

Supporting Information:

Boosting Sulfides Photooxidation by Fusing Naphthalimide and Flavin together

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1 General Information

All the chemicals used in synthesis were of analytical purity and were used as received. Solvents were dried and distilled before used for synthesis.

Analytical Measurements. All chemicals are analytically pure and used as received. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer and Bruker 500 MHz spectrometer with CDCl_3 , DMSO-d_6 as solvents and tetramethylsilane (TMS) as standard at 0.00 ppm. HRMS were measured with a G6224A (Agilent, U.S.).

Spectroscopic Measurements. Absorption spectrum were recorded on an UV2550 UV-Vis spectrophotometer (Shimadzu, Japan). Fluorescence spectra were measured on an FS5 spectrophotometer (Edinburgh Instruments, UK). Fluorescence lifetimes were measured with an OB920 luminescence lifetime spectrometer (Edinburgh Instruments, UK). The nanosecond transient absorption spectra were measured on LP920 laser flash photolysis spectrometer (Edinburgh Instruments, UK). Luminescence Quantum Yield were measured with an C13534-11 Quantaaurus-QY Plus (Hamamatsu Photonics, Japan).

Preparation of Sample Solution for Spectroscopic Measurements. The compound was dissolved in a small amount of solvent in a 5 mL volumetric flask and then toluene was added to get 5 mL solution (1.0×10^{-3} M).

Measurement of Singlet Oxygen Quantum Yield (Φ_{Δ}).

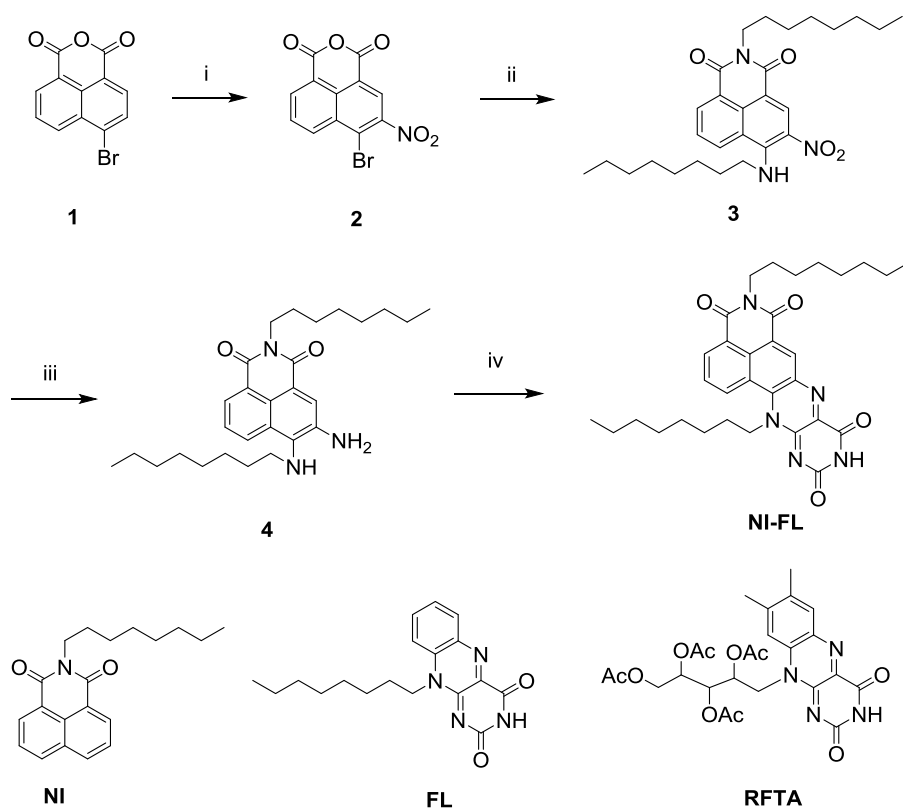
The excited photosensitizer reacts with O_2 to produce singlet oxygen ($^1\text{O}_2$). 1,3-Diphenylisobenzofuran (DPBF) was used as $^1\text{O}_2$ scavenger and the $^1\text{O}_2$ produced was monitored by absorbance of DPBF at 414 nm. Xenon lamp (350 nm) was used

for measurement of Φ_{Δ} . In measurements, DPBF was firstly dissolved to make a solution. A certain volume of this DPBF solution was used to make a 3 mL solution and the absorbance at 414 nm was normalized to 1. Then, the same amount of DPBF solution was used in the whole measurement. The dosage of photosensitizer was determined by the absorbance at 350 nm. The amount of photosensitizers (unknown sample or standard $[\text{Ru}(\text{Bpy})_3]^{2+}$) used was adjusted according to the absorbance at 350 nm (A_{unk} or A_{std}), so that the solutions of the unknown sample and the standard should give the same absorbance at 350 nm. To yield reasonable results, the absorbance of sample and standard should be $0.2\sim 0.3 \text{ L}\times\text{mol}^{-1}\times\text{cm}^{-1}$. Then, DPBF was added and the absorbance was measured with respect to radiation time. According to the UV-Vis absorption spectra of the sample after adding DPBF, the slopes (m_{unk} or m_{std}) of the absorbance of DPBF changing over time at 414 nm can be obtained. The Φ_{Δ} of the sample can be calculated according to Eq. 1.

$$\Phi_{\Delta,\text{unk}} = \Phi_{\Delta,\text{std}} \left(\frac{A_{\text{std}}}{A_{\text{unk}}} \right) \left(\frac{m_{\text{unk}}}{m_{\text{std}}} \right) \left(\frac{\eta_{\text{unk}}}{\eta_{\text{std}}} \right)^2 \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

In Eq. 1, unk and std indicate the unknown sample and the standard, respectively. Φ_{Δ} , A , m , and η represent singlet oxygen quantum yield, absorbance of sample/standard in solution without DPBF at excitation wavelength (350 nm), slope of the change of absorbance of sample/standard + DPBF mixtures with time, and refractive index of the solvent used for measurement, respectively. As change of absorbance with respect to time were used in calculation of absolute values of the slopes, the absorbance of samples at 414 nm were not subtracted considering the absorbance of a sample is constant at steady state. $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}$ was used as standard ($\Phi_{\Delta} = 0.57$ in DCM).¹⁻⁴

2 Synthesis and Molecular Structure Characterization Data



Scheme S1. Synthesis of the compounds. (i) H_2SO_4 , NaNO_3 , $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 3 h ;(ii) n-octylamine, Et_3N , THF, $66\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 3 h ; (iii) SnCl_2 , concentrated hydrochloric acid, ethanol, refluxed, 3 h; (iv) Alloxan, boric acid, acetic acid glacial, $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 3 h.

Synthesis of the compound 2: Sodium nitrate (2.0 g, 23.4 mmol) was carefully added to 4-bromo-1,8-naphthalic anhydride (5.0 g, 18 mmol) in concentrated sulfuric acid (20 mL) , keeping the temperature at $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. After stirred for 3 h at $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and another 1 h in room temperature, the solution was poured into water and ice. The precipitate formed was filtered, washed with water and dried to obtain compound 2 (4.3 g). Yellow solid, yield: 74.8 %. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 8.92 (m, 1H), 8.84 (m, 1H), 8.82 (s, 1H), 8.10 (m, 1H).

Synthesis of the compound 3: n- octylamine (3.6 mL, 18 mmol) and triethylamine (0.9 mL) were dissolved in a solution of compound 2 (966 mg, 3.0 mmol) in THF (60 mL) under nitrogen. After stirred for 3 h at 66 °C, the solution was concentrated in vacuum and purified by column chromatography (silica gel; CH₂Cl₂ : Petroleum ether = 1: 1, v/v) to obtain compound 3 (1.3 g). Orange solid, yield: 87.5%. ¹H NMR (400MHz ,CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 9.89 (br. s., 1 H), 9.32 - 9.26 (m, 1 H), 8.71 - 8.61 (m, 2 H), 7.66 - 7.70 (m, 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.18 - 4.09 (m, 2 H), 3.94 – 3.97 (m, 2 H), 1.81 - 1.88 (m, 2 H), 1.75 - 1.65 (m, 2 H), 1.50 - 1.23 (m, 20 H), 0.93 - 0.80 (m, 6 H). ESI–TOF–HRMS ([C₂₈H₃₉N₃O₄-H]⁺): calcd. 480.2868; found 480.2865.

Synthesis of the compound NI-FL: Compound 3 (442 mg, 0.92 mmol) and SnCl₂ (1.7 g, 7.34 mmol) were added to the solution of concentrated hydrochloric acid (5.0 mL) and ethanol (5.0 mL) under nitrogen. After refluxed under nitrogen for 3 h, The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and then stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into water and ice and the solution adjusted to pH11 with 5 M NaOH. The Organic layer was washed with water, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated to give the compound 4 (354 mg) as a dark yellow solid. To the solution of compound 4 (354 mg) in glacial acetic, alloxan monohydrate (144 mg) and boric acid (80 mg) were added under nitrogen. After stirred for 3 h at 60 °C, The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuum and purified by column chromatography (silica gel; CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 40: 1, v/v) to obtain compound NI-FL(88 mg). Orange solid, yield: 17.2 %. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 9.51 (dd, J = 0.9, 8.4 Hz, 1

H), 8.79 (s, 1 H), 8.77 - 8.67 (m, 2 H), 8.15 - 8.05 (m, 1 H), 4.92 (br. s., 2 H), 4.27 - 4.14 (m, 2 H), 1.96 (quin, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 1.76 (quin, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.62 - 1.26 (m, 20 H), 0.95 - 0.81 (m, 6 H). ESI-TOF-HRMS ($[C_{32}H_{39}N_5O_4+H]^+$): calcd.558.3075; found 558.3072.

3 NMR and HRMS spectra

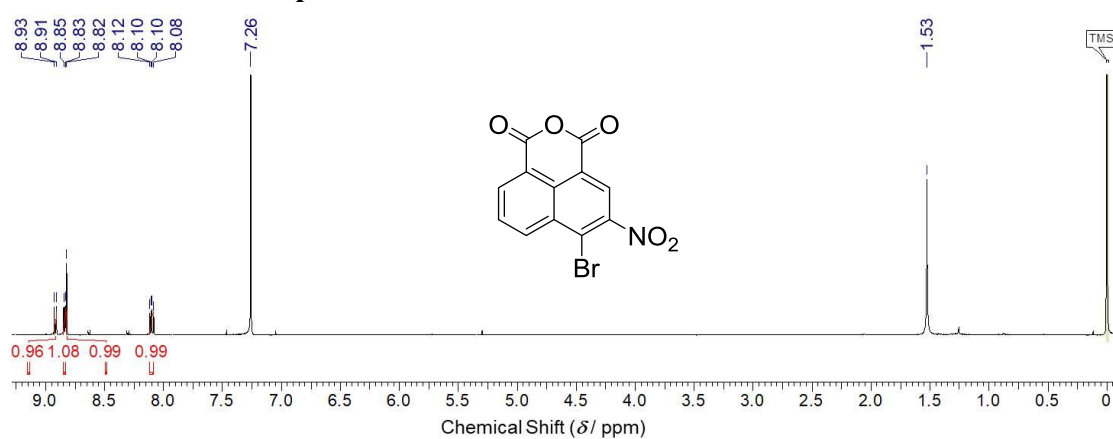


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of **2** (500 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C).

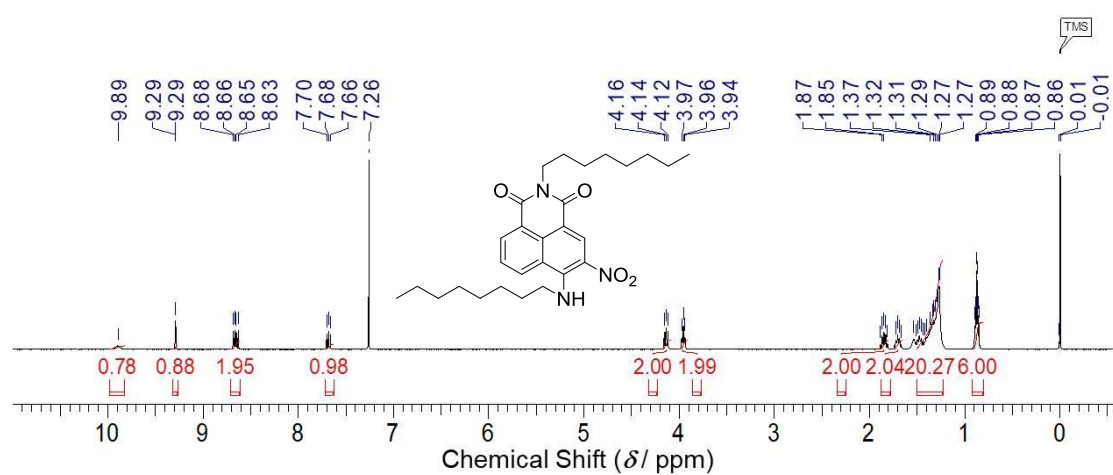


Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectrum of **3** (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C).

