

Supporting Information

Bio-based porphyrins pyropheophorbide *a* and its Zn-complex as performing visible-light photosensitizers for free-radical photopolymerization

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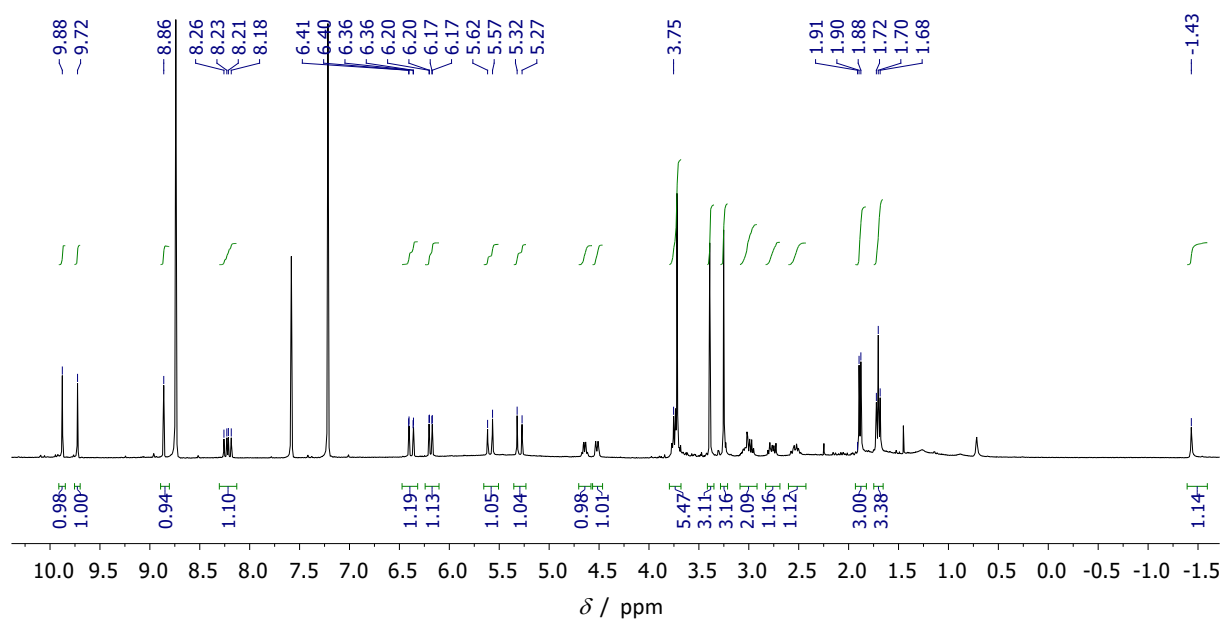


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, pyridine-*d*₅) of Pyro.

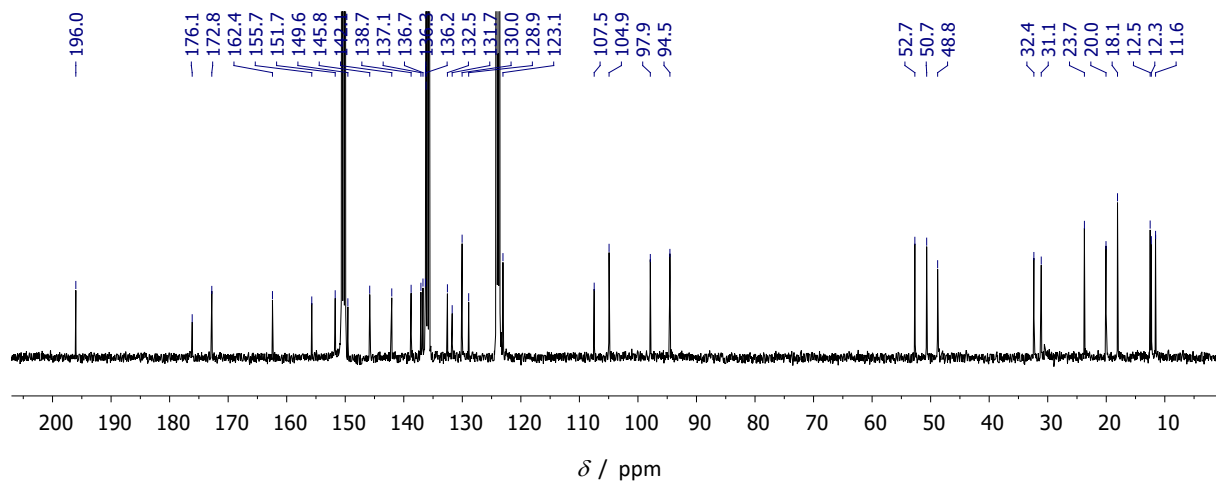


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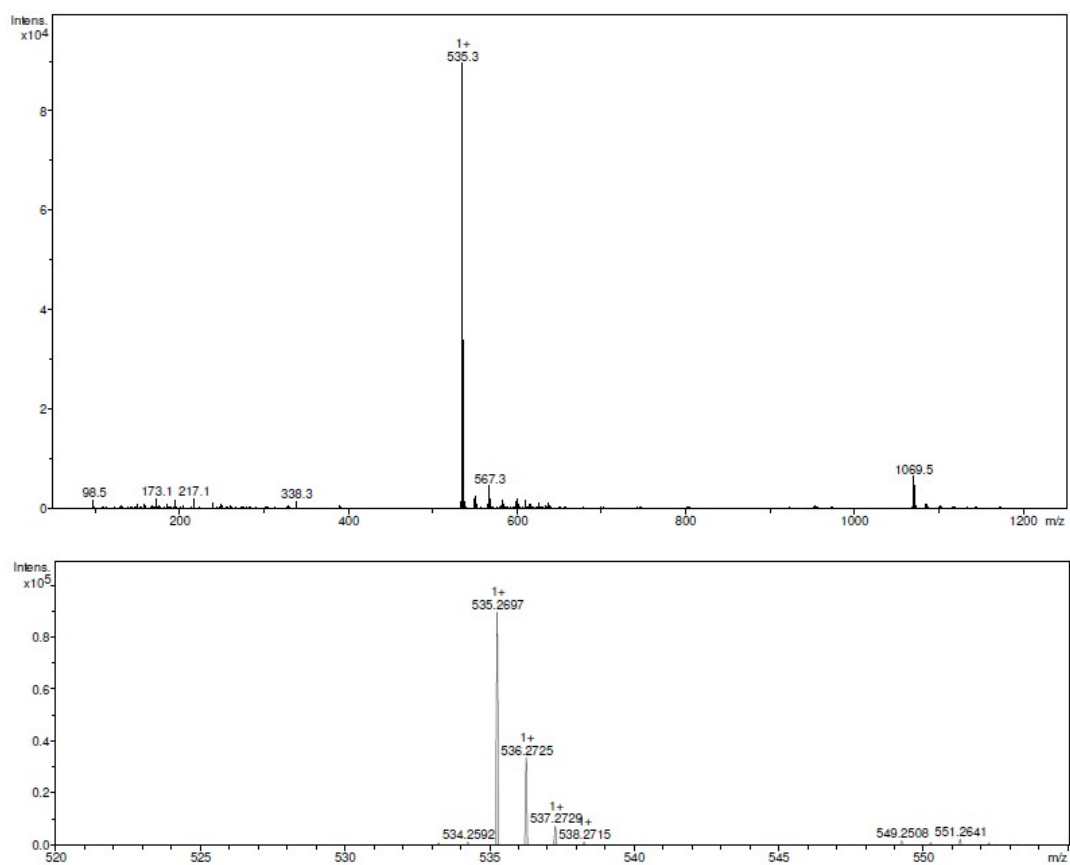


