## **Supporting Information**

## Fabrication of carbon-based materials derived from a cobalt-

## based organic framework for enhancing photocatalytic

## degradation of dyes

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| Complex                               | Co-MOF   |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Empirical formula                     | $C_{49}H_{59}Co_3N_8O_{20}$                          |  |  |  |
| Formula weight                        | 1256.83  |  |  |  |
| Temperature/K                         | 293.15   |  |  |  |
| Crystal system                        | Monoclinic   |  |  |  |
| Space group                           | C2/c   |  |  |  |
| $a/\mathrm{\AA}$                      | 34.033(4)  |  |  |  |
| b/Å                                   | 20.515(2)  |  |  |  |
| $c/{ m \AA}$                          | 7.8110(10)   |  |  |  |
| $\alpha / ^{\circ}$                   | 90   |  |  |  |
| $eta/^{\circ}$                        | 95.204(4)  |  |  |  |
| γ/°                                   | 90   |  |  |  |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                 | 5431.1(11)   |  |  |  |
| Z                                     | 4  |  |  |  |
| $ ho_{ m calc}~{ m g/cm^3}$           | 1.537  |  |  |  |
| µ/mm <sup>-1</sup>                    | 0.99   |  |  |  |
| F(000)                                | 2600   |  |  |  |
| Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>          | $0.18 \times 0.17 \times 0.15$                       |  |  |  |
| Radiation                             | MoKα ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )                         |  |  |  |
| $2\theta$ range for data collection/° | 4.642 to 50.052                                      |  |  |  |
| Index ranges                          | $-40 \le h \le 37, -24 \le k \le 24, -9 \le l \le 9$ |  |  |  |
| Reflections collected                 | 33805  |  |  |  |
| Independent reflections               | 4789 [ $R_{int} = 0.0554, R_{sigma} = 0.0345$ ]      |  |  |  |
| Data/restraints/parameters            | 4789/13/339  |  |  |  |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>     | 1.059  |  |  |  |
| Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma (I)]$ | $R_1 = 0.0777, wR_2 = 0.2317$                        |  |  |  |
| Final R indexes [all data]            | $R_1 = 0.1003, wR_2 = 0.2550$                        |  |  |  |

 Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinement for Co-MOF.

| Co1–O1   | 2.198(4)   | Co2–O3#1      | 2.169(4)   |  |  |  |  |
|--|------------|---------------|------------|--|--|--|--|
| Co1–O2   | 2.124(4)   | Co2–O3#2      | 2.169(4)   |  |  |  |  |
| Co1–O4   | 2.060(5)   | Co2–O6        | 2.074(5)   |  |  |  |  |
| Co1–N1   | 2.112(5)   | Co2–O6#3      | 2.074(5)   |  |  |  |  |
| Co1-N3#1   | 2.107(5)   | Co2–N2        | 2.128(5)   |  |  |  |  |
| Co1–C1   | 2.498(6)   | Co2–N2#3      | 2.128(5)   |  |  |  |  |
| Co1–O5   | 2.080(9)   | Co2–C5#2      | 2.519(7)   |  |  |  |  |
| O1–Co1–C1  | 30.52(16)  | O3#1–Co2–C5#2 | 30.08(10)  |  |  |  |  |
| O2–Co1–O1  | 60.77(14)  | O3#2–Co2–C5#2 | 30.08(10)  |  |  |  |  |
| O2–Co1–C1  | 30.27(17)  | O6#3-Co2-O3#1 | 87.44(17)  |  |  |  |  |
| O4–Co1–O1  | 87.85(18)  | O6–Co2–O3#1   | 89.41(18)  |  |  |  |  |
| O4–Co1–O2  | 89.8(2)    | O6#3–Co2–O3#2 | 89.41(18)  |  |  |  |  |
| O4Co1N1  | 90.22(19)  | O6–Co2–O3#2   | 87.44(17)  |  |  |  |  |
| O4–Co1–N3#1  | 91.3(2)    | O6–Co2–O6#3   | 176.4(2)   |  |  |  |  |
| O4–Co1–C1  | 88.0(2)    | O6–Co2–N2     | 93.1(2)    |  |  |  |  |
| O4–Co1–O5  | 177.4(4)   | O6#3-Co2-N2#3 | 93.1(2)    |  |  |  |  |
| N1Co1O1  | 161.97(16) | O6#3-Co2-N2   | 89.2(2)    |  |  |  |  |
| N1–Co1–O2  | 101.32(18) | O6–Co2–N2#3   | 89.2(2)    |  |  |  |  |
| N1–Co1–C1  | 131.51(19) | O6–Co2–C5#2   | 88.18(12)  |  |  |  |  |
| N3#1-Co1-O1  | 98.74(16)  | O6#3-Co2-C5#2 | 88.18(12)  |  |  |  |  |
| N3#1-Co1-O2  | 159.42(18) | N2#3-Co2-O3#1 | 99.91(16)  |  |  |  |  |
| N3#1-Co1-N1  | 99.22(19)  | N2-Co2-O3#2   | 99.90(16)  |  |  |  |  |
| N3#1-Co1-C1  | 129.25(19) | N2-Co2-O3#1   | 159.79(17) |  |  |  |  |
| O5–Co1–O1  | 94.5(5)    | N2#3-Co2-O3#2 | 159.79(17) |  |  |  |  |
| O5–Co1–O2  | 92.2(4)    | N2#3-Co2-N2   | 100.2(3)   |  |  |  |  |
| O5–Co1–N1  | 87.8(5)    | N2-Co2-C5#2   | 129.91(13) |  |  |  |  |
| O5–Co1–C1  | 94.6(4)    | N2#3-Co2-C5#2 | 129.91(13) |  |  |  |  |
| O3#1–Co2–O3#2  | 60.2(2)    |               |            |  |  |  |  |
| Symmetry codes: #1 $3/2 - x$ , $1/2 + y$ , $1/2 - z$ ; #2 $1/2 + x$ , $1/2 + y$ , $1 + z$ ; #3 $2 - x$ , $+ y$ , |            |               |            |  |  |  |  |
| <u>3/2 –z.</u>   |            |               |            |  |  |  |  |

