Sensitive fluorescence-based detection of magnetic field effects in photoreactions of flavins

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Electronic Supplementary Information

Analysis of flavin photoproducts by mass spectrometry

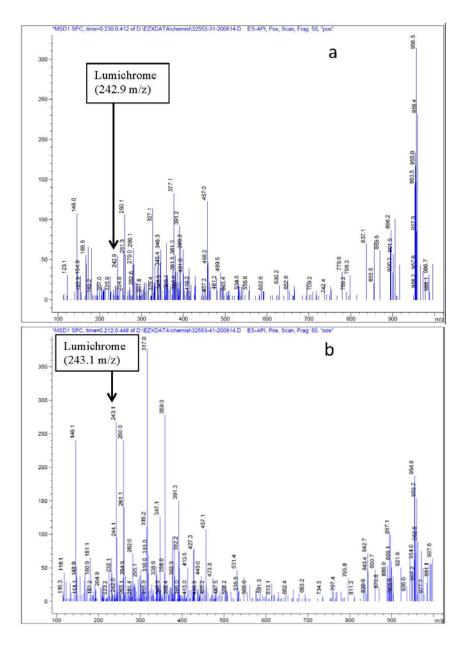


Fig. S1: Mass spectra before, a), and after, b), a PF MARY experiment on a static (non-flowing) sample of 10 μ M FMN + 0.5 mM HEWL, showing an increase in lumichrome content resulting from continuous photoexcitation by a 405 nm diode laser at 350 mW. Spectrum a) suggests that lumichrome is present as a minor impurity in commercial FMN. The spectra were recorded using a positive electrospray ionization Waters Premier LCT mass spectrometer.

Hypothesis testing for AtCry1 MFEs

Band-averaging over the wavelength range 500-600 nm with $B_0 = 12.2$ mT gives an MFE of 0.034% ± S.E. 0.007% for *At*Cry1 (see main text, figure 10).

A two-tailed hypothesis test of this result for the null hypothesis, H_0 : MFE = 0, and the alternative hypothesis, H_1 : MFE $\neq 0$ yields a test statistic of 4.9 with a *p*-value < 0.001 (assuming a normal distribution for the variance in the data as the number of measurements >> 30). Hence, the null hypothesis is rejected in favour of the alternative hypothesis that there is a MFE on the prompt fluorescence of the sample at the 99.9% significance level.