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# A Physico-chemical Investigation on Fluorine-Enriched Quinolines

# **Supporting Information**

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# Supplementary material

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Scheme S1. Chemical structures of the fluorinated quinolines considered in this work.



**Figure S1.** Molecular orbitals (HOMO, HOMO-1, LUMO and LUMO+1) of naphthalene, quinoline and **1a** calculated using the B3LYP/6-311++G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level of theory.



**Figure S2.** Normalized absorption (black) and emission (blue) spectra of compound **1a** in 1,2dichloroethane. The origin band (0-0) energies of the two lowest lying  ${}^{1}L_{a}$  and  ${}^{1}L_{b}$  singlet states are indicated with red arrows. The  ${}^{1}L_{b(0-0)}$  is observed as a sharp transition, while the  ${}^{1}L_{a(0-0)}$  has been estimated by averaging the energies of the absorption and emission bands maxima, respectively.



**Figure S3.** Electronic absorption spectra of fluorinated (CHF<sub>2</sub>, CHFCl, CF<sub>3</sub> or CHFCF<sub>3</sub>) quinolines substituted at C2 and C4 positions (**1a**, **1b**, **1c**, **1d** and **1e**, see Scheme S1 for the corresponding chemical structures). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; T = 25 °C.

**Table S1**. Absorption properties for quinoline derivatives (quinoline, **1a-e**) substituted at C2 and C4 positions by fluorinated groups.

Compound	π-π*				
	λ (nm)	ε (x 10 <sup>3</sup> M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )			
	278	3.167			
	289	3.134			
au in alina	294	3.154			
quinoine	302	3.688			
	306	3.634			
	314	4.395			
	288	sh			
15	298	3.869			
Id	309	3.777			
	321	2.876			
	289	sh			
16	299	4.256			
10	309	4.138			
	322	3.112			
	287	sh			
10	298	3.898			
10	309	3.778			
	322	2.904			
	285	sh			
1d	295	3.843			
10	308	3.732			
	321	3.067			
	287	sh			
10	297	4.142			
16	309	3.955			
	322	3.095			



**Figure S4.** Change of absorption spectra as a function of the fluorine substitution position: C6 (**2a**), C7 (**2b**) or C8 (**2c**) of a quinoline derivative bearing a CF<sub>3</sub> group at C2 position and a CHF<sub>2</sub> group at C4 position (**1a** as a scaffold reference). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane, T = 25.0(2) °C. The inset shows a spectral expansion from 250 nm to 350 nm.

**Table S2**. Electronic absorption properties for a quinoline derivative (**1a**) substituted by a fluorine group on either C6 (**2a**), C7 (**2b**) or C8 (**2c**) position and bearing a CF<sub>3</sub> group at C2 position and a CHF<sub>2</sub> group at C4 position (see Figure S4). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane, T = 25.0(2) °C.

Compound	Band III λ (ε)	Band I (¹L₀) λ (ε)	Band II (¹L₌) λ (ε)		
		287	(0.347)		
15	225 (1 20)	298	6 (0.387)		
Id	255 (4.25)	309	(0.378)		
		321	. (0.287)		
2a		283	(0.295)		
	233 (2.70)	295 (0.310)			
		309 (0.324)			
		322	. (0.332)		
		283 (0.318)			
2h	220 (2.00)	290 sh			
20	230 (3.00)	315	(0.331)		
		327	(0.306)		
20	228 (1 158)	306	(0.315)		
20	<b>20</b> 238 (4:438)		320 sh		
Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; $T = 25 \text{ °C}$ ; $\lambda$ in nm; $\varepsilon$ in x 10 <sup>4</sup> M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> .					
The errors on $\hat{\prime}$	$\iota$ and $\epsilon$ are given	as ± 1 nm and 10	0%, respectively.		



**Figure S5.** Change of absorption spectra as a function of the fluorine substitution position: C6 (**2d**) or C7 (**2e**) positions for a quinoline derivative bearing  $CHF_2$  groups at both C2 and C4 positions (**1d** as a scaffold reference). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane, T = 25.0(2) °C. The inset shows a spectral expansion from 250 nm to 350 nm.

**Table S3**. Electronic absorption properties for a quinoline derivative (**1d**) substituted by fluorine group on either C6 (**2d**) or C7 (**2e**) positions and bearing  $CHF_2$  groups at both C2 and C4 positions. Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane, T = 25.0(2) °C.

Commound	Band III	Band I ( <sup>1</sup> L <sub>b</sub> )	Band II ( <sup>1</sup> L <sub>a</sub> )	
Compound	λ (ε)	λ (ε)	λ (ε)	
		2	.84 sh	
1d	224 (4 172)	295	6 (0.383)	
10	234 (4.172)	308	8 (0.372)	
		321	. (0.306)	
2d		284 (0.422)		
	232 (3.645)	294 (0.403)		
		309 (0.428)		
		322 (0.467)		
		282	2 (0.326)	
20	220 (2.074)	2	.88 sh	
20	229 (3.074)	312	2 (0.331)	
		325 (0.321)		
Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; $T = 25 \text{ °C}$ ; $\lambda$ in nm; $\varepsilon$ in x 10 <sup>4</sup> M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> .				
The errors on λ	, and $\epsilon$ are given	as ± 1 nm and 1	0%, respectively.	



**Figure S6.** Change of absorption spectra as a function of the trifluoromethoxy group position: C6 (**3a**) or C7 (**3b**) positions of a quinoline derivative bearing a CF<sub>3</sub> group at C2 position and a CHF<sub>2</sub> group in C4 position (**1a** as a scaffold reference). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane, T = 25.0(2) °C. The inset shows a spectral expansion from 250 nm to 350 nm.

**Table S4**. Electronic absorption properties for a quinoline derivative (**1a**) substituted by a trifluoromethoxy group at either C6 (**3a**) or C7 (**3b**) positions and bearing a  $CF_3$  group at C2 position and a  $CHF_2$  group at C4 position. Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane, T = 25.0(2) °C.

Compound	Band III	Band I ( <sup>1</sup> L <sub>b</sub> )	Band II ( <sup>1</sup> L <sub>a</sub> )	
Compound	λ (ε)	λ (ε)	λ (ε)	
		287	' (0.347)	
1a	225 (1 20)	298	3 (0.387)	
	255 (4.29)	309	0 (0.378)	
		321 (0.287)		
3a		286 (0.355)		
	232 (3.422)	293 (0.354)		
		308 (0.333)		
		321 (0.291)		
		284	(0.352)	
3b	232 (3.422)	310 (0.296)		
		321	. (0.271)	
Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; $T = 25 \text{ °C}$ ; $\lambda$ in nm; $\varepsilon$ in x 10 <sup>4</sup> M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> .				
The errors on $\lambda$	, and $\epsilon$ are given	as ± 1 nm and 1	0%, respectively.	



