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**Metal-organic Frameworks constructed with acid-base
mixed ligands carboxylic acids and N-containing chalcone
and their catalytic performance for Knoevenagel
condensation**

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Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinements for MOFs 1–3

MOFs	1	2	3
Empirical formula	C ₄₅ H ₃₆ CdN ₆ O ₈	C ₅₀ H ₄₇ CdN ₇ O ₉	C ₅₀ H ₄₇ CoN ₇ O ₉
Formula weight	901.20	1002.34	948.87
Temperature (K)	300	300.15	300.15
Crystal system	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
a (Å)	8.7214(9)	9.6539(4)	9.6124(3)
b (Å)	15.1141(14)	14.9335(6)	14.9026(5)
c (Å)	17.2898(19)	17.6393(7)	17.2025(6)
α (°)	114.157(10)	81.467(3)	82.802(3)
β (°)	95.733(9)	82.719(3)	81.793(3)
γ (°)	94.009(9)	89.187(3)	87.487(3)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	2053.6(4)	2494.54(18)	2418.92(15)
<i>Z</i>	2	2	2
<i>D_c</i> (g/cm ³)	1.338	1.334	1.303
μ (mm ⁻¹)	4.703	4.007	3.297
<i>F</i> (000)	838	1032.0	990.0
Radiation	Cu- <i>K</i> α	Cu- <i>K</i> α	Cu- <i>K</i> α
	(λ = 1.54184)	(λ = 1.54184)	(λ = 1.54184)
Reflections collected	11681	14420	36110
Independent reflections	7754	9410	9814
<i>R_{int}</i>	0.0818	0.0427	0.1540
Data/restraints/parameters	7755/269/590	9410/589/876	9814/467/876
GOF on <i>F</i> ²	0.984	1.088	0.997
<i>R_I</i> / <i>wR</i> ₂ [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	0.0673/0.1514	0.0524/0.1412	0.0731/0.1725
<i>R_I</i> / <i>wR</i> ₂ [all data]	0.1078/0.1830	0.0595/0.1485	0.1375/0.2154

^a*R*₁ = $\sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$. ^b*wR*₂ = $(\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2])^{1/2}$

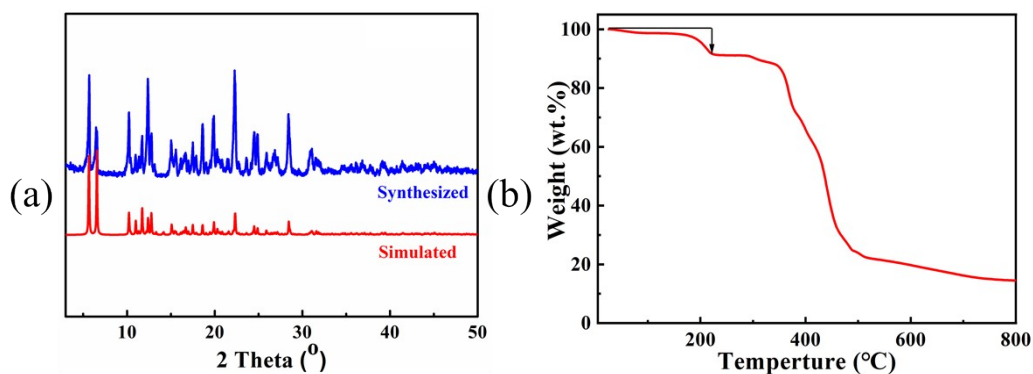


Fig. S1 PXRd pattern and TGA curve of 1.

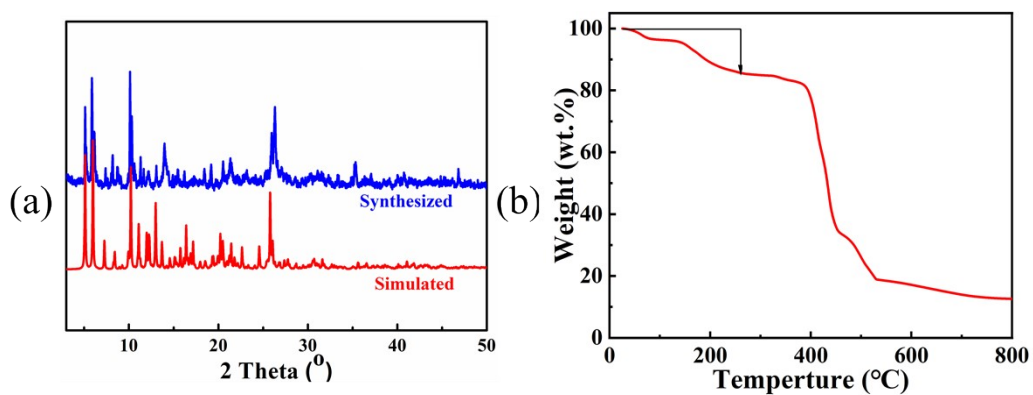


Fig. S2 PXRd pattern and TGA curve of 2.

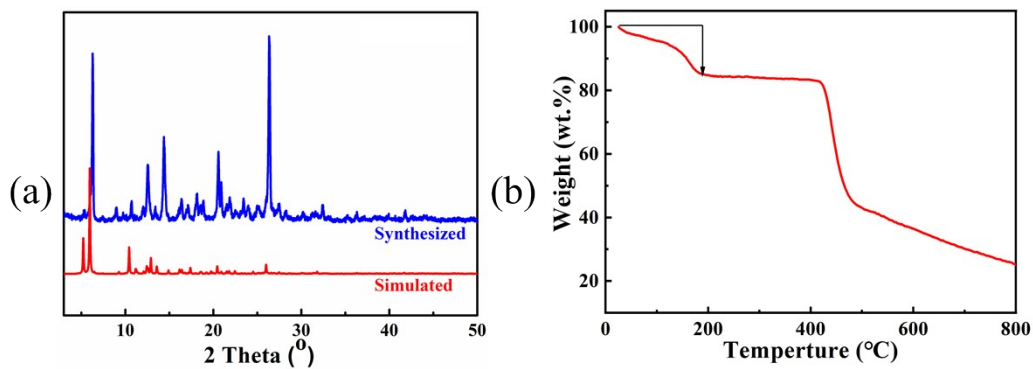


Fig. S3 PXRd pattern and TGA curve of 3.



Fig. S4 IR spectra of 1, 2, and 3.

