# A Sustainable Strategy for Visible-light driven facile Nformylation of amines Using Co(II) embedded Covalent organic

## framework as an efficient photocatalyst

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Materials

Phloroglucinol,hexamethylenetetramine (HMTA) and cyanuric chloridewere received from Sigma Aldrich, India. Hydrazine, trifluoroacetic acid and cobalt acetate tetrahydrate were purchased from TCI, India. 1,4 dioxane, acetone, tetrahydrofuran (THF), chloroform, N, Ndimethylformamide (DMF), mesitylene and methanolwere obtained from Merck, India and used without further purification. All other reagents and solvents were bought from E-Merk, India and were used as received. The  $CO_2$  gas cylinder was acquired from Apollo Engineering Gas Service, India. All the reactions were performed under atmospheric  $CO_2$ using oven-dried Schlenk balloon set-up technique.

#### Instrumentation

**Absorption spectroscopy:** UV-vis absorption spectra of the catalyst was recorded on SHIMADZU, UV-2600 UV-vis spectrometer with a standard 1 cm x 1 cm cuvette.

**NMR Spectra:**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra) were performed on a Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts for protons are reported in parts per million (ppm).

**PXRD:** The PXRD analysis of the photocatalyst (Co(II)@Tp-TH COF) was executed by using an X-ray diffractometer (BRUKER, Powder X-Ray ecoD8 ADVANCE) equipped with Ni-filtered Cu K $\alpha$  ( $\lambda$ = 0.15406 nm) radiation.

**IR Spectra:**The FTIR spectraofthesynthesized and starting materialswereconducted by using a Perkin-Elmer spectrophotometer (FT-IR 783) on KBr Pellets.

**FESEM:**FESEM imagesofthecatalystwereacquiredbyusingScanningElectronMicroscope(SEM)[JEOLJSMIT300],whichhelpstoknowaboutthemorphologicalinformationofthe sample.

**TEM:**Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM) [JEOL JEM 2100] was used to get themorphologicalinformationofthe sample.

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**TGA:**The thermal stability of the Co(II)@Tp-TH COF material was analysed by a Thermogravimetric Analyzer [Model: Perkin Elmer-Pyrish-Diamond, TG/DTA] at the rate of 10 °C per min up to 800 °C in presence of air.

**BET:**The N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption analysis of Co(II)@Tp-TH sample was conducted by using a BET Surface Analyzer [QUANTACHROME ASIQCOV602-5].

**Fluorescence Spectroscopy**: The Fluorescence Emission spectra was recorded by using Horiba Fluoro Max 4 spectrometer.

**CHN Analysis:** A CHNOS elemental analyser (Vario EL III) was performed to find out the contents of C, N and H in Co(II)@Tp-TH catalyst.

**EIS analysis:** The measurements have been performed in 0.1 M PBS solution and a conventional three-electrode system where Co(II)@Tp-TH catalyst on the glassy carbon electrode is used as the working electrode and double junction Ag/AgCl saturated with 3.0M KCl is used as a reference electrode. The Platinum wire served as a counter electrode. The electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) has been carried out in the frequency range of 100 kHz -0.01 Hz with an AC amplitude of 10 mV at a constant the applied potential of 5 mV.



Figure S1. <sup>13</sup>C solid state NMR of Tp-TH COF.

As described in Figure S1, peaks from both keto and enol forms are present in the structure of the COF powder. A comparative depiction is displayed here for better understanding (Figure S1). <sup>13</sup>C solid state NMR suggests that the synthesized COF material consists of keto and enol forms. The C signal at 191.8 ppm for the carbonyl carbon of the keto form and the carbon signal at 167.5 ppm for the triazine unit. In keto form, the peaks positioned at 104.6and 99.8 ppm are ascribed to the carbon centres being present in the -NH-C=C bond. Additionally,the chemical shift value at 142.3and 104.06 ppm are related to the carbon atoms of the -N=C-C bond in enol form. All these data provided adequate chemical composition evidence for the successful preparation of Tp-TH 2D COF.



