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Expedient access to N-alkylphthalimides via redox-neutral

photocatalysed radical-polar crossover reactions

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1. General information

1.1 Solvents, reagents, and starting materials

All reactions were performed under nitrogen atmosphere. DMF and CH_2Cl_2 were dried from CaH. Acetone was dried from MgSO₄. The dehydrated solvents DMSO, DMA and acetonitrile were purchased from Energy Chemical Chemicals. Photocatalysts and alkyl silicates were reported in our previous work.^[1] 4-Substituted-DHPs were synthesized with reported procedures.^[2] *N*-vinylimides, including **1a-1c**,^[3a] **1d**,^[3d] **6a-6e**,^[3e-3f] **6f**,^[3g] and **10**^[3h], were prepared according to literature procedures. All other chemicals were purchased from local vendors, and used as supplied unless otherwise stated. TLC analyses were performed on precoated GF₂₅₄ silica gel plates and were visualized under UV254 nm light or by I₂ staining. Column chromatography was carried out using 300-400 mesh silica gel and eluted with petroleum/ethyl acetate unless otherwise noted.

1.2 Instruments

NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 500 spectrometer (500 MHz). Chemical shifts were reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane, and calibrated using residue undeuterated solvent (CHCl₃ at 7.26 ppm ¹H NMR, 77.0 ppm ¹³C NMR). Spectra were reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q =quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an ESI-Q-TOF spectrometer Agilent 6210 ESI/TOF.

1.3 The photo-irradiation setup



2. Preparation of starting materials 1a-1d and 6a-6f

2.1 General procedure for the preparation of α-imidoacrylates 1a-1c



 α -imidoacrylates **1a-1c** were synthesized with reported procedure.^[3a] To a solution of phthalimide or succinimide (30 mmol), triphenylphosphine (786 mg, 3 mmol), and sodium acetate (1.23 g, 15 mmol) in toluene (60 mL) at 105 °C were added sequentially acetic acid (0.9 g, 15 mmol) and propiolate (30 mmol). After the reaction was complete as monitored by TLC, the resulting mixture was partitioned between water and ethyl acetate, and the separated aqueous layer extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to yield α -imidoacrylates **1a-1c**.



Ethyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)acrylate (1a). Flash column chromatography to afford product as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.85-7.66 (m, 2H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 4.28 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.4, 162.2, 134.4, 131.8, 129.4, 127.7, 123.9, 62.0, 14.1. The spectral data match those previously reported.^[3a]



Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)acrylate (1b). Flash column chromatography to afford product as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.95-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.81-7.75 (m, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.4, 162.7, 134.5, 131.8, 129.1, 128.2, 123.9, 52.8. The spectral data match those previously reported.^[3b]

Ethyl 2-(2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl)acrylate (1c). Flash column chromatography to afford product as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.63 (s, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (s, 4H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.2, 161.6, 129.8, 127.9, 62.1, 28.5, 14.0. This compound was reported in the literature.^[3c]

2.2 Procedure for the preparation of compound 1d



This compound **1d** was prepared according to the published literature.^[3d] To a stirring solution of methyl (*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-L-serinate (2.43 mL, 12 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in acetonitrile (20 mL) at 0 °C was added di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (6.5 mL, 28.1 mmol, 2.2 equiv) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.312 g, 2.56 mmol, 0.2 equiv). The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 8 h. Then DBU (0.19 mL, 1.28 mmol, 0.1 equiv) was added, and the resulting mixture was stirred for an additional 8 h. The mixture was concentrated by rotary evaporation then diluted in ethyl acetate. The mixture was washed with 1M HCl and saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated by rotary evaporation. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the product **Methyl-2-(di(tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)but-2-enoate** as a white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.34 (s, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 18H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.0, 150.6, 136.1, 124.7, 83.2, 52.4, 27.9. This compound was reported in the literature.^[3d]

2.3 General procedure for the preparation of α-phthalimidostyrenes 6a-6e



 α -phthalimidostyrenes **6a-6e** was prepared according to the published procedure.^[3e] To a stirred solution of diphenyl sulfoxide (3.03 g, 15 mmol) in dichloromethane (30 mL) was added triflic anhydride (2.5 mL, 15 mmol) under an argon atmosphere at -78 °C, followed by dropwise addition of styrene (15 mmol) in dichloromethane (30 mL) at the same temperature. After 30 min, the reaction mixture was warmed up to 0 °C, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. To the residue were added DMSO (30 mL) and potassium phthalimide (8.33 g, 45 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with cold water (100 mL), and the organic material was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtrated, and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the products α -phthalimidostyrenes **6a-6e**.



