

Supplementary Materials for

Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide as a photocatalyst

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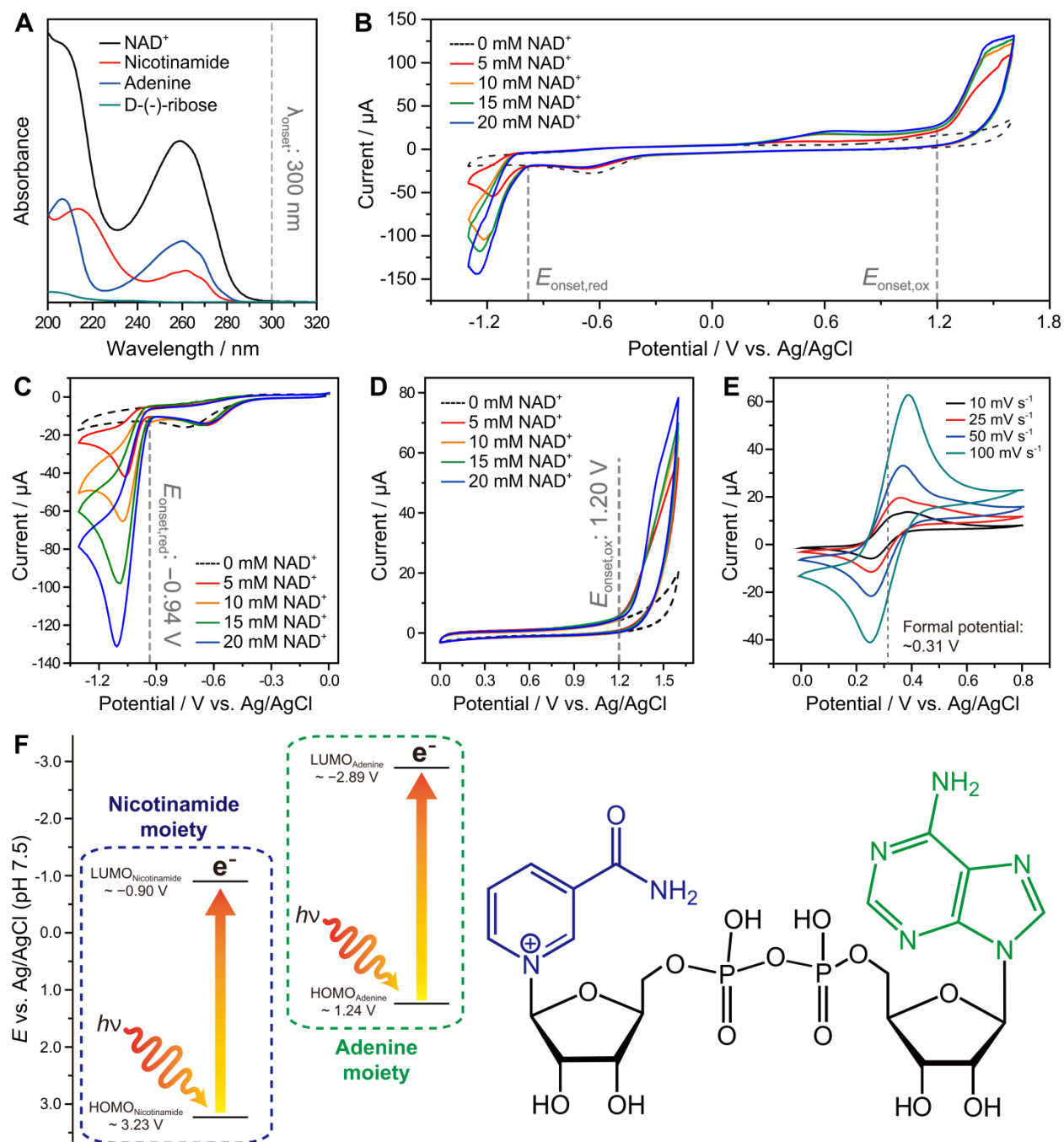


Fig. S1. Optical and electrochemical properties of NAD⁺. (A) UV-Vis absorption spectra of 50 μM NAD⁺, 50 μM nicotinamide, 50 μM adenine, and 50 μM D-(-)-ribose in deionized water. Cuvette path length: 1 cm. (B, C, D) Cyclic voltammograms of NAD⁺ with different potential ranges. Working electrode: a polished glassy carbon electrode. Scan rate: 100 mV s^{-1} . (E) Cyclic voltammograms of 5.38 mM ferrocene at different scan rates. Electrolyte solution of (B, C, D, E): 1/1 mixture of acetonitrile (containing 100 mM TBAPF₆)/sodium phosphate buffer (100 mM, pH 7.5). The number of cycles of (B, C, D, E): 4. (F) Energy levels of nicotinamide and adenine moieties of NAD⁺ (Left). Molecular structure of NAD⁺ (Right).

