Supporting Information

Fluorinative Ring-opening of Cyclopropanes by Hypervalent Iodine Reagents. An Efficient Method for 1,3-Oxyfluorination and 1,3-Difluorination

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General information

Hypervalent iodine reagents 1a,¹ 1b,² $1d^3$ and alkenes 11a- j^4 were prepared according to literature procedures. All other chemicals were obtained from commercial sources and used as received. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ (internal standard 7.26 ppm, ¹H; 77.2 ppm, ¹³C) using 400 MHz spectrometers. For column chromatography, silica gel (35-70 microns) was used. Unless otherwise stated, all the reactions were performed under Argon atmosphere.

General procedures for the preparation of cyclopropanes



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According to a modified procedure by Charette and co-workers,⁵ diethylzinc (10 mmol) was added to the solution of 2,4,6-trichlorophenol (10 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (60 ml) at -40°C. Then, the solution was stirred for 15 minutes and diiodomethane (10 mmol) was added. After stirring for another 15 minutes, the corresponding alkene **11a-j** (5 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred in room temperature for 12 h. Then, the organic phase was washed with 10% aq. HCl (2 x 25 ml), saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (2 x 25 ml) and brine (25 ml). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. Cyclopropanes were isolated by silica gel column chromatography in pentane. Compounds **2g**,^{6a} **2h**,^{6b} and **2i**^{6c} were confirmed by NMR comparison to reported data.

(2-(1-Methylcyclopropyl)ethyl)benzene (2a)

This product was prepared according to the above general procedure. Compound **2a** was obtained as transparent oil (1.2 g, 78%). ¹H-NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 3H), 2.62-2.81 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 0.31-0.25 (m, 4H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.1, 128.4, 128.3, 125.6,

41.8, 33.5, 22.8, 15.5, 13.1. (EI) *m*/*z* (rel intens) 160 (M+, 98), 159 (46), 145 (89), 131 (45), 91 (100).

1-Methyl-1-octylcyclopropane (2b)

This product was prepared according to the above general procedure. Compound **2b** was obtained as transparent oil (0.9 g, 58%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.39-1.28 (m, 12H), 1.23-1.20 (m, 2H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.91 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.26-0.20 (m, 4H). ³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 39.4, 31.9, 30.0, 29.7, 29.4, 27.0, 22.8, 22.7, 15.3, 14.1, 12.9. (EI) *m/z* (rel intens) 168 (M+, 5), 138 (11), 111 (32), 97 (48), 83 (100).

1,1-Dibutylcyclopropane (2c)

This product was prepared according to the above general procedure. Compound **2c** was obtained as transparent oil (0.4 g, 53%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.36-1.28 (m, 8H), 1.26-1.22 (m, 4H), 0.93 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 0.22 (s, 4H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 36.0, 29.1, 23.3, 19.4, 14.4, 12.2. (EI) *m/z* (rel intens) 154 (M+, 55), 97 (100), 96 (54), 84 (44), 69 (99).

4-(1-Methylcyclopropyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (2f)
This product was prepared according to the above general procedure. Compound 2f was obtained as white solid (1.2 g, 86%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 3H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 0.98-0.94 (m, 2H), 0.83-0.80 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.4, 141.3, 138.5, 128.9, 127.2, 127.2, 127.1, 25.8, 19.6, 16.1. (EI) *m/z* (rel intens) 208 (M+, 43), 193 (100), 179 (27), 178 (46), 165 (19).



(1-Butylcyclopropyl)benzene (2j)

This product was prepared according to the above general procedure. Compound **2j** was obtained as transparent oil (0.9 g, 77%). ¹H-NMR

(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.20 (m, 4H), 0.86-0.81 (m, 3H), 0.80-0.76 (m, 2H), 0.67-0.63 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.8, 129.2, 128.2, 125.9, 40.4, 29.6, 25.9, 23.1, 14.3, 13.2. (EI) *m/z* (rel intens) 174 (M+, 13), 117 (100), 116 (16), 115 (20), 91 (12).

