Supplementary Materials

An Unexpected Iron(II)-Based Homogeneous Catalytic System for Highly Efficient CO₂-to-CO Conversion under Visible-Light Irradiation

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Determination and Calculation of Apparent Quantum Yield. Apparent Quantum Yield (Φ) was calculated from the equation:

 $\Phi = (\text{number of CO molecules} \times 2)/(\text{number of incident photons}) \times 100\%$

The numbers of photons absorbed were determined by an irradiance meter (FZ-A Beijing Normal University Photoelectic Instrument Factory).





Figure S1. ¹NMR and MS spectra of Fe(phen)₃Cl₂ (1), [Fe(phen)₂(CH₃CH₂OH)Cl]Cl (2) and BIH.



Figure S2. The perspective view and labeling scheme for $Fe(phen)_3^{2+}$ with thermal ellipsoids at 30% probability.

Compounds	$[Fe(phen)_3]Cl_2 \bullet 2CH_2Cl_2 \bullet 2H_2O$			
formula	$C_{38}H_{32}Cl_6FeN_6O_2$			
formula weight	873.25			
<i>T</i> [K]	113(2)			
crystal system	triclinic			
space group	P-1			
crystal size [mm]	0.20×0.18×0.12			
a [Å]	10.786(2)			
<i>b</i> [Å]	11.622(2)			
<i>c</i> [Å]	16.356(3)			
α [°]	96.311(3)			
β/ [°]	93.396(2)			
γ[°]	113.079(4)			
V [Å] ³	1862.9(6)			
Ζ	2			
$D_{\rm c}/{ m g~cm^{-3}}$	1.577			
μ [mm ⁻¹]	0.880			
$2\theta_{\text{max}}$ [°]	55			
unique reflections	8416			
parameters	490			
$R_{\rm int}$	0.0397			
goodness of fit	1.052			
$R1, wR2[I > 2\alpha(I)]$	0.0392, 0.1068			
R1, wR2[all data]	0.0464, 0.1101			
max, min peaks (e Å ⁻³)	1.063, -1.177			

Table S1. X-ray crystallographic date for catalyst 1.





Figure S3. CV of 1 mM Fe(phen)₃²⁺ in DMF solution containing 0.1 M ⁿBu₄NPF₆ under an Ar (black) and CO₂ atmosphere (red) at 25 °C, respectively, using a glassy carbon electrode with a scan rate of 100 mV·s⁻¹.



Figure S4. Photosensitizer-concentration and irradiation time dependence of CO production in 4 mL CO₂-saturated DMF/TEOA solution (v/v, 7:1) containing BIH (0.022 M), Fe(phen)₃Cl₂ (0.15 μM) and Ru(bpy)₃²⁺ (0.17, 0.33, 0.67 mM) after irradiation for 1, 3 and 6 h at 298 K.



Figure S5. Photosensitizer-concentration and irradiation time dependence of H₂ evolution in 4 mL CO₂-saturated DMF/TEOA solution (v/v, 7:1) containing BIH (0.022 M), Fe(phen)₃Cl₂ (0.15 μM) and Ru(bpy)₃²⁺ (0.17, 0.33, 0.67 mM) after irradiation for 1, 3 and 6 h at 298 K.



Figure S6 BIH-concentration dependence of CO and H₂ productions in 4 mL CO₂saturated DMF/TEOA solution (v/v, 2.5:1) containing Fe(phen)₃Cl₂ (0.03 μ M) and Ru(bpy)₃²⁺ (0.67 mM) after irradiation 13 h at 298 K.



Figure S7. A comparison of DLS results in 4 mL CO₂-saturated DMF/TEOA solution (v/v, 7:1) containing BIH (0.022 M), Fe catalyst (0.15 μM) and Ru(bpy)₃²⁺ (0.67 mM) (a) before and (b) after irradiation for 2 h at 298 K.



Figure S8. CO evolution of during bright LED visible-light irradiation in 4 mL CO₂saturated DMF/TEOA solution (v/v, 4:1) containing 6.7×10^{-4} M Ru(bpy)₃²⁺, 0.033 M BIH without Fe(II) complex.



Figure S9. Mass spectra of the gaseous products using $Fe(phen)_3^{2+}$ as catalyst for photocatalytic reduction of ${}^{13}CO_2$ in the presence of $Ru(bpy)_3^{2+}$ in 4 mL DMF/TEOA solution.

Table S2. Concentration dependence of photocatalytic CO and H₂ evolution on $[Fe(phen)_2(CH_3CH_2OH)Cl]Cl$ (2) in 4 mL CO₂-saturated DMF/TEOA solution (v/v, 7:1) containing 6.7×10^{-4} M Ru(bpy)₃²⁺ and 0.022 M BIH after irradiation for 2 h at 298 K.

[cat. 2] µM	[ps] mM	CO µmol	H ₂ µmol	Selectivity of CO
30	0.67	119.86	20.56	85.4%
15	0.67	63.93	9.14	87.5%
3.00	0.67	30.80	4.29	87.8%
0.15	0.67	19.90	0.99	95.3%