## **Supporting Information for**

# Synthesis of Heteroaromatic Trifluoromethyl Ethers with Trifluoromethyl Triflate as the Source of the Trifluoromethoxy Group

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## **General information**

Nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>19</sup>F NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR) spectra were acquired on commercial instruments (DRX500, AV600, AV700 MHz) at the University of California, Berkeley NMR facility. <sup>13</sup>C nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) spectra were acquired at 100 M, 151 MHz and 176MHz on the DRX500, AV600, AV700 instruments. <sup>19</sup>F nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were acquired at 376 MHz on the AVQ400 instrument. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR signal for residual non-deuterated solvent ( $\delta$  7.27 for CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 2.50 for DMSO, 2.05 for acetone, 3.31 for methanol) was used as an internal reference for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR signal for CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  77.0), *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO ( $\delta$  39.5), *d*<sub>4</sub>-methanol ( $\delta$  49.0) or *d*<sub>6</sub>-acetone ( $\delta$  29.8) was used as an internal reference for <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra. Coupling constants are reported in Hz. High-resolution mass spectra of the products **2** and **3** (EI) were recorded on a commercial GC-HRMS spectrometer at the Micro Mass/Analytical Facility operated by the College of Chemistry, University of California, Berkeley. High-resolution mass spectra of the starting materials **1** were recorded on a commercial LC-HRMS spectrometer(PerkinElmer) in the LBNL catalysis facility.

Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Kieselgel 60 F254 glass plates precoated with a 0.25 mm thickness of silica gel. TLC plates were visualized with UV light. Products were generally purified by column chromatography performed on a Teledyne Isco Combiflash® R*f* system with Redi*Sep* GoldTM columns.

Substrates 1d (ref. 1), 1g and 1r (ref. 2) were synthesized according to literature procedures. All other substrates were synthesized by oxidation of the corresponding N-heterocycles with *m*-CPBA (ref. 3).  $C_2F_5SO_2(OC_2F_5)$  and  $C_4F_9SO_2(OC_4F_9)$  were synthesized according to ref. 4

Tetrahydrofuran (THF), was purged with nitrogen and dried with an Innovative Pure-Solv solvent purification system. Dry DME and all other solvents were purchased and used without further purification.

#### **General procedures**

### **Preparation of TFMT**

$$Tf_2O \xrightarrow{SbF_5(0.5 \text{ mol}\%)} TfOCF_3 + SO_2$$

TFMT was synthesized according to slightly modified literature procedure<sup>5</sup> with Tf<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL, 0.60 mol) and SbF<sub>5</sub> (0.65 g, 3 mmol). Tf<sub>2</sub>O was added by a syringe pump in three hours to a flask containing SbF<sub>5</sub> equipped with a distillation apparatus. The flask was kept warm at 25 °C and the receiver was cooled to -78 °C. After addition of Tf<sub>2</sub>O, the reaction flask was heated to 60 °C and stirred for additional 15 min. The receiver was warmed to -15 °C, 3 M KOH (15 mL) solution was added to destroy unreacted Tf<sub>2</sub>O. The TFMT layer was separated, dried with P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and distilled to afford pure TFMT (110 g, 84%). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -52.4 (q, *J* = 3.9 Hz), -73.0 (q, *J* = 3.9 Hz). Lit.<sup>5</sup> (-53.3, -74.0, *J* = 3.3 Hz)

## Procedure 1: the reaction of quinoline N-oxides (1a-1i, 1p-1t) Procedure 1a



Qunioline oxides **1a-1i**, **1p-1t**, (1 mmol) were dissolved in a mixture containing DME (16 mL) and *t*-BuC(O)Me (1 mL). TFMT (0.5 M, 3 mL) was then added at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred until the starting material was consumed (3-8 h), as indicated by TLC. Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.2 mL) and water (30 mL) were added, and the system was extracted with ether (30 mL x 2). The combined organic phase was sequentially washed with water (20 mL) and brine (20 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with a mixture of ethyl acetate (EtOAc) or DCM with hexane as eluent. The same procedure was adopted for other reaction scale under the same concentration (0.05 M).