General procedure for 1,3-difluorination and 1,3-oxyfluorination of cyclopropanes

Fluoroiodane reagent **1a** (56.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), the corresponding cyclopropane **2a-j** (0.1 mmol) and AgBF₄ (**3**) (19 mg, 0.1 mmol) were mixed in CDCl₃ (0.5 ml). This mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 min – 24 h, unless otherwise stated. Products **4a-5f** were isolated by silica gel column chromatography.

(3,5-Difluoro-3-methylpentyl)benzene (4a)

This product was prepared according to the above general procedure using fluoroiodine reagent **1a** (0.1 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 50°C for 1h. Compound **4a** was isolated as a colorless oil using pentane:ether 50:1 as eluent system (14 mg, 71%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 3H), 4.74-4.70 (m, 1H), 4.62-4.58 (m, 1H), 2.75 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.20-1.94 (m, 4H), 1.48 (d, *J*_{HF} = 22.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.9, 128.7, 128.5, 126.2, 96.1 (dd, *J*_{CF} = 169.0, 3.3 Hz), 80.2 (dd, *J*_{CF} = 164.7, 6.8 Hz), 42.3 (dd, *J*_{CF} = 22.8, 0.8 Hz), 40.2 (dd, *J*_{CF} = 25.6, 19.4 Hz), 30.1 (d, *J*_{CF} = 5.7 Hz), 24.8 (dd, *J*_{CF} = 24.7, 1.3 Hz). ¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -145.3 - -145.7 (m, 1F), -218.4 (tt, *J*_{HF} = 47.2, 26.3 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₁₂H₁₆F₂+Na]⁺ 221.1112, found: 221.1121.

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F 1,3-Difluoro-3-methylundecane (4b)

This product was prepared according to the above general procedure. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4h. Compound **4b** was isolated as a colorless oil using pentane:ether 50:1 as eluent system (15 mg, 70%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.71-4.66 (m, 1H), 4.59-4.54 (m, 1H), 2.12-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.37 (d, $J_{HF} = 22.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.29-1.27 (m, 10H), 0.92-0.87 (m, 5H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 96.1 (dd, $J_{CF} = 167.3$, 3.7 Hz), 80.4 (dd, $J_{CF} = 163.5$, 6.8 Hz), 40.2 (dd, $J_{CF} = 22.7$, 0.5 Hz), 39.8 (dd, $J_{CF} = 23.5$, 19.5 Hz), 31.9, 29.9, 29.5, 29.2, 24.6 (dd, $J_{CF} = 24.8$, 1.1 Hz), 23.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 5.6$ Hz), 22.7, 14.1. ¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -144.3 – -144.6 (m, 1F), -218.7 (tt, $J_{HF} = 47.8$, 25.3 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₂H₂₄F₂+Na]⁺ 229.1738, found: 229.1731.

5-Fluoro-5-(2-fluoroethyl)nonane (4c)

This product was prepared according to the above general procedure. **F** The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4h. Compound **4c** was isolated as a colorless oil using pentane:ether 50:1 as eluent system (10 mg, 51%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.60 (dt, $J_{HF} = 47.3$, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.09-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.58 (m, 4H), 1.33-1.25 (m, 8H), 0.91 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 98.0 (dd, $J_{CF} = 169.3$, 4.5 Hz), 80.4 (dd, $J_{CF} = 164.1$, 6.7 Hz), 37.7 (dd, $J_{CF} = 26.0$, 19.1 Hz), 37.2 (dd, $J_{CF} = 22.7$, 0.5 Hz), 25.7 (d, $J_{CF} = 6.0$ Hz), 23.2, 14.2. ¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -150.2– -150.5 (m, 1F), -219.1 (tt, $J_{HF} = 47.3$, 24.3 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₁H₂₂F₂+Na]⁺ 215.1582, found: 215.1581.

