

## Supporting Information for

# **BODIPY and *N*-halamine decorated covalent organic framework with synergistic antibacterial capabilities for sunlight-powered water sterilization**

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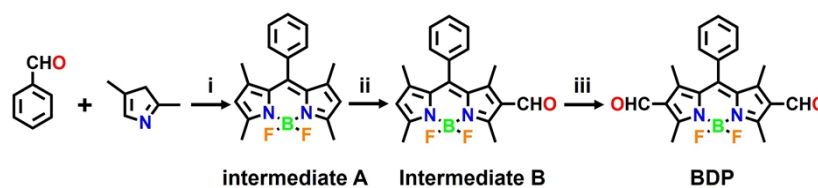
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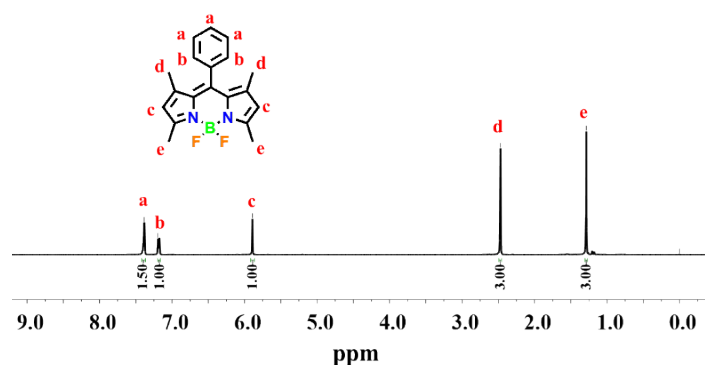
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## 1. Synthesis and characterization of BDP<sup>1</sup>

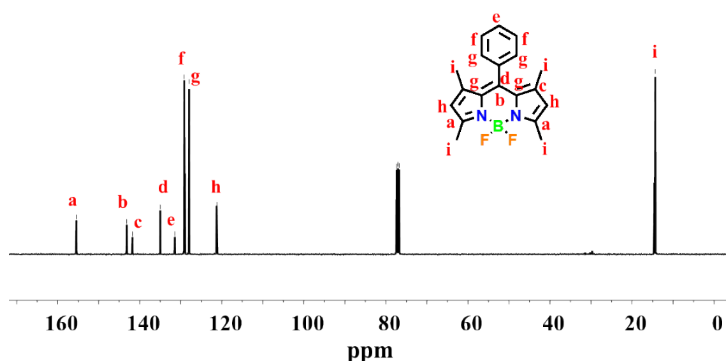


**Fig. S1** Synthesis of **BDP**. (i). 1) DCM, TFA; 2) TCBQ; 3) TEA,  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ ; (ii).  $\text{POCl}_3$ , DMF, DCE; (iii).  $\text{POCl}_3$ , DMF, DCE

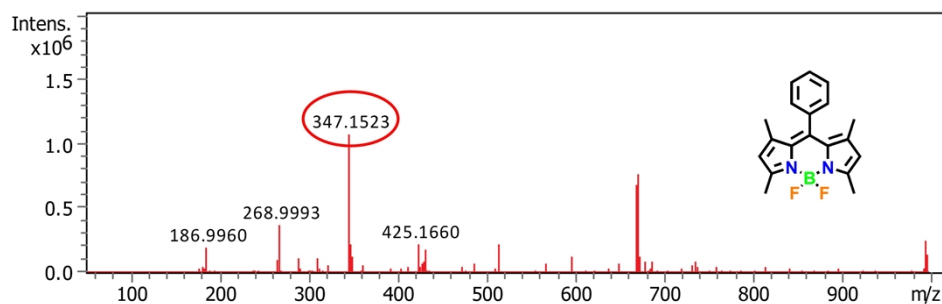
**Synthesis of intermediate A.** Mixture of benzaldehyde (510  $\mu\text{L}$ , 5.0 mmol), 2,4-dimethylpyrrole (1.28 mL, 12.5 mmol), and TFA (70  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol) in dry DCM (20 mL) was reacted for 3 h at 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ . Subsequently, tetrachlorobenzoquinone (TCBQ) was added to the reaction mixture and reacted for 1 h. After that, triethylamine (TEA) (4 mL) and  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$  (5 mL) were added slowly and stirred for another 1 h at 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ . After quenching the reaction with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and removal of the solvent in vacuum, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc: PE, 1/100, v/v) to afford **intermediate A** (128 mg) as an orange-red crystalline solid in 79 % yield.



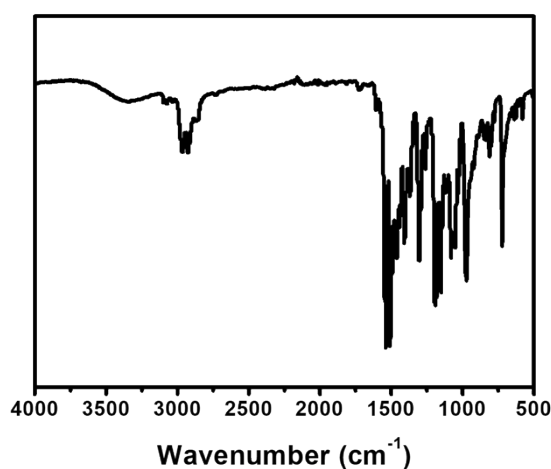
**Fig. S2**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **intermediate A**,  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.40~7.38 (t, 3H), 7.19 (d, 2H), 5.89 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 6H), 1.28 (s, 6H).



