

## Supporting Information

# Conjugated phenothiazinyl Oxime esters as free radical photoinitiators

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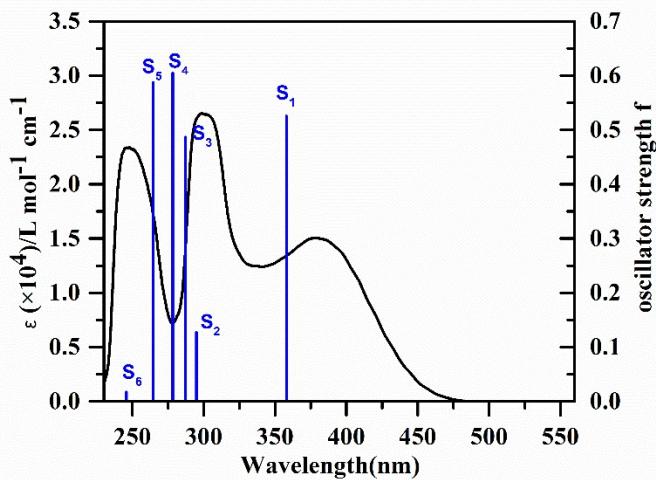
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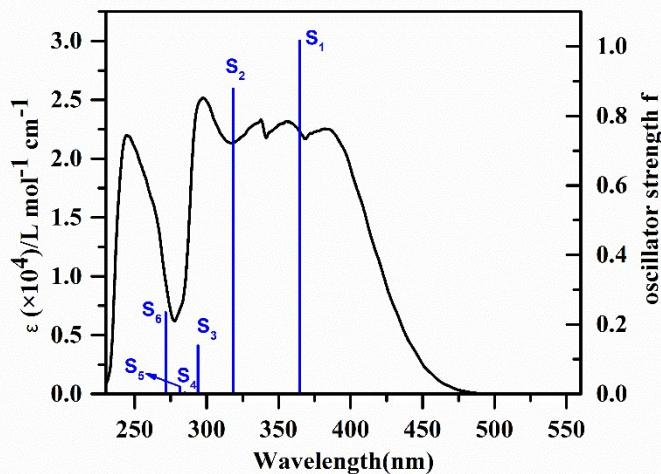
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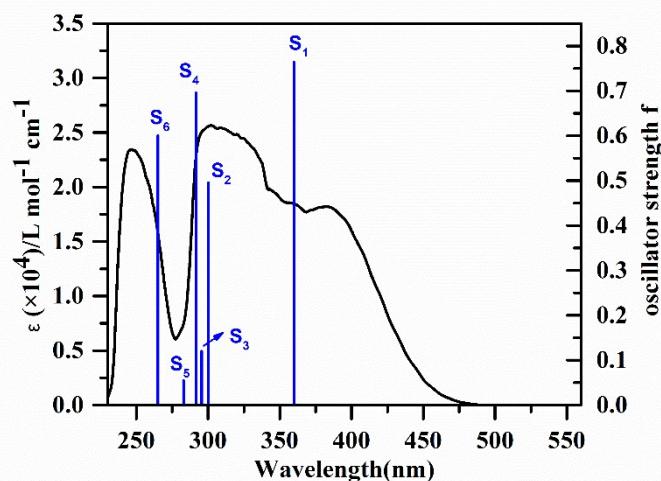
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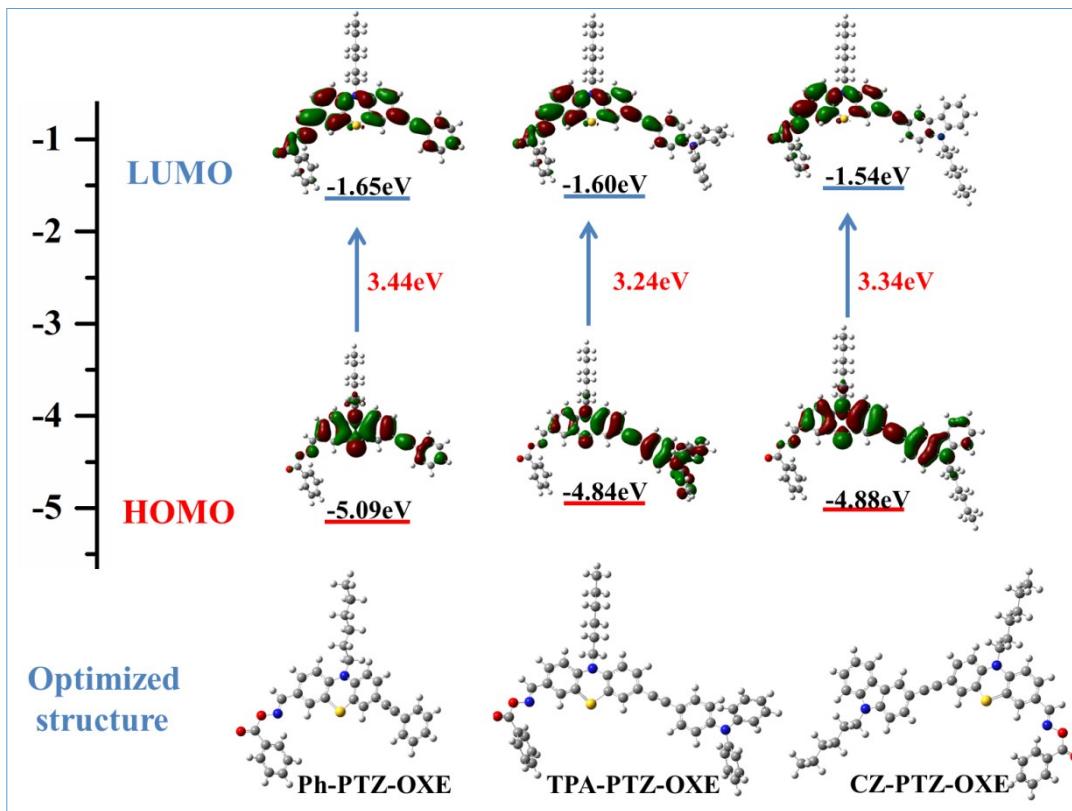
**Fig. S1** Experimental UV–vis spectra calculated excited singlet states (blue) of Ph-PTZ-OXE



