

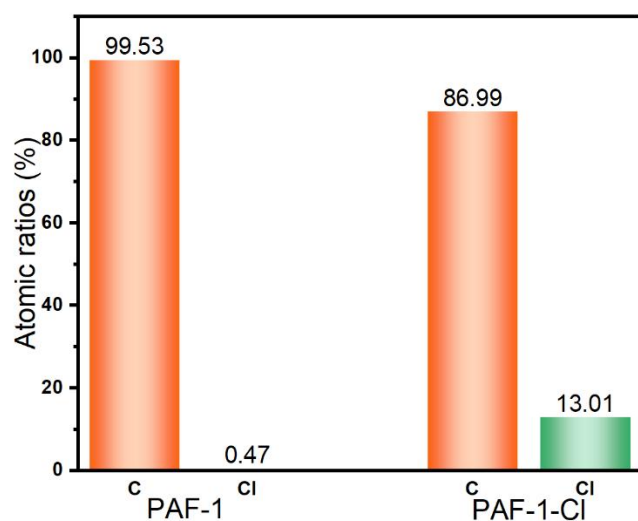
**Supplementary Materials**

**Post-modified porous aromatic frameworks for carbon dioxide capture**

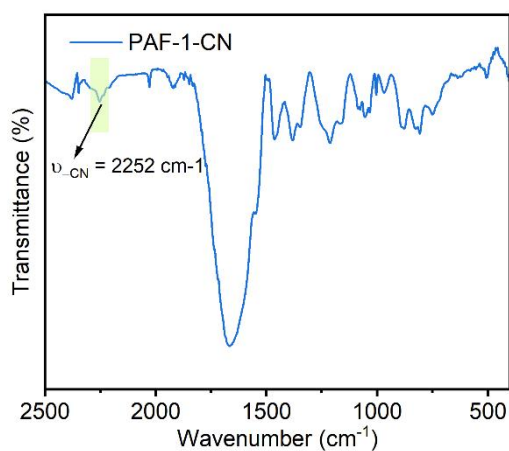
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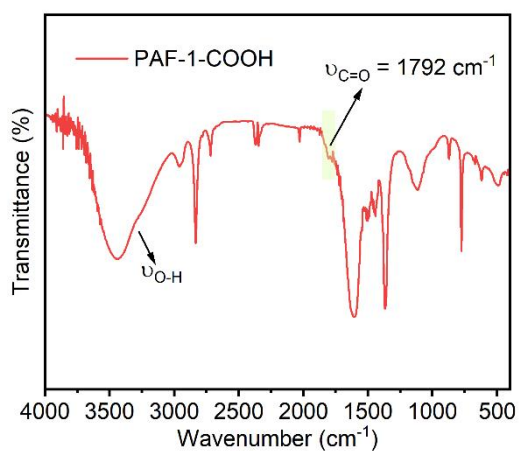


**Supplementary Figure 1.** Elemental ratios of carbon to chlorine for PAF-1 and PAF-1-Cl from XPS data. The ratios of C/Cl are 0.0047 for PAF-1 and 0.149557 for PAF-1-Cl.



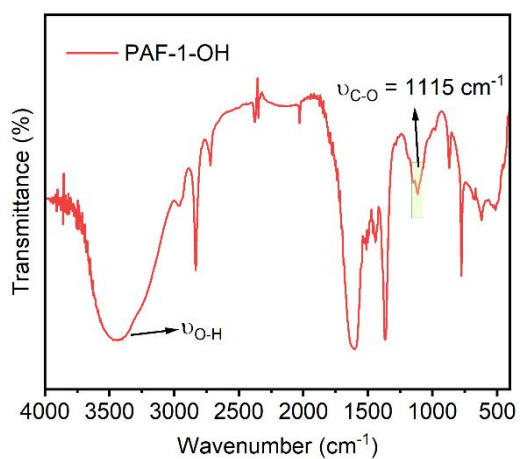
**Supplementary Figure 2.** FTIR spectra of PAF-1-CN.