**Figure S7.** Change of absorption spectra as a function of the trifluoromethoxy group position: C6 (**3c**), C7 (**3d**) or C8 (**3e**) positions of a quinoline derivative bearing  $CHF_2$  groups at both C2 and C4 positions (**1d** as a scaffold reference). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane, T = 25.0(2) °C. The inset shows a spectral expansion from 250 nm to 350 nm.

**Table S5**. Electronic absorption properties for a quinoline derivative (**1d**) substituted by a trifluoromethoxy group at either C6 (**3c**), C7 (**3d**) or C7 (**3e**) positions and bearing CHF<sub>2</sub> groups at both C2 and C4 positions. Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane, T = 25.0(2) °C.

Compound	Band III	Band I ( <sup>1</sup> L <sub>b</sub> )	Band II ( <sup>1</sup> L <sub>a</sub> )
Compound	λ (ε)	λ (ε)	λ (ε)
		2	84 sh
1d	22A (A 172)	295	(0.383)
	234 (4.172)	308	(0.372)
		321	(0.306)
		282	(0.344)
20	721 (2 110)	2	93 sh
30	231 (3.148)	307 (0.292)	
		320 (0.279)	
		280 (0.391)	
34	220 (2 007)	294 sh	
<b>5</b> u	230 (3.897)	309 (0.323)	
		321 (0.306)	
		2	84 sh
30	221 (1 261)	294	(0.431)
56	234 (4.204)	306 (0.401)	
		319 (0.297)	
Solvent: 1,2-dic	hloroethane; T =	= 25 °C; λ in nm;	$\epsilon$ in x 10^4 M^{-1} cm^{-1}.
The errors on $\lambda$	and $\varepsilon$ are given	as ± 1 nm and 10	0%, respectively.

Compound	Band III	Band I ( <sup>1</sup> L <sub>b</sub> )	Band II ( <sup>1</sup> L <sub>a</sub> )		
Compound	λ (ε)		λ (ε)		
		287 (0.347)			
1a	22E (1 20)	298	(0.387)		
Id	255 (4.29)	309	(0.378)		
		321	(0.287)		
		283	(0.295)		
22	222 (1 2Q)	295	(0.310)		
20	233 (4.29)	309	309 (0.324)		
		322 (0.332)			
		285 (0.354)			
30	222 (2 A2)	294 (0.354)			
5a	232 (3.42)	307 (0.333)			
		321	(0.291)		
		287 (0.230)			
4a	247 (3.17)	330 (0.456)	440 (0.026)		
		340 (0.499)			
52	270 (2.8)	312 (0.664)	406 (0 740)		
54	324 (0.723)				
Solvent: 1,2-dic	hloroethane; T	= 25 °C; λ in nm;	$\epsilon$ in x 10 <sup>4</sup> M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> .		
The errors on $\lambda$	and $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ are given	as ± 1 nm and 10	0%, respectively.		

**Table S6**. Absorption properties of 6-substituted quinoline derivatives bearing a  $CF_3$  at C2 position and a  $CHF_2$  at C4 position.

**Table S7**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts of 6-substituted quinoline derivatives bearing a  $CF_3$  at C2 position and a  $CHF_2$  at C4 position (**1a** series). Solvent:  $CDCl_3$ ; T = 298 K.

Compound	<sup>13</sup> C δ (ppm)							
Compound	6-R	C <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	<b>C</b> <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>5</sub>	<b>C</b> <sub>6</sub>	<b>C</b> <sub>7</sub>	C <sub>8</sub>
1a	Н	147.94	114.14	140.33	123.44	130.06	131.39	131.29
2a	F	147.31	115.09	139.92	107.68	162.40	122.01	133.96
<b>3</b> a	OCF <sub>3</sub>	148.41	115.36	140.46	113.97	149.50	125.35	133.66
4a	OMe	144.95	114.59	138.21	101.06	160.35	124.42	132.56
5a	NMe <sub>2</sub>	142.35	114.48	136.12	98.92	150.28	120.46	131.80

**Table S8**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts of 6-substituted quinoline derivatives bearing  $CHF_2$  at both C2 and C4 positions (**1d** series). Solvent:  $CDCl_3$ ; T = 298 K.

Compound	<sup>13</sup> C δ (ppm)							
Compound	6-R	C <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	<b>C</b> <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>5</sub>	<b>C</b> <sub>6</sub>	<b>C</b> <sub>7</sub>	C <sub>8</sub>
1d	Н	152.70	114.24	139.93	123.55	129.33	130.91	130.83
2d	F	152.09	115.28	139.56	107.84	162.01	121.43	133.46
3c	OCF <sub>3</sub>	153.23	115.56	140.06	114.32	148.97	124.89	133.17
4d	OMe	149.93	114.70	138.02	101.35	159.77	123.71	132.11
5b	NMe <sub>2</sub>	147.42	114.64	136.29	99.55	149.96	120.03	131.36



**Figure S8.** Variation of the <sup>13</sup>C NMR shifts of the quinoline carbons as a function of the nature of the substituent at position C6 for the **1d**-derived compounds series. Solvent:  $CDCl_3$ ; T = 298 K.

**Table S9**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts of 7-substituted quinoline derivatives bearing  $CHF_2$  at both C2 and C4 positions (**1d** series). Solvent:  $CDCl_3$ ; T = 298 K.

Compound	<sup>13</sup> C δ (ppm)							
Compound	7-R	C <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	<b>C</b> <sub>4</sub>	C₅	<b>C</b> <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>7</sub>	C <sub>8</sub>
1d	Н	152.70	114.24	139.93	123.55	129.33	130.91	130.83
2e	F	153.93	113.86	140.17	126	119.91	163.60	114.58
3d	OCF <sub>3</sub>	154.12	114.72	140.14	125.76	123.13	150.58	120.02
4e	OMe	152.86	111.80	139.56	124.33	122.45	161.45	108.24
5c	NMe <sub>2</sub>	152.95	109.73	139.30	124.08	107.26	151.69	118.49



**Figure S9.** Variation of the <sup>13</sup>C NMR shifts of the quinoline carbons as a function of the nature of the substituent at position C7 for the **1d**-derived compounds series. Solvent:  $CDCl_3$ ; T = 298 K.



**Figure S10.** Change in the absorption spectra as a function of the nature of the substituent at the C6 position (2d = F,  $3c = OCF_3$ ,  $4d = OCH_3$ ,  $5b = NMe_2$ ) for a quinoline derivative bearing CHF<sub>2</sub> groups in both C2 and C4 positions (1d as a scaffold reference). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane, T = 25.0(2) °C. The inset shows a spectral expansion from 250 nm to 400 nm.

