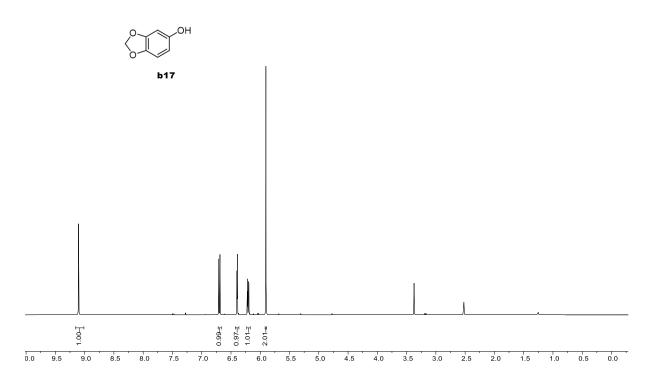


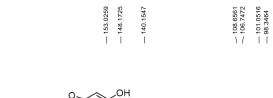




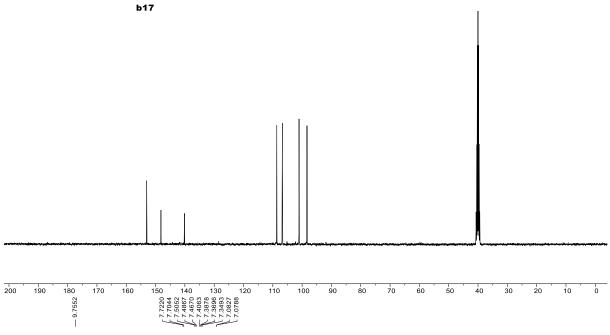


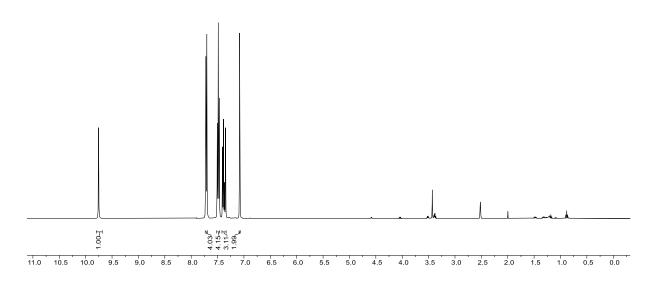


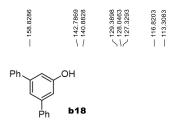


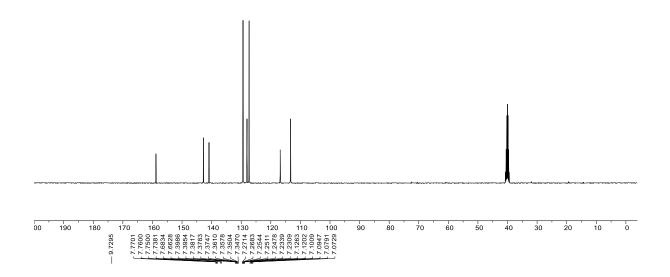




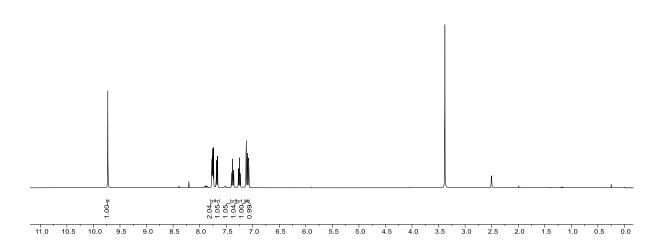


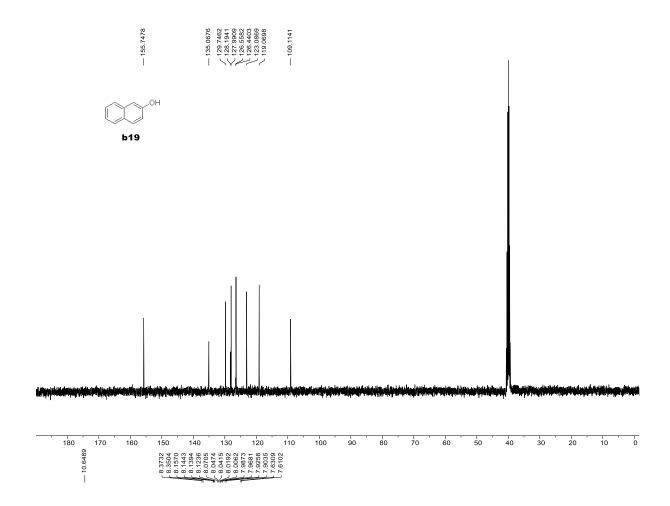