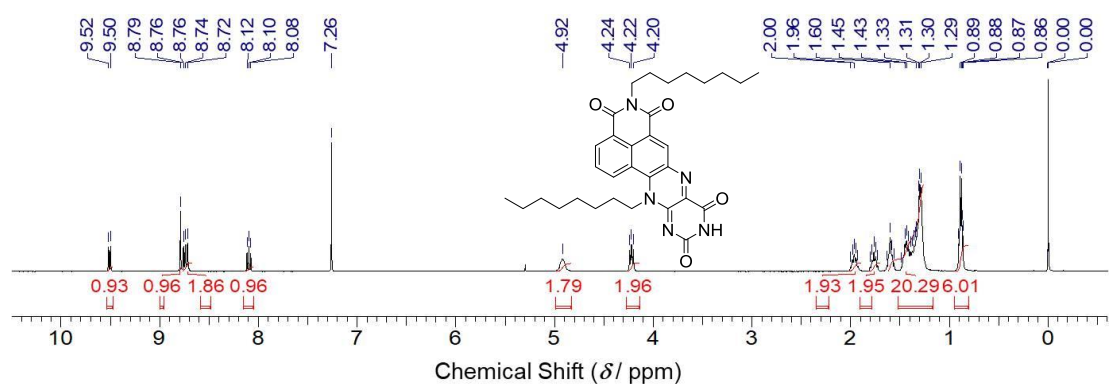
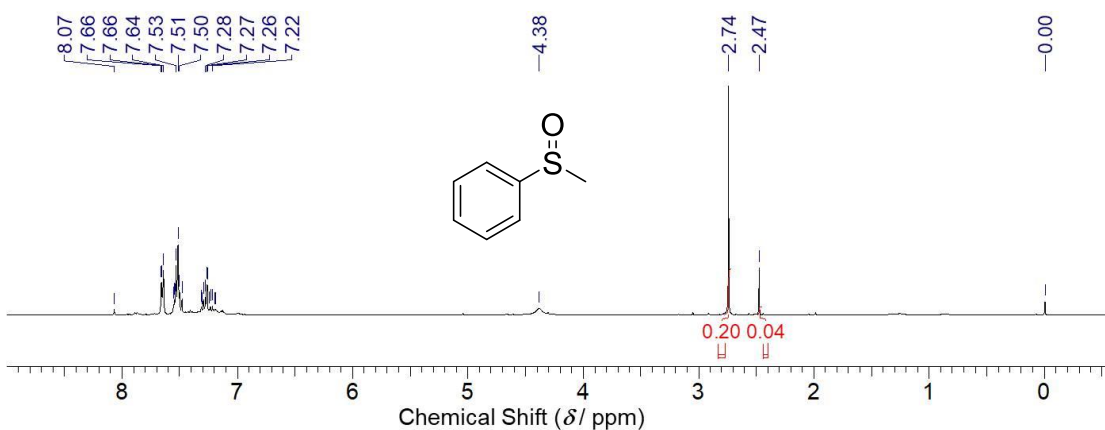
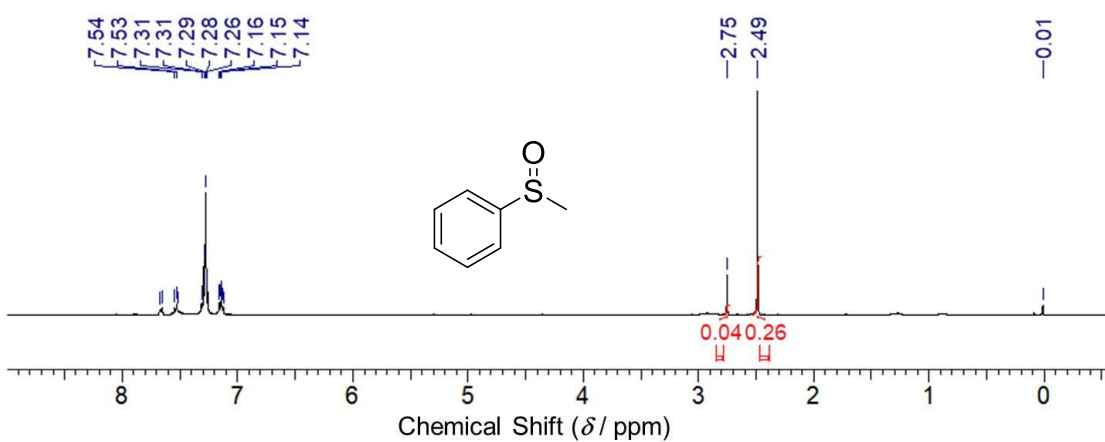
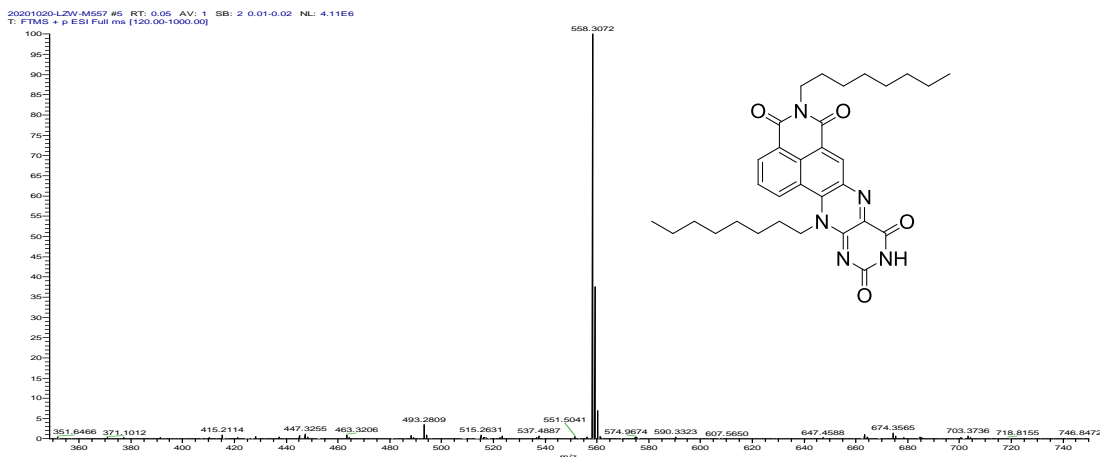


Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectrum of **NI-FL** (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C).



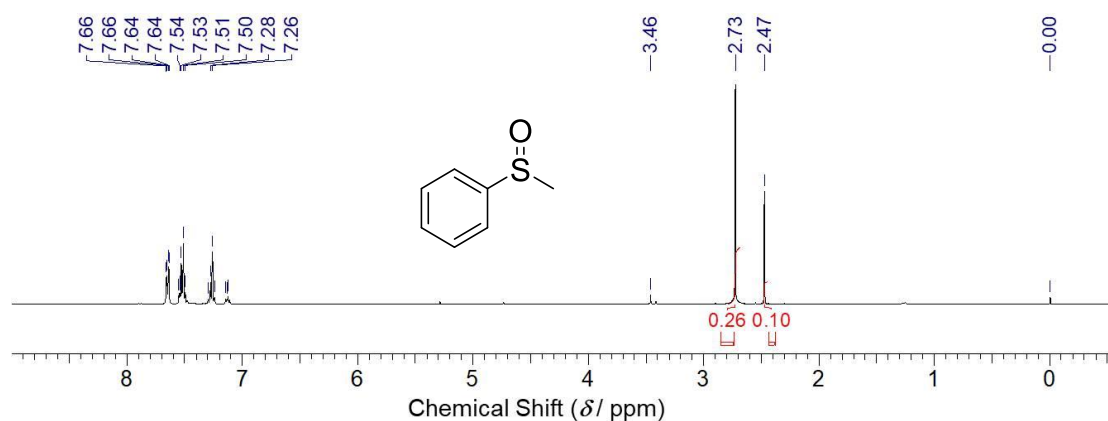


Figure S7. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeOH, reaction time 9 h. Yield: 72 %.

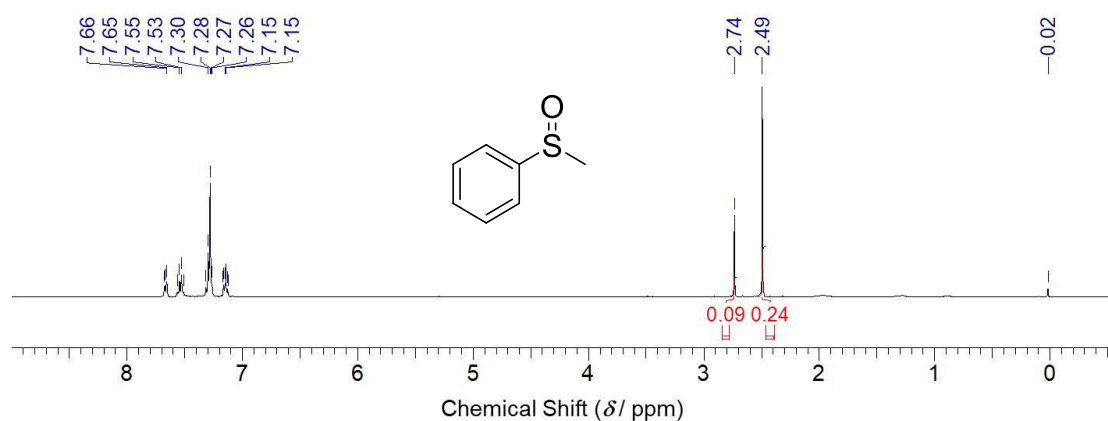


Figure S8. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in DCM/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 9 h. Yield: 27 %.

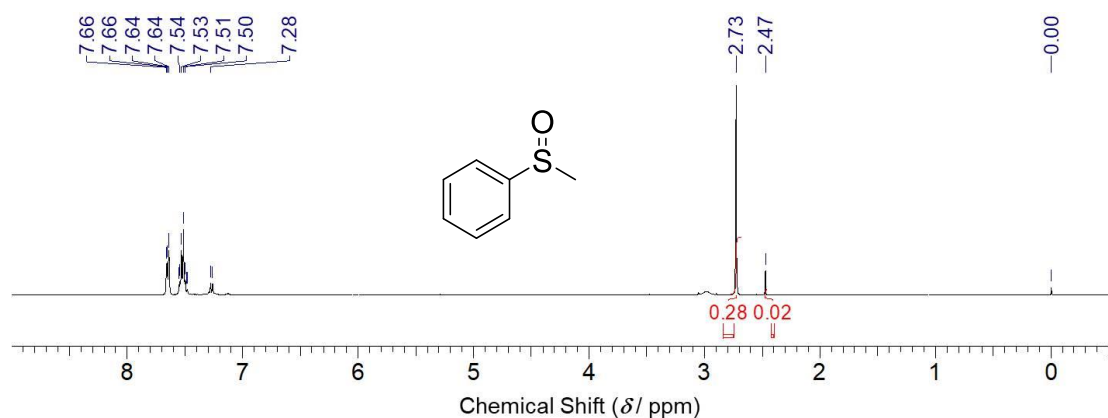


Figure S9. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 9 h. Yield: 93 %.

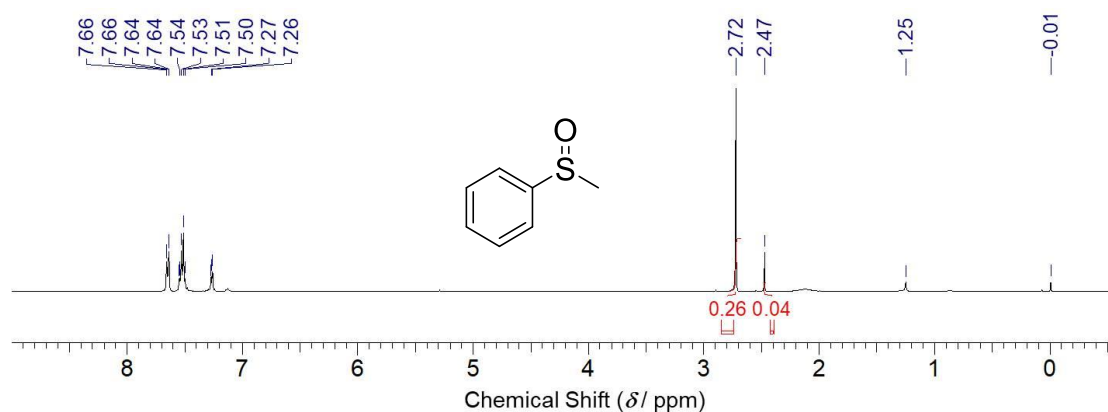


Figure S10. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/ H_2O 9:1 mixture, reaction time 9 h. Yield: 87 %.

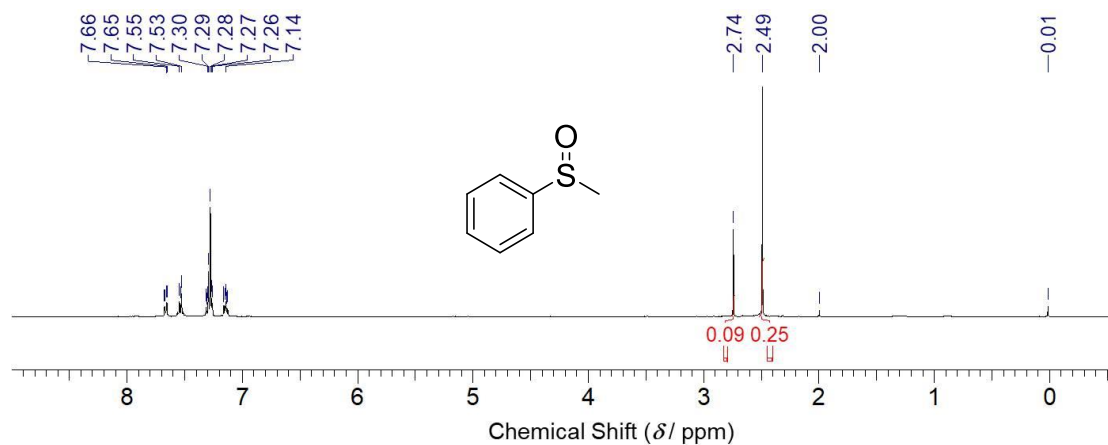


Figure S11. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (0.2 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 5 h. Yield: 27 %.

