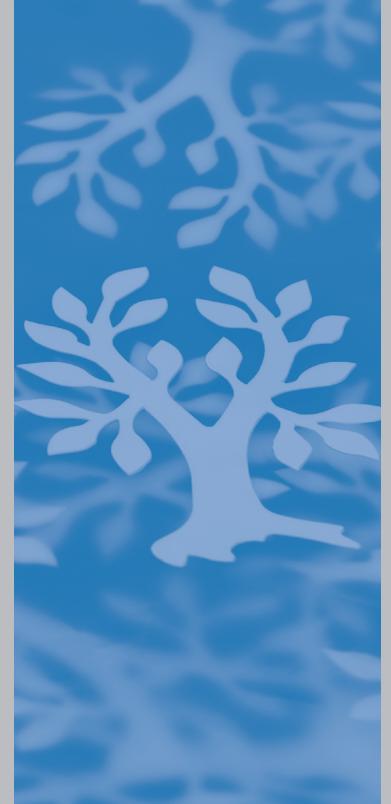
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## Photoredox-Catalyzed Decarboxylative Radical Cyclization Cascade

**Significance:** Aggarwal and co-workers report a 4CzIPN photocatalyst catalyzed decarboxylative radical cyclopropanation reaction of aliphatic carboxylic acids with electron-deficient alkenes. A variety of structurally diverse cyclopropanes were obtained in yields of up to 95%.

**Comment:** Although several decarboxylative radical coupling strategies have been reported, this is the first metal-free decarboxylative radical cyclopropanation. Given the good yields and excellent substrate tolerance, this method could potentially find application as a cyclopropane-forming alternative to established methods in total synthesis.

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