

## Supporting Information

# **An all-organic symmetric battery base on a triquinoxalinylene derivative with different redox voltage active sites and large conjugation system**

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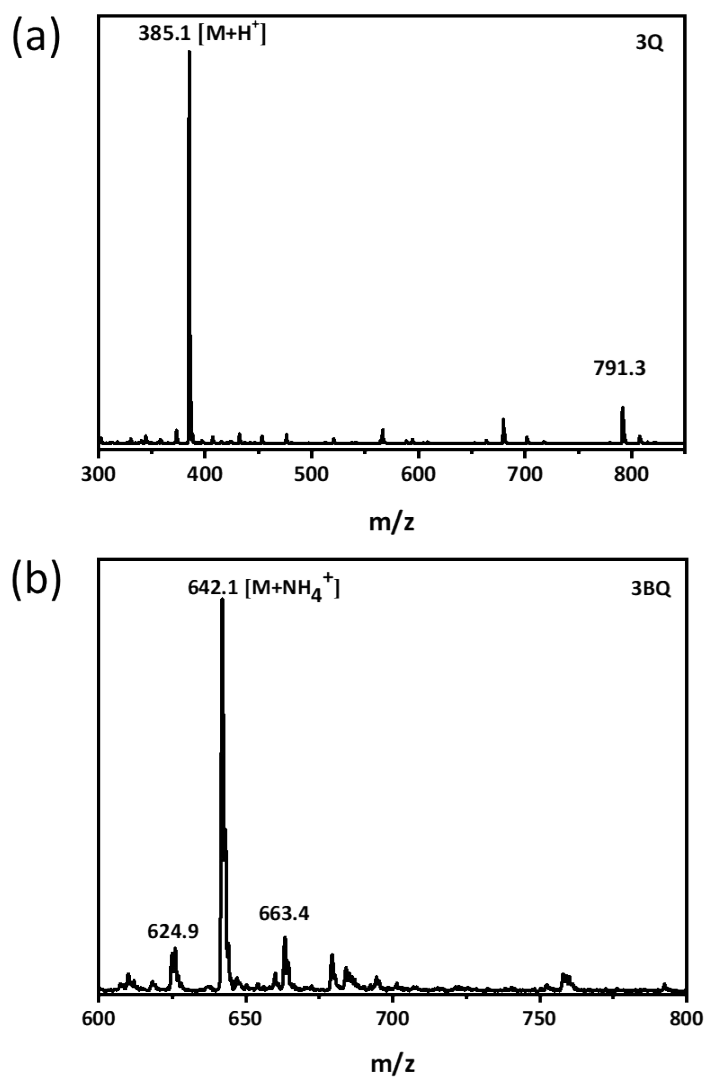


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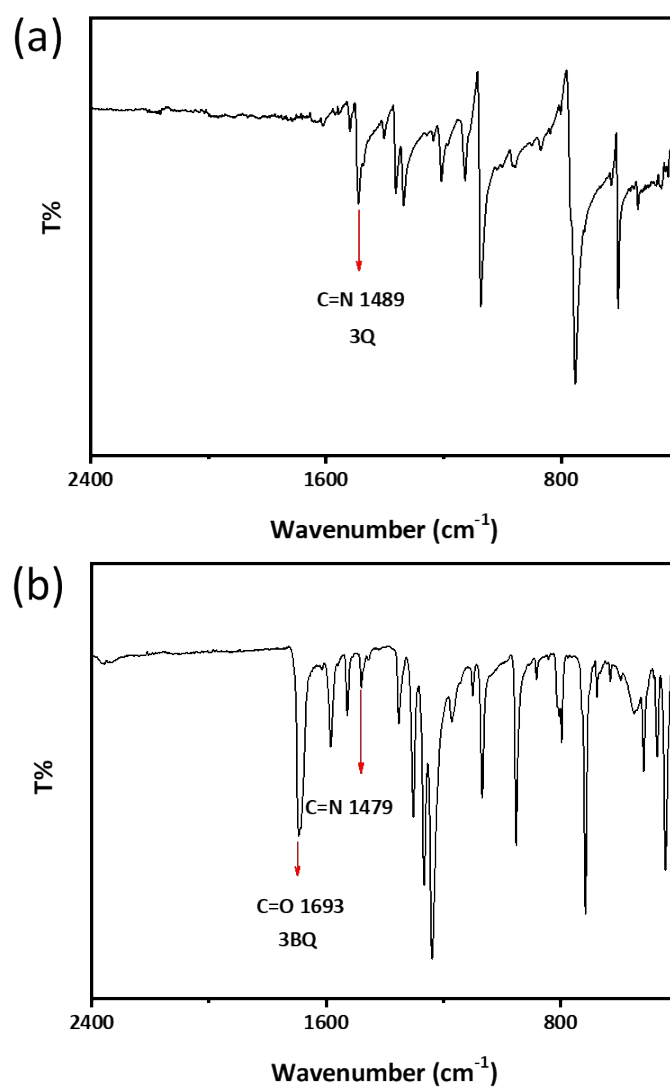


