# **Supporting Information**

## Supported Gold Nanoparticles Catalyzed *cis*-Selective Semihydrogenation of Alkynes Using Ammonium Formate as Reductant

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### General

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz and 101 MHz using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as a solvent. The chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  (ppm) values (<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR relative to CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  7.26 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and  $\delta$  77.0 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C NMR and CFCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  0 ppm for <sup>19</sup>F NMR), multiplicities are indicated by s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), p (pentet), h (hextet), m (multiplet) and br (broad). Coupling constants (*J*), are reported in Hertz (Hz). All reagents and solvents were employed without further purification. The products were purified using a commercial flash chromatography system. TLC was developed on silica gel 60 F254 aluminum sheets. All reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich or Alfa Aesar and used as received without any further purification. Au/TiO<sub>2</sub> and Au/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (1% wt/wt loading; average size of AuNPs is around 2-3 nm) were purchased from Strem.



### Characterization of commercial available Au/TiO<sub>2</sub>

Figure S-1. STEM images of Au/TiO<sub>2</sub>

### **General procedures**

General procedure for synthesis of gem-difluorohomopropargyl alcohols 3.<sup>[1]</sup>



To a solution of **9** (1.6 g, 14.6 mmol) in dry THF (30 mL), a 2.5 M hexane solution of nbutyllithium (6.1 mL, 15.3 mmol) was added dropwise at -78.8 °C under argon atmosphere. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at -78.8 °C, cold (-78.8 °C) dibromodifluoromethane (4.6 g, 21.9 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture at -100 °C. After stirring for 16 hours at rt., the THF solution was washed with sat. aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with hexane (2×20 mL) and the combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After evaporation of the solvent, the crude product was purified by distillation under reduced pressure (75 °C/4.4 mmHg) to afford **10**.



To a flask was added indium powder (2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.),  $Eu(OTf)_3$  (0.1 mmol, 5 mol %), difluoropropargyl bromide **10** (2.0 mmol) and aldehyde **11** (2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) with rinsing by THF/H<sub>2</sub>O solution (1/4) (6.6 ml, 0.3M). The reaction was sonicated at 40 °C for 12 h. The reaction was quenched by 10% HCl (10 ml) and extracted by ethyl acetate (3×10ml). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was purified by a silica gel column to afford the corresponding alcohols **3i-3l** or **12**.



A solution of AcOH (2.86 equiv.) and TBAF (2.2 equiv, 1.0 M in THF) in THF was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, then a solution of alcohol **12** (1 equiv.) in THF (0.1 M) was added slowly at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 hours. The reaction was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 40$ ml). The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The final products **3a-3h** were isolated by silica gel column.

#### General procedure for Au/TiO<sub>2</sub> semihydrogenation of alkynes using HCOONH<sub>4</sub> as reductant

Au/TiO<sub>2</sub> (24.6 mg, 0.5 mol %) and HCOONH<sub>4</sub> (1 mmol) were added to a solution of alkyne (0.25 mmol) in DMF (0.25 mL). The mixture was allowed to stir in an oil bath at 80 °C for designated time. After cooling down to room temperature, the solid Au/TiO<sub>2</sub> was filtered off, the filtrate was diluted with DCM and washed with water and brine solution. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated to dryness. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (n-hexane/ethyl acetate).

#### Procedure for Au/TiO<sub>2</sub> recycling

Au/TiO<sub>2</sub> (24.6 mg, 0.5 mol %) and HCOONH<sub>4</sub> (1 mmol) were added to a solution of phenylacetylene (0.25 mmol) in DMF (1 mL). The mixture was stirred in an oil bath at 80 °C for 3 hours. After cooling down to room temperature, the solid Au/TiO<sub>2</sub> was filtered out and washed with DMF and transferred into a fresh solution of phenylacetylene (0.25 mmol) in DMF (1 mL), and HCOONH<sub>4</sub> (1 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred for another 3 hours at 80 °C. And this process was repeated until 5 runs were completed. And the yields of each run were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

#### Procedure for synthesis of 6



**4e** (0.2 mmol, 40.4 mg) was dissolved in dry THF/DMF (1.4 mL / 0.4 mL), then NaH (0.6 mmol, 24 mg) was added into the solution at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir for 15 minutes at room temperature. Then allyl bromide (0.6 mmol, 72.5 mg) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for overnight. Then the reaction mixture was quenched by 2 mL NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (aq), extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 2 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After concentration the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to obtain **5** as colorless oil.