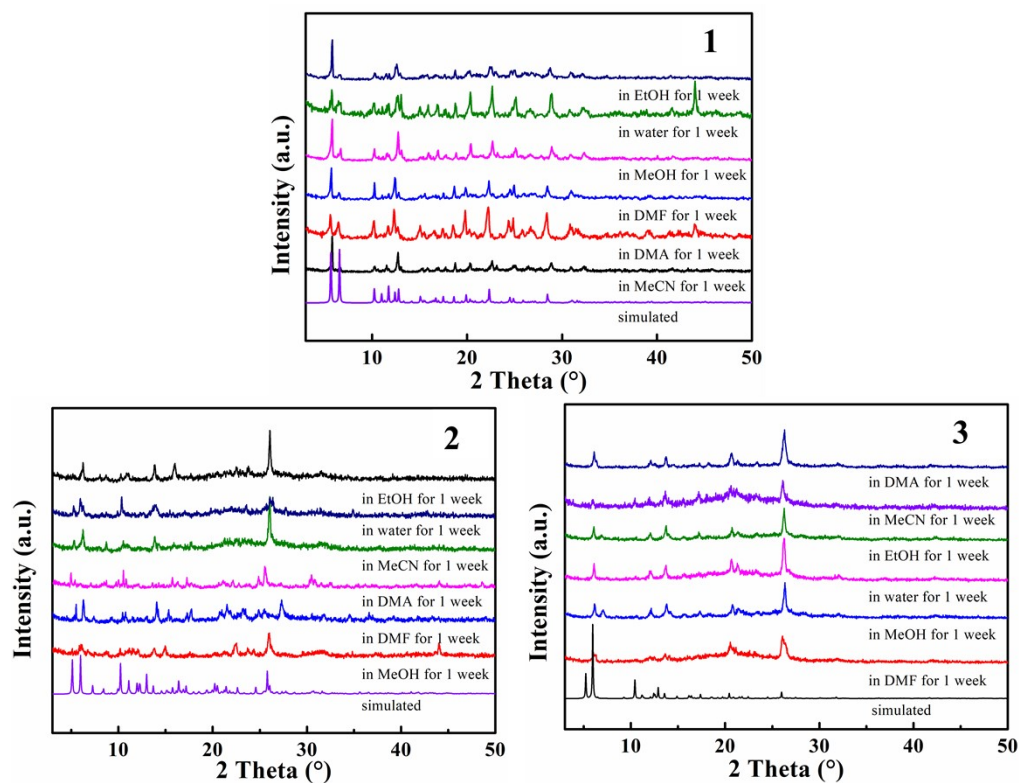


Fig. S5 PXRD patterns of 1, 2, and 3 soaked in different solvents.

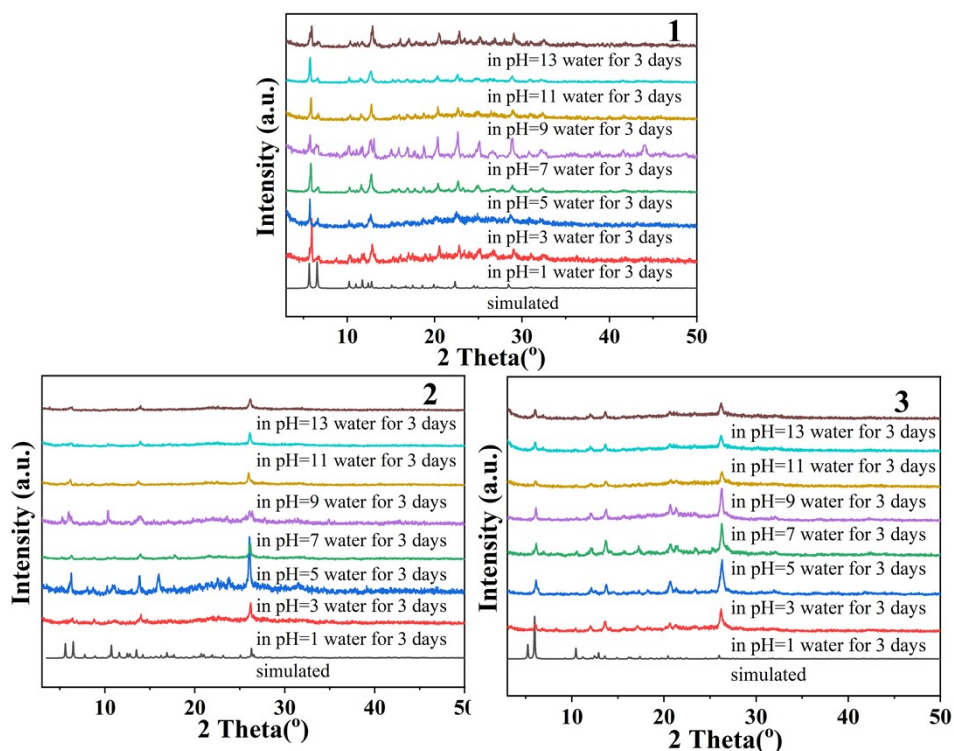


Fig. S6 PXR D patterns for water-, acid- and alkali-treated 1-3.

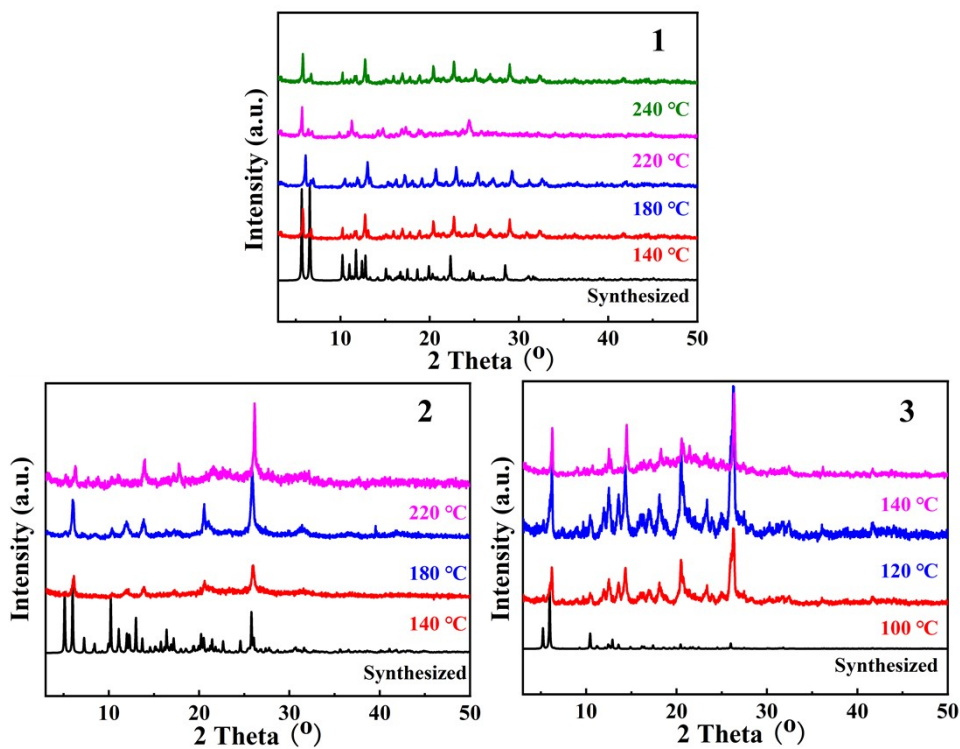


Fig. S7 Variable temperature PXR D patterns of 1-3.

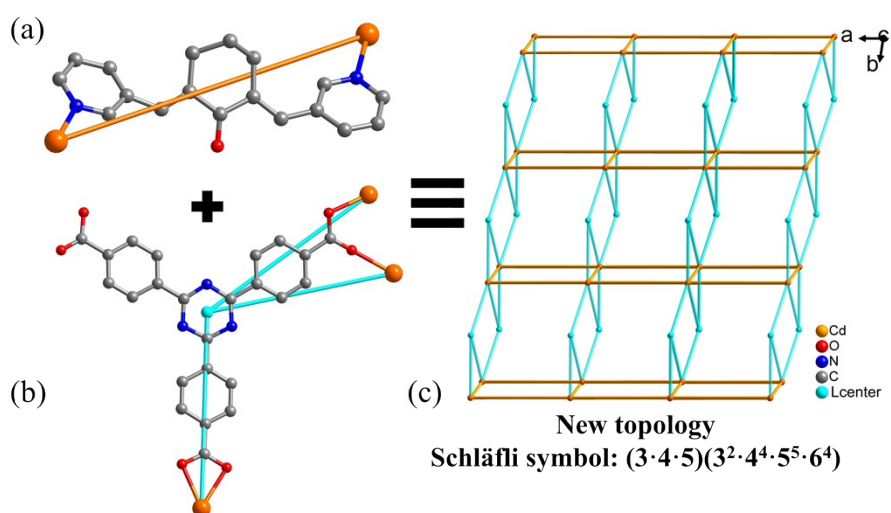


Fig. S8 Topology analysis of 1.

