## **Supporting Information**

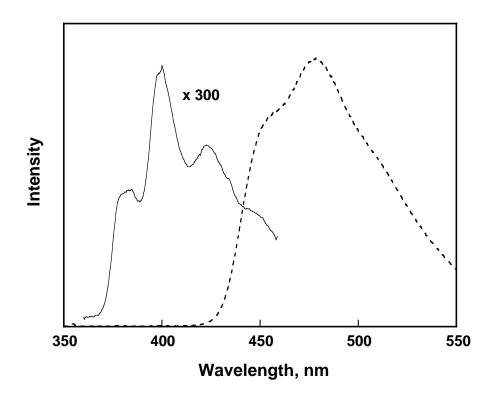
Scandium Ion-Promoted Photoinduced Electron Transfer from Electron Donors to Acridine and Pyrene. Essential Role of Scandium Ion in Photocatalytic Oxygenation of Hexamethylbenzene

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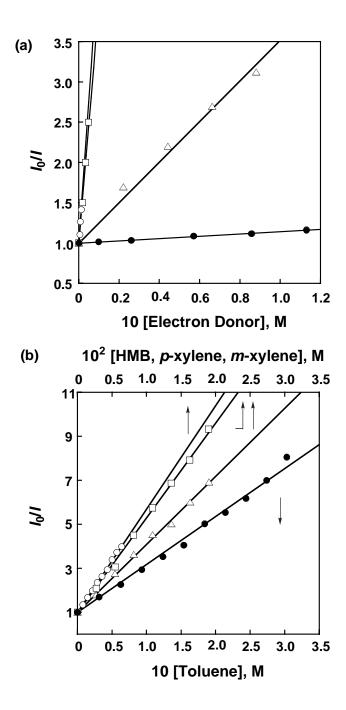
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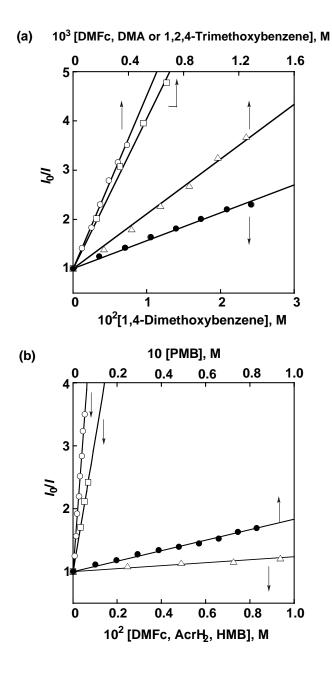


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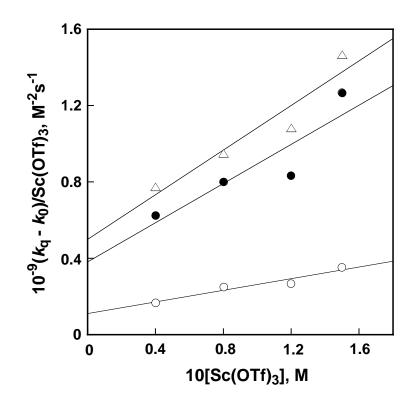
**Figure S1.** Fluorescence spectra of acridine (AcrN)  $(3.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  in the absence (solid line) and in the presence of Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (2.0 x  $10^{-3}$  M, dashed line) in deaerated MeCN at 298 K.



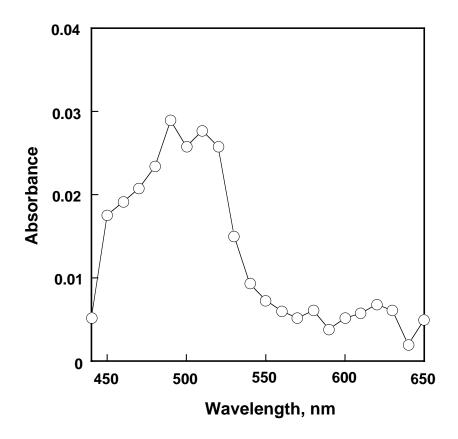
**Figure S2.** Stern-Volmer plots for the fluorescence quenching of AcrN  $(1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M})$  by (a) 1,1'-dimethylferrocene (O), 10-methyl-9,10-dihydroacridine ( $\Box$ ), 1,2,4-trimethoxybenzene ( $\Delta$ ) and 1,4-dimethoxybenzene ( $\bullet$ ) in deaerated MeCN at 298 K and (b) hexamethylbenzene (HMB; O), *p*-xylene ( $\Box$ ), *m*-xylene ( $\Delta$ ), and toluene ( $\bullet$ ) in the presence of Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (4.0 × 10<sup>-2</sup> M) in deaerated MeCN at 298 K.



