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<u>General</u>

NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL ECX500 spectrometer, operating at 500 MHz for ¹H NMR and 124.51 MHz for ¹³C NMR, or JEOL ECS400 spectrometer, operating at 400 MHz for ¹H NMR, 100 MHz for ¹³C NMR, and 369 MHz for ¹⁹F NMR. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm on the δ scale relative to residual CHCl₃ (δ = 7.24) for ¹H NMR or to CDCl₃ (δ = 77.0) for ¹³C NMR as an internal reference, and hexafluorobenzene ($\delta = -164.90$ ppm) for ¹⁹F NMR as an external reference. Analytical HPLC was conducted by using a JASCO HPLC system equipped with a UV-2075 spectrometer, PU-2080 pumps, a DG-2080-54 degasser, and an MX-2080-32 mixer. Preparative HPLC was conducted by using a JASCO HPLC system equipped with a UV-2075 spectrometer, PU-2086 pumps, a DG-2080-53 degasser, and an MX-2080-32 mixer. ESI-MS spectra were measured on Shimadzu LCMS-2020, Agilent Technologies 6120 (for LRMS) equipped with Prominence LC-2030, or a Bruker micrOTOF-II spectrometer (for HRMS). MALDI-TOF MS was obtained with a Shimadzu Biotech Axima ToF² spectrometer and Shimazu MALDI-8030 using α -cyano-4-hydroxy cinnamic acid as a matrix. We acquired and averaged many (200) single-shot spectra from several positions within an identical sample spot to obtain representative sample data. QCM (27 MHz) analysis was performed using an ULVAC AFFINIX ONu with a gold-electrode sensor cell. Photoreaction was performed with a Valore INSIGHT VAL-S light emitting diode ($\lambda = 430$, 500, and 595 nm) and U-Technology UDP2430W-2 and UDB-220R100 ($\lambda = 660$ nm). Absorbance measurement was performed using a Shimadzu UV-1800 spectrometer with a rectangular quartz cell (5 mm path length). The fluorescence intensity and spectra were measured on a spectrofluorophotometer RF-5300 (Shimadzu Co.) using a rectangular quartz cell (3 mm path length). Circular dichroism (CD) spectra were recorded with a JASCO J-820 spectrometer with a 1 mm pathlength quartz cell with a scanning speed of 200 nm min⁻¹. Theoretical calculations were conducted with the following methods of Gaussian 16 ver. C: Geometry optimization and frequency analysis: M06-2X/6-31G(d) for S₀ and TDA-M06-2X/6-31G(d) for S₁. S₀-S_n and S₀-T_n excitation energies: TDA-M06-2X/6-31G(d). All experiments using animals in this study were performed according to the guidelines provided by the Institutional Animal Care Committee of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, The University of Tokyo (Protocol no. P31-11). All animals were maintained on a 12 h light/dark cycle with food and water ad libitum.

Materials

 $A\beta_{1-42}$ was prepared from the 26-*O*-acyl isopeptide *in situ* as described in reference 1. Thioflavin-T (ThT) and insulin (human) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Inc. (St. Louis, MO, USA). Angiotensin-IV (human), somatostatin, and [Tyr⁸]-Substance P were purchased from Peptide Institute,

¹ Taniguchi, A., Shimizu, Y., Oisaki, K., Sohma, Y., and Kanai, M. (2016). Switchable photooxygenation catalysts that sense higher-order amyloid structures. Nat. Chem. 8, 974–982. 10.1038/nchem.2550.

Inc. Leuprorelin acetate was purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. (Tokyo, Japan). α-Synuclein was purchased from ATGen Co., Ltd. (Seongam-si, Gyeonggi-do, Korea). Recombinantly expressed wild-type transthyretin² was provided by Prof. Mizuguchi Mineyuki. Other chemical species were purchased from commercial suppliers, Dojin Laboratories (Kumamoto, Japan), Kanto Chemical Co., Inc. (Tokyo, Japan), Nacalai Tesque, Inc. (Kyoto, Japan, Peptide Institute, Inc., Sigma-Aldrich, Inc., Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd., Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd. (Osaka, Japan), and Watanabe Chemical Industries, Ltd. (Hiroshima, Japan), and were used without further purification.

Methods

Oxygenation of AB and peptide (protein) selectivity experiment

The reaction was performed similarly to that described in reference 1. In brief, stock solutions of $A\beta_{1-}$ 42 isopeptide (200 μM in 0.1% aqueous TFA), angiotensin-IV (200 μM in water), somatostatin (200 μ M in water), leuprorelin acetate (200 μ M in water), [Tyr⁸]-substance P (200 μ M in water), and lysozyme (200 µM in water) were diluted with 0.1 mM PB to final peptide concentrations of 20 µM (pH 7.4). For A β_{1-42} , the solution was incubated at 37 °C for 3 h for aggregation. To each solution, a catalyst (in DMSO) was added. A final concentration of 0.2 µM (1 mol%), 1 µM (5 mol%), or 40 µM (200 mol%) of the catalyst was used for the oxygenation study or peptide (protein) selectivity study. The mixture was irradiated with a light-emitting diode (LED) ($\lambda = 430$ nm, 500 nm, 595 nm, or 660 nm) at 37 °C. The powers of the light source were approximately 10 mW (430 nm, 500 nm, and 595 nm) or 5 mW (660 nm), and photoirradiation was performed at a distance of approximately 5 cm away from the samples. Corresponding reaction samples without light irradiation were also prepared as controls. The reactions were monitored and analyzed using MALDI-TOF MS. If necessary, an aliquot of the reaction mixture was de-salted with ZipTip U-C18 (Millipore Corporation) prior to the MS analysis. The degrees of oxygenation were expressed as the intensity ratio of oxygenation (%) = (sum of MS intensities of n[O] adducts) / (sum of MS peak intensities for remaining starting material and n[O] adducts) × 100. For the oxygenation of lysozyme, circular dichroism (CD) spectroscopy of the reaction mixture was measured.

Selectivity experiment using a mixture of Aß and other peptides

A stock solution of $A\beta_{1-42}$ isopeptide (200 μ M in 0.1% aqueous TFA) was diluted with 0.2 mM PB to a final peptide concentration of 100 μ M in 0.1 M PB (pH 7.4). The solution was incubated at 37 °C for 3 h for aggregation. To the solution, angiotensin-IV (200 μ M in water), somatostatin (200 μ M in

² Ueda, M., Okada, M., Mizuguchi, M., Kluve-Becherman, B., Kanenawa, K., Isoguchi, A., Misumi, Y., Tasaki, M., Ueda, A., Kanai, A., et al. (2019). A cell-based high-throughput screening method to directly examine transthyretin amyloid fibril formation at neutral pH. J. Biol. Chem. 294, 11259–11275. 10.1074/jbc.RA119.007851

water), leuprorelin acetate (200 μ M in water), and [Tyr⁸]-substance P (200 μ M in water) were added, and the mixture was diluted with 0.2 M PB to each final concentration of 20 μ M in 0.1 M PB (pH 7.4). To the solution, **ABB** (2 mM in DMSO), **EV** (50 μ M in DMSO), or **LEV** (100 μ M in DMSO) was added. The final concentration of 40 μ M for **ABB**, 1 μ M for **EV**, or 2 μ M for **LEV** was used. The oxygenation and analysis were conducted as described above.

Identification of oxygenation position

The oxygenation reaction with **EV** (5 mol%) for 120 min was conducted as described above. To the oxygenation reaction mixture, trypsin, Asp-N, or Glu-C was added and the mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 1 d. The resulting mixture was analyzed by MALDI-TOF MS.

Absorption spectrum of catalysts

A catalyst (2 mM in DMSO) was added to 0.1 M PB (final concentration: 20 μ M), and the absorption spectrum was measured.

Fluorescence spectrum of catalysts

The solution for "**Absorption spectrum of catalysts**" was diluted twice with a 0.1 M PB solution, and the fluorescence spectrum was measured. The excitation wavelength was 550 or 600 nm.

Absorption spectrum of catalysts in the presence of Aβ

A 0.1 M PB solution (pH 7.4) containing a catalyst (20 μ M) with or without A β_{1-42} (20 μ M) was incubated at 37 °C for 1 h, and the absorption spectrum was measured.

Fluorescence spectrum of catalysts in the presence of $A\beta$

The solution for "Absorption spectrum of catalysts in the presence of $A\beta$ " was diluted twice with a 0.1 M PB solution, and the fluorescence spectrum was measured. The excitation wavelength was 550 nm (for LEV) or 600 nm (for EV).

