Supplementary Information

Autocatalytic Photoredox Chan-Lam Coupling of Free Diaryl Sulfoximines with Arylboronic Acids

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Supplementary Methods

General Information

All reactions were carried out under dry argon. Anhydrous ethanol (EtOH), methanol (MeOH), tetrahydrofuran (THF), N,N-dimethyl formamide (DMF), dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) were purchased from J&K Chemicals and used without further purification. Chemicals were purchased from Bidepharm, Aladdin, Energy Chemical, Adamas-beta, JiuDing or J&K Chemicals and solvents were purchased from Fisher Scientific. Unless otherwise stated, reagents were commercially available and used as purchased. The progress of the reactions was monitored by thin-layer chromatography using Whatman Partisil K6F 250 µm precoated 60 Å silica gel plates and visualized by short-wave ultraviolet light as well as by treatment with iodine. Flash chromatography was performed with silica gel (200-300 mesh). The NMR spectra were obtained using a Brüker 400 MHz Fourier-transform NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane (TMS), and all coupling constants are reported in hertz. Infrared spectra were obtained with KBr plates using a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum Vertex 80 spectrometer. Mass spectrometric data were obtained using Bruker Apex IV RTMS. Melting points were determined on a SGWX-4 melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Ultraviolet-Visible (UV) spectrophotometer was detected by Hitachi dual-beam UH5300. Resonance (EPR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker ELEXSYS II E 500 EPR spectrometer, and gas chromatography (GC) used a Fuli GC 9790 plus. Luminescence emission intensities were recorded using FS5 Spectrofluorometer from Edinburgh Instruments.

Preparation of *NH***-Diaryl Sulfoximines:** Sulfoximines were prepared according to the literature procedures.¹

Procedure and Characterization for Copper-Catalyzed *NH*-Diaryl Sulfoximines with Arylboronic Acids.²

General Procedure for Catalysis: To an oven-dried microwave vial equipped with a stir bar was added sulfoximine 1 (0.75 mmol, 1.0 equiv), boronic acid 2 (1.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv), $Cu(O_2CCF_3)_2H_2O$ (21.7 mg, 0.075 mmol, 10 mol %) under an argon atmosphere in a dry box. The vial was capped with a septum and removed from the dry box. EtOH (0.5 mL) was added into the reaction vial via syringe, and the reaction solution was stirred at room temperature under argon with ambient light for 48 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the vial was opened to air, and the reaction mixture was passed through a short pad of silica gel. The pad was then rinsed with 100:1 DCM:MeOH (20 mL). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography as outlined below to afford the purified product.



N-Phenyl-*S*,*S*-diphenylsulfoximine (3aa): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1a (162.8 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2a (183.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to give the product 3aa (208.8 mg, 95% yield)

as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1). The spectroscopic data match the previously reported data.³



N-(4-Methylphenyl)-*S*,*S*-diphenylsulfoximine (3ab): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1a (162.8 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2b (204.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to give the

product **3ab** (221.1 mg, 96% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1). The spectroscopic data match the previously reported data.³



N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-*S*,*S*-diphenylsulfoximine (3ac): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1a (162.8 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2c (228.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to give the

product **3ac** (206.2 mg, 85% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1). The spectroscopic data match the previously reported data.⁴



N-(**4-Fluorophenyl**)-*S*,*S*-diphenylsulfoximine (3ad): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1a (162.8 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2d (210.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to give the

product **3ad** (193.6 mg, 85% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1). The spectroscopic data match the previously reported data.³



N-(4-Chlorophenyl)-*S*,*S*-diphenylsulfoximine (3ae): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1a (162.8 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2e (234.0 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to give the

product **3ae** (223.2 mg, 85% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1). The spectroscopic data match the previously reported data.³



N-(**4-Bromophenyl**)-*S*,*S*-diphenylsulfoximine (3af): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1a (162.8 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2f (299.9 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to give the

product **3af** (250.4 mg, 90% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1). The spectroscopic data match the previously reported data.³



N-(1-Naphthalen)-*S*,*S*-diphenylsulfoximine (3ag): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1a (162.8 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2g (258.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to give the product 3ag (193.0 mg, 75% yield) as a colorless solid. R_f = 0.3 (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1). m.p. = 168-170 °C; ¹H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.45 (m, 7H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.2, 141.0, 134.6, 132.8, 130.4, 129.4, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 126.4, 126.1, 125.9, 125.1, 124.0, 121.6, 120.4, 117.0, 108.6 ppm; IR (thin film): 3048, 1571, 1503, 1390, 1278, 1222, 1115, 972, 727, 681 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₂₂H₁₈NOS 344.1104, found 344.1101 [M+H]⁺.



N-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-*S*,*S*-diphenylsulfoximine (3ah): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1a (162.8 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2h (225.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to give the product 3ah (192.7 mg, 80% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$

(hexane:EtOAc = 5:1). m.p. = 196-197 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (m, 4H), 7.51 – 7.39 (m, 6H), 6.79 (s, 2H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 2.17 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.3, 141.1, 138.4, 132.6, 129.3, 128.5, 123.7, 121.5, 21.3 ppm; IR (thin film): 3448, 3421, 2914, 1591, 1440, 1319, 1225, 1173, 1094, 557 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₂₀H₂₀NOS 322.1260, found 322.1258 [M+H]⁺.