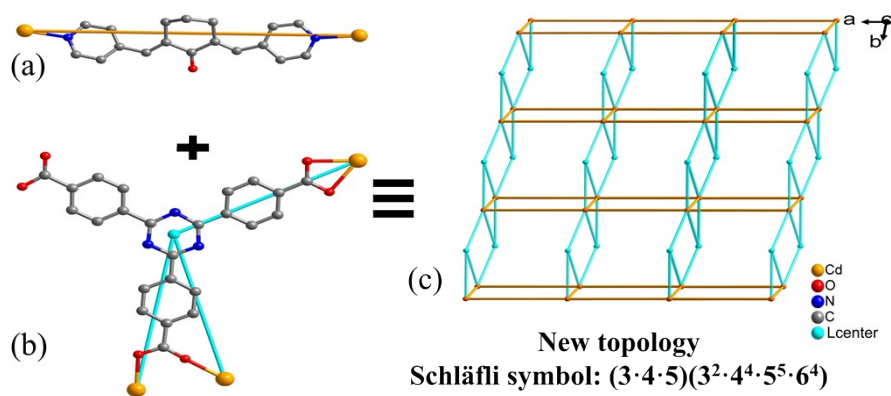


Fig. S9 Topology analysis of 2.

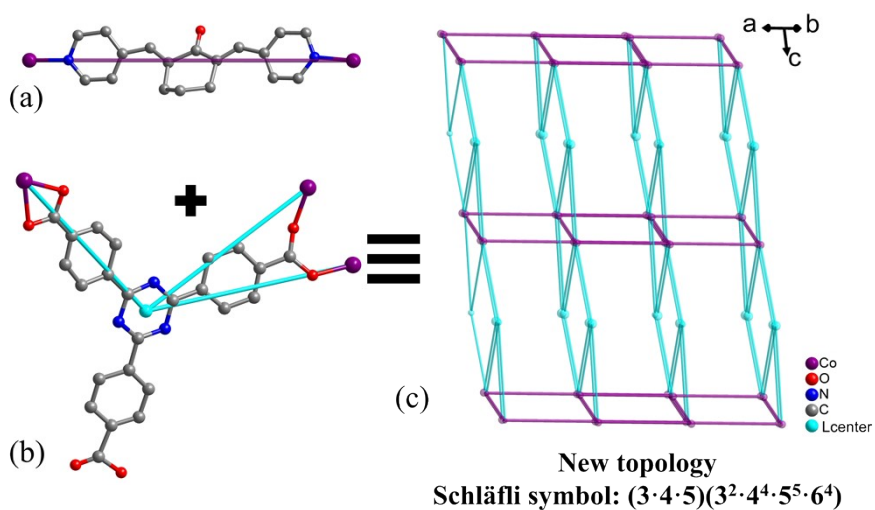


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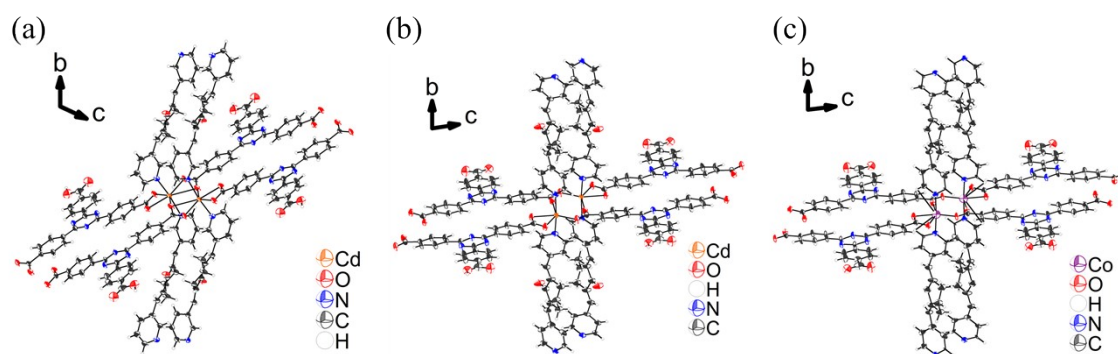


Fig. S11 The ellipsoid diagram of dinuclear metal unit in 1-3.

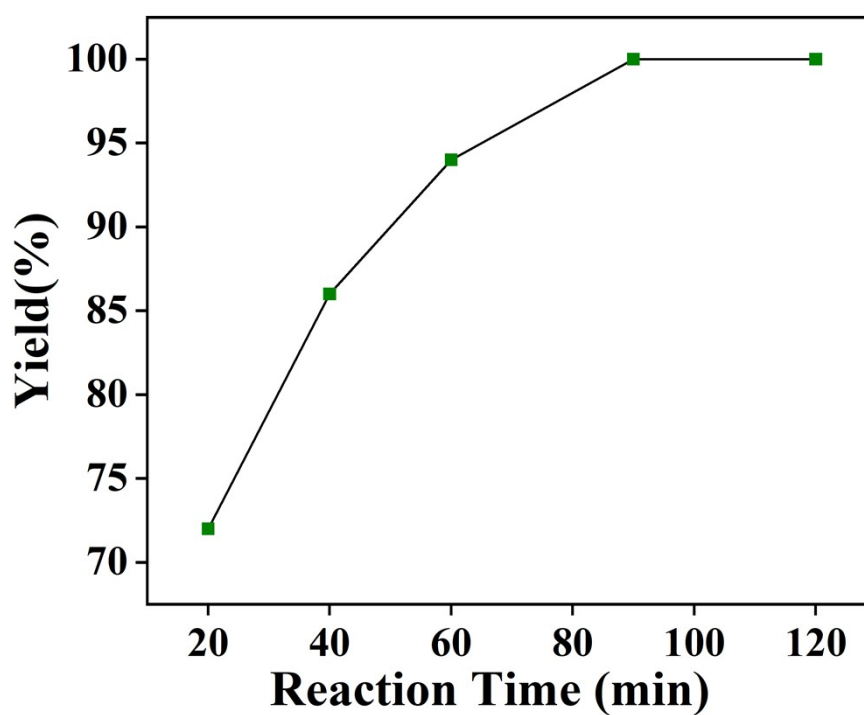


Fig. S12 Kinetics curves of Knoevenagel condensation catalyzed by 1 at 25°C

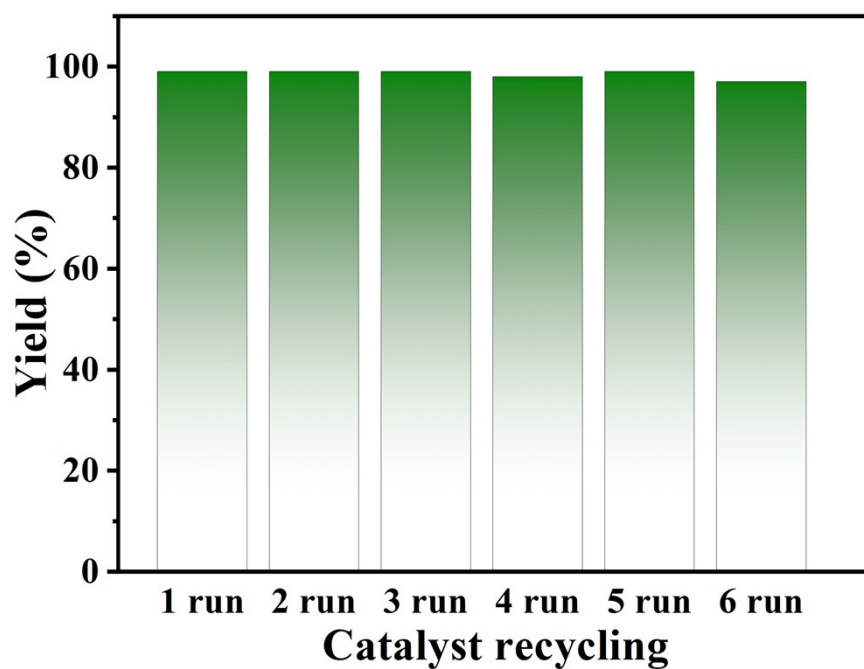


Fig. S13 Catalyst recycling experiments in the Knoevenagel condensation of benzaldehyde with propanedinitrile catalyzed by **1**.

