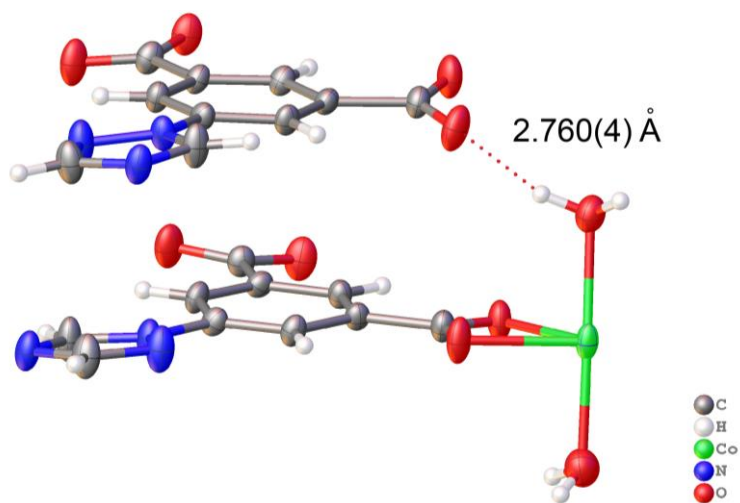


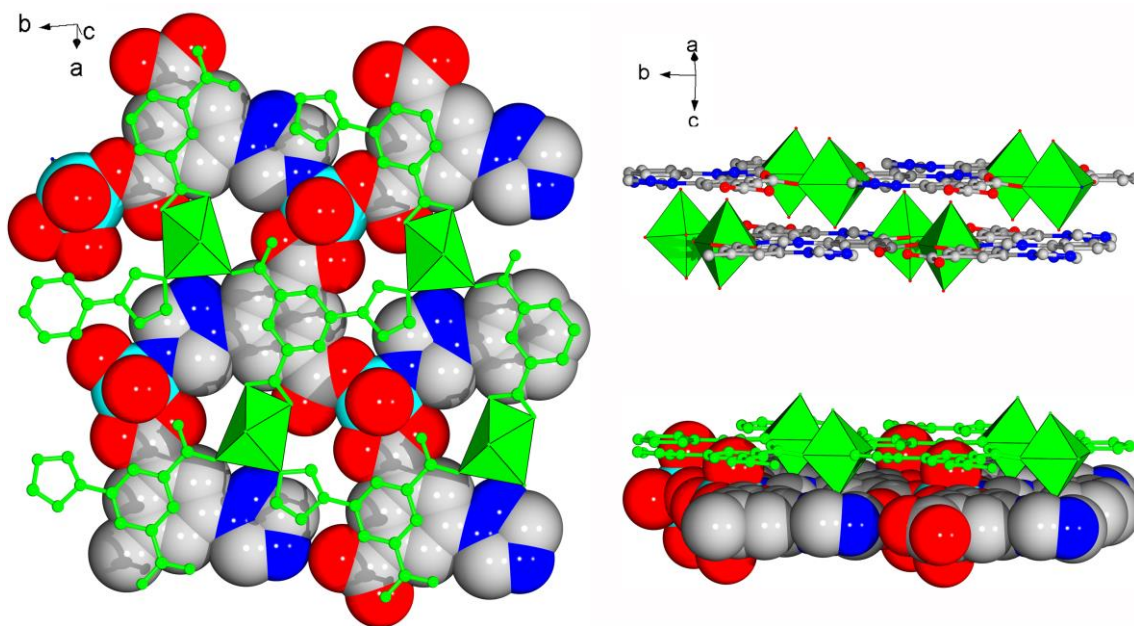
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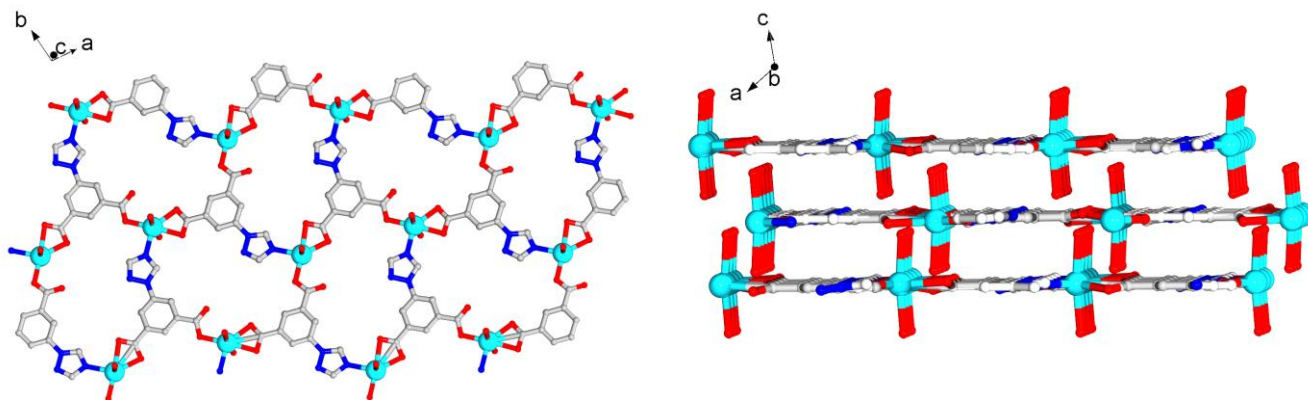
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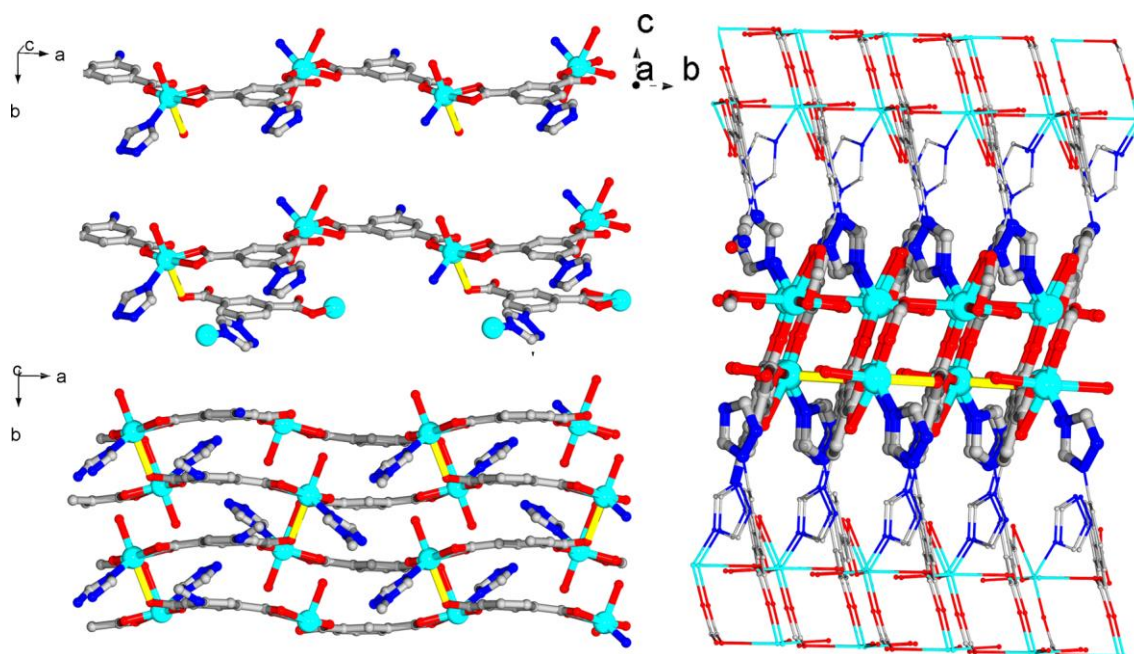
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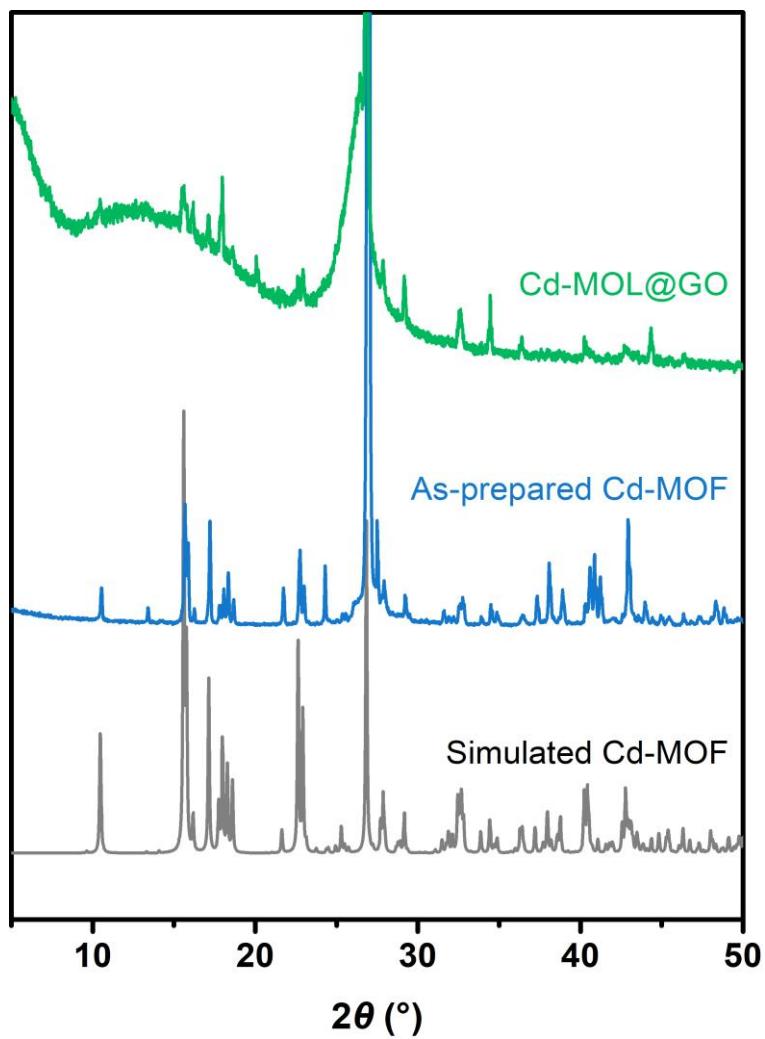