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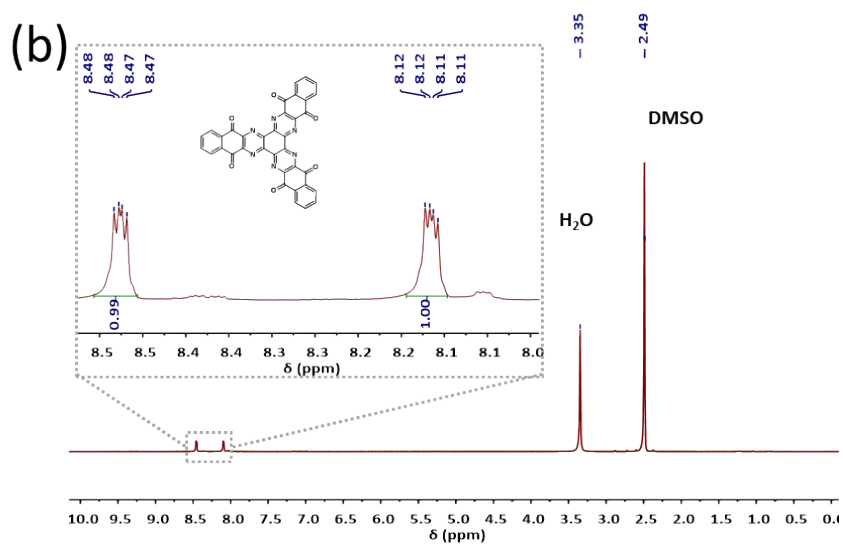
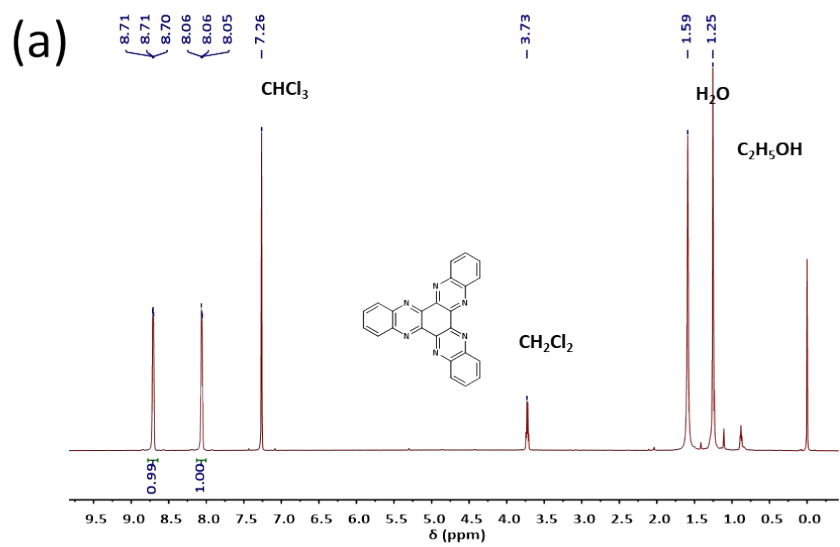
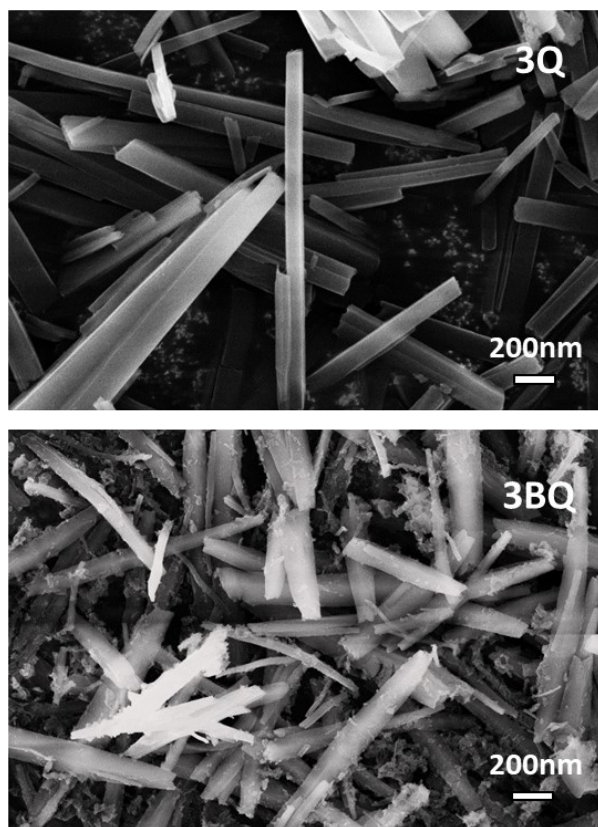


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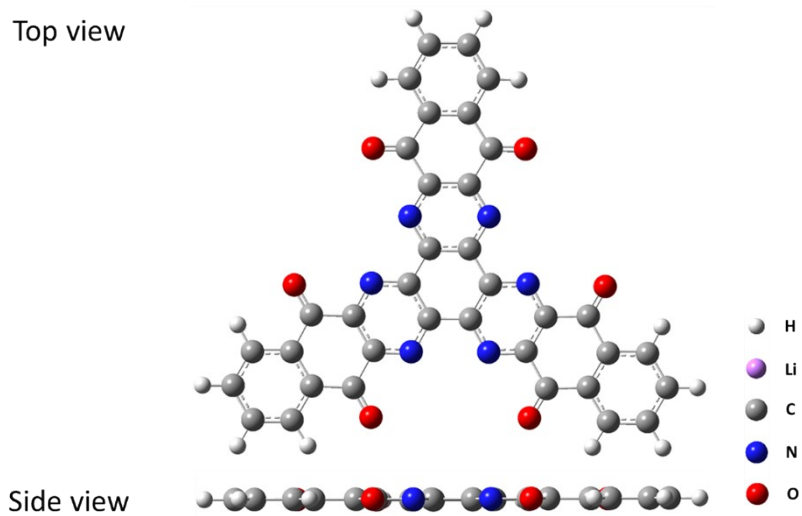


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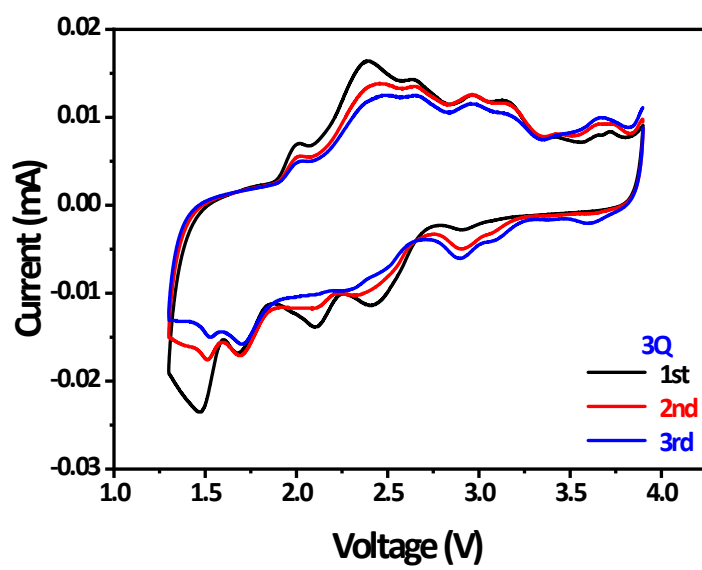


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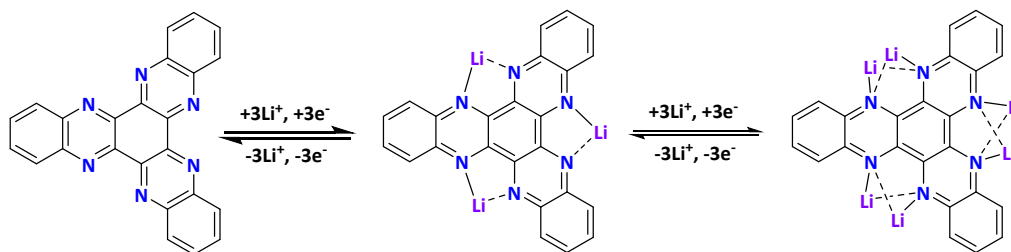