**Fig. S3**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **intermediate A**,  $\delta$  (ppm): 155.44, 143.18, 141.77, 129.15, 127.96, 121.22, 14.59, 14.34.

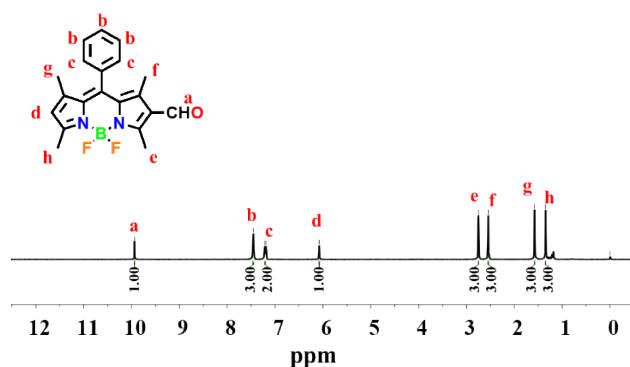


**Fig.S4** Mass spectrum (ESI) of **intermediate A**.  $m/z$  calcd for  $[C_{19}H_{19}BF_2N_2+Na]^+$  347.1502, found, 347.1523.

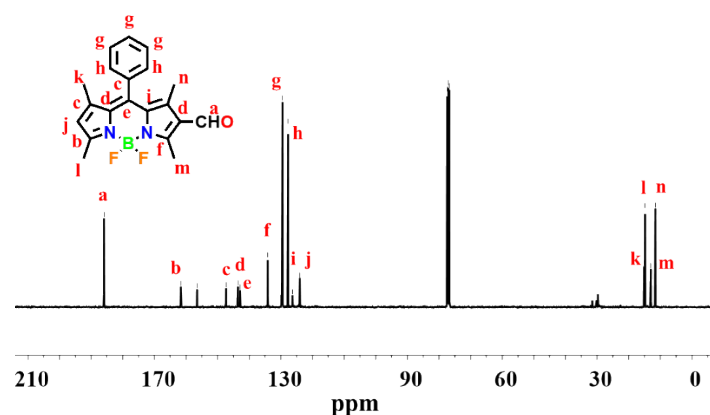


**Fig. S5** FTIR spectrum of **intermediate A** (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 2963 (w), 2924 (w), 1538 (s), 1507 (s), 1465 (m), 1408 (m), 1369 (w), 1305 (m), 1191 (s), 1154 (s), 1081 (m), 1055 (m), 973 (s), 811 (w), 722 (m).

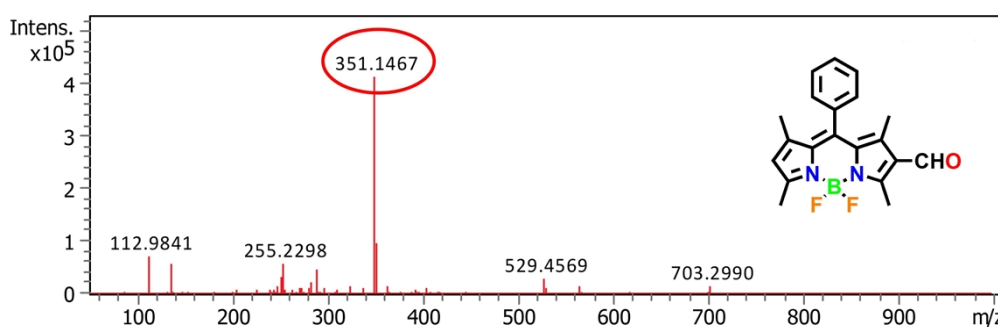
**Synthesis of intermediate B.** Intermediate A (150 mg, 0.42 mmol) in dichloroethane (DCE) (20 mL) was added into the DMF (6 mL) solution of  $POCl_3$  (6 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 6 h at 25 °C. The reaction was then quenched with saturated  $NaHCO_3$  solution (200 mL) in an ice bath. After sequential extraction and column chromatography (eluent: hexane/EtOAc/ $CH_2Cl_2$ , 4/1/1, v/v), **intermediate B** (120 mg) was obtained as a red crystalline solid in 75 % yield.



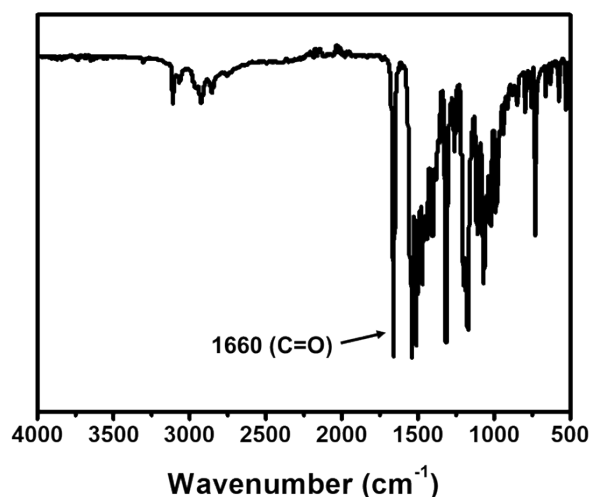
**Fig. S6**  $^1H$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) of **intermediate B**,  $\delta$  (ppm): 9.93 (s, 1H), 7.45 (t, 3H), 7.19 (d, 2H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H).



**Fig. S7**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **intermediate B**,  $\delta$  (ppm): 185.91, 161.65, 156.49, 142.92, 134.17, 129.80, 129.50, 127.71, 126.33, 124.02, 15.08, 14.84, 13.02, 11.55.

