Supporting Information:

Metal-Free Radical Trifluoromethylation of β-Nitroalkenes through Visible-Light Photoredox Catalysis

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1. General Information

All catalytic experiments were carried out using standard Schlenk techniques. All solvents were reagent grade or better. Deuterated solvents were used as received. All non-deutrated solvents were dried according to standard procedure.^{S1}All the reactions were performed in normal reaction tube received from the Fischer brand. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck 1.05554 aluminum sheets precoated with silica gel 60 F254 and the spots visualized with UV light at 254 nm or under iodine. Column chromatography was performed with SiO₂ (SilicycleSiliaflash F60 (230-400 mesh)). ¹H and ¹³C spectra were recorded on Bruker DRX-200 (200MHz), DRX-400 (400MHz) and DRX-500 (500MHz) spectrometers with tetramethylsilane or CHCl₃ as an internal standard. The peaks were internally referenced to TMS (0.00 ppm) or residual undeuterated solvent signal (7.27 ppm) for ¹H NMR &77.0 ppm for ¹³C NMR). ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded onDRX-400. Abbreviations used in the NMR follow-up experiments: br, broad; s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet. GC analysis were carried out using a Carboxen 1000 column on a HP 690 series GC system or HP-5 cross linked 5% PH ME Siloxane column $(30m \times 0.32mm \times 0.25 \ \mu m$ film thickness, FID) on a HP 6890 series GC system. GC-MS was carried out on HP 6890 (flame ionization detector and thermal conductivity detector) and HP 5973 (MS detector) instruments equipped with a 30 m column (Restek 5MS, 0.32 mm internal diameter) with a 5% phenylmethylsiliconecoating (0.25 mm) and helium as carrier gas. Emission intensities were recorded using a Perkin Elmer LS50 Luminescence spectrometer and cyclic voltammetry experiments were performed in CH 660D Electrochemical work station (CH Instruments, USA).

2. Experimental Section

2.1 Reaction Optimization

	NO	2 + CF ₃ SO ₂ CI	Catalyst (5 mol Additive (2.5 equ	%) uv)	CF3
MeO 1a	a	2	Visible light Ar atm, r.t	MeO 3a	
	Entry	Cata	nlyst	Yield (%) ^b	
	1	Ru(bip	$(y)_3Cl_2$	51	
	2	Eosi	n-Y	74	
	3	Rose H	Bengal	68	
	4	Rodar	nin-B	36	
	5	Alizar	rine-S	70	
	6	Fluor	ecene	12	
	7	Na salt of	Eosin-Y	NR	

Table S1: Screening of photoredox catalyst^a

^a Reactions performed using **1a** (0.125 mmol), CF_3SO_2Cl (0.3 mmol), photoredox catalyst (5 mol%), additive K₂HPO₄ (0.3 mmol), and CH₃CN (0.5 mL) for 32 h under argon atm at room temperature (Light source: 32-W compact fluorescent light). ^b Yield determined by GC using *m*-xylene as an internal standard. NR = No reaction.

Table S2: Screening of additive^a

MeO	la	NO ₂ +	CF ₃ SO ₂ CI 2	Eosin-Y (5 mol ⁶ Additive (2.5 equ Visible light Ar atm, r.t	%) uiv) MeO	CF ₃
	_	Entry	A	dditive	Yield (%) ^b	_
	_	1	K	CH ₂ PO ₄	42	_
		2	Ν	a ₂ HPO ₄	trace	
		3	Ν	aH ₂ PO ₄	24	
		4	ŀ	KHSO4	31	
		5	N	laHSO ₄	21	

6	K_3PO_4	NR
7	CsOAc	NR
8	K ₂ HPO ₄	74

^a Reactions performed using **1a** (0.125 mmol), CF₃SO₂Cl (0.3 mmol), Eosin-Y (5 mol%), additive (0.3 mmol), and CH₃CN (0.5 mL) for 32 h under argon atm at room temperature (Light source: 32-W compact fluorescent light). ^b Yield determined by GC using *m*-xylene as an internal standard. NR = No reaction.

