

Supporting information

Development of Aldehyde Functionalized Iridium(III) Complexes Photosensitizers with Strong Visible-Light Absorption for Photocatalytic Hydrogen Generation from Water

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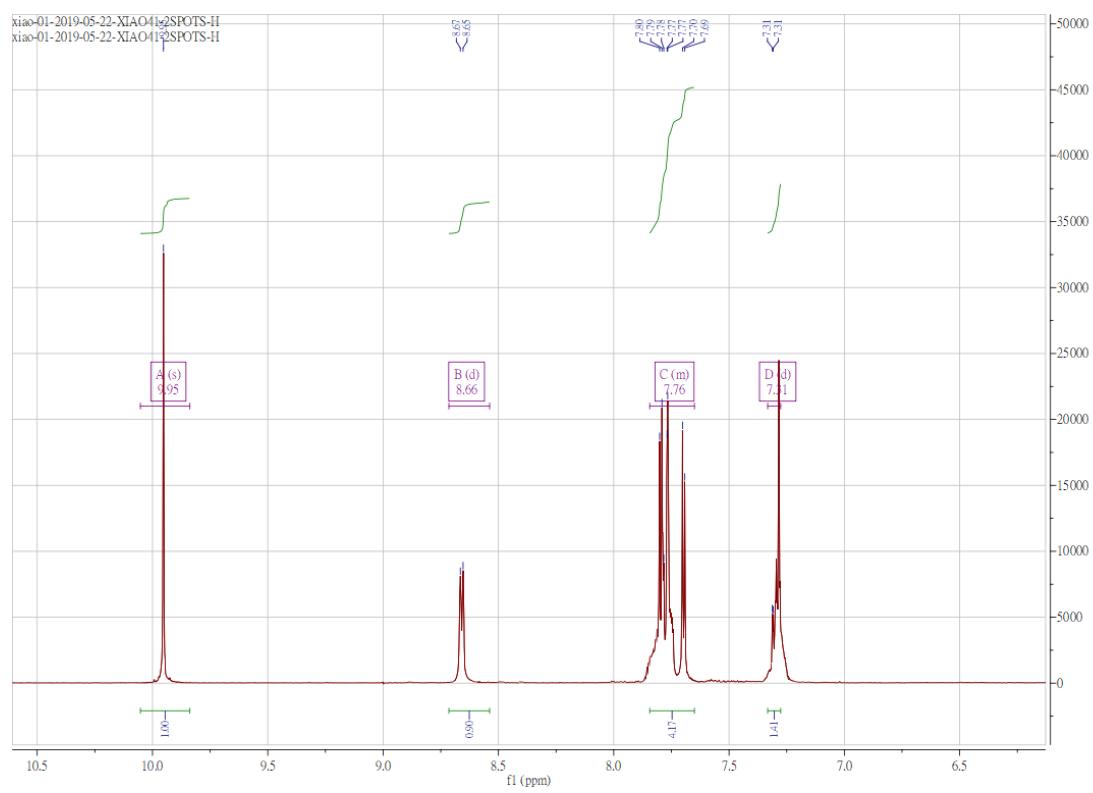