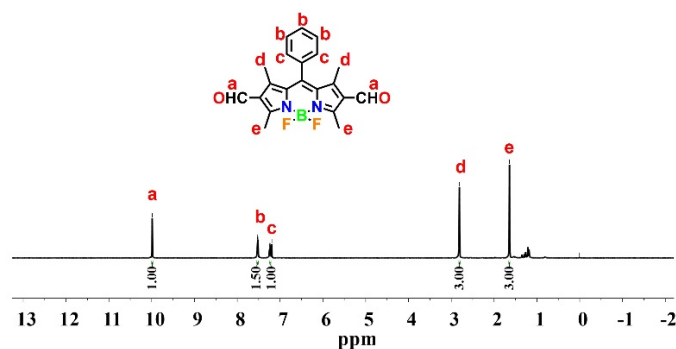


**Fig. S8** Mass spectrum (ESI) of **intermediate B**.  $m/z$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{BF}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}-\text{H}]^-$  351.1551, found, 351.1467.

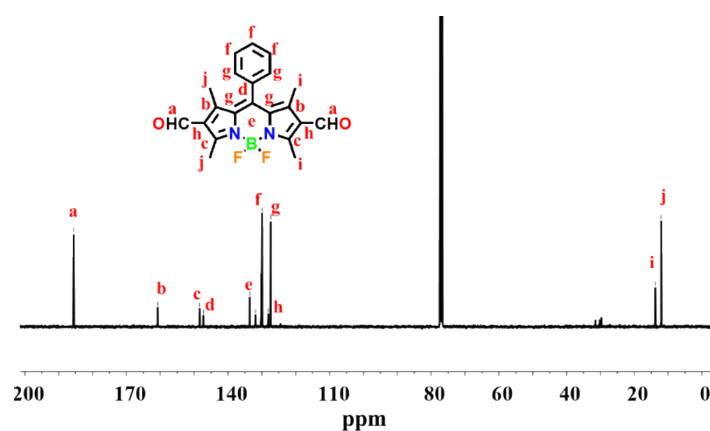


**Fig.S9** FTIR spectrum of **intermediate B** (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3110 (w), 2925 (w), 2852 (w), 1660 (s), 1539 (s), 1512 (s), 1472 (m), 1405 (m), 1315 (s), 1259 (w), 1174 (s), 1113 (m), 1068 (m), 1024 (m), 797 (w), 731 (m), 529 (w).

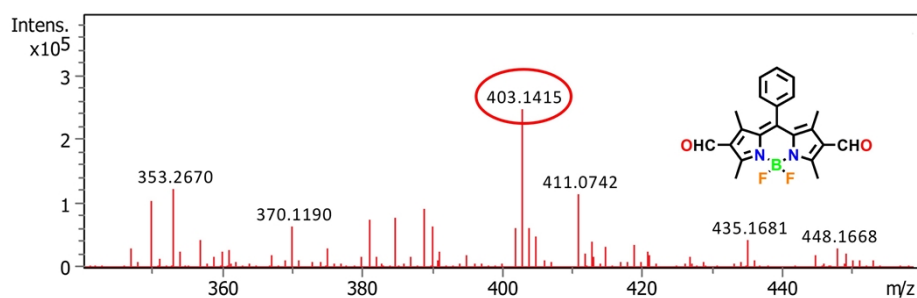
**Synthesis of BDP.** A mixture of DMF (6 mL) and  $\text{POCl}_3$  (6 mL) was stirred, **intermediate B** (160 mg, 0.42 mmol) in dichloroethane (DCE) (15 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 12 h. After quenching the reaction with saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution (200 mL) in an ice bath, the crude product was further purified by extraction and column chromatography (eluent: PE: EtOAc, 5/1, v/v, followed by pure EtOAc) to afford **BDP** (86 mg) as a reddish-brown powder in 51% yield.



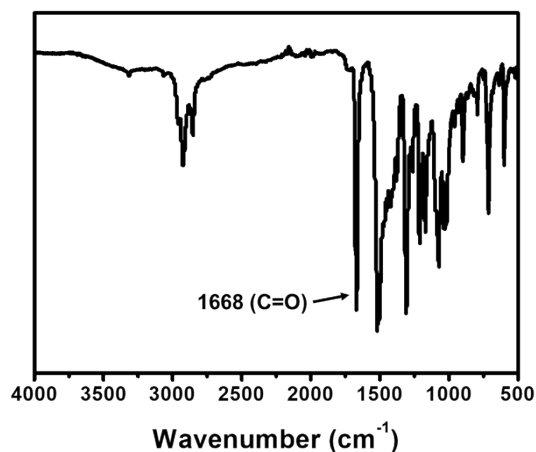
**Fig. S10**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **BDP**,  $\delta$  (ppm): 9.99 (s, 2H), 7.53-7.52 (t, 3H), 7.25~7.22 (d, 2H), 2.81 (s, 6H), 1.64 (s, 6H).



**Fig. S11**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **BDP**,  $\delta$  (ppm): 185.63, 160.76, 148.39, 147.28, 133.57, 131.88, 130.18, 129.91, 128.08, 127.38, 13.78, 12.05.