Table S3: Screening of solvent^a

MeO 1a	NO ₂ +	CF ₃ SO ₂ CI 2	Eosin-Y (5 m K ₂ HPO ₄ (2.5 d Visible ligh Ar atm, r.t	nol%) equiv) ht MeO 3	CF ₃
•	Entry		Solvent	Yield (%) ^b	
•	1	(CH ₃ CN	74	•
	2		МеОН	31	
	3		DCE	27	
	4		THF	39	
	5		DMF	0	
	6	r -	Foluene	NR	
	7	1,4	-Dioxane	47	
	8		Water	NR	
	9	0	-Xylene	NR	
	10		Et ₂ O	56	
	11		DMSO	NR	

^a Reactions performed using **1a** (0.125 mmol), CF₃SO₂Cl (0.3 mmol), Eosin-Y (5 mol%), K₂HPO₄(0.3 mmol), and solvent (0.5 mL) for 32 h under argon atm at room temperature (Light source: 32-W compact fluorescent light). ^b Yield determined by GC using *m*-xylene as an internal standard. NR = No reaction.

Table S4: Screening of CF₃source^a

MeO 1a	NO;	² + CF ₃ source 2	Eosin-Y (5 mol K_2 HPO ₄ (2.5 eq Visible light CH ₃ CN Ar atm, r.t	%) Juliv) MeO 3a	CF ₃
	Entry	CF ₃ sou	irce	Yield (%) ^b	-
	1	CF ₃ COO	OH I	NR	•
	2	CF ₃ SO ₂	Cl	74	
	3	CF ₃ SO ₂	Na	NR	
	4	CF ₃ CO ₂	Na	NR	
	5	Togni's	reagent	26	
	6	(CF ₃ CO) ₂ O	NR	

^a Reactions performed using **1a** (0.125 mmol), CF₃ source (0.3 mmol), Eosin-Y (5 mol%), K₂HPO₄(0.3 mmol), and CH₃CN (0.5 mL) for 32 h under argon atm at room temperature (Light source: 32-W compact fluorescent light). ^b Yield determined by GC using *m*-xylene as an internal standard. NR = No reaction.

Table S5: Reaction Kinetics^{a,b}



Figure S1. Reaction profile for the formation of 3a.

^a Reactions performed using **1a** (0.125 mmol), CF₃ source (0.3 mmol), Eosin-Y (5 mol%), K₂HPO₄ (0.3 mmol), and CH₃CN (0.5 mL) for 32 h under argon atm at room temperature (Light source: 32-W compact fluorescent light). ^b Yield determined by GC using *m*-xylene as an internal standard. NR = No reaction.

2.2 Synthesis and characterization of starting materials

i) Method-A: synthesis of β-nitroalkene^{S2}



Scheme S1. Synthesis of β -nitroalkene.

A mixture of aromatic aldehyde (10mmol) and nitromethane (11 mmol) were dissolved 25 mL of methanol in a 100 mL round bottle flask and then the mixture was cooled to 0°C. Then, NaOH(11 mmol) was added into the reaction mixture and kept it stirring for 2 h. After the completion of the reaction, the mixture was neutralised by 4N HCl, which afforded yellow coloured solid. This was filtered by a sintered funnel and washed with cold methanol to get a crude yellow, amorphous solid. Recrystallization in methanol (after 1 day) then gave analytically pure sample of β -nitro alkene derivative.

(*E*)-1-methoxy-4-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene (1a)^{S2}



Compound **1a**was prepared according to the general procedure as described above (Method A) using 4-methoxy benzaldehyde. Yellow solid. Yield: 88%. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.93 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 3H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 162.80, 138.96, 134.76, 131.07, 122.32, 114.74, 55.36.

(*E*)-1-methyl-4-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene (1b)^{S2}



Compound **1b** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above (Method A) using 4-methyl benzaldehyde. Yellow solid. Yield: 82%.¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.0 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 143.07, 139.13, 136.24, 130.10, 129.15, 127.23, 21.60.

(E)-methyl(4-(2-nitrovinyl)phenyl)sulfane (1c)^{S3}



Compound 1cwas prepared according to the general procedure as described above (Method A) using 4-thiomethyl benzaldehyde. Yellow solid. Yield: 79%.¹H NMR (200 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.97 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 145.08, 138.68, 135.96, 129.39, 126.07, 125.81, 14.74.

(*E*)-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene (1d)^{S2}



Compound **1e**was prepared according to the general procedure as described above (Method A) using benzaldehyde. Yellow solid. Yield: 82%.¹**H NMR** (200 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 - 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.51 - 7.41 (m, 3H). ¹³C **NMR** (50.3 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 139.00, 137.05, 132.08, 130.01, 129.33, 129.09.

