# **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Photooxidation of alcohols by a porphyrin/quinone/TEMPO system

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(a) Compound **1a**.

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(b) Compound 1b.



### Figure S1. (Continued)

(c) Compound 2a.



**Figure S2**. The initial rates of formation of PhCHO plotted versus the concentration of added 4-nitrobenzaldehyde. The reaction conditions are the same as the "standard" conditions except for the added 4-nitrobenzaldehyde. The point with a circle indicates the "standard" conditions.



| Compound   | Calculated (eV) <sup>1</sup> | Experimental (eV) |
|------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| $H_2TPP^2$ | 1.41                         | 1.45 <sup>3</sup> |
| 2a         | 1.41                         |                   |
| 2b         | 1.40                         |                   |
| 2d         | 1.41                         |                   |
| <b>2e</b>  | 1.40                         |                   |
| 2f         | 1.46                         |                   |

Table S1. The  $S_0 \rightarrow T_1$  excitation energies for free base porphyrins calculated by the TD-DFT methods.

<sup>1</sup> Vertical excitation energies calculated by TD-DFT/B3LYP/6-31G\* with C-PCM model (epsilon = 13.26, no dispersion, no cavitation).

<sup>2</sup> 5,10,15,20-Tetraphenylporphine.

<sup>3</sup> Taken from ref. 23 in the main text.