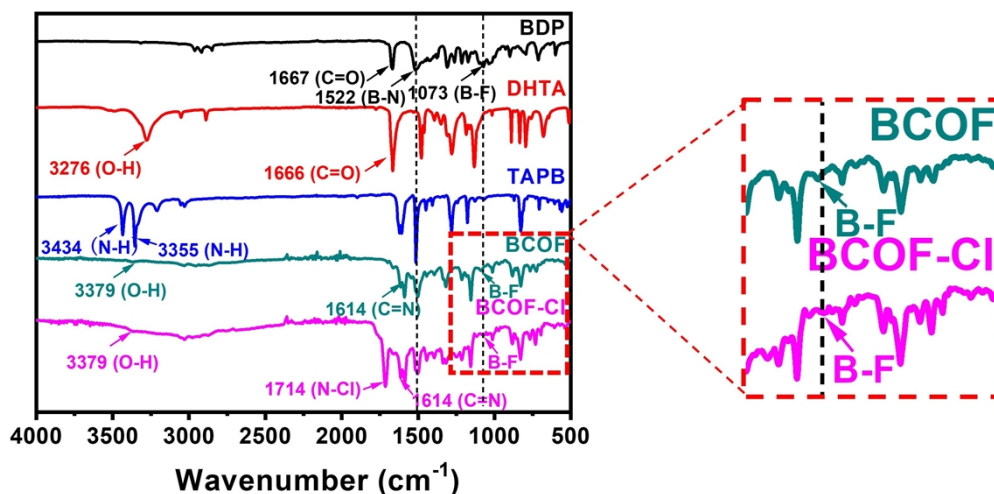


**Fig. S12** Mass spectrum (ESI) of **BDP**.  $m/z$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{BF}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}+\text{Na}]^+$  403.1400, found, 403.1415.

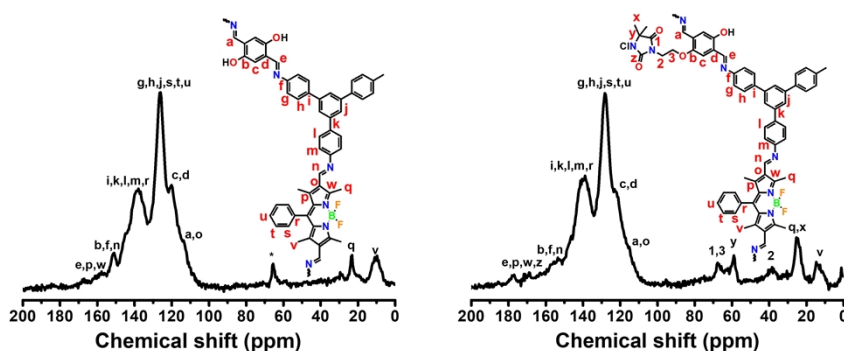


**Fig. S13** FTIR spectrum of **BDP** (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2923 (w), 2852 (w), 1668 (s), 1520 (s), 1423 (m), 1307 (s), 1213 (m), 1172 (m), 1072 (s), 1033 (m), 899 (w), 794 (w), 713 (m), 600 (w).

## 2. Characterization of BCOF and BCOF-Cl



**Fig. S14** FTIR spectra (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of **BCOF-Cl**, **BCOF**, and its starting materials.



**Fig. S15**  $^{13}\text{C}$  CP-MAS NMR spectra (100 MHz, ppm): **BCOF** (left):  $\delta$  157.7, 150.9, 137.7, 126.5, 120.1, 113.3, 22.9, 10.4. **BCOF-Cl** (right):  $\delta$  163.7, 153.9, 139.4, 127.6, 122.5, 115.7, 68.0, 59.2, 38.5, 24.7, 14.5.

**Table S1.** Fractional atomic coordinates for the unit cell of **BCOF**.AA stacking mode, space group: *P1* $a=37.6111 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b=37.0927 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c=4.3181 \text{ \AA}$  $\alpha=90.0^\circ$ ,  $\beta=90.0^\circ$ ,  $\gamma=120.0^\circ$ ,  $R_{wp}=7.84\%$  and  $R_p=6.13\%$ 

