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HFIP-Catalyzed Direct Dehydroxydifluoroalkylation of Benzylic and Allylic Alcohols with Difluoroenoxysilanes

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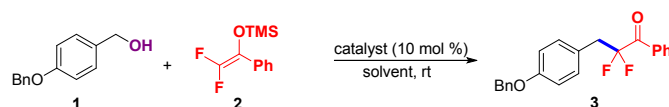
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General information

^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F were recorded on Bruker AV 400 MHz instrument at 400 MHz (^1H NMR), 100 MHz (^{13}C NMR), as well as 376 MHz (^{19}F NMR). Chemical shifts were reported in ppm down field from internal Me_4Si and external CCl_3F , respectively. CDCl_3 (7.26 ppm for ^1H NMR, 77.0 ppm for ^{13}C NMR), or $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (2.50 ppm for ^1H NMR, 39.5 ppm for ^{13}C NMR) was used as a reference. Data for ^1H were reported as follows: chemical shift (ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet, br = broad singlet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. Data for ^{13}C NMR were reported as ppm. High-resolution mass spectra analyses were performed on a Waters SYNAPT G2-Si Q-TOF mass spectrometer. Melting points were determined using a X-4 digital micro melting point apparatus. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed, and visualization of the compounds was accomplished with UV light (254 nm). Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200–300 mesh).

Materials: Unless otherwise indicated, all reactions were carried out in air. All solvents were distilled from appropriate drying agents prior to use. All purchased reagents were used without further purification. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on 0.20 mm Qingdao Haiyang silica gel plates. Silica gel (200-300 mesh) (from Qingdao Haiyang Chem. Company, Ltd.) was used for flash chromatography. Difluoroenoxyasilanes¹ were prepared according to the reported procedures. Chalcols were prepared according to literature procedures.²

Optimization of the reaction conditions

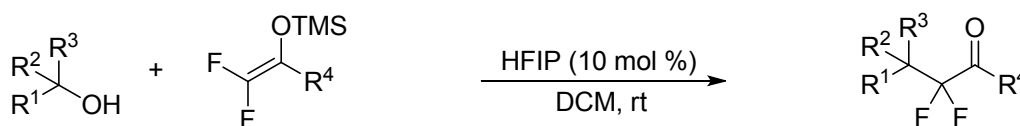


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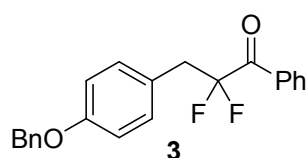
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4	HFPIP	DCM	12 h	31	
5	TFBD	DCM	12 h	6	
6	HFIPME	DCM	12 h	trace	
7	<i>i</i> PrOH	DCM	12 h	0	
8	EtOH	DCM	12 h	0	
9	H ₂ O	DCM	12 h	0	
10	HFIP	DCE	6 h	53	
11	HFIP	CHCl ₃	6 h	21	
12	HFIP	CCl ₄	6 h	17	
13	HFIP	MeNO ₂	6 h	69	
14	HFIP	toluene	12 h	trace	
15 ^c	Tf ₂ NH	DCM	12 h	10	
16 ^c	TfOH	DCM	12 h	6	
17 ^c	PTSA	DCM	12 h	complex	
18 ^c	B(C ₆ F ₅) ₃	DCM	12 h	complex	
19 ^d	—	HFIP	< 1 min	89	

^aGeneral reaction conditions : alcohol **1** (1.0 mmol), difluoroenoxyasilane **2** (1.05 mmol), and catalyst (10 mol %) in solvent (3.0 mL) at room temperature unless otherwise noted. ^bIsolated yield. ^cDifluoroenoxyasilane was quickly decomposed. ^dHFIP was used as solvent.

General procedure for HFIP-catalyzed direct dehydroxydifluoroalkylation of benzylic and allylic alcohols

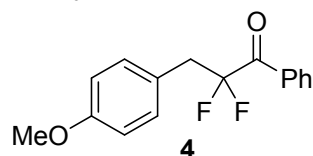


To a mixture of alcohols (0.5 mmol) and difluoroenoxy silanes (0.53 mmol, 1.05 equiv) in DCM (3.0 mL) was added HFIP (0.05 mmol, 5.3 μ L) under room temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature until the completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC, approximately 2–12 hours). Then the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired products, using the indicated eluent.

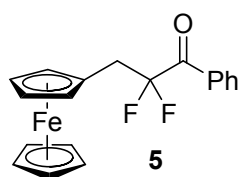


3-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-2,2-difluoro-1-

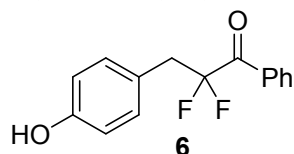
phenylpropan-1-one (3): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **3** (white solid, 153.2 mg, 87% yield). M.p.: 69–71 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 3.46 (t, J = 17.7 Hz, 2H); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –98.89 (t, J = 17.7 Hz, 2F); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 189.7 (t, J = 31.1 Hz), 158.3, 136.9, 134.2, 132.2 (t, J = 2.3 Hz), 131.9, 130.1 (t, J = 3.3 Hz), 128.6 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 128.0, 127.5, 123.4 (t, J = 3.9 Hz), 118.4 (t, J = 254.3 Hz), 114.8, 69.9, 39.4 (t, J = 23.4 Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ 375.1173; Found 375.1166.



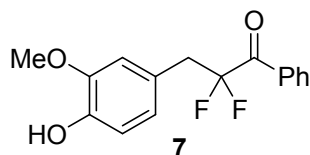
2,2-difluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (4): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **4** (white solid, 114.6 mg, 83% yield). M.p.: 146–147 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.04 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.88 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.47 (t, J = 17.7 Hz, 2H); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –98.93 (t, J = 17.7 Hz, 2F); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.6 (t, J = 31.1 Hz), 159.1, 134.2, 132.2 (t, J = 2.5 Hz), 131.9, 130.1 (t, J = 3.3 Hz), 128.6, 123.1 (t, J = 3.9 Hz), 118.3 (t, J = 254.2 Hz), 113.8, 55.2, 39.3 (t, J = 23.3 Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ 299.0860; Found 299.0853.



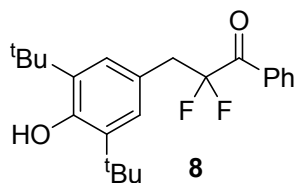
3-(ferrocenylmethyl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylpropan-1-one (5): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100/1 to 50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **5** (orange yellow solid, 108.2 mg, 61% yield). M.p.: 89–90 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.72 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 4.13 (s, 5H), 4.13 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 3.30 (t, $J = 17.2$ Hz, 2H); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –98.68 (t, $J = 16.8$ Hz, 2F); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.9 (t, $J = 30.9$ Hz), 134.1, 132.2 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 130.1 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 128.5, 117.7 (t, $J = 254.5$ Hz), 70.3, 68.8, 68.3, 35.4 (t, $J = 24.0$ Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{FeO}_2\text{Na}$ 377.0416; Found 377.0412.



2,2-difluoro-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (6): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **6** (pale yellow solid, 82.6 mg, 63% yield). M.p.: 65–66 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.03 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 3.45 (t, $J = 17.6$ Hz, 2H); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –98.92 (t, $J = 17.2$ Hz, 2F); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.8 (t, $J = 31.1$ Hz), 155.1, 134.2, 132.2 (t, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 132.1, 130.1 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 128.6, 123.2 (t, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 118.4 (t, $J = 254.4$ Hz), 115.3, 39.4 (t, $J = 23.5$ Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ 285.0703; Found 285.0708.

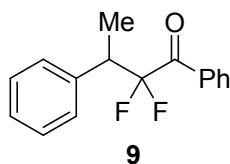


2,2-difluoro-3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (7): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **7** (white solid, 90.6 mg, 62% yield). M.p.: 98–99 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.90 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.44 (t, $J = 17.6$ Hz, 2H); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –98.81 (t, $J = 17.4$ Hz, 2F); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.7 (t, $J = 30.9$ Hz), 146.3, 145.2, 134.2, 132.3 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 130.0 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 128.6, 123.9, 122.7 (t, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 118.4 (t, $J = 254.4$ Hz), 114.3, 113.2, 55.9, 39.9 (t, $J = 23.4$ Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ 315.0809; Found 315.0806.