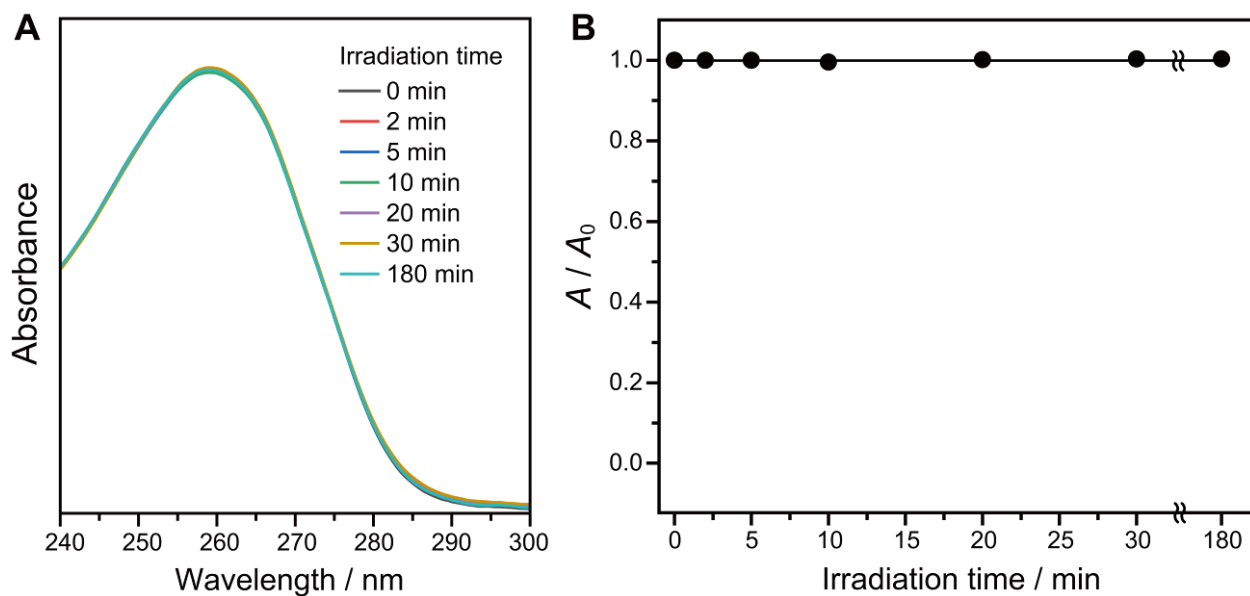


Fig. S2. Photostability of NAD⁺. (A) Spectrophotometric changes in the absorbance of NAD⁺ under irradiation (λ : 260-900 nm, $P_{260-900 \text{ nm}}$: 200 mW cm⁻², $P_{260-300 \text{ nm}}$: 10 mW cm⁻²) at 293.15 K. (B) Changes in relative absorbance (A/A_0) of NAD⁺ at 260 nm. Solvent: deionized water. Light source: a xenon lamp equipped with a water filter.

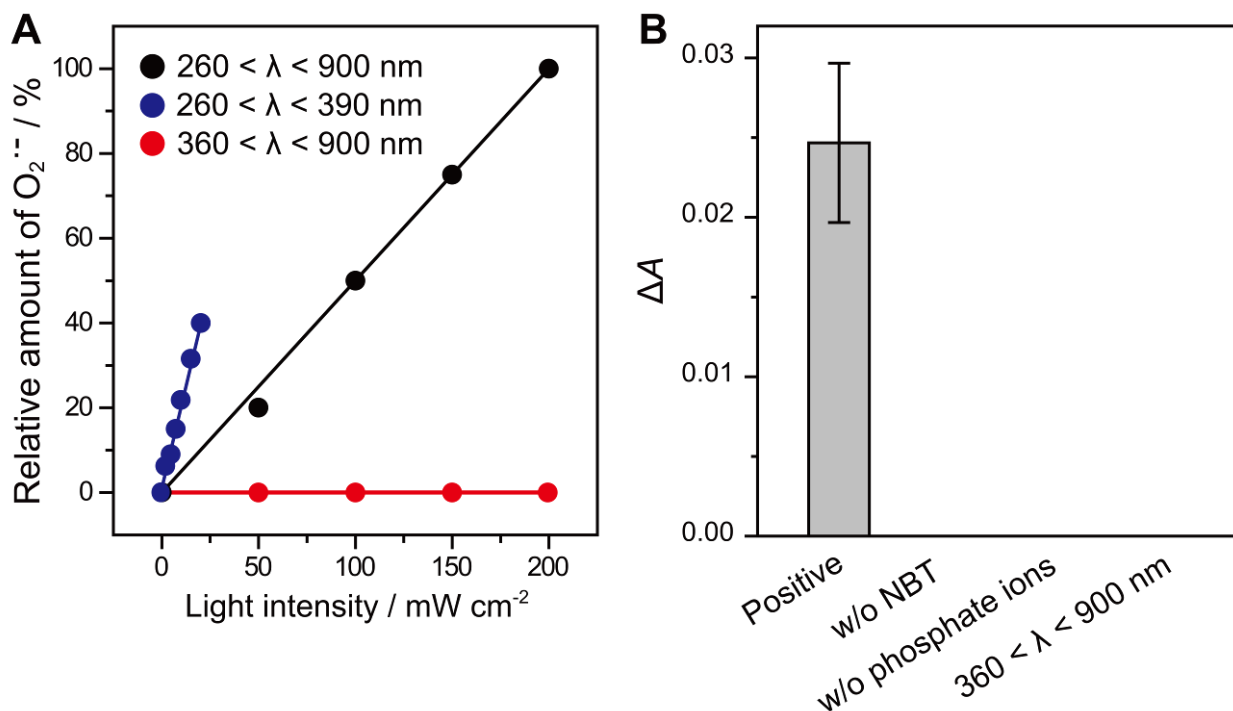
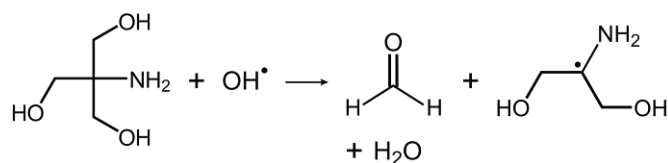


