## Supporting Information

## Kinetic Study of Catalytic Formic Acid Dehydrogenation by in Situ UV-Vis Spectroscopy

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**Figure S1.** GC-TCD chromatographs of (a) gas product after addition of  $H_2SO_4$  and (b) reference (3%  $H_2/Ar$ , 0.5 mL).



**Figure S2.** Normalized XANES spectra of **Ir3** solution (red line), **Ir3**/HCO<sub>2</sub>K solution (bule line), **Ir3**/HCO<sub>2</sub>K/H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution (green line).



**Figure S3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **Ir1** (expanded to 50 times for below -10 ppm and 10 times for above 7 ppm). (a) **Ir1** in D<sub>2</sub>O/CD<sub>3</sub>OD (7/3), (b) **Ir1** with 5 equiv. of HCO<sub>2</sub>K in D<sub>2</sub>O/CD<sub>3</sub>OD (7/3), (c) Addition of 5 equiv. of D<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> to (b).



**Figure S4.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **Ir2**(expanded to 50 times for below -10 ppm and 10 times for above 7 ppm). (a) **Ir2** in D<sub>2</sub>O/CD<sub>3</sub>OD (7/3), (b) **Ir2** with 5 equiv. of HCO<sub>2</sub>K in D<sub>2</sub>O/CD<sub>3</sub>OD (7/3), (c) Addition of 5 equiv. of D<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> to (b).



**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **Ir3** (expanded to 50 times for below -10 ppm and 10 times for above 7 ppm). (a) **Ir3** in D<sub>2</sub>O/CD<sub>3</sub>OD (7/3), (b) **Ir3** with 5 equiv. of HCO<sub>2</sub>K in D<sub>2</sub>O/CD<sub>3</sub>OD (7/3), (c) Addition of 5 equiv. of D<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> to (b).



Figure S6. UV-vis spectra of Ir1 with the addition of HCO<sub>2</sub>K.



Figure S7. UV-vis spectra of Ir2 with the addition of HCO<sub>2</sub>K.



Figure S8. UV-vis spectra of Ir3 with the addition of HCO<sub>2</sub>K.



Figure S9. Time course of absorption at 400 nm with various concentration of Ir1.



Figure S10. The initial hydride formation rates with various concentration of Ir1.



Figure S11. Time course of absorption at 400 nm with various concentration of Ir2.



Figure S12. The initial hydride formation rates with various concentration of Ir2.



Figure S13. Time course of absorption at 400 nm with various concentration of Ir3.



Figure S14. The initial hydride formation rates with various concentration of Ir3.



Figure S15. UV-vis spectra of Ir1 with the addition of HCO<sub>2</sub>K and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.



Figure S16. UV-vis spectra of Ir2 with the addition of HCO<sub>2</sub>K and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.



Figure S17. UV-vis spectra of Ir3 with the addition of HCO<sub>2</sub>K and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.



Figure S18. Time course of absorption at 400 nm with various concentration of of Ir1.



Figure S19. The initial H<sub>2</sub> evolution rates with various concentration of Ir1.



Figure S20. Time course of absorption at 400 nm with various concentration of Ir2.



Figure S21. The initial H<sub>2</sub> evolution rates with various concentration of Ir2.



Figure S22. Time course of absorption at 400 nm with various concentration of Ir3.



Figure S23. The initial H<sub>2</sub> evolution rates with various concentration of Ir3.



Figure S24. Rection order of (a) Ir1, (b) Ir2, (c) Ir3.



Figure S25. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Ir1.



**Figure S26.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of **Ir1** with the addition of HCO<sub>2</sub>K.



Figure S27. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Ir1 with the addition of HCO<sub>2</sub>K and D<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.



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**Figure S29.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of **Ir2** with the addition of HCO<sub>2</sub>K.



Figure S30. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Ir2 with the addition of HCO<sub>2</sub>K and D<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.



Figure S32. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Ir3 with the addition of HCO<sub>2</sub>K.



Figure S33. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Ir3 with the addition of HCO<sub>2</sub>K and D<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.



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**Figure S34.** Schematic of in-situ UV-Vis spectroscopic analysis setup. UV-vis spectra were recorded at 25 °C on SEC2000 spectrometer with a charge coupled device array detector (ALS Co., Ltd). The solution was stirred at 600 rpm using a magnetic stirrer.