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Transition-metal-free oxidative trifluoromethylation of unsymmetrical biaryls with trifluoromethanesulfinate

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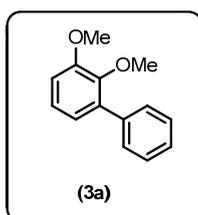
Experimental

General experimental details

All reactions were performed in oven-dried glassware under a positive pressure of nitrogen. Solvents were transferred via syringe and were introduced into the reaction vessels through a rubber septum. All of the reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on 0.25 mm Merck silica gel (60-F254). The TLC plates were visualized with UV light and 7% phosphomolybdic acid or KMnO_4 in water/heat. Column chromatography was carried out on a column packed with silica gel 60N spherical neutral size 63-210 μm . The ^1H NMR (300 MHz) and ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz) spectra for solution in CDCl_3 , were recorded on a Varian Mercury 300. ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz) spectra were recorded on a BRUKER 600 UltraShield^{TR}. Chemical shifts (δ) are expressed in ppm downfield from internal TMS or CFCl_3 . Mass spectra were recorded on a SHIMADZU GCMS-QP5050A (EI-MS) and SHIMAZU LCMS-2010EV (ESI-MS and APCI-MS). Infrared spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-200 or a JASCO FT/IR-4100 spectrometer. 1-iodo-2,3-dimethoxybenzene was synthesized according to literature¹ and 2,3-dimethoxy phenyl boronic acid was synthesized according to previous report². The ^1H NMR spectrums of compounds **3a**, **3d-f** were in accordance with that reported². The ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, ^{19}F NMR spectrums of compounds **2a**,³ **2c**,⁴ **2e**,³ **2f**⁴ were in accordance with literatures.

Synthesis of diaryl compounds

2,3-Dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl²

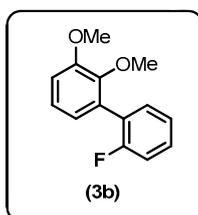


To a 30 mL schlenk tube, 1-iodo-2,3-dimethoxybenzene (264.0 mg, 1.0 mmol), phenyl boronic acid (183.0 mg, 1.5 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (12.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) and K_3PO_4 (637.0 mg, 3.0 mmol) was added. Excluding the air under vacuum and recharged with N_2 for 3 times. Then EtOH (5 mL) was added

and changed the septum to a glass cap. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C overnight. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, then water was added and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. Then filtered and removed the solvent under reduced pressure. The resulting mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/Ether 95/5) to afford the desired product.

Yield: 89%; yellow solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.97-6.91 (m, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 2H); EI-MS: *m/z* (%) 214 (M⁺, 100), 199 (49), 184 (37).

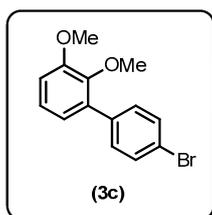
2'-Fluoro-2,3-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl



To a 30 mL schlenk tube, 2,3-dimethoxy phenyl boronic acid (273.0 mg, 1.5 mmol), 1-bromo-2-fluorobenzene (315.0 mg, 1.8 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 0.015 mmol) and K₃PO₄ (955.2 mg, 4.5 mmol) was added. Excluding the air under vacuum and recharged with N₂ for 3 times. Then EtOH (5 mL) was added and changed the septum to a glass cap. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C overnight. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, then water was added and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. Then filtered and removed the solvent under reduced pressure. The resulting mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/Ether 95/5) to afford the desired product.

Yield: 87%; slightly yellow oil. IR (neat) 2939, 2835, 1584, 1499, 1424, 1265, 1023, 756 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.08 (m, 3H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.9 (d, *J* = 247.5 Hz), 153.0, 147.1, 131.9 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 130.2, 129.2 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 126.1 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 123.9 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 123.8, 123.2 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 115.5 (d, *J* = 22.6 Hz), 112.5, 60.8, 56.0; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.9 (m, 1F); EI-MS: *m/z* (%) 232 (M⁺, 100), 217 (61), 202 (23), 146 (35); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₃FO₂ [M]⁺, 232.0900, found 232.0901.

