

Catalytic Application of Functionalized Bimetallic–Organic Frameworks with Phosphorous Acid Tags in the Synthesis of Pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridines

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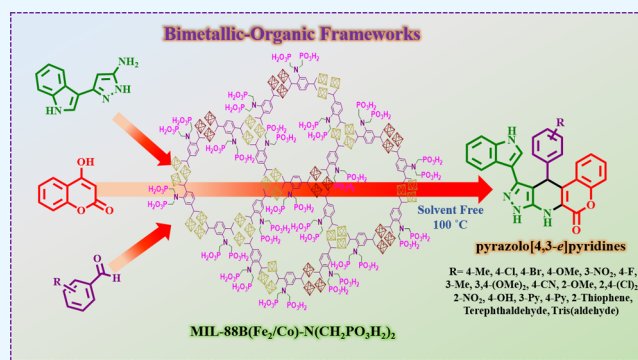
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ABSTRACT: Combining two different metals for the synthesis of a metal–organic framework (MOF) is a smart strategy for the architecture of new porous materials. Herein, a bimetal–organic framework (bimetal–MOFs) based on Fe and Co metals was synthesized. Then, phosphorous acid tags were decorated on bimetal–MOFs via a postmodification method as a new porous acidic functionalized catalyst. This catalyst was used for the synthesis of pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridine derivatives as suitable drug candidates. The present study provides new insights into the architecture of novel porous heterogeneous catalysts based on a bimetal–organic framework (bimetal–MOFs). The type of final structures of catalyst and pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridine derivatives were determined using different techniques such as fourier transform infrared (FT-IR), X-ray diffraction (XRD), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), energy-dispersive X-ray (EDX), SEM-elemental mapping, N_2 adsorption–desorption isotherm, Barrett–Joyner–Halenda (BJH), thermogravimetry/differential thermal analysis (TG/DTA), 1H NMR, and ^{13}C NMR.



INTRODUCTION

In recent years, porous materials, including metal–organic frameworks (MOFs), Santa Barbara amorphous-15 (SBA-15), zeolites, and covalent organic frameworks (COFs), have gained significant attention as chemical nanoreactors. MOFs, in particular, are synthesized by combining metal clusters and organic compounds as nuclei and ligands, respectively. These materials offer unique properties and structures that make them highly attractive for various applications as catalysts, gas storage, and separation processes.^{1–6} It is known that two-dimensional (2D) and three-dimensional (3D) porous structures have distinctive features such as tunable pore size, diverse structure, large surface area, and tunable chemistry.^{7–9} Metal–organic frameworks are widely used in various fields such as gas separation, drug delivery, energy storage, and catalyst.^{10–14} Also, the catalytic activities of metal–organic frameworks include photocatalysis,^{15,16} asymmetric catalysis,^{17,18} supramolecular catalysis,^{19,20} oxidation of materials,²¹ biomass conversion,^{22,23} electrocatalysis,^{24,25} acidic and basic catalysis,^{26–38} separation of toxic substances from different phases, medical, biological, sensors, and solar cells.^{39,40} Metal–organic frameworks based on a combination of two metals have better stability and properties than single-metal MOFs.^{41–44} The synergistic effect achieved by incorporating two metals in bimetallic MOFs can significantly enhance their

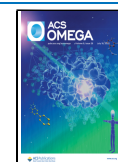
catalytic activity. As a result, the synthesis of bimetallic MOFs has emerged as an attractive approach in this field, offering new avenues for exploration. The molar ratios of the metal components in MOFs can be readily adjusted to control the composition of bimetallic MOFs. This control allows for the creation of unique properties and characteristics in these compounds, addressing the limitations and deficiencies observed in monometallic MOFs. Through this method, bimetallic MOFs offer the potential to overcome these challenges and enhance the performance of catalytic systems.^{45–47}

The postmodification method has been considered for designing various catalysts based on metal–organic frameworks (MOFs). In this method, MOFs are assembled and modified with various chemical reagents while their structure and network remain intact.^{26–37} Our research groups have introduced a new category of acidic catalysts and/or reagents

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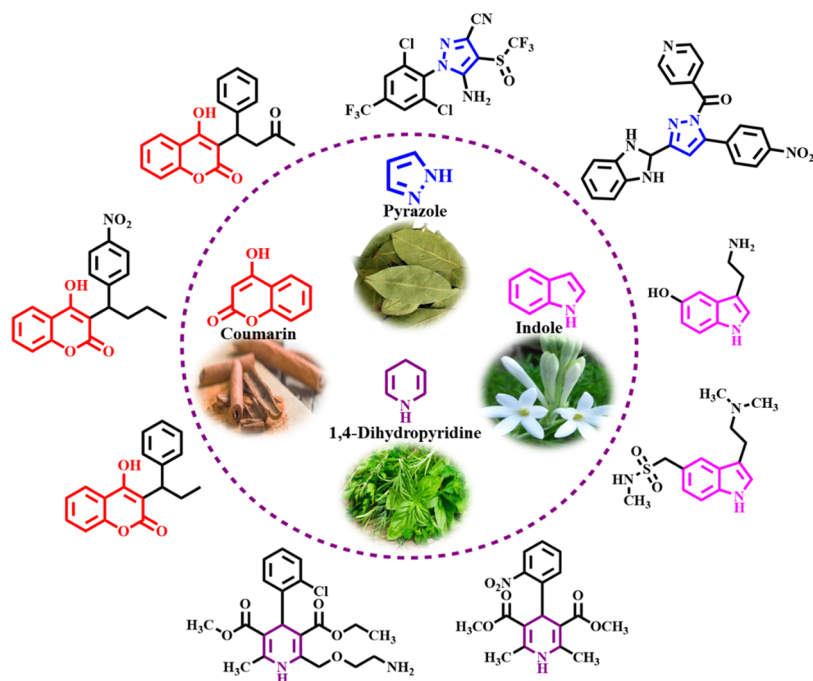


Figure 1. Few medicinal and biological compounds containing indole, pyrazole, coumarin, and 1,4-dihydropyridan moieties.

via a postmodification methodology for inserting phosphorous acid tags on the surface of metal–organic frameworks,^{26–32} mesopores,^{48,49} melamine,⁵⁰ carbon quantum dots,^{51,52} glycoluril,⁵³ and uric acid.⁵⁴ Phosphorous acid as a catalyst has been used for the oligomerization of light olefins, destructive alkylation of hydrocarbons, and organic synthesis.⁵⁵ Furthermore, phosphorous acid and its derivatives have been also used in multinuclear NMR, adsorption, and extraction.⁵⁶ Materials containing $N(\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2)_2$ moieties have environmental impacts worldwide in agricultural, chemical, and pharmaceutical applications.⁵⁷

