# **Supporting Information**

# Direct *gem*-Difluoromethylenation of sp<sup>3</sup>-Hybridized Carbon Center through Copper-Mediated Radical/Radical Cross-Coupling for Construction of CH<sub>2</sub>-CF<sub>2</sub> Linkage

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#### 1. General Information.

General Comments : <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded on 500 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are reported in ppm downfield from TMS, chemical shifts for <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra are reported in ppm relative to internal chloroform ( $\delta$  77.2 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C), and chemical shifts for <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra are reported in ppm downfield from internal fluorotrichloromethane (CFCl<sub>3</sub>). Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded with KBr pellets. Silica gel (200–400 mesh) was used for flash column chromatography. Melting points are uncorrected. Highresolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was conducted by TOF MS with electron impact (EI) ionization at 70 eV.

# 2. Typical procedure for cross-coupling reaction 1,3-azolic difluoromethyl bromides with benzyl/allyl halides.



A 10 mL round-bottom flask was charged with **1** (0.6 mmol), **2** (0.4 mmol), Cu powder (88 mg, 1.4 mmol), CuBr<sub>2</sub> (4 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline (14 mg, 0.08 mmol) and DMSO (2 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50  $^{\circ}$ C for 4 h. After the reaction was completed, the crude product was directly purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50:1 v/v), to give **3**.

#### 2-(1,1-Difluoro-2-naphthalen-2-yl-ethyl)-benzooxazole (3aa)

103 mg, 84% yield, white solid. Mp 74-75 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.82 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 5H), 7.59 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 5H), 3.97 (t, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -97.02 (t, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 157.9 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 34.2 Hz), 150.6, 140.0, 133.3, 132.8, 130.1, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 126.8, 126.3, 126.2, 125.3, 121.3,

115.8 (t,  ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 242.6 \text{ Hz}$ ), 111.4, 42.4 (t,  ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 24.1 \text{ Hz}$ ); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) *v*: 3027, 1615, 1600, 1451, 1356, 1038, 765, 748. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NO (309.10): calcd. C, 73.78; H, 4.24; N, 4.53; found C, 73.75; H, 4.22; N, 4.54

#### 2-(1,1-Difluoro-2-phenylethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3ab)



54 mg, 52% yield, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.82 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 5H), 3.77 (t, J = 16.7 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -97.54 (t, J = 16.7 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 157.2 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 33.6$  Hz), 150.6, 140.0, 130.7, 128.6, 127.9, 126.8, 125.3, 121.3, 115.7 (t, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 243.0$  Hz), 111.4, 42.3 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 24.2$  Hz); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) v: 3034, 1616, 1574, 1453, 1362, 1036, 749, 722. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NO (259.10): calcd. C, 69.49; H, 4.28; N, 5.40; found C, 69.51; H, 4.31; N, 5.36

#### 2-(1,1-Difluoro-2-(o-tolyl)ethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3ac)



55 mg, 50% yield, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 1H), 3.81 (t, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -97.60 (t, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 158.2 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 33.8 Hz), 150.6, 140.0, 138.1, 131.6, 130.7, 129.3, 128.0, 126.9, 126.0, 125.3, 121.3, 116.1 (t, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 243.7 Hz), 111.4, 39.0 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 24.1 Hz), 19.9; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) *v*: 3023, 1616, 1574, 1450, 1372, 1029, 748. HRMS (EI TOF) calcd for (M<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NO: 273.0965, found 273.0963

#### 2-(1,1-Difluoro-2-(2-nitrophenyl)ethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3ad)



112 mg, 92% yield, yellow solid. Mp 81-82 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.93 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.38 (m, 3H), 4.29 (t, J = 16.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -96.81 (t, J = 16.5 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 157.1 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 33.4$  Hz), 150.6, 150.5, 139.8, 134.0, 132.9, 129.2, 127.1, 125.4, 125.3, 125.2, 121.3, 115.0 (t, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 243.4$  Hz), 111.4, 37.8 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 24.0$  Hz); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) v: 3067, 1613, 1576, 1526, 1477, 1380, 1345, 1032, 750, 721. HRMS (EI TOF) calcd for (M<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 304.0659, found 304.0662