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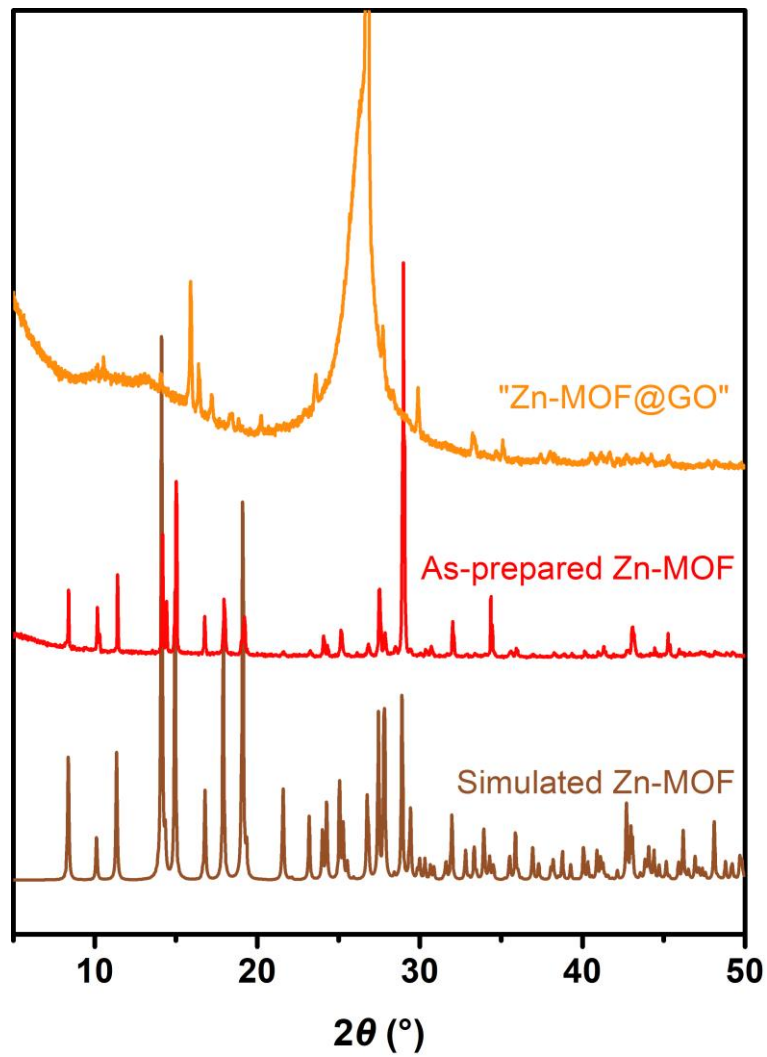
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**Supplementary Figure 4 | Crystallographic structure of Zn-MOF.** Presentation of crystallographic 3D structure of Zn-MOF. The H atoms are omitted for clarity.