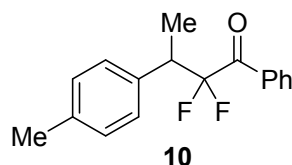


3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylpropan-1-one (8): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **8** (white solid, 132.9 mg, 71% yield). M.p.: 119–120 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.02 (s, 2H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 3.43 (t, $J = 17.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 18H); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

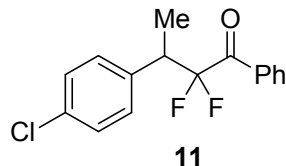
–99.03 (t, J = 18.5 Hz, 2F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.4 (t, J = 30.4 Hz), 153.3, 135.9, 133.9, 132.7 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 130.0 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 128.5, 127.4, 121.5 (t, J = 4.0 Hz), 118.7 (t, J = 254.2 Hz), 40.6 (t, J = 23.4 Hz), 34.2, 30.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{28}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ 397.1955; Found 397.1959.



2,2-difluoro-1,3-diphenylbutan-1-one (9): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **9** (pale yellow liquid, 107.8 mg, 83% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 3.83 – 3.63 (m, 1H), 1.51 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –104.77 (dd, J = 272.6, 15.6 Hz, 1F), –106.18 (dd, J = 272.3, 16.4 Hz, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.3 (t, J = 30.3 Hz), 137.3 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 133.9, 132.9, 129.9 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 127.7, 119.5 (t, J = 257.4 Hz), 43.9 (t, J = 22.1 Hz), 14.3 (t, J = 4.6 Hz); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{ONa}$ 283.0910; Found 283.0918.

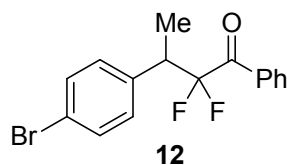


2,2-difluoro-1-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)butan-1-one (10): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **10** (pale yellow liquid, 119.3 mg, 87% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.78 – 3.64 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.49 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –104.92 (dd, J = 271.8, 15.2 Hz, 1F), –106.28 (dd, J = 271.8, 16.5 Hz, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.3 (t, J = 30.2 Hz), 137.4, 134.2 (d, J = 4.4 Hz), 133.9, 132.9, 129.9 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 119.5 (t, J = 257.2 Hz), 43.5 (t, J = 22.1 Hz), 21.0, 14.3 (t, J = 4.6 Hz); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{ONa}$ 297.1067; Found 297.1063.

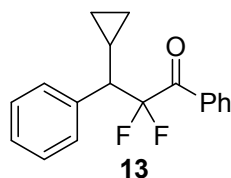


3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylbutan-1-one (11): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **11** (pale yellow liquid, 117.7 mg, 80% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (dt, J = 14.0, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 3.73 (tq, J = 14.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –104.86 (dd, J = 276.7, 15.3 Hz, 1F), –105.76 (dd, J = 277.0, 15.8 Hz, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.73 (t, J = 30.4 Hz), 135.9 (t, J = 2.8 Hz), 134.13 (s), 133.56 (s), 132.63 (t, J = 2.0 Hz), 130.47

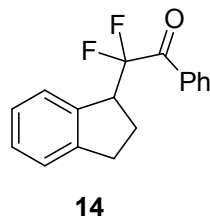
(s), 129.87 (t, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 128.58 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 119.20 (t, $J = 257.8$ Hz), 43.17 (t, $J = 22.2$ Hz), 14.34 (t, $J = 4.7$ Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}ClF_2ONa$ 294.0623; Found 294.0629.



3-(4-bromophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylbutan-1-one (12): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **12** (yellow liquid, 132.2 mg, 78% yield). **1H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.98 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.94 – 3.56 (m, 1H), 1.48 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); **^{19}F NMR** (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ –104.83 (dd, $J = 281.1, 18.9$ Hz, 1F), –105.62 (dd, $J = 277.6, 16.2$ Hz, 1F); **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 189.6 (t, $J = 30.4$ Hz), 136.4 (t, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 134.1, 132.6 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 131.5, 130.8, 129.8 (t, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 128.6, 121.7, 119.1 (t, $J = 257.8$ Hz), 43.2 (t, $J = 22.2$ Hz), 14.3 (t, $J = 4.7$ Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}BrF_2ONa$ 338.0118; Found 338.0111.

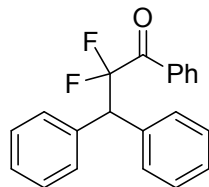


3-cyclopropyl-2,2-difluoro-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (13): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **13** (yellow liquid, 124.5 mg, 87% yield). **1H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.00 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 2.79 (ddd, $J = 18.9, 12.6, 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.49 – 1.33 (m, 1H), 0.76 – 0.57 (m, 1H), 0.51 (ddd, $J = 14.0, 9.0, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 0.30 (dq, $J = 10.1, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 0.14 – 0.01 (m, 1H); **^{19}F NMR** (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ –100.46 (dd, $J = 266.4, 14.4$ Hz, 1F), –106.61 (dd, $J = 266.5, 21.5$ Hz, 1F); **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 190.9 (t, $J = 29.0$ Hz), 136.4 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 133.9, 133.3, 129.8 (t, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 129.6, 128.6, 128.3, 127.6, 119.6 (t, $J = 257.7$ Hz), 54.8 (t, $J = 21.3$ Hz), 10.5 (dd, $J = 6.8, 3.7$ Hz), 7.1, 3.4; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{18}H_{16}F_2ONa$ 309.1067; Found 309.1073.



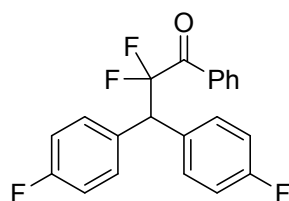
2-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethanone (14): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **14** (yellow liquid, 97.8 mg, 72% yield). **1H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.09 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (dd, $J = 10.6, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.17 (td, $J = 7.7, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.26 – 4.06 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dt, $J = 16.1, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.98 – 2.84 (m, 1H), 2.36 (ddd, $J = 16.6, 13.7, 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.24 (ddt, $J = 13.6, 9.0, 4.7$ Hz,

1H); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -96.68 (dd, *J* = 271.9, 15.1 Hz, 1F), -103.63 (dd, *J* = 271.9, 21.1 Hz, 1F); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.9 (t, *J* = 31.4 Hz), 145.5, 137.9 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 1.3 Hz), 134.2, 132.6 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 130.1 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 128.6, 127.9, 126.3, 126.2 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 124.7, 120.2 (t, *J* = 256.3 Hz), 48.6 (dd, *J* = 23.3, 21.2 Hz), 31.6, 26.0 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 3.2 Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄F₂ONa 295.0910; Found 295.0917.



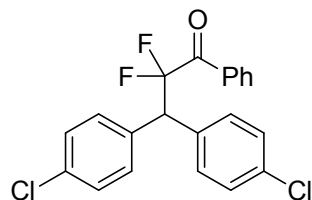
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2,2-difluoro-1,3,3-triphenylpropan-1-one (15): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **15** (white solid, 154.7 mg, 96% yield). M.p.: 82–83 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 6H), 7.34 – 7.22 (m, 6H), 5.03 (t, *J* = 18.1 Hz, 1H); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -100.00 (d, *J* = 17.8 Hz, 2F); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.9 (t, *J* = 30.1 Hz), 136.3 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 134.0, 132.8 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 129.8 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 129.7, 128.6, 127.5, 118.9 (t, *J* = 259.1 Hz), 54.9 (t, *J* = 21.4 Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₁₆F₂ONa 345.1067; Found 309.1060.



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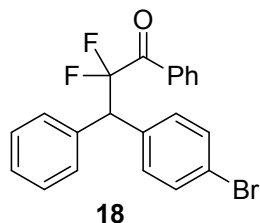
2,2-difluoro-3,3-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (16): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **16** (white solid, 119.8 mg, 67% yield). M.p.: 46–47 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 5.5 Hz, 4H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 5.02 (t, *J* = 17.8 Hz, 1H); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -100.32 (d, *J* = 19.7 Hz, 2F), -112.65 – -116.65 (m, 2F); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.5 (t, *J* = 30.2 Hz), 163.4, 160.9, 134.2, 132.6 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 131.9 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 131.2, 131.2, 130.9, 129.8 (t, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 128.6, 118.6 (t, *J* = 259.4 Hz), 115.7, 115.5, 53.2 (t, *J* = 21.8 Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₁₄F₄ONa 381.0878; Found 381.0872.