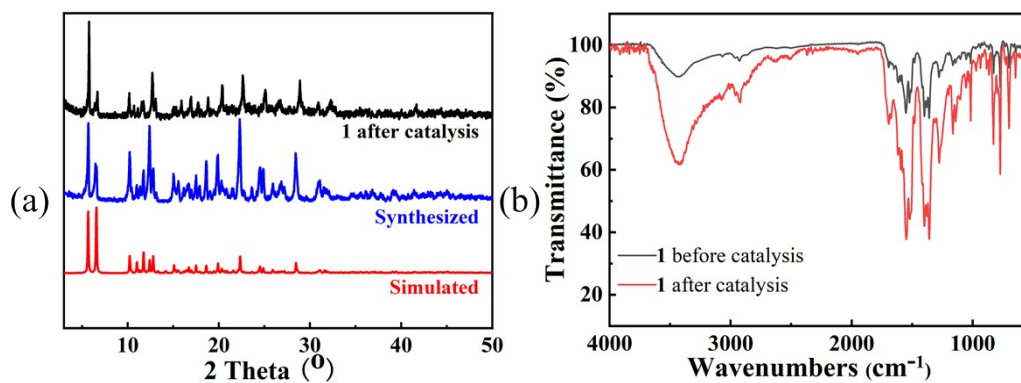
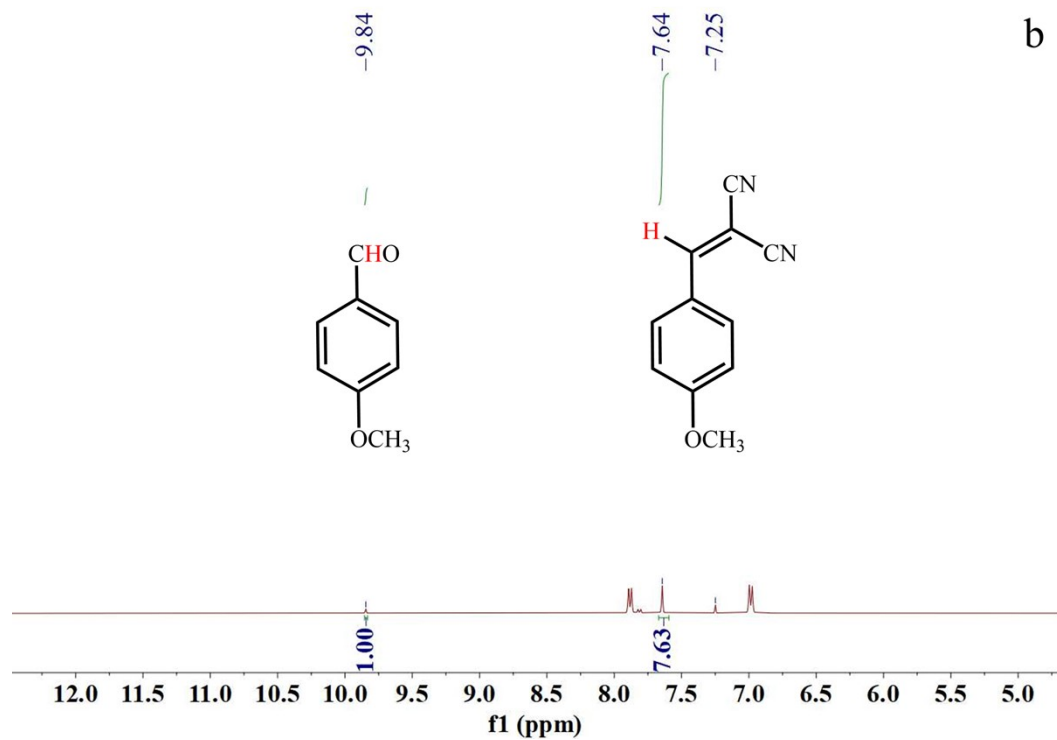
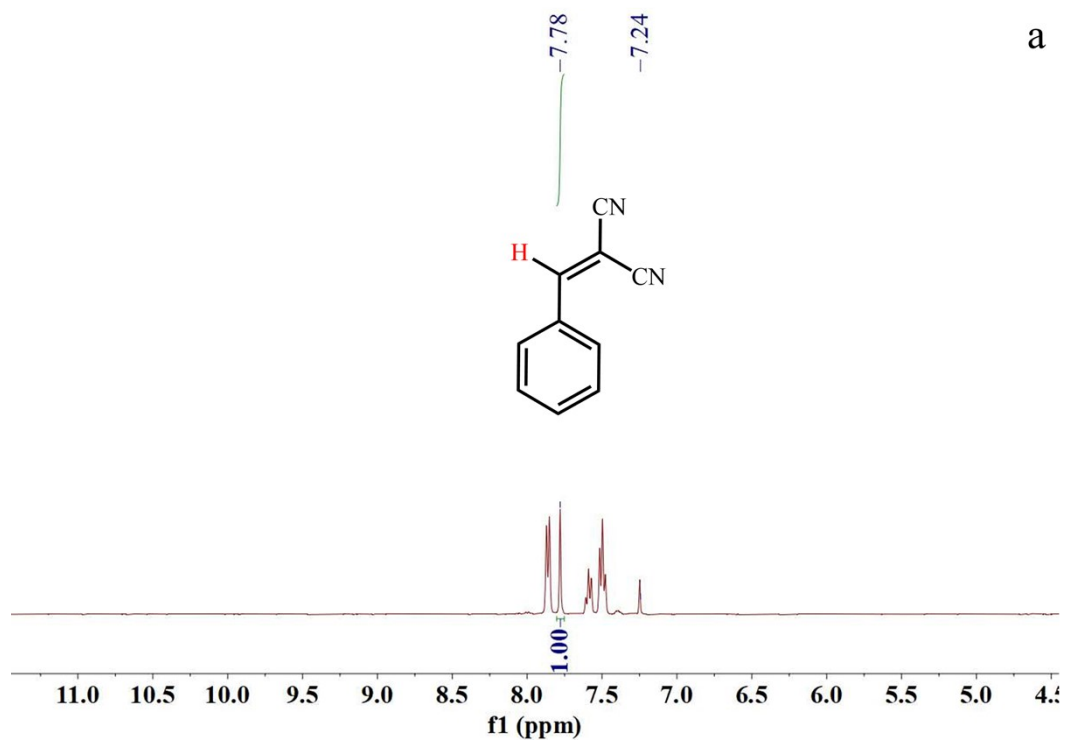
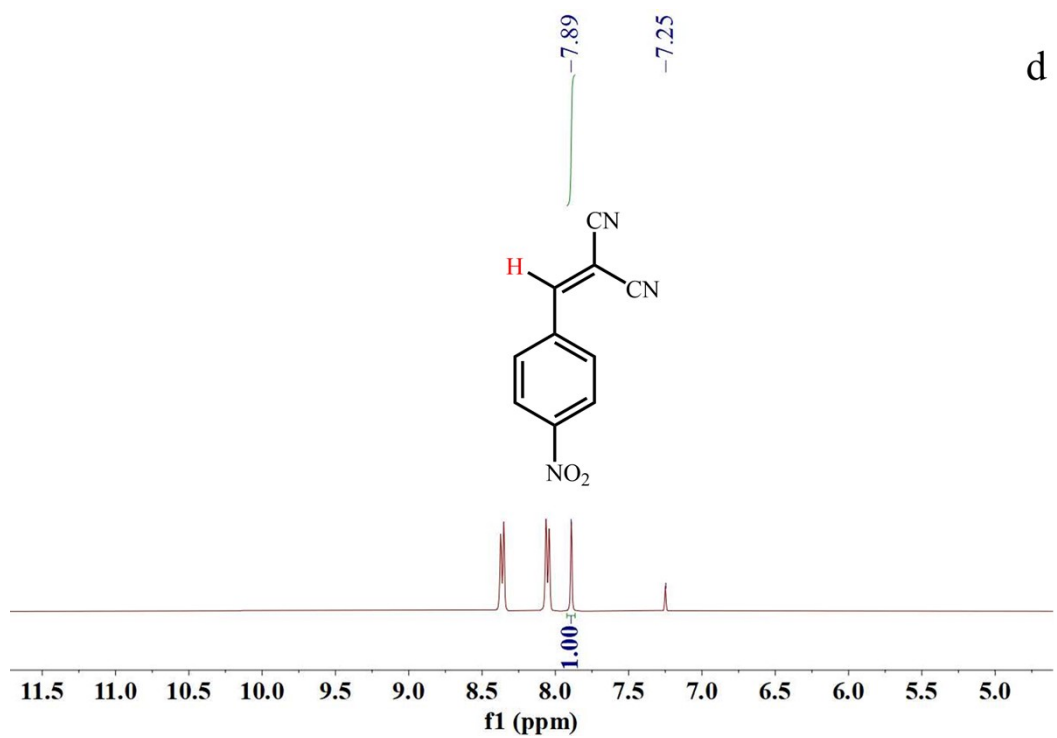
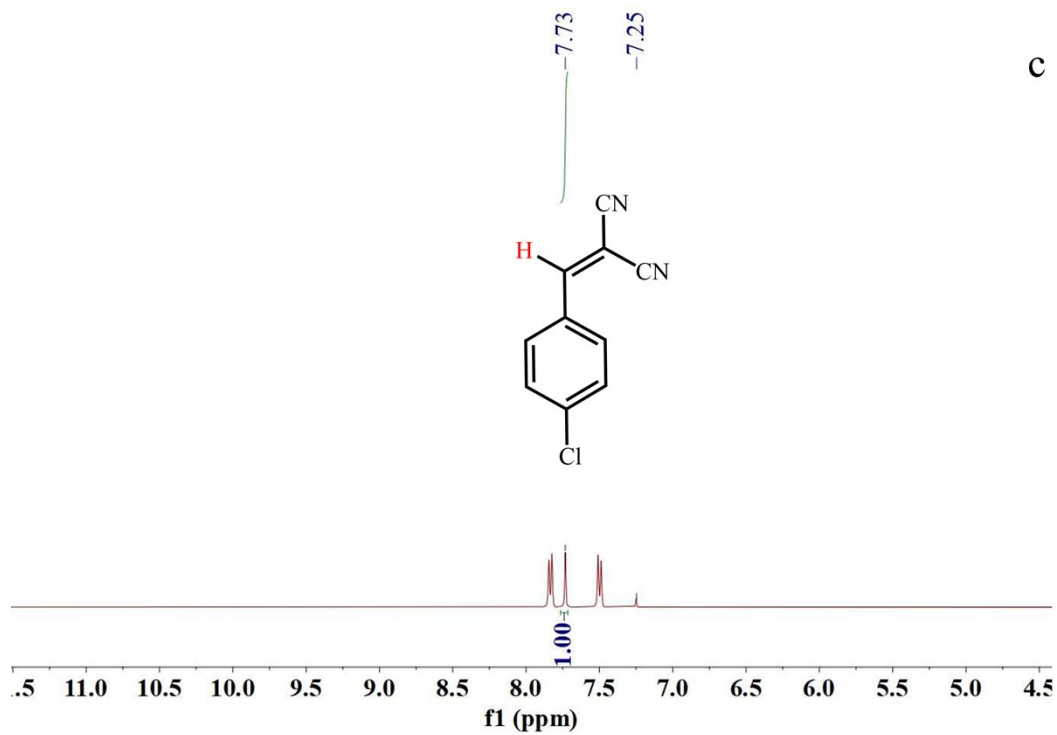