Quartz crystal microbalance (QCM)

To a gold electrode sensor housed in the cell, 10 μ L of 5% EtOH/water including 0.1 mM 20-(11mercaptoundecanyloxy)-3,6,9,12,15,18-hexaoxaeicosanoic acid was added, and the solution was allowed to stand at room temperature for 1 h. The sensor was rinsed with water and dried with air blow. Then, to the resulting sensor with a self-assembled monolayer on the surface, 50 μ L of an aqueous solution including *N*-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-*N*²-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (50 mg mL⁻¹) and *N*-hydroxy succinimide (50 mg mL⁻¹) was added, and the solution was allowed to stand at room temperature for 15 min. The sensor was rinsed with water and dried with air blow. After the sensor cell was installed into the quartz crystal microbalance apparatus, preaggregated A β_{1-42} in phosphate buffer was added to the sensor unit (final volume: 20 µL, 50 µM A β , 10 mM phosphate). The solutions were stirred at 25 °C until the frequencies become stable. After the sensors were washed with water, 200 µL of 10 mM PB (pH 7.4) was added. When a stable baseline was attained, 0.5 µL of DMSO solution containing a catalyst (0.1, 0.5, and 2 mM) was added, and the changes in the frequencies were measured. The binding curves were generated using KaleidaGraph 4.5. The concentration of a catalyst that elicited one-half of the maximum change of the frequency was calculated and assigned as the K_d value.

Assessment of the production of ¹O₂ with aggregated Aβ

A PB solution (pH 7.4) containing preaggregated A β (20 μ M), furfuryl alcohol (2 mM), and a catalyst (0.2 mM) was photoirradiated (595 nm LED) at 37 °C for arbitrary periods (0 h, 2 h, 4 h), and the concentrations of furfuryl alcohol were quantified by UV absorbance using HPLC.

HPLC method: acetonitrile for 2 min, followed by a linear gradient of 0–100% acetonitrile over 20 min, and 100% acetonitrile for 5 min Triart C18 column, 215 nm.

Assessment of the production of ¹O₂ with glycerol/MeOH solvents

A solution of furfuryl alcohol (2 mM) and a catalyst (0.2 mM) in glycerol/MeOH (1:1) was photoirradiated (595 nm LED) at 37 °C for arbitrary periods (0 h, 2 h, 4 h), and the concentrations of furfuryl alcohol were quantified by UV absorbance using HPLC.

HPLC method: acetonitrile for 2 min, followed by a linear gradient of 0–100% acetonitrile over 20 min, and 100% acetonitrile for 5 min Triart C18 column, 215 nm.

Preparation and oxygenation of amyloids

The reaction was performed similarly to that described in reference 1.

Tau

Preparation: Recombinant Tau Repeat Domain (wild type) (RDWT; the aa 244–332 fragment in fulllength tau 2N4R comprising 441 amino acids) was prepared similarly as that described in reference 3. Briefly, RDWT tau was expressed in Rosetta (DE3) (Novagen) and purified using a cation exchange chromatography column with cellulose phosphate as previously reported⁴. After elution, the eluates were applied to reverse-phase chromatography to increase the purity. After evaporation of the elution buffer from reverse-phase chromatography, pellets were dissolved in PBS. The concentration of tau was determined by the bicinchoninic acid (BCA) method. The sample was stocked at -80 °C until use. Oxygenation: To a solution of tau RDWT (40 μ M) in sodium acetate buffer (pH 7.0), 1,4-dithiothreitol (2 μ M) and heparin-sodium (40 μ M) were added, and the mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 3 h. A catalyst (2 μ M) was added and the mixture was photoirradiated (595 nm LED) at 37 °C for 1 h. Urea was added to the reaction mixture to 8 M and products were analyzed using MALDI-TOF MS. The reaction mixture was de-salted with ZipTip U-C18 (Millipore Corporation) prior to the MS analysis. The degrees of oxygenation were expressed as the intensity ratio of oxygenation (%) = (sum of MS intensities of n[O] adducts) / (sum of MS peak intensities for remaining starting material and n[O] adducts) × 100.

<u>Insulin</u>

Preparation: Insulin was dissolved in 25 mM aqueous HCl to adjust the concentration at 400 μ M and the solution was filtered ($\phi = 0.45 \ \mu$ m). The final concentration was determined by UV absorption (276 nm, 6211 M⁻¹cm⁻¹) and the sample was stored at -80 °C until use.

Oxygenation: Neutralized buffer solutions containing insulin (100 μ M; aggregated samples were prepared via incubation of insulin (400 μ M) in 25 mM aqueous HCl solution at 60 °C for 24 h). Adding a catalyst (5 μ M), the mixture was photoirradiated (595 nm LED) at 37 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was analyzed using MALDI-TOF MS. The reaction mixture was de-salted with ZipTip U-C18 (Millipore Corporation) prior to the MS analysis. The degrees of oxygenation were expressed as the intensity ratio of oxygenation (%) = (sum of MS intensities of n[O] adducts) / (sum of MS peak intensities for remaining starting material and n[O] adducts) × 100.

³ Suzuki, T., Hori, Y., Sawazaki, T., Shimizu, Y., Nemoto, Y., Taniguchi, A., Ozawa, S., Sohma, Y., Kanai, M., Tomita, T. (2019). Photo-oxygenation inhibits tau amyloid formation. Chem. Commun. *55*, 6165–6168. 10.1039/C9CC01728C

⁴ Goedert, M. and Jakes, R. (1990). Expression of separate isoforms of human tau protein: correlation with the tau pattern in brain and effects on tubulin polymerization. EMBO J. *9*, 4225–4230. 10.1002/j.1460-2075.1990.tb07870.x

<u>a-Synuclein</u>

Preparation: A commercially available solution of α -synuclein [69 μ M in 20 mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.5), 100 mM NaCl, and 1 mM MgCl₂] was stored at -80 °C until use.

Oxygenation: A solution containing α -synuclein (69 μ M; an aggregated sample was prepared via incubation at 37 °C for 24 h) and a catalyst (3.5 μ M) was photoirradiated (595 nm LED) at 37 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was treated with Trypsin Gold and analyzed using MALDI-TOF MS. The reaction mixture was de-salted with ZipTip U-C18 (Millipore Corporation) prior to the MS analysis. The degrees of oxygenation were expressed as the intensity ratio of oxygenation for peptide fragments 3 (the aa 103–140 fragment in full-length α -synuclein comprising 140 amino acids) (%) = (sum of MS intensities of n[O] adducts) / (sum of MS peak intensities for remaining starting material and n[O] adducts) × 100.

Transthyretin

Preparation: Recombinant wild-type transthyretin (WT-TTR) with a His6-tagged *N*-terminus was dissolved in PBS to 146 μ M and the solution was stocked at -80 °C until use in a similar manner as that described in reference 2.

Oxygenation: To a solution of recombinant WT-TTR (73 μ M), AcOH buffer (40 mM) and a KCl solution (100 mM) were added and the mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 48 h. After the incubation, the mixture was neutralized to pH 7 with NH₃ aqueous solution to obtain a solution of aggregated WT-TTR (37 μ M). To the solution, a catalyst (1.85 μ M) was added and the mixture was photoirradiated (595 nm LED) at 37 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was treated with Trypsin Gold and products were analyzed using MALDI-TOF MS. The reaction mixture was de-salted with ZipTip U-C18 (Millipore Corporation) prior to the MS analysis. The degrees of oxygenation were expressed as the intensity ratio of oxygenation for peptide fragment 9 (the aa 81–103 fragment in the full-length TTR comprising 127 amino acids) (%) = (sum of MS intensities of n[O] adducts) / (sum of MS peak intensities for remaining starting material and n[O] adducts) × 100.

Thioflavin-T (ThT) assay

The ThT assay was examined similarly to that described in reference 1. Briefly, 10 μ L of the reaction mixture (20 μ M A β and 1 μ M catalyst in 0.1 M PB) was added to a 1.25 μ M ThT solution [400 μ L, freshly prepared by adding 50 μ M ThT in water (10 μ L; ThT was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Inc.) to a 50 mM glycine-NaOH buffer (396 μ L, pH 8.5)]. The fluorescence intensity of the solution (400 μ L) was measured by excitation at 440 nm light and detection of the emission fluorescence at 480 nm at r.t..

Conversion of LEV to EV by photoirradiation

To a 20 μ M LEV solution in 0.1 M PB (pH 7.4), aggregated A β (0 or 20 μ M) was added. The solution was photoirradiated at 430, 500, 595, or 660 nm at 37 °C for a certain time. After irradiation, the absorption spectra of the solution were obtained. The resulting solution was diluted twice by 0.1 M PB, and the fluorescence spectrum was measured with the excitation wavelength at 600 nm. The conversion was also analyzed using LC-MS.

³O₂ control experiment for the conversion of LEV to EV

LEV (20 μ M) was dissolved in 0.1 M PB (degassed with the freeze-pump-thaw method) and the solution was photoirradiated for 30 min. After photoirradiation, absorption spectra of the resulting solution were obtained.

