

Supplementary Information

**Zinc Porphyrin-Based Halogen-bonded Organic Framework with
Heavy Atoms as Highly Efficient Photocatalyst for Oxidative
Coupling of Amines**

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Materials and Methods

Materials and Characterization

All starting materials and solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica-gel plate w/UV254 (200 μm). The ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz spectrometer (Bruker AVANCE NEO 600 spectrometer) in the indicated solvents. Chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (δ) using residual solvent protons as internal standard. The couple constants values (J) are in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations were used for signal multiplicities: s, singlet; d, doublet. Solid-state diffuse reflectance UV-vis spectra characterized by Lambda 750S. Powder XRD patterns were recorded on Rigaku SmartLab SE diffractometer ($\text{CuK}\alpha$, $\lambda = 1.5405 \text{ \AA}$, 45 kV, 200 mA). Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images were recorded on field emission scanning electron microscope (Tescan CLARA). X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) was performed in ESCALAB 250Xi (The adventitious carbon located at 284.8 eV was used to calibrate samples without the carbon themselves). The morphologies of materials were characterized using field emission transmission electron microscopy (FE-TEM, F200). ESR spectra were recorded on a Bruke A200 spectrophotometer at 298 K.

Electrochemical measurements

Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS), transient photocurrent response, and Mott-Schottky plots were performed on a CHI660E electrochemical workstation (Chenhua Instruments Co., Shanghai) with a standard three-electrode system. 0.50 M Na_2SO_4 water solution was used as the electrolyte. Pt film and Ag/AgCl electrode were used as counter electrode and reference electrode, respectively. The working electrodes were prepared as follows: the photocatalyst powder (2 mg) and 5.0 wt% Nafion solution (5 μL) were dispersed in ethanol (0.2 mL). After sonication for 30 min, the obtained ink was uniformly pipetted onto a piece of indium tin oxide (ITO) conductive glass with a deposition area of $1 \times 1 \text{ cm}^2$ and dried at 50 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 4 hours. The light source used for transient photocurrent response measurements was a 300 W Xe lamp.

Computational methods

All the calculations were performed with density functional theory (DFT)¹ and time-dependent density functional theory (TDDFT)² implemented in Gaussian 09 program package³. The ground-state geometry optimizations of **ZnTPP** and $[(\text{ZnTPP})_2\text{I}]^+$ molecules were performed at B3LYP/3-21G level.^{4,5} The excited energy at B3LYP/3-21G TD level was calculated from the optimized ground state structures without further relaxation. The vertical transition energies were obtained by the difference between the energies of the lowest excited state and the ground state.

Photocatalytic Reaction

For photocatalytic oxidative coupling of amines, 0.55 mL of CD_3CN , 0.1 mmol of substrate, and 2 mg of catalysts were added into a 5 mL glass vessel. After ultrasonic treatment of 10 s, the mixture was irradiated with a blue LED (50 W, 460 ~ 465 nm). The reaction was monitored by TLC and the yield was analyzed by ^1H NMR without treatment. The catalysts were separated by centrifugation and washed by DCM and MeOH for recycling.

Synthesis

Synthesis of 5,10,15,20-tetrakis(4-pyridyl) porphyrin (**H₂TPP**)⁶

4-Pyridine carboxaldehyde (8.8 mL, 93.4 mmol) was added to propionic acid (700 mL), then pyrrole (6.5 mL, 93.4 mmol) was added under stirring. The mixture was refluxed overnight. After cooled to room temperature, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the resulting solid was washed by DMF (2×100 mL) and hot MeOH (2×250 mL). The filtrate was dried under vacuum to obtain pure **H₂TPP** (dark purple powder, 4.05 g, 28%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, 298K, DMSO-*d*₆, ppm): δ 9.06 (dd, *J*₁ = 5.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.5 Hz, 8H); 8.92 (s, 8H), 8.28 (dd, *J*₁ = 5.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.5 Hz, 8H); -3.06 (s, 2H).

Synthesis of 5,10,15,20-tetrakis(4-pyridyl) zinc(II) porphyrin (**ZnTPP**)⁶

Pure **H₂TPP** (1.0 g, 1.6 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of chloroform (20 mL) and methanol (5 mL) with zinc acetate (1.2 g, 6.5 mmol). The mixture was refluxed under stirring for 8 h. After cooled to room temperature, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the resulting solid was washed with hot MeOH (2×250 mL) and water (100 mL). The filtrate was dried under vacuum to obtain pure **ZnTPP** (violet powder, 1.1 g, 99%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, 298K, DMSO-*d*₆, ppm): δ 9.02 (dd, *J*₁ = 5.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.5 Hz, 8H); 8.84 (s, 8H), 8.22 (dd, *J*₁ = 5.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.5 Hz, 8H).

Synthesis of **XOF-ZnTPP**

AgBF₄ (23 mg, 0.11 mmol) in methanol (5 mL) was added dropwise into a solution of **ZnTPP** (40 mg, 0.05 mmol) in CHCl₃/MeOH (30 mL, v/v = 1:4) mixed solution. After the solution was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature, a methanol solution of iodine (30 mg, 0.11 mmol) was added by drops. and the mixture was stirred for another 1 hour at room temperature. Then, the solvent was removed by filtrating. The residue solid was dried under vacuum to obtain **XOF-ZnTPP** (black solid, 80 mg, 68%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, 298K, DMSO-*d*₆, ppm): 9.05 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz 8H); 8.86 (s, 8H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz 8H). The synthesized material was further annealed in DMSO at 120 °C for 2 hours to obtain crystallized **XOF-ZnTPP**.

Results and Discussion

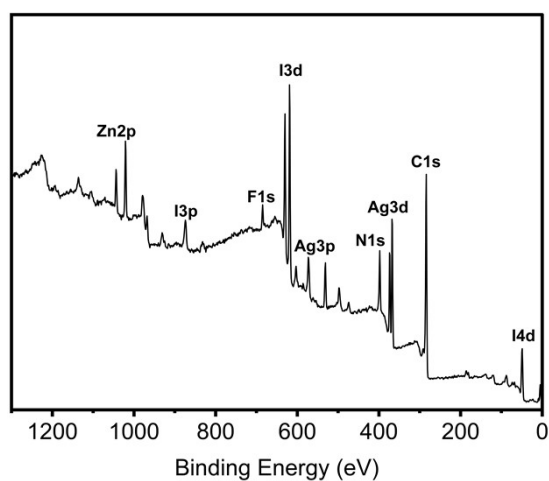


Figure S1. XPS spectra of **XOF-ZnTPP**.

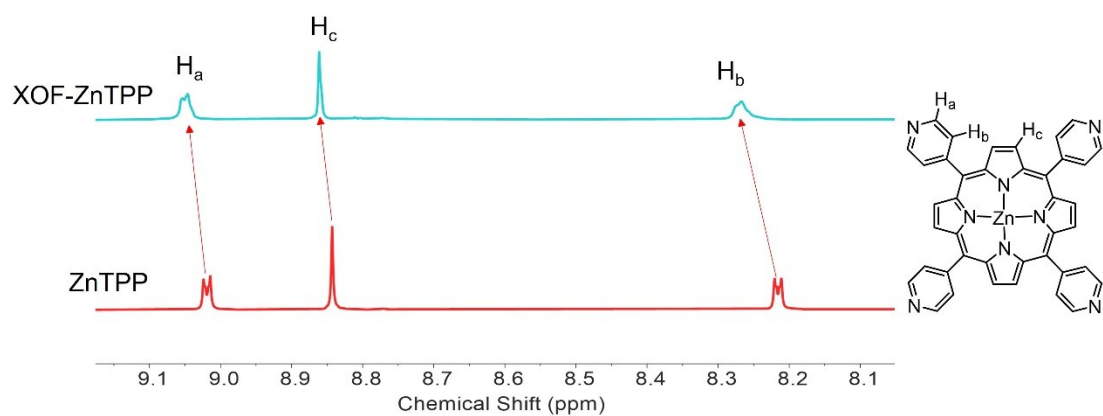


Figure S2. Partial ¹H NMR spectra of **ZnTPP** and **XOF-ZnTPP** (DMSO-*d*₆, 600 MHz, 298 K).

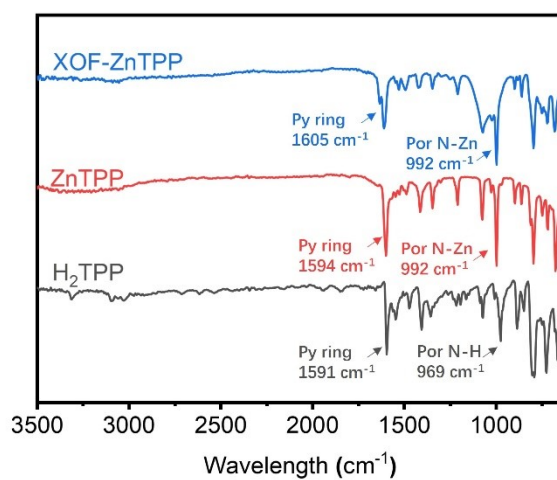


Figure S3. ATR-FTIR spectra of **H₂TPP**, **ZnTPP**, and **XOF-ZnTPP**.

