Supporting Information

Practical photocatalytic hydroalkylation of alkenes with chloroacetates mediated by formate ion

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General methods

All reactions were performed under an argon atmosphere. DMSO was distilled from CaH₂ and stored over MS 4Å. Column chromatography was carried out employing silica gel (230–400 mesh). Precoated silica gel plates F-254 were used for thin-layer analytical chromatography visualizing with UV and/or acidic aq. KMnO4 solution. High resolution mass-spectra (HRMS) were measured using electrospray ionization (ESI) and a time-of-flight (TOF) mass analyzer (Bruker MicrOTOF II). The measurements were done in a positive-ion mode (interface capillary voltage –4500 V) or in a negative-ion mode (3200 V); the mass ranged from m/z 50 to m/z 3000. Photo-induced reactions were performed in Duran culture tubes (Roth cat. no K248.1, outside diameter 12 mm). For irradiation, a strip of 450 nm light emitting diodes (SMD 2835–120 LED 1 M Blue, 12 V, 24 W/m; 50 cm strip length; operated at 10W) or 450 nm COB LED matrix Hontiey (29-32V, 3000mA, 100W; operated at 30W or 60W). The distance between the reaction vessel and diodes was about 5 mm. The reaction tube was placed in a glass jacket and cooled with water at room temperature. The reaction setup was used as previously described.¹

Emission spectra of used LED strip and LED matrix:





Starting materials

All commercially available reagents were purchased from Acros Organics, ABCR or P&M Invest. Alkenes were distilled prior to use. Reagents shown below were synthesized according to literature procedures:



General procedure

A test tube was evacuated and filled with argon. Then, DMSO (1 mL), sodium formate (68 mg, 1mmol, 2 equiv), alkene (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), organic chloride (1 mmol, 2 equiv), 2-methylpropane-2-thiol (6 μ L, 0.05 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 3DPA2FBN (1.6 mg, 0.0025 mmol, 0.5 mol %) were added. The tube was screw-capped and irradiated with 455 nm (10W) LED strip for 16 hours. The reaction was quenched with water (5 mL) and extracted with hexane (3×1.5 mL). The combined organic layers were filtered through a short pad of Na₂SO₄ and concentrated on a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by column chromatography.

Methyl 6-phenylhexanoate (3a)²⁷

Yield: 85 mg (83%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 15/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (h, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 1.51 – 1.39 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.2, 142.5, 128.4 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 125.7, 51.5, 35.8, 34.0, 31.1, 28.8, 24.8.

2-Ethoxyethyl 7-oxooctanoate (3b)

∠OEt

Yield: 97 mg (84%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.21 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 3.56 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.47 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.65 – 1.45 (m, 4H), 1.33 – 1.19

(m, 2H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 208.8, 173.6, 68.4, 66.6, 63.5, 43.4, 34.0, 29.9, 28.6, 24.6, 23.4, 15.1.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₂H₂₂O₄Na [M+Na] 253.1410, found 253.1414.

Methyl 5-(1,3-dithian-2-yl)pentanoate (3c)²⁸



Modified General procedure: **2a** (176 μL, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv), HCO₂Na (136 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv) Yield: 81 mg (80%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 6/1

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.00 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.90 – 2.70 (m, 4H), 2.28 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.13 – 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.67 – 1.41 (m, 4H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.9, 51.5, 47.3, 35.1, 33.8, 30.5, 26.1, 24.5.

2-Ethoxyethyl decanoate (3d)

Yield: 101 mg (83%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.19 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.64 – 1.53 (m, 2H),1.36 – 1.17 (m, 15H), 0.90 – 0.77 (m, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.0, 68.5, 66.7, 63.6, 34.3, 32.0, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 25.0, 22.8, 15.2, 14.2.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₄H₂₈O₃Na [M+Na] 267.1931, found 267.1928.

5-(2-Ethoxyethyl) 1,1-diethyl pentane-1,1,5-tricarboxylate (3e)

Yield: 110 mg (66%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 5/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.21 – 4.06 (m, 6H), 3.58 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (q, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (p, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.39 – 1.27 (m, 2H), 1.26 – 1.10 (m, 9H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.4, 169.4, 68.4, 66.6, 63.6, 61.3, 51.9, 33.9, 28.0, 26.8, 24.5, 15.1, 14.1.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₂₈O₇Na [M+Na] 355.1727, found 355.1729.