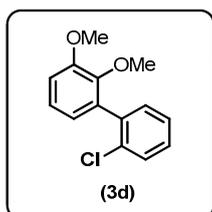
4'-Bromo-2,3-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl



To a 30 mL schlenk tube, 1-iodo-2,3-dimethoxybenzene (316.8 mg, 1.2 mmol), 4-bromophenyl boronic acid (200.8 mg, 1.0 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (12.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) and K₃PO₄ (637.0 mg, 3.0 mmol) was added. Excluding the air under vacuum and recharged with N₂ for 3 times. Then EtOH (5 mL) was added and changed the septum to a glass cap. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C overnight. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, then water was added and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. Then filtered and removed the solvent under reduced pressure. The resulting mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/Acetone 97/3) to afford the desired product.

Yield: 66%; white solid. m.p.: 54-56 °C; IR (KBr) 2962, 2936, 1578, 1492, 1264, 1116, 995 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.89 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.3, 146.5, 137.2, 134.8, 131.4, 131.1, 124.4, 122.4, 121.5, 111.9, 60.7, 56.1; EI-MS: *m/z* (%) 294 (M+2⁺, 43), 292 (M⁺, 43), 198 (100); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₃BrO₂ [M]⁺, 292.0099, found 292.0092.

2'-Chloro-2,3-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl²

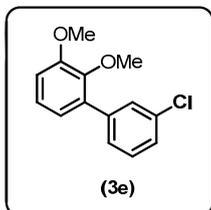


To a 30 mL schlenk tube, 2,3-dimethoxy phenyl boronic acid (182.0 mg, 1.0 mmol), 1-iodo-2-chlorobenzene (286.1 mg, 1.2 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (12.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) and K₃PO₄ (637.0 mg, 3.0 mmol) was added. Excluding the air under vacuum and recharged with N₂ for 3 times. Then EtOH (5 mL) was added and changed the septum to a glass cap. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C overnight. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, then water was added and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. Then filtered and removed the solvent under reduced pressure. The resulting mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc 95/5) to afford the desired product.

Yield: 96%; slightly yellow oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 3H),

7.11 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H); EI-MS: m/z (%) 250 ($M+2^+$, 33), 248 (M^+ , 95), 198 (100).

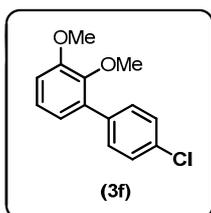
3'-Chloro-2,3-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl²



To a 30 mL schlenk tube, 2,3-dimethoxy phenyl boronic acid (182.0 mg, 1.0 mmol), 1-iodo-3-chlorobenzene (286.1 mg, 1.2 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (12.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) and K₃PO₄ (637.0 mg, 3.0 mmol) was added. Excluding the air under vacuum and recharged with N₂ for 3 times. Then EtOH (5 mL) was added and changed the septum to a glass cap. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C overnight. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, then water was added and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. Then filtered and removed the solvent under reduced pressure. The resulting mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/Et₂O 95/5) to afford the desired product.

Yield: 96%; slightly yellow oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.90 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H); EI-MS: m/z (%) 250 ($M+2^+$, 33), 248 (M^+ , 97), 198 (100).

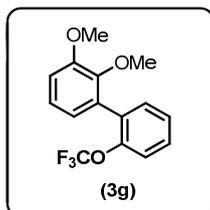
4'-Chloro-2,3-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl²



To a 30 mL schlenk tube, 1-iodo-2,3-dimethoxybenzene (264.0 mg, 1.0 mmol), 4-chlorophenyl boronic acid (235.0 mg, 1.5 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (12.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) and K₃PO₄ (637.0 mg, 3.0 mmol) was added. Excluding the air under vacuum and recharged with N₂ for 3 times. Then EtOH (5 mL) was added and changed the septum to a glass cap. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C overnight. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, then water was added and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. Then filtered and removed the solvent under reduced pressure. The resulting mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/Acetone 97/3) to afford the desired product.

