Metal-free oxygenation of cyclohexane with oxygen catalyzed by 9-mesityl-10-methylacridinium and hydrogen chloride under visible light irradiation†

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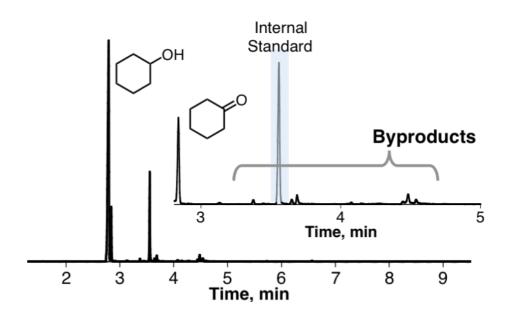


Fig. S1 GC mass chart of the reaction mixture after photooxygenation of an O_2 -saturated MeCN solution containing cyclohexane (45 mM), HCl (2.0 mM) and Acr^+ –Mes (1.0 mM) irradiated by a xenon lamp (500 W, $\lambda >$ 390 nm) for 3h. Internal standard: benzonitrile.

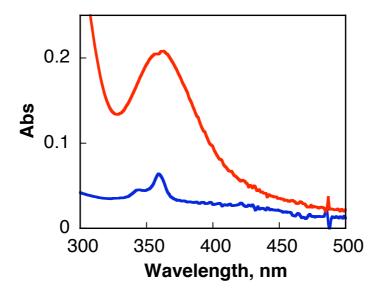


Fig. S2 UV-vis spectra of the reaction mixture after photooxygenation of cyclohexane (45 mM) with HCl (2.0 mM) and Acr⁺–Mes (1.0 mM) for 3h photoirradiation by a xenon lamp (500 W, $\lambda > 390$ nm) in MeCN in the absence (blue) and presence of NaI (red).

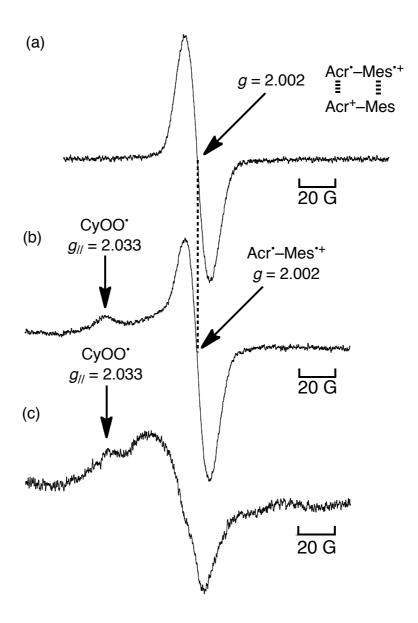


Fig. S3 ESR spectra of (a) (Acr^{*}-Mes^{*})(Acr^{*}-Mes) generated by photoirradiation (1000-W Hg lamp) of Acr^{*}-Mes (10 mM) in deaerated MeCN, (b) Acr^{*}-Mes and cyclohexyl peroxyl radical genarated by photoirradiation of Acr^{*}-Mes (10 mM) with HCl (60 mM) and cyclohexane (1.0 M) in O₂-saturated MeCN, (c) cyclohexyl peroxyl radical generated by photorradiation of cyclohexane (1.0 M) with ¹BuOO¹Bu (0.50 M) in O₂-saturated MeCN. The measurements were carried out at 77 K.

