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Through a rapid screening of Cp^{*}Ir complexes based on a turn-on type fluorescence readout, a [Cp^{*}Ir(dipyrido[3,2-a:2',3'-c]phenazine)Cl]⁺ complex was found to catalyze the blue-light promoted dehydrogenation of N-heterocycles under physiological conditions. In the dehydrogenation of tetrahydroisoquinolines, the catalyst preferentially yielded the monodehydrogenated product, accompanying H₂O₂ generation. We surmise that this mechanism may be reminiscent of flavin-dependent oxidases.

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