

## Supplementary data

### Synthesis and photochemical properties of $\alpha$ -diketoporphyrins as precursors for $\pi$ -expanded porphyrins

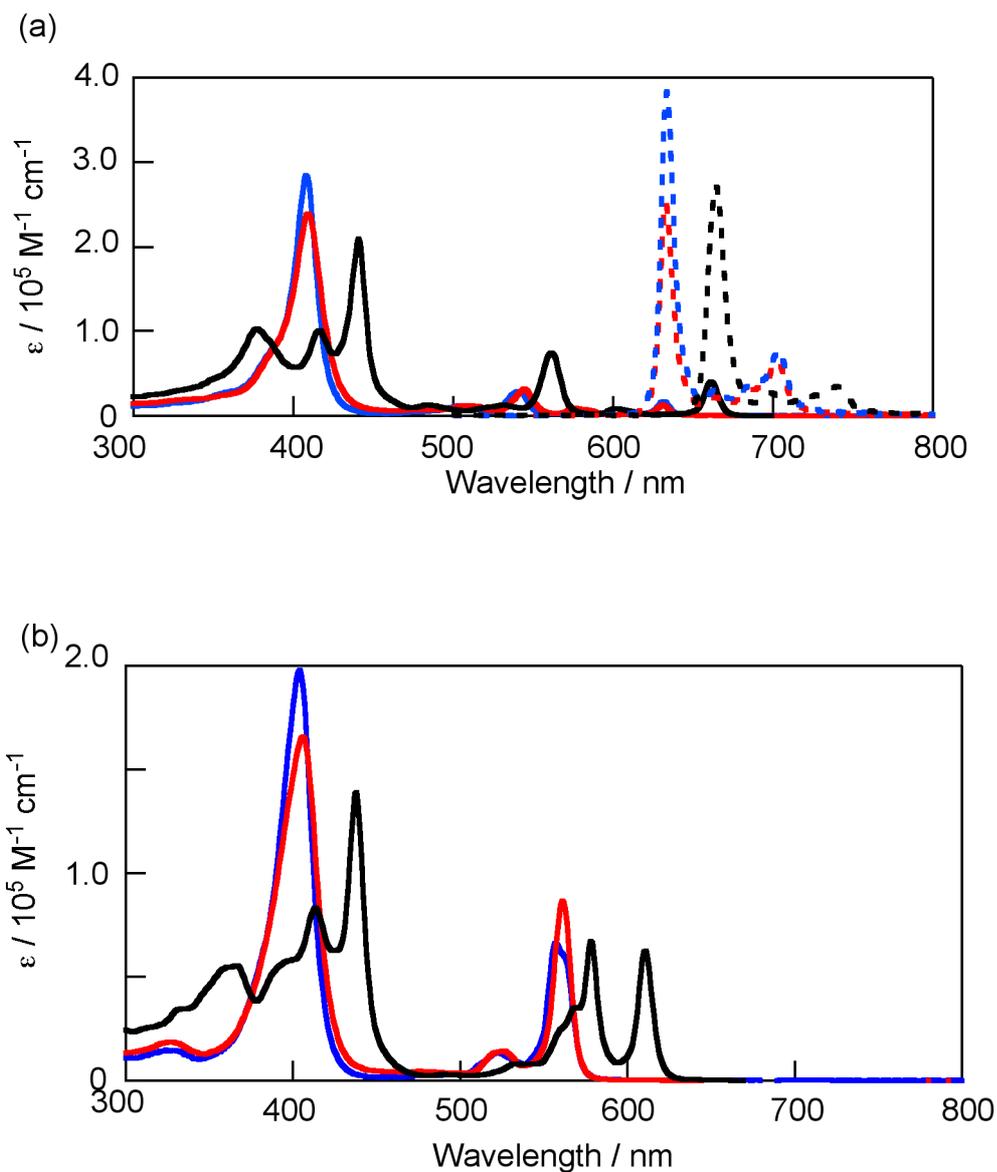
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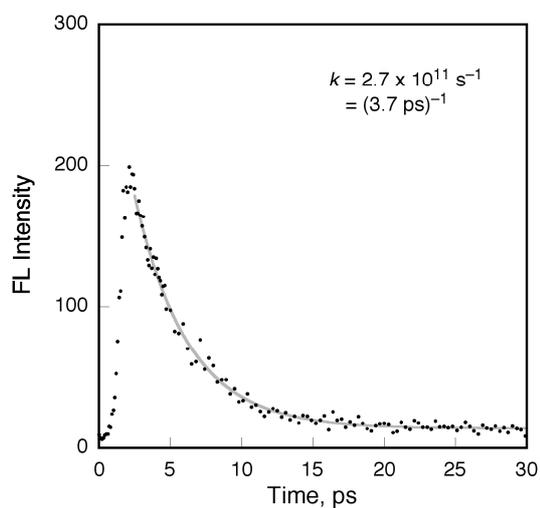
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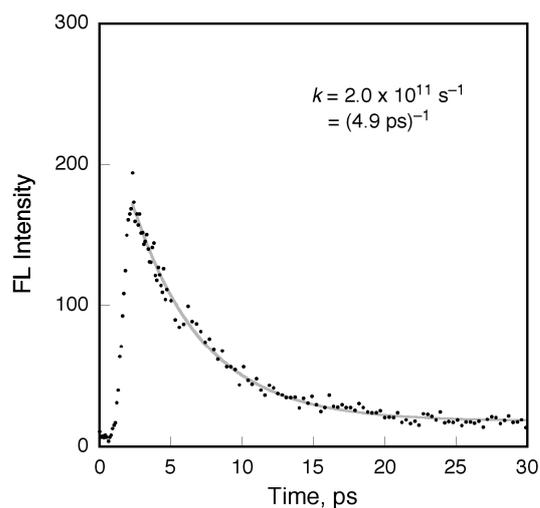


**Fig S1** (a) UV-vis (solid lines) and fluorescence (broken lines) spectra in toluene of  $\text{H}_2\text{P-DOHa}$  (blue),  $\text{H}_2\text{P-DK}$  (red), and  $\text{H}_2\text{P-mA}$  (black), and b) UV-vis spectra in toluene of  $\text{PdP-DOHa}$  (blue),  $\text{PdP-DK}$  (red), and  $\text{PdP-mA}$  (black). Fluorescence spectra were measured at  $7.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ .