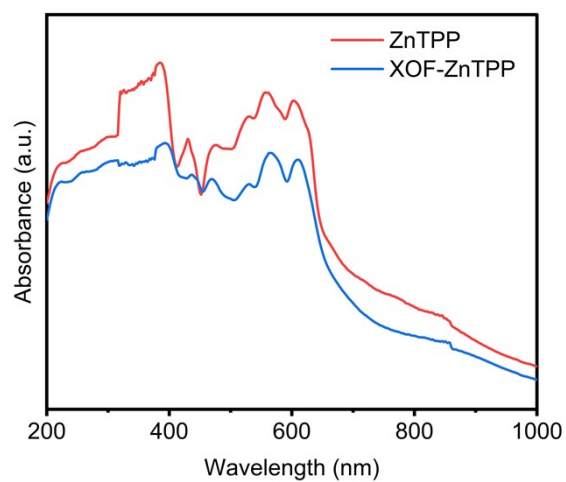


Figure S4. Solid-state diffuse reflectance UV-vis spectra of **ZnTPP** and **XOF-ZnTPP**.



Figure S5. Digital photographs of **ZnTPP** and **XOF-ZnTPP**.

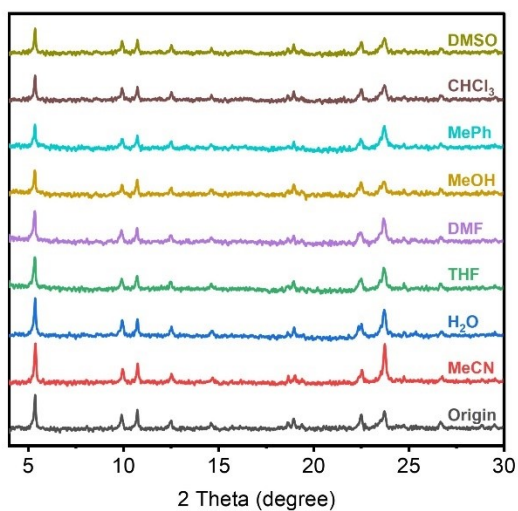


Figure S6. The PXRD patterns of **XOF-ZnTPP** after treatment in different solvents at room temperature for 24 hours.

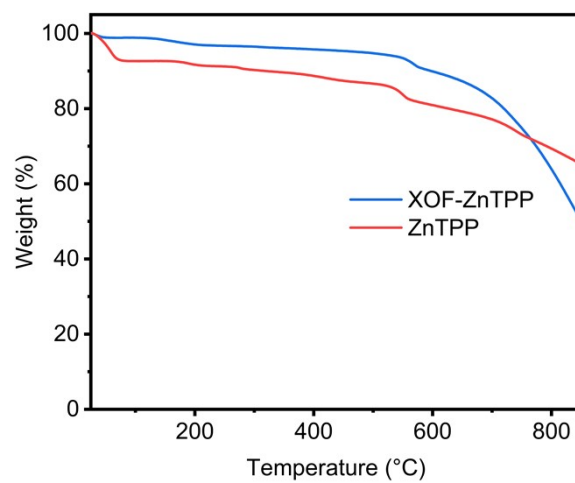


Figure S7. TGA curve of **ZnTPP** and **XOF-ZnTPP**.

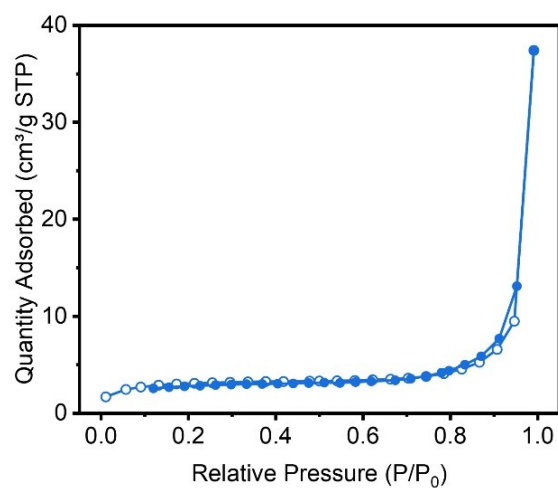


Figure S8. N₂ sorption isotherms plots of **XOF-ZnTPP**.

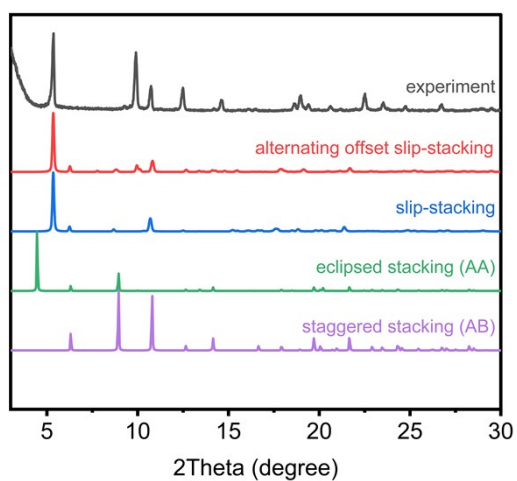


Figure S9. Comparison of experimental and simulated PXRD patterns of different models.

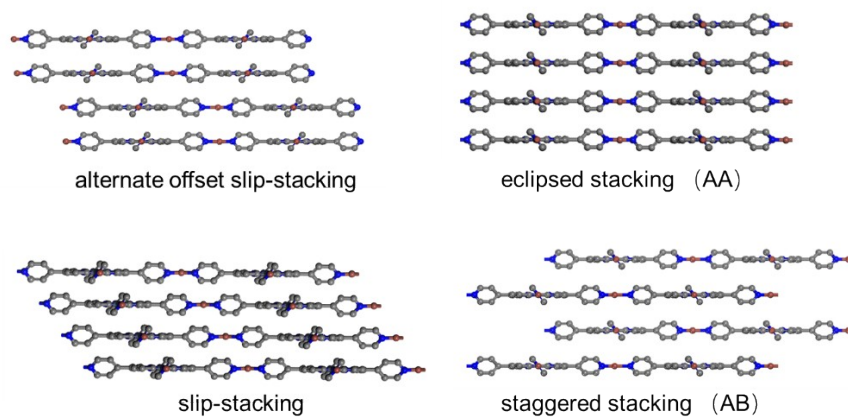


Figure S10. Side view of different **XOF-ZnTPP** models.

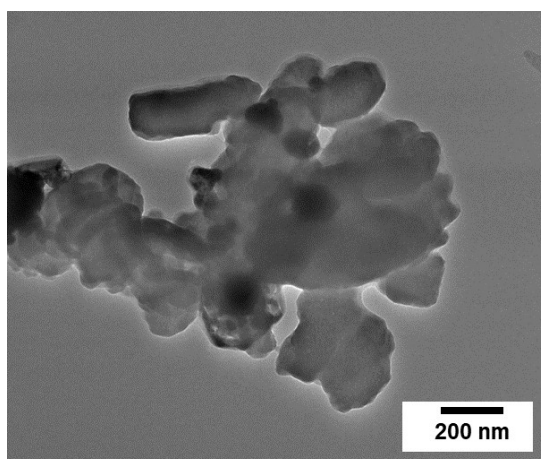


Figure S11. TEM picture **XOF-ZnTPP**.

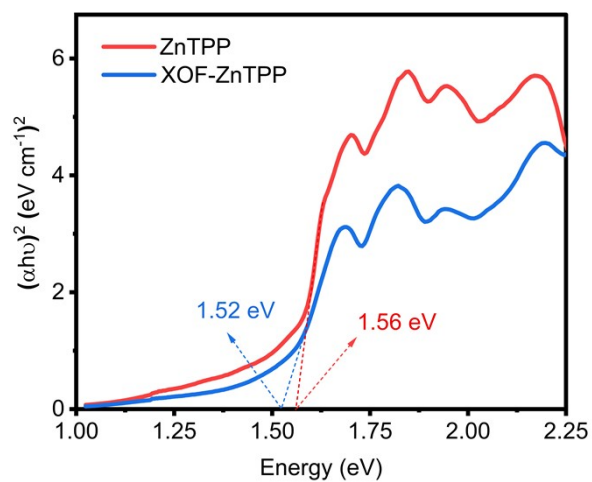


Figure S12. Tauc plots of **ZnTPP** and **XOF-ZnTPP**.

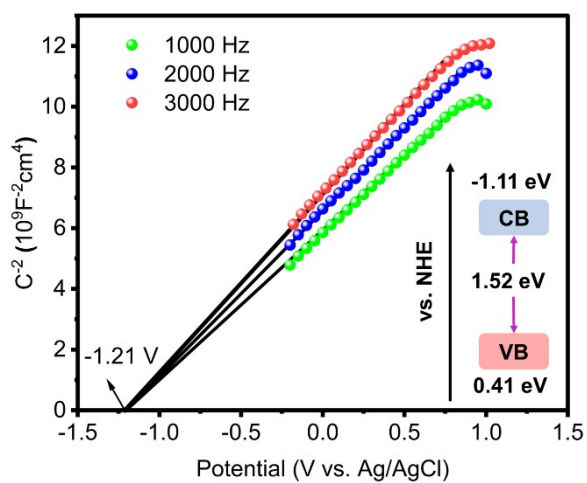


Figure S13. Mott-Schottky plots of **XOF-ZnTPP** (insert: conduction band and valence band potentials of the **XOF-ZnTPP**).

