## Effect of excited state self-quenching on singlet oxygen

### photogeneration using nanosheet surface assembled zinc

phthalocyanine

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#### Synthesis of 3-(4-methylpyridin-2-yloxy)phthalonitrile

3-nitrophthalonitrile (0.82 g, 4.74 mmol) and 5-hydroxy-2-methylpyridine (1.02 g, 9.35 mmol) were dissolved in 10 mL of dry *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide at 50 °C under N<sub>2</sub>. Potassium carbonate (2.11 g, 15.3 mmol) was added to the reaction solution in 5 portions every 5 min. The reaction mixture was heated for 48 h at 50 °C, then cooled to room temperature, and poured into 100 mL of ice–water. The crude product was extracted for the reaction liquid using 50 mL of CHCl<sub>3</sub> at 3 times. The crude product was redeposited using Diethyl ether. The precipitate was obtained as a pink powder. Yield, 0.47 g (42.2 % (based on 3-nitrophthalonitrile)).

Anal. Calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O: C; 70.17, H; 4.12, N; 16.37. Found: C; 69.93, H; 4.21, N; 16.08 %. HR-MS (ESI-TOF): Found 236.0816 *m/z*. [M+nH]- (calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O 236.0818). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 8.37(s, 1H,Py-H), 7.59 (t,1H,*J* = 16.4 Hz, Ar-H), 7.50 (d,1H,*J* = 7.64 Hz, Ar-H), 7.36 (d,1H,*J* = 8.41 Hz, Py-H), 7.26 (d,1H,*J* = 8.41 Hz, Py-H), 7.06 (d,1H,*J* = 9.00 Hz, Ar-H), and 2.61 ppm (s,3H,CH<sub>3</sub>).

Synthesis of 1,8,15,22-tetrakis-[(4-methyl-3-pyridyloxy)phthalocyaninato] zinc(II)

Phthalonitrile (0.41 g, 1.74mmol) and zinc acetate dihydrate (0.11 g, 0.05 mmol) was induced in *n*-pentanol (10 mL) in the presence of 0.3 mL of 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0] undec-7-ene (DBU) under N<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was heated at 145 °C for 24 h and then cooled to room temperature, and poured into 100 mL of ice–water. The crude product was extracted for the reaction liquid using 50 mL of CHCl<sub>3</sub> at 3 times. The crude product was redeposited using Diethyl ether. The precipitate was obtained as a blue-green solid. Yield, 0.30 g (68.4 % (based on Phthalonitrile **3**)). Anal. Calc. for  $C_{56}H_{36}N_{12}O_4Zn + H_2O$ : C;65.66, H;3.74, N;16.41. Found: C;65.43, H;4.02, N;16.24%. UV-vis (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\lambda_{max}(\epsilon/mol^{-1}dm^3 cm^{-1}) \Box = 326$ 

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# Synthesis of 1,8,15,22-tetrakis-[*N*-methyl-(4-methylpyridinium-3yloxy) phthalocyaninato] zinc(II) iodide

Zinc phthalocyanine (0.10 g, 0.10 mmol) and 5.0 mL of  $CH_3I$  were stirred at 50 °C under N<sub>2</sub>. After 1 day,  $CH_3I$  was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was washed with acetone and  $CHCl_3$  to obtain the cationic compound as a green solid. Yield, 0.13 g (83.1 % (based on Zinc phthalocyanine)). Anal. Calcd. for

 $C_{60}H_{48}I_4N_{12}O_4Zn + CHCl_3$ : C; 43.26, H; 2.92, N; 9.93. Found: C; 43.42, H; 3.06, N; 9.71 %. UV–vis(DMSO):  $\lambda_{max}(\epsilon/mol^{-1}dm^3 cm^{-1}) = 382 (1.8 \times 10^4)$ , 620 (1.4×10<sup>4</sup>), and 689 nm (8.5×10<sup>4</sup>).



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