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Supporting Information

Ni-Catalyzed Migratory Fluoro-Alkenylation of Unactivated Alkylbromides with *gem*-Difluoroalkenes

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1. General information

All operations were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere. ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 (400 MHz for ¹H, 100 MHz for ¹³C and 376 MHz for ¹⁹F) or a JEOL ECX-400 (400 MHz for ¹H, 100 MHz for ¹³C and 376 MHz for ¹⁹F) spectrometer using residue solvent as internal reference. Silica gel (200~300 mesh) was used for flash column chromatography. High resolution mass analyses (ESI+) were performed on a Waters mass spectrometer.

Reagents: Unless otherwise noted, commercial reagents were used as received. Dehydrated DMA was purchased from Energy[®]. THF, toluene, acetonitrile and dichloromethane were purified by Vigor[®] solvent purification system. Alkylbromide **1a**–**1k**,¹⁻² *gem*-difluoroalkenes **2a**–**2n**,³ **2p**,⁴ **2q**³ and **5**,⁵ **5a**–**5b**,⁶⁻⁷ **7a**–**7c**,⁸⁻¹⁰ **D**₂-**1a**¹¹ were prepared according to literature procedures. 1.1 Structure of alkylbromides **1a-m**



1.2 Structure of gem-difluoroalkenes 2a-q



1.3 Unsuccessful substrates

gem-difluoroalkenes



alkylbromides



2. Procedure for the preparation of gem-difluoroalkenes

Preparation of gem-difluoroalkene 20



Step 1: To a stirred solution of 3-hydroxybenzaldehyde (1.2 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) at 0 °C was added TsCl (4.2 g, 22 mmol, 1.1 equiv), DMAP (0.2 g, 2.0 mmol, 0.1 equiv). Then Et₃N (3.0 g, 30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added dropwise. At the end of the addition, the homogeneous solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for additional 2 h. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with 1M HCl and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. After solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5 : 1) to afford **S1** (4.4 g, 16.0 mmol) in 80% yield as white solid.

Step 2 : A solution of **S1** (2.7 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and PPh₃ (5.2 g, 20 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in DMF (20 mL) was heated to 100 °C. To the reaction mixture at 100 °C was added F₂ClCCOONa (3.0 g, 20 mmol, 2.0 equiv) slowly. After the reaction was completed according to the TLC (about 30 min), the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with H₂O₂ (30 wt% in water, 10 mL), brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residual mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20 : 1) to afford compound **20** (2.5 g, 8.1 mmol) in 81% yield as white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (dd, *J* = 25.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (**376 MHz, CDCl₃**): δ = -80.62 (t, *J* = 26.5 Hz), -82.45 (dd, *J* = 27.1, 3.4 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 156.4 (dd, *J* = 299.3, 289.8 Hz), 149.8, 145.5, 132.2, 132.1 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 6.1 Hz), 129.7 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 128.5, 126.2 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 3.6 Hz), 121.4 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 3.4 Hz), 120.9 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 81.5 (dd, *J* = 30.2, 13.2 Hz), 21.7; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₅H₁₂F₂O₃SNa [M+H]⁺: 333.0373, found: 333.0366.

Preparation of gem-difluoroalkene 2r



Step1: After a suspension of 1*H*-indole-6-carbaldehyde (1.5 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), TBAHS (0.5 g, 1.5 mmol, 0.15 equiv) and KOH (1.1 g, 20 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was stirred for 20 min. TsCl (2.9 g, 15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with H₂O and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The product was purified by column chromatograph on silica gel (eluent = petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5 : 1) to afford **S2** (2.5 g, 8.3 mmol) in 83% yield as white solid.

Step 2: A solution of **S2** (1.5 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and PPh₃ (2.6 g, 10 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in DMF (20 mL) was heated to 100 °C. To the reaction mixture at 100 °C was added F₂ClCCOONa (1.5 g, 10 mmol, 2.0 equiv) slowly. After the reaction finished according to the TLC (about 30 min), the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with H₂O₂ (30 wt% in water, 20 mL), brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. After solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residual mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent = petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20 : 1) to afford **2r** (1.2 g, 3.5 mmol) in 70% yield as white solid. ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl₃**): δ = 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23

(d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, J = 3.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (dd, J = 25.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H).NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -82.56 (dd, J = 32.2, 25.8 Hz), -84.29 (dd, J = 32.1, 4.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 156.1 (dd, J = 297.9, 288.0 Hz), 145.0, 135.0, 135.0, 129.9, 129.6 (t, J = 1.7 Hz), 126.8 (t, J = 3.1 Hz), 126.78, 123.0 (dd, J = 6.3, 3.1 Hz), 121.4, 112.4 (dd, J = 7.0, 3.9 Hz), 108.8, 82.6 (dd, J = 29.6, 13.3 Hz), 21.5. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄F₂NO₂S [M+H]⁺: 334.0713, found: 334.0717.

Preparation of compound $7b^8$



To tert-butyl alcohol (20 mL) was added t-BuOK (0.7 g, 6.0 mmol, 1.8 equiv) and the mixture was heated at reflux for 1 h to afford potassium t-butoxide solution. Then (chloromethyl)triphenylphosphonium chloride (1.7 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added and the resulting mixture was sitted for 90 min to afford the phosphonium ylide (S3). To the solution of S3 was added methyl 4-formylbenzoate (0.54 g, 3.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and the mixture was stirred for another 4 h at reflux. Upon the completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was quenched by adding water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. After solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residual mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20: 1) to afford **7b** (0.4 g, 2.0 mmol, E/Z = 58/42) in 60% yield as white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.95$ (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, J = 3.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2Hz), 7.20 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H5.40 (dd, *J* = 25.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H).