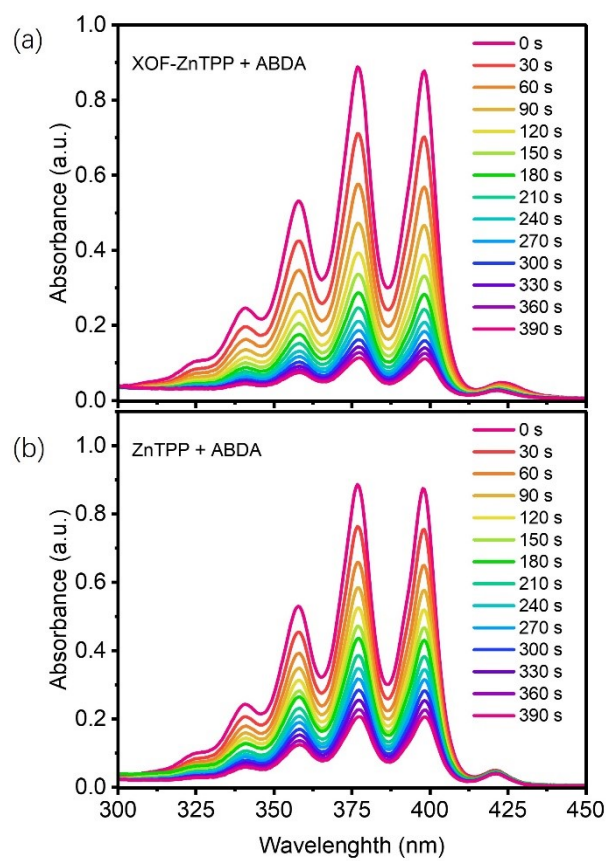


Figure S14. The UV-vis absorption of ABDA with (a) **XOF-ZnTPP** and (b) **ZnTPP** at different irradiation time (blue LED, 50 W).

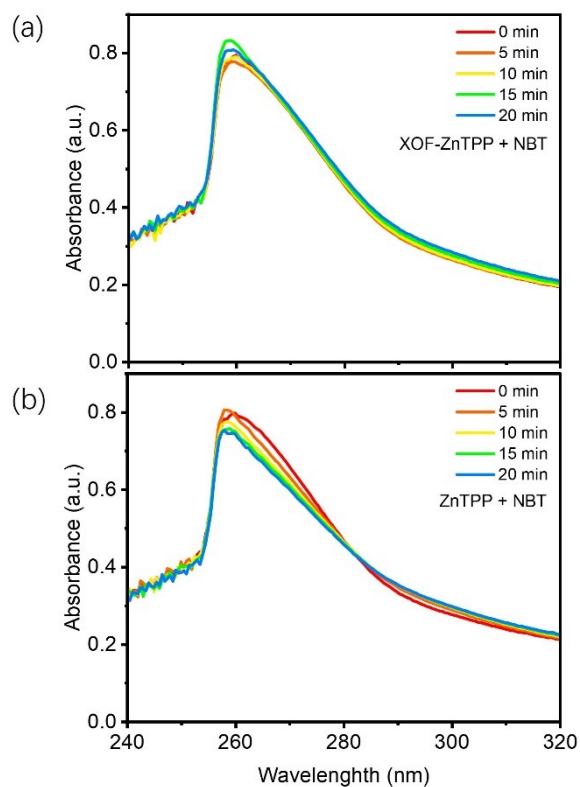


Figure S15. The UV-vis absorption of NBT with (a) **XOF-ZnTPP** and (b) **ZnTPP** at different irradiation time (blue LED, 50 W).

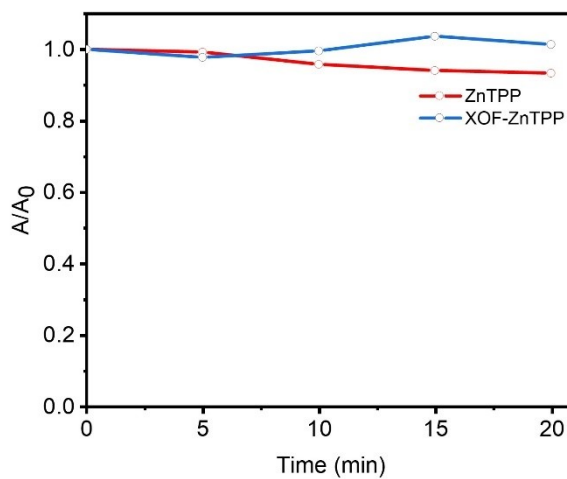


Figure S16. Comparison of the decay rate of NBT with **ZnTPP** and **XOF-ZnTPP** under different irradiation time.

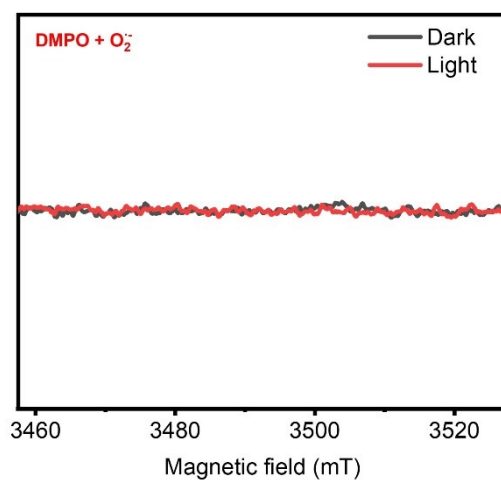


Figure S17. EPR detection of $O_2^{\bullet-}$ trapped by TEMP in MeOH

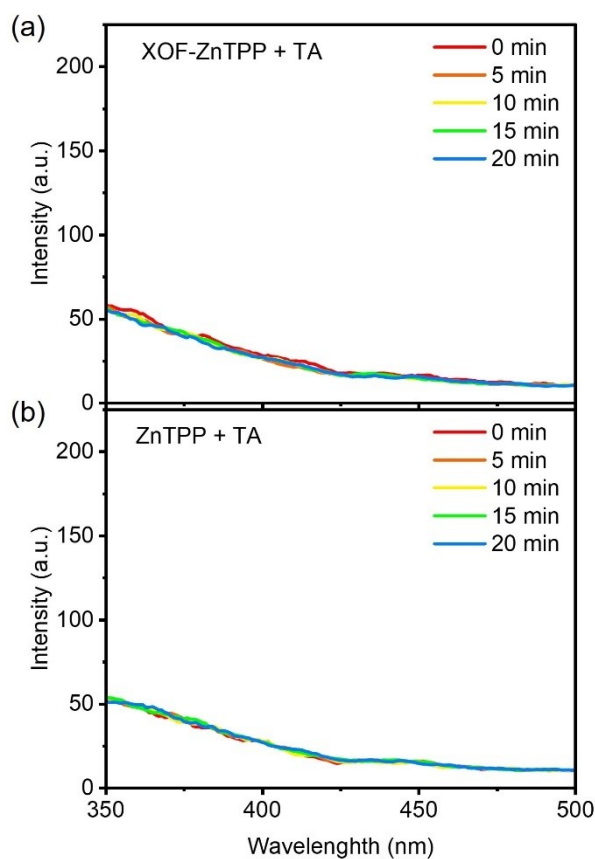


Figure S18. The fluorescence of TAOH ($E_x = 310$ nm, $E_m = 420$ nm) with (a) **XOF-ZnTPP** and (b) **ZnTPP** at different irradiation time (blue LED, 50 W). TA can react with $\bullet OH$ to generate 2-hydroxyterephthalic acid (TAOH), which has specific fluorescence emission at 420nm.

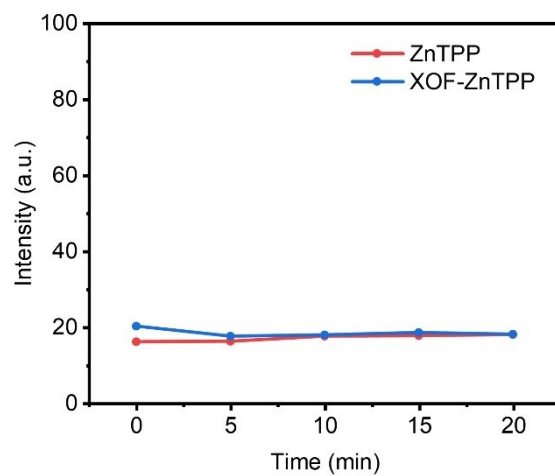


Figure S19. Comparison of the fluorescence change rate at 420 nm of TAOH with **ZnTPP** and **XOF-ZnTPP** under different irradiation time.

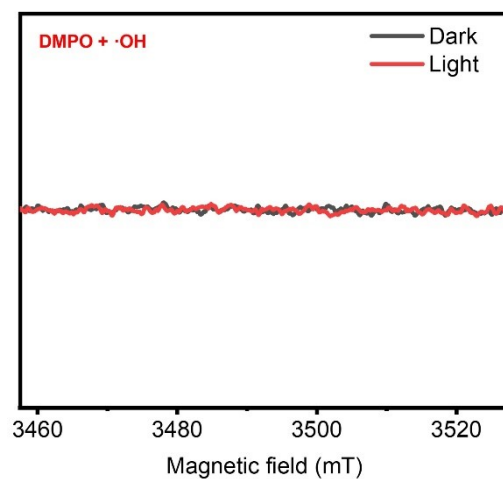


Figure S20. EPR detection of $\cdot\text{OH}$ trapped by DMPO in H_2O

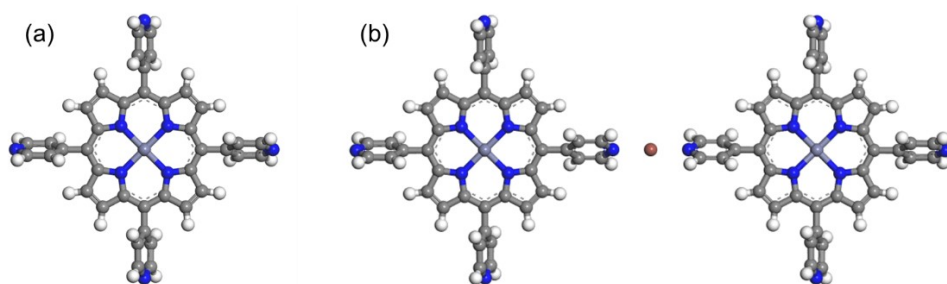


Figure S21. The optimized structures of **ZnTPP** and **[(ZnTPP)₂I]⁺**.