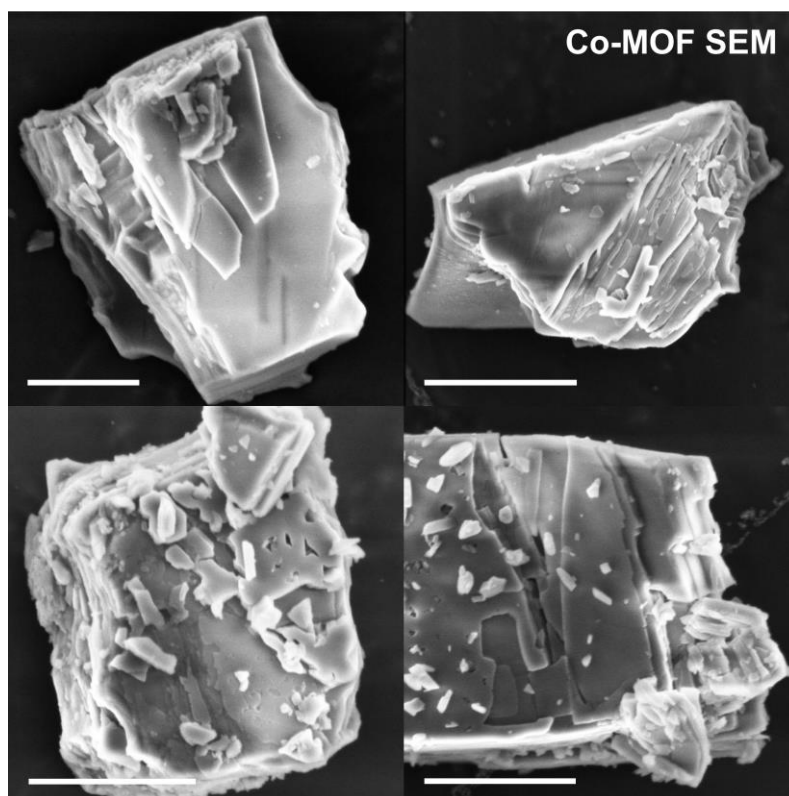


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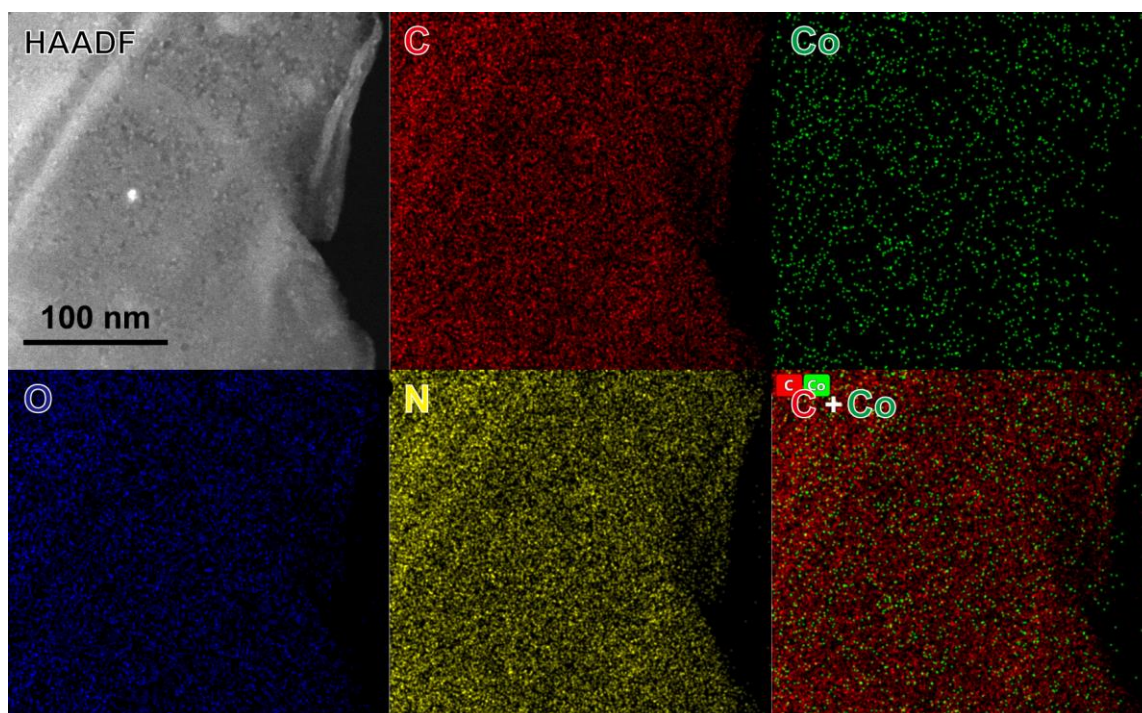


**Supplementary Figure 6 | PXRD patterns for Zn-based samples.** Simulated Zn-MOF (brown), as-prepared Zn-MOF (red), envisioned “Zn-MOF@GO” sample (orange).

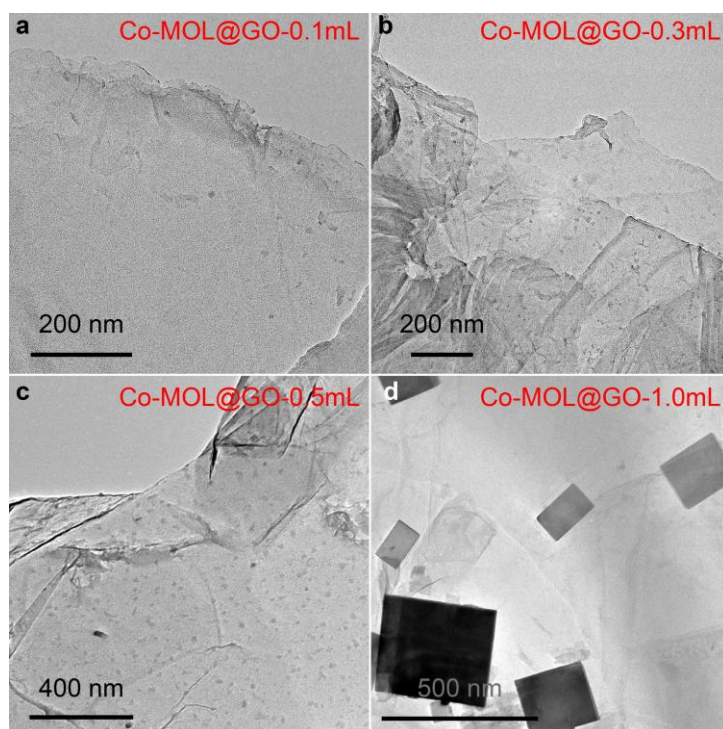




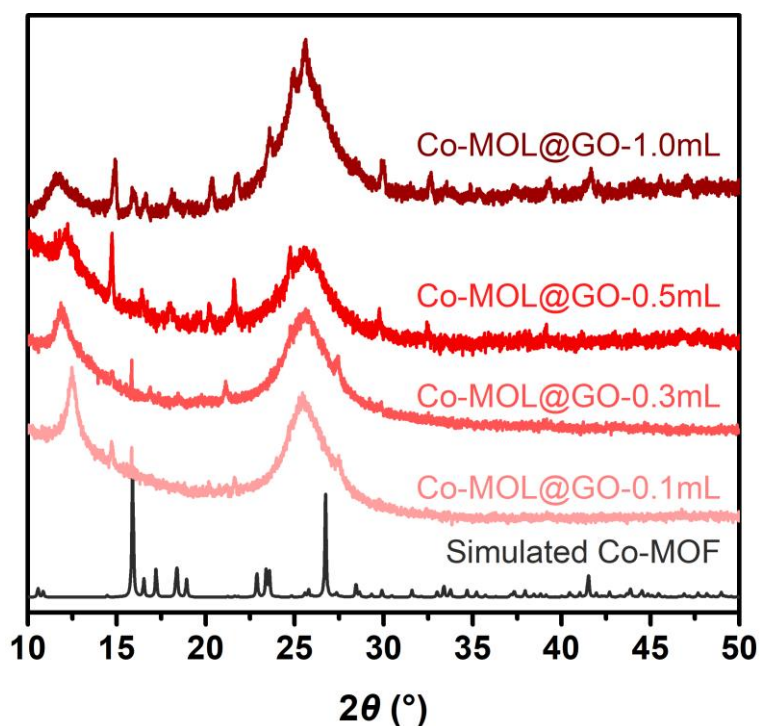
**Supplementary Figure 7 | SEM.** SEM images of bulky Co-MOF with the bar of 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .



