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# Synthesis of B<sub>12</sub>-BODIPY Dyad for B<sub>12</sub>-inspired Photochemical Transformations of Trichloromethylated Organic Compound

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#### Chemicals

All solvents and chemicals used in this study were obtained from commercial sources of reagent grade and used as received unless otherwise noted. Amino-BODIPY (Chart S1) PorphyChem. was purchased from The cobalamin derivative, [(CN)(H<sub>2</sub>O)Cob(III)6C<sub>1</sub>ester]ClO<sub>4</sub> (Chart S1), was synthesized by a previously reported method.<sup>S1</sup> The BODIPY dye (P1) was synthesized by a reported method.<sup>S2</sup> Authentic samples of the products from the catalytic reactions were purchased from Aldrich or Tokyo Kasei Kogyo (TCI). Products 1~10 were isolated by chromatography (Silica Gel 60N, spherical, neutral) using dichloromethane/n-hexane (1:1) as the eluent and identified by IR, NMR, and GC-MS. Data were compared to those of reported compounds except for the new compounds 3 and 5. <sup>S3-S5</sup> The analytical data of 3 and 5 are shown in Figures S9-14.

## Measurements

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded by a Bruker Avance 500 spectrometer at the Centre of Advanced Instrumental Analysis, Kyushu University, and the chemical shifts (in ppm) were referenced relative to the residual solvent peak of CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 7.27 ppm. The gas chromatography-mass spectra (GC-MS) were obtained using a Shimadzu GCMS-QP5050A equipped with a J&W Scientific DB-1 column (length: 30m; ID: 0.25 mm, film: 0.25 mm) and helium as the carrier gas. For the measurement, the injector and detector temperatures were 250 °C, the oven temperature was initially held at 100 °C for 2 min, then increased to 240 °C at the rate of 10 °C/min. The UV-vis absorption spectra were obtained by a Hitachi U-3300 spectrophotometer at room temperature. The light emitting diode (LED PER-AMP,  $\lambda$ =521 nm) purchased from TechnoSigma was used as the light source for the light irradiation experiments. The MALDI-TOF mass spectra were obtained by a Bruker autoflex II using 6-aza-2-thiothymine as the matrix. The high resolution-mass spectrum of C1 was obtained by a JEOL JMS-700 using mnitrobenzylalcohol as the matrix. The IR spectra were recorded by a JASCO FT-IR 460 plus KH spectrophotometer using KBr disks. The PL spectra were measured by a Hitachi F-4500. The high resolution-mass spectra of new compounds (3 and 5) were obtained on a JEOL JMS-700 using *m*-nitrobenzylalcohol as a matrix.

#### **Photophysical measurements**

The photoluminescence quantum yield ( $\Phi_{PL}$ ) value of C1 and P1 were measured using an absolute photoluminescence quantum efficiency measurement system (Hamamatsu C9920-02) incorporating an integrating sphere. To measure  $\Phi_{PL}$ , a degassed solution of C1 in CH<sub>3</sub>OH was prepared and the concentration was adjusted so that the absorbance of the solution at 500 nm would be less than 0.1. The excitation was performed at 500 nm. For the absolute photoluminescence quantum efficiency measurement, the values less than 1 % are not correct values from the viewpoint of sensitivity of the instruments.

#### Time-resolved absorption spectroscopic measurements

The femtosecond time-resolved absorption spectra were measured by the pump and probe method using a regeneratively amplified titanium sapphire laser (Spectra-Physics, Spitfire Pro F, 1 kHz) pumped by a Nd:YLF laser (Spectra-Physics, Empower 15). The seed pulse was generated by a titanium sapphire laser (Spectra-Physics, Mai Tai VFSJW; fwhm 80 fs). The output of an optical parametric amplifier (520 nm, 3 µJ pulse<sup>-1</sup>, Spectra-Physics, OPA-800CF-1) was used as the excitation pulse. A white light continuum pulse, which was generated by focusing the residual of the fundamental light on a sapphire crystal after the computer controlled optical delay, was divided into two parts and used as the probe and reference lights of which the latter was used to compensate the laser fluctuation. Both the probe and reference lights were directed to a quartz sample cell with a 1.0- mm optical path and detected by a CCD detector equipped with a polychromator (Solar, MS3504). For the transient absorption measurements, the concentration was adjusted so that the absorbance of the solution at 520 nm would be 0.9 in a cell with 1.0-mm optical path length.