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of **L1** in CDCl_3

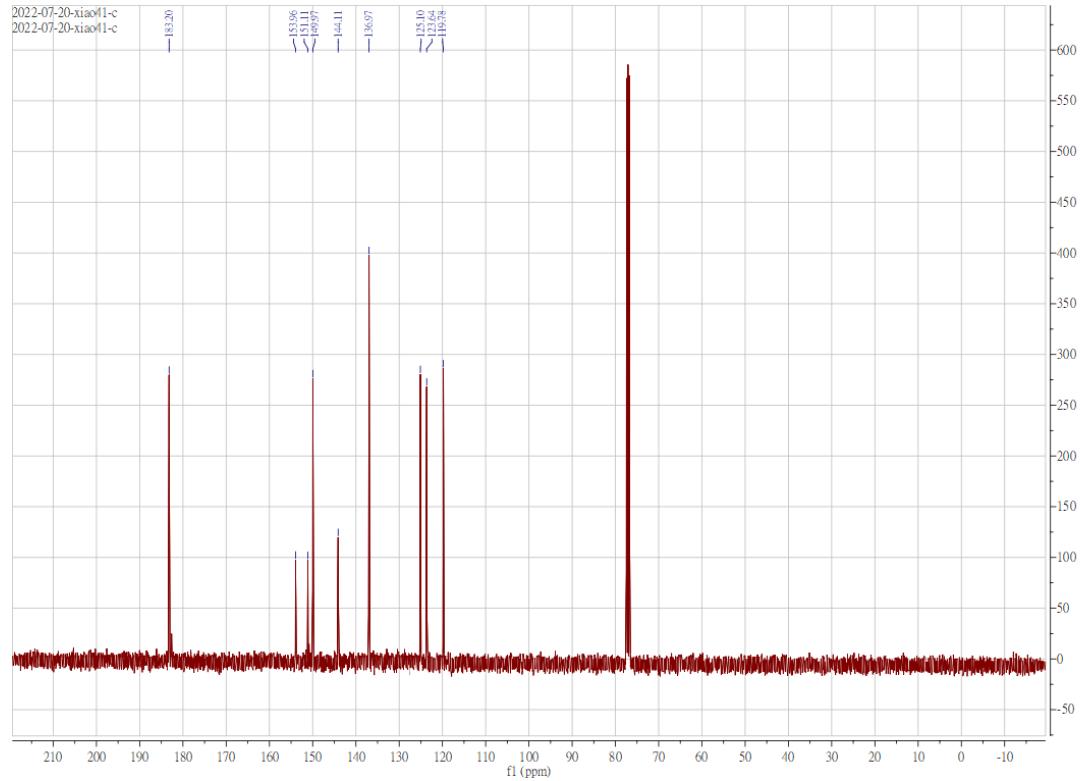


Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **L1** in CDCl_3

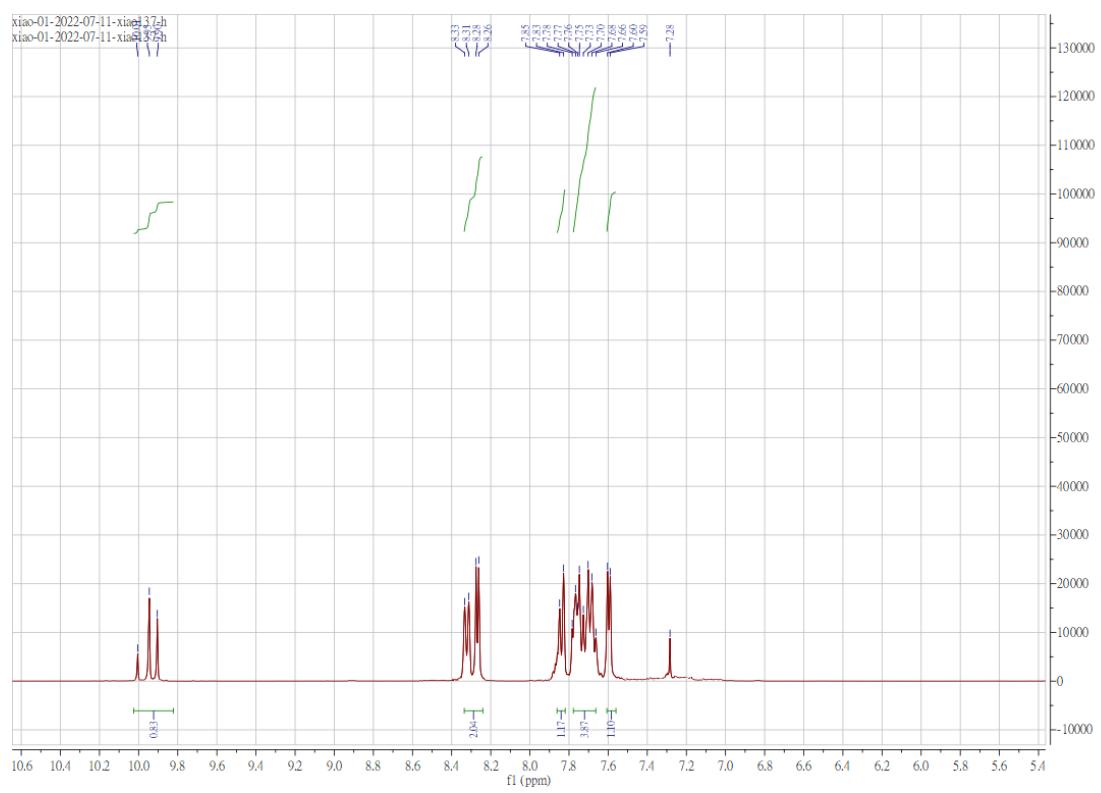


Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectrum of **L2** in CDCl_3

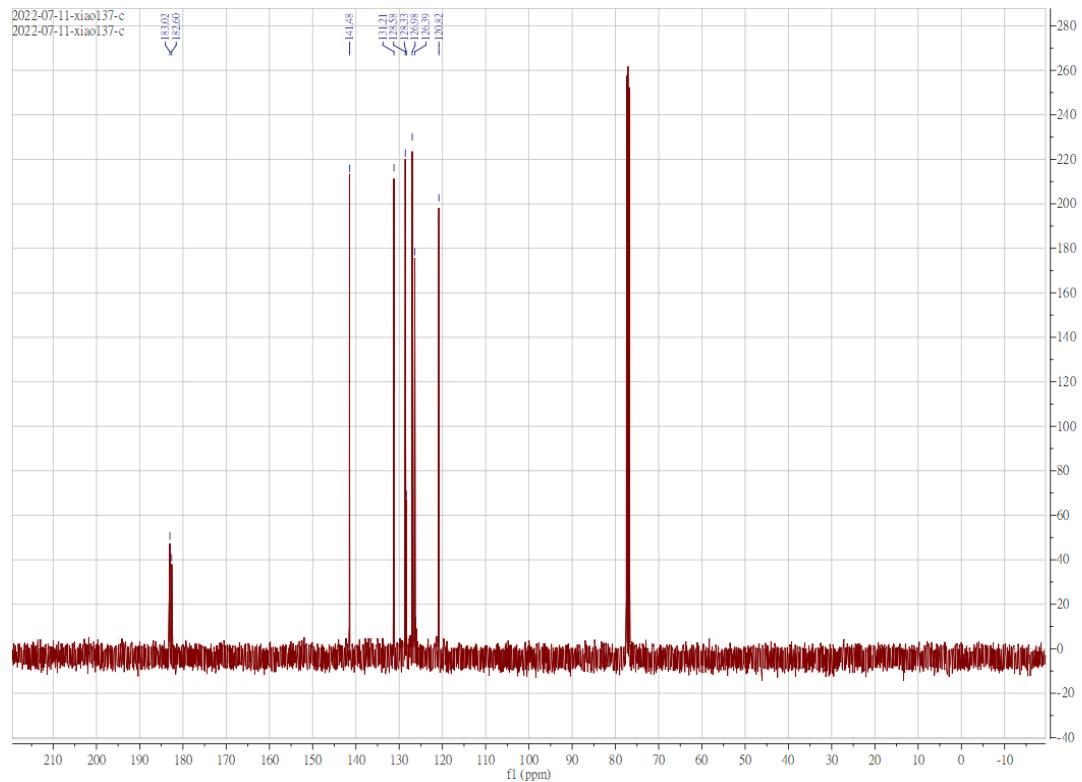


