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### Intramolecular Aryl-Aryl Coupling via C-F Bond Activation Tolerant towards C-I

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# **Overview of Compounds Synthesized**



Scheme S1: Synthesis of precursor terphenyls P1-18 via Suzuki cross-coupling reaction. All reaction conditions used can be found in the Experimental Section. P10, P16, P17 were obtained in a three-step procedure: after Suzuki reaction, the NO<sub>2</sub>-substituent was reduced to NH<sub>2</sub>, which was reacted in a Sandmeyer reaction to obtain iodinated terphenyl P10, P16, P17. P18 was obtained in two-step procedure: after Suzuki reaction, NH<sub>2</sub>-substituent was converted into iodine group yielding P18. P19 was synthesized via ortho-iodination after lithiation of 2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl. The yields of isolated products are given.



Scheme S2. Building Blocks

F













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| Br

P11

F























P15



P16

P17

P18

P19



P21

Scheme S3. Precursors





Т3









Т4



Т5













**Scheme S5.** Synthesis of 2-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl and 1-(2-iodophenyl)naphthalene and their dehydroiodination on activated alumina (no reaction was observed).

## **1 EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

All chemicals and solvents were purchased in reagent grade from commercial suppliers (Acros®, Sigma-Aldrich® or Fluka®, Fluorochem®, Merck®, chemPur®) and used as received, unless otherwise specified. Solvents in HPLC grade were purchased from Fisher Chemicals<sup>®</sup>. y-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (neutral, Brockmann I, 50–200 mm, 60A) was purchased from Acros<sup>®</sup>. Flash column chromatography was performed on a Interchim PuriFlash 430 using flash grade silica gel from (Machery-Nagel 60 M (40-63 mm, deactivated)). NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400, a Bruker Avance Neo 400 or a Joel JNM EX-400, all operating at 400 MHz (<sup>1</sup>H NMR), 100 MHz (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) and 377 MHz (<sup>19</sup>F NMR) and on a Bruker Avance 300 operating at 282 MHz (<sup>19</sup>F NMR) at room temperature. The signals were referenced to residual solvent peaks (in parts per million (ppm) <sup>1</sup>H: CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 7.24 ppm; CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 5.32 ppm; <sup>13</sup>C: CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 77.0 ppm; CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 53.8 ppm). Coupling constants were assigned as observed. The obtained spectra were evaluated with the program MestReNova 11.0.4. LDI-MS spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu Biotech AXIMA Confidence MALDI-TOF instrument. High resolution APPI spectra were recorded on a Bruker ESI TOF maXis 4G instrument. The data was evaluated with the program Bruker Compass DataAnalysis 4.2. Analytical HPLC measurements were performed on a Shimadzu Prominence Liquid Chromatograph LC-20AT with communication bus module CBM-20A, diode array detector SPD-M20A, and column oven CTO-20AC. Preparative HPLC separations were performed on a Shimadzu Prominence Liquid Chromatograph LC-20AT with communication bus module CBM-20A, diode array detector SPDM20A, degassing unit DGU-20A 5R, column oven CTO-20A, auto sampler SIL-20A HT and fraction collector FRC-10A. For analysis a Buckyprep column (4.6ID x 250 mm) and a Cosmosil PBr column (4.6ID x 250 mm), both from Nacalai Tesque, were used. For separation a Cosmosil PBr column (10ID x 250 mm) and a Cosmosil Buckyprep column (10 x 250 mm) were used. As eluent a DCM/MeOH mixture was used (UV-vis detection). The data (HPLC chromatograms and UV/vis spectra) were evaluated with the programs Shimadzu LCsolution and Shimadzu LabSolutions, respectively. **Microwave-assisted reactions** were performed using a *Discover SP Microwave Synthesizer*, CEM or a *Biotage*® *Initiator*+. The reaction temperature was monitored by using external surface sensors. **TLC analysis** was carried out with TLC sheets coated with silica gel with fluorescent indicator 254 nm from Machery-Nagel (ALUGRAM® SIL G/UV254) and visualized via UV-light of 254nm or 366 nm.

#### **General Procedure for Suzuki Cross-Coupling Reaction:**

A single neck round-bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with aryl halide (1 mmol, 1 equiv), boronic acid/ester (1.1–2 mmol, 1.1–2 equiv),  $K_2CO_3$  or  $Cs_2CO_3$  or  $K_3PO_4$  (2 mmol, 2 equiv) and a mixture of toluene/MeOH 2:1 (13–15 mL), toluene/MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O 2.5:1:0.3 (20 mL), THF/H<sub>2</sub>O 5:1 (18 mL) or DME/H<sub>2</sub>O 3:1 (15 mL). The mixture was degassed under dynamic vacuum for 15 minutes under ultrasonification. Under nitrogen atmosphere Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>/Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.02–0.05 mmol, 2–5 mol%, 0.02–0.05 equiv) was added as catalyst and the suspension degassed for 10 minutes under stirring. The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 7–20 h under nitrogen atmosphere. After cooling to room temperature water was added, phases were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> three times. The combined organic fractions were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude material was filtered through silica gel with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexanes 1:1 and after removal of the solvent it was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel which yielded the pure cross-coupled product.

#### General Procedure: Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Mediated HF Elimination in Microwave

Typically, a Schlenk ampule was charged with  $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (30 g, 0.29 mol) which was activated by annealing at 250 °C overnight in air. Afterwards, it was activated by annealing at 590°C under vacuum (3 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mbar) for 4 h. A flame-dried and argon flushed microwave vial (2-5 mL) was charged with the respective fluoroarene (~10 mg, 23.0–40.9 µmol, 1 equiv.) and *o*- DCB (4 mL). Under Ar atmosphere previously activated  $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was added (1.5 – 3 g, 14.7–29.4 mmol, 514–1079 equiv.) and the vial closed. The condensation was carried out at 180–260 °C for the indicated time in the microwave. Afterwards Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was extracted with toluene or *o*-DCB. Pure product was obtained either after simple solvent evaporation or by HPLC separation of the crude product mixture.

**2-Bromo-2'-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl** (1)<sup>1</sup>. 1-Bromo-2-iodo-benzene (10.0 g, 4.54 mL, 35.4 mmol, 1 equiv), 2-fluorophenylboronic acid (5.44 g, 38.9 mmol, 1.1 eq), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (23.0 g, 70.7 mmol, 2 equiv), and Pd(dppf)Cl<sub>2</sub> (517 mg, 707 µmol, 0.02 equiv) in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O 5:1 (100 mL/20 mL) were reacted according to the general procedure (reflux, 18 h). The product was isolated by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes) as colorless oil which crystallized as hard white solid by scratching (7.63 g, 86 %):  $R_f = 0.47$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.67 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.18 (m, 4H), 7.17–7.12 (ddd, J = 9.5, 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.7 (d, J = 247.3 Hz), 137.3, 133.0, 131.8, 131.7 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 130.0 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 129.6, 129.0 (d, J = 15.9 Hz), 127.4, 124.0 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 115.8 (d, J = 22.1 Hz) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -113.76 – -114.84 (m, 1F) ppm. HPLC (PBr column (anal.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, MeOH/DCM 9:1)  $t_R = 4.36$  min. UV/vis (DCM/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  267 (sh), 226 nm.

(2'-Fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]2-yl)boronic acid (2). A two-necked round-bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar and a rubber septum was charged with 2-bromo-2'-fluoro-1,1'- biphenyl (1.50 g, 6.97 mmol, 1 equiv) and THF (10 mL) and the clear solution was cooled to - 78 °C. *n*-BuLi (765 mg, 5.97 mL, 2.5 M in hexanes, 14.9 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added dropwise via a syringe and the yellow solution stirred for 30 minutes at -78 °C. Trimethyl borate (3.10 g, 3.39 mL, 29.9 mmol, 5 equiv) was added in one portion via a syringe and the mixture allowed to reach room temperature over a period of 3 h. A 1 M aqueous solution of HCl (5 mL) was added to quench the reaction and stirring at room temperature was continued

for further 30 minutes. Water (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) were added, layers were separated and the aqueous phase extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the solvent evaporated to dryness. After short column chromatography over silica gel using a solvent gradient (hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 5:1  $\rightarrow$  CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> $\rightarrow$ CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 20:1) and precipitation with hexanes product **2** was obtained as white solid (722 mg, 56 %): R<sub>f</sub> = 0.28 (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc 20:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, 30 °C, DMSO $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.73 (s, 2H, -B(OH)<sub>2</sub>), 7.57 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (td, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.32 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.15 (m, 2H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{1H, 19F} NMR (125 MHz, 30 °C, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  159.5, 139.1, 133.3, 131.7, 131.0, 129.78, 129.2, 129.0, 127.0, 124.4, 115.6 ppm (signal of C-B not observed). <sup>19</sup>F{1H} NMR (470 MHz, 30 °C, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -116.72 (s, 1F) ppm. HPLC (PBr column (anal.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, MeOH/DCM 9:1)  $t_R$  = 4.17 min. UV/vis (DCM/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  275 (sh), 240, (219) nm. HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BFO<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) m/z 216.0754, found 216.0754.

**2-Fluoro-4''-methyl-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P1).** 2-Bromo-2'-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (**1**, 250 mg, 996 μmol, 1 equiv), 4-tolylphenylboronic acid (176 mg, 1.29 mmol, 1.3 equiv), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (423 mg, 1.99 mmol, 2 equiv), and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.0 mg, 49.8 μmol, 0.05 equiv) in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O 5:1 (15 mL/3 mL) were reacted according to the general procedure (reflux, 20 h). The product was isolated by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes → hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 9:1) as colorless oil (236 mg, 90 %): R<sub>f</sub> = 0.60 (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 7.50 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.18 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.01 (m, 5H), 6.95 (ddd, *J* = 9.6, 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 160.0 (d, *J* = 245.4 Hz), 142.1, 138.8, 136.8, 134.8, 132.6 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 131.4, 130.6, 129.8 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 129.4, 129.3 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 128.9, 128.6, 127.4, 124.2 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 115.7 (d, *J* = 22.4 Hz). 21.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ -114.64 – -114.72 (m). HPLC (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 3:7) *t<sub>R</sub>* = 4.34 min.

UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  254 (sh), 233, 218 (sh) nm. HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 262.1152, found 262.1147.

**4''-(***Tert***-butyl)-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P2).** 2-Bromo-2'-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (**1**, 100 mg, 398 μmol, 1 equiv), 4-*tert*-butylphenylboronic acid (85.1 mg, 478 μmol, 1.2 equiv), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (169 mg, 797 μmol, 2 equiv), and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (23.0 mg, 19.9 μmol, 0.05 equiv) in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O 5:1 (10 mL/2 mL) were reacted according to the general procedure (reflux, 20 h). The product was isolated by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes) and obtained as white solid after precipitation with MeOH under ultrasonification (111 mg, 92 %):  $R_f$  = 0.19 (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.49 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.12 (vis td, *J* = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 7.01 (vis td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (ddd, *J* = 9.7, 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.7 (d, *J* = 246.2 Hz), 149.5, 141.7, 138.3, 134.4, 132.3 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 131.1, 130.3, 129.4 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz), 128.9, 128.8 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 128.2, 126.9, 124.7, 123.6 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 115.4 (d, *J* = 22.6 Hz)., 34.5, 31.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -114.22– -115.64 (m). HPLC (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 1:1)  $t_R$  = 3.82 min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  257 (sh), 234, 222 (sh) nm. HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 304.1622, found 304.1619.