## Cyclic voltammetry study

Cyclic voltammogram (CV) of C1 was obtained using a BAS CV 50 W electrochemical analyzer as shown in Figure S16. A three-electrode cell equipped with a 3.0-mm diameter glassy carbon rod and 1.6-mm diameter platinum wire as the working and counter electrodes were used, respectively. An Ag/AgCl (3.0 M NaCl) electrode served as a reference. Nonaqueous CH<sub>3</sub>CN solutions containing C1 (1.0x10<sup>-3</sup> M) and *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NClO<sub>4</sub> (1.0x10<sup>-1</sup> M) were deaerated prior to measurement, and the inside of the cell was maintained under a nitrogen atmosphere throughout measurement. The  $E_{1/2}$  value of ferrocene/ferrocenium ( $Fc/Fc^+$ ) was +0.44 V vs. Ag/AgCl with this setup.

The  $E_{(BODIPY+/BODIPY*)}$  of BODIPY unit in C1 was calculated by equation:  $E_{(BODIPY+/BODIPY*)} = E_{(BODIPY/BODIPY+)} - E^{00} = -1.11 \text{ V } vs. \text{ Ag/AgCl.}$ 

## Synthesis of C1



In 2 mL of dry DMF, 15 mg  $(1.4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mmol})$  of  $[(CN)(H_2O)Cob(III)6C_1\text{ester}]CIO_4$ , 6 mg  $(1.4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mmol})$  of BODIPY-NH<sub>2</sub>, and 7 mg  $(5.7 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mmol})$  of DMAP, 7 mg  $(3.7 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mmol})$  of EDC/HCl were dissolved and the solution was cooled to 0 °C using an icebath under a nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring for 6 h at 0 °C, then for 15 h at room temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere. To the resulting red purple solution was added 50 mL of water and washed with dichloromethane (50 mL x 6). After concentrated to dryness, the product was isolated by chromatography (Sephadex column, spherical, neutral) using methanol as the eluent. Yield 51 %; C1 was characterized by IR,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3398 (N-H, str.) 1732 (ester C=O, str.), 1648 (amide C=O, str.) (Figure S1). TOF MS (MALDI, m/z): [M-CN-H<sub>2</sub>O], 1399.9 (Figure S2). HR-MS: [M-H<sub>2</sub>O], 1425.6567. UV-VIS (in CH<sub>3</sub>OH, nm), 353, 405(sh), 494(sh), 521.

General procedure for catalytic reaction by the  $B_{\rm 12}$  under  $N_{\rm 2}$ 



A 10 mL methanol solution of the  $B_{12}$ -BODIPY (C1) ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) (1 mol%), *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.1 M), and **DDT** ( $3.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) was degassed by N<sub>2</sub> gas, then irradiated using a tungsten lamp ( $\lambda \ge 520$  nm), a LED lamp ( $\lambda = 521$  nm) or a solar simulator as the light source with stirring. After a 24-hour irradiation, the resulting solution was dried and 1,4-dioxane was added as the internal standard then analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. The yields of the products were calculated by comparison to the peak area ratio of the internal standard. All the products were isolated by silica gel column chromatography (Kanto Chemicals, 60N) using the CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane eluent and identified by GC-MS, and <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR.

# General procedure for catalytic reaction by the B<sub>12</sub> under air for esterification



A 10 mL CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH solution of the B<sub>12</sub>-BODIPY (C1)  $(1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  (1 mol%), *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.1 M), and **DDT** (3.0 × 10<sup>-3</sup> M) was irradiated in air using a LED lamp ( $\lambda$ =521 nm) as the light source with stirring. After a 24-hour irradiation, the resulting solution was dried and 1,4-dioxane was added as the internal standard then analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. The yield of the product was calculated by comparison to the peak area ratio of the internal standard. The product was isolated by silica gel column chromatography (Kanto Chemicals, 60N) using the CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane eluent and identified by GC-MS, IR, and <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (**Figures S9-S11**).