2-Ethoxyethyl 6-phenylhexanoate (3f)

Ph-OEt

Yield: 113 mg (81%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 4.18 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.70

- 1.53 (m, 4H), 1.42 1.24 (m, 2H), 1.18 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).
- ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.8, 142.5, 128.4, 128.3, 125.7, 68.4, 66.6, 63.5, 35.8, 34.2, 31.1, 28.8, 24.8, 15.2.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₂₂O₃Na [M+Na] 287.1618, found 287.1625.

2-Ethoxyethyl 6-phenylhexanoate (3f)

Yield: 113 mg (81%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 4.18 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.70 – 1.53 (m, 4H), 1.42 – 1.24 (m, 2H), 1.18 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.8, 142.5, 128.4, 128.3, 125.7, 68.4, 66.6, 63.5, 35.8, 34.2, 31.1, 28.8, 24.8, 15.2.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₂₂O₃Na [M+Na] 287.1618, found 287.1625.

Methyl 7-((dimethylcarbamothioyl)oxy)heptanoate (3g)

Yield: 98 mg (79%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 6/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.41 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.78 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.48 – 1.27 (m, 4H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 188.5, 174.2, 71.6, 51.6, 42.7, 37.7, 34.1, 28.9, 28.7 25.7, 24.9.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₁H₂₁NO₃SNa [M+Na] 270.1134, found 270.1126.

Methyl 5-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)pentanoate (3h)

TBSO OMe

Yield: 87 mg (71%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 30/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.61 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.3, 62.8, 51.6, 34.0, 32.3, 26.1, 21.6, 18.5, -5.2.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₂H₂₆O₃SiNa [M+Na] 269.1543, found 269.1542.

Methyl 7-(benzyloxy)heptanoate (3i)²⁹

BnO

Modified General procedure: **2a** (176 μL, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv), HCO₂Na (136 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv) Yield: 70 mg (56%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 15/1

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.46 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.71 – 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.46 – 1.28 (m, 4H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.4, 138.8, 128.5, 127.7, 127.6, 73.0, 70.4, 51.6, 34.1, 29.70, 29.1, 26.0, 25.0.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₂₂O₃K [M+K] 289.1201, found 289.1180.

5-Methoxy-5-oxopentyl benzoate(3j)

BzO

Yield: 86 mg (73%). Pale yellow oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 4/1.

- ¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.07 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.30 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.38 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.87 1.71 (m, 4H).
- ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.8, 166.6, 132.9, 130.4, 129.6, 128.4, 64.5, 51.6, 33.6, 28.2, 21.6.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₂₀NO₄ [M+NH₄] 253.1387, found 254.1396.

Methyl 8-((2-methoxyethoxy)methoxy)octanoate (3k)³⁰

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Yield: 86 mg (79 %). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 5/2

- ¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.65 (s, 2H), 3.68 3.59 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.55 3.43 (m, 4H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.25 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.64 1.45 (m, 4H), 1.33 1.21 (m, 6H).
- ¹³C{¹H} NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.2, 95.5, 71.8, 67.9, 66.7, 59.1, 51.4, 34.1, 29.6 29.08, 29.06, 26.0, 24.9.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₂₆O₅Na [M+Na] 285.1672, found 285.1674.

Methyl 6-(4-cyanophenoxy)hexanoate (3I)



Yield: 72 mg (58 %). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 7/2

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 3H), 3.97 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.33 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H),1.85 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.38 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.8, 162.4, 133.9, 119.3, 115.2, 103.7, 68.1, 51.6, 33.9, 28.7, 25.6, 24.6.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₄H₂₁N₂O₃ [M+NH₄] 265.1547, found 265.1539.

Methyl 5-(2-bromophenoxy)pentanoate (3m)

Yield: 63 mg (44 %). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.50 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 4.08 – 3.92 (m, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.49 – 2.35 (m, 2H), 1.95 – 1.77 (m, 4H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.0, 155.4, 133.4, 128.5, 121.9, 113.2, 112.3, 68.6, 51.6, 33.7, 28.6, 21.7.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{12}H_{19}N^{79}BrO_3$ [M+NH₄] 304.0543, found 304.0555.