N-(**4**-Cyanophenyl)-*S*,*S*-diphenylsulfoximine (3ai): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with **1a** (163.0 mg, 0.75 mmol) and **2i** (220.4 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash

chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to give the product **3ai** (140.2 mg, 59% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1). m.p. = 155-156 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 – 8.00 (m, 4H), 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 140.1, 133.2(2), 133.2(1), 129.6, 128.3, 123.8, 119.7, 104.2 ppm; IR (thin film): 2924, 2850, 2228, 1599, 1497, 1446, 1285, 1213, 1087, 851, 682 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₁₉H₁₅N₂OS 319.0900, found 319.0900 [M+H]⁺.



N-(**4**-(**Trifluoromethyl**)**phenyl**)-*S*,*S*-**diphenylsulfoximine** (**3aj**): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with **1a** (163.0 mg, 0.75 mmol) and **2j** (284.9 mg, 1.5 mmol) for 72 h. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with

hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to give the product **3aj** (221.5 mg, 82% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1). m.p. = 128-129 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 – 8.01 (m, 4H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.4, 140.4, 133.0, 129.5, 128.4, 126.2 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 3.7 Hz), 125.6 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 269.2 Hz), 123.4, 123.3 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 32.1 Hz) ppm; IR (thin film): 2928, 2856, 1610, 1511, 1309, 1207, 1106, 993, 893, 726, 624 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₁₉H₁₅F₃NOS 362.0821, found 362.0820 [M+H]⁺.



N-(3-Nitrophenyl)-*S*,*S*-diphenylsulfoximine (3ak): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1a (163.0 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2k (250.4 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to give the

product **3ak** (168.2 mg, 66% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1). m.p. = 173-174 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 – 8.03 (m, 4H), 7.97 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.25 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.9, 146.3, 140.0, 133.2, 129.5(3), 129.4(6), 129.3(6), 128.4, 118.4, 116.4 ppm; IR (thin film): 3095, 3081, 1523, 1344, 1252, 1204, 1087, 1014, 877, 799, 728, 624 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₁₈H₁₅N₂O₃S 339.0798, found 339.0798 [M+H]⁺.



N-(4- Benzaldehyde)-*S*,*S*-diphenylsulfoximine (3al): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1a (162.8 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2l (225.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to give the

product **3al** (192.6 mg, 80% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1). m.p. =

141-142 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.80 (s, 1H), 8.10 – 8.01 (m, 4H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.46 (m, 6H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.1, 151.8, 140.3, 133.2, 131.3, 130.2, 129.5, 128.4, 123.5 ppm; IR (thin film): 3431, 3414, 2922, 1674, 1595, 1319, 1269, 1206, 1159, 1088, 747, 523 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₁₉H₁₆NO₂S 322.0896, found 322.0892 [M+H]⁺.



N-(4-Acetylphenyl)-*S*,*S*-diphenylsulfoximine (3am): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1a (162.8 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2m (246.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to

give the product **3am** (196.0 mg, 78% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1). m.p. = 140-142 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 – 8.01 (m, 4H), 7.77 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.44 (m, 6H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.1, 150.3, 140.4, 133.1, 130.7, 129.8, 129.5, 128.4, 123.1, 26.3 ppm; IR (thin film): 2361, 2160, 1689, 1590, 1352, 1261, 1179, 994, 828, 634 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₂₀H₁₈NO₂S 336.1053, found 336.1056 [M+H]⁺.



N-(**4-Benzoate**)-*S*,*S*-diphenylsulfoximine (3an): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with **1a** (162.8 mg, 0.75 mmol) and **2n** (270.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to

give the product **3an** (158.1 mg, 60% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1). m.p. = 196-197 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 – 8.02 (m, 4H), 7.86 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.45 (m, 6H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 149.9, 140.4, 133.0, 130.8, 129.4, 128.4, 123.1, 51.8 ppm; IR (thin film): 3483, 1748, 1673, 1439, 1255, 1090, 1000, 553 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₂₀H₁₈NO₃S 352.1002, found 352.1000 [M+H]⁺.



N-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)-*S*,*S*-diphenylsulfoximine (3ao): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1a (162.8 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2o (207.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 2:1) to give the

product **3ao** (162.3 mg, 70% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 2:1). m.p. = 110-111 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 – 7.98 (m, 4H), 7.53 – 7.38 (m, 6H), 7.02 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.62 – 6.57 (m, 2H), 5.25 (br s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.3, 140.5, 137.1,

132.7, 129.3, 128.6, 127.9, 124.9 ppm; IR (thin film): 3483, 3266, 1669, 1457, 1224, 1126, 1093, 958, 764, 720, 683 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₁₈H₁₆NO₂S 310.0896, found 310.0895 [M+H]⁺.



N-(**3-Pyridin**)-*S*,*S*-diphenylsulfoximine (**3ap**): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with **1a** (162.8 mg, 0.75 mmol) and **2p** (184.6 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to give the product **3ap** (165.4 mg, 75% yield)

as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.2$ (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1). m.p. =151-152 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.11 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 7.60 – 7.44 (m, 6H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.00 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.7, 142.7, 141.6, 140.2, 133.1, 129.9, 129.5, 128.5, 123.6 ppm; IR (thin film): 3048, 1571, 1446, 1390, 1331, 1278, 1245, 1169, 1079, 1015, 869, 754 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₁₇H₁₅N₂OS 295.0904, found 295.0898 [M+H]⁺.



