

**Supporting Information for:**

**Excited State Dynamics for Visible Light Sensitization  
of Fast Photochromic Phenoxyl-Imidazolyl Radical  
Complex with Aryl Ketone**

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# 1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra

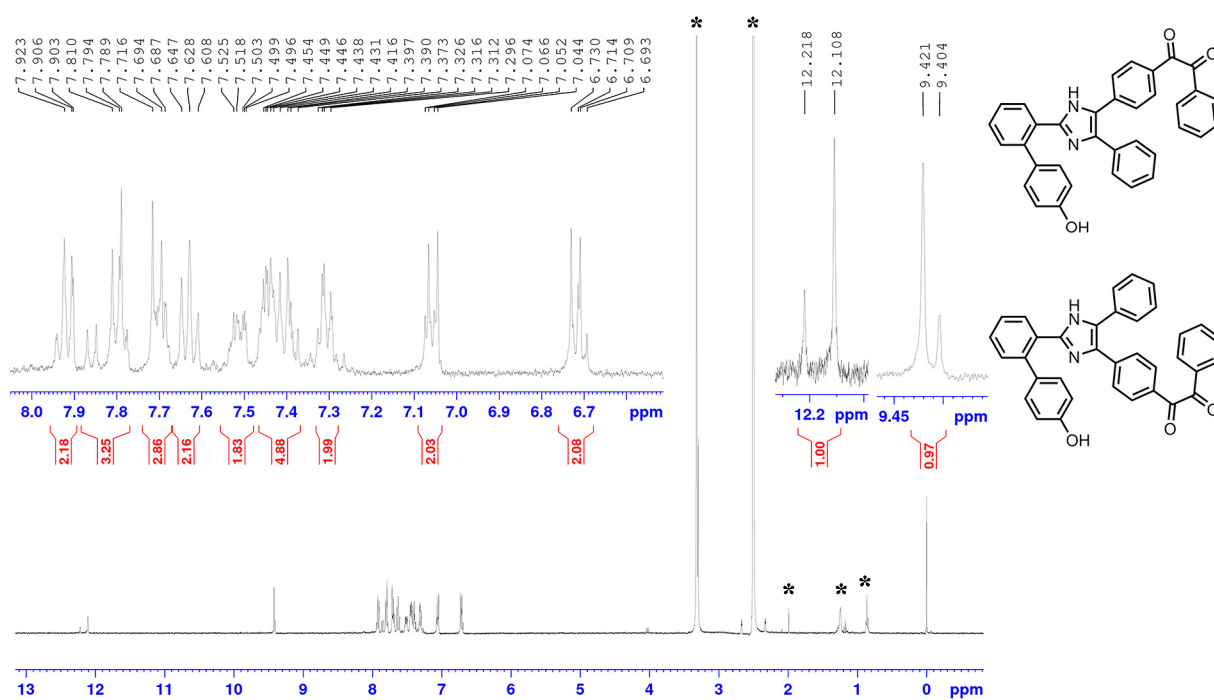


Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> (\* solvent peaks).

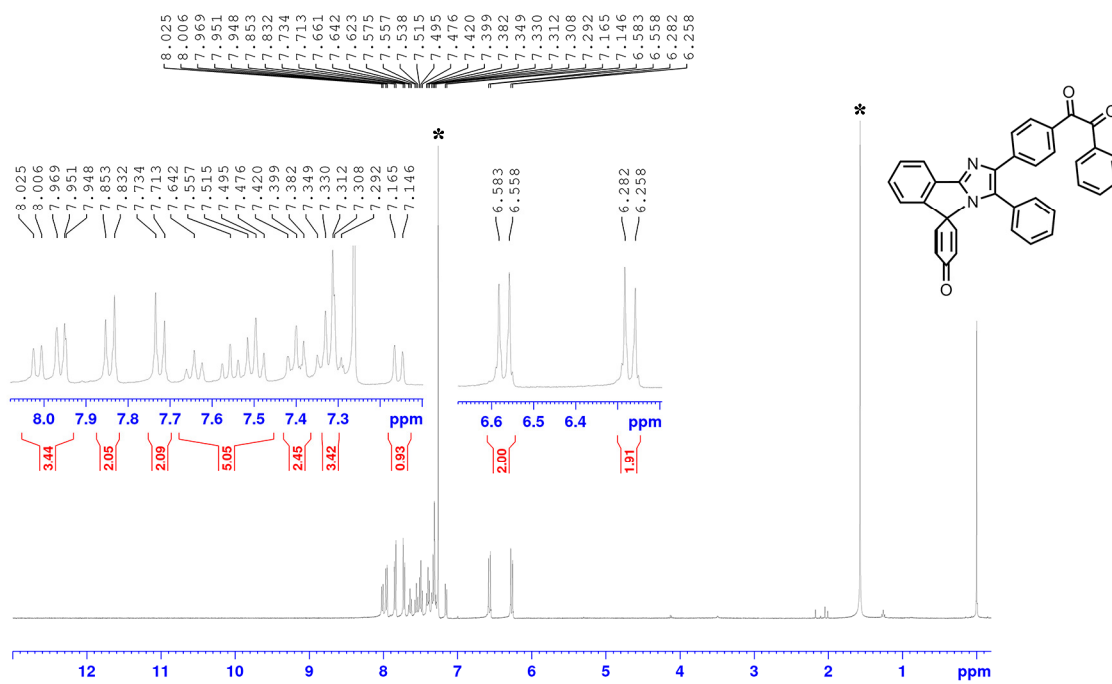
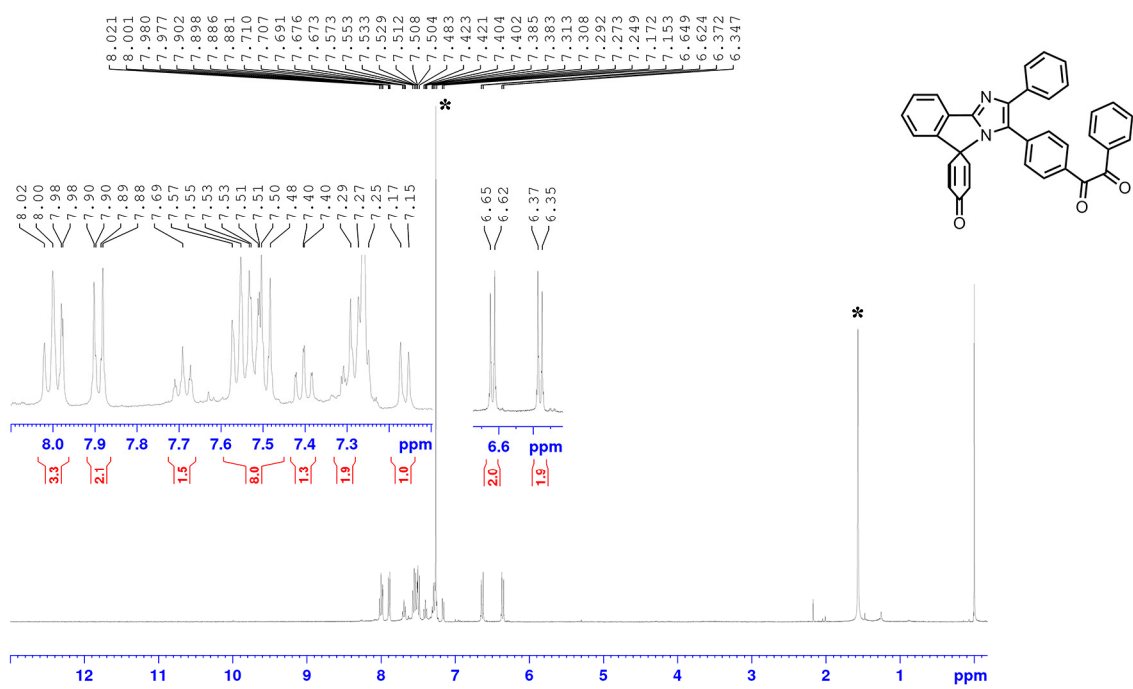
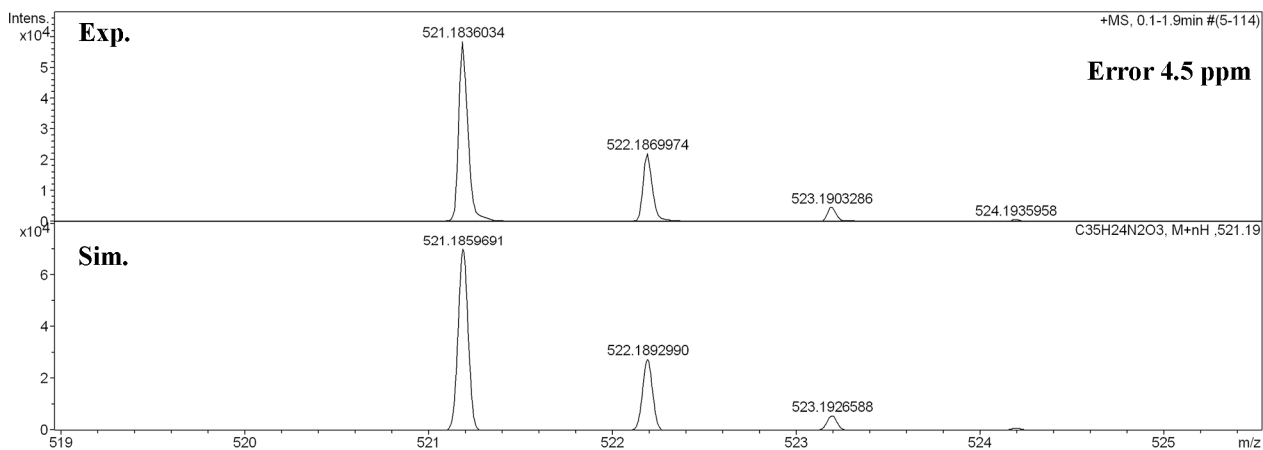


Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the isomer A of Benzil-PIC in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (\* solvent peaks).

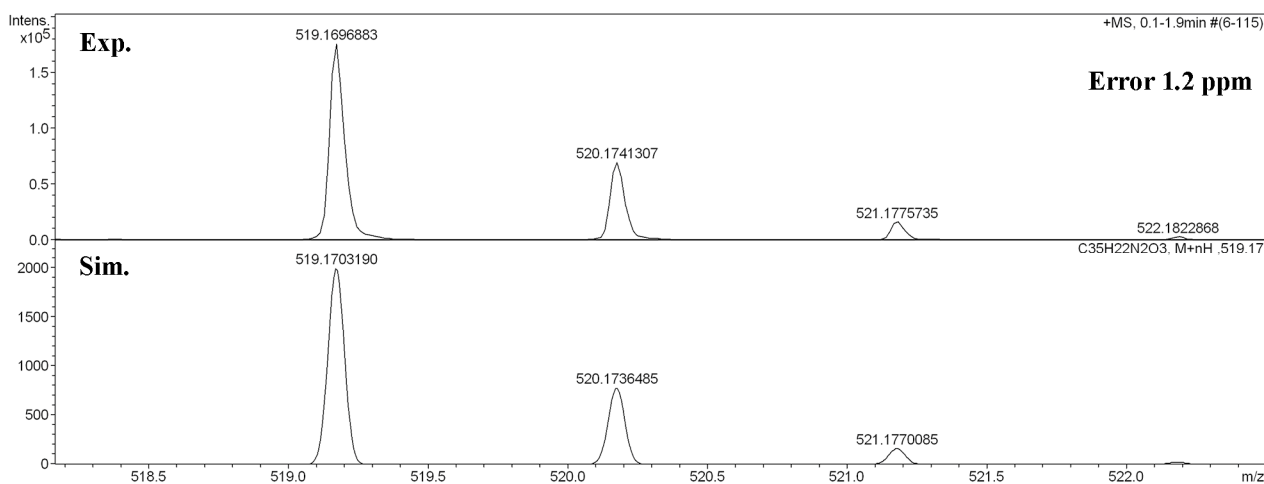


**Figure S3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the isomer B of Benzil-PIC in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (\* solvent peaks).

## 2. HR-ESI-TOF-MS Spectra

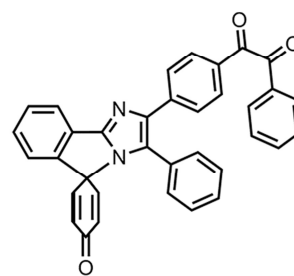
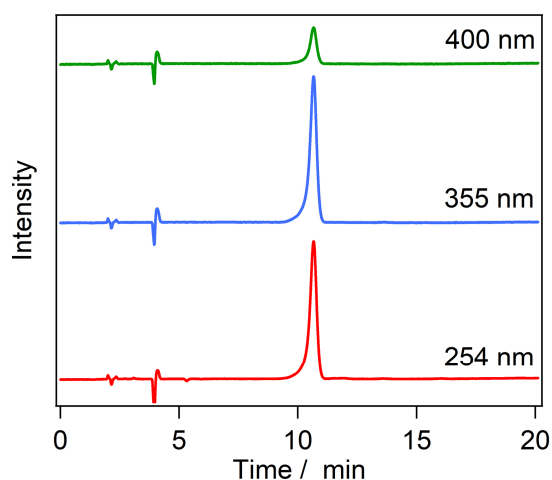


**Figure S4.** HR-ESI-TOF MS spectra of **2**.



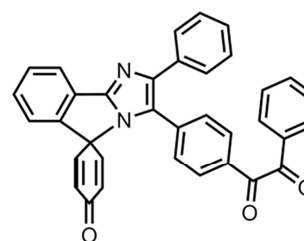
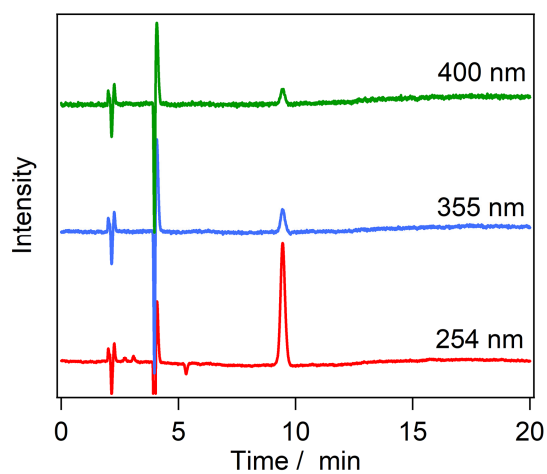
**Figure S5.** HR-ESI-TOF MS spectra of **Benzil-PIC**.

### 3. HPLC Chromatograms



Benzil-PIC (isomer A)

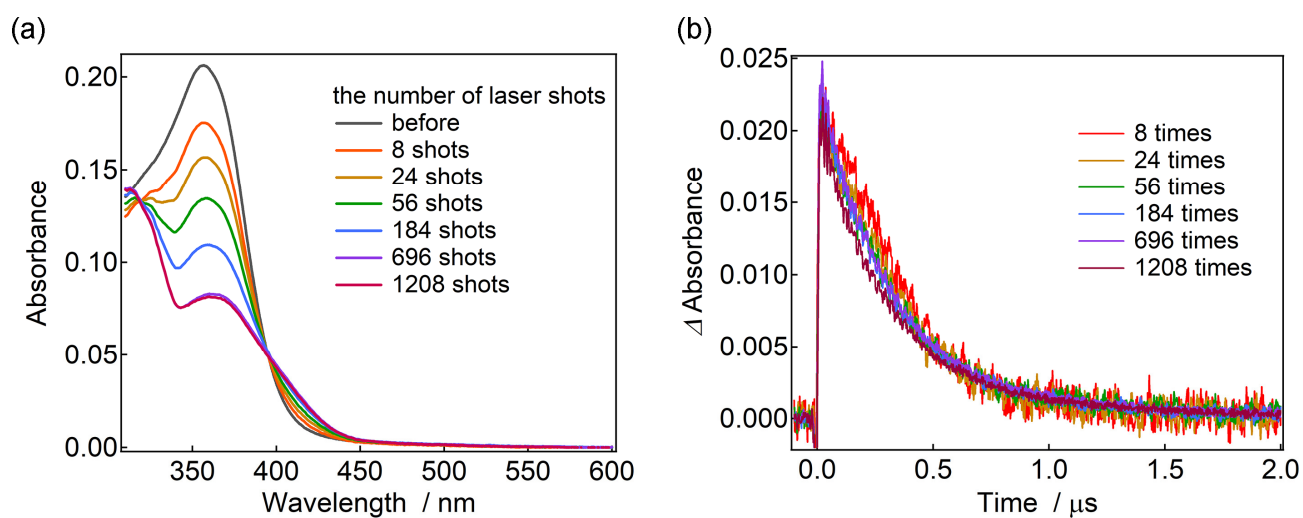
**Figure S6.** HPLC chromatogram of Isomer A of benzil-PIC; 99% purity. HPLC analysis was performed using a reverse phase analytical column (Mightysil RP18, 25cm×4.6mm, 5μm particle) from Kanto Chemical Industries, equipped with a UV detector; the mobile phase was CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>3</sub>O = 3:1 with a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min (detection wavelength; 254, 355, and 400 nm).