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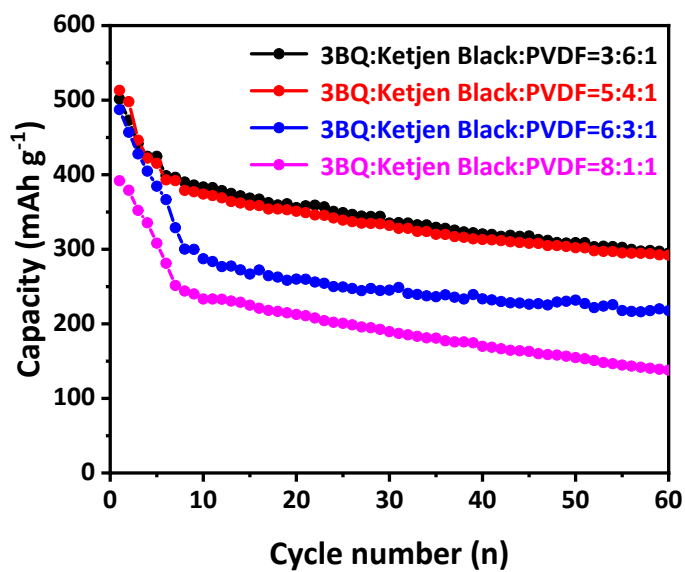
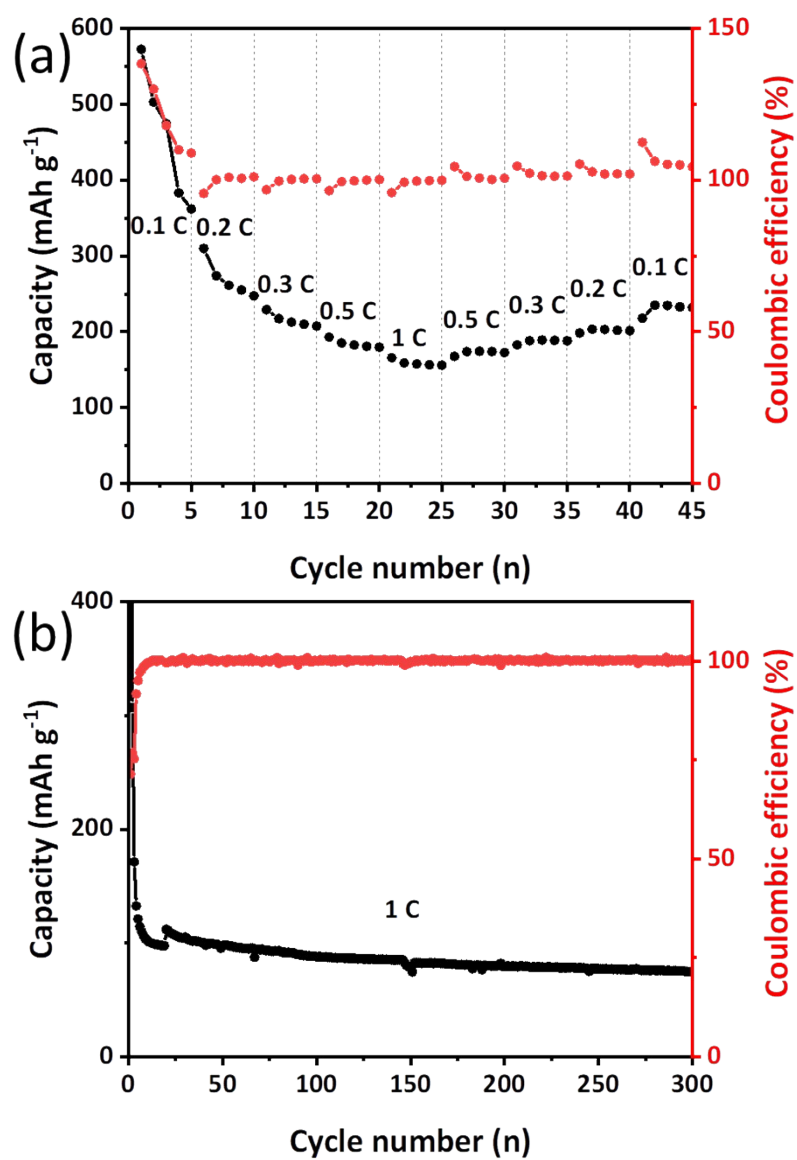


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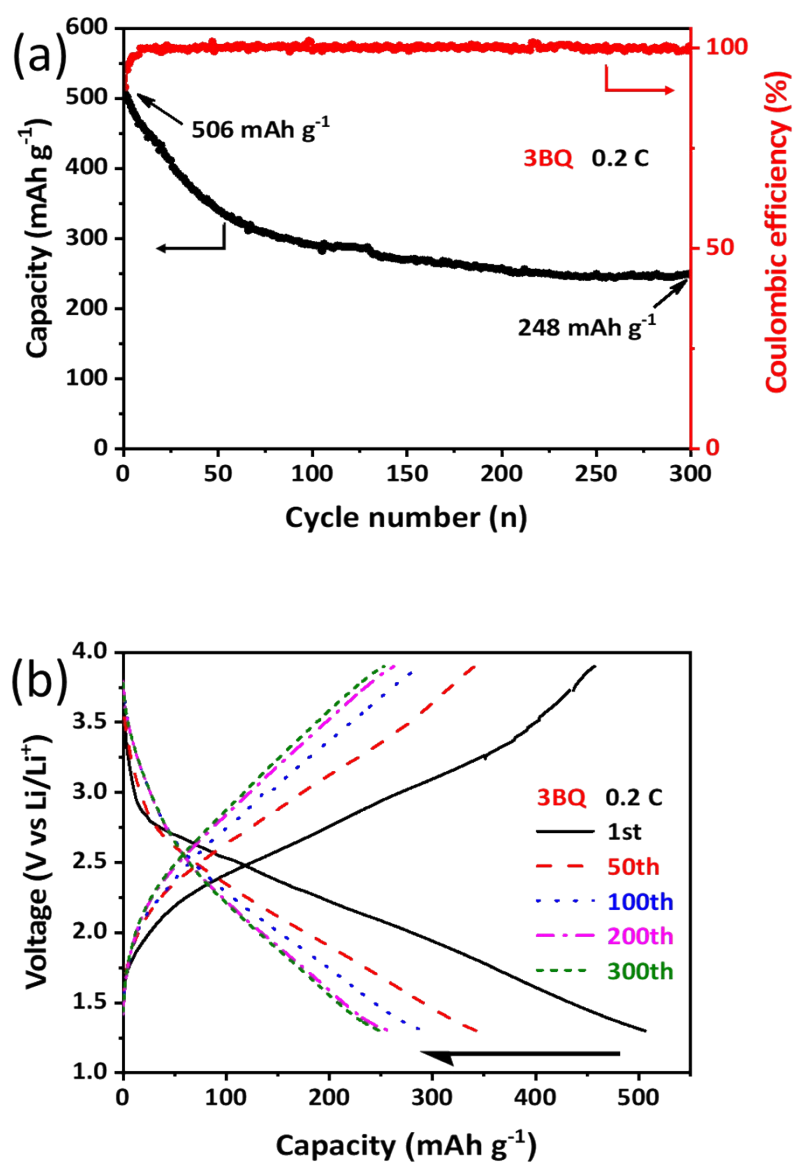