**Supplementary Figure 8 | EDS mapping.** EDS mapping of Co-MOL@GO, indicating the presence of Co and N elements on the GO.

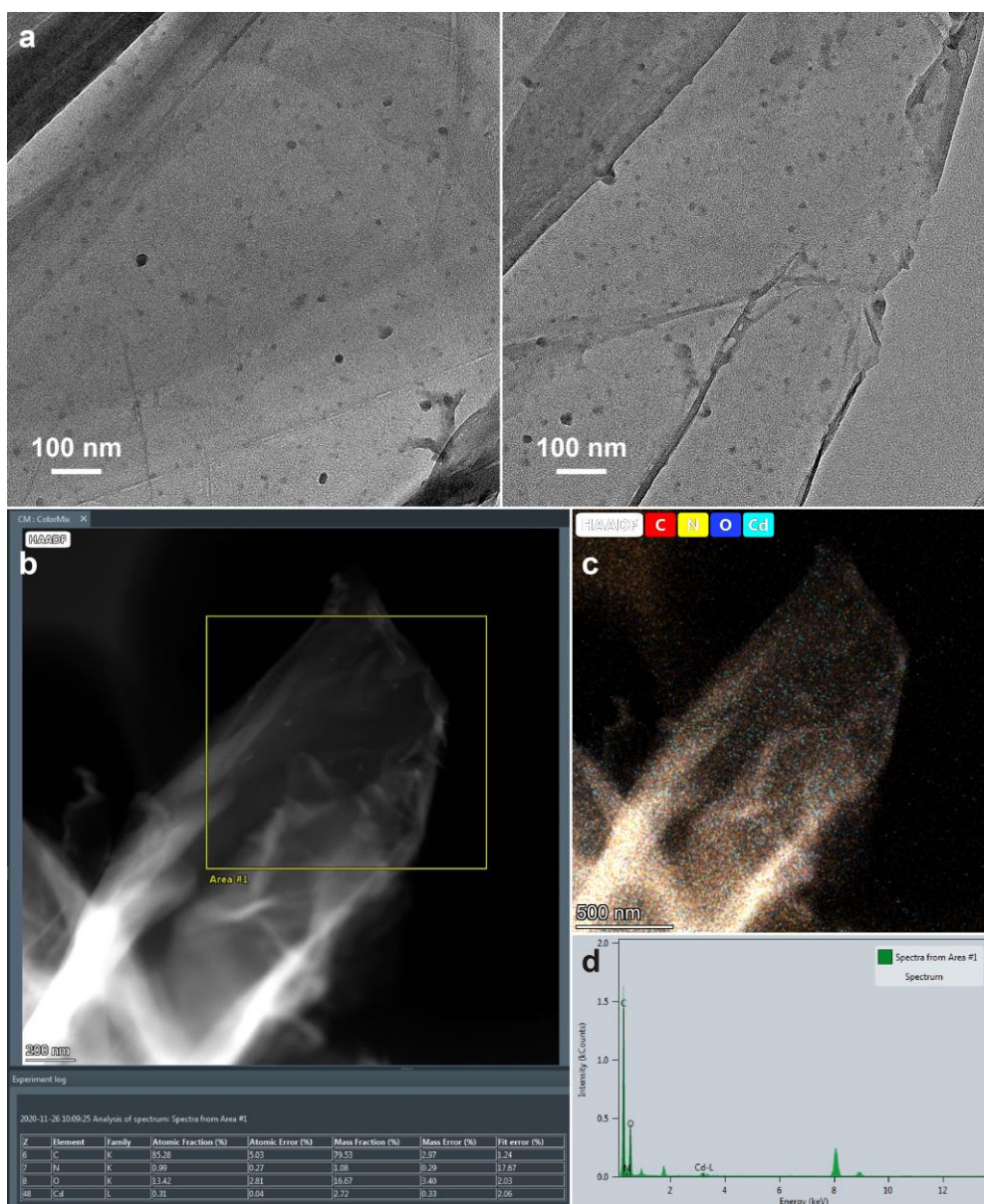


**Supplementary Figure 9 | TEM for Co-MOL@GO with different loading amounts.** TEM images for the Co-MOL@GO samples prepared with different loading amounts of  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ , including **a** 0.1, **b** 0.3, **c** 0.5 and **d** 1.0 mL aqueous solution of  $\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.1 M).



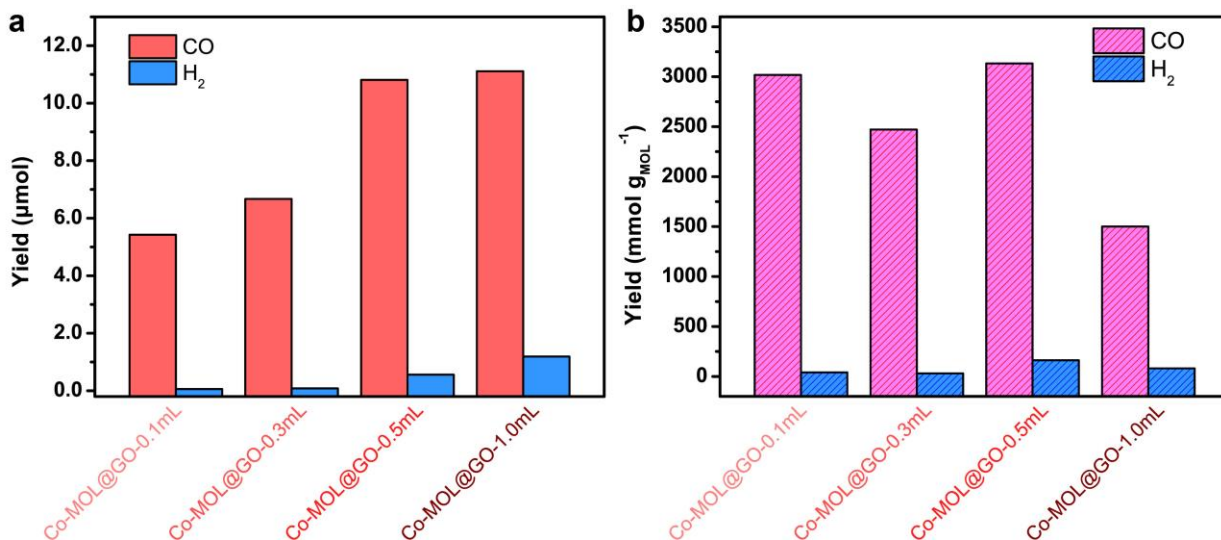
**Supplementary Figure 10 | PXRD results for Co-MOL@GO with different loading amounts of  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ .** PXRD patterns of the Co-MOL@GO samples prepared with 0.1, 0.3, 0.5 or 1.0 mL aqueous solution of  $\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.1 M). The simulated PXRD pattern of Co-MOF is shown for comparison.