#### 2-(1,1-Difluoro-2-(3-nitrophenyl)ethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3ae)



55 mg, 45% yield, yellow solid. Mp 103-104 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.39 (m, 3H), 3.88 (t, J = 16.4 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -97.22 (t, J = 16.4 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 157.0 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 33.4$  Hz), 150.6, 148.2, 139.8, 136.9, 132.8, 129.5, 127.2, 125.8, 125.5, 123.0, 121.3, 115.0 (t, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 243.0$  Hz), 111.4, 41.6 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 24.4$  Hz); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\nu$ : 3038, 1618, 1579, 1526, 1451, 1356, 1049, 749, 724. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (304.07): calcd. C, 59.21; H, 3.31; N, 9.21 found C, 59.14; H, 3.27; N, 9.23

#### 2-(1,1-Difluoro-2-(4-nitrophenyl)ethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3af)



111 mg, 91% yield, yellow solid. Mp 190-191 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 8.18 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.42 (m, 2H), 3.89 (t, J = 16.3 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -96.86 (t, J = 16.4 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 157.1 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 33.1$  Hz), 150.6, 147.8, 139.8, 138.1 (t, <sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} = 2.9$  Hz), 131.8, 127.2, 125.5, 123.6, 121.4, 115.0 (t, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 244.0$  Hz), 111.5, 41.8 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 24.1$  Hz); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) v: 3114, 1616, 1604, 1521, 1451, 1361, 1345, 1041, 749, 727. HRMS (EI TOF) calcd for (M<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 304.0659, found 304.0651

# 2-(1,1-Difluoro-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3ag)



101 mg, 77% yield, white solid. Mp 79-80 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.82 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.41 (m, 4H), 3.84 (t, J = 16.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -62.68 (s, 3F), -97.22 (t, J = 16.4 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 157.4 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 33.5$  Hz), 150.6, 139.9, 134.8, 131.2, 130.2 (q, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 32.4$  Hz), 127.0, 125.6, 125.4, 124.0 (q, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 271.8$  Hz), 121.3, 115.3 (t, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 244.1$  Hz), 111.4, 41.9 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 24.2$  Hz); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) *v*: 3052, 1620, 1571, 1452, 1325, 1031, 753, 718. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>5</sub>NO (327.07): calcd. C, 58.72; H, 3.08; N, 4.28. found C, 58.66; H, 3.12; N, 4.23

#### 2-(1,1-Difluoro-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)ethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3ah)



67 mg, 49% yield, white solid. Mp 77-78 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (t, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -57.9(s, 3F), -97.58 (t, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 157.5 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 33.8 Hz), 150.6, 149.0 (q, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.7 Hz), 139.9, 132.2, 129.4 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.3 Hz), 127.0, 125.4, 121.3, 120.9, 120.4 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 257.4 Hz), 115.4 (t, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub>) = 242.7 Hz), 111.4, 41.4 (t,  ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$  = 24.2 Hz); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) *v*: 3044, 1618, 1578, 1476, 1510, 1362, 1045, 748, 720. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (343.06): calcd. C, 55.99; H, 2.94; N, 4.08. found C, 56.02; H, 2.91; N, 4.10

Methyl 4-(2-(benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)-2,2-difluoroethyl)benzoate (3ai)



113 mg, 89% yield, white solid. Mp 93-94 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 4H), 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.81 (t, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -97.08 (t, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 166.7, 157.5 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 33.6 Hz), 150.6, 139.9, 135.9, 130.8, 129.8, 129.7, 126.9, 125.4, 121.3, 115.4 (t, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 242.4 Hz), 111.4, 52.1, 42.1 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 24.2 Hz); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) *v*: 3045, 1714, 1616, 1576, 1444, 1376, 1033, 750, 739. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (317.09): calcd. C, 64.35; H, 4.13; N, 4.41. found C, 64.40; H, 4.11; N, 4.40