2-(1-Phenylvinyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (6a). Light yellow solid (2.43 g, 65% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.96-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 3H), 6.02 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.1, 137.1, 135.3, 134.4, 131.8, 128.9, 128.6, 125.3, 123.8, 116.1. The spectral data match those previously reported.^[3e]



2-(1-(*p***-Tolyl)vinyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (6b**). Light yellow solid (2.25 g, 57% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.80-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.1, 138.8, 137.1, 134.3, 132.5, 131.8, 129.3 125.2, 123.7, 115.0, 21.1. The spectral data match those previously reported.^[3e]



2-(1-(4-(*tert***-Butyl)phenyl)vinyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (6c)**. Light yellow solid (2.65 g, 58% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.94-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.79-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 4H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 1.30 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.1, 152.0, 137.0, 134.3, 132.3, 131.8, 125.6, 125.0, 123.7, 115.3, 34.6, 31.1. This compound was reported in the literature.^[3f]



2-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)vinyl)-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one (**6d**). Light yellow solid (3.46 g, 82% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.94-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 4H), 5.97 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.9, 136.1, 134.7, 134.4, 134.0, 131.6, 128.8, 126.7, 123.8, 116.4. The spectral data match those previously reported.^[3e]



2-(1-(4-Bromophenyl)vinyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (6e). Yellow solid (1.76 g, 36% yield), m.p. 159.2-160.0 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.94-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.81-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.9, 136.3, 134.54, 134.51, 131.8, 131.7, 127.1, 123.9, 123.1, 116.6; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₆H₁₁BrNO₂ [M+H]⁺ 327.9973, found 327.9975.

2.4 Procedure for the preparation of compound 6f



To a Schlenk tube equipped with stirring bar, $Pd(OAc)_2$ (18 mg, 0.08 mmol), 2vinylnaphthalene (154 mg, 1 mmol) and phthalimide (294 mg, 2 mmol) was added. The tube was evacuated and filled with oxygen for 3 times. Then the reaction tube was charged with 1,2dimethoxyethane (2 mL) and tightly sealed with a rubber cap. After stirring for 24 h in a 80 °C oil bath, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool and loaded directly onto a chromatography column to give the product **6f** as a white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.97-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.76 (m, 6H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.45 (m, 2H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 5.54 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.2, 137.3, 134.4, 133.5, 133.1, 132.8, 131.9, 128.5, 128.4, 127.6, 126.5, 126.4, 124.7, 123.9, 123.1, 116.6. This compound was reported in the literature.^[3g]

3. General procedure for the synthesis of 3, 5a-5h, 5j-5p, 7a-7e,

7g-7m, 9a-9c and 11-11'



To an oven dried Schlenk tube equipped with stirring bar, $Ir[dF(CF_3)ppy)]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$ (4.5 mg, 0.004 mmol, 0.02 equiv), potassium [18-crown-6] bis(catecholato) alkylsilicate or 4-substituted Hantzsch ester (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), the *N*-vinylimides **1**, **6** or **10** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added. The tube was evacuated and filled with nitrogen for 3 times. Then the tube was

charged with degassed DMSO (6.0 mL), and irradiated with a 9 W blue LEDs strip spiraled within a bowel for 24 h (cooling with a fan). After the reaction was complete, the reaction solution was diluted with saturated Na₂CO₃ aqueous solution (10 mL), and organic material was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the product.



Ethyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)pentanoate (**3**). Light yellow oil (41.3 mg, 75% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.87-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.73 (m, 2H), 4.85 (dd, J = 11.1 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.23-4.16 (m, 2H), 2.31-2.23 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.13 (m, 1H), 1.36-1.27 (m, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.4, 167.7, 134.1, 131.8, 123.5, 61.7, 52.0, 30.6, 19.6, 14.1, 13.3. This compound was reported in the literature.^[4]



Ethyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)hexanoate (**5**a). Light yellow oil (45.1 mg, 78% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.87-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.73 (m, 2H), 4.82 (dd, J = 10.7 Hz, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.14 (m, 2H), 2.30-2.17 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.23 (m, 4H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.87-0.84 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.4, 167.7, 134.1, 131.8, 123.5, 61.7, 52.3, 28.5, 28.3, 22.0, 14.1, 13.8. This compound was reported in the literature.^[4]



Ethyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)nonanoate (5b). Light yellow oil (47.7 mg, 72% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.87-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 4.82 (dd, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.23-4.14 (m, 2H), 2.29-2.15 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.17 (m, 13H), 0.84-0.81 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.4, 167.7, 134.1, 131.8, 123.4, 61.7, 52.3, 31.6, 29.0, 28.8, 28.6, 26.3, 22.5, 14.04, 13.97; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₉H₂₆NO₄ [M+H]⁺ 332.1862, found 332.1865.



Ethyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)undecanoate (**5c**). Light yellow oil (35.2 mg, 49%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.74 (m, 2H), 4.82 (dd, J = 10.9 Hz, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.16 (m, 2H), 2.29-2.16 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.21 (m, 17H), 0.86-0.83 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.5, 167.8, 134.1, 131.8, 123.5, 61.7, 52.3, 31.8, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 28.9, 28.6, 26.3, 22.6, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₁H₂₉NO₄Na [M+Na]⁺ 382.1994, found 382.1991.



Ethyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-5-methylhexanoate (**5d**). Light yellow oil (45.5 mg, 75% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.73 (m, 2H), 4.80-4.77 (m, 1H), 4.24-4.14 (m, 2H), 2.26-2.21 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.53 (m, 1H), 1.27-1.21 (m, 4H), 1.14-1.06 (m, 1H), 0.87-0.84 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.4, 167.7, 134.1, 131.8, 123.5, 61.7, 52.6, 35.4, 27.6, 26.6, 22.6, 22.2, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₇H₂₁NO₄Na [M+Na]⁺ 326.1368, found 326.1372.



Ethyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-4-methoxybutanoate (5e). Light yellow oil (36.1 mg, 62% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.73 (m, 2H), 5.06 (dd, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.23-4.18 (m, 2H), 3.51-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.34-3.29 (m, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.56-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.47-2.40 (m, 1H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.3, 167.7, 134.1, 131.9, 123.4, 69.0, 61.8, 58.6, 49.7, 28.9, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₅H₁₇NO₅Na [M+Na]⁺ 314.1004, found 314.1002.



Ethyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-4-(phenylamino)butanoate (**5f**). White solid (63.4 mg, 90% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.67 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.59-6.57 (m, 2H), 5.01 (dd, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.23-4.17 (m, 2H),

3.33-3.28 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.10 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.45-2.38 (m, 1H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.1, 167.7, 147.5, 134.3, 131.7, 129.2, 123.6, 117.5, 112.8, 62.0, 50.0, 40.5, 28.6, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₀H₂₁N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺ 353.1501, found 353.1497.



Ethyl 6-chloro-2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)hexanoate (5g). Light yellow oil (45.9 mg, 71% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.77-7.75 (m, 2H), 4.83 (dd, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.23-4.16 (m, 2H), 3.51-3.48 (m, 2H), 2.32-2.21 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.1, 167.7, 134.2, 131.7, 123.6, 61.9, 52.0, 44.5, 31.8, 27.9, 23.6, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₆H₁₉ClNO₄ [M+H]⁺ 324.1003, found 324.1007.



Ethyl 5-cyano-2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)pentanoate (**5h**). Yellow syrups (49.2 mg, 82% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.77-7.76 (m, 2H), 4.82 (dd, J= 10.0 Hz, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.18 (m, 2H), 2.42-2.31 (m, 4H), 1.77-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, J= 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.5, 167.6, 134.4, 131.6, 123.7, 118.9, 62.1, 51.2, 28.0, 22.5, 16.6, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₆H₁₆N₂O₄Na [M+Na]⁺ 323.1008, found 323.1015.



Ethyl 6-acetoxy-2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)hexanoate (5j). Light yellow syrups (52.1 mg, 75% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.74 (m, 2H), 4.82 (dd, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.16 (m, 2H), 4.05-3.97 (m, 2H), 2.33-2.21 (m, 2H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.74-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.31 (m, 2H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.1, 169.1, 167.7, 134.2, 131.8, 123.5, 64.0, 61.8, 52.1, 28.3, 27.9, 22.9, 20.9, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₈H₂₁NO₆Na [M+Na]⁺ 370.1267, found 370.1267.



Ethyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)hex-5-enoate (**5k**). Light yellow oil (12.1 mg, 21% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.73 (m, 2H), 5.81-5.73 (m, 1H), 5.03-4.95 (m, 2H), 4.86 (dd, J = 10.6 Hz, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.15 (m, 2H), 2.43-2.30 (m, 2H), 2.14-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.3, 167.7, 136.6, 134.2, 131.8, 123.5, 116.0, 61.8, 51.7, 30.5, 27.9, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₆H₁₈NO₄ [M+H]⁺ 288.1236, found 288.1234.



Ethyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-4-phenylbutanoate (5l). Light yellow oil (48.5 mg, 72% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.85-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.22-19 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.07 (m, 3H), 4.88-4.85 (m, 1H), 4.22-4.16 (m, 2H), 2.71-2.61 (m, 3H), 2.60-2.54 (m, 1H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.2, 167.7, 140.3, 134.1, 131.8, 128.36, 128.35, 126.0, 123.4, 61.8, 52.1, 32.7, 30.0, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₀H₁₉NO₄Na [M+Na]⁺ 360.1212, found 360.1211.



Ethyl 3-cyclohexyl-2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)propanoate (**5m**). Light yellow syrups (54.6 mg, 83% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.87-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.72 (m, 2H), 4.95 (dd, J = 11.5 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.21-4.14 (m, 2H), 2.29-2.23 (m, 1H), 2.04-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.87 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 1.71-1.60 (m, 4H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.15-1.09 (m, 4H), 1.02-0.97 (m, 1H), 0.95-0.86 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.8, 167.7, 134.1, 131.8, 123.4, 61.7, 50.1, 35.9, 34.3, 33.7, 31.6, 26.3, 26.1, 25.8, 14.0. This compound was reported in the literature.^[5]



Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-4-(phenylamino)butanoate (**5n**). Light yellow syrups (20.3 mg, 30% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.12

(m, 2H), 6.67 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.03 (dd, J = 10.5 Hz, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.33-3.28 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.09 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.45-2.38 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.6, 167.7, 147.5, 134.3, 131.7, 129.2, 123.6, 117.5, 112.8, 52.8, 49.8, 40.5, 28.5; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₉H₁₉N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺ 339.1345, found 339.1342.



Ethyl 2-(2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl)-4-(phenylamino)butanoate (**50**). Yellow syrups (51.1 mg, 84% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.69 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (dd, J = 10.2 Hz, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.22-4.16 (m, 2H), 3.82 (br, 1H), 3.27-3.21 (m, 1H), 3.14-3.08 (m, 1H), 2.66 (s, 4H), 2.53-2.46 (m, 1H), 2.36-2.29 (m, 1H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.6, 168.5, 147.5, 129.3, 117.5, 112.7, 62.0, 50.8, 40.6, 28.1, 27.3, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₆H₂₁N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺ 305.1501, found 305.1501.



Methyl 2-*N*,*N*-di(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-4-(phenylamino)butanoate (5p). White solid (75.9 mg, 93% yield), m.p. 81.0-81.7 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.68 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.01 (dd, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (br, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.32-3.27 (m, 1H), 3.19-3.14 (m, 1H), 2.53-2.46 (m, 1H), 2.14-2.07 (m, 1H), 1.49 (s, 18H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.2, 152.2, 147.9, 129.2, 117.2, 112.8, 83.4, 56.1, 52.2, 40.6, 29.8, 27.9; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₁H₃₃N₂O₆ [M+H]⁺409.2331, found 409.2339.



2-(1-Phenylbutyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (7**a**). Light yellow syrups (37.4 mg, 67% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.71-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 1H), 5.28-5.25 (m, 1H), 2.53-2.46 (m, 1H), 2.18-2.11 (m, 1H), 1.31-1.22 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.4, 139.8, 133.9, 131.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 123.1, 54.6, 32.9, 20.2, 13.7. The spectral data match those previously reported.^[6]



2-(3-Methoxy-1-phenylpropyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (7b). Light yellow solid (49.0 mg, 83%

yield), m.p. 73.8-74.6 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.81-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 5.56 (dd, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.42-3.39 (m, 2H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 2.89-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.58-2.52 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.4, 139.3, 133.9, 131.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 123.2, 69.6, 58.7, 51.9, 30.9; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₈H₁₈NO₃ [M+H]⁺296.1287, found 296.1283.