Figure S4. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **L2** in CDCl_3

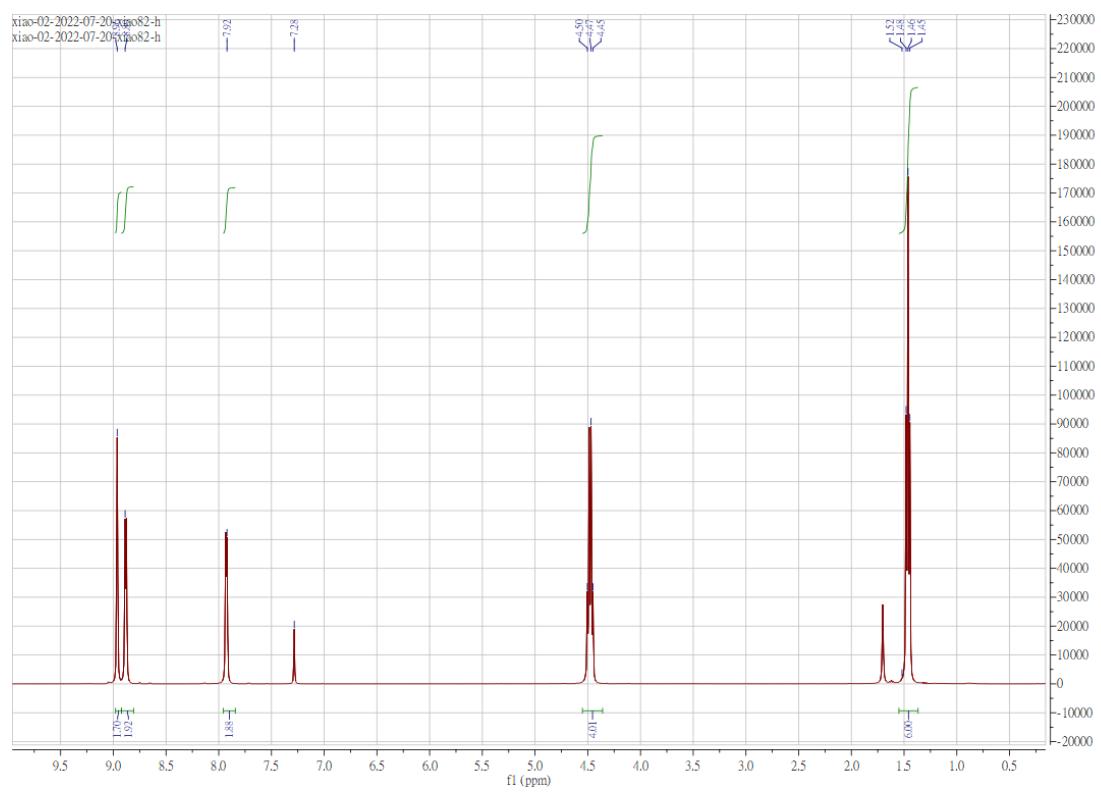


Figure S5. ^1H NMR spectrum of diethyl [2,2'-bipyridine]-4,4'-dicarboxylate in CDCl_3

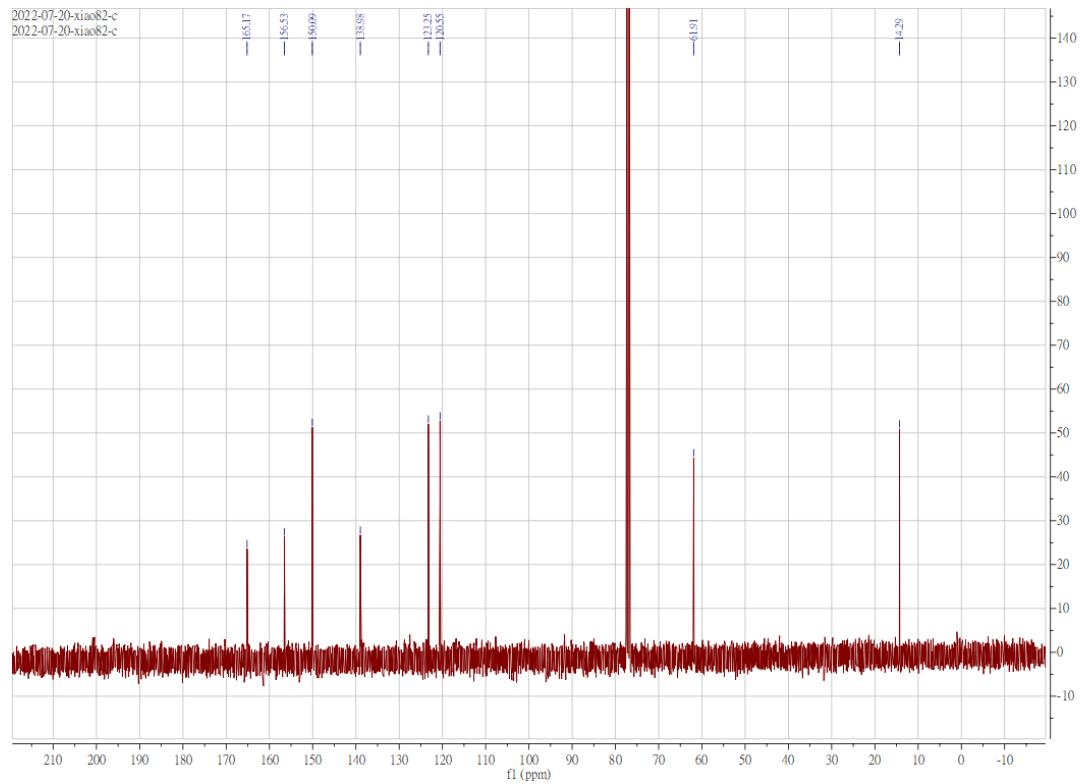


Figure S6. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of diethyl [2,2'-bipyridine]-4,4'-dicarboxylate in CDCl_3