3. Optimization of reaction conditions

Table S1. Optimization of reaction conditions.^[a]

	1	CO₂Me CO₂Me					₂Me		
		Ph	Br + F	Ni Redu Solver	salt, Ligand <u>ctant, Additive</u> nt , Temp, Tim	e F Ph			
Entry	Ni salt	Ligand	Reductant	Additive	Solvent	Ja Temp./°C	Time/h	Yield/%	rr
1	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	-	DMA	25	12	28	100 : 1
2	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	TMSCl	DMA	25	12	11	100 : 19
3	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	CF ₃ COOH	DMA	25	12	32	100 : 2
4	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	TfOH	DMA	25	12	14	100 : 1
5	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	B(C ₆ F ₅) ₃	DMA	25	12	26	100 : 1
6	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	MgCl ₂	DMA	25	12	44	100 : 3
7	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	Zn(OTf) ₂	DMA	25	12	6	100 : 2
8	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	In(OTf)3	DMA	25	12	10	100 : 1
9	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	TBAB	DMA	25	12	23	100 : 2
10	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	Cu(OTf) ₂	DMA	25	12	30	100 : 2
11	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	ZrF ₄	DMA	25	12	40	100 : 1
12	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	TBAI	DMA	25	12	24	100 : 12

13	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	YbCl ₃	DMA	25	12	63	100 : 1
13	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf) ₃	DMA	25	12	70	100 : 1
14^b	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf) ₃	DMA	25	12	31	100 : 1
15 ^c	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf) ₃	DMA	25	12	48	100 : 1
16 ^d	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf) ₃	DMA	25	12	63	100 : 1
17	NiCl ₂	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf) ₃	DMA	25	12	10	100 : 2
18	NiBr ₂	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf) ₃	DMA	25	12	24	100 : 2
19	Ni(OTf) ₂	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf) ₃	DMA	25	12	6	100 : 1
20	Ni(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf) ₃	DMA	25	12	42	100 : 2
21	Ni(COD) ₂	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf) ₃	DMA	25	12	0	-
22	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L2	Mn	Yb(OTf) ₃	DMA	25	12	28	100 : 2
23	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L3	Mn	Yb(OTf) ₃	DMA	25	12	0	-
24	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L4	Mn	Yb(OTf)3	DMA	25	12	60	100 : 2
25	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L5	Mn	Yb(OTf)3	DMA	25	12	30	100 : 2
26	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L6	Mn	Yb(OTf)3	DMA	25	12	5	100 : 11
27	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L7	Mn	Yb(OTf)3	DMA	25	12	0	-
28	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L8	Mn	Yb(OTf)3	DMA	25	12	0	-
29	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Zn	Yb(OTf)3	DMA	25	12	5	20:30
30	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	HCOONa	Yb(OTf)3	DMA	25	12	0	-
31	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	B2Pin2/K3PO4	Yb(OTf)3	DMA	25	12	4	100 : 4
32	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf)3	DMA	25	12	70	100 : 1
33	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf)3	DMF	25	12	6	100 : 8
34	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf) ₃	THF	25	12	0	-
35	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf)3	DMA	40	12	26	100 : 3
36	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf)3	DMA	0	12	0	-
37	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf)3	DMA	25	6	63	100 : 1
38	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf)3	DMA	25	9	63	100 : 1
39	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf)3	DMA	25	24	45	100 : 1
40^e	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf)3	DMA	25	12	76	100 : 1
41 ^{<i>f</i>}	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L1	Mn	Yb(OTf)3	DMA	25	12	66	100 : 1
∑_N					N=			MeO	OMe

[a] Unless otherwise noted, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.5 mmol), Ni salt (0.01 mmol), ligand (0.012 mmol), additive (50 mmol %) and solvent (1 mL) under N₂ at rt. Yield was determined by ¹H NMR using CH_2Br_2 as an internal standard. [b] 10 mol % of Yb(OTf)₃ was used. [c] 25 mol % of Yb(OTf)₃ was used. [e] 2.4 equiv of Mn was used. [f] 2.2 equiv of Mn was used. rr refers to regioisomeric ratio, represents the ratio of the benzylic fluoro-alkenylation product to the other isomer as determined by ¹⁹F NMR analysis of the crude product.

L5

L6

L7

L8

4. General procedure for Ni-catalyzed reaction and spectral data of products

L4

L3

L2

L1

To an oven-dried schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added $Ni(ClO_4)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ (3.7 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol%), **L1** (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol, 6.0 mol%) and Yb(OTf)₃ (62 mg, 0.1 mmol, 50 mol% for **3a-3z**; 124 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol% for **3aa-3ac**). The Schlenk tube was evacuated and filled with nitrogen for three times. To these solids, DMA (1.0 mL) was added

under N₂ atmosphere. After stirring at room temperature for 10 min, the alkyl bromide 1 (0.50 mmol, 2.5 equiv), the gemdifluoroalkene 2 (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Mn powder (26 mg, 0.48 mmol, 2.4 equiv) were added under nitrogen and stirred at room temperature for 12 to 20 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and filtered through a short pad of silica gel. The filtrate was washed with water (10 mL \times 2), brine (10 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. After solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude residue was purified by column chromatography or preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) to afford the desired product.

methyl (Z)-4-(2-fluoro-3-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (3a)

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.OMe

Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h and 3a was obtained as white solid (36 mg, 0.13 mmol, 72%, rr > 100:1). ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.89 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 5.55 (d, J = 38.9 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.69 (dq, J = 14.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -99.70$ (dd, J = 38.9, 15.6 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, **CDCl**₃): $\delta = 166.8$, 164.9 (d, J = 272.6 Hz), 141.5, 138.2 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 129.7, 128.7, 128.3 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 128.1 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 127.5, 127.1, 105.1 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 52.0, 43.4 (d, J = 25.6 Hz), 18.7 (d, J = 4.2 Hz); **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇FO₂ [M+H]⁺: 285.1291, found: 285.1297.

methyl (Z)-3-(2-fluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (3b)