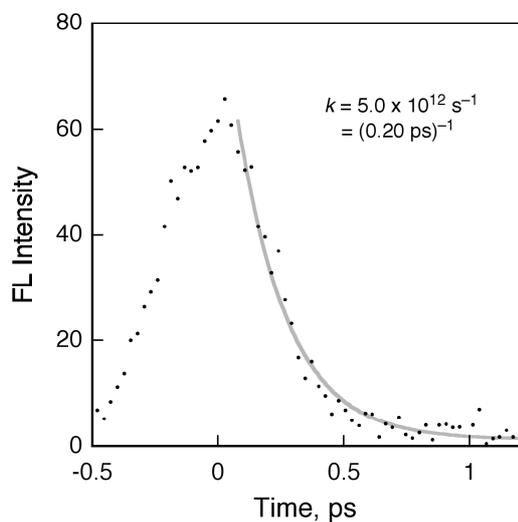
(a) PdP-DK in PhCN



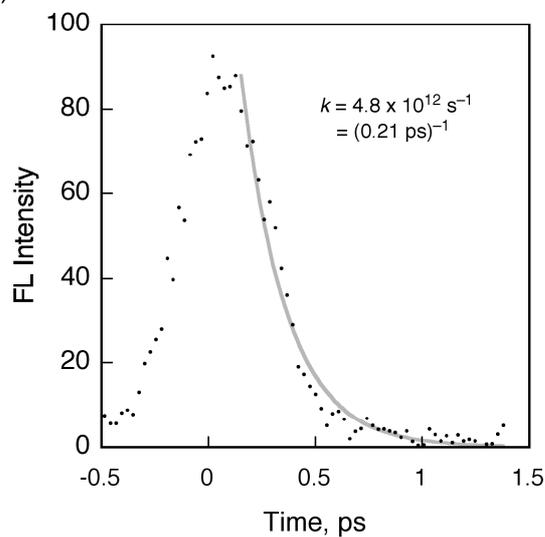
(b) PdP-DOH in PhCN



(c) PdP-DK in TN

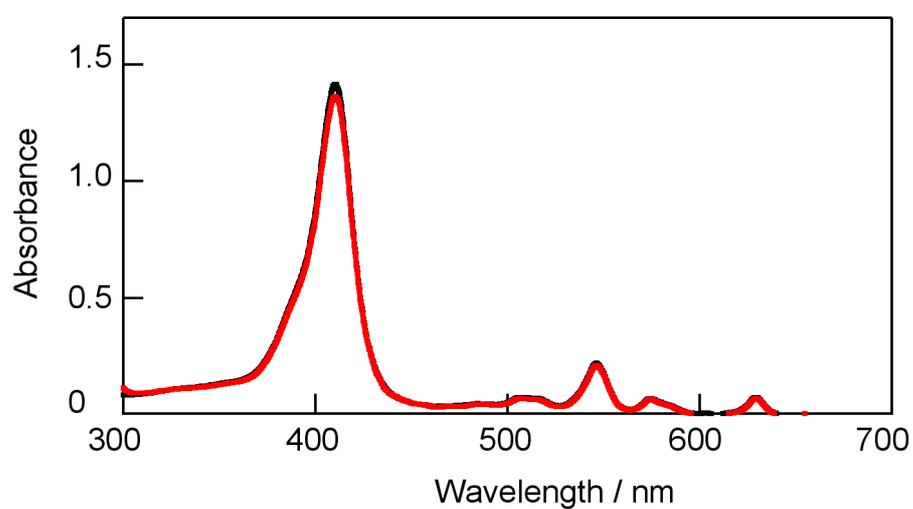


(d) PdP-DOH in TN

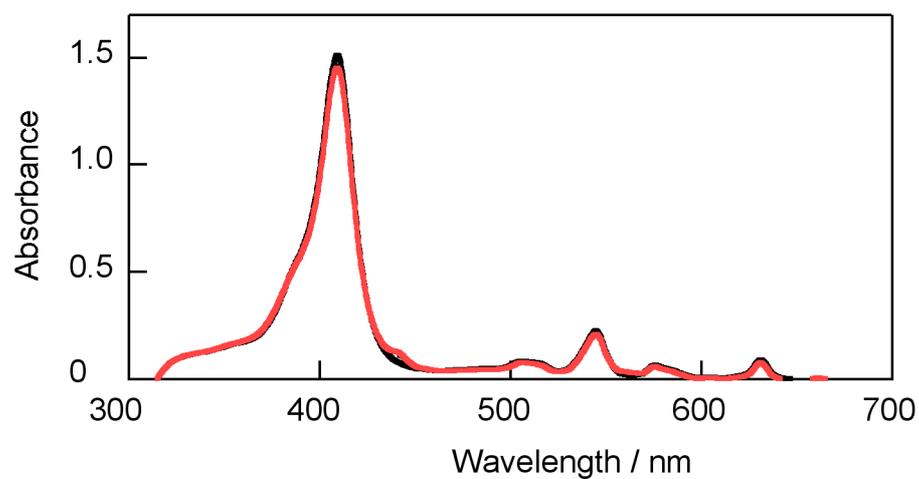


**Fig S2** Fluorescence decay curves of (a) **PdP-DK** in PhCN, (b) **PdP-DOHa** in PhCN, (c) **PdP-DK** in toluene, and (d) **PdP-DOHa** in toluene;  $\lambda_{\text{EX}} = 410 \text{ nm}$ ;  $\lambda_{\text{obs}} = 630 \text{ nm}$ .