(1,3-Difluoropropane-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (4d)

This product was prepared according to the above general procedure. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2h. Compound **4d** was isolated as a colorless oil using pentane:ether 50:1 as eluent system (11 mg,

47%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.27 (m, 10H), 4.55 (dt, J_{HF} = 46.7, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.93-2.80 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.7 (d, J_{CF} = 23.3 Hz), 128.4 (d, J_{CF} = 0.6 Hz), 127.9 (d, J_{CF} = 1.6 Hz), 125.1 (d, J_{CF} = 8.2 Hz), 97.8 (dd, J_{CF} = 176.5, 9.7 Hz), 80.2 (dd, J_{CF} = 164.5, 4.6 Hz), 40.3 (dd, J_{CF} = 24.4, 20.5 Hz). ¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 148.7 (t, J_{HF} = 24.2 Hz, 1F), -221.5 (ttd, J_{HF} = 46.6, 16.5 Hz, J_{FF} = 1.6 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₄F₂+Na]⁺ 255.0956, found: 255.0964.

(2,4-Difluorobutan-2-yl)benzene (4e)

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This product was prepared according to the above general procedure using fluoroiodine reagent **1a** (0.1 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6h. Compound **4e** was isolated as a colorless oil using pentane:ether 50:1 as eluent system (10 mg, 59%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42-7.30 (m, 5H), 4.60 (ddt, J_{HF} = 47.3, J = 9.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (ddt, J_{HF} = 47.0, J = 9.5, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.36-2.30 (m, 2H), 1.75 (dd, J_{HF} = 22.7, 0.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.9 (d, J_{CF} = 21.8 Hz), 128.6 (d, J_{CF} = 1.5 Hz), 127.6 (d, J_{CF} = 1.1 Hz), 123.9 (d, J_{CF} = 9.7 Hz), 96.3 (dd, J_{CF} = 172.6, 6.2 Hz), 80.0 (dd, J_{CF} = 164.5, 5.3 Hz), 42.4 (dd, J_{CF} = 22.4, 20.0 Hz), 27.8 (dd, J_{CF} = 25.1, 1.5 Hz). ¹⁹F-NMR

(377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -147.9 - -148.2 (m, 1F), -220.1 (tt, J_{HF} = 46.2, 22.2 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₀H₁₂F₂+Na]⁺ 193.0799, found: 193.0798.



4-(2,4-Difluorobutan-2-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (4f)

This product was prepared according to the above general procedure. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1h.

Compound **4f** was isolated as a colorless oil using pentane:ether 50:1 as eluent system (13 mg, 55%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.31 (m, 5H), 4.63 (ddt, J_{HF} = 47.5, J = 9.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (ddt, J_{HF} = 46.7, J = 9.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.50-2.34 (m, 2H), 1.77 (dd, J_{HF} = 22.7, 0.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.0 (d, J_{CF} = 22.1 Hz), 140.7, 140.5 (d, J_{CF} = 1.3 Hz), 128.8, 127.5 (d, J_{CF} = 1.2 Hz), 127.2, 127.1, 124.4 (d, J_{CF} = 9.4 Hz), 96.2 (dd, J_{CF} = 172.1, 5.7 Hz), 80.0 (dd, J_{CF} = 164.4, 5.3 Hz), 42.2 (dd, J_{CF} = 23.8, 19.2 Hz), 27.9 (dd, J_{CF} = 25.0, 1.2 Hz). ¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -147.4 – -147.7 (m, 1F), -220.0 (tt, J_{HF} = 46.3, 22.5 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₆F₂+Na]⁺ 269.1112, found: 269.1118.

2-(2,4-Difluorobutan-2-yl)naphthalene (4g)



This product was prepared according to the above general procedure. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3h.

Compound **4g** was isolated as a colorless oil using pentane:ether 100:1 as eluent system (16 mg, 65%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88-7.81 (m, 4H), 7.54-7.39 (m, 3H), 4.65 (ddt, J_{HF} = 47.1, J = 9.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (ddt, J_{HF} = 46.8, J = 9.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.56-2-38 (m, 2H), 1.82 (dd, J_{HF} = 22.6, 0.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.2 (d, J_{CF} = 21.7 Hz), 133.0 (d, J_{CF} = 1.4 Hz), 132.6 (d, J_{CF} = 0.9 Hz), 128.3 (d, J_{CF} = 1.5 Hz), 128.2, 127.6, 126.4, 126.2, 122.7 (d, J_{CF} = 10.8 Hz), 122.2 (d, J_{CF} = 8.4 Hz), 96.4 (dd, J_{CF} = 172.9, 6.1 Hz), 80.2 (dd, J_{CF} = 164.5, 5.2 Hz), 42.3 (dd, J_{CF} = 23.5, 19.5 Hz), 27.9 (dd, J_{CF} = 24.8, 1.4 Hz). ¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -147.5 – -147.6 (m, 1F), -220.0 (tt, J_{HF} = 45.0, 21.8 Hz, 1F) HRMS (ESI): *m*/z calcd. for [C₁₄H₁₄F₂+Na]⁺ 243.0956, found: 243.0946.

