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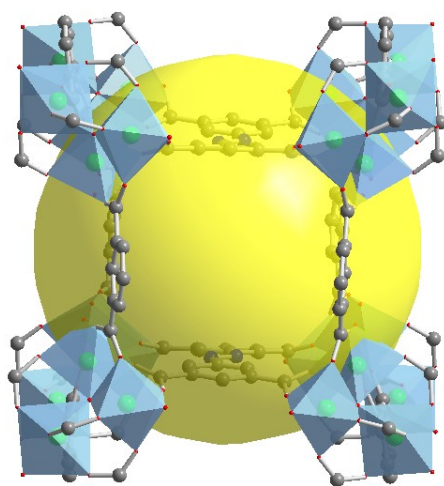
### **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

#### **Nickel metal-organic frameworks for visible-light CO<sub>2</sub> reduction under mild reaction conditions**

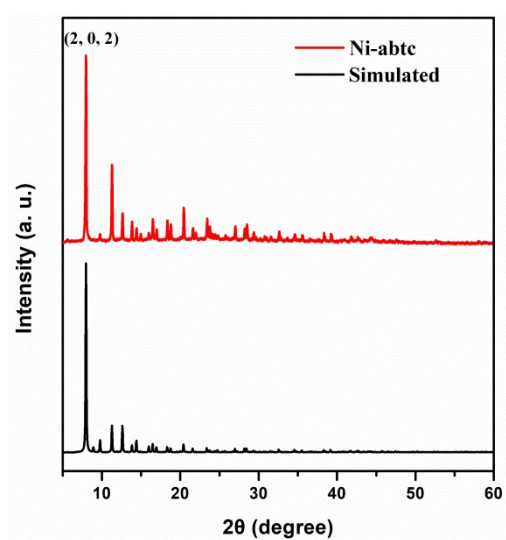
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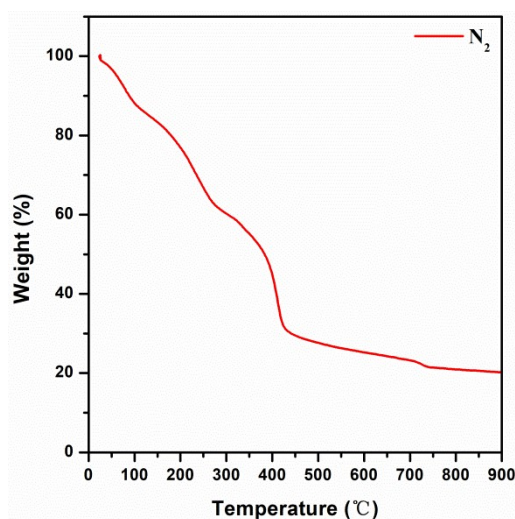
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**Fig. S1.** Polyhedral structure. The large cavity is indicated by the yellow spheres. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