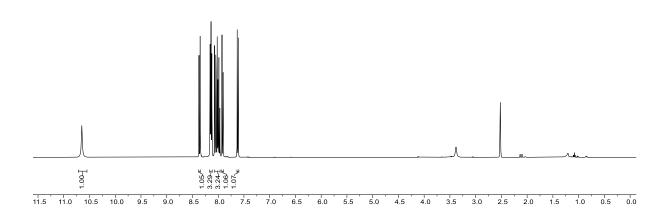








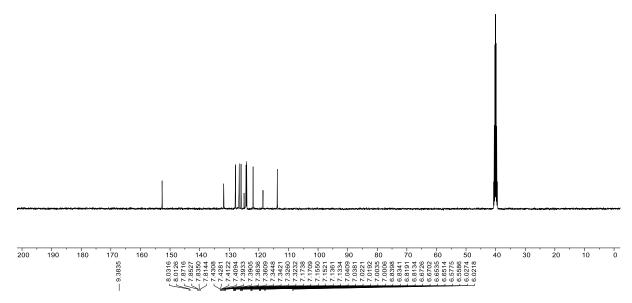




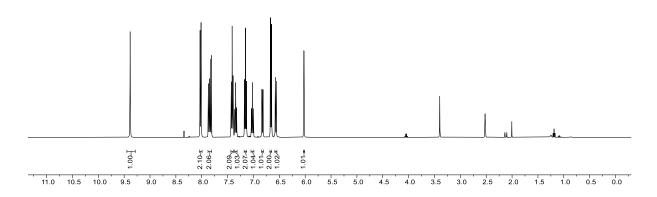


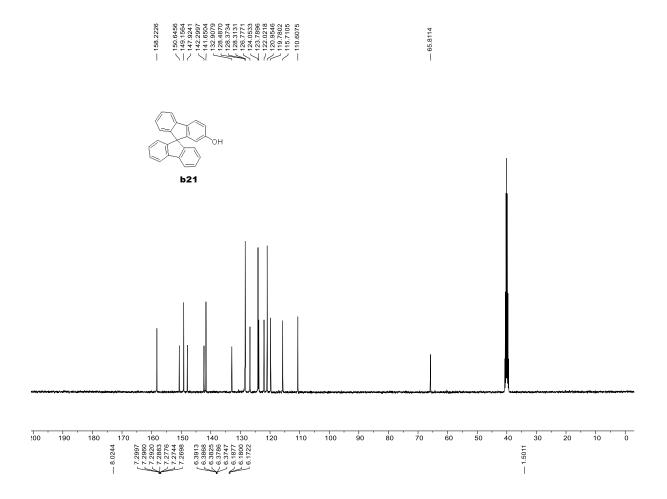


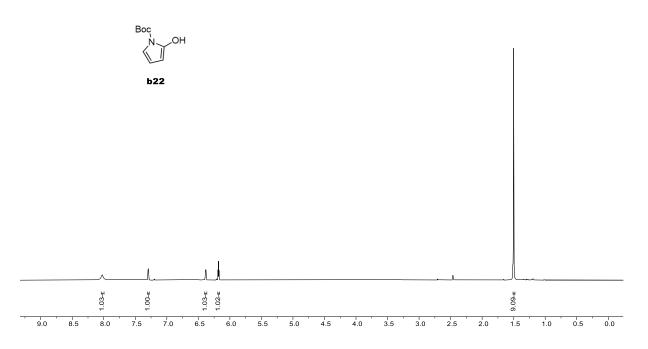
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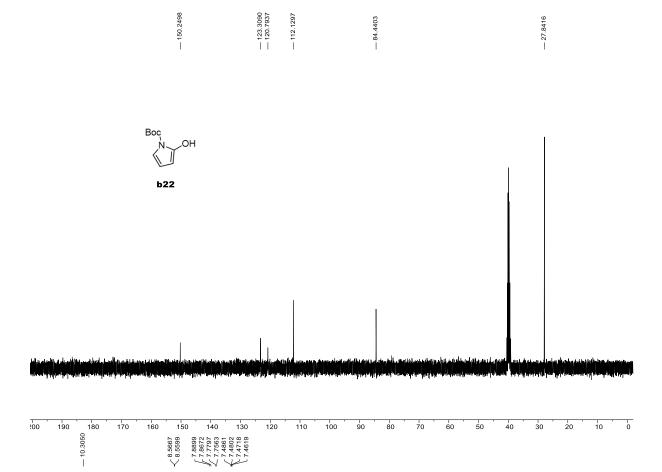