N-(3-Thiophen)-*S*,*S*-diphenylsulfoximine (3aq): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1a (162.8 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2q (192.0 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to give the product 3aq (145.8 mg, 65% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$

(hexane:EtOAc = 3:1). m.p. =160-161 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.54 – 7.43 (m, 6H), 7.11 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.2, 140.5, 132.8, 129.3, 128.6, 125.7, 124.1, 109.5 ppm; IR (thin film): 3435, 3414, 1514, 1248, 1169, 1086, 1013, 772, 683, 550 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₁₆H₁₄NOS₂ 300.0511, found 300.0509 [M+H]⁺.



N-(**5-Indolyl**)-*S*,*S*-diphenylsulfoximine (**3ar**): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with **1a** (162.8 mg, 0.75 mmol) and **2r** (241.6 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 1:1) to give the

product **3ar** (161.9 mg, 65% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 1:1). m.p. =103-104 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 – 7.99 (m, 5H), 7.41 (s, 7H), 7.16 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (br s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.1, 136.9, 132.5, 132.1, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 124.5, 120.1, 114.6, 111.3, 102.1 ppm; IR (thin film): 2361, 2160, 1460, 1234, 1159, 1086, 1014, 723, 695 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₂₀H₁₇N₂OS 333.1056, found 333.1053 [M+H]⁺.



N-Phenyl-*S*-phenyl-*S*-(4-methylphenyl)sulfoximine (3ba): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1b (173.3 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2a (183.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash

chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to give the product **3ba** (218.8 mg, 95% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1). The spectroscopic data match the previously reported data.³



N-Phenyl-*S*-phenyl-*S*-(4-methoxyphenyl)sulfoximine (3ca): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1c (185.3 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2a (183.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to give

the product **3ca** (184.2 mg, 76% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1). m.p. =107-108 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 – 7.92 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 6.93 – 6.80 (m, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.1, 144.9, 141.6, 132.4, 131.9, 130.8, 129.3, 129.0, 128.2, 123.8, 121.6, 114.6, 55.6 ppm. IR (thin film): 3048, 1571, 1446, 1390, 1245, 1079, 1015, 972, 799, 727, 681 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₁₉H₁₈NO₂S 324.1053, found 324.1051 [M+H]⁺.



N-Phenyl-*S*-phenyl-*S*-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)sulfoximine (3da): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1d (183.8 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2a (183.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to give the

product **3da** (180.6 mg, 75% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1). m.p.= 100-102 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.87 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.8, 141.1, 140.6, 139.3, 134.5, 132.5, 129.3, 129.1, 128.5, 126.0, 123.8, 121.6, 21.3 ppm; IR (thin film): 3468, 3129, 2717, 1581, 1465, 1389, 1228, 1174, 1094, 550 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₂₀H₂₀NOS 322.1260, found 322.1265 [M+H]⁺.



N-Phenyl-*S*-phenyl-*S*-(4-acetamide)sulfoximine (3ea): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1e (205.6 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2a (183.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to give the

product **3ea** (165.4 mg, 63% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1). m.p.= 111-112 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 3H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 6.93 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.8, 144.6, 142.1, 140.9, 135.1, 132.7, 129.8, 129.3, 129.0, 128.4, 123.8, 121.8, 119.7, 24.6 ppm; IR (thin film): 3356, 2922, 2361, 1542, 1521, 1397, 1264, 1102, 832, 762 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₂₀H₁₉N₂O₂S 351.1162, found 351.1162 [M+H]⁺.



N-Phenyl-*S*-phenyl-*S*-(4-fluorophenyl)sulfoximine (3fa): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1f (176.3 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2a (183.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to give the

product **3fa** (186.6 mg, 80% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1). m.p. = 111-113 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 – 8.03 (m, 4H), 7.58 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 6H), 6.97 – 6.88 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 255.3$ Hz), 144.4, 140.1, 136.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.2$ Hz), 132.8, 131.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 9.5$ Hz), 129.4, 129.1, 128.5, 123.7, 121.9, 116.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 22.6$ Hz) ppm; IR (thin film): 3443, 3065, 1585, 1485, 1298, 1194, 1092, 999, 755, 692 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₁₈H₁₅NOFS 312.0853, found 312.0849 [M+H]⁺.



N-Phenyl-*S*-phenyl-*S*-(4-chlorophenyl)sulfoximine (3ga): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1g (188.3 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2a (183.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to give the

product **3ga** (218.3 mg, 89% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1). m.p.= 101-102 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 6.96 – 6.89 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.3, 140.6, 139.5, 139.4, 132.9, 130.1, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.5, 123.8, 122.0 ppm; IR (thin film): 3353, 3169, 1775, 1381, 1278, 1104, 1085, 979, 756, 663 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₁₈H₁₅NOSCI 328.0557, found 328.0552 [M+H]⁺.



N-Phenyl-*S*-phenyl-*S*-(4-cyanophenyl)sulfoximine (3ha): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1h (181.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2a (182.9 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash

chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to give the product **3ha** (168.3 mg,

71% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1). m.p. = 143-144 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 – 8.13 (m, 2H), 8.09 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.77 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.89 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.6, 143.7, 139.6, 133.4, 133.0, 129.6, 129.2(0), 129.1(8), 128.8, 123.7, 122.3, 117.3, 116.4 ppm; IR (thin film): 3089, 2923, 2232, 1595, 1493, 1444, 1310, 748, 649 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₁₉H₁₅N₂OS 319.0900, found 319.0898 [M+H]⁺.

