Supporting Information

Catalyst-free Direct C-H Trifluoromethylation of Arene in Water-Acetonitrile

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1. General information

Preparative thin-layer chromatography was performed for product purification using Sorbent Silica Gel 60 F254 TLC plates and visualized with ultraviolet light. IR spectra were recorded on a new Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy. ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on 400, 100, 377 MHz NMR spectrometer using CDCl₃ as solvent unless otherwise stated. HRMS were made by means of ESI. Melting points were measured on micro melting point apparatus and uncorrected. Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were weighed and handled in air, and all reactions were carried out in a sealed tube under an atmosphere of argon. Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased on the net, and used without further purifications.

2. Selected optimization results

Table S1 Selected optimization results.^a

O L	Me 3 equiv. CF_3SO_2N H 1.5 equiv. Na	Na, additive OMe	$\mathbf{E} \mathbf{C}$
	solvent, T °C,	Ar, 12h	
MeO	OMe	MeO OMe	MeO OMe
Entrv ^b	Additive (mol%)	Solevent(mL)	Vield(%) ^c
1		$MeCN/H_2O(0.5/0.5)$	25
2		$CH_2CN(1.0)$	trace
3	_	$H_{2}O(1.0)$	1
4	_	THF (1.0)	0
5	_	$C_{2}H_{2}OH(1.0)$	0
6	_	EtOAc (1.0)	trace
7	_	DCE (1.0)	trace
8	_	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.99/0.01)	trace
9	_	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.9/0.1)	14
10	_	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.6/0.4)	16
11	_	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.55/0.45)	16
12	_	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.4/0.6)	23
13	_	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.3/0.7)	17
14	_	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.2/0.8)	10
15	_	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.1/0.9)	trace
16	_	THF/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	0
17	_	DMSO/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	5(4/1)
18	_	DMF/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	5
19	_	NMP/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	3
20	_	Actone/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	1
21	KF (1)	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	27
22	$KH_2PO_4(1)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	41(40/1)
23	LiF (1)	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	23
24	NaF (1)	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	23
25	CH ₃ COOH (1.5)	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	30(28/2)
26	CF ₃ COOH (1.5)	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	23(22/1)
28	$H_2 TiF_6 (1.5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	40(39/1)
29	$HPF_{6}(1.5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	50(49/1)
30	$K_{3}PO_{4}(5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	64(60/4)
31	$\mathrm{HCONH}_{2}(5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	67(65/2)
32	$Na_{2}HPO_{4}(5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	70(68/2)
33	$CH_3COONH_4(5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	57(54/3)
34	CF ₃ COOLi (5)	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	28
35	$CF_3COOK(5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	27
36	CF ₃ COONa (5)	MeCN/H ₂ O(0.5/0.5)	28
37	$(C_2H_5)_3N(5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	68(66/2)
38	$(C_2H_5)_2NH(5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	62(65/3)

39	DIPEA (5)	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	74(70/4)
40	$HBF_4(1.5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	80(74/6)
41	$NH_4NO_3(5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	82(77/5)
42	$(n-C_4H_9)_4NBr(5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	82(79/3)
43	$H_{3}PO_{4}(1.5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	76(73/3)
44	DIPEA (5)	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	77(73/4)
45	$HBF_4(1.5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	81(77/4)
46	$NH_4NO_3(5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	77(73/4)
47	$(n-C_4H_9)_4NBr(5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	88(82/6)
48	$H_{3}PO_{4}(1.5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	98(84/14)(98) ^d
49	$NH_4NO_3(6)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	80(76/4)
50 ^e	$H_{3}PO_{4}(1.5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	50(44/6)
51 ^f	$H_{3}PO_{4}(1.5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	88(82/6)
52 ^g	$H_{3}PO_{4}(1.5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	76(73/3)
53 ^h	$H_{3}PO_{4}(1.5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	83(78/5)
54 ⁱ	$H_{3}PO_{4}(1.5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	61(59/2)
55 ^j	$H_{3}PO_{4}(1.5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	58(56/2)
56k	$H_{3}PO_{4}(1.5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	79(74/5)
57 ¹	$H_{3}PO_{4}(1.5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	65(62/3)
58 ^m	$H_{3}PO_{4}(1.5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	85(80/5)
59 ⁿ	$H_{3}PO_{4}(1.5)$	MeCN/H ₂ O (0.5/0.5)	17