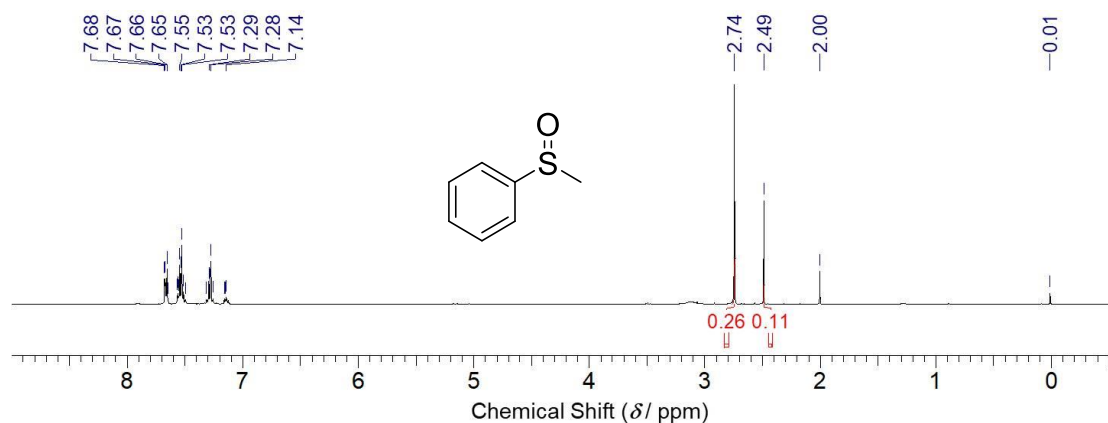


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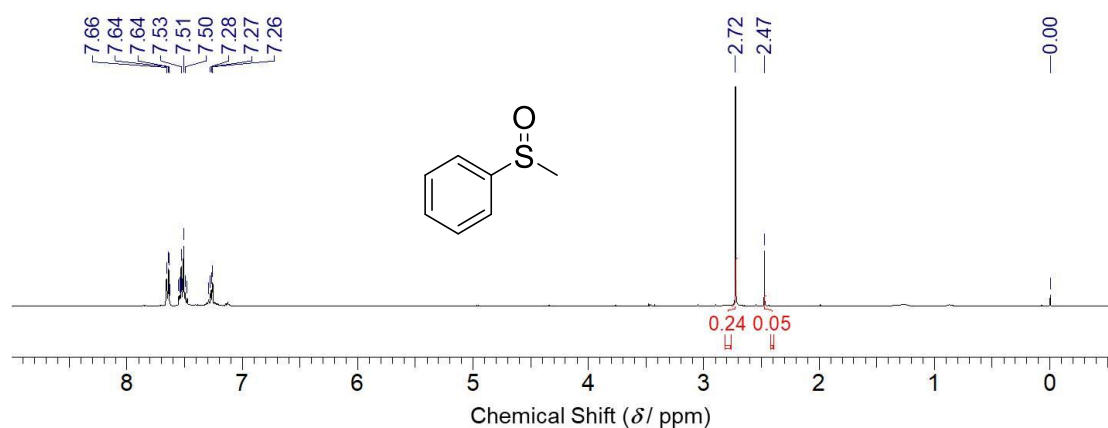


Figure S13. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (1 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 5 h. Yield: 83 %.

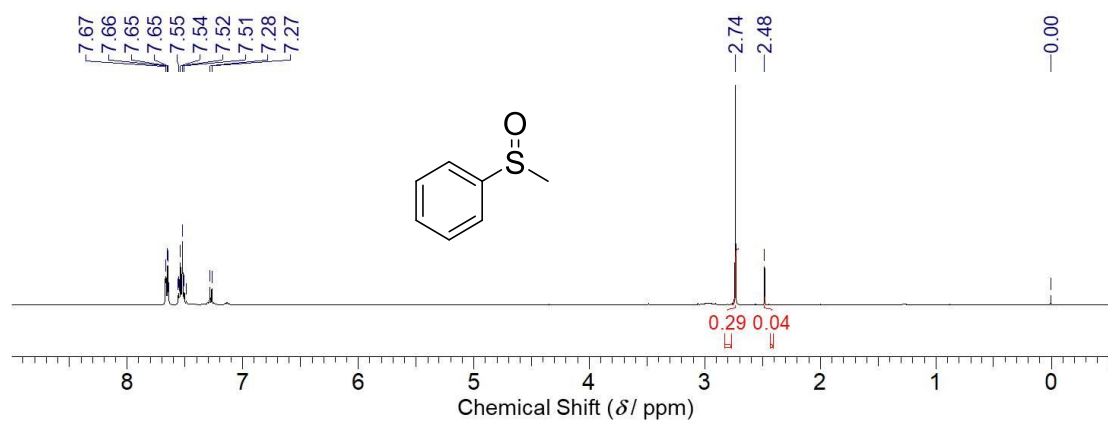


Figure S14. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (2 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 5 h. Yield: 88 %.

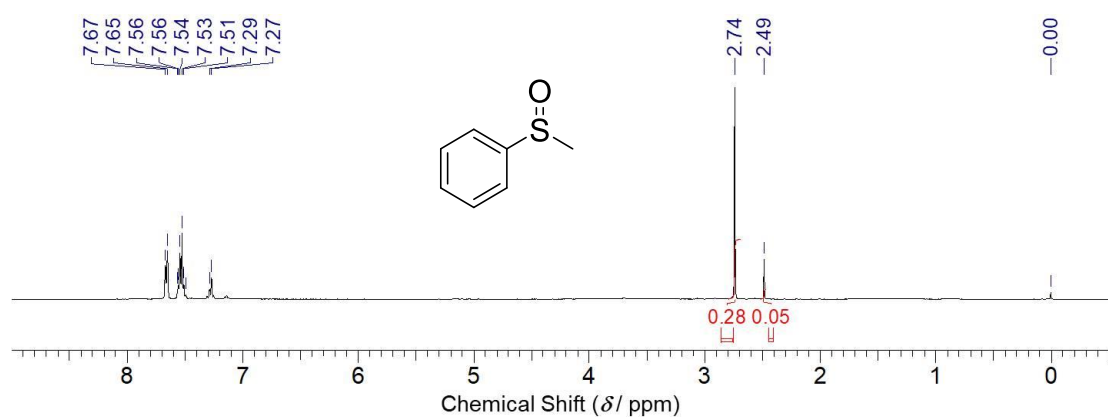


Figure S15. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 7 h. Yield: 85 %.

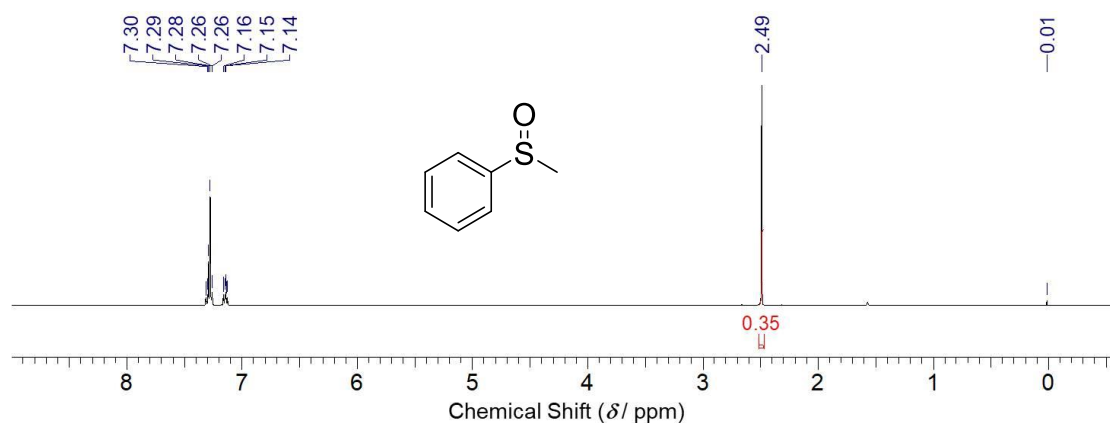


Figure S16. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 9 h, no light. Yield: 0 %.

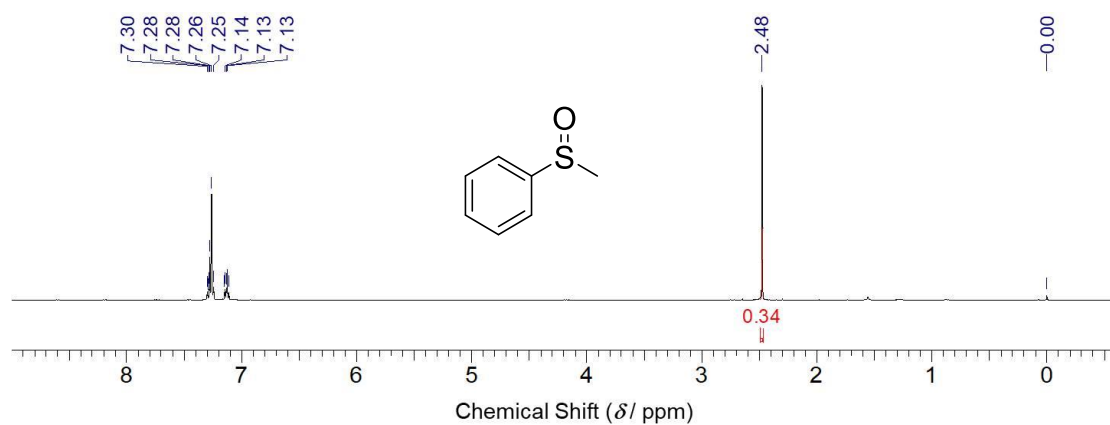


Figure S17. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). No **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 9 h. Yield: 0 %.

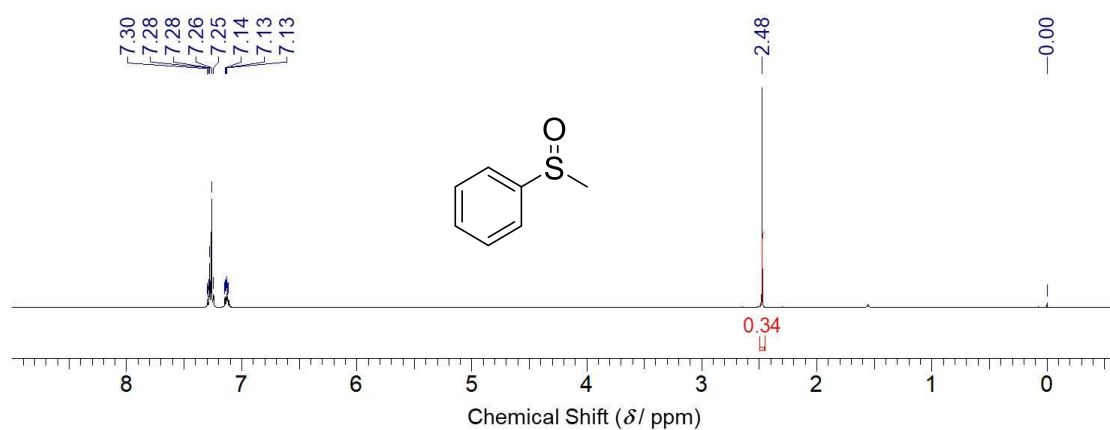


Figure S18. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). No **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 9 h, no light. Yield: 0 %.

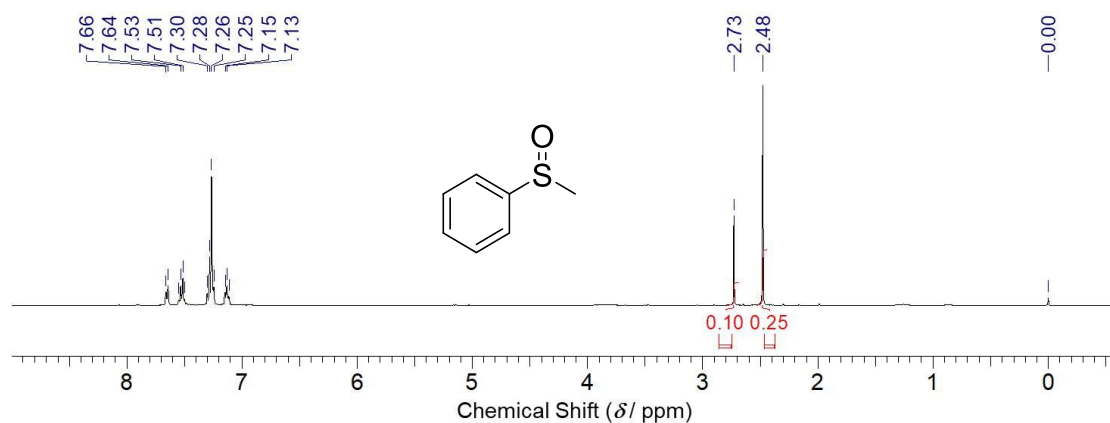


Figure S19. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **RFTA** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 7 h. Yield: 29 %.