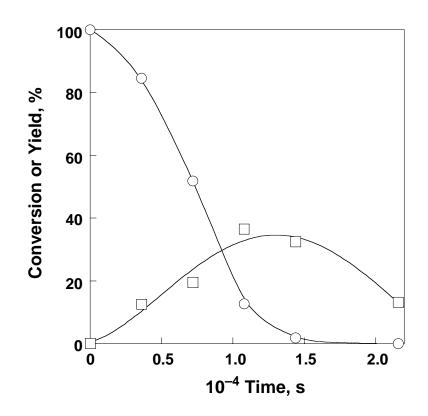
**Figure S3.** Stern-Volmer plots for the fluorescence quenching of Py  $(1.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M})$  by (a) 1,1'-dimethylferrocene (DMFc, O), *N*,*N*-dimethylaniline  $(DMA, \Box),$ 1,2,4trimethoxybenzene ( $\triangle$ ) and 1,4-dimethoxybenzene ( $\bullet$ ) in deaerated MeCN at 298 K and (b) 10-methyl-9,10-dihydroacridine 1,1'-dimethylferrocene (O), (AcrH<sub>2</sub>, □), hexamethylbenzene (HMB,  $\triangle$ ) and pentamethylbenzene (PMB,  $\bullet$ ) in the presence of  $Sc(OTf)_3$  (4.0 × 10<sup>-2</sup> M) in deaerated MeCN at 298 K.



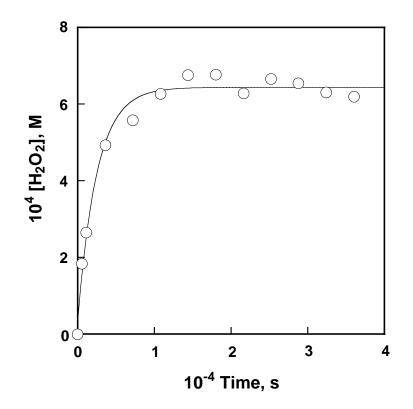
**Figure S4.** Plots of  $(k_q - k_0)/[Sc(OTf)_3]$  vs  $[Sc(OTf)_3]$  for the fluorescence quenching of Py  $(1.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M})$  by 1,2,3,5–tetramethylbenzene ( $\bigcirc$ ), 1,2,4,5–tetramethylbenzene ( $\bigcirc$ ) and pentamethylbenzene ( $\bigtriangleup$ ) in the presence of Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> in deaerated MeCN at 298 K.



**Figure S5.** Transient absorption spectrum in the photoreduction of AcrN ( $6.6 \times 10^{-5}$  M) by ferrocene ( $1.2 \times 10^{-2}$  M) in the presence of Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> ( $9.7 \times 10^{-3}$  M) at 1µs after laser irradiation at  $\lambda = 355$  nm in deaerated MeCN at 298 K.



**Figure S6.** Plots of the conversion of HMB (O) and the yield of pentamethylbenzyl alcohol ( $\Box$ ) vs time determined based on the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral change observed in the photosensitized oxygenation of HMB (2.0 × 10<sup>-3</sup> M) in the presence of Py (2.0 × 10<sup>-5</sup> M) and Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (4.0 × 10<sup>-2</sup> M) under irradiation of UV-visible light ( $\lambda$  > 300 nm) in O<sub>2</sub>-saturated MeCN at 298 K.



**Figure S7.** Plot of concentration of hydrogen peroxide vs reaction time in the photosensitized oxygenation of HMB ( $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) in the presence of AcrN ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) and Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> ( $4.0 \times 10^{-2}$  M) under irradiation of UV-visible light ( $\lambda > 300$  nm) in O<sub>2</sub>-saturated MeCN at 298 K.