PMP

Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h and **3b** was obtained as colourless OMe liquid (41.6 mg, 0.13 mmol, 66%, rr > 100:1). ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** $\delta = 8.01$ (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dt, J = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dt, J = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 - 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.84 - 6.78 (m, 2H), 5.51 (d, J = 38.9 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.63 (dq, J = 14.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -102.36$ (dd, J = 39.0, 15.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 **MHz, CDCl**₃): $\delta = 167.0, 164.4 \text{ (d, } J = 270.2 \text{ Hz}), 158.6, 133.9 \text{ (d, } J = 2.3 \text{ Hz}), 133.6, 132.6 \text{ (d, } J = 8.4 \text{ Hz}), 130.2, 129.5 \text{ (d, } J = 8.4 \text{$ J = 6.8 Hz), 128.4(overlap), 127.8 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 114.0, 104.6 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 55.2, 52.1, 42.4 (d, J = 25.9 Hz), 18.7 (d, J = 25.9 4.0 Hz); **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀FO₃ [M+H]⁺: 315.1396, found: 315.1402.

methyl (Z)-2-(2-fluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (3c)



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred 17 h and 3c was obtained as colourless liquid (27.1 mg, 0.09 mmol, 43%, rr > 100:1). ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (td, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 - 7.14 (m, 3H), 6.91 - 6.76 (m, 2H), 6.38 (d, J = 38.6 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.65 (dq, J = 14.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -106.39$ (dd, J = 38.8, 15.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 167.9, 163.4$

(d, *J* = 268.6 Hz), 158.5, 134.3, 134.1, 131.8, 130.7 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 130.5, 128.5, 126.6, 114.0, 103.4 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 55.3, 52.0, 42.5 (d, J = 26.3 Hz), 19.0 (d, J = 4.3 Hz); **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀FO₃ [M+H]⁺: 315.1396, found: 315.1400.

(Z)-4-(2-fluoro-3-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)benzonitrile (3d)

Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h and 3d was obtained as white solid (44.1 mg, 0.15 mmol, 74%, rr > 100:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.59 - 7.51$ (m, 4H), 7.40 - 7.24 (m, 5H), 5.61 (d, J = 38.2 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dq, J = 14.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -98.09 (dd, J = 38.2, 15.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 165.9 (d, J = 274.1 Hz), 141.1, 138.2 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 132.1, 128.8 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 128.7, 127.4, 127.2, 119.0, 110.0 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 104.6 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 43.4 (d, J = 25.3 Hz), 18.6 (d, J = 4.2 Hz). **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅FN [M+H]⁺: 252.1189, found: 252.1186.

(Z)-3-(2-fluoro-3-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)benzonitrile (3e)



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h and 3e was obtained as colourless liquid (32.8 mg, 0.13 mmol, 66%, rr > 100:1). ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 - 7.24 (m, 6H), 5.57 (d, J = 38.1 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (dq, J = 14.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -100.16$ (dd, J = 38.1, 15.6 Hz). ¹³C **NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):** $\delta = 165.2$ (d, J = 272.1 Hz), 141.3, 134.8 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 132.6 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 131.8 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 130.2 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 129.2, 128.7, 127.5, 127.2, 118.8, 112.6, 104.0 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 43.3 (d, J = 25.4 Hz), 43.4 Hz)

Hz), 18.6 (d, J = 4.2 Hz). **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅FN [M+H]⁺: 252.1189, found: 252.1167.

(Z)-2-(2-fluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-1-en-1-yl)benzonitrile (3f)



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h and 3f was obtained as white solid (32.1 mg, 0.11 mmol, 57%, rr > 100:2). ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.81 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (td, J = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 - 7.15 (m, 3H), 6.86 - 6.79 (m, 2H), 5.97 (d, 2HJ = 37.2 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.67 (dq, J = 16.9, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376) **MHz, CDCl**₃): δ = -98.91 (dd, J = 37.2, 17.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 166.4 (d, J = 274.9

Hz), 158.7, 136.8 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 133.0, 132.64 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 129.1 (d, J = 13.8 Hz), 128.4, 126.9 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 118.0, 114.0, 111.0, 101.5 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 55.2, 42.6 (d, J = 25.0 Hz), 18.6 (d, J = 4.1 Hz). HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇FNO [M+H]⁺: 282.1294, found: 282.1300.

(Z)-1-(2-fluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-1-en-1-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (3g)

Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h and 3g was obtained as colourless liquid (40.9 mg, 0.13 mmol, 63%, rr > 100:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.52 - 7.42$ (m, 4H), 7.20 - 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.85 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 5.51 (d, J = 38.7 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.64 (dq, J = 14.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -62.47$, -100.55 (dd, J = 38.4, 15.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, **CDCl**₃): $\delta = 165.3$ (d, J = 271.9 Hz), 158.6, 137.2, 133.4, 128.5 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 128.5, 125.2 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 3a 124.2 (q, J = 271.2 Hz), 114.0, 104.4 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 55.3, 42.5 (d, J = 25.9 Hz), 18.7 (d, J = 4.0 Hz). HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇F₄O [M+H]⁺: 325.1216, found: 325.1220.

(Z)-1-(2-fluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-1-en-1-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (3h)



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 17 h and 3h was obtained as colourless liquid (32.5 mg, 0.10 mmol, 51%, rr > 100:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.70$ (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, J =7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 5.57 (d, J = 38.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.71 (dq, J = 14.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -62.74, -101.54 (dd, J =

38.5, 15.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 164.9$ (d, J = 271.0 Hz), 158.6, 134.3 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 133.5, 131.5 (dq, J = 7.8, 1.4 Hz), 130.7 (q, J = 31.3Hz). 128.8, 128.5, 125.1 (dq, J = 7.8, 3.9 Hz), 124.1 (q, J = 272.7Hz), 123.44 - 123.26 (m), 114.0, 104.3 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 55.3, 42.4 (d, J = 25.9 Hz), 18.7 (d, J = 4.3 Hz). HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇F₄O [M+H]⁺: 325.1216, found: 325.1201.