**Fig. S2** Experimental UV–vis spectra calculated excited singlet states (blue) of TPA-PTZ-OXE



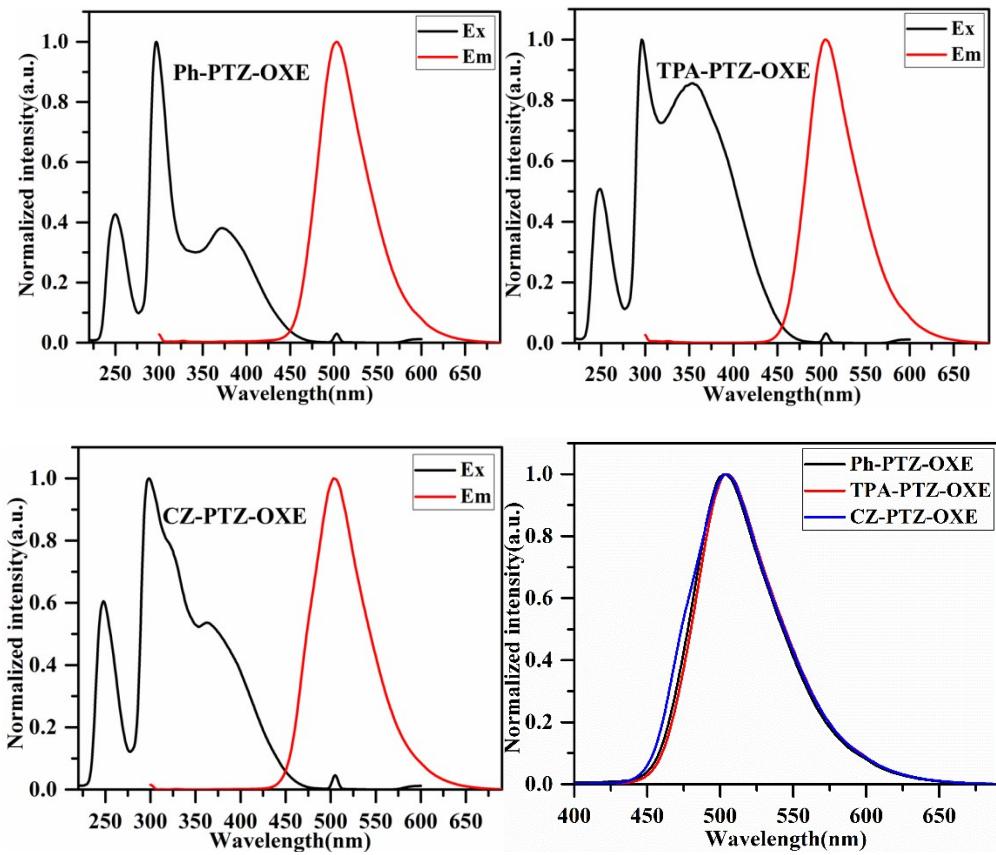
**Fig. S3** Experimental UV–vis spectra calculated excited singlet states (blue) of CZ-PTZ-OXE