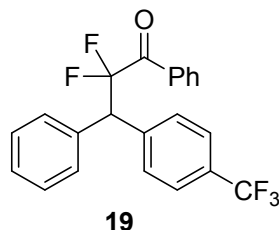
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3,3-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylpropan-1-one (17): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **17** (white solid, 134.9 mg, 69% yield). M.p.: 92–93 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.33 –

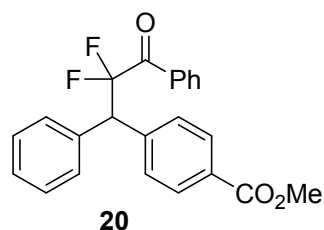
7.29 (m, 4H), 7.27 (dd, $J = 5.6, 2.4$ Hz, 4H), 4.99 (t, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -99.91 (d, $J = 18.5$ Hz, 2F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.2 (t, $J = 30.3$ Hz), 134.5 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 134.3, 133.8, 132.4 (t, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 130.9, 129.9 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 128.9, 128.7, 118.7 (t, $J = 231.2$ Hz), 53.4 (t, $J = 21.8$ Hz); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_2\text{ONa}$ 413.0287; Found 413.0295.



3-(4-bromophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (18): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **18** (white solid, 140.4 mg, 70% yield). M.p.: 80–81 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.36 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 4.99 (t, $J = 17.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -99.40 (dd, $J = 286.5, 19.5$ Hz, 1F), -100.42 (dd, $J = 286.7, 19.3$ Hz, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.5 (t, $J = 30.2$ Hz), 135.8 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 135.5 (dd, $J = 2.7, 1.4$ Hz), 134.2, 132.6 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 131.7, 131.3, 129.9 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 127.7, 121.7, 118.7 (t, $J = 259.5$ Hz), 54.2 (t, $J = 21.6$ Hz); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrF}_2\text{ONa}$ 400.0274; Found 400.0268.

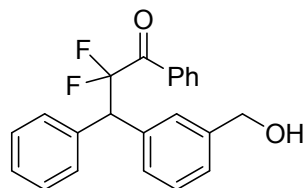


2,2-difluoro-1,3-diphenyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (19): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **19** (white solid, 169.8 mg, 87% yield). M.p.: 63–64 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (q, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 4H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.33 (ddd, $J = 14.4, 10.6, 6.9$ Hz, 5H), 5.10 (t, $J = 17.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.65 (s, 3F), -99.59 (qd, $J = 288.3, 19.8$ Hz, 2F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.3 (t, $J = 30.4$ Hz), 140.6 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 135.5 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz), 134.3, 132.5 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 130.0, 129.9 (t, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 129.6, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz), 125.5 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 118.7 (t, $J = 260.6$ Hz), 54.5 (t, $J = 21.7$ Hz); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_5\text{ONa}$ 390.1043; Found 390.1051.



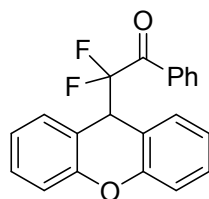
methyl 4-(2,2-difluoro-3-oxo-1,3-diphenylpropyl)benzoate (20): The crude products were

purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **20** (white solid, 119.6 mg, 63% yield). M.p.: 101–102 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 – 7.80 (m, 4H), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 5.10 (t, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –99.13 (dd, *J* = 286.1, 17.1 Hz, 1F), –100.09 (dd, *J* = 286.2, 17.0 Hz, 1F); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.4 (t, *J* = 30.3 Hz), 166.7, 141.6 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 135.6 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 134.2, 132.5 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 129.8 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 129.8, 129.7 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 127.8, 118.7 (t, *J* = 259.6 Hz), 54.7 (t, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 52.1; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₁₈F₂O₃Na 403.1122; Found 403.1128.



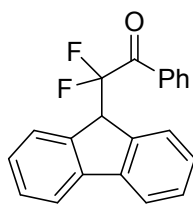
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2,2-difluoro-3-(3-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (21): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **21** (white solid, 149.8 mg, 85% yield). M.p.: 83–84 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 6H), 7.36 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 5.07 (t, *J* = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (s, 2H), 2.32 (brs, 1H); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –99.85 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2F); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.8 (t, *J* = 30.2 Hz), 140.1, 136.2 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 135.6 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 134.0, 132.7 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 129.8 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 129.6, 128.5, 127.5, 127.1, 118.8 (t, *J* = 259.1 Hz), 64.7, 54.6 (t, *J* = 21.5 Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈F₂O₂Na 375.1173; Found 375.1180.



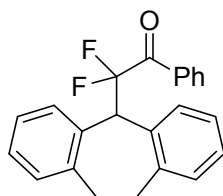
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2,2-difluoro-1-phenyl-2-(9H-xanthen-9-yl)ethanone (22): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (30/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **22** (pale yellow solid, 129.5 mg, 77% yield). M.p.: 62–63 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 4.97 (t, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –103.17 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 2F); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.0 (t, *J* = 29.6 Hz), 153.5, 133.9, 133.2 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 130.6, 129.8 (t, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 129.5, 128.3, 123.3, 118.1 (t, *J* = 260.5 Hz), 116.8, 116.3 (t, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 44.4 (t, *J* = 23.8 Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₁₄F₂O₂Na 359.0860; Found 359.0852.



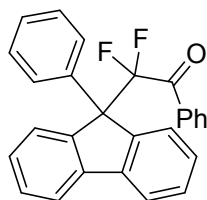
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2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethanone (23): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **23** (white solid, 134.5 mg, 84% yield). M.p.: 83–84 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.66 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.43 (q, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.98 (t, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –98.15 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 2F); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.1 (t, J = 31.1 Hz), 142.3, 138.9 (t, J = 3.7 Hz), 134.1, 132.6 (t, J = 2.6 Hz), 130.1 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 128.5 (d, J = 4.9 Hz), 127.2, 126.2, 120.0, 119.4 (t, J = 258.4 Hz), 51.3 (t, J = 23.5 Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{ONa}$ 343.0910; Found 343.0913.



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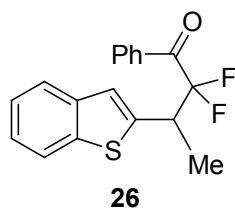
2-(10,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[*a,d*][7]annulen-5-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethanone (24): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **24** (white solid, 141.1 mg, 81% yield). M.p.: 142–143 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, J = 9.9 Hz, 6H), 7.07 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 5.02 (t, J = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.54 (m, 2H), 2.91 (dd, J = 14.5, 8.2 Hz, 2H); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –96.05 (d, J = 18.7 Hz, 2F); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.9 (t, J = 25.6 Hz), 141.9, 133.8, 133.4, 133.2, 131.8, 130.8, 129.7 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 128.4, 128.3, 125.9, 119.6 (d, J = 260.5 Hz), 58.5 (t, J = 23.1 Hz), 33.1 (t, J = 2.7 Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{ONa}$ 371.1223; Found 371.1216.



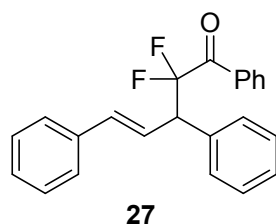
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2,2-difluoro-1-phenyl-2-(9-phenyl-9H-fluoren-9-yl)ethanone (25): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **25** (white solid, 77.2 mg, 39% yield). M.p.: 136–137 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.45 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 4H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –96.41 (s, 2F); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 188.2 (t, J = 30.0 Hz), 144.3 (t, J = 3.1 Hz), 141.5, 138.8, 133.9 (t, J = 1.8 Hz), 132.9,

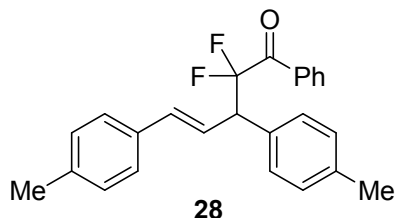
129.3 (t, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 128.7, 128.4, 127.7 (dd, $J = 6.5, 3.0$ Hz), 127.4, 127.3, 120.3 (t, $J = 265.7$ Hz), 120.0, 63.8 (t, $J = 22.0$ Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{27}H_{18}F_2ONa$ 419.1223; Found 419.1228.