(E)-1-fluoro-4-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene (1e)



Compound **1f**was prepared according to the general procedure as described above (Method A) using 4-fluoro benzaldehyde. Yellow solid. Yield: 83%.¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.99 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H).¹³**C NMR** (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 164.82 (d, $J_{C-F} = 254.6$ Hz), 137.80, 136.79, 131.25 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.6$ Hz), 126.28, 116.71 (d, $J_{C-F} = 22.9$ Hz).

(E)-1-chloro-4-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene (1f)^{S2}



Compound **1g**was prepared according to the general procedure as described above (Method A) using 4-chloro benzaldehyde. Yellow solid. Yield: 76%.¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.97 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 138.32, 137.66, 137.39, 130.24, 129.75, 128.50.

(E)-4-(2-nitrovinyl)biphenyl (1g)



Compound **1h** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above (Method A) using 4-phenyl benzaldehyde. Yellow solid. Yield: 63%. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.06 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.71 - 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.66 - 7.63 (m, 5H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 144.96, 139.54, 138.67, 136.86, 129.67, 129.01, 128.91, 128.35, 127.95, 127.08.

(E)-1-methyl-3-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene (1i)



Compound **1j** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above (Method A) using 3-methyl benzaldehyde. Yellow solid. Yield: 74%.¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.98 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 - 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.33 - 7.31 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 139.21, 139.17, 136.86, 132.97, 129.94, 129.66, 129.20, 126.32, 21.19.

(E)-1-methoxy-3-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene (1j)



Compound **1k** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above (Method A) using 3-methoxy benzaldehyde. Yellow solid. Yield: 87%.¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.95 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06 - 7.02 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 160.4, 138.96, 137.24, 131.24, 130.34, 121.67, 117.87, 113.92, 55.33.

(*E*)-1-chloro-3-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene (1k)



Compound **11** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above (Method A) using 3-chloro benzaldehyde. Yellow solid. Yield: 86%. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.93 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 - 7.39 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 138.05, 137.37, 135.38, 131.78, 130.59, 128.69, 127.19.

(E)-2-bromo-1-fluoro-4-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene (11)



Compound **1m** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above (Method A) using 3-bromo 4-fluoro benzaldehyde. Light yellow solid. Yield: 70%.¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.91 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 6.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 - 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 160.94 (d, $J_{C-F} = 255.6$ Hz), 137.65, 136.36, 134.10, 129.91 (d, $J_{C-F} = 7.6$ Hz), 127.73, 117.54 (d, $J_{C-F} = 22.9$ Hz), 110.34 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.9$ Hz).

(*E*)-1,2-dimethoxy-4-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene (1m)



Compound **1n** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above (Method A) using 3,4-dimethoxy benzaldehyde. Yellow solid. Yield: 88%.¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.94 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 1H).¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 152.71, 149.45, 139.24, 135.05, 124.56, 122.70, 111.25, 110.18, 55.97, 55.90.

(E)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)naphthalene (1n)



Compound **10** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above (Method A) using 2-napthaldehyde. Yellow solid. Yield: 68%.¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.16 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.91 - 7.87 (m, 3H), 7.70 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62 - 7.56 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 139.20, 137.10, 134.87, 133.10, 132.25, 129.33, 128.80, 128.35, 127.91, 127.50, 127.25, 123.28.

(E)-2-methoxy-1-(2-nitrovinyl)naphthalene (10)



Compound **1p** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above (Method A) using 2-methoxy 1-napthaldehyde. Yellow solid. Yield: 55%.¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.83 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, J =

1H), 7.98 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 158.90, 140.07, 134.35, 133.29, 130.78, 128.99, 128.42, 124.40, 122.10, 112.16, 111.50, 56.21.

(E)-2-methoxy-6-(2-nitrovinyl)naphthalene (1p)



Compound **1q** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above (Method A) using 6-methoxy 2-napthaldehyde. Yellow solid. Yield: 78%.¹**H** NMR (200 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.14 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H). ¹³**C** NMR (50.3 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ . 159.71, 139.56, 136.61, 136.13, 132.14, 130.42, 128.50, 128.06, 125.25, 124.04, 120.04, 106.10, 55.45.

(*E*)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-4-phenylthiophene (1r)



Compound **1s** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above (Method A) using 4-phenyl thiophene aldehyde. Yellow solid. Yield: 59%.¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.17 (d, *J*=13.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.55 - 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J*=13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 - 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.34 - 7.40 (m, 1H).¹³C NMR (100.5 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 144.06, 135.49, 134.26, 134.13, 133.14, 131.99, 129.04, 128.07, 126.25, 126.06.