2-(1-Phenyl-3-(phenylamino)propyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (**7c**). Light yellow solid (37.0 mg, 52% yield), m.p. 79.2-79.8 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.73-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.71-6.68 (m, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.54 (dd, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (br, 1H), 3.31-3.26 (m, 1H), 3.22-3.17 (m, 1H), 2.92-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.72-2.65 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.3, 147.7, 139.1, 134.0, 131.8, 129.2, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 123.3, 117.5, 112.9, 52.7, 41.3, 30.6; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₃H₂₁N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 357.1603, found 357.1607.



5-(1,3-Dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-5-phenylpentyl acetate (7d). Light yellow syrups (42.8 mg, 61% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.27 (m, 3H), 5.35 (dd, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.07-4.04 (m, 2H), 2.68-2.60 (m, 1H), 2.37-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.78-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.39 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.1, 168.3, 139.5, 133.9, 131.8, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 123.2, 64.1, 54.8, 30.6, 28.1, 23.4, 20.9; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₁H₂₁NO₄Na [M+Na]⁺ 374.1368, found 374.1366.



5-(1,3-Dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-5-phenylpentanenitrile (7e). Light yellow solid (41.3 mg, 68% yield), m.p. 83.0-83.7 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.83-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 3H), 5.33 (dd, J = 9.4 Hz, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.76-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.53-2.46 (m, 1H), 2.41 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.76-1.66 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.2, 138.7, 134.1, 131.7, 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 123.3, 119.1, 54.2, 30.1, 23.1, 16.8; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₉H₁₇N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 305.1290, found 305.1294.



2-(5-Chloro-1-phenylpentyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (**7g**). Light yellow syrups (36.6 mg, 56% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 5.33 (dd, J = 9.6 Hz, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.66-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.35-2.28 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.46 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.3, 139.5, 133.9, 131.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 123.2, 54.8, 44.6, 32.1, 30.3, 24.3. The spectral data match those previously reported.^[7]



2-(2-Cyclohexyl-1-phenylethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (**7h**). White solid (53.3 mg, 80% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 5.49 (dd, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.61-2.55 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.88 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.68-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.61 (s, 1H), 1.23-1.11 (m, 4H), 1.05-0.94 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.4, 140.1, 133.8, 131.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 123.2, 52.3, 38.4, 34.7, 33.5, 32.6, 26.5, 26.1, 26.0. This compound was reported in the literature.^[8]



2-(1-(*p***-Tolyl)butyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (7i)**. Light yellow syrups (47.5 mg, 81% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.80-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.32 (dd, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.59-2.52 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.27-2.19 (m, 1H), 1.39-1.31 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.4, 137.4, 136.8, 133.8, 131.9, 129.1, 128.1, 123.1, 54.4, 33.0, 21.0, 20.2, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₉H₁₉NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 316.1313, found 316.1318.



2-(1-(4-(*tert***-Butyl)phenyl)butyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (7j)**. Light yellow syrups (46.2 mg, 69% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.80-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.33 (dd, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.63-2.55 (m, 1H), 2.24-2.17 (m, 1H), 1.38-1.33 (m, 2H), 1.28 (s, 9H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.4, 150.5, 136.8, 133.8, 131.9, 127.8, 125.3, 123.1, 54.4, 34.5, 33.0, 31.3, 20.2, 13.7; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₂H₂₆NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 336.1964, found 336.1963.



2-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)butyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (7k). Light yellow syrups (48.2 mg, 77% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.81-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.31 (dd, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.58-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.24-2.17 (m, 1H), 1.39-1.29 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.3, 138.2, 134.0, 133.6, 131.8, 129.6, 128.6, 123.2, 54.0, 32.9, 20.1, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₈H₁₇ClNO₂ [M+H]⁺ 314.0948, found 314.0948.