Cyanide strictive vibrations occur at 2252 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



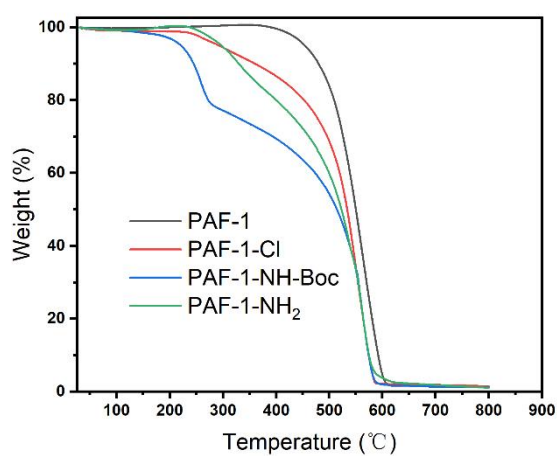
**Supplementary Figure 3.** FTIR spectra of PAF-1-COOH.

The hydroxyl group stretching vibration is a large broad peak around 3500 cm<sup>-1</sup> and the carbon-oxygen double bond stretching vibration is at 1792 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

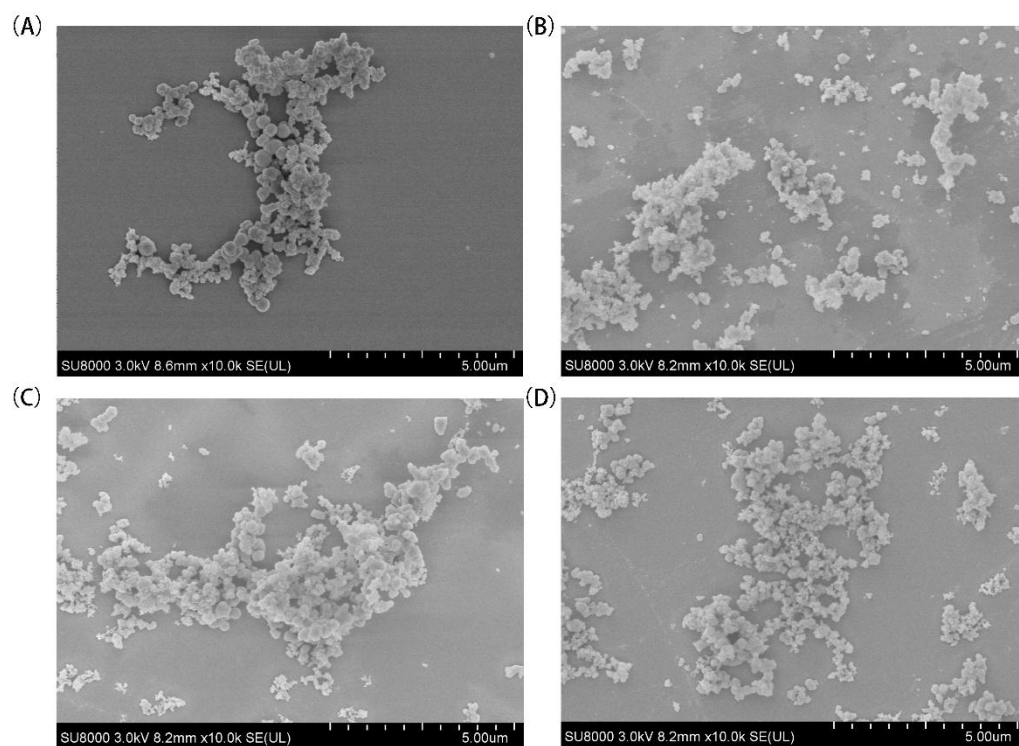


**Supplementary Figure 4.** FTIR spectra of PAF-1-OH.

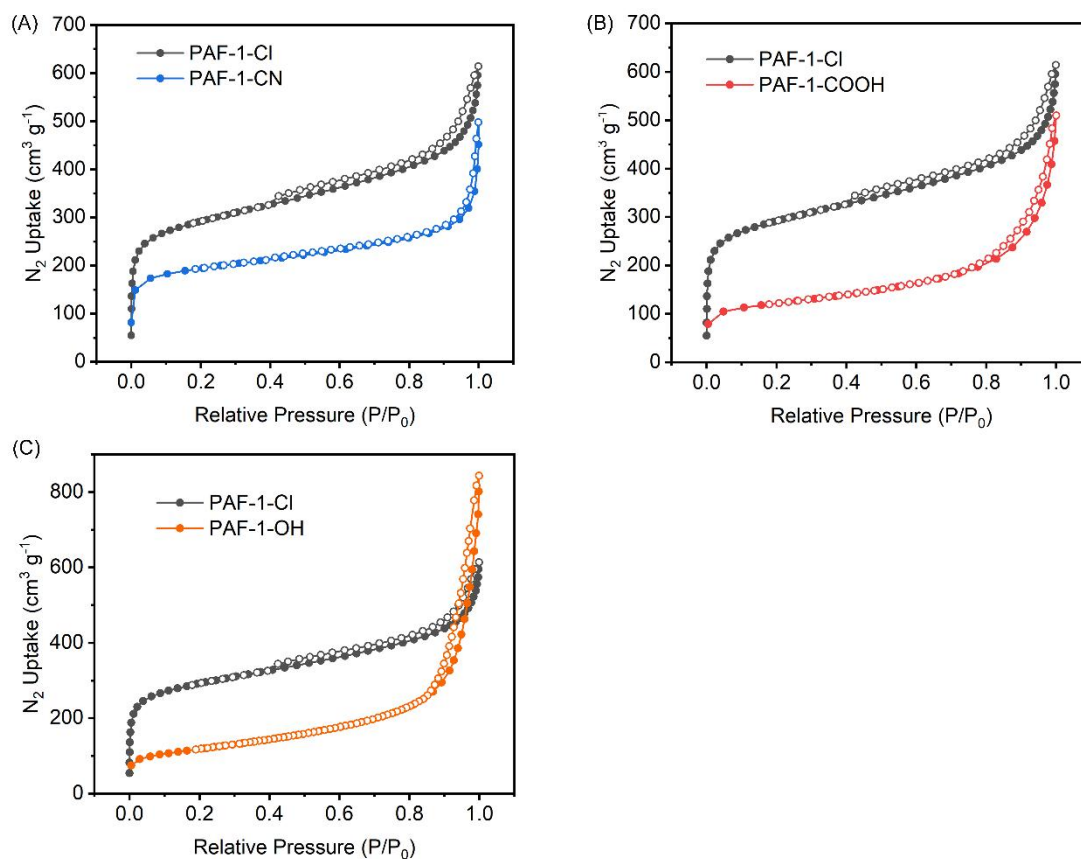
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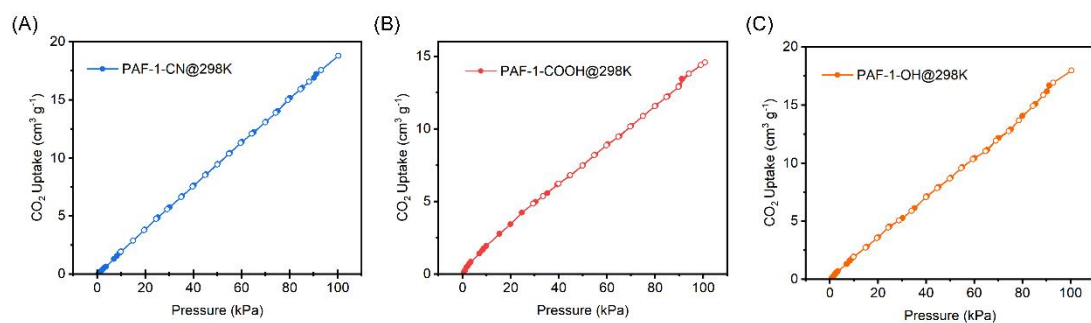
**Supplementary Figure 5.** TG traces of PAF-1 (black), PAF-1-Cl (red), PAF-1-NH-Boc (blue) and PAF-1-NH<sub>2</sub> (green) under air flow.