^a Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were conducted on a 0.1 mmol scale with 3 equiv. of CF₃SO₂Na, 1.5 equiv. Na₂S₂O₈ and additive in a sealed tube in solvent under an atmosphere of argon for 12 h. ^b Entries 1-43, react temperature is 25 °C; entries 44-59, react temperature is 30 °C. ^c Yields are detected by GC-MS using naphthalene as internal standard. ^d Isolated yield. ^e 1.5 equiv. t-BuOOH was used as initiator. ^f 1.5 equiv. K₂S₂O₈ was used as initiator. ^g 1.5 equiv. NH₄S₂O₈ was used as initiator. ^h 2 equiv. CF₃SO₂Na was used. ⁱ 1.5 equiv. CF₃SO₂Na was used. ^k 1.2 equiv. Na₂S₂O₈ was used. ¹ 1 equiv. Na₂S₂O₈ was used. ^m under an atmosphere of air. ⁿ under an atmosphere of oxygen. DIPEA = *N*,*N*-*di*isopropylethylamine.

3. Preparation of substrates

Compounds 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, 1j, 1l, 1m, 1n, 1o, 1p, 1za and 1zb were synthesized according to literature methods. [lit.¹⁻⁴]

1,3-Bis(cyclopentyloxy)benzene (1f)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.46-6.38 (m, 3H), 4.75-4.68 (m, 2H), 1.96-1.40 (m, 16H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.44 (s), 129.75 (s), 107.59 (s), 103.45 (s), 79.29 (s), 33.02 (s), 24.18 (s).

3-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1-(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (1zb)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.08 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 6H), 3.20-2.91 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.18 (s), 162.43 (s), 158.35 (s), 139.23 (s), 134.04 (s), 130.74 (s), 129.39 (s), 127.42 (s), 126.81 (s), 113.38 (s), 90.71 (s), 55.85 (s), 55.49 (s), 44.32 (s), 28.13 (s).

4. Experimental procedure and characterization data for products

A typical experimental procedure: A solution of arene (0.2 mmol), $Na_2S_2O_8$ (1.5 equiv.), CF_3SO_2Na (3.0 equiv), and H_3PO_4 (1.5 mol%) in a water–acetonitrile mixture (1 mL:1 mL) was stirred in a sealed tube under an atmosphere of argon at 30 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then extracted with ethyl acetate. Afterward, the combined organic phase was dried with Na_2SO_4 , and the solvent was evaporated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether and diethyl ether to achieve the pure product.

Gram-scale synthesis of 1,3,5-trimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2a)

A solution of 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (1g, 5.8 mmol), Na₂S₂O₈ (2.08g, 8.7 mmol), CF₃SO₂Na (2.96g, 17.4 mmol), and H₃PO₄ (1.5 mol%) in a water–acetonitrile mixture (1 mL:1 mL) was stirred in a sealed tube under an atmosphere of argon at 30 °C for 72 h. The reaction mixture was CH₂Cl₂ and washed with brine. Afterward, the combined organic phase was dried with Na₂SO₄, and the solvent was evaporated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/4) to give 1,3,5-trimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**2a**) as a white solid (1.33g, 91% yield).

1,3,5-Trimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2a)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:4, v:v), $R_f = 0.7$; White solid; Yield 89%; Mp. 51-53 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.13 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.66 (s), 160.58 (s), 124.48 (q, *J* = 272 Hz), 100.61

(q, J = 30 Hz), 91.44 (s), 56.40 (s), 55.51 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -54.13 (s); IR (neat) 2960, 1590, 1470, 1290, 1210, 1090, 925, 814 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₂F₃O₃ 237.0733, found [M+H] 237.0735.