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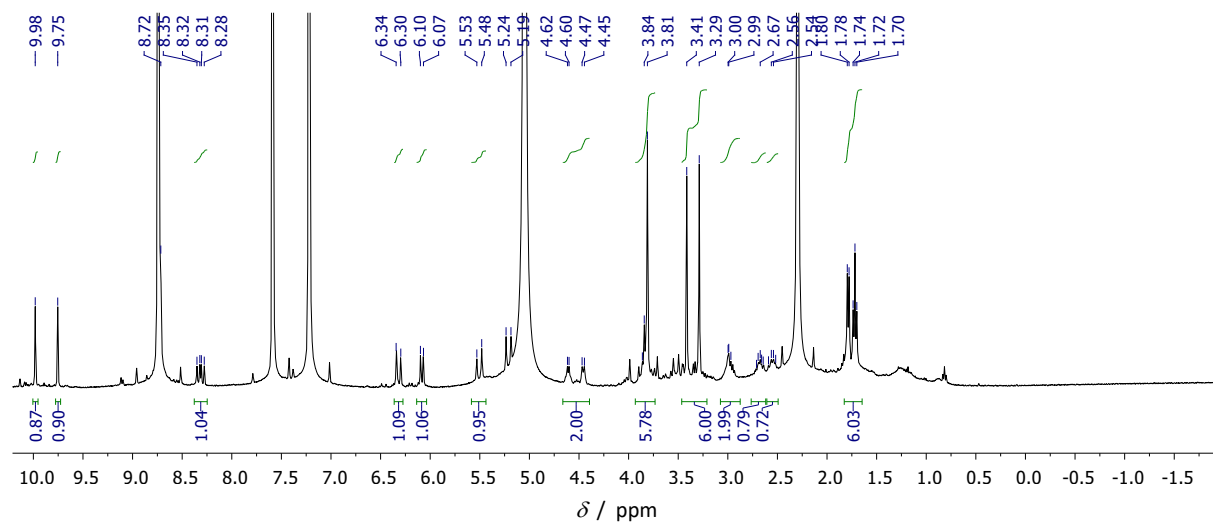


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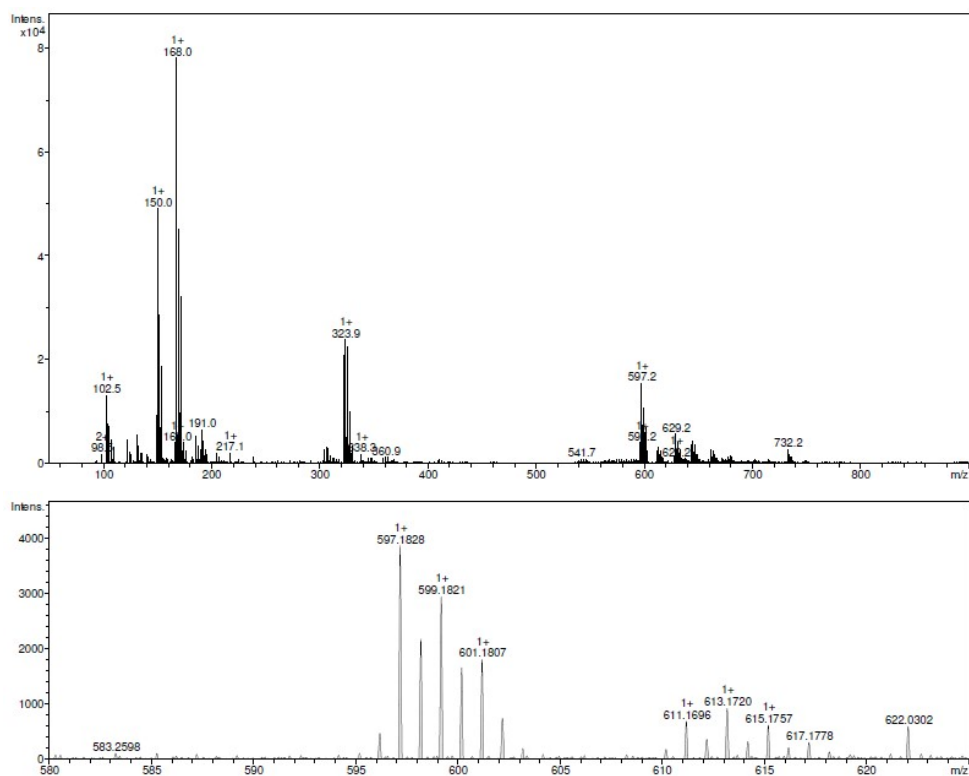


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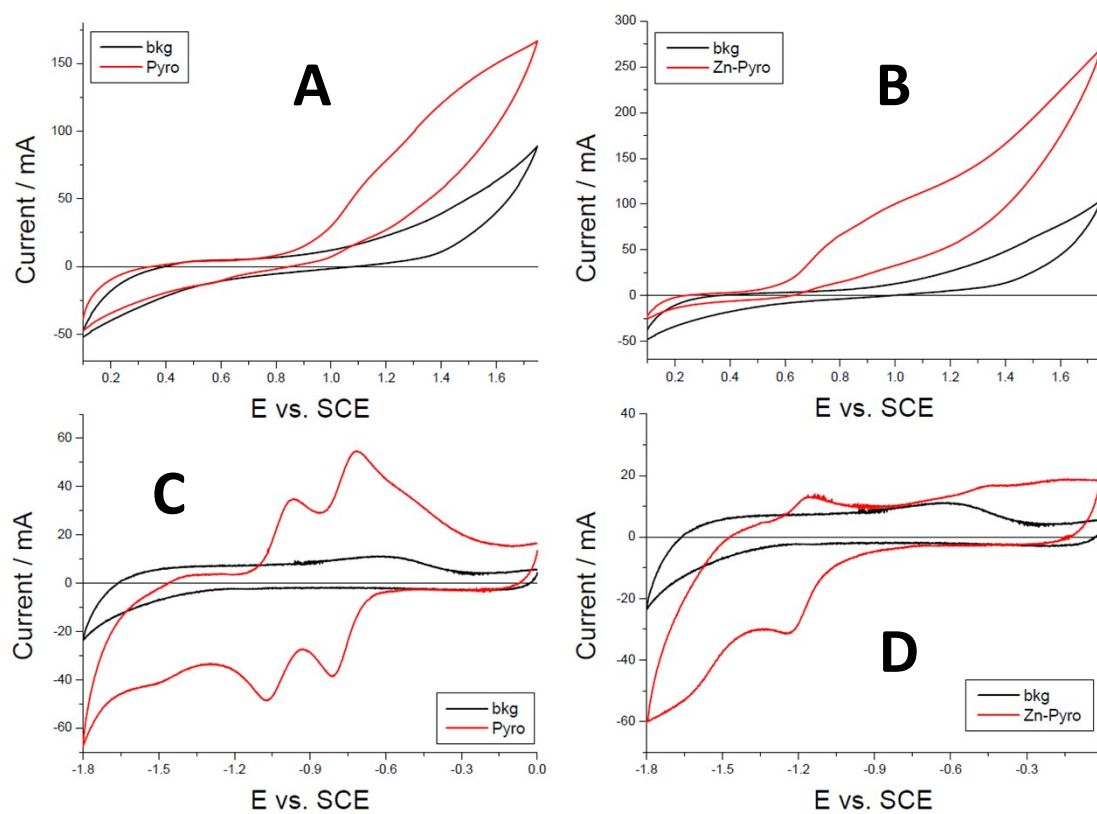


Figure S6. Cyclic voltammetry of **Pyro** (A, C) and **Zn-Pyro** (B, D) in DMF.