# 2-(2-(Benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)-2,2-difluoroethyl)benzonitrile (3aj)



107 mg, 94% yield, white solid. Mp 103-104 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 4.03 (t, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -97.16 (t, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 157.0 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 33.1 Hz), 150.7, 139.8, 134.3, 133.1, 132.8, 132.0, 128.6, 127.1, 125.4, 121.3, 117.5, 114.9 (t, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 244.0 Hz), 114.8, 111.5, 40.2 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 24.3 Hz); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) *v*: 3068, 2230, 1617, 1602, 1453, 1382, 1031, 762, 749. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (284.08): calcd. C, 67.60; H, 3.55; N, 9.85. found C, 67.64; H, 3.50; N, 9.82

#### 4-(2-(Benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)-2,2-difluoroethyl)benzonitrile (3ak)



100 mg, 88% yield, yellow solid. Mp 148-149 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.79 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 4H), 3.82 (t, J = 16.4 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -96.96 (t, J = 16.3 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 157.1 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 33.1$  Hz), 150.6, 139.8, 136.2, 132.2, 131.6, 127.1, 125.5, 121.3, 118.5, 115.1 (t, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 243.6$  Hz), 112.0, 111.5, 42.0 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 24.2$  Hz); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) v: 3049, 2227, 1613, 1576, 1452, 1362, 1040, 747, 734. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (284.08): calcd. C, 67.60; H, 3.55; N, 9.85. found C, 67.58; H, 3.57; N, 9.81

#### 1-(4-(2-(Benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)-2,2-difluoroethyl)phenyl)ethanone (3al)



92 mg, 76% yield, white solid. Mp 85-86 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) & 7.87 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 4H), 3.81 (t, J = 16.5 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz) & -97.09 (t, J = 16.4 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) & 197.6, 157.44 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 33.2$  Hz), 150.6, 139.9, 136.6, 136.1, 131.0, 128.5, 127.0, 125.4, 121.3, 115.4 (t, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 243.2$  Hz), 111.4, 111.5, 42.1 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 24.4$  Hz); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) v: 3053, 1682, 1608, 1452, 1365, 1024, 768, 754. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (301.09): calcd. C, 67.77; H, 4.35; N, 4.65. found C, 67.78; H, 4.39; N, 4.66

#### 2-(1,1-Difluoro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3am)



This compound has been reported in literature.<sup>1</sup> 51 mg, 46% yield, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3,</sub> 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.29 (dd, <sup>1</sup>*J* = 8.4 Hz,

<sup>2</sup>*J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.01-6.96 (m, 2H), 3.73 (t, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz) δ: -97.78 (t, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 2F), -114.46-114.52 (m, 1F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ: 162.5 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 246.8 Hz), 157.7 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 33.5 Hz), 150.6, 139.9, 132.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.2 Hz), 126.9, 126.5, 125.3, 121.3, 115.5 (t, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 243.3 Hz), 115.5 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.6 Hz), 111.4, 41.4 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 24.3 Hz). IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) *v*: 3018, 1617, 1604, 1452, 1250, 1046, 830, 743. HRMS (EI TOF) calcd for (M<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO: 277.0714, found 277.0708

#### 2-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)-1,1-difluoroethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3an)



85 mg, 63% yield, white solid. Mp 93-94 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (t, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -97.43 (t, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 157.5 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C</sub>. F = 33.4 Hz), 150.6, 139.9, 132.4, 131.7, 129.7, 126.9, 125.4, 122.2, 121.3, 115.3 (t, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 243.0 Hz), 111.4, 41.6 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 24.3 Hz); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) *v*: 3030, 1619, 1593, 1450, 1361, 1041, 760, 747. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrF<sub>2</sub>NO (336.99): calcd. C, 53.28; H, 2.98; N, 4.14. found C, 53.21; H, 2.96; N, 4.07

# 2-(2-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-1,1-difluoroethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3ao)



115 mg, 88% yield, white solid. Mp 89-90 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.83-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 1H), 4.20 (t, J = 16.3 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -96.90 (t, J = 16.7 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 157.7 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 33.3$  Hz), 150.7, 140.0, 137.4, 129.8, 128.5, 127.9, 126.9, 125.4, 121.3, 115.4 (t, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 246.3$  Hz), 111.4, 37.2 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 24.6$  Hz); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\nu$ : 3080, 1615, 1578, 1435, 1377, 1036,

763, 750. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NO (327.00): calcd. C, 54.90; H, 2.76; N, 4.27. found C, 54.85; H, 2.73; N, 4.21