Benzil-PIC (isomer B)

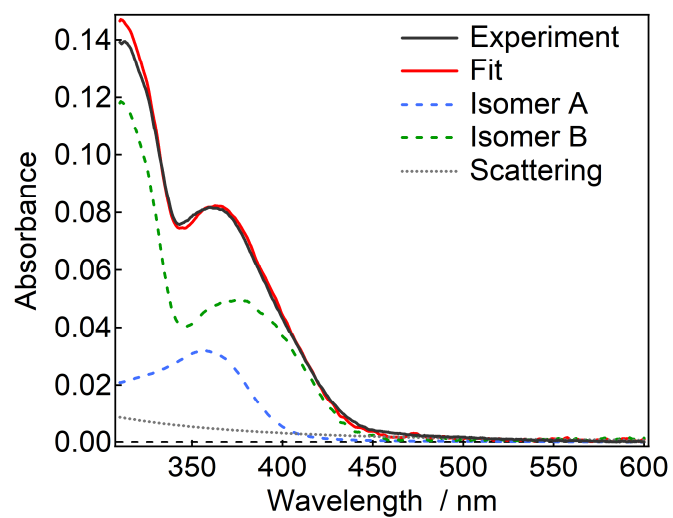
**Figure S7.** HPLC chromatogram of isomer-Isomer B of benzil-PIC; 99% purity. HPLC analysis was performed using a reverse phase analytical column (Mightysil RP18, 25cm×4.6mm, 5μm particle) from Kanto Chemical Industries, equipped with a UV detector; the mobile phase was CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>3</sub>O = 3:1 with a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min (detection wavelength; 254, 355, and 400 nm).

#### 4. Difference in the Thermal Back Reactions between Two Isomers of Benzil-PIC



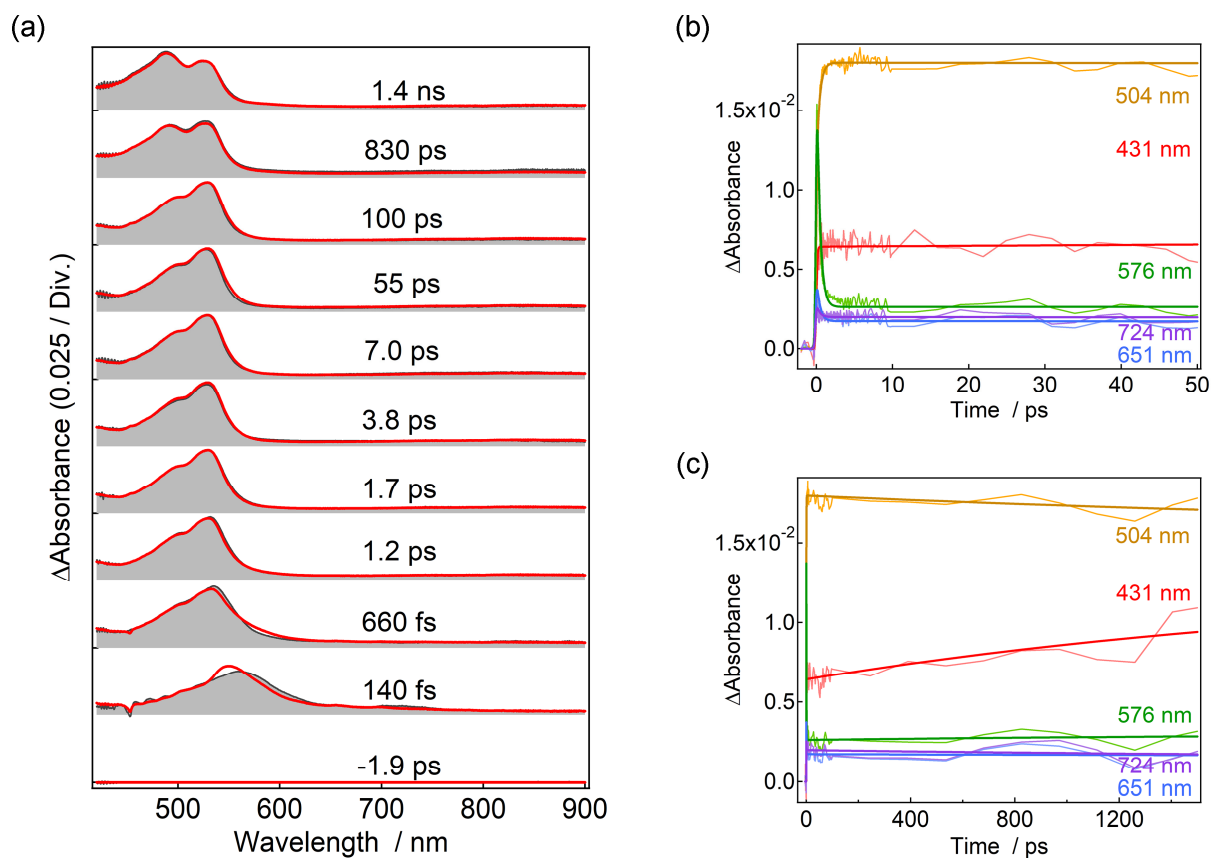
**Figure S8.** (a) Steady-state absorption spectra of Isomer A of Benzil-PIC in benzene upon repeated irradiation of 355-nm nanosecond laser pulses (355 nm, 7 mJ pulse<sup>-1</sup>). (b) Nanosecond-to-microsecond transient absorption dynamics of Isomer A of Benzil-PIC in benzene at the same condition.