**Table S10**. Electronic absorption properties for 6-substituted quinoline derivatives (2d = F,  $3c = OCF_3$ ,  $4d = OCH_3$ ,  $5b = NMe_2$ ) bearing CHF<sub>2</sub> groups at both C2 and C4 positions. Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane, T = 25.0(2) °C.

Compound	Band III	Band I ( <sup>1</sup> L <sub>b</sub> )	Band II ( <sup>1</sup> L <sub>a</sub> )		
Compound	λ (ε)	λ (ε)	λ (ε)		
		284 sh			
1d	22A (A 172)	295	(0.383)		
	234 (4.172)	308	(0.372)		
		321	(0.306)		
		284	(0.422)		
2d	222 (2 645)	294	(0.403)		
20	232 (3.043)	309 (0.428)			
		322 (0.467)			
		282 (0.344)			
20	221 (2 140)	293 sh			
J	251 (5.140)	307 (0.292)			
		320	(0.277)		
		277 (0.303)			
4d	247 (2.874)	329 (0.402)	446 (0.093)		
		339 (0.443)			
56	260 (2 807)	311 (0.778)	100 (0 603)		
50	203 (2.897)	321 (0.820)	400 (0.053)		
Solvent: 1,2-dic	hloroethane; T =	= 25 °C; $\lambda$ in nm;	ε in x 10 <sup>4</sup> M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> .		
The errors on $\lambda$	The errors on $\lambda$ and $\epsilon$ are given as ± 1 nm and 10%, respectively.				



**Figure S11.** Change in the absorption spectra as a function of the nature of the substituent at the C7 position (2e = F,  $3d = OCF_3$ ,  $4e = OCH_3$ ,  $5c = NMe_2$ ) for a quinoline derivative bearing CHF<sub>2</sub> groups at both C2 and C4 positions (1d as a scaffold reference). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane, T = 25.0(2) °C. The inset shows a spectral expansion from 250 nm to 400 nm.

Table S2	L1. Electronic absorption properties for 7-substituted quinoline derivatives (2e = F, 3d = OCF <sub>3</sub> , 4e =
OCH <sub>3</sub> , 5	$c = NMe_2$ ) bearing CHF <sub>2</sub> groups at both C2 and C4 positions. Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane, $T = 25.0(2)$
°C.	

Compound	Band III	Band I ( <sup>1</sup> L <sub>b</sub> )	Band II ( <sup>1</sup> L <sub>a</sub> )		
Compound	λ (ε)	λ (ε)	λ (ε)		
	224 (4 172)	284 sh			
1d		295	(0.383)		
10	234 (4.172)	308	(0.372)		
		321	(0.306)		
		282	(0.326)		
20	229 (2.074)	28	39 sh		
20	229 (3.074)	312 (0.331)			
		325 (0.321)			
	230 (3.896)	280 (0.391)			
34		295 sh			
54		309 (0.323)			
		321 (0.306)			
		271 sh			
4e	243 (3 968)	295 sh	_		
40	213 (3.300)	335 (0.464)			
		342 (0.456)			
50	270 (2 316)	300 (0.665)	405 (0 303)		
313 sh					
Solvent: 1,2-dich	loroethane; T =	= 25 °C; $\lambda$ in nm;	ε in x 10 <sup>4</sup> M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> .		
The errors on $\lambda$	and $\epsilon$ are given	as ± 1 nm and 10	%, respectively.		

# **Spectrofluorimetric Studies**



**Figure S12.** Fluorescence emission spectra of fluorinated (CHF<sub>2</sub>, CHFCl, CF<sub>3</sub> or CHFCF<sub>3</sub>) quinolines substituted at C2 and C4 positions (**1a**, **1b**, **1c**, **1d** and **1e**, see Scheme S1 for the corresponding chemical structures). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; T = 25 °C. Emission and excitation band widths = 15 and 20 nm, respectively. The emission intensities have been normalized with respect to the absorbances of the quinoline solutions and therefore reflect the relative emission quantum yields. The absorbances at excitation wavelength are always below 0.1 to prevent inner filter effects.



**Figure S13.** Influence on the emission spectra of fluorine substitution on either C6 (**2a**), C7 (**2b**) or C8 (**2c**) positions of a quinoline derivative bearing a CHF<sub>2</sub> group at C2 and a CF<sub>3</sub> group at C4 position (**1a** as a scaffold reference). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; T = 25 °C. Emission and excitation band widths = 15 and 20 nm, respectively; band-pass filter at 290 nm; 1% attenuator. The emission intensities have been normalized with respect to the absorbances of the quinoline solutions ( $\lambda_{exc} = 300$  nm) and therefore reflect the relative emission quantum yields. The absorbances at excitation wavelength are always below 0.1 to prevent inner filter effects.



**Figure S14.** Influence on the emission spectra of trifluoromethoxy substitution on either C6 (**3c**), C7 (**3d**) or C8 (**3e**) positions of a quinoline derivative bearing a CHF<sub>2</sub> group at both C2 and C4 positions (**1d** as a scaffold reference). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; T = 25 °C. Emission and excitation band widths = 15 and 20 nm, respectively; band-pass filter at 290 nm; 1% attenuator. The emission intensities have been normalized with respect to the absorbances of the quinoline solutions ( $\lambda_{exc} = 300$  nm) and therefore reflect the relative emission quantum yields. The absorbances at excitation wavelength are always below 0.1 to prevent inner filter effects.



**Figure S15.** Influence on the emission spectra of the C7- and C8-substitution (**6b**, C7 = F, C8 = CH<sub>3</sub>; **7b**, C7 = Cl, C8 = CH<sub>3</sub>) of a quinoline derivative bearing CHF<sub>2</sub> groups at both C2 and C4 positions (**1d** as a scaffold reference). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; T = 25 °C. Emission and excitation band widths = 15 and 20 nm, respectively; band-pass filter at 290 nm; 1% attenuator. The emission intensities have been normalized with respect to the absorbances of the quinoline ( $\lambda_{exc} = 300$  nm) solutions and therefore reflect the relative emission quantum yields. The absorbances at excitation wavelength are always below 0.1 to prevent inner filter effects.



**Figure S16.** Influence on the emission spectra of the C7- and C8-substitution (**6a**, C7 = F, C8 = CH<sub>3</sub>; **7a**, C7 = Cl, C8 = CH<sub>3</sub>) of a quinoline derivative bearing a CHF<sub>2</sub> group at C2 position and a CF<sub>3</sub> group at C4 position (**1a** as a scaffold reference). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; T = 25 °C. Emission and excitation band widths = 15 and 20 nm, respectively. The emission intensities have been normalized with respect to the absorbances of the quinoline solutions and therefore reflect the relative emission quantum yields. The absorbances at excitation wavelength are always below 0.1 to prevent inner filter effects.