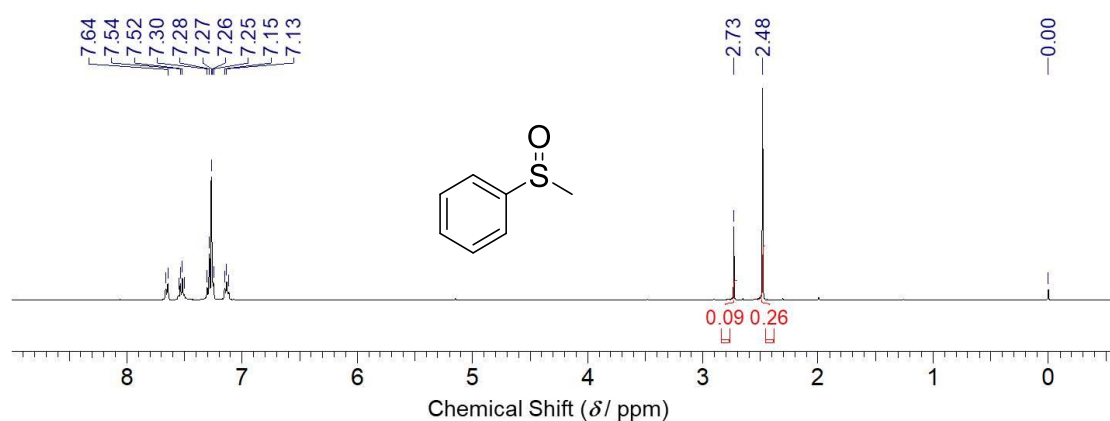


Figure S20. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 7 h. Yield: 26 %.

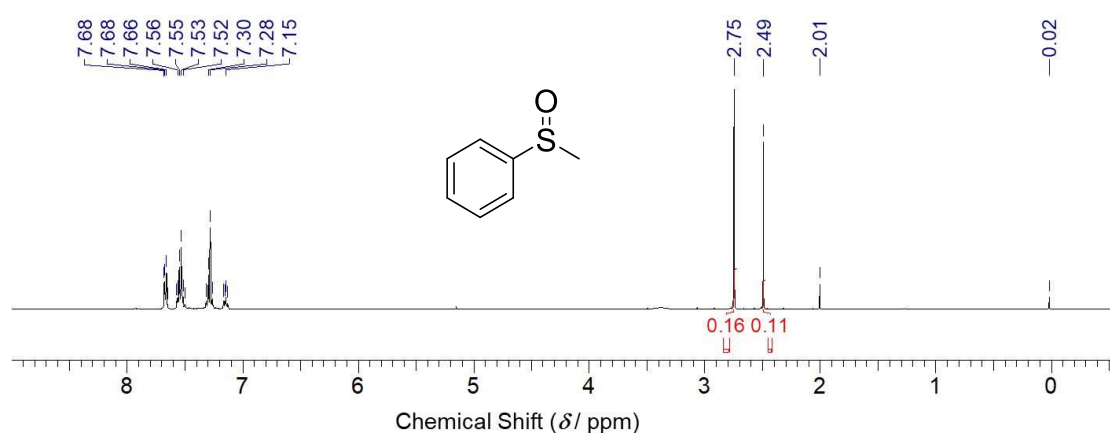


Figure S21. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **RFTA** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 9 h. Yield: 59 %.

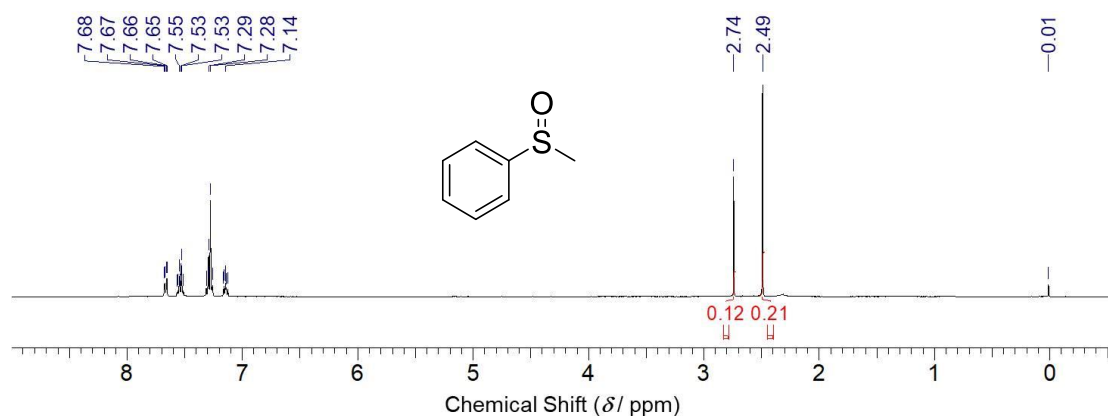


Figure S22. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 9 h. Yield: 36 %.

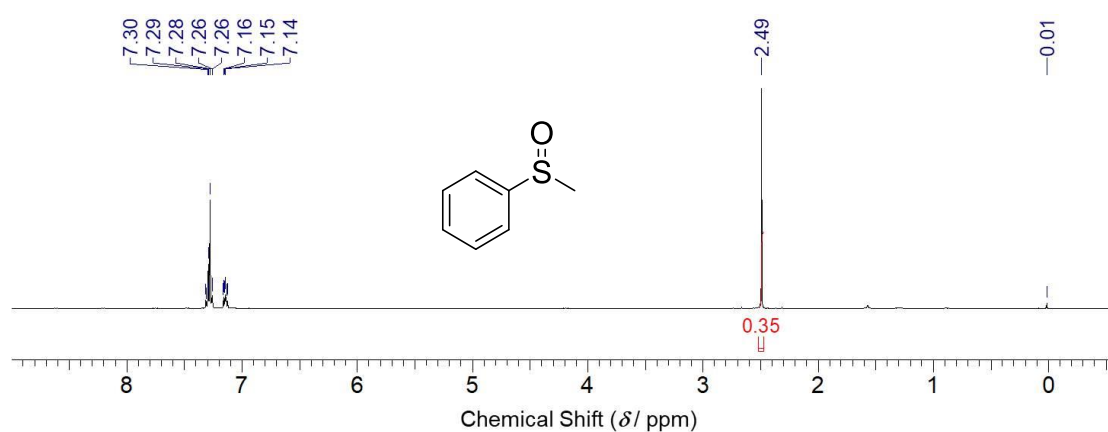


Figure S23. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 9 h. Yield: 0 %.

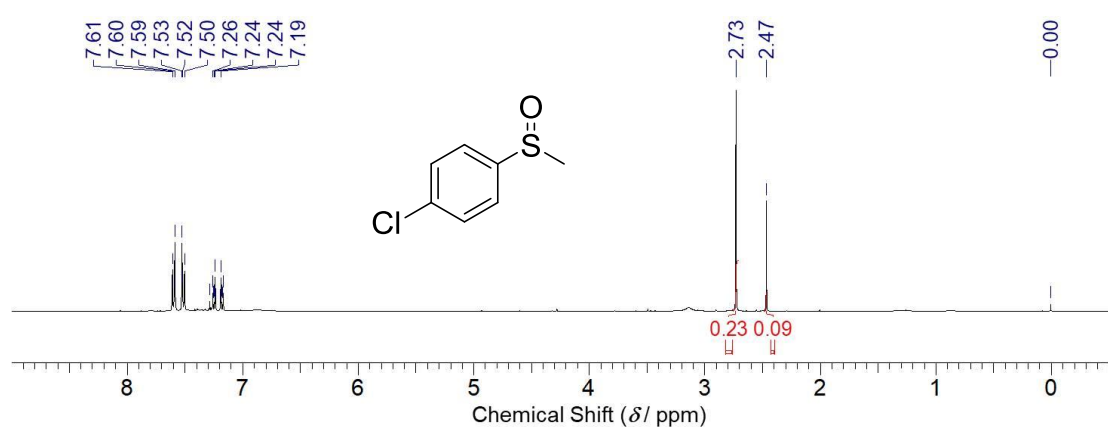


Figure S24. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 7 h 30 min. Yield: 72 %.

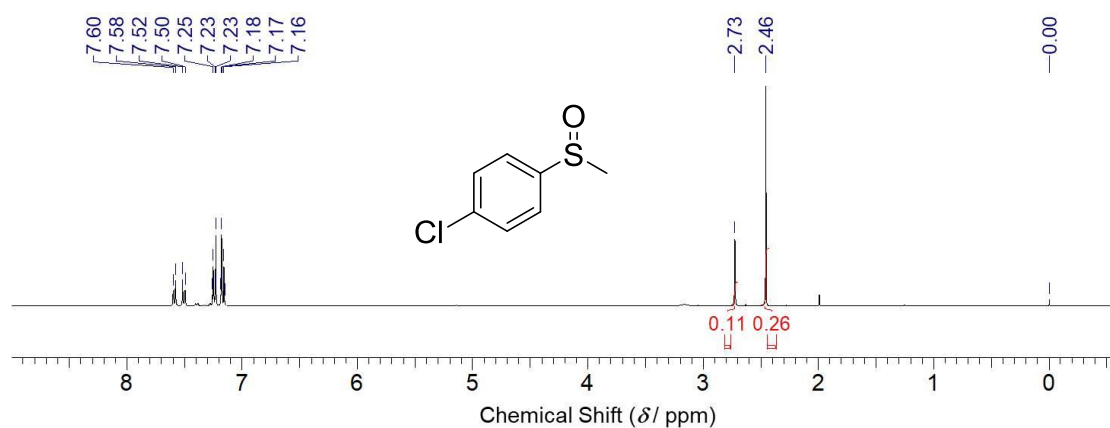


Figure S25. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **RFTA** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 7 h 30 min. Yield: 30 %.

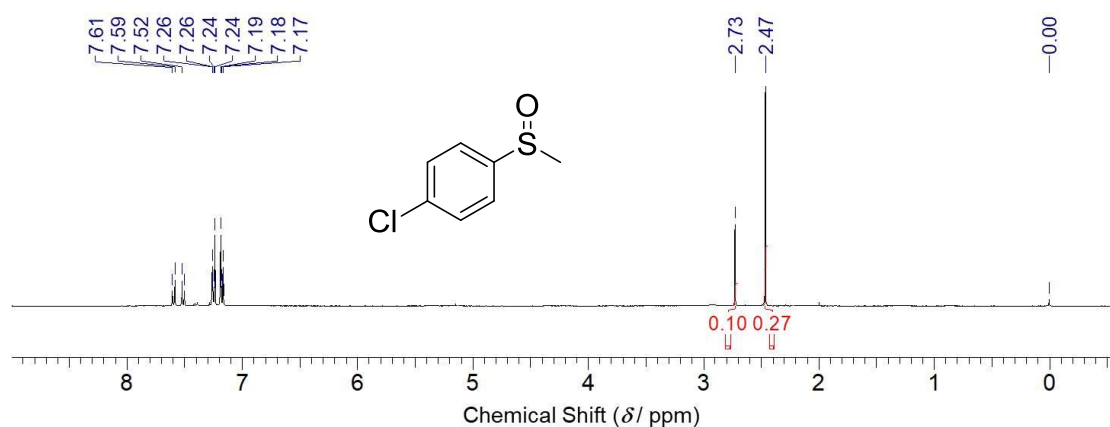


Figure S26. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 7 h 30 min. Yield: 27 %.

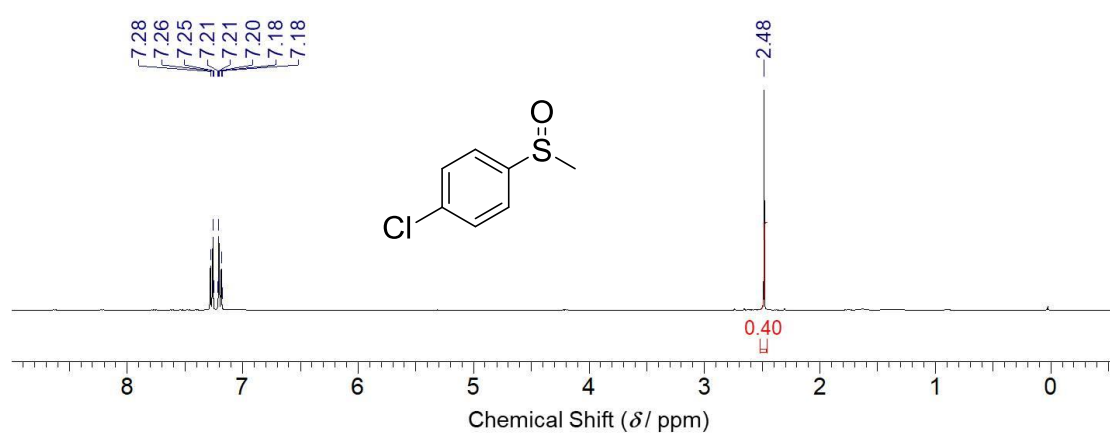


Figure S27. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 7 h 30 min. Yield: 0 %.

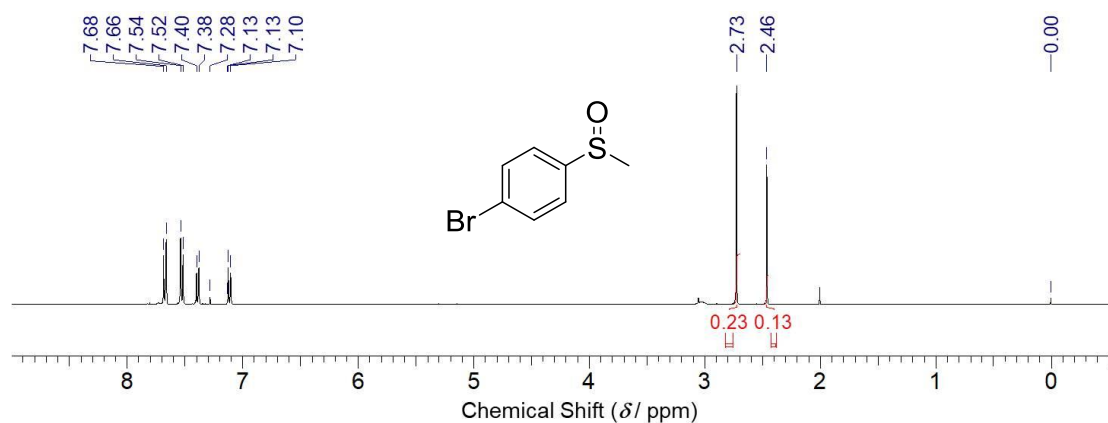


Figure S28. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 7 h 10 min. Yield: 64 %.