## 5. Estimation of the Ratio of Two Isomers at the Photostationary State



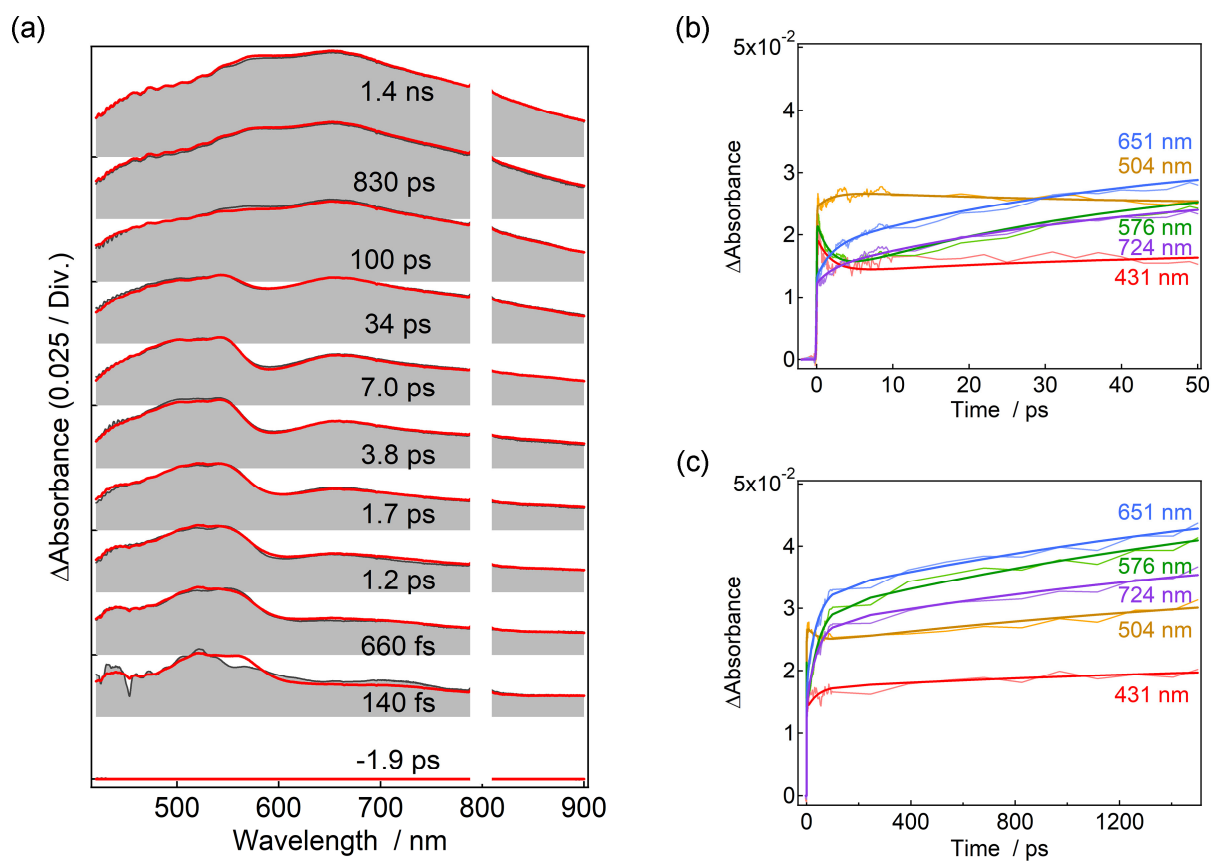
**Figure S9.** Absorption spectrum of Benzil-PIC at the photostationary state after the excitation with 355-nm nanosecond laser pulses. The absorption spectrum can be resolved into the two isomers by the curve fitting with pure absorption spectra of the two isomers and the small amount of the Rayleigh scattering component ( $1/\lambda^4$ ).

## 6. Details of the SVD Global Analyses of benzil and Benzil-PIC



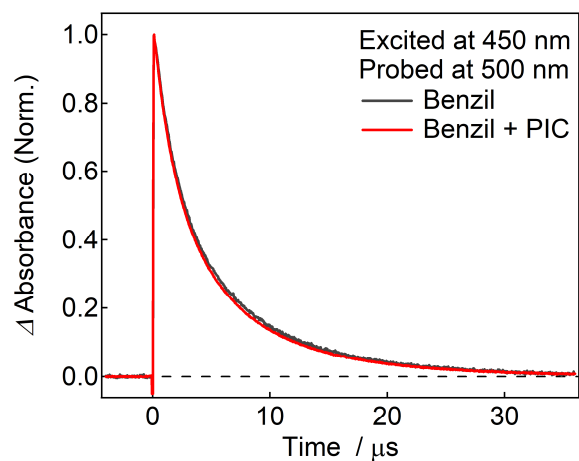
**Figure S10.** (a) Transient absorption spectra and fitted spectra of benzil in benzene excited at 400 nm. The red spectra show the fitted spectra by SVD global analyses assuming the three-state sequential kinetic model (b and c) Transient absorption dynamics of benzil at different time scales. Thick solid lines show the fitted dynamics.





**Figure S11.** (a) Transient absorption spectra and fitted spectra of Benzil-PIC in benzene excited at 400 nm. The red spectra show the fitted spectra by SVD global analyses assuming the four-state sequential kinetic model (b and c) Transient absorption dynamics of Benzil-PIC at different time scales. Thick solid lines show the fitted dynamics.

## 7. Sensitization of Photochromic Reaction with Triplet Excited States



**Figure S12.** Microsecond transient absorption dynamics of Benzil in benzene (gray) and the mixture solution of benzil and PIC in benzene (red) excited and probed at 450 and 500 nm, respectively.

## 8. DFT Calculations

All calculations was carried out using the Gaussian 09 program (Revision D.01).<sup>S1</sup> The molecular structure was fully optimized at the M05-2X/6-31+G(d,p) level of theory, and analytical second derivative was computed using vibrational analysis to confirm each stationary point to be a minimum. TDDFT calculations were performed at the MPW1PW91/6-31+G(d,p) level of the theory for the optimized structures.

**Table S1.** Standard orientation of the optimized geometry for the closed-ring isomer of Isomer A of **Benzil-PIC**.

Tag	Symbol	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	C	-4.5343040	4.8339550	-0.1087920
2	C	-5.7231620	4.0997860	-0.1233790
3	C	-5.7033220	2.7045910	-0.0563070
4	C	-4.4724650	2.0768440	0.0194500
5	C	-3.2797830	2.8107210	0.0385620
6	C	-3.2960610	4.1985250	-0.0279040
7	C	-2.1871820	1.8491060	0.1070340
8	C	-4.1894340	0.5652840	0.1168770
9	C	-4.6626950	-0.1533880	-1.1167110
10	C	-5.6317340	-1.0709760	-1.0921870
11	C	-6.2792230	-1.4787900	0.1754780
12	C	-5.7762550	-0.8511180	1.4194990
13	C	-4.7935480	0.0516020	1.3959970
14	N	-2.7219810	0.5944710	0.1722450
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16	C	-0.5447700	0.4952940	0.0548370
17	N	-0.8826850	1.8345120	0.0443630
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23	C	-2.8017400	-3.8415200	0.8294570
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25	C	1.8071290	0.9681240	-0.5366310
26	C	3.1448950	0.6075630	-0.6208350
27	C	3.5624040	-0.6459460	-0.1599780
28	C	2.6260220	-1.5260940	0.3955400
29	C	1.2906410	-1.1678190	0.4745130
30	C	4.9806680	-1.0644110	-0.1899970

31	O	5.3814070	-2.1146250	0.2786780
32	C	6.0014510	-0.1688320	-0.9034530
33	C	7.2011860	0.2919990	-0.1594610
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37	C	9.4464920	1.2665020	1.1623640
38	C	8.5007700	0.5188440	1.8599610
39	C	7.3761160	0.0284030	1.2025030
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62	H	6.6512840	-0.5678540	1.7402340

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SCF Done: E(RM052X) = -1682.07194943

Zero-point correction = 0.484395 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.514380

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.515324

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.419921

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies	=	-1681.587555
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies	=	-1681.557569
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies	=	-1681.556625
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies	=	-1681.652029

Low frequencies ---	-15.6158	-7.3907	-4.7849	-0.0025	-0.0020	-0.0015
Low frequencies ---	4.2114	17.0347	19.5463			

The Result for the TDDFT calculation of Isomer A of Benzil-PIC

Excited State 1: Singlet-A 2.9259 eV 423.75 nm f=0.0004 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 135 ->136 0.70311

This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Total Energy, E(TD-HF/TD-KS) = -1681.71934799

Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.