Effect of ¹O₂ on the conversion of LEV to EV

External 1O2 generation

To a 20 μ M LEV solution in 0.1 M PB (pH 7.4), H₂O₂ (2 mM) and Na₂MoO₄ (2 mM)^{5,6} were added and the mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 60 min. After incubation, the absorption spectrum of the solution was obtained.

Control experiment

To a 20 μ M LEV solution in 0.1 M PB (pH 7.4), NaN₃ (20 μ M) as a trapping agent of ¹O₂ was added and the mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 60 min. After incubation, the absorption spectrum of the solution was obtained.

Hydrogen atom transfer (HAT) process of DPPH

To a 20 μ M LEV solution in 0.1 M PB (pH 7.4), 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) radical (20 μ M) was added and the mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 60 min. After incubation, the absorption spectrum of the solution was obtained.

Detection of H₂O₂

A 100 μ M LEV solution in 0.1 M PB (pH 7.4) was photoirradiated (595 nm) at 37 °C for 60 min. After photoirradiation, potassium iodide (4000 eq.) and potassium hydrogen phthalate (1000 eq.) as an acid were added, and the mixture was incubated at r.t. for 30 min. After incubation, the absorption

⁵ Boehme, K. and Brauer, H. D. (1992). Deneration of singlet oxygen from hydrogen peroxide disproportionation catalyzed by molybdate ions. Inorg. Chem. *31*, 3468–3471. 10.1021/ic00042a024.
⁶ Pham, D., Basu, U., Pohorilets, I., St. Crois, C. M., Watkins, S. C., Koide, K. (2020). Fluorogenic Probe Using a Mislow–Evans Rearrangement for Real-Time Imaging of Hydrogen Peroxide. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. *59*, 17435–17441. 10.1002/anie.202007104.

spectrum of the solution was obtained. The control experiment was also conducted with no addition of **LEV**.

ON/OFF experiment

A 20 μ M LEV solution in 0.1 M PB (pH 7.4) was photoirradiated for 5 min and then incubated for 55 min in the dark at 37 °C. After that, the absorption spectrum of the solution was obtained.

Examination of electron-donor-acceptor (EDA) complex formation

A 20 μ M LEV and/or EV solution in 0.1 M PB (pH 7.4) was prepared and the absorption spectra of the solutions were obtained.

Examination of exciplex formation

Fluorescence spectra of a mixed solution of EV (20 μ M) and LEV (0 to 80 μ M) in variable concentrations in 0.1 M PB (pH 7.4) were measured. The relationship between the fluorescence intensity of λ_{em} and the LEV/EV molar ratio was plotted as a Stern-Volmer plot.

Cytotoxicity assay

Rat pheochromocytoma PC12 cells suspended in DMEM that contained 5% horse serum and 10% fetal bovine serum were seeded at a density of 10,000 cells per 100 μ L per well on a poly-D-lysine–coated 96-well plate and incubated at 37 °C under 5% CO₂ for 3 days. After removing the medium, the cells were washed with 150 μ L serum-free DMEM, and 75 μ L DMEM containing 0.1% horse serum was added. Then, the 96-well plate was incubated at 37 °C under 5% CO₂ for 1 day. A catalyst as dimethyl sulfoxide solution was added to the cell plate described above (final concentration of the catalyst: 0 to 10 μ M). The mixture was irradiated or not irradiated with LED (λ = 595 nm, approximately 5 cm distance) for 10 min at 37 °C. The cells were incubated for 48 h at 37 °C under 5% CO₂. Cell viability was determined using the cell-count reagent SF (Nacalai Tesque, Inc.) with WST-8.

BBB penetration

A solution containing the catalyst (1 mM in 10% DMSO/15% Kolliphor EL/75% PBS, 0.2 mL) was intravenously injected into C57BL/6J mice. The mice were perfused with saline, and the brains were excised at arbitrary time points after the injection. The brain samples were homogenized with 1.0 mL MeCN, and the homogenate was centrifuged at 14,000 g for 5 min at 4 °C. The supernatant was evaporated, the resulting solid was redissolved in 0.1 mL MeCN, and 20 μ L of the solution was analyzed by HPLC.

HPLC conditions: 0% acetonitrile for 2 min, followed by a linear gradient of 0-100% acetonitrile over

20 min, and 100% acetonitrile for 5 min, Triart Phenyl column, 600 nm (for **EV** and **14**) or Triart C18, 230 nm (for **LEV**).

Oxygenation of Aβ in mouse brain lysate

The brain excised from a 10-month-old *App* knock-in (*App*^{*NL-G-F/NL-G-F*}) mouse expressing human Arctic A β s⁷ was homogenized in PBS (containing cOmplete EDTA+ (Roche) and PhosSTOP (Sigma)), and the suspensions were stored at -80 °C until use. The catalyst was added to the PBS-lysate suspension (final 50 µM) and the mixture was photoirradiated with LED ($\lambda = 595$ nm (for **EV**, **LEV**, or **ABB**) or 430 nm (Riboflavin)) or kept in the dark at 37 °C for 3 h. After the reaction, the mixture was centrifuged (260,000 *g*, 20 min, 4 °C), and the supernatant was removed. The resulting precipitate was redissolved in DMSO. The samples were separated by SDS-PAGE using a 15% Tris-Tricine gel. Molecular weight was estimated with Precision Plus Protein Standards Dual Xtra (Bio-Rad, California, USA). Western blotting analysis was performed using an anti-A β antibody (82E1; IBL).

In addition, the reaction mixture (without fractionation) was analyzed with MALDI-TOF MS with the addition of urea and de-saltation with ZipTip U-C18 (Millipore Corporation) prior to the MS analysis.

Oxygenation of off-target proteins in mouse brain lysate

The supernatant of the reaction mixture of "**Oxygenation of A** β **in mouse brain lysate**" was analyzed by SDS-PAGE using a 15% Tris-Tricine gel with CBB staining.

Oxygenation of Aβ *in vivo* (for 5 days)

A solution of a catalyst (1 mM in 10% DMSO/15% Kolliphor EL/75% PBS, 0.2 mL, ~8.0 mg/kg) was intravenously injected into 5–6-month-old $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$ mice (n = 3 experiments, each group) expressing human Arctic A β . After 5 min (for **LEV**) or 60 min (for **EV** or **ABB**), mice were irradiated with LED ($\lambda = 595$ nm) for 10 min. The operation set (catalyst injection and photoirradiation) was repeated five times over 5 days. At 24 hours after the final operation set, the brain was excised and homogenized using a 10× volume of 1× PBS buffer (containing cOmplete EDTA+ (Roche) and PhosSTOP (Sigma)). After the mixture was centrifuged (260,000 g, 20 min, 4 °C), the supernatant was removed, and the precipitate was homogenized using 2% Triton-X–containing PBS buffer. The mixture was then centrifuged (260,000 g, 20 min, 4 °C), and again, the supernatant was removed. The resulting precipitate was homogenized using 70% formic acid (FA), sonicated, and centrifuged (260,000 g, 20 min, 4 °C). The collected supernatant (=Insoluble fraction) was evaporated, redissolved

⁷ Saito, T., Matsuba, Y., Mihara, N., Takano, J., Nilsson, P., Itohara, S., Iwata, N., and Saido, T. C. (2014). Single App knock-in mouse models of Alzheimer's disease. Nat. Neurosci. *17*, 661. 10.1038/nn.3697.

in DMSO, and analyzed by SDS-PAGE using a 15% Tris-Tricine gel and Western blotting using an anti-A β antibody (82E1; IBL). For loading controls, α -tubulin in lysates before fractionation was analyzed (B-5-1-2; Sigma). The protein subjected to SDS-PAGE was quantified using the BCA method, and the applied amount was normalized.

Oxygenation of Aβ in vivo (for 2 months)

Using 2–3-month-old $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$ mice (n = 3 experiments, each group), the same operation set (catalyst injection and photoirradiation) as "**Oxygenation of A** β *in vivo* (for 5 days)" was repeated three times per week for 2 months. At 24 hours after the final operation set, the brain was excised and homogenized using a 10× volume of 1×PBS buffer (containing cOmplete EDTA+ (Roche) and PhosSTOP (Sigma)). The lysate was analyzed by SDS-PAGE using a 15% Tris-Tricine gel and Western blotting using an anti-A β antibody (82E1; IBL). The protein subjected to SDS-PAGE was quantified using the BCA method, and the applied amount was normalized. For loading controls, α -tubulin in lysates before fractionation was analyzed (B-5-1-2; sigma). Western blotting for a single sample was performed in triplicate, and the data was shown as the mean (of n = 3 experiments) ± SEM.

Human brain samples

Samples of brain tissue from patients with Alzheimer disease were obtained from the tissue bank at the University of Pennsylvania Alzheimer's Disease Core Center (ADCC) and the Center for Neurodegenerative Disease Research (CNDR). All samples used in experiments were obtained from the temporal cortex under the approval of the institutional review board, ADCC-CNDR, and the institutional ethical committee of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Tokyo (No. 2-1).

