

*Supporting Information*

**Reticular Chemistry Guided Single-Linker Constructed Pillar-Layered  
Metal-Organic Frameworks Via *In Situ* “One-Pot” Strategy**

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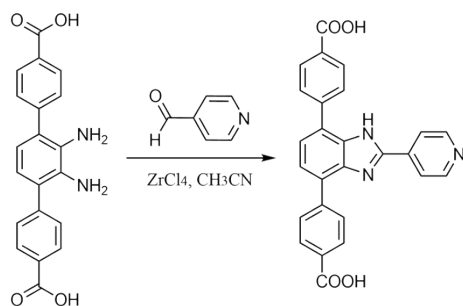
## **Chemicals**

Isonicotinaldehyde and 4-(pyridin-4-yl)benzaldehyde were purchased from Shanghai Aladdin Biochemical Technology Co., Ltd. 2',3'-diamino-[1,1':4',1''-terphenyl]-4,4''-dicarboxylic acid (H<sub>2</sub>DATC) was synthesized according to our previous work.<sup>1</sup> All the other chemicals were obtained from the chemical supplies and used without further purification.

## **Characterization**

Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns were recorded using Bruker D8 Advance X-ray diffractometer. Single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected on a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) data was collected using 400 MHz JEOL JNM-ECZ400S. The photoluminescent spectra were measured on FLS1000 spectrofluorometer (Edinburgh Instruments). The UV-vis spectra were recorded on Shimadzu UV-3600 spectrophotometer. The TGA data was collected using TGA 550 (TA Instruments) analyzer and the samples were heated from room temperature to 600°C at a ramp rate of 10°C / min.

**Synthesis of 4,4'-(2-(pyridin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-4,7-diyl)dibenzoic acid (H<sub>2</sub>PBIA)**



2,3'-diamino-[1,1':4',1''-terphenyl]-4,4''-dicarboxylic acid (2.0 mmol, 0.70 g), isonicotinaldehyde (2.1 mmol, 0.22 g) and ZrCl<sub>4</sub> (0.20 mmol, 46.6 mg) were added into a flask containing 30 mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then 4,4'-(2-(pyridin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-4,7-diyl)dibenzoic acids (H<sub>2</sub>PBIA) was obtained after filtration (0.79 g, yield: 90.8%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm 8.84 (2H), 8.47 (2H), 7.09 (8H), 7.62 (2H).

### **Synthesis of HIAM-3016-op**

Zn(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.17 mmol, 49.4 mg), H<sub>2</sub>DATC (0.075 mmol, 26.1 mg) and isonicotinaldehyde (0.077 mmol, 8.2 mg) were added into a 5 mL vial containing 3 mL DMF. After sonicating for 5 minutes, the capped vial was put in a pre-heated oven to react at 100 °C for 3 days. The obtained single crystals were washed with DMF (1 mL) several times to remove unreacted organic linkers.

### **Synthesis of HIAM-3016**

Zn(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.2 mmol, 59.4 mg) and H<sub>2</sub>PBIA (0.075 mmol, 33.0 mg) were added into a 5 mL vial containing 3 mL DMF. After sonicating for 5 minutes, the capped vial was put in a pre-heated oven to react at 100 °C for 3 days. The obtained single crystals were washed with DMF (1 mL) several times to remove unreacted ligand.

### **Synthesis of HIAM-3017-op**

Zn(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.17 mmol, 49.4 mg) and H<sub>2</sub>DATC (0.075 mmol, 26.1 mg) and 4-(pyridin-4-yl)benzaldehyde (0.077 mmol, 14 mg) were added into a 5 mL vial containing 3 mL DMF. After sonicating for 5 minutes, the capped vial was put in a pre-heated oven to react at 100 °C for 3 days. The obtained single crystals were washed with DMF (1 mL) several times to remove unreacted organic linkers.

### **Digestion Procedure of Zn-MOFs for $^1\text{H}$ NMR measurement**

10 mg as-synthesized HIAM-3016-op were washed several times using DMF, then the collected solid samples in 5 mL vials were put into one 150 °C oven overnight. After cooling down to room temperature, 500 uL 10 M NaOH/D<sub>2</sub>O solution was added into the vial by sonication for 5 mins and standing for 5 h. The D<sub>2</sub>O layer was used for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR measurement.