The solution of purified **5** (0.14 mmol, 34.4 mg) and Grubbs' catalyst (5 mol %) in DCM were stirred for 24 hours at room temperature. Then after concentration the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford **6** as colorless oil.

#### Procedure for synthesis of 8



Acryloyl chloride (0.4 mmol, 28  $\mu$ l) was added dropwise to the solution of **4e** (0.2 mmol, 40.4 mg), DMAP (5 mol %) and N,N-diisopropylethylamine (0.5 mmol, 86.9  $\mu$ l) in DCM (0.5 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched with water (1 mL) and extracted with DCM (2 × 1 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After concentration the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to obtain **7** as colorless oil.

The solution of purified **7** (0.17 mmol, 44 mg) and  $Ti(OiPr)_4$  (0.05 mmol, 15 µl) in toluene (6 mL) were stirred under reflux for 3 h. Then solution of Grubbs' catalyst (7 mol %, 10.1 mg) in toluene (1.5 mL) was added dropwise into the reaction mixture over 30 min. The resulting mixture was stirred for additional 1 h under reflux and then cooled down to room temperature. After concentration the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to obtain **8** as colorless oil.

### **Characterization of non-fluorinated products 2**

All the compounds are known and their <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic data agree well with the spectra reported in the literature noted for each of them.

(Z)-1,2-diphenylethene (2a)<sup>[2]</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.31 – 7.12 (m, 10H), 6.61 (s, 2H).

(Z)-1-methyl-4-styrylbenzene (2b)<sup>[3]</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29 – 7.16 (m, 7H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (s, 2H), 2.31 (s, 2H).

(Z)-1-fluoro-4-styrylbenzene (2c)<sup>[4]</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29 – 7.11 (m, 7H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (q, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 2H).

(Z)-1-methoxy-4-styrylbenzene (2d)<sup>[5]</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.28 – 7.16 (m, 7H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H).

(Z)-ethyl 3-phenylacrylate (2e)[6]



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.57 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

(Z)-methyl oct-2-enoate (2f)<sup>[6]</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCI_3$ )  $\delta$  6.22 (dt, J = 11.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (dt, J = 12, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.64 (qd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 1.47 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.29 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, J = 8, 3H).

(Z)-prop-1-en-1-ylbenzene (2g)<sup>[2]</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.35-7.20 (m, 5H), 6.48 – 6.40 (dd, *J* = 12, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.86 – 5.72 (dq, *J* = 11.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 2 Hz, 3H).

(*Z*)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**2h**)<sup>[7]</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (dt, *J* = 12, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (s, 1H).

(Z)-[(hex-2-en-1-yloxy)methyl]benzene (2i)<sup>[8]</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.38 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 5.60 (m, 2H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 4.08 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.38 (sext, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

styrene (2j)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 6.65 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H).

1-fluoro-4-vinylbenzene (2k)<sup>[9]</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.28 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 6.92 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.55 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H).

1-methoxy-4-vinylbenzene (2I)<sup>[10]</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H).

1-methyl-2-vinylbenzene (2m)<sup>[11]</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.47 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.17 (m, 3H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H).

1-(trifluoromethyl)-4-vinylbenzene (2n)[12]

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H).

2-vinylpyridine (20)<sup>[13]</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.57 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 - 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 17.5, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H).

undec-10-en-1-yl benzoate (2p)[14]

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.05 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.86-5.75 (m, 1H), 5.01 – 4.92 (m, 2H), 4.31 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (q, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 1.79 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.29 (m, 12H).

pent-4-en-1-ylbenzene (2q)[15]



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.18 (m, 3H), 5.83 (td, *J* = 16.9, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (dd, *J* = 20.0, 13.7 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.09 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.79 – 1.65 (m, 2H).