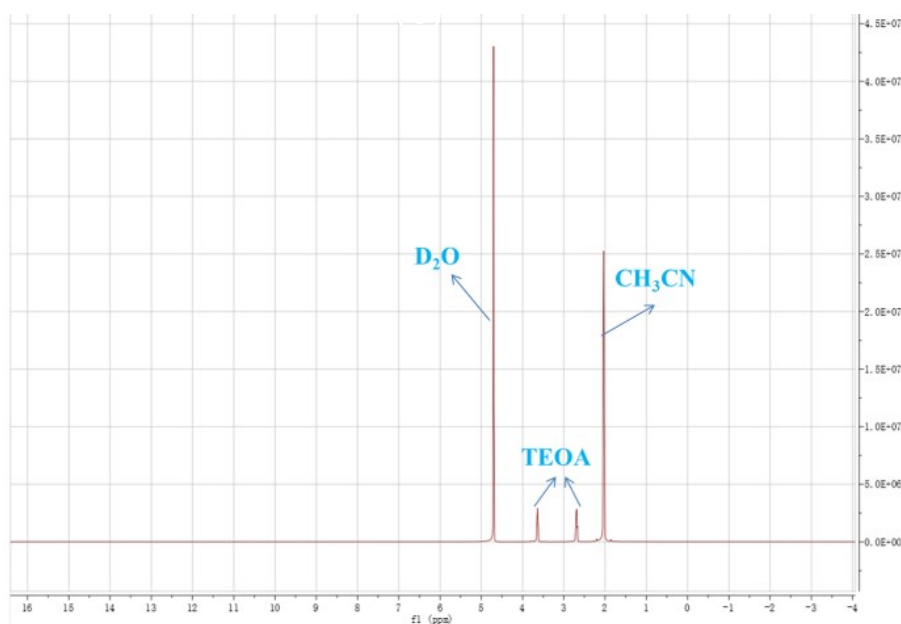


**Fig. S2.** Experimental and simulated XRD patterns for Ni-abtc sample.

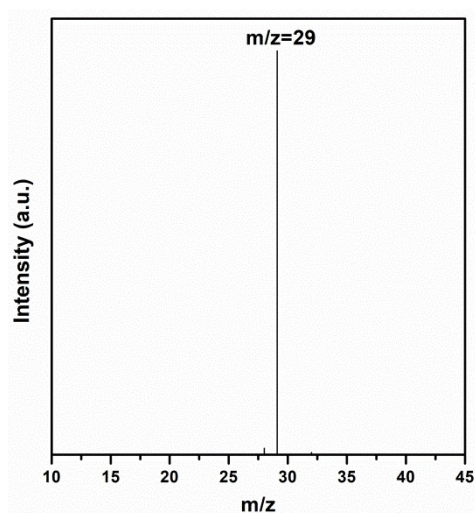


**Fig. S3.** The TG analysis of Ni-abtc in N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.

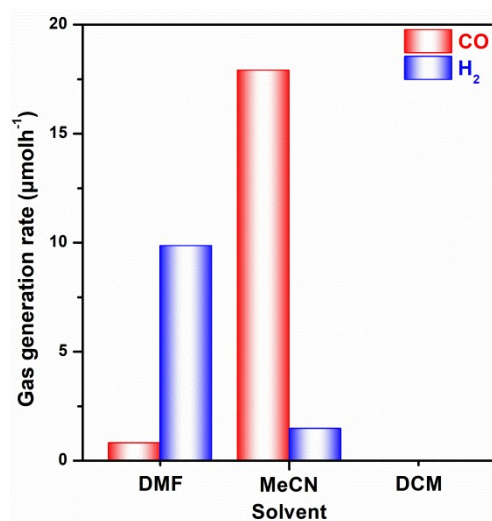
Thermal stability of Ni-abtc was proved by thermogravimetric analyzer under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at a heating temperature rate of 10 °C min<sup>-1</sup> up to 900 °C. The weight loss between 100 °C to 280 °C was ascribed to the leaving of coordinated water molecule, coordinated OH<sup>-</sup> and physisorbed DMF in Ni-abtc. The weight loss between 280 °C to 900 °C was due to decomposition of the organic ligands.



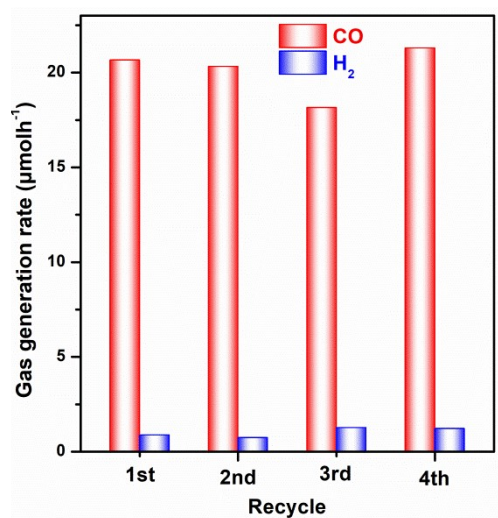
**Fig. S4.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum for the liquid phase after CO<sub>2</sub> photoreduction reaction.



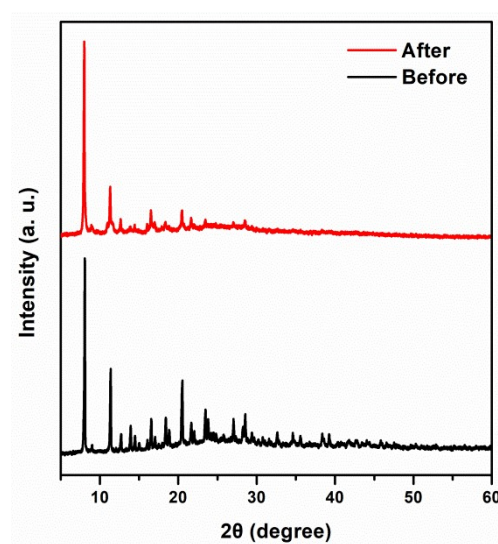
**Fig. S5.** GC-MS analysis of the generated  $^{13}\text{CO}$  from  $^{13}\text{CO}_2$  isotope experiment.



