

Supporting Information

Visible-light-mediated radical oxydifluoromethylation of olefinic amides for the synthesis of CF₂H-containing heterocycles

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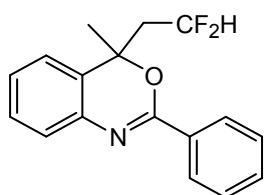
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General: Solvents were purified or dried in a standard manner. Reactions were monitored by TLC on silica gel plates (GF254), and the analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on precoated, glass-backed silica gel plates. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR spectra were recorded on a 500 MHz NMR spectrometers with TMS as an internal standard. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane. Abbreviations for signal couplings are: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet. HRMS analyses was recorded on Waters Q-TOF Global mass spectrometer. All of olefinic amides **1** and *N*-allylamides **4** were synthesized according to the literature.¹

General experimental details

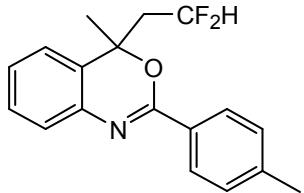
To a mixture of olefinic amides **1** (0.20 mmol), 2-((difluoromethyl)sulfonyl) benzo[d]thiazole (0.24 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (0.24 mmol) in 2.0 mL of CH₃CN was added *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (0.004 mmol, 2.0 mol%) under N₂ atmosphere. The solution was stirred at room temperature under 5 W blue LED irradiation for 10 h. Then the reaction mixture was diluted by adding EtOAc and brine. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 25:1 as the eluant) on silica gel to give the desired benzoxazine **3**.



4-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-4-methyl-2-phenyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazine (**3a**):

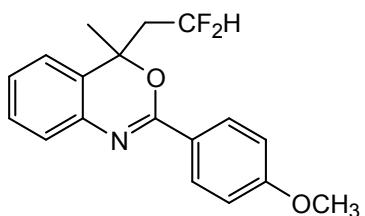
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.18 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (tdd, J = 55.8 Hz, J = 5.2 Hz, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.71-2.49 (m, 2H), 1.83 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.8, 138.4, 132.5, 131.6, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.0, 125.7,

122.6, 115.0 (t, $J = 238.0$ Hz), 77.5 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz), 45.0 (t, $J = 21.0$ Hz), 27.5. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -112.2 (d, $J = 291.0$ Hz, 1F), -113.0 (d, $J = 291.0$ Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$: 288.1195, found: 288.1197.



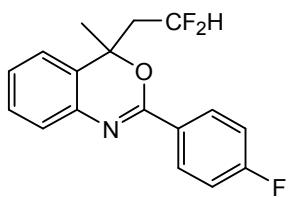
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^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.06 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd, $J = 5.1$ Hz, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.04 (tdd, $J = 55.9$ Hz, $J = 5.1$ Hz, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.69-2.48 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 156.0, 142.1, 138.6, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.5, 127.8, 126.7, 125.5, 122.6, 114.9 (t, $J = 238.0$ Hz), 77.4 (t, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 44.9 (t, $J = 21.3$ Hz), 27.3, 21.6. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -112.2 (d, $J = 291.0$ Hz, 1F), -113.0 (d, $J = 290.0$ Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$: 302.1351, found: 302.1354.



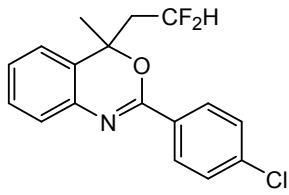
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^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.11 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.03 (tdd, $J = 55.8$ Hz, $J = 5.0$ Hz, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.68-2.46 (m, 2H), 1.81 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.5, 155.8, 138.7, 129.7, 129.2, 128.4, 126.5, 125.4, 124.9, 122.5, 115.0 (t, $J = 238.0$ Hz), 113.7, 77.3 (t), 55.4, 44.8 (t, $J = 21.2$ Hz), 27.2. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -112.2 (d, $J = 291.0$ Hz, 1F), -113.0 (d, $J = 290.0$ Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2$: 318.1300, found: 318.1297.



