## **Supporting Information**

## Rhodium(III)-catalyzed synthesis of 3-trifluoromethylindanones from N-Methoxybenzamides via C-H activation and Claisen/Retro-Claisen reaction

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**General Information**: Commercially available chemicals were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich and used as received unless otherwise stated. Unless otherwise noted, all the reactions were carried out under air using the sealed pressure tubes. Reaction temperatures are reported as the temperature of the bath surrounding the vessel unless otherwise stated. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE NEO 500 MHz ( $^{1}$ H = 500 MHz,  $^{13}$ C = 125 MHz and  $^{19}$ F = 470 MHz) spectrometer with CDCl<sub>3</sub> as reference solvent at ambient temperature. Chemical shifts are given in parts per million (ppm) relative to TMS. The residual solvent signals were used as references and the chemical shifts converted to the TMS scale (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta_{H}$  = 7.26 ppm,  $\delta_{C}$  = 77.16 ppm). Chromatographic separations were performed using 230-400 mesh silica gel. IR spectra were recorded as KBr pellet on Bruker Alpha FT-IR spectrometer. High Resolution Mass Spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Agilent Q-TOF LC/MS. Melting points were uncorrected and were taken on Buchi M-560. No attempts were made to optimize yields for starting materials synthesis.

#### Preparation of benzamide derivatives (1a-1y).<sup>1</sup>



Following same procedure by Fagnou et. al.<sup>1</sup>

**Step-A:** To a solution of the carboxylic acid (3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DCM (10 mL, 0.3 M) at 0 °C was added thionyl chloride (3.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) dropwise, followed by a catalytic amount of DMF (2 drops). The reaction was allowed to stir at rt until completion (typically 4–6 h). The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure to afford the corresponding crude acid chloride.

**Step-B:** Corresponding amine (3.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added to a biphasic mixture of  $K_2CO_3$  (2.0 equiv.) in a 2:1 mixture of EtOAc:H<sub>2</sub>O (36 mL, 0.08 M). The resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C followed by dropwise addition of the unpurified acid chloride dissolved in a minimum amount of EtOAc. The flask containing the acid chloride was then rinsed with additional EtOAc.

The reaction was allowed to stir for 16 h while reaching rt. Afterwards, the phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted twice with EtOAc (30 mL  $\times$  2). The combined organic layers were washed with aqueous K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> solution (0.2 M, 20 mL), brine and dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The pure products were obtained without any further purification.

Preparation of β-trifluoromethyl-substituted enones (2a-h).<sup>2, 3, 4</sup>



Following same procedure by Xiao et. al.,<sup>2</sup> Yu et. al.,<sup>3</sup> and Konno et. al.<sup>4</sup>

**Step-A**:<sup>2</sup> A solution of ethyl trifluoroacetate (14.2 g, 0.100 mol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) was added slowly at -78 °C to a suspension of LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (1.33 g, 0.035 mol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at this temperature for 3 h and then treated slowly with cooled H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (1.0 M, 100 mL). The upper layer was separated and the aqueous phase was extracted by Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL  $\times$  2). The combined organic phases were dried over sodium sulfate, evaporated, and distilled under normal pressure. Ethyl trifluoroacetaldehyde hemiacetal was obtained at 95-100 °C (7.84 g, 54%).

**Step-B**:<sup>3</sup> To a solution of trifluoroacetaldehyde ethyl hemiacetal (1.44 g, 10.0 mmol) in THF (20 mL), pyrrolidine (0.49 g, 7.0 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Then corresponding acetophenone (10.0 mmol) was poured into the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 48 h. After cooling to ambient temperature, all the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent; hexane/EtOAc = 10:1) to afford  $\beta$ -trifluoromethyl- $\beta$ -hydroxy ketones.

**Step-C**:<sup>4</sup> To a solution of  $\beta$ -hydroxy ketones (5 mmol), in dichloromethane (10 mL) was added methanesulfonyl chloride (0.86 g, 7.5 mmol) and triethylamine (1.52 g, 15 mmol) at 0 °C. After

being stirred at rt for 3 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O, followed by extraction with dichloromethane (30 mL  $\times$  2). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent; hexane/EtOAc = 40:1) to afford β-trifluoromethyl-substituted enones (**2a-2h**).