3-(benzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylbutan-1-one (26): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **26** (white solid, 77.2 mg, 61% yield). M.p.: 84–85 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.02 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.78 (dd, $J = 8.0, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, $J = 6.7, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 4.46 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 1.61 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ –104.25 (dd, $J = 279.2, 13.9$ Hz, 1F), –105.47 (dd, $J = 279.4, 15.8$ Hz, 1F); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 189.5 (t, $J = 30.4$ Hz), 140.6 (dd, $J = 4.7, 1.4$ Hz), 139.6, 139.3, 134.2, 132.6 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 129.9 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 128.6, 124.2 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 123.7, 123.4, 122.1, 119.9 (t, $J = 258.9$ Hz), 40.0 (t, $J = 23.4$ Hz), 15.5 (t, $J = 4.6$ Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{18}H_{14}F_2OSNa$ 339.0631; Found 339.0638.

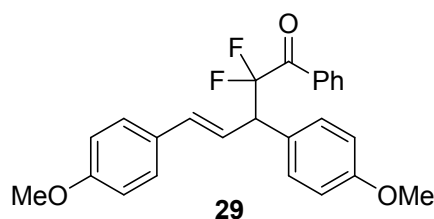


(*E*)-2,2-difluoro-1,3,5-triphenylpent-4-en-1-one (27): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **27** (white solid, 142.8 mg, 82% yield). M.p.: 88–89 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.97 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.27 (m, 9H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.55 (s, 2H), 4.49 (t, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1H); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ –102.53 (dd, $J = 275.3, 16.9$ Hz, 1F), –103.38 (dd, $J = 275.3, 16.7$ Hz, 1F); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 189.9 (t, $J = 29.8$ Hz), 136.5, 135.4, 135.3, 134.0, 132.9, 129.8 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 129.6, 128.6 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 127.9, 126.5, 123.6 (t, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 118.7 (t, $J = 258.9$ Hz), 53.3 (t, $J = 22.0$ Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{23}H_{18}F_2ONa$ 371.1223; Found 371.1218.

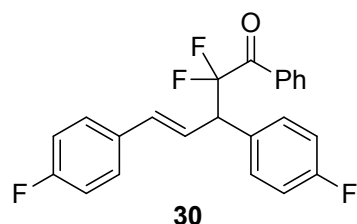


(*E*)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenyl-3,5-di-*p*-tolylpent-4-en-1-one (28): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **28** (white solid, 172.8 mg, 92% yield). M.p.: 96–97 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.95 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.19 (m, 4H),

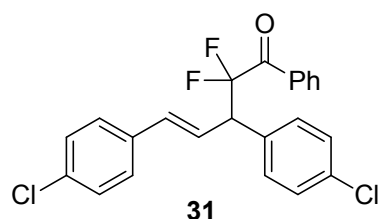
7.12 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.58 – 6.33 (m, 2H), 4.60 – 4.10 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 6H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –103.19 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 2F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.1 (t, $J = 29.7$ Hz), 137.8, 137.6, 135.0, 134.0, 133.9, 133.0, 132.5, 129.9 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.6, 126.5, 122.7 (t, $J = 4.2$ Hz), 118.8 (t, $J = 258.6$ Hz), 53.1 (t, $J = 22.0$ Hz), 21.2 (d, $J = 10.7$ Hz); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{ONa}$ 399.1536; Found 399.1540.



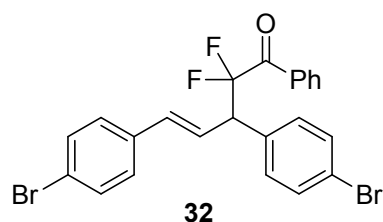
(*E*)-2,2-difluoro-3,5-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylpent-4-en-1-one (29): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (30/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **29** (white solid, 181.7 mg, 89% yield). M.p.: 104–105 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 6.91 – 6.81 (m, 4H), 6.43 (dt, $J = 15.8, 11.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.50 – 4.31 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –102.78 (dd, $J = 271.5, 14.8$ Hz, 1F), –103.91 (dd, $J = 269.9, 13.3$ Hz, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.1 (t, $J = 29.6$ Hz), 159.2 (d, $J = 24.9$ Hz), 134.4, 133.9, 133.0 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz), 130.6, 129.8 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 129.3, 129.2, 128.5, 127.6, 121.4 (t, $J = 4.6$ Hz), 118.7 (t, $J = 258.5$ Hz), 114.0, 113.8, 55.1 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 52.6 (t, $J = 22.1$ Hz); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ 431.1435; Found 431.1429.



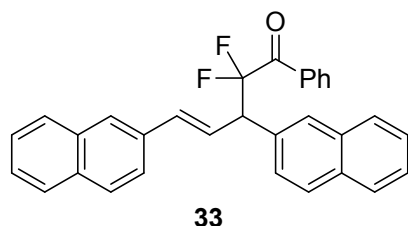
(*E*)-2,2-difluoro-3,5-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-1-phenylpent-4-en-1-one (30): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **30** (white solid, 149.8 mg, 78% yield). M.p.: 71–72 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 (dd, $J = 10.7, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.09 – 6.95 (m, 4H), 6.46 (dt, $J = 15.8, 11.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.49 (td, $J = 16.1, 7.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –102.46 (dd, $J = 277.7, 17.8$ Hz, 1F), –103.44 (dd, $J = 278.3, 17.7$ Hz, 1F), –113.67 (dd, $J = 12.3, 8.1$ Hz, 1F), –114.17 (dd, $J = 12.4, 8.0$ Hz, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.6 (t, $J = 29.9$ Hz), 163.7 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz), 161.2 (d, $J = 15.1$ Hz), 134.2 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 132.7 (t, $J = 1.9$ Hz), 132.5 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 131.2, 131.2, 129.8 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 123.1 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 118.5 (t, $J = 259.4$ Hz), 115.7, 115.6, 115.5, 115.4, 52.4 (t, $J = 22.2$ Hz); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_4\text{ONa}$ 407.1035; Found 431.1429.



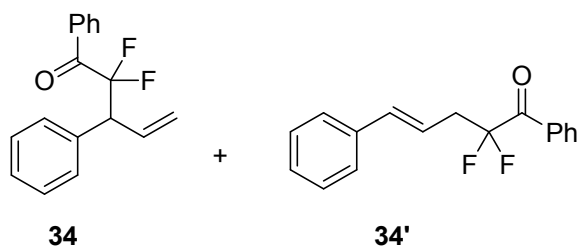
(E)-3,5-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylpent-4-en-1-one (31): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **31** (white solid, 208.8 mg, 82% yield). M.p.: 119–120 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.04 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (dd, J = 10.6, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.28 (s, 4H), 6.67 – 6.20 (m, 2H), 4.54 (tdd, J = 16.0, 4.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –102.01 (dd, J = 278.9, 16.1 Hz, 1F), –102.84 (dd, J = 278.8, 15.6 Hz, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.2 (t, J = 29.9 Hz), 134.7, 134.3, 134.2, 133.8, 133.7, 133.6, 132.5 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 130.9, 129.8 (t, J = 3.3 Hz), 128.8, 128.6, 127.6, 123.7 (t, J = 4.1 Hz), 118.3 (t, J = 259.4 Hz), 52.4 (t, J = 22.1 Hz); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_2\text{ONa}$ 416.0546; Found 416.0553.



(E)-3,5-bis(4-bromophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylpent-4-en-1-one (32): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **31** (white solid, 217.6 mg, 86% yield). M.p.: 146–147 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.01 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.70 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.61 – 6.30 (m, 2H), 4.50 (td, J = 16.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –102.01 (dd, J = 279.7, 16.4 Hz, 1F), –102.81 (dd, J = 280.0, 16.2 Hz, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.4 (t, J = 30.0 Hz), 135.3, 134.5, 134.4, 134.3 (t, J = 2.1 Hz), 132.6, 131.9, 131.8, 131.4, 130.0 (t, J = 3.3 Hz), 128.8, 128.1, 124.0 (t, J = 4.2 Hz), 122.2, 122.0, 118.4 (t, J = 259.5 Hz), 52.6 (t, J = 22.1 Hz); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{Br}_2\text{F}_2\text{ONa}$ 528.9413; Found 528.9422.

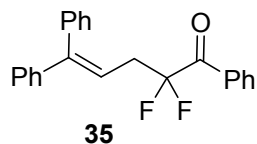


(E)-2,2-difluoro-3,5-di(naphthalen-2-yl)-1-phenylpent-4-en-1-one (33): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **33** (white solid, 114.2 mg, 51% yield). M.p.: 123–124 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.01 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.88 – 7.76 (m, 7H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.60 (td, J = 6.5, 1.5 Hz, 3H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 6H), 6.81 – 6.71 (m, 2H), 4.74 (td, J = 16.3, 6.8 Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –96.03 (d, J = 21.1 Hz, 2F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.8 (t, J = 29.8 Hz), 135.5, 134.1, 133.9, 133.4, 133.3, 133.1, 132.9 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 129.9 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 128.0, 127.6 (d, J = 1.6 Hz), 127.2, 126.6, 126.3, 126.2 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 126.0, 124.0 (t, J = 4.2 Hz), 123.5, 118.8 (t, J = 259.2 Hz), 53.4 (t, J = 21.9 Hz); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{ONa}$ 471.1536; Found 471.1529.