(Z)-1-(2-fluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-1-en-1-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (3i)



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 17 h and **3i** was obtained as colourless liquid (27.9 mg, 0.08 mmol, 43%, rr > 100:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.14$ (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.30 (dq, J = 8.5, 4.5, Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (d, J = 38.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dq, J = 14.4, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.59 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -60.24$, -104.13 (dd, J = 36.5, 15.1 Hz).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 164.4$ (d, J = 271.2 Hz), 158.6, 133.5, 131.7 (t, J = 1.5Hz), 131.5 (q, J = 1.0 Hz), 130.97 (d, J = 10.2 Hz), 128.4, 127.4 (q, J = 30.0 Hz) 126.6 (d, J = 1.0 Hz), 125.6 (q, J = 5.8 Hz), 124.3 (q, J = 272 Hz), 114.0, 101.1 (dq, J = 8.4, 2.1 Hz), 55.3, 42.4 (d, J = 25.8 Hz), 18.8 (d, J = 4.3 Hz). HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇F₄O [M+H]⁺: 325.1216, found: 325.1212.

(Z)-1-(4-(2-fluoro-3-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3j)



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h and **3j** was obtained as white solid (42.9 mg, 0.16 mmol, 80%, rr > 100:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 5.64 (d, *J* = 38.8 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dq, *J* = 14.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 1.57 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -99.33 (dd, *J* = 38.8, 15.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 197.6, 165.2 (d, *J* = 272.9 Hz), 141.5, 138.5 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 135.2, 128.7, 128.54, 128.46, 127.5, 127.2, 105.1 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 43.4 (d, *J* = 25.7 Hz), 26.6, 18.7 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz). HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈FO [M+H]⁺:

269.1342, found: 269.1341.

((Z)-1-(2-fluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-1-en-1-yl)-4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene (3k)

Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h and **3k** was obtained as colourless liquid (32.0 mg, 0.09 mmol, 47%, rr > 100:2). ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl₃**): $\delta = 7.59 - 7.50$ (m, 4H), 7.28 - 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.91 - 6.86 (m, 2H), 5.58 (d, J = 38.7 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.71 (dq, J = 14.6, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (**376 MHz, CDCl₃**): $\delta = -57.83$, -103.32 (dd, J = 38.9, 15.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (**100** MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 165.3$ (d, J = 271.9 Hz), 158.6, 137.2 (q, J = 1.4 Hz), 133.4, 128.5 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 128.5, 126.5 (q, J = 270.4 Hz), 125.5, 125.2 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 114.0, 104.4 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 55.3, 42.5 (d, J = 25.6 Hz), 18.7 (d, J = 4.1Hz). HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇F₄O₂ [M+H]⁺: 341.1165, found: 341.1170.

(Z)-2,4-dichloro-1-(2-fluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-1-en-1-yl)benzene (3l)



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h and **3** was obtained as colourless liquid (32.5 mg, 0.10 mmol, 50%, rr > 100:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.62 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.10 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.86 (d, J = 38.1 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.64 (dq, J = 14.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -102.78 (dd, J = 38.1, 15.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 165.0 (d, J = 271.8 Hz), 158.6, 133.4, 133.1, 132.7 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 130.9 (d, J = 12.8 Hz), 130.0 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 129.0, 128.4,

127.0, 114.0, 100.6 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 55.3, 42.6 (d, *J* = 25.7 Hz), 18.8 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz). **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆Cl₂FO [M+H]⁺: 325.0562, found: 325.0560.

(Z)-3-fluoro-4-(2-fluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-1-en-1-yl)benzonitrile (3m)

Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 20 h and 3m was obtained as white solid (24.3 mg, 0.09 mmol, 45%, rr > 100:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.81$ (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 9.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.84 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 5.79 (d, J = 38.1 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.71 - 3.58 (m, 1H), 1.47 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -96.71$ (ddd, J = 38.1, 16.1, 3.8 Hz), -114.27 (ddd, J = 10.6, 7.4, 3.7 Hz).¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 167.5$ PMP 3m (dd, J = 276.0, 2.4 Hz), 158.8, 158.5 (dd, J = 251.7, 1.2 Hz), 132.8, 130.6 (dd, J = 14.9, 3.4 Hz), 128.4, 128.0

(d, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 126.9 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 2.8 Hz), 118.7 (d, *J* = 25.7 Hz), 117.7 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 114.1, 111.0 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 2.3 Hz), 95.7 (t, J = 7.3 Hz), 55.2, 42.8 (d, J = 25.0 Hz), 18.6 (d, J = 4.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆F₂NO [M+H]⁺: 300.1200, found: 300.1203.

(Z)-1-(2-fluoro-3-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)-3-methoxybenzene (3n)



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h and 3n was obtained as colourless liquid (25.6 mg, 0.10 mmol, 51%, rr > 100:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.29-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.24 -7.15 (m, 1H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.04 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.71 (ddd, J = 8.3, 2.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (d, J = 1.00 Hz, 1H), 5.51 39.2 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.72-3.63(dq, J = 15.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376) **MHz, CDCl₃**): $\delta = -102.80$ (dd, J = 39.2, 15.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 163.3$ (d, J = 269.2

Hz), 159.5, 141.9, 134.8 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 129.3, 128.6, 127.5, 126.9, 121.1 (d, J = 6.9 Hz), 113.6 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 112.9 (d, J = 6.4 Hz) 2.1 Hz), 105.6 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 55.1, 43.3 (d, J = 26.1 Hz), 18.8 (d, J = 4.4 Hz). HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $C_{17}H_{17}FO$ [M+H]⁺: 257.1342, found: 257.1349.

(Z)-3-(2-fluoro-3-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)phenyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (30)



(39.0 mg, 0.12 mmol, 60%, rr > 100:2). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.71 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (m, 8H), 7.20 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (d, J = 39.2 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (dq, J = 14.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.52 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -101.23 (dd, J = 38.6, 15.4 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 164.2$ (d, J = 271.2 Hz), 149.6, 145.3, 141.5, 135.3 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 132.3, 129.7, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 127.4, 127.07, 127.04 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 122.3 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 120.5 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 104.5 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 122.5 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 104.5 (d, J = 2. J = 8.2 Hz), 43.2 (d, J = 25.6 Hz), 21.6, 18.7 (d, J = 4.3 Hz). HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₂₃H₂₂FO₃S [M+H]⁺: 397.1274,

found: 397.1271.