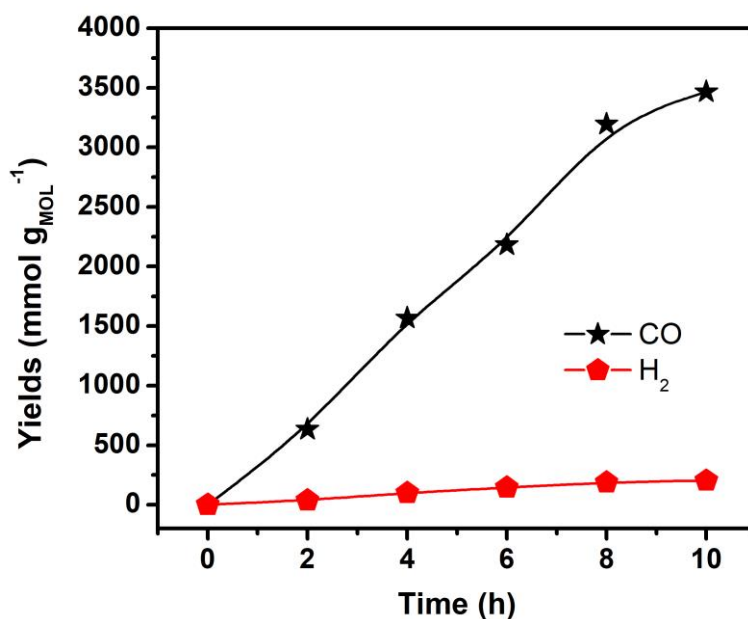


**Supplementary Figure 11 | TEM and EDX characterizations on Cd-MOL@GO. a** TEM images of Cd-MOL@GO, showing a range of MOL diameter of 20-30 nm. **b-d** EDX results of Cd-MOL@GO.

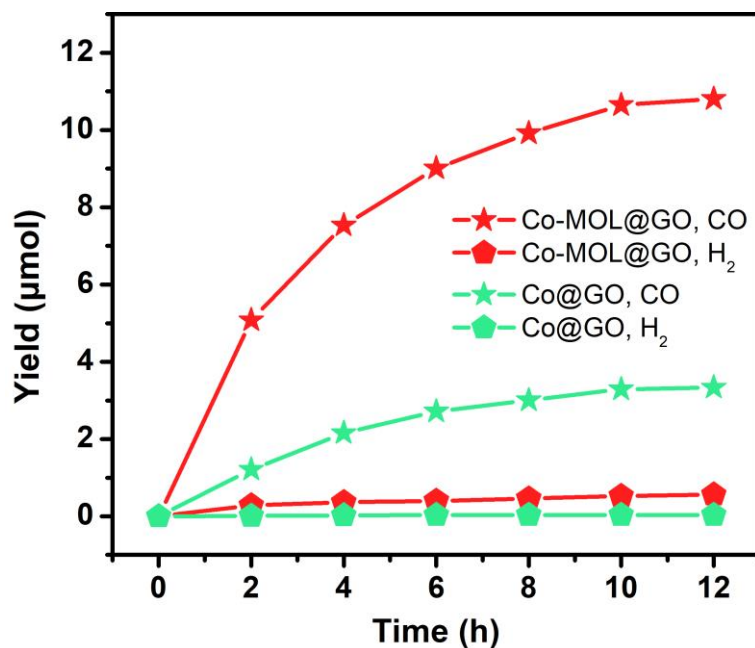




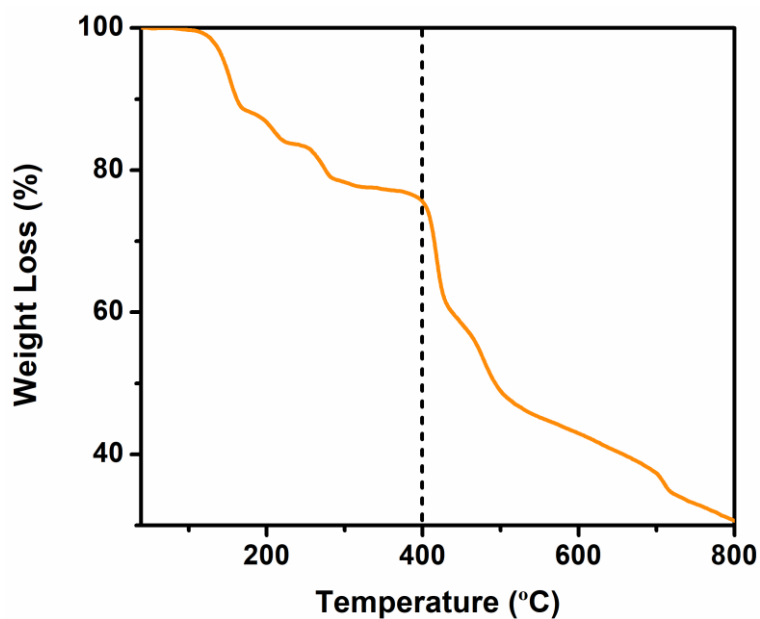
**Supplementary Figure 12 | Photocatalysis with loading-varied Co-MOL@GO samples.** Comparisons of CO and H<sub>2</sub> **a** yields in μmol or **b** yields in mmol g<sub>MOL</sub><sup>-1</sup>, with 10 mg L<sup>-1</sup> Co-MOL@GO samples prepared with 0.1, 0.3, 0.5 or 1.0 mL aqueous solution of CoCl<sub>2</sub> · 6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 M). Other conditions: 0.4 mM RuPS and 0.3 M TEOA in 5 mL CO<sub>2</sub>-saturated CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O (v:v = 4:1) solution. With the comprehensive estimation of CO yield, Co-MOL@GO-0.5mL was chosen as the optimal catalyst.



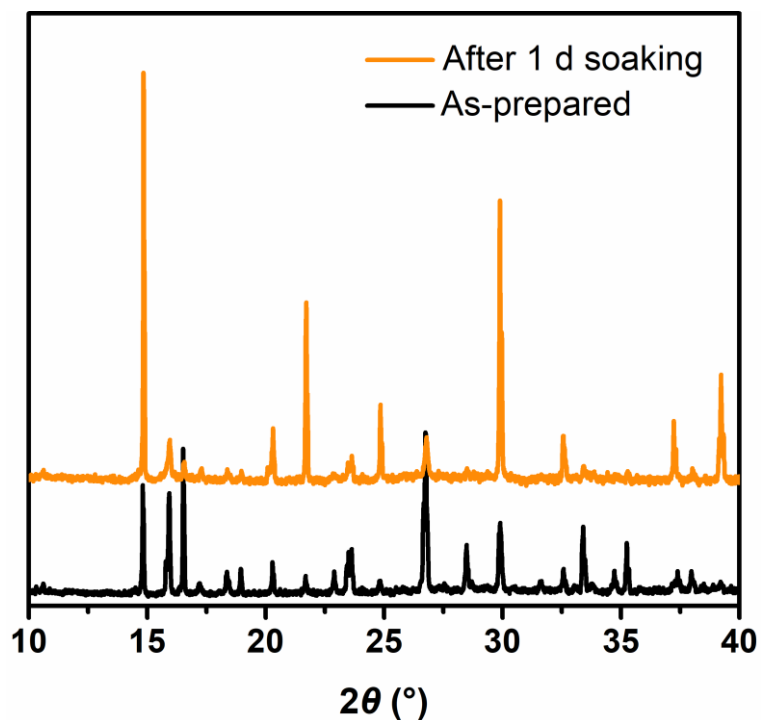
**Supplementary Figure 13 | Photocatalysis.** Time profiles of CO (black star) and H<sub>2</sub> (red pentagon) evolution catalyzed by 10 mg L<sup>-1</sup> Co-MOL@GO in a five-times scaling-up reaction system.