Table S1. The excitation energies of the first 9 singlet and triplet excited states for model molecules **ZnTPP** and **[(ZnTPP)₂I]⁺**.

ZnTPP				[(ZnTPP) ₂ I] ⁺			
Singlet	Energy (eV)	Triplet	Energy (eV)	Singlet	Energy (eV)	Triplet	Energy (eV)
S1	2.1917	T1	1.8198	S1	1.9655	T1	1.6926
S2	2.1929	T2	1.8201	S2	1.9679	T2	1.6929
S3	2.4577	T3	2.0978(0)	S3	2.2135	T3	1.7802(8)
S4	2.4578	T4	2.0978(4)	S4	2.2136	T4	1.7803(3)
S5	3.4543	T5	2.1427	S5	2.2706	T5	1.9482
S6	3.4546	T6	2.1428	S6	2.2911	T6	1.9483
S7	3.5479	T7	3.0772	S7	2.2917	T7	2.0036(5)
S8	3.5985	T8	3.1335	S8	2.3047	T8	2.0037(2)
S9	3.7251	T9	3.1853	S9	2.4235	T9	2.1230

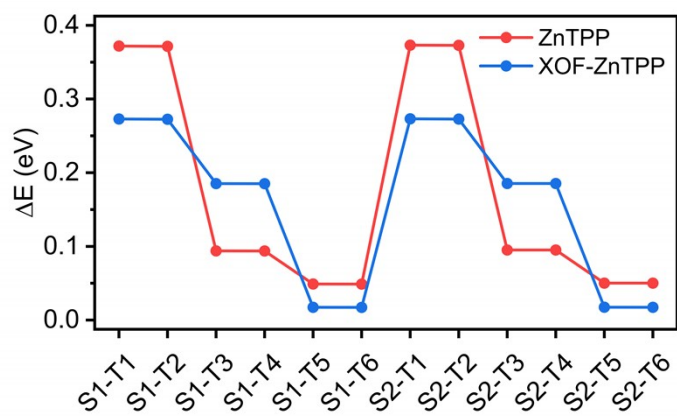
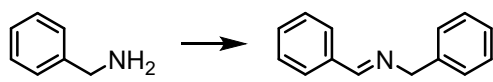


Figure S22. The energy gap between S1, S2 and its nearest triplet excited state.

Table S2. Selective photocatalytic aerobic oxidation of benzylamine under different conditions (0.10mmol benzylamine, 2mg catalyst, 0.55mL solvent, 50W LED).



catalyst	light	solvent	time	yield (%)
ZnTPP-XOF	green	CD ₃ OD	1	51
ZnTPP-XOF	green	CD ₃ OD	4	96
ZnTPP-XOF	blue	CD ₃ OD	1	72
ZnTPP-XOF	blue	CD ₃ OD	2	92
ZnTPP-XOF	green	CD ₃ CN	1	94
ZnTPP-XOF	blue	CD ₃ CN	1	98
ZnTPP-XOF	dark	CD ₃ CN	1	n.d.
ZnTPP	blue	CD ₃ CN	1	66
AgI	blue	CD ₃ CN	1	n.d.
/	blue	CD ₃ CN	1	n.d.

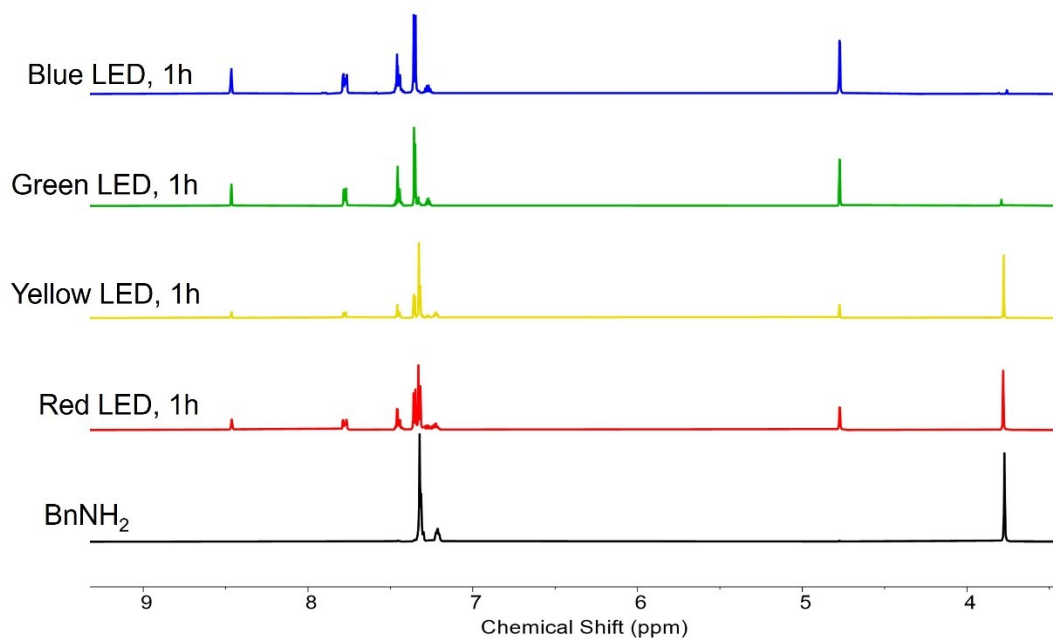


Figure S23. ¹H NMR spectra of the benzylamine oxidation coupling reaction catalyzed by **XOF-ZnTPP** under different LEDs light in 1 hour (blue: 460-465 nm, green: 520-525 nm, yellow: 585-590 nm, and red: 620-625 nm, all the LEDs are 50W).

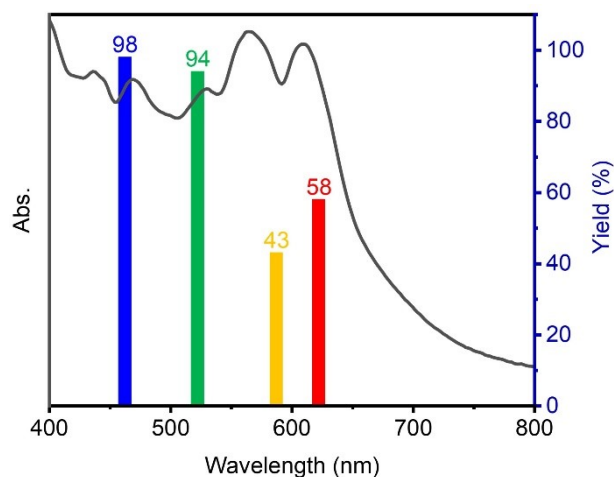


Figure S24. Wavelength-dependent benzylamine oxidation coupling reaction yields of **XOF-ZnTPP** with the absorption curve.

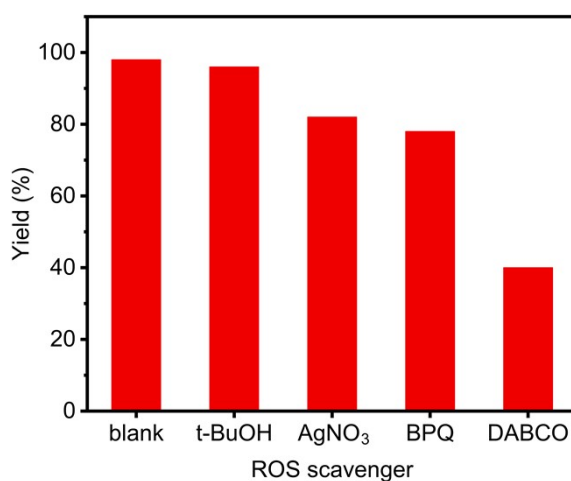


Figure S25. Quenching experiments of ROS for selective aerobic oxidation of benzylamine over **XOF-ZnTPP**.

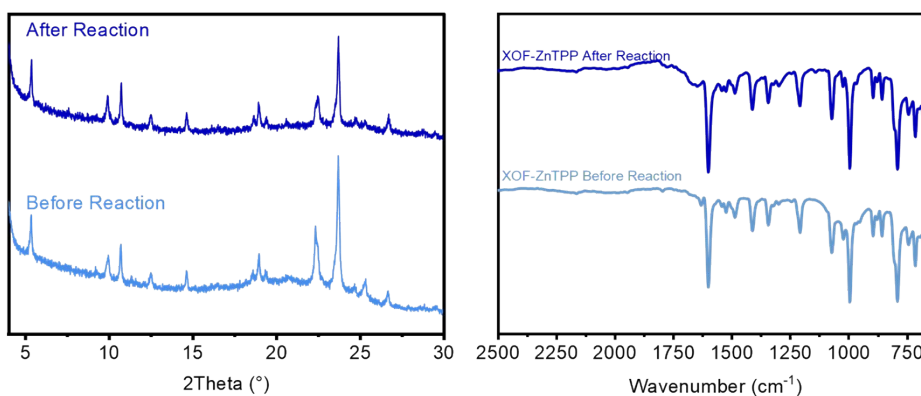


Figure S26. (a) PXRD and (b) ATR-FTIR spectra of **XOF-ZnTPP** before and after

photocatalysis, respectively.