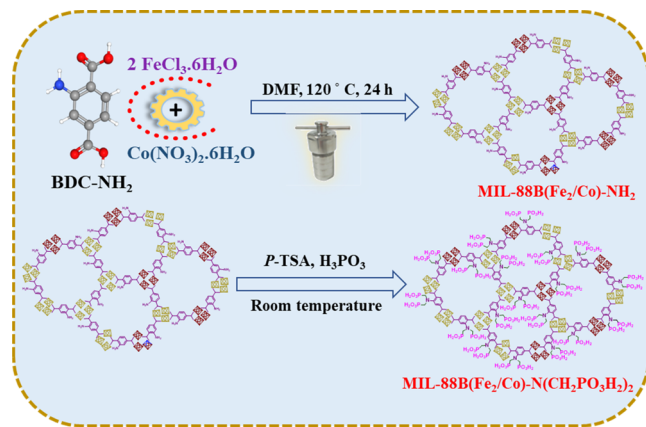
Research and development (R&D) is necessary for the synthesis of organic compounds without using toxic chemicals, hazardous solvents, easy reaction conditions, etc.^{58,59} Catalytic reactions are one of the most important categories of dominant reactions in the synthesis of fine chemicals, bioactive materials, and pharmaceuticals. Due to the stability, porosity, and suitable surface of the designed and synthesized catalysts based on bimetallic MOFs, their catalytic activity is very suitable.^{60,61} N-Heterocycle compounds such as pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridine structures are an important class of organic compounds with unique medicinal and biological properties.^{62,63} Also, scaffolds based on indole, pyrazole, coumarin, and 1,4-dihydropyridan moieties have been studied in various pharmaceutical fields as antitumor, painkiller, antihypertensive, anti-inflammatory, antifungal, and antimicrobial drugs (Figure 1).^{64–68}

In this study, we have embraced the principles of green chemistry to develop and present an efficient strategy for synthesizing pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridines incorporating indole, pyrazole, coumarin, and 1,4-dihydropyridan moieties. To accomplish this objective, we employed MIL-88B(Fe_2/Co)- $N(\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2)_2$ as a porous catalyst, which was achieved through the postmodification of metal–organic frameworks using bimetal Fe and Co. The incorporation of these two metals in the catalyst structure enhances its stability and imparts synergistic properties that contribute to its overall performance.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

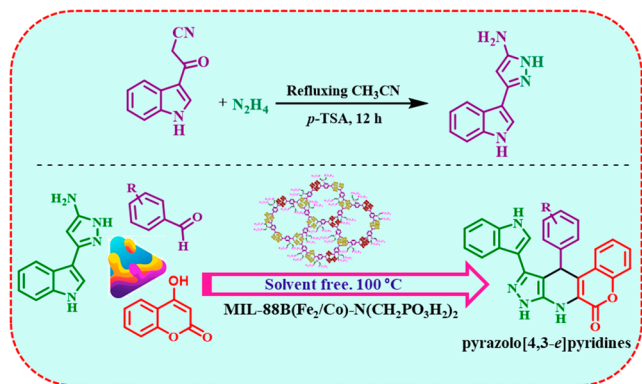
Materials and Methods. $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Sigma-Aldrich, 99%), $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Sigma-Aldrich, 99%), 2-amino-

Scheme 1. Preparation of MIL-88B(Fe_2/Co)- $N(\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2)_2$ as a New Porous Catalyst



terephthalic acid (NH_2 -BDC, 95%), hydrazine (N_2H_4 , 80%), indole ($\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{N}$, 99%), cyanoacetic acid ($\text{C}_3\text{H}_3\text{NO}_2$, 99%), acetic anhydride ($\text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_3$, 95%), and various aromatic aldehydes (95%) were purchased from Merck and Sigma-Aldrich. Furthermore, ethanol (EtOH, 99%), acetonitrile (CH_3CN , 99%), *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF, 99%), methanol (MeOH, 99%), and other solvents were purchased from commercial sources without further purification. The Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) technique model device (PerkinElmer Spectrum Version 10.02.00) was used to identify the functional groups of the different stages of catalyst. Moreover, the morphology of the different stages of the catalyst was characterized using the scanning electron microscopy (SEM) technique (TESCAN MIRA-II, Czechia). In addition, the thermal and chemical stability of the catalyst

Scheme 2. Synthesis of Pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridine Derivatives Using MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ as a New Porous Catalyst



was determined using the thermogravimetry/differential thermal analysis (TG/DTA) technique (BAHR STA 503). Meanwhile, X-ray powder diffraction (XRD) technique with a model device PHILIPS PW1730 (Netherlands) energy-dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) and elemental mapping was carried out by the model TESCAN MIRA-II (Czechia) and Sigma VP ZEISS (German). Finally, Brunauer–Emmett–Teller (BET, BELSORP-mini-II) British Journal of Haematology (BJH) technique with a model device BELSORP-mini-II was utilized to determine the surface area and pore size of the synthesized catalyst.

Preparation of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-NH₂. For the synthesis of the desired bimetal–organic framework (bimetal–MOFs), a mixture of FeCl₃·6H₂O (1.33 mmol, 0.359 g), Co(NO₃)₃·6H₂O (0.66 mmol, 0.192 g), and DMF (7.5 mL) was stirred in a round-bottom flask (20 mL) as solution 1. In another 10 mL flask, NH₂-BDC (2 mmol, 0.362 g) in 7.5 mL of DMF was dissolved as solution 2. Then, solution 1 was added to solution 2 and stirred at room temperature for 60 min. After this time, the resulting mixture was poured into a Teflon-lined bomb (60 mL) and placed in an oven at 120 °C for 24 h. In the following, a brown solid was separated by centrifugation and washed with DMF and EtOH several times. Then, MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-NH₂ was placed in an oven at 100 °C for 12 h.⁶⁹

Preparation of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ as a New Porous Catalyst. In a 20 mL round-bottom flask, a mixture of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-NH₂ (0.5 g), phosphorous acid (2 mmol, 0.164 g), paraformaldehyde (3 mmol, 0.09 g), *p*-TSA (10 mol %, 0.017 g), and dry EtOH (50 mL) as solvent was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. After this time, MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ as a new bimetal–organic framework (bimetal–MOFs) was separated by centrifugation and washed with ethanol two times (Scheme 1).

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridines. The catalytic application of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ as an efficient heterogeneous and porous catalyst functionalized with phosphorous acid tags in the preparation of pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridine derivatives was investigated. In this regard, 3-(cyanoacetyl)indole and 5-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-2H-pyrazol-3-ylamine were synthesized according to the previously reported methodology (Scheme 2).⁶⁸ Then, in a 10 mL round-bottom flask, a mixture of 5-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2H-pyrazol-3-ylamine (1 mmol, 0.198 g), 4-hydroxy-2H-chromen-2-one (1 mmol, 0.162 g), benzaldehyde derivatives (1 mmol), and 10 mg of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ as a porous

catalyst was added and stirred under solvent-free conditions at 100 °C. The progress of the reaction was followed by the TLC technique. Afterward, the reaction mixture was added to hot EtOH (20 mL) and the presented catalyst was separated by centrifugation (1000 rpm, 5 min). The precipitate was washed with cold EtOH to obtain the desired pure product (Scheme 2).

Spectral Data. 410-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-11-(*p*-tolyl)-8,11-dihydrochromeno[3,4-*b*]pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridin-6(7H)-one (**K1**). Yellow solid; mp: >300 °C; FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3288, 3057, 1646, 1611, 1561. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ_{ppm} 12.54 (s, 1H), 11.54 (s, 1H), 10.77 (s, 1H), 8.52 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.47–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ_{ppm} 160.71, 151.95, 146.92, 144.06, 143.82, 135.81, 134.81, 134.11, 131.56, 128.38, 127.41, 124.55, 123.75, 123.03, 121.78, 119.60, 119.52, 116.58, 114.04, 111.78, 104.24, 101.17, 97.80, 36.43, 20.48.

11-(4-Chlorophenyl)-10-(1H-indol-3-yl)-8,11-dihydrochromeno[3,4-*b*]pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridin-6(7H)-one (**K2**). White solid; mp: >300 °C; FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3290, 3063, 1649, 1612, 1552. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ_{ppm} 12.50 (s, 1H), 11.47 (s, 1H), 10.76 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.12 (m, 3H), 7.12–7.07 (m, 3H), 5.41 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ_{ppm} 160.71, 152.0, 146.7, 145.6, 144.4, 135.8, 134.3, 131.7, 130.3, 129.3, 127.7, 124.7, 123.8, 123.1, 121.8, 119.6, 119.4, 116.6, 113.9, 111.8, 104.0, 100.7, 97.0, 36.5.