Fig. S3. Formation of superoxide radicals by photoactivated NAD^+ . (A) Influence of wavelength range and light intensity on the light-driven formation of superoxide radicals. A buffered solution containing 1 mM NAD^+ and 30 μM NBT was irradiated with a xenon lamp with/without a filter for 30 min. Solvent: a sodium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5, O_2 purged). A relative amount of the radical is the normalized absorption intensity (at a given wavelength range and light intensity) to that at $P_{260-900 \text{ nm}}$ of 200 mW cm^{-2} . (B) Control experiments for a background reaction with NBT and phosphate ions under UV illumination. Reaction condition of the experimental group: 30 μM NBT, O_2 -purged sodium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5), irradiation (Xenon lamp, 200 mW cm^{-2} , 30 min). The measurement was performed in triplicate and all reported values represent the mean \pm standard deviation.

AStep I. Generation of formaldehyde from Tris and OH[•]

Step II. Quantification of formaldehyde using Nash's reagent

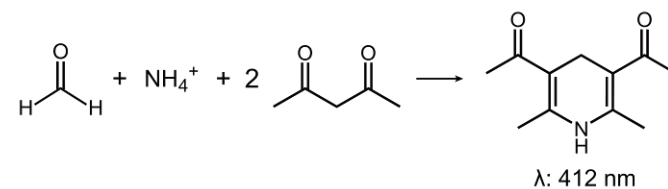
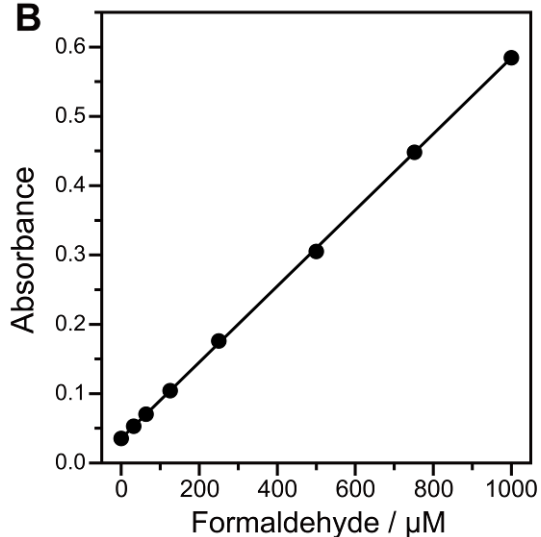
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Fig. S4. Use of Tris and Nash's reagent in quantification of hydroxyl radicals. (A) Reaction between a Tris and a hydroxyl radical generates a formaldehyde molecule; one molecule of formaldehyde reacts with one ammonium ion and two molecules of acetylacetone to produce 1-(5-acetyl-2,6-dimethyl-1,4-dihydropyridin-3-yl)ethanone. The concentration of the final product can be quantitatively measured at 412 nm. (B) Calibration of formaldehyde using Nash's reagent. Absorbance at 412 nm was recorded for 0-1 mM formaldehyde after the incubation of a solution containing formaldehyde and Nash's reagent at 323.15 K for 1 h.