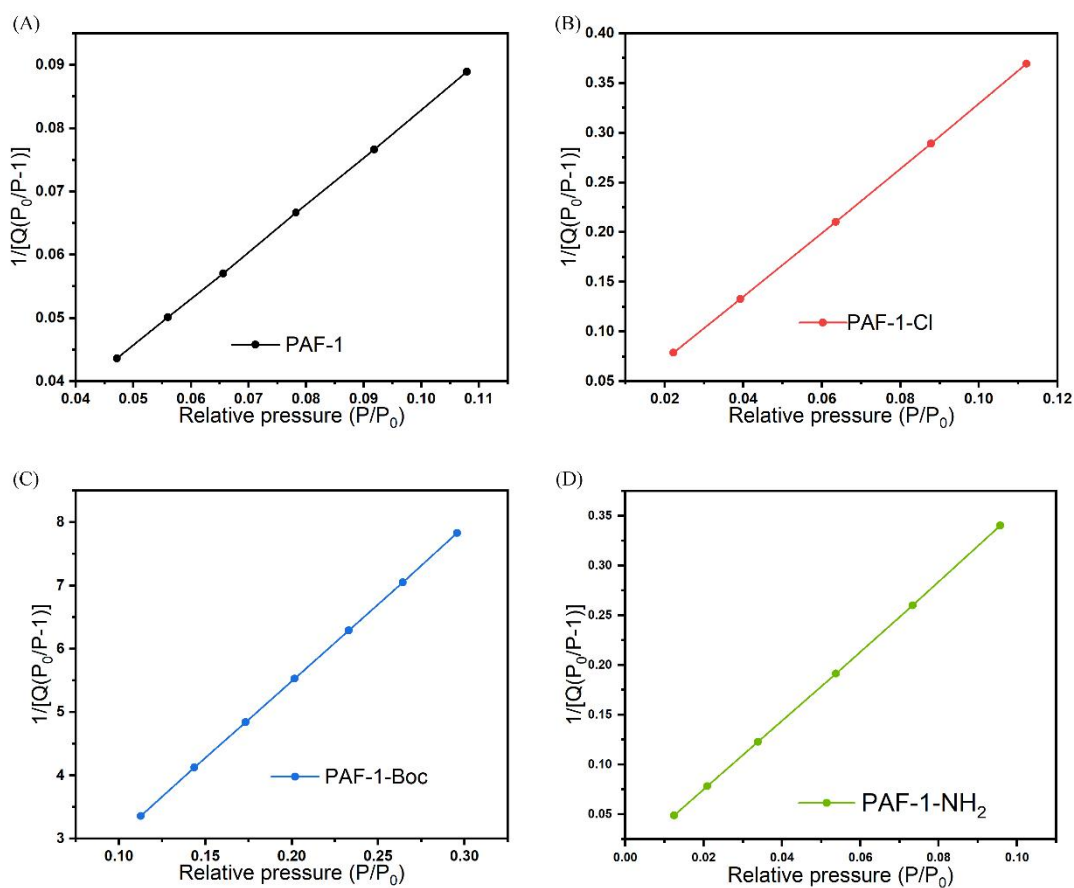
**Supplementary Figure 6.** Morphology of (A) PAF-1, (B) PAF-1-Cl, (C) PAF-1-NH-Boc and (D) PAF-1-NH<sub>2</sub> by SEM.