**Figure S17.** Influence on the emission spectra of methoxy substitution on either C6 (**4a**), C7 (**4b**) or C8 (**4c**) positions of a quinoline derivative bearing a CHF<sub>2</sub> group at C2 and a CF<sub>3</sub> group at C4 positions (**1a** as a scaffold reference). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; T = 25 °C. Emission and excitation band widths = 15 and 20 nm, respectively; band-pass filter at 290 nm; 1% attenuator. The emission intensities have been normalized with respect to the absorbances of the quinoline ( $\lambda_{exc} = 300$  nm) solutions and therefore reflect the relative emission quantum yields. The absorbances at excitation wavelength are always below 0.1 to prevent inner filter effects.



**Figure S18.** Influence on the emission spectra of methoxy substitution on either C6 (**4d**), C7 (**4e**) or C8 (**4f**) positions of a quinoline derivative bearing a CHF<sub>2</sub> group at both C2 and C4 positions (**1d** as a scaffold reference). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; T = 25 °C. Emission and excitation band widths = 15 and 20 nm, respectively; band-pass filter at 290 nm; 1% attenuator. The emission intensities have been normalized with respect to the absorbances of the quinoline ( $\lambda_{exc} = 300$  nm) solutions and therefore reflect the relative emission quantum yields. The absorbances at excitation wavelength are always below 0.1 to prevent inner filter effects.



**Figure S19.** Influence on the emission spectra of dimethylamino substitution on the C6 (**5a**) position of a quinoline derivative bearing a CHF<sub>2</sub> group at C2 and a CF<sub>3</sub> group at C4 positions (**1a** as a scaffold reference). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; T = 25 °C. Emission and excitation band widths = 15 and 20 nm, respectively; band-pass filter at 290 nm; 1% attenuator. The emission intensities have been normalized with respect to the absorbances of the quinoline ( $\lambda_{exc} = 300$  nm) solutions and therefore reflect the relative emission quantum yields. The absorbances at excitation wavelength are always below 0.1 to prevent inner filter effects.



**Figure S20.** Influence on the emission spectra of dimethylamino substitution on either C6 (**5b**), C7 (**5c**) positions of a quinoline derivative bearing a CHF<sub>2</sub> group at both C2 and C4 positions (**1d** as a scaffold reference). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; T = 25 °C. Emission and excitation band widths = 15 and 20 nm, respectively; band-pass filter at 290 nm; 1% attenuator. The emission intensities have been normalized with respect to the absorbances of the quinoline ( $\lambda_{exc} = 300$  nm) solutions and therefore reflect the relative emission quantum yields. The absorbances at excitation wavelength are always below 0.1 to prevent inner filter effects.



**Figure S21.** Influence on the emission spectra of the substitution on the C7 position for quinoline derivatives bearing a CF<sub>3</sub> at C2 and a CHF<sub>2</sub> at C4 positions (derivative **1a** as a scaffold reference). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane, T = 25.0(2) °C. Emission and excitation band widths = 15 and 20 nm, respectively; bandpass filter at 290 nm; 1% attenuator. The emission intensities have been normalized with respect to the absorbances of the quinoline ( $\lambda_{exc} = 300$  nm) solutions and therefore reflect the relative emission quantum yields. The absorbances at excitation wavelength are always below 0.1 to prevent inner filter effects.



**Figure S22.** Influence on the emission spectra of the substitution on the C6 position for quinoline derivatives bearing a CHF<sub>2</sub> group at both C2 and C4 positions (derivative **1d** as a scaffold reference). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane, T = 25.0(2) °C. Emission and excitation band widths = 15 and 20 nm, respectively; band-pass filter at 290 nm; 1% attenuator. The emission intensities have been normalized with respect to the absorbances of the quinoline ( $\lambda_{exc} = 300$  nm) solutions and therefore reflect the relative emission quantum yields. The absorbances at excitation wavelength are always below 0.1 to prevent inner filter effects.



**Figure S23.** Influence on the emission spectra of the substitution on the C7 position for quinoline derivatives bearing CHF<sub>2</sub> at both C2 and C4 positions (derivative **1d** as a scaffold reference). Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane, T = 25.0(2) °C. Emission and excitation band widths = 15 and 20 nm, respectively; bandpass filter at 290 nm; 1% attenuator. The emission intensities have been normalized with respect to the absorbances of the quinoline ( $\lambda_{exc} = 300$  nm) solutions and therefore reflect the relative emission quantum yields. The absorbances at excitation wavelength are always below 0.1 to prevent inner filter effects.



**Figure S24.** Cyclic voltammograms of **1a** and **1d** measured at a sweep rate of 200 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. Solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; T = 25.0(2) °C; I = 0.1 M (NBu<sub>4</sub>BF<sub>4</sub>); reference electrode = KCl(3 M)/Ag/AgCl; working electrode = glassy carbon disk of 0.07 cm<sup>2</sup> area. The compounds concentrations are about 1 mM.



**Figure S25.** Influence on the cyclic voltammograms of the fluorine substitution at the C6 (**2d**) and C7 (**2e**) positions of a quinoline derivative bearing  $CHF_2$  groups at both C2 and C4 positions (**1d** as a scaffold reference) as well as the introduction of a methyl group at the C8 position (**6b**).  $v = 200 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ ; solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; T = 25.0(2) °C; I = 0.1 M (NBu<sub>4</sub>BF<sub>4</sub>); reference electrode = KCl(3 M)/Ag/AgCl; working electrode = glassy carbon disk of 0.07 cm<sup>2</sup> area. The compounds concentrations are about 1 mM.



**Figure S26.** Influence on the cyclic voltammograms of the trifluoromethoxy substitution at the C6 (**3c**) and C7 (**3d**) positions of a quinoline derivative bearing  $CHF_2$  groups at both C2 and C4 positions (**1d** as a scaffold reference).  $v = 200 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ ; solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; T = 25.0(2) °C; I = 0.1 M (NBu<sub>4</sub>BF<sub>4</sub>); reference electrode = KCl(3 M)/Ag/AgCl; working electrode = glassy carbon disk of 0.07 cm<sup>2</sup> area. The compounds concentrations are about 1 mM.



**Figure S27.** Influence on the cyclic voltammograms of the methoxy substitution at the C6 (**4d**) and C7 (**4e**) positions of a quinoline derivative bearing  $CHF_2$  groups at both C2 and C4 positions (**1d** as a scaffold reference).  $v = 200 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ ; solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; T = 25.0(2) °C; I = 0.1 M (NBu<sub>4</sub>BF<sub>4</sub>); reference electrode = KCl(3 M)/Ag/AgCl; working electrode = glassy carbon disk of 0.07 cm<sup>2</sup> area. The compounds concentrations are about 1 mM.