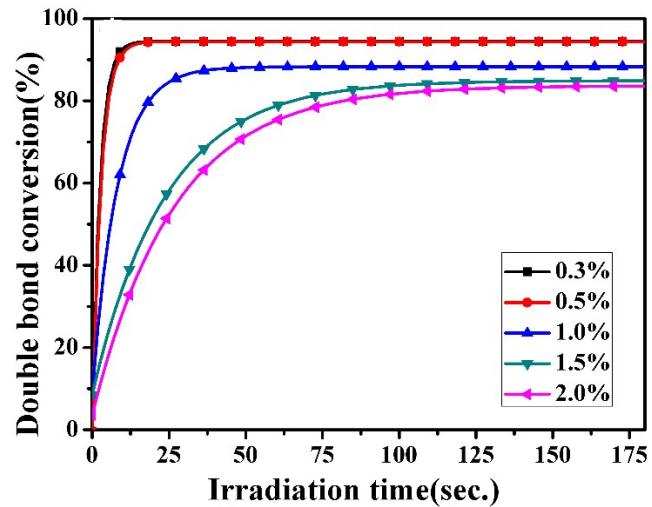
**Fig. S4** Optimized geometry, highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) of Ph-PTZ-OXE, TPA-PTZ-OXE and CZ-PTZ-OXE at the B3LYP/6-31G\* level.

**Table S1** Data on the electron transition of oxime ester molecules

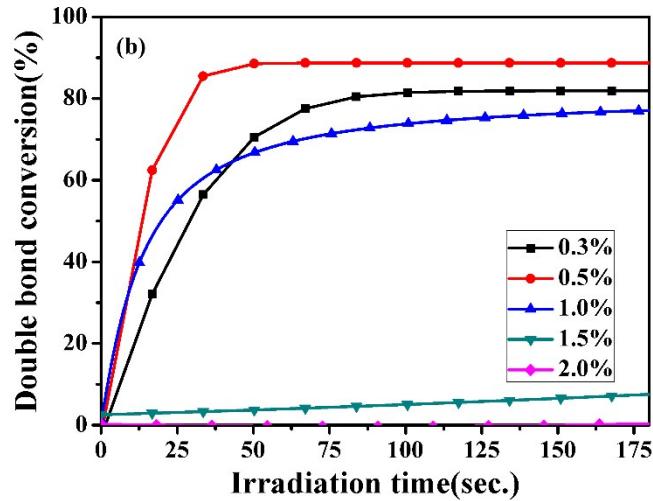
Molecule	states	E (eV)	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f_{os}$	Main contribution	
Ph-PTZ-OXE	1	3.465	357.82	0.5258	HOMO → LUMO	0.842532
	2	4.2078	294.65	0.1266	HOMO → LUMO+1	0.453285
TPA-PTZ-OXE	1	3.4026	364.38	1.0159	HOMO → LUMO	0.597543
	2	3.8972	318.14	0.8781	HOMO → LUMO+1	0.418576
CZ-PTZ-OXE	1	3.4471	359.67	0.7637	HOMO → LUMO	0.693135
	2	4.1321	300.05	0.4954	HOMO → LUMO+1	0.390392