Yield: 90%; colorless oil. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.91 (m, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H); EI-MS: m/z (%) 250 ($M+2^+$, 30), 248 (M^+ , 89), 233 (25), 198 (100).

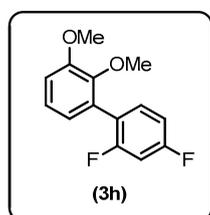
2,3-Dimethoxy-2'-(trifluoromethoxy)-1,1'-biphenyl



To a 30 mL schlenk tube, 1-iodo-2,3-dimethoxybenzene (264.0 mg, 1.0 mmol), (2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)boronic acid (308.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (12.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) and K_3PO_4 (637.0 mg, 3.0 mmol) was added. Excluding the air under vacuum and recharged with N_2 for 3 times. Then EtOH (5 mL) was added and changed the septum to a glass cap. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C overnight. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, then water was added and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over Na_2SO_4 . Then filtered and removed the solvent under reduced pressure. The resulting mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/ Et_2O 95/5) to afford the desired product.

Yield: 75%; white solid. m.p.: 71-73 °C; IR (KBr) 3011, 2993, 2939, 1583, 1499, 1468, 1255, 1131, 922 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.09 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.9, 146.9, 146.8, 132.4, 131.9, 131.1, 128.9, 126.5, 123.6, 123.2, 120.6 (q, $J = 256.5$ Hz), 120.7, 112.5, 60.7, 56.0; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -57.4 (s, 3F); EI-MS: m/z (%) 298 (M^+ , 100), 283.2 (29), 197 (38); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3$ [M] $^+$, 298.0817, found 298.0823.

2',4'-Difluoro-2,3-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl

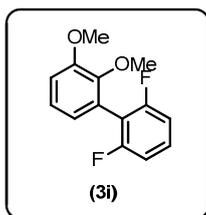


To a 30 mL schlenk tube, 2,3-dimethoxy phenyl boronic acid (273.0 mg, 1.5 mmol), 1-iodo-2,4-difluorobenzene (430.0 mg, 1.8 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (17.3 mg, 0.015 mmol) and K_3PO_4 (955.2 mg, 4.5 mmol) was added. Excluding the air under vacuum and recharged with N_2 for 3 times. Then EtOH (5 mL) was added and changed the septum to a glass cap. The mixture was stirred at

80 °C overnight. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, then water was added and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. Then filtered and removed the solvent under reduced pressure. The resulting mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/Et₂O 95/5) to afford the desired product.

Yield: 90%; white solid. m.p.: 54-56 °C; IR (KBr) 3073, 2988, 2933, 1616, 1507, 1419, 1317, 1121, 856 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98-6.85 (m, 4H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.5 (dd, *J* = 249.0, 12.0 Hz), 160.0 (dd, *J* = 249.0, 12.0 Hz), 153.0, 147.1, 132.6 (q, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 129.4, 123.9, 123.1, 122.1 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 4.5 Hz), 112.6, 111.0 (dd, *J* = 21.1, 4.5 Hz), 104.0 (apparent t, *J* = 25.6 Hz), 60.8, 56.0; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -110.5 (q, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1F), 112.0 (quint, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1F); EI-MS: *m/z* (%) 250 (M⁺, 100), 235 (67), 164 (37); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₂F₂O₂ [M]⁺, 250.0805, found 250.0781.

2',6'-Difluoro-2,3-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl



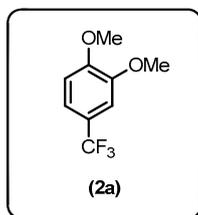
To a 30 mL schlenk tube, 2,3-dimethoxy phenyl boronic acid (273.0 mg, 1.5 mmol), 1-bromo-2,6-difluorobenzene (347.4 mg, 1.8 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 0.015 mmol) and K₃PO₄ (955.2 mg, 4.5 mmol) was added. Excluding the air under vacuum and recharged with N₂ for 3 times. Then EtOH (5 mL) was added and changed the septum to a glass cap. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C overnight. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, then water was added and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. Then filtered and removed the solvent under reduced pressure. The resulting mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/Et₂O 95/5) to afford the desired product.