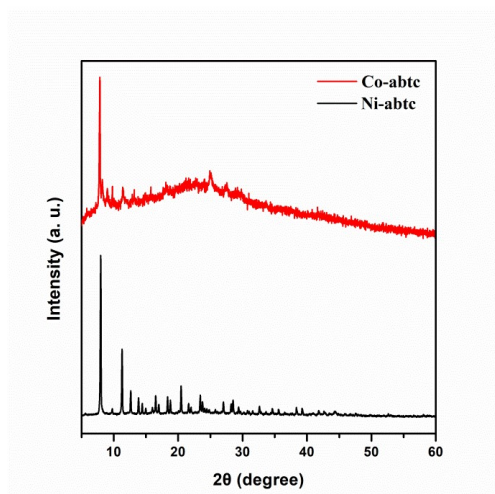
**Fig. S6.** The influence of the solvent on  $\text{CO}_2$  photoreduction. (DMF, N,N-dimethylformamide; MeCN, acetonitrile; DCM, dichloromethane).



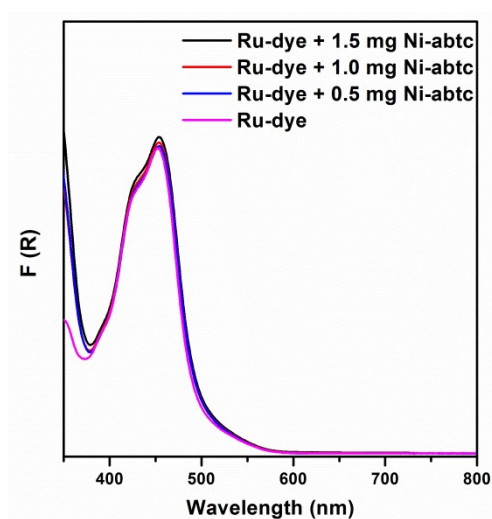
**Fig. S7.** Stability test of  $\text{CO}_2$  photoreduction by Ni-abtc.



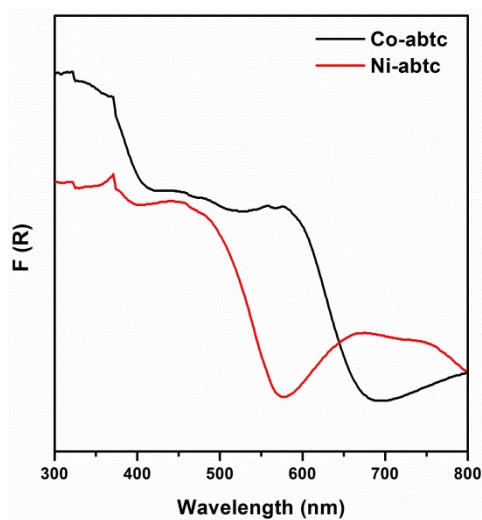
**Fig. S8.** XRD patterns of Ni-abtc samples before and after reaction.



**Fig. S9.** XRD patterns of Co-abtc and Ni-abtc samples.



**Fig. S10.** UV-vis DRS spectra of photosensitizer **Ru-dye** upon the addition of increasing amounts of Ni-abtc, in solution of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (v:v = 3:2).



**Fig. S11.** UV-vis DRS spectra of Ni-abtc and Co-abtc samples.

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinements for Ni-abtc.

| Compounds                                             | Ni-abtc                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Formula                                               | $C_{32}H_{12}N_4Ni_4O_{21.33}$ |
| Formula weight                                        | 1028.63                        |
| T (K)                                                 | 240                            |
| Space group                                           | R-3                            |
| Crystal system                                        | trigonal                       |
| a (Å)                                                 | 31.3566 (3)                    |
| b (Å)                                                 | 31.4566 (3)                    |
| c (Å)                                                 | 38.3643 (5)                    |
| $\alpha$ (°)                                          | 90                             |
| $\beta$ (°)                                           | 90                             |
| $\gamma$ (°)                                          | 120                            |
| V (Å <sup>3</sup> )                                   | 32667.5 (6)                    |
| Z                                                     | 6                              |
| D <sub>calcd</sub> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )              | 0.941                          |
| $\mu$ (Mo K $\alpha$ ) (mm <sup>-1</sup> )            | 1.604                          |
| R <sub>int</sub>                                      | 0.037                          |
| reflns collected                                      | 65579                          |
| Data Completeness measured                            | 99.4                           |
| h,k,lmax                                              | 39,39,48                       |
| Tmin,Tmax                                             | 0.824,1.000                    |
| R <sub>1</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub> [all data]           | 0.067, 0.2068                  |
| Mink Peak, Max Peak                                   | -0.6, 1.9                      |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>                     | 1.031                          |
| R <sub>1</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub> [I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)] | 0.0679, 0.2007                 |