8-Methyl-qunioline N-oxides **1a** (1 mmol) were dissolved in a mixture containing DME (19 mL) and tBuC(O)Me (1 mL).  $C_nF_{(2n+1)}SO_2(OC_nF_{(2n+1)})$  (1.5 equiv, 1.5 mmol) was then added at room temperature for 4 h, as indicated by TLC. Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.2 mL) and water (30 mL) were added, and the system was extracted with ether (30 mL x 2). The combined organic phase was sequentially washed with water (20 mL) and brine (20 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash

chromatography on silica gel with a mixture of ethyl acetate (EtOAc) or DCM with hexane as eluent.

## Procedure 2: the reaction of other heterocyclic N-oxides (1j-1o) Procedure 2a



Tricyclic oxides **1j-1o** (1 mmol) and 2,6-dichloropyridine N-Oxide (1.5 equiv) were dissolved in DME (97 mL), and 4 Å molecular sieves (1.0 g) were added. TFMT (0.5 M, 3 mL) was then added at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred for 8 h. Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.2 mL) was then added to the system. The mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexane as eluent. The same procedure was adopted for other reaction scale under the same concentration (0.01 M).

**Procedure 2b** 



Phenanthridine N-oxides **1j** (1 mmol) and 2,6-dichloropyridine N-Oxide (1.5 equiv) were dissolved in DME (100 mL), and 4 Å molecular sieves (1.0 g) were added.  $C_nF_{(2n+1)}SO_2(OC_nF_{(2n+1)})$  (1.5 equiv, 1.5 mmol) was then added at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred for 4 h. Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.2 mL) was then added to the system. The mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexane as eluent.

## **Reduction of 2d**



Substrate **2d** (0.10 mmol, 29.2 mg) was dissolved in dry THF (1 mL) under argon. The solution was cooled to -78 °C in a dry ice/acetone bath. *n*-BuLi (0.12 mmol, 2.5 M, 48  $\mu$ L) was added slowly to the stirring solution at -78 °C. After stirring for an additional 5 min, water (5 mL) was added. The mixture was warmed to room temperature, at which point *n*-hexane (10 mL) was added. The organic phase was separated, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by preparative TLC. Compound **2d'** was obtained as a colorless oil (18.3 mg, 86%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.24 (d, *J* = 8.8

Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.8, 145.8, 140.7, 130.6, 128.6, 127.5, 126.6, 126.5, 120.3 (q, J = 260 Hz), 112.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -55.5. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>6</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> [M]<sup>+</sup> 213.0396, Found: 213.0398.

 TABLE S1. Evaluation of reaction parameters for the trifluoromethyl etherification of phenanthridine N-oxide.<sup>a</sup>



<sup>*a*</sup> substrate (0.1 mmol) in solvent (2 mL), additive (1.5 equiv) and TFMT (1.5 equiv). <sup>*b*</sup> <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield using trifluorotoluene as internal standard. <sup>*c*</sup> Isolated yield.

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8-bromoquinoline 1-oxide (1d). The product was synthesized from 3.10 g quinoline N-oxide (xH<sub>2</sub>O) according to ref. 1 to give 697 mg of 1d (24% yield over two steps). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.46 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.96 Ò (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.9, 137.8, 137.7, 133.2, 128.5, 128.5, 125.8, 121.5, 112.8.



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8-fluoroquinoline 1-oxide (1e). Synthesized from 1.47 g of starting material according to ref. 3 to give 245 mg of 1e (15% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.44 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dt, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dt, J = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (td, J = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (ddd, J = 12.9, 1H), 7.35 (ddd, J = 12.9, 1H), 7.52 (td, J = 12.9, 1H), 7.52 (td, J = 12.9, 1H), 7.52 (td, J = 12.9, 1H), 7.53 (td7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.7 (d, J = 265 Hz), 138.0, 133.4, 132.4, 128.7 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 125.0 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 124.3 (d, J = 5.8 Hz),

121.8, 116.4 (d, J = 21.8 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO) δ -114.6.