(E)-(3-nitroallyl)benzene (1s)



Compound **1u** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above (Method A) using phenylacetaldehyde. Yellow liquid. Yield: 76%.¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.40 - 7.48 (m, 1 H), 7.37 (t, *J*=7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J*=13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 141.03, 140.32, 135.66, 129.01, 128.70, 127.35, 34.57.

(*E*)-1-nitrooct-1-ene (1t)



Compound **1v** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above (Method A) using heptaldehyde. Light yellow liquid. Yield: 72%. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 4.21 - 4.52 (m, 2H), 1.46 - 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.29 (br. s., 8H), 0.79 - 0.98 (m, 3H).¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 80.64, 68.67, 33.68, 31.58, 28.93, 25.09, 22.49, 13.99.

2.3 Synthesis and Characterization of Products

Synthesis of1-trifluoromethylalkenes: Visible-light metal-free photoredox catalysis



Scheme S2. Synthesis of 1-trifluoromethylalkenes3.

(a) Experimental procedure:

To a 10 mL clean, oven-dried screw cap reaction tube was added eosin-Y (0.0125 mmol, 5 mol%), K₂HPO₄ (0.625 mmol, 2.5 equiv), β -nitroalkene **1** (0.25 mmol), CF₃SO₂Cl (0.625 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and CH₃CN (1mL) under inert atm. The reaction mixture was kept for stirring at room temperature with 32W compact fluorescent light bulb for 32 h. Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (4 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 5 mL). The resultant organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (230-400 mesh size) using petroleum-ether/ethyl acetate as an eluting system.

(b) Gram-scale synthesis:

To a 25 mL clean, oven-dried screw cap reaction tube was added eosin-Y (0.185 mmol, 5 mol%), K_2HPO_4 (2.5 equiv), β -nitroalkene **1b** or **1g** (3.7 mmol), CF_3SO_2Cl (9.24 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and CH_3CN (5 mL) under inert atm. The reaction mixture was kept for stirring at room temperature with 32-W compact fluorescent light bulb for 32 h. Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (4 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 5 mL). The resultant organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (230-400 mesh size) using petroleum-ether/ethyl acetate as an eluting system and gave the desired product (product **3b** in 51% and product **3g** in 65%).



• If starting material is remaining, add additional quantities of CF₃ source and continue the visible-light irradiation.

• Solvent dilution is the most important factor.

• Sometimes higher yields were observed when recrystallized eosin-Y (thrice from ethanol) was used.

• Reaction should be conducted strictly under an inert atmosphere of argon for better performance.

(c) Characterization of Products:

(E)-1-methoxy-4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-enyl)benzene (3a)



Colorless oil. Yield: 74%. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.41 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (qd, J = 16.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.07 (qd, J = 16.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 161.02, 137.08 (q, J = 6.8 Hz), 129.01, 126.06, 123.89 (q, J = 268.4 Hz), 114.30, 113.44 (q, J = 33.7 Hz), 55.36. ¹⁹F NMR (376.5

MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -62.84. (Known compound: Iqbal, N.; Jung, J.; Park, S.; Cho, E. J. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.***2014**, *53*, 539).

(*E*)-1-methyl-4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-enyl)benzene (3b)



Colorless oil. Yield: 71%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.36 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (qd, J = 16.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (qd, J = 16.1, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 140.28, 137.53 (q, J = 6.9 Hz), 130.65, 129.61, 127.46, 123.64 (q, J = 268.9 Hz), 114.76 (q, J = 33.9 Hz), 21.35. ¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -62.84. (Known compound: Iqbal, N.; Jung, J.; Park, S.; Cho, E. J. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2014**, *53*, 539).

(*E*)-methyl(4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-enyl)phenyl)sulfane (3c)



Colorless oil. Yield: 73%. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.37 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (qd, J = 16.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (qd, J = 16.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 141.44, 137.01 (q, J = 7.6 Hz), 129.95, 127.86, 126.16, 123.68 (q, J = 265.2 Hz), 114.89 (q, J = 33.4), 15.25. ¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -63.09. (Known compound: Omote, M.; Tanaka, M.; Ikeda, A.; Nomura, S.; Tarui, A.; Sato, K.; Ando, A. *Org. Lett.*, **2012**, *14*, 9).