(Z)-N-(3-(2-fluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3p)



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h and 3p was obtained as colourless liquid (25.1 mg, 0.08 mmol, 41%, rr > 100:1). ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.52 (d, J = 39.3 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.68 (dq, J = 14.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.50 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -102.84 (dd, J = 39.2, 15.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 168.5, 163.8$ (d, J = 269.3 Hz), 158.5, 137.9, 134.3

(d, J = 2.4 Hz), 133.8, 128.9, 128.4, 124.4 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 119.7 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 118.5 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 113.9, 105.1 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 118.5 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 113.9, 105.1 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 118.5 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 118.5 (d, J = 1. Hz), 55.2, 42.4 (d, J = 26.0 Hz), 24.5, 18.8 (d, J = 4.0 Hz). HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₉H₂₁FNO₂ [M+H]⁺: 314.1556, found: 314.1566.

(Z)-3-(2-fluoro-3-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)quinoline (3q)



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h and **3q** was obtained as white solid (22.2 mg, 0.08 mmol, 40%, rr > 100:1). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 8.85 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 5.68 (d, *J* = 39.1 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (dq, *J* = 14.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -99.58 (dd, *J* = 39.2, 15.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 165.5$ (d, J = 271.1 Hz), 150.9 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 146.6 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 141.4, 134.3 (d, J = 10.5 Hz), 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 127.2, 126.8, 102.6 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 43.4 (d, J = 25.5 Hz), 29.7, 18.7 (d, J = 4.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇FN [M+H]⁺: 278.1345, found: 278.1347.

(Z)-6-(2-fluoro-3-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-indole (3r)



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h and **3r** was obtained as colourless liquid (33.6 mg, 0.08 mmol, 40%, rr > 100:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.14$ (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.30 (dq, J = 8.5, 4.5, Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (d, J = 38.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dq, J = 14.4, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.59 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -103.56$ (dd, J = 39.1, 15.4 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 163.1$ (d, J = 268.7 Hz), 145.0, 142.2, 135.3 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 130.4 (d, J = 5.5 Hz).

2.8 Hz), 130.0, 129.6 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 128.8, 127.6, 127.1, 127.0, 126.8, 124.24 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 121.2, 113.4 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 109.0, 106.1 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 43.5 (d, *J* = 26.0 Hz), 21.7, 19.1 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz). **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd. for C₂₅H₂₃FNO₂S [M+H]⁺: 420.1434, found: 420.1431.

(Z)-1-(4-(2-fluoro-3-(p-tolyl)but-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3s)



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h and **3s** was obtained as white solid (36.8 mg, 0.13 mmol, 65%, rr > 100:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (d, *J* = 38.9 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dq, *J* = 14.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 2H), 2.26 (s, 2H), 1.46 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -99.35 (dd, *J* = 38.8, 15.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 197.6, 165.4 (d, *J* = 273.1 Hz), 138.5 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 138.4, 136.8, 135.1 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 129.3, 128.5, 128.4, 127.3, 104.9 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 43.0

(d, J = 25.5 Hz), 26.5, 21.0, 18.7 (d, J = 4.0 Hz). **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀FO [M+H]⁺: 283.1498, found: 283.1506.

$(Z) \hbox{-} 1-(4-(2-fluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-1-en-1-yl)phenyl) ethan-1-one~(3t)$



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 20 h and **3t** was obtained as white solid (36.8 mg, 0.13 mmol, 65%, rr > 100:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.54 (d, *J* = 38.9 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dq, *J* = 14.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.46 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -99.61 (dd, *J* = 38.9, 15.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 197.5, 165.5 (d, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 158.6, 138.5 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 135.2 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 133.4, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 114.0, 104.8 (d, *J* = 8.4

Hz), 55.2, 42.6 (d, J = 25.6 Hz), 26.5, 18.7 (d, J = 3.9 Hz). **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀FO₂ [M+H]⁺: 299.1447, found: 299.1454.

(Z)-1-(4-(3-(4-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)phenyl)-2-fluorobut-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3u)

Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h and 3u was obtained as colourless liquid (46.3 mg, 0.12 mmol, 58%, rr > 100:1). ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.89 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.59 (d, *J* = 38.9 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (dq, J = 14.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 1.53 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (s, 9H), 0.20 (s, 6H).¹⁹F NMR (376) **MHz, CDCl₃**): $\delta = -99.47$ (dd, J = 38.9, 15.4 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 197.6, 165.6$ (d, J = 197.6, 165.6 (d, J = 197.6, 165.6, 165.6 (d, J = 197.6, 165.6, 165.6 (d, J = 197.6, 165.6, 165.6, 165.6, 165.6 (d, J = 197.6, 16273.2 Hz), 154.6, 138.6 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 135.1 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 133.9, 128.48, 128.4 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 128.39, 120.1, 104.8 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 42.6 (d, J = 25.6 Hz), 26.5, 25.6, 18.7 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 18.1, -4.4. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for

C₂₄H₃₁FNaO₂Si [M+Na]⁺:421.1975, found: 421.1976.

(Z)-1-(4-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-fluorobut-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3v)



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Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h and 3v was obtained as white solid (36.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 60%, rr > 100:2). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.82$ (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 5.55 (d, *J* = 38.8 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dq, *J* = 14.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.46 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -99.98$ (dd, J = 38.8, 15.6Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 197.5, 164.4 (d, J = 272.6 Hz), 139.9, 138.1 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 135.3 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 132.9, 128.81, 128.79, 128.5, 128.4, 105.3 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 42.8 (d, J = 25.9 Hz), 26.5, 18.6 (d, J = 4.1 Hz). **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇ClFO [M+H]⁺: 303.0952, found: 303.0955.