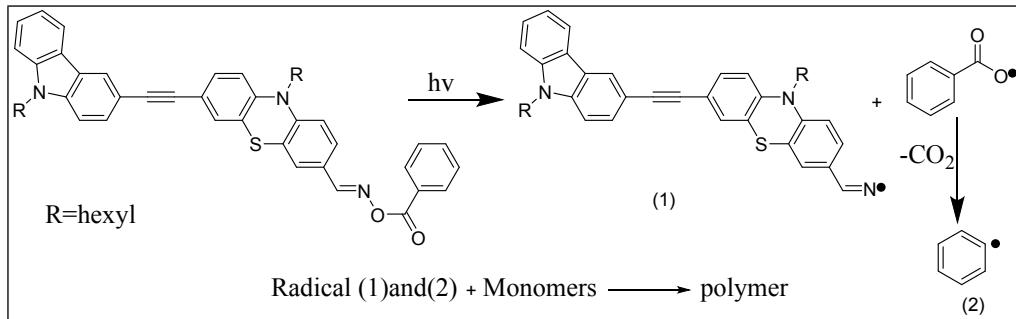
**Fig. S5** Normalized fluorescence excitation and emission spectra of Ph-PTZ-OXE, TPA-PTZ-OXE and CZ-PTZ-OXE in THF solution ( $M=1 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L $^{-1}$ ); (2) Normalized fluorescence emission spectra of oxime esters in THF solution ( $M=1 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L $^{-1}$ ).



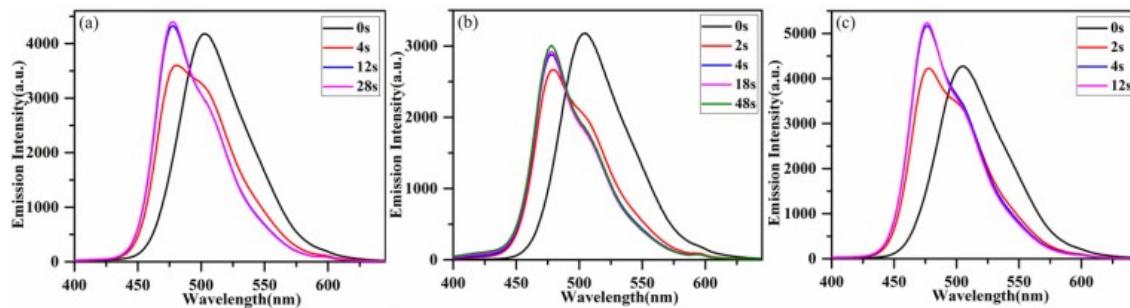
**Figure S6.** Photopolymerization profiles of TPGDA in the presence of OXE (TPGDA: 100 wt%; OXE: 0.2%,ONI:0.5%,1.0%1.5%,2.0%) under the laser diode at 405 nm



