Supplementary Information

# Aerobic Cross-Dehydrogenative Coupling of Toluenes and *o*-Phenylenediamines by Flavin Photocatalysis for Facile Synthesis of Benzimidazoles

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# 1. General

The IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-660plus spectrophotometer (JASCO, Tokyo, Japan). The NMR spectra were measured using JEOL JNM-L400 and JNM ECX-500 spectrometers (JEOL, Akishima, Japan) operating at 400 and 500 MHz, respectively, for <sup>1</sup>H and 100 and 126 MHz, respectively, for <sup>13</sup>C using tetramethylsilane (TMS) or a solvent residual peak as the internal standard. The electrospray ionization mass (ESI-MS) spectra were recorded on a Bruker microTOFII mass spectrometer (Bruker, Billerica, MA) using the positive or negative mode ESI-TOF method for acetonitrile solutions and sodium formate as the reference. The GC measurements were performed on a Shimadzu GC-2014 gas chromatograph (Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan) equipped with a flame ionization detector (FID) using a Supelco Equity-5 (30 m x 0.25 mm) column.

# 2. Materials

Riboflavin	tetraacetate	( <b>4a</b> ), <sup>S1</sup>	1,3	-dimethylallo	oxazine	( <b>5a</b> ), <sup>S2</sup>			
7-trifluoromethy	l-1,3-dimethylallo	xazine				( <b>5b</b> ), <sup>S2</sup>			
5-ethyl-10-(2-hy	droxylethyl)-7,8-d	imethylisoal	lloxaziniu	m trif	ate	( <b>6•TfO</b> ), <sup>S3</sup>			
5-ethyl-1,3,7,8-to	etramethylalloxazi	nium	triflate	(7•	<b>TfO</b> ), <sup>S3</sup>	and			
1,10-ethylene-3,	7,8-trimethylisoall	oxazinium	triflate	( <b>8•TfO</b> ), <sup>S3</sup>	were	synthesized			
according to the previously reported methods. 1-Methyl-4-phenoxybenzene (1c) and									
4-methyl-N-phenylbenzene-1,2-diamine (2f) were synthesized according to the previously									
reported methods. <sup>S4,5</sup> Other starting materials were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (St.									
Louis, USA), FUJIFILM Wako Pure Chemical Corporation (Osaka, Japan), Nacalai tesque									
(Kyoto, Japan), and Tokyo Kasei (TCI, Tokyo, Japan) and were used as received.									

# **3. Experimental Procedures**

**Typical procedure for synthesis of 3aa.** A mixture of 4-methoxytoluene (**1a**, 122 mg, 1.0 mmol), **4a** (13.6 mg, 0.025 mmol), MeOH (12.5 mL), and H<sub>2</sub>O (12.5 mL) was irradiated using blue LED lamps (11 W) while stirring under air (1 atm, balloon) at 25 °C for 6 h. A solution of 2-aminodiphenylamine (**2a**, 92.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) in MeOH (25 mL) was then

added into the reaction mixture, and the mixture was stirred under irradiation at 60 °C for 15 h. After the solvent was removed by evaporation, the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/ethyl acetate = 4/1, v/v) to give **3aa** (120 mg, 80%) as a white solid. These results are summarized in Scheme 3.

#### Spectroscopic data of benzimidazoles



Spectroscopic data of 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-benz[*d*]imidazole (**3aa**):<sup>S6</sup> Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/ethyl acetate=4/1, v/v) afforded the desired product (120 mg, 80%) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.81 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 160.6, 152.5, 143.1, 137.30 137.26, 131.0, 129.9, 128.6, 127.5, 123.1, 122.9, 122.4, 119.6, 113.8, 110.4, 55.3.



Spectroscopic data of 2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-benz[*d*]imidazole (**3ba**): Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/ethyl acetate=9/1 to 3/1, v/v) afforded the desired product (58.9 mg, 60%) as a white solid. Mp: 153.1-154.4 °C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3049, 2834, 1260, 1032. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.21 (m, 9H), 7.03 (td, *J* = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 157.0, 151.4, 143.3, 137.4, 136.1, 132.3, 131.5, 129.1, 127.7, 126.0, 123.2, 122.6, 120.8, 120.1, 120.0, 110.9, 110.4, 54.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, 301.1335; found, 301.1339.



Spectroscopic data of 2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-benz[*d*]imidazole (**3ca**): Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/ethyl acetate=9/1 to 4:1, v/v) afforded the desired product (85.3 mg, 72%) as a white solid. Mp: 148.2-150.3 °C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3060, 3015, 1241. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.36-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (dt, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 158.8, 156.2, 152.1, 143.1, 137.4, 137.1, 131.1, 130.03, 129.99, 128.7, 127.6, 124.6, 124.1, 123.3, 123.1, 119.8, 118.0, 110.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, 363.1492; found, 363.1500.