| Atom | x       | y       | z        | Atom | x       | y        | z        |
|------|---------|---------|----------|------|---------|----------|----------|
| C1   | 3.24471 | 0.82755 | 0.15851  | F51  | 3.34442 | 0.57480  | -0.77532 |
| C2   | 3.20292 | 0.79992 | 0.21179  | N52  | 3.47091 | 0.52822  | -0.46942 |
| C3   | 3.18358 | 0.75918 | 0.09558  | C53  | 3.49198 | 0.51103  | -0.30451 |
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| C9   | 3.13939 | 0.73042 | 0.15586  | C59  | 3.55256 | 0.45834  | 0.21329  |
| C10  | 3.30732 | 0.89668 | 0.25875  | C60  | 3.53131 | 0.41648  | 0.30542  |
| C11  | 3.32590 | 0.93793 | 0.35945  | C61  | 3.55142 | 0.39851  | 0.46021  |
| C12  | 3.30198 | 0.95394 | 0.48109  | C62  | 3.59357 | 0.42310  | 0.52039  |
| C13  | 3.25945 | 0.92808 | 0.50308  | C63  | 3.61536 | 0.46510  | 0.43328  |
| C14  | 3.24089 | 0.88674 | 0.40371  | C64  | 3.59456 | 0.48233  | 0.27976  |
| C15  | 3.11629 | 0.74389 | 0.32516  | C65  | 3.66009 | 0.49032  | 0.48514  |
| C16  | 3.07451 | 0.71710 | 0.37909  | C66  | 3.52907 | 0.35376  | 0.54290  |
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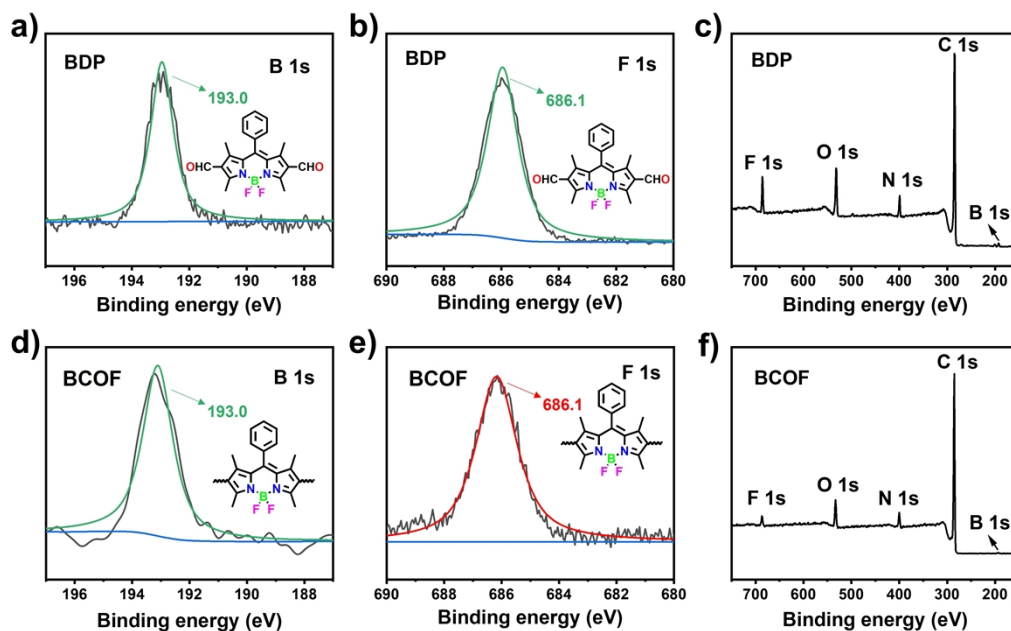
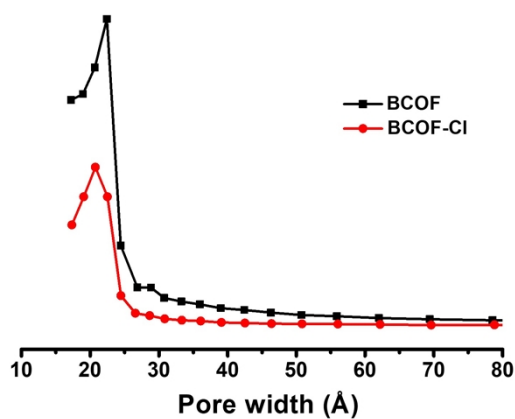
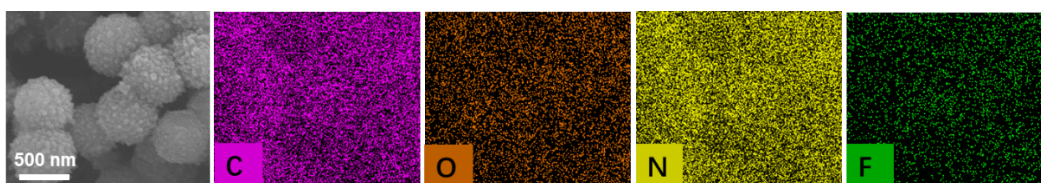


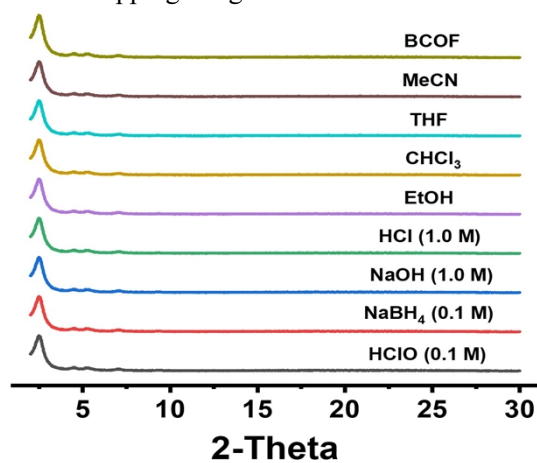
Fig. S16 XPS spectra of BDP and BCOF.



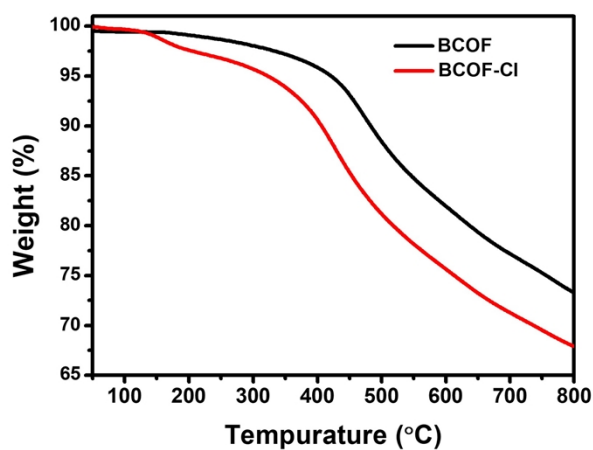
**Fig. S17** Pore size distribution of **BCOF** (23.5 Å) and **BCOF-Cl** (21 Å), respectively.



