Electronic Supporting Information

Photosensitised Biphotonic Chemistry of Pyrimidine Derivatives

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¹H Norrish-Yang photoproduct



¹³C Norrish-Yang photoproduct



DEPT-135 Norrish-Yang photoproduct



HSQC Norrish-Yang photoproduct



¹H Hydrated uracil



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Securing equivalent photon fluxes in the laser and Xe-lamp irradiations

Equivalent photon fluxes must be secured for both laser and Xe-lamp irradiations, in order to make meaningful comparisons. To achieve this goal, **2M** photosensitisation of a dimeric thymine (**Thy-C₃-Thy**) yielding thymine cyclobutane dimers^[1] has been chosen as reaction model (Scheme S1).



Scheme S1. 2M photosensitised cyclobutane thymine dimerisation.^[1]

A solution containing 0.04 mM of both, **2M** and **Thy-C₃-Thy** in PBS 10 mM was prepared. Then, two aliquots (2 mL) of this solution were treated separately. One of them was irradiated with a laser beam (Nd/YAG, 355 nm, 10 Hz, 45 mJ/pulse) during 1.5 min, and its UV spectrum absorbance registered. The other one was irradiated at 355 nm with a Xenon lamp equipped with a monochromator. The progress of the reaction was periodically monitored by UV spectroscopy. The results are shown in Figure S2.



Figure S2. Xe lamp irradiation of a solution containing equimolar quantities of 2M and Thy-C3-Thy (0.04 mM) in PBS 10 mM, monitored by UV spectroscopy. Inset: Comparison of the UV spectra of the sample irradiated with 355 nm laser light (1.5 min) with the 25 min Xe lamp irradiation. Under these conditions, the absorbance of the samples was 0.01 at 355 nm.

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Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 6.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3 Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions 156 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 50 closest results for each mass) Elements Used: C: 0-20 H: 0-30 N: 0-2 O: 0-4 Na: 0-1 Cl: 0-1 4.00000000 223.1073 100-% 224.1121 245.0914 165.0898 246.0961 254.1487 268.1653 225.5152239.1365 173.0577 193.0961 217.2846 204.3237 0-190 · · · · · · · · · 220 230 1.1.1 240 260 1 -T.L.



Figure S3.- Mass spectra of photoinduced product 1

1: TOF MS ES+ 3.09e+003

282.1854 287.1543

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Figure S4. UPLC-MS chromatograms of a **2M** + *t***BU** mixture irradiated during 1.5 min with a 355 nm^{s9} laser beam operating at 10 Hz and 45 mJ