(E)-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-enyl)benzene (3d)



Colorless oil. Yield: 68%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.48 - 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.17 (qd, J = 16.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (qd, J = 16.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz,

Chloroform-d) δ -63.34. (Known compound: Ma, J. -J.; Yi, W. -B.; Lu, G. -P.; Cai, C. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2015**, *357*, 3447).

(E)-1-fluoro-4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-enyl)benzene (3e)



Colorless oil. Yield: 70%. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.46 - 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.17 (qd, J = 16.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (qd, J = 16.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -63.32, -110.25. (Known compound: Ma, J. -J.; Yi, W. -B.; Lu, G. -P.; Cai, C. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2015**, *357*, 3447).

(E)-1-chloro-4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-enyl)benzene (3f)



Colorless oil. Yield: 63%. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.43 - 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.12 (qd, J = 16.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (qd, J = 16.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -63.44. (Known compound: Ma, J. -J.; Yi, W. -B.; Lu, G. -P.; Cai, C. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2015**, *357*, 3447).

(E)-4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-enyl)biphenyl (3g)



White solid. Yield: 69%. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.64 (t, *J*=8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.54 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 - 7.43 (m, 1H) 7.21 (dd, *J*=16.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H) 6.26 (dq, *J*= 16.16, 6.56 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 142.82, 140.10, 137.21 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 132.34, 128.90, 128.00, 127.84, 127.57, 127.04, 124.73, 122.59, 115.73 (q, *J* = 33.4 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -63.19. (Known compound:

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(E)-1-nitro-4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-enyl)benzene (3h)



Yellow solid. Yield: 81%. ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.82 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (qd, J = 16.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (qd, J = 16.0, 6.4 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹**F** NMR (376.5 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -63.97. (Known compound: Ma, J. -J.; Yi, W. -B.; Lu, G. -P.; Cai, C. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2015**, *357*, 3447).

(E)-1-methyl-3-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-enyl)benzene (3i)



Colorless oil. Yield: 60%. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.26 - 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (qd, J = 16.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (qd, J = 16.1, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -63.27. (Known compound: Ma, J. -J.; Yi, W. -B.; Lu, G. -P.; Cai, C. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2015**, *357*, 3447).

(E)-1-methoxy-3-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-enyl)benzene (3j)



Colorless oil. Yield: 63%. ¹**H NMR** (200 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.32 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (qd, J = 16.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (qd, J = 16.1, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ¹⁹**F NMR** (376.5 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ - 63.33. (Known compound: Ma, J. -J.; Yi, W. -B.; Lu, G. -P.; Cai, C. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2015**, 357, 3447).

(E)-1-chloro-3-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-enyl)benzene (3k)



Colorless oil. Yield: 67%. ¹**H NMR** (200 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.39 - 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.11 (dq, J = 16.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dq, J = 16.0, 6.4 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹**F NMR** (376.5 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -63.61. (Known compound: Ma, J. -J.; Yi, W. -B.; Lu, G. -P.; Cai, C. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2015**, *357*, 3447 - 3452)

(E)-2-bromo-1-fluoro-4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-enyl)benzene (3l)



Colorless oil. Yield: 66%. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.68 (dd, J = 6.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 - 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (qd, J = 16.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (qd, J = 16.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 159.87 (d, J = 251.8 Hz), 135.23 (q, J = 6.7 Hz), 132.55, 131.00, 128.21 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 122.10, 117.01 (q, J = 22.9 Hz), 109.84 (d, J = 21.94 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -63.56, -104.55.

(E)-1,2-dimethoxy-4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-enyl)benzene (3m)



Colorless oil. Yield: 69%. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.09 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (qd, J = 16.2, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 150.76, 149.27, 137.40 (q, J = 6.7 Hz), 126.35, 121.62, 113.68 (q, J = 33.3 Hz), 111.09, 109.36, 55.97, 55.94. ¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -62.82.(Known compound: Xu, P.; Abdukader, A.; Hu, K.; Cheng, Y.; Zhu, C. *Chem. Commun.*, **2014**, *50*, 2308-2310).

(E)-2-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-enyl)naphthalene (3n)



Colorless oil. Yield: 60%. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.88 - 7.84 (m, 4H), 7.61 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 - 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.33 (qd, J = 16.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (qd, J = 16.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 137.73 (q, J = 6.7 Hz), 134.02, 133.25, 130.84, 129.10, 128.80, 128.41, 127.80, 127.17, 126.80, 124.79, 123.13, 115.95 (q, J = 33.4 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -62.82. (Known compound: Kathiravan, S.; Nicholls, I. A. *Org. Lett.*, **2015**, *17*, 1874 - 1877).