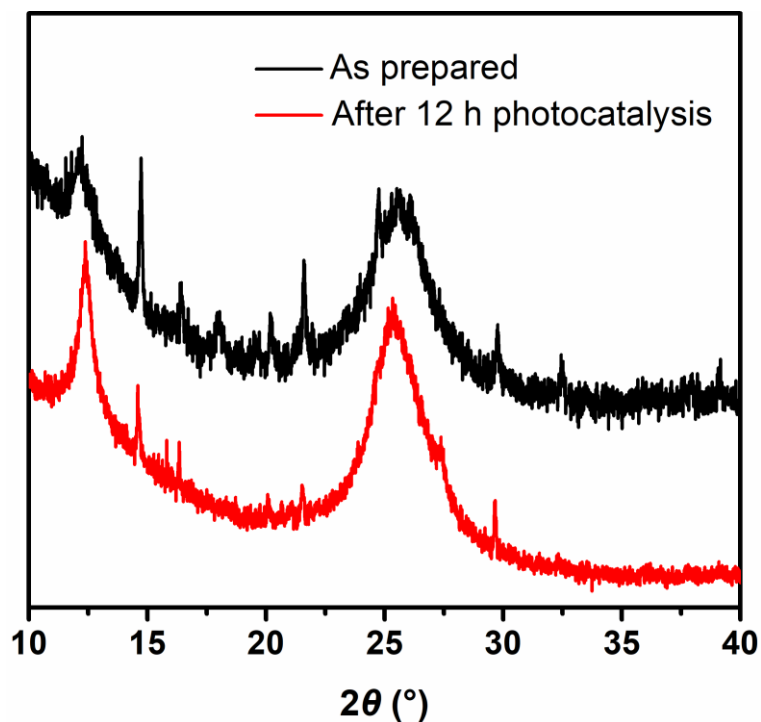
**Supplementary Figure 14 | Photocatalysis.** Time profiles of CO (star) and H<sub>2</sub> (pentagon) evolution catalyzed by 10 mg L<sup>-1</sup> Co-MOL@GO (red) and Co@GO (green) under irradiation in the presence of 0.4 mM RuPS and 0.3 M TEOA in 5 mL CO<sub>2</sub>-saturated CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O (v:v = 4:1) solution.



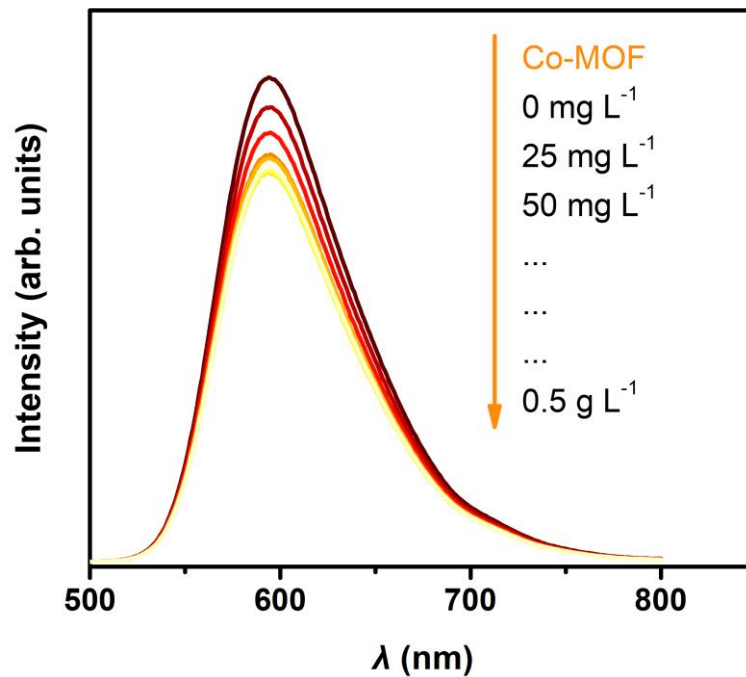
**Supplementary Figure 15 | TGA.** TGA curve of Co-MOF.



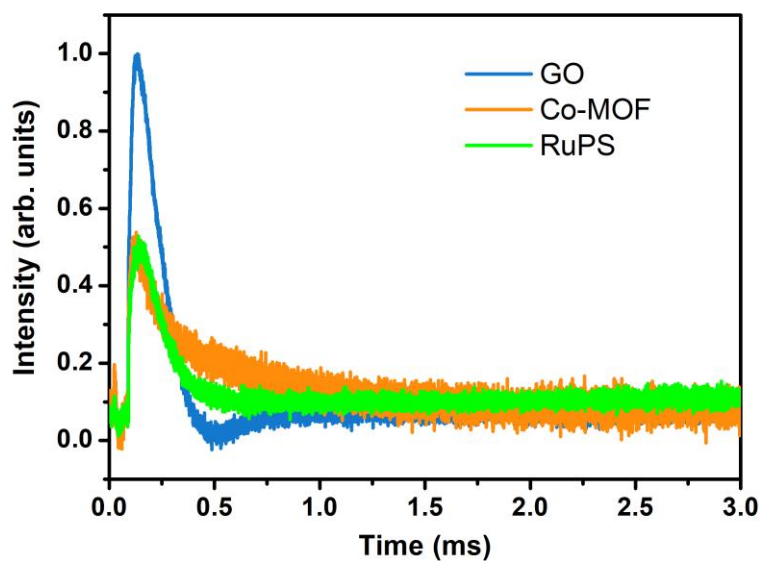
**Supplementary Figure 16 | PXRD.** PXRD patterns of as-prepared Co-MOF sample (orange) and that soaked in a  $\text{CO}_2$ -saturated  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $v:v = 4:1$ ) solution containing 0.3 M TEOA for 1 d (black).



**Supplementary Figure 17 | PXRD.** PXRD patterns of as-prepared Co-MOL@GO (black) and the one experienced 12 h photo-reaction in a  $\text{CO}_2$ -saturated  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $v:v = 4:1$ ) solution containing 0.3 M TEOA (red).