N-Phenyl-*S*-phenyl-*S*-(4-trifluoromethyl)sulfoximine (3ia): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1i (213.8 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2a (183.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to give the

product **3ia** (211.2 mg, 78% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1). m.p.= 123-124 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.11 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 6.99 – 6.91 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.8, 144.0, 140.0, 134.3 (q, $J_{C-F} = 33.1$ Hz), 133.2, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 126.4 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.5$ Hz), 123.7, 123.2 (q, $J_{C-F} = 272.9$ Hz), 122.1 ppm; IR (thin film): 3443, 3079, 1591, 1498, 1314, 1186, 1113, 700, 532 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₁₉H₁₅NOF₃S 362.0821, found 362.0814 [M+H]⁺.

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N-Phenyl-*S*-phenyl-*S*-(4-nitrophenyl)sulfoximine (3ja): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1j (196.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2a (182.9 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash

chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to give the product **3ja** (212.9 mg, 89% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1). m.p. = 157-158 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.32 – 8.25 (m, 2H), 8.23 – 8.17 (m, 2H), 8.13 – 8.05 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 6.96 – 6.88 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.1, 147.2, 143.6, 139.5, 133.5, 129.9, 129.7, 129.2, 128.8, 124.4, 123.7, 122.4 ppm; IR (thin film): 2950, 2910, 1596, 1547, 1445, 1345, 1182, 730, 635 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₁₈H₁₅N₂O₃S 339.0798, found 339.0796 [M+H]⁺.



N-Phenyl-*S*-phenyl-*S*-(4benzoate)sulfoximine (3ka): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1k (206.5 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2a (182.9 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by

flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to give the product **3ka** (243.3 mg, 92% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1). The spectroscopic data match the

previously reported data.³



N-Phenyl-*S*-phenyl-*S*-(4-acetylphenyl)sulfoximine (3la): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1l (194.3 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2a (183.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash

chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to give the product **3la** (201.1 mg, 80% yield) as a colorless solid. R_f = 0.3 (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1). m.p.= 103-104 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.08 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 2.5 Hz, 4H), 6.93 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.6, 145.0, 144.1, 140.1, 139.9, 133.1, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 123.7, 122.1, 26.9 ppm; IR (thin film): 3048, 1571, 1503, 1446, 1390, 1278, 1222, 1169, 1115, 972, 779, 727, 681 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₂₀H₁₈NO₂S 336.1053, found 336.1056 [M+H]⁺.

N-Phenyl-S-phenyl-S-(4-carboxyphenyl)sulfoximine(3ma):Thereaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1m (196.0mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2a (182.9 mg, 1.5 mmol) in EtOH (1.5 mL) for 72 h.

The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with DCM:MeOH = 10:1) to give the product **3ma** (221.4 mg, 88% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (DCM:MeOH = 10:1). m.p. = 193-194 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.18 – 8.04 (m, 6H), 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 6.90 – 6.84 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (150 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 166.9, 144.3, 139.8, 135.3, 133.2, 130.2, 129.5, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 123.6, 121.9 ppm; IR (thin film): 3433, 2930, 2860, 1706, 1486, 1266, 1177, 1087, 993, 785, 692, 614 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₁₉H₁₆NO₃S 338.0845, found 338.0843 [M+H]⁺.



N-Phenyl-*S*-phenyl-*S*-(**3**-hydroxyphenyl)sulfoximine (**3**na): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with **1n** (175.0 mg, 0.75 mmol) and **2a** (182.9 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash

chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 1:1) to give the product **3na** (190.3 mg, 82% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 1:1). m.p. = 159-160 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 6.95 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.41 (br s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.7, 144.3, 141.5, 140.3, 137.4, 132.9, 130.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.5, 123.7, 122.0, 120.4, 115.3 ppm; IR (thin film): 2990, 1587, 1513, 1226, 1180, 1093, 989, 782, 615 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₁₈H₁₆NO₂S 310.0896, found 310.0893 [M+H]⁺.



N-Phenyl-*S*-phenyl-*S*-(1-naphthalen)sulfoximine (30a): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 10 (200.3 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2a (183.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to give the

product **30a** (180.1 mg, 70% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1). m.p.= 130-131 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.83 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (m, 2H), 7.95 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.8, 141.1, 135.1, 134.8, 134.5, 132.6, 131.7, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 126.7, 124.7, 124.5, 123.4, 121.8 ppm; IR (thin film): 3058, 1572, 1538, 1490, 1275, 1142, 1110, 962, 827, 658 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₂₂H₁₈NOS 344.1104, found 344.1102 [M+H]⁺.



N-Phenyl-*S*-phenyl-*S*-(2-pyridinyl)sulfoximine (3pa): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1p (163.5 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2a (183.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to give the

product **3pa** (143.4 mg, 65% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1). m.p.= 135-136 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.62 (m, 1H), 8.37 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.90 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 6.89 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.5, 150.4, 144.4, 138.4, 137.9, 133.2, 129.7, 129.1, 129.0, 126.3, 123.9, 123.7, 122.0 ppm; IR (thin film): 3228, 1572, 1496, 1354, 1371, 1276, 1245, 1179, 1054, 1018, 879, 757, 652 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₁₇H₁₅N₂OS 295.0900, found 295.0896 [M+H]⁺.