**Figure S28.** Influence on the cyclic voltammograms of the dimethylamino substitution at the C6 (**5b**) and C7 (**5c**) positions of a quinoline derivative bearing  $CHF_2$  groups at both C2 and C4 positions (**1d** as a scaffold reference).  $v = 200 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ ; solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; T = 25.0(2) °C; I = 0.1 M (NBu<sub>4</sub>BF<sub>4</sub>); reference electrode = KCl(3 M)/Ag/AgCl; working electrode = glassy carbon disk of 0.07 cm<sup>2</sup> area. The compounds concentrations are about 1 mM.



**Figure S29.** Influence on the cyclic voltammograms of the halogen substitution (F, **6b** and Cl, **7b**) at the C6 positions of a quinoline derivative bearing  $CHF_2$  groups at both C2 and C4 positions and a  $CH_3$  group at the C8 position (**1d** as a scaffold reference).  $v = 200 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ ; solvent: 1,2-dichloroethane; T = 25.0(2) °C; I = 0.1 M (NBu<sub>4</sub>BF<sub>4</sub>); reference electrode = KCl(3 M)/Ag/AgCl; working electrode = glassy carbon disk of 0.07 cm<sup>2</sup> area. The compounds concentrations are about 1 mM.

Figure S30. NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F) and characterization data of compound 1a.

#### 4-(Difluoromethyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)quinoline 1a

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H} = 8.33$  (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{H-H} = 8.5$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>8</sub>H), 8.16 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{H-H} = 8.5$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>H), 7.93 (s, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>H), 7.92 – 7.87 (m, 1H, C<sub>7</sub>H), 7.80 (t, <sup>3</sup> $J_{H-H} = Hz$ , 1H, C<sub>6</sub>H), 7.22 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{H-F} = 54.2$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{F} = -67.66$  (s, C<sub>2</sub>*CF*<sub>3</sub>), -115.53 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{F-H} = 54.1$  Hz, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C} = 147.94$  (q, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 35.3$  Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), 147.87 (t, C<sub>9</sub>), 140.33 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 22.3$  Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 131.39 (s, C<sub>7</sub>), 131.29 (s, C<sub>8</sub>), 130.06 (s, C<sub>6</sub>), 125.09 (s, C<sub>10</sub>), 123.44 (s, C<sub>5</sub>), 121.33 (q, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 275.73$ Hz, C<sub>2</sub>*CF*<sub>3</sub>), 114.14 (td,



= 7.9,  ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$  = 2.1 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>), 112.74 (t,  ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$  = 241.5 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>) ppm. HRMS (ESI positive) for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>5</sub>N [M<sup>+</sup>]: calcd 248.0493, found 248.0520. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>N (247): calcd (%) N 5.66, C 53.40, H 2.43, found N 5.73, C 53.83, H 2.58. MP: 64 – 65.1 °C.





Figure S31. NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F) and characterization data of compound 2a.

#### 4-(Difluoromethyl)-6-fluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)quinoline 2a

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H} = 8.32$  (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H} = 9.3$ ,  ${}^{4}J_{H-F} = 5.5$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>8</sub>H), 7.93 (s, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>H), 7.81 – 7.73 (m, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>H), 7.67 – 7.66 (m, 1H, C<sub>7</sub>H), 7.12 (t, = 54.1 Hz, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>CHF<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{F} = -67.69$  (s, C<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>), 105.84 - -105.77 (m, C<sub>6</sub>F), -115.61 (d, {}^{2}J\_{F-H} = 54.1 Hz, C\_{4}CHF\_{2}) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C} = 162.40$  (d,  ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 254.3$  Hz, C<sub>6</sub>), 147.31 (qd,  ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 35.7$ , = 3.2 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), 145.05 (s, C<sub>9</sub>), 139.92 (td,  ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 22.5$ ,  ${}^{4}J_{C-F} = 6.2$  Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 133.96  ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 9.8$  Hz, C<sub>8</sub>), 126.06 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 10.7$  Hz, C<sub>10</sub>), 122.01 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 26.0$  Hz,

121.24 (q,  ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$  = 275.1 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>*CF*<sub>3</sub>), 115.17 – 115.02 (m, C<sub>3</sub>), 112.74 (t,  ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$  = 237.4 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), 107.68 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$  = 24.1 Hz, C<sub>5</sub>) ppm. HRMS (ESI positive) for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N [M<sup>+</sup>]: calcd 266.0399, found 266.0387. MP: 68.2 – 69.8 °C.



 ${}^{2}J_{H-F}$ 

<sup>6</sup>Ј<sub>С-F</sub>

(d,

C<sub>7</sub>),





Figure S32. NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F) and characterization data of compound 3a.

# 4-(Difluoromethyl)-6-(trifluoromethoxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)quinoline 3a

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H} = 8.39$  (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{H-H} = 9.3$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>8</sub>H), 7.97 (s, 2H, <sub>5</sub>H), 7.77 (dd, <sup>3</sup> $J_{H-H} = 9.3$ , <sup>4</sup> $J_{H-H} = 1.9$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>7</sub>H), 7.15 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{H-F} = 54.0$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>CHF<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{F} = -57.72$  (s, C<sub>6</sub>OCF<sub>3</sub>), -67.79 (s, C<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>), -115.31 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{F-H} = 53.9$  Hz, C<sub>4</sub>CHF<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 149.50 (s, C<sub>6</sub>), 148.41 (q, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 35.9$  Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), 146.02 (s, C<sub>9</sub>), 140.46 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} =$ Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 133.66 (s, C<sub>8</sub>), 125.52 (s, C<sub>10</sub>), 125.35 (s, C<sub>7</sub>), 121.12 (q, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 276.4$  C<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>), 120.74 (q, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 260.6$  Hz, C<sub>6</sub>OCF<sub>3</sub>), 115.36 (td, <sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} = 8.0$ , <sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} = 2.1$ 



C<sub>3</sub>), 113.97 (s, C<sub>5</sub>), 112.67 (t, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 242.0 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>) ppm. C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>5</sub>F<sub>8</sub>NO (331): calcd (%) N 4.23, C 43.48, H 1.51, found N 4.20, C 43.77, H 1.83. MP: 42.2 – 43.8 °C.





Figure S33. NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F) and characterization data of compound 4a.