### Characterization of gem-difluoropropargyl alcohols 3



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.53 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 4.98 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -95.35 (s, 1F), -95.21 (s, 1F).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (bs, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  -95.34 (s, 1F), -95.22 (s, 1F).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.92 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.80 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (bs, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -95.43 (s, 1F), -95.39 (s, 1F).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.33-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 4.95 (bs, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (bs, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -95.11 (s, 1F), -94.95 (s, 1F).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dt, *J* = 9.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (bs, 1H), 2.83 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -117.4 (s, 1F), -96.76 (d, *J* = 277.7 Hz, 1F), -95.80 (d, *J* = 277.7 Hz, 1F).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.46 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.94 (dt, *J* = 8.5, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -95.42 (s, 1F), -95.39 (s, 1F).



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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.03 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (bs, 1H), 2.83 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -95.59 (d, *J* = 277.7 Hz, 1F), -94.88 (d, *J* = 277.7 Hz, 1F), -63.21 (s, 3F).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 4.69 – 4.50 (m, 2H), 4.10 (m, 1H), 3.73 (ddd, J = 17.1, 10.2, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 2.83 (m, 2H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -95.08 (dt,  $J_{F-F} = 278.2$  Hz,  $J_{F-H} = 11.3$  Hz, 1F), -96.27 (dt,  $J_{F-F} = 248.2$  Hz,  $J_{F-H} = 11.3$  Hz, 1F).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 4.93 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.27 – 2.22 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.22 (m, 6H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.25 Hz, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -93.18 (d, *J* = 274.4 Hz, 1F), -92.32 (d, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 270.6 Hz, 1F).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.85 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.55 (bs, 1H), 2.23 – 2.21 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.31 – 1.27 (m, 6H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.0Hz, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -93.32 (d, *J* = 273.5 Hz, 1F), -92.15 (d, *J* = 297.4 Hz, 1F).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.63 (m, 4H), 5.00 (dt, *J* = 8.7, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (bs, 1H), 2.25 (m, 2H), 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.29 (m, 6H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -93.05 (d, *J*= 271.1 Hz, 1F), -92.15 (d, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 271.1 Hz, 1F), -63.14 (s, 3F).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 4.61 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 11.5 Hz, 2H), 4.10 – 4.06 (m, 1H), 3.78 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.28 (m, 2H), 1.53 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.41 – 1.27 (m, 6H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -93.21 (s, 2F).

### Characterization of gem-difluorinated products

2,2-difluoro-1-phenylbut-3-en-1-ol (4a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 5.92 – 5.78 (m, 1H), 5.59 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (td, *J* = 9.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -107.95 (dt, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 248.2 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1F), -109.45 (dt, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 248.2 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.92, 129.34 (t, *J* = 25 Hz), 128.71, 128.18, 127.59, 121.6 (t, *J* = 9 Hz), 119.57, 75.89 (t, *J* = 30 Hz).

2,2-difluoro-1-(p-tolyl)but-3-en-1-ol (4b)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCI_3$ )  $\delta$  7.30 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.92 – 75.79 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (td, J = 9.2, 4 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (d,

J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -108.00 (dt,  $J_{F-F}$  = 244.4 Hz,  $J_{F-H}$  = 11.3 Hz, 1F), -109.45 (dt,  $J_{F-F}$  = 244.4 Hz,  $J_{F-H}$  = 11.3 Hz, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 138.54, 133.02, 129.48 (t, J = 26 Hz), 128.90, 127.49, 121.47 (t, J = 9 Hz), 119.60, 75.78 (t, J = 30 Hz), 21.17.

2,2-difluoro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-1-ol (4c)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.85 (ddd, *J* = 23.3, 17.4, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.51 (br, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -107.63 (dt, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 248.2 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1F), -109.67 (dt, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 248.2 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.85, 129.51 (t, *J* = 25 Hz), 128.85, 128.12, 121.48 (t, *J* = 9 Hz), 119.63, 113.61, 75.53 (t, *J* = 32 Hz), 55.24.

2,2-difluoro-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-1-ol (4d)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.27 (m, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.90 – 6.87 (m, 1H), 5.85 (ddd, *J* = 23.4, 17.4, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.51 (br, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -107.87 (dt, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 248.2 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1F), -109.18 (dt, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 248.2 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.43, 137.51, 129.34 (t, *J* = 25 Hz), 129.20, 121.57 (t, *J* = 10 Hz), 119.96, 119.51, 114.25, 113.14, 75.80 (t, *J* = 30 Hz), 55.25.