Excited State 2: Singlet-A 2.9476 eV 420.63 nm f=0.0019 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 134 ->137 0.67289

Excited State 3: Singlet-A 3.3545 eV 369.60 nm f=0.4650 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 135 ->137 0.69239

Excited State 4: Singlet-A 3.3566 eV 369.38 nm f=0.0009 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 127 ->136 -0.31432  
 128 ->136 0.61322

Excited State 5: Singlet-A 3.7322 eV 332.20 nm f=0.0367 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 121 ->137 0.16761  
 134 ->138 0.60262  
 134 ->141 0.11111  
 135 ->138 0.24962

Excited State 6: Singlet-A 3.9208 eV 316.23 nm f=0.0659 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 134 ->138 -0.19248  
 135 ->138 0.53794  
 135 ->139 -0.37383

Excited State 7: Singlet-A 3.9311 eV 315.39 nm f=0.3054 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 134 ->138 -0.12780  
 135 ->138 0.35971  
 135 ->139 0.57393  
 135 ->140 -0.10136

Excited State 8: Singlet-A 4.0772 eV 304.09 nm f=0.0015 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 134 ->136 0.69654

Excited State 9: Singlet-A 4.2382 eV 292.54 nm f=0.1177 <S\*\*2>=0.000

126 ->139	-0.11429
133 ->137	-0.11417
135 ->139	0.11912
135 ->140	0.64432

Excited State 10:	Singlet-A	4.2940 eV	288.74 nm	f=0.0178	<S**2>=0.000
127 ->137	-0.10703				
132 ->137	-0.27994				
133 ->136	0.25554				
133 ->137	0.47623				
135 ->140	0.16842				
135 ->142	0.14419				
135 ->145	0.11100				

Excited State 11:	Singlet-A	4.3010 eV	288.27 nm	f=0.0036	<S**2>=0.000
129 ->136	-0.12741				
130 ->136	0.28202				
132 ->136	0.32103				
132 ->137	0.12595				
133 ->136	0.43117				
133 ->137	-0.22750				

Excited State 12:	Singlet-A	4.3666 eV	283.94 nm	f=0.0064	<S**2>=0.000
126 ->136	0.20343				
127 ->136	-0.30682				
128 ->136	-0.18191				
130 ->136	0.37678				
132 ->136	0.21393				
133 ->136	-0.35424				

Excited State 13:	Singlet-A	4.3972 eV	281.96 nm	f=0.0022	<S**2>=0.000
126 ->136	-0.30892				
129 ->136	0.45942				
130 ->136	-0.15666				
132 ->136	0.38259				

Excited State 14:	Singlet-A	4.4604 eV	277.97 nm	f=0.0534	<S**2>=0.000
129 ->137	-0.18748				
130 ->137	-0.19753				

	131 ->137	0.49445				
	131 ->138	0.13800				
	132 ->137	0.27604				
	133 ->137	0.19022				
Excited State 15:	Singlet-A	4.5055 eV	275.18 nm	f=0.0227	<S**2>=0.000	
	126 ->136	0.53240				
	128 ->136	-0.11476				
	129 ->136	0.28749				
	130 ->136	-0.20491				
	133 ->136	0.16646				
	133 ->137	-0.10306				
Excited State 16:	Singlet-A	4.5102 eV	274.90 nm	f=0.1750	<S**2>=0.000	
	126 ->136	0.16365				
	131 ->137	-0.37615				
	132 ->137	0.38534				
	133 ->137	0.25669				
	135 ->141	-0.25771				
Excited State 17:	Singlet-A	4.5650 eV	271.60 nm	f=0.0120	<S**2>=0.000	
	132 ->137	0.11982				
	133 ->137	-0.12036				
	135 ->141	-0.10794				
	135 ->142	0.63092				
Excited State 18:	Singlet-A	4.5948 eV	269.83 nm	f=0.0450	<S**2>=0.000	
	127 ->137	-0.10556				
	129 ->137	-0.12119				
	130 ->137	-0.18831				
	131 ->137	-0.17716				
	132 ->137	0.17914				
	135 ->141	0.54786				
Excited State 19:	Singlet-A	4.6289 eV	267.85 nm	f=0.0006	<S**2>=0.000	
	126 ->136	0.17369				
	127 ->136	0.39423				
	128 ->136	0.18066				
	129 ->136	-0.15768				



130 ->136	-0.14840
132 ->136	0.36624
133 ->136	-0.24380
135 ->141	0.14842

Excited State 20: Singlet-A 4.7094 eV 263.27 nm f=0.0329 <S\*\*2>=0.000

127 ->137	0.24300
128 ->137	0.11313
129 ->137	0.30709
130 ->137	0.32937
131 ->137	0.18462
131 ->138	-0.10335
132 ->137	0.19268
133 ->137	0.19787
135 ->141	0.20342
135 ->142	0.10227

Excited State 21: Singlet-A 4.8499 eV 255.64 nm f=0.0087 <S\*\*2>=0.000

127 ->137	-0.17793
128 ->137	-0.12202
129 ->137	0.54239
129 ->138	-0.12773
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Excited State 22: Singlet-A 4.8600 eV 255.11 nm f=0.0002 <S\*\*2>=0.000

131 ->136	0.70119
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Excited State 23: Singlet-A 4.8641 eV 254.90 nm f=0.0102 <S\*\*2>=0.000

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127 ->138	0.12943
128 ->137	-0.14352
130 ->137	0.34893
132 ->137	0.18302
132 ->138	0.11354
133 ->137	-0.10872
133 ->138	-0.29273
135 ->145	0.28092

Excited State 24: Singlet-A 4.9117 eV 252.43 nm f=0.0574 <S\*\*2>=0.000

	121 ->137	-0.12296				
	127 ->137	0.35331				
	128 ->137	0.21273				
	130 ->137	-0.19630				
	132 ->138	0.25402				
	133 ->138	-0.32620				
	135 ->145	0.21308				
Excited State 25:	Singlet-A	4.9299 eV	251.49 nm	f=0.0014	<S**2>=0.000	
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	125 ->136	-0.12341				
	127 ->136	0.29656				
	128 ->136	0.16714				
	129 ->136	0.36786				
	130 ->136	0.38104				
	132 ->136	-0.18410				
Excited State 26:	Singlet-A	4.9673 eV	249.60 nm	f=0.0066	<S**2>=0.000	
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	135 ->144	0.63484				
Excited State 27:	Singlet-A	4.9900 eV	248.46 nm	f=0.0026	<S**2>=0.000	
	134 ->139	0.68982				
Excited State 28:	Singlet-A	5.0255 eV	246.71 nm	f=0.0051	<S**2>=0.000	
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	122 ->136	-0.10240				
	124 ->136	0.46768				
	125 ->136	-0.39911				
	127 ->136	-0.14649				
	129 ->136	-0.10884				
	130 ->136	-0.14101				
Excited State 29:	Singlet-A	5.0376 eV	246.12 nm	f=0.0053	<S**2>=0.000	
	121 ->137	0.50752				
	122 ->137	0.19741				
	124 ->136	-0.11066				
	128 ->137	0.10803				
	131 ->138	0.16916				

132 ->137 0.12221  
134 ->138 -0.20173

Excited State 30: Singlet-A 5.0903 eV 243.57 nm f=0.0543 <S\*\*2>=0.000

121 ->137 -0.10160  
127 ->137 0.10671  
129 ->138 -0.13754  
130 ->137 0.10434  
130 ->138 -0.17503  
131 ->137 -0.12435  
131 ->138 0.47643  
132 ->138 0.22320  
133 ->138 0.20685