### Preparation of 2,2-difluorovinyl tosylate (11).<sup>5</sup>

	Step-A	92%	Step-B	<b>11</b> 87%	
CF <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH	DCM, rt, 18 h	$CF_3CH_2OIs$ -	-78 °C, 1.5 h	F OIs	
	TsCl, TEA		<i>n-</i> BuLi, THF	F. Ant	

Following same procedure by Sandell et. al.<sup>5</sup>

**Step-A**: A solution of 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (1.0 g, 10 mmol) and triethylamine (3.64 g, 36 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was cooled to 0 °C. *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (2.3 g, 12 mmol) was added, and the solution was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h, then warmed to room temperature and stirred for a further 12 h. The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> layer was separated and washed with brine (2 mL), dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and evaporated to afford 2,2,2-trifluoroethyltosylate as off white solid (2.34 g, 92%).

**Step-B**: To a solution of 2,2,2-trifluoroethyltosylate (2.34 g, 9.2 mmol) in THF (50 mL) at -78 °C was added dropwise 1.6 M n-butyllithium in hexanes (12.5 mL, 20 mmol). After stirring under a nitrogen atmosphere at -78 °C for 1 h, the solution was neutralized with a mixture of THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1, 30 mL). Water (~20 mL) was added, and the organic phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (30 mL  $\times$  2), dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and evaporated. Purification by chromatography on silica gel to afford 2,2-difluorovinyl tosylate as a light yellowish oil (1.87 g, 87%).

#### Preparation ethyl-2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (15).<sup>6</sup>



Following same procedure by Maguire et. al.<sup>6</sup>

**Step-A**: A solution of *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (1.90 g, 10 mmol) in acetone (10 mL) was added dropwise over 15 min to a stirring solution of sodium azide (0.65 g, 10 mmol) in water (5 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to reach room temperature and was stirred for 2 h after which time the acetone was removed under reduced pressure. The aqueous solution was extracted with dichloromethane (20 mL  $\times$  2) and the organic layer was then washed with water (15 mL  $\times$  2) and brine (10 mL). The organic layer was dried and concentrated under reduced pressure to give pure *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide as a colourless oil which crystallised to a white solid on refrigeration (1.85 g, 94%).

**Step-B**: Triethylamine (0.92 g, 9.9 mmol) was added to a stirring solution of ethyl 3oxobutanoate (1.16 g, 8.93 mmol) in MeCN (80 mL). After 2 minutes *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide (1.85 g, 9.38 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was added dropwise, at room temperature, over 15 minutes. The reaction mixture was stirred in MeCN for 2 h. This was then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was extracted with diethyl ether (30 mL  $\times$  2) and the organic layer was then washed with aqueous 9% KOH solution (12 mL  $\times$  2) and water (10 mL). The organic layer was dried and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford ethyl-2-diazo-3oxobutanoate as a yellow oil (1.36 g, 88%).

## **Optimization of C-H alkylated product (3):**<sup>*a*</sup>

Me O H	HOMe + F <sub>3</sub> C	[RhCp*Cl₂]₂ base solvent temp, 20 h	$H_{CF_3}^{Me} O Me Me$	+ He O F <sub>3</sub> C	,OMe	
	2a		388		,	
entry	entry base (mol %)	base (mol %) temp	temp (°C)	solvent	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	
				3aa	6aa	
1	AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (6) AgOAc (20)	80	DCE	57	-	
2	$\operatorname{AgSbF}_{6}(6)$	80	DCE	traces	-	
3	AgOAc (20)	80	DCE	88	-	
4	-	80	DCE	-	-	
5 <sup><i>c</i></sup>	AgOAc (20)	80	DCE	84	-	
<b>6</b> <sup><i>c</i></sup>	NaOAc (20)	80	DCE	84	-	
$7^c$	KOAc (20)	80	DCE	86	-	
8 <sup>c</sup>	CsOAc (20)	80	DCE	62	-	
9 <sup>c</sup>	AcOH (20)	80	DCE	traces		
10 <sup>c</sup>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (20)	80	DCE	54		
11 <sup>c</sup>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (20)	80	DCE	23	47	
12 <sup>c</sup>	NaOAc (20)	80	TFE	77	-	
13 <sup>c</sup>	NaOAc (20)	50	DCE	69	-	
14 <sup>c</sup>	NaOAc (20)	rt	DCE	56	-	
15 <sup>c</sup>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (20)	rt	DCE	-	83	
16 <sup><i>d</i></sup>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (20)	rt	DCE	-	81	