11-(4-Bromophenyl)-10-(1H-indol-3-yl)-8,11-dihydrochromeno[3,4-*b*]pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridin-6(7H)-one (**K3**). White solid; mp: >300 °C; FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3468, 3165, 1672, 1611, 1507. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ_{ppm} 12.50 (s, 1H), 11.47 (s, 1H), 10.76 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.02 (m, 3H), 5.40 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ_{ppm} 160.7, 152.0, 146.7, 146.0, 144.4, 135.8, 134.4, 131.7, 130.6, 129.7, 124.7, 123.8, 123.1, 121.8, 119.7, 119.4, 118.9, 116.7, 114.0, 111.8, 104.0, 100.7, 97.0, 36.5.

10-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-11-(4-methoxyphenyl)-8,11-dihydrochromeno[3,4-*b*]pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridin-6(7H)-one (**K4**). Yellow solid; mp: >300 °C; FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3418, 3296, 1663, 1611, 1508. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ_{ppm} 12.55 (s, 1H), 11.55 (s, 1H), 10.77 (s, 1H), 8.53 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.75–7.70 (m, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.47–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ_{ppm} 160.7, 157.3, 151.9, 147.0, 143.9, 139.0, 135.8, 134.1, 131.5, 128.5, 124.6, 124.5, 123.7, 123.0, 121.8, 119.6, 119.5, 116.6, 114.1, 113.2, 111.8, 104.3, 101.3, 98.0, 54.8, 36.0.

10-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-11-(3-nitrophenyl)-8,11-dihydrochromeno[3,4-*b*]pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridin-6(7H)-one (**K5**). Brown solid; mp: >300 °C; FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3421, 3264, 1706, 1672, 1613. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ_{ppm} 12.44 (s, 1H), 11.57 (s, 1H), 10.95 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.97–7.93 (m, 2H), 7.76–7.72 (m, 2H), 7.65–7.62 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.26 (t, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101

MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 172.0, 160.7, 152.1, 148.5, 147.1, 146.3, 144.8, 135.8, 134.2, 131.9, 129.2, 125.0, 124.8, 123.9, 123.2, 121.9, 121.8, 121.0, 119.6, 119.3, 116.7, 113.8, 111.8, 103.7, 100.4, 96.3, 37.0.

11-(4-Fluorophenyl)-10-(1H-indol-3-yl)-8,11-dihydrochromeno[3,4-b]pyrazolo[4,3-e]pyridin-6(7H)-one (K6). White solid; mp: >300 °C; FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3473, 3256, 1667, 1615, 1511. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 12.57 (s, 1H), 11.54 (s, 1H), 10.83 (s, 1H), 8.53 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.17 (m, 4H), 7.01 (t, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 5.51 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 161.5, 160.7, 159.1, 152.0, 146.7, 144.2, 142.9, 135.8, 134.3, 131.6, 129.2, 124.7, 124.6, 123.8, 123.1, 121.8, 119.6, 116.6, 114.3, 114.0, 111.8, 104.1, 101.0, 97.4, 36.2.

10-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-11-(*m*-tolyl)-8,11-dihydrochromeno[3,4-b]pyrazolo[4,3-e]pyridin-6(7H)-one (K7). Yellow solid; mp: >300 °C; FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3408, 3275, 1651, 1611, 1508. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 12.54 (s, 1H), 11.55 (s, 1H), 10.77 (s, 1H), 8.53 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.74–7.70 (m, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.03–6.96 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 160.7, 152.0, 146.7, 144.3, 136.6, 135.8, 134.1, 131.6, 128.0, 127.7, 126.6, 124.8, 124.6, 123.8, 123.1, 121.8, 119.6, 116.6, 114.1, 111.8, 104.2, 101.3, 97.5, 36.8, 21.0.

11-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-10-(1H-indol-3-yl)-8,11-dihydrochromeno[3,4-b]pyrazolo[4,3-e]pyridin-6(7H)-one (K8). Yellow solid; mp: >300 °C; FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3362, 3171, 1666, 1611, 1568. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 12.47 (s, 1H), 11.58 (s, 1H), 10.75 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (ddd, $J = 8.5, 7.3, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.25–7.20 (m, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.59 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 160.9, 152.0, 147.6, 146.7, 144.3, 139.4, 135.9, 134.2, 131.5, 123.8, 123.0, 121.8, 119.7, 119.5, 118.7, 116.6, 114.0, 111.8, 111.5, 111.4, 104.5, 101.5, 97.3, 55.2, 54.6, 36.3.

10-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-11-(pyridin-3-yl)-8,11-dihydrochromeno[3,4-b]pyrazolo[4,3-e]pyridin-6(7H)-one (K9). Yellow solid; mp: >300 °C; FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3169, 1672, 1611, 1562, 1505. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 12.50 (s, 1H), 11.46 (s, 1H), 10.78 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, $J = 4.8, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.10–7.06 (m, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 160.8, 152.1, 148.4, 146.9, 146.5, 144.7, 141.8, 135.8, 135.0, 134.6, 131.9, 124.8, 124.7, 123.9, 123.4, 123.2, 121.9, 119.7, 119.4, 116.7, 113.8, 111.9, 103.9, 100.4, 96.5, 34.8.

4-(10-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-6-oxo-6,7,8,11-tetrahydrochromeno[3,4-b]pyrazolo[4,3-e]pyridin-11-yl)-benzotrile (K10). White solid; mp: >300 °C; FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3338, 3171, 2223, 1672, 1611. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 12.63 (s, 1H), 11.57 (s, 1H), 10.93 (s, 1H), 8.55 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.79–7.72 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.55–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm}

160.7, 151.9, 146.5, 144.7, 135.8, 134.6, 131.8, 128.5, 124.8, 124.7, 123.9, 123.2, 121.8, 119.7, 119.3, 118.8, 116.7, 113.9, 111.8, 108.6, 103.8, 100.3, 96.4, 37.3.

10-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-11-(2-methoxyphenyl)-8,11-dihydrochromeno[3,4-b]pyrazolo[4,3-e]pyridin-6(7H)-one (K11). Yellow solid; mp: >300 °C; FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3416, 3304, 1654, 1611, 1567. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 12.35 (s, 1H), 11.54 (s, 1H), 10.70 (s, 1H), 8.55 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.78–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.26 (t, 1H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.12–7.07 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 160.4, 156.0, 152.0, 147.0, 144.8, 135.8, 135.3, 133.8, 131.4, 129.5, 127.0, 125.1, 124.9, 123.6, 123.0, 121.5, 120.0, 119.5, 119.4, 116.5, 114.1, 111.6, 111.18, 104.2, 101.6, 97.4, 31.4.

11-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-10-(1H-indol-3-yl)-8,11-dihydrochromeno[3,4-b]pyrazolo[4,3-e]pyridin-6(7H)-one (K12). White solid; mp: >300 °C; FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3419, 3264, 1678, 1612, 1562. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 12.52 (s, 1H), 11.54 (s, 1H), 10.77 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.73–7.68 (m, 1H), 7.53–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.16–7.12 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 5.44 (s, 1H).