**2-Fluoro-4''-methoxy-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P3).** 2-Bromo-2'-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (**1**, 1.65 g, 6.58 mmol, 1 equiv), (4-methoxyphenyl)boronic acid (1.00 g, 6.58 mmol, 1 equiv), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (4.29 g, 13.2 mmol, 2 equiv), and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (380 mg, 329 µmol, 0.05 equiv) in toluene/MeOH 2:1 (40 mL/20 mL) were reacted according to the general procedure (reflux, overnight). The product **P3** was isolated by flash column chromatography on silica gel and obtained as colorless oil (1.33 g, 73 %):  $R_f = 0.42$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 2:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.19 (vis td, *J* = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.96 (ddd, *J* = 9.6, 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.78 – 6.73 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 160.1 (d, J = 245.3 Hz), 159.1, 141.8, 134.9, 134.2, 132.7 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 131.4, 130.7, 130.6, 129.9 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 129.3 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 128.7, 127.3, 124.3 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 115.8 (d, J = 22.3 Hz), 113.7, 55.5. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ - 114.71 - -115.63 (m). HPLC (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 3:7)  $t_R = 4.38$  min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  260 (sh), 237 nm. HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FO (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) m/z 278.1101, found 278.1100.

Methyl 2"-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-carboxylate (P4). 2-Bromo-2'-fluoro-1,1'biphenyl (1, 1.40 mg, 5.56 mmol, 1 equiv), 4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)boronic acid (1.00 g, 5.56 mmol, 1 equiv),  $Cs_2CO_3$  (3.62 g, 11.1 mmol, 2 equiv), and  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  (320 mg, 278 µmol, 0.05 equiv) in toluene/MeOH 2:1 (40 mL/20 mL) were reacted according to the general procedure (reflux, overnight). The product was isolated by flash column chromatography on silica gel and obtained as colorless oil which crystallized after a few days in air as white solid (0.81 g, 48 %):  $R_f = 0.19$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 2:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  7.88 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.18 (td, J =7.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $(100 \text{ MHz}, \text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2) \delta 167.1, 159.8 \text{ (d, } J = 245.8 \text{ Hz}\text{)}, 146.5, 141.1, 134.9, 132.5 \text{ (d, } J = 3.2 \text{ Hz}\text{)}$ Hz), 131.5, 130.3, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 124.4 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 115.8 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 52.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  -114.72 - -115.64 (m). HPLC (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 3:7)  $t_R = 4.46$  min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  266, 238 nm. HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FO<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) m/z 307.1129, found 307.1123.

#### **2''-Fluoro**-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-[1,1':2',1''-terphenyl]-4-amine (P5). (4-

(Dimethylamino)phenyl)boronic acid (1.00 g, 6.06 mmol, 1 equiv), 2-bromo-2'-fluoro-1,1'biphenyl (**1**, 1.52 g, 6.06 mmol, 1 equiv),  $Cs_2CO_3$  (3.95 g, 12.1 mmol, 2 equiv), and Pd(PPh\_3)\_4 (350 mg, 303 µmol, 0.05 equiv) in toluene/MeOH 2:1 (60 mL/30 mL) were reacted according to the general procedure (reflux, 19 h). Product **P5** was isolated by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 2:1) as light yellow solid (715 mg, 40 %):  $R_f = 0.23$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 2:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  7.46 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.10 (vis td, J = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 6.95 (m, 3H), 6.62 – 6.55 (m, 2H), 2.91 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  160.17 (d, J = 245.3 Hz), 149.9, 142.3, 134.6, 132.7 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 131.5, 130.5, 130.4, 130.3, 129.6, 129.2 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 128.7, 126.7, 124.3 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 115.8 (d, J = 22.3 Hz), 112.2, 40.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  -114.81 – -115.73 (m). HPLC (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 3:7)  $t_R = 4.61$  min. UV/vis (DCM/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  296, 230 nm. HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FN (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) m/z 291.1418, found 291.1424.

4-(2'-Fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)pyridine (P6). 2-Bromo-2'-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (1, 500 mg, 1.99 mmol, 1 equiv), 4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)pyridine (470 mg, 2.29 mmol, 1.15 equiv), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.30 g, 3.98 mmol, 2 equiv), and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (92.0 mg, 79.7 µmol, 0.04 equiv) in toluene/MeOH 2:1 (60 mL/30 mL) were reacted according to the general procedure (reflux, 20 h). The product was isolated by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc 5:1) and obtained as light yellow solid after drying in vacuum (350 mg, 71 %):  $R_f = 0.13$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/EtOAc 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.42 (s, 2H), 7.50 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.15 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.91 (ddd, *J* = 9.7, 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.3 (d, *J* = 246.8 Hz), 149.3, 138.9, 134.4, 131.8 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 131.2 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz), 129.6, 129.4 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 128.5 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 128.3 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz), 124.0 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 115.6 (d, *J* = 22.3 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -114.76 – -114.82 (m, 1F). HPLC (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:9)  $t_R$  = 4.98 min. UV/vis (DCM/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  229, 256 (sh) nm. HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>FN (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 250.1027, found 250.1034.

4-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]furan (P7). A 100 ml round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a condenser was charged with 4bromodibenzo[b,d]furan (84 mg, 0.34 mmol), (2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]2-yl)boronic acid (2, 73 mg, 0.34 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (185 mg, 1.34 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (14 mg, 12 µmol). The solids were suspended in 12:5:1.5 toluene/MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (18.5 mL), degassed and the atmosphere was exchanged by argon. The mixture was brought to reflux for 18 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography, eluting with (Hexane) yielding 4-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]furan (**P7**) in 87% yield (100 mg).  $R_f =$ 0.18 (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.73 - 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.61 - 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 - 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.30 (td, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.11 (td, J = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.09 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.85 (td, J = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.7 (d, J = 246.6Hz), 156.0, 153.5, 136.2, 135.7, 131.7 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 131.0, 130.9, 129.0 (d, J = 15.6 Hz), 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 127.0), 125.7, 124.1 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 123.3 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 122.5, 122.4, 120.5, 119.5, 115.1 (d, J = 22.5 Hz), 111.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -115.39 (ddd, J = 9.9, 7.6, 5.5 Hz, 1F). HPLC chromatogram (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40°C, DCM/MeOH 4:6, t<sub>R</sub> 3.95min). UV/vis (DCM/MeOH) λ 289, 320 (sh) nm. HR MS (APPI; Toluene): Chemical Formula: C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FO, calc. 338.1102, found 338.1107.

**4-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene (P8)**. A 100 ml round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a condenser was charged with 4-bromodibenzo[b,d]thiophene (90 mg, 0.34 mmol), (2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]2-yl)boronic acid (**2**, 73 mg, 0.34 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (185 mg, 1.34 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (14 mg, 12 µmol). The solids were suspended in 12:5:1.5 toluene/MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (18.5 mL), degassed and the atmosphere was exchanged by argon. The mixture was brought to reflux for 18 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography, eluting with (Hexane) yielding 4-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene (**P8**) in 99%

yield (120 mg).  $R_f = 0.13$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.19 – 8.07 (m, 1H), 8.01 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.74 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.49 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.02 (m, 3H), 6.96 – 6.77 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 160.1 (d, J = 245.9 Hz), 140.3, 140.3, 140.0, 136.7, 136.2, 136.0, 135.5, 132.2 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 131.7, 130.3, 130.3, 129.4 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 128.9 (d, J = 15.6 Hz), 128.6, 128.5, 127.2, 124.9, 124.6, 123.9 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 123.1, 122.1, 120.6, 115.6 (d, J =22.5 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ -115.37 (s, 1F). HPLC chromatogram (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40°C, DCM/MeOH 4:6, t<sub>R</sub> 7.86 min). UV/vis (DCM/MeOH) λ 280, 295, 338, 359, 379 nm HRMS (APPI; Toluene): Chemical Formula: C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FS, calc. 354.0878, found 354.0879.

2-(2'-Fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene (P9). 2-Bromodibenzothiophene (80.0 mg, 370 µmol, 1 equiv), (2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)boronic acid (2, 195 mg, 741 µmol, 2 equiv), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (241 mg, 741 µmol, 2 equiv), and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (13.0 mg, 18.5 µmol, 0.05 equiv) in toluene/MeOH/H2O 2.5:1:0.3 (7.6 mL) were reacted according to the general procedure (reflux, 18 h). The product was isolated by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes) and obtained as white solid after drying in vacuo (95 mg, 72 %).  $R_f = 0.15$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.99 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.84 - 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.64 (dd, J = 8.3, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dt, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 - 7.38(m, 5H), 7.254 - 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.01 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (ddd, J = 9.5, 8.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.5 (d, J = 246.4 Hz), 141.4, 139.7, 137.8, 137.8, 135.6, 135.3, 134.6, 132.1 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 131.1 (d, J = 1.3 Hz), 130.4, 129.1 (d, J = 15.7 Hz), 128.9 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 128.3, 128.1, 127.3, 126.6, 124.3, 123.8 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 122.8, 122.2, 122.0, 121.4, 115.5 (d, J = 22.4 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -114.74 – -114.80 (m, 1F). HPLC (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1)  $t_R = 4.93$  min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  330, 317, 280 (sh), 264 (sh), 240 nm. HR MS (APPI) calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{15}FS (M^{+}, 100) m/z 354.0873$ , found 354.0881.

**4''-Chloro-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P10).** 2-Bromo-2'-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (1, 200 mg, 797 μmol, 1 equiv), 4-chlorophenylboronic acid (249 mg, 1.59 mmol, 2 equiv), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (220 mg, 1.59 mmol, 2 equiv), and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (28.0 mg, 39.8 μmol, 0.05 equiv) in DME/H<sub>2</sub>O 3:1 (12 mL) were reacted according to the general procedure (80 °C, 18 h). The product was isolated by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes) and obtained as white solid after drying in vacuum (224 mg, quantitative):  $R_f$  = 0.46 (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.07 – 7.02 (m, 3H), 6.92 (ddd, *J* = 9.6, 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.4 (d, *J* = 246.6 Hz), 140.5, 139.8, 134.4, 132.7, 132.0 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 131.1, 130.5, 129.9, 129.1 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 128.8 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 128.3, 128.0, 127.5, 123.9 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 115.5 (d, *J* = 22.3 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -114.78 – -114.84 (m, 1F). HPLC (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 2:8)  $t_R$  = 4.80 min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  259 (sh), 251 (sh), 231 nm. HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClF (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 282.0606, found 282.0599.

**4''-Bromo-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P11).** 1-Bromo-4-iodobenzene (250 mg, 884 μmol, 1 equiv), 7,6(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)boronic acid (**2**, 191 mg, 884 μmol, 1 equiv), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (576 mg, 1.77 mmol, 2 equiv), and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (51.1 mg, 44.2 μmol, 0.05 equiv) in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O 5:1 (12 mL) were reacted according to the general procedure (reflux, 18 h). Product **P9** was isolated by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes) and obtained as light yellow solid after drying in vacuum (241 mg, 83 %):  $R_f = 0.33$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.12 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.92 (ddd, *J* = 9.6, 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.4 (d, *J* = 246.6 Hz), 140.4, 140.3, 134.3, 132.0 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 131.1, 131.0, 130.8, 129.9, 129.1 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 128.8 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz), 128.3, 127.5, 123.9 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 120.9, 115.6 (d, *J* = 22.4 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -114.78 – -114.84 (m, 1F). HPLC (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min,

35 °C, DCM/MeOH 2:8)  $t_R = 5.08$  min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  260 (sh), 251 (sh), 232 nm. HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrF (M<sup>+•</sup>, 100) *m/z* 326.0101, found 326.0107.