Methyl 6,6-diphenylhexanoate (3n)

Yield: 110 mg (78%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 15/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.40 – 7.19 (m, 10H), 3.97 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.35 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.75 (p, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.41 – 1.31 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.1, 145.1, 128.5, 127.9, 126.2, 51.5, 51.2, 35.4, 34.0, 27.6, 25.0.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₂₂O₂Na [M+Na] 305.1512, found 305.1513.

2-Ethoxyethyl 6-cyclopropyl-6-hydroxyheptanoate (30)

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Yield: 103 mg (80%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 5/2

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.22 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.71 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.36 (m, 4H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.95 – 0.78 (m, 1H), 0.41 – 0.21 (m, 4H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.9, 71., 68.5, 66.7, 63.6, 42.9, 34.3, 25.9, 25.6, 23.6, 21.2, 15.3, 0.8, 0.5.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₄H₂₆O₄Na [M+Na] 281.1723, found 281.1733.

Methyl 6-(diethoxyphosphoryl)hexanoate (3p)³¹



Yield: 94 mg (71 %). Colorless oil. Chromatography: EtOAc/EtOH, 20/1

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.13 – 3.97 (m, 4H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.27 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.76 – 1.49 (m, 6H), 1.43 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.0, 61.5, 61.5, 51.6, 33.8, 30.2, 30.0, 26.6, 24.7, 24.5, 24.5, 16.6, 16.5.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₄H₂₆O₄Na [M+Na] 281.1723, found 281.1733.

Methyl 6-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)hexanoate (3q)³⁰



Yield: 64 mg (65 %). Colorless oil. Chromatography: DCM/iPrOH, 10/1

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 3.90 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.27 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (p, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.36 – 1.24 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.7, 137.1, 129.4, 118.8, 51.5, 46.7, 33.7, 30.8, 26.0, 24.2.

Methyl 6-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)hexanoate (3r)³¹



Modified General procedure: **2a** (176 μL, 2 mmol, 4 equiv), HCO₂Na (136 mg, 2 mmol, 4 equiv) Yield: 88 mg (64 %). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 3/1

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.78 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.25 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.71 – 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.37 – 1.25 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.6, 168.3, 133.9, 132.1, 123.1, 51.4, 37.7, 33.8, 28.2, 26.3, 24.4.

Methyl 6-morpholinohexanoate (3s)

Yield: 66 mg (61 %). Colorless oil. Chromatography: EtOH

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 3.68 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.41 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 2.34 – 2.24 (m, 4H), 1.61 (p, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.54 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.23 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.2, 67.1, 58.9, 53.8, 51.6, 34.1, 27.1, 26.3, 24.9. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₁H₂₁NO₃Na [M+Na] 238.1414, found 238.1417.

Methyl 5-(((benzyloxy)carbonyl)amino)pentanoate (3t)



Modified General procedure: **2a** (176 μL, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv), HCO₂Na (136 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv) Yield: 106 mg (76 %). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 5/2

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.43 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 5.23 – 4.79 (m, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.16 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (tt, J = 7.2, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.50 (tt, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.9, 156.5, 136.7, 128.5, 128.1, 66.6, 51.5, 40.6, 33.5, 29.4, 22.0

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₄H₁₉NO₄Na [M+Na] 288.1206, found 288.1211.

Methyl 5-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)pentanoate (3u)

Modified General procedure: **2a** (176 µL, 2 mmol, 4 equiv), HCO₂Na (136 mg, 2 mmol, 4 equiv) Yield: 106 mg (58 %). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 3/2

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.82 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.92 (td, *J* = 6.8, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (tt, *J* = 7.0, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.54 – 1.42 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.8, 143.5, 137.1, 129.8, 127.2, 51.7, 42.8, 33.4, 29.1, 21.8, 21.0.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₁₉NO4SNa [M+Na] 208.0927, found 308.0928.

Methyl 6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)hexanoate (3v)

Yield:91 mg (71%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 8/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.24 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.65 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.23 (m, 4H), 1.19 (s, 12H), 0.71 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H)

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.3, 82.9, 51.4, 34.1, 31.9, 30.7, 24.9, 24.8, 23.7, 11.1.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{13}H_{25}BO_4$ [M+H] 257.1921, found 257.1925.