10 mg as-synthesized HIAM-3017-op were washed several times using DMF, then the collected solid samples in 5 mL vials were put into one 150 °C oven overnight. After cooling down to room temperature, 100 uL 10 M NaOH solution was added into the vial, which were put into one 100 °C oven for 4 hours. Then 100 uL concentrated HCl was added, which were put into one 100 °C oven for 4 hours. Then 800 uL DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> was added to dissolve the digested sample. After filtering, the solution of DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> containing linkers was used for the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR measurement.

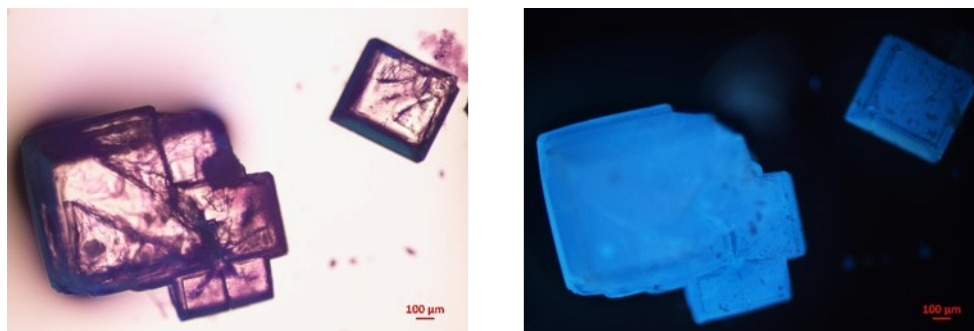


Figure S1. The single-crystal images of HIAM-3016-op under daylight (left) and 365 nm excitation (right).

