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Experimental

Materials. Melting points were determined on a micro hot stage apparatus and are uncorrected. 1,3,3-Trimethylspiro[indoline-2,3'-[3*H*]-naphtho[2,1-*b*]pyran] (1) and 1,3,3-Trimethylspiro[indoline-2,3'-[3*H*]-naphth[2,1-*b*][1,4]oxazine] (2) were purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry. Slow evaporation of acetone solution of 1 yielded the pale pink single crystals (mp 179 °C), which were used for the photoreactions illustrated in Fig. 1 and X-ray diffraction analysis. Spectral studies of 1 were performed using the purchased microcrystalline powder without purification. The averaged particle size of the powder was 20 μ m. Slow evaporation of methanol solution of 2 yielded a mixture of two differently shaped colorless crystals (octahedral and plate), which correspond to the reported dimorphs of 2.¹ The octahedral single crystals (mp 144 °C) were selected and used for the photoreactions illustrated in Fig. 1 and X-ray diffraction analysis. The octahedral crystals of 2 grown from acetone solution were crushed to microcrystalline powder with particle size ranging from 50 to 100 μ m and used for spectral studies. Xray powder diffraction of the microcrystalline powders of 1 and 2 was measured using a Rigaku MultiFlex powder diffractometer and was confirmed to be identical with the patterns calculated from their crystal structures.

Spectral measurements. Diffuse UV-vis reflectance spectra were measured on a JASCO V-550 spectrometer equipped with an integrating sphere accessory at temperatures between 78 and 300 K, using a liquid nitrogen bath cryostat OXFORD Optistat DN-V with a homemade sample holder. The temperature was held constant within \pm 0.1 K during the measurement. NaCl powder (MERCK Suprapur) was ground and used as the reference.

Photoirradiation. A SAN-EI UVF-352S high pressure mercury lamp was used for UV light irradiation. The emission line of 365 nm was isolated by using a band-pass filter (ASAHI Spectra MX0365) and a heat absorption filter (HOYA HA30).

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Table S1.	Crystal Data	and Structure	Refinements	for 1	and 2
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compound 1		1	2		
empirical formula	C ₂₃ H ₂₁ NO		$C_{22} H_{20} N_2 O$		
formula weight	327.41		328.40		
temperature (K)	room temperature	90	room temperature	90	
crystal system	monoclinic		orthorhombic		
space group	$P2_{1}/n$		Pbca		
color of crystal	pale pink		colorless		
a (Å)	14.6137(12)	14.5329(7)	17.1642(8)	17.275(2)	
<i>b</i> (Å)	6.3473(5)	6.2561(3)	16.8250(8)	16.559(2)	
<i>c</i> (Å)	19.4928(16)	19.3262(10)	12.4068(6)	12.2061(17)	
eta(°)	103.501(2)	103.547(1)	90.0	90.0	
$V(\text{\AA}^3)$	1758.1(2)	1708.24(15)	3582.9(3)	3491.6(8)	
Ζ	4		8		
reflections collected	26272	25364	53515	52107	
independent reflections	5123	4986	5238	5101	
R _{int}	0.0382	0.0388	0.0258	0.0174	
data/restraints/parameters	5123/0/310	4986/0/310	5238/0/306	5101/0/306	
goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.024	1.040	1.049	1.056	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$	0.0531	0.0541	0.0554	0.0448	
$wR(F^2)$ (all data)	0.1588	0.1421	0.1645	0.1284	
$\rho_{\min}(e \text{ Å}^{-3})$	-0.160	-0.225	-0.171	-0.172	
$\rho_{\rm max}$ (e Å ⁻³)	0.270	0.544	0.292	0.509	

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1 at room temperature



1 at 90 K



2 at room temperature



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