10-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-11-(2-nitrophenyl)-8,11-dihydrochromeno[3,4-b]pyrazolo[4,3-e]pyridin-6(7H)-one (K13). Brown solid; mp: >300 °C; FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3430, 3165, 3123, 1672, 1613, 1568. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 12.55 (s, 1H), 11.38 (s, 1H), 10.84 (s, 1H), 8.44 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.64–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.12 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 160.8, 151.9, 148.1, 144.3, 140.6, 135.7, 133.1, 131.9, 127.2, 125.1, 125.0, 123.9, 123.5, 123.2, 121.7, 119.5, 119.3, 116.7, 113.7, 111.6, 103.5, 99.7, 96.9, 31.7.

11-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)-10-(1H-indol-3-yl)-8,11-dihydrochromeno[3,4-b]pyrazolo[4,3-e]pyridin-6(7H)-one (K14). Yellow solid; mp: >300 °C; FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3356, 3246, 1644, 1611, 1551. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 12.41 (s, 1H), 11.42 (s, 1H), 10.62 (s, 1H), 9.09 (s, 1H), 8.41 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.44–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 5.25 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 160.9, 155.3, 151.9, 143.9, 137.4, 135.8, 131.6, 128.5, 124.6, 124.5, 123.8, 123.0, 121.9, 119.7, 119.5, 116.6, 114.6, 114.1, 111.8, 104.3, 101.5, 98.2, 35.9.

10-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-11-(2H-1H-thiophen-2-yl)-8,11-dihydrochromeno[3,4-b]pyrazolo[4,3-e]pyridin-6(7H)-one (K15). Black solid; mp: >300 °C; FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3328, 1700, 1651, 1611, 1560. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 12.28 (s, 1H), 11.48 (s, 1H), 10.77 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.21–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.15–7.09 (m, 2H), 6.77–6.74 (m, 1H), 6.72–6.69 (m, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ_{ppm} 161.0, 151.9, 150.8, 144.1, 135.9, 131.9, 126.4, 124.6, 124.6, 124.0, 123.9, 123.3, 123.0, 121.9, 119.8, 119.4, 116.7, 113.9, 111.9, 104.3, 100.5, 97.0, 31.8.

10-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-11-(pyridin-4-yl)-8,11-dihydrochromeno[3,4-b]pyrazolo[4,3-e]pyridin-6(7H)-one

(K16). Yellow solid; mp: >300 °C; FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3164, 1671, 1611, 1562, 1506. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ_{ppm} 12.52 (s, 1H), 11.47 (s, 1H), 10.80 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.69–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.66–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.37 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.44 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ_{ppm} 160.8, 154.6, 152.1, 149.0, 146.5, 145.0, 135.8, 134.6, 132.0, 124.8, 124.7, 123.9, 123.2, 122.8, 121.9, 119.7, 119.3, 116.7, 113.8, 111.9, 103.8, 99.9, 95.9, 36.7.

11,11'-(1,4-Phenylene)bis(10-(1H-indol-3-yl)-8,11-dihydrochromeno[3,4-b]pyrazolo[4,3-e]pyridin-6(7H)-one) (K17). Yellow solid; mp: >300 °C; FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3408, 3281, 1676, 1612, 1583. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ_{ppm} 12.38 (s, 2H), 11.26 (d, $J = 42.0$ Hz, 2H), 10.59 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.36 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.61–7.51 (m, 4H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.28 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.15–7.08 (m, 2H), 7.06 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.6$ Hz, 3H), 7.01–6.97 (m, 1H), 6.92–6.90 (m, 4H), 5.17 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ_{ppm} 160.7, 151.9, 144.6, 144.4, 144.3, 136.3, 135.8, 135.7, 131.5, 127.1, 124.8, 124.3, 123.7, 123.0, 121.7, 119.5, 116.6, 114.0, 111.7, 104.2, 101.4, 97.6, 36.3.

11,11',11''-(((1,3,5-Triazine-2,4,6-triyl)tris(oxy))tris-(benzene-4,1-diyl))tris(10-(1H-indol-3-yl)-8,11-dihydrochromeno[3,4-b]pyrazolo[4,3-e]pyridin-6(7H)-one) (K18). Yellow solid; mp: >300 °C; FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3276, 1680, 1612, 1563, 1502. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ_{ppm} 12.45 (s, 3H), 11.40 (s, 3H), 10.71 (s, 3H), 8.41 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 3H), 7.71–7.67 (m, 3H), 7.62–7.57 (m, 4H), 7.40–7.38 (m, 5H), 7.33–7.30 (m, 5H), 7.14–7.10 (m, 7H), 7.10–7.07 (m, 6H), 6.93–6.88 (m, 6H), 5.38 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ_{ppm} 172.8, 160.8, 152.0, 149.2, 144.5, 144.4, 135.8, 131.7, 128.5, 128.4, 124.6, 123.8, 123.1, 121.8, 120.9, 119.7, 116.7, 114.6, 114.0, 111.8, 101.0, 97.3, 36.3.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Catalyst Preparation Strategy. Based on the concept of the modified strategy of MOFs in the design and synthesis of new catalysts in our group research,^{26–37} we have presented a

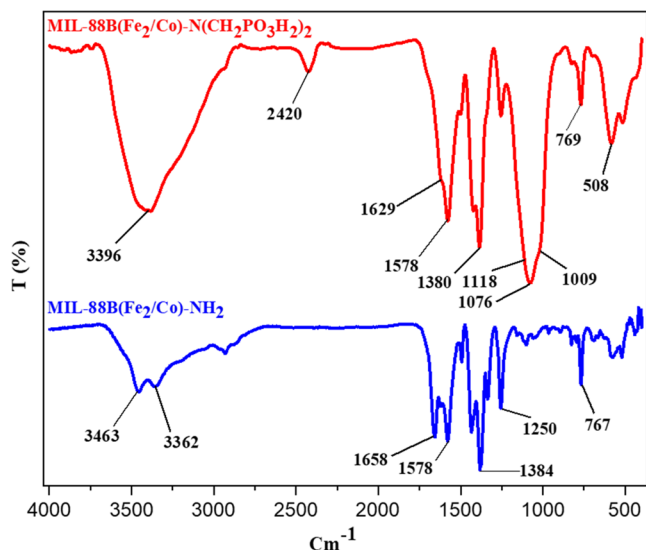


Figure 2. FT-IR spectra of MIL-88B(Fe_2/Co)- NH_2 and MIL-88B(Fe_2/Co)- $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2)_2$.

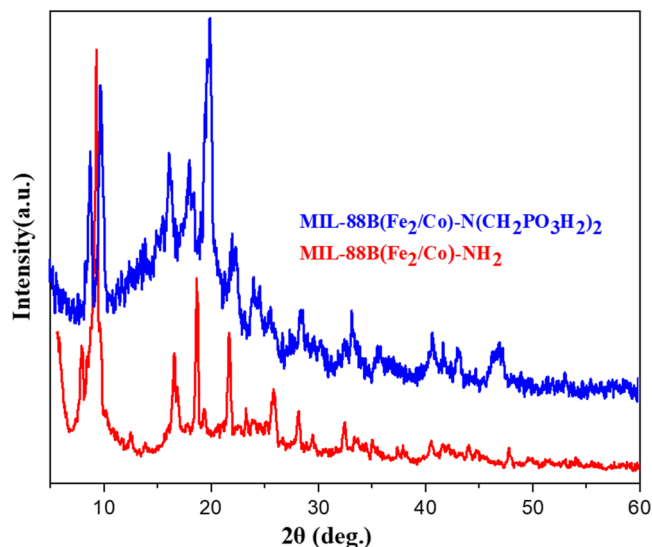


Figure 3. XRD of MIL-88B(Fe_2/Co)- NH_2 and MIL-88B(Fe_2/Co)- $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2)_2$.