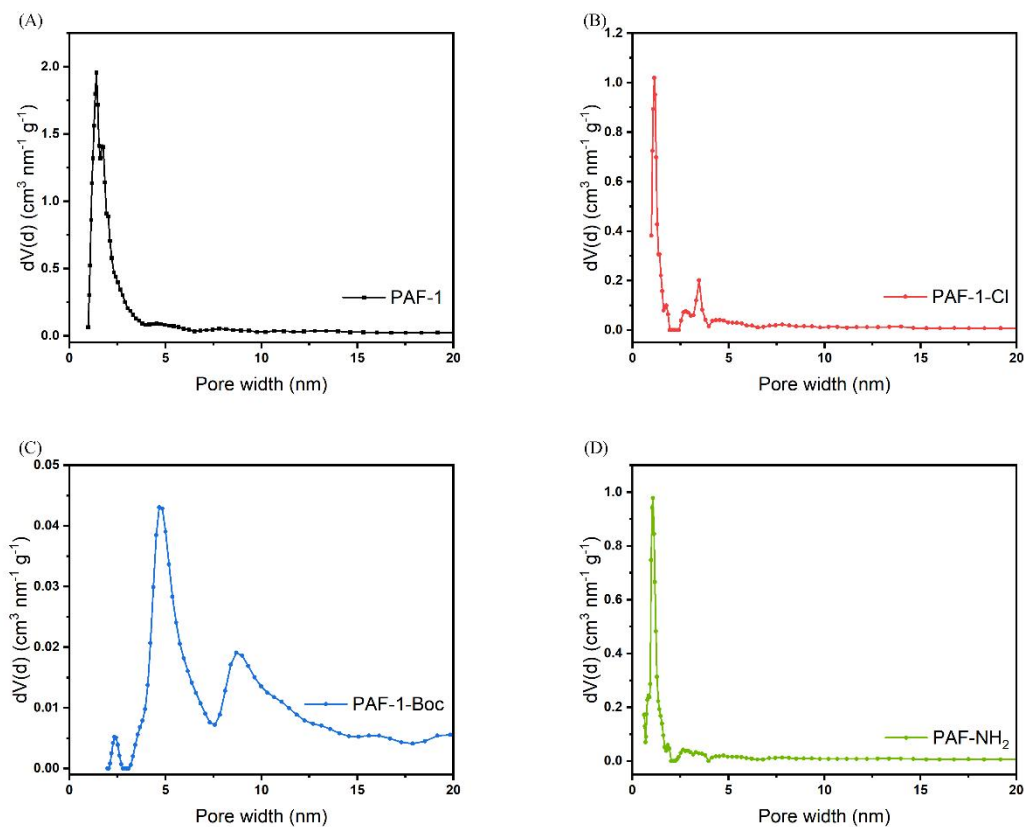
**Supplementary Figure 7.** The  $N_2$  isotherms of (A) PAF-1-CN, (B) PAF-1-COOH and (C) PAF-1-OH at 77 K.



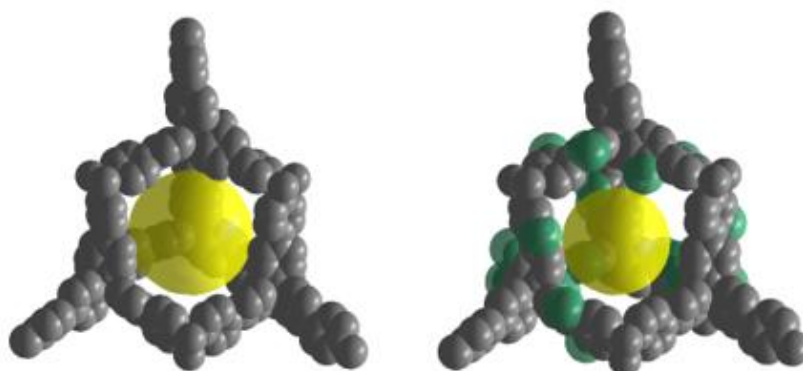
**Supplementary Figure 8.** The  $\text{CO}_2$  isotherms of (A) PAF-1-CN, (B) PAF-1-COOH and (C) PAF-1-OH at 298 K.