Yield: 67%; slightly yellow oil. IR (neat) 3065, 2941, 2836, 1626, 1460, 1234, 1120, 999, 750 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01-6.94 (m, 3H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.6 (dd, *J* = 249.0, 7.5 Hz), 153.0, 147.6, 129.3 (t, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 123.8, 123.6, 123.5, 115.3 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 113.2, 111.3 (dd, *J* = 21.1, 6.0 Hz), 60.9, 56.0; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -112.5 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1F); EI-MS: *m/z* (%) 250 (M⁺, 100), 235 (31), 207 (22); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₂F₂O₂ [M]⁺, 250.0805, found 250.0784.

General procedure for metal-free oxidative trifluoromethylation of arenes at room temperature

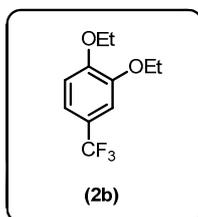
To a mixture of arenes (0.2 mmol) and NaSO_2CF_3 (0.4 mmol) in HFIP (0.5 mL), PIFA (0.4 mmol) was added. After stirring vigorously at room temperature over 5 minutes, water was added to quench the reaction. And the resulting mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 , the combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . Then filtered, the filtrate was evaporated under vacuum and purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/Ether or Hexane/EtOAc) to afford the desired product. Further purification could be attempted on preparative thin-layer plate with Hexane/ CH_2Cl_2 or Hexane/Toluene. (Note: For **2e**, PIDA (2.0 eq.) and NaSO_2CF_3 (10.0 eq.) were added instead; For **4b**, **4d**, **4e**, **4h** and **4i**, PIFA (2.3 eq.) and NaSO_2CF_3 (2.3 eq.) were added)

1,2-Dimethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene³



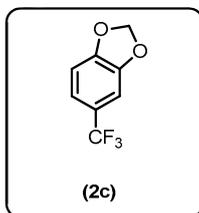
Yield: 56%; Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.21 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.7, 149.1, 124.5 (q, $J = 271.6$ Hz), 123.0 (q, $J = 33.2$ Hz), 118.4 (q, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 110.7, 108.0 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 56.1 (overlapped), 56.1 (overlapped); ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.0 (s, 3F); EI-MS: m/z (%) 206 (M^+ , 100), 191 (27), 163 (25), 143 (59);

1,2-Diethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene



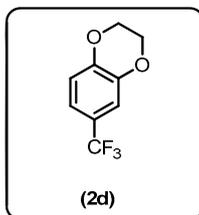
Yield: 48%; Slightly yellow solid. IR (KBr) 3092, 2992, 2940, 1608, 1432, 1323, 1224, 1106, 861 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.17 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.16-4.08 (m, 4H), 1.47 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.4, 151.0, 123.6 (q, $J = 273.1$ Hz), 120.1 (q, $J = 31.7$ Hz), 119.0, 115.1, 113.5 (q, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 65.5, 64.4, 14.9, 14.8; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.0 (s, 3F); EI-MS: m/z (%) 362 234 (M^+ , 22), 206 (6), 178 (100); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$ [M]⁺, 234.0868, found 234.0875.

5-(Trifluoromethyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole⁴



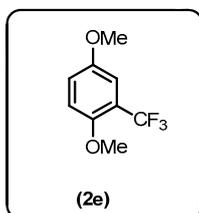
Yield: 32%; Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.15 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.4, 148.1, 124.2 (q, *J* = 271.6 Hz), 124.4 (q, *J* = 33.2 Hz), 120.0 (q, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 108.4, 106.0, 102.0; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.0 (s, 3F).