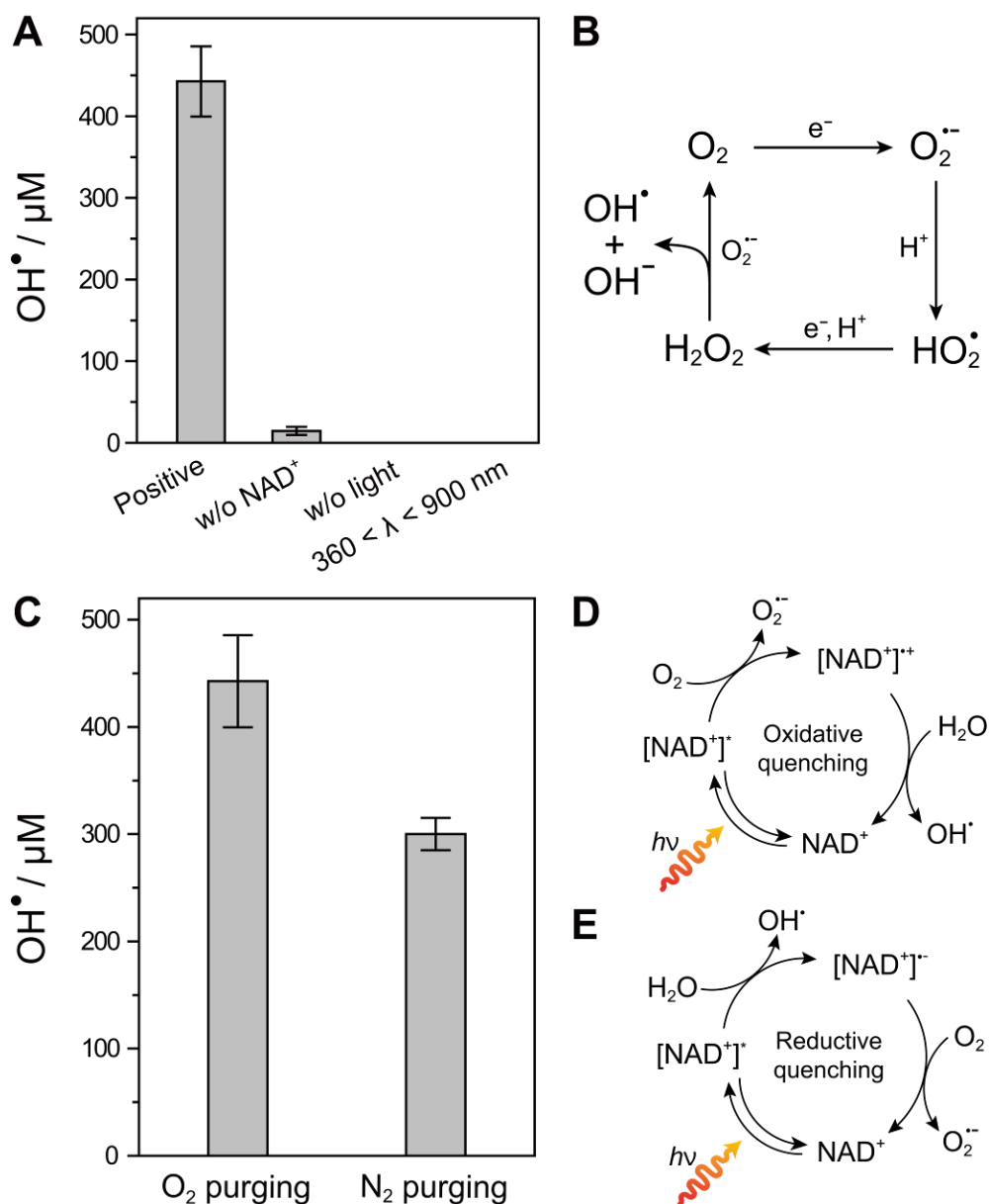


Fig. S5. Solar-driven formation of hydroxyl radicals with NAD^+ . (A) Control experiments for NAD^+ -sensitized formation of hydroxyl radicals. Reaction condition of the experimental group: 1 mM NAD^+ and 10 mM Tris in an O_2 -purged sodium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5) under light condition (λ : 260-900 nm, $P_{260-300 \text{ nm}}$: 10 mW cm^{-2} , $P_{260-900 \text{ nm}}$: 200 mW cm^{-2} , $t = 30 \text{ min}$). Temperature: 293.15 K. (B) Mechanism of OH^\bullet generation in the process of O_2 reduction. Hydroxyl radicals can be formed via the reaction between H_2O_2 and $\text{O}_2^{\bullet -}$. (C) Effect of the N_2 -rich condition on the generation of hydroxyl radicals by NAD^+ photocatalyst. Reaction condition: 1 mM NAD^+ and 10 mM Tris in a sodium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5) under irradiation (λ : 260-900 nm, $P_{260-300 \text{ nm}}$: 10 mW cm^{-2} , $P_{260-900 \text{ nm}}$: 200 mW cm^{-2} , $t = 30 \text{ min}$) at 293.15 K. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation ($n = 3$). (D, E) Two possible photocatalytic pathways of NAD^+ -driven O_2 reduction and H_2O oxidation. (D) Oxidative quenching step. (E) Reductive quenching step.