1,3-Dimethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2b) and **1,3-dimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2b*)**



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:4, v:v), $R_f = 0.7$; Light yellow liquid; Yield 85% (2b:2b* = 60:25); ¹H NMR for the mixture (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H, major), 7.38 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H, minor), 6.61 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H, minor), 6.51 (s, 1H, major), 6.49 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H, major), 3.87 (s, 3H, major), 3.86 (s, 6H, minor), 3.84 (s, 3H, major); ¹³C NMR for the mixture (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.79 (s), 159.43 (s), 158.99 (s), 133.13 (s), 128.40 (q, J = 5 Hz), 124.24 (q, J = 273 Hz), 124.12 (q, J = 269 Hz), 111.67 (q, J = 31 Hz), 107.37 (q, J = 29 Hz), 104.95 (s), 103.85 (s), 99.50 (s), 56.46 (s), 55.95 (s), 55.64 (s); ¹⁹F NMR for the mixture (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -54.87 (s, minor), -61.27 (s, major); IR (neat) 2940, 2850, 1600, 1480, 1320, 1210, 1100, 829 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₉H₁₀F₃O₂ 207.0627, found [M+H] 207.0639.

1,3-Diethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2c)



Purified by TLC (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1:4, v:v), $R_f = 0.7$; Light yellow solid; Yield 49%; Mp. 40-42 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 6.45 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 4.10-4.02 (m, 4H), 1.45-1.41 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163 (s), 158.37 (d, J = 2 Hz), 124.16 (q, J = 270 Hz), 128.28 (q, J = 5 Hz), 111.80 (q, J = 31 Hz), 104.25 (s), 100.71 (s), 64.49 (s), 63.89 (s), 14.82 (s), 14,67 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.25 (s); IR (neat) 2980, 1610, 1510, 1280, 1100, 1030, 917, 812 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₄F₃O₄ 279.0839, found [M+HCO₂] 279.0848.

1,3-Diethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2c*)



Purified by TLC (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1:4, v:v), $R_f = 0.6$; Light yellow liquid; Yield 25%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (t, J = 8Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 4.06 (q, J = 8Hz, 4H), 1.42 (t, J = 6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.88 (s), 132.89 (s), 124.27 (q, J = 273 Hz), 128.29(q, J = 30 Hz), 106.10 (s), 65.20 (s), 14.81 (s);¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -54.80 (s); IR (neat) 2990, 2940, 1600, 1470, 1320, 1110, 1040, 785 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₁₄F₃O₂ 235.0940, found [M+H] 235.0934.

1,5-Dimethoxy-3-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2d) and **1,3-dimethoxy-5-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2d*)**



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:4, v:v), $R_f = 0.6$; Colorless liquid; Yield 82% (2d:2d* = 62:20); ¹H NMR for the mixture (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.42 (s, 2H, minor), 6.37 (s, 1H, major), 6.32 (s, 1H, major), 3.84 (s, 3H, mixture), 3.82 (s, 3H, major), 2.44 (q, *J* = 4 Hz, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H, minor); ¹³C NMR for the mixture (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.27 (s), 160.27 (d, *J* = 2 Hz), 159.19 (d, *J* = 1 Hz), 143.95 (s), 140.20 (d, *J* = 2 Hz), 125.46(q, *J* = 272 Hz), 124.4 (q, *J* = 272 Hz), 110.54 (q, *J* = 29 Hz), 108.78 (s), 105.81 (s), 104.68 (q, *J* = 29 Hz), 97.28 (s), 56.38 (s), 56.28 (s), 55.43 (s), 22.31 (s), 22.07 (q, *J* = 5 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR for the mixture (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -53.83 (s, major), -54.57 (s, minor); IR (neat) 2940, 2850, 1610, 1470, 1280, 1210, 1110, 834 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₂F₃O₂ 221.0784, found [M+H] 221.0782.

1,3-Disopropoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2e)



Purified by TLC (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1:4, v:v), $R_f = 0.7$; Light yellow liquid; Yield 46%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H),

6.43 (dd, J = 8,2 Hz, 1H), 4.61-4.53 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.33 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.94 (t, J = 1 Hz), 157.81-157.41 (m), 128.31 (q, J = 5 Hz), 124.18 (q, J = 269 Hz), 112.53 (q, J = 30 Hz), 105.40 (d, J = 4Hz), 102.98 (d, J = 2Hz), 71.32 (d, J = 1 Hz), 70.30 (d, J = 1 Hz), 22.09 (s), 22.02 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.07 (s); IR (neat) 2980, 2920, 1620, 1510, 1290, 1120, 1010, 802 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₃H₁₈F₃O₂ 263.1253, found [M+H] 263.1256.