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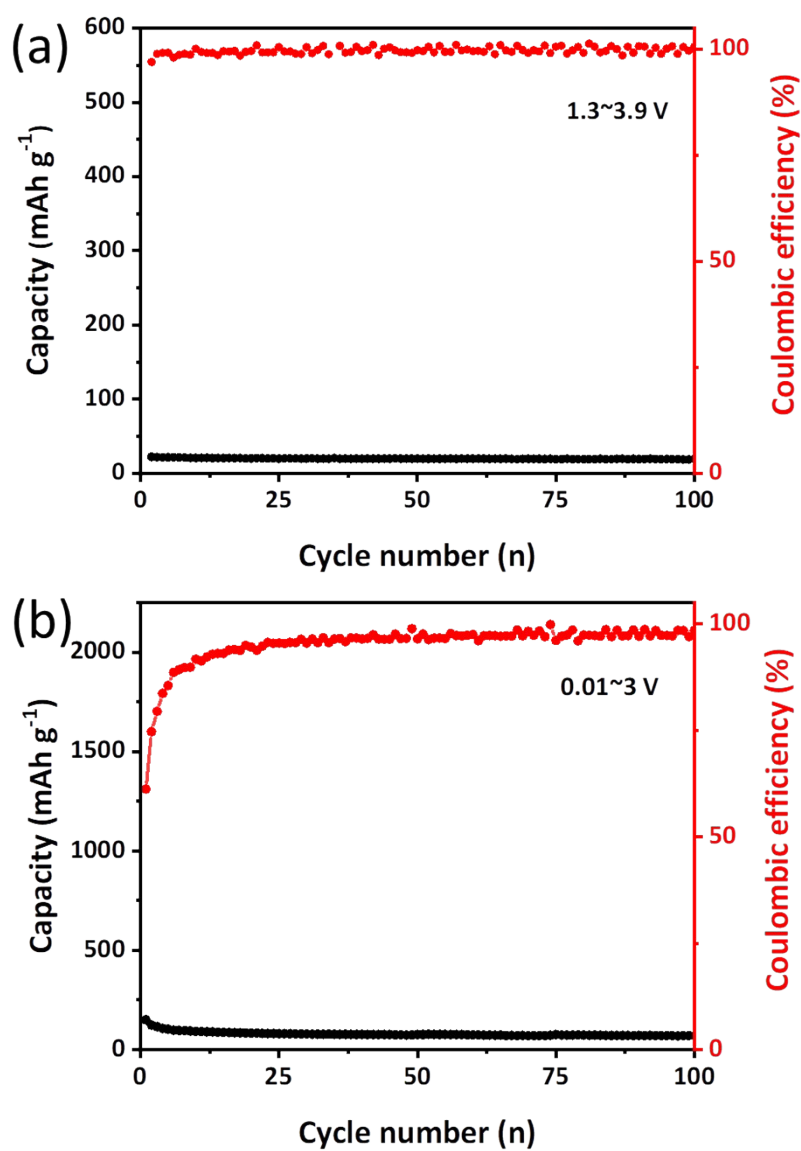


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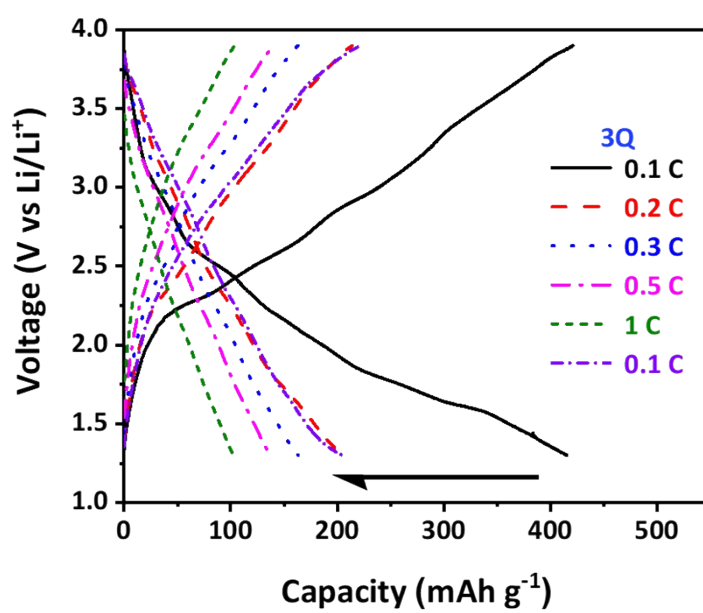