7,8-dimethylquinoline 1-oxide (1h). Synthesized from 1.00 g starting material according to ref. 3 to give 223 mg of **1h** (21% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(700 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 8.42 \text{ (d}, J = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.61 \text{ (d}, J = 8.3 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}),$ 7.55 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, J = 8.3, 6.0

Hz, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.4, 140.1, 137.9, 131.4, 131.0, 126.7, 125.5, 119.7, 21.8, 18.4. (1 C overlapped) HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>FNO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 174.0913, Found: 174.0906.



7-chloro-8-methylquinoline 1-oxide (1i). Synthesized from 1.00 g starting material according to ref. 3 to give 180 mg of **1i** (17% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.44 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, J =8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.21

(dd, J = 8.3, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  142.1, 138.4, 137.6, 131.3, 131.1, 130.2, 126.8, 126.1, 121.0, 19.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClNO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 194.0367, Found: 194.0368.



phenanthridine 5-oxide (1j). Synthesized from 900 mg starting material according to ref. 3 to give 829 mg of **1j** (85% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.93 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.91 (s, 1H), 8.57 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (td, J = 7.0, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J =

8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.2, 134.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 128.8, 126.8, 126.6, 126.6, 126.1, 122.7, 122.0, 120.6.



[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-j]phenanthridine 5-oxide (1k). Synthesized from 249 mg starting material according to ref. 3 to give 124 mg of 1k (50% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.53 – 8.49 (m, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.19 – 8.08 (m, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 5.89 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 149.9, 148.6, 137.5, 133.4, 128.2, 128.0, 125.5, 123.0, 122.2, 122.1, 119.5, 102.4, 101.6, 99.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 240.0655, Found: 240.0639.



8,9-dimethoxyphenanthridine 5-oxide (11). Synthesized from 941 mg starting material according to ref. 3 to give 654 mg of 11 (65% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.78 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.64 (s, 1H), 8.23 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dddd,

J = 17.7, 8.5, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.4, 150.6, 138.0, 133.6, 128.5, 128.3, 125.7, 122.0, 121.7, 121.4, 120.4, 105.1, 102.0, 56.0, 56.0, HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 256.0968., Found: 256.0969.



9-methoxyphenanthridine 5-oxide (1m). Synthesized from 643 mg starting material according to ref. 3 to give 426 mg of 1m (62% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.93 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.83 (s, 1H), 8.50 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.81 (m, 2H),

7.81 - 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 - 7.27 (m, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.8, 139.2, 134.4, 129.7, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9, 126.0, 122.7, 121.1, 120.8, 119.0, 103.6, 55.7. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 226.0863, Found: 226.0853.

8-methoxyphenanthridine 5-oxide (1n). Synthesized from 341 mg starting material according to ref. 3 to give 124 mg of 1n (35% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ 8.82 (s, 1H), 8.61 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), MeO 7.76-7.69 (m, 3H), 7.17 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (176 MHz, Methanol-d<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  163.5, 138.8, 137.8, 131.3, 131.2, 130.3, 130.2, 127.2, 124.5, 121.3, 120.6, 120.5, 104.4, 56.4. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{14}H_{12}NO_2^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 226.0863, Found: 226.0855.

9-fluorophenanthridine 5-oxide (10). Synthesized from 332 mg starting material according to ref. 3 to give 203 mg of 10 (56% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  9.10 (s, 1H), 8.75 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.69 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (dd, J = 10.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd,

J = 8.8, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (td, J = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (176 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  165.0 (d, J = 253 Hz), 139.4, 137.4, 131.9, 131.4 (d, J = 9.8 Hz), 131.3 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 119.5 (d, J = 25.0 Hz), 131.1, 127.4, 125.0, 124.2, 120.8, 109.2 (d, J = 24.0 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>FNO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 214.0663., Found: 214.0670.