**Table S2.** Comparison of the performance of CO<sub>2</sub> photoreduction.

| Catalyst                            | Photosensitizer                        | Sacrificial agent | Major products<br>evolution rate<br>( $\mu\text{mol h}^{-1}$ ) | CO <sub>2</sub> reduction<br>selectivity | Ref               |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| LaCoO <sub>3</sub>                  | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | TEOA              | CO: 44.2<br>H <sub>2</sub> : 12.5                              | 78 %                                     | S <sup>[1]</sup>  |
| ZnCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>    | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | TEOA              | CO: 25.1<br>H <sub>2</sub> : 8.7                               | 74.3 %                                   | S <sup>[2]</sup>  |
| MnCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>    | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | TEOA              | CO: 27<br>H <sub>2</sub> : 8                                   | 77.1 %                                   | S <sup>[3]</sup>  |
| CoSn(OH) <sub>6</sub>               | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | TEOA              | CO: 19.3<br>H <sub>2</sub> : 3.0                               | 86.5 %                                   | S <sup>[4]</sup>  |
| NiCoOPNPs@MHCFs                     | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | TEOA              | CO: 16.6<br>H <sub>2</sub> : -                                 | -                                        | S <sup>[5]</sup>  |
| NC@NiCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | TEOA              | CO: 26.2<br>H <sub>2</sub> : 3.4                               | 88.6 %                                   | S <sup>[6]</sup>  |
| Co/C                                | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | TEOA              | CO: 69<br>H <sub>2</sub> : 2.1                                 | 64.2 %                                   | S <sup>[7]</sup>  |
| Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>      | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | TEOA              | CO: 200.1<br>H <sub>2</sub> : 59.6                             | 77.1 %                                   | S <sup>[8]</sup>  |
| Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub>                 | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | TEOA              | CO: 14.4<br>H <sub>2</sub> : 0.58                              | 96.1%                                    | S <sup>[9]</sup>  |
| Co-ZIF-67                           | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | TEOA              | CO: 29.6<br>H <sub>2</sub> : 14.8                              | 66.6 %                                   | S <sup>[10]</sup> |
| Co-ZIF-9                            | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | TEOA              | CO: 41.8<br>H <sub>2</sub> : 29.9                              | 58 %                                     | S <sup>[11]</sup> |
| Ni(TPA/TEG)                         | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | TEOA              | CO: 26.6<br>H <sub>2</sub> : -                                 | 100 %                                    | S <sup>[12]</sup> |
| Ni <sub>3</sub> (HITP) <sub>2</sub> | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | TEOA              | CO: 69<br>H <sub>2</sub> : 2.1                                 | 97 %                                     | S <sup>[13]</sup> |
| Ni MOLs                             | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | TEOA              | CO: 12.5<br>H <sub>2</sub> : 0.28                              | 97.8 %                                   | S <sup>[14]</sup> |
| Co-ZIF-67                           | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | TEOA              | CO: 4.1<br>H <sub>2</sub> : 2.4                                | 63 %                                     | S <sup>[15]</sup> |
| Ni-MOL-100                          | [Ru(phen) <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup> | TEOA              | CO: 11.89<br>H <sub>2</sub> : 0.47                             | 96.2 %                                   | S <sup>[16]</sup> |
| Co MOLs                             | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | TEOA              | CO: 4.61<br>H <sub>2</sub> : 2.34                              | 66.3 %                                   | S <sup>[17]</sup> |
| BIF-29                              | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | TEOA              | CO: 3.33<br>H <sub>2</sub> : 0.7                               | 82.6 %                                   | S <sup>[18]</sup> |
| MAF-X27I-OH                         | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | TEOA              | CO: 6.37<br>H <sub>2</sub> : 0.12                              | 98.2 %                                   | S <sup>[19]</sup> |
| [Ni(bpet)] <sup>2+</sup>            | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>     | BIH               | CO: 0.085                                                      | 99 %                                     | S <sup>[20]</sup> |

|         |                                    |      |                        |        |           |
|---------|------------------------------------|------|------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Ni-abtc | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup> | TEOA | H <sub>2</sub> : 0.008 | 91.4 % | this work |
|         |                                    |      | CO: 19.13              |        |           |
|         |                                    |      | H <sub>2</sub> : 1.78  |        |           |
| Co-abtc | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup> | TEOA | CO: 11.6               | 40.1 % | this      |
|         |                                    |      | H <sub>2</sub> : 17.3  |        | work      |

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