**2-Fluoro-4''-nitro-1,1':2,1''-terphenyl** (**3**). 1-Bromo-4-nitrobenzene (200 mg, 803 μmol, 1 equiv), (2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)boronic acid (**2**, 174 mg, 803 μmol, 1 equiv), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (523 mg, 1.61 mmol, 2 equiv), and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (46.4 mg, 40.2 μmol, 0.05 equiv) in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O 5:1 (20 mL/4 mL) were reacted according to the general procedure (100 °C, 16 h). Product **3** was isolated by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 5:1) and obtained as light yellow solid (223 mg, 95 %):  $R_f = 0.37$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/DCM 2:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.07 – 8.03 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.16 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (ddd, *J* = 9.6, 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.2 (d, *J* = 246.8 Hz), 148.3, 146.6, 139.4, 134.5, 131.8 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 131.3, 130.0, 129.8, 129.5 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 128.5, 128.5, 128.3 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz), 124.1 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 123.1, 115.7 (d, *J* = 22.2 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -114.70 – -114.77 (m, 1F). HPLC (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 3:7)  $t_R$  = 4.56 min. UV/vis (DCM/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  297 nm. HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 293.0847, found 293.0845.

**2-Fluoro-[1,1':2',1''-terphenyl]-4-amine (4).** 2-Fluoro-4"-nitro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (**3**, 200 mg, 682 µmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in EtOAc (7 mL) and under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere SnCl<sub>2</sub> x 2H<sub>2</sub>O (769 mg, 3.41 mmol, 5 equiv) was added. The mixture was heated at reflux overnight. After cooling to room temperature a sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (7 mL) was added, phases were separated and the aqueous fraction extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). After evaporation of the solvent the resulting red oil was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc 5:1) and product **4** was isolated as red-orange oil (170 mg, 95%).  $R_f = 0.39$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/EtOAc 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.13 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.96 – 6.92 (m, 3H), 6.53 – 6.49

(m, 1H), 3.56 (broad s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.6 (d, J = 246.4 Hz), 145.0, 141.7, 134.2, 132.2 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 131.7, 130.9 (d, J = 1.4 Hz), 130.1, 130.0, 129.6 (d, J = 15.8 Hz), 128.6 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 128.1, 126.4, 123.6 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 115.4 (d, J = 22.5 Hz), 114.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -114.96 – -115.02 (m, 1F). HPLC (Buckyprep column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, MeOH/DCM 8:2)  $t_R = 4.04$  min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  271, 237 nm. HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) m/z 263.1105, found 263.1107.

2-Fluoro-4"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P12). A 50 mL round-bottom flask was charged with crude 2-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-amine (4, 200 mg, 682 µmol, 1 equiv), MeCN (8 mL) and conc. HCl (0.2 mL). The mixture was cooled to -13 °C in an ice-salt bath. A solution of sodium nitrite (105 mg, 1.52 mmol, 2 equiv) in water (0.5 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The solution was stirred at -13 °C for 30 min, and a solution of KI (252 mg, 1.52 mmol, 2 equiv) in water (0.3 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min at -13 °C and another 1 h at room temperature. A sat. aq. Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-solution (15 mL) was added, phases were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with DCM (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic fractions were dried over NaSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent evaporated in vacuo. The oily residue was dissolved in hexanes/DCM 2:1 and short column chromatography on silica gel rinsed with hexanes/DCM 2:1 afforded 2-fluoro-4"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P10) as white solid (188 mg, 66 %).  $R_f = 0.85$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/DCM 2:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.53 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.12 (td, J = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 9.6, 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.89 – 6.85 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.9 (d, J = 245.9 Hz), 141.5, 141.0, 137.4, 134.8, 132.6 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 131.6, 131.6, 130.4, 129.7 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 129.3 (d, J = 15.7 Hz), 128.8, 128.1, 124.5 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 115.9 (d, J = 22.4 Hz), 92.8. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ -114.78 - -114.84 (m, 1F). HPLC (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, MeOH/DCM 8:2)  $t_R = 5.50$  min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$ 

258 (sh), 236 nm. HR MS (APPI) calcd. for  $C_{18}H_{12}FI$  (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 373.9962, found 373.9968.

2-fluoro-3"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P13). A 100 ml round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a condenser was charged with 1, 3-diiodobenzene (660 mg, 2 mmol), (2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)boronic acid (2, 210 mg, 1 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (414 mg, 3 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (51 mg, 44 µmol). The solids were suspended in 2:1 dioxane/H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL), degassed and the atmosphere was exchanged by argon. The mixture was brought to reflux for 24 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography, eluting with (Hexane) yielding 2-fluoro-3"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P13) as white oil in 21% yield (80 mg).  $R_f = 0.45$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.56 (dt, J = 12.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.19 (td, J = 7.5, 1.9Hz, 1H), 7.15 - 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.03 - 6.91 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  159.9 (d, *J* = 245.7 Hz), 140.5, 138.5, 136.0, 134.9, 132.5 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 131.4, 130.3, 129.8, 129.6 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 129.1 (d, J = 16.0 Hz), 129.0, 128.7, 128.2, 124.4 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 115.8 (d, J = 22.4 Hz), 93.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  -115.60 (ddd, J = 10.0, 7.5, 5.1 Hz, 1F). HPLC (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, MeOH/DCM 6:4)  $t_R = 4.78$  min. UV/vis  $(CH_2Cl_2/MeOH) \lambda 273$  (sh). HR MS (APPI) calcd. for  $C_{18}H_{12}FI$  (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) m/z 373.9962, found 373.9974.

**2-fluoro-2''-iodo-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P14).** A 100 ml round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a condenser was charged with 1, 2-diiodobenzene (330 mg, 1 mmol), (2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)boronic acid (210 mg, 1 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (280 mg, 2 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (40 mg, 35  $\mu$ mol). The solids were suspended in 8:2 dioxane/H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), degassed and the atmosphere was exchanged by argon. The mixture was brought to reflux for 96 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography, eluting with (Hexane) yielding 2-fluoro-2"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl as white

oil in 43% yield (160 mg).  $R_f = 0.48$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 7.83 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.00 (dt, J = 8.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 6.96 – 6.88 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 160.0 (d, J = 246.0 Hz), 146.1, 144.1, 139.2, 135.1, 132.5 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 131.2 (d, J = 1.2 Hz), 131.2 (d, J = 1.6 Hz), 131.1, 129.4 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 129.0, 128.8 (d, J = 15.6 Hz), 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 123.8 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 115.6 (d, J = 22.5 Hz), 100.2 <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ -114.44 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.2 Hz, 1F). HPLC (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, MeOH/DCM 6:4)  $t_R = 4.56$  min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH) λ 274 (sh). HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FI (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 373.9962, found 373.9958.

2-fluoro-4'''-iodo-1,1':2',1'''-quaterphenyl (P15). A 100 ml round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a condenser was charged with 4,4'-diiodobiphenyl (820 mg, 2 mmol), (2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)boronic acid (210 mg, 1 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (414 mg, 3 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (51 mg, 44  $\mu$ mol). The solids were suspended in 2:1 dioxane/H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL), degassed and the atmosphere was exchanged by argon. The mixture was brought to reflux for 24 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by silica gel column vielding 2-fluoro-4"'-iodo-1,1':2',1":4",1"'chromatography, eluting with (Hexane) quaterphenyl (P15) as white solid in 9% yield (41 mg).  $R_f = 0.20$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 7.79 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.39 (m, 6H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.09 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (ddd, J = 9.5, 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR  $(101 \text{ MHz}, \text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2) \delta 159.9 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4, 141.4, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 132.6 \text{ (d}, J = 245.5 \text{ Hz}), 141.5, 141.4,$ 3.5 Hz), 131.5 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 130.5, 130.2, 129.5 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 129.1, 128.7, 127.8, 127.2, 126.8, 126.6, 124.3 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 115.8 (d, J = 22.5 Hz), 93.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ -115.58 (ddd, *J* = 10.1, 7.5, 5.2 Hz, 1F). HPLC (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, MeOH/DCM 6:4)  $t_R = 6.23$  min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda$  297 (sh). HR MS (APPI) calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{16}FI(M^{+}, 100) m/z$  450.0275, found 450.0282.

**2-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane** (5)<sup>2</sup>. A 250 mL round bottom flask, equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with 1-bromo-2-fluoro-4-nitrobenzene (11.88 g, 8.56 mmol), bis(pinacolato)diboron (2.24 g, 8.82 mmol), KOAc (2.71 g, 27.6 mmol) Pd(dppf)Cl2 (150 mg, 0.18 mmol) and dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (65 mL). The mixture was degassed and stirred at 80 °C for 24 h under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After the completion of the reaction, the mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL) and washed with water (30 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and purified by silica gel column chromatography, eluting with hexane- hexane:EtOAc (5:1), yielding 2-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane as yellow oil which slowly solidifies to an yellow solid in 70 % (1.6g).  $R_f = 0.36$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes-EtOAc 4:1) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.00 – 7.96 (m, 1H), 7.91 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 1.37 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6 (d, *J* = 255.7 Hz), 150.9 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 137.7 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 118.6 (d, J=3.0 Hz), 110.8 (d, *J* = 31.4 Hz), 84.7, 24.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  - 98.67 – -98.74 (m, 1F).

**2-fluoro-4-nitro-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (6).** A 100 ml round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a condenser was charged with 2-bromobiphenyl (233 mg, 1 mmol), 2-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane, (**5**, 267 mg, 1 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (555 mg, 4 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (42 mg, 36 µmol). The solids were suspended in 12/5/1.5 Tol/MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (18.5 mL), degassed and the atmosphere was exchanged by argon. The mixture was brought to reflux for 18 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography, eluting with hexane-hexane:EtOAc (95:5) yielding 2-fluoro-4-nitro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl as yellow solid in 41% yield (120 mg). In the case, when side product (3-fluoronitrobenzene) remains after chromatography, it can be evaporated under reduced pressure.  $R_f = 0.42$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/EtOAC 9:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  7.97 – 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.86 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, J = 8.4, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 2H).<sup>13</sup>C

NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  159.4 (d, J = 250.7 Hz), 148.2 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 142.2, 141.0 (d, J = 1.1 Hz), 137.0 (d, J = 16.2 Hz), 133.3 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 132.8 (d, J = 1.1 Hz), 130.9 (d, J = 1.3 Hz), 130.8, 129.7, 129.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.5, 119.3 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 111.7 (d, J = 28.1 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  -110.70 – -110.81 (m, 1F). HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+•</sup>, 100) m/z 293.0847, found 293.0851.

**2-fluoro-[1,1':2',1''-terphenyl]-4-amine (7).** 2-fluoro-4-nitro-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (**6**, 120 mg, 409 µmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in EtOAc (7 mL) and under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere SnCl<sub>2</sub> x 2H<sub>2</sub>O (461 mg, 2.04 mmol, 5 equiv) was added. The mixture was heated at reflux overnight. After cooling to room temperature a sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (7 mL) was added, phases were separated and the aqueous fraction extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). After evaporation of the solvent the resulting red oil was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc 5:1) and product 2-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-amine was isolated as yellow oil (82 mg, 64%).  $R_f = 0.34$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/EtOAc 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  7.45 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (brs, 2H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  160.6 (d, *J* = 243.7 Hz), 148.2 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 142.3 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz), 142.4, 135.2, 133.0 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 131.7 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz), 130.5, 129.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 126.8, 119.0 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz), 110.8 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 101.9 (d, *J* = 26.0 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  -115.42 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 8.5 Hz, 1F).HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 263.1105, found 263.1110.

**2-fluoro-4-iodo-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P16).** A 100 mL round-bottom flask was charged with 2-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-amine (**7**, 80 mg, 317  $\mu$ mol), and conc H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (3 ml). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C in an ice- bath. Sodium nitrite (80 mg, 1.19 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The solution was stirred at -0 °C for 3h, and NaI (225 mg, 1.5 mmol) with 5-10 g of ice was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C. A sat. aq.

Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-solution (15 mL) was added, phases were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with DCM (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic fractions were dried over NaSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent evaporated *in vacuo*. After evaporation of the solvent the resulting red oil was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Hexane) and product **2**-fluoro-4-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl was isolated as white oil (40 mg, 33%).  $R_f = 0.41$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 9.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.14 (dd, J = 7.1, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  159.5 (d, J = 251.5 Hz), 142.1, 141.5, 133.9 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 133.5 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 131.2, 131.0, 130.7, 129.6, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.2, 125.1 (d, J = 25.2 Hz), 92.2 (d, J = 8.0 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  -112.79 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1F). HPLC (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, MeOH/DCM 6:4)  $t_R = 4.66$  min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda$  282 (sh). HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FI (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 373.9962, found 373.9968

**2-fluoro-5-nitro-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (8).** A 100 ml round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a condenser was charged with 2-bromobiphenyl (466 mg, 2 mmol), (2-fluoro-5-nitrophenyl)boronic acid, (370 mg, 2 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.1 mg, 8 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (84 mg, 72 µmol). The solids were suspended in 12/5/1.5 Tol/MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (18.5 mL), degassed and the atmosphere was exchanged by argon. The mixture was brought to reflux for 18 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography, eluting with hexane-hexane:EtOAc (95:5) yielding 2-fluoro-4-nitro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl as yellow-orange solid in 37% yield (221 mg). In the case, when side product (4-fluoronitrobenzene) remains after chromatography, it can be evaporated under reduced pressure.  $R_f = 0.39$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/EtOAc 9:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  8.16 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.03 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  163.5 (d, *J* = 257.4 Hz), 142.3, 141.0 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 132.5, 131.3, 131.1, 131.1, 130.8, 129.6, 129.6, 128.5, 128.4 (d, *J* = 5.7

Hz), 128.0, 127.5, 125.2 (d, J = 10.1 Hz), 116.9 (d, J = 25.5 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  -104.01 – -104.11 (m, 1F). HRMS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 293.0847, found 293.0854.

**6-fluoro-[1,1':2',1''-terphenyl]-3-amine (9).** 6-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-3-amine (**8**, 200 mg, 682 μmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in EtOAc (7 mL) and under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere SnCl<sub>2</sub> x 2H<sub>2</sub>O (769 mg, 3.41 mmol, 5 equiv) was added. The mixture was heated at reflux overnight. After cooling to room temperature a sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (7 mL) was added, phases were separated and the aqueous fraction extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). After evaporation of the solvent the resulting red oil was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc 5:1) and product was isolated as red-orange oil (115 mg, 63%). R<sub>*f*</sub> = 0.29 (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/EtOAc 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 7.53 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 6.78 – 6.69 (m, 1H), 6.58 – 6.48 (m, 2H), 3.72 (brs, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Methylene Chloride-*d*<sub>2</sub>) δ 153.4 (d, *J* = 235.7 Hz), 143.0 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 142.0, 141.9 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz), 135.2, 131.3 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 130.5, 129.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.5, 127.0, 118.3 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 116.1, 115.9, 115.44 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Methylene Chloride-*d*<sub>2</sub>) δ -129.46 (ddd, *J* = 9.9, 6.1, 4.1 Hz, 1F). HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 263.1105, found 263.1100.

**2-fluoro-5-iodo-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P17).** A 100 mL round-bottom flask was charged with 6-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-3-amine (110 mg, 418  $\mu$ mol), and conc H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (3 ml). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C in an ice- bath. Sodium nitrite (80 mg, 1.19 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The solution was stirred at -0 °C for 3h, and NaI (225 mg, 1.5 mmol) with 5-10 g of ice was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C. A sat. aq. Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-solution (15 mL) was added, phases were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with DCM (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic fractions were dried over NaSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent evaporated *in vacuo*. After evaporation of the solvent the resulting red oil was

purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Hexane) and product **2**-fluoro-4-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl was isolated as white oil (35 mg, 22%).  $R_f = 0.37$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.41 (m, 5H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 6.75 – 6.66 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 159.9 (d, J = 247.5 Hz), 142.2, 141.4, 141.1 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 138.2 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 133.4 (d, J = 0.7 Hz), 132.3 (d, J = 17.1 Hz), 131.2 (d, J = 1.1 Hz), 130.6, 129.6, 129.1, 128.3, 127.3, 127.3, 117.9 (d, J = 23.7 Hz), 87.0 (d, J = 3.8 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ -116.43 (ddd, J = 9.6, 6.7, 5.0 Hz, 1F). HPLC (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, MeOH/DCM 6:4)  $t_R = 5.03$  min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH) λ 286 (sh). HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FI (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 373.9962, found 373.9957

**6-fluoro-[1,1':2',1''-terphenyl]-2-amine (10).** A 250 ml round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a condenser was charged with 2-bromo-3-fluoroaniline (475 mg, 2.5 mmol), 2-biphenylboronic acid, (495 mg, 2.5 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.35 g, 10 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (105 mg, 90 µmol). The solids were suspended in 30/12.5/4Tol/MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (46.5 mL), degassed and the atmosphere was exchanged by argon. The mixture was brought to reflux for 18 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography, eluting with hexane-hexane:EtOAc (4:1) yielding 6-fluoro-[1,1':2',1''-terphenyl]-2-amine as yellow oil in 56% yield (408 mg). R<sub>f</sub> = 0.25 (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/EtOAc 5:1) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.57 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 7.06 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.40 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 3.54 (brs, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz,

Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  160.6 (d, J = 241.8 Hz), 145.7 (d, J = 6.1 Hz), 142.6, 140.9, 131.3, 130.7 (d, J = 0.8 Hz), 130.5, 129.0 (d, J = 10.4 Hz), 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.7, 126.9, 115.1 (d, J = 20.5 Hz), 110.3 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 104.6 (d, J = 23.1 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  - 112.90 (dd, J = 9.2, 6.4 Hz, 1F). HPLC (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C,

MeOH/DCM 6:4)  $t_R = 4.11$  min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda$  292 (sh). HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 263.1105, found 263.1112.

2-fluoro-6-iodo-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P18). A 100 mL round-bottom flask was charged with 6-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-2-amine (340 mg, 1.36  $\mu$ mol), and conc H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (6 ml). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C in an ice- bath. Sodium nitrite (152 mg, 2.26 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The solution was stirred at -0 °C for 3h, and NaI (450 mg, 3 mmol) with 5-10 g of ice was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C. A sat. aq. Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-solution (15 mL) was added, phases were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with DCM (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic fractions were dried over NaSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent evaporated in vacuo. After evaporation of the solvent the resulting red oil was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Hexane) and product 2-fluoro-6-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl was isolated as white oil (86 mg, 17%).  $R_f = 0.44$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  7.68 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.31 - 7.21 (m, 6H), 7.05 - 6.96 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  159.5 (d, J = 248.2Hz), 142.2, 141.1, 137.0, 135.0 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 134.7 (d, J = 18.9 Hz), 131.2, 130.7 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 130.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.1, 127.7, 127.3, 115.5 (d, *J* = 23.3 Hz), 102.0 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ -106.55 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1F). HPLC (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, MeOH/DCM 6:4)  $t_R = 4.22$  min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda$  280 (sh). HR MS (APPI) calcd. for  $C_{18}H_{12}FI$  (M<sup>+•</sup>, 100) *m/z* 373.9962, found 373.9957

**2-fluoro-3-iodo-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P19).** A 250 mL flame-dried two-necked roundbottom flask was charged with TMEDA (1 ml, 6 mmol) and dry THF (50 mL) under argon. The solution was cooled to -78 °C and n-BuLi (2.5 ml, 6 mmol,) was added dropwise. The yellow solution was stirred for 30 min and solution of 2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (1.2 g, 5 mmol) in THF (5 ml) was added dropwise and stirred for atother 30 minutes. I<sub>2</sub> (2.5 g, 10 mmol) was dissolved in THF (20 mL) and added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The redbrown reaction mixture was allowed to reach room temperature overnight. A sat. aq. Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-solution (100 mL) was added, phases were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with DCM (3 x 50 mL). The organic fractions were combined and the solvent evaporated in vacuo. Residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography, eluting with (Hexane) yielding 2-fluoro-3-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl as orange oil in 80% yield (1.5 g). R<sub>f</sub> = 0.48 (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 6.5 Hz, 3H), 7.17 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 6.80 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  158.78 (d, *J* = 244.6 Hz), 142.1, 141.4, 138.7, 138.7, 132.99, 132.96, 131.17, 131.16, 130.6, 130.4, 130.3, 129.6, 127.0, 128.3, 127.6, 127.2, 125.7, 81.73 (d, *J* = 26.8 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  -94.78 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1F). HPLC (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, MeOH/DCM 6:4) *t<sub>R</sub>* = 4.62 min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda$  281 (sh). HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FI (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 373.9962, found 373.9966.

**1-Fluoro-4-iodobenzo[c]phenanthrene (P20).** A 25 mL flame-dried two-necked roundbottom flask was charged with 4-bromo-1-fluorobenzo[*c*]phenanthrene<sup>3</sup> (170 mg, 523 µmol, 1 equiv) and dry THF (5 mL) under argon. The solution was cooled to -78 °C and *t*-BuLi (330 µl, 627 µmol, 1.2 equiv) was added dropwise. The greenish suspension was stirred for 30 min at -78 °C. I<sub>2</sub> (239 mg, 941 µmol, 1.8 equiv) was dissolved in THF (2 mL) and added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The red-brown reaction mixture was allowed to reach room temperature overnight. A sat. aq. Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-solution (10 mL) was added, phases were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with DCM (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic fractions were dried over NaSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by HPLC separation (Buckyprep column, 5.0 mL/min 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 3:7) which afforded precursor **P20** as light yellow solid (105 mg, 46 %). R<sub>f</sub> = 0.66 (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/DCM 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  8.27 – 8.17 (m, 3H), 8.05 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 8.3 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.3 (d, J = 254.6 Hz), 137.9 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 136.2 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 133.4 (d, J = 1.4 Hz), 132.4, 131.5 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 130.1 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 129.9 (d, J = 16.7 Hz), 129.8 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 129.6, 127.9 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 126.7, 126.0, 125.6 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 124.7 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 120.4 (d, J = 13.3 Hz), 113.9 (d, J = 25.0 Hz), 93.0 (d, J = 3.5 Hz).. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -99.28 – -99.36 (m, 1F). HPLC (Buckyprep column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, MeOH/DCM 6:4)  $t_R = 5.67$  min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  365 (sh), 337, 324, 306, 291, 281, 247 (sh), 228 nm. LDI MS m/z 372 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100). HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FI (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) m/z 371.9806, found 371.9813.

#### **1-Fluoro-4-(3-nitrophenyl)benzo**[*c*]**phenanthrene** (11). 4-Bromo-1-

fluorobenzo[*c*]phenanthrene<sup>3</sup> (100 mg, 308 μmol, 1 equiv), 3-nitrophenylboronic acid (77.0 mg, 461 μmol, 1.5 equiv), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (200 mg, 615 μmol, 2 equiv), and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10.8 mg, 15.4 μmol, 0.05 equiv) in toluene/MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O 2.5:1:0.3 (7.6 mL) were reacted according to the general procedure (reflux, 18 h). Product **11** was isolated by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/DCM 2:1) and obtained as yellow solid after drying in vacuum (quantitative):  $R_f = 0.46$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/DCM 2:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.41 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.37 – 8.30 (m, 2H), 8.02 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.87 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.57 (m, 7H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.4 (d, *J* = 255.6 Hz), 148.5, 142.1, 136.6, 133.6 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 132.9 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 132.9 (s), 131.5, 130.0, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.3, 127.7 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 127.5, 126.3, 125.4 (d, *J* = 24.6 Hz), 125.2, 124.5 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 124.2 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 122.5, 119.2 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz), 111.9 (d, *J* = 24.5 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -97.97 – -98.05 (m, 1F). HPLC (Buckyprep column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, MeOH/DCM 6:4) *t<sub>R</sub>* = 6.01 min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  384 (sh), 366 (sh), 336 (sh), 322 (sh), 287, 280 (sh), 227 nm. HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 367.1003, found 367.1009.