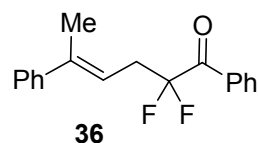


mixture of 2,2-difluoro-1,3-diphenylpent-4-en-1-one (34) and (E)-2,2-difluoro-1,5-diphenylpent-4-en-1-one (34') (1.3:1): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give mixture of compounds **34** and **34'** (pale yellow liquid, 113.2 mg, 83% yield, 1.3:1). **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{17}H_{14}F_2ONa$ 295.0910; Found 295.0903.

1H NMR of 34 (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.90 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (dd, $J = 10.7, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 6.16 (dddd, $J = 12.8, 8.2, 7.5, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, $J = 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d, $J = 17.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 (td, $J = 16.4, 8.3$ Hz, 1H); **^{19}F NMR of 34** (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -102.77 (dd, $J = 274.7, 16.9$ Hz, 1F), -103.63 (dd, $J = 274.7, 16.0$ Hz, 1F); **1H NMR of 34'** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.07 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 6.53 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.16 (dddd, $J = 12.8, 8.2, 7.5, 1.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.08 (td, $J = 17.1, 7.3$ Hz, 2H); **^{19}F NMR of 34'** (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -98.84 (t, $J = 17.1$ Hz, 2F); **^{13}C NMR of 34 and 34'** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 189.8 (t, $J = 29.7$ Hz), 189.2 (t, $J = 31.2$ Hz), 136.6, 136.2, 135.1 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 134.3, 134.0, 132.9, 132.4 (t, $J = 4.4$ Hz), 132.0 (t, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 130.2 (t, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 129.8 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.7, 126.3, 120.5, 118.8 (t, $J = 5.3$ Hz), 118.7 (t, $J = 254.2$ Hz), 118.6 (t, $J = 258.7$ Hz), 53.9 (t, $J = 21.8$ Hz), 37.8 (t, $J = 23.6$ Hz).

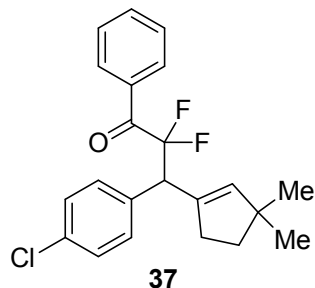


2,2-difluoro-1,5,5-triphenylpent-4-en-1-one (35): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **35** (pale yellow liquid, 137.2 mg, 79% yield). **1H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.00 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 7.13 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.14 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.02 (td, $J = 17.5, 7.4$ Hz, 2H); **^{19}F NMR** (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -98.89 – -99.41 (m, 2F); **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 189.1 (t, $J = 30.6$ Hz), 147.0, 141.7, 139.0, 134.3, 131.8 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 130.1 (t, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 129.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 118.9 (t, $J = 254.2$ Hz), 117.4 (t, $J = 5.0$ Hz), 35.1 (t, $J = 23.3$ Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{23}H_{18}F_2ONa$ 371.1223; Found 371.1231.



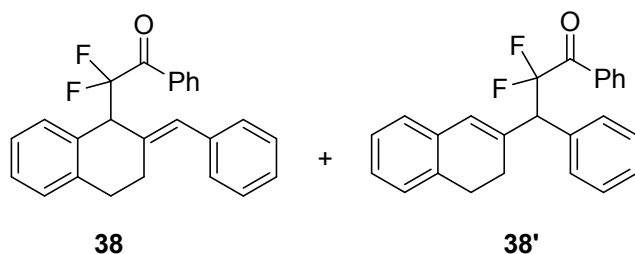
(E)-2,2-difluoro-1,5-diphenylhex-4-en-1-one (36): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **36** (pale yellow liquid, 116.6 mg, 78% yield). **1H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.04 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H),

7.17 (dd, $J = 6.1, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.71 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.07 (td, $J = 17.3, 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.98 (s, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -98.84 (t, $J = 17.1$ Hz, 2F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.4 (t, $J = 31.2$ Hz), 143.2, 140.7, 134.3, 130.1 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 128.7, 128.2, 127.2, 125.9, 119.2 (t, $J = 254.3$ Hz), 116.5 (t, $J = 5.3$ Hz), 33.9 (t, $J = 23.4$ Hz), 16.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{ONa}$ 309.1067; Found 309.1073.



3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(3,3-dimethylcyclopent-1-en-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylpropan-1-one

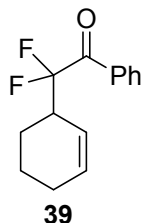
(37): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **37** (white solid, 155.2 mg, 83% yield). M.p.: 51–52 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.96 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 3H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 22.6, 12.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.25 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.82 – 1.49 (m, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -97.45 (dd, $J = 278.5, 13.7$ Hz, 1F), -105.91 (dd, $J = 278.7, 24.1$ Hz, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.0 (dd, $J = 30.7, 29.0$ Hz), 140.4 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 135.1 (d, $J = 5.3$ Hz), 133.9, 133.7, 133.1 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 133.0 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 131.4, 129.7 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 128.6, 128.5, 118.5 (dd, $J = 262.1, 256.3$ Hz), 50.3 (t, $J = 21.8$ Hz), 45.5, 38.6, 34.4, 28.1, 27.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClF}_2\text{ONa}$ 397.1147; Found 397.1156.



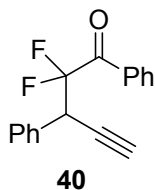
mixture of (E)-2-(2-benzylidene-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethanone (38) and 3-(3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (38') (1:1): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give mixture of compounds **38** and **38'** (pale yellow liquid, 174.1 mg, 93% yield, 1:1). HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{ONa}$ 397.1380; Found 397.1373.

^1H NMR of 38 and 38' (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 (dd, $J = 15.0, 7.8$ Hz, 4H), 7.63 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.43 (m, 6H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 7.01 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 4.58 – 4.28 (m, 2H), 3.24 – 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.92 – 2.76 (m, 3H), 2.73 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.26 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H); **^{19}F NMR of 38 and 38'** (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -97.15 (dd, $J = 115.7, 15.9$ Hz, 1F), -97.87 (dd, $J = 91.3, 16.0$ Hz, 1F), -102.63 (dd, $J = 179.9, 23.2$ Hz, 1F), -103.35 (dd, $J = 155.2, 23.2$ Hz, 1F); **^{13}C NMR of 38 and 38'** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.8 (t, $J =$

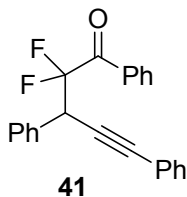
28.6 Hz), 190.0 (t, $J = 29.8$ Hz), 138.6, 136.8, 135.7 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz), 134.5, 134.5 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 134.0, 133.9, 133.8, 133.6 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 133.2, 133.1, 133.0, 130.7, 130.6 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 130.5 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 130.1, 129.9 – 129.7 (m), 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz), 127.2 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 126.8, 126.4, 126.3, 126.0, 119.6 (dd, $J = 261.8, 260.1$ Hz), 118.9 (dd, $J = 261.2, 257.3$ Hz), 55.6 (t, $J = 21.3$ Hz), 53.0 (t, $J = 22.0$ Hz), 29.2, 28.0, 27.1, 24.1 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz).



2-(cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethanone (39): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **39** (pale yellow liquid, 75.6 mg, 64% yield). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.96 (ddd, $J = 10.0, 6.5, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.68 (dd, $J = 10.3, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.26 – 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.11 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.94 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.43 (m, 2H); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –105.60 (dd, $J = 275.5, 15.3$ Hz, 1F), –107.78 (dd, $J = 275.5, 16.6$ Hz, 1F); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.9 (t, $J = 30.4$ Hz), 134.1, 132.8 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 131.8, 130.1 (t, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 128.7, 121.4 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz), 119.8 (t, $J = 255.8$ Hz), 40.0 (dd, $J = 22.7, 20.9$ Hz), 24.6, 21.8 (t, $J = 4.1$ Hz), 20.8; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄F₂ONa 259.0910; Found 259.0916.