(Z)-1-(4-(2-fluoro-3-(4-fluorophenyl)but-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3w)



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h and 3w was obtained as white solid (20.1 mg, 0.07 mmol, 33%, rr > 100:1). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.82$ (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dd, J = 8.6, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.55 (d, J = 38.8 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (dq, J = 38.8 Hz, 1H), J = 14.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.46 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -99.97$ (dd, J = -99.97 (dd, J = -99.97). = 38.8, 15.3 Hz), -115.62 (ddd, J = 13.9, 8.8, 5.2 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 197.5, 164.8 (d, J = 272.8 Hz), 161.9 (d, J = 245.4 Hz), 138.2 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 137.1 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 135.3 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 129.0 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 128.5, 128.4, 115.5 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 105.1 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 42.7 (d, J = 25.8 Hz), 26.5, 18.8

(d, J = 4.0 Hz). **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd. for $C_{18}H_{17}F_2O$ [M+H]⁺: 287.1247, found: 287.1247.

methyl (Z)-4-(2-fluoro-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)but-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (3x)



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 20 h and 3x was obtained as white solid (27.0 mg, 0.09 mmol, 45%, rr > 100:2). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.59 (d, J = 38.9 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, J = 38.9 Hz, 1Hz, 1Hz, 1Hz, 1Hz), 3.90 (s, J = 38.9 Hz, 1Hz, 1Hz), 3.90 (s, J =3H), 3.70 (dq, J = 14.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -99.82$ (dd, J = 38.9, 15.4 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 167.0, 165.3 (d, J = 272.5 \text{ Hz}), 154.7, 138.3$ (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 133.6, 129.7, 128.7, 128.3 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 128.0 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 115.5, 104.8 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 128.0 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 128.0 (d, J = 10

Hz), 52.1, 42.5 (d, J = 25.7 Hz), 18.7 (d, J = 4.1 Hz). **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈FO₃ [M+H]⁺: 301.1240, found: 301.1243.

(Z)-1-(4-(3-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-fluorobut-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3y)



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h and 3y was obtained as colourless liquid (34.0 mg, 0.12 mmol, 62%, rr > 100:1). ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** $\delta = 7.92 - 7.87$ (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.21 (tt, J = 7.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, J = 38.7 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dq, J = 14.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 1.53 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376) **MHz, CDCl₃**): $\delta = -99.92$ (dd, J = 41.6, 17.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 197.5$, 164.1 (d, J= 272.8 Hz, 143.4, 138.1 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 135.3 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 134.4, 129.9, 128.52 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 128.47 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 127.6, 127.3, 125.7, 105.4 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 43.1 (d, J = 25.9 Hz), 26.5, 18.5 (d, J = 4.3 Hz). HRMS

(**ESI, m/z**): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇FOCl [M+H]⁺: 319.0901, found: 319.0907.

methyl (Z)-4-(2-fluoro-3-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (3z)



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h and 3z was obtained as colourless liquid (43.1 mg, 0.12 mmol, 61%, rr > 100:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):δ = 8.02 - 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.57 - 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.50 - 7.44 (m, 1H), 5.68 (d, J = 38.7 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H),3.87 - 3.77 (dq, J = 16, 7.4 Hz), 1.58 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -62.37, -100.66 (dd, J = 38.8, 16.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 166.8$, 163.7 (d, J = 272.1 Hz), 142.5, 137.8 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 131.0 (q, J = 32.2 Hz), 130.9, 129.7, 129.2, 128.4 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 128.4 (d, J = 7.8

Hz), 124.2 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.1 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.0 (q, J = 271.7 Hz), 105.6 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 52.1, 43.3 (d, J = 25.9 Hz), 18.6 (d, J = 4.2 Hz). **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇F₄O₂ [M+H]⁺: 353.1165, found: 353.1169.

(Z)-1-(4-(2-fluoro-3-phenylpent-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3aa)

Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h and 3aa was obtained as colourless liquid (23.8 mg, 0.08 mmol, 42%, rr > 100:6). ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: $\delta = 7.81$ (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.5Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 5.59 (d, J = 38.9 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (dt, J = 21.2, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.91 (ddq, J = 80.3, 13.7, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -101.41 (dd, J = 38.9, 21.2 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 197.6$, 163.9 (d, J = 274.1 Hz), 140.3, 138.5 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 135.1 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 136.2 Hz), 136.2 Ph 3aa 2.1 Hz), 128.6, 128.5, 128.4 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 127.9 , 127.1, 105.7 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 51.5 (d, *J* = 24.1 Hz), 26.5, 25.6 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 12.2. **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀FO [M+H]⁺: 283.1498, found: 283.1494.

(Z)-1-(4-(2-fluoro-3-phenylhex-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3ab) (from (4-bromobutyl)benzene 1k)



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 20 h and **3ab** was obtained as white solid (23.8 mg, 0.08 mmol, 40%, rr > 100:7). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):δ = 7.81 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 5.58 (d, J = 38.9 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dt, J = 21.3, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.03 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.40 - 1.19 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -101.28$ (dd, J = 38.8, 21.2 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 197.5, 164.1 (d, *J* = 274.2 Hz), 140.5, 138.5 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 135.2 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 128.6, 128.5, 128.4 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 127.9, 127.1, 105.6 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 49.5 (d, J = 24.2 Hz), 127.1, 105.6 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 128.4 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 127.9 Hz), 127.1, 105.6 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 128.4 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 127.9 Hz), 127.1 Hz)34.6 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 26.5, 20.7, 13.9. **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd. for C₂₀H₂₂FO [M+H]⁺: 297.1655, found: 297.1661.

(Z)-1-(4-(2-fluoro-3-phenylhept-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3ac)



Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 20 h and **3ac** was obtained as white solid (12.4 mg, 0.04 mol, 20%, rr > 100:6). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 5.58 (d, *J* = 38.9 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dt, *J* = 21.3, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.14 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.09 (m, 2H), 0.81 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -101.32 (dd, *J* = 38.9, 21.2 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 197.5, 164.1 (d, *J* = 274.1 Hz), 140.5, 138.5 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 135.1 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 128.6, 128.46, 128.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 127.8, 127.1, 105.6 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz),

49.7 (d, *J* = 24.2 Hz), 32.1 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 29.7, 26.5, 22.5, 13.9. **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd. for C₂₁H₂₄FO [M+H]⁺: 311.1811, found: 298.1819.