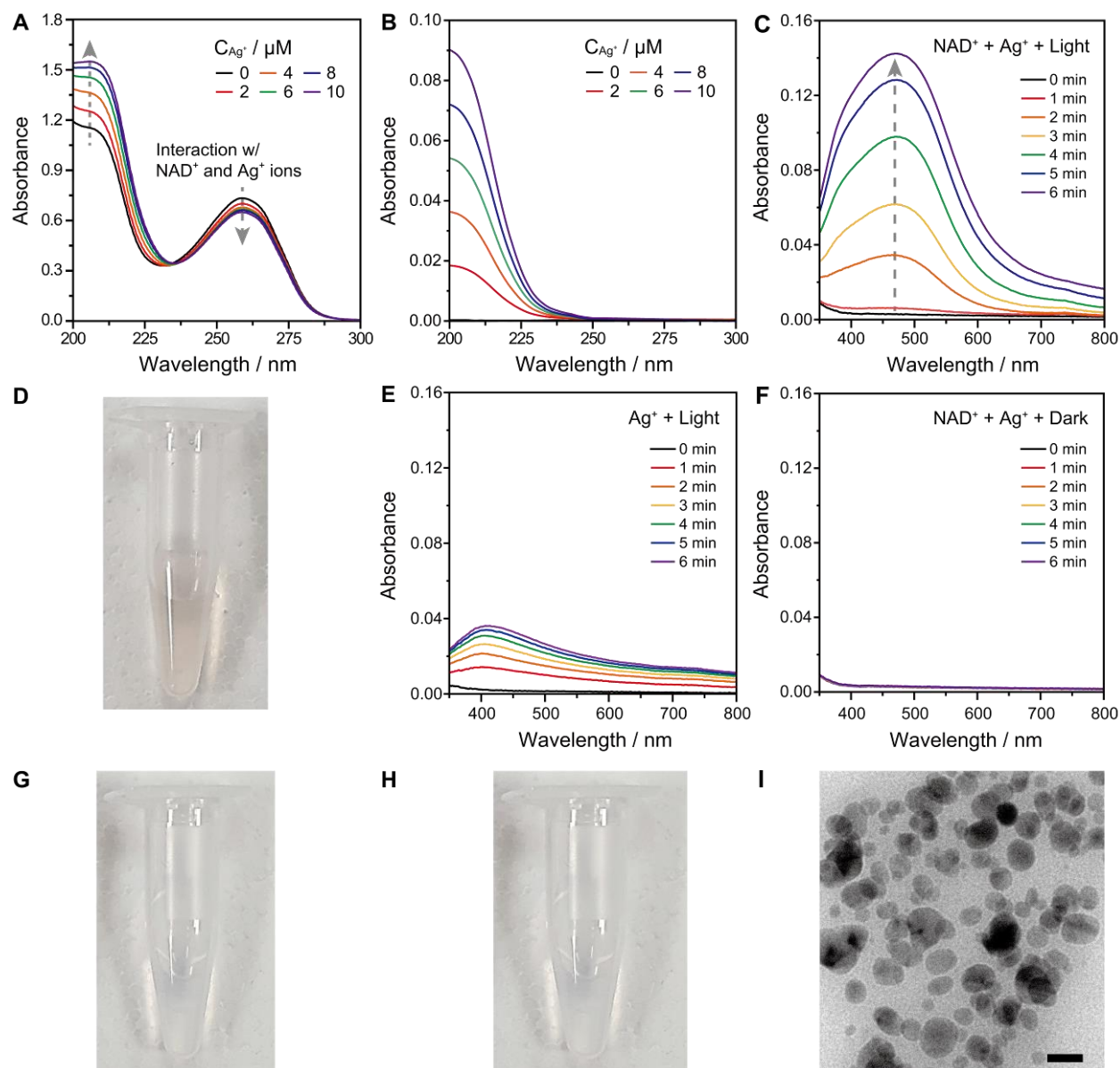


Fig. S6. NAD⁺-sensitized production of AgNPs without sacrificial electron donors. (A) Spectrophotometric changes in the absorbance of 50 μM NAD⁺ upon addition of Ag⁺ ions at 293.15 K. (B) UV-Vis absorption spectra of AgNO₃ (0-10 μM). (C) Changes in absorption spectra of NAD⁺/Ag⁺ mixture under illumination. Reaction condition: 0.5 mM NAD⁺ and 1 mM AgNO₃ dissolved in a N₂-purged deionized water. Light source: a xenon lamp equipped with an infrared filter (λ : 260-900 nm, $P_{260-300 \text{ nm}}$: 5 mW cm⁻², $P_{260-900 \text{ nm}}$: 100 mW cm⁻²). (D) Photograph of the experimental group after 6-min illumination. (E, F) Changes in absorption spectra without (E) NAD⁺ or (F) light. (G, H) Photographs of control groups in the absence of (G) NAD⁺ or (H) light after 6-min reaction. (I) High resolution-transmission electron microscopy image of AgNPs shown in (C) under 6-min irradiation. Scale bar: 20 nm. Photo credit: Jinhyun Kim, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology.