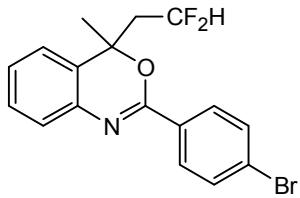
4-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-methyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazine (**3d**):

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.17 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 3H), 6.01 (tt, *J* = 55.7 Hz, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.69-2.47 (m, 2H), 1.83 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.0 (d, *J* = 250.8 Hz), 154.9, 138.3, 130.1 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 129.3, 128.6, 128.3, 127.0, 125.6, 122.6, 115.9 (t, *J* = 238.0 Hz), 115.4 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 77.7 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 45.0 (t, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 27.5. ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -118.1 (s, 1F), -112.3 (d, *J* = 290.9 Hz, 1F), -113.0 (d, *J* = 290.6 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₇H₁₅F₃NO: 306.1100, found: 306.1105.



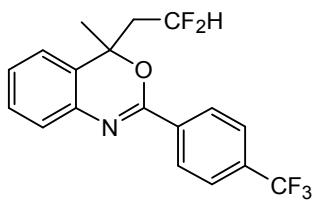
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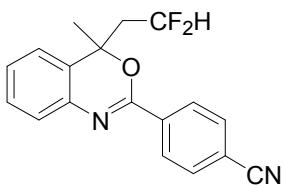
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¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.02 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (tt, J = 55.2 Hz, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.67-2.46 (m, 2H), 1.82 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.0, 138.1, 131.6, 131.4, 129.4, 129.3, 128.3, 127.2, 126.4, 125.7, 122.7, 114.9 (t, J = 238.1 Hz), 77.8 (t, J = 5.7 Hz), 45.0 (t, J = 21.2 Hz), 27.5. ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -112.3 (d, J = 290.9 Hz, 1F), -113.0 (d, J = 291.0 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₇H₁₅BrF₂NO: 366.0300, found: 366.0304.



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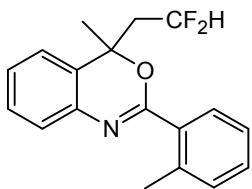
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.24 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (tdd, J = 55.6 Hz, J = 5.0 Hz, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.65-2.44 (m, 2H), 1.81 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.4, 138.0, 135.8, 133.0 (q, J = 32.4 Hz), 129.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 126.0, 125.3 (q, J = 3.5 Hz), 123.9 (q, J = 270.9 Hz), 122.7, 114.8 (t, J = 237.9 Hz), 78.0 (t, J = 5.7 Hz), 45.1 (t, J = 21.3 Hz), 27.6. ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -62.8 (s, 3F), -112.70 (s, 1F), -112.72 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₈H₁₅F₅NO: 356.1069, found: 356.1075.



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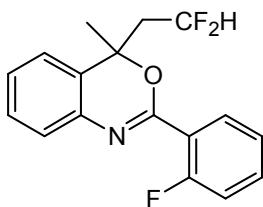
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126.1, 122.8, 118.4, 114.8 (t, $J = 238.1$ Hz), 114.7, 78.2 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 45.2 (t, $J = 21.3$ Hz), 27.8. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -112.7 (s, 2F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$: 313.1147, found: 313.1152.



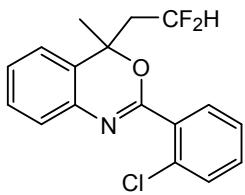
4-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-4-methyl-2-o-tolyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazine (**3i**):

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.80 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.99 (tdd, $J = 55.9$ Hz, $J = 5.1$ Hz, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.74-2.54 (m, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.5, 138.3, 138.2, 132.4, 131.5, 130.5, 129.4, 129.2, 127.8, 127.1, 125.8, 125.7, 122.6, 115.0 (t, $J = 237.6$ Hz), 77.9 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 45.1 (t, $J = 21.2$ Hz), 28.0, 21.6. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -112.3 (d, $J = 290.9$ Hz, 1F), -113.0 (d, $J = 290.3$ Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$: 302.1351, found: 302.1350.



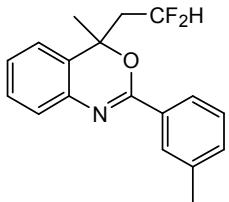
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^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.97 (td, $J = 8.9$ Hz, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.06 (tdd, $J = 56.0$ Hz, $J = 5.5$ Hz, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.69-2.48 (m, 2H), 1.79 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.5 (d, $J = 255.4$ Hz), 154.6 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 138.0, 132.9 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 131.1, 129.2, 128.5, 127.4, 125.8, 124.1 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 122.6, 121.1 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz), 116.8 (d, $J = 22.1$ Hz), 115.0 (t, $J = 237.4$ Hz), 78.1 (dd, $J = 7.9$ Hz, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 44.9 (t, $J = 21.5$ Hz), 27.3. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -111.4 (s, 1F), -112.1 (d, $J = 290.9$ Hz, 1F), -113.2 (d, $J = 290.8$ Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$: 306.1100, found: 306.1103.