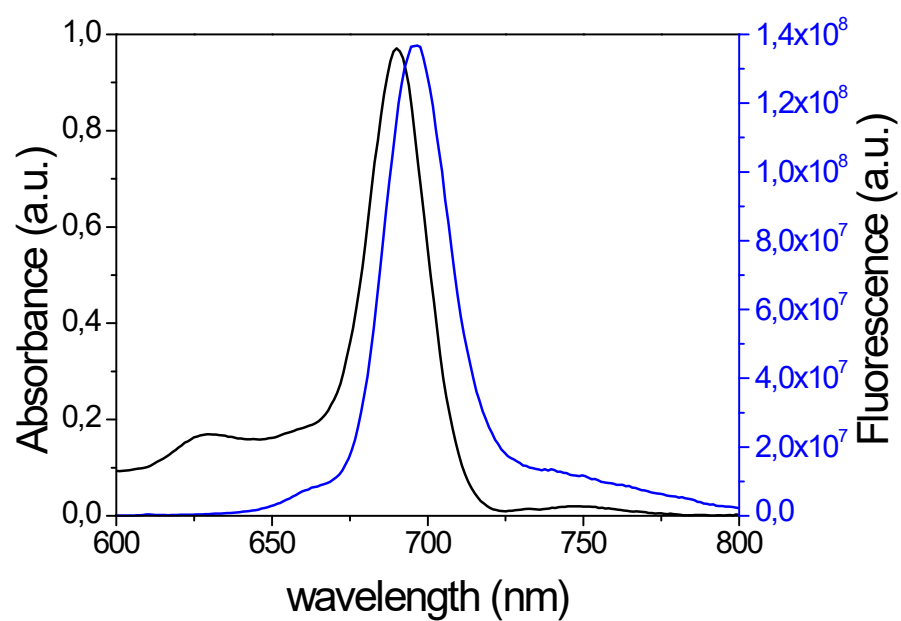


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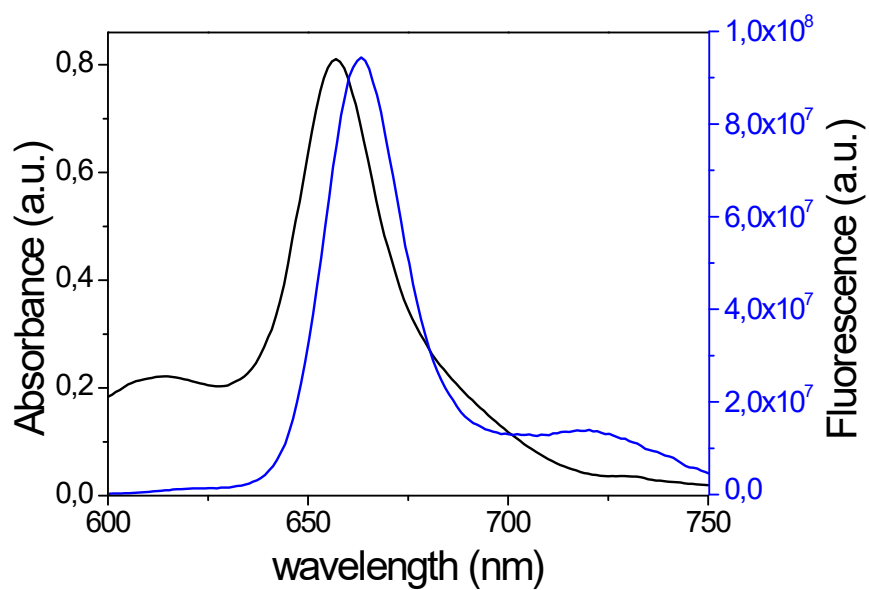


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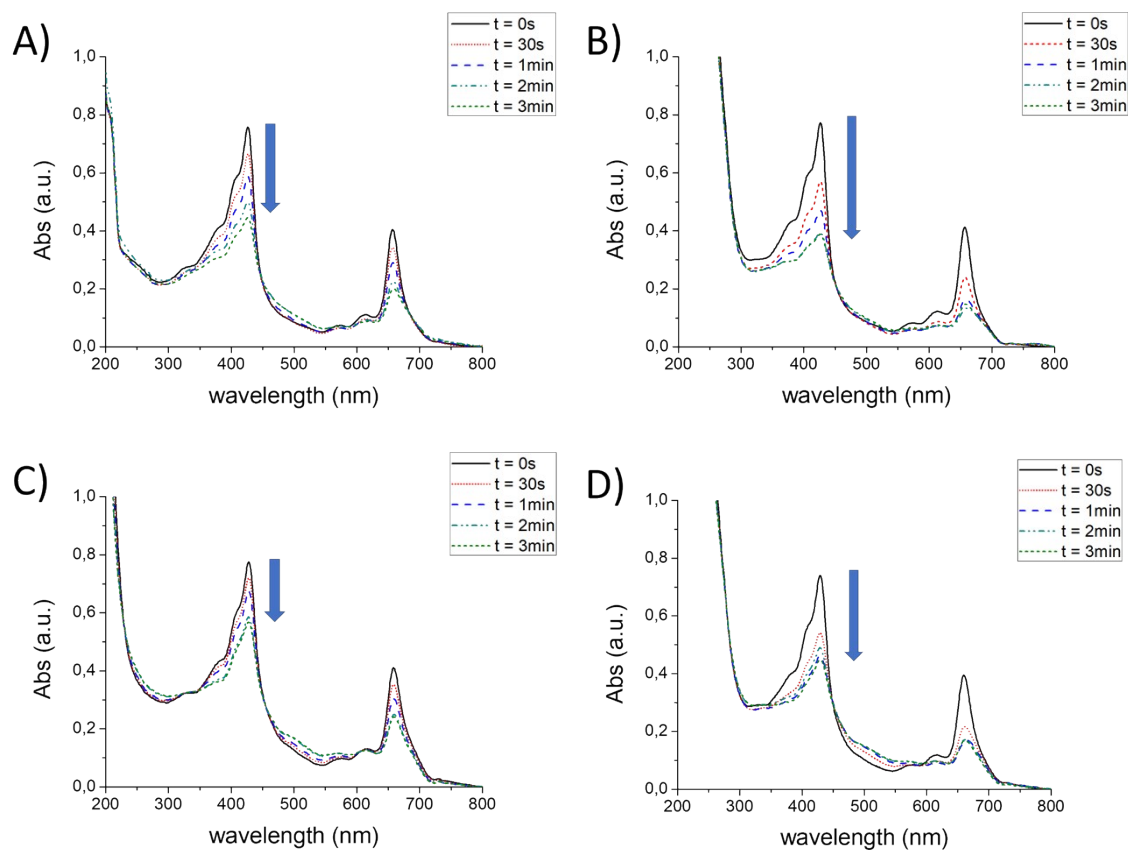


Figure S9. Photolysis of Zn-Pyropheophorbide a ($[\text{Zn-Pyro}] = 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) (A) alone; (B) in the presence of Iod ($[\text{Iod}] = 8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$); (C) in the presence of MDEA ($[\text{MDEA}] = 1.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$); and (D) in the presence of Iod and MDEA ($[\text{Iod}] = 8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ and $[\text{MDEA}] = 1.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$) in ACN under LED@405 nm. Intensity = 25 mW.cm^{-2} .

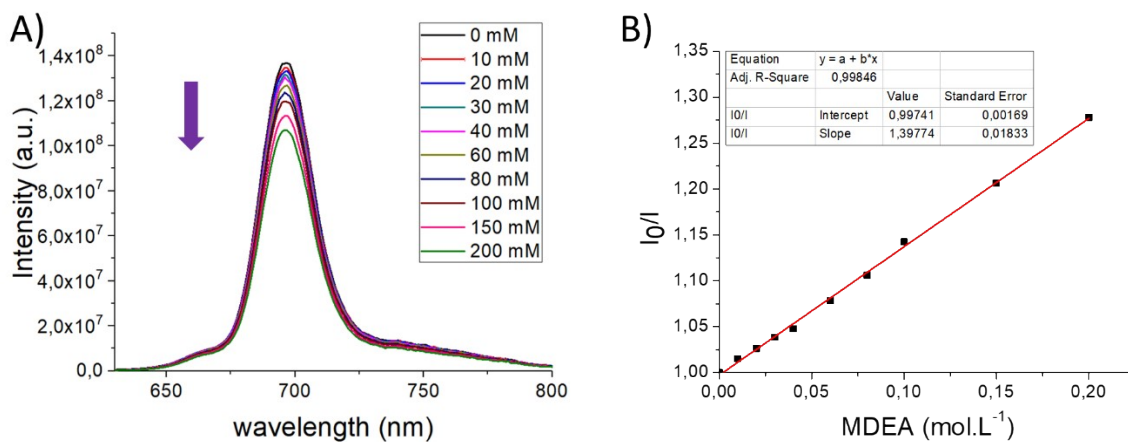


Figure S10. Quenching of fluorescence of **Pyro** upon gradual addition of MDEA in ACN ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 420 \text{ nm}$): (A) fluorescence spectrum and (B) corresponding Stern-Volmer plot.

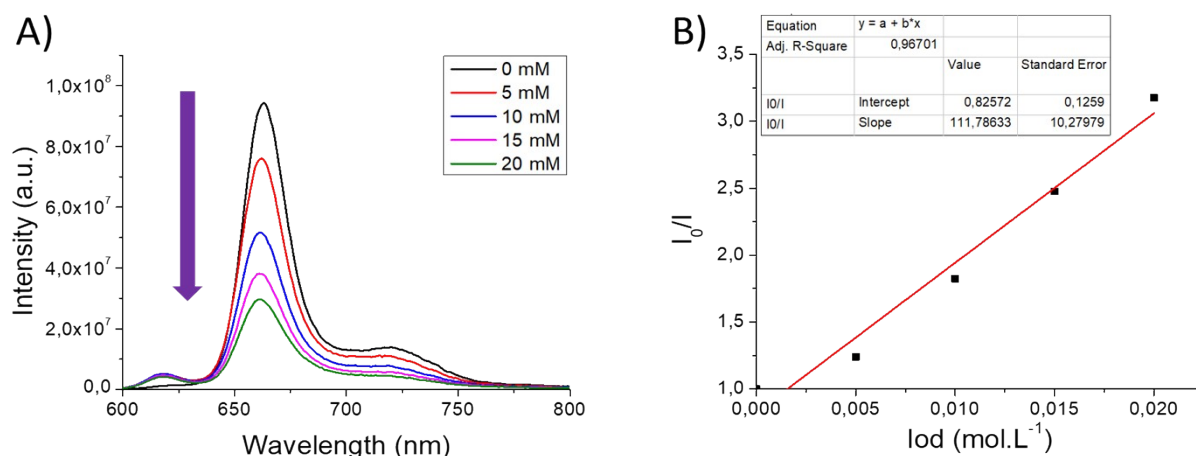


Figure S11. Quenching of fluorescence of **Zn-Pyru** upon gradual addition of Iod in ACN ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 430 \text{ nm}$): (A) fluorescence spectrum and (B) corresponding Stern-Volmer plot.