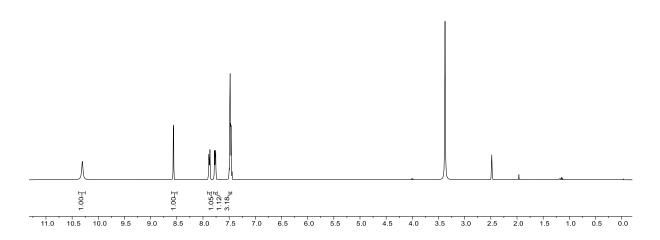




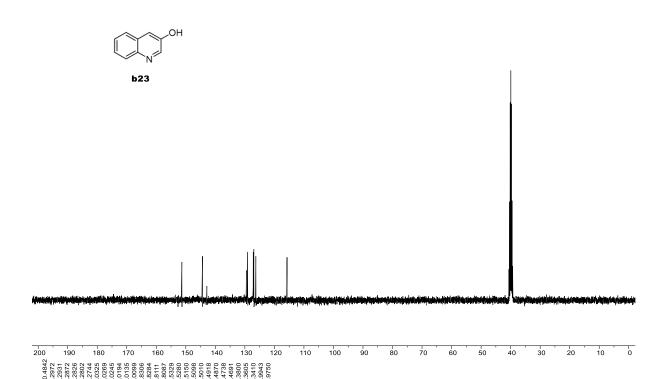




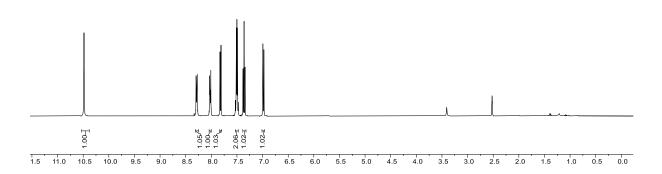




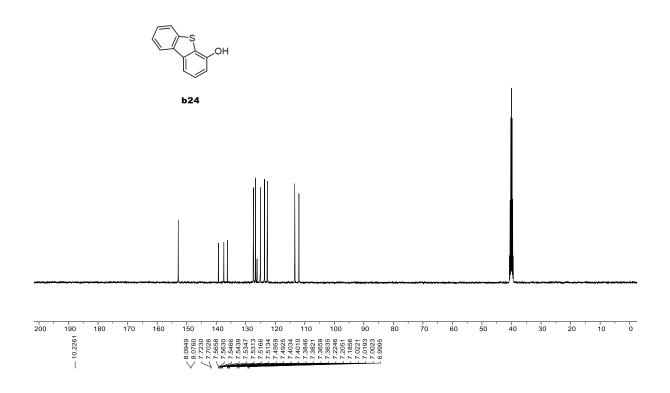




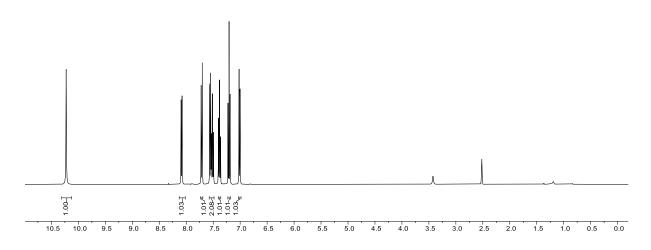


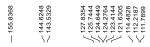




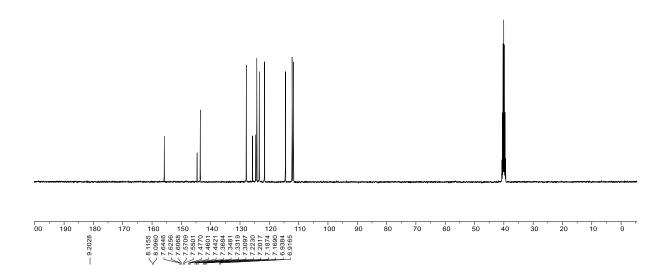


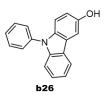


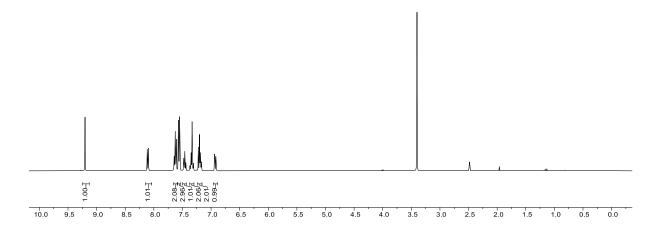




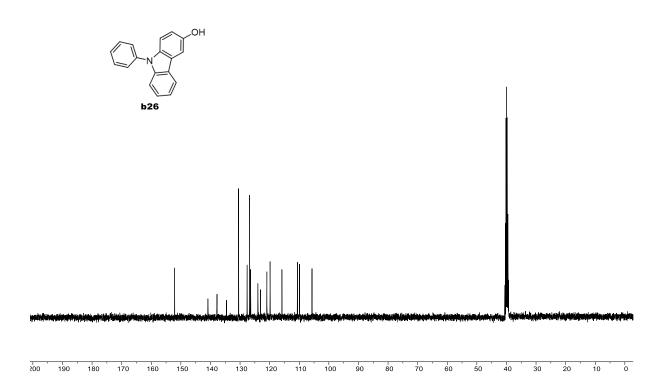












## 16. Single crystal X-ray crystallography of product b21

A single crystal of **b21** was mounted and tested as Zr-TCPCo. Data collection, data reduction, structure solution, and refinement method were all following the same procedure as Zr-TCPCo. Crystallographic data and structure refinement results are given in Table S3.