1,3-Diisopropoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2e*)



Purified by TLC (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1:4, v:v), $R_f = 0.6$; Light yellow liquid; Yield 23%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 4.60-4.51 (m, 2H), 1.34 (d, J = 4 Hz, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.10 (s), 132.49 (s), 124.22 (q, J = 274 Hz), 110.35 (q, J = 28 Hz), 107.55 (d, J = 2 Hz), 71.99 (s), 22.10 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -54.50 (s); IR (neat) 2980, 2940, 1600, 1480, 1310, 1110, 1060, 903 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₃H₁₈F₃O₂ 263.1253, found [M+H] 263.1247.

1,3-Bis-cyclopentyloxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2f) and **1,3-bis-cyclopentyloxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2f*)**



Purified by TLC (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1:2, v:v), $R_f = 0.7$; Light yellow liquid; Yield 71% (2f:2f* = 47:24); ¹H NMR for the mixture (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H, major), 7.29 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H, minor), 6.53 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H, major), 6.45 (s, 1H, major), 6.41 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H, minor), 4.82-4.74 (m, 2H, mixture), 1.95-1.58 (m, 16H, mixture); ¹³C NMR for the mixture (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.04 (s), 158.03 (s), 157.45 (s), 132.38 (s), 128.18 (q, J = 5 Hz), 124.37(q, J = 274 Hz), 124.27 (q, J = 270 Hz), 111.85 (q, J = 30 Hz), 108.75 (q, J = 29 Hz), 106.30 (s), 105.15 (s), 102.33 (s), 80.56 (s), 80.11 (s), 79.75 (s), 32.99 (s), 32.94 (s), 32.87 (s), 24.20 (s), 23.97 (s); ¹⁹F NMR for the mixture (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -54.72 (s, minor), - 61.27 (s, major); IR (neat) 2960, 2870, 1600, 1470, 1310, 1120, 1070, 840 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₂₂F₃O₂ 315.1566, found [M+H] 315.1568.

1,2,3-Trimethoxy-5-methyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2g)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:4, v:v), $R_f = 0.7$; Colorless liquid; Yield 70%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.50 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.27 (s), 153.52 (d, J = 2Hz), 141.05 (s), 133.25 (d, J = 2 Hz), 125.01 (q, J = 273 Hz), 115.59 (q, J = 29 Hz), 110.84 (s), 61.88 (s), 60.95 (s), 56.05 (s), 21.70 (q, J = 4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -54.26 (s); IR (neat) 2940, 1600, 1470, 1300, 1110, 1010, 838 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₁₄F₃O₃ 251.0890, found [M+H] 251.0889.

1,2,3-Trimethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2h)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:4, v:v), $R_f = 0.7$; Light yellow liquid; Yield 31%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H),3.89 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.91 (s), 152.41 (d, J = 2 Hz), 143.05 (s), 123.78 (q, J = 270 Hz), 121.65 (q, J = 5 Hz), 117.14 (q, J = 31 Hz), 106.49 (s), 61.77 (s), 60.97 (s), 56.22 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.86 (s); IR (neat) 2940, 2840, 1600, 1470, 1320, 1120, 1010, 876, 806 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₂F₃O₃ 237.0733, found [M+H] 237.0727.

1,2,3-Trimethoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2h*)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:4, v:v), $R_f = 0.8$; White solid; Yield 20%; Mp. 62-64 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.83 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 6H), 3.89 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.55 (s), 140.73 (s), 125.86 (q, *J* = 33 Hz), 124.19 (q, *J* = 270 Hz), 102.69 (q, *J* = 4 Hz), 61.04 (s), 56.42 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.07 (s); IR (neat) 2930, 2850, 1600, 1470, 1350, 1170, 1100, 992, 842 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₂F₃O₃ 237.0733, found [M+H] 237.0735.

1-Bromo-3,5-dimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2i)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:8, v:v), $R_f = 0.5$; Light yellow liquid; Yield 70%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.80 (d, J = 4 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, J = 4 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.55 (s), 160.80 (s), 123.51 (q, J = 273 Hz), 122.05 (d, J = 2 Hz), 112 (s), 111.72 (q, J = 31 Hz), 99.20 (s), 56.58 (s), 55.83 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -54.57 (s); IR (neat) 3010, 2940, 1600, 1410, 1280, 1160, 1040, 818 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₉H₈BrF₃O₂ 284.9733, found [M+H] 284.9736.