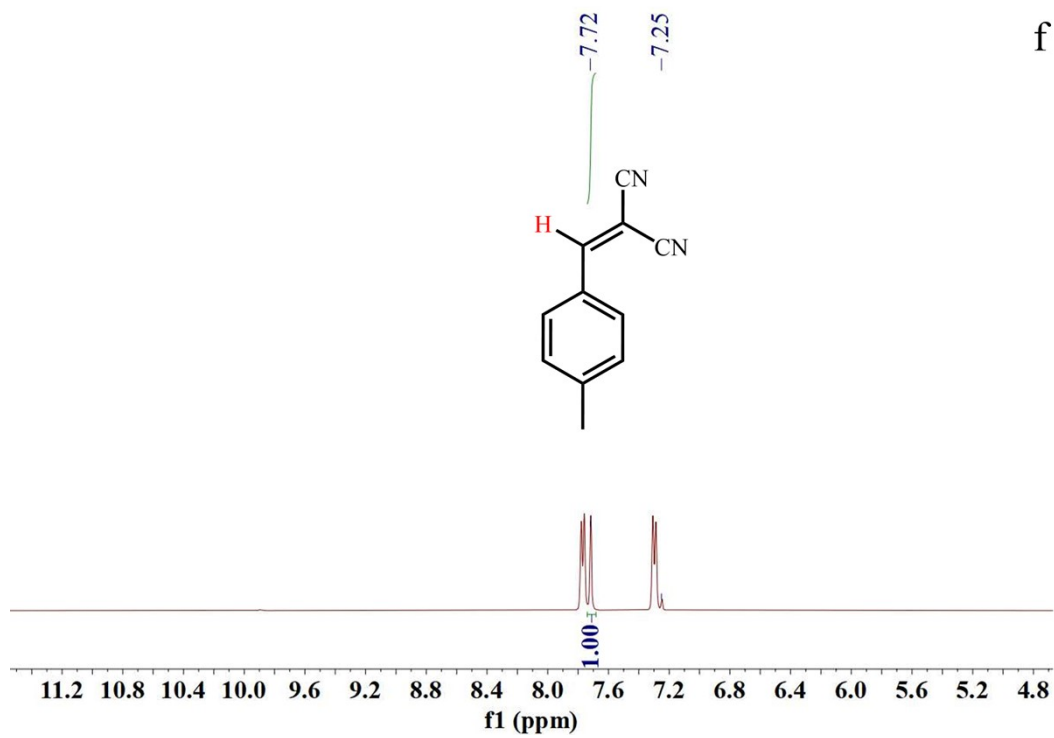
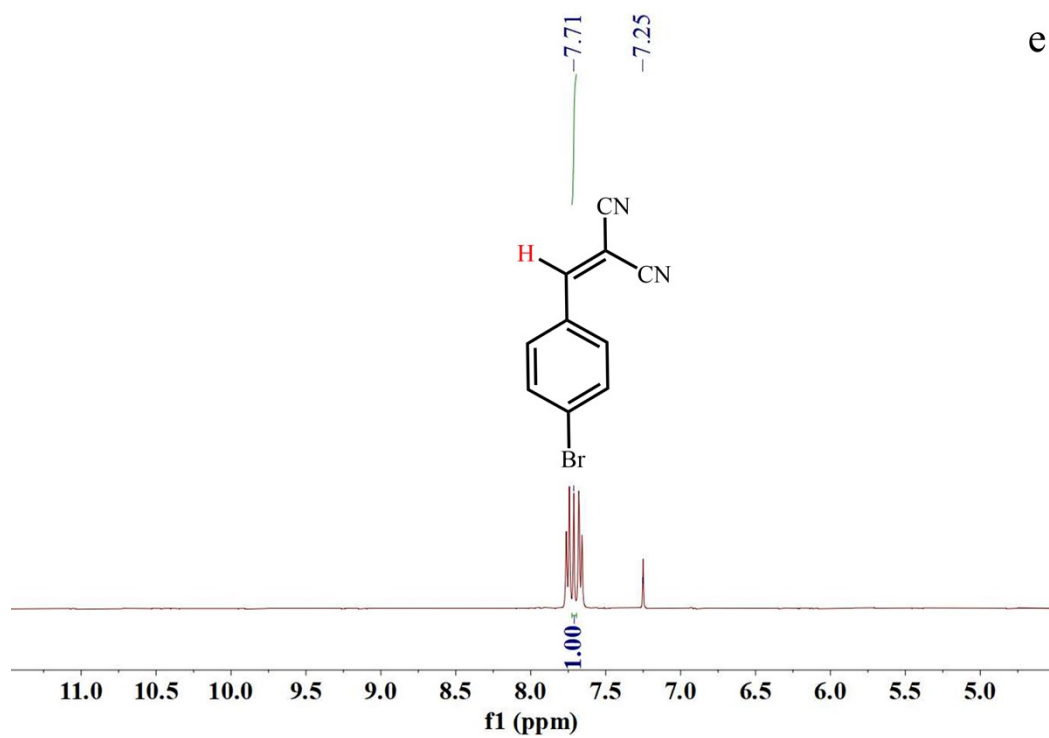
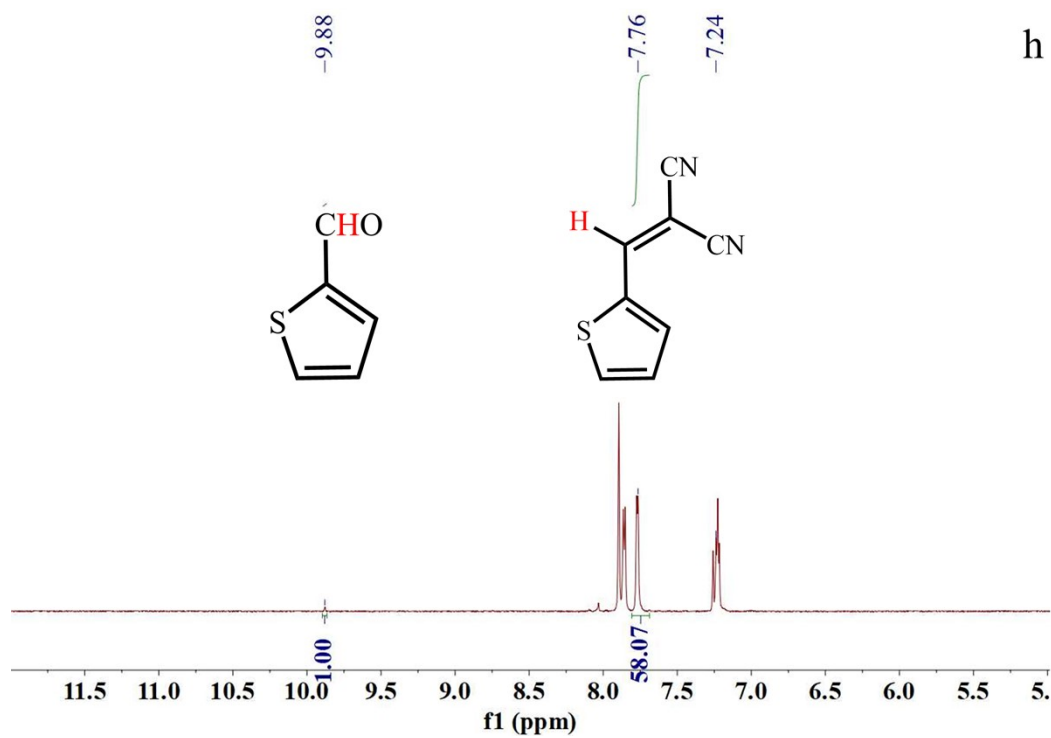
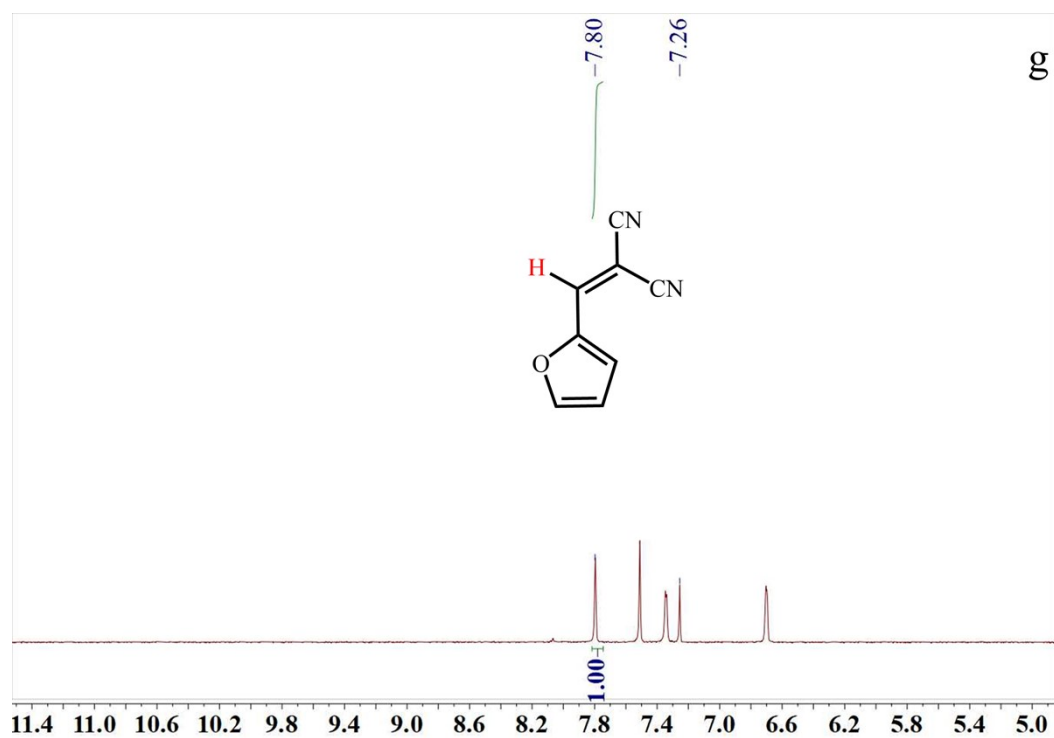