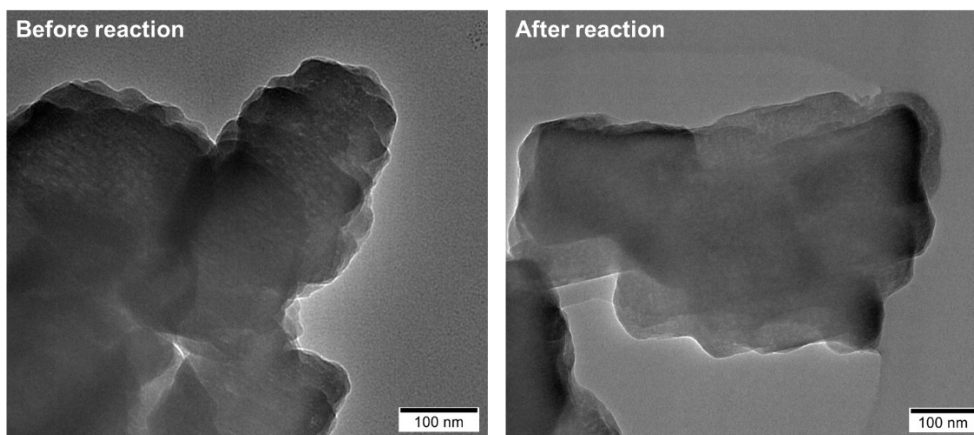


Figure S27. TEM of **XOF-ZnTPP** before and after photocatalysis, respectively.

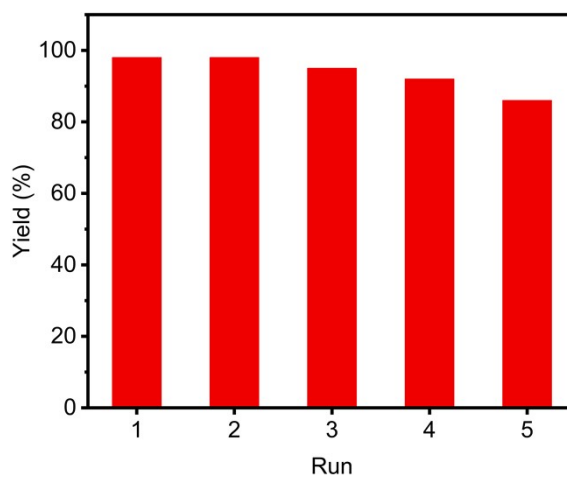


Figure S28. Assessment of catalytic stability of **XOF-ZnTPP**.

^1H NMR spectra

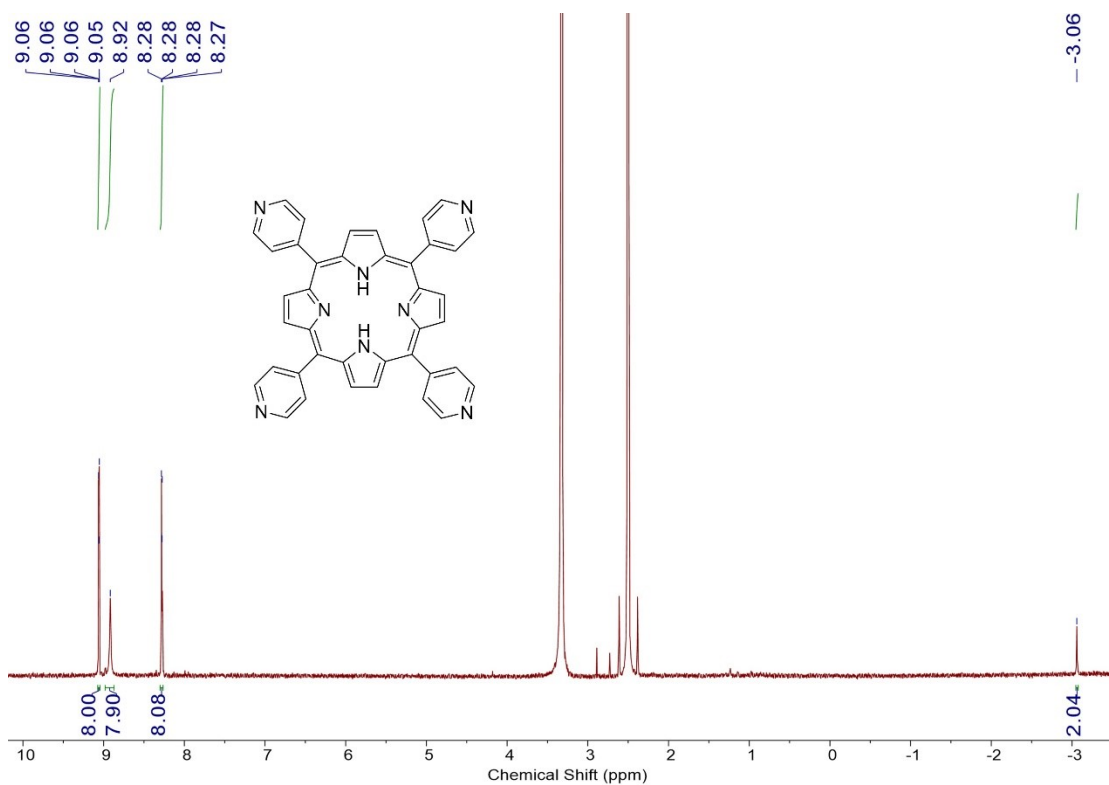


Figure S29. ^1H NMR spectra of H_2TPP ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 600 MHz, 298 K).

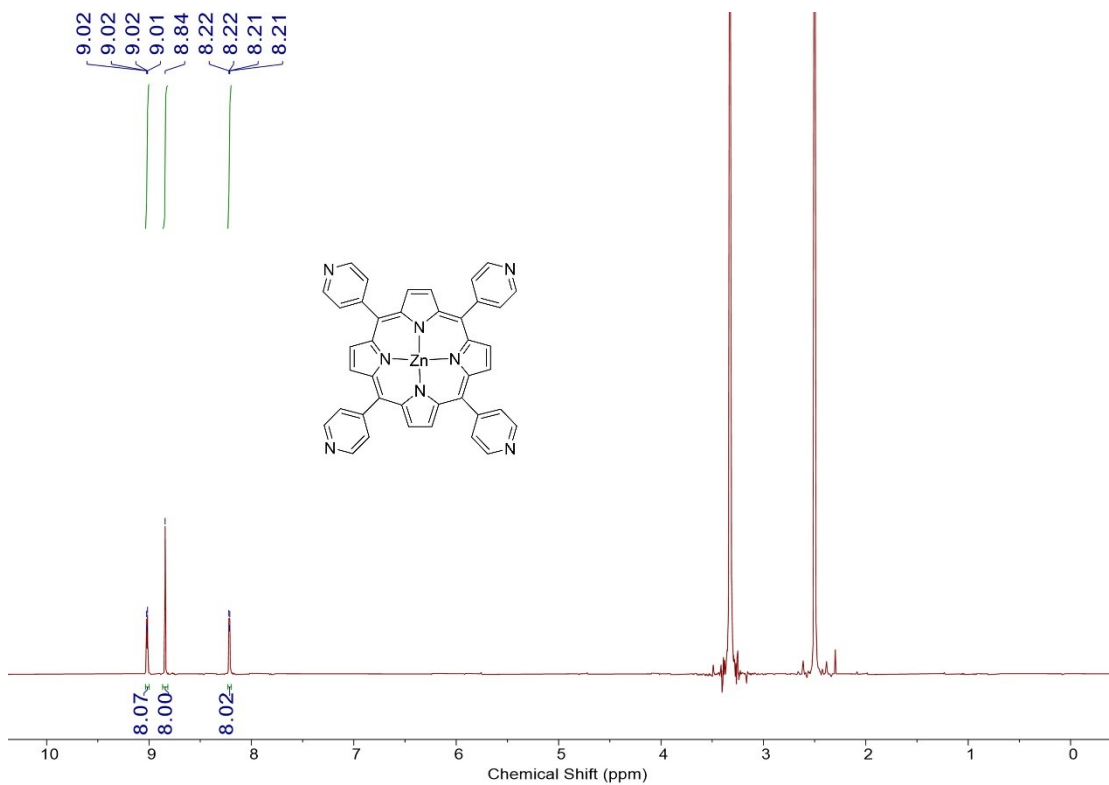


Figure S30. ^1H NMR spectra of ZnTPP ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 600 MHz, 298 K).