6-(Trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxine



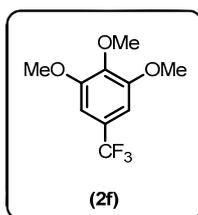
Yield: 43%; Colorless oil. IR (neat) 2989, 2884, 1591, 1463, 1328, 1123, 900 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 4H); ¹³C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.4, 143.6, 124.2 (q, *J* = 270.1 Hz), 123.8 (q, *J* = 33.2 Hz), 118.7 (q, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 117.7, 115.0 (q, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 64.6, 64.4; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.3 (s, 3F); MS (EI): *m/z* (%) 204.2 (M⁺, 100); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₉H₇F₃O₂ [M]⁺, 204.0398, found 204.0424.

1,4-Dimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene³



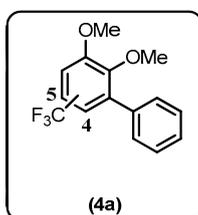
Yield: 31%; Slightly yellow oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.3, 151.9, 123.8 (q, *J* = 272.5 Hz), 119.8 (q, *J* = 31.2 Hz), 118.5, 114.0, 113.2 (q, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 57.0, 56.3; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.9 (s, 3F); MS (EI): *m/z* (%) 206 (M⁺, 69), 191 (100);

1,2,3-Trimethoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzene^[4]



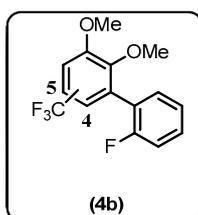
Yield: 34%; slightly yellow solid. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.83 (s, 2H) 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.5, 140.7, 124.2 (q, $J = 271.6$ Hz), 125.8 (q, $J = 33.2$ Hz), 102.6 (q, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 61.0, 56.4; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.6 (s, 3F); MS (EI): m/z (%) 236 (M^+ , 100), 221(51), 193 (26);

Trifluoromethyl-2,3-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl



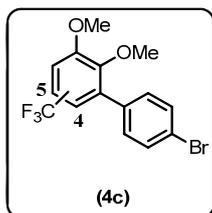
Yield: 34%, **C5:C4** = 9:4; Data for **4a-C5**: slightly yellow oil. IR (neat) 2940, 2832, 1593, 1499, 1366, 1258, 904 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.4, 149.3, 137.2, 136.4, 129.3, 128.5, 127.9, 124.2 (q, $J = 271.6$ Hz), 126.2 (q, $J = 33.2$ Hz), 120.0 (q, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 108.3 (q, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 60.9, 56.3; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.5 (s, 3F); EI-MS: m/z (%) 282 (M^+ , 100), 267 (24), 247 (18), 198 (44); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$ [M] $^+$, 282.0868, found 282.0852. Data for **4a-C4**: slightly yellow solid. m.p.: 52-54 $^\circ\text{C}$; IR (KBr) 3009, 2971, 2941, 1600, 1577, 1456, 1321, 1280, 1115, 816 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz), 7.41-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.6, 147.6, 136.3, 134.7, 129.8, 127.7, 127.6, 124.1 (q, $J = 273.1$ Hz), 122.2 (q, $J = 30.0$ Hz), 122.2 (q, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 110.6, 60.9, 56.1; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -57.1 (s, 3F); EI-MS: m/z (%) 282 (M^+ , 100), 267 (28), 247 (38), 198 (54); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$ [M] $^+$, 282.0868, found 282.0872.