Colorless solid, yield (40%). GC-MS: M<sup>+</sup>=322; HR-MS (EI, *m/z*): 322.0525; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ =7.30-7.29 (d, 2H), 7.23-7.21 (d, 2H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 4.12-4.09 (t, 2H), 1.66-1.62 (q, 2H), 0.89-0.86 (t, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ =172.20, 137.26, 133.84, 130.26, 129.22, 67.46, 56.25, 22.28, 10.65; IR, *v*/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3031 (aromatic C-H, weak.), 2967 (<sup>n</sup>Pr C-H, str.), 1732 (ester C=O, str.), 1491 (C-H, m.), 1090 (ester C-O, str.).

# General procedure for catalytic: reaction by the B<sub>12</sub> under air for amidation



A 10 mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution of the B<sub>12</sub>-BODIPY (C1)  $(1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  (1 mol%), *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.1 M), DDT  $(3.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$ , di-*n*-propylamine  $(3.0 \times 10^{-1} \text{ M})$ , and diphenyl as the internal standard was irradiated in air using a LED lamp ( $\lambda$ =521 nm) as the light source with stirring. After a 24-hour irradiation, the resulting solution was passed through a short silicagel column to remove the B<sub>12</sub> complex then analyzed by GC-MS. The yield of the product was calculated by comparison to the peak area ratio of the internal standard. The product was isolated by silica gel column chromatography (Kanto Chemicals, 60N) using the CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane eluent and identified by GC-MS, IR, and <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (Figures S12-14).

Yellow oil, yield (61%). GC-MS M<sup>+</sup>=363; HR-MS (EI, *m/z*): 364.1211; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ =7.29-7.27 (d, 2H), 7.18-7.16 (d, 2H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 3.33-3.30 (t, 2H), 3.19-3.16 (t, 2H), 1.63-1.53 (m, 2H), 0.93-0.90 (t, 3H), 0.89-0.86 (t, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ =170.85, 138.42, 133.53, 130.59, 129.14, 53.54, 50.25, 21.19, 11.71; IR, *v*/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3051 (aromatic C-H, weak.), 2966, 2926 (<sup>*n*</sup>Pr C-H, str.), 1649 (amide C=O, str.), 1489 (C-H, m.).

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Chart S1. Structure of [(CN)(H<sub>2</sub>O)Cob(III)6C<sub>1</sub>ester]ClO<sub>4</sub> and BODIPY-NH<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S1. IR spectrum of C1 (KBr disk).



Figure S2. MALDI-MS of C1.



 $\lambda \geq 520 nm$ 



**Figure S3.** Experiment set-up image of photo-driven the dyad (C1) catalyzed the reaction using halogen lump ( $\lambda \geq 520$  nm) or LED ( $\lambda_{max}=521$  nm).

		$hv (\lambda \geq \frac{i}{Pr_2 NEt}$ in CH <sub>3</sub> O	$h\nu$ (λ≥520 nm) <i>i</i> -Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt, 24h, in CH <sub>3</sub> OH under air			
Entry	Catalyst	<i>i</i> -Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt/M	Yield of <b>DDAA</b> /%	TON	TON <sub>C1</sub> /TON <sub>C2+P1</sub>	
1 <sup><i>a</i></sup>	C1	0.1	52	118		
$2^b$	C2 + P1	0.1	34	77	} 1.5	
<b>3</b> <sup><i>a</i></sup>	C1	0	0	0		
<b>4</b> <sup><i>a</i>,<i>c</i></sup>	C1	0.1	0	0		
5 <sup><i>a,d</i></sup>	C1	0.1	72	163		
<b>6</b> <sup><i>a</i></sup>	C1	0.05	51	116	} 4.2	
<b>7</b> <sup>b</sup>	C2 + P1	0.05	12	27		
<b>8</b> <sup><i>a</i></sup>	C1	0.03	39	89		
<b>9</b> <sup>b</sup>	C2 + P1	0.03	9	20	∫ <b>4.4</b>	

## Table S1 Optimization of reaction conditions

<sup>*a*</sup>Conditions: [C1]=1.0x10<sup>-5</sup> M, [DDT]=1.0x10<sup>-3</sup> M, solvent: CH<sub>3</sub>OH under air at room temperature. Reaction time: 24 h. The product yields were based on the initial concentration of the substrate. The TONs were based on the concentration of the B<sub>12</sub> complex.

 ${}^{b}[\mathbf{C2}]=1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}, [\mathbf{P1}]=1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}.$ 

<sup>c</sup>No light irradiation

<sup>*d*</sup>Light source is LED ( $\lambda_{max}$ =521 nm). Data from Scheme 2 (1).