2-(1-(4-Bromophenyl)butyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (7l). Light yellow syrups (60.7 mg, 85% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.81-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 4H), 5.30 (dd, J= 9.7 Hz, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.57-2.49 (m, 1H), 2.24-2.17 (m, 1H), 1.38-1.30 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, J= 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.3, 138.7, 134.0, 131.8, 131.6, 130.0, 123.2, 121.7, 54.0, 32.8, 20.1, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₈H₁₆BrNO₂ [M+H]⁺ 358.0443, found 358.0440.



2-(1-(naphthalen-2-yl)butyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (7m). Light yellow syrups (44.8 mg, 68% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.85-7.79 (m, 5H), 7.71-7.66 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 2H), 5.53 (dd, J = 6.8 Hz, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.72-2.64 (m, 1H), 2.41-2.34 (m, 1H), 1.46-1.37 (m, 2H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.4, 137.2, 133.9, 133.2, 132.9, 131.9, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 127.2, 126.1, 126.0, 123.2, 54.8, 33.0, 20.2, 13.7; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₂H₁₉NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 352.1313, found 352.1316.



2-(3-Ethyl-1-phenylpentyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (**9a**). Light yellow syrups (39.8 mg, 62% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.83-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 1H), 5.48 (dd, J = 10.0 Hz, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.67-2.61 (m, 1H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.43-1.33 (m, 3H), 1.24-1.17 (m, 1H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.4, 140.1, 133.8, 131.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 123.1, 52.8, 37.3, 34.2, 25.2, 24.5, 10.7, 10.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₁H₂₄NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 322.1807, found 322.1807.



2-(3,3-Dimethyl-1-phenylbutyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (9b). White solid (52.8 mg, 86% yield), m.p. 109.7-110.8 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 5.54 (dd, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (dd, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 0.96 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.3, 141.3, 133.8, 131.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.6, 123.1, 52.0, 43.8, 30.8, 29.6; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₀H₂₂NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 308.1646, found 308.1651.



2-(3-oxo-1,3-diphenylpropyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (9c). White solid (38.3 mg, 54% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.98 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.80-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.61

(d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 6.08 (dd, J = 9.6 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.65-4.60 (m, 1H), 3.84-3.79 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.7, 168.3, 139.4, 136.4, 133.9, 133.4, 131.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 123.3, 50.4, 40.1. This compound was reported in the literature.^[9]



3-((S)-1-((S)-4-(tert-butyl)-2-oxooxazolidin-3-yl)-1-oxopentan-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (11). Light yellow syrups (41.7 mg, 56% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.87-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.73-7.72 (m, 2H), 5.72 (dd, J= 10.4 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.42 (m, 1H), 4.33-4.26 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.42 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.46-1.39 (m, 2H), 0.96-0.93 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.8, 167.9, 154.0, 134.1, 131.8, 123.4, 65.7, 62.2, 54.0, 35.9, 30.6, 25.7, 19.8, 13.4; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₀H₂₄N₂O₅Na [M+Na]⁺ 395.1583, found 395.1586.



((R)-1-((S)-4-(tert-butyl)-2-oxooxazolidin-3-yl)-1-oxopentan-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (11'). Light yellow syrups (13.4 mg, 18% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.87-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 5.91 (dd, J= 11.6 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.47-4.45 (m, 1H), 4.33-4.32 (m, 2H), 2.78-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.14 (m, 1H), 1.49-1.42 (m, 2H), 0.99-0.94 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.1, 168.2, 153.8, 134.1, 131.8, 123.4, 65.7, 61.0, 54.8, 35.8, 30.4, 25.5, 20.1, 13.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₀H₂₄N₂O₅Na [M+Na]⁺ 395.1583, found 395.1584.

4. Synthesis of 5i and 7f



To an oven dried Schlenk tube equipped with stirring bar, $Ir[dF(CF_3)ppy)]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$ (6.6 mg, 0.006 mmol, 0.03 equiv), 3,3,3-trifluoropropylsilicate **4i** (257.6 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), the *N*-vinylimide **1a** or **6a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added. The tube was evacuated and filled with nitrogen for 3 times. Then the tube was charged with degassed DMSO (6.0 mL), and irradiated with a 9 W blue LEDs strip spiraled within a bowel for 24 h. To the reaction mixture was added another portion alkyl silicate **4i** (128.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) under nitrogen and stirred for an additional 24 h. After the reaction was complete, the reaction solution was diluted with saturated Na₂CO₃ aqueous solution (10 mL), and organic material was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated.