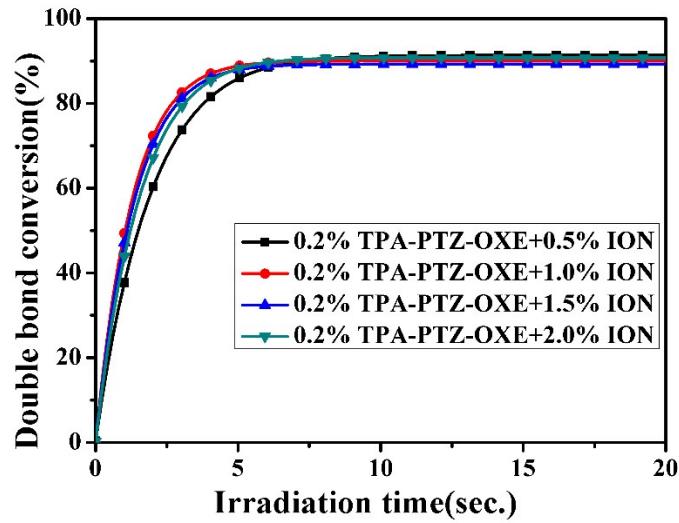
**Figure S7.** Photopolymerization profiles of TPGDA in the presence of OXE (TPGDA: 100 wt%; OXE: 0.2%, ONI: 0.5%, 1.0%, 1.5%, 2.0%) under the laser diode at 455 nm.



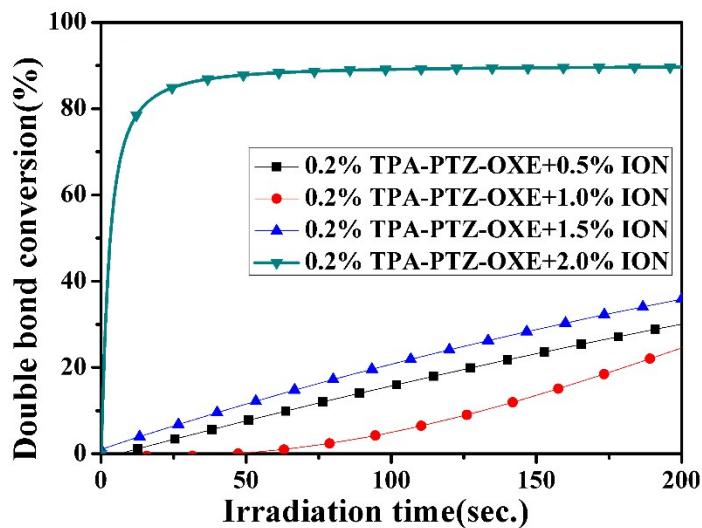
**Scheme S1.** Initiation mechanism of oxime ester photoinitiator



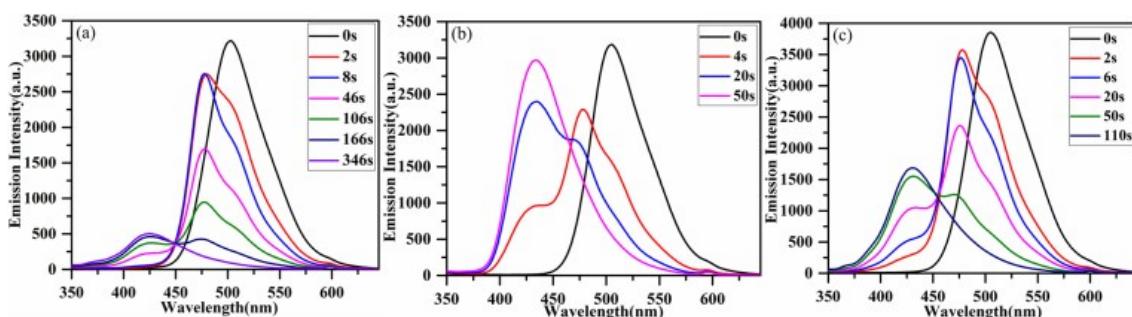
**Fig. S8.** Fluorescence spectra of OXE in THF solution under the laser diode at 405 nm exposure at different irradiation times ( $M=1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ): (a) Ph-PTZ-OXE, (b) TPA-PTZ-OXE, (c) CZ-PTZ-OXE