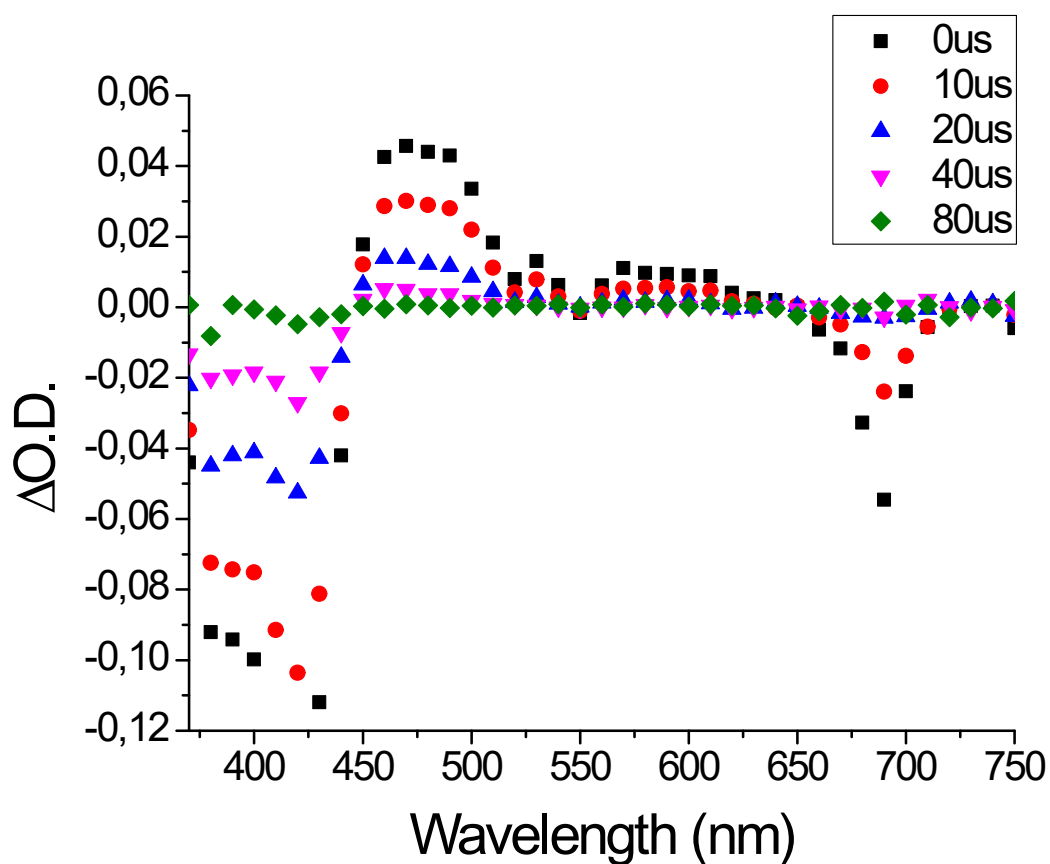


Figure S12. Transition absorption spectrum of the **Pyru** at $t = 0, 10, 20, 40$ and $80 \mu\text{s}$ under argon atmosphere ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355 \text{ nm}$) in ACN.

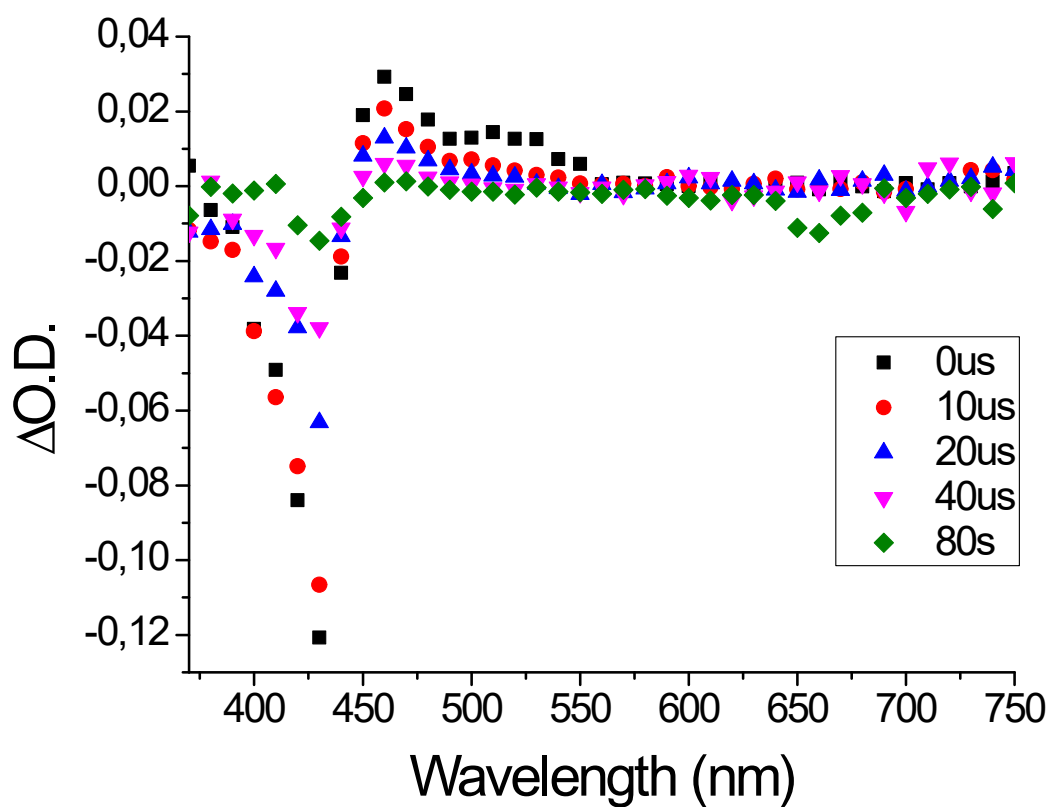


Figure S13. Transition absorption spectrum of **Zn-Pyro** at $t = 0, 10, 20, 40$ and $80 \mu\text{s}$ under argon atmosphere ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355 \text{ nm}$) in ACN.

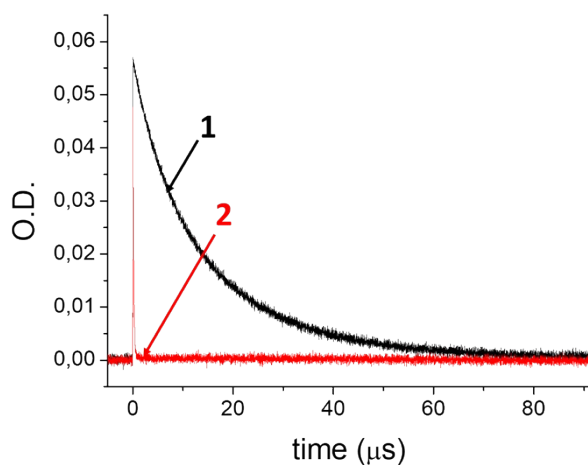


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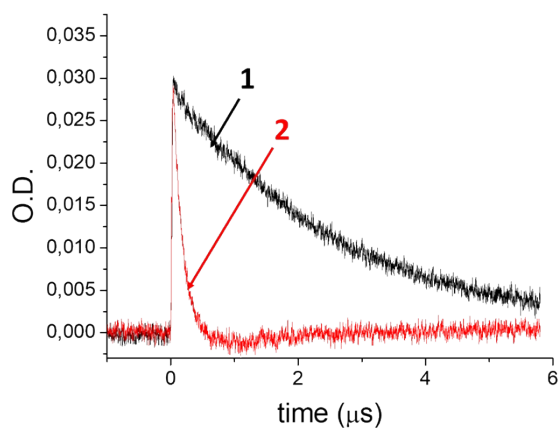
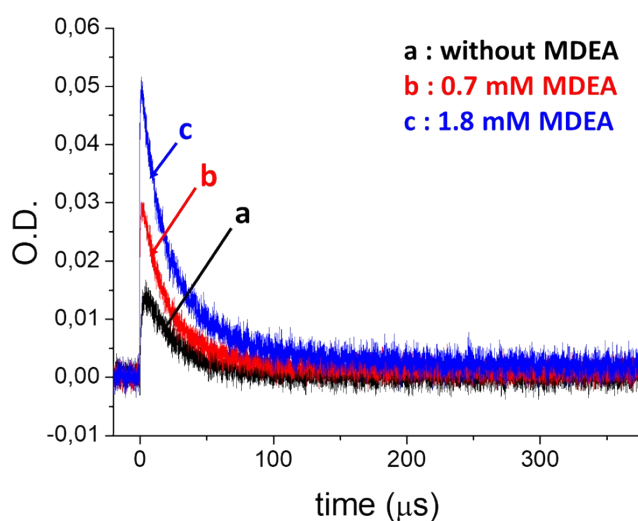


Figure S15. Transient absorption signal of **Zn-Pyro** at 460 nm (1) under argon atmosphere and (2) in oxygen-saturated conditions in ACN.