1-Bromo-3,5-dimethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2i*)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:8, v:v), $R_f = 0.6$; White solid; Yield 17%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.76 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.71 (s), 127.20 (s), 123.89 (q, *J* = 273 Hz), 108.80 (s), 106.60 (q, *J* = 29 Hz), 56.73 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -55.20 (s); IR (neat) 3080, 2970, 1580, 1410, 1300, 1150, 1030, 821 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₉H₈BrF₃O₂ 284.9733, found [M+H] 284.9739.

1-Chloro-2,4-dimethoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2j)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:4, v:v), $R_f = 0.5$; White solid; Yield 62%; Mp. 125-127 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (s, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.61 (s), 157.74 (s), 128.54 (q, J = 5 Hz), 123.30 (q, J = 270 Hz), 113.40 (s), 111.83 (q, J = 31 Hz), 97.08 (s), 56.49 (s), 56.42 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.17 (s); IR (neat) 2920, 1610, 1400, 1330, 1210, 1080, 1020, 894, 822 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₀H₉ClF₃O₄ 285.0136, found [M+HCO₂H-H] 285.0133.

2,4-Dimethoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile (2k)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:2, v:v), $R_f = 0.4$; Brown solid; Yield 44%; Mp. 162-164 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (s, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 4.00 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.63 (s), 162.60 (d, *J* = 1 Hz), 132.79 (q, *J* = 6 Hz), 122.76 (q, *J* = 270 Hz), 115.70 (s), 112.38 (q, *J* = 33 Hz), 95.72 (s), 93.28 (s), 56.60 (s), 56.48 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.17 (s); IR (neat) 2950, 2230, 1620, 1480, 1320, 1130, 1020, 916, 841 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₉F₃NO₂ 232.0580, found [M+H] 232.0577.

Methyl 3,5-dimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (2l)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:4, v:v), $R_f = 0.4$; White solid; Yield 64%; Mp. 83-85 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.58 (s, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 6H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.89 (s), 163.09 (s), 159.66 (d, J = 1 Hz), 135.37 (q, J = 3 Hz), 123.50 (q, J = 271 Hz), 108.69 (q, J = 31Hz), 103.96 (s), 100.91 (s), 56.43 (s), 55.84 (s), 53.08 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -57.34 (s); IR (neat) 2960, 2580, 1730, 1590, 1430, 1290, 1110, 863 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₁₂F₃O₄ 265.0682, found [M+H] 265.0683.

Methyl 3,5-dimethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (21*)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:4, v:v), $R_f = 0.5$; White solid; Yield 21%; Mp. 113-114 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone) δ 7.24 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 6H), 3.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.05 (s), 159.37 (d, J = 1 Hz), 134.42 (s), 123.68 (q, J = 273 Hz), 111.07 (q, J = 30 Hz), 105.85 (s), 56.69 (s), 52.77 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -55.70 (s); IR (neat) 2960, 1720, 1580, 1410, 1230, 1100, 1030, 860 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₁₀F₃O₄ 263.0537, found [M-H] 263.0534.

Methyl 2,6-dimethoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (2m)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:4, v:v), $R_f = 0.6$; Light yellow liquid; Yield 53%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.98 (s), 160.31 (s), 156.79 (d, J = 2 Hz), 129.39 (q, J = 5 Hz), 123.54 (q, J = 270 Hz), 119.28 (s), 116.81 (q, J = 31 Hz), 106.02 (s), 63.51 (d, J = 1 Hz), 56.42 (s), 52.93 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.38 (s); IR (neat) 2950, 2850, 1740, 1600, 1490, 1290, 1100, 969, 814 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₁₂F₃O₄ 265.0682, found [M+H] 265.0682.