Trifluoromethyl-2'-fluoro-2,3-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl



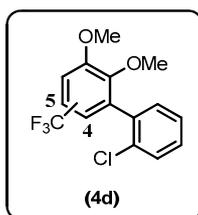
Yield: 35%, **C5:C4** = 7:3; Data for **4b-C5**: yellow oil. IR (neat) 2944, 2840, 1594, 1498, 1367, 1138, 907 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.12 (m, 4H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.0 (d, $J = 247.5$ Hz), 153.1, 149.8, 131.7 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 130.5, 129.9 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz), 124.1 (q, $J = 273.1$ Hz), 125.9 (q, $J = 33.2$ Hz), 125.0 (d, $J = 18.1$ Hz), 124.1 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 120.4 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 115.8 (d, $J = 22.6$ Hz), 109.3 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 61.0, 56.2; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.5 (s, 3F), -114.8 (t, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1F); EI-MS: m/z (%) 300 (M^+ , 100), 285 (28), 216 (57); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_4\text{O}_2$ [M] $^+$, 300.0773, found 300.0761. Data for **4b-C4**: yellow oil. IR (neat) 2942, 2845, 1601, 1457, 1321, 1119, 815 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.4 (q, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.10 (m, 3H), 7.01 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.1 (d, $J = 245.9$ Hz), 155.5, 147.9, 131.9, 130.0 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 129.44, 123.9 (q, $J = 271.6$ Hz), 123.4 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 122.6 (q, $J = 30.2$ Hz), 122.5, 122.4 (t, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 115.2 (d, $J = 21.1$ Hz), 111.4, 60.8, 56.0; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -58.8 (s, 3F), -113.9 (s, 1F); EI-MS: m/z (%) 300 (M^+ , 100), 285 (28), 216 (53); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_4\text{O}_2$ [M] $^+$, 300.0773, found 300.0770.

Trifluoromethyl-4'-bromo-2,3-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl



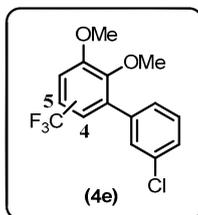
Yield: 34%, **C5:C4** = 2:1; Data for **4c-C5**: Slightly yellow solid. m.p.: 56-58 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (KBr) 2945, 2842, 1594, 1495, 1368, 1136, 824 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.48 (dd, $J = 32.4, 8.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.8, 149.4, 136.3, 135.4, 131.9, 131.2, 126.7 (q, $J = 33.2$ Hz), 124.4 (q, $J = 273.1$ Hz), 122.5, 119.8 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 109.0 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 61.1, 56.6; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.6 (s, 3F); EI-MS: m/z (%) 362 ($\text{M}+2^+$, 52), 360 (M^+ , 60), 266 (100); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrF}_3\text{O}_2$ [M] $^+$, 359.9973, found 359.9945. Data for **4c-C4**: Slightly yellow solid. m.p.: 796-98 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (KBr) 2932, 2853, 1602, 1453, 1278, 1115, 811 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (q, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.6, 147.4, 134.9, 133.7, 131.5, 130.9, 124.0 (q, $J = 273.1$ Hz), 122.3 (q, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 122.1 (q, $J = 28.7$ Hz), 122.0, 110.9, 60.9, 56.1; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -57.0 (s, 3F); EI-MS: m/z (%) 362 ($\text{M}+2^+$, 55), 360 (M^+ , 58), 266 (100); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrF}_3\text{O}_2$ [M] $^+$, 359.9973, found 360.0000.

Trifluoromethyl-2'-chloro-2,3-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl



Yield: 49%, **C5:C4** = 11:4; Data for **4d-C5**: colorless oil. IR (neat) 2941, 1598, 1464, 1365, 1233, 1141, 760 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.0, 149.5, 136.4, 134.0, 133.5, 131.5, 129.7, 129.4, 126.7, 125.7 (q, $J = 31.7$ Hz), 124.2 (q, $J = 271.6$ Hz), 120.3 (q, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 109.1 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 61.0, 56.2; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.4 (s, 3F); EI-MS: m/z (%) 318 ($\text{M}+2^+$, 38), 316 (M^+ , 100), 266 (79); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClF}_3\text{O}_2$ [M] $^+$, 316.0478, found 316.0468. Data for **4d-C4**: slightly yellow solid. m.p.: 88-90 $^\circ\text{C}$; IR (KBr) 2948, 2848, 1604, 1482, 1421, 1272, 1158, 1119, 835, 761 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.48 (t, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.01 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.5, 147.4, 134.3, 134.0, 132.9, 131.5, 129.4, 129.1, 126.0, 123.9 (q, $J = 273.1$ Hz), 122.3 (q, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 121.7 (q, $J = 30.2$ Hz), 111.3, 60.8, 56.0; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -58.9 (s, 3F); EI-MS: m/z (%) 318 ($\text{M}+2^+$, 30), 316 (M^+ , 84), 281 (16), 266 (100); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClF}_3\text{O}_2$ [M] $^+$, 316.0478, found 316.0477.