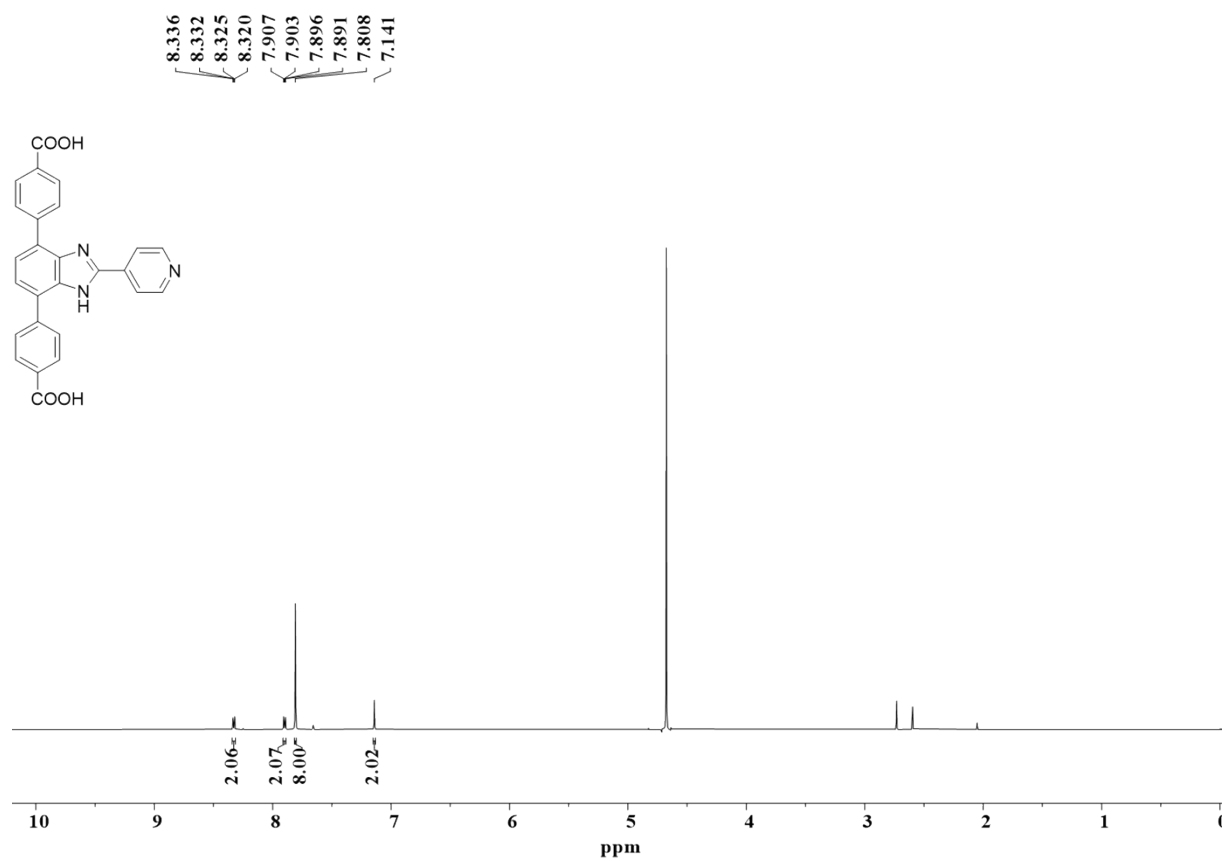


Figure S2. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of digested HIAM-3016-op in D<sub>2</sub>O and the molecular structure of H<sub>2</sub>PBIA.

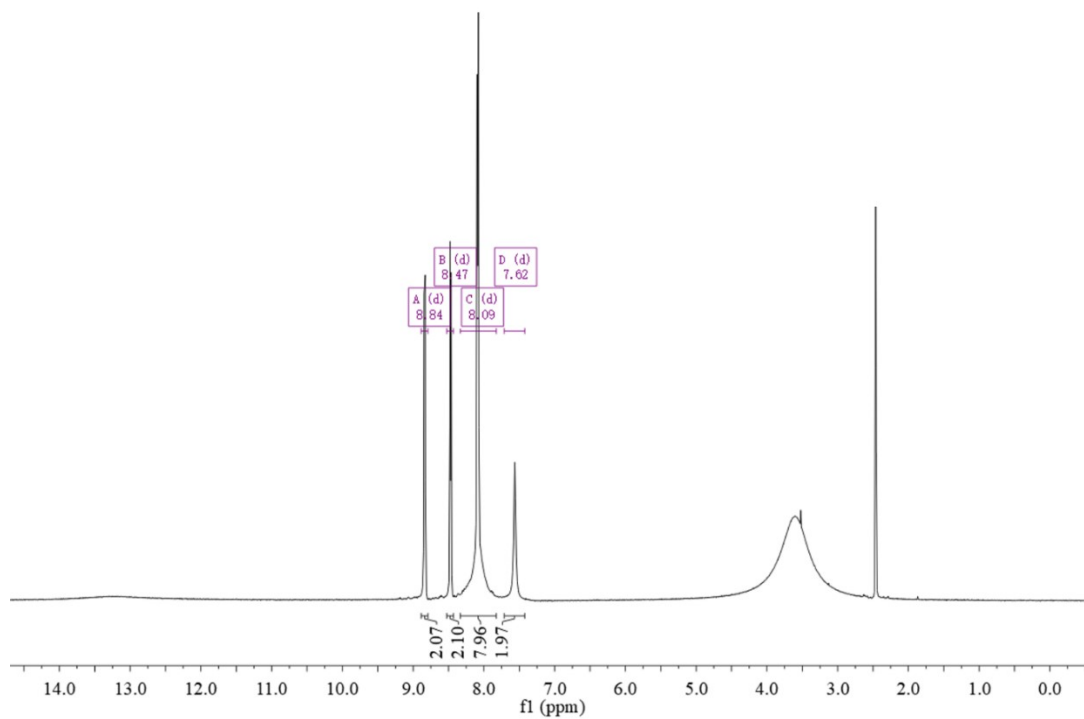


Figure S3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of directly synthesized  $\text{H}_2\text{PBIA}$  in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .