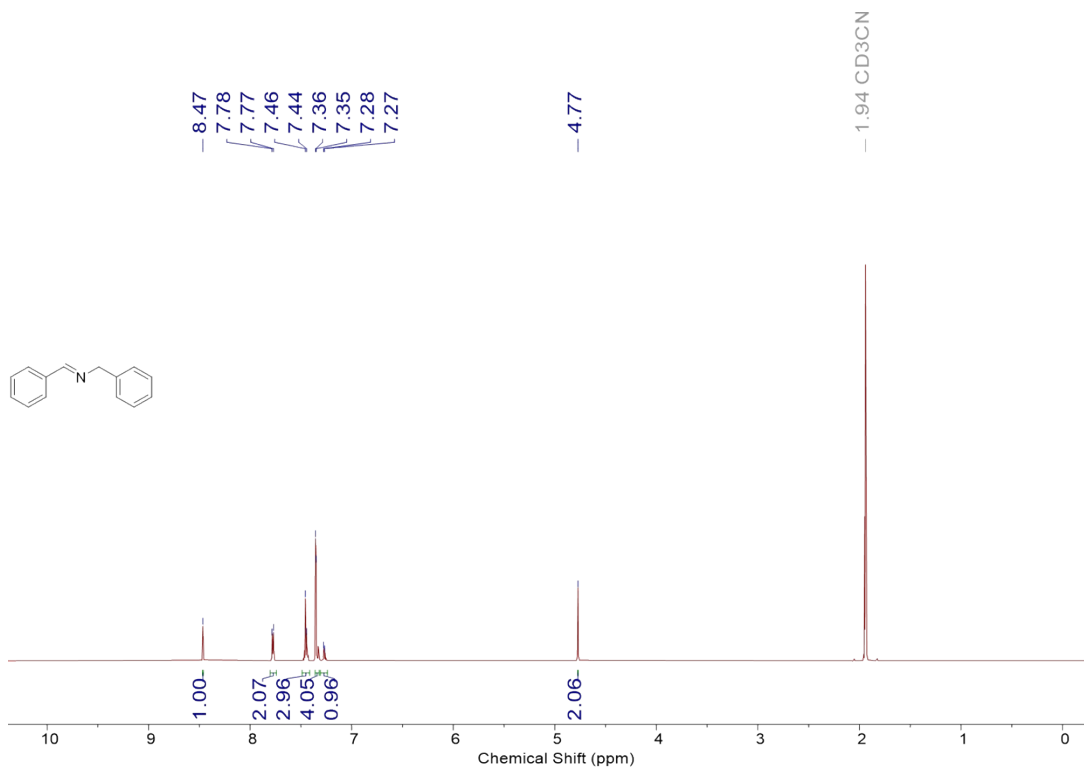


Figure S31. ^1H NMR spectra of *N*-benzylidenebenzylamine (CD_3CN , 600 MHz, 298 K).

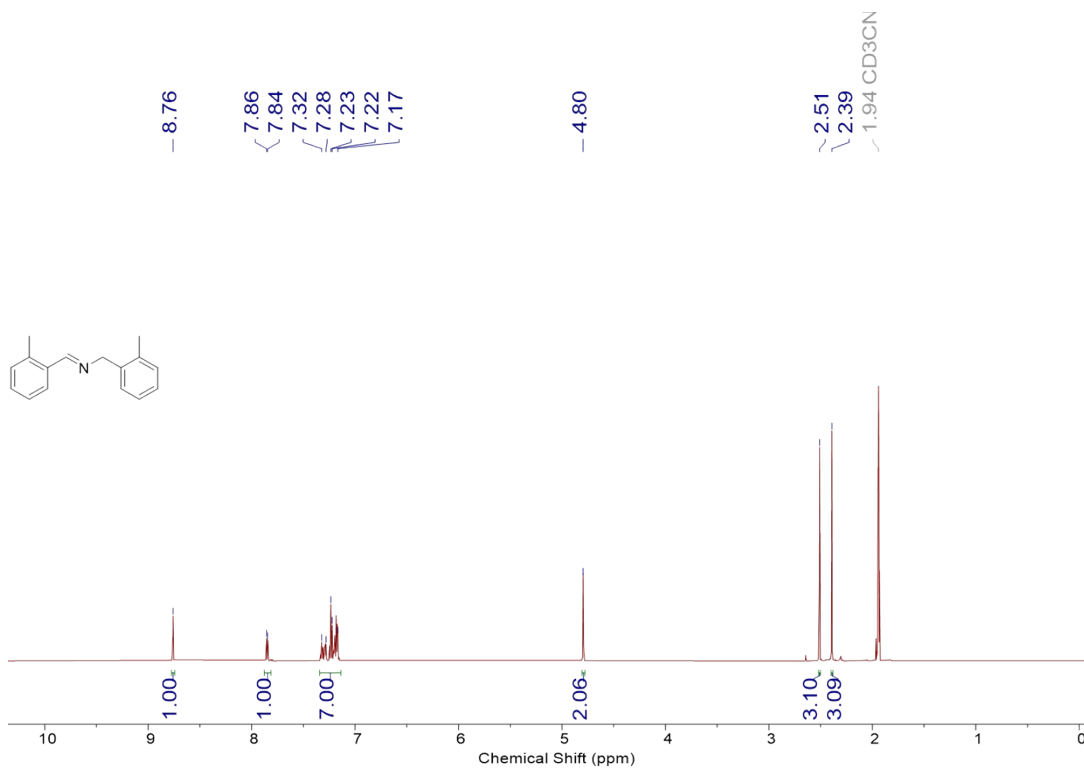


Figure S32. ^1H NMR spectra of *N*-(2-methylbenzylidene)-2-methylphenylmethanamine (CD_3CN , 600 MHz, 298 K).

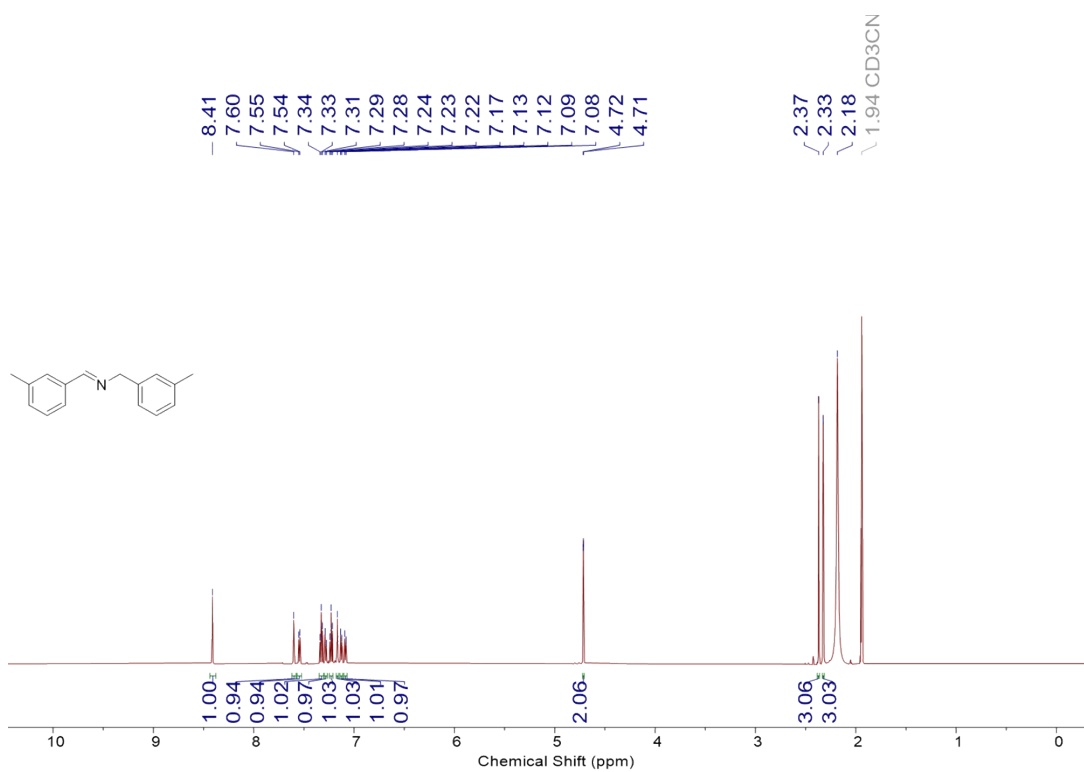


Figure S33. ^1H NMR spectra of *N*-(3-methylbenzylidene)-3-methylphenylmethanamine (CD_3CN , 600 MHz, 298 K).