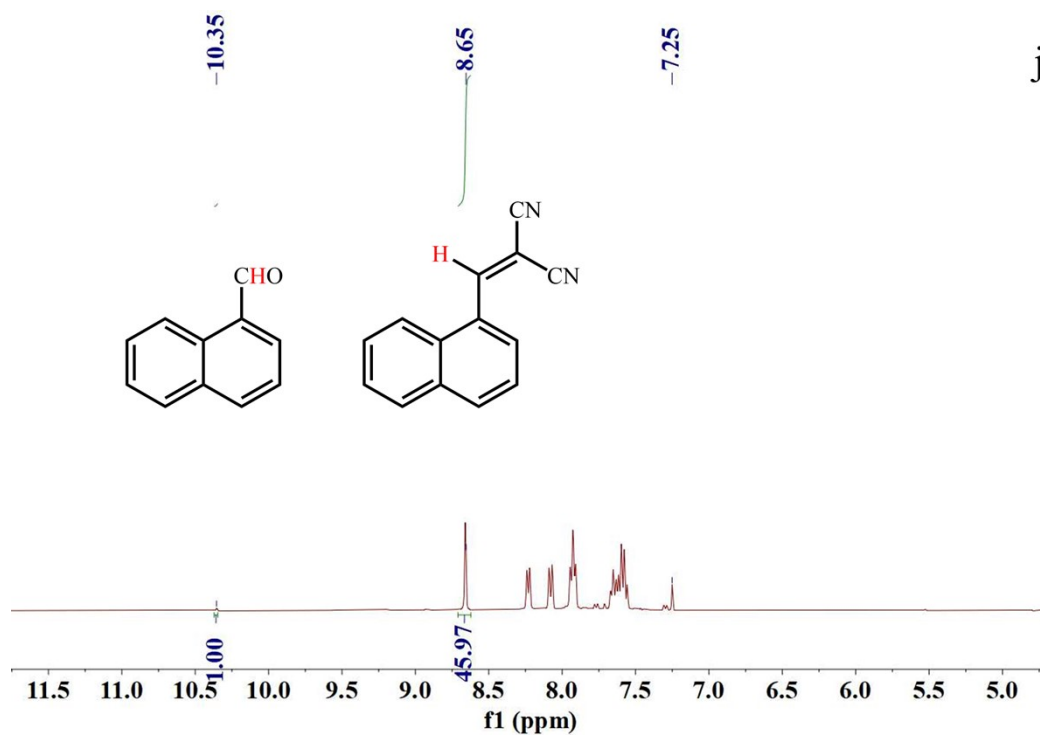
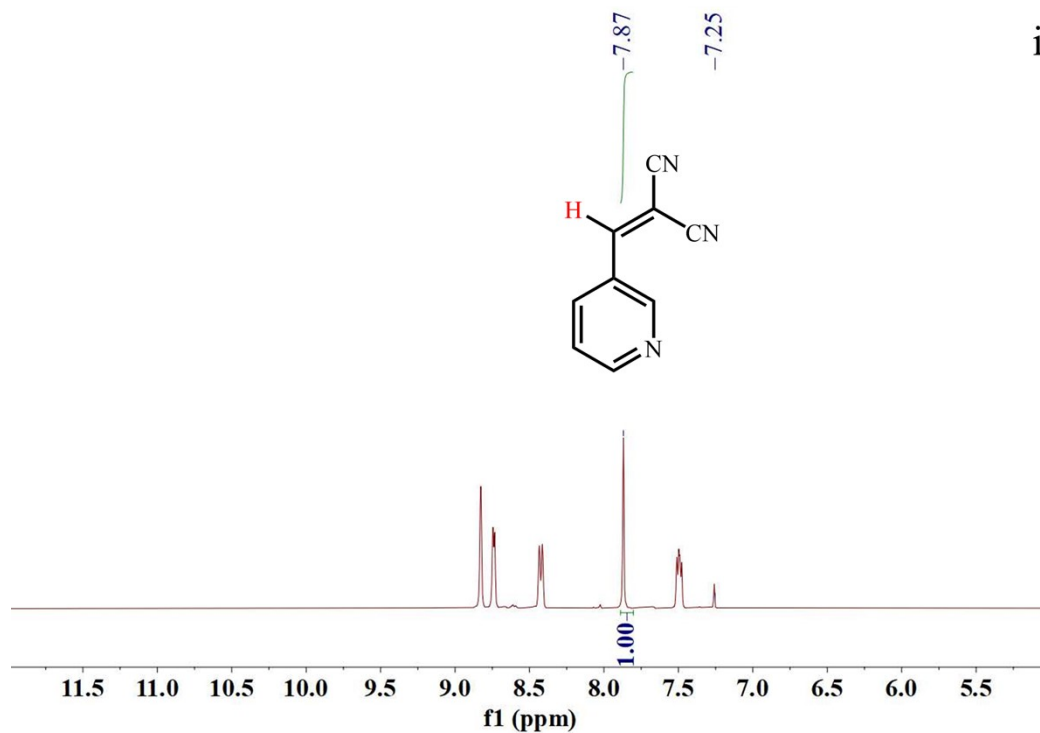
Fig. S14 (a) PXRD patterns and (b) IR spectra of **1** after catalytic reaction