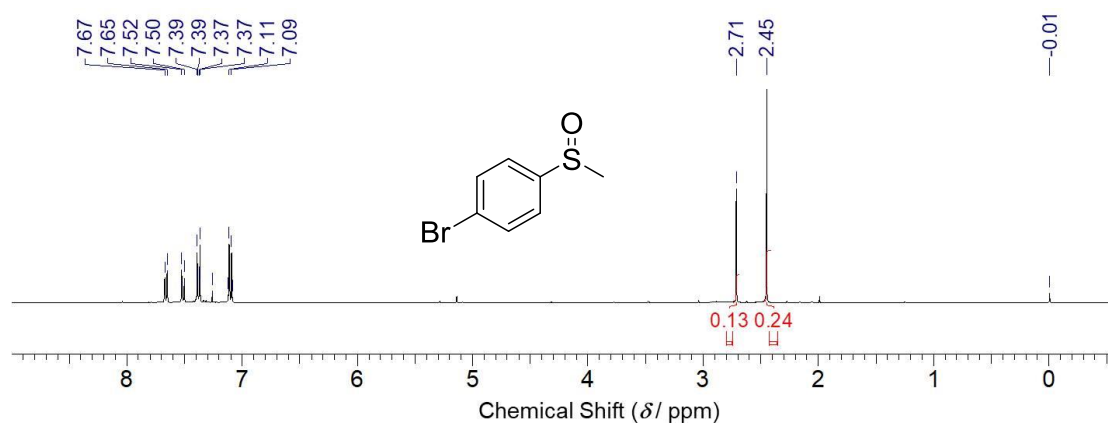


Figure S29. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **RFTA** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 7 h 10 min. Yield: 35 %.

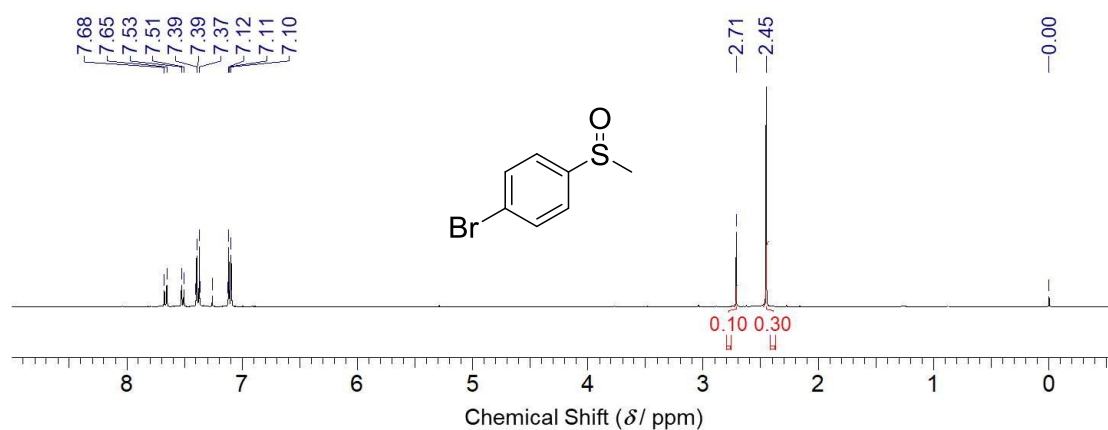


Figure S30. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 7 h 10 min. Yield: 25 %.

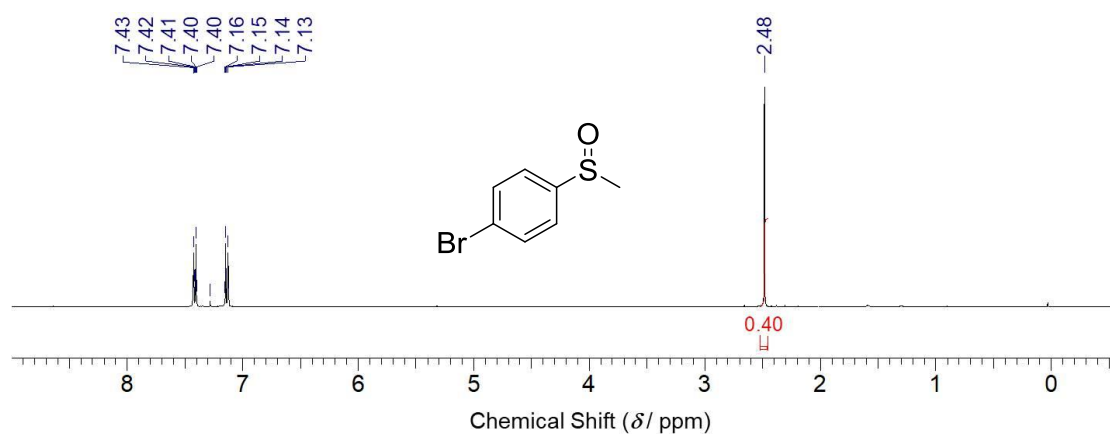


Figure S31. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 7 h 10 min. Yield: 0 %.

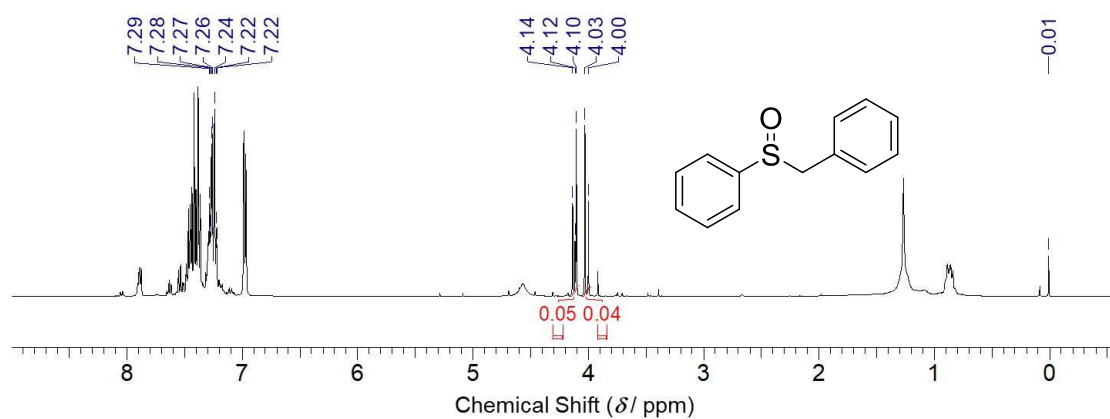


Figure S32. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 6 h 25 min. Yield: 0 %. Yield: 89 %.

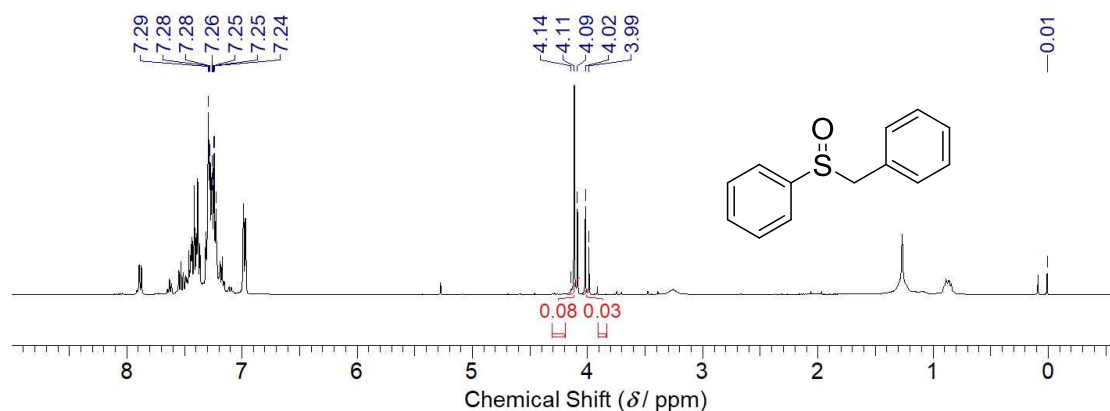


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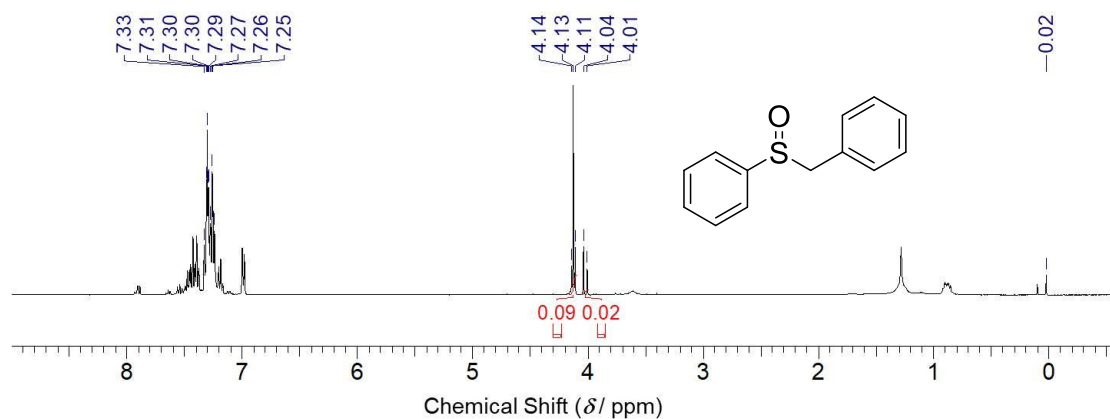


Figure S34. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 6 h 25 min. Yield: 36 %.

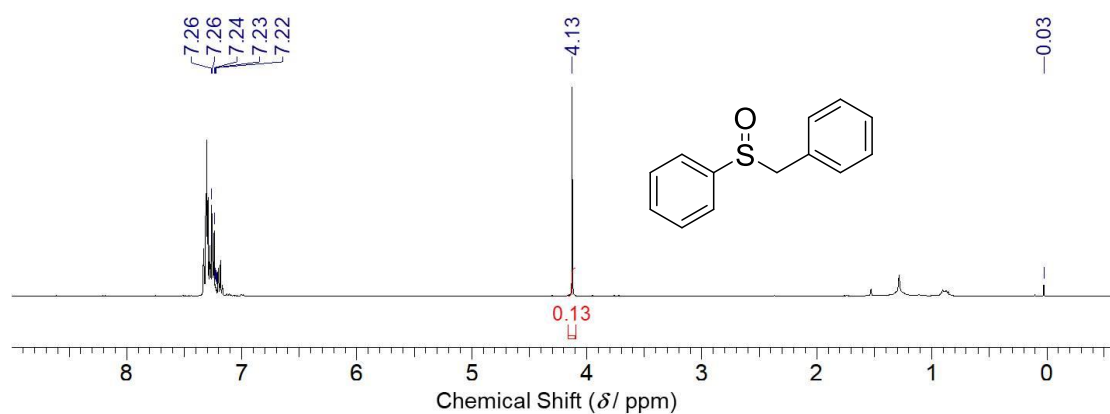


Figure S35. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 6 h 25 min. Yield: 0 %.

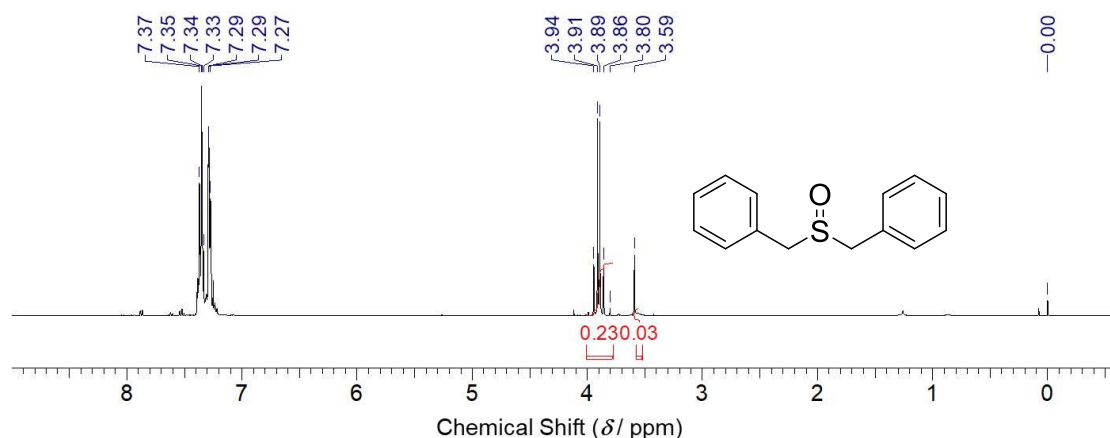


Figure S36. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 5 h 20 min. Yield: 89 %.