Figures S16. Transient absorption signal of **Zn-Pyro** in presence of different concentrations of MDEA at 460 nm in ACN.

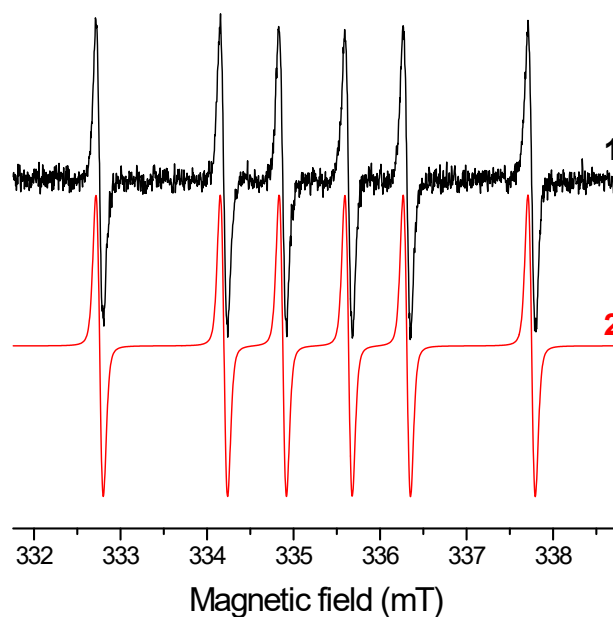


Figure S17. The normalized experimental (1) and simulated (2) EPR spectra obtained upon 450-s *in situ* LED@400 nm exposure of **Pyro**/Iod/ACN solutions in the presence of DMPO spin trap under argon. EPR spectrometer settings: microwave frequency, ~ 9.443 GHz; microwave power, 10.03 mW; center field, ~ 335.3 mT; sweep width, 7 mT; gain, 1.00×10^5 ; modulation amplitude, 0.025 mT; sweep time, 45 s; time constant, 10.24 ms; number of scans, 10.

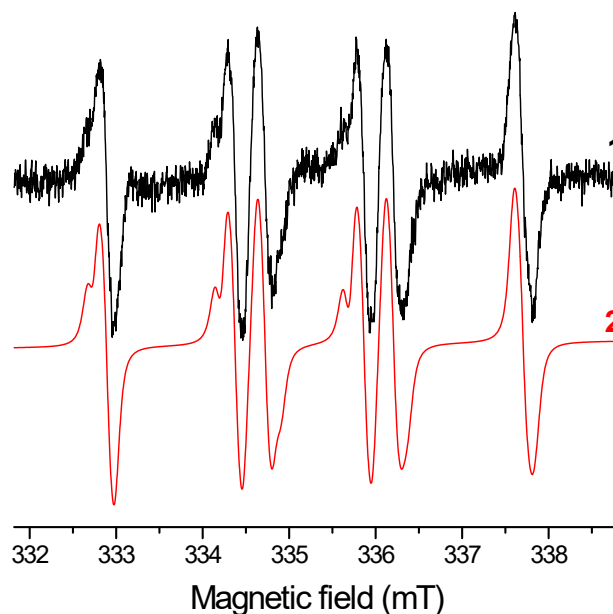


Figure S18. The normalized experimental (1) and simulated (2) EPR spectra obtained upon 1350-s *in situ* LED@400 nm exposure of **Pyro**/MDEA/ACN solutions in the presence of DMPO spin trap under argon. EPR spectrometer settings: microwave frequency, ~ 9.443 GHz;

microwave power, 10.01 mW; center field, ~ 335.3 mT; sweep width, 7 mT; gain, 1.00×10^5 ; modulation amplitude, 0.1 mT; sweep time, 45 s; time constant, 10.24 ms; number of scans, 10.

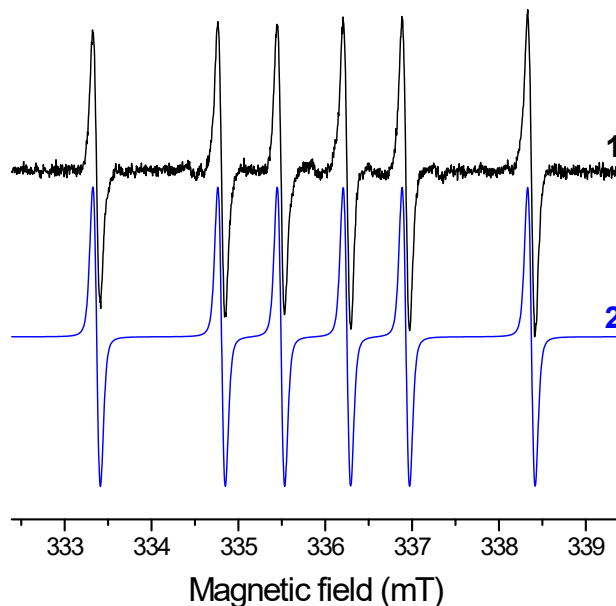


Figure S19. The normalized experimental (1) and simulated (2) EPR spectra obtained upon 450-s *in situ* LED@400 nm exposure of **ZnPyro**/Iod/ACN solutions in the presence of DMPO spin trap under argon. EPR spectrometer settings: microwave frequency, ~ 9.430 GHz; microwave power, 10.77 mW; center field, ~ 335.8 mT; sweep width, 7 mT; gain, 1.00×10^4 ; modulation amplitude, 0.025 mT; sweep time, 45 s; time constant, 10.24 ms; number of scans, 10.

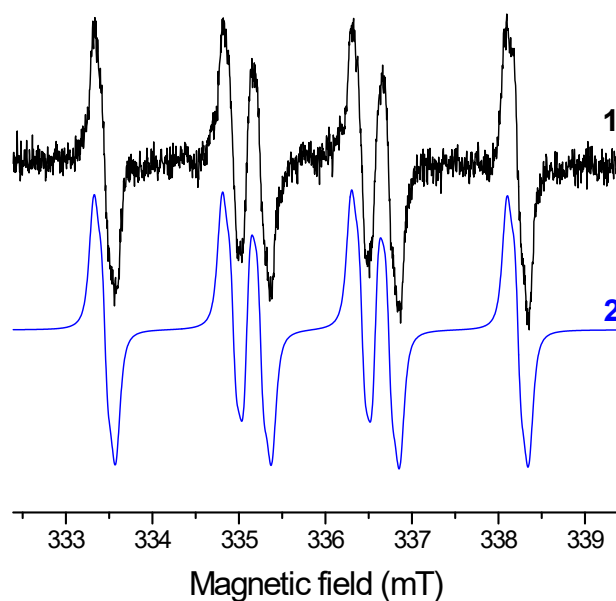


Figure S20. The normalized experimental (1) and simulated (2) EPR spectra obtained upon 1125-s *in situ* LED@400 nm exposure of **ZnPyro**/MDEA/ACN solutions in the presence of DMPO spin trap under argon. EPR spectrometer settings: microwave frequency, ~ 9.428 GHz; microwave power, 10.62 mW; center field, ~ 335.8 mT; sweep width, 7 mT; gain, 1.00×10^5 ; modulation amplitude, 0.05 mT; sweep time, 45 s; time constant, 10.24 ms; number of scans, 10.