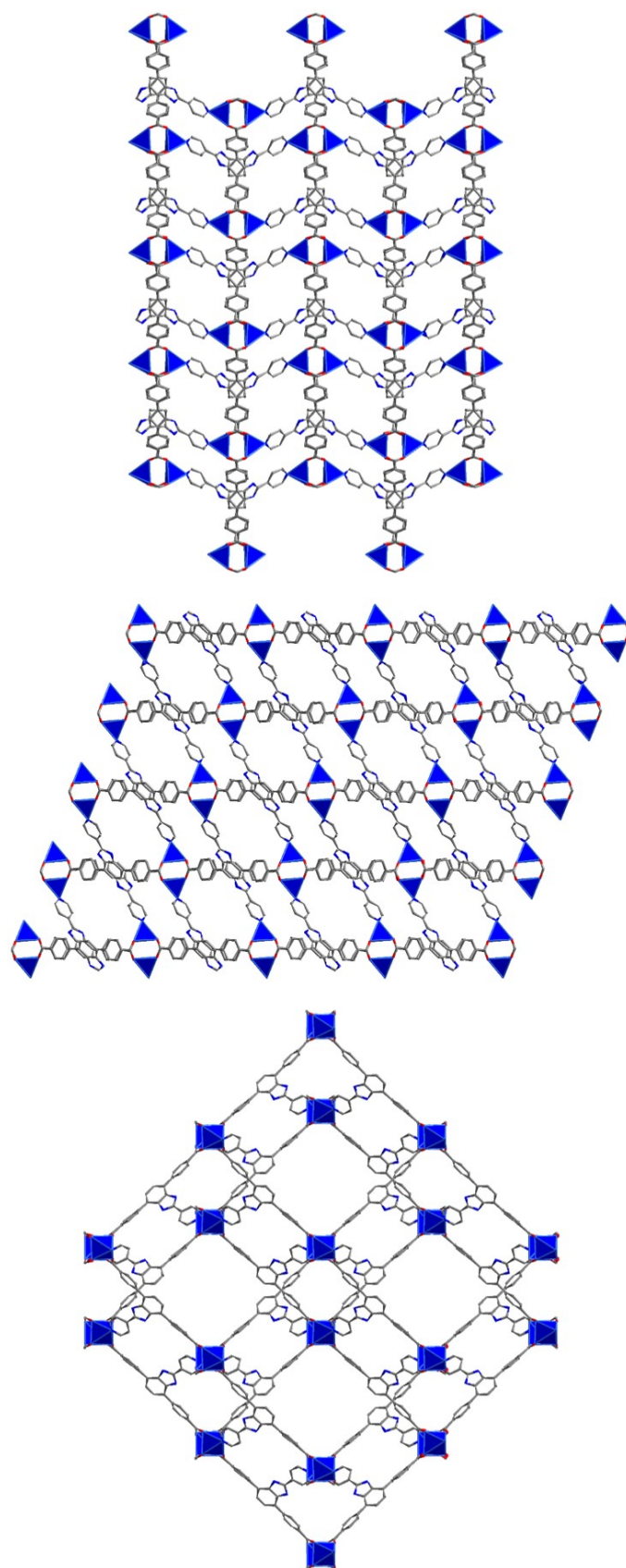


Figure S4. The single crystal structure of HIAM-3016-op viewed along a (above), b (middle) and c (below) axis.



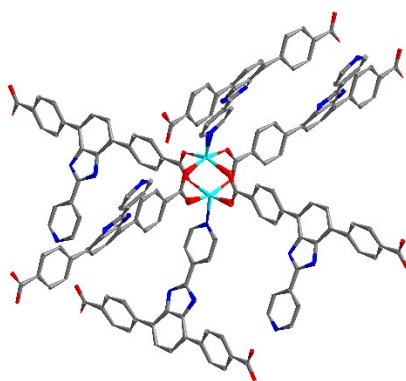


Figure S5. The coordination condition of paddle-wheel  $Zn_2(COO)_4$  in HIAM-3016-op.

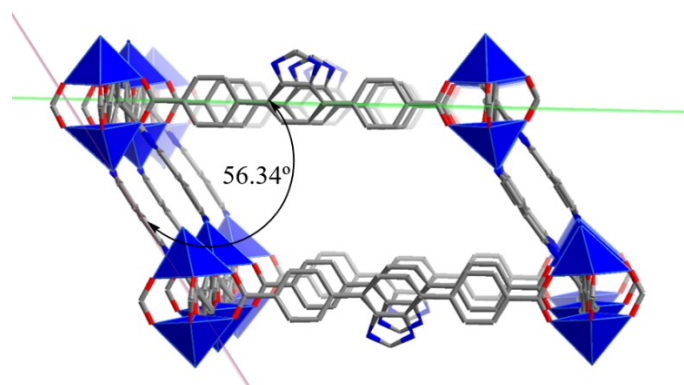


Figure S6. The angle between the 2D layer and the pillar in HIAM-3016-op.