Methyl 2,4,6-trimethoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (2n)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:3, v:v), $R_f = 0.3$; White solid; Yield 84%; Mp. 65-67 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.30 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 6H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.98 (s), 161.31 (d, *J* = 1 Hz), 160.50 (s), 158.40 (d, *J* = 2 Hz), 123.61 (q, *J* = 272 Hz), 112.31 (s), 105.27 (q, *J* = 30 Hz), 92.07 (s), 64.13 (d, *J* = 2 Hz), 56.54 (s), 56.17 (s), 52.72 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -55.89 (s); IR (neat) 2950, 1720, 1610, 1410, 1250, 1080, 980, 815 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₃F₃NaO₅ 317.0607, found [M+Na] 317.0607.

1-(3,5-Dimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethanone (20)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:2, v:v), $R_f = 0.7$; White solid; Yield 70%; Mp. 84-86 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.53 (d, *J* = 1 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.98 (s), 163.44 (s), 159.68 (d, J = 2 Hz), 144.55 (q, J = 2 Hz), 123.88 (q, J = 271 Hz), 107.10 (q, J = 32 Hz), 101.76 (s), 99.87 (s), 56.38 (s), 55.81 (s), 31.43 (q, J = 3 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -55.42 (s); IR (neat) 2950, 1700, 1590, 1360, 1290, 1110, 1030, 830 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₁₂F₃O₃ 249.0733, found [M+H] 249.0733.

1-(3,5-Dimethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethanone (20*)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:2, v:v), $R_f = 0.7$; White solid; Yield 23%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 6H), 2.63 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.04 (d, J = 4 Hz), 159.72 (d, J = 2 Hz), 140.82 (s), 123.63 (q, J = 274 Hz), 111.22 (q, J = 30Hz), 104.54 (s), 56.68 (s), 26.83 (d, J = 3 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -57.35 (s); IR (neat) 2950, 1700, 1590, 1420, 1280, 1220, 1100, 829 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₁₂F₃O₃ 249.0733, found [M+H] 249.0735.

1-(2,4,6-Trimethoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethanone (2p)



Purified by TLC (dichloromethane), $R_f = 0.8$; White solid; Yield 83%; Mp. 84-85 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.31 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.98 (s), 161.31 (d, J = 1 Hz), 160.50 (s), 158.40 (d, J = 2 Hz), 123.61 (q, J = 272 Hz), 112.31 (s), 105.27 (q, J = 30 Hz), 92.07 (s), 64.13 (d, J = 2 Hz), 56.54 (s), 56.17 (s), 52.72 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -55.77 (s); IR (neat) 2920, 1690, 1600, 1470, 1310, 1210, 1090, 917, 816 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₃F₃KO₄ 317.0398, found [M+K] 317.0397.

3,5-Dimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzoic acid (2q)



Purified by TLC (formic acid/dichloromethane = 1:100, v:v), $R_f = 0.3$; White solid; Yield 62%; Mp. 146-147 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.62(s, 1H), 6.61(s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.63 (s), 163.16 (s), 159.81 (s), 134.50 (s), 123.44 (q, *J* = 271 Hz), 108.75 (q, *J* = 31 Hz), 104.16 (s), 101.38 (s), 56.52 (s), 55.93 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -56.79 (s); IR (neat) 2950, 1700, 1590, 1460, 1270, 1110, 1030, 911, 828 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₀F₃O₄251.0526, found [M+H] 251.0528.

3,5-Dimethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoic acid (2q*)



Purified by TLC (formic acid/dichloromethane = 1:100, v:v), $R_f = 0.2$; White solid; Yield 16%; sublimation at 160 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 168.34 (s), 160.61 (s), 136.86 (s), 125.05 (q, J = 273 Hz), 111.49 (q, J = 30 Hz), 106.83 (s), 56.96 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 55.83 (s); IR (neat) 2970, 2850, 1690, 1580, 1410, 1230, 1110, 924, 867 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₀F₃O₄251.0526, found [M+H] 251.0533.

2,6-Dimethoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoic acid (2r)

Purified by TLC (formic acid/dichloromethane = 1:100, v:v), $R_f = 0.2$; White solid; Yield 52%; Mp. 146-147 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.27 (s), 160.49 (s), 157.39 (d, J = 2 Hz), 130.07 (q, J = 5 Hz), 123.50 (q, J = 270Hz), 118.30 (s), 117.23 (q, J = 31 Hz), 106.36 (s), 64.05 (s), 56.60 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.41 (s); IR (neat) 2920, 1720, 1650, 1590, 1420, 1280, 1090, 877, 815 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₀F₃O₄ 251.0526, found [M+H] 251.0525.