Figure S2: Image of reaction set-up under 20 W White LED for one-pot N-formylation

reaction of amines.

#### **Preparation of the catalyst**

Schematic presentation for the synthesis of the covalent organic framework-supported cobalt catalyst (Co(II)@Tp-TH) is shown in Scheme 3 in the manuscript.

## General procedure for the production of 2,4,6-Triformylphluroglucinol (Tp)

Synthesis of 2,4,6-Triformylphluroglucinol (Tp) was prepared according to the preceding literature.<sup>1</sup>In a brief, trifluoroacetic acid (90 mL), hexamethylene tetramine (108 mmol) and dried phloroglucinol (49 mmol) weretaken in a 500 ml round bottom flask and heated at 100°C for 2.5 h under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Approximately 150 ml of 3M hydrochloric acid was added very carefully to the resulting solution under continuous magnetic stirring at fixed temperature for next 1 h. After cooling to room temperature, the solution was extracted with DCM and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The obtained extract was concentrated to yield dull yellow coloured solid and the crude solid was further purified by hot ethanol to yield desired product (Tp).



**Figure S3**:Preparation of 2,4,6-Triformylphluroglucinol (Tp)

#### General procedure for the production of 2,4,6-Trihydrazino-1,3,5-triazine (TH)

2,4,6-Trihydrazino-1,3,5-triazine(TH) was synthesized according to the previous literatures.<sup>2,3</sup> Hydrazine (1 mL, 18 mmol) was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) in a round bottom flask. Then, a solution containing cyanuric chloride (2.99 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) was added dropwise to the previous solution with a continuous stirring bar over 1 h. It was left for further 2 h stirring at room temperature. Then, it was allowed to reach the reflux conditions for 8 h. The resulting product was separated by filtration and washed with distilled water and 1,4-dioxane, respectively and dried at 70 °C under vacuum for 12 h. This product was briefly named TH (yield 82%).



Figure S4: Preparation of 2,4,6- tris(hydrazino)-1,3,5-triazine (TH)



Figure S5. BET isotherm analysis of Tp-TH COF support.



Figure S6. TGA-DTA plot of Co(II)@Tp-TH COF catalyst.



Figure S7. (a) Full-scale XPS survey and deconvoluted (b) C 1s, (c) N 1s, (d) O 1s spectrum of the synthesized Tp-TH COF.



Figure S8. (a) Electron image and (b) EDAX analysis of Tp-TH COF support.



**Figure S9.**(a) Solid state UV-vis spectroscopy of Tp-TH COF (b) Tauc plot assuming direct and indirect band gap based on absorbance spectroscopy of Tp-TH COF.

#### Kinetic curve (conversion vs. time) for the reaction:

We have examined the rate of conversion for the reactions with time in presence of the catalyst [Co(II)@Tp-TH] and the kinetic curve has been plotted from the acquired data (Figure S3 ).



Figure S10. Kinetic curve for the synthesis of N-benzyl formamide.



Figure S11. Comparison of conversion rates for different recycling runs (upto 5 cycles).



Figure S12. PXRD pattern (Wide angle) of the reused Co(II)@Tp-TH Catalyst.



Figure S13. FT IR spectra of the reused Co(II)@Tp-TH Catalyst.



Figure S14. FE-SEM image of reused Co(II)@Tp-TH Catalyst.



Figure S15. HR-TEM image of reused Co(II)@Tp-TH Catalyst.



Figure S16. EDAX of reused Co(II)@Tp-TH Catalyst.



**Figure S17**. (a) Full-scale XPS survey and (b) deconvoluted Co 2p of the reused Co(II)@Tp-TH COF photocatalyst after 5<sup>th</sup> run.