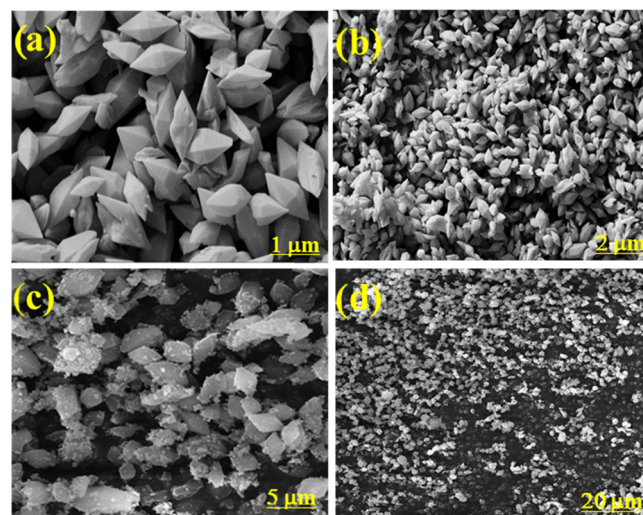


Figure 4. SEM images of MIL-88B(Fe_2/Co)- NH_2 (a, b) and MIL-88B(Fe_2/Co)- $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2)_2$ (c, d).

new porous catalyst based on bimetal–organic frameworks (bimetal–MOFs). In the following, phosphorous acid tags have been used to decorate the bimetallic–organic frameworks, which have created acidic sites for increasing their catalytic activity. The strategy preparation of MIL-88B(Fe_2/Co)- $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2)_2$ as a new porous catalyst is shown in Scheme 1. The structure of the catalyst was approved by various techniques such as FT-IR, XRD, energy-dispersive X-ray (EDX), elemental mapping, TG/DTA, SEM, N_2 adsorption–desorption isotherms (BET), and BJH analysis. Then, the catalytic activity of MIL-88B(Fe_2/Co)- $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2)_2$ was investigated in the preparation of pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridine derivatives with indole, pyrazole, coumarin, and 1,4-dihydropyran moieties with biological activity under solvent-free conditions at 100 °C (Scheme 2). The final structure of the products was confirmed using melting point, FT-IR, ^1H NMR, and ^{13}C NMR techniques.

Characterization. After the successful synthesis of MIL-88B(Fe_2/Co)- $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2)_2$ as a new porous catalyst, the structure and morphology of MIL-88B(Fe_2/Co)- NH_2 and

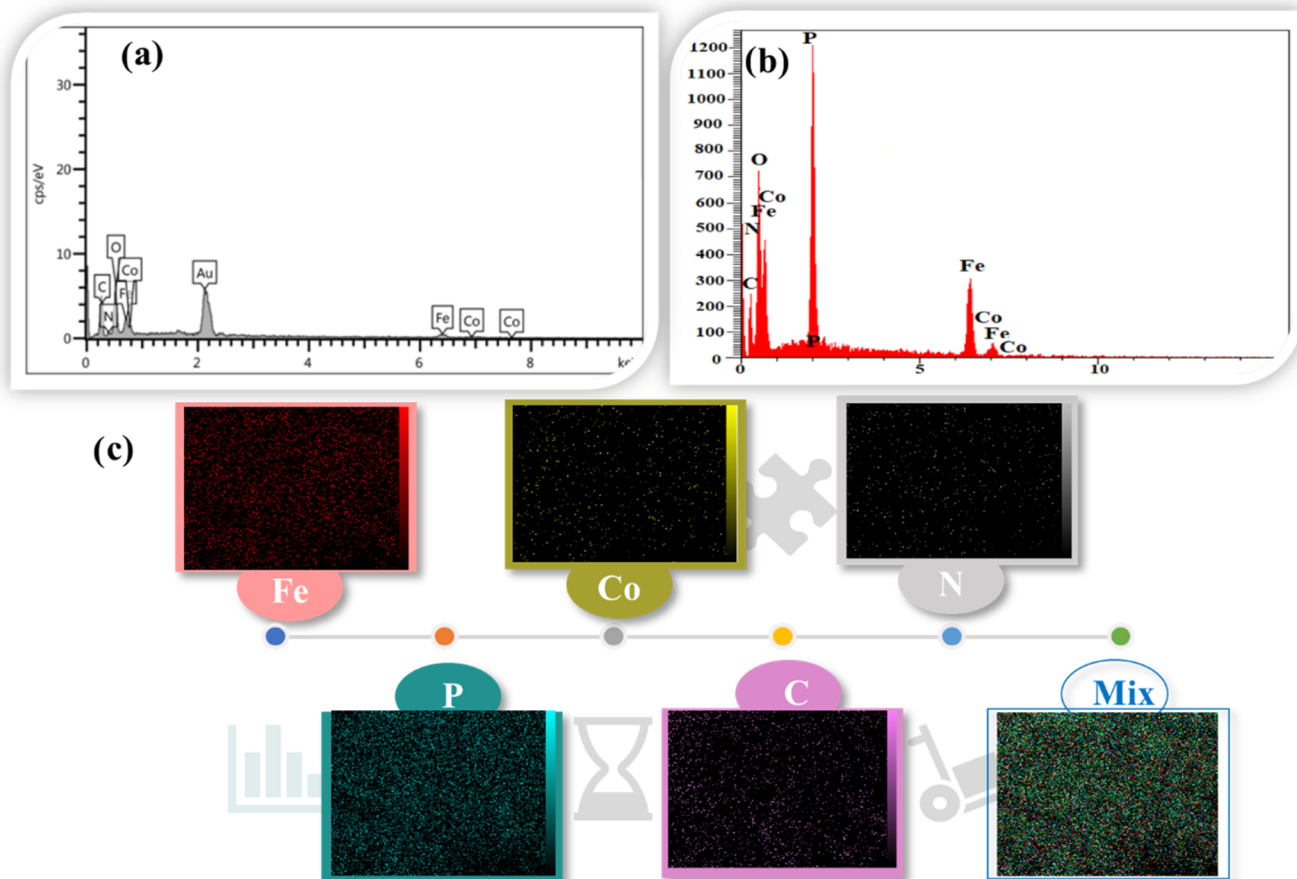


Figure 5. Energy-dispersive X-ray analysis (EDX) of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-NH₂ and MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ (a, b) and SEM elemental mapping of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ (c).

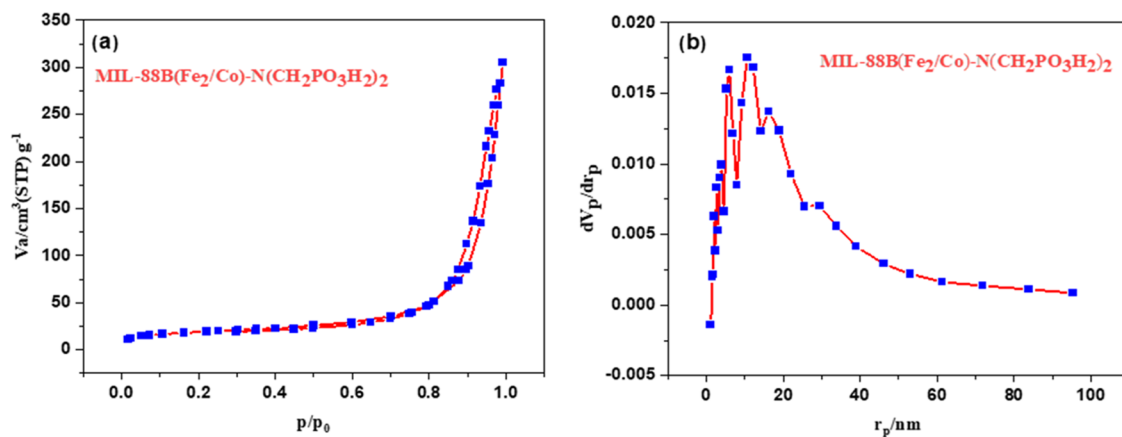


Figure 6. (a) N₂ adsorption–desorption isotherm and (b) pore size distribution plot based on the BJH method for MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂.

MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ were investigated to confirm scaffolds of porous catalyst. Therefore, the FT-IR technique was used to confirm the functional groups of bimetal–MOF and the final catalyst. The peaks at 1658 and 1629 cm⁻¹ indicate the vibration of C=O group in MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-NH₂ and MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂, respectively. Also, the peak at 769 cm⁻¹ is related to the Fe–O and Co–O bond, which shows the binding of ligands to metals. The bifurcated peaks at 3362 and 3463 cm⁻¹ indicate the NH₂ functional group, which has disappeared in the

structure of the final catalyst. Finally, the peaks at 1009, 1076, and 1118 cm⁻¹ indicate P=O and P–O bonds in phosphorus acid tags (Figure 2).

The crystalline structure of the obtained MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ as a new porous catalyst was studied by the XRD technique (Figure 3). The crystal pattern of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-NH₂ is in good agreement with the previous report.⁶⁹ The crystal pattern of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ shows that the early-stage crystal plates were not destroyed in the course of synthesis. The new peaks that

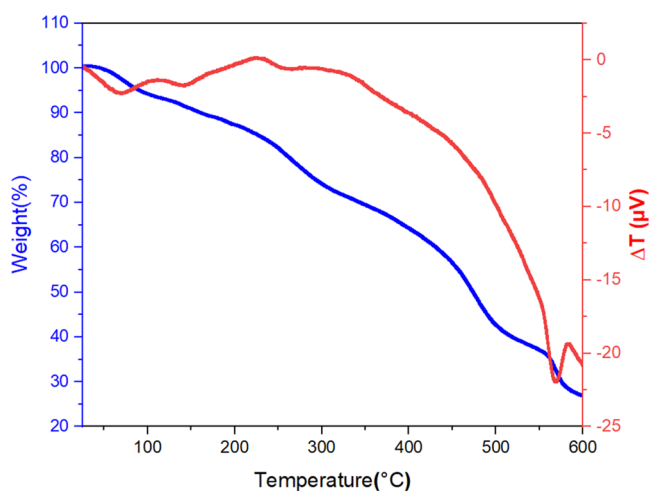


Figure 7. Thermal gravimetric (TG) and differential thermal analysis (DTA) of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂.

emerged in the second stage are related to the formation of phosphorous acid during the synthesis of the target catalyst. The changes made well indicate the formation of the desired catalyst along with the stability of its crystalline plates.

The morphology of bimetal–MOF as well as MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ was determined using the SEM technique (Figure 4). The morphology of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-NH₂ showed a spindle-like structure (Figure 4a,b). Also, the structure of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-NH₂ functionalized with

phosphorous acid tags was confirmed by SEM images, which shows that the morphology is stable (Figure 4c,d).

The presence and distribution of elements in MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-NH₂ and MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ were evaluated by energy-dispersive X-ray (EDX) and SEM elemental mapping analysis (Figure 5). The existence of C, N, O, Fe, and Co elements was confirmed by EDS analysis in MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-NH₂ (Figure 5a). Also, postmodification of bimetal–MOFs with phosphorous acid, the presence of P together with other elements, was approved in Figure 5b. The analysis of mapping shows the uniform distribution of elements on the surface of the MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ by SEM elemental mapping analysis (Figure 5c).

N₂ adsorption/desorption isotherms of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ were measured, and the results are presented in Figure 6a. The calculated specific surface area based on the BET equation and the total pore volume for MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ are 68.2 m² g⁻¹ and 0.466 cm³ g⁻¹, respectively. The pore size distribution of the sample based on the BJH method is shown in Figure 6b. The calculated mean pore diameter of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ is 27.3 nm.

The thermal and structural stability of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ is shown by thermal gravimetric (TG) and differential thermal analysis (DTA) in Figure 7. The first weight loss at <100 °C can be assigned to the evaporation and removal of solvents that are trapped within the porous catalyst. The second weight loss at 350 °C can be assigned to the decomposition of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂. There-