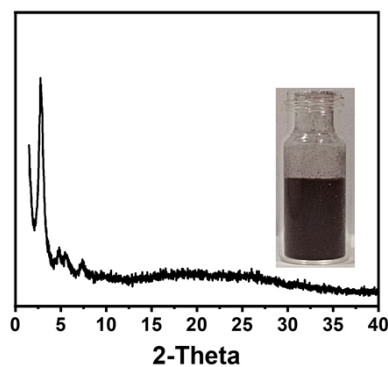
**Fig. S18** SEM-EDX elemental mapping images of **BCOF**.



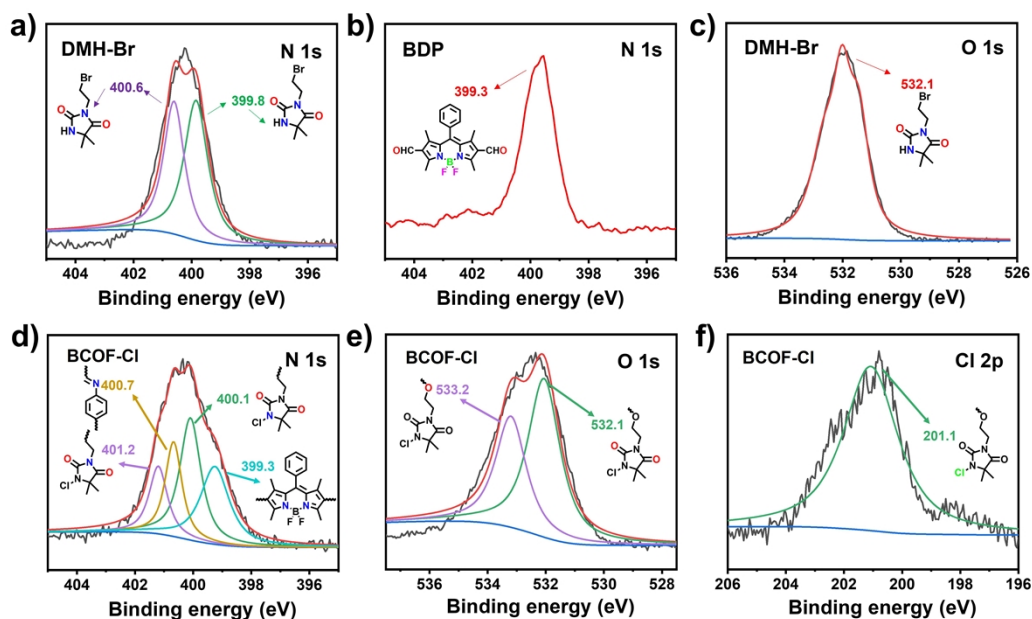
**Fig. S19** PXRD patterns of **BCOF** before and after soaking in different media for 24 h.



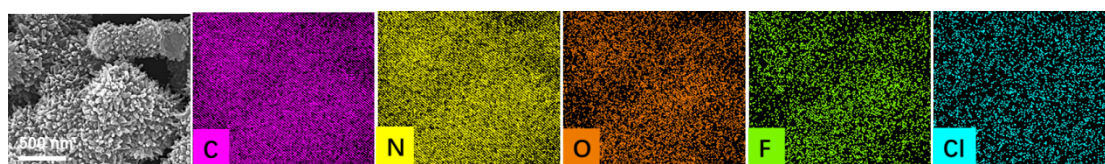
**Fig. S20** TGA traces of **BCOF** and **BCOF-Cl**.



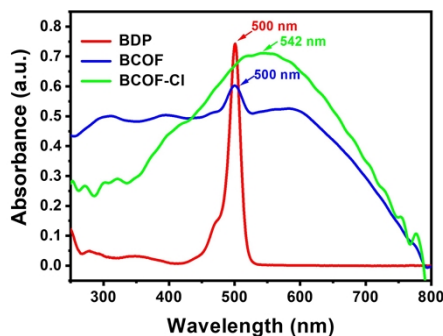
**Fig. S21** PXR D patterns of **BCOF** obtained from gram-scale synthesis, with sample photograph in the inset.



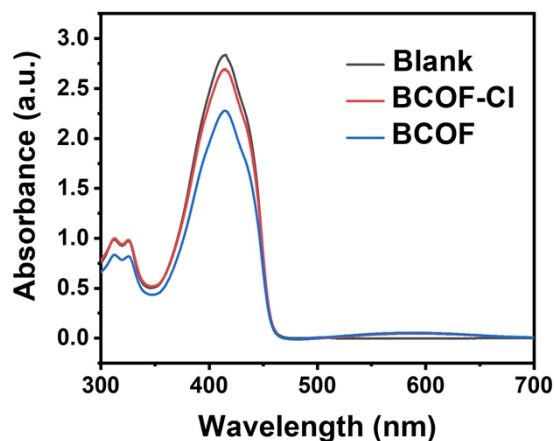
**Fig. S22** XPS spectra of **BDP**, **DMH-Br** and **BCOF-Cl**.