N-Phenyl-*S*,*S*-3-thiophenylsulfoximine (3qa): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1q (176.3 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2a (183.1 mg, 1.5 mmol). The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to give the product 3qa (163.7 mg, 73% yield) as

a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1). m.p. = 110-112 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.06 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.99 – 6.91 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.3, 142.4, 141.5, 134.1, 133.9, 132.8, 129.3, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 123.9, 122.2 ppm; IR (thin film): 3440, 1585, 1483, 1275, 1209, 1090, 1030, 770, 739, 690, 617, 559 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₁₆H₁₄NOS₂ 300.0511, found 300.0508 [M+H]⁺.



N,*N*-Diphenyl-*S*,*S*-1,2-diphenylsulfoximine (3ra): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1r (267.0 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2a (183.1mg, 1.5 mmol), and stirred at room time under argon for 60 h. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with DCM:MeOH = 20:1) to

give the product **3ra** (213.4 mg, 56% yield) as a single diastereoisomer as a brown solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (DCM:MeOH = 20:1). m.p. = 186-187 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.76 – 7.70 (m, 4H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.38 (m, 4H) 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 7.11 – 7.07 (m, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.3, 145.1, 134.7, 133.9, 133.0 131.5, 131.2, 130.3, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 127.4, 126.3, 125.0 ppm; IR (thin film): 3368, 3054, 1602, 1476, 1440, 1335, 1046, 746, 685, 646 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₃₀H₂₅N₂O₂S₂ 509.1352, found 509.1354 [M+H]⁺.



N-3-**Pyridin**-*S*-2-**pyridin**-*S*-(4-**pyridin**)**sulfoximine** (3sm): The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with 1s (65.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) and 2m (84.9 mg, 0.69 mmol), $Cu(O_2CCF_3)_2H_2O$ (13.1 mg, 0.045 mmol, 15 mol %) in dry EtOH (1.0 mL), and stirred at room temperature under argon for 60 h. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted

with DCM:MeOH = 10:1) to give the product **3sm** (37.3 mg, 42% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (DCM:MeOH = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.82 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 3H), 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.15 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 8.07 – 8.02 (m, 3H), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 158.5, 150.8, 150.3, 150.1, 138.8, 127.3, 122.7, 122.4, 121.7 ppm; IR (thin film): 3468, 3154, 1682, 1378, 1450, 1365, 1123, 846, 765, 624 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₁₅H₁₃N₄OS 297.0805, found 297.0806 [M+H]⁺.

Supplementary Discussion

Reaction in dark

Procedure: The reaction was performed following the General Procedure with **1a** (162.8 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.0 equiv), boronic acid **2a** (183.1 mg, 1.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv), $Cu(O_2CCF_3)$ [·]H₂O (21.7 mg, 0.075 mmol, 0.1 equiv) under an argon atmosphere in dark. The product **3aa** was generated in only 8% yield (17.6 mg).

Catalytic reaction in the presence of TEMPO

Procedure: To an oven-dried microwave vial equipped with a stir bar was added sulfoximine **1a** (162.8 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.0 equiv), boronic acid **2a** (183.1 mg, 1.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv), $Cu(O_2CCF_3)_2H_2O$ (21.7

mg, 0.075 mmol, 0.1 equiv), TEMPO (117 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1 equiv) under an argon atmosphere in a dry box. The vial was capped with a septum and removed from the dry box. EtOH (0.5 mL) was added into the reaction vial via syringe, and the reaction solution was stirred at room temperature under an argon atmosphere with ambient light for 48 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the vial was opened to air, and the reaction mixture was passed through a short pad of silica gel. The pad was then rinsed with 100:1 dichloromethane:methanol (20.0 mL). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford a yellow oil. The resulting oil was concentrated and then purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EA = 5:1) to afford product **4** as a yellow solid (11.7 mg, 10% yield). $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane:EA = 5:1). The spectroscopic data match the previously reported data.⁵

Spin Trap with DMPO⁵⁻⁶



Supplementary Fig. 1| EPR Spectrum of the Reaction Mixture in the presence of DMPO: Experimental Data and Fitting Data.



Supplementary Fig. 2| HRMS spectra of 5.

Procedure: To an oven-dried microwave vial equipped with a stir bar was added sulfoximine **1a** (162.8 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.0 equiv), boronic acid **2a** (183.1 mg, 1.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and Cu(O₂CCF₃)'H₂O (21.7 mg, 0.075 mmol, 0.1 equiv) under an argon atmosphere in a dry box. The vial was capped with a septum and removed from the dry box. EtOH (0.5 mL) was added into the reaction vial via syringe, and the reaction solution was stirred at room temperature under an argon atmosphere with ambient light for 24 h. Next, DMPO (5,5-dimethyl-1-pyrroline N-oxide, 11.3 mg, 0.10 mmol) was added under argon. The reaction mixture was analyzed by electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) immediately at room temperature. We did data fitting. And HRMS analysis of the reaction mixture confirmed formation of the H• trapping product. EPR spectrometer operated at 9.8243 GHz. Typical spectrometer parameters are shown as follows, scan range: 200 G; center field set: 3505.00 G; scan time: 60 s; modulation amplitude: 1.0 G; modulation frequency: 100 kHz; receiver gain: 30 db; microwave power: 2.00 mW. The fitting data are $A_N = 13.60$ G, $A_H = 6.62$ G. HRMS calculated for C₆H₁₂NO: 114.0919, found 114.0915 [M]⁺.