Excited State 31: Singlet-A 5.1093 eV 242.66 nm f=0.0009 <S\*\*2>=0.000

127 ->137 -0.31187  
128 ->137 0.58459  
131 ->138 0.10720

Excited State 32: Singlet-A 5.1352 eV 241.44 nm f=0.0646 <S\*\*2>=0.000

128 ->137 0.11443  
131 ->138 -0.15104  
133 ->138 0.37550  
133 ->139 -0.15843  
135 ->143 0.21834  
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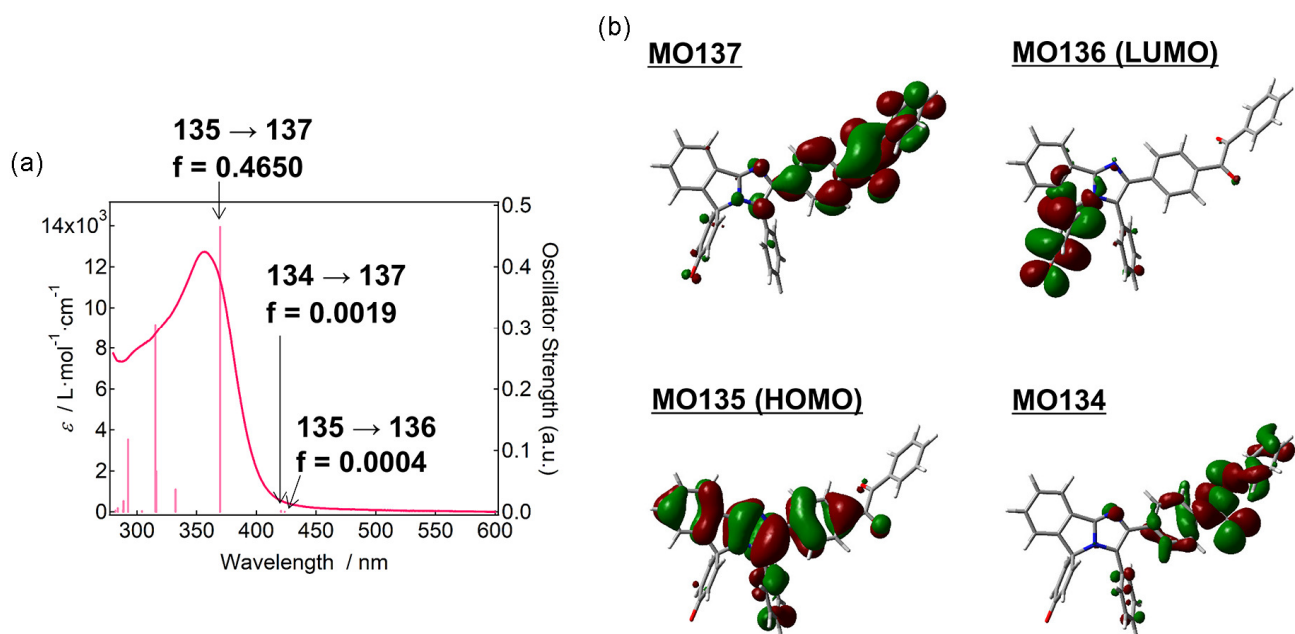
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135 ->144 0.10014  
135 ->145 -0.14110  
135 ->146 -0.22046

Excited State 34:	Singlet-A	5.1969 eV	238.57 nm	f=0.0138	$\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 0.000$
126 ->137	0.53132				
132 ->138	-0.22924				
135 ->145	0.16972				
135 ->146	0.27113				
Excited State 35:	Singlet-A	5.2307 eV	237.03 nm	f=0.0017	$\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 0.000$
125 ->136	-0.10481				
132 ->138	-0.18689				
133 ->139	-0.27755				
134 ->143	0.11707				
135 ->143	0.38883				
135 ->146	-0.33684				
Excited State 36:	Singlet-A	5.2499 eV	236.16 nm	f=0.0470	$\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 0.000$
128 ->139	0.12519				
132 ->139	0.24311				
133 ->138	0.13241				
133 ->139	0.48248				
135 ->143	0.25774				
135 ->146	-0.20751				
Excited State 37:	Singlet-A	5.2607 eV	235.68 nm	f=0.0351	$\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 0.000$
132 ->138	0.21132				
133 ->138	-0.10580				
135 ->143	0.40958				
135 ->145	-0.22805				
135 ->146	0.39974				
Excited State 38:	Singlet-A	5.2742 eV	235.08 nm	f=0.0344	$\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 0.000$
123 ->136	0.18925				
124 ->136	0.30554				
125 ->136	0.45356				
129 ->139	0.17958				
130 ->139	-0.16726				
132 ->138	-0.14374				
Excited State 39:	Singlet-A	5.3070 eV	233.62 nm	f=0.0055	$\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 0.000$
125 ->136	0.12107				

126 ->139	0.23048
132 ->140	-0.13471
133 ->140	-0.11711
134 ->140	0.53356
134 ->142	-0.10516
135 ->144	-0.10384

Excited State 40: Singlet-A 5.3297 eV 232.63 nm f=0.0281 <S\*\*2>=0.000

128 ->139	0.32059
128 ->140	-0.15109
129 ->138	0.19247
130 ->138	0.18280
130 ->139	-0.15970
131 ->138	0.11899
132 ->139	-0.25578
134 ->140	0.15082
135 ->145	0.10020
133 ->138	0.22100



**Figure S13.** (a) UV-vis absorption spectrum of the closed-ring isomer of Isomer A of Benzil-PIC in benzene. The calculated spectrum (MPW1PW91/6-31+G(d,p)//M05-2X/6-31+G(d,p) level of the theory) is shown by the vertical lines. (b) The relevant molecular orbitals of Isomer A of Benzil-PIC calculated at the M05-2X/6-31+G(d,p) level of the theory.

**Table S2.** Standard orientation of the optimized geometry for the closed-ring isomer of Isomer B of Benzil-PIC.

Tag	Symbol	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	C	-7.2911450	-0.0734050	0.5917970
2	C	-6.9953580	-1.4392900	0.5947190
3	C	-5.6885720	-1.8887120	0.3916340
4	C	-4.7008270	-0.9398680	0.1947450
5	C	-4.9946510	0.4284170	0.1886290
6	C	-6.2937110	0.8792730	0.3891000
7	C	-3.7376390	1.1338130	-0.0187760
8	C	-3.2004740	-1.1793270	-0.0657180
9	C	-3.0762250	-1.9264700	-1.3667960
10	C	-2.6118700	-3.1757120	-1.4392430
11	C	-2.0954660	-3.8785860	-0.2409580
12	C	-2.0751500	-3.1152180	1.0283060
13	C	-2.5568550	-1.8725980	1.1031740
14	N	-2.7428000	0.2132520	-0.1766710
15	C	-1.5497600	0.9060640	-0.2274900

16	C	-1.9266470	2.2443190	-0.1473590
17	N	-3.2928230	2.3633260	-0.0094020
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20	C	0.7209930	0.6467540	0.7211820
21	C	1.9738950	0.0492960	0.7498830
22	C	2.2903370	-0.9528200	-0.1738610
23	C	1.3470460	-1.3389590	-1.1316680
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25	C	-1.4831080	4.6023200	0.4636110
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27	C	0.5008660	5.7586210	-0.2832960
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29	C	0.1237920	3.4622590	-0.9291660
30	O	-1.6962730	-5.0286230	-0.3022650
31	C	3.6253000	-1.6008130	-0.2171430
32	O	3.9269000	-2.4414760	-1.0423170
33	C	4.6597650	-1.2389270	0.8558790
34	O	4.3465550	-1.3950990	2.0206440
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36	C	6.3257740	-0.5528020	-0.9111830
37	C	7.5873380	-0.0700480	-1.2468990
38	C	8.5208250	0.1971960	-0.2484160
39	C	8.1982090	-0.0162120	1.0930000
40	C	6.9409860	-0.4953700	1.4336870
41	H	-8.3122390	0.2494520	0.7509040
42	H	-7.7883330	-2.1580920	0.7569020
43	H	-5.4534820	-2.9470220	0.3913090
44	H	-6.5138950	1.9387700	0.3874760
45	H	-3.4474940	-1.4007690	-2.2408480
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53	H	-2.4204080	4.5879840	1.0047200
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SCF Done: E(RM052X) = -1682.06936648

Zero-point correction = 0.484362 (Hartree/Particle)  
Thermal correction to Energy = 0.515169  
Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.516114  
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.417471  
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1681.585004  
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1681.554197  
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1681.553253  
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1681.651895

Low frequencies --- -4.3160 -1.9542 -0.0022 -0.0021 -0.0008 2.7981  
Low frequencies --- 9.0325 15.7886 20.1891



The Result for the TDDFT calculation of Isomer B of Benzil-PIC

Excited State 1: Singlet-A 2.8390 eV 436.72 nm f=0.0510 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 135 ->136 0.59567  
 135 ->137 -0.37415

This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Total Energy, E(TD-HF/TD-KS) = -1681.72018008

Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.