Oxygenation of A_β from lysates of human brain samples

The temporal cortex of an Alzheimer disease patient was homogenized using $10 \times \text{volume}$ of PBS (containing cOmplete EDTA+ (Roche) and PhosSTOP (Sigma)). For photo-oxygenation, a catalyst (2.5 μ M) was added to the brain lysate and irradiated with 595 nm light for 3 h or kept in the dark at 37 °C. The resulting mixture was analyzed with SDS-PAGE, Western blotting (anti-A β antibodies: 82E1 (IBL), anti-tau antibodies: 5A6 anti-GAPDH antibodies: GAPDH-71.1) and CBB staining.

Supplemental Figures



Figure S1. Screening of the photooxygenation catalysts. A phosphate buffer solution (pH 7.4) containing aggregated A β_{1-42} (20 μ M) and catalyst (1 μ M, 5 mol%) was photoirradiated (λ = 595 nm, 10 mW) at 37 °C for 30 min, and the reaction progress was analyzed using MALDI-TOF MS (average of n = 3 experiments).





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Figure S2. Absorption spectra of the triarylmethane catalysts. A 0.1 M PB solution (pH 7.4) containing a catalyst (20 μ M) with or without preaggregated A β_{1-42} (20 μ M) was incubated at 37 °C for 1 h, and the absorption spectrum was measured.



Figure S3. Absorption spectra of **EV** with or without aggregated A β . A phosphate buffer solution (pH 7.4) containing **EV** (20 μ M) with aggregated A β (20 μ M) was incubated at 37 °C for 1 hour, and the absorption spectrum was measured. In the condition without A β , **EV** (2 mM in DMSO) was added to a phosphate buffer solution (pH 7.4, the final concentration of **EV**: 20 μ M), and the absorption wavelength was measured.



Figure S4. Photooxygenation reaction of an off-target protein with **EV** or **LEV**. A phosphate buffer solution (pH 7.4) containing lysozyme (20 μ M) and catalyst (1 μ M, 5 mol%) was photoirradiated (λ = 595 nm, 10 mW) at 37 °C for 60 min, and the reaction progress was analyzed using MALDI-TOF MS. N.R. (no reaction) means that no oxygenated lysozyme was detected by MALDI-TOF MS analysis. Circular dichroism (CD) spectroscopy of the reaction mixture also indicates that the tertiary structure of the protein was unchanged before (ctrl) and after the reaction with **EV** and **LEV**.



Figure S5. Fluorescence spectra of **EV** with or without aggregated A β . The solution of Figure S3 was diluted twice with a phosphate buffer solution (pH 7.4), and the fluorescence spectrum was measured. The excitation wavelength was 550 nm.



Oxygenation sites: His⁶, His¹³ or His¹⁴, Met³⁵

Observed crosslinked product:

- His⁶[O]-Lys¹⁶ or His¹³[O]-His⁶ or His¹⁴[O]-His⁶ (same MW)
- His⁶[O]-Lys²⁸

(c)

LC-MS

Trypsin

F1: DAEFR

F2: HDSGYEVHHQK

F3: LVFFAEDVGSNK

F4: GAIIGLMVGGVVIA

[extracted m/z]

• Met35 in F4 ((1268.76+16.00)/2+1.01=643.4)

Oxygenated A_β



Control A_β



Asp-N

F1: DAEFRH F2: DSGYEVHHQKLVFFAE

F3: DVGSNKGAIIGLMVGGVVIA

[extracted m/z]

• His6 in F1 (774.4+13.98=788.4)

- Met35 in F3 ((1869.04+16.00)/3+1.01=629.4)
- His13or14 in F1-2 ((2660.24+13.98)/4+1.01=669.6)
- Crosslink(F1, F2) or Y[2O] in F1-2 ((2692.3+4.04)/4=674.1)

Oxygenated A_β



Control A_β



Glu-C

F1: D

F2: AE

F3: FRHD

F4: SGYD

F5: VHHQKLVFFAE

F6: D

F7: VGSNKGAIIGLMVGGVVIA

[extracted m/z]

- His6 in F3-4 ((1009.4+13.98)/2+1.01=512.7)
- His13or14 in F5 ((1353.72+13.98)/2+1.01=684.9)
- Met35 in F6-7 ((1869.03+16.00)/3+1.01=629.4)
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F1: DAEFR

F2: HDSGYEVHHQK

F3: LVFFAEDVGSNK

F4: GAIIGLMVGGVVIA

• Met35 in F4 (1268.76+16.00+1.01=1285.77)



Asp-N

- F1: DAEFRH
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(upper: control A β , lower: oxygenated A β)

Glu-C

F1: D

F2: AE

F3: FRHD

F4: SGYD

F5: VHHQKLVFFAE

F6: D

F7: VGSNKGAIIGLMVGGVVIA

• His6 in F3-4 (1009.4+13.98+1.01=1024.39)



• His13or14 in F5 (1353.72+13.98+1.01=1368.71)



• Met35 in F6-7 (1869.03+16.00+1.01=1886.04)



(upper: control A β , lower: oxygenated A β)

Figure S6. Determination of the oxygenated residues of A β . (a) Protocol. Oxygenated A β was digested with trypsin, Asp-N, or Glu-C. The resulting mixture was analyzed by MALDI-TOF MS. (b) Oxygenated residues. (c) LC-MS data/spectra and MALDI-TOF MS spectra for fragments after trypsinization or enzymatic digestion.



Figure S7. Relationship between His oxygenation and crosslink. Singlet oxygen $({}^{1}O_{2})$ reacts with imidazole of histidine, leading to an electrophilic imidazolone intermediate (oxidized amyloid). The intermolecular nucleophilic addition of amino acid residues (such as His and Lys) to imidazolone produces crosslinked products.



Figure S8. Affinities between aggregated A β and catalysts. A quartz crystal microbalance (QCM) study (n = 3 experiments, mean \pm SEM) to measure the dissociation constant values of catalysts with aggregated A β . K_d : dissociation constant.



Figure S9. Oxygenation of furfuryl alcohol by ¹O₂. (A) A PB solution (pH 7.4) containing aggregated A β_{1-42} (20 µM), furfuryl alcohol (2 mM), and a catalyst **EV** or **LEV** (0.2 mM) was photoirradiated (λ = 595 nm, 10 mW) at 37 °C for arbitrary time periods (0 h, 2 h, and 4 h), and the concentrations of remaining furfuryl alcohol were quantified by UV absorbance using HPLC (*n* = 3 experiments, mean \pm SEM). (B) A mixed solution of furfuryl alcohol (2 mM) and catalyst (200 µM) in a mixed solvent of glycerol/MeOH (1/1) was photoirradiated with 595 nm light at 37 °C for certain time. The concentration of remaining furfuryl alcohol was measured with UV absorption.

(A)



Figure S10. Cell viability assay. To PC12 cells in DMEM, a catalyst in PBS was added. Under the "Light" conditions, the cells were photoirradiated with 595 nm light at 37 °C for 10 min. After 2-day incubation at 37 °C, cell viability was determined using the Cell Count Reagent SF with WST-8 (n = 3 experiments, mean \pm SEM).



Figure S11. BBB permeability of the catalysts. A solution containing the catalyst (1 mM in 10% DMSO/15% Kolliphor EL/75% PBS, 200 μ L) was intravenously injected into C5BL6J mice. The mice were perfused with saline, and the brains were excised at arbitrary time points after injection. The brain samples were homogenized with 1.0 mL MeCN, and the homogenate was centrifuged at 14,000 *g* for 5 min at 4 °C. The supernatant was taken up to another vessel and evaporated. The resulting solid was redissolved in 100 μ L MeCN, and the solution was analyzed by HPLC (*n* = 3 experiments, mean \pm SEM).



Figure S12. Photochemical properties of **LEV**. (Left) Absorption spectra of **LEV** with or without aggregated A β . A phosphate buffer solution (pH 7.4) containing **LEV** (20 μ M) with aggregated A β (20 μ M) was incubated at 37 °C for 1 hour, and the absorption spectrum was measured. Under the conditions without A β , **LEV** (2 mM in DMSO) was added to a phosphate buffer solution (pH 7.4, the final concentration of **LEV**: 20 μ M), and the absorption wavelength was measured. (Right) Fluorescence spectra of **LEV** with or without aggregated A β . The solution for the absorption spectrum measurement was diluted twice with a phosphate buffer solution (pH 7.4), and the fluorescence spectrum was measured. The excitation wavelength was 600 nm.



Figure S13. Comparison between irradiated and non-irradiated conditions. A PB solution (pH 7.4) containing A β_{1-42} (20 μ M) and catalyst (1 μ M, 5 mol%) was photoirradiated (λ = 595 nm, 10 mW) at 37 °C for 120 min, and the reaction progress was analyzed using MALDI-TOF MS (average of n = 3 experiments).