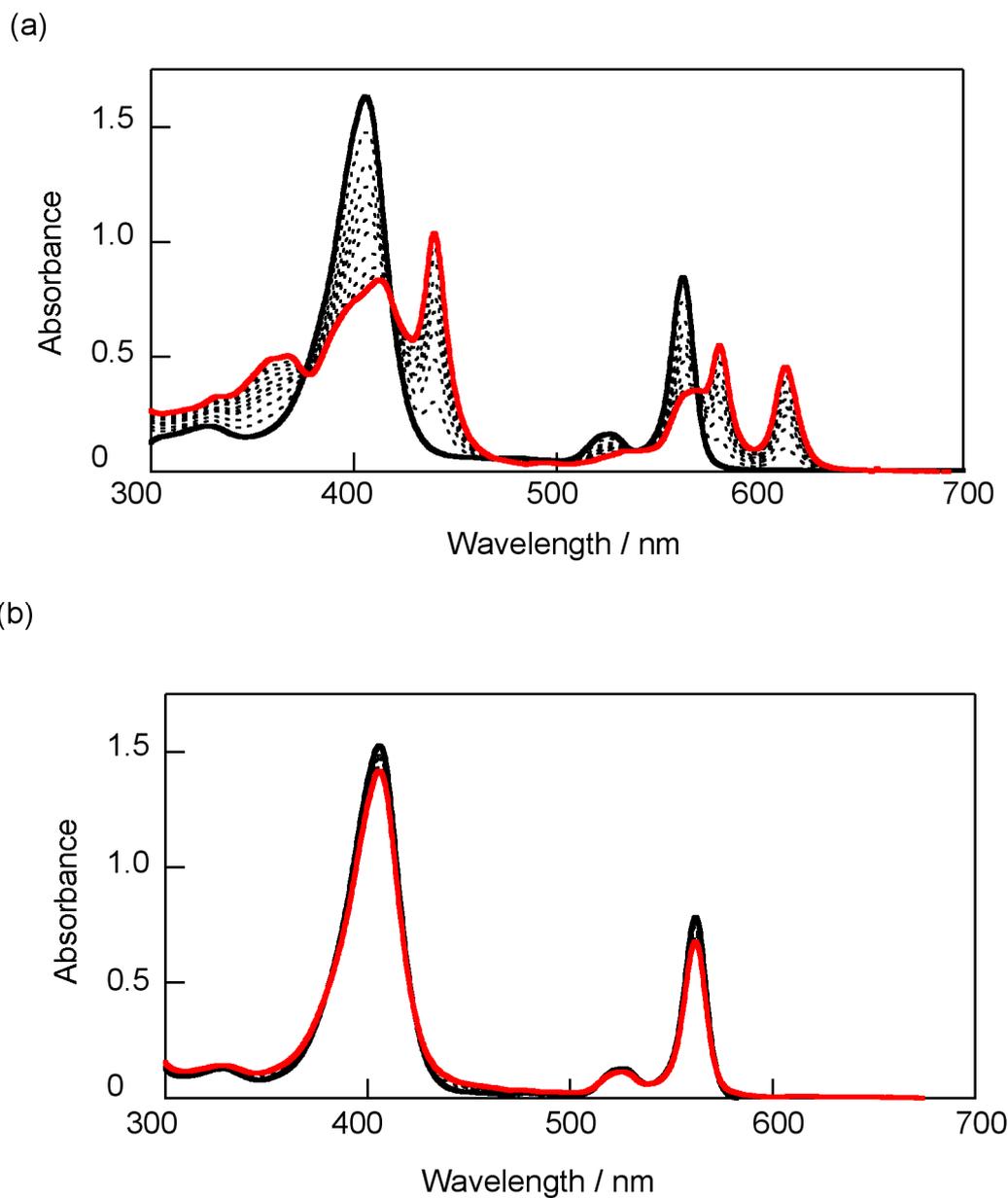
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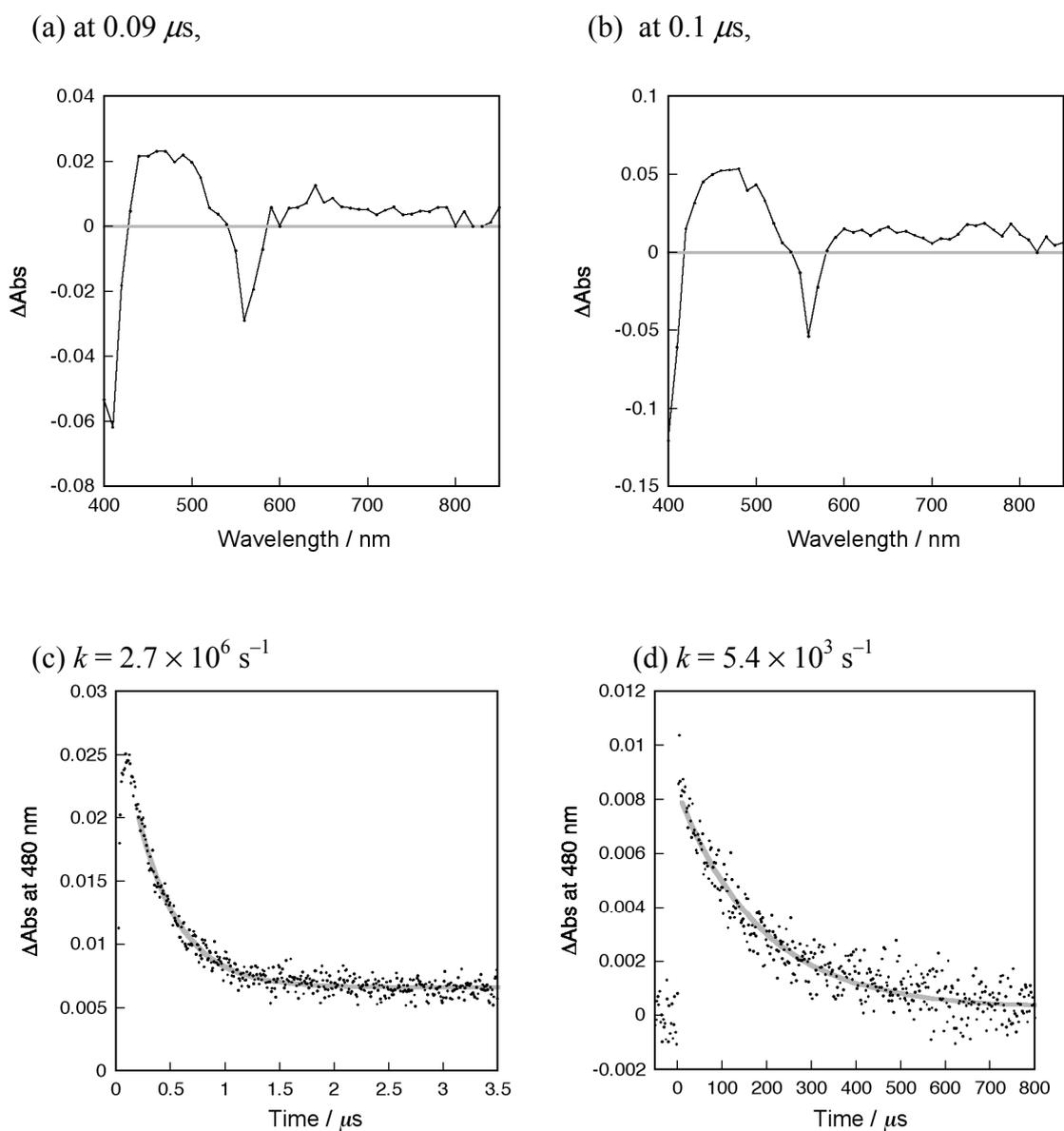
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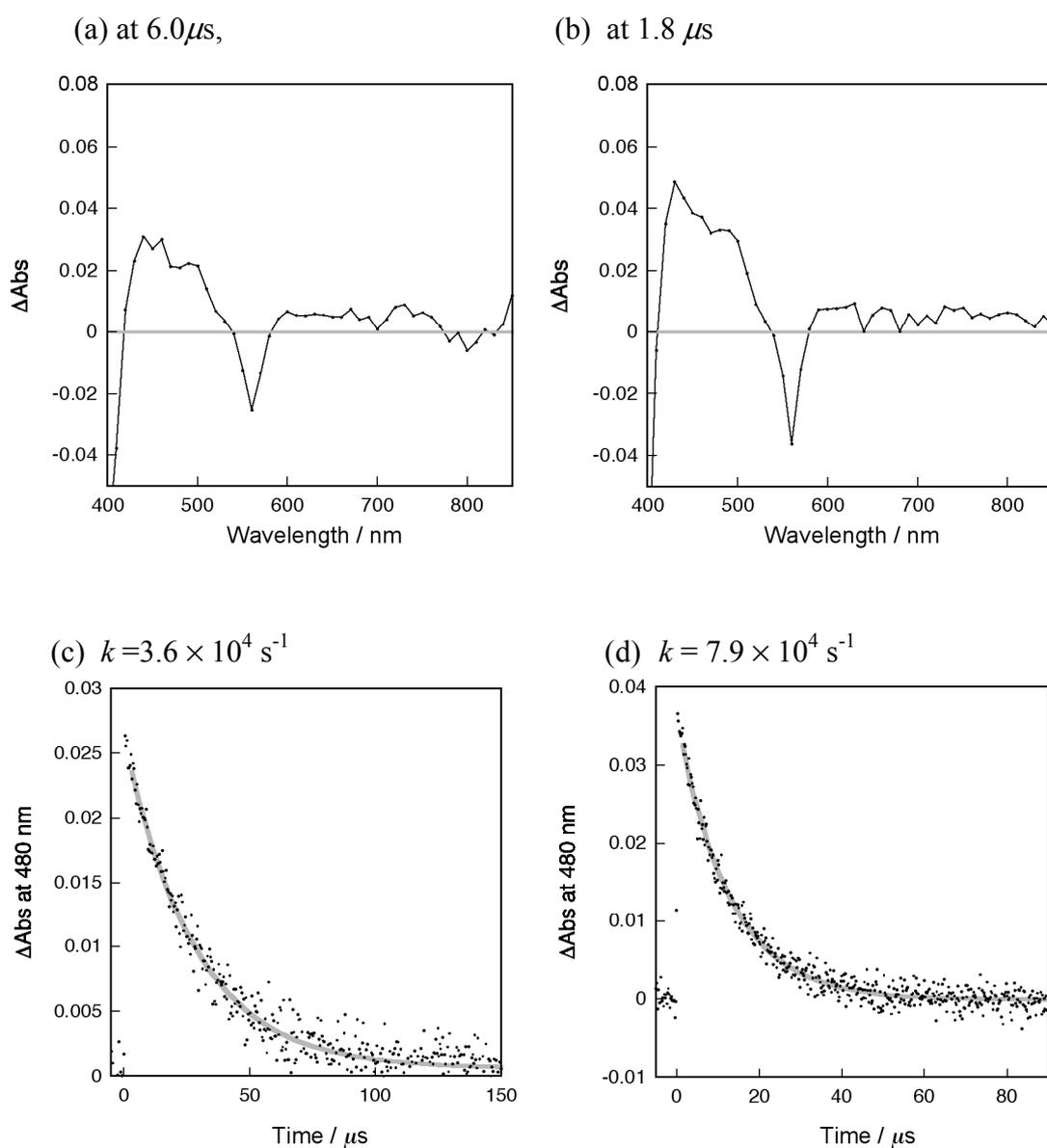
**Fig S3** Changes of absorption spectra during photocleavage reaction of **H<sub>2</sub>P-DK**. (a)  $\lambda_{\text{EX}} = 544 \text{ nm}$ ;  $1.04 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$  in PhCN; 0 (black solid line), 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 (black broken lines), and 60 min (red solid line); (b)  $\lambda_{\text{EX}} = 544 \text{ nm}$ ;  $9.77 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$  in toluene; 0 (black solid line), 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 (black broken lines), and 60 min (red solid line).