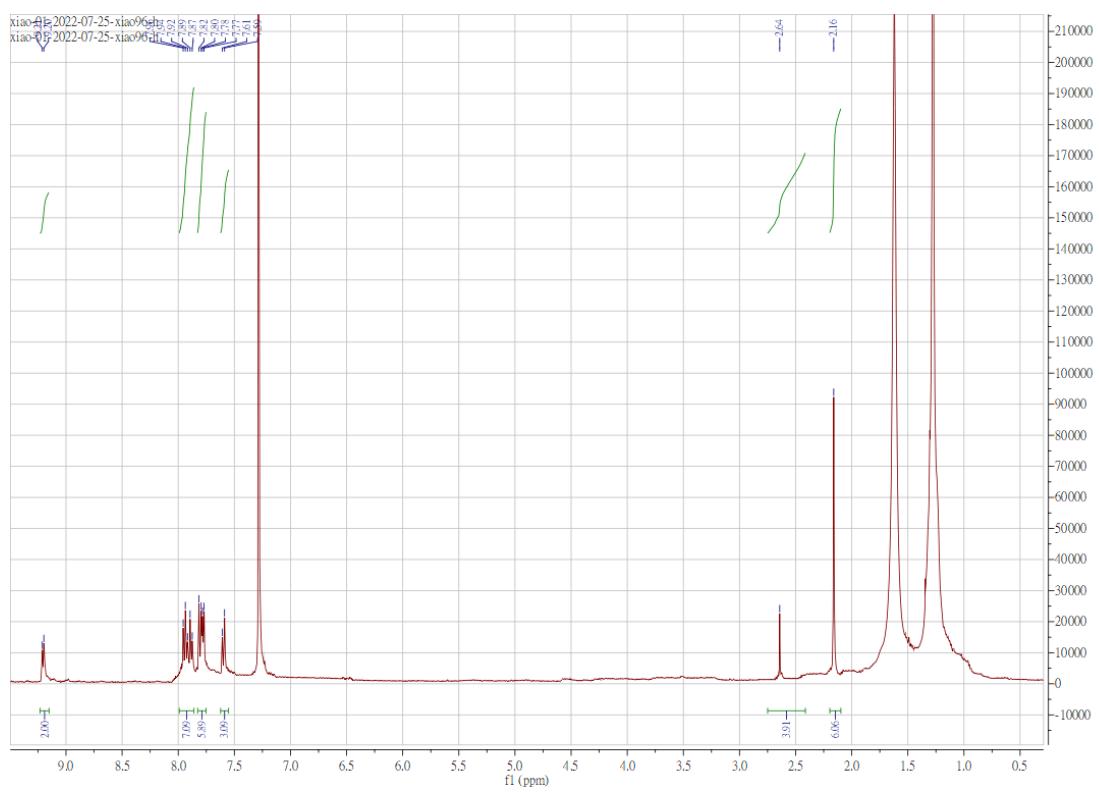


Figure S7. ^1H NMR spectrum of **Ir1** in CDCl_3

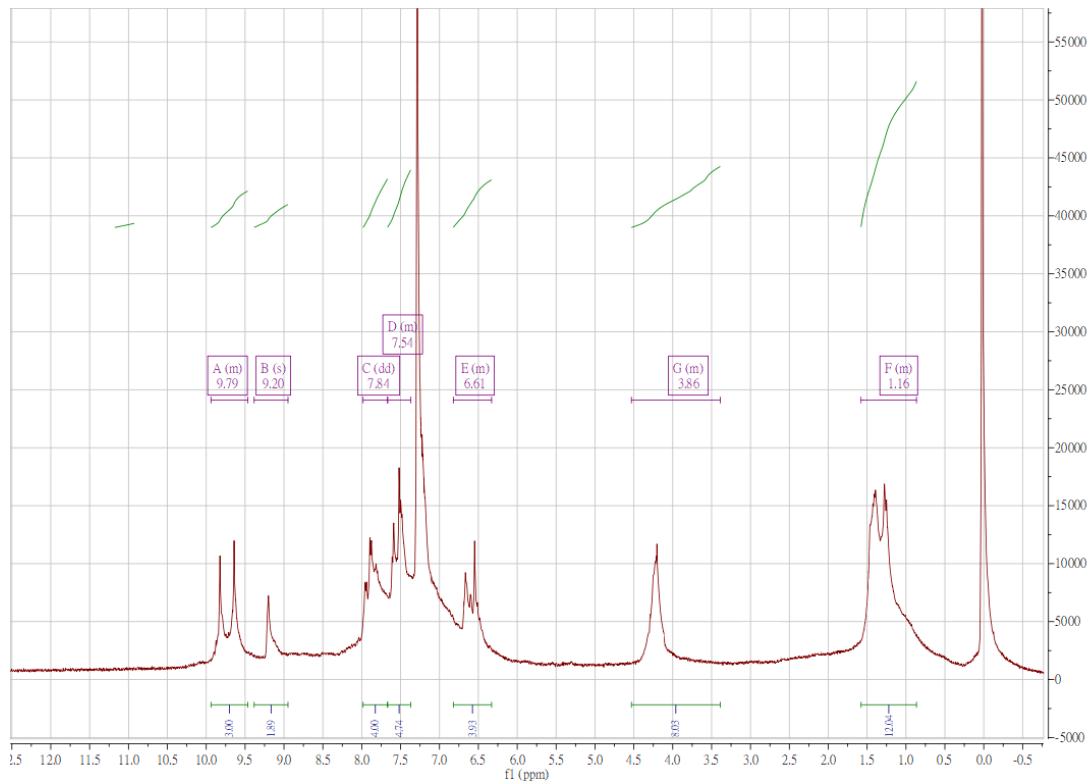


Figure S8. ^1H NMR spectrum of **Ir2** in CDCl_3

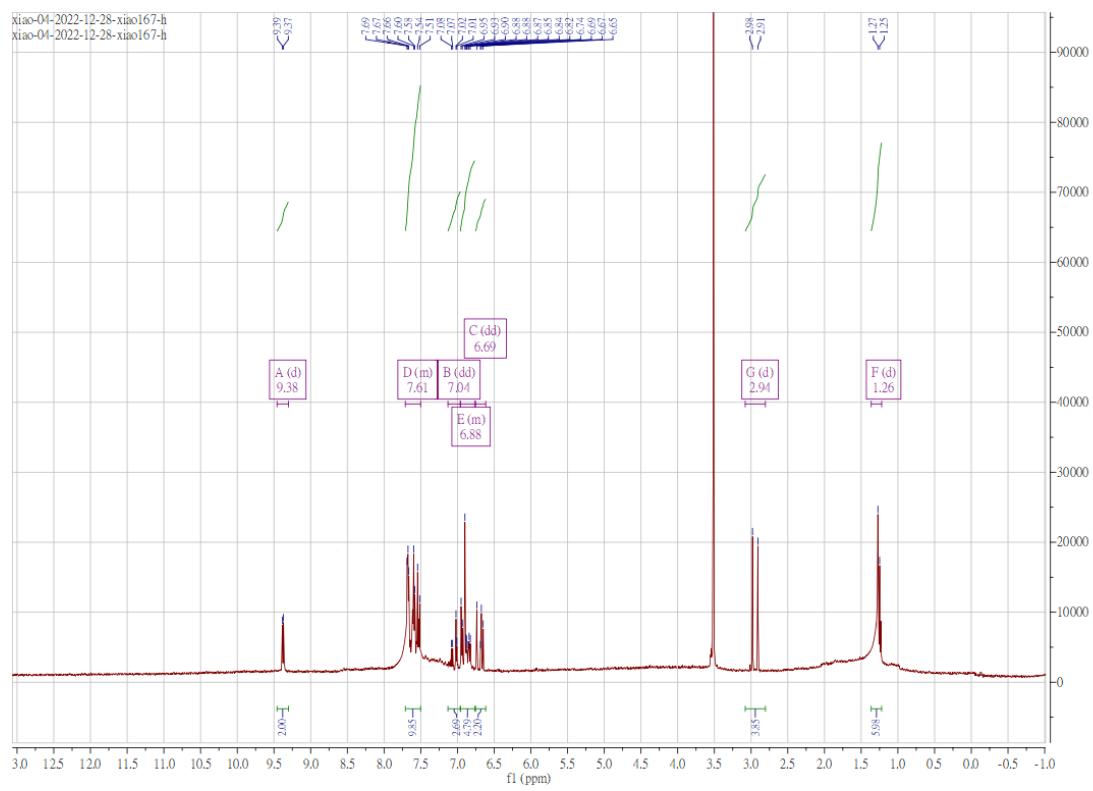


Figure S9. ^1H NMR spectrum of **Ir3** in CDCl_3

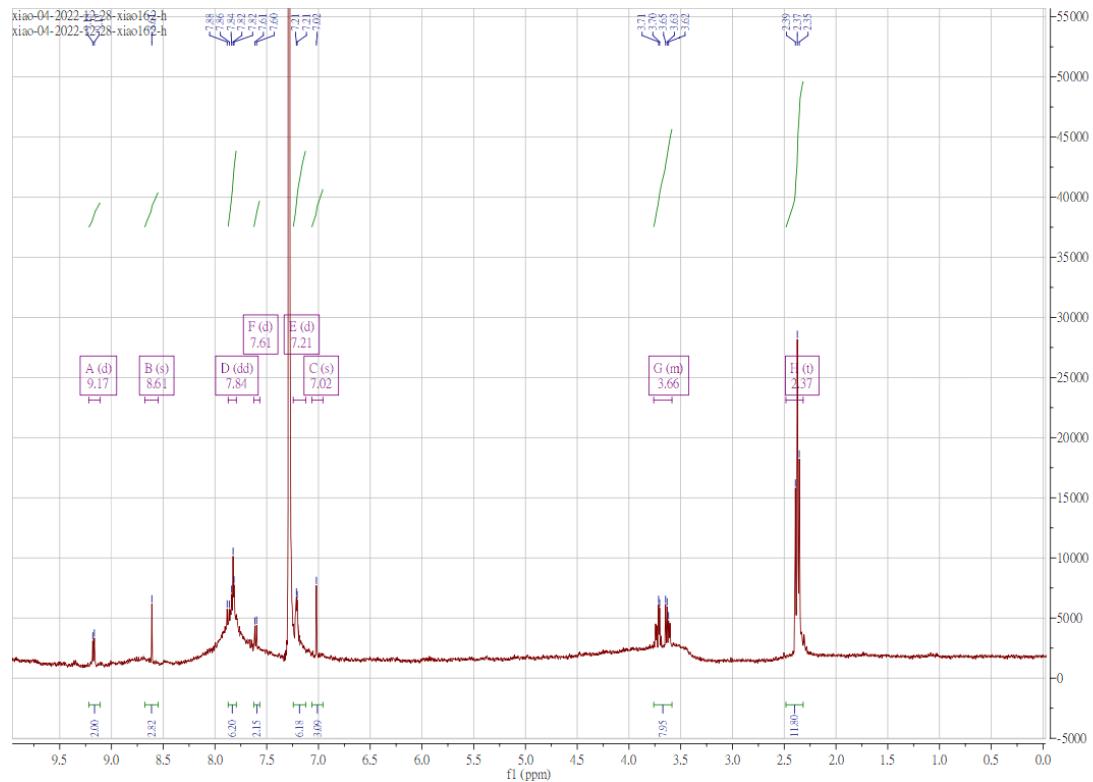


Figure S10. ^1H NMR spectrum of **Ir4** in CDCl_3