#### **3-(1-Fluorobenzo[c]phenanthren-4-yl)aniline** (12). 1-Fluoro-4-(3-

nitrophenyl)benzo[c]phenanthrene (5, 113 mg, 308  $\mu$ mol, 1 equiv) was suspended in EtOAc (10 mL) and the suspension degassed for 2 min under dynamic vacuum. Under nitrogen atmosphere SnCl<sub>2</sub> x 2H<sub>2</sub>O (347 mg, 1.54 mmol, 5 equiv) was added and the mixture stirred under reflux overnight (18 h). After cooling to room temperature a sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (10 mL) was added. The resulting white solid was filtered off by suction filtration through a Büchner funnel and washed thoroughly with H<sub>2</sub>O and DCM (20 mL each). Phases were separated and the aqueous fraction extracted with DCM (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic fractions were dried over Na2SO4, filtered and the solvent removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc 9:1 -75:25) and obtained as white fluffy solid after drying in vacuum (103 mg, 99%). Compound 12 contained residual solvent according to NMR (EtOAc), but was used without further purification:  $R_f = 0.29$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/EtOAc 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.40 – 8.27 (m, 1H), 8.02 - 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.95 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.57 (dd, J = 8.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 12.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.80 (dd, J = 4.9, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 2H).. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.7 (d, J = 253.5 Hz), 146.4, 141.6, 136.6 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 133.3 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 132.8, 131.4, 130.2 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 129.6 (d, J = 16.8 Hz), 129.3, 128.6, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 125.9, 125.6, 125.6 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 125.0 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 124.4, 121.1, 118.9 (d, J = 12.7 Hz), 117.2, 114.2, 111.7 (d, J = 24.2 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -100.06 - -100.15 (m, 1F). HPLC (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, MeOH/DCM 6:4)  $t_R = 5.03$  min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  383, 337 (sh), 323 (sh), 301 (sh), 287, 281, 228 nm. HR MS (APPI) calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{16}FN$  (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) m/z337.1261, found 337.1266.

**1-Fluoro-4-(3-iodophenyl)benzo**[*c*]**phenanthrene (P21).** A 25 mL round-bottom flask was charged with 3-(1-fluorobenzo[*c*]**phenanthren-4-yl)**aniline (6, 150 mg, 445 μmol, 1 equiv),

MeCN (5 mL) and conc. HCl (0.1 mL). The mixture was cooled to -13 °C in an ice-salt bath. A solution of sodium nitrite (61.4 mg, 889 µmol, 2 equiv) in water (0.5 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The yellow solution was stirred at -13 °C for 30 min, and a solution of KI (148 mg, 889 µmol, 2 equiv) in water (0.5 mL) was added. The red-brown reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min at -13 °C and another 1 h at room temperature. A sat. aq. Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-solution (10 mL) was added, phases were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with DCM (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic fractions were dried over NaSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent evaporated in vacuo. The oily residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/DCM 5:1) which afforded precursor P21 as white solid (132 mg, 66 %):  $R_f = 0.41$  (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/DCM 2:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$ 8.37 - 8.29 (m, 1H), 8.04 - 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.93 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 - 7.78 (m, 4H), 7.66 -7.62 (m, 2H), 7.58 (dd, J = 8.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 12.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  159.5 (d, J = 253.5 Hz), 143.0, 139.7, 137.0, 135.2 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 133.5 (d, J = 4.6 Hz), 133.3, 131.9, 130.5, 130.4 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 130.3, 129.9 (d, J = 16.6 Hz), 129.1, 128.2, 128.0 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 127.9, 126.5, 126.0, 125.5 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 125.3 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 124.7 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 119.3 (d, J = 12.7Hz), 112.2 (d, J = 24.4 Hz), 94.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  -99.74 – -99.81 (t, 1F). HPLC (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, MeOH/DCM 1:1)  $t_R = 5.96$  min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  337 (sh), 323 (sh), 289, 281, 229 nm. HR MS (APPI) calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{14}FI (M^{+}, 100) m/z 448.0119$ , found 448.0128.

**2-iodo-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (PS1)**<sup>4</sup>. A 100 ml round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a condenser was charged with 1,2-diiodobenzene (660 mg, 2 mmol), [1,1'- biphenyl]-2-yl)boronic acid (400 mg, 2 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (560 mg, 4 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (80 mg, 69  $\mu$ mol). The solids were suspended in 4:1 dioxane/H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL), degassed and the atmosphere was exchanged by argon. The mixture was brought to reflux for 18 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography, eluting

with (Hexane) yielding 2-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (**PS1**) as white oil in 41% yield (290 mg). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.87 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 7.14 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (td, J = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.2, 142.7, 140.8, 140.6, 138.9, 131.1, 130.8, 130.1, 129.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 126.8, 126.5, 100.4.

1-(2-iodophenyl)naphthalene (PS2)<sup>5</sup>. A 100 ml round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a condenser was charged with 1,2-diiodobenzene (660 mg, 2 mmol), naphthalene-1-boronic acid (370 mg, 2 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (560 mg, 4 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (80 mg, 69 µmol). The solids were suspended in 4:1 dioxane/H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL), degassed and the atmosphere was exchanged by argon. The mixture was brought to reflux for 18 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography, eluting with (Hexane) yielding 1-(2-iodophenyl)naphthalene (PS2) as white solid in 77% yield (510 mg). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.16 – 8.07 (m, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.20 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.3, 142.1, 139.0, 133.4, 131.3, 130.8, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 126.94, 126.1, 125.9, 125.8, 125.1, 100.6. HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>I (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m*/z 329.9900, found 329.9918.

**2-Methyltriphenylene** (**T1**)<sup>6,7</sup>. 2-Fluoro-4''-metyl-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (**P1**) (10.0 mg, 38.1  $\mu$ mol) activated aluminium oxide (2.0 g, 19.6 mmol) were reacted according to the general procedure. The condensation was carried out at 250 °C for 4 h. After extraction of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with hot toluene (10 mL) and solvent evaporation pure 2-methyltriphenylene (**T1**) was obtained as white solid (8.8 mg, 95 %): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.66 – 8.59 (m, 4H), 8.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 4H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.9, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.4, 128.7, 127.5, 127.1, 127.1, 127.1, 126.8, 123.3, 123.3, 123.2, 123.1, 21.8 (three signals coincident or

not observed). HPLC (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 8:2)  $t_R$  = 12.52 min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  345, 337, 329, 322, 315, 305 (sh), 286, 275, 258, 250, 221 nm. LDI MS m/z 242 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

**9**-(*Tert*-butyl)triphenylene (T2)<sup>8,9</sup>. 4"-(*Tert*-butyl)-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P2) (10.0 mg, 33.5 μmol) and activated aluminium oxide (3.0 g, 29.4 mmol) were reacted according to the general procedure. The condensation was carried out at 250°C for 4 h. After Soxhlet extraction of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with toluene (50 mL) overnight and solvent evaporation, the crude product was purified by HPLC separation (PBr column, 5.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1). Pure 2-(*tert*-butyl)triphenylene (T2) was obtained as white solid (6.4 mg, 69 %): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 8.76–8.70 (m, 1H), 8.70–8.63 (m, 4H), 8.61 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73–7.62 (m, 4H), 1.51 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 150.7, 130.5, 130.4, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.6, 127.4, 125.9, 123.8, 123.7, 123.7, 123.6, 123.6, 119.8, 35.4, 31.6 (two signals coincident or not observed). HPLC (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 6:4) *t<sub>R</sub>* = 4.66 min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH) λ<sub>max</sub> 345, 336, 329, 322, 287, 276, 260, 252 nm. LDI MS *m*/*z* 284 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100). HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub> (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m*/*z* 284.1560, found 284.1557.

**Condensation of 2-Fluoro-4''-methoxy-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P3)**. 2-Fluoro-4"-methoxy-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (**P3**) (10.2 mg, 37.7 µmol) and activated aluminium oxide (2.5 g, 24.5 mmol) were reacted according to the general procedure. The condensation was carried out at 200 °C for 5 h. HPLC analysis of the reaction mixture (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35°C, DCM/MeOH 3:7) did not indicate the formation of desired product 2-methoxytriphenylene.

**Condensation of Methyl 2''-fluoro-[1,1':2',1''-terphenyl]-4-carboxylate (P4).** Methyl 2''-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-carboxylate (**P4**) (10.3 mg, 33.6 µmol) and activated aluminium oxide (3.0 g, 29.4 mmol) were reacted according to the general procedure. The

condensation was carried out at 200 °C for 5 h. HPLC analysis of the reaction mixture (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 3:7) did not indicate the formation of desired product methyl triphenylene-2-carboxylate.

Condensation of 2''-Fluoro-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-[1,1':2',1''-terphenyl]-4-amine (P5). 2''-Fluoro-N,N-dimethyl-[1,1':2',1''-terphenyl]-4-amine (P5) (10.3 mg, 35.4  $\mu$ mol) and activated aluminium oxide (2.6 g, 25.5 mmol) were reacted according to the general procedure. The condensation was carried out at 200 °C for 5 h. HPLC analysis of the reaction mixture (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:9) indicated the formation of a complex mixture of several products. However, the formation of desired product *N*,*N*-dimethyltriphenylen-2-amine was not observed.

Condensation of 4-(2'-Fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)pyridine (P6). 4-(2'-Fluoro-[1,1'biphenyl]-2-yl)pyridine (P6) (10.2 mg, 40.9  $\mu$ mol) and activated aluminium oxide (2.6 g, 25.5 mmol) was reacted according to the general procedure. The condensation was carried out at 200 °C for 5 h. HPLC analysis of the reaction mixture (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:9) indicated the formation of a complex mixture of several products. However, the formation of desired product *N*,*N*-dimethyltriphenylen-2-amine was not observed.

**Triphenyleno[1,2-b]benzofuran** (**T3**). 4-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]furan (15 mg, 44 µmol) was reacted according to the general procedure using 2 g of activated aluminium oxide. The condensation was carried out at 240 °C for 12 h. After extraction of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with hot toluene (10 mL) and solvent evaporation the crude product was purified by HPLC separation (PBr column, 5.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1). Pure triphenyleno[1,2-b]benzofuran was obtained as white solid (5.5 mg, 39 %): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  9.95 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.86 – 8.67 (m, 4H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.90 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.79 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.70 (m, 2H),

7.59 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (td, J = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  156.6, 154.3, 130.5, 130.4, 130.31, 130.29, 128.9, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.84, 127.82, 127.5, 124.4, 124.2, 123.9, 123.7, 123.6, 123.4, 120.9, 119.8, 119.0, 117.8, 112.2. HPLC (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 1:1)  $t_R = 8.46$  min). UV/Vis (DCM-MeOH 1:1, 293 K):  $\lambda$  [nm]) = 360, 343, 321, 308, 297, 288. LDI MS m/z 318 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100). HRMS (APPI; Toluene): Chemical Formula: C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>14</sub>S, calc. 318.1045, found 318.1046.