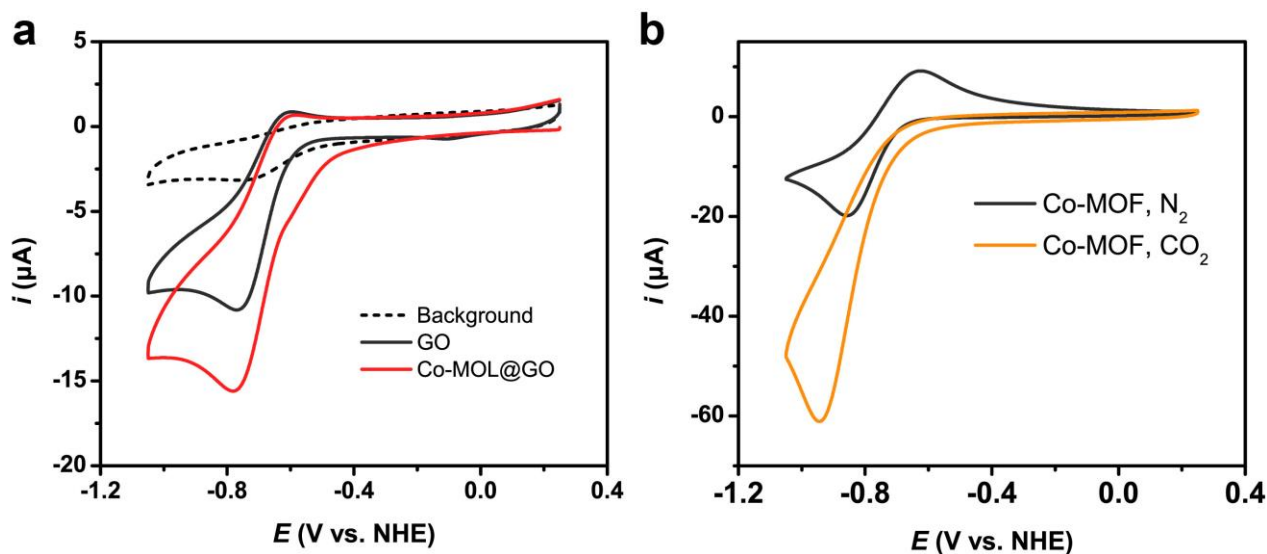


**Supplementary Figure 18 | Quenching experiments.** Fluorescence spectra of a CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O (*v:v* = 4:1) solution containing 0.4 mM RuPS in the presence of 0~0.5 g L<sup>-1</sup> of Co-MOF.

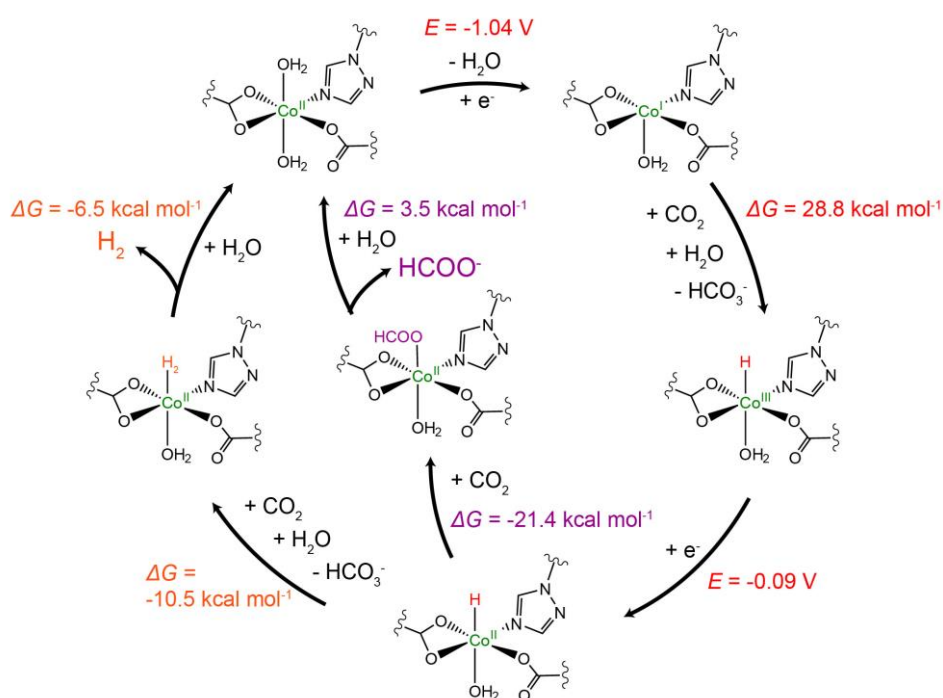


**Supplementary Figure 19 | TPV.** TPV curves of dry GO (blue), Co-MOF (orange) and RuPS (green) powders in air.





**Supplementary Figure 20 | Cyclic voltammetry.** **a** CVs of Co-MOL@GO (red) or GO (black solid line) under  $N_2$ , **b** CVs of Co-MOF under  $N_2$  (black) or  $CO_2$  (orange) on a glass carbon disk electrode (3 mm diameter) in  $CH_3CN/H_2O$  ( $v:v = 4:1$ ) solution at  $0.1 \text{ V s}^{-1}$  scan rate. The CV obtained with bare glass carbon disk electrode is shown for comparison (black dashed line in Supplementary Figure 20a).



**Supplementary Figure 21 | Calculated mechanism of Co-MOF.** Calculated mechanism with the molecular unit of Co-MOF for catalytic proton reduction to  $H_2$  and  $CO_2$  reduction to formate, showing the calculated redox potentials and free energy changes.

## Supplementary Tables

**Supplementary Table 1 | Crystallographic data.** Crystallographic data of Co-MOF, Cd-MOF and Zn-MOF.

Complex	Co-MOF	Cd-MOF	Zn-MOF
Formula	CoC <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>6.5</sub>	CdC <sub>10</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>6.5</sub>	ZnC <sub>10</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>5.5</sub>
CCDC number	1965944	2047069	2047070
Formula weight	335.14	388.61	323.56
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	orthorhombic
Space group	<i>C2/c</i>	<i>C2/c</i>	<i>Pbcn</i>
<i>Z</i>	8	8	8
<i>a</i> / Å	19.6624(4)	19.9580(5)	15.5913(3)
<i>b</i> / Å	10.7223(2)	10.9485(3)	6.7209(2)
<i>c</i> / Å	13.4748(3)	13.4505(3)	21.1187(5)
$\beta$ / °	124.166(2)	122.541(2)	90.00
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	2350.55(8)	2477.66(11)	2212.98(9)
$\rho_{calcd}$ / g m <sup>-3</sup>	1.894	2.084	1.942
<i>M</i> / mm <sup>-1</sup>	11.844	14.498	3.393
2 $\theta$ range collected / °	4.94 / 79.34	9.64 / 134.14	8.38 / 158.88
Reflns collected/Indep.	8434 / 2484	7038 / 2208	7971 / 2374
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0339	0.1073	0.0392
<i>F</i> (000)	1360.0	1528.0	1304.0
GOF on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.071	1.180	1.069
Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2sigma( <i>I</i> )]	<sup>a</sup> <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0427, <sup>b</sup> w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1244	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0950, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.2371	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0448, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1340
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0449, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1261	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0970, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.2390	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0477, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1377

$$^a R_I = \sum ||F_0| - |F_c|| / \sum F_0. \quad ^b wR_2 = \{[\sum (F_0^2 - F_c^2) / \sum w (F_0^2)^2]\}^{1/2}$$

**Supplementary Table 2** | Co amounts of Co-MOL@GO determined by ICP-MS and the photocatalytic performance.

Entry	$V_{\text{Co}}$ (mL) <sup>[a]</sup>	Sample	Co contents (w%)	Co-MOL contents (w%)	CO/H <sub>2</sub> yields ( $\mu\text{mol}$ ) <sup>[b]</sup>	CO/H <sub>2</sub> yields ( $\text{mol g}^{-1}_{\text{MOL}}$ ) <sup>[b]</sup>
1	0.1	Co-MOL@GO	0.51 $\pm$ 0.01	2.93	4.42/0.059	3017/40.3
2	0.3	Co-MOL@GO	0.94 $\pm$ 0.02	5.40	6.67/0.082	2471/30.2
3	0.5	Co-MOL@GO	1.20 $\pm$ 0.02	6.90	10.81/0.56	3133/162
4	1.0	Co-MOL@GO	2.41 $\pm$ 0.06	14.8	11.11/1.19	1501/80.4

<sup>[a]</sup> $V_{\text{Co}}$  is the added volume of 1.0 M CoCl<sub>2</sub> solution.