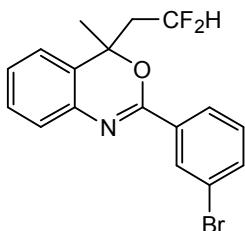
2-(2-chlorophenyl)-4-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-4-methyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazine (**3k**):

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.75 (dd, *J* = 7.6 Hz, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, *J* = 7.4 Hz, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (tdd, *J* = 55.9 Hz, *J* = 5.3 Hz, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.73-2.54 (m, 2H), 1.81 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.3, 137.8, 133.1, 132.5, 131.4, 131.2, 130.7, 129.2, 127.9, 127.5, 126.8, 125.8, 122.7, 115.0 (t, *J* = 237.6 Hz), 78.9 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 45.2 (t, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 28.2. ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -112.4 (d, *J* = 290.9 Hz, 1F), -113.2 (d, *J* = 290.5 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₇H₁₅ClF₂NO: 322.0805, found: 322.0891.



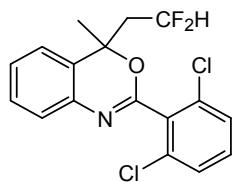
4-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-4-methyl-2-m-tolyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazine (**3l**):

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (tt, *J* = 55.8 Hz, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.69-2.49 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.83 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.0, 138.5, 138.1, 132.4, 132.3, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 126.9, 125.6, 125.0, 122.6, 114.9 (t, *J* = 238.0 Hz), 77.5 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 44.9 (t, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 27.4, 21.4. ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -112.3 (d, *J* = 290.8 Hz, 1F), -113.0 (d, *J* = 290.8 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₈H₁₈F₂NO: 302.1351, found: 302.1352.

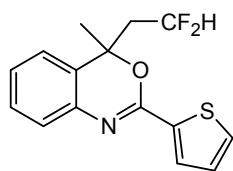


2-(3-bromophenyl)-4-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-4-methyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazine (**3m**):

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 7.9 Hz, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (tt, *J* = 60.5 Hz, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.64-2.44 (m, 2H), 1.79 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.4, 138.0, 134.5, 134.4, 130.8, 129.9, 129.3, 128.2, 127.4, 126.4, 125.8, 122.7, 122.5, 114.9 (t, *J* = 238.1 Hz), 77.9 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 45.0 (t, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 27.6. ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -112.3 (d, *J* = 291.0 Hz, 1F), -113.0 (d, *J* = 291.1 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₇H₁₅BrF₂NO: 366.0300, found: 366.0303.



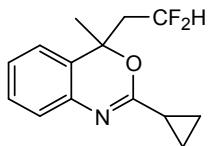
2-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-4-methyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazine (**3n**):
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (tt, *J* = 55.9 Hz, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.85-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.59-2.49 (m, 1H), 1.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.6, 136.8, 134.1, 132.9, 131.0, 129.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 126.0, 123.1, 114.8 (t, *J* = 237.7 Hz), 79.5 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 45.7 (t, *J* = 21.4 Hz), 29.1. ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -112.4 (d, *J* = 290.8 Hz, 1F), -113.7 (d, *J* = 289.7 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₇H₁₄Cl₂F₂NO: 356.0415, found: 356.0417.



4-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-4-methyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazine (**3o**):

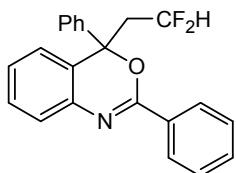
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.75 (dd, *J* = 3.7 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 5.0 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.04 (tdd, *J* = 55.8 Hz, *J* = 5.2 Hz, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.69-2.44 (m, 2H), 1.82 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.5, 138.3, 136.8, 130.5, 123.0, 129.2, 128.5, 127.8, 126.8, 125.4, 122.6, 114.8 (t, *J* = 237.7 Hz), 77.9 (dd, *J* = 6.6 Hz, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 44.8 (t, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 27.1. ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -112.2 (d, *J* = 290.9 Hz, 1F), -

113.1 (d, $J = 290.9$ Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[M+H]^+$ C₁₅H₁₄F₂NOS: 294.0759, found: 294.0764.