**Benzo[b]triphenyleno[2,1-d]thiophene** (**T4**)<sup>10</sup>. 4-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d] ]thiophene (15 mg, 42 μmol) was reacted according to the general procedure using 2 g of activated aluminium oxide. The condensation was carried out at 240 °C for 12 h. After extraction of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with hot toluene (10 mL) and solvent evaporation the crude product was purified by HPLC separation (PBr column, 5.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1). Pure benzo[b]triphenyleno[2,1-d]thiophene was obtained as white solid (8 mg, 57 %): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 9.36 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.90 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.84 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.82 – 8.78 (m, 1H), 8.77 – 8.72 (m, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.41 – 8.32 (m, 1H), 8.13 – 8.02 (m, 1H), 7.89 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.54 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 139.8, 136.1, 136.0, 135.3, 131.1, 130.6, 130.4, 130.0, 128.0, 128.0, 127.6, 127.6, 127.3, 127.0, 125.3, 124.5, 123.9, 123.7, 122.5, 122.0, 121.2, 121.1. HPLC (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 1:1) *t<sub>R</sub>* = 11.13 min). UV/Vis (DCM-MeOH 1:1, 293 K): λ [nm]) = 368, 351, 329, 318. HRMS (APPI; Toluene): Chemical Formula: C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>14</sub>S, calc. 334.0816, found 334.0817.

Benzo[*b*]triphenyleno[1,2-*d*]thiophene (T5) and Benzo[*b*]triphenyleno[2,3-*d*]thiophene (T6). 2-(2'-Fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[*b*,*d*]thiophene (P)9 (10.3 mg, 29.1  $\mu$ mol) and activated aluminium oxide (3.2 g, 31.4 mmol) were reacted according to the general procedure. The condensation was carried out at 240 °C for 4 h. After extraction of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with

o-DCB (10 mL) and evaporation of the solvent, the two isomers were separated by HPLC chromatography (PBr column (semiprep), 5.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 7:3). Both isomers were isolated as white solids (T5: 5.1 mg, 52%, T6: 2.3 mg, 24%). **Benzo**[*b*]triphenyleno[1,2-*d*]thiophene (T5)<sup>10</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  8.87 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 8.71 – 8.58 (m, 4H), 8.56 – 8.53 (m, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (ddd, J = 8.0, 1.2, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 - 7.67 (m, 3H), 7.50 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.31 (ddd, J = 8.3, 1.2)7.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 140.8, 140.3, 137.2, 131.4, 130.9, 130.4, 130.2, 129.4, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 127.4, 126.6, 125.9, 125.5, 124.0, 123.6, 123.5, 123.4, 122.2, 121.8. HPLC (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1)  $t_R = 7.51$  min. UV/vis (DCM/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  377, 360, 339, 324 (sh), 308 (sh), 295, 279, 270, 260, 250 nm. LDI MS m/z 334 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100). HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>14</sub>S (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 334.0811, found 334.0819. Benzo[*b*]triphenyleno[2,3-*d*]thiophene (T6): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 9.44 (s, 1H), 9.12 (s, 1H), 8.89 - 8.87 (m, 1H), 8.75 - 8.66 (m, 3H), 8.46 -8.42 (m, 1H), 7.96 - 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.77 - 7.68 (m, 4H), 7.60 - 7.53 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100) MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\Box$   $\delta$  140.7, 139.5, 135.8, 135.6, 130.4, 130.4, 130.0, 129.8, 129.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 125.2, 123.9, 123.9, 123.9, 123.6, 123.4, 122.3, 117.4, 116.3. HPLC (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1)  $t_R = 11.55$  min. UV/vis (DCM/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  372, 353, 332, 318, 286, 273, 263 (sh), 251 nm. LDI MS m/z 334 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100). HR MS (APPI) calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{14}S$  (M<sup>+•</sup>, 100) m/z 334.0811, found 334.0812.

**2-Chlorotriphenylene** (**T7**)<sup>7,9</sup>. 4"-Chloro-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (**P10**) (10.1 mg, 35.7 µmol) and activated aluminium oxide (3.0 g, 29.4 mmol) were reacted according to the general procedure. The condensation was carried out at 260 °C for 12 h. After Soxhlet extraction of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with toluene (50 mL) overnight and solvent evaporation the crude product was purified by HPLC separation (PBr column, 5.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1). Pure 2-chlorotriphenylene (**T7**) was obtained as white solid (6.4 mg, 68 %): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  8.60 – 8.55 (m, 2H), 8.54 – 8.46 (m, 4H), 7.65 – 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.8,
2.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  133.7, 131.6, 130.5, 130.0, 129.5, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.9, 127.8, 125.5, 123.8, 123.8, 123.8, 123.7, 123.4. HPLC (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 1:1)  $t_R$  = 6.92 min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  346, 338, 331, 323, 317 (sh), 307 (sh), 286, 276, 260, 252 nm. LDI MS *m/z* 262 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

**2-Bromotriphenylene** (**T8**)<sup>11</sup>. 4"-Bromo-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (**P11**) (10.2 mg, 31.2 µmol) and activated aluminium oxide (3.0 g, 29.4 mmol) were reacted according to the general procedure. The condensation was carried out at 250 °C for 12 h. After Soxhlet extraction of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with toluene (50 mL) overnight and solvent evaporation the crude product was purified by HPLC separation (PBr column, 5.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1). Pure 2-bromotriphenylene (**T8**) was obtained as white solid (6.5 mg, 68 %): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  8.78 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.68 – 8.63 (m, 2H), 8.62 – 8.54 (m, 2H), 8.51 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.65 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  131.9, 130.6, 130.5, 130.1, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.9, 126.6, 125.6, 123.8, 123.8, 123.7, 123.6, 122.0. HPLC (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 1:1) *t<sub>R</sub>* = 7.36 min. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  347, 338, 331, 323, 307 (sh), 286, 276, 261, 253, 223 (sh) nm. HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Br (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 306.0039, found 306.0046.

**2-Iodotriphenylene** (**T9**)<sup>12</sup>. 2-Fluoro-4"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (**P12**) (10.0 mg, 26.7 µmol) and activated aluminium oxide (1.5 g, 14.7 mmol) were reacted according to the general procedure. The condensation was carried out at 240 °C for 12 h. After Soxhlet extraction of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with toluene (50 mL) overnight and solvent evaporation the crude product was purified by HPLC separation (PBr column, 5.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 7:3). Pure 2-iodotriphenylene (**T9**) was obtained as white solid (6.9 mg, 73 %): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  9.00 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.71–8.55 (m, 4H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74–7.65 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  136.3, 132.9, 132.1,

130.4, 130.2, 129.5, 129.5, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.9, 125.5, 123.8, 123.7, 123.5, 93.7 (one signal coincident or not observed). HPLC (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1)  $t_R$  = 7.97 min. UV/vis (DCM/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  348, 339, 332, 323, 309 (sh), 299 (sh) 287 (sh), 279 (sh), 262, 256 nm. LDI MS m/z 354 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100). HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>11</sub>I (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) m/z 353.9900, found 353.9895.

The same method was used for the CDHF of **P13**, **P16**, **P17**. Yields of **T9** are given in the figure 3.

**Condensation of P14. P14** (10.0 mg, 26.7 µmol) and activated aluminium oxide (2.6 g, 25.5 mmol) were reacted according to the general procedure. The condensation was carried out at 190 °C for 12 h. HPLC analysis of the reaction mixture (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1) indicated the formation of a triphenylene. However, the formation of desired product 1-iodotriphenylene was not observed.

**Condensation of P18. P18** (10.0 mg, 26.7 µmol) and activated aluminium oxide (2.6 g, 25.5 mmol) were reacted according to the general procedure. The condensation was carried out at 190 °C for 12 h. HPLC analysis of the reaction mixture (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1) indicated the formation of a triphenylene. However, the formation of desired product 1-iodotriphenylene was not observed.

**Condensation of P19. P19** (10.0 mg, 26.7 µmol) and activated aluminium oxide (2.6 g, 25.5 mmol) were reacted according to the general procedure. The condensation was carried out at 240 °C for 24 h. HPLC analysis of the reaction mixture (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1) indicated no reaction.

**2-(4-iodophenyl)triphenylene** (**T10**). 2-fluoro-4"'-iodo-1,1':2',1":4",1"'-quaterphenyl (10.0 mg, 22.2  $\mu$ mol) and activated aluminium oxide (3.0 g, 29.4 mmol) were reacted according to the general procedure. The condensation was carried out at 190°C for 60 h. After Soxhlet

extraction of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with toluene (50 mL) overnight and solvent evaporation, the crude product was purified by HPLC separation (PBr column, 5.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 4:6). Pure 2-(4-iodophenyl)triphenylene was obtained as white solid (8.1 mg, 85 %): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.82 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.76 – 8.71 (m, 2H), 8.70 - 8.7 (m, 3H), 7.88-7.85 (m 3H), 7.72-7.67 (m, 4H), 7.60 – 7.53 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.7, 138.7, 138.0, 130.2, 130.1, 129.9, 129.6, 129.5, 129.2, 129.2, 127.5, 127.4, 127.4, 127.3, 126.0, 124.1, 123.4, 123.4, 123.3, 121.6, 93.3. HPLC (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 4:6)  $t_R = 13.86$  min. UV/vis (DCM/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  305, 278, 262 nm. HRMS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>15</sub>I (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 430.0213, found 430.0218.

**3-Iodobenzo**[*ghi*]**fluoranthene (T11).** 1-Fluoro-4-iodobenzo[*c*]phenanthrene (**P20**) (10.2 mg, 27.4 µmol) and activated aluminium oxide (2.5 g, 24.5 mmol) were reacted according to the general procedure. The condensation was carried out at 180 °C for 12 h. After extraction of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with toluene (10 mL) and solvent evaporation pure 3-iodobenzo[ghi]fluoranthene (**T8**) was obtained as yellow solid (9.6 mg, 99 %): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.09 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 7.89 (m, 4H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.9, 137.8, 136.7, 133.9, 132.9, 132.8, 131.0, 129.3, 128.6, 127.8, 127.3, 127.0, 126.9, 126.6, 124.9, 124.7, 123.7, 96.6. HPLC (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1) *t<sub>R</sub>* = 9.22 min. UV/vis (DCM/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  403 (sh), 384 (sh), 360, 342, 326, 294, 283, 248, 234 nm. LDI MS *m/z* 352 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100). HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>9</sub>I (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m/z* 351.9743, found 351.9738.

### **3-(3-Iodophenyl)benzo**[*ghi*]fluoranthene (T12). 1-Fluoro-4-(3-

iodophenyl)benzo[*c*]phenanthrene (**P21**) (10.3 mg, 23.0  $\mu$ mol ) and activated aluminium oxide (2.2 g, 21.6 mmol) were reacted according to the general procedure. The condensation was carried out at 180 °C for 12 h. After extraction of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with toluene (10 mL) and solvent

evaporation pure 3-(3-iodophenyl)benzo[*ghi*]fluoranthene (**T9**) was obtained as yellow solid (9.5 mg, 97 %): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  8.21 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.06 – 7.96 (m, 5H), 7.84 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 1.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  141.8, 138.7, 138.6, 137.0, 136.8, 136.5, 133.6, 133.4, 132.9, 130.2, 129.4, 128.9, 128.5, 127.7, 126.9, 126.7, 126.5, 125.6, 125.5, 125.1, 124.9, 123.6, 123.5, 94.3. HPLC (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1) *t<sub>R</sub>* = 9.36 min. UV/vis (DCM/MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  404 (sh), 359, 344, 296, 285, 265, 259, 249 nm. LDI MS *m*/*z* 428 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %). HR MS (APPI) calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>13</sub>I (M<sup>++</sup>, 100) *m*/*z* 428.0056, found 428.0049.

**Condensation of PS1. PS1** (47 mg, 130  $\mu$ mol) and activated aluminium oxide (2.6 g, 25.5 mmol) were reacted according to the general procedure. The condensation was carried out at 200 °C for 12 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the reaction mixture indicated no reaction.