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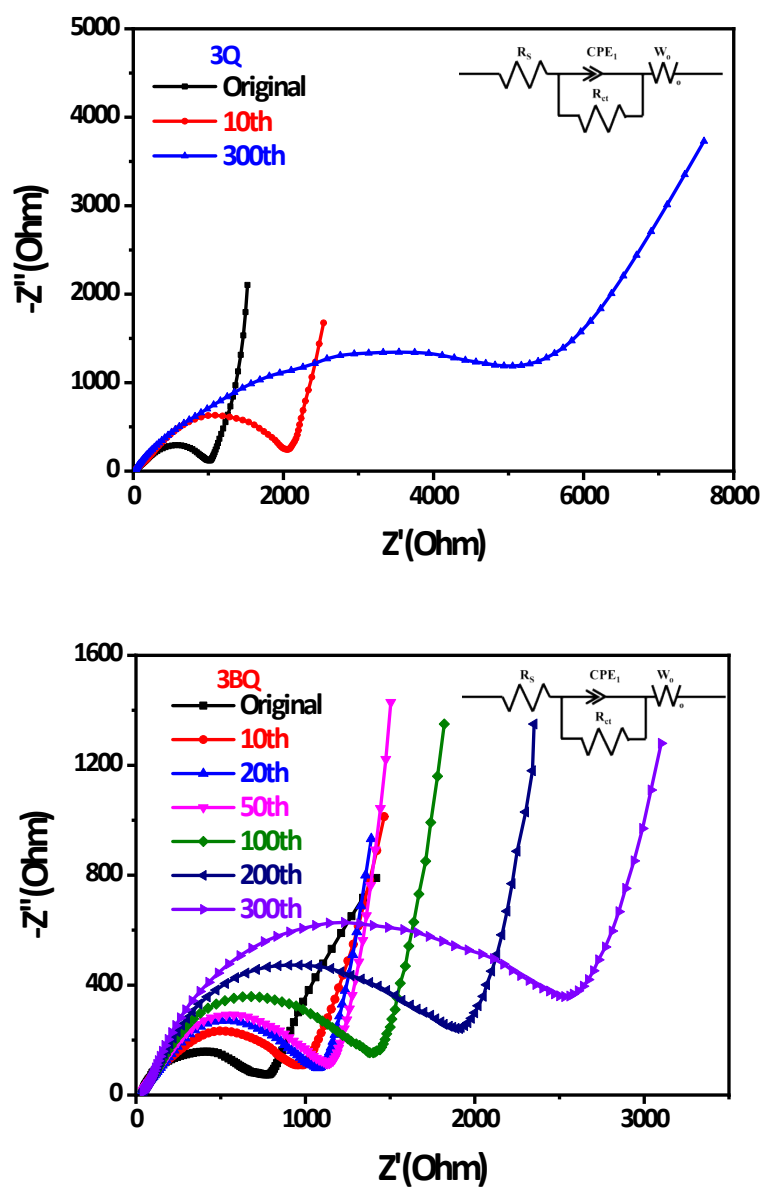
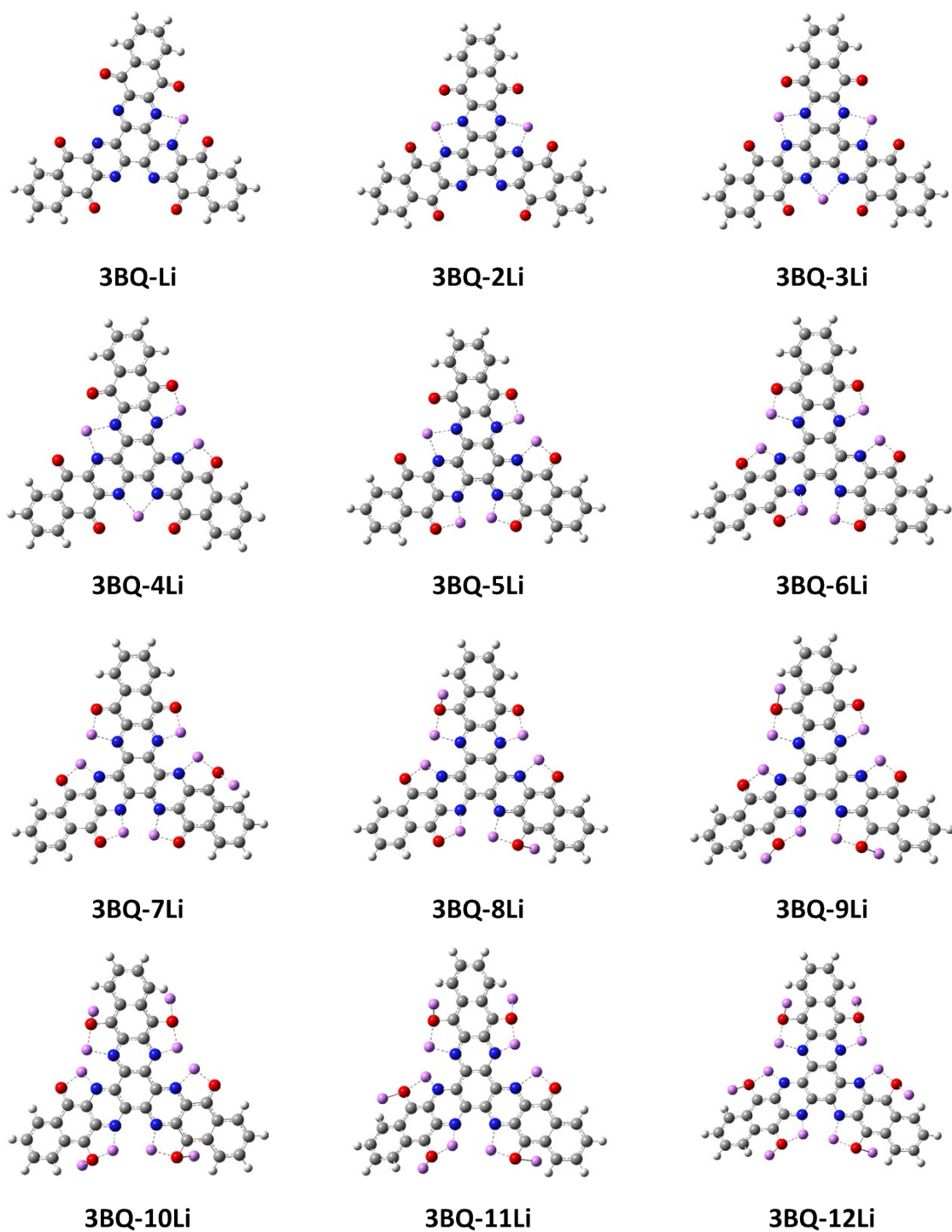


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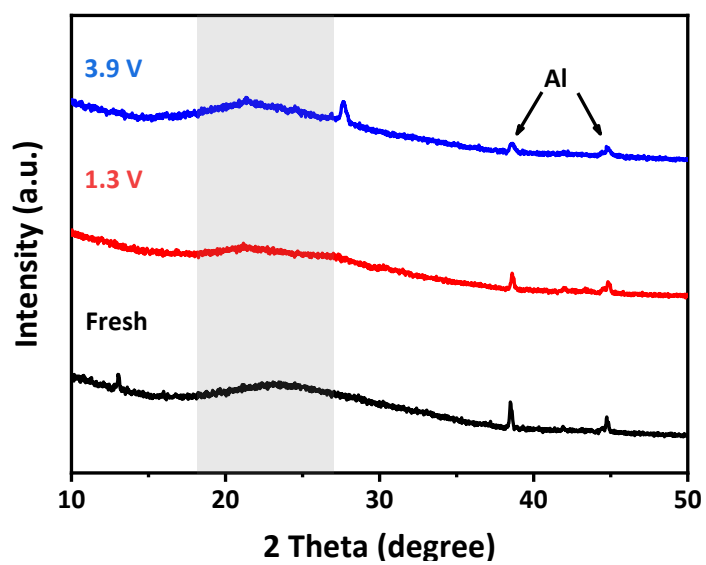