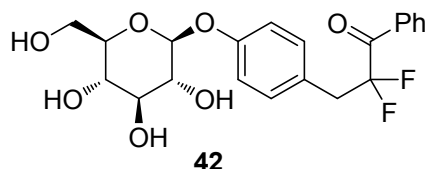


2,2-difluoro-1,3-diphenylpent-4-yn-1-one (40): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **40** (pale yellow liquid, 70.3 mg, 52% yield). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 4.74 (dd, $J = 17.7, 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –101.17 (dd, $J = 274.9, 13.6$ Hz, 1F), –104.76 (dd, $J = 275.0, 21.4$ Hz, 1F); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.0 (t, $J = 29.8$ Hz), 134.2, 132.4 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 131.7 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 130.0, 129.9 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 128.5 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz), 128.4, 116.7 (dd, $J = 263.4, 260.3$ Hz), 78.1 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.4$ Hz), 74.3, 42.5 (dd, $J = 27.0, 23.0$ Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₂F₂ONa 293.0754; Found 293.0759.

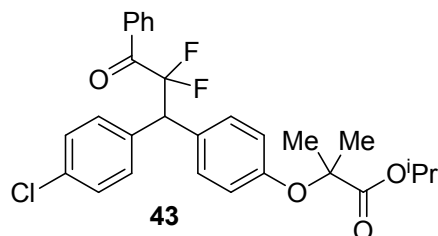


2,2-difluoro-1,3-diphenylpent-4-yn-1-one (41): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **41** (yellow liquid, 150.7 mg, 87% yield). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H),

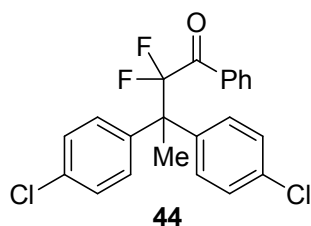
7.57 (dd, $J = 14.0, 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.30 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 4.89 (dd, $J = 18.3, 10.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –100.50 (dd, $J = 267.7, 11.7$ Hz, 1F), –105.72 (dd, $J = 267.8, 20.0$ Hz, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.6 (dd, $J = 30.2, 28.6$ Hz), 134.2, 133.1, 132.9 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 132.4 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz), 131.7, 130.1, 130.0 (dd, $J = 3.9, 3.2$ Hz), 122.4, 116.9 (dd, $J = 263.3, 259.9$ Hz), 86.2, 83.4 (dd, $J = 9.4, 2.2$ Hz), 43.6 (dd, $J = 27.4, 23.1$ Hz); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{O}_7\text{Na}$ 369.1067; Found 369.1060.



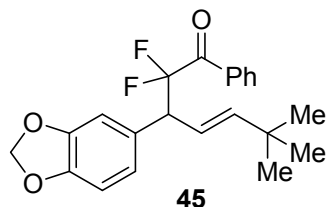
2,2-difluoro-1-phenyl-3-((2*S*,3*R*,4*S*,5*S*,6*R*)-3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)oxy)phenylpropan-1-one (42): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with dichloromethane/methanol (10/1 to 5/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **42** (white solid, 137.9 mg, 65% yield). M.p.: 87–88 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.00 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.75 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 5.33 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.75 – 3.66 (m, 1H), 3.51 (ddd, $J = 24.5, 18.0, 12.3$ Hz, 3H), 3.37 – 3.14 (m, 4H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ –98.31 (t, $J = 20.4$ Hz, 2F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 189.7 (t, $J = 29.9$ Hz), 157.3, 135.2, 132.1, 131.9, 130.0, 129.5, 129.0, 124.5 (t, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 118.8 (t, $J = 252.8$ Hz), 116.4, 100.7, 77.4, 77.0, 73.6, 70.1, 65.4, 63.1, 61.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{O}_7\text{Na}$ 447.1231; Found 447.1237.



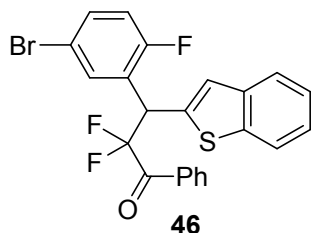
isopropyl 2-(4-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (43): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **43** (colourless liquid, 150.3 mg, 60% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 5.04 (dt, $J = 12.5, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.93 (t, $J = 17.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 6H), 1.16 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –99.45 (dd, $J = 281.1, 17.0$ Hz, 1F), –101.50 (dd, $J = 281.6, 18.8$ Hz, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.8 (t, $J = 30.1$ Hz), 173.5, 155.1, 135.1 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 134.1, 133.5, 132.8, 130.9, 130.4, 129.7 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 128.8 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz), 128.7, 128.6, 118.7, 118.6 (t, $J = 265.5$ Hz), 79.1, 68.9, 53.5 (t, $J = 21.7$ Hz), 25.4, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClF}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ 523.1464; Found 523.1456.



3,3-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylbutan-1-one (44): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **44** (yellow liquid, 149.7 mg, 74% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.69 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 4H), 1.96 (s, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ –97.56 (s, 2F); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 189.4 (t, *J* = 30.9 Hz), 141.0, 134.6, 133.3 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 132.4, 130.9, 129.7 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 129.0, 128.4, 53.4 (t, *J* = 20.3 Hz), 24.5; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₆H₁₆Cl₂F₂ONa 427.0444; Found 427.0453.

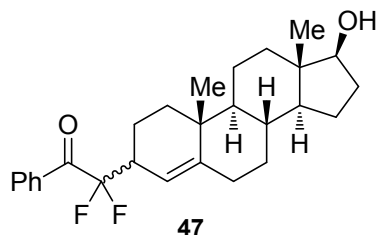


(E)-3-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2,2-difluoro-6,6-dimethyl-1-phenylhept-4-en-1-one (45): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **45** (yellow liquid, 182.4 mg, 98% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.75 (s, 2H), 5.94 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 5.70 – 5.42 (m, 2H), 4.31 – 3.80 (m, 1H), 0.93 (s, 9H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –102.41 (dd, *J* = 264.8, 12.7 Hz, 1F), –106.41 (dd, *J* = 264.8, 18.8 Hz, 1F); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.3 (t, *J* = 29.1 Hz), 147.8, 147.7, 147.1, 133.9, 133.3, 129.8 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 129.4 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 128.6, 123.0, 118.8 (t, *J* = 258.4 Hz), 118.5 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 2.3 Hz), 109.7, 108.2, 101.1, 53.0 (t, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 33.3, 29.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₂₂F₂O₃Na 395.1435; Found 395.1442.



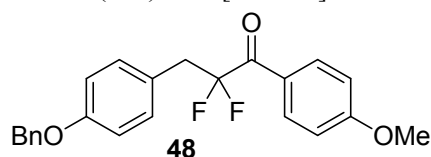
3-(benzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-3-(5-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylpropan-1-one (46): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **46** (pale yellow liquid, 206.8 mg, 87% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.79 – 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 4.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (dd, *J* = 21.0, 12.5 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –97.64 (dd, *J* = 290.1, 6.4 Hz, 1F), –102.13 (dd, *J* = 290.4, 23.8 Hz, 1F), –118.35 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1F); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.0 (t, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 160.9, 158.4, 139.8, 139.3, 137.0 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 134.5,

133.2 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 132.9, 132.8, 131.9 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 130.0 (t, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 128.8, 125.0 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 124.9 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz), 124.7, 124.5, 123.7, 122.0, 117.8 (t, $J = 261.5$ Hz), 117.5, 117.3, 116.9 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 42.0 (td, $J = 23.3, 4.0$ Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{23}H_{14}BrF_3ONa$ 496.9799; Found 496.9791.

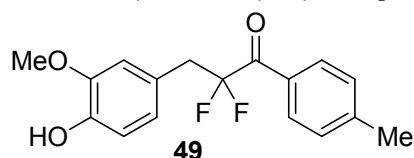


3-(benzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-3-(5-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylpropan-1-one

(47): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **47** (pale yellow liquid, 152.1 mg, 71% yield, dr = 100:1 determined by ^{19}F NMR). **1H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.08 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.25 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.62 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.13 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.32 – 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.13 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.70 (ddd, $J = 17.7, 9.8, 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.64 – 1.39 (m, 9H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.96 – 0.77 (m, 4H), 0.75 (s, 3H); **^{19}F NMR** (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ –103.81 (dd, $J = 270.5, 17.5$ Hz, 1F), –104.93 (dd, $J = 269.8, 16.5$ Hz, 1F); **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 190.4 (t, $J = 30.3$ Hz), 150.9, 134.1, 132.9 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 130.2 (t, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 128.6, 120.2 (t, $J = 256.3$ Hz), 112.8 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz), 81.8, 53.2, 50.6, 43.0, 38.7 (t, $J = 21.7$ Hz), 36.9, 36.6, 35.9, 33.8, 32.7, 32.6, 30.5, 23.3, 21.1, 19.6, 18.1 (t, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 11.1; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{27}H_{34}F_2O_2Na$ 451.2425; Found 451.2434.