#### 4-(Difluoromethyl)-6-methoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)quinoline 4a

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H} = 8.16$  (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{H-H} = 9.3$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>8</sub>H), 7.85 (s, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>H), 7.50 (dd, <sup>3</sup> $J_{H-H} = 9.3$ , <sup>4</sup> $J_{H-H} = 2.6$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>7</sub>H), 7.29 (s, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>H), 7.11 (t, = 54.3 Hz, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>CHF<sub>2</sub>), 3.97 (s, 3H, C<sub>6</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{F} = -67.30$  (s, C<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>), -115.95 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{F-H} = 54.4$  Hz, C<sub>4</sub>CHF<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C} = 160.35$  (s, C<sub>6</sub>), 144.95 (q, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 35.4$  Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), 144.11 (s, C<sub>9</sub>), 138.21 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 22.1$  Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 132.56 (s, C<sub>8</sub>), 126.63 (s, C<sub>10</sub>), 124.40 (s, C<sub>7</sub>), 121.43 (q, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 274.7$  Hz, C<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>), 114.59 (td, <sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} = 8.1$ , <sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F}$ 



2.3 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>), 113.17 (t, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 241.1 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>CHF<sub>2</sub>), 101.06 (s, C<sub>5</sub>), 55.88 (s, C<sub>6</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>5</sub>NO (277): calcd (%) N 5.05, C 51.95, H 2.88, found N 5.03, C 51.64, H 2.80. MP: 105.9 – 108.2 °C.







Figure S34. NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F) and characterization data of compound 5a.

#### 4-(Difluoromethyl)-N,N-dimethyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)quinolin-6-amine 5a

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  = 8.07 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 9.5 Hz, 1H, C<sub>8</sub>H), 7.75 (s, 1H, CHF<sub>2</sub> C<sub>3</sub>H), 7.43 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H}$  = 9.5,  ${}^{4}J_{H-H}$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H, C<sub>7</sub>H), 7.07 (t,  ${}^{2}J_{H-F}$  = 54.5 Hz, Me<sub>2</sub>N C<sub>4</sub>CHF<sub>2</sub>), 6.84 (s, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>H), 3.14 (s, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_F$  = -66.90 (s, C<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>), -117.13 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>F-H</sub> = 54.7 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>CHF<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{c}$  = 150.28 (s, C<sub>6</sub>), 143.01 – 141.69 (m, C<sub>2</sub> + C<sub>9</sub>), 5a Chemical Formula: C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub> 136.12 (t,  ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$  = 21.6 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 131.80 (s, C<sub>8</sub>), 127.25 (t,  ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$  = 2.5 Hz, C<sub>10</sub>), Exact Mass: 290,08 g/mol 121.98 (q,  ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$  = 274.0 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>), 120.46 (s, C<sub>7</sub>), 114.48 (td,  ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$  = 8.2,  ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$ Yellow solid 2.3 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>), 113.29 (t, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 240.4 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>CHF<sub>2</sub>), 98.92 (s, C<sub>5</sub>), 40.46 (s, C<sub>6</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) ppm. C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub> (290): calcd (%) N 9.65, C 53.75, H 3.79, found N 9.42, C 53.55, H 3.81. MP: 107.5 - 108.4 °C.



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Figure S35. NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F) and characterization data of compound 1d.

## 2,4-Bis(difluoromethyl)quinoline 1d

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H} = 8.23$  (d,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H} = 8.5$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>8</sub>H), 8.14 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H}$ 8.5 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>H), 7.92 (s, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>H), 7.86 (t,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H} = 7.7$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>7</sub>H), 7.74 (t,  ${}^{3}J_{H-}$ 7.7 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>H), 7.19 (t,  ${}^{2}J_{H-F} = 54.3$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), 6.81 (t,  ${}^{2}J_{H-F} = 55.1$  Hz, C<sub>2</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{F} = -114.46$  (d,  ${}^{2}J_{F-H} = 55.1$  Hz, C<sub>2</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), -115.16 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{F-H} = 54.3$  Hz, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 152.70 (t,  ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 27.1$  Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), 147.80 (s, C<sub>9</sub>), 139.93 (t,  ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 22.2$  Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 130.91 (s, C<sub>7</sub>), 130.83 (s, C<sub>8</sub>), 129.33 (s, C<sub>6</sub>), 124.84 (s, C<sub>10</sub>), 123.55 (s, C<sub>5</sub>),



114.37 (t,  ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$  = 242.0 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), 114.32 – 114.17 (m, C<sub>3</sub>), 113.13 (t,  ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$  = 241.2 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>) ppm. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N (229): calcd (%) N 6.10, C 57.60, H 3.05, found N 6.20, C 57.56, H 2.96. MP: 48.2 – 49.7 °C.





Figure S36. NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F) and characterization data of compound 2d.

#### 2,4-Bis(difluoromethyl)-6-fluoroquinoline 2d

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  = 8.24 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 9.3, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-F</sub> = 5.5 Hz, 1H, C<sub>8</sub>H), CHF<sub>2</sub>  ${}^{2}J_{H-F}$ 7.92 (s, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>H), 7.80 – 7.74 (m, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 1H, C<sub>7</sub>H), 7.09 (t, = 54.2 Hz, 1H,  $C_4CHF_2$ ), 6.79 (t,  ${}^{2}J_{H-F}$  = 55.0 Hz, 1H,  $C_2CHF_2$ ) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR CHE  $(376 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta_F = -107.18 - -107.24 \text{ (m, C}_6\text{F}\text{)}, -114.45 \text{ (d, }^2J_{F-H} = 55.0 \text{ Hz},$ 2d C<sub>2</sub>CHF<sub>2</sub>), -115.17 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>F-H</sub> = 54.2 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>CHF<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Chemical Formula: C11H6F5N  $\delta_{\rm C} =$ Exact Mass: 247,04 g/mol 162.01 (d,  ${}^{1}J_{CF}$  = 252.9 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>), 152.09 (td,  ${}^{2}J_{CF}$  = 27.3,  ${}^{6}J_{CF}$  = 3.1 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), Yellow solid 144.98 (s, C<sub>9</sub>), 139.56 (td,  ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$  = 22.4,  ${}^{4}J_{C-F}$  = 6.1 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 133.46 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$  = 9.6 Hz, C<sub>8</sub>), 125.76 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$  = 10.4 Hz, C<sub>10</sub>), 121.43 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$  = 25.8 Hz, C<sub>7</sub>), 115.28 (t,  ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$  = 7.8 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>), 114.21 (t,  ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$  = 241.3 Hz,  $C_2CHF_2$ ), 110.78 (t,  ${}^{1}J_{CF}$  = 242.0 Hz,  $C_4CHF_2$ ), 107.84 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{CF}$  = 24.0 Hz,  $C_5$ ) ppm.  $C_{11}H_6F_5N$  (247): calcd (%) N 5.66, C 53.41, H 2.43, found N 5.67, C 53.42, H 2.57. HRMS (ESI positive) for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>5</sub>N [M<sup>+</sup>]: calcd

248.0493, found 248.0497. MP: 68.7 – 71.2 °C.





Figure S37. NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F) and characterization data of compound 3c.