**benzo[h]quinoline 1-oxide** (**1p**). Synthesized from 1.27 g starting material according to ref. 3 to give 950 mg of **1p** (69% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.86 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.89 (m, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (q, *J* = 8.2, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C

NMR (176 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.2, 138.4, 134.0, 131.2, 130.5, 129.0, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 126.0, 125.7, 124.9, 121.2.



**benzo[f]quinoline 4-oxide** (**1q**). Synthesized from 538 mg starting material according to ref. 3 to give 208 mg of **1q** (39% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.86 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (dd, J = 6.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd, J = 6.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 – 7.71 (m, 3H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 8.0, 6.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.3, 138.5, 134.0, 131.2, 130.5, 129.0, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 126.0, 125.7,

125.0, 121.2.



**8-bromo-6-methoxyquinoline 1-oxide** (1t). Synthesized from 175 mg starting material according to ref. 2 to give 86 mg of 1t (34% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.78 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.9, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H)

5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.8, 137.6, 133.9, 131.2, 124.7, 122.2, 120.9, 116.4, 108.0, 57.1. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 253.9811, Found: 253.9804.



**8-methyl-2-(trifluoromethoxy)quinoline (2a).** To obtain a yield by NMR spectroscopy, the reaction was run according to general procedure 1a on a 0.10 mmol scale to give 47% yield of the product by <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectroscopy using PhCF<sub>3</sub> as internal standard. For

isolation, the reaction was run according to the same general procedure on a 1 mmol scale. The product was isolated (94.9 mg, 42% yield) by flash chromatography on silica gel using hexane/EtOAc as eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.19 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.8, 144.7, 140.9, 136.7, 130.6, 126.5, 126.1, 120.2 (q, *J* = 263 Hz), 125.2, 111.5 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 17.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  - 55.7. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 227.0552, Found: 227.0561.



**8-isopropyl-2-(trifluoromethoxy)quinoline (2b).** To obtain a yield by NMR spectroscopy, the reaction was run according to general procedure 1a on a 0.10 mmol scale to give 48% yield of the product by <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield using PhCF<sub>3</sub> as internal standard. For isolation, the

reaction was run according to the same general procedure on a 1 mmol scale. The product was isolated (145.3 mg, 57% yield) by flash chromatography on silica gel using hexane/EtOAc as eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.20 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (heptet, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.42-1.35 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.7, 146.7,

143.6, 141.0, 126.6, 126.5, 126.3, 125.1, 120.3 (q, J = 263 Hz), 111.4, 28.1, 23.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -55.8. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 255.0866, Found: 255.0869.



**8-methoxy-2-(trifluoromethoxy)quinoline (2c).** To obtain a yield by NMR spectroscopy, the reaction was run according to general procedure 1a on a 0.10 mmol scale to give 55% yield of the product by <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield using PhCF<sub>3</sub> as internal standard. For isolation, the

reaction was run according to the same general procedure on a 1 mmol scale. The product was isolated (126.4 mg, 52% yield) by flash chromatography on silica gel using hexane/EtOAc as eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.23 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.0, 153.7 (q, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 140.8, 137.6, 128.0, 126.9, 120.2 (q, *J* = 261 Hz), 119.2, 112.8 (q, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 109.72, 56.38. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -55.3. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 243.0502, Found: 243.0508.



**8-bromo-2-(trifluoromethoxy)quinoline (2d).** To obtain a yield by NMR spectroscopy, the reaction was run according to general procedure 1a on a 0.10 mmol scale to give 66% yield of the product by  $^{19}$ F NMR yield using PhCF<sub>3</sub> as internal standard. For isolation, the

reaction was run according to the same general procedure on a 1 mmol scale. The product was isolated (179.6 mg, 62% yield) by flash chromatography on silica gel using hexane/DCM as eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.21 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.2, 143.1, 141.3, 134.2, 127.6, 127.2, 126.9, 123.4, 120.1 (q, *J* = 262 Hz), 112.8. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -56.7. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>5</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 290.9501, Found: 290.9508.