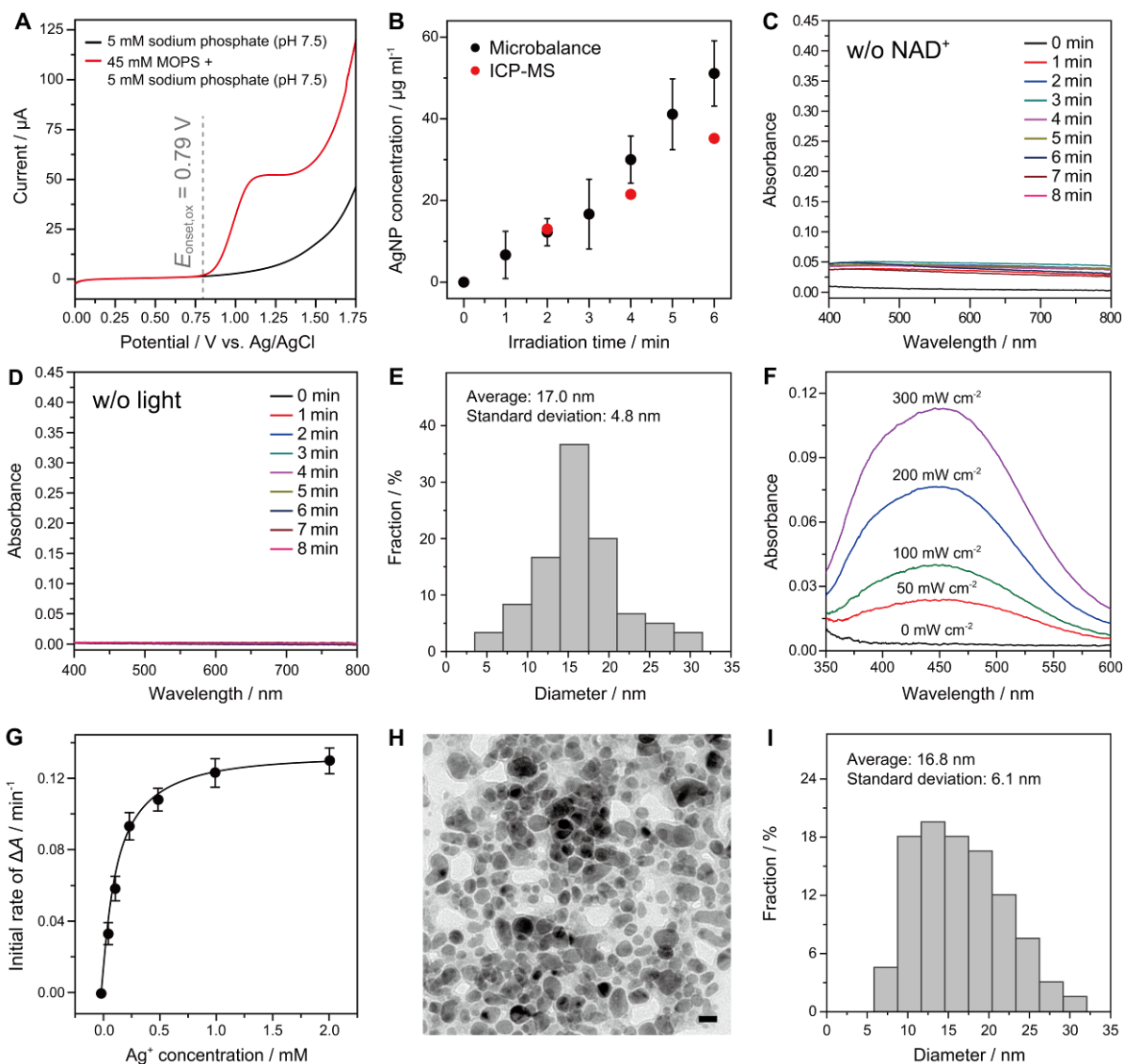


Fig. S7. Photocatalytic synthesis of AgNPs using NAD^+ in a MOPS buffer. (A) Linear sweep voltammogram of MOPS. Working electrode: a polished glassy carbon electrode. Counter electrode: a Pt wire. Scan rate: 25 mV s^{-1} . (B) Quantification of AgNPs (shown in Fig. 3A) using an inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer (ICP-MS) or a microbalance. (C, D) Control experiments of AgNP formation by photoexcited NAD^+ without (C) NAD^+ or (D) light. Experimental experiment: Fig. 3A. (E) Size distribution histogram of AgNPs formed by photoexcited NAD^+ under 1-min irradiation. (F) Influence of light intensity on NAD^+ -sensitized formation of AgNPs. Reaction condition: 0.25 mM NAD^+ , 1 mM AgNO_3 , N_2 -purged MOPS buffer (50 mM , $\text{pH } 7.5$), irradiation ($P_{260-900 \text{ nm}}$: 100 mW cm^{-2} , $t = 30 \text{ s}$), 293.15 K . (G) Effect of Ag^+ concentration on NAD^+ -sensitized growth of AgNPs. Reaction condition: $10 \text{ }\mu\text{M NAD}^+$, AgNO_3 , N_2 -purged MOPS buffer (50 mM , $\text{pH } 7.5$), irradiation ($P_{260-900 \text{ nm}}$: 100 mW cm^{-2}), 293.15 K . $\Delta A \equiv A(t = 30 \text{ s}) - A(t = 0 \text{ s})$ at 442 nm . An error bar represents a standard deviation from three independent experiments. (H) High resolution-transmission electron microscopy image of AgNPs synthesized by photoactivated NAD^+ under 6-min illumination. Scale bar: 20 nm . (I) Size distribution histogram of AgNPs shown in (H).