Spectroscopic data of 2-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-benz[*d*]imidazole (**3da**):<sup>S7</sup> Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/ethyl acetate=9/1 to 4:1, v/v) afforded the desired product (38.8 mg, 36%) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.47 (m, 5H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 1.29 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 152.8, 152.6, 143.2, 137.5, 137.3, 130.0 129.2, 128.7, 127.7, 127.1, 125.4, 123.2, 123.0, 119.8, 110.5, 34.9, 31.3.



Spectroscopic data of 2-(4-methoxy-2-methylphenyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-benz[*d*]imidazole (**3ga**): Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/ethyl acetate= 4:1, v/v) afforded the desired product (69.4 mg, 67%) as a white solid. Mp: 144.2-145.8 °C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3053, 2954, 1242, 1046. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 7.88 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.24 (m, 6H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 3H), 6.69 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 160.4, 153.1, 143.2, 139.6, 136.6, 135.8, 132.3, 129.5, 127.9, 126.7, 123.1, 122.8, 122.7, 120.0, 115.7, 111.1, 110.5, 55.2, 20.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, 315.1492; found, 315.1498.



Spectroscopic data of 2-(4-methoxy-3-methylphenyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-benz[*d*]imidazole (**3ha**): Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/ethyl acetate= 4:1, v/v) afforded the desired product (75.2 mg, 73%) as a pale pink solid. Mp: 136.6-138.9 °C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3052, 2987, 1250, 1031. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 158.9, 152.7, 143.1, 137.44, 137.37, 132.0, 129.9, 128.6, 128.3, 127.7, 126.9, 123.0, 122.9, 121.9, 119.6, 110.4, 109.4, 55.4, 16.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, 315.1492; found, 315.1498.



Spectroscopic data of 2-(4-(2-hydroxy)ethoxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-benz[*d*]imidazole (**3ia**): Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/ethyl acetate= 4:1 to 1:1, v/v) afforded the desired product (65.3 mg, 66%) as a white solid. Mp: 179.4-181.9 °C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3292, 2947, 2858, 1254, 1055. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.79 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (br, s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 158.8, 151.4, 142.0, 136.3, 136.2, 130.1, 129.0, 127.7, 126.6, 122.2, 122.1, 121.7, 118.6, 113.5, 109.5, 68.4, 60.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{21}H_{19}N_2O_2$ , 331.1455; found, 331.1441.



Spectroscopic data of 2-(4-(allyloxy)phenyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-benz[*d*]imidazole (**3ja**): Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/ethyl acetate= 4:1, v/v) afforded the desired product (103 mg, 63%) as a colorless oil. IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3063, 2985, 1650, 1178, 1074, 1015. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.82 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 6.02 (ddt, *J* = 17.3, 10.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (ddd, *J* = 17.3, 3.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (ddd, *J* = 10.6, 2.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 159.7, 152.5, 143.1, 137.32, 137.28, 132.9, 131.0, 130.0, 128.6, 127.6, 123.1, 123.0, 122.6, 119.7, 118.0, 114.6, 110.4, 68.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, 327.1492; found, 327.1508.



Spectroscopic data of 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benz[*d*]imidazole (**3ab**):<sup>S8</sup> Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/ethyl acetate=3/1, v/v) afforded the desired product (90.3 mg, 76%) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 7.82-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.69 (dt, *J* = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.02 (dt, *J* = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 160.8, 153.8, 143.0, 136.6, 130.9, 122.6, 122.5, 122.3, 119.6, 114.2, 109.6, 55.4, 31.7.



Spectroscopic data of 1-methyl-2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-1*H*-benz[*d*]imidazole (**3cb**): Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/ethyl acetate= 4:1, v/v) afforded the desired product (66.9 mg, 66%) as a white solid. Mp: 129.8-131.2 °C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3041, 2946, 1237. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 7.83-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.74 (dt, *J* = 8.7, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dt, J = 8.7, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 159.1, 156.4, 153.5, 143.1, 136.7, 131.2, 130.1, 125.0, 124.2, 122.8, 122.6, 119.9, 119.7, 118.5, 109.7, 31.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, 301.1335; found, 301.1338.



Spectroscopic data of 1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-benz[*d*]imidazole (**3ac**): Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/ethyl acetate= 2:1, v/v) afforded the desired product (57.6 mg, 65%) as a white solid. Mp: 134.5-135.7 °C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3160, 2935, 2837, 1255, 1026. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 7.66 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 4.23 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 160.6, 154.1, 142.2, 135.1, 131.5, 122.6, 122.5, 121.9, 118.9, 113.9, 110.0, 60.5, 55.3, 47.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 269.1285; found, 269.1287.