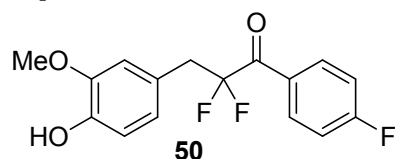


3-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-2,2-difluoro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (48): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **48** (white solid, 153.2 mg, 86% yield). M.p.: 76–77 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.05 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (dt, $J = 15.4, 7.2$ Hz, 4H), 7.33 (dd, $J = 8.3, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 4H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.45 (t, $J = 17.8$ Hz, 2H); **^{19}F NMR** (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ –98.52 (t, $J = 17.4$ Hz, 2F); **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 188.0 (t, $J = 30.6$ Hz), 164.3, 158.3, 136.9, 132.7 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 131.9, 128.6, 127.9, 127.4, 125.1 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 123.7 (t, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 118.6 (t, $J = 254.4$ Hz), 114.7, 113.9, 70.0, 55.5, 39.5 (t, $J = 23.5$ Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{23}H_{20}F_2O_3Na$ 405.1278; Found 405.1271.

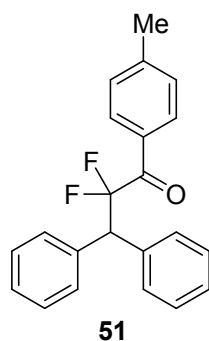


2,2-difluoro-3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-1-(*p*-tolyl)propan-1-one (49): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **49** (white solid, 113.3 mg, 74% yield). M.p.: 102–103 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.93 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.42 (t, $J = 17.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H); **^{19}F NMR** (376

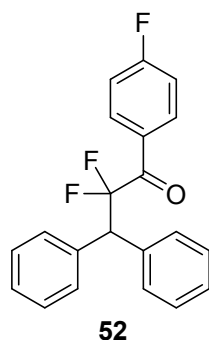
MHz, CDCl₃) δ -98.80 (t, J = 17.7 Hz, 2F); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.3 (t, J = 30.6 Hz), 146.3, 145.4, 145.1, 130.2 (t, J = 3.2 Hz), 129.7 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 129.3, 123.8, 122.9 (t, J = 3.8 Hz), 118.4 (t, J = 254.3 Hz), 114.2, 113.2, 55.8, 40.0 (t, J = 23.5 Hz), 21.7; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆F₂O₃Na 329.0965; Found 329.0960.



2,2-difluoro-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (50): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **50** (white solid, 110.1 mg, 71% yield). M.p.: 106–107 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (dd, J = 8.5, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.44 (t, J = 17.7 Hz, 2H); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -98.51 (t, J = 17.2 Hz, 2F), -101.87 – -102.72 (m, 1F); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.2 (t, J = 31.4 Hz), 167.6, 165.0, 146.3, 145.2, 133.0 (dt, J = 9.4, 3.5 Hz), 128.6 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 123.8, 122.6 (t, J = 3.8 Hz), 120.9, 118.4, 116.0, 115.8, 114.3, 113.2, 55.9, 39.7 (t, J = 23.4 Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃F₃O₃Na 333.0714; Found 333.0718.



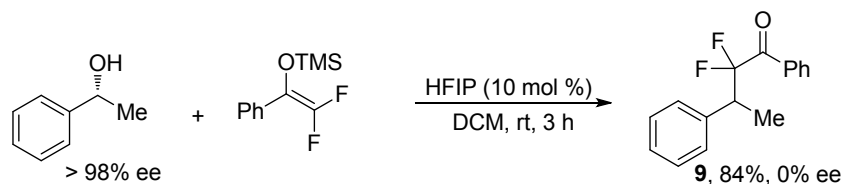
2,2-difluoro-3,3-diphenyl-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (51): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **51** (white solid, 153.1 mg, 91% yield). M.p.: 108–109 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.32 – 7.15 (m, 8H), 5.02 (t, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -99.84 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 2F); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.3 (t, J = 29.9 Hz), 145.1, 136.4, 130.2 (t, J = 1.7 Hz), 13.0 (t, J = 3.3 Hz), 129.7, 129.3, 128.5, 127.4, 119.0 (t, J = 259.2 Hz), 55.0 (t, J = 21.5 Hz), 21.7; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈F₂ONa 359.1223; Found 359.1229.



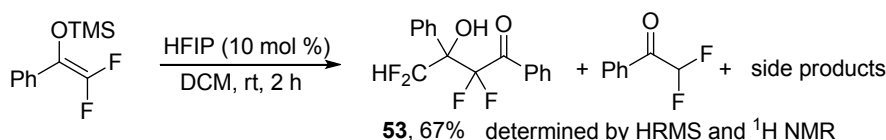
2,2-difluoro-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (52): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **52** (white solid, 141.2 mg, 83% yield). M.p.: 113–114 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.96 (dd, $J = 8.8, 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.32 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 7.13 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 5.00 (t, $J = 18.2$ Hz, 1H); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –99.72 (d, $J = 17.6$ Hz, 2F), –101.25 – –103.91 (m, 1F); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 188.3 (t, $J = 30.5$ Hz), 167.4, 164.9, 136.2 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 132.8 (dt, $J = 9.6, 3.5$ Hz), 129.6, 129.1 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 128.6, 127.5, 119.0 (t, $J = 259.1$ Hz), 116.0, 115.7, 54.8 (t, $J = 21.4$ Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{ONa}$ 340.1075; Found 340.1077.

Mechanistic experiments

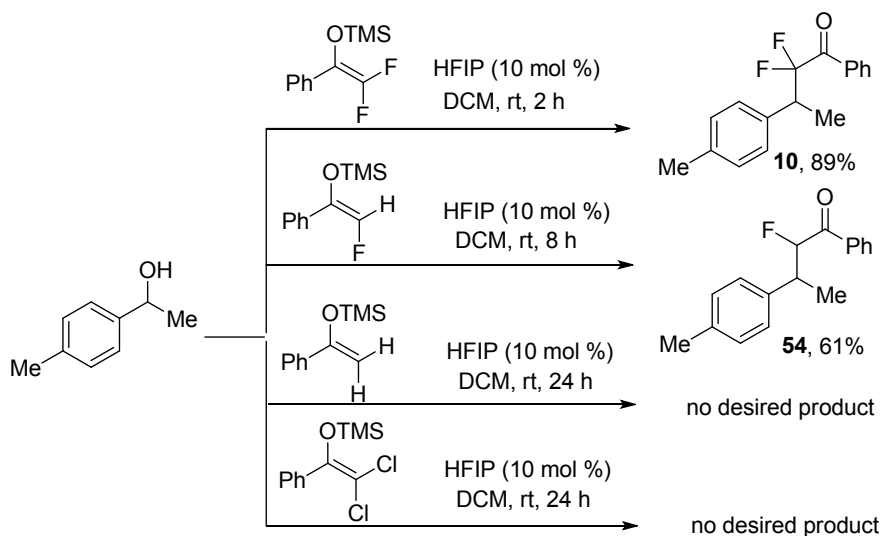
a) HFIP-catalyzed direct alkylation of α,α -difluoroenoxy silane with (*R*)-1-phenylethanol



b) Control experiment



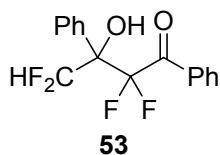
c) Exploration the fluorine effect of HFIP-catalyzed direct alkylation reaction