**Condensation of PS2. PS2** (40 mg, 120  $\mu$ mol) and activated aluminium oxide (2.6 g, 25.5 mmol) were reacted according to the general procedure. The condensation was carried out at 200 °C for 12 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the reaction mixture indicated no reaction.

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## **3** Spectroscopic Analysis and Characterization

## 3.1 Building Blocks 1–12 and Precursors P1–19

2-Bromo-2'-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (1)



Figure S1:  ${}^{1}$ H NMR spectrum of 2-bromo-2'-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (1) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S2:  ${}^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of 2-bromo-2'-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (1) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S3: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2-bromo-2'-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (1) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S4:** HPLC chromatogram of 2-bromo-2'-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (1) (PBr column (anal.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, MeOH/DCM 9:1),  $t_R = 4.36$  min, (inset) UV/vis spectrum.

(2'-Fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]2-yl)boronic acid (2)



Figure S5: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]2-yl)boronic acid (2) (in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 30 °C).



Figure S6: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (fluorine decoupled.) of (2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]2-yl)boronic acid (2) (in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 30 °C).



Figure S7: HSQC of (2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]2-yl)boronic acid (2) (in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 30 °C).



Figure S8: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum (proton decoupled) of (2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]2-yl)boronic acid (2) (in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 30 °C).



**Figure S9:** HPLC chromatogram of (2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]2-yl)boronic acid (2) (PBr column (anal.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, MeOH/DCM 9:1),  $t_R = 4.17$  min, (inset) UV/vis spectrum.



Figure S10: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of (2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]2-yl)boronic acid (2), m/z 216.0754 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

#### 2-Fluoro-4"-methyl-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P1)



Figure S11: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-4"-methyl-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P1) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S12: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-4"-methyl-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P1) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S13: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-4"-methyl-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P1) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S14: HPLC chromatogram (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C,  $CH_2Cl_2/MeOH$  3:7,  $t_R = 4.34$  min) and UV/vis spectrum<br/>(inset) of 2-fluoro-4"-methyl-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P1).



Figure S15: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 2-fluoro-4"-methyl-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P1), *m/z* 262.1147 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).



#### 4''-(*Tert*-butyl)-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P2)



Figure S17: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4"-(*tert*-butyl)-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P2) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S18: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 4"-(*tert*-butyl)-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P2) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S19:** HPLC chromatogram (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1, t<sub>R</sub> 3.82 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 4"-(*tert*-butyl)-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (**P2**).



Figure S20: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 4"-(*tert*-butyl)-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P2), *m/z* 304.1619 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

2-Fluoro-4"-methoxy-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P3)



Figure S21: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-4"-methoxy-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P3) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S22: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-4"-methoxy-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P3) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S23: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-4"-methoxy-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P3) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S24:** HPLC chromatogram (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 3:7),  $t_R = 4.38$  min and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 2-fluoro-4"-methoxy-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (**P3**).



Figure S25: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 2-fluoro-4"-methoxy-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P3), m/z 278.1100 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).



Methyl 2''-fluoro-[1,1':2',1''-terphenyl]-4-carboxylate (P4)

Figure S26: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of methyl 2"-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-carboxylate (P4) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S27: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of methyl 2"-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-carboxylate (P4) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S28: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of methyl 2"-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-carboxylate (P4) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S29:** HPLC chromatogram (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 3:7),  $t_R = 4.46$  min and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of methyl 2"-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-carboxylate (**P4**).



Figure S30: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 2"-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-carboxylate (P4), *m/z* 307.1123 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).





Figure S31: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2"-fluoro-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-amine (P5) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S32: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2"-fluoro-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-amine (P5) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



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Figure S33: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2"-fluoro-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-amine (P5) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S34: HPLC chromatogram (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 3:7),  $t_R = 4.61$  min and UV/vis spectrum<br/>(inset) of 2"-fluoro-N,N-dimethyl-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-amine (P5).



**Figure S35:** HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 2"-fluoro-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-amine (**P5**), *m/z* 291.1424 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).









Figure S38: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 4-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)pyridine (P6) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S39: HPLC chromatogram (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:9,  $t_R$  4.98 min) and UV/visspectrum (inset) of 4-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)pyridine (P6).



Figure S40: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 4-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)pyridine (P6), *m/z* 250.1034 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

#### 4-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]furan (P7).



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Figure S42: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]furan (P7) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S43: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 4-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]furan (P7) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S44:** HPLC chromatogram (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40°C, DCM/MeOH 4:6, t<sub>R</sub> 3.95min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 4-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]furan (**P7**).

#### 4-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene (P8).



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Figure S45: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene (P8) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S46: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene (P8) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S47: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 4-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene (P8) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S48:** HPLC chromatogram (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40°C, DCM/MeOH 4:6, t<sub>R</sub> 7.86 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 4-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene (**P8**).



#### 2-(2'-Fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[*b*,*d*]thiophene (P9)





**Figure S51:** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[*b*,*d*]thiophene (**P9**) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S52:** HPLC chromatogram (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1),  $t_R = 4.93$  min and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 2-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[*b*,*d*]thiophene (**P9**).



**Figure S53:** HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 2-(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)dibenzo[*b*,*d*]thiophene (**P9**),.*m/z* 354.0881 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

#### 4"-Chloro-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P10)



Figure S54: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4"-chloro-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P10) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S55: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4"-chloro-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P10) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S56: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 4"-chloro-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P10) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S57: HPLC chromatogram (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 2:8,  $t_R = 4.80$  min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 4"-chloro-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P10).



Figure S58: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 4"-chloro-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P10), m/z 282.0599 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

4''-Bromo-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P11)



Figure S59: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4"-bromo-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P11) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S60: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4"-bromo-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P11) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).


Figure S61: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 4"-bromo-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P11) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S62: HPLC chromatogram (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 2:8,  $t_R = 5.08$  min) and UV/vis spectrum<br/>(inset) of 4"-bromo-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P11).



Figure S63: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 4"-bromo-2-fluoro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P11), *m/z* 326.0107 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

#### 2-Fluoro-4''-nitro-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (3)



Figure S64: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-4"-nitro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (3) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S66: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-4"-nitro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (3) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S67:** HPLC chromatogram (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 3:7, t<sub>R</sub> 4.56 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 2-fluoro-4"-nitro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (**3**).



Figure S68: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 2-fluoro-4"-nitro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (3), *m/z* 293.0845 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

# 2''-Fluoro-[1,1':2',1''-terphenyl]-4-amine (4)



Figure S70: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2"-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-amine (4) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S71: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2"-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-amine (4) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S72:** HPLC chromatogram (Buckyprep column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 2:8, t<sub>R</sub> 4.04 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 2"-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-amine (**4**).



Figure S73: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 2"-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-amine (4), *m/z* 263.1107 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

2-Fluoro-4"-iodo-1,1":2",1"-terphenyl (P12)



Figure S74: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-4"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P12) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).





Figure S41: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-4"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P12) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S77: HPLC chromatogram (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 2:8, t<sub>R</sub> 5.50 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 2-fluoro-4"-iodo-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P12).



Figure S78: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 2-fluoro-4"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P12),.*m/z* 373.9968 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

# 2-fluoro-3"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P13).







Figure S80: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-3"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P13) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

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 $\label{eq:Figure S81: } {}^{19}\!F\,NMR \ spectrum \ of \ 2-fluoro-3"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl \ (P13) \ (in \ CD_2Cl_2).$ 



**Figure S82:** HPLC chromatogram (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 4:6, t<sub>R</sub> 4.76 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 2-fluoro-3"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (**P13**).

# 2-fluoro-2"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P14).



Figure S84: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-2"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P14) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S85: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-2"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P14) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S86:** HPLC chromatogram (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 4:6, t<sub>R</sub> 4.58 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 2-fluoro-2"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (**P14**).

# 2-fluoro-4'''-iodo-1,1':2',1'''-quaterphenyl (P15).



Figure S88: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-4"'-iodo-1,1':2',1":4",1"'-quaterphenyl (P15) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S89: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-4"'-iodo-1,1':2',1":4",1"'-quaterphenyl (P15) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S90:** HPLC chromatogram (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 4:6, t<sub>R</sub> 6.23 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 2-fluoro-4"''-iodo-1,1':2',1":4",1"'-quaterphenyl (**P15**)

## 2-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (5).



Figure S92: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (5) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S93: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (5) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

## 2-fluoro-4-nitro-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (6).



Figure S94: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-4-nitro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (6) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S96:** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-4-nitro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (6) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

## 2-fluoro-[1,1':2',1''-terphenyl]-4-amine (7).



Figure S97: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-amine (7) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S98: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-amine (7) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S99: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-4-amine (7) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

# 2-fluoro-4-iodo-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P16).



Figure S100: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-4-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P16) (in  $CD_2Cl_2$ ).



Figure S102: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-4-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P16) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S103: HPLC chromatogram (PBR column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 4:6, t<sub>R</sub> 4.66 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 2-fluoro-4-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P16).

## 2-fluoro-5-nitro-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (8).



Figure S104: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-5-nitro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (8) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S105: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-5-nitro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (8) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S106: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-5-nitro-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (8) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

## 6-fluoro-[1,1':2',1''-terphenyl]-3-amine (9).





Figure S108: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 6-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-3-amine (9) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S109: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 6-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-3-amine (9) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

# 2-fluoro-5-iodo-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P17).



Figure S110: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-5-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P17) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S111: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-5-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P17) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S112: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-5-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P17) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S113:** HPLC chromatogram (PBR column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 4:6, t<sub>R</sub> 5.03 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 2-fluoro-5-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (**P17**).

#### 6-fluoro-[1,1':2',1''-terphenyl]-2-amine (10).



Figure S114: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 6-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-2-amine (10) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S115: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 6-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-2-amine (10) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



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Figure S116: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 6-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-2-amine (10) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S117: HPLC chromatogram (PBR column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 4:6, t<sub>R</sub> 4.11 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 6-fluoro-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-2-amine (10).

### 2-fluoro-6-iodo-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P18).



Figure S118: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-6-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P18) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S119: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-6-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P18) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S120: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-6-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P18) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S121:** HPLC chromatogram (PBR column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 4:6, t<sub>R</sub> 4.22 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 2-fluoro-6-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (**P18**)

# 2-fluoro-3-iodo-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P19).



Figure S122: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-3-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P19) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).





Figure S123: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-3-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P19) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S124: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 2-fluoro-3-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P19) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S125:** HPLC chromatogram (PBR column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 4:6, t<sub>R</sub> 4.62 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 2-fluoro-3-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (**P19**).



#### 1-Fluoro-4-iodobenzo[c]phenanthrene (P20)



Figure S127: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1-fluoro-4-iodobenzo[*c*]phenanthrene (P20) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S128:** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 1-fluoro-4-iodobenzo[c]phenanthrene (**P20**) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S129:** HPLC chromatogram (Buckyprep column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 6:4, t<sub>R</sub> 5.67 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 1-fluoro-4-iodobenzo[*c*]phenanthrene (**P20**).



Figure S130: LDI MS spectrum of 1-fluoro-4-iodobenzo[c]phenanthrene (P20), m/z 372 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).



Figure S42: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 1-fluoro-4-iodobenzo[c]phenanthrene (P20), m/z 371.9813 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

1-Fluoro-4-(3-nitrophenyl)benzo[c]phenanthrene (11)



Figure S132: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1-fluoro-4-(3-nitrophenyl)benzo[*c*]phenanthrene (11) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).


Figure S133: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1-fluoro-4-(3-nitrophenyl)benzo[*c*]phenanthrene (11) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S134: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 1-fluoro-4-(3-nitrophenyl)benzo[*c*]phenanthrene) (11) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S135:** HPLC chromatogram (Buckyprep column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 4:6, t<sub>R</sub> 6.01 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 1-fluoro-4-(3-nitrophenyl)benzo[*c*]phenanthrene (**11**).