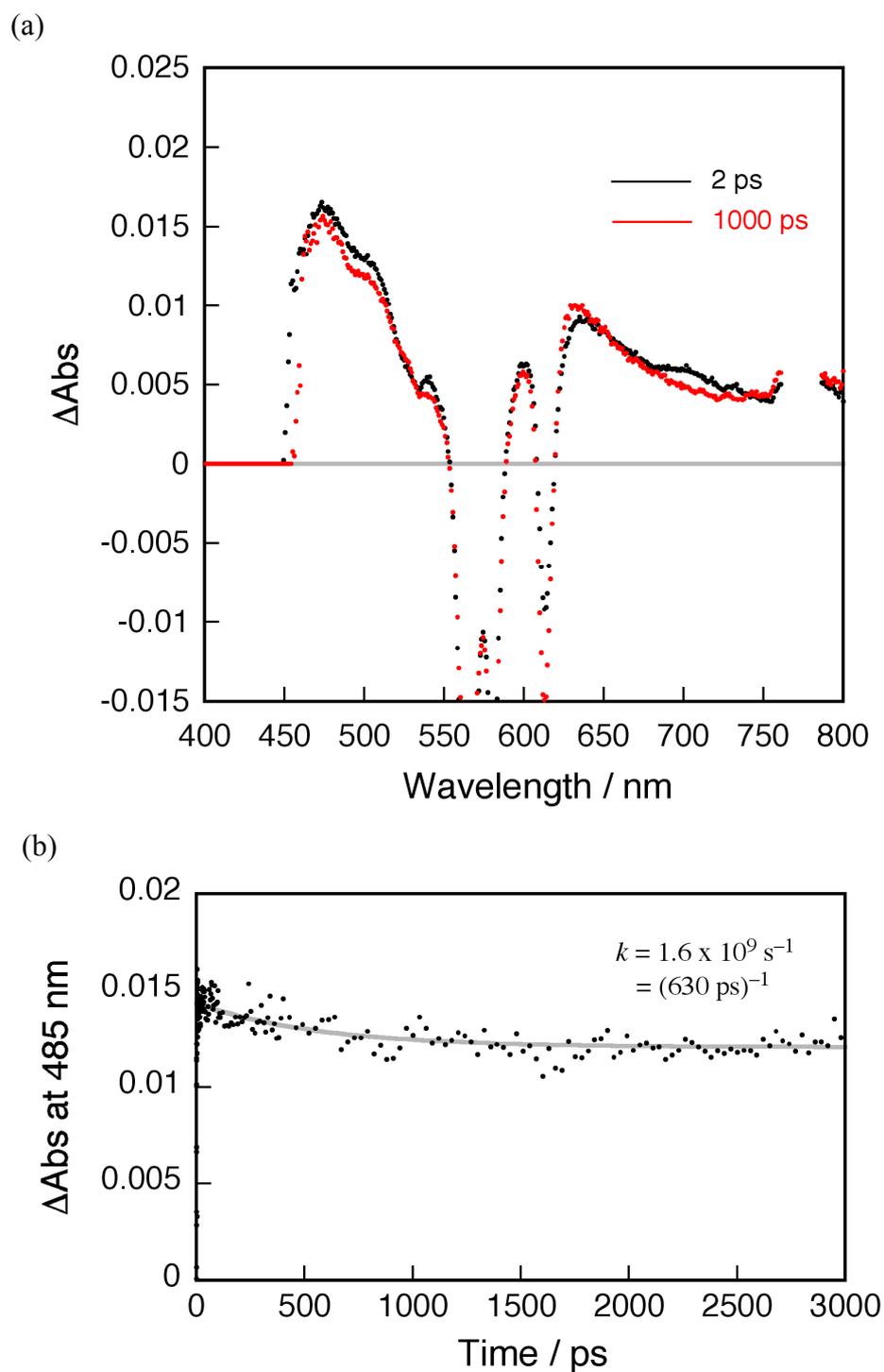
**Fig S4** Changes of absorption spectra during photocleavage reaction of **PdP-DK**. (a)  $\lambda_{\text{EX}} = 406 \text{ nm}$ ;  $1.04 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$  in PhCN; 0 (black solid line), 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 80, 100, 120 (black broken lines), and 140 min (red solid line); (b)  $\lambda_{\text{EX}} = 561 \text{ nm}$ ;  $9.77 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$  in PhCN 0 (black solid line), 20, 40, 60, 80, 100, 120, (black broken lines), and 140 min (red solid line).