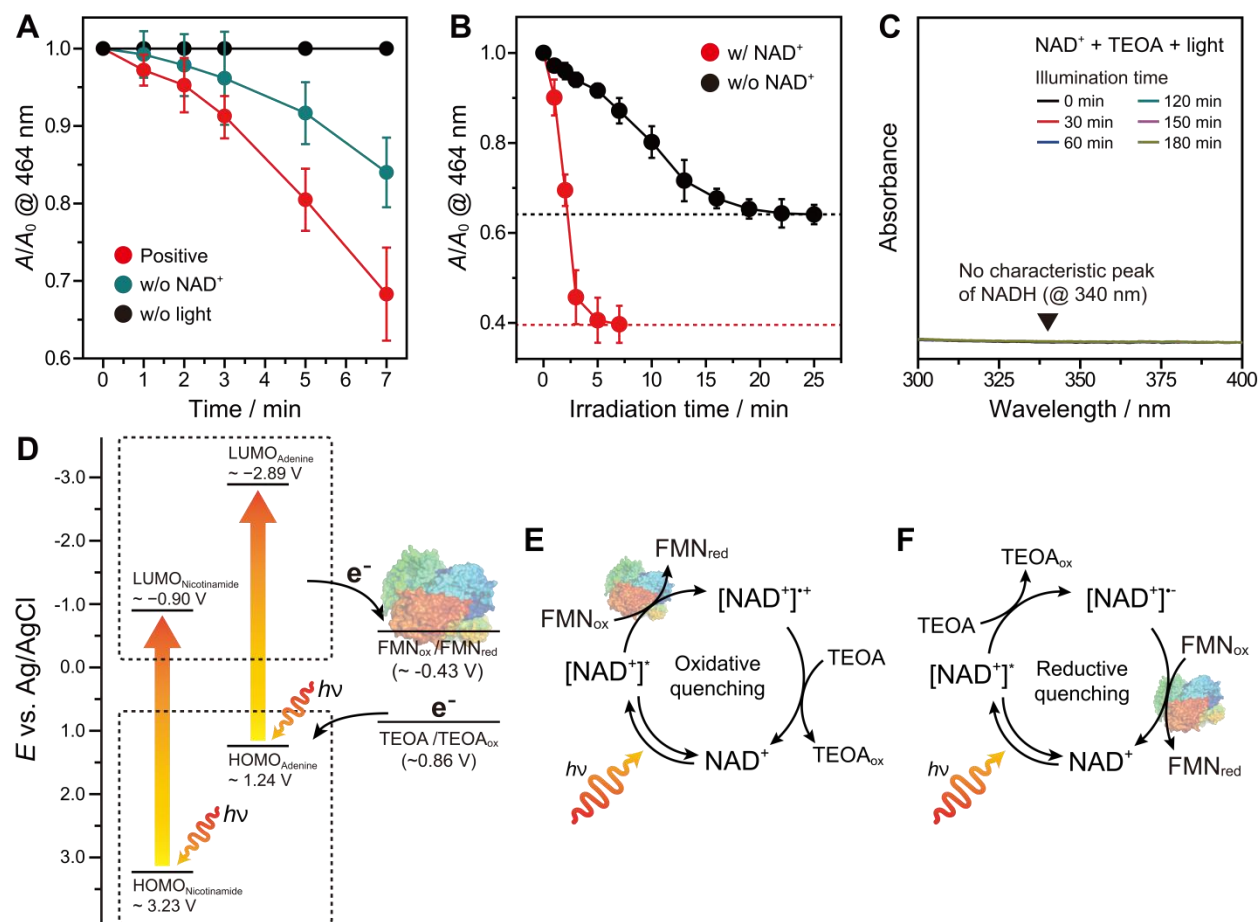


Fig. S8. Photoreduction of prosthetic FMN driven by NAD^+ . (A) NAD^+ -sensitized reduction of FMN bound to *TsOYE* in a MOPS buffer. Reaction condition of the experimental group: $13.5 \mu\text{M}$ *TsOYE*, 2 mM NAD^+ , and 5 mM CaCl_2 in N_2 -purged MOPS buffer (100 mM , pH 7.5). $P_{260-900 \text{ nm}}$: $0.485 \mu\text{E cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$. (B) Light-driven activation of prosthetic FMN with/without NAD^+ in a TEOA buffer. Reaction condition of the experimental group: $13.5 \mu\text{M}$ *TsOYE*, 2 mM NAD^+ , and 5 mM CaCl_2 in N_2 -purged TEOA buffer (100 mM , pH 7.5). $P_{260-900 \text{ nm}}$: $0.485 \mu\text{E cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Error bars of (A) and (B): standard deviation ($n = 3$). (C) Negligible formation of NADH from NAD^+ . Absorption spectra of 0.1 mM NAD^+ in a TEOA buffer (5 mM , pH 7.5) under illumination (Xenon lamp, λ : $260-900 \text{ nm}$, $P_{260-900 \text{ nm}}$: $0.970 \mu\text{E cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$). (D) Energy diagram for prosthetic FMN reduction by photoactivated NAD^+ . (E, F) Plausible mechanism of photoinduced reduction of prosthetic FMN by NAD^+ through (E) an oxidative quenching step or (F) a reductive quenching step. Photosensitization of NAD^+ excites its electrons from a ground state to the excited state. The photoexcited electrons possess a potential energy high enough to reduce the FMN prosthetic group. As a counterpart of the photocatalytic reduction, TEOA donates its electron to the oxidized NAD^+ .