Figure S11. MS result of L1

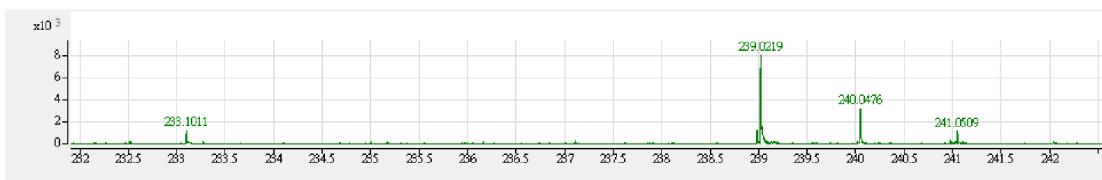


Figure S12. MS result of L2

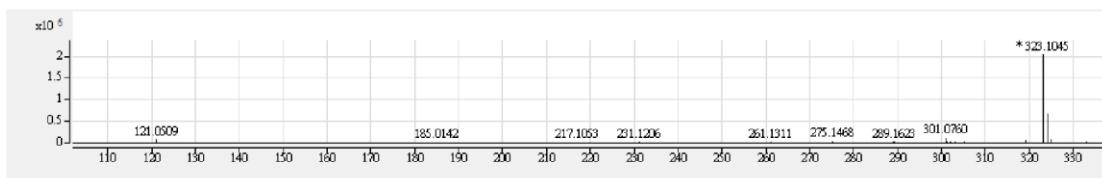


Figure S13. MS result of diethyl [2,2'-bipyridine]-4,4'-dicarboxylate

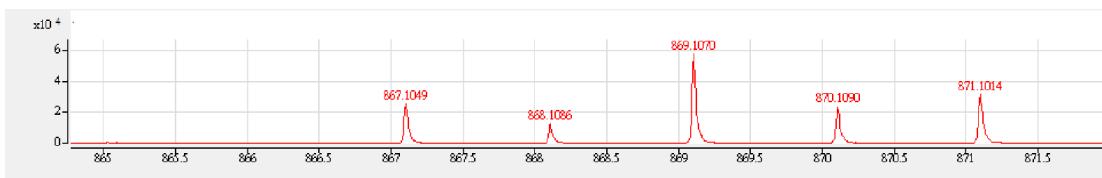


Figure S13. MS result of Ir1

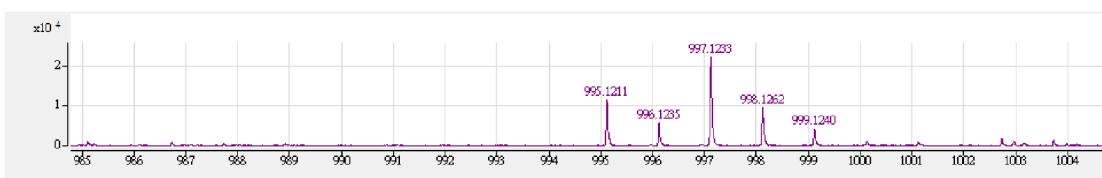


Figure S14. MS result of Ir2