#### 2-(1,1-Difluoro-2-phenylpropyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3ap)



The title compound was prepared from (1-bromoethyl)benzene and **2a** according to general procedure except that 1 equiv of (1-bromoethyl)benzene, 4.5 equiv of copper powder, 2 equiv of **2**, 0.06 equiv of CuBr<sub>2</sub>, and 0.3 equiv of 1,10-phenanthroline was used, 33 mg, 30% yield, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.76 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 7.53 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 7.41-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 5H), 3.91-3.80 (m, 1H), 1.54 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : - 104.0 (t, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 158.0 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 34.0 Hz), 150.4, 140.0, 137.0, 129.0, 128.5, 127.9, 126.6, 125.2, 121.2, 117.4 (t, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 247.0 Hz), 111.3, 45.9 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 23.2 Hz), 14.5 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.8 Hz); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) *v*: 3034, 1616, 1574, 1453, 1360, 1016, 749, 716. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NO (273.10): calcd. C, 70.32; H, 4.79; N, 5.13;. found C, 70.30; H, 4.81; N, 5.09

### 2-(2-(5-Chlorobenzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-1,1-difluoroethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3aq)



92 mg, 66% yield, yellow solid. Mp 89-90 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.76 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (t, J = 16.3 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -96.24 (t, J = 16.1 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 157.5 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 33.1$  Hz), 150.6, 140.2, 139.9, 138.1, 130.9, 129.0, 127.0, 125.4, 124.9, 124.8 (t, <sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} = 3.5$  Hz), 123.7, 121.6, 121.3, 115.5 (t, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 243.2$  Hz), 111.4, 34.9 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 25.3$  Hz); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) *v*: 3053, 1617, 1579, 1452, 1355, 1045, 749, 723. Anal.

Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClF<sub>2</sub>NOS (349.01): calcd. C, 58.37; H, 2.88; N, 4.00;. found C, 58.41; H, 2.91; N, 4.02

### (E)-2-(1,1-Difluoro-4-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3ar)



The title compound was prepared from (1-bromoethyl)benzene and **2a** according to general procedure except that 1 equiv of (1-bromoethyl)benzene, 6.9 equiv of copper powder and 3 equiv of **2a** was used, 23 mg, 20% yield, colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.82-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.29- 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H) 6.23 (dt, J = 15.9 Hz, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.41-3.33 (m, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -97.42 (t, J = 16.5 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 157.8 (t, <sup>2</sup> $_{JC-F} = 33.3$  Hz), 150.6, 140.0, 136.7, 136.5, 128.6, 127.9, 126.9, 126.5, 125.3, 121.3, 118.1 (t, <sup>3</sup> $_{JC-F} = 4.8$  Hz), 115.8 (t, <sup>1</sup> $_{JC-F} = 242.7$  Hz), 111.4, 39.8 (t, <sup>2</sup> $_{JC-F} = 24.1$  Hz); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) *v*:3028, 1616, 1576, 1451, 1364, 1057, 748. HRMS (EI TOF) calcd for (M<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NO: 285.0965, found 285.0955

### 2-(1,1-Difluoro-2-(2-nitrophenyl)ethyl)benzo[d]thiazole (3bd)



109 mg, 85% yield, yellow solid. Mp 77-78 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 8.13 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.44 (m, 5H), 4.34 (t, J = 16.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -88.67 (t, J = 16.5 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 163.5 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 33.6$  Hz), 152.5, 150.8, 135.2, 134.2, 132.9, 129.1, 127.0, 127.9, 126.1, 125.1, 124.5, 122.2, 118.5 (t, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 243.5$  Hz), 38.3 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 24.8$  Hz); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) v: 3069, 1609, 1578, 1527, 1486 1362, 761, 727. HRMS (EI TOF) calcd for (M<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: 320.0431, found 320.0426