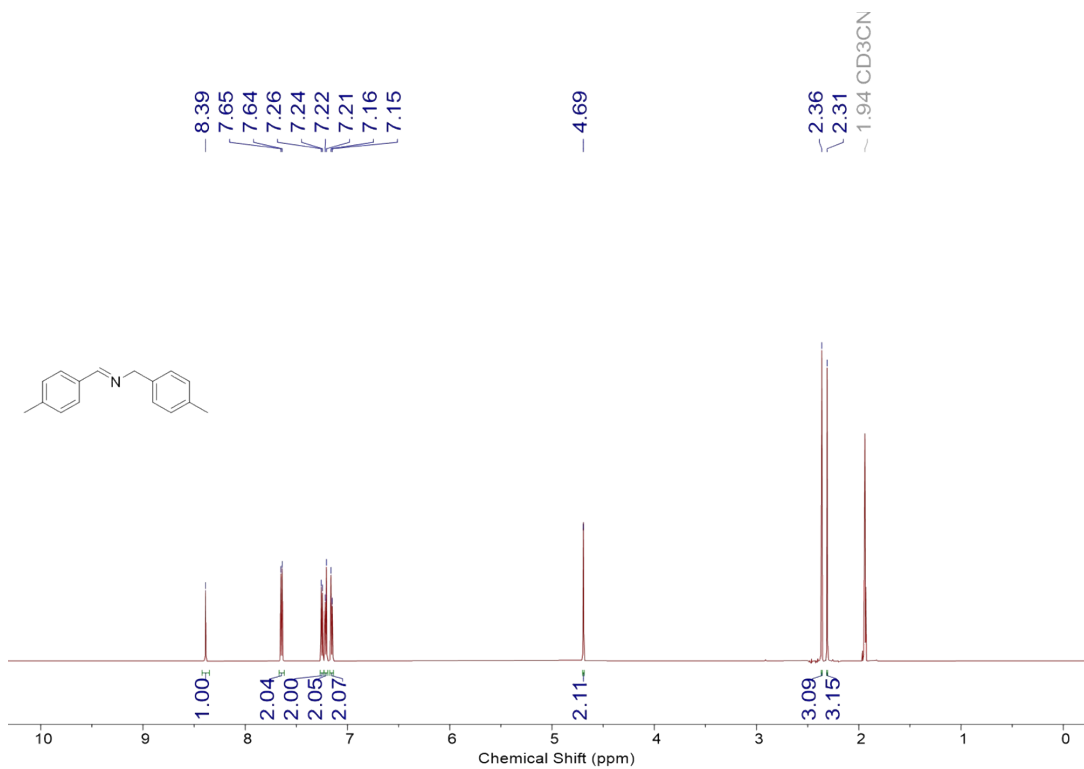


Figure S34. ^1H NMR spectra of *N*-(4-methylbenzylidene)-4-methylphenylmethanamine (CD_3CN ,

600 MHz, 298 K).

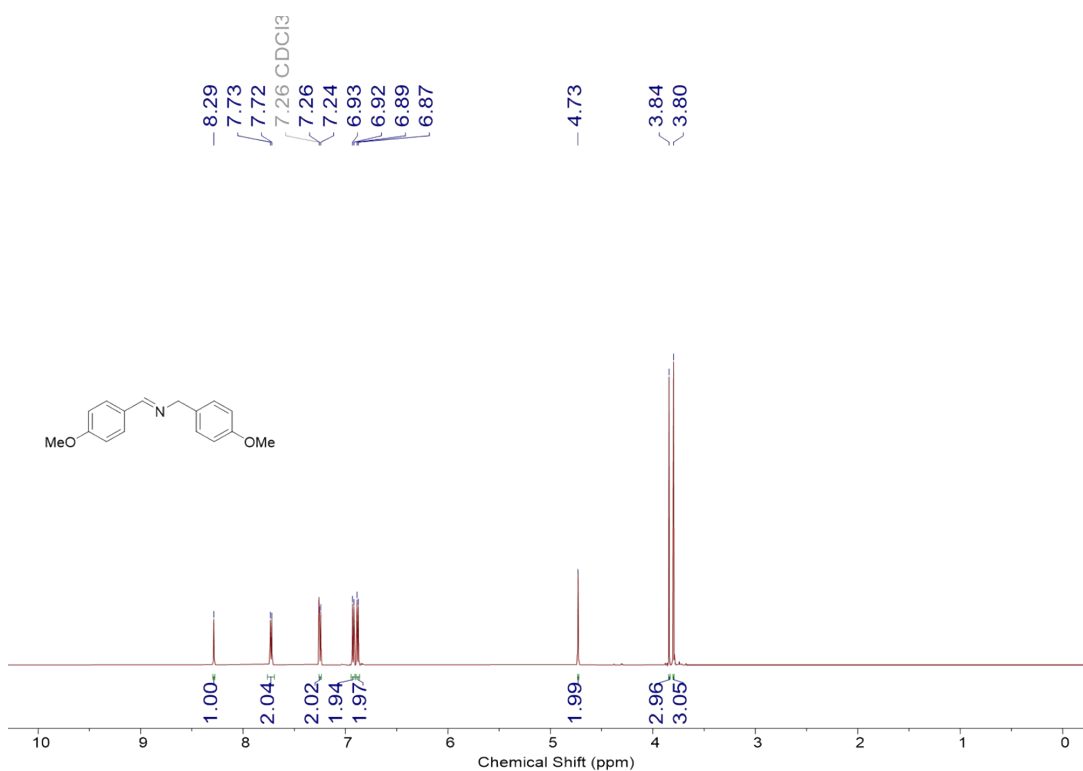


Figure S35. ¹H NMR spectra of *N*-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-4-methoxybenzylamine (CDCl₃, 600 MHz, 298 K).

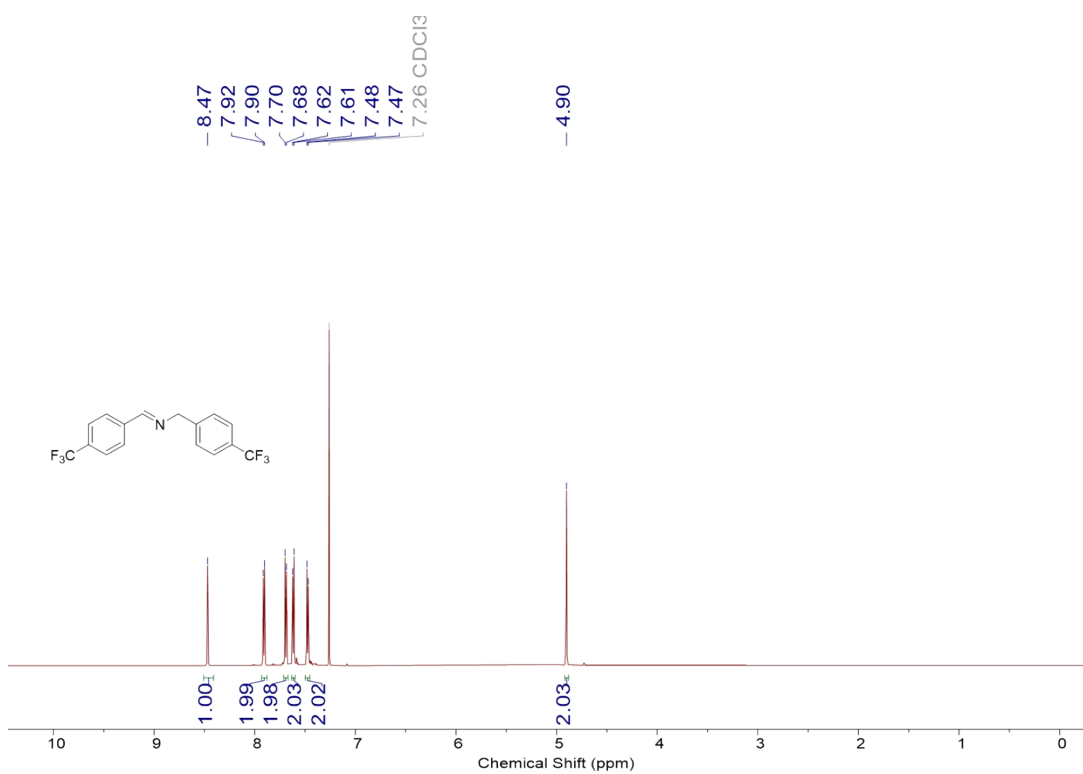


Figure S36. ¹H NMR spectra of *N*-[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methanimine (CDCl₃, 600 MHz, 298 K).

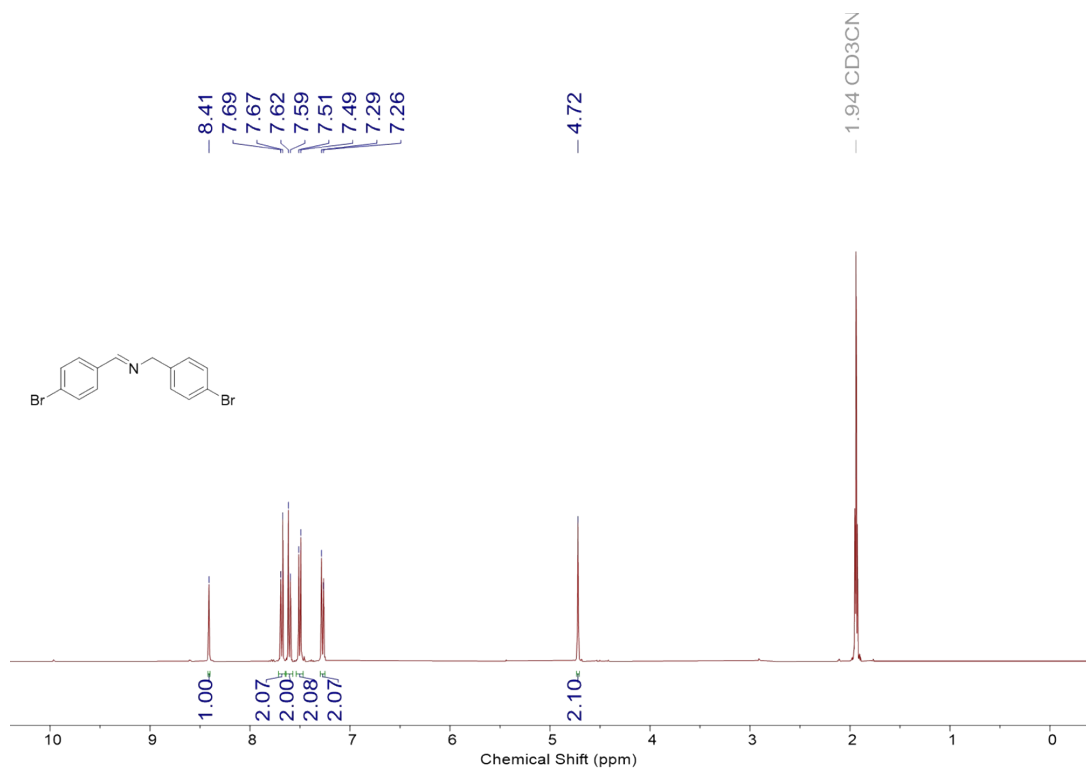


Figure S37. ¹H NMR spectra of *N*-(4-bromobenzyl)-1-(4-bromophenyl) methanimine (CD₃CN, 600 MHz, 298 K).