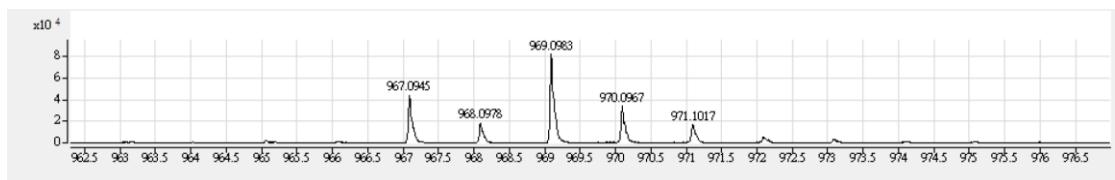


Figure S15. MS result of Ir3

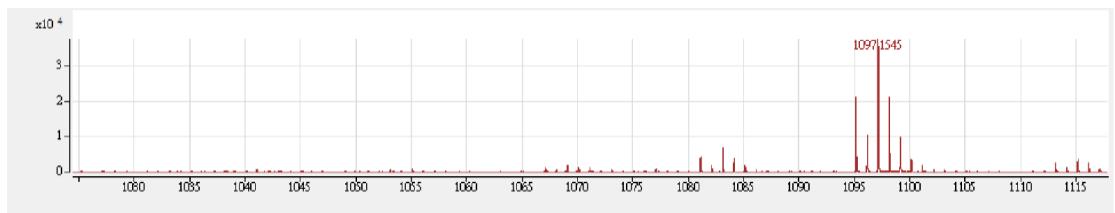


Figure S16. MS result of Ir4

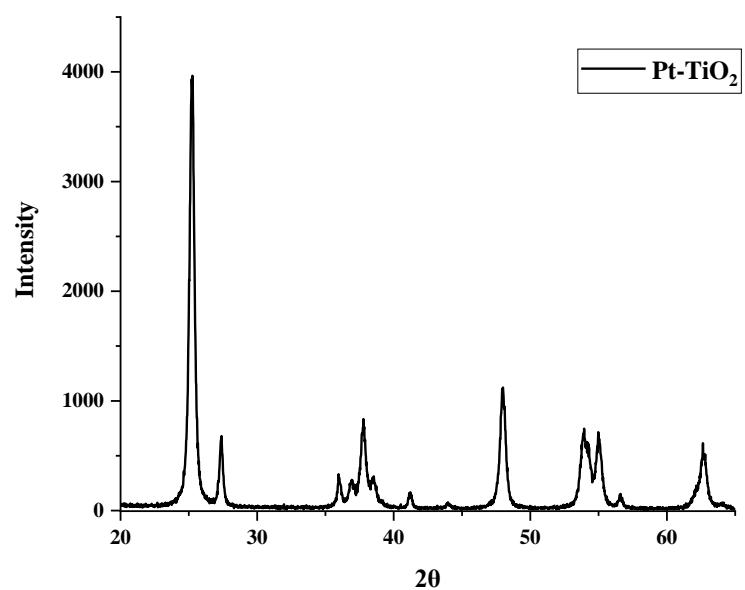


Figure S17. XRD patterns of Pt-TiO₂

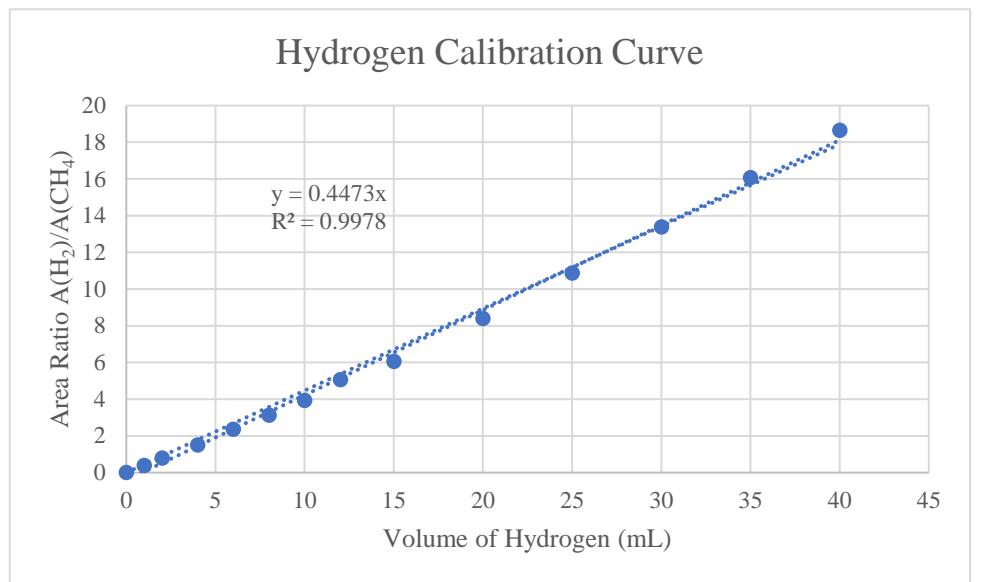


Figure S18. Calibration plot of the signal ratio (H_2/CH_4) vs. amount of H_2 obtained from GC analysis.