**Fig S5** Nanosecond transient absorption spectra of **PdP-DK** in (a) PhCN at 0.09  $\mu\text{s}$ ; (b) toluene at 0.1  $\mu\text{s}$ ; and its decay curves in (c) PhCN; (d) toluene; excited by 426 nm laser flash.

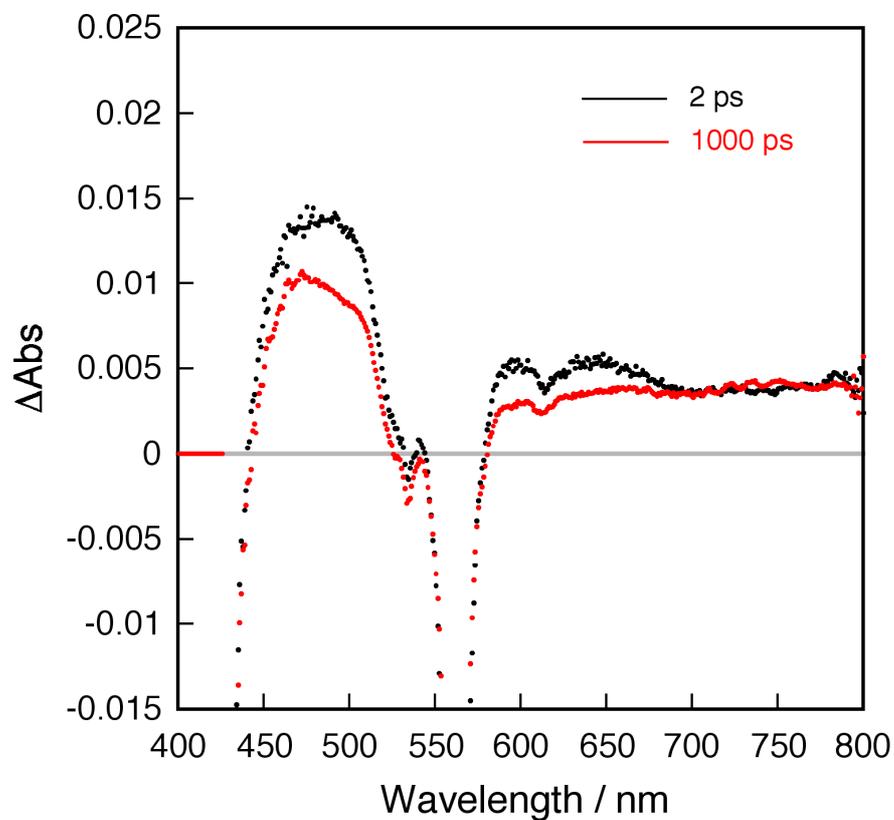


**Fig S6** Nanosecond transient absorption spectra of **PdP-DOHa** in (a) PhCN at  $6.0 \mu\text{s}$ ; (b) toluene at  $1.8 \mu\text{s}$ ; and its decay curves in (c) PhCN; (d) toluene; excited by 426 nm laser.