(3,5-Dimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanol (2s)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:1, v:v), $R_f = 0.7$; White solid; Yield 46%; Mp. 80-82 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.80 (d, J = 2 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 2 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.91 (s), 160.10 (d, J = 2 Hz), 142.88 (s), 125.20 (q, J = 272 Hz), 108.36 (q, J = 31 Hz), 104.50 (s), 98.39 (s), 62.69 (q, J = 6 Hz), 56.26 (s), 55.43 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -54.03 (s); IR (neat) 3300, 2950, 1590, 1460, 1290, 1090, 1030, 835 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₂F₃O₃ 237.0733, found [M+H] 237.0732.

(3,5-Dimethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanol (2s*)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:1, v:v), $R_f = 0.6$; White solid; Yield 15%; Mp. 79-81 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.61 (s, 2H), 4.69 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 6H), 2.04 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.55 (d, J = 1 Hz), 146.70 (s), 124.16 (q, J = 273 Hz), 106.23 (q, J = 30 Hz), 102.77 (s), 64.85 (s), 56.48 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -54.86 (s); IR (neat) 3280, 2920, 1590, 1420, 1330, 1240, 1090, 825 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₂F₃O₃ 237.0733, found [M+H] 237.0731.

N-(3,5-Dimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (2t)



Purified by TLC (dichloromethane), $R_f = 0.4$; White solid; Yield 52%; Mp. 129-131 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 3.84 (d, J = 4 Hz, 6H), 2.19 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.65 (s), 163.12 (s), 159.98 (d, J = 1 Hz), 138.08 (d, J = 1 Hz), 125.03 (q, J = 272 Hz), 101.67 (d, J = 32 Hz), 100.77 (s), 96.59 (s), 56.37 (s), 55.67 (s), 25.10 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 52.78 (s); IR (neat) 3260, 1660, 1590, 1530, 1280, 1200, 1090, 834 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₁H₁₃F₃NO₃ 264.0842, found [M+H] 264.0841.

N-(3,5-Dimethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (2t*)



Purified by TLC (dichloromethane), $R_f = 0.3$; White solid; Yield 21%; Mp. 148-149 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (s, 1H), 6.87 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 6H), 2.19 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.95 (s), 159.91 (s), 142.49 (s), 124.15 (q, J = 272Hz), 103.07 (d, J = 30 Hz), 96.09 (s), 56.43 (s), 24.91 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -54.47 (s); IR (neat) 3280, 2940, 1670, 1600, 1280, 1100, 1020, 827 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₁₂F₃NNaO₃ 286.0661, found [M+Na] 286.0653.

3,5-Dimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde (2u)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:3, v:v), $R_f = 0.6$; White solid; Yield 38%; Mp. 75-77 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.39 (q, J = 2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 2 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 2 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.67 (q, J = 5 Hz), 163.14 (s), 159.77 (d, J = 2 Hz), 138.35 (s), 124.60 (q, J = 273 Hz), 111.73 (q, J = 31 Hz), 104.26 (s), 103.97 (s), 56.67 (s), 55.94 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -51.40 (s); IR (neat) 3100, 2920, 2850, 1690, 1590, 1470, 1280, 1070, 847 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₀F₃O₃ 235.0577, found [M+H] 235.0581.

3,5-Dimethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde (2u*)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:3, v:v), $R_f = 0.5$; White solid; Yield 10%; Mp. 100-102 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.98 (s, 1H), 7.12 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.17 (s), 160.09 (s), 139.69 (s), 123.50 (q, J = 274 Hz), 112.29 (q, J = 30 Hz), 105.49 (s), 56.74 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -55.87 (s); IR (neat) 3020, 2920, 2850, 1700, 1590, 1470, 1240, 1100, 1030, 835 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₈F₃O₃ 233.0431, found [M-H] 233.0426.