Entry	1	2	3	4	5
Sample	P1	P1 + C2	<b>P1</b> + <i>i</i> -Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	C1	P1
A₁(long time)	0.0461	0.0372	0.0316	0.0109	0.0141
A <sub>2</sub> (short time)	0.0141	0.0142	0.00712	0.0191	0.0162
A <sub>1</sub> /A <sub>2</sub>	3.27	2.23	4.44	0.618	0.870
long time $k_1 / s^{-1}$	2.08×10 <sup>8</sup>	3.67×10 <sup>8</sup>	8.19×10 <sup>8</sup>	6.14×10 <sup>9</sup>	8.08×10 <sup>9</sup>
short time $k_2 / s^{-1}$	8.22×10 <sup>9</sup>	8.64×10 <sup>9</sup>	3.37×10 <sup>10</sup>	4.42×10 <sup>10</sup>	7.89×10 <sup>10</sup>
long time $\tau_1$ / ps	4808	2724	1221	163	124
short time $\tau_2$ / ps	122	116	30	23	13
τ <sub>ave</sub> / ps	3710	2003	1002	74	65
$k_{\rm ave} / {\rm S}^{-1}$	2.70×10 <sup>8</sup> ( <i>k</i> <sub>0</sub> )	4.99×10 <sup>8</sup>	9.98×10 <sup>8</sup>	1.35×10 <sup>10</sup>	1.54×10 <sup>10</sup>
$k_{\text{ET}}$ (= $k$ - $k_0$ )	-	2.29×10 <sup>8</sup>	7.28×10 <sup>8</sup>	1.32×10 <sup>10</sup>	1.51×10 <sup>10</sup>

Table S2Data analysis of P1 and C1 by transient absorptionspectroscopy.

 $\tau_{ave} = (A_1 \tau_1 + A_2 \tau_2)/(A_1 + A_2)$ 



**Figure S4** Transient absorption spectra of the BODIPY (**P1**) in CH<sub>3</sub>OH during the laser flash photolysis using 520 nm femtosecond pulse for excitation. Spectra were obtained from 1 to 205 ps after the laser excitation. Lower panel is kinetic trace of  $\Delta$ O.D. at 529 nm during the laser flash photolysis. Blue curve is a fitted curve.



Figure S5 Transient absorption spectra of the BODIPY (P1) + C2 in CH<sub>3</sub>OH during the laser flash photolysis using 520 nm femtosecond pulse for excitation. Spectra were obtained from 1 to 205 ps after the laser excitation. Lower panel is kinetic trace of  $\Delta$ O.D. at 529 nm during the laser flash photolysis. Blue curve is a fitted curve.



**Figure S6** Transient absorption spectra of the BODIPY (**P1**) + *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt in CH<sub>3</sub>OH during the laser flash photolysis using 520 nm femtosecond pulse for excitation. Spectra were obtained from 1 to 205 ps after the laser excitation. Lower panel is kinetic trace of  $\Delta$ O.D. at 529 nm during the laser flash photolysis. Blue curve is a fitted curve.



**Figure S7** Transient absorption spectra of the C1 in CH<sub>3</sub>OH during the laser flash photolysis using 520 nm femtosecond pulse for excitation (Same to **Fig. 3**). Spectra were obtained from 1 to 200 ps after the laser excitation. Lower panel is kinetic trace of  $\Delta$ O.D. at 529 nm during the laser flash photolysis. Blue curve is a fitted curve.



**Figure S8** Kinetic trace of  $\Delta$ O.D. at 437 nm during the laser flash photolysis of the C1 (a), P1+C2 (b), P1+*i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (c) from 1 to 200 ps after the laser excitation. Blue curve is a fitted curve. Values shown in parentheses are determined by kinetic trace of  $\Delta$ O.D. at 529 nm shown **Table 1**.



Figure S9 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S10<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S11 IR spectra of 3 (KBr disk).



Figure S12 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S13 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S14 IR spectrum of 4 (KBr disk).



Figure S15 Time course of dechlorination reactions of DDT catalyzed by C1 and C2+P1 under  $N_2$  at room temperature (24 hr data from Table 2).



**Figure S16** CV of **C1** (1x10<sup>-3</sup> M) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN containing  $1.0x10^{-1}$  M *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NClO<sub>4</sub> at room temperature; sweep rate: 100 mVs<sup>-1</sup>.