Table S3. Crystallographic data of b21

Compound	b21
CCDC No.	2222429
Formula	C25 H16 O
Formula weight	332.38
Temperature (K)	298
Crystal system	Trigonal
Space group	P3 <sub>2</sub>
a/Å	10.8049(2)
c/Å	12.9961(2)
<b>V</b> /ų	1313.97(5)
Z	3
D₀/g cm⁻³	1.260
refins coll.	8564
unique reflns	3271
$R_{ m int}$	0.0265
$R_1[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0601
$wR_2[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.1701
$R_1$ (all data)	0.0610
<i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.1717
GOF	1.078

## 17. UV-Vis spectrum of the recycled Zr-TCPCo

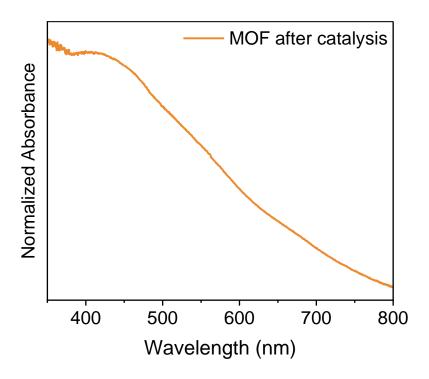


Figure S17. UV-Vis spectrum of Zr-TCPCo after catalysis.

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