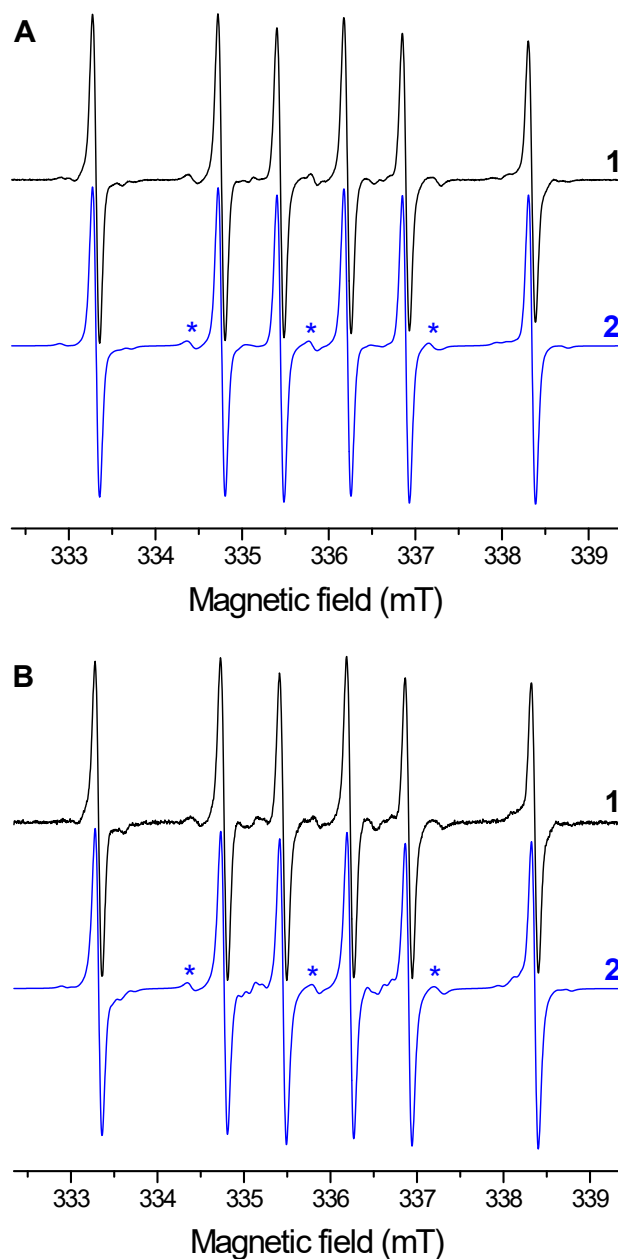


Figure S21. The normalized experimental (1) and simulated (2) EPR spectra obtained in **ZnPyro**/Iod/MDEA/ACN solutions in the presence of DMPO spin trap under argon upon *in situ* LED@400 nm exposure: (A) 225 s; (B) 1125 s. EPR spectrometer settings: microwave frequency, ~ 9.429 GHz; microwave power, 10.75 mW; center field, ~ 335.9 mT; sweep width, 7 mT; gain, 1.00×10^4 ; modulation amplitude, 0.025 mT; sweep time, 45 s; time constant, 10.24 ms; number of scans, 5. The three-line signal (*) represents DMPO degradation product.

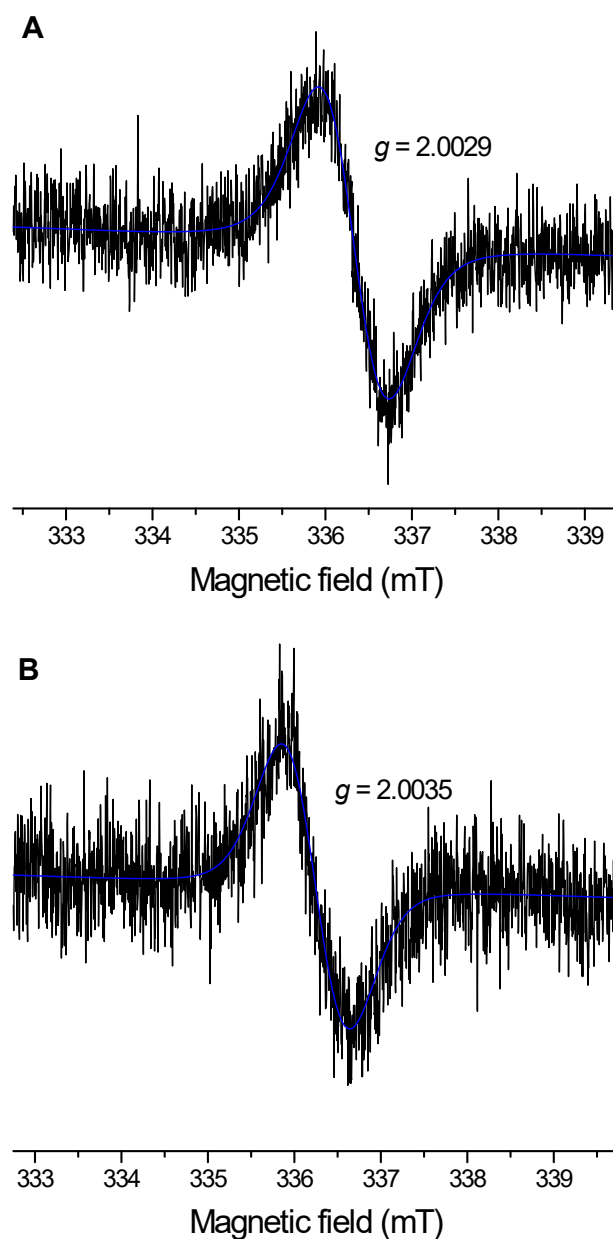


Figure S22. The normalized EPR spectra obtained upon 225 s *in situ* LED@400 nm exposure of photoinitiating systems in acetonitrile under argon: **(A)** **ZnPyro/Iod**; **(B)** **ZnPyro/MDEA**. EPR spectrometer settings: microwave frequency, ~ 9.428 GHz; microwave power, 10.72 mW; center field, ~ 336.2 mT; sweep width, 7 mT; gain, 1.00×10^5 ; modulation amplitude, 0.1 mT; sweep time, 45 s; time constant, 10.24 ms; number of scans, 5.

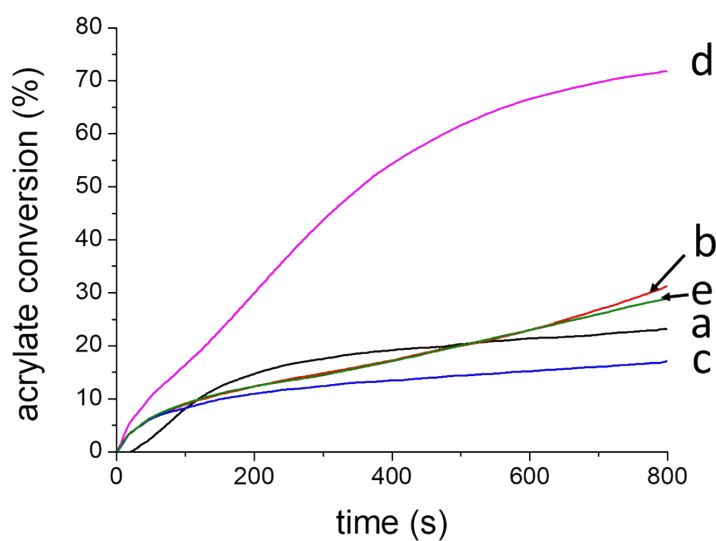


Figure S23. Kinetic profiles of PEGDA free-radical photopolymerization in the presence of PS/Cys (0.2%/0.8% w/w) with PS = **Pyro** (a) under air upon LED@405 nm, (b) under laminate upon LED@405 nm, (c) under laminate upon LED@455 nm or with PS = **Zn-Pyro** (d) under laminate upon LED@405 nm and (e) under laminate upon LED@455 nm.