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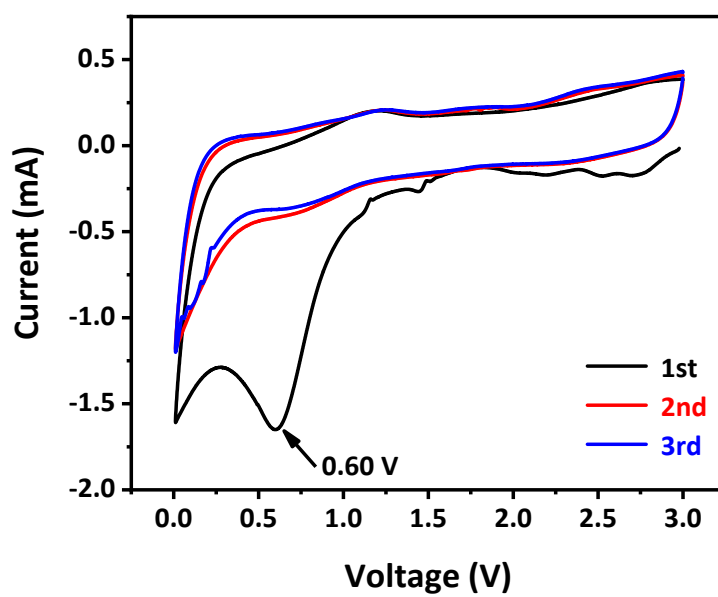


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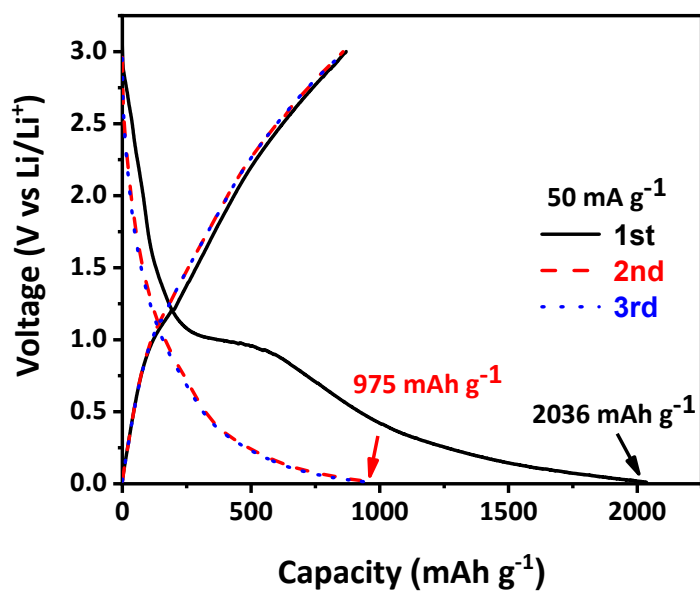


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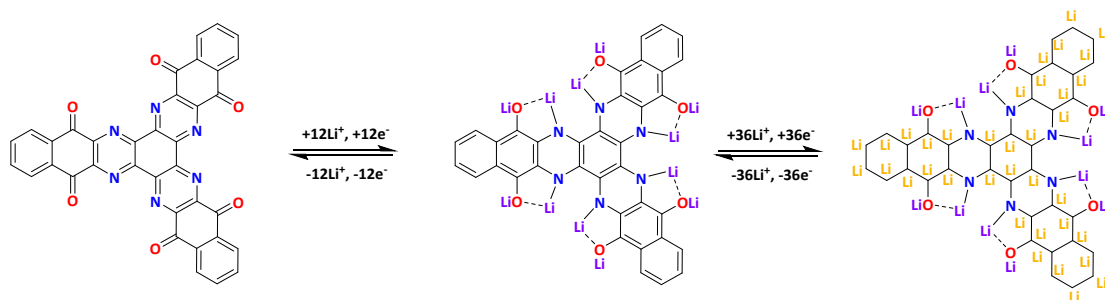


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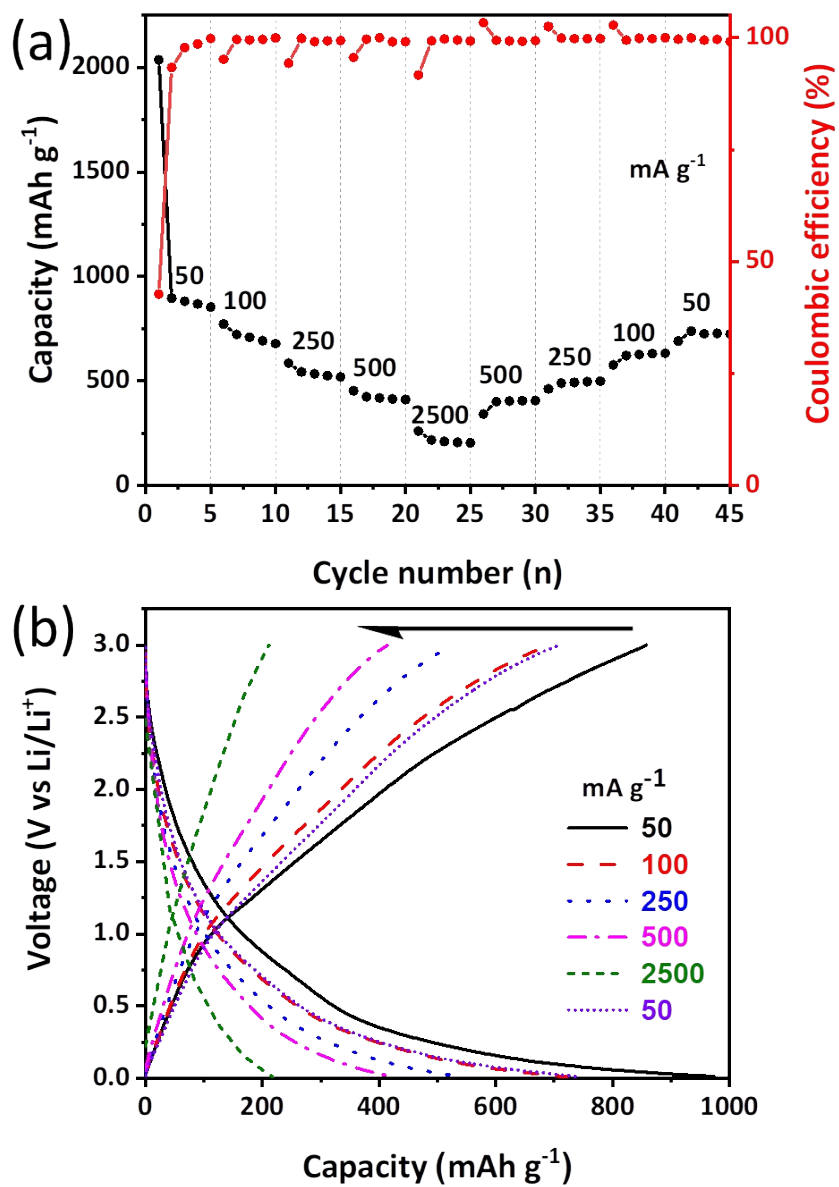