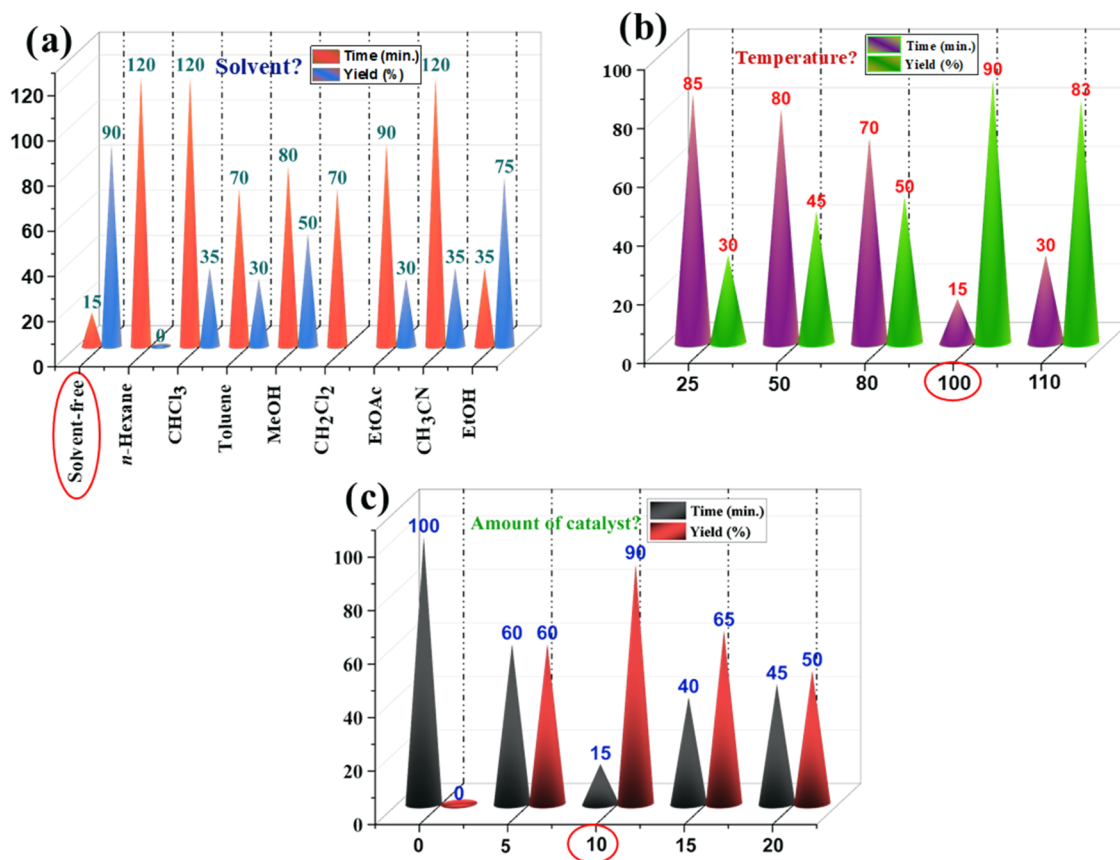
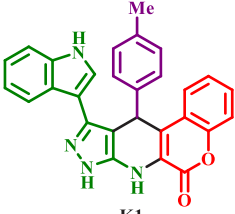
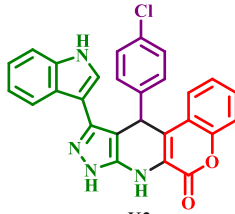
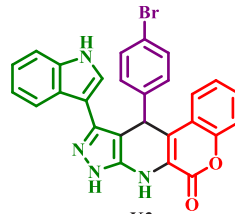
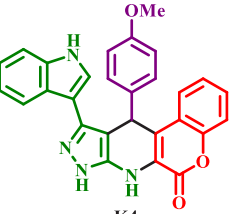
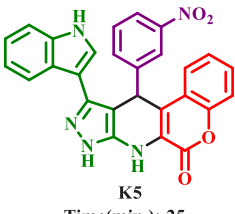
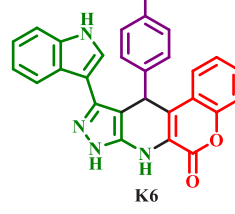
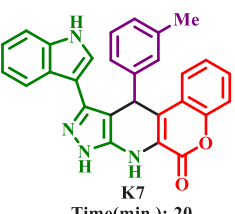
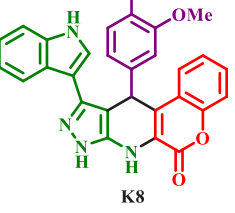
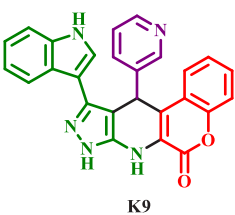
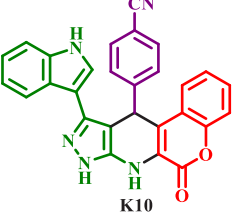
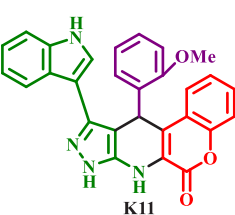
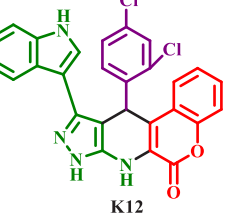
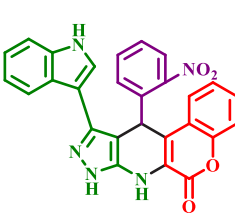
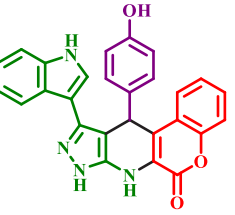
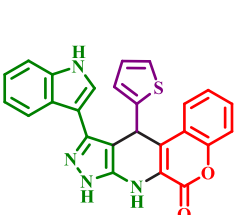
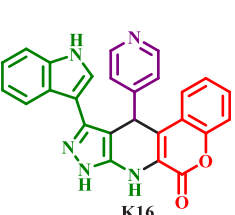
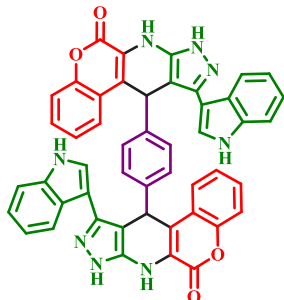
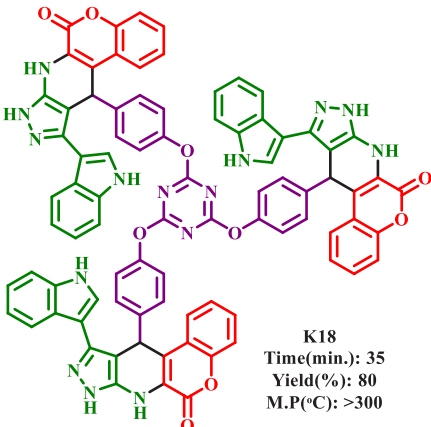


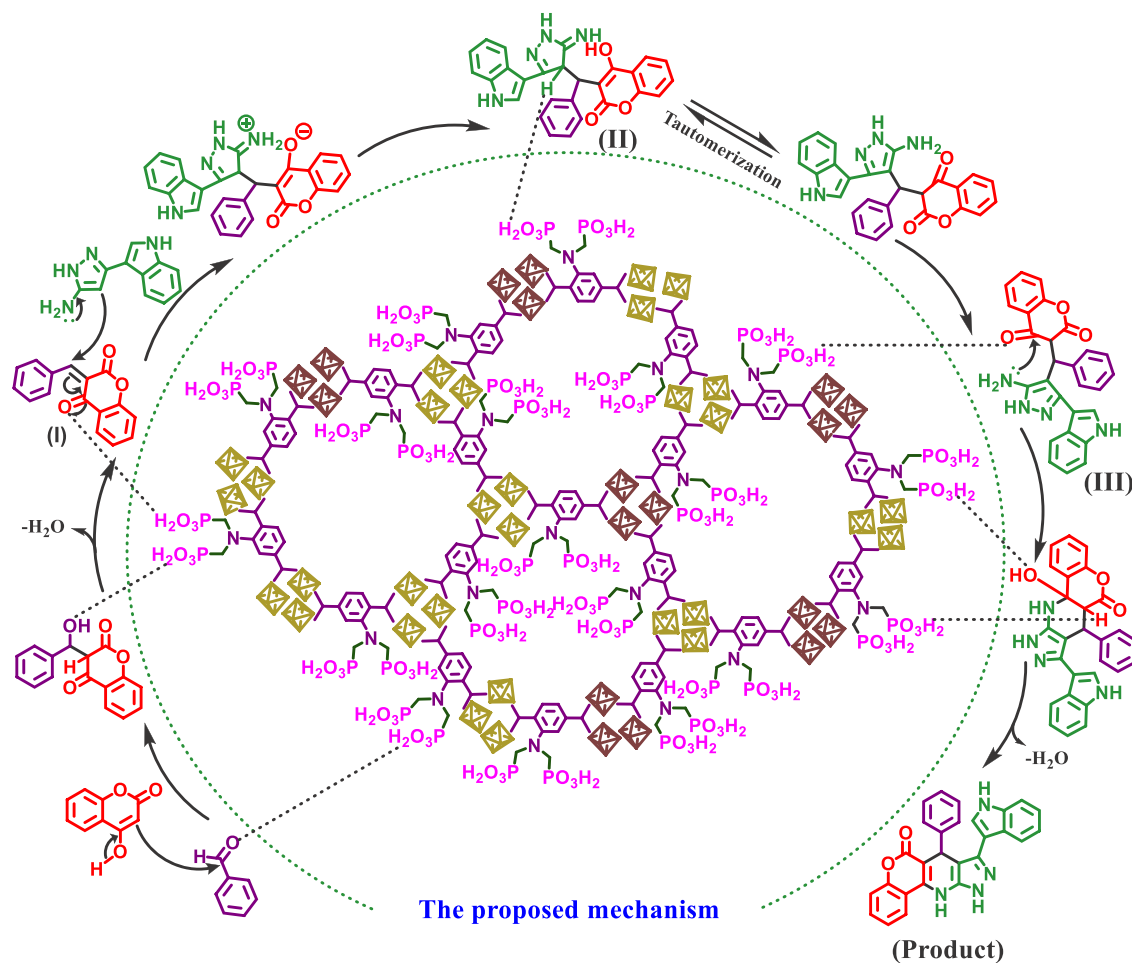
Figure 8. Optimization of some parameter's reaction using MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ as a porous catalyst: (a) solvent, (b) temperature, and (c) amount of catalyst.