**Supplementary Figure 9.** Brunauer-Emmett-Teller plot (dots) and linear fitting (line) of N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherm of PAF-1 BET surface area (A) is 4580 m<sup>2</sup>/g with correlation coefficient  $r=0.999925$ ; PAF-1-Cl BET surface area (B) is 1077 m<sup>2</sup>/g with correlation coefficient  $r=0.999955$ ; PAF-1-NH-Boc BET surface area (C) is 139 m<sup>2</sup>/g with correlation coefficient  $r=0.999991$ ; PAF-1-NH<sub>2</sub> BET surface area (D) is 1002 m<sup>2</sup>/g with correlation coefficient  $r=0.999996$ .



**Supplementary Figure 10.** The pore size distribution of PAF-1 (A) and its post-modification products (B-D) was determined. Fitting the isotherm based on NLDFT revealed a consistent pore size distribution characterized by a narrow peak at 1.42 nm for PAF-1, 1.18 nm for PAF-1-Cl, minimal perforation for PAF-1-NH-Boc, and 1.08 nm for PAF-1-NH<sub>2</sub>.



**Supplementary Figure 11.** The structure of PAF-1 and PAF-1-Cl in CPK style.

After modified by chlorine, the pore volume should decrease. The pore radii of PAF-1 is 7 Å, the Cl and H atom radii are 0.99 Å and 0.37 Å respectively. Therefore, the pore radii after modified could be calculated as followed:

$$r_{PAF-1} = 7 \text{ \AA}, r_{PAF-1-Cl} = r_{PAF-1} - 2 * (r_{Cl} - r_H) = 5.76 \text{ \AA};$$

And the pore volume should be calculated as equation 1:

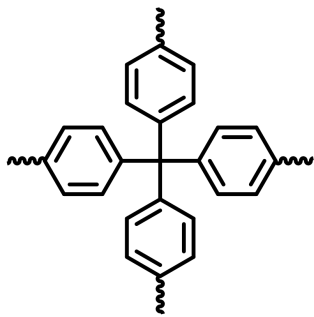
$$V_{pore} = \frac{4}{3} \times \pi r^3 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{V_{PAF-1-Cl}}{V_{PAF-1}} = \frac{r_{PAF-1-Cl}^3}{r_{PAF-1}^3} \approx 55.7\%$$

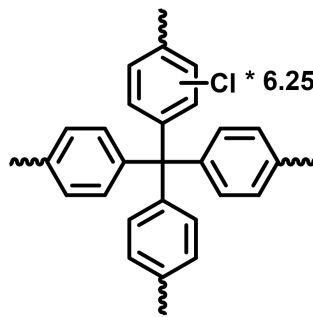
The radius of PAF-1 and PAF-1-Cl are matching the pore size analysis as Supplementary Figure 9 shown. The amount of adsorption was decreased around 45% after modified by -Cl. Meanwhile, as the following image shows, a unit will increase the weight by around 40%. The unit of BET surface area is  $\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$ , when the building unit was heavier than the PAF-1's, the BET surface area always decreased. Based on the above calculations, the BET surface area of PAF-1-Cl should be calculated as follows:

$$S_{BET-PAF-1-Cl} = S_{BET-PAF-1} \times 55\% \times 40\% = 1007.6 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$$

Finally, the calculated BET surface area of PAF-1-Cl is matching the adsorption data.



Chemical Formula: C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>16</sub>  
Molecular Weight: 316.40



Chemical Formula: C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>9.75</sub>Cl<sub>6.25</sub>  
Molecular Weight: 531.325

The heat of adsorption is another important parameter for quantitatively assessing the adsorption performance of porous materials for gases. The magnitude of the heat of adsorption determines the affinity of the pore surface for gas molecules, which in turn plays an important role in determining the amount of which in turn plays an important role in determining the energy required for the release of gas molecules during adsorption and desorption.



The common method for calculating the heat of adsorption is the measurement of gas adsorption isotherms at different temperatures.