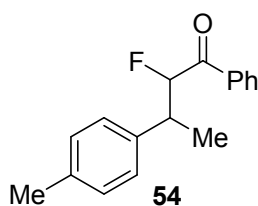
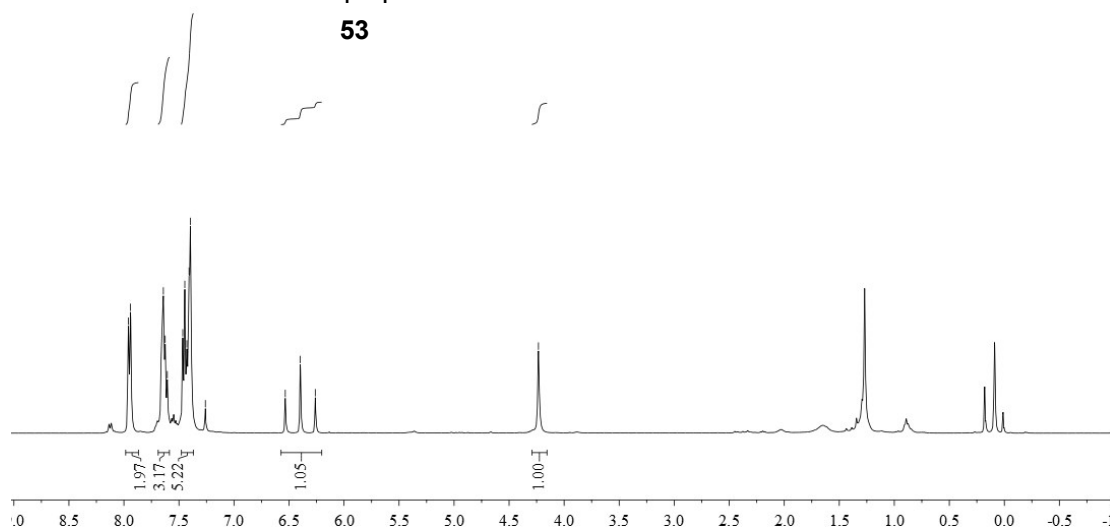
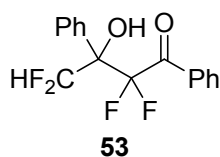
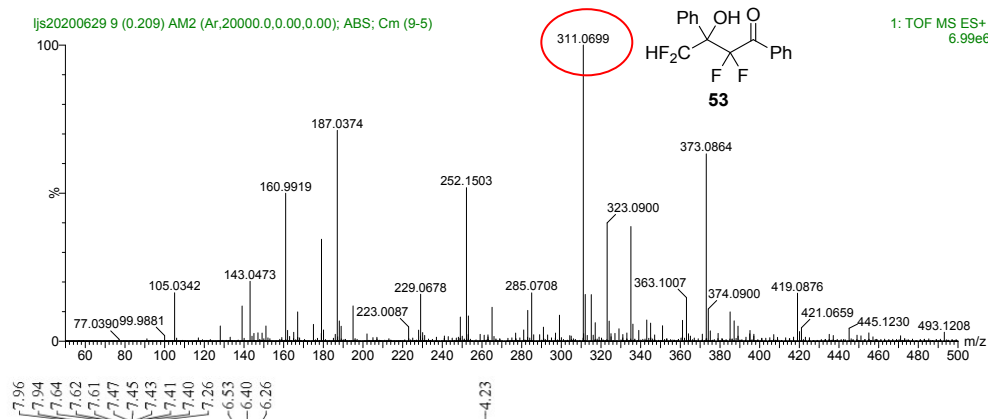
a) (*R*)-1-phenylethanol (> 98% ee) was treated with difluoroenoxy silane under standard condition, which afforded the desired product **9** in racemic form.

b) To a solution of difluoroenoxy silane (0.3 mmol) in DCM (1.0 mL) was added HFIP (0.03 mmol, 3.0 μL) under room temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature until the completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC, approximately 2 hours). Then the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography. The self-aldol product **48** was detected by GC-MS analysis in the process of reaction.

c) The monofluoroenoxy silane, non-fluorinated silyl enol ether and dichloroenoxy silane were reacted under standard condition.



2,2-difluoro-1,3-diphenylpent-4-yn-1-one (53): The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **53** (yellow liquid, 31.4 mg, 67% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.73 – 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.49 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 6.40 (t, $J = 54.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.23 (s, 1H); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} - \text{H}^+]$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_4\text{O}_2$ 311.0695; Found 311.0699.



2-fluoro-1-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)butan-1-one (54): The crude products were purified by column

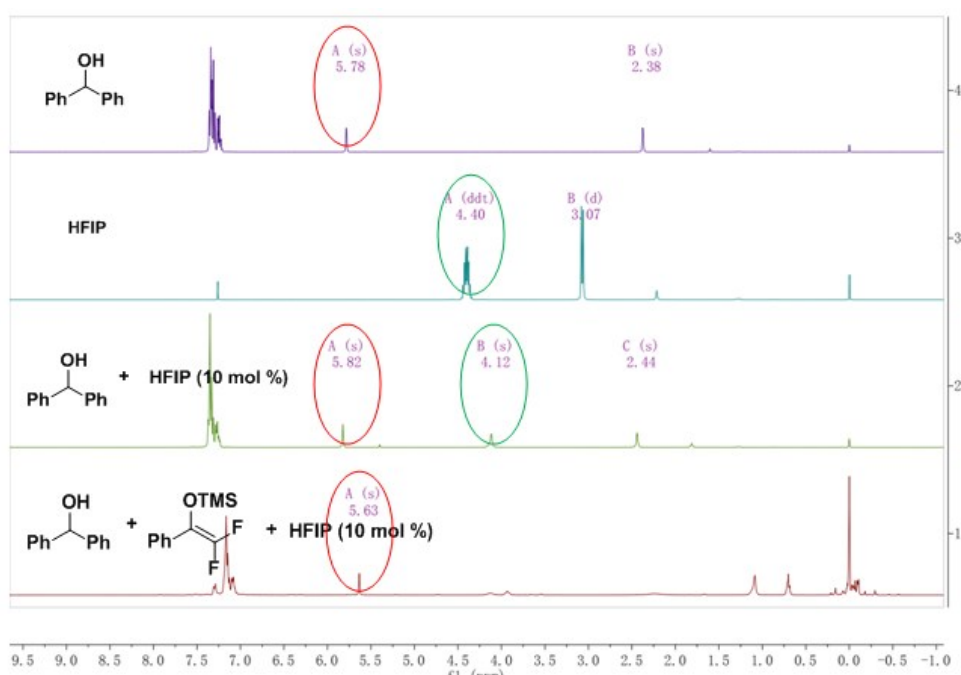
chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1, v/v) as eluent to give compound **54** (pale yellow liquid, 78.2 mg, 61% yield). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.15 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 5.55 (dd, *J* = 49.0, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.64 – 3.27 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.43 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –191.76 (dd, *J* = 49.6, 24.8 Hz), –197.41 (dd, *J* = 49.8, 26.7 Hz); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.7 (d, *J* = 20.5 Hz), 137.1 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 136.8, 135.1 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 133.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 128.6, 128.5, 128.0 (d, *J* = 0.5 Hz), 127.6 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 98.4, 96.5, 42.3 (d, *J* = 20.0 Hz), 21.0, 17.6 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇FO₂Na 279.1161; Found 279.1168.

¹H-NMR studies: We speculate that hydrogen-bond interactions between several reaction components may play crucial roles in achieving high reactivity. We have performed NMR studies to explore the potential interactions between HFIP and substrate **benzhydrol** or substrate **difluoroenoxyisilane**.

Initial result showed that the ¹H-NMR signal of the CH group of HFIP changed from δ 4.40 to δ 4.12 when mixing with benzhydrol (HFIP: benzhydrol = 1:10, Figure S1).

¹H-NMR signal of the hydroxyl group of HFIP changed greatly.

Initial result showed that the ¹H-NMR signal of the CH group of HFIP changed from δ 4.40 to δ 4.22 when mixing with difluoroenoxyisilane (HFIP: difluoroenoxyisilane = 1:10, Figure S2). ¹H-NMR signal of the hydroxyl group of HFIP changed from δ 3.07 to δ 3.13 when mixing with difluoroenoxyisilane.



¹H NMR of benzhydrol and HFIP in CDCl₃ (400 MHz NMR)



Reaction scheme showing the asymmetric addition of a chiral alcohol (Ph-CH=CH-OH) to a ketone ($\text{Ph-C(=O)-CF}_2\text{-OTMS}$) catalyzed by a catalyst (10 mol %) in DCM at room temperature for 6 hours, yielding product **27**.

Ar = CF_3 , F , F , F , F , F , CF_3

Single H-bond network catalysts developed by Rawal and Schaus respectively³

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NMR spectra of the related compounds