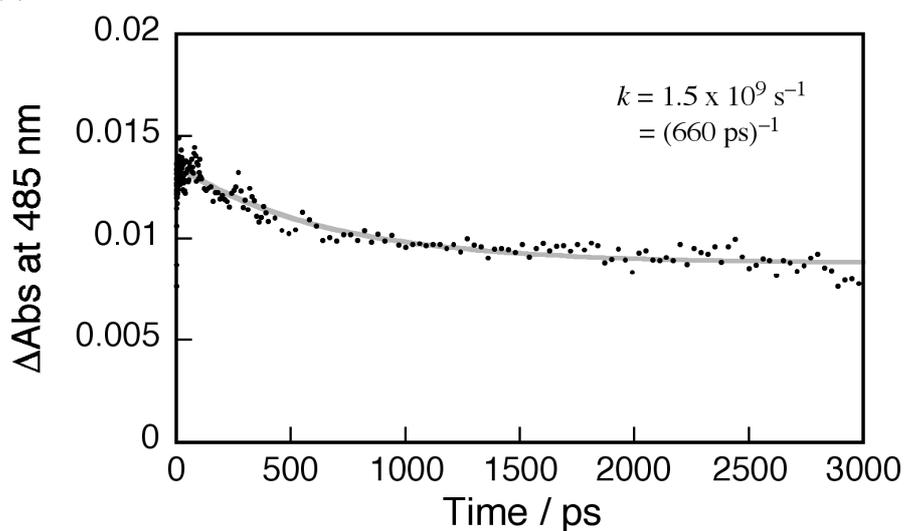


**Fig S7** (a) Transient absorption spectra and (b) time profile of **PdP-DK** in toluene taken after femtosecond laser excitation at 410 nm.

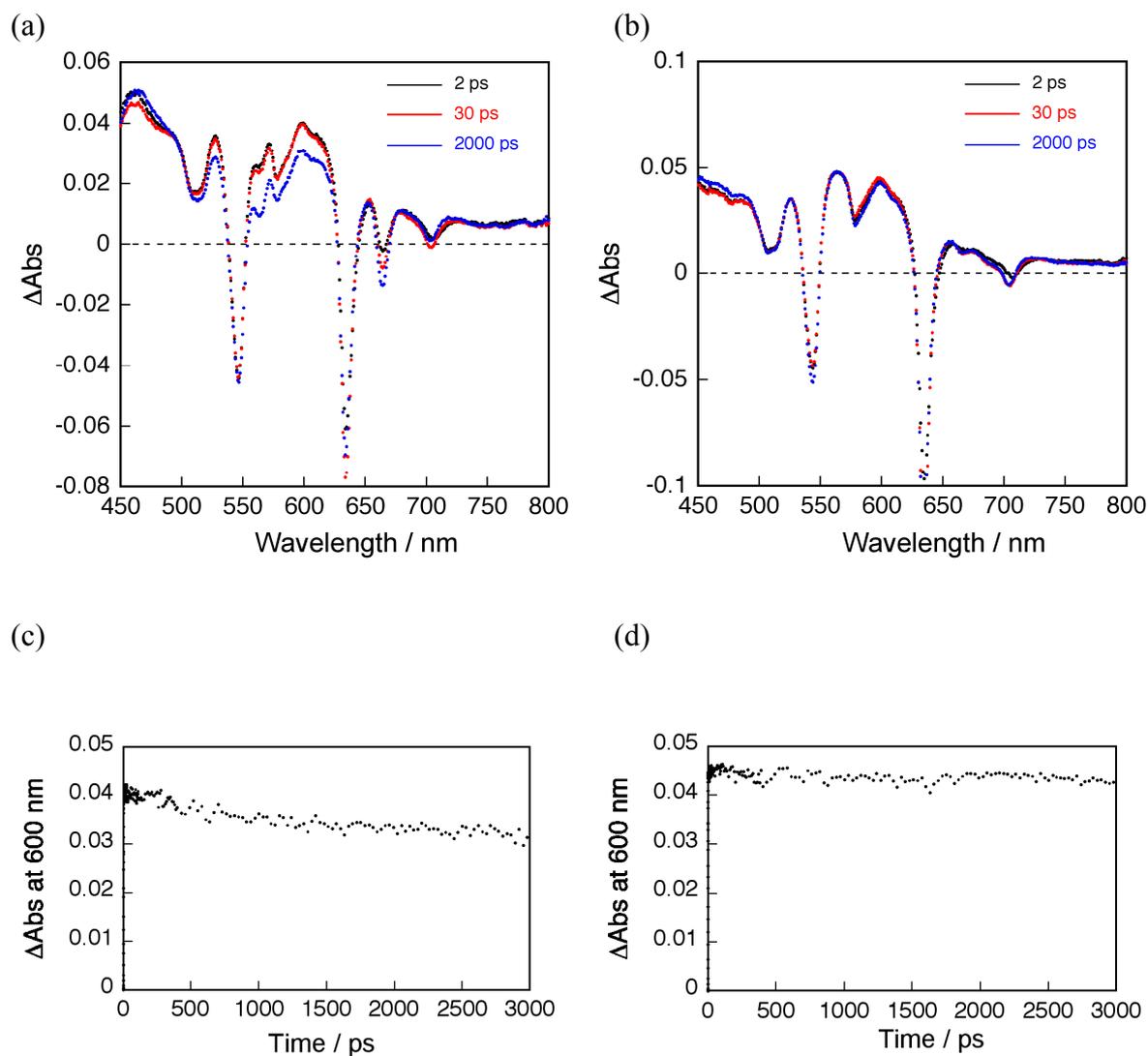
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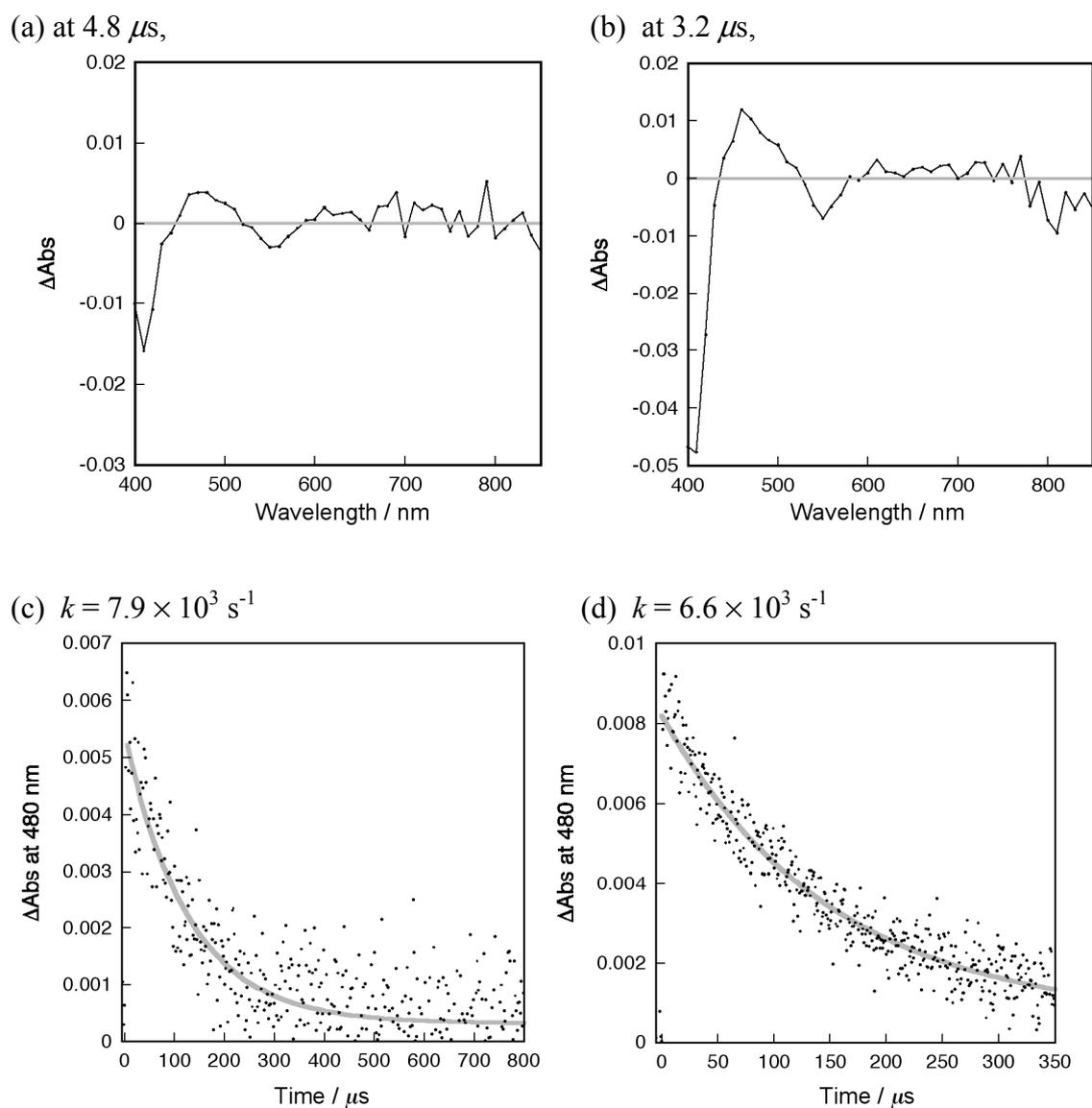
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**Fig S8** (a) Transient absorption spectra and (b) time profile of **PdP-DOHa** in toluene taken after femtosecond laser excitation at 410 nm.