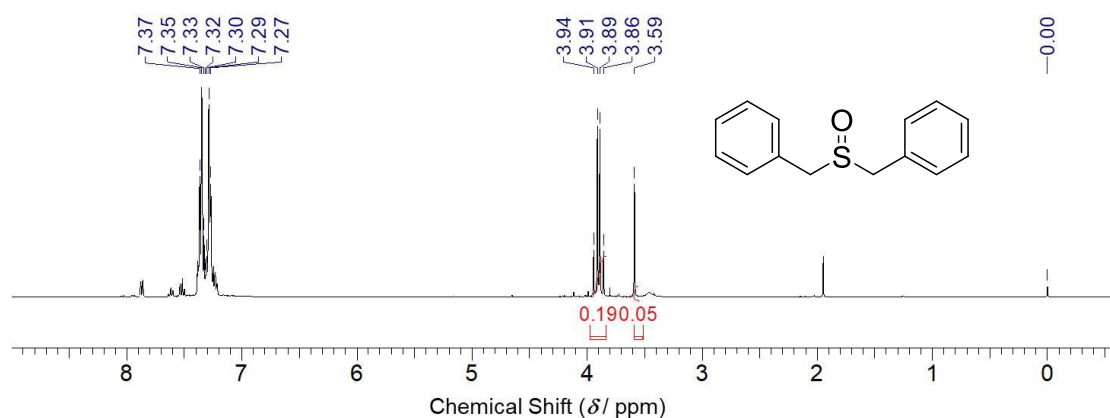


Figure S37. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **RFTA** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 5 h 20 min. Yield: 79 %.

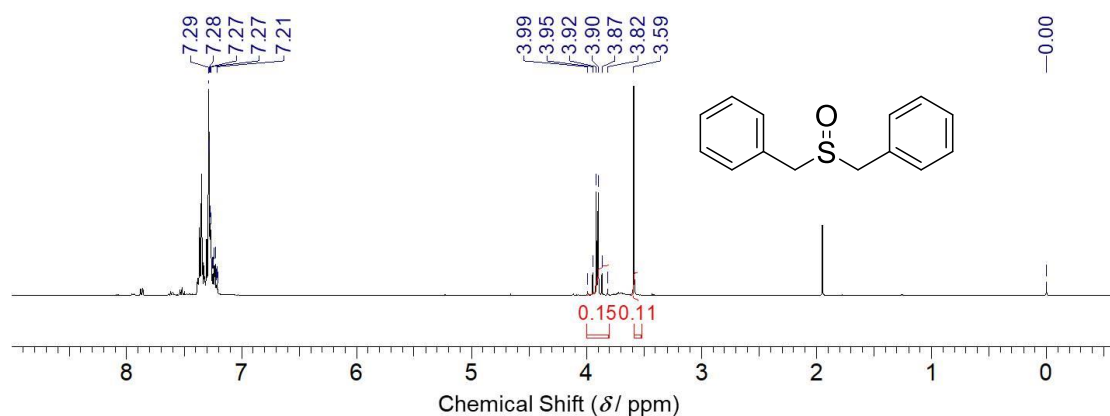


Figure S38. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 5 h 20 min. Yield: 58 %.

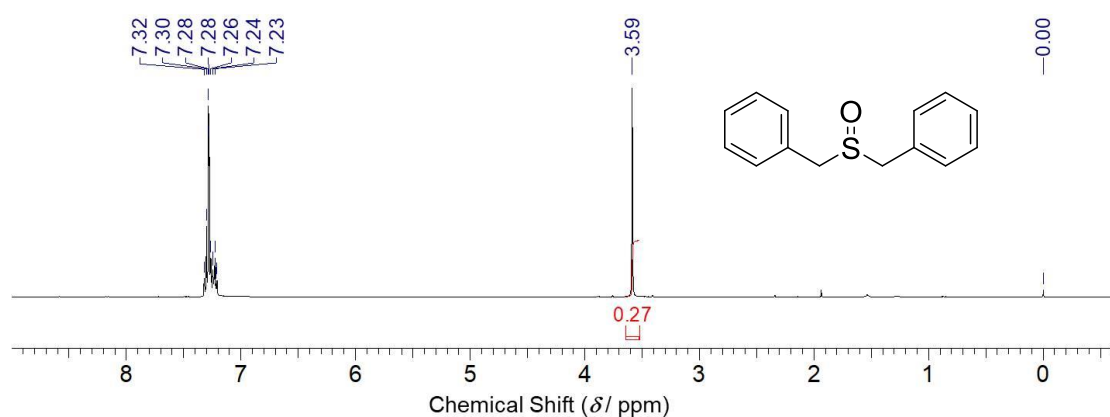


Figure S39. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 5 h 20 min. Yield: 0 %.

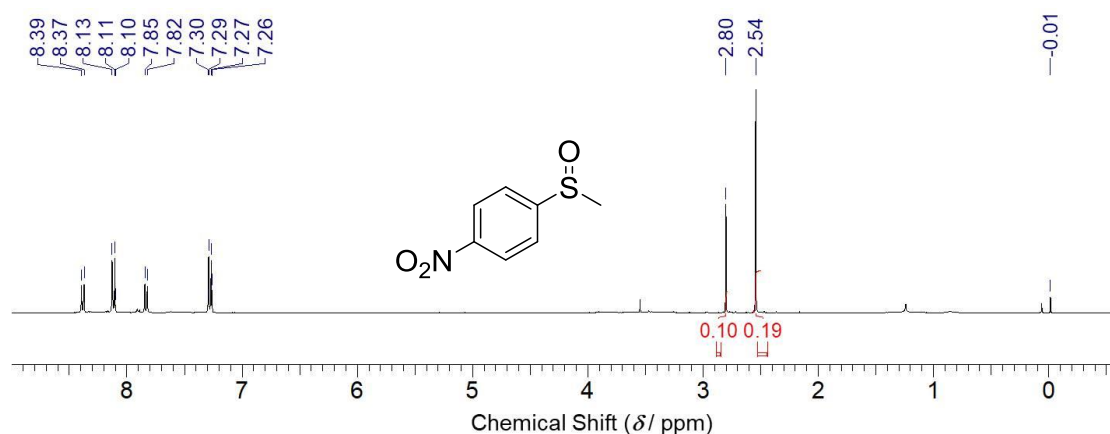


Figure S40. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 34 h. Yield: 35 %.

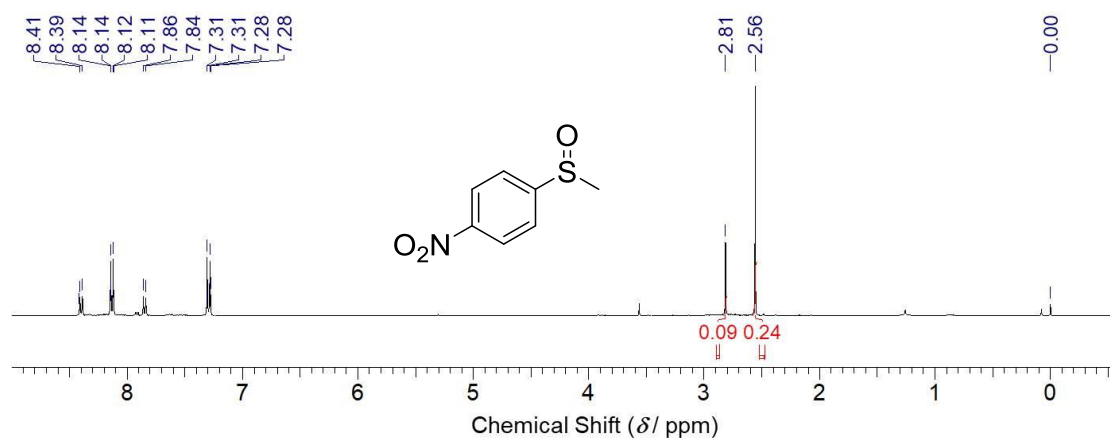


Figure S41. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **RFTA** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 34 h. Yield: 27 %.

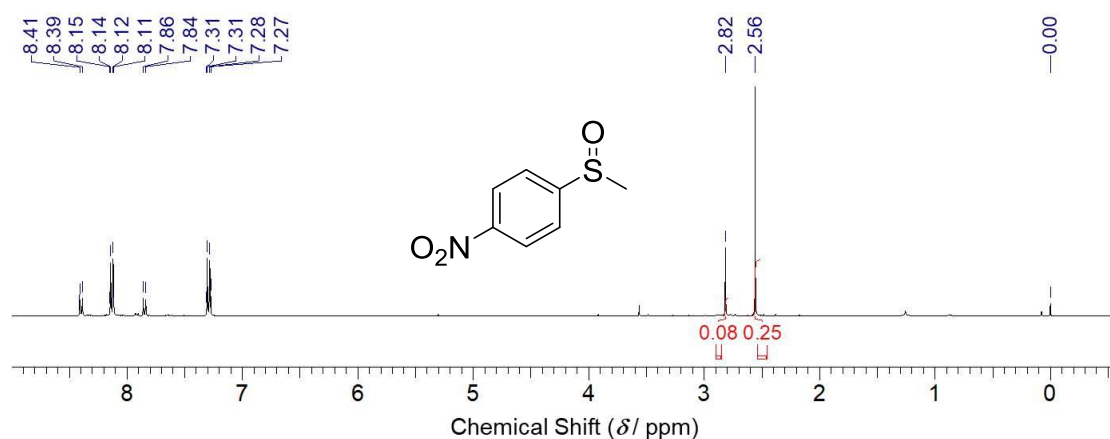


Figure S42. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 34 h. Yield: 24 %.

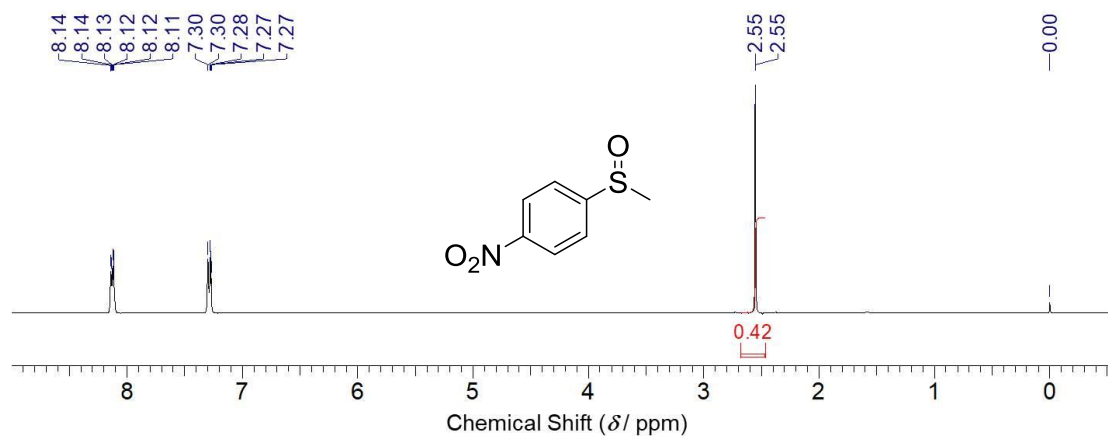


Figure S43. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 34 h. Yield: 0 %.

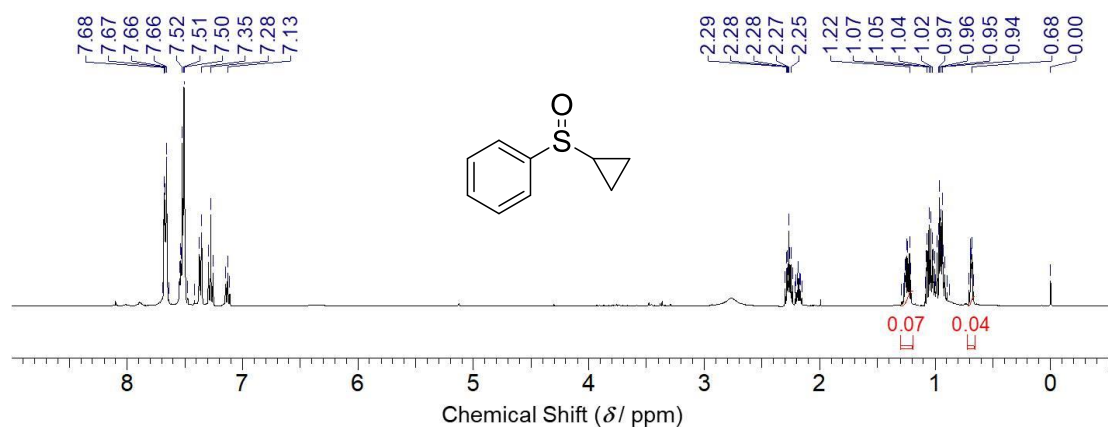


Figure S44. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 16 h 35 min. Yield: 64 %.

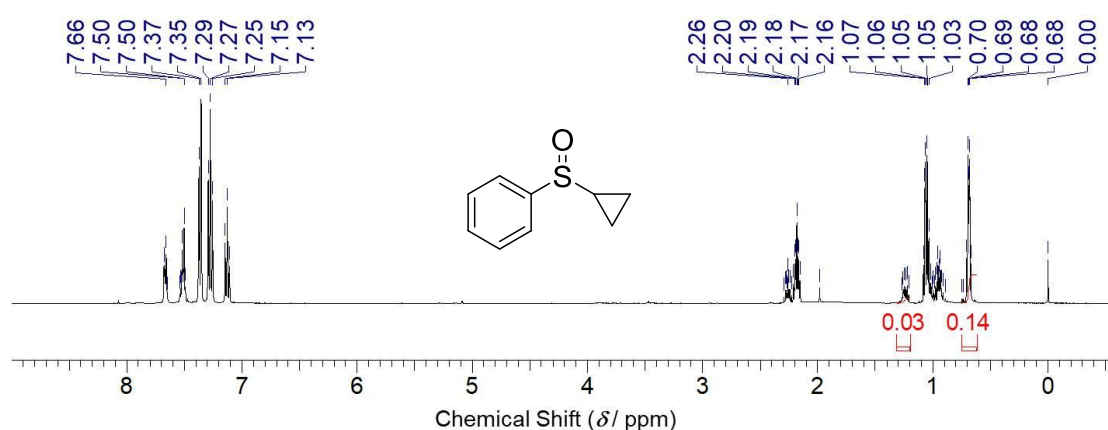


Figure S45. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **RFTA** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 16 h 35 min. Yield: 18 %.