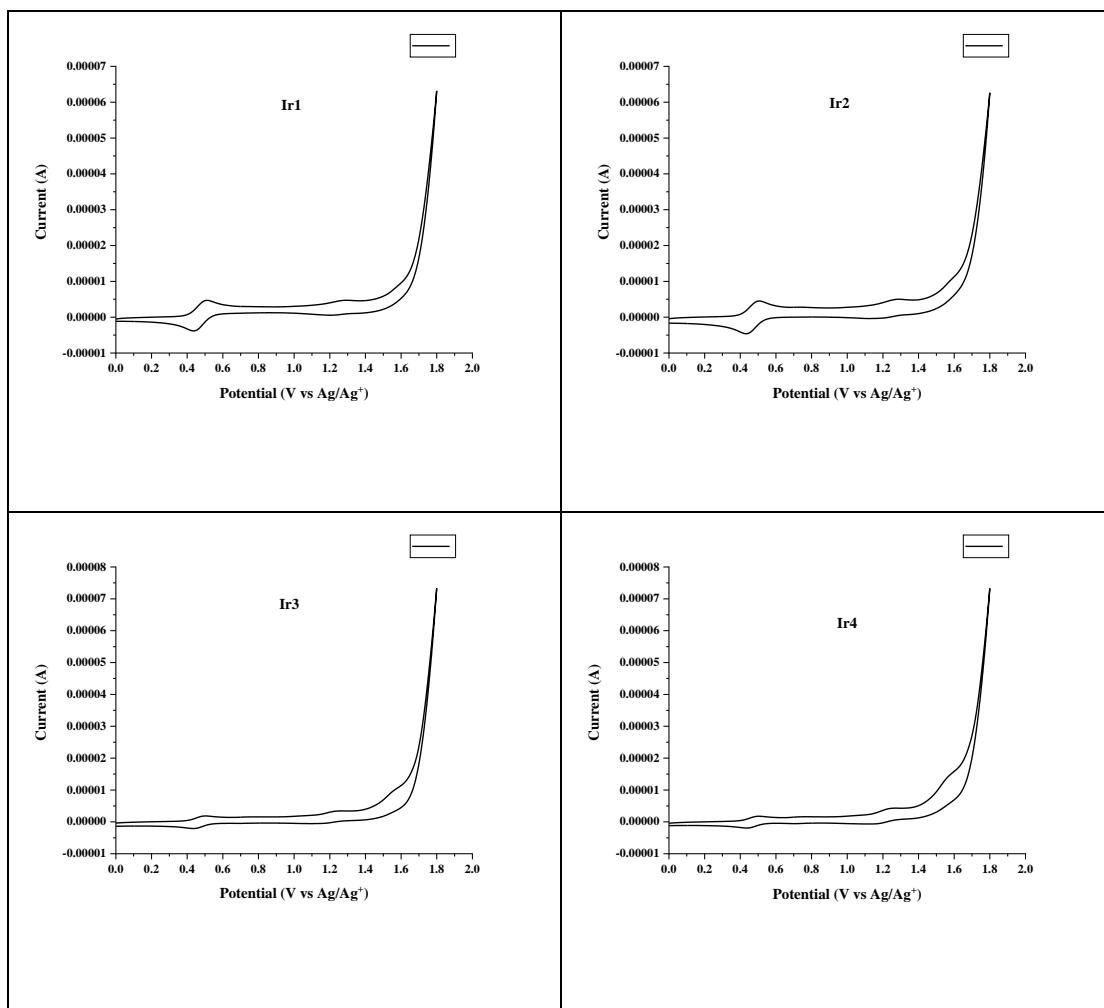


Figure S19. Cyclic voltammograms of Ir1–Ir4.