2,2-difluoro-1-(2-fluorophenyl)but-3-en-1-ol (4e)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.54 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (tdd, *J* = 7.3, 5.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 5.93 (dq, *J* = 17.4, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (dt, *J* = 17.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (td, *J* = 10.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -110.33 (m, 2F). -117.15 (m, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.54, 159.08, 130.34 (d, *J* = 8 Hz), 129.59, 129.34, 129.08, 124.13 (d, *J* = 4 Hz), 121.80 (t, *J* = 9 Hz), 115.28 (d, *J* = 22 Hz), 66.34 (t, *J* = 30 Hz).

1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluorobut-3-en-1-ol (4f)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 5.83 (ddd, *J* = 23.6, 17.4, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (dt, *J* = 17.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (td, *J* = 9.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -107.63 (dt, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 248.2 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1F), -109.68 (dt, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 248.2 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1F), -109.68 (dt, *J* = 26 Hz), 128.93, 128.38, 121.98 (t, *J* = 9 Hz), 119.40, 75.22 (t, *J* = 31 Hz).

2,2-difluoro-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-3-en-1-ol (4g)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.83 (ddd, *J* = 23.7, 17.4, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.63 – 5.54 (m, 1H), 5.49 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (td, *J* = 9.3, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.74 (s, 3F), -107.18 (dt, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 248.2 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1F), -109.65 (dt, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 248.2 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.71, 130.36 (d, *J* = 33 Hz), 128.76 (t, *J* = 26 Hz), 127.95, 125.07 (d, *J* = 4 Hz), 122.21 (t, *J* = 9 Hz), 119.32, 116.88, 75.27 (t, *J* = 31 Hz).

1-(benzyloxy)-3,3-difluoropent-4-en-2-ol (4h)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.38 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 6.00 (m, 1H), 5.72 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 3.98 – 4.08 (m, 1H), 3.76 – 3.50 (m, 2H), 2.71 (br, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -107.93 (dt, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 248.2 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1F), -109.43 (dt, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 248.2 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.38, 129.94 (t, *J* = 25 Hz), 128.51, 127.96, 127.76, 126.97, 120.98 (t, *J* = 10 Hz), 73.64, 72.31 (t, *J* = 30 Hz), 68.58.

(Z)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenyldec-3-en-1-ol (4i)[16]



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.45 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 5.80 – 5.72 (m, 1H), 5.43 – 5.32 (m, 1H), 4.89 (td, *J* = 10.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.11 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.30 – 1.21 (m, 8H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -101.20 (ddd, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 251.9 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 13.2 Hz, 11.3 Hz, 1F), -101.99 (dt, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 251.9 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.85 (t, *J* = 6 Hz), 136.04, 128.62, 128.10, 127.72, 120.97 (t, *J* = 244 Hz), 120.40 (t, *J* = 25 Hz), 76.28 (t, *J* = 30 Hz), 31.58, 29.19, 28.84, 28.33, 22.54, 14.05.

(Z)-2,2-difluoro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)dec-3-en-1-ol (4j)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.79 – 5.72 (m, 1H), 5.37 (dd, *J* = 27.5, 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.86 – 4.81 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.52 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.11 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.22 (m, 8H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -101.31 (ddd, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 248.2 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 13.2 Hz, 11.3 Hz, 1F), -102.30 (dt, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 248.2 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.82, 140.70 (t, *J* = 60 Hz), 128.94, 128.20, 121.02 (t, *J* = 244 Hz), 120.56 (t, *J* = 25 Hz), 113.53, 75.90 (t, *J* = 30 Hz), 55.21, 31.59, 29.23, 28.87, 28.36, 22.54, 14.04. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>] ([Na<sup>+</sup>]) 321.1642; found 321.2500.