#### 1-Butyl-2-(1,1-difluoro-2-(2-nitrophenyl)ethyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3cd)



95 mg, 66% yield, yellow solid. Mp 91-92 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.87 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.27 (m, 4H), 4.49 (t, J = 17.6 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.76-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.29 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, J =7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -96.81 (t, J = 16.5 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 151.0, 145.5 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 30.7$  Hz), 141.3, 135.8, 134.4, 132.5, 128.8, 126.4, 124.9, 124.5, 122.9, 121.0, 118.1 (t, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 239.7$  Hz), 110.5, 44.9, 37.8 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 23.4$  Hz), 32.0, 20.1, 13.6; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) v: 3036, 1610, 1579, 1525, 1473,1340, 762, 725. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (359.14): calcd. C, 63.50; H, 5.33; N, 11.69. found C, 63.46; H, 5.37; N, 11.64

#### 2-(1,1-Difluoro-2-(2-nitrophenyl)ethyl)-6-methylbenzo[d]oxazole (3a'd)



108 mg, 85% yield, yellow solid. Mp 91-92 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (t, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -96.72 (t, *J* = 16.7 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 157.0 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 33.0 Hz), 150.5, 148.9, 140.0, 135.4, 134.0, 132.9, 129.2, 128.3, 125.3, 125.1, 121.0, 115.1 (t, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 243.1 Hz), 110.7, 37.8 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 24.3 Hz), 21.4; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) *v*: 3018, 1611, 1581, 1522, 1485, 1348, 1054, 786, 724. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (318.08): calcd. C, 60.38; H, 3.80; N, 8.80. found C, 60.41; H, 3.77; N, 8.76

#### 3. Synthesis of benzyl-TEMPO adducts 5



A 10 mL round-bottom flask was charged with **2a** (110 mg, 0.5 mmol), **4** (94 mg, 0.6 mmol), CuBr (72 mg, 0.5 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline (90 mg, 0.5 mmol) and DMSO (2 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 4 h. After the reaction was completed, the crude product was directly purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 100:1 v/v), to give 83 mg (56% yield) of **5** as white solid. Mp 68-69 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.86-7.82 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 3H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 1.64-1.26 (m, 6H), 1.32 (s, 6H), 1.20 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 135.8, 133.4, 132.9, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 126.0, 125.9, 125.8, 125.7, 78.9, 60.1, 39.8, 33.2, 20.4, 17.2; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) *v*: 3010, 2976, 2925, 2880, 1469, 1446, 1373, 1359, 1132.



A 10 mL round-bottom flask was charged with **1a** (124 mg, 0.5 mmol), 2,3-dihydrofuran (175 mg, 2.5 mmol) and copper powder (38 mg, 0.6 mmol) and DMSO (2 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 4 h. After the reaction was completed, the mixture was analyzed by <sup>19</sup>F NMR and the yield, 28%, based on **1a** using PhCF<sub>3</sub> as internal standard. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -101.64 (AB, J = 275.4 Hz, 1F), -104.22 (AB, J = 275.4 Hz, 1F). The compound **6**, MS (EI): m/z (%) 317 (M<sup>+</sup>), 319 (M<sup>+</sup>+2), 149 (M<sup>+</sup>- C4H6BrO), 151(M<sup>+</sup>+2- C4H6BrO)

5. Cross-coupling reaction of benzo-1,3-oxazolic difluoromethyl bromide with *o*-nitrobenzyl bromide



Figure S1. The reaction of benzo-1,3-oxazolic difluoromethyl bromide with *o*-nitrobenzyl bromide A 10 mL round-bottom flask was charged with *o*-nitrobenzyl bromide (43 mg, 0.2 mmol), **8** (64 mg, 0.3 mmol), copper powder (45 mg, 0.7 mmol), CuBr<sub>2</sub> (2 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline (7 mg, 0.04 mmol) and DMSO (2 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 8 h. After the reaction was completed, the crude product was analyzed by GC-MS, and the yield of 9 < 5%, based on 1 using PPh<sub>3</sub> as internal standard.

# 6. Cross-coupling reaction of ethyl bromodifluoroacetate with 2-(bromomethyl)naphthalene.



Figure S2. The reaction of ethyl bromodifluoroacetate with 2-(bromomethyl)naphthalene.