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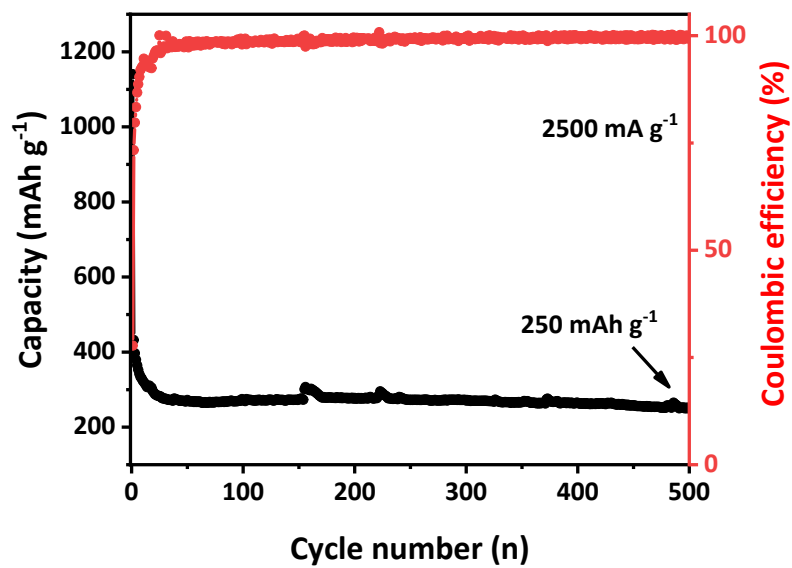


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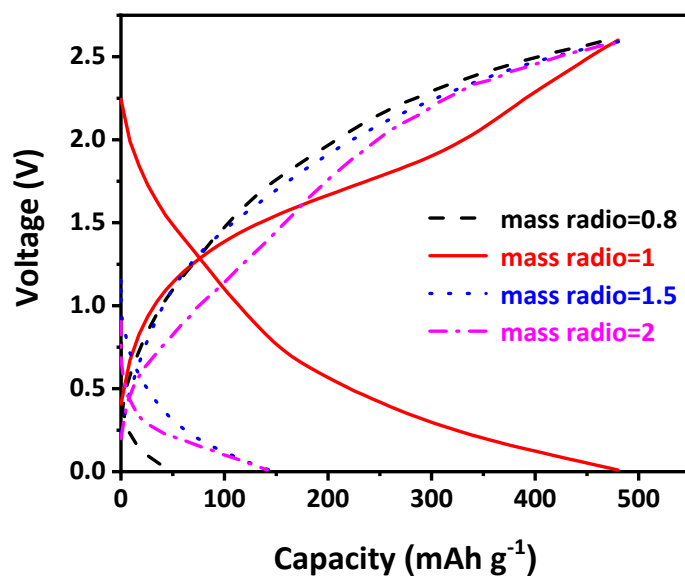
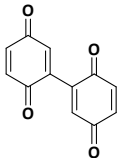
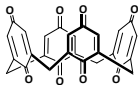
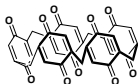
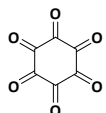
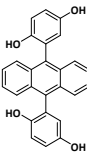
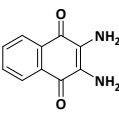
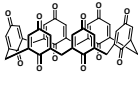
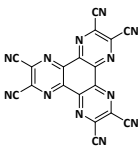
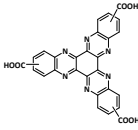
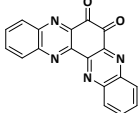
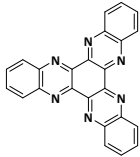
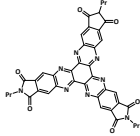
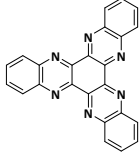
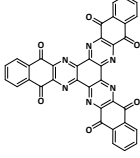
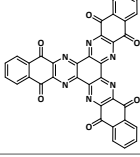


Fig. S21. Charge-discharge curves at different mass ratios of anode and cathode at 0.2 C.

**Table S1.** Comparison of electrochemical performance of other organic cathodes.

Molecular structure	Cathode composition	Mass ratio	Electrolytes	Initial capacity	Capacity (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
				(mAh g <sup>-1</sup> )	<sup>1</sup> /Cycle number/ /Current density	
	BBQ:graphene:PVDF	60:30:10	1 M LiTFSI in DOL/DME	293/0.1	149/100/0.1	2
	C4Q:SuperP:PVDF	60:25:15	1 M LiPF <sub>6</sub> in EC/DMC	427/0.1	28/50/0.1	3
	P5Q:Carbon Black:PVDF	30:60:10	4.2 M LiTFSI in AN	405/0.2	310/900/0.2	4
	C <sub>6</sub> Q <sub>6</sub> :KB:PVDF	50:40:10	0.3 M LiTFSI in [PY13] [TFSI]	902/0.02	239/200/0.5	5
	ABBOH:CMK-3/SP/La133	4:4:1:1	3 M LiTFSI in DOL/DME	--	194/250/0.2	6
	DANQ:SP:PVDF	60:30:10	1 M LiTFSI in DME/DIOX	250/0.2	248/500/0.2	7
	C6Q:KB:PVDF	60:30:10	1 M LiPF <sub>6</sub> in EC/DMC	423/0.1	216/100/0.1 195/300/0.1	8
	6CN:KB:PTFE	48.1:47.9:3.5	PEO membranes	300/0.2	250/30/0.2	9
	HATNTA:GO:PVDF	50:40:10	1 M LiPF <sub>6</sub> in EC/DEC.	226/0.16	193/90/0.2	10
	2Q:RGO:PVDF	30:60:10	1 M LiTFSI in DOL/DME	372/1	359/200/1	1

	3Q:RGO:PVDF	30:60:10	1 M LiTFSI in DOL/DME	395/1	222/10000/20	1
	HATNTI-Pr:KB:PVDF	60:30:10	1 M LiTFSI in DOL/TEGDME	317/0.1	254/0.1/100	11
	HATN:GO:PVDF	50:40:10	1 M LiPF <sub>6</sub> in EC/DEC.	410/0.1	226/90/0.1	10
	3BQ:KB:PVDF	50:40:10	1 M LiPF <sub>6</sub> in EC/DMC	506/0.2	248/300/0.2	This work
	HATAQ:KB:PVDF	30:60:10	1 M LiTFSI in DOL/DME(1/2 V/V) with 0.3 wt% LiNO <sub>3</sub>	426/0.4	209/1000/19	12

**Table S2.** The total energies and the binding energies ( $\Delta E$ ) in Hartree (eV) calculated at the B3LYP/6-311G (d, p)

level in EC/DMC solvent.