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1-Bromo-4-(2,4-difluorobutan-2-yl)benzene (4h)

This product was prepared according to the above general procedure. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24h.

Compound **4h** was isolated as a colorless oil using pentane:ether 50:1 as eluent system (12 mg, 57%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.22 (m, 2H), 4.57 (ddt,

 $J_{HF} = 47.1, J = 9.7, 6.2 Hz, 1H$, 4.39 (ddt, $J_{HF} = 47.1, J = 9.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H$), 2.46-2.23 (m, 2H), 1.70 (dd, J_{HF} = 22.7, 0.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.1 (d, J_{CF} = 22.4 Hz), 131.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 1.3$ Hz), 125.7 (d, $J_{CF} = 9.7$ Hz), 121.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 1.7$ Hz), 96.0 (dd, $J_{CF} = 174.1$, 5.8 Hz), 79.9 (dd, $J_{CF} = 165.1$, 5.3 Hz), 42.2 (dd, $J_{CF} = 21.8$, 20.0 Hz), 27.7 (dd, $J_{CF} = 25.1$, 1.4 Hz). ¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -148.1 – -148.3 (m, 1F), -219.9 (tt, J_{HF} = 46.2, 22.7 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $[C_{10}H_{11}BrF_2+Na]^+ 270.9904$, found: 270.9917.

(1,3-Difluoropentan-3-yl)benzene (4i)



This product was prepared according to the above general procedure. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24h. Compound 4i was isolated as a colorless oil using pentane:ether 50:1 as eluent system (15 mg, 70%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 3H), 4.62-4.45 (m, 1H), 4.42-4.24 (m, 1H), 2.43-2.22 (m, 2H), 2.10-1.88 (m, 2H), 0.78 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.9 (d, J_{CF} = 21.8 Hz), 128.3 (d, J_{CF} = 1.8 Hz), 127.3 (d, J_{CF} = 1.0 Hz), 124.3 (d, $J_{CF} = 10.3$ Hz), 98.5 (dd, $J_{CF} = 176.5$, 7.2 Hz), 80.1 (dd, $J_{CF} = 163.8$, 5.3 Hz), 40.8 (dd, $J_{CF} = 24.8$, 19.8 Hz), 33.7 (dd, $J_{CF} = 23.8$, 0.8 Hz), 7.4 (d, $J_{CF} = 5.0$ Hz). ¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -162.3 – -162.5 (m, 1F), -220.4 (tt, J_{HF} = 46.5, 21.4 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $[C_{11}H_{14}F_2+Na]^+$ 207.0956, found: 207.0955.

(1,3-Difluoroheptan-3-yl)benzene (4j)



This product was prepared according to the above general procedure. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24h. Compound 4j was isolated as a colorless oil using pentane:ether 50:1 as eluent system (14 mg,

66%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 3H), 4.64-4.47 (m, 1H), 4.42-4.26 (m, 1H), 2.47-2.26 (m, 2H), 2.04-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.24 (m, 4H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.2 (d, J_{CF} = 22.1 Hz), 128.3 (d, J_{CF} = 1.7 Hz), 127.3 (d, J_{CF} = 1.1 Hz), 124.3 (d, J_{CF} = 10.6 Hz), 98.3 (dd, J_{CF} = 174.8, 7.3 Hz), 80.2 (dd, J_{CF} = 164.8, 5.2 Hz), 41.3 (dd, J_{CF} = 20.0, 19.6 Hz), 40.7 (dd, J_{CF} = 23.2, 0.7 Hz), 25.2 (d, J_{CF} = 3.7 Hz), 22.8, 13.9. ¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -160.2 - -160.4 (m, 1F), -220.4 (tt, J_{HF} = 47.2, 21.5 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $[C_{13}H_{18}F_2+Na]^+$ 235.1269, found: 235.1277.