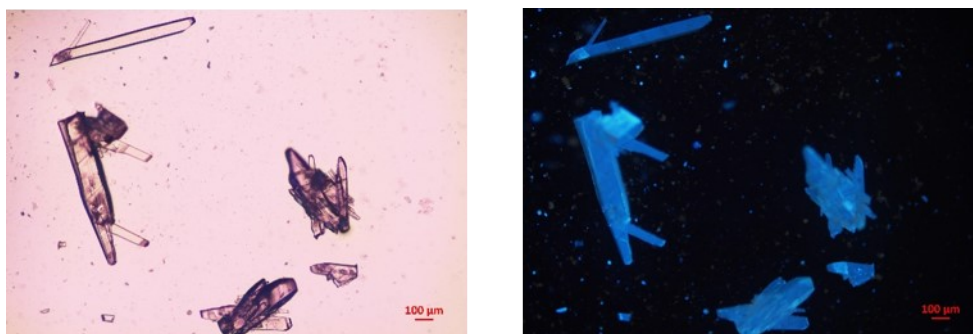


Figure S7. The single-crystal images of HIAM-3017-op under daylight (left) and 365 nm excitation (right).

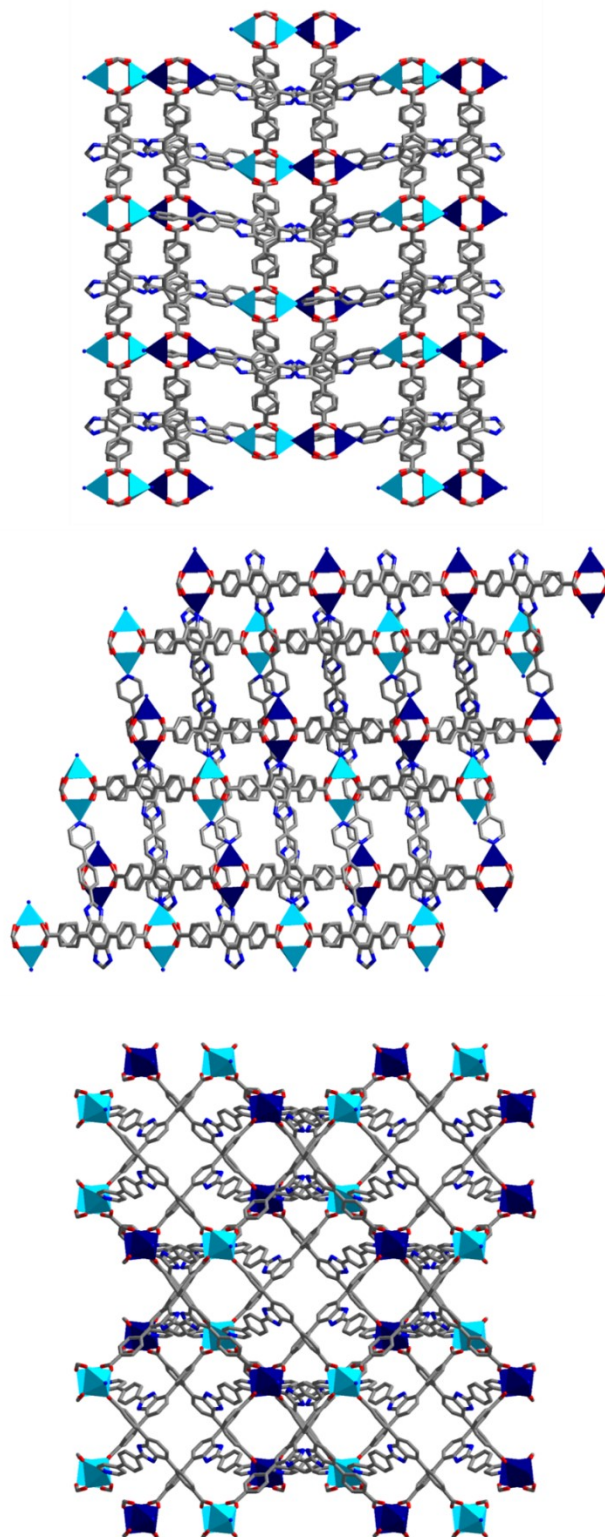


Figure S8. The single crystal structure of HIAM-3017-op viewed along a (above), b (middle) and c (below) axis.