#### 2,4-Bis(difluoromethyl)-6-(trifluoromethoxy)quinoline 3c

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H} = 8.30$  (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{H-H} = 9.3$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>8</sub>H), 7.96 – 7.95 2H, C<sub>3,5</sub>H), 7.73 (dd, <sup>3</sup> $J_{H-H} = 9.3$ , <sup>4</sup> $J_{H-H} = 1.8$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>7</sub>H), 7.13 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{H-F} = 56.0$ 1H, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), 6.80 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{H-F} = 55.0$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{F} = -57.71$  (s, C<sub>6</sub>*OCF*<sub>3</sub>), -114.67 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{F-H} = 55.0$  Hz, C<sub>2</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), -114.88 <sup>2</sup> $J_{F-H} = 54.1$  Hz, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C} = 153.23$  (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F}$ 27.5 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), 148.97 (s, C<sub>6</sub>), 146.01 (s, C<sub>9</sub>), 140.06 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 22.5$  Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 133.17 (s, C<sub>8</sub>), 125.23 (s, C<sub>10</sub>), 124.89 (s, C<sub>7</sub>), 120.59 (q, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 259.2$  Hz,



 $C_6OCF_3$ ), 115.64 – 115.49 (m,  $C_3$ ), 114.32 (s,  $C_5$ ), 114.08 (t,  ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$  = 241.6 Hz,  $C_2CHF_2$ ), 113.09 (t,  ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$  = 240.0 Hz,  $C_4CHF_2$ ) ppm.  $C_{12}H_6F_7NO$  (313): calcd (%) N 4.47, C 45.98, H 1.92, found N 4.49, C 46.35, H 2.07. MP: 47.5 – 48.2 °C.





Figure S38. NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F) and characterization data of compound 4d.

## 2,4-Bis(difluoromethyl)-6-methoxyquinoline 4d

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H} = 8.15$  (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{H-H} = 9.3$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>8</sub>H), 7.90 (s, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>H), 7.53 (dd, <sup>3</sup> $J_{H-H} = 9.3$ , <sup>4</sup> $J_{H-H} = 2.5$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>7</sub>H), 7.36 (s, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>H), 7.16 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{H-F} = 54.4$ Hz, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), 6.85 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{H-F} = 55.2$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), 4.03 (s, 3H, C<sub>8</sub>*OCH*<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{F} = -113.99$  (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{F-H} = 55.3$  Hz, C<sub>2</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), -115.52 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{F-H} = 54.4$  Hz, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C} = 159.77$  (s, C<sub>6</sub>), 149.93 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 27.0$  Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), 143.966 (s, C<sub>9</sub>), 138.02 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 22.0$  Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 132.11 (s, C<sub>8</sub>), 126.21 (s, C<sub>10</sub>), 123.71 (s, C<sub>7</sub>), 114.70 (tt, <sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} = 8.0$ , <sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} = 1.8$  Hz, C<sub>3</sub>), 114.51 (t, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 54.4$  Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 132.11 (t, 1)



Chemical Formula: C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>4</sub>NO Exact Mass: 259,06 g/mol Orange solid

241.9 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>,), 113.57 (t, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 240.8 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), 101.35 (s, C<sub>5</sub>), 55.79 (s, C<sub>8</sub>*OCH*<sub>3</sub>) ppm. C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>4</sub>NO (259): calcd (%) N 5.40, C 55.55, H 3.47, found N 5.43, C 55.24, H 3.30. MP: 93.5 – 97.2 °C.







Figure S39. NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F) and characterization data of compound 5b.

#### 2,4-Bis(difluoromethyl)-N,N-dimethylquinolin-6-amine 5b

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm H} = 8.01$  (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{H-H} = 9.4$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>8</sub>H), 7.76 (s, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>H), 7.42 (dd, <sup>3</sup> $J_{H-H} = 9.5$ , <sup>4</sup> $J_{H-H} = 2.7$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>7</sub>H), 7.07 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{H-F} = 54.6$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), 6.90 (s, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>H), 6.75 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{H-F} = 55.5$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), 3.14 (s, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>*N*(*CH*<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm F} = -113.38$  (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{F-H} = 55.5$  Hz, C<sub>2</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), -116.67 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{F-H} = 54.6$  Hz, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm C} = 149.96$  (s, C<sub>6</sub>), 147.42 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 26.8$  Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), 141.73 (s, C<sub>9</sub>), 136.29 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 21.5$  Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 131.36 (s, C<sub>8</sub>), 126.89 (s, C<sub>10</sub>), 120.03 (s, C<sub>7</sub>), 114.90 (t, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 239.9$  Hz, C<sub>2</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), 114.64 (t, <sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} =$ 



Chemical Formula: C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub> Exact Mass: 272,09 g/mol Orange solid

8.1 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>), 113.69 (t, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>*C-F*</sub> = 241.4 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), 99.55 (s, C<sub>5</sub>), 40.53 (s, C<sub>6</sub>*N*(*CH*<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) ppm. C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub> (272): calcd (%) N 10.20, C 57.30, H 4.41, found N 10.09, C 56.86, H 4.40. MP: 115.6 – 116.9 °C.





Figure S40. NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F) and characterization data of compound **2e**.

#### 2,4-Bis(difluoromethyl)-7-fluoroquinoline 2e

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  = 8.17 (dd, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 9.3, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-F</sub> = 5.7 Hz, 1H, C<sub>8</sub>H), 7.86 CHF<sub>2</sub> (s, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>H), 7.84 (s, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>H), 7.57 – 7.49 (m, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>H), 7.14 (t,  ${}^{2}J_{H-F}$  = 54.2 Hz, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), 6.78 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>*H*-*F*</sub> = 55.0 Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CHE  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta_F = -106.41 - -106.96$  (m,  $C_7F$ ), -114.43 (d,  ${}^2J_{F-H} = 54.2$  Hz,  $C_2CHF_2$ ), -114.83 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{F-H}$  = 55.0 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>) ppm.  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  = 2e Chemical Formula: C11H6F5N 163.60 (d,  ${}^{1}J_{CF}$  = 253.6 Hz, C<sub>7</sub>), 153.93 (t,  ${}^{2}J_{CF}$  = 27.3 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), 149.21 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CF}$  = 12.7 Exact Mass: 247,04 g/mol Hz, C<sub>9</sub>), 140.17 (td,  ${}^{2}J_{CF}$  = 22.4,  ${}^{5}J_{CF}$  = 1.1 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 126.00 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{CF}$  = 9.8 Hz, C<sub>5</sub>), Yellow solid

121.79 (d,  ${}^{4}J_{C-F} = 1.0$  Hz, C<sub>10</sub>), 119.91 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 25.39$  Hz, C<sub>6</sub>), 114.54 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 20.56$  Hz, C<sub>8</sub>), 114.12 (t,  ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 242.9$  Hz, C<sub>2</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), 113.86 (m, C<sub>3</sub>), 113.23 (t,  ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 241.5$  Hz, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>) ppm. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>N (247): calcd (%) N 5.66, C 53.41, H 2.43, found N 5.79, C 53.54, H 2.69. MP: 73.2 – 74.6 °C.