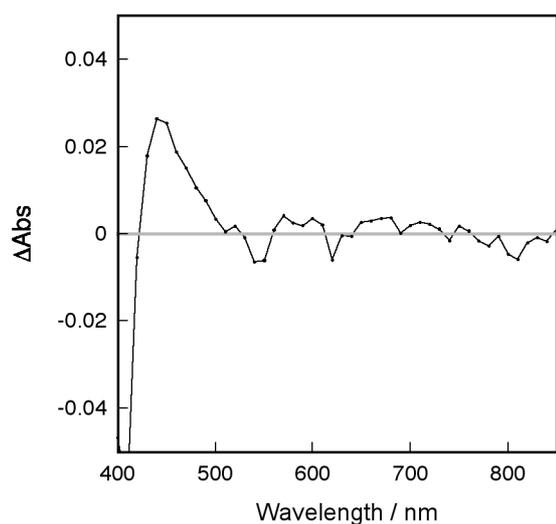


**Fig S9** Transient absorption spectra of (a)  $\text{H}_2\text{P-DK}$  and (b)  $\text{H}_2\text{P-DOHa}$  and time profiles of (c)  $\text{H}_2\text{P-DK}$  and (d)  $\text{H}_2\text{P-DOHa}$  in toluene.  $\lambda_{\text{EX}} = 410\text{nm}$ .

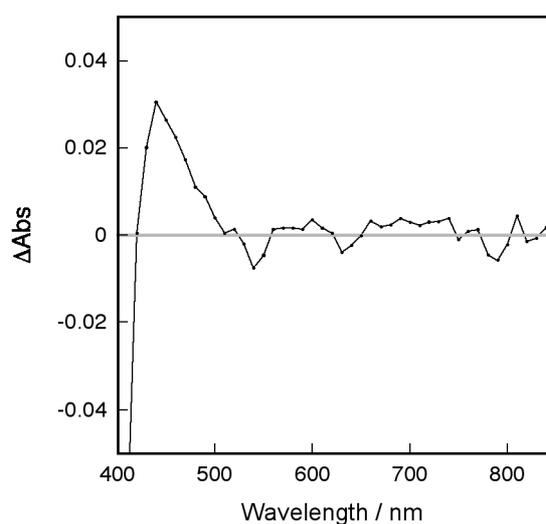


**Fig S10** Nanosecond transient absorption spectra of **H<sub>2</sub>P-DK** in (a) PhCN at 4.8  $\mu\text{s}$ ; (b) toluene at 3.2  $\mu\text{s}$ ; and its decay curves in (c) PhCN; (d) toluene; excited by 426 nm laser flash.

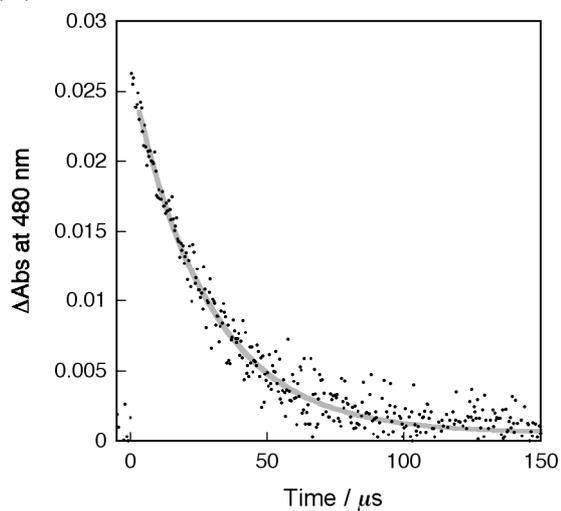
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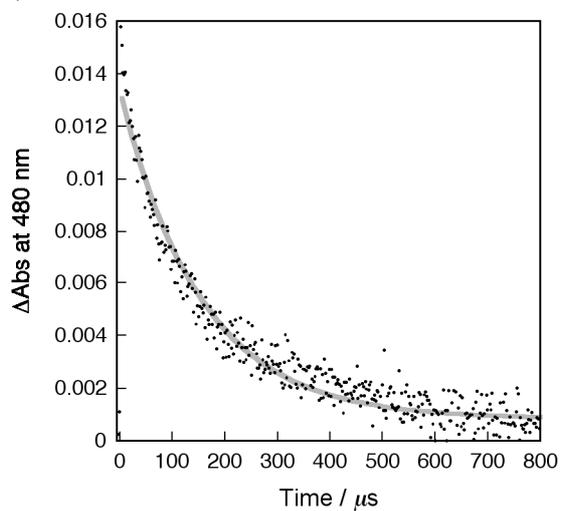
(b) at 18  $\mu\text{s}$ ,