Headspace-Gas Chromatography (GC)

Supplementary Fig. 3 GC spectrum of the headspace gas above the liquid surface in the sealed vial.

Procedure: To an oven-dried microwave vial equipped with a stir bar was added sulfoximine **1a** (325.5 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), boronic acid **2a** (366.2 mg, 3.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), $Cu(O_2CCF_3)H_2O$ (43.4 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.1 equiv) under an argon atmosphere in a dry box. The vial was capped with a septum and removed from the dry box. EtOH (0.5 mL) was added into the reaction vial via syringe, and the reaction solution was stirred at room temperature under an argon atmosphere with ambient light for 24 h. Then the gas above the liquid surface was extracted by the GC sampling needle for detection. GC spectra were recorded at room temperature on a Fuli GC 9790 plus. The GC spectrum clearly showed the existence of H₂ generated during the reaction.

Light on/off Experiment

Five parallel reactions were performed between sulfoximine **1a** (325.5 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), phenylboronic acid **2a** (365.8 mg, 3.0 mmol, 2 equiv) and $Cu(O_2CCF_3)_2H_2O$ (43.4 mg, 0.15 mmol, 10 mol %) in EtOH (1.0 mL, 1.5 M) according to the General Procedure. The assay yield (AY) was determined by ¹H NMR with 0.1 mmol CH_2Br_2 (7.0 µL) as internal standard at the given times. The white area indicates the light irradiation, while the grey area indicates time in the dark (Fig. 2d).

Reaction profile

Standard conditions: 21 parallel reactions were performed between sulfoximine **1a** (65.1 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), phenylboronic acid **2a** (73.2 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and $Cu(O_2CCF_3)_2H_2O$ (8.7 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol %) in EtOH (0.2 mL, 1.5 M) according to the General Procedure. The reactions were all started at the same time. Upon specified reaction time, the separate vial was opened to air, and the reaction mixture was passed through a short pad of silica gel. The pad was then rinsed with 100:1 DCM:MeOH (20.0 mL). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The assay yield (AY) was determined by ¹H NMR with 0.1 mmol CH₂Br₂ (7.0 µL) as internal standard (Fig. 3a).

Initiation in the Presence of 3aa

With an initial ratio of 1a/3aa=4/1: nine parallel reactions were performed between sulfoximine 1a (34.7 mg, 0.15 mmol), *N*-Ph sulfoximine 3aa (11.0 mg, 0.038 mmol), phenylboronic acid 2a (73.2 mg, 0.30 mmol, 2.0 equiv of 1a), and Cu(O₂CCF₃)₂·H₂O (5.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %) in EtOH (0.2 mL, 1.0 M) according to the General Procedure. All reactions were started at the same time. Upon specified reaction time, the separate vial was opened to air, and the reaction mixture was passed through a short pad of silica gel. The pad was then rinsed with 100:1 DCM:MeOH (20.0 mL). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The assay yield (AY) was determined by ¹H NMR with 0.1 mmol CH₂Br₂ (7.0 µL) as internal standard (Fig. 3b).

When initial ratio of 1a/3aa=2/1: six parallel reactions were performed between sulfoximine 1a (28.9 mg, 0.13 mmol), *N*-Ph sulfoximine 3aa (19.5 mg, 0.07 mmol), phenylboronic acid 2a (31.7 mg, 0.26 mmol, 2.0 equiv of 1a), and Cu(O₂CCF₃)₂:H₂O (5.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %) in EtOH (0.4 mL, 0.5 M) according to General Procedure, starting at the same time. Upon specified reaction time, the separate vial was opened to air, and the reaction mixture was passed through a short pad of silica gel. The pad was then rinsed with 100:1 DCM:MeOH (20.0 mL). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The assay yield (AY) was determined by ¹H NMR with 0.1 mmol CH₂Br₂ (7.0 µL) as internal standard (Fig. 3b).





a. Reaction time: 5 h











d. Reaction time: 25 h



e. Reaction time: 30 h



f. Reaction time: 36 h



g. Reaction time: 42 h

Supplementary Fig. 4| HRMS spectra of copper-catalyzed photoredox Chan-Lam coupling reaction of **1a** and **2a** at different reaction times.

Copper-Catalyzed Photoredox Chan-Lam Coupling Reaction of Phenyl Methyl Sulfoximine Supplementary Table 1| Copper-Catalyzed Photoredox Chan-Lam Coupling Reactions of Methyl Phenyl Sulfoximine with 2a.