(E)-2-methoxy-1-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-enyl)naphthalene (30)



Pale yellow oil. Yield: 59%. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.08 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (qd, J = 16.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (qd, J = 16.5, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 156.97, 132.43, 131.21, 130.32 (q, J = 7.6 Hz), 128.92, 128.64, 127.43, 123.87, 122.82, 121.20 (q, J = 33.38 Hz), 112.76, 56.23. ¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -63.53.

(*E*)-2-methoxy-6-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-enyl)naphthalene (3p)



Light yellow oil. Yield: 64%.¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.77 - 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (qd, J = 15.64, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.28 (qd, J = 16.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H). ¹⁹**F NMR** (376.5 MHz,

Chloroform-d) δ -62.96. (Known compound: Lin, H.; Dong, X.; Li, X.; Shen, Q.; Lu, L. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2012**, 4675 - 4679).

(*E*)-2-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-1-yl)thiophene (3q)



Colorless oil. Yield: 66%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d): δ 7.34 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dq, J = 2.1, 15.9 Hz, 1H) 7.19 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03(dd, J = 3.8, 5.0Hz, 1H), 6.01 (dq, J = 6.6, 15.9 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d): δ -64.6. (Known compound: Ramachandran, P. V.; Otoo, B. *Chem. Commun.*, **2015**, *51*, 12388-12390).

(*E*)-4-phenyl-2-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-enyl)thiophene (3r)



White solid. Yield: 65%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.57 - 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.55 - 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40 - 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.33 - 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.29 - 7.32 (m, 1H), 6.07 (dq, J = 15.7, 6.5 Hz, 1H).¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ - 63.12.HRMS (ESI) calcd.for C₁₃H₉F₃S [M+Na]⁺: 277.0269, found: 277.0274.

2.4 Mechanistic Studies

(i) Radical trapping experiment

To a 10 mL clean, oven-dried screw cap reaction tube was added eosin-Y (5 mol%), K_2HPO_4 (2.5 equiv), β -nitroalkene1a (1 equiv), CF_3SO_2Cl (2.5 equiv), TEMPO (4 equiv), and CH_3CN (2 mL) under argon atm. The reaction mixture was kept for stirring at room temperature with 32W compact fluorescent light bulb for 24 h. After usual work-up procedure, 96% of starting material (1a) was recovered.



Scheme S3. Radical trapping experiment by TEMPO.

(ii) TEMPO:CF₃ adduct

To a 10 mL clean, oven-dried screw cap reaction tube was added eosin-Y (5 mol%), CF_3SO_2Cl (1 equiv), TEMPO (1.1 equiv), and CH_3CN (1mL) under argon atm. The reaction mixture was kept for stirring at room temperature with 32W compact fluorescent light bulb. After 8h of irradiation, a CF_3 -TEMPO adduct 4 was observed, which was identified through GC-MS analysis of the reaction mixture.



Scheme S4. Identification of TEMPO:CF₃ adduct4.



Figure S2. GC-MS data of compound 4.

(iii) Experimental procedure for other olefinic compounds

Initially, three 10 mL clean, oven-dried screw cap reaction tube were taken. To these reaction tubes, eosin-Y (5 mol%), K₂HPO₄ (2.5 equiv), CF₃SO₂Cl (2.5 equiv), and CH₃CN (1 mL) under argon atm were added separately. To this solution, 0.125 mmol of each 4-methoxy styrene, 4-methoxy β -bromostyrene and 4-methoxy cinnamic acid was added respectively. Then all three reaction mixtures were kept for stirring at room temperature with 32W

compact fluorescent light bulb for 24 h. After usual work-up procedure, trifluoromethylated product was not observed for all the three cases.



Scheme S5. Trifluoromethylation for other olefinic compounds.

(iv) Emission Quenching Experiments

For the emission quenching experiment we used 2.06×10^{-3} (M) solution of eosin-Y in acetonitrile (2 mg in 1.5 mL). An appropriate amount of quencher was added for several times to that eosin-Y solution in a screw-top 3.0 cm quartz cuvette. All eosin-Y solution with or without quencher were excited at 460 nm and the emission intensity at 555 nm was observed and the emission spectrum of the sample was collected.