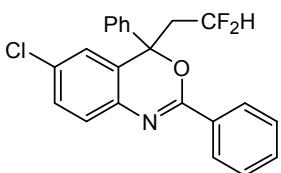
2-cyclopropyl-4-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-4-methyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazine (**3p**):

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.95-5.71 (m, 1H), 2.51-2.32 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.04-1.02 (m, 2H), 0.87-0.83 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.4, 138.2, 129.1, 127.7, 126.1, 124.4, 122.5, 114.9 (t, $J = 237.9$ Hz), 77.1 (t), 44.9 (t, $J = 21.2$ Hz), 27.6, 14.6, 6.8, 6.7. ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -112.2 (d, $J = 290.5$ Hz, 1F), -112.9 (d, $J = 291.0$ Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[M+H]^+$ C₁₄H₁₆F₂NO: 252.1195, found: 252.1191.



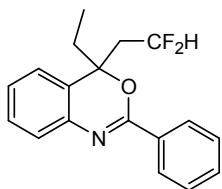
4-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-2,4-diphenyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazine (**3r**):

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.27 (dd, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 5H), 6.09 (tt, $J = 55.7$ Hz, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.06 (td, $J = 15.1$ Hz, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.9, 142.0, 139.2, 132.1, 131.7, 129.5, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 126.7, 126.5, 125.9, 125.5, 124.4, 115.2 (t, $J = 238.7$ Hz), 80.9 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 44.9 (t, $J = 22.2$ Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -111.0 (d, $J = 289.1$ Hz, 1F), -112.0 (d, $J = 289.1$ Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[M+H]^+$ C₂₂H₁₈BrF₂NO: 350.1351, found: 350.1356.



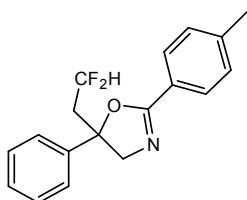
6-chloro-4-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-2,4-diphenyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazine (**3s**):

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (tt, *J* = 59.9 Hz, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.06-2.99 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.1, 141.2, 137.8, 131.9, 131.8, 131.7, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.2, 125.4, 124.5, 115.0 (t, *J* = 238.7 Hz), 80.7 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 44.7 (t, *J* = 22.4 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -111.1 (d, *J* = 289.6 Hz, 1F), -112.2 (d, *J* = 290.8 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₂₂H₁₇ClF₂NO: 384.0961, found: 384.0967.



4-ethyl-4-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-2-phenyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazine (**3t**):

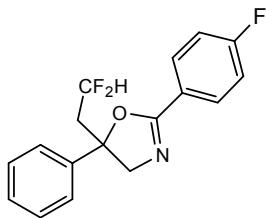
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.56-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (tt, *J* = 60.4 Hz, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (td, *J* = 15.9 Hz, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 2.16-2.07 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.0, 139.2, 132.5, 131.5, 129.1, 128.3, 127.8, 126.8, 125.8, 125.7, 123.3, 115.2 (t, *J* = 237.9 Hz), 80.8 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 44.6 (t, *J* = 21.1 Hz), 34.1, 7.7. ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -112.4 (s, 2F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₈H₁₈F₂NO: 302.1351, found: 302.1350.



5-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-4,5-dihydro-5-phenyl-2-p-tolyloxazole (**5a**):

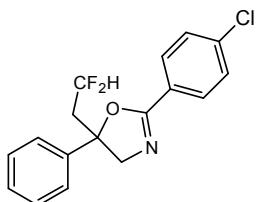
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.83 (tt, *J* = 55.7 Hz, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.68-2.61 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.0, 142.9, 142.2, 129.2, 128.9, 128.2, 128.0, 124.6, 124.3, 115.0 (t, *J* = 238.2 Hz), 85.4 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 68.0, 45.3 (t, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 21.6. ¹⁹F NMR

(470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -113.11 (s, 1F), -113.13 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₈H₁₈F₂NO: 302.1351, found: 302.1352.