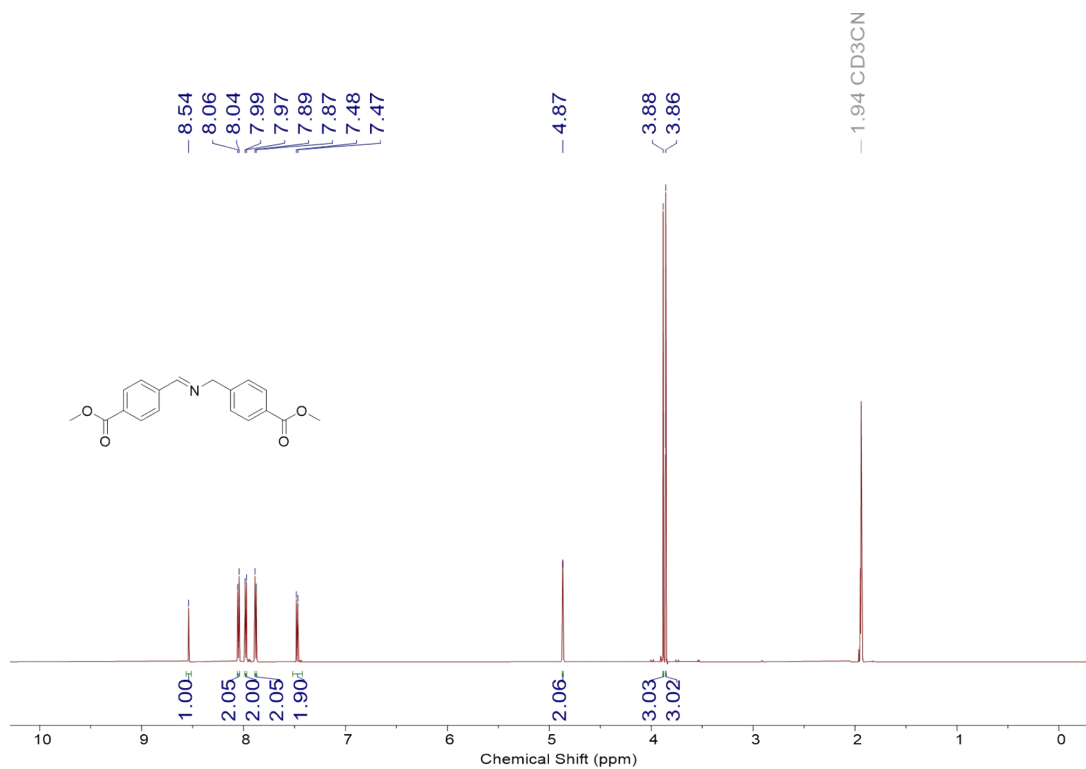


Figure S38. ^1H NMR spectra of *N*-(4-methoxycarbonylbenzyl)-*N*-(4-methoxycarbonylbenzylidene) amine (CD_3CN , 600 MHz, 298 K).

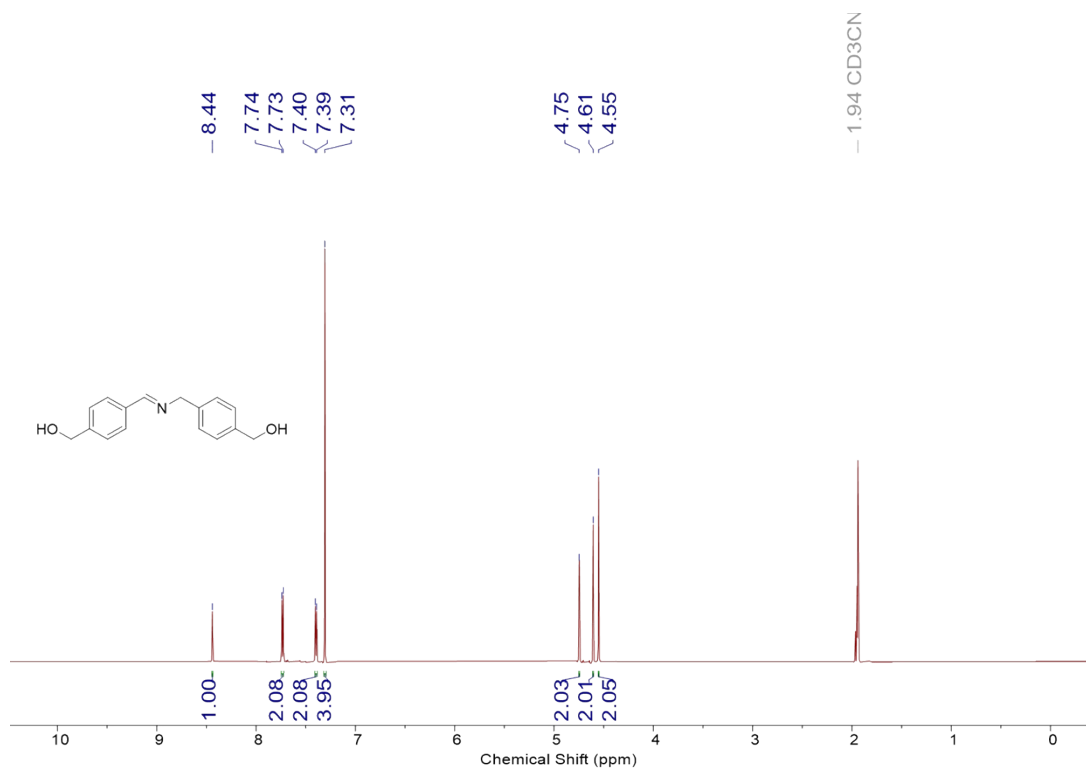


Figure S39. ^1H NMR spectra of (4-(((4-(hydroxymethyl)benzyl)imino)methyl)phenyl)methanol (CD_3CN , 600 MHz, 298 K).

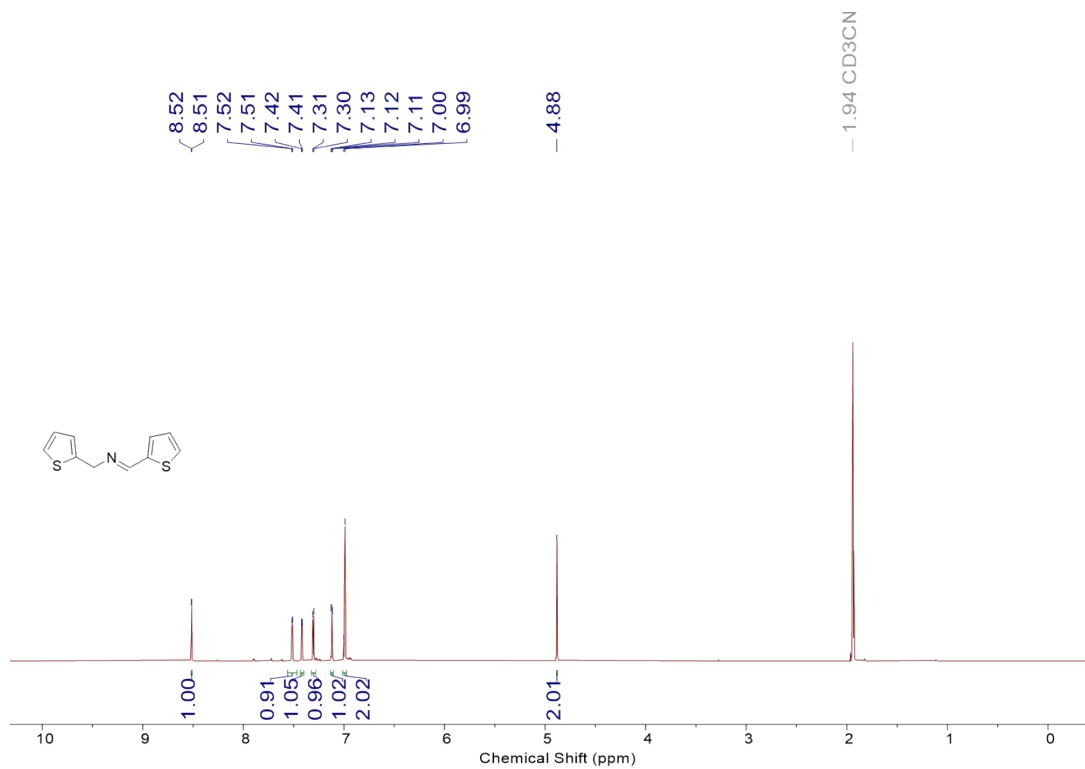


Figure S40. ¹H NMR spectra of *N*-(2-thienylmethylidene)-2-thienylmethylamine (CD₃CN, 600 MHz, 298 K).

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