Figure S14. Aggregation assay using **EV** or **LEV**. Catalyst (5 mol%) was added to monomer A β , and photooxygenation was performed for 3 hours. After the reaction, the aggregation level was evaluated with Thioflavin T (ThT) fluorescence.



Figure S15. Photooxygenation reaction of a mixture of aggregated A β and off-target peptides. To a mixed solution of AT4, Sst, LeuP, SubP, and aggregated A β (20 μ M each), a catalyst [ABB (40 μ M, 200 mol%), **EV** (1 μ M, 5 mol%), or **LEV** (2 μ M, 10 mol%)] was added. The mixture was photoirradiated (λ = 595 nm, 10 mW) at 37 °C for 60 min. After photoirradiation, the reaction progress was analyzed using MALDI-TOF MS (*n* = 3 experiments, mean ± SEM).



Figure S16. LC-MS analysis and fluorescence spectroscopy tracing the conversion of **LEV** to **EV**. (a) LC-MS analysis. A 20 μ M **LEV** solution in 0.1 M PB (pH 7.4) was photoirradiated for 60 min and the resulting mixture was subjected to LC-MS analysis. (b) Fluorescence spectroscopy. To a 20 μ M **LEV** solution in 0.1 M PB (pH 7.4), aggregated A β (20 μ M) was added and photoirradiation was conducted for 60 min. After irradiation, fluorescence spectra were measured.



Figure S17. Involvement of ${}^{3}O_{2}$ in activation of **LEV** to **EV**. **LEV** (20 μ M) was dissolved in a phosphate buffer solution (pH 7.4, degassed with freeze-pump-thaw method or not) and the solution was photoirradiated ($\lambda = 595$ nm, 10 mW) at 37 °C for 30 min. After photoirradiation, absorption spectra of the resulting solutions were measured. The control is the absorption spectrum of **LEV**.



Figure S18. Effects of NaN₃ in activation of **LEV** to **EV** as a ${}^{1}O_{2}$ quenching reagent.⁸ To a 20 μ M **LEV** solution in 0.1 M PB (pH 7.4), NaN₃ (20 μ M) was added, and the mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 60 min with photoirradiation (λ = 595 nm, 10 mW). After incubation, the absorption spectra of the solutions were measured.



Figure S19. Photo-independent generation of ${}^{1}O_{2}$. To a 20 μ M LEV solution in a PB (pH 7.4), H₂O₂ (2 mM) and Na₂MoO₄ (Mo; 2 mM)⁹ were added and the solution was incubated at 37 °C for 60 min. The absorption spectra of the resulting solution were measured.

⁸ C. S. Foote, T. T. Fujimoto, Y. C. Chang, *Tetrahedron Lett.* 1972, 1, 45.

⁹ a) K. Boehme, H. D. Brauer, *Inorg. Chem.* **1992**, *31*, 3468. b) D. Pham, U. Basu, I. Pohorilets, C. M. St. Croix, S. C. Watkins, K. Koide, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2020**, *59*, 17435.
Calculated Bond Dissociation Energy (BDE)

 $BDE = \Delta_f H^0_{Radical} + \Delta_f H^0_H - \Delta_f H^0_{Molecule}$ $\Delta_f H^0 = EE \text{ (Electronic Energy)} + \text{Thermal Correction for enthalpy}$



Calculation Results

(a) Hydrogen atom (H radical)

EE (Electronic Energy) = -0.500282 Hartree

Zero-point Energy Correction = 0 Hartree

Thermal Correction to Enthalpy (298.15 K) = 0.002360 Hartree

(b) **2**

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(c) **13-H**

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These results suggested that HAT process from 2 by $3^{*}(T1)$ is thermodynamically feasible.

Figure S20. DFT Calculations for bond dissociation energies. Geometry optimization with the density functional theory (DFT) method was performed by the Gaussian 16 program package¹⁰. The ground-state geometry was optimized at the B3LYP/6-31G+(d) level with the conductor-like polarizable continuum model (CPCM) for the solvation effects of water. The geometry optimization for open shell species was performed at the UB3LYP/6-31G+(d) level. Those geometries having minimum energies were confirmed by frequency calculation. Parameters for thermal correction were obtained from the frequency calculation. Subsequent single point calculations for open shell species have been performed at the ROB3LYP/6-31G+(d) level with the CPCM for the solvation effects of water.

¹⁰ Frisch, M. J., Trucks, G. W., Schlegel, H. B., Scuseria, G. E., Robb, M. A., Cheeseman, J. R., Scalmani, G., Barone, V., Petersson, G.A., Nakatsuji, H., Li, X., Caricato, M., Marenich, A. V., Bloino, J., Janesko, B. G., Gomperts, R., Mennucci, B., Hratchian, H. P., Ortiz, J. V., Izmaylov, A. F., Sonnemberg, J. L., Williams-Young, D., Ding, F., Lipparini, F., Egidi, F., Goings, J., Peng, B., Petrone, A., Henderson, T., Ranasinghe, D., Zakrzewski, V. G., Gao, J., Rega, N., Zheng, G., Liang, W., Hada, M., Ehara, M., Toyota, K., Fukuda, R., Hasegawa, J., Ishida, M., Nakajima, T., Honda, Y., Kitao, O., Nakai, H., Vreven, T., Throssell, K., Montgomery, Jr., J. A., Peralta, J. E., Ogliaro, F., Bearpark, M., Heyd, J. J., Brothers, E., Kudin, K. N., Staroverov, V. N., Keith, T. A., Kobayashi, R., Normand, J., Raghavachari, K., Rendell, A., Burant, J. C., Iyengar, S. S., Tomasi, J., Cossi, M., Millam, J. M., Klene, M., Adamo, C., Cammi, R., Ochterski, J. W., Martin, R. L., Morokuma, K., Farkas, O., Foresman, J. B., Fox, D. J. (2016) Gaussian 16, Revision A. 03; Gaussian, Inc.: Wallingford, CT.



 H_2O_2 oxidizes iodide anion (I⁻) under acidic conditions to generate triiodide anion (I₃⁻), which furnishes an absorption peak at 350 nm. The peak at 350 nm was detected by photoirradiation of **LEV**. This peak did not appear without photoirradiation. The result supports H_2O_2 production.

Figure S21. Iodometry detection of H_2O_2 generation in photoactivation of **LEV** to **EV**. A 100 μ M **LEV** solution in 0.1 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.4) was photoirradiated (595 nm) at 37 °C for 60 min. After photoirradiation, potassium iodide (4000 eq.) and potassium hydrogen phthalate (1000 eq.) were added, and the mixture was incubated at r.t. for 30 min. After incubation, the absorption spectrum of the solution was measured. Control means no addition of **LEV**.



A possibility of radical chain mechanism was investigated. If peroxy radical species **14** directly abstracts the hydrogen atom from the methine C–H bond of **LEV**, photoirradiation would not be necessary for generating **EV** from **LEV** (Figure S22a). To assess if such a radical chain mechanism is operating, a **LEV** solution was photoirradiated for 5 min and then incubated for 55 min in the dark. As a result, increase in the absorption intensity at 600 nm corresponding to **EV** was not observed compared to the condition with photoirradiation for 5 min (Figure S21b). This result indicate that the radical chain mechanism is not a main pathway in the conversion from **LEV** to **EV**.

Figure S22. Possibility of radical chain mechanism. (a) Proposed reaction scheme. (b) ON/OFF experiment. A 20 μ M solution of **LEV** in 0.1 M PB (pH 7.4) was photoirradiated ($\lambda = 600$ nm) for 5 min and then incubated for 55 min in the dark at 37 °C. The absorption spectrum of the solution was obtained (black line). The spectrum was compared to that of a solution of **LEV** photoirradiated for 5 min (green line) and **LEV** without photoirradiation (control, grey line).



A possibility of EDA (electron donor-acceptor) complex formation between **EV** and **LEV** was investigated. A mixed solution of **LEV** and **EV** was prepared, and its absorption spectrum was measured. As a result, the mixed solution afforded almost the same spectrum as that of only **EV**. This result indicate that EDA complexation did not occur between **EV** and **LEV**.

Figure S23. Absorption spectrum of a mixed solution of EV and LEV. A mixture of LEV and EV (20 μ M each) was dissolved in 0.1 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.4) and the absorption spectra of the solutions were measured.



A possibility of exciplex formation between **EV** and **LEV** was investigated. The fluorescence quenching (Stern-Volmer) experiment of **EV** by the presence of variable concentrations of **LEV** was conducted. However, it did not afford a linear relationship with a positive slope. Therefore, exciplex formation or energy transfer did not occur between **EV** and **LEV**. Rather, a slight increase in fluorescence of **EV** was observed according to the addition of **LEV**. This is likely due to hydrophobic interaction between **EV** and **LEV**.