A 10 mL round-bottom flask was charged with 2-(bromomethyl)naphthalene (0.2 mmol), ethyl bromodifluoroacetate (0.3 mmol), copper powder (45 mg, 0.7 mmol), CuBr<sub>2</sub> (2 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline (7 mg, 0.04 mmol) and DMSO (2 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 8 h, after the reaction was completed, the crude product was directly purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 100:1 v/v), to give the desired compound **10**. 36 mg, 34% yield, colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.87-7.83(m, 3H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (t, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz)  $\delta$ : -104.12 (t, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 163.9 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.8 Hz), 133.3, 132.8, 129.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7,

126.3, 126.2, 115.5 (t,  ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 251.0 \text{ Hz}$ ), 62.9, 41.1 (t,  ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 23.8 \text{ Hz}$ ), 13.9; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) *v*: 3059, 3023, 1724, 1260, 1216, 694, 662.

#### 7. Capture the free radicals 1A and 2A

To prove the existence of radical intermediates, the TEMPO trapping reaction was carried out <sup>[S3]</sup> One equiv of TEMPO was reacted with benzyl bromide (**2a**) in the presence of stoichiometric Cu<sup>0</sup> and catalytic amount of CuBr<sub>2</sub> using 1,10-phenanthroline as ligand in DMSO. The TEMPO trapped complex **5** was isolated in 64% yield (Table 2, entry3). The other copper sources could also provide the complex **5** (Table 2, entries 1-2). The results supports the formation of benzylic radical species **2A**. Furthermore, when TEMPO was added in the standard reaction system (Table 1, entry 6), the *gem*-difluoromethylenation reaction was significantly suppressed (Scheme S1) and TEMPO trapped complex **5** was formed in 5% isolated yield. However, the adduct of TEMPO with **1a** was not detected on the basis of <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis. Nevertheless, evidence of the formation of 1,3-azolic difluoromethyl radical **1A** was found by the observation of radical adduct **6** in the reaction of 2,3-dihydrofuran with substrate **1a** in the presence of copper (0) in DMSO by <sup>19</sup>F NMR and GC-MS analysis (Scheme 5).<sup>[S4]</sup> Thus, the *gem*-difluoromethylenation of sp3-hybirdized carbon center was demonstrated to be a radical process.



Scheme S1 The trapping reaction of radical 1A and radical 2A

#### Table S1 The reaction of 2a with 4 in the presence of different copper sources

	Br + . 2a	Cu source Phen DMSO,50°C	
Entry	Copper source (mol%)	Additive $(mol\%)^b$	Yield $(\%)^a$ of <b>5</b>
1	Cu(0) (120), CuBr (10)	Phen (20)	65
2	CuBr (100)	Phen (100)	56
3	Cu(0) (120), CuBr <sub>2</sub> (5)	phen (20)	64
4	CuBr <sub>2</sub> (100)	Phen (100)	0

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield; <sup>b</sup> Phen = 1,10-Phenanthroline.

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2-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)-1,1-difluoroethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3an)



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2-(2-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-1,1-difluoroethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3ao)









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1-*n*-Butyl-2-(1,1-difluoro-2-(2-nitrophenyl)ethyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3cd)

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## 10. GC-MS Spectra and <sup>19</sup>F NMR

#### 1) Cross-coupling reaction of benzo-1,3-oxazolic difluoromethyl bromide with *o*-nitrobenzyl

#### bromide (2d)









Figure S1 GC-MS of Reaction of 2-bromomethyl-benzooxazole with o-nitrobenzyl bromide (2d)

#### 2) a) GC-MS for step by step reaction of addition of 2a to mixture of 1a with copper powder









### b) <sup>19</sup> F NMR for step by step reaction of addition of 2a to mixture of 1a with copper powder



3) a) GC-MS for step by step reaction of addition of 1a to mixture of 2a with CuBr





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b)  $^{19}$  F NMR for step by step reaction of addition of 2a to mixture of 1a with copper powder



4) a) GC-MS for one-pot reaction of 1a and 2a under Cu-mediated

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b) <sup>19</sup>F NMR for one-pot reaction of 1a and 2a under Cu-mediated



# 5) a) GC-MS for the reaction of 1a with 2,3-Dihydrofuran<sup>S2</sup>



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# b) <sup>19</sup>F NMR for the reaction of 1a with 2,3-Dihydrofuran<sup>S2</sup>