(Z)-1-(4-(2-fluoro-3-phenylhex-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3ab) (from (2-bromobutyl)benzene 1m)

Following general procedure, the reaction mixture was stirred for 20 h and **3ab** was obtained as white solid (20.8 mg, 0.07 mmol, 35%, rr > 100:12). ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃): δ = 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 5.58 (d, *J* = 38.9 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dt, *J* = 21.3, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.03 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.19 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (**376 MHz, CDCl**₃): δ = -101.28 (dd, *J* = 38.8, 21.2 Hz). ¹³C NMR (**100 MHz, CDCl**₃): δ = 197.5, 164.1 (d, *J* = 274.2 Hz), 140.5, 138.5 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 135.2 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 128.6, 128.5, 128.4 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 127.9 , 127.1, 105.6 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 49.5 (d, *J* = 24.2 Hz), 34.6 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 26.5, 20.7, 13.9. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₂₀H₂₂FO [M+H]⁺: 297.1655, found: 297.1661.

(Z)-1-(4-(2-fluoro-3-phenylhex-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3ab) (from (3-bromobutyl)benzene 1n)



5. Synthetic applications

Hydrogenation of 3a



An 25 mL two-neck round bottom flask was charged with **3a** (28.4 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Pd/C (15%Wt) and EtOH/THF (1.0 mL, v/v 1:1). The RBF was purged three times with H₂ and sealed, then the reaction mixture was allowed to stirred at room temperature. After the reaction was completed, the H₂ was released and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50 : 1) to produce the product **4a** (23.0 mg, 0.08 mmol, dr = 69:31) in 80% yield as colourless liquid.

Major isomer (16.1 mg, 0.025 mmol, colourless liquid)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.02 - 7.91$ (m, 1H), 7.38 - 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.31 - 7.22 (m, 5H), 4.91 - 4.72 (m, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.89 - 2.78 (m, 2H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -184.60 - -184.96$ (m). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 167.0$, 143.1 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 141.6 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 129.7, 129.3 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz), 128.5, 128.4, 128.4 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 126.8, 97.2 (d, *J* = 177.9 Hz), 52.0, 43.9 (d, *J* = 20.1 Hz), 39.1 (d, *J* = 22.1 Hz), 17.6 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz). HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₈H₂₀FO₂ [M+H]⁺: 287.1447, found: 287.1445.

Minor isomer (7.2 mg, 0.055 mmol, colourless liquid)

¹**H NMR** (400 **MHz, CDCl₃**): $\delta = 7.93$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 4.74 (dtd, J = 48.2, 7.2, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.94 (tt, J = 15.1, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.87 – 2.75 (m, 2H), 1.40 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -183.60 - -183.94$ (m). ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 167.0$, 143.1 (d, J = 1.6 Hz), 142.8 (d, J = 6.6 Hz), 129.6, 129.3 (d, J = 0.8 Hz), 128.7, 128.4, 127.7, 126.9, 97.5 (d, J = 178.4 Hz), 52.0, 44.4 (d, J = 20.3 Hz), 39.4 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 17.2 (d, J = 5.4 Hz). **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₈H₂₀FO₂ [M+H]⁺: 287.1447, found: 287.1445.

Epoxidation of 3a



In an oven-dried 10 mL Schlenk tube with a stir bar, **3a** (28.4 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *m*-CPBA (34.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv), NaHCO₃ (16.8 mg, 0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and anhydrous DCM (1.0 mL) were added. After stirring at room temperature for 12 h, the mixture was passed through a short pad of celite and rinsed with EtOAc. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20 : 1) to afford the product **4b** (26.4 mg, 0.088 mmol, dr = 52:48) in 88% yield as off-white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.05 - 7.99$ (m, 2H), 7.44 - 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.38 - 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.32 - 7.28 (m, 1H), (3.911, 3.908) (s, 3H), (3.97, 3.78) (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), (3.46, 3.32) (dq, *J* = 12.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), (1.57, 1.55) (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = (-146.23, -149.07)$ (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz), -149.07 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 166.68, 166.67, 139.5, 139.0$ (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 137.6 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 137.5 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 130.2, 129.4, 128.65, 128.59, 128.1, 127.91 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 127.5, 127.4, 127.1 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 101.3 (d, *J* = 19.9 Hz), 98.56 (d, *J* = 20.2 Hz), 61.4 (d, *J* = 19.3 Hz), 61.2 (*J* = 19.5 Hz), 52.2, 42.7 (d, *J* = 28.3 Hz), 42.3 (d, *J* = 29.1 Hz), 15.8 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 15.2 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz). HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇FO₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 323.1059, found: 323.1059.

Dibromination of 3a



To a stirred solution of **3a** (28.4 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 eqiuv) in CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) at room temperature, the bromine (120 μ L, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added in the dark. The reaction mixture was stirred until **3a** was consumed completely. Then the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50 : 1) to give the desired product **4c** (27.0 mg, 0.06 mmol, dr = 52:48) in 61% yield as white solid. Minor isomer (13 mg, 0.029 mmol, white solid)

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.97$ (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.69 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 4.81 (d, J = 27.4 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (p, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.62 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹**F** NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -113.18$ (dd, J = 27.4, 5.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 166.5$, 143.2 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 138.3 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 130.4, 129.8 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 129.4, 129.3 (d, J = 0.8 Hz), 128.5, 128.2, 115.9 (d, J = 269.7 Hz), 55.6 (d, J = 19.8 Hz), 52.2, 47.9 (d, J = 20.9 Hz), 17.6 (d, J = 3.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈Br₂FO₂ [M+H]⁺: 442.9658, found: 442.9661.