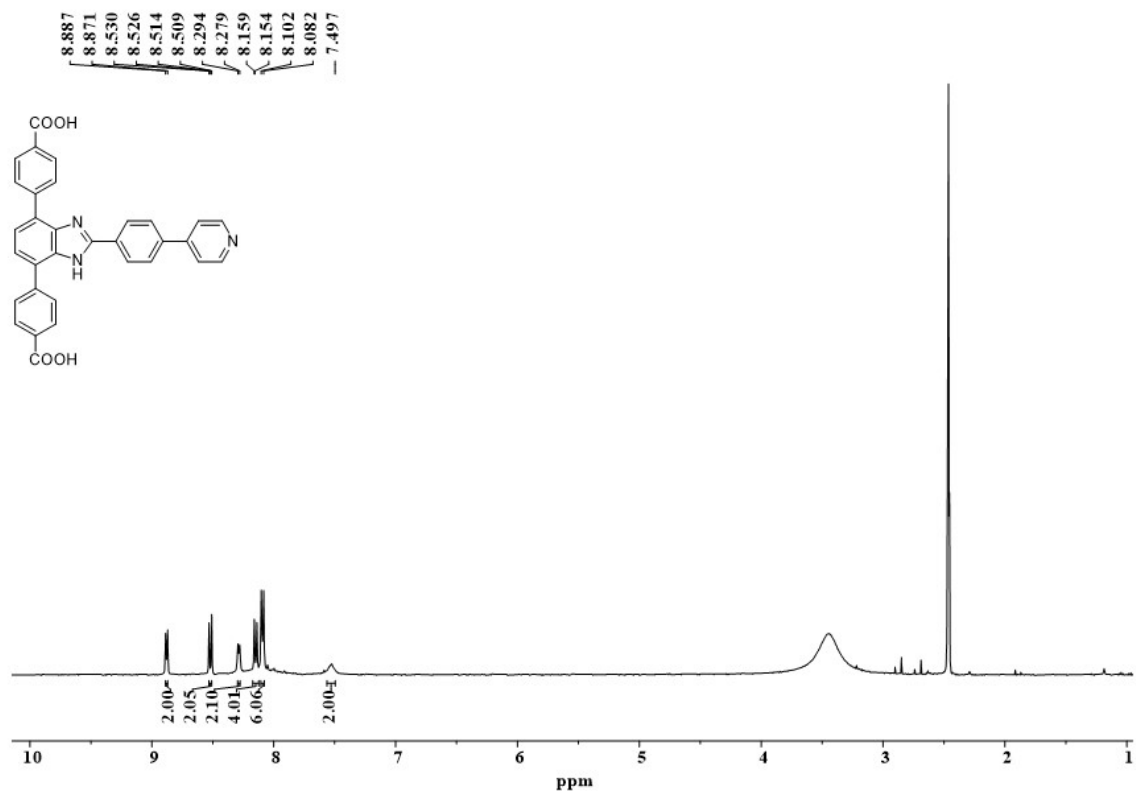


Figure S9. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of digested HIAM-3017-op in D<sub>2</sub>O and the molecular structure of H<sub>2</sub>PPBIA.

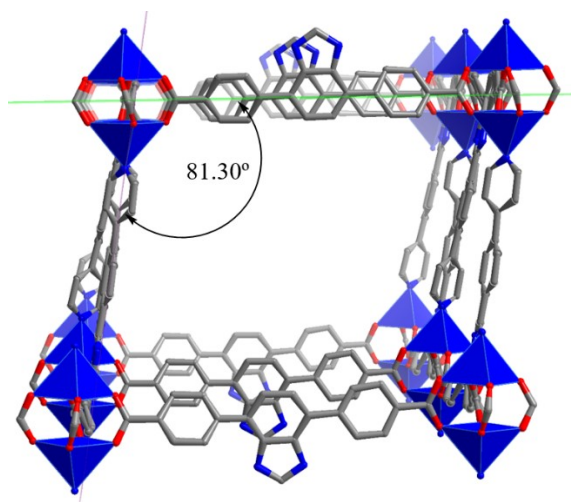


Figure S10. The angle between the 2D layer and the pillar in HIAM-3017-op.