Figure S136: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 1-fluoro-4-(3-nitrophenyl)benzo[c]phenanthrene (11), m/z 367.1009 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

### **3-(1-Fluorobenzo**[*c*]phenanthren-4-yl)aniline (12)



Figure S137: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3-(1-fluorobenzo[c]phenanthren-4-yl)aniline (12) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S138: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3-(1-fluorobenzo[c]phenanthren-4-yl)aniline (12) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S139: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 3-(1-fluorobenzo[c]phenanthren-4-yl)aniline (12) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S43:** HPLC chromatogram (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 4:6, t<sub>R</sub> 5.03 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 3-(1-fluorobenzo[c]phenanthren-4-yl)aniline (**12**).



Figure S141: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 3-(1-fluorobenzo[c]phenanthren-4-yl)aniline (12), m/z 337.1266 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

1-Fluoro-4-(3-iodophenyl)benzo[c]phenanthrene (P21)



**Figure S142:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1-fluoro-4-(3-iodophenyl)benzo[*c*]phenanthrene (**P21**) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).







Figure S144: <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 1-fluoro-4-(3-iodophenyl)benzo[*c*]phenanthrene (P21) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S14544:** HPLC chromatogram (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1, t<sub>R</sub> 5.96 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 1-fluoro-4-(3-iodophenyl)benzo[*c*]phenanthrene (**P21**).



Figure S146: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 1-fluoro-4-(3-iodophenyl)benzo[c]phenanthrene (P21), m/z 448.0128 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100

# 3.2 Carbon-Based Nanographenes T1-T12

# 2-Methyltriphenylene (T1)



Figure S148: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-methyltriphenylene (T1) (from reaction mixture, in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S149: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-methyltriphenylene (T1) (from reaction mixture, in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S150: LDI MS spectrum of 2-methyltriphenylene (T1), m/z 242 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

# 2-(*Tert*-butyl)triphenylene (T2)



**Figure S151:** HPLC chromatogram obtained after reaction (250 °C, 4 h) (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 2:8, left and DCM/MeOH 1:1, right).



Figure S152: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-(*tert*-butyl)triphenylene (T2) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S153: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-(*tert*-butyl)triphenylene (T2) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S154:** HPLC chromatogram (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 6:4, t<sub>R</sub> 4.66 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 2-(*tert*-butyl)triphenylene (**T2**).



Figure S155: LDIMS spectrum of 2-(tert-butyl)triphenylene (T2), m/z 284 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).



Figure S46: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 2-(tert-butyl)triphenylene (T2), m/z 284.1557 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).



Figure S157: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of triphenylene (F2) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

Condensation of 2-Fluoro-4"-methoxy-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P3)



**Figure S158:** HPLC chromatogram obtained after reaction (200 °C, 5 h) (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 3:7).





**Figure S159:** HPLC chromatogram obtained after reaction (200 °C, 5 h) (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 3:7).

Condensation of 2''-Fluoro-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-[1,1':2',1''-terphenyl]-4-amine (P5)



Figure S160: HPLC chromatogram obtained after reaction (200 °C, 5 h) (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:9).



Figure S162: HPLC chromatogram (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:9) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of F1 (blue).





Figure S164: HPLC chromatogram (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:9) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of F2 (red).







Figure S166: HPLC chromatogram (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:9) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of F3 (green).

Condensation of 4-(2'-Fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)pyridine (P6)



Figure S168: UV/vis spectra of fractions F1, F2, F3, and F4.





### Triphenyleno[1,2-b]benzofuran (T3).



Figure S170: HPLC chromatogram obtained after reaction (240 °C, 12 h) (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of triphenyleno[1,2-b]benzofuran (T3)



Figure S171: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of triphenyleno[1,2-b]benzofuran (T3) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S172: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of triphenyleno[1,2-b]benzofuran (T3) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S173: LDI MS spectrum of triphenyleno[1,2-b]benzofuran (T3), *m/z* 318 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

### Benzo[b]triphenyleno[2,1-d]thiophene (T4).



Figure S174: HPLC chromatogram obtained after reaction (240 °C, 12 h) (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of benzo[b]triphenyleno[2,1-d]thiophene (T4).

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Figure S175: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of benzo[b]triphenyleno[2,1-d]thiophene (T4) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S176:  ${}^{13}C$  NMR spectrum of benzo[b]triphenyleno[2,1-d]thiophene (T4) (in  $CD_2Cl_2$ ).



Figure S177: LDI MS spectrum of benzo[b]triphenyleno[2,1-d]thiophene (T4), m/z 334 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

Benzo[*b*]triphenyleno[1,2-*d*]thiophene (T5) and Benzo[b]triphenyleno[2,3-d]thiophene (T6)



**Figure S178:** HPLC chromatogram obtained after reaction (250 °C, 4 h) (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1).



Figure S179: HPLC chromatogram of separation (PBr column (analyt.), 5.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 7:3).

### Benzo[b]triphenyleno[1,2-d]thiophene (T5)



Figure S180: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of benzo[*b*]triphenyleno[1,2-*d*]thiophene (T5) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S181:** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of benzo[*b*]triphenyleno[1,2-*d*]thiophene (**T5**) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S182:** HPLC chromatogram (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1, t<sub>R</sub> 7.51 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of benzo[*b*]triphenyleno[1,2-*d*]thiophene (**T5**).



Figure S183: LDI MS spectrum of benzo[b]triphenyleno[1,2-d]thiophene (T5), m/z 334 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).



Figure S18447: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of benzo[b]triphenyleno[1,2-d]thiophene (T5), m/z 334.0819 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).



### Benzo[b]triphenyleno[2,3-d]thiophene (T4)

**Figure S185:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of benzo[*b*]triphenyleno[2,3-*d*]thiophene (**T6**) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S186: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of benzo[*b*]triphenyleno[2,3-*d*]thiophene (T6) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S187:** HPLC chromatogram (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1, t<sub>R</sub> 11.55 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of benzo[*b*]triphenyleno[2,3-*d*]thiophene (**T6**).



Figure S187: LDI MS spectrum of benzo[b]triphenyleno[2,3-d]thiophene (T6), m/z 334 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).



Figure S188: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of benzo[b]triphenyleno[2,3-d]thiophene (T6), m/z 334.0819 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).



Naphtho[1',2',3',4':4,5]triphenyleno[1,12-*bcd*]thiophene (fraction F3)



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Figure S48: Expansion of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of naphtho[1',2',3',4':4,5]triphenyleno[1,12-*bcd*]thiophene (fraction F3) (in  $C_2D_2Cl_4$ ).



**Figure S191:** UV/vis spectrum of naphtho[1',2',3',4':4,5]triphenyleno[1,12-*bcd*]thiophene (fraction F3) obtained by HPLC/UV analysis (in DCM/MeOH mixture).



Figure S192: LDI MS spectrum of fraction F3, m/z 332 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

# 2-Chlorotriphenylene (T7)



Figure S193: HPLC chromatogram obtained after reaction (260 °C, 12 h) (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 2:8).



Figure S194: HPLC chromatogram of separation (PBr column (semiprep), 5.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1).



Figure S196: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-chlorotriphenylene (T7) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S49:** HPLC chromatogram (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1, t<sub>*R*</sub> 6.92 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 2-chlorotriphenylene (**T7**).



Figure S5098: LDI MS spectrum of 2-chlorotriphenylene (T7), m/z 262 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

# 2-Bromotriphenylene (T8)



Figure S199: HPLC chromatogram obtained after reaction (250 °C, 12 h) (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 2:8).



Figure S200: HPLC chromatogram of separation (PBr column (semiprep), 5.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1).



Figure S201: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-bromotriphenylene (T8) (in  $CD_2Cl_2$ ).



Figure S202: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-bromotriphenylene (T8) (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).


**Figure S203:** HPLC chromatogram (PBr column, 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1, t<sub>R</sub> 7.36 min) and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 2-bromotriphenylene (**T8**).



Figure S204: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 2-bromotriphenylene (T8), *m/z* 306.006 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

#### 2-Iodotriphenylene (T9)



**Figure S205:** HPLC chromatogram of the reaction mixture (200 °C, 15 h) (PBr column (anal.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 2:8); **F1** (triphenylene):  $t_R = 11.30$  min, **F2** (2-iodotriphenylene):  $t_R = 20.02$  min.



Figure S206: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-iodotriphenylene (T9).



Figure S207: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-iodotriphenylene (T9).



**Figure S208:** HPLC chromatogram (PBr column (anal.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1),  $t_R = 7.97$  min and UV/vis spectrum (inset) of 2-iodotriphenylene (**T9**).



Figure S209: LDI MS spectrum of 2-iodotriphenylene (T9), m/z 354 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).



Figure S210: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 2-iodotriphenylene (T9), *m/z* 353.9895 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).



# Condensation of 2-fluoro-3"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P13).

Figure S211: HPLC chromatogram obtained after reaction (240 °C, 16 h) (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 4:6).

#### Condensation of 2-fluoro-2"-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (P14).



Figure S212: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum obtained after reaction (190 °C, 12h).

#### 2-(4-iodophenyl)triphenylene (T10).



Figure S214: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-(4-iodophenyl)triphenylene (T10).



Figure S215: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-(4-iodophenyl)triphenylene (T10).

Condensation of 2-fluoro-4-iodo-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P16).



Figure S216: HPLC chromatogram obtained after reaction (240 °C, 12 h) (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 4:6).

# Condensation of 2-fluoro-5-iodo-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P17).



Figure S217: HPLC chromatogram obtained after reaction (240 °C, 12 h) (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 4:6).

# Condensation of 2-fluoro-6-iodo-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P18).



Figure S218: HPLC chromatogram obtained after reaction (190 °C, 12 h) (PBr column (analyt.), 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, DCM/MeOH 4:6).

Condensation of 2-fluoro-3-iodo-1,1':2',1''-terphenyl (P19)



Figure S219: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum obtained after reaction (240 °C, 24h).

#### 3-Iodobenzo[ghi]fluoranthene (T11)



**Figure S220:** HPLC chromatogram obtained after reaction (180 °C, 12 h) (PBr column (anal.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1);  $t_R = 9.22$  min (**T11**).



180 175 170 165 160 155 150 145 140 135 130 125 120 115 110 105 100 95 90 85 80 75 70 65 60 55 50 45 40 35 Figure S222: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3-iodobenzo[*ghi*]fluoranthene (T11) (from reaction mixture, in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S223: LDI MS spectrum of 3-iodobenzo[ghi]fluoranthene (T11), m/z 352 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).



Figure S224: HR MS (APPI) spectrum of 3-iodobenzo[ghi]fluoranthene (T11), m/z 351.9738 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).

# 3-(3-Iodophenyl)benzo[ghi]fluoranthene (T12)



**Figure S51:** HPLC chromatogram obtained after reaction (180 °C, 12 h) (PBr column (anal.), 1.0 mL/min, 35 °C, DCM/MeOH 1:1);  $t_R = 9.36 \text{ min (T12)}$ .



Figure S226: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3-(3-iodophenyl)benzo[*ghi*]fluoranthene (T12) (from reaction mixture, in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S227: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3-(3-iodophenyl)benzo[*ghi*]fluoranthene (T12) (from reaction mixture, in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Figure S52: LDI MS spectrum of 3-(3-iodophenyl)benzo[ghi]fluoranthene (T12), m/z 428 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 %).





Figure S230: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-iodo-1,1':2',1"-terphenyl (PS1) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S232: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1-(2-iodophenyl)naphthalene (PS2) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S233: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1-(2-iodophenyl)naphthalene (PS2) (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).