**Figure S18.**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 2,4,6-triformylphloroglucinol (Tp)

# <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of N-formylated amine derivatives<sup>4</sup>:

N H	N-benzyl formamide, <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ), δ (ppm): 8 .093 (s, 1H), 7.115-7.281 (m, 5H), 4.682 (d, <i>J</i> =1.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup> C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 42.08, 126.98, 127.07, 127.59, 127.70, 128.73, 128.91, 137.69, 162.26.
N H	N-(4-methylbenzyl) formamide, <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ), δ (ppm): 8.099 (s, 1H), 7.00-7.129 (m, 4H), 5.781 (brs, 1H), 4.299 (d, <i>J</i> =5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.245 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup> C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 21.32, 41.61, 127.91, 129.21, 129.39, 134.89, 136.38, 161.81.
O H H	N-(4-methoxybenzyl) formamide, <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ), δ (ppm): 8.142 (s, 1H), 6.843–7.205 (m, 4H), 4.576 (d, <i>J</i> =4.4 Hz, 2H), 3.724 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup> C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 41.10, 55.61, 114.35, 129.85, 132.10, 158.81, 163.72.

<b>O</b>	N-(4-fluorobenzyl) formamide, <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz,
	CDCl <sub>3</sub> ), δ (ppm): 8.191 (s, 1H), 7.103–7.185 (m, 4H),
	4.602 (d, <i>J</i> =6 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup> C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ
	43.02, 115.53, 129.37, 132.34, 160.78, 163.21.
0	N_(4_chlorobenzyl) formamide <sup>1</sup> H
CI H H	NMP( $400$ MHz CDC1)8(npm): 8 102(c 1H) 7 242
	$7.270(m, 410) \in 116 (hm 110) 4.627 (4, 1-0.8 Hz$
	7.270(m, 4n), 0.110(brs, 1n), 4.027(d, $J = 0.8  mz,$
	2H). <sup>15</sup> C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): 6 41.41, 128.64,
	130.92, 133.41, 136.17, 161.30.
	N-phenyl-N-benzyl formamide, <sup>1</sup> H
N N H	NMR(400MHz,CDCl <sub>3</sub> )ð(ppm): 8.59(s,1H),6.724-
Ph 🗸	7.496(m, 10H), 4.924 (d, $J=1.2$ Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup> C NMR (100
	MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 48.32, 126.33, 126.90, 127.31, 127.61,
	128.76, 129.40, 136.15, 139.74, 160.83.
O O	N-(3-bromobenzyl) formamide, <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz,
	CDCl <sub>3</sub> ), δ (ppm): 8.123 (d, 1H), 6.846-7.825 (m, 4H),
	4.637 (d, $J=0.8$ Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup> C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): $\delta$
	41.45, 122.97, 126.31, 130.13, 130.90, 131.55, 141.27,
	161.15.
<b>O</b>	N-(3-methoxybenzyl) formamide, <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz,
N <sup>H</sup> H	CDCl <sub>3</sub> ), δ (ppm): 8.042 (s, 1H),6.754-7.178 (m, 4H),
Н	4.257 (d, J=6 Hz, 2H), 3.706 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup> C NMR (100
	MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 41.87, 55.32, 111.14, 112.46, 119.86,
	129.66, 139.45, 159.90, 162.24.
	N-methyl-N-phenylformamide, <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz,
	CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ (ppm): 8.398 (s, 1H), 7.084-7.356 (m, 5H),
	3.24 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup> C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 29.67,
•	122.05, 127.23, 128.22, 144.39, 161.79.
Н	N-cyclohexyl formamide, <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3)δ
N <sub>H</sub>	(ppm): 8.020 (s, 1H), 6.067(s,1H), 3.783 (m, 1H), 1.153-
	1.863(m, 10H). <sup>13</sup> C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 24.74,
	25.60, 33.00, 47.08, 160.41.