**8-fluoro-2-(trifluoromethoxy)quinoline (2e).** To obtain a yield by NMR spectroscopy, the reaction was run according to general procedure 1a on a 0.10 mmol scale to give 49% yield of the product by <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield using PhCF<sub>3</sub> as internal standard. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.24 (dd, J = 8.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.1 (d, J = 257 Hz), 154.8, 140.6 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 135.6 (d, J = 12.1 Hz), 128.2, 126.4(d, J = 7.6 Hz), 123.0 (d, J = 4.8 Hz), 120.0 (d, J = 264 Hz), 115.0 (d, J = 18.5 Hz), 113.18. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -56.3, -124.4. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>5</sub>F<sub>4</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 231.0302, Found: 231.0307.



**8-chloro-2-(trifluoromethoxy)quinoline (2f).** To obtain a yield by NMR spectroscopy, the reaction was run according to general procedure 1a on a 0.10 mmol scale to give 50% yield of the product by  $^{19}$ F NMR yield using PhCF<sub>3</sub> as internal standard. For isolation, the

reaction was run according to the same general procedure on a 0.46 mmol scale. The

product was isolated (55.5 mg, 49% yield) by flash chromatography on silica gel using hexane/DCM as eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.23 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.0, 142.2, 141.2, 132.6, 130.7, 127.7, 126.4, 126.4, 120.1 (q, *J* = 262 Hz), 112.8 (q, *J* = 1.3 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -56.4. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>5</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 247.0006, Found: 247.0017.



**8-iodo-2-(trifluoromethoxy)quinoline (2g).** To obtain a yield by NMR spectroscopy, the reaction was run according to general procedure 1a on a 0.10 mmol scale to give 31% yield of the product by <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield using PhCF<sub>3</sub> as internal standard. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.34 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, J = 8.1, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.5, 145.3, 141.5, 141.0, 128.1, 127.6, 126.9, 120.1 (q, J = 263 Hz), 112.8, 101.1. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -56.4. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>5</sub>F<sub>3</sub>INO [M]<sup>+</sup> 338.9362, Found: 338.9368.



**7,8-dimethyl-2-(trifluoromethoxy)quinoline) (2h).** To obtain a yield by NMR spectroscopy, the reaction was run according to general procedure 1a on a 0.10 mmol scale to give 43% yield of the product by <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield using PhCF<sub>3</sub> as internal standard.

For isolation, the reaction was run according to the same general procedure on a 0.5 mmol scale. The product was isolated (58.7 mg, 49% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.14 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.9, 144.7, 140.7, 138.7, 134.1, 129.1, 124.9, 124.3, 120.3 (q, *J* = 261 Hz), 110.4 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 20.6, 13.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -56.2. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 241.0709, Found: 241.0713.



**7-chloro-8-methyl-2-(trifluoromethoxy)quinoline** (2i). To obtain a yield by NMR spectroscopy, the reaction was run according to general procedure 1a on a 0.10 mmol scale to give 54% yield of the product by <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield using PhCF<sub>3</sub> as

internal standard. For isolation, the reaction was run according to the same general procedure on a 0.5 mmol scale. The product was isolated (69.2 mg, 53% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.17 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.5, 145.2, 140.8, 136.2, 134.5, 127.7, 125.5, 125.0, 120.2 (q, *J* = 262 Hz), 111.5 (q, *J* = 1.3 Hz), 14.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -56.3. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>7</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 261.0163, Found: 261.0172.