Table S2 Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for Co-MOF.

| Material       |       | Rare constant k (min <sup>-1</sup> ) |       |       |       |  |
|----------------|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--|
|                | MB    | RhB                                  | GV    | МО    | RB    |  |
| Co-MOF         | 6.232 | 6.381                                | 0.005 | 0.004 | 0.002 |  |
| Co-C200        | 5.149 | 7.206                                | 0.003 | 0.004 | 0.004 |  |
| <b>Co-C400</b> | 0.001 | 5.266                                | 0.005 | 0.003 | 0.002 |  |
| Co-C600        | 0.002 | 0.001                                | 0.006 | 0.007 | 0.002 |  |
| Co-C800        | 0.009 | 0.001                                | 0.008 | 0.017 | 0.003 |  |
| Co-C1000       | 0.009 | 0.002                                | 0.015 | 0.014 | 0.003 |  |

 Table S3 Quasi-first-order rate constant of photocatalytic degradation of Co-MOF

 and its derived carbon materials.



Fig. S1 SEM images of Co-MOF.



Fig. S2 The PXRD patterns of simulated and fresh sample of Co-MOF.



Fig. S3 The FTIR spectrum of Co-MOF.



Fig. S4 The TG curve of Co-MOF.



Fig. S5 PXRD pattern of TG residue of Co-MOF.



**Fig. S6** Typical SEM (a) and EDX (b–e) images of **Co-C200** and the corresponding elemental maps of Co, N, C and O.



**Fig. S7** Typical SEM (a) and EDX (b–e) images of **Co-C400** and the corresponding elemental maps of Co, N, C and O.



**Fig. S8** Typical SEM (a) and EDX (b–e) images of **Co-C600** and the corresponding elemental maps of Co, N, C and O.



**Fig. S9** Typical SEM (a) and EDX (b–e) images of **Co-C800** and the corresponding elemental maps of Co, N, C and O.



Fig. S10 Nitrogen adsorption and desorption isotherms (Insert: the pore size distribution) of Co-C1000.



Fig. S11 XPS spectrum of Co-C1000.



Fig. S12 Raman spectrum of Co-C1000.



**Fig. S13** UV-vis spectra of GV (a), MB (b), MO (c), RhB (d) and RB (e) solutions recorded with **Co-C200** after different degradation times.



**Fig. S14** UV-vis spectra of GV (a), MB (b), MO (c), RhB (d) and RB (e) solutions recorded with **Co-C400** after different degradation times.



**Fig. S15** UV-vis spectra of GV (a), MB (b), MO (c), RhB (d) and RB (e) solutions recorded with **Co-C600** after different degradation times.



**Fig. S16** UV-vis spectra of GV (a), MB (b), MO (c), RhB (d) and RB (e) solutions recorded with **Co-C800** after different degradation times.



**Fig. S17** UV-vis spectra of GV (a), MB (b), MO (c), RhB (d) and RB (e) solutions recorded with **Co-C1000** after different degradation times.



**Fig. S18** Comparison of the rate constant k in the presence of **Co-MOF** and its derived carbon materials (evaluating that the reactions by the pseudo-first-order kinetic model).



Fig. S19 Typical SEM images of Co-BTC (a), Co-200 (b), Co-400 (c), Co-600 (d), Co-800 (e), Co-1000 (f).



Fig. S20 Zeta potential of Co-C1000.