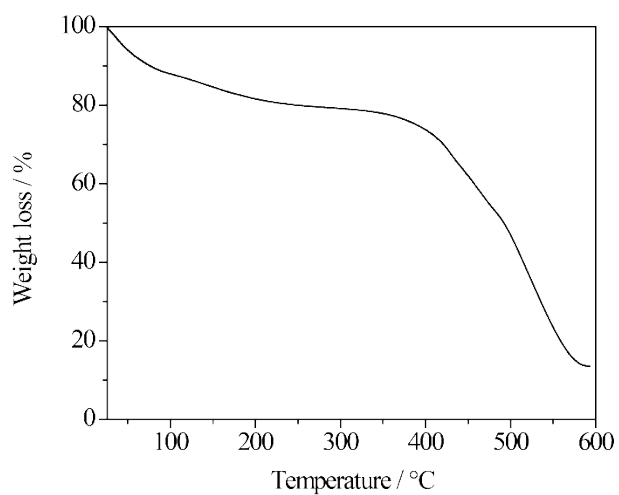


Figure S11. TGA curve of HIAM-3016-op.

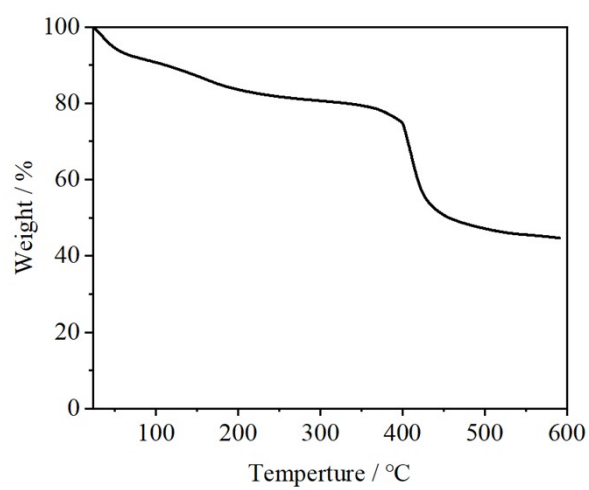


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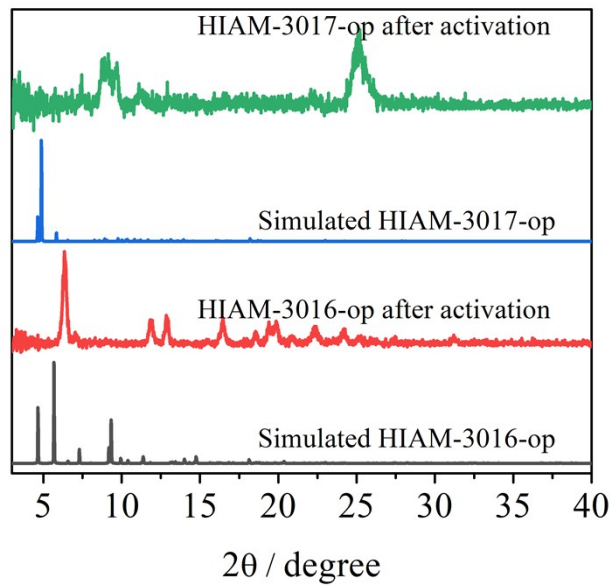


Figure S13. The PXR D patterns of HIAM-3016-op and HIAM-3017-op after activated using supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>.

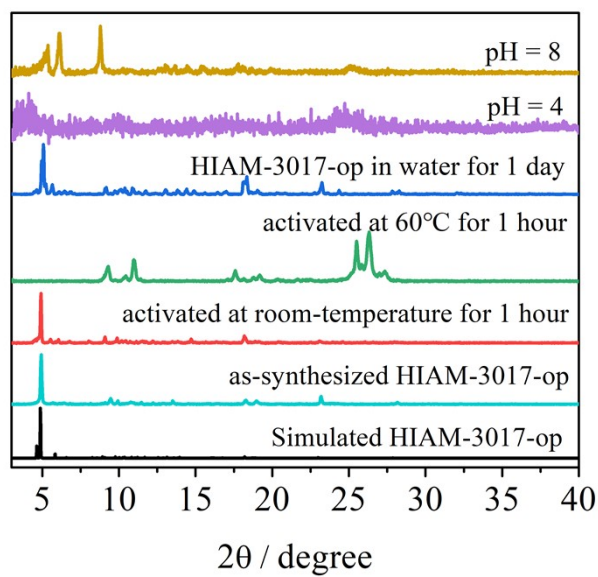


Figure S14. The PXR D patterns of HIAM-3017-op after treated under various conditions.