**6-(trifluoromethoxy)phenanthridine (2j).** The reaction was run according to the general procedure 2a on a 1.0 mmol scale. The product was isolated (215.7 mg, 82% yield) by flash chromatography on silica gel using hexane/EtOAc as eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.51 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H),

8.02 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.63 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.9, 141.4, 135.4, 131.7, 129.2, 129.2, 127.8, 126.7, 124.3, 123.6, 122.1, 122.0, 120.4 (q, J = 263 Hz), 118.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -55.0. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 263.0552, Found: 263.0561.



6-(trifluoromethoxy)-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-j]phenanthridine (2k). The reaction was run according to the general procedure 2a on a 0.10 mmol scale. The product was isolated (15.4 mg, 50% yield) by flash chromatography on silica gel using hexane/EtOAc as eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.29 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd, J = 8.2,

1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.67 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 6.19 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.1, 151.5, 148.6, 141.2, 133.4, 129.2, 128.6, 126.4, 123.7, 121.8, 120.4 (q, J = 263 Hz), 114.3, 102.2, 101.8, 100.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -54.9. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 307.0451, Found: 307.0454.



**8,9-dimethoxy-6-(trifluoromethoxy)phenanthridine** (21). The reaction was run according to the general procedure 2a on a 0.1 mmol scale. The product was isolated (8.7 mg, 27% yield) by flash chromatography on silica gel using hexane/EtOAc as eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.39 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.03 – 7.98 (m,

1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 4.16 (s, 3H), 4.09 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.5, 151.3, 150.2, 146.9, 141.2, 131.5, 129.3, 128.4, 126.3, 123.4, 121.6, 120.4 (q, *J* = 262 Hz), 103.8, 102.4, 56.2, 56.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -54.7. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 323.0764, Found: 323.0773.



**9-methoxy-6-(trifluoromethoxy)phenanthridine** (2m). The reaction was run according to the general procedure 2a on a 0.10 mmol scale. The product was isolated (12.0 mg, 41% yield) by flash chromatography on silica gel using hexane/EtOAc as eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.34 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.9

Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (7.2, 1H), 7.24 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.3, 152.0, 142.0, 137.7, 129.3, 129.2, 126.2, 126.2, 123.4, 122.0, 120.4 (q, J = 263 Hz), 117.8, 112.7, 103.2, 55.5. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -54.8. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 293.0658, Found: 293.0668.



**8-methoxy-6-(trifluoromethoxy)phenanthridine** (2n). The reaction was run according to the general procedure 2a on a 0.10 mmol scale. The product was isolated (24.9 mg, 85% yield) by flash chromatography on silica gel using hexane/EtOAc as eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.45 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (dd, *J* =

8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (ddd, J = 8.2, 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.2, 151.4, 140.5, 129.9, 129.1, 128.2, 126.7, 123.9, 123.8, 122.7, 121.5, 120.4 (q, J = 261 Hz), 119.6, 104.0, 55.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -55.0. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 293.0658, Found: 293.0661.



**9-fluoro-6-(trifluoromethoxy)phenanthridine (20)**. The reaction was run according to the general procedure 2a on a 0.10 mmol scale. The product was isolated (15.7 mg, 56% yield) by flash chromatography on silica gel using hexane/EtOAc as eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (dd, J = 9.0, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (dd, J =

10.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd, J = 9.0, 8.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.7 (d, J = 254 Hz), 151.5, 141.9, 138.0 (d, J = 9.1 Hz), 130.0, 129.3, 127.5 (d, J = 9.1 Hz), 126.8, 123.1 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 122.3, 120.3 (q, J = 263 Hz), 117.0 (d, J = 24 Hz), 115.2, 107.7 (d, J = 23 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -55.1, -103.8. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>4</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 281.0458, Found: 281.0465.



**1-(trifluoromethoxy)benzo[h]isoquinoline** (**2p**). The reaction was run according to the general procedure 2a on a 0.10 mmol scale to give 21% yield of the product by <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield using PhCF<sub>3</sub> as internal standard. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.17 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 8.5,

1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.97 - 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.80 - 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.21 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.6, 144.4, 140.3, 133.9, 130.6, 128.7, 127.7, 127.5, 127.2, 124.7, 124.4, 124.4, 120.3 (q, J = 262 Hz), 111.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -55.6. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 263.0552, Found: 263.0561.