Figure S4. Fluorescence spectroscopy of eosin-Y in presence different concentration of quencher CF₃SO₂Cl.



Figure S5. Fluorescence spectroscopy of eosin-Y in presence different concentration of quencher 4-fluoro nitroalkene.



Figure S6. Eosin-Y emission quenchingusing CF_3SO_2Cl and 4-fluoro-nitroalkene as quenchers.

Summary of emission quenchingexperiment:

Quencher	Stern-Volmer constant (K _{sv} x10 ⁻³)
CF ₃ SO ₂ Cl	71
4-fluoro nitroalkene	3.4

(v) Cyclic voltammetry (CV) study

Cyclic Voltammetry measured at 10mVS-1 scan rate using Ag/AgCl as reference electrode and Pt wire counter electrode in anhydrous acetonitrile with 0.1M Tetra butyl ammoniumperchlorate (TBAP) as supporting electrolyte. Nitrobenzene undergoes 2e reduction, thus we have observed two reduction peaks.



Figure S7. Cyclic voltammetry of 4-methoxy nitroalkene1a.

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4. NMR Spectra



Figure S7a. ¹H NMR of 1a



Figure S7b. ¹³C NMR of 1a







Figure S8b. ¹³C NMR of 1b



Figure S9a. ¹H NMR of 1c







Figure S10a. ¹H NMR of 1d



Figure S10b. ¹³C NMR of 1d



Figure S11a. ¹H NMR of 1e



Figure S11b. ¹³C NMR of 1e



Figure S12a. ¹H NMR of 1f

Figure S12b. ¹³C NMR of 1f



Figure S13b. ¹³C NMR of 1g



Figure S14a. ¹H NMR of 1i



Figure S14b. ¹³C NMR of 1i



Figure S15a. ¹H NMR of 1j



Figure S15b. ¹³C NMR of 1j



Figure S16a. ¹H NMR of 1k



Figure S16b. ¹³C NMR of 1k



Figure S17a. ¹H NMR of 11



Figure S17b. ¹³C NMR of 11



Figure S18a. ¹H NMR of 1m



Figure S18b. ¹³C NMR of 1m



Figure S19a. ¹H NMR of 1n



Figure S19b. ¹³C NMR of 1n







Figure S20b. ¹³C NMR of 10



Figure S21a. ¹H NMR of 1p







Chemical Shift (ppm)

Figure S22a. ¹H NMR of 1r



Figure S22b. ¹³C NMR of 1r



Figure S23a. ¹H NMR of 1s



Figure S23b. ¹³C NMR of 1s



Figure S24a. ¹H NMR of 1t



Figure S24b. ¹³C NMR of 1t



Figure S25a. ¹H NMR of 3a



Figure S25b. ¹³C NMR of 3a







Figure S26a. ¹H NMR of 3b



Figure S26b. ¹³C NMR of 3b







Figure S27a. ¹H NMR of 3c



Figure S27b. ¹³C NMR of 3c



Figure S27c. ¹⁹F NMR of 3c





(In the chemical shift range of 1.5 to 0.8 ppm, impurity peaks from pet ether were observed)



Figure S28b. ¹⁹F NMR of 3d



Figure S29a. ¹H NMR of 3e




Figure S30a. ¹H NMR of 3f



Figure S30b. ¹⁹F NMR of 3f



Figure S31a. ¹H NMR of 3g



Figure S31b. ¹³C NMR of 3g



Figure S31C. ¹⁹F NMR of 3g



Figure S32a. ¹H NMR of 3h







Figure S33a. ¹H NMR of 3i



Figure S33b. ¹⁹F NMR of 3i



Figure S34a. ¹H NMR of 3j





Figure S35a. ¹H NMR of 3k



Figure S35b. ¹⁹F NMR of 3k



Figure S36a. ¹H NMR of 31







Figure S36c. ¹⁹F NMR of 31



Figure S37a. ¹H NMR of 3m



Figure S37b. ¹³C NMR of 3m



Figure S37c. ¹⁹F NMR of 3m



Figure S38a. ¹H NMR of 3n











Figure S39a. ¹H NMR of 30







Figure S39c. ¹⁹F NMR of 30



Figure S40a. ¹H NMR of 3p



Figure S40b. ¹⁹F NMR of 3p



Figure S41a. ¹H NMR of 3r



Figure S41b. ¹⁹F NMR of 3r