Major isomer (14 mg, 0.031 mmol, white solid)

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.02$ (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 5.34 (d, J = 24.7 Hz, 1H), 4.00 – 3.93 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.57 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹**F** NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -112.05$ (dd, J = 24.0, 9.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 166.4$, 142.2, 138.6, 130.6, 130.1 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 130.0 (d, J = 1.4 Hz), 129.4, 127.9, 127.7, 114.8 (d, J = 267.0 Hz), 55.9 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 52.2, 48.5 (d, J = 18.6 Hz), 16.6 (d, J = 5.9 Hz). HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈Br₂FO₂ [M+H]⁺: 442.9658, found: 442.9652.

Preparation of allene 4d



In an oven-dried 10 mL Schlenk tube with a stir bar, **3a** (42.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv), K₃PO₄ (63.7 mg, 0.30 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and anhydrous DMF (1.0 mL) were added, then the reaction tube was purged with N₂ (3 times). After stirring at 80 °C for 12 h, the mixture was passed through a short pad of celite and rinsed with EtOAc. The filtrate was washed with water, brine and dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20 : 1) to afford the product **4d** (25.4 mg, 0.096 mmol) in 64% yield as colourless liquid. ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl₃**): δ = 7.98 (dt, *J* = 8.43, 1.80 Hz, 2 H), 7.46 (dt, *J* = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.26 (tt, *J* = 6.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (q, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.26 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (**100 MHz, CDCl₃**): δ = 208.1, 166.9, 139.6, 135.7, 130.0, 128.5, 128.5, 127.3, 126.7, 125.9, 105.1, 96.2, 52.0, 16.6. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇O₂ [M+H]⁺: 265.1229, found: 265.1231.

Preparation of 1,2-diketone 4e



To an 25 mL round bottom flask with a stir bar, **3a** (42.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CCl₄ (1.0 mL), MeCN (1.0 mL), H₂O (1.5 mL), NaIO₄ (160 mg, 0.75 mmol, 5.0 equiv), and RuCl₃ (1.6 mg, 7.5 µmol, 5 mol%) were added, then the reaction tube was purged with N₂ (3 times). After stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the mixture was quenched by saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and extracted with ethyl acetate (5 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20 : 1) to afford the product **4e** (23.2 mg, 0.078 mmol) in 52% yield as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (**400 MHz**, **CDCl₃**): $\delta = 8.01$ (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 4.66 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.57 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (**100 MHz**, **CDCl₃**): $\delta = 200.4$, 192.4, 165.9, 136.7, 135.6, 134.7, 129.7, 129.6, 129.2, 128.6, 107.8, 52.5, 47.5, 15.7. **HRMS (ESI, m/z**): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 319.0946, found: 319.0949.

6. Control experiments



The reactions were carried out according to the general procedure for the fluoro-alkenylation. The crude mixture was analyzed by ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR, however, no any desired product was detected.



The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure for the fluoro-alkenylation. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1) to give the product **D**₂-**3a** (24 mg) in 43% yield as a white solid.

¹**H NMR** (400 **MHz**, **CDCl**₃): $\delta = 7.97$ (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 5.63 (d, J = 38.9 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 2H). ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 **MHz**, **CDCl**₃): $\delta = -99.78$ (d, J = 38.8 Hz). ¹³**C NMR** (100 **MHz**, **CDCl**₃): $\delta = 166.9$, 164.9 (d, J = 272.7 Hz), 141.4, 138.2 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 129.7, 128.7, 128.3 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 128.1 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 127.4, 127.1, 105.1 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 52.0, 42.9 (dd, J = 19.5, 6.3 Hz), 18.55 – 18.00 (m). **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆D₂FO₂ [M+H]⁺: 287.1416, found: 287.1414.



The reactions were carried out according to the general procedure for the fluoro-alkenylation. Conversion of 2a and yield of 3a were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude residue.



To an oven-dried schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added Ni(ClO₄)₂·6H₂O (3.7 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol%), **L1** (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol, 6.0 mol%) and Yb(OTf)₃ (124 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol%). The Schlenk tube was evacuated and filled with nitrogen for three times. To these solids, DMA (1.0 mL) was added under N₂ atmosphere. After stirring at room temperature for 10 min, the styrene **10** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-bromopropane (0.50 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and *gem*-difluoroalkene **2a** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Mn powder (22 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added under nitrogen and stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and filtered through a short pad of silica gel. The filtrate was washed with water (10 mL × 2), brine (10 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. After solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude residue was analyzed by ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR with CH₂Br₂ as internal standard.

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8. NMR spectra



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9. Determination of regioisomeric ratio

The regioisomeric ratio of **3a** was determined by ¹⁹F NMR of the crude products comparing with the linear regioisomer of **3a** (**3a**') which was prepared by Pd-catalysis. The regioisomeric ratios of **3b-3ac** were determined according to the ¹⁹F NMR analysis of the crude products by analogy to **3a/3a'**.

Preparation of the methyl (Z)-4-(2-fluoro-4-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (3a')



To an oven-dried schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added PdCl₂ (3.7 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol%), L1 (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol, 6.0 mol%), **1a** (0.50 mmol, 2.5 equiv), the *gem*-difluoroalkene **2a** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Mn powder (26 mg, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The Schlenk tube was evacuated and filled with nitrogen for three times. To these solids, DMA (1.0 mL) was added under N₂ atmosphere. After stirring at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and filtered through a short pad of silica gel. The filtrate was washed with water (10 mL \times 2), brine (10 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. After solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude residue was purified by column chromatography or preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50 : 1) to afford the **3a'** (23.8 mg, 0.084 mmol) in 42% yield as pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 5.42 (d, *J* = 39.2 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (dt, *J* = 18.0, 7.6 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -97.59 (dt, *J* = 39.2, 17.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 166.9, 161.8 (d, *J* = 270.2 Hz), 140.3, 138.2 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 129.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.14 , 128.06, 126.3, 105.9 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 52.0, 35.3, 32.6. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇FO₂ [M+H]⁺: 285.1291, found: 285.1300.







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