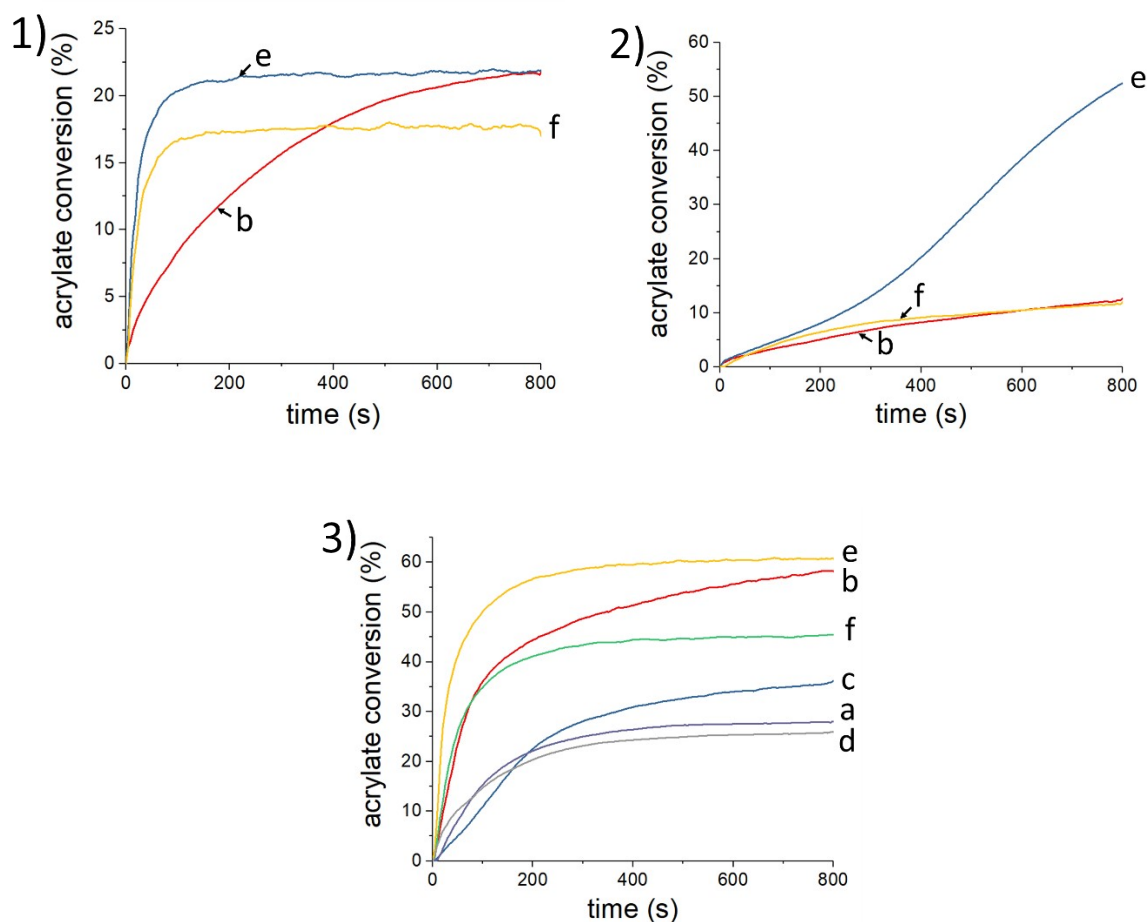


Figure S24. Kinetic profiles of PEGDA free-radical photopolymerization in the presence of (1) PS/MDEA (0.2%/0.8% w/w), (2) PS/Iod (0.2%/3% w/w) and (3) PS/Iod/MDEA (0.2%/3%/0.8% w/w/w) with PS = **Pyro** (a) under air upon LED@625 nm, (b) under laminate upon LED@625 nm, (c) under laminate upon LED@660 nm or with PS = **Zn-Pyro** (d) under air upon LED@625 nm, (e) under laminate upon LED@625 nm, and (f) under laminate upon LED@660 nm.

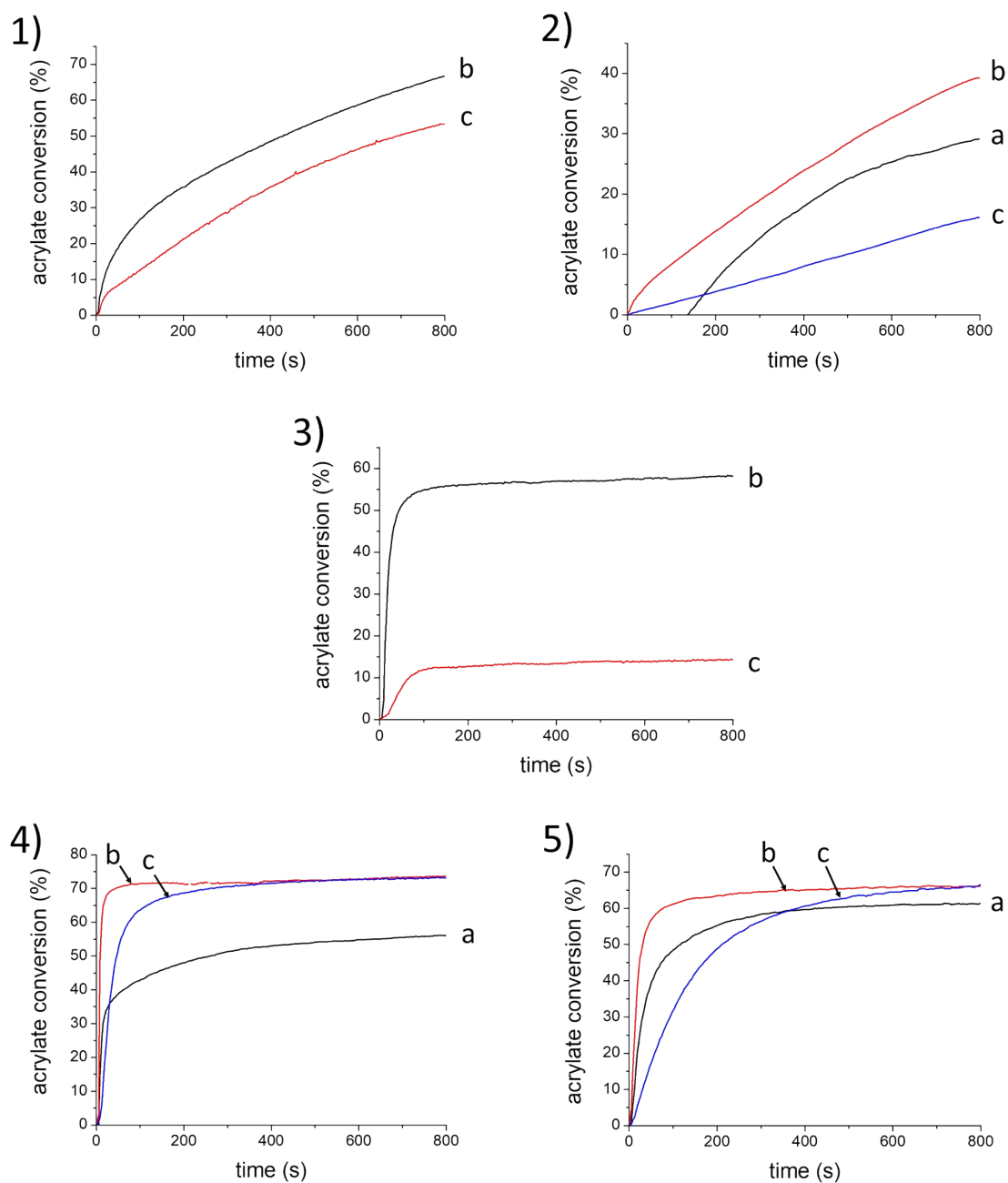


Figure S25. Kinetic study of PEGDA free-radical photopolymerization in the presence of (1) TPP/MDEA (0.2%/0.8% w/w), (2) TPP/Cys (0.2%/0.8% w/w), (3) TPP/Iod (0.2%/3% w/w), (4) TPP/Iod/MDEA (0.2%/3%/0.8% w/w/w) and (5) TPP/Iod/Cys (0.2%/3%/0.8% w/w/w) (a) under air upon LED@405 nm, (b) under laminate upon LED@405 nm, (c) under laminate upon LED@455 nm.