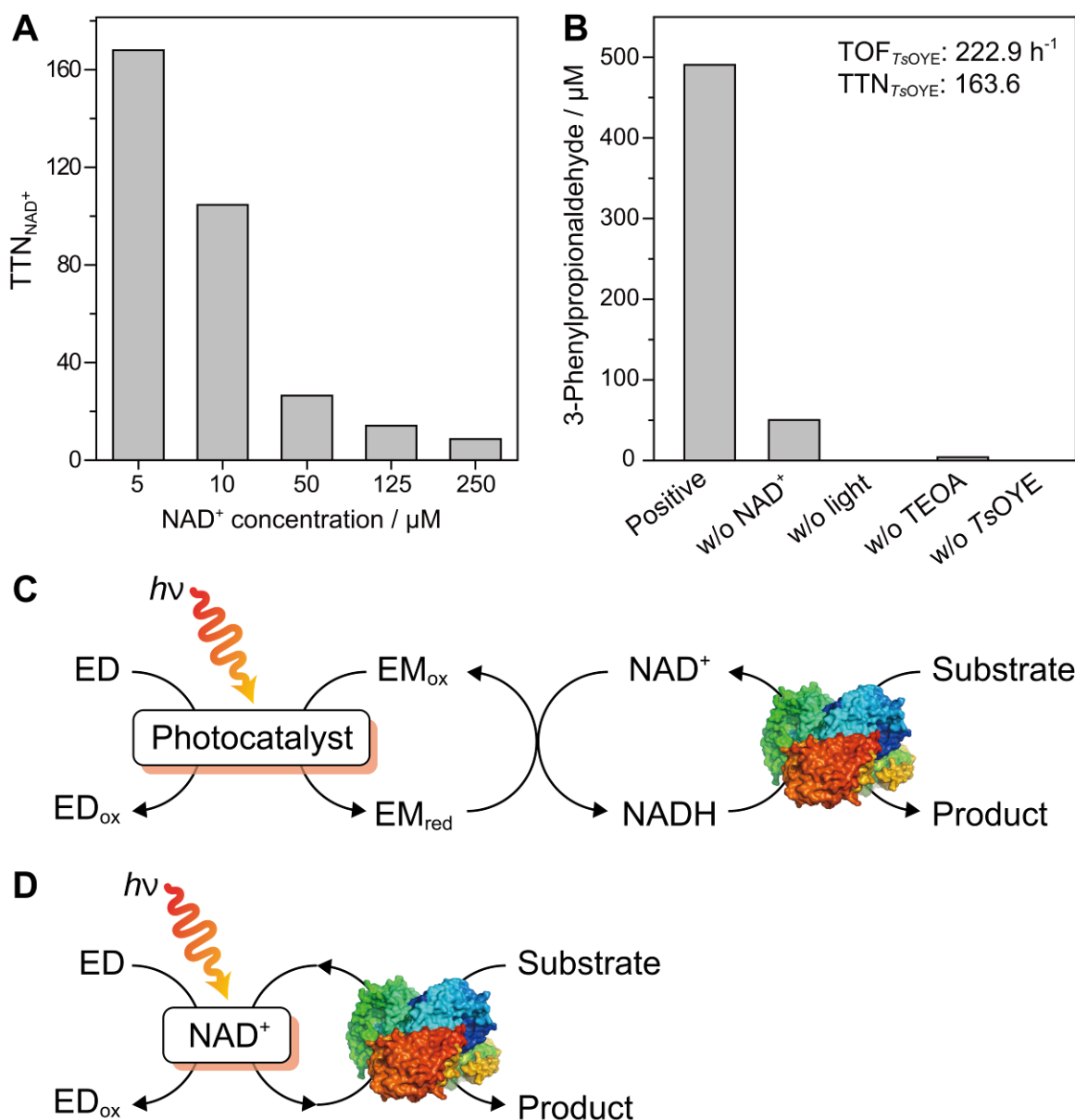


Fig. S9. Light-driven enzymatic hydrogenation of C=C bonds using NAD⁺ and TsOYE. (A) TTN of NAD⁺ in photoenzymatic reduction by TsOYE. Reaction conditions: NAD⁺, 9 μM TsOYE, 5 mM CaCl₂, and 6 mM 2-methyl-2-cyclohexen-1-one in a TEOA buffer (150 mM, pH 7.5) at 318.15 K. $P_{260-900\text{ nm}}$: 1.212 $\mu\text{E cm}^{-2}\text{ s}^{-1}$. TTN_{NAD⁺}s were determined after 150 min of reaction. (B) A series of control experiments for each reaction components (i.e., NAD⁺, light, TEOA, TsOYE). Reaction condition of the experimental group: 1.5 mM NAD⁺, 3 μM TsOYE, 5 mM CaCl₂, and 6 mM *trans*-cinnamaldehyde in a TEOA buffer (150 mM, pH 7.5) at 318.15 K. $P_{260-900\text{ nm}}$: 1.212 $\mu\text{E cm}^{-2}\text{ s}^{-1}$. TOF and TTN were determined after 30 and 120 min of reaction. The specific activity of TsOYE towards *trans*-cinnamaldehyde (1.16 $\mu\text{mol min}^{-1}\text{ mg}^{-1}$) is 24-times lower than that towards 2-methyl-2-cyclohexen-1-one (27.59 $\mu\text{mol min}^{-1}\text{ mg}^{-1}$) [Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun. **393**, 426-431 (2010)]. (C, D) Comparison between (C) the conventional and (D) the new-found route for activation of oxidoreductases. ED: electron donor. EM: electron mediator.