(c)  $k = 6.1 \times 10^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$

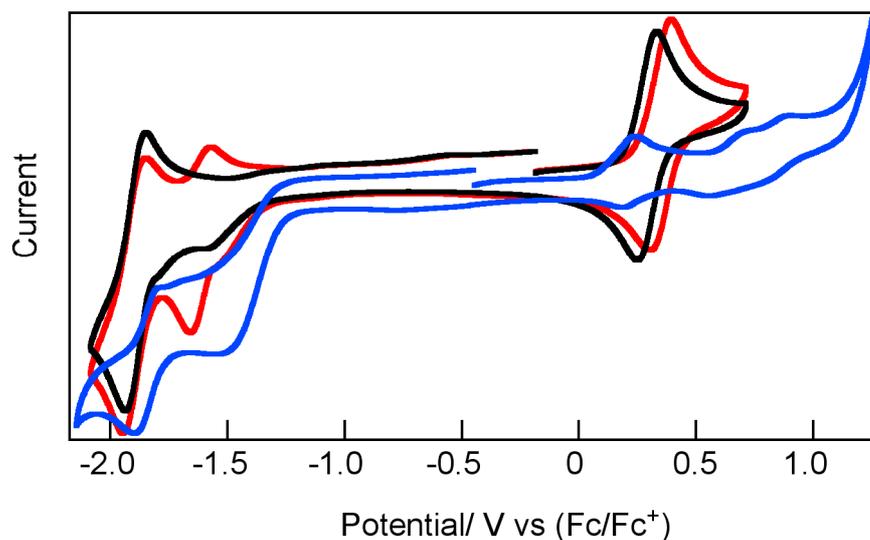


(d)  $k = 6.6 \times 10^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$

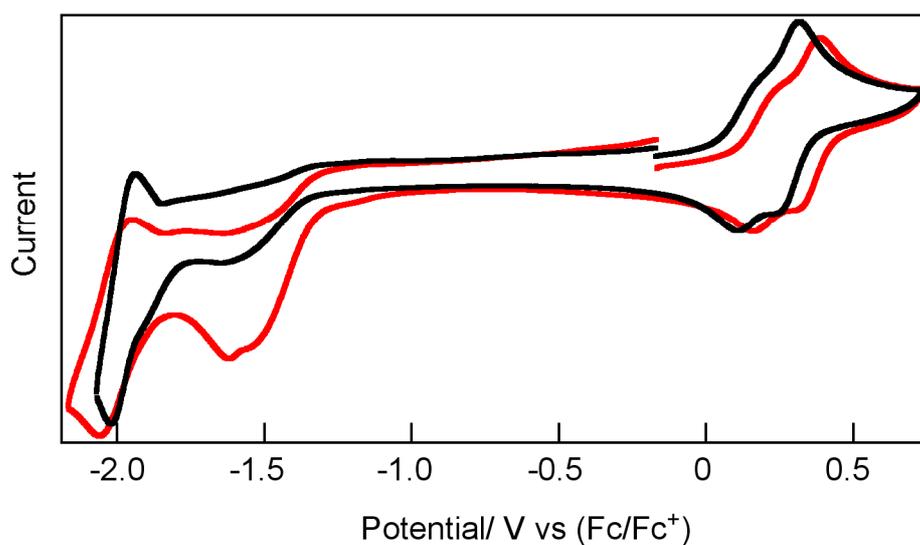


**Fig S11** Nanosecond transient absorption spectra of H<sub>2</sub>P-DOHa in (a) PhCN at 48  $\mu\text{s}$ ; (b) toluene at 18  $\mu\text{s}$ ; and its decay curves in (c) PhCN; (d) toluene; excited by 426 nm laser flash.

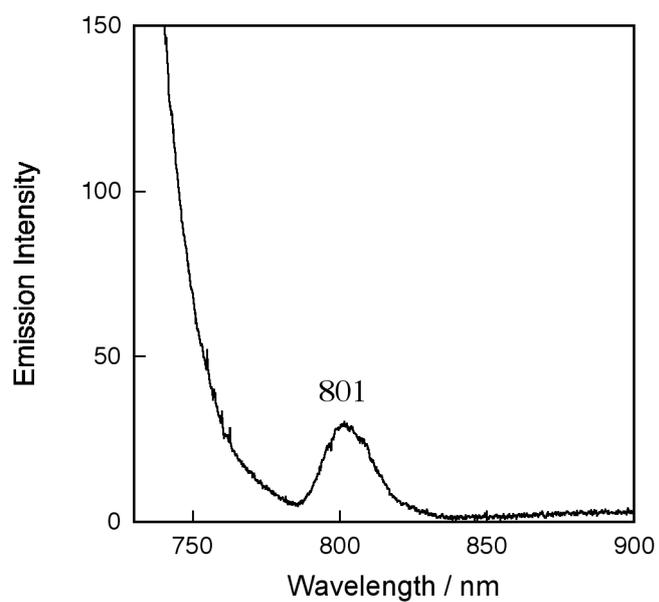
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**Fig S12** Cyclic voltammograms of (a) **H<sub>2</sub>P-DK** (red), **H<sub>2</sub>P-DOHa** (black), and **H<sub>2</sub>P-mA** (blue), and (b) **PdP-DK** (red) and **PdP-DOHa** (black) in deaerated PhCN containing *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> as a supporting electrolyte at 298 K (100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>). WE: glassy carbon; CE: Pt; RE: Ag/AgNO<sub>3</sub>, V vs Fc/Fc<sup>+</sup>.



**Fig S13** Phosphorescence spectrum of **H<sub>2</sub>P-DOHa** in 2-methyltetrahydrofuran glass at 77 K. Excitation wavelength: 574 nm.

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