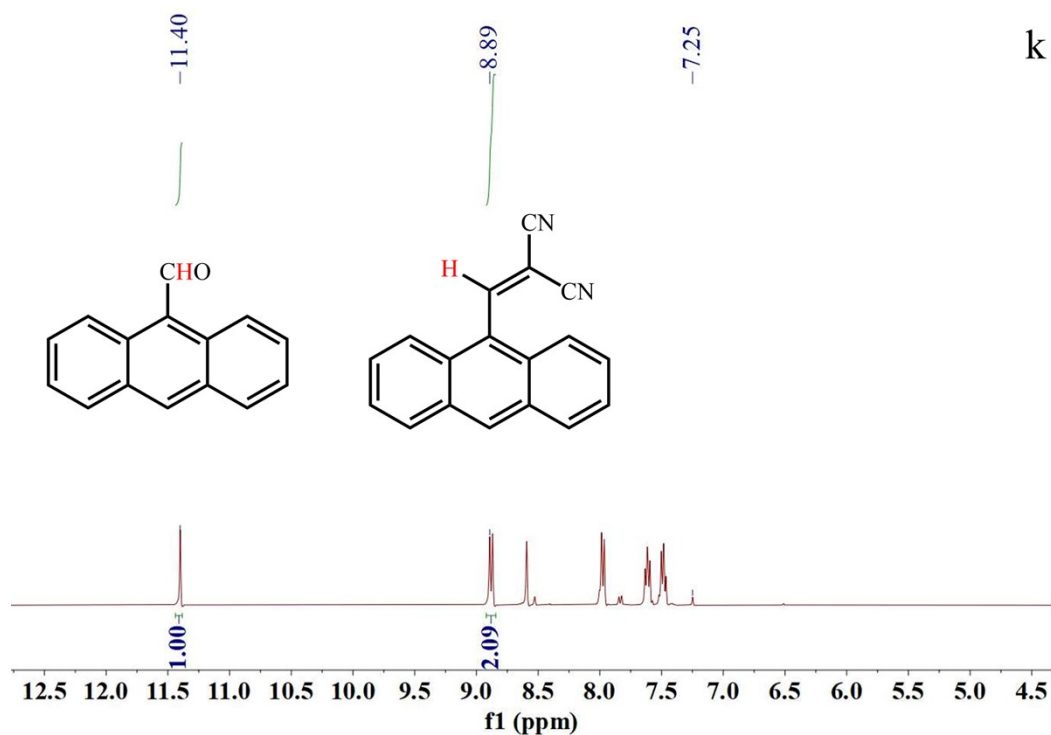


Fig. S15 Examples for integration of ^1H NMR spectra for the determination of Knoevenagel condensation products.