Entryadditive (3aa)/mol%isolated yield/%12080	6 NH +	PhB(OH) ₂ <u>Cu(O₂CCF₃)₂H₂O (10 mol %)</u> <u>EIOH (1.0 M), sunlight, rt, Ar, 48 h</u> 2a	V Ph V S Me 7 3aa
1 20 80	Entry	additive (3aa)/mol%	isolated yield/%
	1	20	80
2 0 7	2	0	7



Procedure: To an oven-dried microwave vial equipped with a stir bar was added sulfoximine **6** (31.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), phenyl boronic acid **2a** (48.4 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), $Cu(O_2CCF_3)_2$ ·H₂O (5.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %), and **3aa** (11.7

mg, 20 mol %) under an argon atmosphere in a dry box. The vial was capped with a septum and removed from the dry box. EtOH (0.2 mL) was added into the reaction vial via syringe and the reaction solution was stirred at room temperature under argon with ambient light for 48 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the vial was opened to air, and the reaction mixture was passed through a short pad of silica gel. The pad was then rinsed with 100:1 dichloromethane:methanol (20.0 mL). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford a yellow oil. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with PE:EA = 2:1) to give the product **7** (37.0 mg, 80% yield) as a colorless solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (PE:EA = 1:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.83 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 3.24 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.9, 139.4, 133.3, 129.6, 129.0, 128.7, 123.3, 121.8, 46.0 ppm. The spectroscopic data match the previously reported data⁷.

When the reaction was conducted without addition of **3aa** the product **7** was obtained (3.2 mg, 7% yield).





Fig S5 | Preparation of copper(I) complex A' and B'.

To an oven-dried tube equipped with a stir bar was added sulfoximine **1a**

$$Ph S_{H}^{O'}$$
 (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol) and Cu(NCCH₃)₄PF₆ (18.6 mg, 0.05 mmol) and
DCM (10.0 mL, 0.01 M) in a dry box. The mixture was then heated to
reflux for 6 h. After the mixture was cooled down to room temperature,

hexane (10.0 mL) was added to the mixture. The resulting solution was filtrated to afford **A'** as a white solid, m.p.= 236-238 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 8H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 8H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.7, 130.1, 128.2 ppm; IR (thin film): 3221, 1582, 1476, 1448, 1409, 1310, 1211, 1158, 1093, 1071, 1028, 1008, 983, 880, 847, 834, 781, 769, 757, 725, 684, 623 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₂₄H₂₂CuN₂O₂S₂⁺ 497.0413, found 497.0413 [M- PF₆-]⁺.

To an oven-dried tube equipped with a stir bar was added sulfoximine **3aa** (29.3 mg, 0.1 mmol) and Cu(NCCH₃)₄PF₆ (18.6 mg, 0.05 mmol) and THF (1.0 mL, 0.1 M) in a dry box. The

mixture was then heated to reflux for 6 h. After the mixture was cooled down to room temperature, hexane (5.0 mL) was added to the mixture. The resulting solution was filtrated to afford **B'** as a white solid, m.p.= 147-149 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 – 7.94 (m, 8H), 7.58 – 7.45 (m, 12H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 8H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (s, 12 H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.9, 138.5, 133.7, 129.8, 129.2, 128.8, 125.0, 123.6, 116.5, 2.1 ppm; IR (thin film): 1592, 1681, 1485, 1447, 1283, 1263, 1205, 1172, 1086, 1071, 1034, 1011, 987, 897, 880, 833, 786, 751, 725, 687, 652, 622; HRMS calculated for C₃₆H₃₀CuN₂O₂S₂⁺ 649.1039, found 649.1039 [M-(CH₃CN)_n-PF₆⁻]⁺.

UV/Vis-Absorption Spectra of the Reaction Components⁸

Preparation of the samples for UV-Vis spectra measurement. (All the samples were freshly prepared for UV-Vis spectra measurement.)

1a, **2a**, **3aa**, **A'**, **B'** and Cu(NCCH₃)₄PF₆: 5×10^{-5} M solutions (in DCM) were prepared in a dry box. Fresh measurement of solution in colorimetric vessel by UV.

Reaction solution (0.5 M in EtOH): To an oven-dried microwave vial equipped with a stir bar was added sulfoximine **1a** (325.5 mg, 1.5 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (421.0 mg, 3.5 mmol) and $Cu(O_2CCF_3)_2H_2O$ (43.3 mg, 0.15 mmol) and EtOH (3.0 mL) under an argon atmosphere in a dry box at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction solution was transferred into a colorimetric cell by syringe, sealed with a cap and removed from the dry box. Fresh measurement of solution in colorimetric vessel by UV.

Emission Quenching Experiments

Solutions of **A'** and **B'** were excited at 344 nm and the emission intensity at 379 and 399 nm were observed. In the typical experiment, 5×10^{-5} M **A'**, **B'** and Cu(NCCH₃)₄PF₆ solutions (in DCM) were prepared in a dry box. The separate emission spectra of the above solutions were collected. Then, appropriate amount of quencher was added to the measured solution and the emission spectrum of the sample was collected.



Supplementary Fig. 6| a) Excitation spectrum of **A'** and **B'** in DCM; b) Emission spectrum of **A'** and **B'** in DCM.



Supplementary Fig. 7| a) Stern-Volmer Quench of A' with 1a, 2a and EtOH; b) Stern-Volmer Quench of B' with 1a, 2a and EtOH; c) Stern-Volmer Quench of $Cu(NCCH_3)_4PF_6$ with 1a, 2a and EtOH; d) Emission quench of B' with 1a.