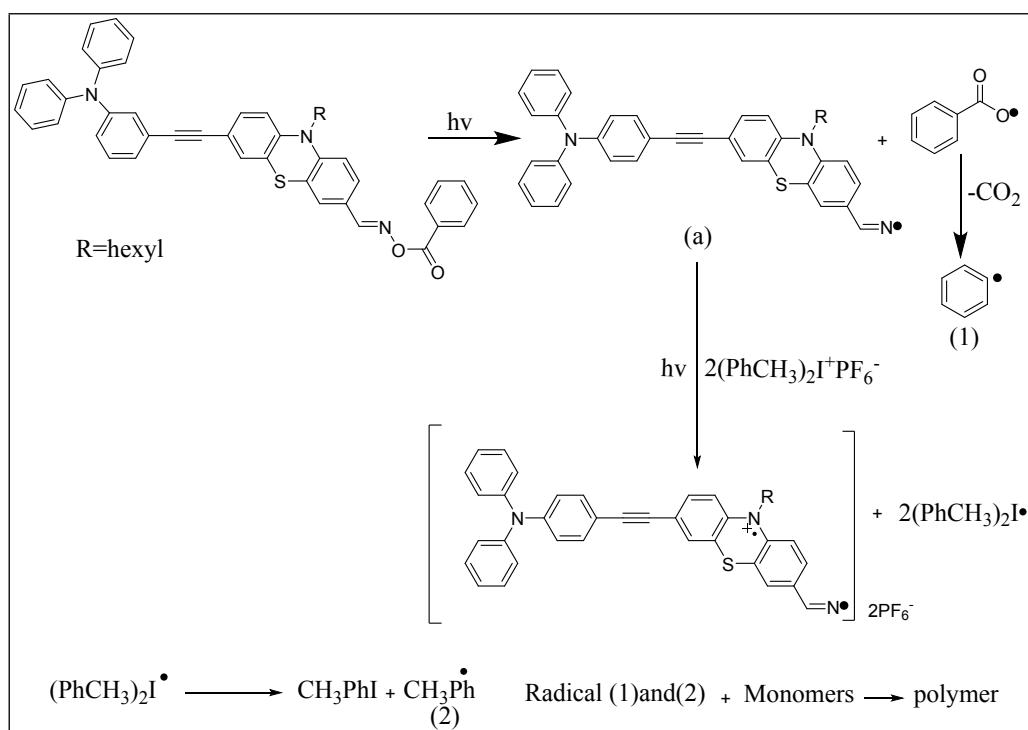
**Fig. S9.** Photopolymerization profiles of TPGDA in the presence of OXE (TPGDA: 100 wt%; OXE: 0.2%,ONI:0.5%,1.0%,1.5%,2.0%) under the laser diode at 405 nm



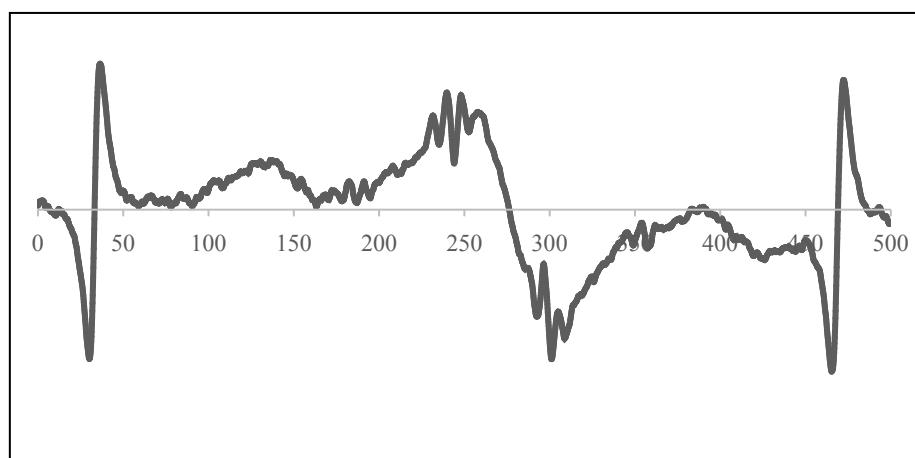
**Fig. S10.** Photopolymerization profiles of TPGDA in the presence of OXE (TPGDA: 100 wt%; OXE: 0.2%,ONI:0.5%,1.0%, 1.5%,2.0%) under the laser diode at 455 nm