Figure S24. Fluorescence spectra of mixed solutions of **EV** and **LEV** and Stern-Volmer plot. Fluorescence spectra of mixed solutions of **EV** (20 μ M) and **LEV** with variable concentrations in 0.1 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.4). "mol%" means the molar ratio of **LEV** to **EV**.



We utilized the xanthine (X)-xanthine oxidase (XOD) system (X-XOD), known for generating superoxide anion,¹¹ to verify the involvement of superoxide anion in the conversion from **LEV** to **EV**. We compared the amount of EV produced after 24 h with and without X-XOD. In the HPLC charts above, chart c represents the results without X-XOD, and chart d with X-XOD. As can be discerned when compared to control data, in both charts, there is almost complete retention of **LEV** with no production of **EV** after 24 h. This result suggests that superoxide anion does not play a role in the conversion of **LEV** to **EV**.

Figure S25. HPLC analysis assessing the involvement of superoxide anion in activation of **LEV** to **EV**. a) Authentic **LEV** sample. b) Authentic **EV** sample. c) A 0.18 mM **LEV** solution in 0.1 M PB (pH 7.4) was incubated for 24 h and the resulting mixture was subjected to HPLC analysis. d) A 0.18 mM **LEV**, 360 µM xanthine, and 45 mU/ml XOD solution in 0.1 M PB (pH 7.4) was incubated for 24 h and the resulting mixture was subjected to HPLC analysis.

¹¹ I. Fridovich, J. Biol. Chem. 1970, 245, 4053.



Figure S26. Photooxygenation reaction in the brain lysate (Western blotting). The brain excised from a 10-month-old *App* knock-in (*App*^{*NL-G-F/NL-G-F*}) mouse expressing human Arctic Aβs was homogenized in PBS (containing cOmplete EDTA+ (Roche) and PhosSTOP (Sigma)), and the suspensions were stored at -80 °C until use. The catalyst (final 50 µM) was added to the PBS-lysate suspension and the mixture was photoirradiated with LED ($\lambda = 595$ nm for **EV 3**, **LEV 2**, or **ABB 1**) or kept in the dark (–), at 37 °C for 3 h. After the reaction, the mixture was centrifuged (260,000 g, 20 min, 4 °C), and the supernatant was removed. The resulting precipitate was dissolved in DMSO. The samples were separated by SDS-PAGE using a 15% Tris-Tricine gel. Western blotting analysis was performed using an anti-Aβ antibody (82E1; IBL).



To evaluate $A\beta$ amyloid selectivity, effects of the catalytic photooxygenation on off-target proteins in lysate were studied. The band pattern markedly changed from the control (without catalyst and photoiradiation, lane 5) after photooxygenation using a non-selective catalyst, Riboflavin (lane 4). The band pattern with **EV** (lane 1) and **LEV** (lane 2) was generally similar to the control, except that some bands were faint. Using **ABB**, the band pattern was almost the same as the control. Using **ABB**, however, photooxygenation of $A\beta$ amyloid proceeded only to a very small extent (see Figure S26).

Figure S27. Off-target photooxygenation of proteins in lysate. The supernatant fraction of the lysate after the reaction of Figure S26 was analyzed with SDS-PAGE and CBB staining.



Figure S28. MALDI-TOF MS charts for photooxygenation of the brain lysate. To a brain lysate of $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$ mouse (10-month-old), 50 μ M **EV** was added. The mixture was photoirradiated with 595 nm light at 37 °C for 3 h. The resulting samples were analyzed by MALDI-TOF MS. The left and right figures show the time course of oxygenation of A β_{1-38} and A β_{1-42} , respectively.







Figure S30. Human brain lysate SDS-PAGE. The photooxygenated samples of Figure 6C and 6D were analyzed with SDS-PAGE and CBB staining. Although there was some loss of proteins in some bands compared to the control, the overall protein level was generally not so much changed.



MALDI-TOF MS chart for photooxygenation of A β using EV



MALDI-TOF MS chart for photooxygenation of A β using LEV

Figure S31. Scope of amyloids in catalytic photooxygenation. To a solution of amyloid, 5 mol% EV or LEV was added, and the solution was photoirradiated at 595 nm for 60 min. After photoirradiation, oxygenation yield was measured using MALDI-TOF MS. Tau (RDWT) indicates a model tau (recombinant repeat domain of wild type tau). α -Synuclein and transthyretin were analyzed after digestion with trypsin.



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Figure S32. NMR characterization of EV. a) NMR chart of **3** (EV) in CDCl₃. b) NMR chart of **2** (LEV) in CDCl₃. c) NMR chart of **3** (EV) in DMSO- d_6/D_2O . d) NMR chart of hydrated product in DMSO-

 d_{δ}/D_2O . LEV and EV can be differentiated in CDCl₃ (NMR charts a and b). No evidence of the trityl alcohol form resulting from hydration was detected, assuring the stability of EV in aqueous environments (NMR charts c and d).

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38	С	0.979258	6.686286	-2.038982
39	Н	-1.821246	7.280864	2.403071
40	Н	-0.056903	7.234427	2.252201
41	Н	-0.948953	5.747223	2.598762
42	Н	1.821246	7.280864	-2.403071

Table S1. Standard nuclear orientation of the optimized S_0 geometry of **3** with A β calculated at the M06-2X/6-31G(d) level of theory.

43	Н	0.056903	7.234427	-2.252201
44	Н	0.948953	5.747223	-2.598762
45	Н	-0.525712	-2.394752	1.161974
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48	Н	-4.429702	-0.465993	-1.191528
49	Н	-5.818226	-4.675867	-0.005462
50	Н	-4.098922	-4.737982	0.306555
51	С	-5.300865	-4.191206	2.038982
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53	Н	-6.152674	-1.180779	-0.306555
54	С	-6.280123	-2.495080	-2.038982
55	Н	-5.394790	-5.217677	2.403071
56	Н	-6.236746	-3.666493	2.252201
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59	Н	-6.293649	-3.567935	-2.252201
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64	Н	2.618413	-3.603238	-1.191528
65	Н	6.958533	-2.700798	-0.005462
66	Н	6.152674	-1.180779	0.306555
67	С	6.280123	-2.495080	2.038982
68	Н	5.818226	-4.675867	0.005462
69	Н	4.098922	-4.737982	-0.306555
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71	Н	7.216036	-2.063187	2.403071
72	Н	6.293649	-3.567935	2.252201
73	Н	5.451717	-2.051794	2.598762
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76	Н	4.502764	-3.695429	-2.598762

Table S2. Standard nuclear orientation of the optimized S_1 geometry of **3** with A β calculated at the TDA-M06-2X/6-31G(d) level of theory.

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4	С	1.210625	0.083262	3.580488
5	С	0.000000	0.000000	4.324765
6	С	-1.199777	-0.081664	2.205473

7	С	-1.210625	-0.083262	3.580488
8	Ν	0.000000	0.000000	5.683475
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10	С	-1.237995	0.041826	6.456787
11	С	0.000000	-1.259819	-0.727357
12	С	0.559103	-1.377657	-2.024774
13	С	0.564945	-2.563815	-2.720317
14	С	0.000000	-3.745357	-2.162383
15	С	-0.559103	-2.442335	-0.180699
16	С	-0.564945	-3.637771	-0.860170
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20	С	0.000000	1.259819	-0.727357
21	С	0.559103	2.442335	-0.180699
22	С	0.564945	3.637771	-0.860170
23	С	0.000000	3.745357	-2.162383
24	С	-0.559103	1.377657	-2.024774
25	С	-0.564945	2.563815	-2.720317
26	Ν	0.000000	4.922034	-2.841738
27	С	0.461555	6.166491	-2.232898
28	С	-0.461555	5.016992	-4.223889
29	Н	2.144982	0.168793	1.679413
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33	Н	1.004354	-0.530337	7.407642
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37	Н	-1.957589	0.688516	5.948482
38	С	-1.818062	-1.348872	6.707047
39	Н	2.733082	1.278245	7.300795
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53	Н	-0.160438	-6.186001	-1.182496
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55	Н	2.272874	-5.330493	-5.368905
56	Н	2.248839	-6.174491	-3.811213
57	Н	2.522001	-4.427272	-3.860335
58	Н	-2.272874	-7.314854	-1.931890
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64	Н	-1.034989	2.592174	-3.695500
65	Н	-0.079702	6.981693	-2.722636
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67	С	1.968065	6.367832	-2.384686
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71	Н	2.272874	7.314854	-1.931890
72	Н	2.248839	6.387853	-3.441660
73	Н	2.522001	5.556784	-1.903962
74	Н	-2.272874	5.330493	-5.368905
75	Н	-2.248839	6.174491	-3.811213
76	Н	-2.522001	4.427272	-3.860335

Table S3. Standard nuclear orientation of the optimized S_0 geometry of **3** without A β calculated at the M06-2X/6-31G(d) level of theory.