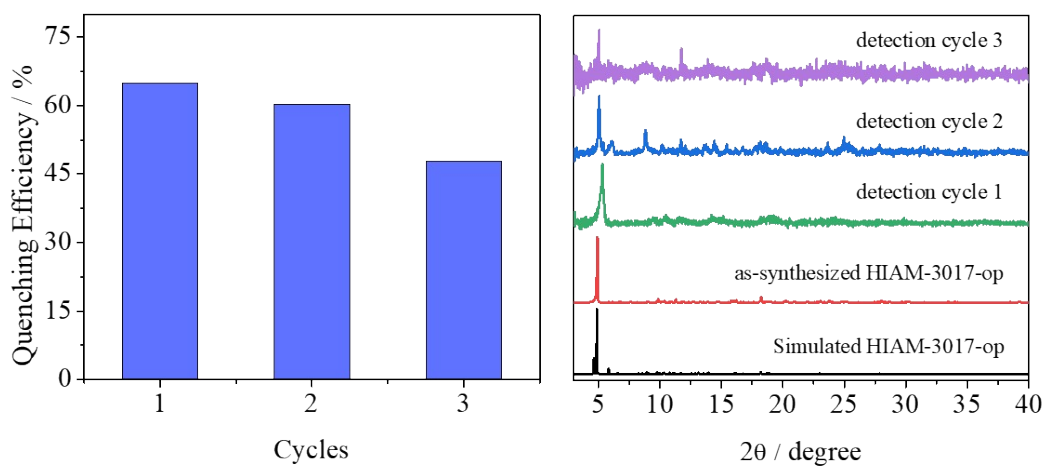


Figure S15. The quenching efficiencies of HIAM-3017-op for three cycles (left) and corresponding PXRD patterns of HIAM-3017-op after each cycle (right).

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for HIAM-3016-op.

CCDC No.	2354184	
Empirical formula	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Zn	
Formula weight	498.78	
Temperature	193 K	
Wavelength	1.34139 Å	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	C2/c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 28.486(6) Å	α = 90°
	b = 26.892(6) Å	β = 110.239(12)°
	c = 20.509(5) Å	γ = 90°
Volume	14741 (6) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	0.449 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.368 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	2031	
Crystal size	0.2 x 0.1 x 0.1 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	4.06 to 105.91°	
Index ranges	-33 ≤ h ≤ 31, -31 ≤ k ≤ 31, 0 ≤ l ≤ 24	
Reflections collected	24396	
Independent reflections	24396 [R(int) = 0.1055, R(sigma) = 0.0966]	
Data / restraints / parameters	24396/3/311	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.035	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.1010, wR2 = 0.2403	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1699, wR2 = 0.2871	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.44 and -0.90 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	



Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for HIAM-3016.

CCDC No.	2368472	
Empirical formula	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>29</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Zn	
Formula weight	644.97	
Temperature	193 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	C2/c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 28.630(2) Å	α = 90°
	b = 26.8008(19) Å	β = 109.961(2)°
	c = 20.3644(16) Å	γ = 90°
Volume	14686.9(19) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	0.583 g/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.356 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	2672.0	
Crystal size	0.13 x 0.12 x 0.1 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	3.71 to 54.988°	
Index ranges	-37 ≤ h ≤ 37, -30 ≤ k ≤ 34, -26 ≤ l ≤ 23	
Reflections collected	67204	
Independent reflections	16814 [R(int) = 0.0835, R(sigma) = 0.0850]	
Data / restraints / parameters	16814/48/449	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.961	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0557, wR2 = 0.1498	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0869, wR2 = 0.1642	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.50 and -0.46 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for HIAM-3017-op.

CCDC No.	2354185	
Empirical formula	C <sub>67</sub> H <sub>45</sub> N <sub>7</sub> O <sub>9</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub>	
Formula weight	1222.84	
Temperature	193 K	
Wavelength	1.34139 Å	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	C2/c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 27.145(7) Å	α = 90°
	b = 28.184(7) Å	β = 108.221(12)°
	c = 31.874(8) Å	γ = 90°
Volume	23162(10) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	0.701 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.509 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	5024	
Crystal size	0.15 x 0.1 x 0.1 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	4.04 to 106.98°	
Index ranges	-28 ≤ h ≤ 32, -33 ≤ k ≤ 33, -37 ≤ l ≤ 37	
Reflections collected	119774	
Independent reflections	20547 [R(int) = 0.0675, R(sigma) = 0.0476]	
Data / restraints / parameters	20547/687/793	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.021	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.1406, wR2 = 0.3180	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1549, wR2 = 0.3252	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.74 and -1.60 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

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