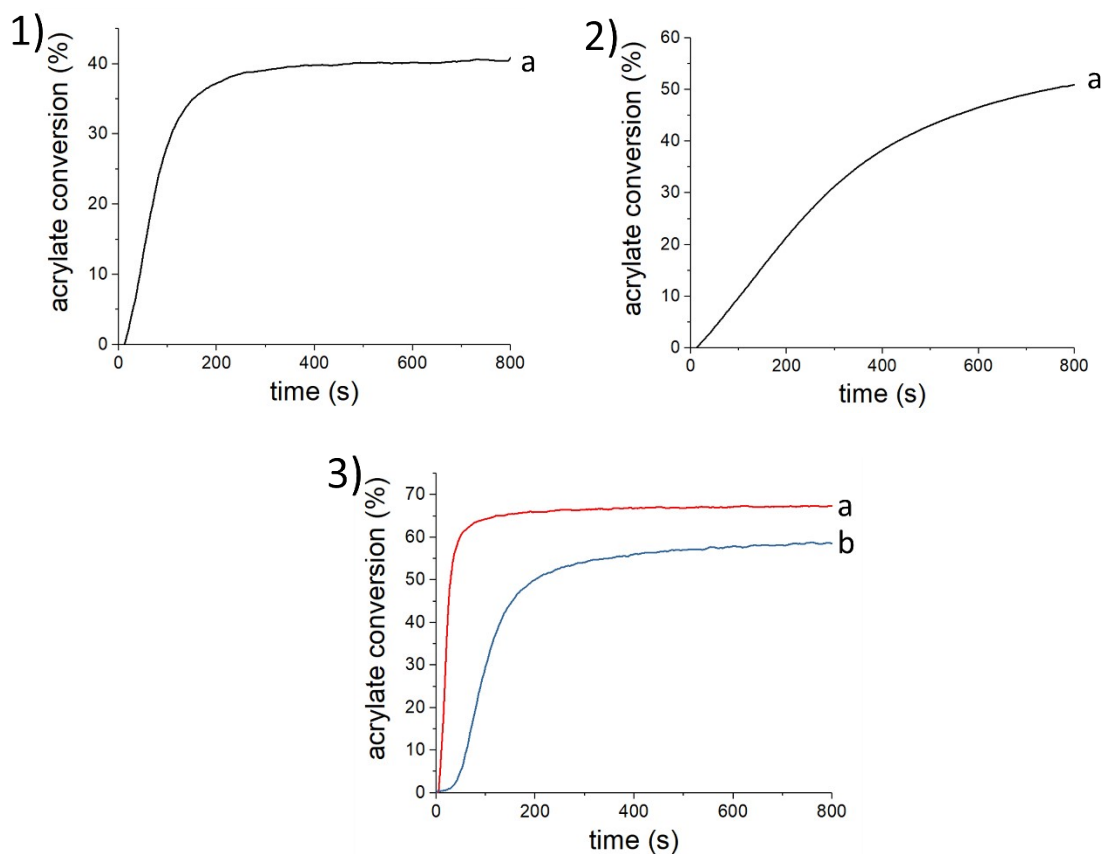


Figure S26. Kinetic study of PEGDA free-radical photopolymerization in the presence of (1) TPP/MDEA (0.2%/0.8% w/w), (2) TPP/Iod (0.2%/3% w/w), and (3) TPP/Iod/MDEA (0.2%/3%/0.8% w/w/w) (a) under laminate upon LED@625 nm, (c) under laminate upon LED@660 nm.

TABLES

Table S1. The spin-Hamiltonian parameters of DMPO spin-adducts elucidated from the simulations of the experimental EPR spectra measured upon LED@400 nm irradiation of **Pyro** and **ZnPyro** in the deoxygenated acetonitrile solutions

DMPO-adduct	a_N (mT)	a_H (mT)	g -factor
•DMPO-phenyl(4-methyl) ^a	1.454±0.009	2.134±0.009 (H^β)	2.0059±0.0001
•DMPO-CR(aminoalkyl)	1.494±0.006	1.804±0.014 (H^β) 0.103±0.010 (H^γ) 0.078(±0.010 H^γ)	2.0059±0.0001

^a ¹³C satellites in mT: 0.807±0.012, 0.757±0.015, 0.618±0.015, 0.557±0.012¹

Table S2. Initial rates of PEGDA polymerization ($R_p/[M]_0$) × 10² in the presence of systems (1) PS/amine (0.2%/0.8% w/w), (2) PS/Iod (0.2%/3% w/w) and (3) PS/Iod/amine (0.2%/3%/0.8% w/w/w) with PS = **Pyro** or **Zn-Pyro**

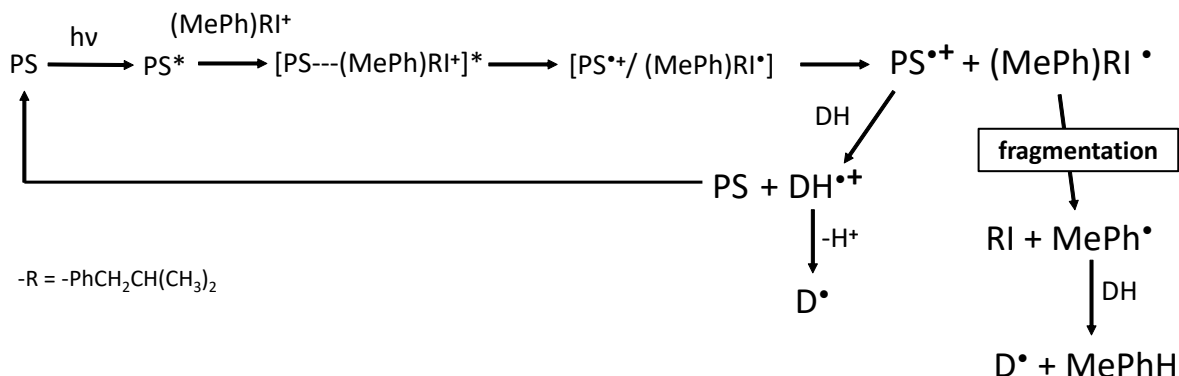
Photoinitiating systems	405 nm	455 nm	625 nm	660 nm
(1) PS/amine				
TPP/MDEA	np ^a , 0.89 ^b	np ^a , 0.31 ^b	np ^a , 0.12 ^b	np ^a , np ^b
TPP/Cys	0.09 ^a , 0.14 ^b	np ^a , 0.02 ^b	-	-
Pyro /MDEA	0.05 ^a , 0.94 ^b	np ^a , 0.01 ^b	np ^a , 0.03 ^b	np ^a , np ^b
Pyro /Cys	0.11 ^a , 0.18 ^b	np ^a , 0.18 ^b	-	-
Zn-Pyro /MDEA	np ^a , 0.05 ^b	np ^a , np ^b	np ^a , 0.04 ^b	np ^a , 0.03 ^b
Zn-Pyro /Cys	np ^a , 0.27 ^b	np ^a , 0.18 ^b	-	-
(2) PS/Iod				
TPP/Iod	np ^a , 2.45 ^b	np ^a , 0.24 ^b	np ^a , 0.32 ^b	np ^a , np ^b
Pyro /Iod	np ^a , 0.08 ^b	np ^a , 0.08 ^b	np ^a , 0.18 ^b	np ^a , np ^b
Zn-Pyro /Iod	np ^a , 4.00 ^b	np ^a , 1.23 ^b	np ^a , 0.72 ^b	np ^a , 0.52 ^b
(3) PS/Iod/amine				
TPP/Iod/MDEA	3.67 ^a , 16.20 ^b	np ^a , 1.00 ^b	np ^a , 1.78 ^b	np ^a , 0.04 ^b

TPP/Iod/Cys	1.28 ^a , 2.9 ^b	np ^a , 0.34 ^b	-	-
Pyro/Iod/MDEA	np ^a , 3.77 ^b	np ^a , 0.96 ^b	0.22 ^a , 0.46 ^b	np ^a , 0.10 ^b
Pyro/Iod/DMA	0.15 ^a , 0.62 ^b	np ^a , 0.09 ^b	-	-
Pyro/Iod/BDMA	np ^a , 2.98 ^b	np ^a , 2.75 ^b	-	-
Pyro/Iod/Ribo	np ^a , 0.25 ^b	np ^a , 0.07 ^b	-	-
Pyro/Iod/Cys	0.18 ^a , 0.18 ^b	np ^a , 0.54 ^b	-	-
Pyro/Iod/Argi	0.33 ^a , 0.98 ^b	np ^a , 0.21 ^b	-	-
Zn-Pyro/IodMDEA	0.37 ^a , 10.93 ^b	1.79 ^a , 9.73 ^b	0.30 ^a , 1.13 ^b	np ^a , 0.60 ^b
Zn-Pyro/Iod/DMA	0.27 ^a , 2.36 ^b	np ^a , 6.27 ^b	-	-
Zn-Pyro/Iod/BDMA	np ^a , 4.53 ^b	np ^a , 9.63 ^b	-	-
Zn-Pyro/Iod/Ribo	np ^a , 1.00 ^b	np ^a , 0.20 ^b	-	-
Zn-Pyro/Iod/Cys	2.60 ^a , 6.05 ^b	0.16 ^a , 2.61 ^b	-	-
Zn-Pyro/Iod/Argi	np ^a , 2.51 ^b	np ^a , 1.67 ^b	-	-

Table S3. Oxidation potentials of amine co-initiators (V).

	E_{ox} (V)
MDEA	1.0 ²
DMA	0.8 ³
BDMA	0.74 ⁴
Ribo	1.5 ⁵
Cys	0.92 ⁶
Argi	0.65 ⁷

SCHEMES



Scheme S1. Photooxidizable mechanism of initiation by a three-component photoinitiating system.

EQUATIONS

Equation S1. Rehm-Weller equation.

$$\Delta G_{\text{et}} = F \times (E_{\text{ox}}(\text{Donor}) - E_{\text{red}}(\text{Acceptor})) - E_{\text{S}} (\text{or } E_{\text{T}}) + \Delta E_{\text{c}} \quad (\text{S1})$$

with E_{ox} (Donor), E_{red} (Acceptor), E_{S} (or E_{T}), ΔE_{c} and F are respectively the oxidation potential of the donor (MDEA, **Pyro** or **ZnPyro**), the reduction potential of the acceptor (Iod, Pyro or ZnPyro), the excited singlet (or triplet) state energy of the sensitizer (**Pyro** or **Zn-Pyro**), the Coulombic stabilization energy (negligible for most systems) and Faraday constant.

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