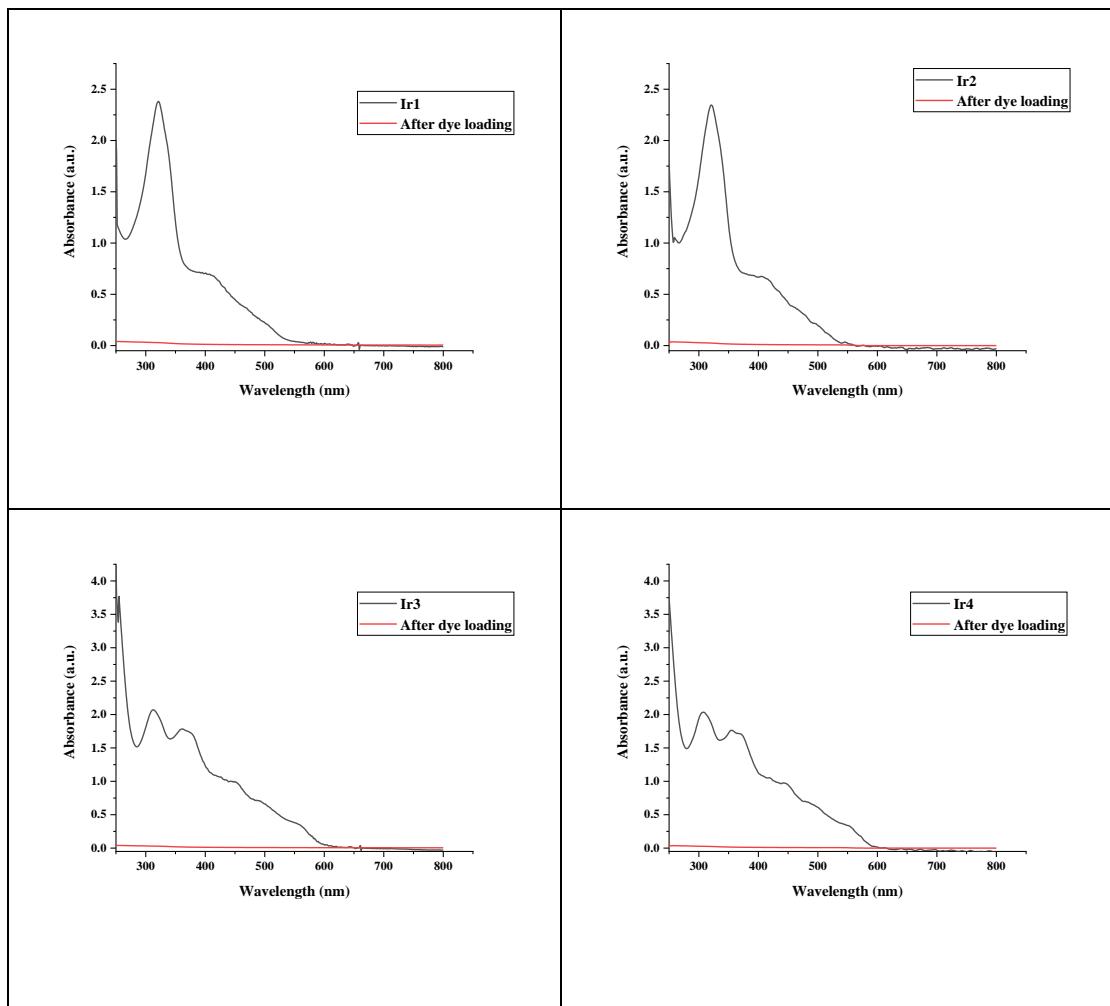


Figure S20. UV/Vis absorption spectra of **Ir1** to **Ir4** before and after dye loading in CH_2Cl_2 solution at 293 K

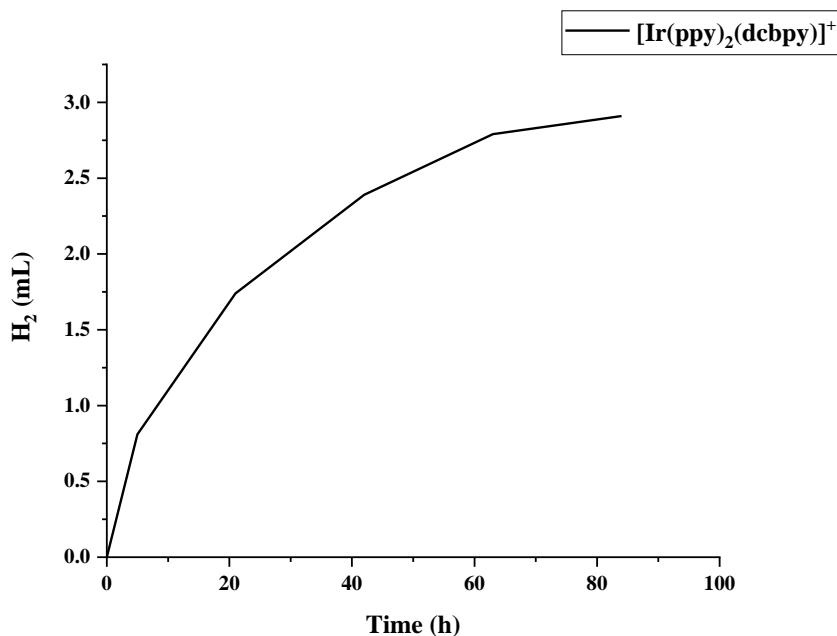


Figure S21. Photocatalytic H₂ generation curves of [Ir(ppy)₂(dcbpy)]⁺ under blue LED irradiation (50 mW).

Table S1. Photocatalytic H₂ generation data with [Ir(ppy)₂(dcbpy)]⁺ under blue light irradiation.

| Dye | Time /h | H ₂ /mL | TON ^[a] | TOF ^[b] /h ⁻¹ | TOF _i ^[c] /h ⁻¹ | Activity _i ^[d] /μmol g ⁻¹ h ⁻¹ | AQY _i % ^[e] |
|---|---------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| [Ir(ppy) ₂ (dcbpy)] ⁺ | 84 | 2.91 | 1900 | 22.6 | 105.8 | 66122 | 0.42 |

[a] Turnover number (TON) of H₂ was calculated as twice of the number of moles of H₂ produced over the number of moles of PS attached to platinized TiO₂. [b] Turnover frequency (TOF) was calculated per hour. [c] Initial turnover frequency (TOF_i) in the first 5 h. [d] Initial photocatalytic activity (Activity_i) is defined as the number of micromoles of H₂ evolved per gram of platinum loaded per hour. [e] Initial apparent quantum yield percentage (AQY_i).

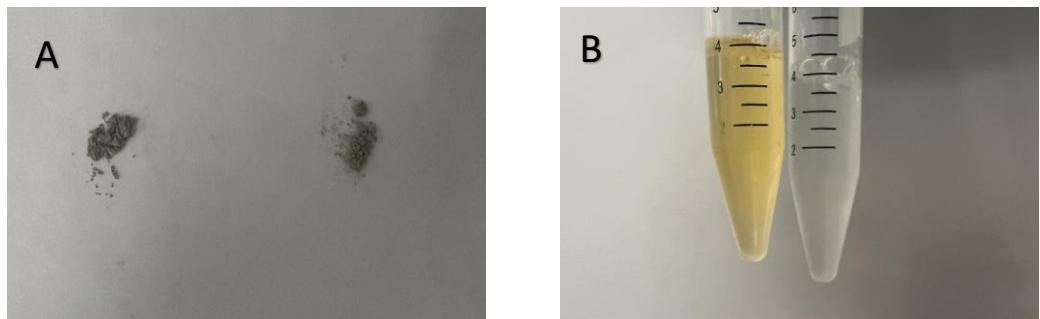


Figure S22. (A) TiO₂ composite material with **Ir4** before (left) and after (right) irradiation. (B) AA aqueous solution before (right) and after (left) irradiation.