<b>O</b>	N-methyl-N-benzyl formamide, <sup>1</sup> H NMR
	(400MHz,CDCl <sub>3</sub> )δ(ppm): 8.060(s,1H),7.053-7.216(m,
l l l l l	5H), 4.364 (d, J= 0.8 Hz, 2H), 3.474 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup> C NMR
	(100 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 34.06, 53.50, 127.11, 128.00,
	128.51, 136.04, 162.78.
<b>O</b>	N-(4-nitrobenzyl) formamide, <sup>1</sup> H NMR
	$(400 \text{MHz})\delta(\text{ppm}): 8.022(\text{s},1\text{H}), 8.282-8.260 \text{ (d, } J= 8.8$
H H	Hz, 2H), 7.799-7.778 (d,J= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (d, J=
O <sub>2</sub> N ∽	1.6 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup> C NMR (100 MHz): δ 42.33, 121.33,
	128.53, 144.91, 146.23, 163.79.
<b>O</b>	N-(4-cyanobenzyl) formamide, <sup>1</sup> H NMR
	$(400MHz,CDCl_3)\delta(ppm): 8.308(s,1H),7.759-7.739 $ (d, $J=$
	8, 2H), 7.482-7.455(d, <i>J</i> = 10.8, 2H), 4.222 (d, <i>J</i> = 1.6 Hz,
	2H). <sup>13</sup> C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 41.87, 110.97,
	118.87, 128.47, 128.75, 132.82, 132.88, 144.30, 161.06.
O U	N-(4-ethynylbenzyl) formamide, <sup>1</sup> H NMR
M N H	(400MHz,CDCl <sub>3</sub> )δ(ppm): 8.012(s,1H),7.545-7.484(m,
Н	4H), 4.044 (d, $J=$ 2 Hz, 2H), 3.026 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup> C NMR (100
<i>"</i> //	MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 41.80, 81.95, 83.49, 122.25, 129.68,
	132.32, 135.29, 161.55.



Figure S19: <sup>1</sup>H NMR data of N-benzyl formamide



Figure S20: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of N-benzyl formamide



Figure S21: <sup>1</sup>H NMR data of N-(4-methylbenzyl) formamide



Figure S22: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of N-(4-methylbenzyl) formamide



Figure S23: <sup>1</sup>H NMR data of N-(4-methoxybenzyl) formamide



Figure S24: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of N-(4-methoxybenzyl) formamide



Figure S25: <sup>1</sup>H NMR data of N-(4-fluorobenzyl) formamide



Figure S26: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of N-(4-fluorobenzyl) formamide



Figure S27: <sup>1</sup>H NMR data of N-(4-chlorobenzyl) formamide



Figure S28: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of N-(4-chlorobenzyl) formamide



Figure S29: <sup>1</sup>H NMR data of N-phenyl-N-benzyl formamide



Figure S30: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of N-phenyl-N-benzyl formamide



Figure S31: <sup>1</sup>H NMR data of N-(3-bromobenzyl) formamide



Figure S32: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of N-(3-bromobenzyl) formamide



Figure S33: <sup>1</sup>H NMR data of N-(3-methoxybenzyl) formamide



Figure S34: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of N-(3-methoxybenzyl) formamide



Figure S35: <sup>1</sup>H NMR data of N-methyl-N-phenyl formamide



Figure S36: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of N-methyl-N-phenyl formamide



Figure S37: <sup>1</sup>H NMR data of N-cyclohexyl formamide



Figure S38: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of N-cyclohexyl formamide



Figure S39: <sup>1</sup>H NMR data of N-methyl-N-benzyl formamide



Figure S40: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of N-methyl-N-benzyl formamide



Figure S41: <sup>1</sup>H NMR data of N-(4-nitrobenzyl) formamide



Figure S42: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of N-(4-nitrobenzyl) formamide



Figure S43: <sup>1</sup>H NMR data of N-(4-cyanobenzyl) formamide



Figure S44: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of N-(4-cyanobenzyl) formamide



Figure S45: <sup>1</sup>H NMR data of N-(4-ethynylbenzyl) formamide



Figure S46: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of N-(4-ethynylbenzyl) formamide

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