Spectroscopic data of 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-benz[*d*]imidazole (3ad):<sup>S9</sup> Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/ethyl acetate=4/1, v/v) afforded the desired

product (72.9 mg, 66%) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 7.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dt, J = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 160.8, 152.4, 143.2, 137.0, 135.8, 134.4, 131.0, 130.3, 128.8, 123.3, 123.2, 122.1, 119.8, 114.0, 110.2, 55.4.



Spectroscopic data of 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-benz[*d*]imidazole (**3ae**):<sup>S10</sup> Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/ethyl acetate=3/1, v/v) afforded the desired product (76.7 mg, 77%) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 12.7 (br s, 1H), 8.13 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 160.6, 151.4, 143.9, 135.0, 128.0, 122.7, 122.1, 121.5, 118.5, 114.4, 110.0, 55.3.



Spectroscopic data of 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-benz[*d*]imidazole (**3af**): Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/ethyl acetate=4/1, v/v) afforded the desired product (80.8 mg, 78%) as a white solid. Mp: 141.6-143.2 °C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3006, 2839, 1254, 1028. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.28 (dt, J = 7.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 160.5, 152.4, 143.4, 137.4, 135.5, 132.6, 130.9, 129.9, 128.4, 127.5, 124.5, 122.6, 119.4, 113.8, 109.9, 55.3, 21.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, 315.1500; found, 315.1492.



Spectroscopic data of 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-trifluoromethyl-1*H*-benz[*d*]imidazole (**3ag**):<sup>S11</sup> Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/ethyl acetate=1/5, v/v) afforded the desired product (70.3 mg, 74%) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 8.10 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 161.8, 154.6, 128.7, 125.0 (q, *J* = 32 Hz), 124.9 (q, *J* = 273 Hz), 121.9, 119.7, 114.7, 55.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F3N<sub>2</sub>O, 293.0896; found, 293.0894.



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1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-trifluoromethyl-1*H*-benz[*d*]imidazole (**3ah**): Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/ethyl acetate=2/1, v/v) afforded the desired product (66.2 mg, 60%) as a white solid. Mp: 148.1-149.6 °C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3180, 3016, 2846, 1610, 1338, 1327, 1257, 1025. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 7.75 (dt, *J* = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 4.24 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C,  $\delta$ ): 161.0, 156.2, 141.3, 136.7, 131.9, 124.8 (q, *J* = 33 Hz) 124.7 (q, *J* = 278 Hz), 120.8, 119.6, 116.1, 113.9, 110.1, 60.5, 55.3, 47.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 337.1158; found, 337.1158.

## 4. Optimization of Reaction Condition

The solvent effect on the flavin-catalyzed reaction of **1a** with **2a** was investigated as shown in Table S1.

Table S1. Solvent effect.



Reaction Conditions: a mixture of **1a** (0.05 M) and **4a** (2.5 mol%) in solvent was placed under irradiation with blue LED lamps (11 W) while stirring under air (1 atm, balloon) at 40 °C for 5 h. A solution of **2a** in MeOH (0.025 M) was then added into the reaction mixture, and the mixture was stirred under irradiation at 40 °C for 15 h. Yield was determined by GC using biphenyl as an internal standard.

# 5. ESI-MS Analysis of Reaction Mixture



Figure S1. ESI-TOF mass spectra of the reaction mixture.



Figure S2. ESI-TOF mass spectra of the reaction mixture.





Spectrum S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ba.



Spectrum S2.  $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ba.



Spectrum S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ca.



Spectrum S4.  $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ca.



Spectrum S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ga.



Spectrum S6.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ga.



Spectrum S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of compound **3ha**.



Spectrum S8.  $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ha.



Spectrum S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ia.



Spectrum S10. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ia.



Spectrum S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ja.



Spectrum S12.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ja.



Spectrum S13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of compound 3cb.



Spectrum S14.  $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz) spectrum of compound 3cb.



Spectrum S15.  $^{1}$ H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ac.



Spectrum S16.  $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ac.



Spectrum S17. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of compound 3af.



Spectrum S18.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz) spectrum of compound 3af.



Spectrum S19. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ah.



Spectrum S20.  $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ah.

# 7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of Known Compounds



Spectrum S21. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of compound 3aa.



Spectrum S22. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of compound 3da.



Spectrum S23. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ab.



Spectrum S24. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ad.



Spectrum S25. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ae.



Spectrum S26. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of compound 3ag.

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