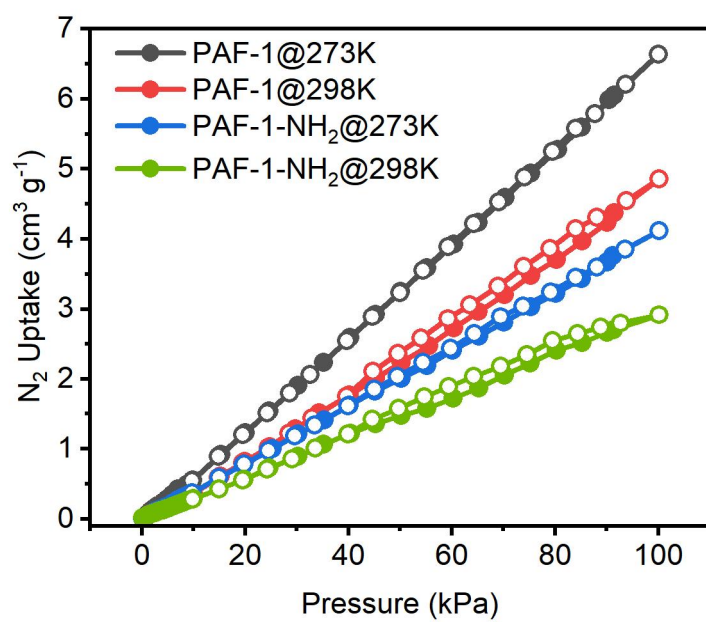
temperatures and then mathematically fitting them with the virial equation, see equation 2:

$$\ln P = \ln N + \frac{1}{T \sum_{i=0}^m a_i N^i} + \sum_{i=0}^n b_i N^i \quad (2)$$

where P is the pressure of the gas (bar), N is the adsorbed amount ( $\text{mmol}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ ), T is the thermodynamic temperature of the gas (K).  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  are virial coefficients, and m and n are determined by the number of terms in the equation describing the isotherm. In the case of  $\text{CO}_2$  adsorption, the virial equation was firstly used to simultaneously fit the  $\text{CO}_2$  adsorption isotherms of the materials at 273 K and 298 K were firstly fitted with the virial equation; then the fitted parameters were used to determine the  $\text{CO}_2$  adsorption isotherms of the materials by equation 3:

$$Q_{\text{st}} = -R \sum_{i=0}^m a_i N^i \quad (3)$$

Where R is the gas constant ( $8.314 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ ).



**Supplementary Figure 12.** The N<sub>2</sub> isotherms of PAF-1 and PAF-1-NH<sub>2</sub> at 273 K and 298 K.

**Supplementary Table 1. The CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> selectivity and CO<sub>2</sub> Q<sub>st</sub> of twelve POPs**

| <b>POLYMER</b>                        | <b>CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> selectivity</b> | <b>CO<sub>2</sub> Q<sub>st</sub> (kJ·mol<sup>-1</sup>)</b> | <b>Ref</b> |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|------------|
| PAF-33-NH <sub>2</sub>                | 79.8  | 32.9   | [1]        |
| COF-JLU2                              | 77  | 31   | [2]        |
| BILP-10                               | 57  | 38.2   | [3]        |
| TPILP-1                               | 63  | 35   | [4]        |
| SNW-1                                 | 50  | 35   | [5]        |
| TNP-4                                 | 27  | 36.5   | [6]        |
| PAF-1-NH <sub>2</sub>                 | 163   | 43   | THIS WORK  |
| CMP-1-HN <sub>2</sub>                 | 14.6  | 29.5   | [7]        |
| TrzPOP-1                              | 27  | 29   | [8]        |
| TrzPOP-2                              | 72  | 34   | [8]        |
| PPN-6-SO <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>4</sub> | 196   | 40   | [9]        |
| POP-2                                 | 155   | 50   | [10]       |
| HCP-MAAMs                             | 104   | 35   | [11]       |

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