**Fig. S23** SEM-EDX elemental mapping images of **BCOF-Cl**.

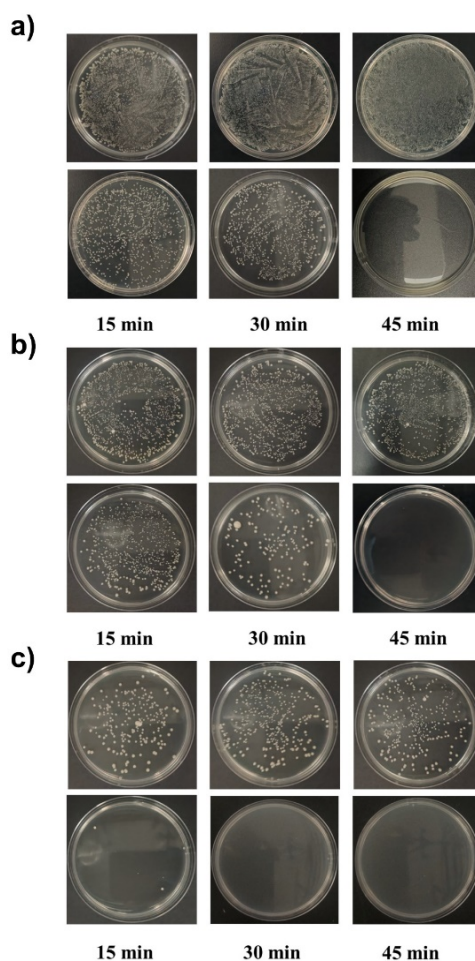


**Fig. S24** UV-Vis spectra of **BCOF**, **BCOF-Cl**, and **BDP**.

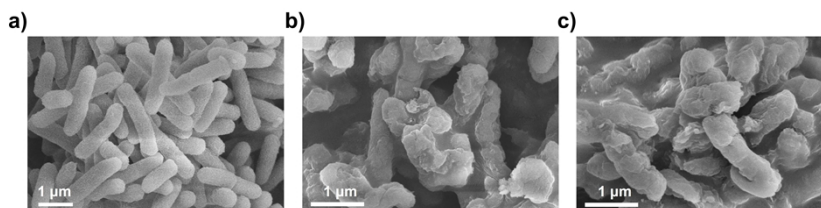


**Fig. S25** UV-Vis spectra of the DPBF solution treated with **BCOF**, **BCOF-Cl**, and the blank group without COFs. Under dark conditions, 5 mL of **BCOF-Cl** (10.0 mg) or **BCOF** (9 mg) dispersion in DMF was mixed with 5 mL of 1,3-diphenylisobenzofuran (DPBF) (5.0 mM) in DMF, after adsorption experiments for the same time intervals (1 min), the samples were centrifuged and 1.0 mL of the mother liquor was diluted in a quartz dish to 2.5 mL. The absorbance of the sample was measured at 414 nm. The same concentration of DPBF solution without COF was used as a control.

### 3. Antibacterial performance



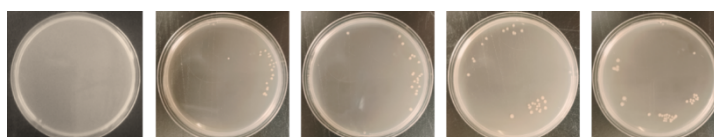
**Fig. S26** Photographs of bacterial culture plates of *E. coli* with different initial doses (5.0, 50 and 500  $\mu\text{L}$ , fixed concentration of  $10^8$  CFU  $\text{mL}^{-1}$ ) treated with **BCOF-Cl** under different exposure times to visible light ( $52 \text{ mW cm}^{-2}$ ).



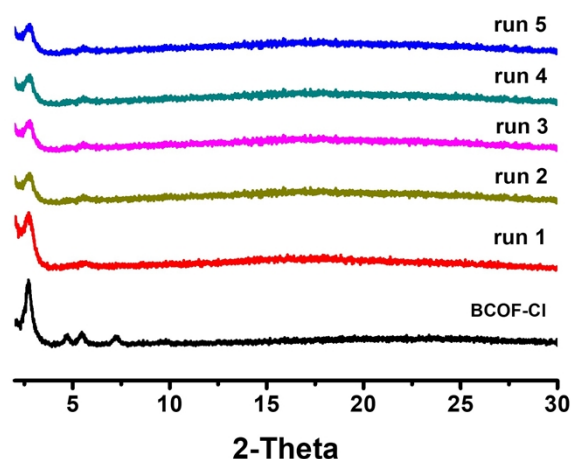
**Fig. S27** SEM images of *E. coli* after different treatment: a) the control group, b) treated with **BCOF-Cl** under visible light irradiation ( $52 \text{ mW cm}^{-2}$ ), and c) treated with **BCOF-Cl** under sunlight irradiation ( $50\text{--}56 \text{ mW cm}^{-2}$ ).

**Table S2.** Ion chromatographic measurement of elemental chlorine in **BCOF-Cl** before and after each antimicrobial cycle.

| Antimicrobial cycle |        | 1 <sub>st</sub> | 2 <sub>st</sub> | 3 <sub>st</sub> | 4 <sub>st</sub> | 5 <sub>st</sub> |
|---------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Chlorine, wt%       | before | 1.69            | 1.63            | 1.57            | 1.61            | 1.59            |
|                     | after  | 0.17            | 0.13            | 0.09            | 0.11            | 0.12            |

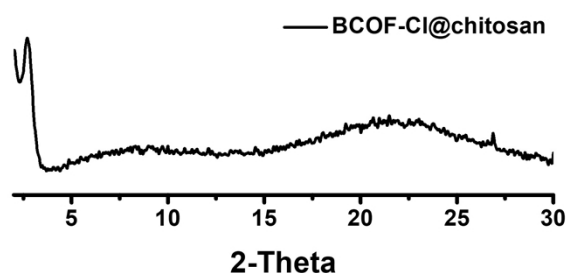


**Fig. S28** The photographs of *E. coli* after each antimicrobial cycle ( $500 \text{ uL} \times 10^8$  CFU  $\text{mL}^{-1}$ , 1.0 mg of **BCOF-Cl**, visible light irradiation,  $\lambda > 400 \text{ nm}$ ,  $52 \text{ mW cm}^{-2}$ , 45 min).