Excited State 2: Singlet-A 2.9139 eV 425.50 nm f=0.0005 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 134 ->136 0.61091  
 134 ->137 0.29730

Excited State 3: Singlet-A 3.0151 eV 411.21 nm f=0.1352 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 135 ->136 0.36705  
 135 ->137 0.59089  
 135 ->138 -0.10602

Excited State 4: Singlet-A 3.3406 eV 371.15 nm f=0.0000 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 131 ->136 -0.35930  
 131 ->137 0.58641

Excited State 5: Singlet-A 3.6321 eV 341.36 nm f=0.0668 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 134 ->138 0.10961  
 135 ->138 0.67919

Excited State 6: Singlet-A 3.7531 eV 330.35 nm f=0.0002 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 120 ->136 -0.13517  
 121 ->136 -0.10047  
 134 ->136 -0.13186  
 134 ->137 0.15289  
 134 ->138 0.60232  
 134 ->139 0.11434  
 135 ->138 -0.12011

Excited State 7: Singlet-A 3.9652 eV 312.68 nm f=0.1856 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 135 ->139 0.67109  
 135 ->140 0.17159

Excited State	8:	Singlet-A	4.1273 eV	300.40 nm	f=0.0011	<S**2>=0.000
	133 ->136	0.64944				
	135 ->140	-0.17365				
Excited State	9:	Singlet-A	4.1565 eV	298.29 nm	f=0.0162	<S**2>=0.000
	132 ->136	0.31656				
	134 ->136	-0.25569				
	134 ->137	0.51977				
	134 ->138	-0.13358				
Excited State	10:	Singlet-A	4.1697 eV	297.34 nm	f=0.2147	<S**2>=0.000
	132 ->136	-0.12126				
	133 ->136	0.16126				
	135 ->139	-0.17387				
	135 ->140	0.63007				
Excited State	11:	Singlet-A	4.1901 eV	295.90 nm	f=0.1010	<S**2>=0.000
	132 ->136	0.53040				
	132 ->137	-0.10029				
	133 ->136	0.11233				
	134 ->136	0.11975				
	134 ->137	-0.31070				
	134 ->138	0.12016				
	135 ->140	0.11875				
	135 ->141	-0.10282				
Excited State	12:	Singlet-A	4.3070 eV	287.87 nm	f=0.0288	<S**2>=0.000
	127 ->136	-0.15075				
	128 ->137	0.10459				
	129 ->136	0.21410				
	132 ->137	0.46372				
	133 ->137	0.33595				
	135 ->141	-0.20622				
Excited State	13:	Singlet-A	4.3575 eV	284.53 nm	f=0.0339	<S**2>=0.000
	126 ->136	0.15027				
	127 ->136	0.18269				
	130 ->136	-0.15818				
	132 ->136	0.22852				

133 ->136	-0.11694
133 ->137	0.36498
135 ->141	0.40636

Excited State 14: Singlet-A 4.3653 eV 284.02 nm f=0.0077 <S\*\*2>=0.000

128 ->136	-0.10727
129 ->136	-0.23630
130 ->136	0.52495
130 ->137	0.22804
130 ->138	0.11679
133 ->137	0.19844

Excited State 15: Singlet-A 4.3917 eV 282.31 nm f=0.0449 <S\*\*2>=0.000

127 ->136	-0.14918
128 ->136	0.21434
128 ->137	-0.27443
129 ->136	-0.20402
129 ->137	0.18329
130 ->136	-0.12206
132 ->137	-0.26510
133 ->137	0.31902
135 ->141	-0.24928

Excited State 16: Singlet-A 4.4173 eV 280.68 nm f=0.0135 <S\*\*2>=0.000

127 ->136	0.10549
127 ->137	-0.12204
128 ->136	0.26904
128 ->137	-0.30900
129 ->136	-0.14192
129 ->137	0.23454
132 ->137	0.36487
133 ->137	-0.27187

Excited State 17: Singlet-A 4.4568 eV 278.19 nm f=0.1076 <S\*\*2>=0.000

128 ->136	0.27798
129 ->136	0.45692
129 ->137	0.15937
130 ->136	0.28285
132 ->136	-0.11839

	132 ->137	-0.17034				
Excited State 18:	Singlet-A	4.5165 eV	274.52 nm	f=0.0142	<S**2>=0.000	
	126 ->136	0.18872				
	127 ->136	0.49605				
	135 ->141	-0.34116				
	135 ->142	-0.22136				
Excited State 19:	Singlet-A	4.5900 eV	270.12 nm	f=0.0007	<S**2>=0.000	
	126 ->136	-0.10270				
	131 ->136	0.58438				
	131 ->137	0.34167				
	131 ->138	-0.10560				
Excited State 20:	Singlet-A	4.6058 eV	269.19 nm	f=0.0267	<S**2>=0.000	
	126 ->136	0.48298				
	126 ->137	-0.14209				
	127 ->136	-0.21088				
	127 ->137	0.13911				
	128 ->137	0.18976				
	129 ->136	-0.11339				
	129 ->137	0.22575				
	130 ->136	0.10984				
	131 ->137	0.10148				
	135 ->141	-0.11060				
Excited State 21:	Singlet-A	4.6607 eV	266.02 nm	f=0.1442	<S**2>=0.000	
	126 ->136	0.13067				
	126 ->137	0.18720				
	127 ->137	-0.28488				
	128 ->136	0.14681				
	129 ->137	-0.25884				
	135 ->141	-0.15148				
	135 ->142	0.44732				
	135 ->143	0.12532				
Excited State 22:	Singlet-A	4.7023 eV	263.67 nm	f=0.0164	<S**2>=0.000	
	126 ->137	0.39630				
	127 ->137	0.48254				

128 ->136 0.12999  
129 ->137 -0.19765

Excited State 23: Singlet-A 4.7267 eV 262.31 nm f=0.0437 <S\*\*2>=0.000

126 ->136 -0.13307  
127 ->136 0.13399  
127 ->137 0.27608  
128 ->136 -0.20951  
128 ->137 -0.10195  
129 ->136 0.13251  
129 ->137 0.25109  
133 ->138 0.16089  
135 ->142 0.39558

Excited State 24: Singlet-A 4.8270 eV 256.86 nm f=0.0195 <S\*\*2>=0.000

126 ->136 -0.20090  
126 ->137 -0.16553  
127 ->136 0.12582  
127 ->137 0.11500  
128 ->136 0.36659  
128 ->137 0.32811  
128 ->138 -0.10127  
129 ->136 -0.15495  
133 ->138 0.25654  
135 ->144 0.11290

Excited State 25: Singlet-A 4.8436 eV 255.97 nm f=0.0188 <S\*\*2>=0.000

127 ->136 -0.12616  
128 ->136 -0.10192  
128 ->137 -0.11060  
133 ->138 0.55737  
133 ->142 -0.10712  
135 ->145 -0.16769  
135 ->146 0.14345

Excited State 26: Singlet-A 4.9080 eV 252.61 nm f=0.0189 <S\*\*2>=0.000

129 ->138 -0.11723  
130 ->136 -0.27318  
130 ->137 0.52042

130 ->138	0.25265					
132 ->138	-0.15261					
Excited State 27:	Singlet-A	4.9346 eV	251.25 nm	f=0.0054	<S**2>=0.000	
126 ->138	-0.10109					
130 ->137	0.13724					
132 ->138	0.51925					
135 ->144	-0.37240					
Excited State 28:	Singlet-A	4.9569 eV	250.12 nm	f=0.0221	<S**2>=0.000	
124 ->136	-0.14875					
124 ->137	0.13653					
125 ->136	0.14341					
132 ->138	0.28994					
135 ->144	0.42355					
135 ->145	-0.22490					
135 ->146	0.11146					
Excited State 29:	Singlet-A	4.9700 eV	249.46 nm	f=0.0528	<S**2>=0.000	
120 ->136	-0.24402					
120 ->137	-0.11533					
121 ->136	-0.17627					
126 ->136	0.10070					
126 ->137	-0.11474					
128 ->137	-0.12449					
129 ->136	0.10248					
132 ->138	0.18478					
133 ->138	0.14265					
133 ->142	0.13346					
134 ->138	-0.14576					
135 ->144	0.20566					
135 ->145	0.28507					
135 ->146	-0.17445					
Excited State 30:	Singlet-A	4.9843 eV	248.75 nm	f=0.0070	<S**2>=0.000	
124 ->136	-0.17469					
124 ->137	0.20396					
125 ->136	0.24444					
125 ->137	-0.19594					