<sup>[b]</sup>10 mg L<sup>-1</sup> Co-MOL@GO was used for 10 h photocatalysis.

**Supplementary Table 3** | Photocatalytic performances of MOF catalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO with Ru-based PSs.

Catalysts (mass)	Medium	PS (mass)	Products (μmol)	Maximum CO Yield (mmol g <sup>-1</sup> )	CO (%)	Ref
Co-MOL@GO (0.05 mg)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN (4.0 mL) H <sub>2</sub> O (1.0 mL)	[Ru(phen) <sub>3</sub> ](PF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (2.0 mg)	CO: 10.81 H <sub>2</sub> : 0.56	216.1 (3133 based on MOL)	95	This Work
Co-MOF (0.05 mg)	TEOA (0.2 mL)		CO: 4.58 H <sub>2</sub> : 1.0	91.5	82	
2D-Ni <sub>2</sub> TCPE (5 mg)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN (48 mL) H <sub>2</sub> O (12 mL) TEOA (6 mL)	[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (37.5 mg)	CO: 100 H <sub>2</sub> : 1.03	CO: 20 H <sub>2</sub> : 0.2	97.2	1
MOF-Ni (5 mg)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN (28 mL) H <sub>2</sub> O (2 mL) tri-isopropanolamine (TIPA; 2 mL)	[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (7.5 mg)	CO: 22.3 H <sub>2</sub> : 0.5	CO: 1.86 H <sub>2</sub> : 0.04	97.7	2
CN-250-Fe <sub>2</sub> Mn (5 mg)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN (45 mL) H <sub>2</sub> O (3 mL) TIPA (10 mL)	[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (60 mg)	CO: 430 CO: 94.4	86.04	82	3
MAF-X271-OH (1.77 mg)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN (4.0 mL) H <sub>2</sub> O (1.0 mL) TEOA (0.2 mL)	[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (~1.5 mg)	CO: 45 H <sub>2</sub> : 0.8	25.4	98	4
Zr-DMBD-Co (0.1 mg)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN (4.0 mL) H <sub>2</sub> O (1.0 mL) TEOA (0.2 mL)	[Ru(phen) <sub>3</sub> ](PF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (2.0 mg)	CO: 3.33 H <sub>2</sub> : 0.041	33.3	99	5
Co-ZIF-9 (0.2 mg) (3 mg)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN (4.0 mL) H <sub>2</sub> O (1.0 mL) TEOA (1.0 mL)	[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (~7.5 mg)	CO: 41.8 H <sub>2</sub> : 30.29 CO: 51.6 H <sub>2</sub> : 47.63	209 17.2	58 52	6
ZIF-67_3	CH <sub>3</sub> CN (4.0 mL)	[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O	CO: 16	1.6	63	7



(10 mg)	H <sub>2</sub> O (1.0 mL) TEOA (1.0 mL)	O (8 mg)	H <sub>2</sub> : 9			
Ni(TPA/TEG) (3 mg)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN (8.0 mL) H <sub>2</sub> O (2.0 mL) TEOA (2.0 mL)	[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (1.5 g)	CO: 140 H <sub>2</sub> : 7.49	47	99	8
Ni <sub>3</sub> (HITP) <sub>2</sub> (2 mg) At 4 C °, 80 kPa CO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN (8.0 mL) H <sub>2</sub> O (2.0 mL) TEOA (4.0 mL)	[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (80 mg)	CO: 207 H <sub>2</sub> : 7.49	103.5	97	9
Ni MOLs (1 mg)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN (3.0 mL) H <sub>2</sub> O (2.0 mL) TEOA (1.0 mL)	[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (7.5 mg)	CO: 25 H <sub>2</sub> : 0.56	25	98	10
Co ZIF-8 (1.0 mg) (0.1 mg)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN (3.0 mL) H <sub>2</sub> O (2.0 mL) TEOA (1.0 mL)	[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (8 mg)	CO: 26.6 H <sub>2</sub> : 14.8 CO: 37.4 H <sub>2</sub> : 13	26.6 374	67 74	11
Zn ZIF-8 (1.0 mg)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN (3.0 mL) H <sub>2</sub> O (2.0 mL) TEOA (1.0 mL)	[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (8 mg)	CO: 1.8 H <sub>2</sub> : 2.0	18	47	11
Cu HKUST-1 (1 mg)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN (3.0 mL) H <sub>2</sub> O (2.0 mL) TEOA (1.0 mL)	[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (8 mg)	CO: 1.5 H <sub>2</sub> : 1.91	1.5	44	11
Zr-UIO-66-NH <sub>2</sub> (1 mg)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN (3.0 mL) H <sub>2</sub> O (2.0 mL) TEOA (1.0 mL)	[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (8 mg)	CO: 0.9 H <sub>2</sub> : 1.24	0.9	43	11
Fe-MIL-101-NH <sub>2</sub> (1 mg)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN (3.0 mL) H <sub>2</sub> O (2.0 mL) TEOA (1.0 mL)	[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (8 mg)	CO: 4.7 H <sub>2</sub> : 2.1	4.7	69	11

**Supplementary Table 4** | Relative free energy in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> for intermediates at different spin states.<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Intermediates	singlet	doublet	triplet	quartet
1	Co <sup>II</sup>	N.A.	23.32	N.A.	0
2	Co <sup>I</sup>	22.62	N.A.	0	N.A.
3	Co <sup>II</sup> -CO <sub>2</sub>	N.A.	0.08	N.A.	0
4	Co <sup>II</sup> -COOH	N.A.	0	N.A.	0.05
5	Co <sup>II</sup> -CO	N.A.	11.28	N.A.	0
6	Co <sup>III</sup> -H	7.85	N.A.	0	N.A.
7	Co <sup>II</sup> -H	N.A.	1.13	N.A.	0
8	Co <sup>II</sup> -H <sub>2</sub>	N.A.	20.97	N.A.	0
9	Co <sup>II</sup> -HCOO	N.A.	18.30	N.A.	0

<sup>[a]</sup> For each lowest energy spin state, the free energy is set as reference point, 0 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.

**Supplementary Table 5** | Calculated Co<sup>II/I</sup> reduction potentials by different functional with def2SVP basis set.

Entry	Method/Functional	Co <sup>II/I</sup> reduction potential (V vs. NHE)
1	Measured value	-0.94
2	B3P86	-1.04
3	B3P86-D3	-1.16
4	M06-D3-	-1.60
5	M06-L-D3	-1.42
7	M06	-1.57
8	M06-L	-1.41
9	B3LYP	-1.56
10	B3LYP-D3	-1.68

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