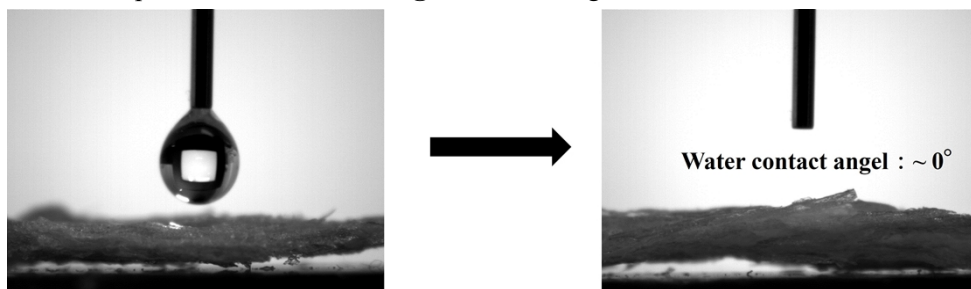


**Fig. S29** PXRD patterns of **BCOF-Cl** after each antimicrobial cycle.

#### 4. Characterization of **BCOF-Cl@chitosan** aerogel

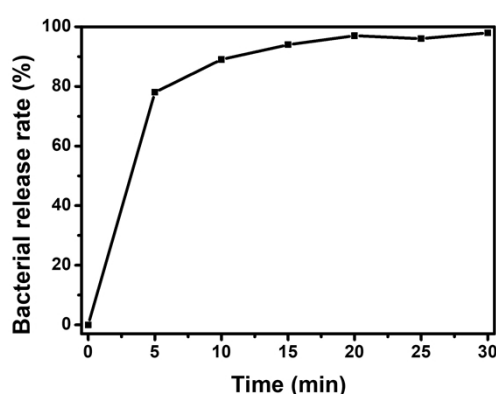


**Fig. S30** PXRD pattern of the **BCOF-Cl@chitosan** aerogel.

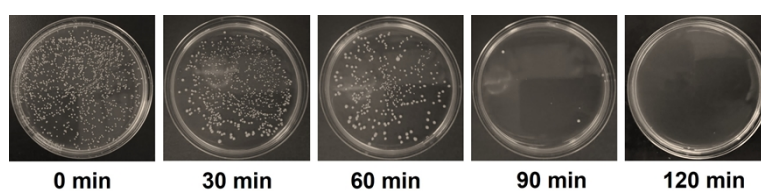


**Fig. S31** WCA images of **BCOF-Cl@chitosan** aerogel. The superhydrophilic nature of the samples was demonstrated by the rapid penetration of water droplets within 1 second.

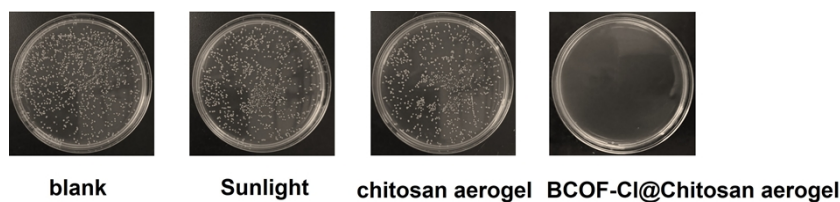
## 5. Continuous flow-through water disinfection over **BCOF-Cl@chitosan**



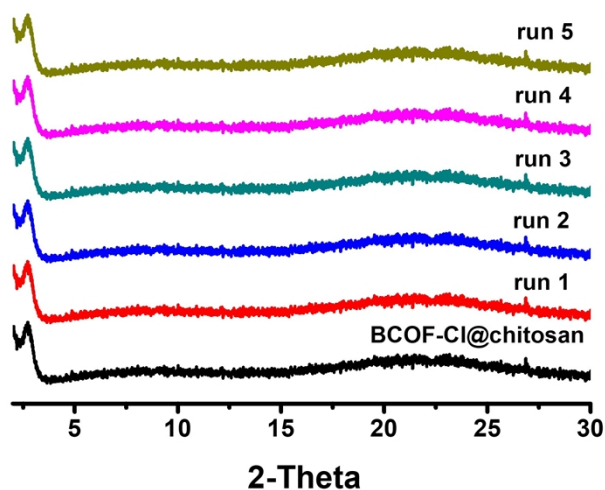
**Fig. S32** Bacterial release behavior of **BCOF-Cl@chitosan** aerogel against *E. coli* via anti-fouling experiment. General procedure: 10  $\mu\text{L}$  of the diluted *E. coli* solution ( $10^8 \text{ CFU mL}^{-1}$ ) was dripped on the **BCOF-Cl@chitosan** aerogel (5.0 mg), and then it was incubated at 37  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 5 h to fix the bacteria. The sample was then immersed in PBS buffer to access the released bacteria from the samples at each time point by the plate count method.<sup>2</sup>



**Fig. S33** Photographs of bacterial culture plates of *E. coli* treated with **BCOF-Cl@chitosan** aerogel upon sunlight irradiation ( $50\text{--}56 \text{ mW cm}^{-2}$ ) within 2 h.



**Fig. S34** Comparison of photographs of bacterial culture plates of *E. coli* treated with different materials after exposure to sunlight irradiation ( $50\text{--}56 \text{ mW cm}^{-2}$ ) for 2 h.



**Fig. S35** PXRD pattern of the **BCOF-Cl@chitosan** aerogel each antimicrobial cycle in the continuous operation of sunlight-powered water sterilization.

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