126 ->137	0.23062
128 ->137	0.15177
129 ->136	-0.13534
129 ->137	0.18628
130 ->137	0.13031
133 ->138	0.12424
133 ->142	0.10161
135 ->145	0.24172
135 ->146	-0.13241

Excited State 31: Singlet-A 5.0152 eV 247.22 nm f=0.0138 <S\*\*2>=0.000

120 ->136	0.27557
120 ->137	0.12624
121 ->136	0.21868
121 ->137	0.11544
124 ->136	0.11118
124 ->137	-0.11219
125 ->136	-0.17360
125 ->137	0.17608
126 ->137	0.11061
132 ->138	0.10282
133 ->138	0.15429
134 ->138	0.14948
135 ->144	0.18228
135 ->145	0.16897
135 ->146	-0.11285

Excited State 32: Singlet-A 5.0190 eV 247.03 nm f=0.0013 <S\*\*2>=0.000

120 ->136	-0.16148
121 ->136	-0.13769
124 ->136	0.10907
124 ->137	-0.13717
125 ->136	-0.25134
125 ->137	0.17217
126 ->136	-0.10825
126 ->137	0.25337
128 ->136	-0.10279
128 ->137	0.16522
129 ->137	0.18154

130 ->137	0.24172					
130 ->138	-0.23198					
Excited State 33:	Singlet-A	5.0599 eV	245.03 nm	f=0.0124	<S**2>=0.000	
135 ->142	-0.15365					
135 ->143	0.65899					
Excited State 34:	Singlet-A	5.0886 eV	243.65 nm	f=0.0143	<S**2>=0.000	
126 ->137	0.23768					
127 ->137	-0.10148					
128 ->137	0.18699					
128 ->138	-0.11345					
129 ->137	0.21261					
129 ->138	-0.20637					
130 ->137	-0.21910					
130 ->138	0.42716					
Excited State 35:	Singlet-A	5.1578 eV	240.38 nm	f=0.0151	<S**2>=0.000	
124 ->136	0.26634					
124 ->137	-0.17517					
125 ->136	0.47589					
125 ->137	0.19048					
125 ->138	-0.14507					
127 ->138	0.17939					
132 ->139	-0.11001					
Excited State 36:	Singlet-A	5.1806 eV	239.32 nm	f=0.0186	<S**2>=0.000	
126 ->138	0.11737					
127 ->138	0.19805					
129 ->138	-0.11572					
133 ->139	0.10712					
135 ->145	0.32478					
135 ->146	0.47820					
Excited State 37:	Singlet-A	5.2077 eV	238.08 nm	f=0.0683	<S**2>=0.000	
126 ->138	0.18327					
127 ->138	0.39486					
128 ->138	-0.12214					
129 ->138	-0.17103					



130 ->138	-0.11275
134 ->139	-0.21220
135 ->145	-0.26001
135 ->146	-0.19330

Excited State 38: Singlet-A 5.2318 eV 236.98 nm f=0.0045 <S\*\*2>=0.000

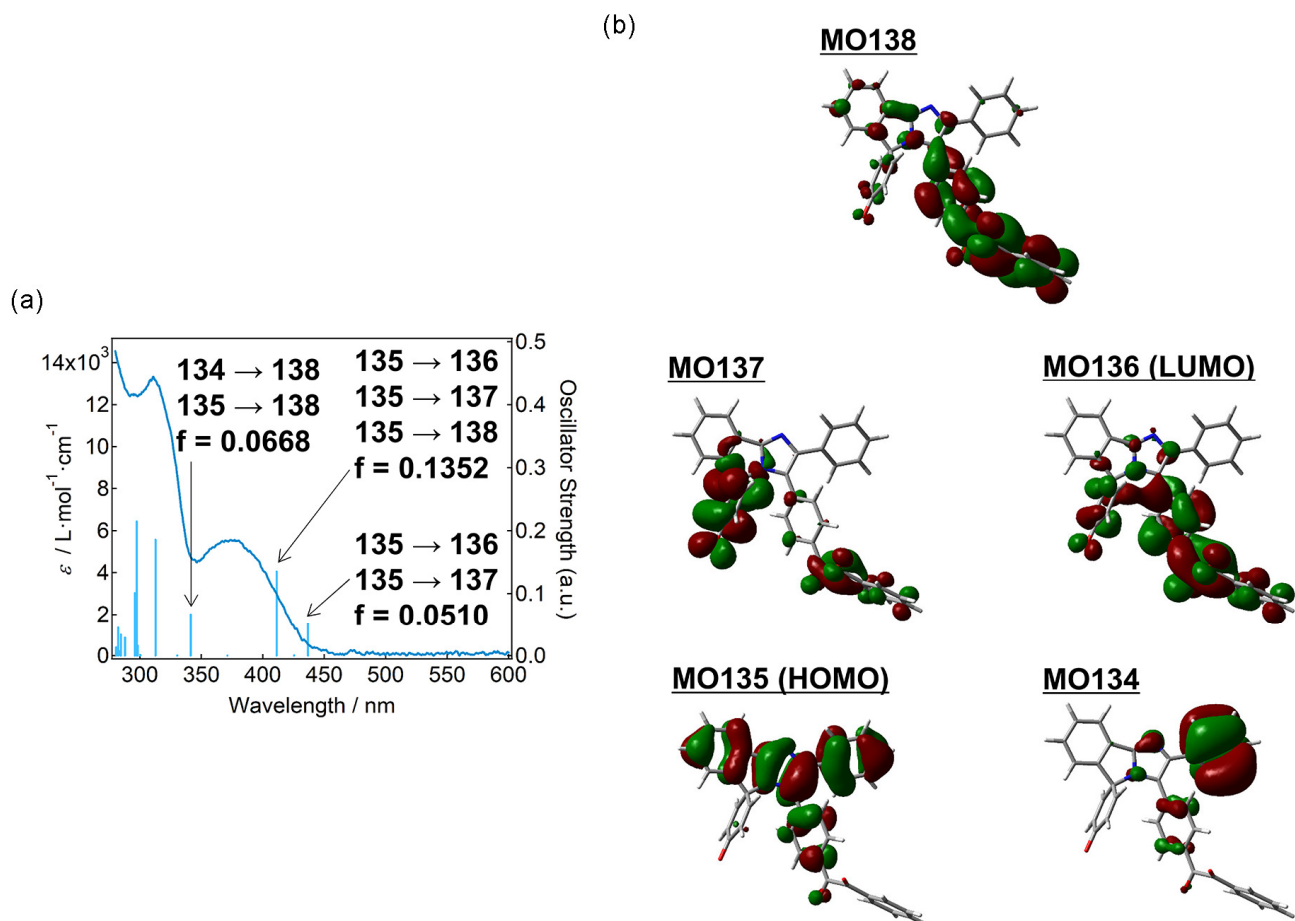
124 ->136	-0.13366
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125 ->137	0.10040
127 ->138	0.20528
129 ->138	0.23288
131 ->138	0.18978
134 ->139	0.46421
134 ->141	-0.10496

Excited State 39: Singlet-A 5.2404 eV 236.59 nm f=0.0057 <S\*\*2>=0.000

124 ->136	0.15819
125 ->137	-0.22260
127 ->138	-0.16217
129 ->138	-0.16008
131 ->138	0.39639
131 ->139	-0.25050
131 ->140	-0.17316
132 ->139	-0.14452
133 ->139	-0.18348

Excited State 40: Singlet-A 5.2538 eV 235.99 nm f=0.0083 <S\*\*2>=0.000

124 ->136	0.16756
125 ->137	-0.24111
126 ->138	0.13569
129 ->138	-0.21236
131 ->138	-0.31070
131 ->139	0.15628
131 ->140	0.11376
134 ->139	0.34806



**Figure S14.** (a) UV-vis absorption spectrum of Isomer B of Benzil-PIC in benzene. The calculated spectrum (MPW1PW91/6-31+G(d,p)/M05-2X/6-31+G(d,p) level of the theory) is shown by the vertical lines. (b) The relevant molecular orbitals of Isomer B of Benzil-PIC calculated at the M05-2X/6-31+G(d,p) level of the theory.

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