3-Fluoro-3-methyl-5-phenylpentyl acetate (5a)

This product was prepared according to the above general procedure using hypervalent iodine reagents **1b** (64 mg, 0.2 mmol)

or **1c** (32 mg, 0.1 mmol) instead of **1a**. The reaction mixtures were stirred at room temperature for 4h with **1b** and for 20 minutes with **1c**. Compound **5a** was isolated as a colorless oil using pentane:ether 20:1 as eluent system (20 mg, 84%).¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 3H), 4.24 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.04-1.91 (m, 4H), 1.43 (d, *J*_{HF} = 21.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.0, 141.6, 128.5, 128.3, 126.0, 95.9 (d, *J*_{CF} = 169.3 Hz), 60.3 (d, *J*_{CF} = 7.1 Hz), 41.9 (d, *J*_{CF} = 22.8 Hz), 38.0 (d, *J*_{CF} = 23.1 Hz), 29.9 (d, *J*_{CF} = 5.9 Hz), 24.6 (d, *J*_{CF} = 24.9 Hz), 21.0. ¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -145.4– -145.8 (m). HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₁₄H₁₉O₂F+Na]⁺ 261.1261, found: 261.1255.

3-Fluoro-3-methylundecyl acetate (5b)

This product was prepared according to the above general procedure using reagent **1b** (32 mg, 0.1 mmol) instead of **1a**. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2h. Compound **5b** was isolated as a colorless oil using pentane:ether 20:1 as eluent system (12 mg, 50%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.19 (dt, J = 7.2, $J_{HF} = 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.05-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.33 (d, $J_{HF} = 22.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.30-1.20 (m, 12H), 0.87 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.4, 96.5 (d, $J_{CF} = 167.3$ Hz), 60.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 6.2$ Hz), 40.1 (d, $J_{CF} = 22.5$ Hz), 37.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 23.3$ Hz), 32.0, 30.1, 29.7, 29.5, 24.7 (d, $J_{CF} = 24.8$ Hz), 23.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 5.8$ Hz), 22.9, 21.2, 14.3. ¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.9– -144.4 (m). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₄H₂₇O₂F+Na]⁺ 269.1887, found: 269.1890.



3-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-fluorobutyl acetate (5c)

This product was prepared according to the above general procedure using **1b** (32 mg, 0.1 mmol) instead of **1a**. The reaction

mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2h. Compound **5c** was isolated as a colorless oil using pentane:ether 20:1 as eluent system (15 mg, 51 %). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.33 (m, 5H), 4.20-4.00 (m, 2H), 2.42-2.25 (m, 2H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.73 (d, $J_{HF} = 22.5$ Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.3, 142.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 22.0$ Hz), 140.7, 140.4 (d, $J_{CF} = 1.1$ Hz), 129.0, 127.6, 127.3 (d, $J_{CF} = 1.6$ Hz), 127.2, 124.5 (d, $J_{CF} = 9.7$

Hz), 97.0 (d, $J_{CF} = 173.9$ Hz), 60.4 (d, $J_{CF} = 4.9$ Hz), 40.4 (d, $J_{CF} = 23.8$ Hz), 28.5 (d, J_{CF} = 23.8 Hz), 28.5 (d, J 25.7 Hz), 21.1. ¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -149.6– -149.9 (m). HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for $[C_{18}H_{19}O_2F+Na]^+$ 309.1261, found: 309.1275.