2-Ethoxyethyl 8-chlorooctanoate (3w)

Yield: 84 mg (67%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 15/1

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.19 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 3.56 – 3.42 (m, 4H), 2.31 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.80 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.44 (m, 6H), 1.18 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.8, 68.4, 66.6, 63.5, 45.1, 34.2, 32.6, 29.0, 28.6, 26.7, 24.8, 15.2.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₂H₂₃ClO₃Na [M+Na] 273.1228, found 273.1233.

Methyl-6-phenylhexanoate (3x)

Yield: 77 mg (70%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 15/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 3H),3.65 (s, 3H), 2.71 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.41 – 2.20 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.39 (m, 5H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.5, 142.8, 128.4, 125.8, 51.6, 38.7, 33.4, 32.2, 31.9, 19.3. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₄H₂₀O₂Na [M+Na] 243.1356, found 243.1367.

2-Ethoxyethyl 2-(2-methylcyclohexyl)acetate (3y)



Modified General procedure: **2a** (176 µL, 2 mmol , 4 equiv), HCO₂Na (136 mg, 2 mmol, 4 equiv) Yield: 70 mg (61 %). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 15/1 Mixture of isomers: 1/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.22 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 4H), 3.62 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 4H), 3.52 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 2.57 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.35 – 2.15 (m, 2H), 2.12 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 0.94 (m, 16H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.84, 68.55, 66.71, 63.50, 41.47, 39.61, 37.34, 37.14, 36.95, 35.70, 32.69, 32.66, 32.14, 28.10, 26.51, 26.42, 24.46, 22.34, 20.32, 15.24, 14.86.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₂₄O₃Na [M+Na] 251.1618, found 251.1617.

Nonyl 4-chlorobenzoate (3z)



Yield: 93 mg (66%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 50/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.74 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.44 – 1.20 (m, 12H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 172.2, 149.3, 131.1, 129.5, 123.1, 34.4, 31.9, 29.5, 29.3, 29.2, 25.0, 22.8, 14.2.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₂₃ClO₂Na (M+Na) 305.1279, found 305.1276.

Cyclooctylmethyl 4-chlorobenzoate (3ab)



Yield: 116 mg (83%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.21 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.72 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.29 (m, 10H), 1.41 – 1.35 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 171.6, 149.3, 131.1, 129.5, 123.0, 42.8, 34.7, 32.3, 27.1, 26.3, 25.3

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{16}H_{25}^{35}CINO_2$ (M+NH₄) 298.1570, found 298.1569.

Methyl 5-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)pentanoate (3ac)

t-BuMe₂SiO

t-BuMe₂SiO

Modified General procedure: **2a** (440 μL, 5 mmol, 10 equiv), HCO₂Na (340 mg, 5 mmol, 10 equiv), irradiation 60W blue LED (455 nm) was used.

Yield 64 mg (33%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 50/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 3.74 – 3.65 (m, 4H),3.6 (dd, J = 10.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.5 (dd, J = 10.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.5 (dd, J = 15.5, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.3 (dd, J = 15.5, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.2 (hept, J = 6.6, 6.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.7 – 1.6 (m, 1H), 1.6 – 1.4 (m, 1H).0.91 (s, 9H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.09 – 0.01 (m, 12H).

¹³C NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.8, 65.3, 61.3, 51.5, 36.3, 35.2, 34.2, 26.1, 26.0, 18.4, -5.2, -5.2, -5.4

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₄₂O₄Si₂Na [M+Na] 413.2514, found 413.2519.

2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl 6-phenylhexanoate (3ad)



Yield: 101 mg(74%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 4.49 (q, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.83 – 1.63 (m, 4H), 1.50 – 1.34 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 172.1, 142.5, 128.4 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 125.8 123.16 (q, *J* = 277.0 Hz), 60.2 (q, *J* = 36.5 Hz), 35.8, 33.6, 31.1, 28.7, 24.7.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -74.66 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₄H₁₇F₃O₂Na [M+Na] 297.1073, found 297.1073.

Methyl 2-chloro-6-phenylhexanoate (3ae)



Modified General procedure: HCO₂Na (136 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv)

Yield: 96 mg (80%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 15/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 4.25 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.10 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.21 (m, 4H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 170.2, 142.1, 128.4, 128.4, 125.9, 57.1, 52.9, 35.6, 34.8, 30.7, 25.6.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₁₇³⁵ClO₂Na (M+Na) 263.0809, found 263.0805.

Methyl 3-(3,3,4-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)propanoate (4).