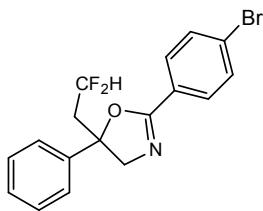
5-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-5-phenyloxazole (**5b**):

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.04 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.78 (tt, *J* = 55.7 Hz, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.65-2.58 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.9 (d, *J* = 250.9 Hz), 161.9, 142.7, 130.5 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 129.0, 128.0, 124.3, 123.7 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 115.7 (d, *J* = 22.1 Hz), 115.0 (t, *J* = 238.3 Hz), 85.8 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 68.1, 45.3 (t, *J* = 21.2 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -107.5 (s, 1F), -113.19 (s, 1F), -113.20 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₇H₁₅F₃NO: 306.1100, found: 306.1104.



2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-4,5-dihydro-5-phenyloxazole (**5c**):

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 1H), 5.80 (tt, *J* = 55.7 Hz, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 2.68-2.61 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.0, 142.6, 138.0, 129.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.1, 125.9, 124.3, 114.9 (t, *J* = 238.4 Hz), 85.8 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 68.1, 45.2 (t, *J* = 21.4 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -113.22 (s, 1F), -113.23 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₇H₁₅ClF₂NO: 322.0805, found: 322.0809.



2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-4,5-dihydro-5-phenyloxazole (**5d**):

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.89 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 1H), 5.77 (tt, $J = 55.7$ Hz, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, $J = 14.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.65-2.58 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.1, 142.6, 131.8, 129.8, 129.0, 128.1, 126.4, 126.3, 124.3, 114.9 (t, $J = 238.4$ Hz), 85.8 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz), 68.1, 45.2 (t, $J = 21.4$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -113.21 (s, 1F), -113.22 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrF}_2\text{NO}$: 366.0300, found: 366.0306.



2-(3-bromophenyl)-5-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-4,5-dihydro-5-phenyloxazole (**5e**): ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.20 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 5.81 (tt, $J = 55.7$ Hz, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d, $J = 14.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.68-2.61 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.5, 142.6, 134.7, 131.2, 130.1, 129.4, 129.0, 128.1, 126.8, 124.3, 122.6, 114.9 (t, $J = 238.4$ Hz), 86.0 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz), 68.0, 45.3 (t, $J = 21.5$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -113.24 (s, 1F), -113.25 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrF}_2\text{NO}$: 366.0300, found: 366.0304.

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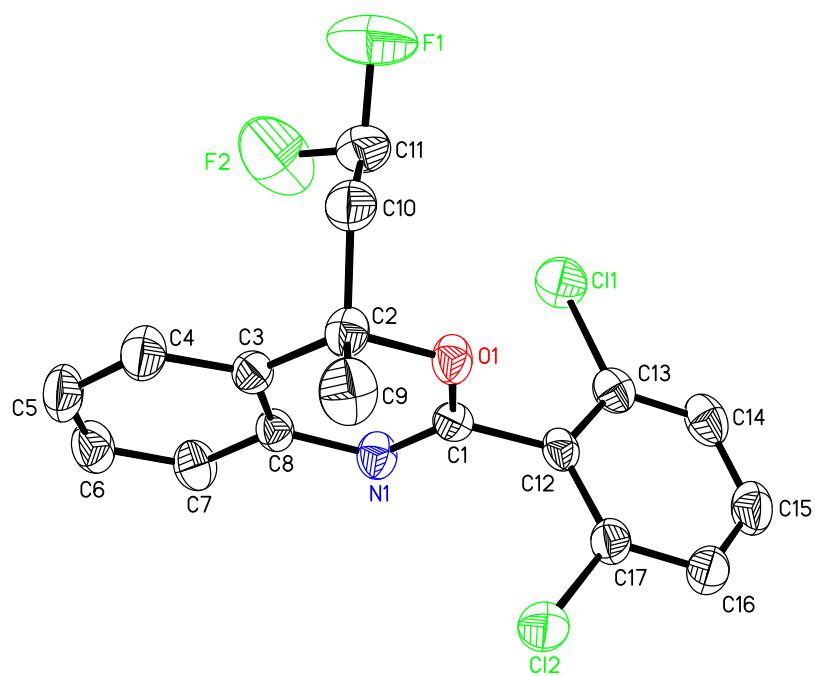


Figure 1 The ORTEP drawing of **3n** (Thermal ellipsoids are set at 30% probability level)