3-Fluoro-3-methyl-5-phenylpentyl benzoate (5d)

This product was prepared according to the above general procedure using hypervalent iodine reagent 1d (45 mg, 0.1

mmol) instead of **1a**. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 minutes. Compound 5d was isolated as a colorless oil using pentane:ether 50:1 as eluent system (27 mg, 80%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 3H), 4.51 (dt, J = 6.6, $J_{HF} = 0.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t, J= 8.9 Hz, 2H), 2.28-1.92 (m, 4H), 1.49 (d, J_{HF} = 21.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 141.8, 133.2, 130.3, 129.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 126.2, 95.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 168.9$ Hz), 61.0 (d, $J_{CF} = 7.0$ Hz), 42.2 (d, $J_{CF} = 22.7$ Hz), 38.3 (d, $J_{CF} = 23.4$ Hz), 30.1 (d, $J_{CF} = 5.9$ Hz), 24.7 (d, $J_{CF} = 24.8$ Hz). ¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -145.3– -145.6 (m). HRMS (ESI): m/zcalcd. for $[C_{19}H_{21}O_2F+Na]^+$ 323.1418, found: 323.1418.

(5-(Benzyloxy)-3-fluoro-3-methylpentyl)benzene (5e)

This product was prepared according to the above general procedure using fluoroiodine reagent 1a (0.1 mmol) and benzyl alcohol 6 (32 mg, 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18h. Compound 5e was isolated as a colorless oil using pentane:ether 20:1 as eluent system (23 mg, 80 %). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34-7.25 (m, 7H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 3H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 3.64 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.09-1.89 (m, 4H), 1.42 (d, J_{HF} = 22.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.0, 138.3, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 125.9, 96.2 (d, J_{CF} = 168.2 Hz), 73.2, 66.1 (d, J_{CF} = 7.1 Hz), 42.2 (d, J_{CF} = 24.0 Hz), 39.3 (d, J_{CF} = 22.9 Hz), 29.9 (d, J_{CF} = 5.7 Hz), 24.6 (d, J_{CF} = 24.7 Hz). ¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.7– -144.1 (m). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $[C_{19}H_{23}OF+Na]^+$ 309.1625, found: 309.1612.



(((3-Fluoro-3-methylundecyl)oxy)methyl)benzene

This product was prepared according to the above general procedure using fluoroiodine reagent 1a (0.1 mmol) and benzyl alcohol 6 (32 mg, 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18h. Compound **5f** was isolated as a colorless oil using pentane:ether 20:1 as eluent system (27 mg, 91 %). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37-7.27 (m, 5H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 3.63-3.59 (m, 2H), 2.02-1.91 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.33 (d, J_{HF} = 21.9 Hz, 3H), 1.30-1.20 (m, 12H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.4, 128.4, 127.8, 127.6, 96.7 (d, J_{CF} = 166.9 Hz), 73.1, 66.1 (d, J_{CF} = 6.6 Hz), 40.2 (d, J_{CF} = 22.8 Hz), 39.2 (d, J_{CF} = 23.1 Hz), 31.9, 30.0, 29.5, 29.3, 24.7 (d, J_{CF} = 25.0 Hz), 23.7 (d, J_{CF} = 5.7 Hz), 22.7, 14.1. ¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -142.8– -143.2 (m). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₉H₃₁OF+Na]⁺ 317.2251, found: 317.2242.

(3-(benzyloxy)-5-fluoro-3-methylpentyl)benzene (5g)

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This product was prepared according to the above general procedure using fluoroiodine reagent **1a** (0.1 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 50° C for 1h. Benzyl alcohol **6** (32 mg, 0.3

mmol) was added to the reaction mixture after formation of **4a** was confirmed according to the crude NMR. Then, this reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for additional 18h. Compound **5g** was isolated as a colorless oil using pentane:ether 50:1 as eluent system (11 mg, 51 %). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 3H), 4.75-4.69 (m, 1H), 4.64-4.58 (m, 1H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 2.72-2.68 (m, 2H), 2.19-2.00 (m, 2H), 1.94-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.6, 139.4, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 127.5, 127.4, 126.0, 81.1 (d, J_{CF} = 162.6 Hz), 76.0 (d, J_{CF} = 5.1 Hz), 63.6, 40.9, 38.9 (d, J_{CF} = 18.6 Hz), 30.3, 23.8.¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -218.4 (tdd, J_{HF} = 47.3, 25.0, 23.0 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₉H₂₃OF+Na]⁺ 309.1625, found: 309.1637.

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