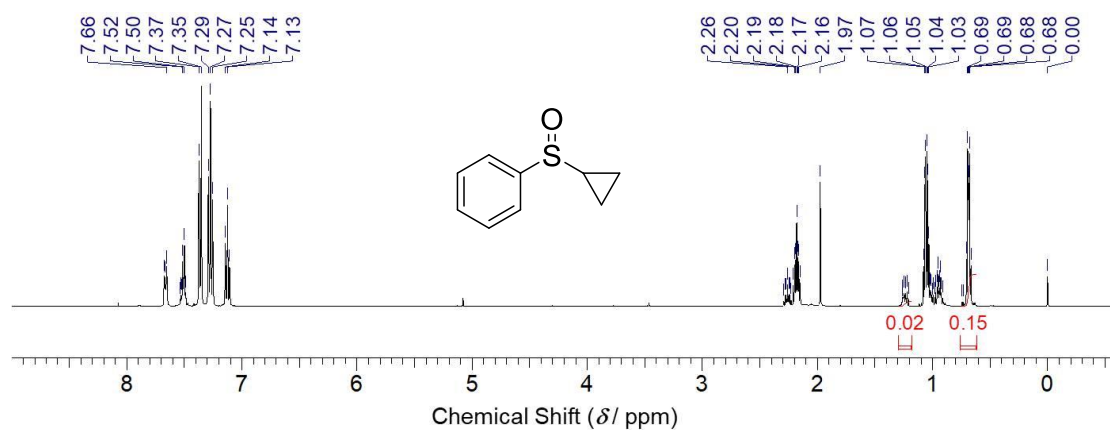


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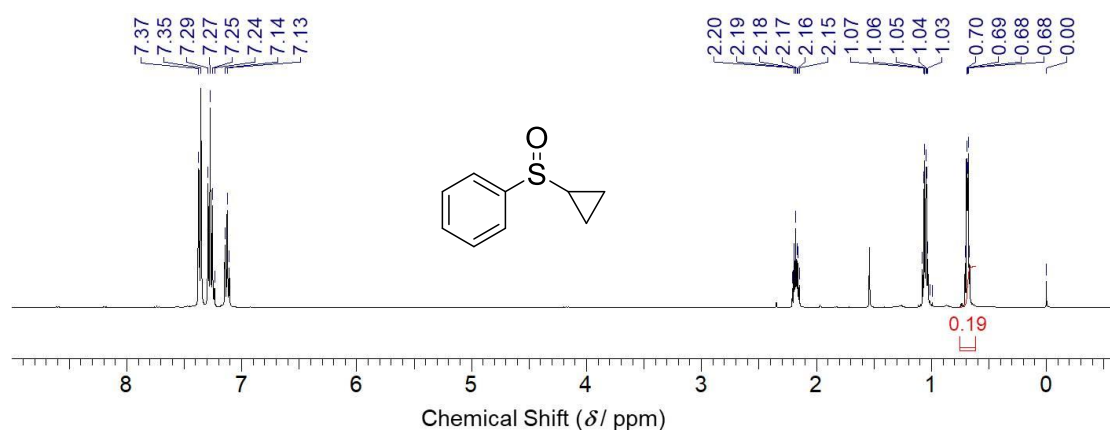


Figure S47. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 16 h 35 min. Yield: 0 %.

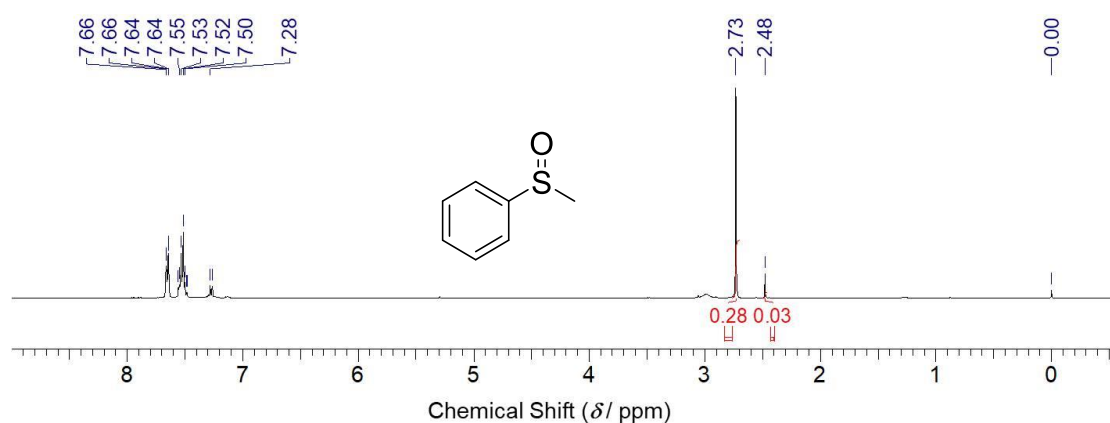


Figure S48. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 9 h, with 5 mol % DABCO. Yield: 90 %.

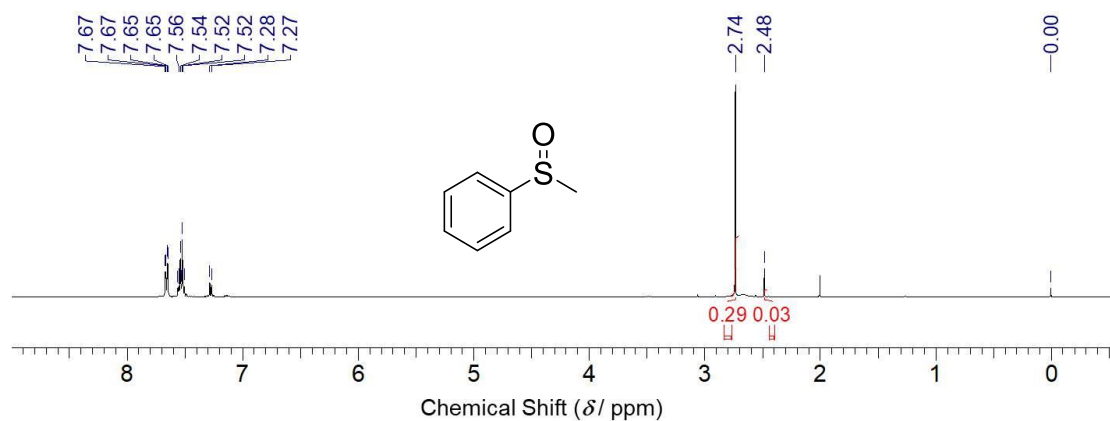


Figure S49. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 9 h, with 5 mol % BQ. Yield: 91 %.

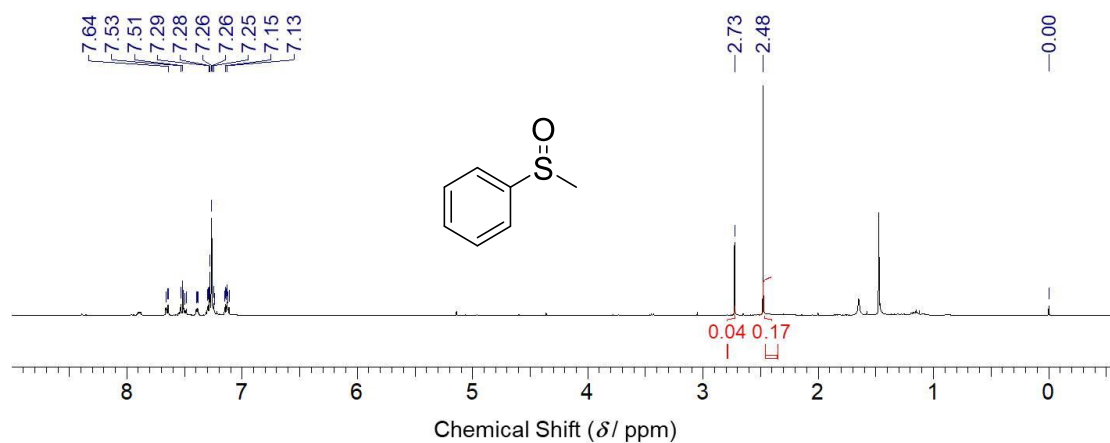


Figure S50. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 9 h, with 15 mol % TEMPO. Yield: 19 %.

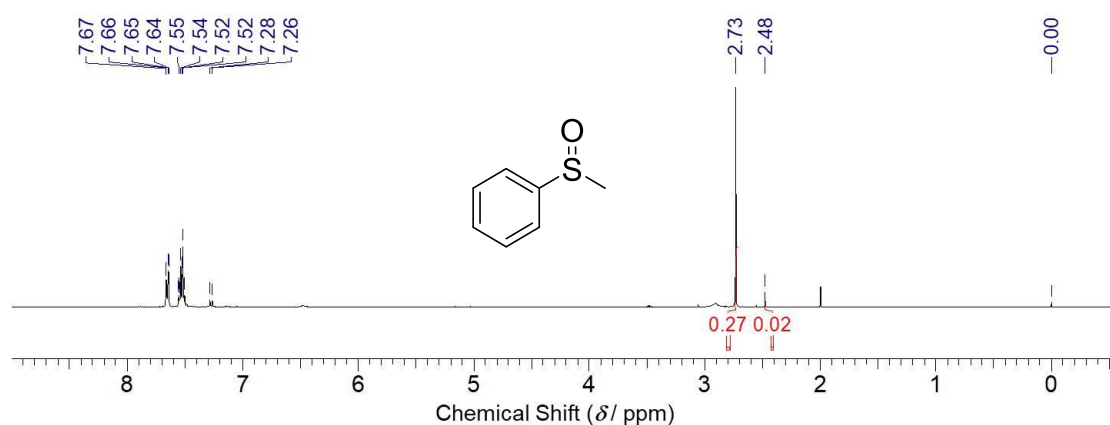


Figure S51. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 9 h, with 3 mol % MB. Yield: 93 %.

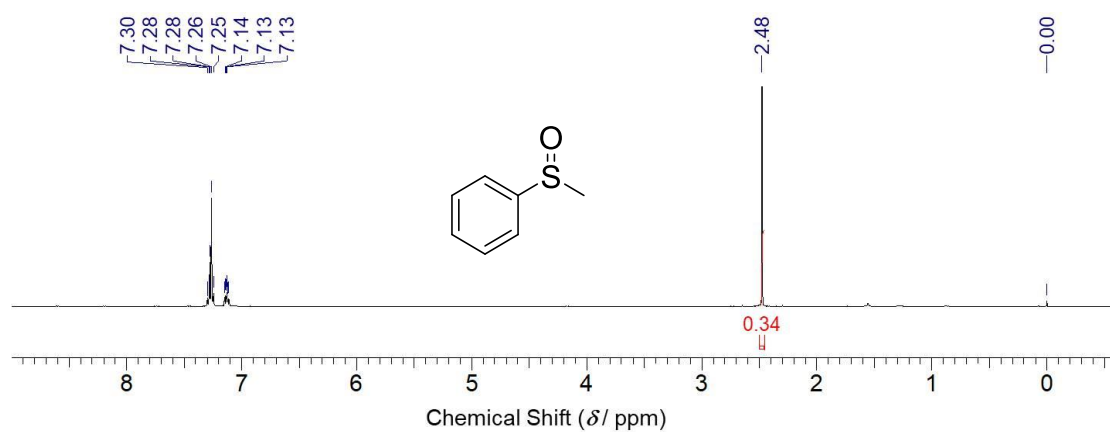


Figure S52. ^1H NMR (400Hz, CDCl_3). **NI-FL** (0.5 mol %) as photocatalyst, in MeCN/MeOH 9:1 mixture, reaction time 9 h(no light), with 3 mol % MB. Yield: 0 %.

4 DFT/TD-DFT Results

Theoretical Methods

The electronic structure and photophysical properties of these sensitizers were investigated with Density Functional Theory (DFT) and Time-dependent (TD)-DFT based calculations. The alkyl groups in chromophores were simplified to $-CH_3$. S_0 structures of sensitizers were fully optimized with 6-311G(d) basis sets⁵⁻⁷ and B3LYP functional.⁸⁻⁹ The impact of potential interactions with solvents to electronic structure of sensitizers were treated with Polarizable Continuum Model (PCM).¹⁰⁻¹² Sensitizers at S_1 and T_n were obtained with TD-DFT calculations based on the S_0 structures. These calculations were performed with Gaussian 16.¹³ The T_n to S_0 transition dipole moments were evaluated with quadratic response function¹⁴⁻¹⁶ and the spin-orbit coupling constants were calculated with Dalton with effective single electron approximation in linear response theory.¹⁷⁻¹⁹ With the electronic structure of sensitizers at S_0 and excited states, photophysical properties of NI-FL and FL were investigated within the Thermal Vibration Correlation Function (TVCF) formalism as implemented in MOMAP.²⁰⁻²⁴

Table S1. Electronic transitions involved in the excitation of NI-FL.