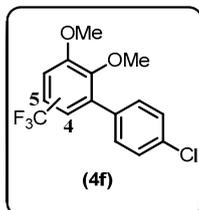
Trifluoromethyl-3'-chloro-2,3-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl



Yield: 38%, **C5:C4** = 7:3; Data for **4e-C5**: yellow oil. IR (neat) 2941, 2843, 1592, 1464, 1364, 1233, 911 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.5, 149.2, 138.9, 134.9, 134.3, 129.7, 129.4, 128.0, 127.6, 126.4 (q, $J = 33.2$ Hz), 124.1 (q, $J = 271.6$ Hz), 119.6 (q, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 108.8 (q, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 61.0, 56.3; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.6 (s, 3F); EI-MS: m/z (%) 318 ($\text{M}+2^+$, 37), 316 (M^+ , 100), 281 (16), 266 (64); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClF}_3\text{O}_2$ [M] $^+$, 316.0478, found 316.0467. Data for **4e-C4**: yellow oil. IR (neat) 2939, 2843, 1595, 1455, 1320, 1128, 785 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.6, 147.5, 136.5, 134.6, 133.5, 129.9, 128.9, 128.1, 128.0, 123.9 (q, $J = 273.1$ Hz), 122.3 (q, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 121.8 (q, $J = 30.2$ Hz), 111.0, 61.0, 56.1; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -57.0 (s, 3F); EI-MS: m/z

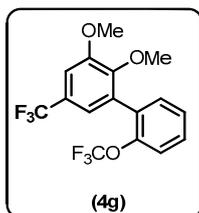
(%) 318 ($M+2^+$, 27), 316 (M^+ , 100), 281 (31), 266 (58); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $C_{15}H_{12}ClF_3O_2$ [M] $^+$, 316.0478, found 316.0504.

Trifluoromethyl-4'-chloro-2,3-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl



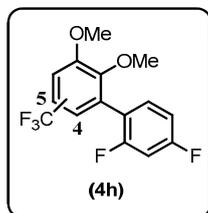
Yield: 39%, **C5:C4** = 5:2; Data for **4f-C5**: slightly yellow solid. m.p.: 54-56 °C; IR (KBr) 2945, 2843, 1594, 1498, 1455, 1367, 1094, 997; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.43 (dd, J = 20.1, 6.6 Hz, 4H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 153.5, 149.2, 135.5, 135.1, 134.0, 130.7, 128.7, 126.4 (q, J = 33.2 Hz), 124.1 (q, J = 271.6 Hz), 119.6 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 108.6 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 60.9, 56.3; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -62.6 (s, 3F); EI-MS: m/z (%) 318 ($M+2^+$, 31), 316 (M^+ , 100), 301 (23), 266 (63); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $C_{15}H_{12}ClF_3O_2$ [M] $^+$, 316.0478, found 316.0496. Data for **4f-C4**: m.p.: 81-83 °C; slightly yellow solid. IR (KBr) 2969, 2839, 1603, 1454, 1321, 1262, 1115, 1013, 816 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.47 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 155.6, 147.5, 134.9, 133.8, 133.2, 131.2, 127.9, 124.0 (q, J = 273.1 Hz), 122.3 (q, J = 6.0 Hz), 122.1 (d, J = 30.0 Hz), 110.9, 60.9, 56.1; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -57.0 (s, 3F); EI-MS: m/z (%) 318 ($M+2^+$, 34), 316 (M^+ , 100), 281 (21), 266 (62); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $C_{15}H_{12}ClF_3O_2$ [M] $^+$, 316.0478, found 316.0495.