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Yield 66 mg (68%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 25/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 5.45 – 5.35 (m, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.48 – 2.32 (m, 2H), 2.29 – 2.21 (m, 2H), 2.07 – 1.86 (m, 3H), 1.80 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.36 (m, 1H), 1.32 – 1.11 (m, 2H), 0.87 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 4.0 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.2, 136.1, 121.6, 51.6, 40.2, 32.9, 32.7, 32.4, 29.1, 29.0, 26.5, 20.0, 19.8.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{13}H_{22}O_2Na$ [M+Na] 233.1512, found 233.1512.

N-phenyldecanamide (3af)



Modified General procedure: **2a** (176 μ L, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv), HCO₂Na (136 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv), 2-methylpropane-2-thiol (12 μ L, 0.2 mmol).

Yield: 78 mg (63%). Pale yellow solid. Mp 64-66 °C. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 6/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (p, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.46 – 1.19 (m, 12H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 172.1, 138.3, 128.9, 124.2, 120.1, 37.8, 31.9, 29.5, 29.5, 29.4, 29.4, 25.8, 22.7, 14.2.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₂₅NONa [M+Na] 270.1828, found 270.1830.

1-Phenyldecan-1-one (3ag)



Yield: 85 mg (73%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 50/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.00 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 2.95 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.44 – 1.18 (m, 12H), 0.94 – 0.81 (m, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 200.6, 137.2, 132.9, 128.6, 128.1, 38.7, 32.00, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 24.5, 22.8, 14.2.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₂₄ONa [M+Na] 255.1719, found 255.1721.

6-Phenylhexanenitrile (3ah)

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Modified General procedure: **2a** (176 μ L, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv), HCO₂Na (136 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv), 2-methylpropane-2-thiol (12 μ L, 0.2 mmol).

Yield: 60 mg (69%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 8/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.80 – 1.63 (m, 4H), 1.61 – 1.47 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 142.00, 128.36, 125.86, 119.73, 35.57, 30.58, 28.26, 25.28, 17.06.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₂H₁₅NNa [M+Na] 196.1097, found 196.1094.

(5,5-Dichloropentyl)benzene (3ai)³²

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Yield: 69 mg (64%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 5.75 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.78 – 1.55 (m, 4H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 142.1, 128.5, 126.0, 73.6, 43.6, 35.8, 30.5, 25.8.

(5-Chloro-5,5-difluoropentyl)benzene (3aj)³³

Modified General procedure: 4-chlorobenzenethiol (7.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) instead of, 2-methylpropane-2-thiol, 4CzIPN (2 mg, 0.005 mmol) as photocatalyst, irradiation 60W purple LED (455 nm) was used.

Yield: 33 mg (30%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes

- ¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.38 7.15 (m, 5H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.42 2.24 (m, 2H), 1.83 1.60 (m, 4H).
- ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 141.84, 130.09 (t, *J* = 291.7 Hz), 128.56, 128.50, 42.16, 41.85, 41.53, 35.67, 30.50, 23.05 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -51.29 (t, J = 13.2 Hz).

Gram-scale synthesis of methyl 6-phenylhexanoate (3a)

A 100 mL thick wall screw-cap glass flask was evacuated and filled with argon. Then, DMSO (20 mL), sodium formate (3.4 g, 1 mmol, 2.5 equiv), 4-phenylbutene **1a** (2.64 g, 20 mmol, 1 equiv), methyl chloroacetate **2a** (4.4 mL, 50 mmol, 2.5 equiv), 2-methylpropane-2-thiol (0.36 mL, 3mmol, 15 mol%), 3DPA2FBN (32 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.25 mol %) were added. The flask was screw-capped, placed into a beaker, cooled with water flow at room temperature, and irradiated for 16 h with a 455 nm 30 W S16 LED matrix placed under the bottom of the beaker. The reaction was quenched with water (50 mL) and extracted with hexane (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were filtered through a short pad of Na₂SO₄ and concentrated on a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 15:1). Yield 2.72 g (66%).

Stern-Volmer study

Experiments were performed in a screw-capped quartz vial (10×10 mm). The solvent was degassed, and the vial was filled with argon. The concentration of 3DPA2FBN was 0.1 mmol/L in DMSO. Excitation wavelength 380 nm, fluorescence wavelength 494 nm. Measurements were performed at room temperature.



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