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5	С	0.000000	4.322537	0.000000
6	С	1.032287	2.195847	-0.627414
7	С	1.032165	3.574825	-0.644312
8	Ν	0.000000	5.684837	0.000000
9	С	-1.117012	6.467454	0.549919
10	С	1.117012	6.467454	-0.549919
11	С	-1.251195	-0.722378	0.000000
12	С	-1.385516	-1.991910	0.627414
13	С	-2.579806	-2.681294	0.644312
14	С	-3.743427	-2.161268	0.000000
15	С	-2.417803	-0.203937	-0.627414
16	С	-3.611972	-0.893531	-0.644312

17	Ν	-4.923214	-2.842419	0.000000
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20	С	1.251195	-0.722378	0.000000
21	С	2.417803	-0.203937	0.627414
22	С	3.611972	-0.893531	0.644312
23	С	3.743427	-2.161268	0.000000
24	С	1.385516	-1.991910	-0.627414
25	С	2.579806	-2.681294	-0.644312
26	Ν	4.923214	-2.842419	0.000000
27	С	6.159485	-2.266367	0.549919
28	С	5.042474	-4.201087	-0.549919
29	Н	-1.816645	1.669287	1.162533
30	Н	-1.817528	4.084901	1.188945
31	Н	1.816645	1.669287	-1.162533
32	Н	1.817528	4.084901	-1.188945
33	Н	-1.151519	7.405473	-0.012485
34	Н	-2.055245	5.945866	0.342983
35	С	-0.965016	6.758223	2.047107
36	Н	1.151519	7.405473	0.012485
37	Н	2.055245	5.945866	-0.342983
38	С	0.965016	6.758223	-2.047107
39	Н	-1.806573	7.367016	2.394435
40	Н	-0.039111	7.309046	2.243676
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42	Н	1.806573	7.367016	-2.394435
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49	Н	-5.837568	-4.699981	-0.012485
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53	Н	-6.176894	-1.193039	-0.342983
54	С	-6.335301	-2.543383	-2.047107
55	Н	-5.476736	-5.248046	2.394435
56	Н	-6.310264	-3.688394	2.243676
57	Н	-4.579022	-3.733348	2.630510
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59	Н	-6.349375	-3.620652	-2.243676
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67	С	6.335301	-2.543383	2.047107
68	Н	5.837568	-4.699981	0.012485
69	Н	4.121649	-4.752827	-0.342983
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73	Н	5.522685	-2.098875	2.630510
74	Н	5.476736	-5.248046	-2.394435
75	Н	6.310264	-3.688394	-2.243676
76	Н	4.579022	-3.733348	-2.630510

Table S4. Standard nuclear orientation of the optimized S_1 geometry of **3** without A β calculated at the TDA-M06-2X/6-31G(d) level of theory.

Atom	Element symbol	<i>x</i> (Å)	y (Å)	<i>z</i> (Å)
1	С	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
2	С	0.000000	0.000000	1.461100
3	С	1.200840	0.082588	2.215230
4	С	1.210281	0.085502	3.599204
5	С	0.000000	0.000000	4.343396
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7	С	-1.210281	-0.085502	3.599204
8	Ν	0.000000	0.000000	5.717518
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11	С	0.000000	-1.265349	-0.730550
12	С	0.542674	-1.381244	-2.038076
13	С	0.549027	-2.576017	-2.736616
14	С	0.000000	-3.761491	-2.171698
15	С	-0.542674	-2.455647	-0.177154
16	С	-0.549027	-3.657987	-0.862589
17	Ν	0.000000	-4.951516	-2.858759
18	С	0.452518	-5.046662	-4.252407
19	С	-0.452518	-6.206024	-2.244334
20	С	0.000000	1.265349	-0.730550
21	С	0.542674	2.455647	-0.177154
22	С	0.549027	3.657987	-0.862589
23	С	0.000000	3.761491	-2.171698
24	С	-0.542674	1.381244	-2.038076
25	С	-0.549027	2.576017	-2.736616
26	Ν	0.000000	4.951516	-2.858759

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28	С	-0.452518	5.046662	-4.252407
29	Н	2.149387	0.170794	1.694706
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31	Н	-2.149387	-0.170794	1.694706
32	Н	-2.162302	-0.179263	4.108267
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34	Н	1.975607	-0.656284	5.975742
35	С	1.809226	1.364821	6.777221
36	Н	-1.013122	0.539341	7.438874
37	Н	-1.975607	0.656284	5.975742
38	С	-1.809226	-1.364821	6.777221
39	Н	2.716842	1.279965	7.383793
40	Н	1.083820	1.973767	7.326586
41	Н	2.059989	1.883333	5.846645
42	Н	-2.716842	-1.279965	7.383793
43	Н	-1.083820	-1.973767	7.326586
44	Н	-2.059989	-1.883333	5.846645
45	Н	0.992498	-0.510582	-2.505058
46	Н	1.005320	-2.596482	-3.719295
47	Н	-0.992498	-2.424735	0.810352
48	Н	-1.005320	-4.519245	-0.388972
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52	Н	0.103327	-7.013793	-2.729502
53	Н	-0.162882	-6.212834	-1.190540
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55	Н	2.235002	-5.391519	-5.429202
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57	Н	2.535751	-4.480149	-3.933444
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59	Н	-2.239799	-6.460899	-3.462567
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65	Н	-0.103327	7.013793	-2.729502
66	Н	0.162882	6.212834	-1.190540
67	С	1.960546	6.437641	-2.404121
68	Н	0.103327	5.870715	-4.709372
69	Н	-0.162882	4.137455	-4.785202
70	С	-1.960546	5.300850	-4.373100
71	Н	2.235002	7.397586	-1.954592
72	Н	2.239799	6.460899	-3.462567

73	Н	2.535751	5.646537	-1.913200
74	Н	-2.235002	5.391519	-5.429202
75	Н	-2.239799	6.229120	-3.864019
76	Н	-2.535751	4.480149	-3.933444

Synthesis



4-Bromo-N,N-dipropylaniline (S1):

To a stirred solution of *N*,*N*-dipropylaniline (100 mg, 0.564 mmol) in DMF (2.80 mL), NBS (105 mg, 0.592 mmol) was added at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. Brine was added, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford crude **S1** (131.4 mg), which was used for the next reaction without further purification.

Tris(4-(dipropylamino)phenyl)methylium (5):

To a stirred solution of crude S1 (131.4 mg) in THF (3.42 mL), 1.6 M *n*BuLi in hexane (385 μ L, 0.616 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. After that, diethylcarbonate (19.9 μ L, 0.164 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 1 day. TFA was added to quench the reaction, and 1 M NaOH solution was added to neutralize (pH 7). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford crude **5**, which was purified with silica gel column chromatography (2 to 18% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford **5** (as a TFA salt, 46.5 mg, 0.0711 mmol, y. 43% (2 steps)) as a purple solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.27 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 6H), 6.73 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 6H), 3.40 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 12H), 1.72–1.65 (m, 12H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 18H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 176.9, 154.0, 139.7, 126.1, 112.1, 53.1, 20.6, 11.2; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 369 MHz) δ -74.2; ESI-LRMS *m/z* calcd for [M]⁺ 540.4, Found: 540.2; ESI-HRMS: *m/z* calcd for C₃₇H₅₄N₃ [M]⁺: 540.4312. Found: 540.4311.

4-Bromo-N,N-diisopropylaniline (S2):

To a stirred solution of *N*,*N*-diisopropylaniline (109.9 μ L, 0.429 mmol) in DMF (2.8 mL), NBS (105 mg, 0.590 mmol) was added at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. Brine was added, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford crude **S2** (121.4 mg), which was used for the

next reaction without further purification.

Tris(4-(diisopropylamino)phenyl)methylium (6):

To a stirred solution of crude S2 (121.4 mg) in THF (3.16 mL), 1.6 M *n*BuLi in hexane (356 μ L, 0.570 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. After that, diethylcarbonate (18.4 μ L, 0.152 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 1 day. TFA was added to quench the reaction, and 1 M NaOH solution was added to neutralize (pH = 7). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford crude **6**, which was purified with silica gel column chromatography (2 to 18% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford **6** (as a TFA salt, 15.4 mg, 0.0247 mmol, y. 16% (2 steps)) as a purple solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 6H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 6H), 4.14 (sep, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.40 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 36H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 176.5, 154.2, 139.2, 126.3, 114.8, 48.7, 20.8; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 369 MHz) δ -74.5; ESI-LRMS *m/z* calcd for [M]⁺ 540.4, Found: 540.2; ESI-HRMS: *m/z* calcd for C₃₇H₅₄N₃ [M]⁺: 540.4312. Found: 540.4314.

4-Bromo-N,N-dibutylaniline (S3):

To a stirred solution of *N*,*N*-dibutylaniline (100 mg, 0.487 mmol) in DMF (2.6 mL), NBS (91 mg, 0.511 mmol) was added at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. Brine was added, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford crude **S3** (128.6 mg), which was used for the next reaction without further purification.