Table 1. Synthesis of pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridines using MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ under solvent-free conditions

 K1 Time(min.): 20 Yield(%): 87 M.P(°C): >300	 K2 Time(min.): 15 Yield(%): 90 M.P(°C): >300	 K3 Time(min.): 20 Yield(%): 89 M.P(°C): >300	 K4 Time(min.): 20 Yield(%): 90 M.P(°C): >300
 K5 Time(min.): 25 Yield(%): 87 M.P(°C): >300	 K6 Time(min.): 15 Yield(%): 85 M.P(°C): >300	 K7 Time(min.): 20 Yield(%): 85 M.P(°C): >300	 K8 Time(min.): 25 Yield(%): 84 M.P(°C): >300
 K9 Time(min.): 25 Yield(%): 85 M.P(°C): >300	 K10 Time(min.): 15 Yield(%): 90 M.P(°C): >300	 K11 Time(min.): 20 Yield(%): 86 M.P(°C): >300	 K12 Time(min.): 30 Yield(%): 80 M.P(°C): >300
 K13 Time(min.): 25 Yield(%): 85 M.P(°C): >300	 K14 Time(min.): 25 Yield(%): 86 M.P(°C): >300	 K15 Time(min.): 20 Yield(%): 84 M.P(°C): >300	 K16 Time(min.): 20 Yield(%): 87 M.P(°C): >300
 K17 Time(min.): 35 Yield(%): 80 M.P(°C): >300	 K18 Time(min.): 35 Yield(%): 80 M.P(°C): >300		

fore, MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ is able to catalyze reactions up to 350 °C.

Catalytic Activity. The development of organic methodologies for the synthesis of organic compounds as bioactive

Scheme 3. Proposed mechanism for the synthesis of pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridine using MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂Table 2. Synthesis of pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridine derivatives in the presence of various catalysts

entry	catalyst	amount of catalyst (mol %)	time (min)	yield (%)
1	Fe ₃ O ₄	10 mg	100	trace
2	CF ₃ SO ₃ H	10	80	25
3	NH ₄ NO ₃	10	120	-
4	H ₂ SO ₄	10	120	-
5	FeCl ₃	10	100	20
6	Fe ₃ O ₄ @Co(BDC)-NH ₂ ³⁵	10	75	40
7	<i>p</i> -TSA	10	90	30
8	SSA ⁷⁰⁷¹	10 mg	85	25
9	Et ₃ N	10	120	20
10	MHMHPA ⁵⁰	10	70	45
11	[PVI-SO ₃ H]FeCl ₄ ⁷¹	10	60	40
12	MIL-100(Cr)/NHEtN(CH ₂ PO ₃ H ₂) ₂ ³⁰	10	45	60
13	H ₃ [p(W ₃ O ₁₀) ₄].XH ₂ O	10	60	40
14	CQDs ⁷²	10 mg	45	45
15	APVPB ⁷³	10 mg	40	30
16	CQDs-N(CH ₂ PO ₃ H ₂) ₂ /SBA-15 ⁵²	10 mg	45	35
17	Ti-MOF-UR ⁷⁴	10 mg	50	55
18	CQDs-N(CH ₂ PO ₃ H ₂) ₂ ⁵¹	10 mg	35	65
19	Co-MOF-NH ₂	10 mg	65	35
20	Fe-MOF-NH ₂	10 mg	40	40
21	MIL-88B(Fe ₂ /Co)-NH ₂	10 mg	25	55
22	MIL-88B(Fe ₂ /Co)-N(CH ₂ PO ₃ H ₂) ₂	10 mg	15	90

candidates has led to extensive research. For this purpose, the synthesis and identification of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N-

(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ as a porous catalyst was investigated in the preparation of pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridine derivatives. To achieve

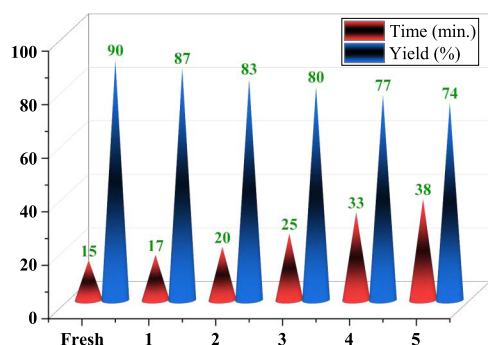


Figure 9. Recyclability of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ in the synthesis of pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridine derivatives.

this goal, the reaction among 5-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2*H*-pyrazol-3-ylamine (1 mmol, 0.198 g), 4-hydroxy-2*H*-chromen-2-one (1 mmol, 0.162 g), and 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (1 mmol, 0.140 g) was chosen as a model reaction. First, this reaction was evaluated using different solvents such as acetonitrile, *n*-hexane, methanol, ethanol, toluene, ethyl acetate, chloroform, and dichloromethane, as well as in solvent-free conditions. The results showed that the solvent-free condition has better efficiency (Figure 8a). In another evaluation, the model reaction was investigated at different temperatures and the amounts of catalyst in solvent-free conditions. According to the obtained results, 10 mg of the catalyst and 100 °C is the best reaction condition for the synthesis of desired products (Figure 8b,c).

After the optimal conditions were obtained for the preparation of pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridine derivatives, various aromatic aldehydes (such as bis, tris-aldehyde, bearing electron-donating and electron-withdrawing groups) were used to synthesize a wide range of desired products (Table 1). The obtained results indicated that MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ is appropriate for the preparation of novel target molecules (K1–K18) in high to excellent yields (80–90%) within relatively short reaction times (15–35 min) under mild and green reaction conditions.

In the proposed mechanism, the carbonyl group of aldehydes is activated by MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂. Then, 4-hydroxy-2*H*-chroman-2-one reacts with the activated aldehyde, and intermediate (I) is obtained with loss of a H₂O molecule (I). In the next step, the 5-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2*H*-pyrazol-3-ylamine compound is reacted with intermediate (I) as a Michael acceptor to give intermediate (II). In the following, intermediate (II) is converted to intermediate (III) via tautomerization. Finally, intermediate (III) gives the desired product *via* cyclization with loss of a H₂O molecule (Scheme 3).

In another investigation, the efficiency of the catalyst in the preparation of pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridine derivatives was compared with that of other catalysts. For this purpose, a model reaction of 5-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2*H*-pyrazol-3-ylamine (1 mmol, 0.198 g), 4-hydroxy-2*H*-chromen-2-one (1 mmol, 0.162 g), and 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (1 mmol, 0.140 g) was evaluated with organic and inorganic catalysts. The results are shown in Table 2. According to the obtained result, MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ as a porous catalyst is suitable for the preparation of pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridine derivatives. On the other hand, the recyclability of the catalyst was investigated in the model reaction under the above-mentioned optimized reaction conditions. The results are shown in Figure 9. This

catalyst can be reused five times without significant changes in reaction efficiency and reaction time.

CONCLUSIONS

In summary, a bimetallic–organic framework (bimetal–MOF) based on Fe and Co metals with phosphorous acid functional groups was introduced. The simultaneous presence of two metals and phosphorus acid tags in the structure has increased its stability and catalytic activity. The catalytic properties of MIL-88B(Fe₂/Co)-N(CH₂PO₃H₂)₂ were investigated in the preparation of pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]pyridine derivatives as biological candidates under mild and green conditions. The significant advantages of the proposed method are high stability, easy separation, environment-friendly nature, recyclability of the catalyst, and clean profile of the reaction.

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