Table S2. Comparison of the catalytic activity of various MOFs for the Knoevenagel condensation reaction

MOF	catalyst (mol%)	solvent	temperature (°C)	time (h)	yield (%)	refs
$[\text{Zn}_2(\text{TCA})(\text{BIB})_{2.5}](\text{NO}_3)$	0.3	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$	60	1	99	1
$\{[\text{Cu}_2(\mu_3\text{-pdba})_2(\text{bipy})] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$	2	CH_3OH	RT	1	>99	2
$\text{Cd}_2(2\text{-bpbg})(\text{fum})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$	1	-	27	3	100	3
Cd-CDA-MOF	0.4	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$	RT	12	98	4
$[\text{Zn}_{15}(\text{mbpz})_6(\text{Hmbpz})_6(\text{L-NO}_2)_4(\text{HL-NO}_2)(\mu_3\text{-OH})_2]_n$	0.6	-	80	1	>99	5
NUC-58a	0.5	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$	65	7	98	6
$[\text{Co}_2(\text{bptc})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 5\text{DMA}$	2	-	60	6	99	7
1	2	CH_3OH	25	1.5	100	this work
2	2	CH_3OH	25	1.5	99	this work
3	2	CH_3OH	25	1.5	96	this work

Table S3. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for MOFs **1–3**.

1			
Cd1-O3 ⁱ	2.335(6)	Cd1-N2	2.325(6)
Cd1-O2	2.232(5)	Cd1-O5 ⁱⁱ	2.363(6)
Cd1-O4 ⁱⁱ	2.414(5)	Cd1-N1 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.331(7)
O3 ⁱ -Cd1-O4 ⁱⁱ	86.65(18)	O5 ⁱⁱ -Cd1-O4 ⁱⁱ	55.05(18)
O3 ⁱ -Cd1-O5 ⁱⁱ	141.70(18)	N1 ⁱⁱⁱ -Cd1-O3 ⁱ	83.2(2)
N2-Cd1-N1 ⁱⁱⁱ	168.1(2)	N1 ⁱⁱⁱ -Cd1-O4 ⁱⁱ	88.4(2)
O2-Cd1-O3 ⁱ	125.3(2)	N1 ⁱⁱⁱ -Cd1-O5 ⁱⁱ	93.7(2)
O2-Cd1-O4 ⁱⁱ	147.8(2)	N2-Cd1-O3 ⁱ	85.9(2)
O2-Cd1-O5 ⁱⁱ	92.9(2)	N2-Cd1-O4 ⁱⁱ	86.3(2)
O2-Cd1-N1 ⁱⁱⁱ	91.4(2)	N2-Cd1-O5 ⁱⁱ	92.0(2)
O2-Cd1-N2	98.8(2)		
Symmetry codes: (i) $I-x, I-y, 2-z$; (ii) $x, I+y, I+z$; (iii) $x, -I+y, I+z$.			
2			
Cd1-O1	2.187(3)	Cd1-O6 ⁱⁱ	2.402(3)
Cd1-O2 ⁱ	2.312(3)	Cd1-N2 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.302(3)
Cd1-O5 ⁱⁱ	2.375(3)	Cd1-N1	2.332(3)
O1-Cd1-O2 ⁱ	121.72(13)	O5 ⁱⁱ -Cd1-O6 ⁱⁱ	55.01(11)
O1-Cd1-O5 ⁱⁱ	147.87(12)	N2 ⁱⁱⁱ -Cd1-O2 ⁱ	85.43(13)
O1-Cd1-O6 ⁱⁱ	92.91(12)	N2 ⁱⁱⁱ -Cd1-O5 ⁱⁱ	89.41(13)
O1-Cd1-N2 ⁱⁱⁱ	97.49(14)	N2 ⁱⁱⁱ -Cd1-O6 ⁱⁱ	97.35(14)
O1-Cd1-N1	90.74(15)	N2 ⁱⁱⁱ -Cd1-N1	169.13(13)
O2 ⁱ -Cd1-O5 ⁱⁱ	90.00(12)	N1-Cd1-O5 ⁱⁱ	87.33(13)
O2 ⁱ -Cd1-O6 ⁱⁱ	144.72(12)	N1-Cd1-O6 ⁱⁱ	89.27(14)
O2 ⁱ -Cd1-N1	84.21(13)		
Symmetry codes: (i) $-I-x, I-y, 2-z$; (ii) $+x, +y, I+z$; (iii) $-I+x, I+y, +z$.			
3			
Co1-O1	1.999(3)	Co1-O6 ⁱⁱ	2.261(3)
Co1-O2 ⁱ	2.032(3)	Co1-N2 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.160(3)
Co1-O5 ⁱⁱ	2.122(3)	Co1-N1	2.157(3)
O1-Co1-O2 ⁱ	112.87(13)	O2 ⁱ -Co1-N1	87.26(13)
O1-Co1-O5 ⁱⁱ	154.64(14)	O5 ⁱⁱ -Co1-O6 ⁱⁱ	59.81(12)
O1-Co1-O6 ⁱⁱ	94.87(12)	O5 ⁱⁱ -Co1-N2 ⁱⁱⁱ	89.62(12)

O1-Co1-N2 ⁱⁱⁱ	94.33(13)	O5 ⁱⁱ -Co1-N1	87.93(13)
O1-Co1-N1	90.30(13)	N2 ⁱⁱⁱ -Co1-O6 ⁱⁱ	94.97(13)
O2 ⁱ -Co1-O5 ⁱⁱ	92.31(13)	N1-Co1-O6 ⁱⁱ	88.71(13)
O2 ⁱ -Co1-O6 ⁱⁱ	151.97(12)	N1-Co1-N2 ⁱⁱⁱ	173.81(14)
O2 ⁱ -Co1-N2 ⁱⁱⁱ	87.16(13)		

Symmetry codes: (i) $-I-x, I-y, 2-z$; (ii) $+x, +y, I+z$; (iii) $-I+x, I+y, +z$.

Table S4. The hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °) of MOFs 1-3.

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	<D-H...A
1				
C41-H41...O1 ⁱ	0.931	2.645	3.329	130.78
C16-H16...O5 ⁱⁱ	0.931	2.678	3.401	135.18
C10...H10B...O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.971	2.691	3.351	125.69
C5-H5...O2 ^{iv}	0.93	2.678	3.309	125.72
C1-H1...O4 ^v	0.931	2.702	3.28	121.09
Symmetry codes: (i) $x, 2+y, z+I$; (ii) $2-x, -y, I-z$; (iii) $3-x, 2-y, 2-z$; (iv) $x, I+y, z$; (v) $x, 2+y, z+I$				
2				
C5-H5...O5 ⁱ	0.931	2.452	3.130	129.84
C41-H41...O9 ⁱⁱ	0.929	2.685	3.238	129.09
Symmetry codes: (i) $I+x, -I+y, z+I$; (ii) $-I-x, -y, 2-z$				
3				
C41-H41...O2 ⁱ	0.929	2.713	3.615	163.94
C5-H5...O5 ⁱⁱ	0.930	2.299	2.943	125.93
Symmetry codes: (i) $-x, -y, 2-z$; (ii) $I+x, -I+y, I+z$				

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