Tris(4-(dibutylamino)phenyl)methylium (7):

To a stirred solution of crude S3 (128.6 mg) in THF (3.01 mL), 1.6 M *n*BuLi in hexane (339 μ L, 0.542 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. After that, diethylcarbonate (17.5 μ L, 0.144 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 1 day. TFA was added to quench the reaction, and 1 M NaOH solution was added to neutralize (pH = 7). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford crude 7, which was purified with silica gel column chromatography (2 to 18% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford 7 (as a TFA salt, 14.4 mg, 0.0195 mmol, y. 14% (2 steps)) as a purple solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 6H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 6H), 3.44 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 12H), 1.65 (m, 12H), 1.39 (m, 12H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 18H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 176.9, 154.0, 139.8, 126.2, 112.1, 51.3, 29.5, 20.2, 13.9; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 369 MHz) δ -74.6; ESI-LRMS *m/z* calcd for [M]⁺ 624.5, Found: 624.4; ESI-HRMS: *m/z* calcd for C₄₃H₆₆N₃ [M]⁺: 624.5251. Found:



Tris(4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)phenyl)methylium (8):

To a stirred solution of 1-(4-bromophenyl)pyrrolidine (113 mg, 0.500 mmol) in THF (3.33 mL), 1.6 M *n*BuLi in hexane (375 μ L, 0.600 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. After that, diethylcarbonate (17.5 μ L, 0.160 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 1 day. TFA was added to quench the reaction, and 1 M NaOH solution was added to neutralize (pH = 7). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford crude **8**, which was purified with silica gel column chromatography (2 to 18% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford **8** (as a TFA salt, 23.0 mg, 0.0408 mmol, y. 26%) as a purple solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 6H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 6H), 3.51 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 12H), 2.09 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 12H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 177.9, 153.0, 139.7, 126.5, 112.8, 48.3, 25.3; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 369 MHz) δ -74.5; ESI-LRMS *m/z* calcd for [M]⁺450.3, Found: 450.8; ESI-HRMS: *m/z* calcd for C₃₁H₃₆N₃ [M]⁺: 450.2904. Found: 450.2900.

Tris(4-(piperidin-1-yl)phenyl)methylium (9):

To a stirred solution of 1-(4-bromophenyl)piperidine (120 mg, 0.500 mmol) in THF (3.33 mL), 1.6 M *n*BuLi in hexane (375 μ L, 0.600 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. After that, diethylcarbonate (17.5 μ L, 0.160 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 1 day. TFA was added to quench the reaction, and 1 M NaOH solution was added to neutralize (pH = 7). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford crude **9**, which was purified with silica gel column chromatography (2 to 18% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford **9** (as a TFA salt, 26.3 mg, 0.0434 mmol, y. 27%) as a purple solid.

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¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.28 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 6H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 6H), 3.59 (br, 12H), 1.72 (br, 12H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 176.4, 155.3, 139.9, 126.9, 113.2, 48.4, 25.7, 24.2; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 369 MHz) δ -74.6; ESI-LRMS *m/z* calcd for [M]⁺ 492.3, Found: 492.2; ESI-HRMS: *m/z* calcd for C₃₄H₄₂N₃ [M]⁺: 492.3373. Found: 492.3371.



9-Bromo-julolidine (S4):

To a stirred solution of julolidine (100 mg, 0.577 mmol) in DMF (2.9 mL), NBS (108 mg, 0.606 mmol) was added at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h. Brine was added, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford crude **S4** (131.2 mg), which was used for the next reaction without further purification.

Tris(2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*,5*H*-pyrido[3,2,1-*ij*]quinolin-9-yl)methylium (10):

To a stirred solution of crude S4 (131.2 mg) in THF (3.47 mL), 1.6 M *n*BuLi in hexane (390 μ L, 0.624 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. After that, diethylcarbonate (20.2 μ L, 0.167 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 1 day. 1 M HCl was added to quench the reaction, and 1 M NaOH solution was added to neutralize (pH = 7). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford crude 10, which was purified with preparative HPLC (eluent: 0.1% TFA aqueous solution/acetonitrile system) to afford 10 (as a TFA salt, 58.6 mg, 0.0913 mmol, y. 55% (2 steps)) as a purple solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 6.80 (s, 6H), 3.41 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 12H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 12H), 1.98 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 175.2, 149.3, 136.3, 126.2, 121.3, 50.5, 27.4, 20.8; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 369 MHz) δ -74.2; ESI-LRMS *m/z* calcd for [M]⁺ 528.3, Found: 528.2; ESI-HRMS: *m/z* calcd for C₃₇H₄₂N₃ [M]⁺: 528.3373. Found: 528.3373.



(4-(Diethylamino)-2-methylphenyl)bis(4-(diethylamino)phenyl)methylium (11):

To a stirred solution of 4-bromo-*N*,*N*-diethyl-3-methylaniline¹² (55 mg, 0.227 mmol) in THF (1.51 mL), 1.6 M *n*BuLi in hexane (156 μ L, 0.250 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. After that, 4,4'-bis(diethylamino)benzophenone (73.6 mg, 0.227 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 2 days. TFA (52 μ L, 0.681 mmol) was added to quench the reaction and the mixture was evaporated. The residue was purified with silica gel column chromatography (2 to 19% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford **11** (as a TFA salt, 80.1 mg, 0.0913 mmol, y. 60%) as a purple solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.24 (br, 4H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 6.55– 6.52 (m, 2H), 3.54 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 8H), 3.47 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.84 (s, 3H), 1.28–1.23 (m, 18H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 177.5, 154.1, 151.9, 144.8, 139.7, 139.6, 127.5, 127.2, 114.5, 112.3, 108.9, 45.4, 44.8, 22.3, 12.6, 12.5; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 369 MHz) δ -74.8; ESI-LRMS *m/z* calcd for [M]⁺ 470.4, Found: 470.2; ESI-HRMS: *m/z* calcd for C₃₂H₄₄N₃ [M]⁺: 470.3530. Found: 470.3530.



¹² Novakova, V., Miletin, M., Kopecky, K., Zimcik, P. (2011). Red-Emitting Dyes with Photophysical and Photochemical Properties Controlled by pH. Chem. Eur. J. *17*, 14273-14282. 10.1002/chem.201101123.

3,6-Bis(diethylamino)-9-(4-(diethylamino)phenyl)xanthylium (12):

To a stirred solution of 4-(diethylamino)benzaldehyde (100 mg) in propionic acid (5.6 mL), 3diethylaminophenol (186 mg, 1.13 mmol), and *p*-TsOH·H₂O (10.7 mg, 0.0564 mmol) were added, and the mixture was stirred at 65 °C for 27 h. After cooling to r.t., 3 M NaOAc was added to basify. The aqueous layer was extracted with CHCl₃. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. To the residue, MeOH (11 mL), CHCl₃ (11 mL), and chloranil (69 mg, 0.282 mmol) were added, and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 1 h. After that, the mixture was evaporated. The residue was purified with silica gel column chromatography (9% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford crude **12** (115.9 mg). To this crude **12**, 0.1% TFA aqueous solution was added, and it was neutralized with 1 M NaOH solution (pH = 7). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel column chromatography (amino silica, 2 to 10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford **12** (as a TFA salt, 89.2 mg, 0.153 mmol, y. 27%) as a red solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.83 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (dd, J = 2.2 Hz, 9.4 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 8H), 3.39 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 12H), 1.17 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 158.3, 157.7, 154.6, 149.5, 132.5, 132.2, 117.2, 113.1, 112.5, 110.8, 96.0, 45.6, 44.3, 12.31, 12.27; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 369 MHz) δ -74.3; ESI-LRMS *m/z* calcd for [M]⁺ 470.3, Found: 470.1; ESI-HRMS: *m/z* calcd for C₃₁H₄₀N₃O [M]⁺: 470.3166.



4,4',4''-Methanetriyltris(*N*,*N*-diethylaniline) (LEV, 2):

To a stirred solution of **EV** (**3**) (as a hemi(zinc chloride) salt (commercially available), 200 mg, 0.357 mmol) in EtOH (1 mL), NaBH₄ (121 mg, 3.21 mmol) was added at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h. Water was added at 0 °C, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, purified with short-pad silica gel, filtered, and concentrated to afford **LEV** (**2**) (164 mg, quant.) as a yellowish-white solid or oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.00 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 6H), 6.61 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 6H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 3.32 (q,

J = 6.7 Hz, 12H), 1.15 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 18H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 145.9, 132.6, 130.0, 111.6, 53.9, 44.3, 12.6; ESI-LRMS *m*/*z* calcd for [M+H]⁺ 458.4, Found: 458.3; ESI-HRMS: *m*/*z* calcd for C₃₁H₄₃N₃ [M+H]⁺: 458.3530. Found: 458.3519.

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