Spin state	Energy (eV $\times 10^4$ )	Reaction processes	$\Delta E = E_{xLi} - (E_{(x-1)Li} + E_{Li(0)})$
3BQ	-2159.2299 (-5.8756)		
3BQ-1Li	-2166.8894 (-5.8965)	3BQ $\rightarrow$ 3BQ-1Li	-0.1497 (-4.0217)
3BQ-2Li	-2174.5395 (-5.9173)	3BQ-1Li $\rightarrow$ 3BQ-2Li	-0.1403 (-3.8173)
3BQ-3Li	-2182.2044 (-5.9382)	3BQ-2Li $\rightarrow$ 3BQ-3Li	-0.1551 (-4.2206)
3BQ-4Li	-2189.8247 (-5.9589)	3BQ-3Li $\rightarrow$ 3BQ-4Li	-0.1103 (-3.0011)
3BQ-5Li	-2197.4541 (-5.9797)	3BQ-4Li $\rightarrow$ 3BQ-5Li	-0.1105 (-3.0076)
3BQ-6Li	-2205.0745 (-6.0004)	3BQ-5Li $\rightarrow$ 3BQ-6Li	-0.0908 (-2.4709)
3BQ-7Li	-2212.6751 (-6.0211)	3BQ-6Li $\rightarrow$ 3BQ-7Li	-0.0829 (-2.2545)
3BQ-8Li	-2220.2678 (-6.0417)	3BQ-7Li $\rightarrow$ 3BQ-8Li	-0.0829 (-2.2559)
3BQ-9Li	-2227.1716 (-6.0606)	3BQ-8Li $\rightarrow$ 3BQ-9Li	-0.0606 (-1.6490)
3BQ-10Li	-2235.4240 (-6.0830)	3BQ-9Li $\rightarrow$ 3BQ-10Li	-0.0743 (-2.0219)
3BQ-11Li	-2242.9947 (-6.1036)	3BQ-10Li $\rightarrow$ 3BQ-11Li	-0.0609 (-1.6572)
3BQ-12Li	-2250.5603 (-6.1242)	3BQ-11Li $\rightarrow$ 3BQ-12Li	-0.0558 (-1.5184)

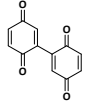
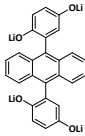
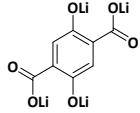
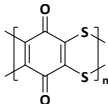
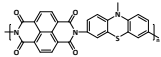
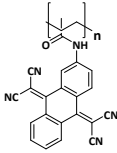
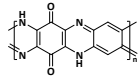
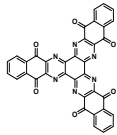
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3BQ-4Li	-2189.8926 (-5.9591)	3BQ-3Li→3BQ-4Li	2.6121
3BQ-5Li	-2197.5188 (-5.9799)	3BQ-4Li→3BQ-5Li	2.8035
3BQ-6Li	-2205.1397 (-6.0006)	3BQ-5Li→3BQ-6Li	2.6576
3BQ-7Li	-2212.7440 (-6.0213)	3BQ-6Li→3BQ-7Li	2.2038
3BQ-8Li	-2220.3379 (-6.0420)	3BQ-7Li→3BQ-8Li	1.9232
3BQ-9Li	-2227.9281 (-6.0626)	3BQ-8Li→3BQ-9Li	1.8236
3BQ-10Li	-2235.4936 (-6.0832)	3BQ-9Li→3BQ-10Li	1.1502
3BQ-11Li	-2243.0638 (-6.1038)	3BQ-10Li→3BQ-11Li	1.2780
3BQ-12Li	-2250.6307 (-6.1244)	3BQ-11Li→3BQ-12Li	1.1882

$E_{Li(0)} = -7.5232$  Hartree

**Table S4.** Comparison of electrochemical performance of other all-organic batteries.

Molecular structure	Cathode composition	Mass ratio	Electrolytes	Initial capacity (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> )	Capacity (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>1</sup> /Cycle number/ /Current density	Ref.
	BBQ:CMK-3:GO:La133	40:50:10:10	1 M LiTFSI in DOL/DME	316/1	~80/1000/2	13
	ABB <sub>4</sub> OLi:CMK-3:SP:La133	40:40:10:10	3 M LiTFSI in DOL/DME	282/0.2	63/200/0.2	6
	Li <sub>4</sub> C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> :CB:PVDF	65:30:5	1 M LiPF <sub>6</sub> in EC/DMC	223/0.1	212/50/0.1	14
	PDB:CNTs:PVDF	30:50:20	1 M LiTFSI in DOL/DME	249/0.06	119/250/3	15
	PI1:KB:PVDF	40:40:20	1 M LiPF <sub>6</sub> in EC/DMC	77/0.2	72/1000/0.2	16
	TCAQ:SP:PVDF	40:55:5	1 m LiClO <sub>4</sub> in EC/DMC (3/7 v/v)	105/1	71/250/1	17
	Poly-BQ1:SP:PVDF	50:40:10	1 M LiTFSI in DOL/DME	351.5/0.1	203.4/400/2	18
	3BQ:KB:PVDF	50:40:10	1 M LiPF <sub>6</sub> in EC/DMC	483/0.2	172/300/0.2	This work



**Equation S1.** Lithium ion diffusion coefficient for **3Q** and **3BQ**.

$$D = \frac{R^2 T^2}{2A^2 n^4 F^4 C^2 \sigma^2}$$

where A is the surface area of the electrode, n is the number of the electrons per molecule attending the electronic transfer reaction, F is the Faraday constant, C is the concentration of lithium ion in electrode, R is the gas constant, T is the room temperature in our experiment,  $\sigma$  is the slope of the line  $Z' \sim \omega^{-1/2}$  which can be obtained from the line of  $Z' \sim \omega^{-1/2}$ , respectively.

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