The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the product 5i or 7f.



Ethyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-6,6,6-trifluorohexanoate (**5i**). Light yellow oil (39.1 mg, 57% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.90-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.78-7.75 (m, 2H), 4.84-4.81 (m, 1H), 4.25-4.16 (m, 2H), 2.35-2.28 (m, 2H), 2.21-2.04 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.7, 167.7, 134.3, 131.6, 126.7 (d, J = 274.5 Hz), 123.6, 62.0, 51.6, 33.1 (q, J = 28.9 Hz), 27.8, 19.0 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 14.0; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ - 66.3; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₆H₁₇F₃NO₄ [M+H]⁺344.1110, found 344.1113.



2-(5,5,5-Trifluoro-1-phenylpentyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (**7f**). White solid (27.1 mg, 39% yield), m.p. 83.5-84.2 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 3H), 5.33 (dd, J = 9.6 Hz, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.71-2.64 (m, 1H), 2.41-2.34 (m, 1H), 2.21-2.11 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.57 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.2, 139.0, 134.1, 131.7, 128.6, 128.0, 126.9 (d, J = 274.7 Hz) 123.2, 54.5, 33.2 (q, J = 28.7 Hz), 30.0, 19.6 (d, J = 3.0 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -66.3; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₉H₁₇F₃NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 348.1211, found 348.1212.

5. Procedure for the deprotection of 7h



To a stirred solution of 2-(2-cyclohexyl-1-phenylethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione **7h** (66.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) in EtOH (0.4 mL) was added hydrazine hydrate (w=80%, 0.18 mL, 15 equiv). The mixture was refluxed for 5 h. After complete, the solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography over neutral Al₂O₃ to give the product 2-cyclohexyl-1-phenylethanamine **12** (36.9 mg, 91% yield) as a light yellow oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 4.02 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.78-1.53 (m, 8H), 1.23-1.14 (m, 3H), 1.00-0.90 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.0, 128.4, 126.8, 126.2, 53.3, 47.4,

34.5, 33.7, 33.1, 26.6, 26.2, 26.1. The spectral data match those previously reported.^[10]

6. Deuteration experiments

To an oven dried Schlenk tube equipped with stirring bar, $Ir[dF(CF_3)ppy)]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$ (4.5 mg, 0.004 mmol), radical precursor **4e** or **8b** (0.4 mmol), the *N*-vinylimide **1a** or **6a** (0.2 mmol) were added. The tube was evacuated and filled with nitrogen for 3 times. Then the tube was charged with degassed DMSO (6.0 mL) and CD₃OD (0.18 mL, 6 mmol), and irradiated with a 9 W blue LEDs strip spiraled within a bowel for 24 h (cooling with a fan). After the reaction was complete, the reaction solution was diluted with saturated Na₂CO₃ aqueous solution (10 mL), and organic material was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated. Flash column chromatography on silica gel to give the mixture product.



Compound **5e-D** (mixture, light yellow oil). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.87-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.73 (m, 2H), 4.22-4.17 (m, 2H), 3.50-3.46 (m, 1H), 3.33-3.29 (m, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.55-2.49 (m, 1H), 2.45-2.41 (m, 1H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.3, 167.6, 134.1, 131.9, 123.4, 69.0, 61.8, 58.6, 49.4 (t, *J* = 20.6 Hz), 28.8, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₅H₁₆DNO₅Na [M+Na]⁺ 315.1062, found 315.1061.





Compound **7b-D** (mixture, light yellow solid). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 3.44-3.42 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.90-2.84 (m, 1H), 2.60-2.54 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.4, 139.4, 133.9, 131.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 123.2, 69.6, 58.7, 51.7 (m), 30.9; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₈H₁₆DNO₃ [M+Na]⁺ 319.1163, found 319.1171.





Compound **9b-D** (mixture, white solid). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.28 (m, 1H), 2.82-2.77 (m, 1H), 2.16-2.12 (m, 1H), 0.96 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.3, 141.3, 133.8, 131.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.6, 123.1, 51.7, 43.7, 30.7, 29.6; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₀H₂₀DNO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 331.1527, found 331.1535.





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