Supporting Information

Carbonyl Functionalization Strategy to Solve the Easy Agglomeration Defect of Porphyrin

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Instrumentation and Materials

¹H NMR (600 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE NEO 600MHz spectrometer, and chemical shifts were reported using the delta scale in ppm relative to CHCl₃ as internal reference for ¹H NMR (δ = 7.260 ppm). Absorption spectra were recorded on a Cary 5000 spectrometer. MALDI-TOF mass spectra were obtained with a Bruker ultraflextreme MALDI-TOF/TOF spectrometer with matrix. Material surface morphology were observed on a FEI Verios 460 spectrometer. Dispersion of materials in aqueous solution were taken on an ALV/C spectrometer. Photogenic charge lifetime was recorded on an ultrafast systems helios spectrometer. Electrochemical data were measured by cyclic voltammetry on a PGSTAT 302N scanning electrochemical microscope. Free radical species were recorded on a CIQTEK EPR200-Plus spectrometer. Unless otherwise noted, materials obtained from commercial suppliers were used without further purification. 1 and 1Zn were prepared according to the related literatures.^[S1]

General Procedures



Synthesis of 2^[S2]: Compound **1** (685 mg, 1.00 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of chloroform (50 mL) and acetic acid (10 mL). PbO₂ (2.39 g, 10.0 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h open to air, whereafter a saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (100 mL) was added slowly to neutralize acetic acid, and the organic phase was passed through a Celite pad to remove residual lead salts. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane, and the organic fraction was again passed through a Celite pad. The combined organic fraction was washed by water and dried with anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel

(petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1/1) to give the desired product **2** (500 mg, 0.7 mmol, 70%) as red solid.



Synthesis of 2Zn^[S1]: **2** (1.00 g, 1.40 mmol) was added to a round-bottomed 250 mL flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, and dissolved in CH_2CI_2 (100 mL)/MeOH (10 mL). $Zn(OAc)_2$ (0.78 g, 4.20 mmol) was added, after being stirred at 25 °C for 3 h. The reaction mixture was poured in to water and the products were extracted with CH_2CI_2 . The organic extracts were combined, washed with water, and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The solvent was evaporated, and the product was recrystallization with CH_2CI_2 /MeOH, **2Zn** (1.04 g, 1.33 mmol, 95% yield) was obtained as a red solid.

Photocatalytic process^[S3]: The photocatalytic reduction of heavy metal

Cr(VI) was carried out in Xe lamp (1.0 W/cm², 320-2500 nm) irradiation. The effects of the amount of photocatalyst (5-40 mg), the concentration of Cr(VI) (10-60 mg/L), pH (2-8). The amount of Cr(VI) aqueous solution was 30mL, and the pH value was adjusted with 1M H₂SO₄ and 1M NaOH. After stirring in the dark for 30 min, the photocatalyst and Cr(VI) aqueous solution reached adsorption equilibrium, and the suspension was irradiated by Xe lamp. During the catalysis process, 2 mL suspension was collected at an interval of 30 min, and the suspended catalyst was removed with a stream filter (0.22µm). The Cr(VI) was determined by Agilent Cary 5000 UV-vis content of spectrophotometer at 540 nm.

Compounds Data

2: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 13.55 (s, 2H), 7.52 (s, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 27.6 Hz, 4H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 4H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 4H), 1.40 (s, 18H), 1.34 (s, 18H) ppm; HR-MS (MALDI-TOF-MS) *m/z* = 718.4168 [M]⁺, calcd for $(C_{48}H_{54}N_4O_2)^+$ = 718.4247.

2Zn: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.43 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 4H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 4H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 4H), 1.24 (s, 36H) ppm; HR-MS (MALDI-TOF-MS) *m/z* = 780.3347 [M]⁺, calcd for (C₄₈H₅₂N₄O₂Zn)⁺ = 780.3382; UV/Vis (CHCl₂): λ_{max} (ε [M⁻¹cm⁻¹]) = 363 (47100), 451 (86900), 509 (20100), 546 (80400) nm.

NMR spectra



Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of 2 in CDCl₃.



Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum of **2Zn** in CDCl₃.

Mass Spectra



Figure S3. HR-MS spectrum of 2.



Figure S4. HR-MS spectrum of 2Zn.

Application Experimental Data



Figure S5. Schematic diagram of the verification of the stability of **2Zn** by ¹H-NMR spectra (red is the ¹H-NMR spectrum before the photocatalysis experiment, and blue is the ¹H-NMR spectrum after eight cycles of the photocatalysis experiment).



Figure S6. High-resolution Cr 2p XPS spectrum of 2Zn after the Cr(VI) reduction cyclic experiment.



Figure S7. XPS valence band spectrum of 2Zn.



Figure S8. (a) Solid UV-visible absorption spectra of 2Zn, (b) the band edges of 2Zn.

Theoretical calculation

Method: All the calculations were carried out by the Gaussian16 package^{S4}. The PBE0 hybrid functional^{S5} was applied for all calculations. For geometry optimization, the mixed basis sets of SDD for Cr and 6-31G(d,p) for other atoms with SMD^{S5} continuum solvent model with water as solvent were used. Analytical frequency calculations were performed at the same level of theory as the geometry optimization to identify the nature of all the stationary points being the minimum (no imaginary frequency). Time-dependent DFT were used to calculated the vertical excitation energies of photocatalysts and Cr_2O7^{2-} .



Figure S9. (a) (Top view) and (b) (Side view) Schematic representations of the optimized ground-state structure of photocatalyst **1Zn**; (c) (Top view) and (d) (Side view) Schematic representations of the optimized ground-state structure of photocatalyst **2Zn**; (e) (Top view) and (f) (Side view) Schematic representations of the adsorption of $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ on photocatalyst **1Zn**; (g) (Top view) and (h) (Side view) Schematic representations of the adsorption of the adsorption of $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ on photocatalyst **1Zn**; (g) (Top view) and (h) (Side view) Schematic representations of the adsorption of $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ on photocatalyst **2Zn**.

Table S1

Comparison of reported literature on the photo-reduction of Cr(VI).

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| Catalyst dosage (mg) | Initial Cr(VI) concentration (mg/L) | Solution volume (mL) | Material type | Reduction efficiency (%) and capacity (mg/g) | Refs. |
| 30 | 20 | 50 | Composite | 81.51% | S6 |
| | | | material | 26.7/1 | |
| 50 20 | 20 | 50 Composite material | Composite | 95% | . |
| | 20 | | 19/1 | S7 | |
| 50 | 10 | 50 | Composite | 99.2% | S8 |
| | | | material | 9.9/1 | |
| 50 | | 50 | Composite | 76% | S9 |
| | 10 | | material | 7.6/1 | |
| 60 | 10 | 50 | Composite | 78% | S10 |
| | | | material | 6.5/1 | |
| 10 | | 20 | Composite | 10.2% | S11 |
| | 20 | | material | 4.1/1 | |
| | | | Composite | 13% | |
| 30 10 | 150 | material | 6.5/1 | S12 | |
| 25 80 | | 50 | Composite | 91.8% | S13 |
| | 80 | | material | 146.9/1 | |
| 10 2 | | | Composite | 72% | |
| | 20 | 20 | material | 28.8/1 | S14 |
| 5 60 | | | Homogenous | 75.6% | This |
| | 30 | material | 272.2/1 | study | |
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