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<ABS-HEAD>Highlights ► A covalently linked Co-porphyrin/low-molecular-weight carbon nitride hybrids was prepared for the first time. ► The hybrids possessed improved photocatalytic activity compared with bulk carbon nitride and Co-porphyrin loaded C₃N₄ heterojunction system. ► The efficient electron transfer and trapping by the Co active sites as well as the affinity of Co-porphyrin for CO₂ are considered to account for the enhanced activity. ► Our findings may open a promising route to immobilize the active site into the light-harvest antenna for improved photocatalytic performance.

<ABS-HEAD>Abstract

<ABS-P>A covalently linked reaction center/antenna hybrid composed of Co-porphyrin and low-molecular-weight carbon nitride was developed for the reduction of CO₂ into CO under visible light for the first time. The hybrids possessed thirteen-fold higher photocatalytic activity (17 umol/g/h) compared with bulk carbon nitride, and it is more than twice what it was in the Co-porphyrin loaded C₃N₄ heterojunction system. The efficient electron transfer and trapping by the Co active sites as well as the affinity of Co-porphyrin for CO₂ are considered to account for the enhanced activity. Our findings may open a promising route to modify carbon nitride and

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