**5-iodo-4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzo[f]isoquinoline** (**2r**). The reaction was run according to the general procedure 2a on a 0.10 mmol scale to give 19% yield of the product by <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield using PhCF<sub>3</sub> as internal standard. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.98 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.72 (s, 1H), 8.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t, *J* = 7.7

Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7. 28 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 155.4, 144.6, 142.4, 135.9, 132.7, 129.3, 128.0, 128.0, 127.8, 123.5, 122.5, 120.7 (q, J = 262 Hz), 112.0, 99.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -55.8. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>3</sub>INO [M]<sup>+</sup> 388.9524, Found: 388.9528.



#### 8-bromo-6-methoxy-2-(trifluoromethoxy)quinoline (2t).

The reaction was run according to the general procedure 1a on a 0.10 mmol scale. The product was isolated (16.2 mg, 19% yield) by flash chromatography on silica gel using

hexane/EtOAc as eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.60 (dd, J = 9.1, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dd, J = 9.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.1, 153.8, 141.4, 139.5, 129.2, 127.2, 120.1 (q, J = 263Hz), 117.2, 113.7, 107.6, 57.1. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -55.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 320.9607, Found: 320.9616.



8-methyl-2-(perfluoroethoxy)quinoline (3a). The reaction was run according to the general procedure 1b on a 1.0 mmol scale. The product was isolated (154.2 mg, 56% yield) by flash chromatography on silica gel using hexane/EtOAc as eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz,

 $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.19 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 153.9, 144.8, 140.9, 136.8, 130.7, 126.7, 126.2, 125.2, 112.0, 17.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -85.6 (CF<sub>3</sub>), -89.2 (OCF<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>5</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 277.0521, Found: 277.0526.



8-methyl-2-(perfluorobutoxy)quinoline (4a). The reaction was run according to the general procedure 1b on a 1.0 mmol scale. The product was isolated (181.0 mg, 48% yield) by flash chromatography on silica gel using hexane/EtOAc as eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz,

 $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.18 (td, J = 8.5, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, J = 7.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J = 8.6, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 153.8, 144.8, 140.9, 136.9, 130.7, 126.7, 126.3, 125.2, 112.0, 17.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -80.2 (CF<sub>3</sub>), -84.2 (OCF<sub>2</sub>), -125.5 (2CF<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>9</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 377.0457, Found: 377.0462.



6-(perfluoroethoxy)phenanthridine (3j). The reaction was run according to the general procedure 1b on a 1.0 mmol scale. The product was isolated (248.1 mg, 79% yield) by flash chromatography on silica gel using hexane/EtOAc as eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.62 (d, J = 8.3 $OC_2F_5$  Hz, 1H), 8.53 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.06

(dd, J = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (td, J = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (td, J = 7.7, 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.1, 141.5, 135.7, 131.9, 129.4, 129.3, 128.0, 126.9, 124.4, 123.8, 122.3, 122.2, 118.8. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -86.0 (CF<sub>3</sub>), -89.4 (OCF<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>5</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 313.0521, Found: 313.0531.



**6-(perfluorobutoxy)phenanthridine** (**4j**). The reaction was run according to the general procedure 1b on a 1.0 mmol scale. The product was isolated (305.4 mg, 81% yield) by flash chromatography on silica gel using hexane/EtOAc as eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.56 (d, *J* =

 $OC_4F_9$  8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dddd, J = 8.2, 7.2, 5.8, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.0, 141.4, 135.7, 131.8, 129.3, 129.3, 128.0, 126.9, 124.1, 123.7, 122.2, 122.1, 118.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -80.1 (CF<sub>3</sub>), -84.0 (OCF<sub>2</sub>), -125.4 (2CF<sub>2</sub>). **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>9</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 413.0457, Found: 413.0468.





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