Trifluoromethyl-2,3-dimethoxy-2'-(trifluoromethoxy)-1,1'-biphenyl



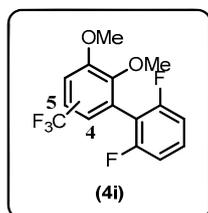
Yield: 43%, Data for **4g-C5**: yellow oil. IR (neat) 2945, 2842, 1594, 1423, 1259, 1141, 907 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.45-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 153.0, 149.6, 146.8, 132.1, 131.3, 130.7, 129.5, 126.7, 125.7 (q, J = 33.2 Hz), 124.1 (q, J = 271.6 Hz), 120.8, 120.5 (q, J = 256.5 Hz), 120.4 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 109.3 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 60.8, 56.2; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -57.6 (s, 3F), -62.5 (s, 3F); EI-MS: m/z (%) 366 (M^+ , 100), 282 (30), 265 (39); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $C_{16}H_{12}F_6O_3$ [M] $^+$, 366.0691, found 366.0668.

Trifluoromethyl-2',4'-difluoro-2,3-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl



Yield: 45%, **C5:C4** = 5:2; Data for **4h-C5**: yellow oil. IR (neat) 2945, 2846, 1599, 1465, 1368, 1139, 968 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31 (dd, $J = 14.7, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.93 (dd, $J = 18.9, 10.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.9 (dd, $J = 250.5, 12.1$ Hz), 160.0 (dd, $J = 250.5, 12.1$ Hz), 153.1, 149.8, 132.4 (q, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 129.6, 126.0 (q, $J = 33.2$ Hz), 124.1 (q, $J = 271.6$ Hz), 121.0 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.5$ Hz), 120.3 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 111.4 (dd, $J = 21.1, 3.0$ Hz), 109.4 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 104.2 (t, $J = 27.2$ Hz), 60.9, 56.2; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 62.5 (s, 3F), -110.3 (q, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1F), -110.8 (quint, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1F); EI-MS: m/z (%) 318 (M^+ , 100), 303 (35), 234 (55); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_5\text{O}_2$ [M] $^+$, 318.0679, found 318.0696. Data for **4h-C4**: yellow oil. IR (neat) 2942, 2846, 1600, 1492, 1321, 1015, 812 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 15, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, $J = 16.5, 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.0 (dd, $J = 249.0, 12.1$ Hz), 160.2 (dd, $J = 249.0, 12.1$ Hz), 155.5, 148.0, 132.5 (q, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 128.5, 123.8 (q, $J = 273.1$ Hz), 122.7 (q, $J = 31.7$ Hz), 122.4 (q, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 118.4 (dd, $J = 18.1, 4.5$ Hz), 111.5, 110.8 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 103.7 (t, $J = 25.6$ Hz), 60.9, 56.0; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 58.8 (s, 3F), -109.5 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1F), -110.9 (quint, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1F); EI-MS: m/z (%) 318 (M^+ , 100), 303 (31), 234 (53); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_5\text{O}_2$ [M] $^+$, 318.0679, found 318.0686.

Trifluoromethyl-2',6'-difluoro-2,3-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl



Yield: 45%, **C5:C4** = 5:2; Data for **4i-C5**: slightly yellow solid. m.p.: 58-60 $^\circ\text{C}$; IR (KBr) 2977, 2942, 1587, 1500, 1363, 1230, 1138, 872 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 (quint, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 6.98 (t, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.2 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 159.6 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 153.1, 150.3, 129.9 (t, $J = 10.6$ Hz), 125.9 (q, $J = 33.2$ Hz), 124.1 (q, $J = 271.6$ Hz), 123.9, 120.8 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 114.2 (t, $J = 21.1$ Hz), 111.5 (dd, $J = 21.1, 4.5$ Hz), 109.9 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 61.0, 56.2; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.4