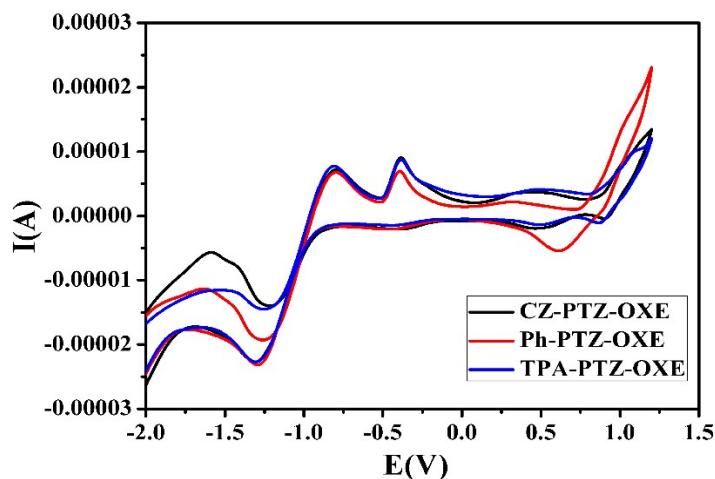
**Fig. S11** Fluorescence spectra of OXE/ION systems in THF solution under the laser diode at 405 nm exposure at different irradiation times ( $M_{\text{OXE}} = 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $M_{\text{ION}} = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $m_{\text{OXE}} : m_{\text{ION}} = 1 : 10$ ): Ph-PTZ-OXE/ION (a), TPA-PTZ-OXE/ION (b), CZ-PTZ-OXE/ION (c)



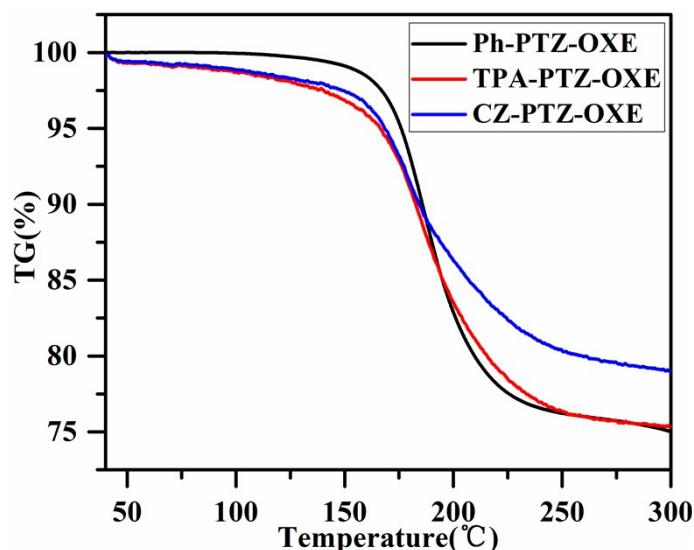
**Scheme S2.** Mechanism of OXE / ION photoinitiating system



**Fig. S12.** ESR spectra of the radicals generated in TPA-PTZ-OXE/ION in TPGDA



**Fig. S13** Cyclic voltammogram curves of Ph-PTZ-OXE, TPA-PTZ-OXE and PTZ-PTZ-OXE in THF ( $M_{\text{dye}} = 1.01 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ).



**Fig. S14** Thermal gravimetricand curves of oxime esters

**Table S2** Temperature of oxime esters mass loss

OXE	$T_{\text{initial}}(\text{°C})$	$T_{\text{max}}(\text{°C})$	$T_{\text{finally}}(\text{°C})$
Ph-PTZ-OXE	140	190	290
TPA-PTZ-OXE	120	190	300
CZ-PTZ-OXE	130	185	300