Figure S41. NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F) and characterization data of compound 3d.

(313): calcd (%) N 4.47, C 45.98, H 1.92, found N 4.49, C 46.13, H 2.15.

# 2,4-Bis(difluoromethyl)-7-(trifluoromethoxy)quinoline 3d

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  = 8.08 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 9.2 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>H), 7.93 (s, 1H, C<sub>8</sub>H), 7.79 (s, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>H), 7.46 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H}$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>H), 7.03 (t,  ${}^{2}J_{H-F}$  = 54.2 Hz, 1H,  $C_4CHF_2$ ), 6.69 (t,  ${}^2J_{H-F}$  = 55.0 Hz, 1H,  $C_2CHF_2$ ) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_F$  = -F<sub>3</sub>CO 58.14 (s,  $C_7OCF_3$ ), -114.72 (d,  ${}^2J_{F-H}$  = 54.1 Hz,  $C_2CHF_2$ ), -115.17 (d,  ${}^2J_{F-H}$  = 54.9 Hz, Chemical Formula: C12H6F7NO  $C_4CHF_2$ ) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  = 154.12 (t, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 27.3 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), 150.58 Exact Mass: 313,03 g/mol (s, C<sub>7</sub>), 148.46 (s, C<sub>9</sub>), 140.14 (t,  ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$  = 22.5 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 125.76 (s, C<sub>5</sub>), 123.13 (s, C<sub>6</sub>), Light brown liquid 122.95 (s, C<sub>10</sub>), 120.58 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 259.4 Hz, C<sub>7</sub>OCF<sub>3</sub>), 120.02 (s, C<sub>8</sub>), 114.72 (tt, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 8, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.8 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>), 114.04 (t, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 242.4 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>CHF<sub>2</sub>), 113.12 (t, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 241.4 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>CHF<sub>2</sub>) ppm. C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>6</sub>F<sub>7</sub>NO



**CHF**<sub>2</sub>

3d

CHF<sub>2</sub>



Figure S42. NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F) and characterization data of compound 4e.

# 2,4-Bis(difluoromethyl)-7-methoxyquinoline 4e

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  = 7.79 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 9.3 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>H), 7.57 (s, 1H, CHF<sub>2</sub> C<sub>3</sub>H), 7.30 (d,  ${}^{4}J_{H-H}$  = 2.6 Hz, 1H, C<sub>8</sub>H), 7.14 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H}$  = 9.3,  ${}^{4}J_{H-H}$  = 2.6 Hz, 1H,  $C_6H$ ), 6.94 (t,  ${}^{2}J_{H-F}$  = 54.4 Hz, 1H,  $C_4CHF_2$ ), 6.62 (t,  ${}^{2}J_{H-F}$  = 55.2 Hz, 1H, CHF<sub>2</sub> MeO (d,  $C_2CHF_2$ ), 3.79 (s, 3H,  $C_8OCH_3$ ) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_F$  = -114.79 **4**e  ${}^{2}J_{F-H}$  = 54.4 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>CHF<sub>2</sub>), -114.95 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{F-H}$  = 55.3 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>CHF<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Chemical Formula: C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>4</sub>NO Exact Mass: 259,06 g/mol (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  = 161.45 (s, C<sub>7</sub>), 152.86 (t, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 26.7 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), 149.83 (s, Yellow solid  $C_9$ , 139.56 (t,  ${}^{2}J_{CF}$  = 22.2 Hz,  $C_4$ ), 124.33 (s,  $C_5$ ), 122.45 (s,  $C_6$ ), 119.77 (t,  ${}^{3}J_{CF}$ <sub>F</sub> = 2.8 Hz, C<sub>10</sub>), 114.25 (t, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 242.4 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>CHF<sub>2</sub>), 113.18 (t, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 241.0 Hz, C<sub>4</sub>CHF<sub>2</sub>), 111.89 - 111.70 (m, C<sub>3</sub>),

108.24 (s,  $C_8$ ), 55.60 (s,  $C_8OCH_3$ ) ppm.  $C_{12}H_9F_4NO$  (259): calcd (%) N 5.40, C 55.55, H 3.47, found N 5.55, C 55.57, H 3.67. MP: 55.4 – 56.9 °C.





Figure S43. NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F) and characterization data of compound 5c.

## 2,4-Bis(difluoromethyl)-N,N-dimethylquinolin-7-amine 5c

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H} = 7.94$  (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{H-H} = 9.4$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>H), 7.55 (s, 1H, C<sub>8</sub>H), 7.29 (dd, <sup>3</sup> $J_{H-H} = 9.4$ , <sup>4</sup> $J_{H-H} = 2.7$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>H), 7.21 (d, <sup>4</sup> $J_{H-F} = 2.7$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>H), 7.08 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{H-F} = 54.6$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), 6.72 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{H-F} = 55.4$  Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), 3.13 (s, 6H, C<sub>7</sub>*N*(*CH*<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{F} = -114.59$  (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{F-H} = 54.6$  Hz, C<sub>2</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), -114.89 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{F-H} = 55.4$  Hz, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C} =$ 152.95 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 26.5$  Hz, C<sub>2</sub>), 151.69 (s, C<sub>7</sub>), 150.03 (s, C<sub>9</sub>), 139.30 (t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 23.9$ Hz, C<sub>4</sub>), 124.08 (s, C<sub>5</sub>), 118.49 (s, C<sub>8</sub>), 116.98 (s, C<sub>10</sub>), 114.56 (t, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 264.0$  Hz, C<sub>2</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), 113.54 (t, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 240.8$  Hz, C<sub>4</sub>*CHF*<sub>2</sub>), 109.73 (tt, <sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} = 8.0$ , <sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} = 2.2$  Hz, C<sub>3</sub>), 10

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Chemical Formula: C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub> Exact Mass: 272,09 g/mol Brown solid

 $C_2CHF_2$ ), 113.54 (t,  ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$  = 240.8 Hz,  $C_4CHF_2$ ), 109.73 (tt,  ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$  = 8.0,  ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$  = 2.2 Hz,  $C_3$ ), 107.26 (s,  $C_6$ ), 40.38 (s,  $C_7N(CH_3)_2$ ) ppm.  $C_{13}H_{12}F_4N_2$  (272): calcd (%) N 10.20, C 57.30, H 4.41, found N 10.06, C 57.26, H 4.41. MP: 83.7 – 84.7 °C.

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