Computational Studies

Optimizations of the transition states, starting materials, products, and intermediates were performed using Gaussian 16⁹ software with unrestricted DFT using UB3LYP^{10, 11, 12} functional and split basis set (6-31G(d) for C, S, O, H, N and SDD for Cu) in the gas phase. For all species, the correct multiplicities from the unrestricted calculations were confirmed. Vibrational frequencies were also computed to obtain

thermal Gibbs free energy corrections (at 298 K) and to characterize the stationary points as transition states (one and only one imaginary frequency) or minima (zero imaginary frequencies). For each frequency job, it was confirmed that convergence fully occurred. Transition states were confirmed by intrinsic reaction coordinate analysis. Conformational analysis was performed manually. Graphics were made in Cylview.¹³

The thermodynamic cycle was calculated to compare the energies of the copper spcies (Supplementary Fig. 8). The copper (II) species are ~70 kcal/mol higher in energy than the copper (I) species.



Supplementary Fig. 8| Thermodynamic cycles of substrate/product ligand exchange for Cu(I) and Cu(II).

The formation of copper hydride (Supplementary Fig. 9) has a barrier of 27.6 kcal/mol.



Supplementary Fig. 9| Pathway for copper hydride formation. Free energies computed using

B3LYP/6-31G(d), Cu:SDD.

Supplementary Notes

NMR Spectra



Supplementary Figure 10. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3aa



Supplementary Figure 11. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 3aa



Supplementary Figure 12. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3ab



Supplementary Figure 13. $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ spectra (CDCl_3, 100 MHz) of compound 3ab



Supplementary Figure 14. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3ac



Supplementary Figure 15. $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ spectra (CDCl_3, 100 MHz) of compound 3ac



Supplementary Figure 16. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3ad



Supplementary Figure 17. $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ spectra (CDCl_3, 100 MHz) of compound 3ad



Supplementary Figure 18. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3ae



Supplementary Figure 19. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 3ae



Supplementary Figure 20. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3af



Supplementary Figure 21. $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ spectra (CDCl_3, 100 MHz) of compound 3af



Supplementary Figure 22. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3ag



Supplementary Figure 23. $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 3ag



Supplementary Figure 24. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3ah





Supplementary Figure 26. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3ai



Supplementary Figure 27. $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ spectra (CDCl_3, 100 MHz) of compound 3ai



Supplementary Figure 28. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) of compound 3aj



Supplementary Figure 29. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) of compound 3aj



Supplementary Figure 30. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) of compound 3ak



Supplementary Figure 31. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) of compound 3ak



Supplementary Figure 32. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3al



Supplementary Figure 33. $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ spectra (CDCl_3, 100 MHz) of compound 3al



Supplementary Figure 34. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3am



Supplementary Figure 35. $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 3am



Supplementary Figure 36. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3an



Supplementary Figure 37. $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 3an



Supplementary Figure 38. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3ao



Supplementary Figure 39. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 3ao



Supplementary Figure 40. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3ap



Supplementary Figure 41. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 3ap



Supplementary Figure 42. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3aq



Supplementary Figure 43. $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ spectra (CDCl_3, 100 MHz) of compound 3aq



Supplementary Figure 44. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3ar



Supplementary Figure 45. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 3ar



Supplementary Figure 46. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3ba



Supplementary Figure 47. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 3ba



Supplementary Figure 48. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3ca



Supplementary Figure 49. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 3ca



Supplementary Figure 50. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3da



Supplementary Figure 51. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 3da



Supplementary Figure 52. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3ea



Supplementary Figure 53. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 3ea



Supplementary Figure 54. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3fa



Supplementary Figure 55. $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ spectra (CDCl_3, 100 MHz) of compound 3fa



Supplementary Figure 56. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3ga



Supplementary Figure 57. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 3ga



Supplementary Figure 58. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) of compound 3ha



Supplementary Figure 59. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) of compound 3ha



Supplementary Figure 60. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3ia



Supplementary Figure 61. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 3ia



Supplementary Figure 62. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) of compound 3ja



Supplementary Figure 63. $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ spectra (CDCl_3, 150 MHz) of compound 3ja



Supplementary Figure 64. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) of compound 3ka



Supplementary Figure 65. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) of compound 3ka



Supplementary Figure 66. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3la



Supplementary Figure 67. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 3la



Supplementary Figure 68. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) of compound 3ma



Supplementary Figure 69. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) of compound 3ma



Supplementary Figure 70. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) of compound 3na



Supplementary Figure 71. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) of compound 3na



Supplementary Figure 72. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 30a



210 200 190 180 170 180 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -1 Supplementary Figure 73. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 30a



Supplementary Figure 74. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3pa



Supplementary Figure 75. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 3pa



Supplementary Figure 76. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3qa



Supplementary Figure 77. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 3qa



Supplementary Figure 78. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3ra



Supplementary Figure 79. $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ spectra (CDCl_3, 100 MHz) of compound 3ra



Supplementary Figure 80. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 3sm



Supplementary Figure 81. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of compound 3sm



Supplementary Figure 82. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 4



Supplementary Figure 83. $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ spectra (CDCl_3, 100 MHz) of compound 4



Supplementary Figure 84. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of compound 7



Supplementary Figure 85. $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ spectra (CDCl_3, 100 MHz) of compound 7



Supplementary Figure 86. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) of complex A'



Supplementary Figure 87. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) of complex A'



Supplementary Figure 88. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) of complex B'



Supplementary Figure 89. ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) of complex B'

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