(Z)-2,2-difluoro-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)dec-3-en-1-ol (4k)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.62 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.79 (dt, *J* = 12.3, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (dd, *J* = 27.9, 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.99 – 4.94 (m, 1H), 2.67 (s, 1H), 2.07 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.29 – 1.20 (m, 8H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -100.85 (dt, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 251.9 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1F), -101.82 (ddd, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 251.9 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 15.04, 7.52 Hz, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.42 (t, *J* = 5 Hz), 139.84, 130.78 (d, *J* = 32 Hz), 128.10, 124.96 (d, *J* = 4 Hz), 122.61, 120.71 (t, *J* = 244 Hz), 119.83 (t, *J* = 25 Hz), 75.69 (t, *J* = 30 Hz), 31.52, 29.15, 28.82, 28.37, 22.50, 13.99. HRMS (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>5</sub>O] ([Na<sup>+</sup>]) 359.1410; found 359.2333.

(Z)-1-(benzyloxy)-3,3-difluoroundec-4-en-2-ol (4I)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.38 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 5.93 – 5.75 (m, 1H), 5.55 – 5.45 (m, 1H), 4.58 (dd, *J* = 16, 11.6 Hz, 2H), 4.08 – 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.66 (ddd, *J* = 17.3, 10.0, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.30 – 2.24 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.24 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -101.07 (dt, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 255.68 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 11.3 Hz, 1F), -103.91 (dt, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 255.68 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 11.03 Hz, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.65 (t, *J* = 5 Hz), 137.45, 128.49, 127.92, 127.76, 121.04 (t, *J* = 25 Hz), 120.40 (t, *J* = 242 Hz), 73.64, 72.95 (t, *J* = 29 Hz), 68.70 (t, *J* = 4 Hz), 31.16, 29.35, 28.88, 28.58, 22.56, 14.05. HRMS (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>] ([Na<sup>+</sup>]) 335.1799; found 335.2500.

1-(1-(allyloxy)-2,2-difluorobut-3-en-1-yl)-2-fluorobenzene (5)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.01 (ddd, *J* = 23.3, 17.4, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (ddt, *J* = 22.4, 11.3, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (dt, *J* = 17.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 5.28 – 5.18 (m, 2H), 5.06 – 4.89 (t, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (ddd, *J* = 18.9, 12.8, 5.6 Hz, 2H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -108.27 (m, 2F), -117.67 (m, 1F).

3,3-difluoro-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran (6)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.62 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.14 (td, *J* = 8, 0.8, 1H), 7.08 (ddd, *J* = 9.6, 8.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.36 – 6.31 (m, 1H), 6.10 – 6.03 (m, 1H), 5.08 (d, *J* = 19.1 Hz, 1H), 4.51 – 4.34 (m, 2H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -105.1 (m, 2F), -117.90 (m, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.55, 159.08, 134.92 (t, *J* = 9 Hz), 130.28 (d, *J* = 8 Hz), 129.85 (t, *J* = 3 Hz), 123.96 (d, *J* = 4 Hz), 122.38 (dd, *J* = 31, 26 Hz), 120.97 (d, *J* = 14 Hz), 115.07 (d, *J* = 22 Hz), 113.53 (dd, *J* = 243, 235 Hz), 77.27 (m), 66.12. MS (m/z): 214.1, 164.0, 133.1, 123.0, 95.0, 90.0, 75.0.

2,2-difluoro-1-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl acrylate (7)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.53 – 6.40 (m, 2H), 6.20 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.99 – 5.86 (m, 2H), 5.66 (dt, *J* = 17.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -108.97 (m, 2F), -116.08 (m, 1F).

5,5-difluoro-6-(2-fluorophenyl)-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one (8)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.60 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (dd, *J* = 20.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -105.32 (dd, *J*<sub>F-F</sub> = 285.8 Hz, *J*<sub>F-H</sub> = 22.6 Hz, 1F), -112.16

(dtt,  $J_{F-F} = 285.8 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{F-H} = 11.3$ , 3.76 Hz, 1F), -117.42 (m, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.67, 159.18, 138.30 (dd, J = 34, 25 Hz), 131.68 (d, J = 9 Hz), 130.03 (t, J = 3 Hz), 136.33 (dd, J = 10, 8 Hz), 124.37 (d, J = 4 Hz), 117.49 (d, J = 8 Hz), 115.48 (d, J = 9 Hz), 111.84 (dd, J = 247, 238 Hz), 74.13 (m). MS (m/z): 228.1, 158.0, 123.0, 104.0, 95.0, 76.0.







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