	Energy	f	Composition	CI	Character
$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	2.8109 eV / 441.09 nm	0.2475	93 \rightarrow 94	0.69736	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ $n \rightarrow \pi^*$
$S_0 \rightarrow S_2$	3.2491 eV / 381.60 nm	0.2485	92 \rightarrow 94	0.22538	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			93 \rightarrow 95	0.65609	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$	3.3012 eV / 375.57 nm	0.0077	89 \rightarrow 94	0.36696	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			91 \rightarrow 94	0.56186	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
$S_0 \rightarrow S_4$	3.4410 eV / 360.32 nm	0.0016	89 \rightarrow 94	0.55988	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			91 \rightarrow 94	0.38530	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
$S_0 \rightarrow S_5$	3.6572 eV / 339.02 nm	0.5674	87 \rightarrow 94	0.11266	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ $n \rightarrow \pi^*$
			92 \rightarrow 94	0.63229	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
			92 \rightarrow 95	0.13999	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			93 \rightarrow 95	0.21562	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ $n \rightarrow \pi^*$
$S_0 \rightarrow S_6$	3.8173 eV / 324.80 nm	0.0002	90 \rightarrow 94	0.24994	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			90 \rightarrow 95	0.62707	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
$S_0 \rightarrow S_7$	3.8908 eV / 318.66 nm	0.0025	90 \rightarrow 94	0.64277	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			90 \rightarrow 95	0.25579	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
$S_0 \rightarrow S_8$	3.9671 eV / 312.53 nm	0.0428	87 \rightarrow 94	0.31043	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			88 \rightarrow 94	0.33418	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
			92 \rightarrow 94	0.15968	
			92 \rightarrow 95	0.47040	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_9$	4.0510 eV / 306.06 nm	0.0852	86 \rightarrow 94	0.12564	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			88 \rightarrow 94	0.56027	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
			88 \rightarrow 95	0.10110	
			92 \rightarrow 95	0.34107	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_{10}$	4.0811 eV / 303.80 nm	0.0002	93 \rightarrow 97	0.11093	
			84 \rightarrow 94	0.57677	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			85 \rightarrow 94	0.22201	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
$S_0 \rightarrow T_1$	2.0312 eV / 610.38 nm	0	91 \rightarrow 95	0.27877	
			92 \rightarrow 94	0.13332	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
$S_0 \rightarrow T_2$	2.3531 eV / 526.89 nm	0	93 \rightarrow 94	0.68014	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
			92 \rightarrow 95	0.12950	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
$S_0 \rightarrow T_3$	2.8775 eV / 430.87 nm	0	93 \rightarrow 95	0.64670	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
			82 \rightarrow 94	0.17580	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
$S_0 \rightarrow T_4$	3.0034 eV / 412.81 nm	0	89 \rightarrow 94	0.55492	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
			91 \rightarrow 94	0.33467	
			88 \rightarrow 94	0.17935	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
$S_0 \rightarrow T_5$	3.2010 eV / 387.33 nm	0	92 \rightarrow 94	0.62248	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
			93 \rightarrow 94	0.12647	
			93 \rightarrow 95	0.14506	
			84 \rightarrow 94	0.15747	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			89 \rightarrow 94	0.31687	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
			91 \rightarrow 94	0.57998	

Table S2. Electronic transitions involved in the excitation of FL.

	Energy	f	Composition	CI	Character
S ₀ →S ₁	3.0228 eV / 410.17 nm	0.2154	59 → 60	0.69596	π→π* n→π*
S ₀ →S ₂	3.3213 eV / 373.30 nm	0.0008	56 → 60	0.50648	π→π* n→π*
			57 → 60	0.48128	
S ₀ →S ₃	3.4578 eV / 358.56 nm	0.0077	54 → 60	0.11506	π→π* n→π*
			56 → 60	0.48043	
			57 → 60	0.49591	
S ₀ →S ₄	3.7653 eV / 329.28 nm	0.1849	58 → 60	0.68106	π→π*
			59 → 61	0.14574	
S ₀ →S ₅	4.1396 eV / 299.51 nm	0.0000	54 → 60	0.68088	π→π*
			57 → 60	0.11784	
S ₀ →S ₆	4.2086 eV / 294.60 nm	0.0121	55 → 60	0.68290	π→π*
			59 → 61	0.13615	
S ₀ →S ₇	4.6710 eV / 265.43 nm	0.0004	52 → 60	0.68355	π→π*
			56 → 61	0.13184	
S ₀ →S ₈	4.8351 eV / 256.43 nm	0.0411	53 → 60	0.64915	π→π*
			58 → 61	0.23567	
S ₀ →S ₉	4.8868 eV / 253.71 nm	0.7330	55 → 60	0.15106	π→π*
			58 → 60	0.11486	
			59 → 61	0.65720	
S ₀ →S ₁₀	5.2127 eV / 237.85 nm	0.0003	52 → 60	0.12308	π→π*
			56 → 61	0.59583	
			57 → 61	0.33929	
S ₀ →T ₁	2.1525 eV / 575.99 nm	0	58 → 60	0.10500	π→π*
			59 → 60	0.69492	
S ₀ →T ₂	2.7569 eV / 449.73 nm	0	58 → 60	0.65690	π→π*
			58 → 62	0.14226	
			59 → 60	0.10178	
			59 → 61	0.13928	
S ₀ →T ₃	2.8738 eV / 431.42 nm	0	52 → 60	0.20068	π→π*
			56 → 60	0.59672	
			57 → 60	0.29532	
S ₀ →T ₄	3.2394 eV / 382.74 nm	0	54 → 60	0.17157	π→π*
			56 → 60	0.28110	
			57 → 60	0.60386	
			93 → 95	0.14506	
S ₀ →T ₅	3.5830 eV / 346.04 nm	0	55 → 60	0.60977	π→π*
			55 → 63	0.12513	
			58 → 60	0.11352	
			59 → 61	0.28154	

Table S3. Electronic transitions involved in the excitation of NI.

	Energy	f	Composition	CI	Character
$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	3.6722 eV / 337.63 nm	0.2428	55 \rightarrow 56	0.69890	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
$S_0 \rightarrow S_2$	3.8712 eV / 320.28 nm	0.0004	53 \rightarrow 56	0.69357	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$	4.0066 eV / 309.45 nm	0.0326	54 \rightarrow 56	0.65514	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
$S_0 \rightarrow S_4$	4.3062 eV / 287.92 nm	0.0180	55 \rightarrow 57	0.23330	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			51 \rightarrow 56	0.50108	
			52 \rightarrow 56	0.45057	
			53 \rightarrow 58	0.13601	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_5$	4.5001 eV / 275.52 nm	0.0316	55 \rightarrow 57	0.13182	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			51 \rightarrow 56	0.45599	
			52 \rightarrow 56	0.46938	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_6$	4.9235 eV / 251.82 nm	0.0021	55 \rightarrow 57	0.21893	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			50 \rightarrow 56	0.42150	
			55 \rightarrow 58	0.56502	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_7$	5.3249 eV / 232.84 nm	0.2870	50 \rightarrow 56	0.42814	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			52 \rightarrow 56	0.22430	
			52 \rightarrow 59	0.10999	
			55 \rightarrow 57	0.37585	
			55 \rightarrow 58	0.28524	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_8$	5.4356 eV / 228.09 nm	0.4265	50 \rightarrow 56	0.33697	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			52 \rightarrow 56	0.11188	
			54 \rightarrow 56	0.23641	
			54 \rightarrow 59	0.15656	
			55 \rightarrow 57	0.45830	
			55 \rightarrow 58	0.28082	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_9$	5.5710 eV / 222.55 nm	0.0001	51 \rightarrow 56	0.15945	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			53 \rightarrow 57	0.14723	
			53 \rightarrow 58	0.65529	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_{10}$	5.6331 eV / 220.10 nm	0.0002	50 \rightarrow 57	0.20059	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			52 \rightarrow 57	0.12574	
			54 \rightarrow 58	0.65397	
$S_0 \rightarrow T_1$	2.3461 eV / 528.48 nm	0	50 \rightarrow 58	0.11756	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			54 \rightarrow 57	0.10968	
			55 \rightarrow 56	0.68764	
$S_0 \rightarrow T_2$	3.3463 eV / 370.52 nm	0	50 \rightarrow 56	0.12058	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			54 \rightarrow 56	0.67352	
			55 \rightarrow 58	0.12353	
$S_0 \rightarrow T_3$	3.5957 eV / 344.81 nm	0	51 \rightarrow 58	0.12763	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			53 \rightarrow 56	0.67633	
			53 \rightarrow 59	0.14160	
$S_0 \rightarrow T_4$	3.7843 eV / 327.63 nm	0	50 \rightarrow 56	0.42541	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			52 \rightarrow 56	0.31310	
			54 \rightarrow 56	0.12138	

$S_0 \rightarrow T_5$	3.8041 eV / 325.93 nm	0	55 \rightarrow 58	0.41610	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			50 \rightarrow 56	0.20816	
			52 \rightarrow 56	0.59988	
			54 \rightarrow 56	0.13039	
			55 \rightarrow 58	0.21661	

5 Measurement of singlet oxygen quantum yield

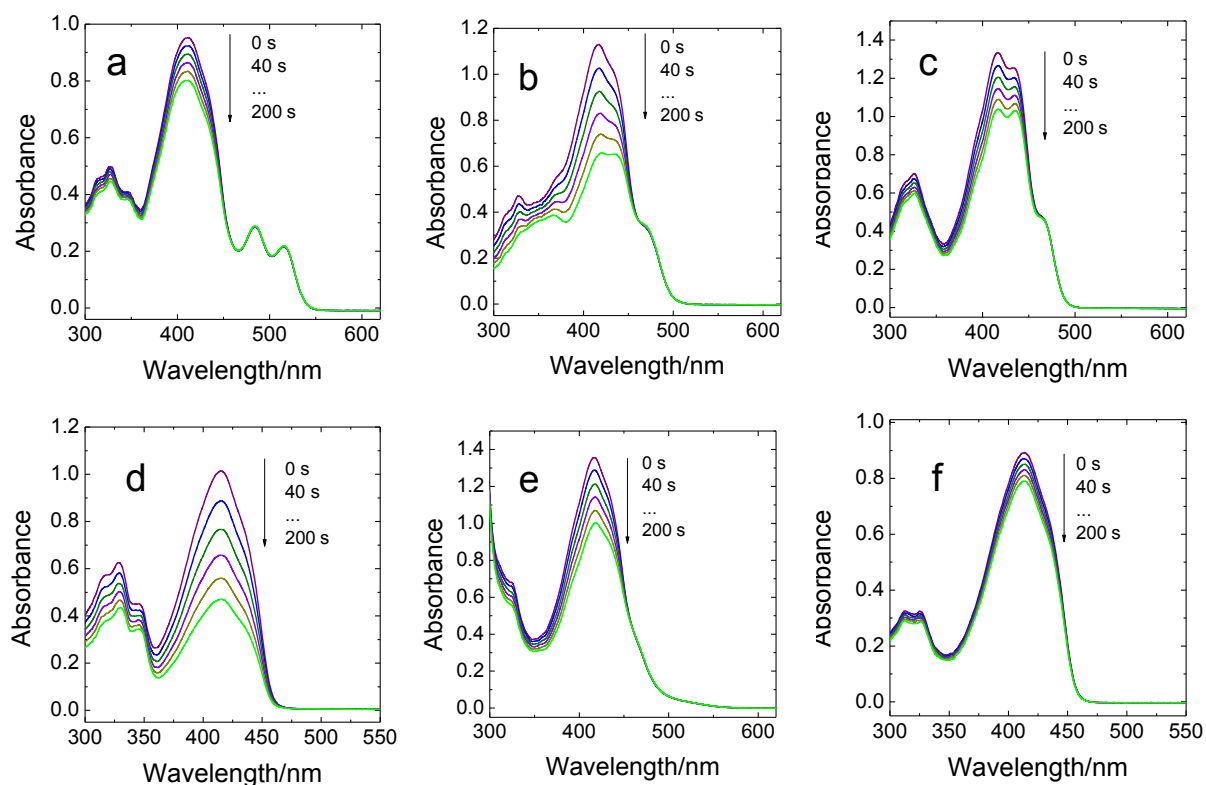


Figure S53. Absorption spectra of mixtures of unknown samples, namely NI-FL(a), RFTA(b), FL(c), NI(d), $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}$ (e) and none(f) with DPBF at different time. $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}$ was used as standard ($\Phi_{\Delta} = 0.57$ in DCM); $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 350$ nm, in toluene. 20 °C.

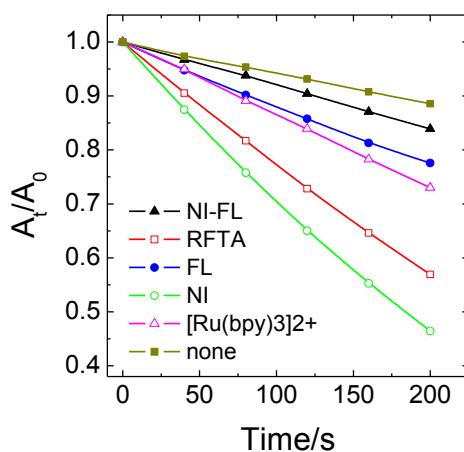


Figure S54. Changes of relative absorbance of DPBF+sample mixture at 414 nm with time, with NI-FL, RFTA, FL, NI, $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}$ and none as samples. $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}$ was used as standard ($\Phi_{\Delta} = 0.57$ in DCM); $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 350$ nm, in toluene. 20 °C. The fitted absolute values of slopes of NI-FL, RFTA, FL, NI, $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}$ and none are 0.8×10^{-3} , 2.4×10^{-3} , 1.5×10^{-3} , 2.7×10^{-3} , 1.3×10^{-3} and $0.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$, respectively.

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