1-Methoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)naphthalene (2v)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:8, v:v), $R_f = 0.7$; Light yellow liquid; Yield 66%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, J =8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.58 (s), 130.24 (s), 128.15 (s), 126.07 (s), 126.01 (s), 125.84 (q, J = 6 Hz), 124.13 (q, J = 2 Hz), 122.80 (s), 118.45 (q, J = 30 Hz), 104.63 (s), 101.82 (s), 55.90 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -58.96 (s); IR (neat) 2940, 2850, 1590, 1470, 1260, 1110, 998, 820 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₀F₃O 227.0678, found [M+H] 227.0680.

2-Methoxy-1-(trifluoromethyl)naphthalene (2w)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:8, v:v), $R_f = 0.7$; White solid; Yield 55%; Mp. 50-52 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.08 (d, J = 2Hz), 134.48 (s), 131.16 (s), 129.14 (s), 128.77 (s), 128.29 (s), 126.91 (s), 124.34 (s), 124.08 (q, J = 5 Hz), 114.23 (s), 111.18 (q, J = 29 Hz), 57.38 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -52.54 (s); IR (neat) 2950, 2850, 1630, 1510, 1340, 1240, 1060, 811 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₀F₃O 227.0678, found [M+H] 227.0680.

5-(Trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-thieno[3,4-*b*][1,4]dioxine (2x)



Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:8, v:v), $R_f = 0.7$; Light yellow liquid; Yield 58%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.49 (s, 1H), 4.29-4.33 (m, 2H), 4.19-4.24 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.13 (d, J = 3 Hz), 141.48 (s), 122.39 (q, J = 267 Hz), 104.56 (q, J = 39 Hz), 102.25 (s), 65.08 (s), 64.39 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -55.36 (s); IR (neat) 3120, 2940, 1710, 1600, 1510, 1310,

1170, 1070, 940 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₇H₄F₃O₂S 208.9890, found [M-H] 208.9890.

3,4-Dimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)thiophene (2y)

Purified by TLC (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:8, v:v), $R_f = 0.6$; Light yellow liquid; Yield 84%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.34 (s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.67 (s), 147.62-147.48 (m), 122.35 (q, *J* = 268 Hz), 113.08 (q, *J* = 38 Hz), 99.95-96.84 (m), 61.23 (s), 57.66 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -55.59 (s); IR (neat) 3120, 2940, 1510, 1410, 1310, 1120, 1030, 883 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₈H₈F₃O₄S 257.0090, found [M+HCO₂H-H] 257.0085.

3-Phenyl-1-(2,4,6-trimethoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (2za)



Purified by TLC (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 2:1, v:v), $R_f = 0.8$; Light yellow liquid; Yield 39%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.05 (m, 5H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.15-2.95 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.66 (s), 160.99 (s), 159.88 (s), 157.71 (s), 141.16 (s), 128.61 (s), 128.48 (s), 126.10 (s), 123.68 (q, *J* = 272 Hz), 119.66 (s), 105.50 (q, *J* = 30 Hz), 92.27 (s), 64.81 (d, *J* = 2 Hz), 56.59 (s), 55.97 (s), 46.45 (s), 29.72 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -55.79 (s); IR (neat) 2950, 2840, 1700, 1600, 1310, 1210, 1100, 922, 814 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₁₈F₃O₄ 367.1163, found [M-H] 367.1164.

3-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1-(2,4,6-trimethoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (2zb)



Purified by TLC (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 2:1, v:v), $R_f = 0.8$; Light yellow solid; Yield 48%; Mp. 110-112 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.15-3.07 (m,

4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.32 (s), 161.03 (s), 159.97 (s), 157.73 (s), 138.74 (s), 134.09 (s), 130.88 (s), 129.55 (s), 127.69 (s), 126.92 (s), 123.68 (q, *J* = 272 Hz), 119.53 (s), 105.51 (q, *J* = 30 Hz), 92.25 (s), 64.81 (s), 56.58 (s), 55.97 (s), 44.47 (s), 27.82 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -55.79 (s); IR (neat) 2960, 1700, 1580, 1410, 1280, 1100, 921, 821 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₉ClF₃O₆ 447.0817, found [M+HCO₂H-H] 447.0818.

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6. Copies of ¹H, ¹⁹F and ¹³C NMR spectra

































210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 f1 (ppm)









































































































































