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol),  $[RhCp*Cl_2]_2$  (1.5 mol %), base (quantity noted, mol %) in solvent (1.0 mL), temp (noted) for 20 h under air. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>*c*</sup> $[RhCp*Cl_2]_2$  (1.0 mol %). <sup>*d*</sup>without  $[RhCp*Cl_2]_2$ .

	$He O + F_3C$	(RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> )2 base solvent temp, 20 h	+	$F_{3}C$	Me O F <sub>3</sub> C Gaa		
				vie	vield (%) <sup>b</sup>		
entry	base (mol %)	temp (°C)	solvent		6aa		
1	CsOAc (20)	80	DCE	23	-		
2	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (20)	80	DCE	16	47		
3	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (20)	100	DCE	24	49		
4	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (20)	120	DCE	28	52		
5	KOAc (100)	120	DCE	21	-		
6 <sup><i>c</i></sup>	KOAc (100)	120	DCE	29	-		
$7^d$	KOAc (100)	120	DCE	75	-		
$8^d$	KOAc (150)	120	DCE	81	-		
$9^d$	NaOAc (150)	120	DCE	76	-		
$10^d$	KOAc (150)	120	MeCN	24	35		
$11^d$	KOAc (150)	120	toluene	62	15		
$12^d$	KOAc (150)	120	THF	58	10		
13 <sup><i>d</i></sup>	KOAc (150)	120	1,4-dioxane	31	40		
$14^{d,e}$	KOAc (150)	120	DCE	68	-		

## **Optimization of 2-acyl-3-trifluoromethylindanone** (4):<sup>*a*</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), [RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (1.5 mol %), base (quantity noted, mol %) in solvent (1.0 mL), temp (noted) for 20 h under air. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>*c*</sup>Solvent (0.5 mL). <sup>*d*</sup> Solvent (0.2 mL). <sup>*e*</sup>[RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mol %).



#### **Optimization of 3-trifluoromethylindanone (5):**<sup>*a*</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol),  $[RhCp*Cl_2]_2$  (1.5 mol %), base (quantity noted, mol %) in solvent (1.0 mL), temp. (noted) for 20 h under air. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>*c*</sup> Solvent (0.2 mL). <sup>*d*</sup>**2a** (0.3 mmol). <sup>*e*</sup>**2a** (0.4 mmol). ND = not determined.

#### **Claisen/retro-Claisen condensation investigation:**

We performed few parallel reactions to understand the formation 3-trifluoromethylindanone products. It was found that only KOAc is required for the Claisen condensation in DCE to afford the 2-acylated-3-trifluoromethylindanone in 93% yield. Further, in TFE under basic condition, **3aa** initially undergoes Claisen condensation, which is subsequently followed by the retro-Claisen reaction to furnish **5a** in 77% yield. In addition, **4aa** under the similar condition in TFE produces **5a** in 92% yield along with 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl-4-methylbenzoate (**7a**) in 37% yield.



**Procedure:** To an oven-dried sealed tube charged with a stirring bar were added **3aa** (37.9 mg, 0.10 mmol, 100 mol) and KOAc (14.7 mg, 0.15 mmol, 150 mol %) in solvent (0.1 mL, 1.0 M). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 120 °C for 20 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography to provide **4aa**.



**Procedure:** To an oven-dried sealed tube charged with a stirring bar were added **4aa** (33.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 100 mol %) and KOAc (14.7 mg, 0.15 mmol, 150 mol %) in TFE (0.1 mL, 1.0 M). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 120 °C for 20 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography to provide **5a** (92%) and **7a** (37%).

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# General procedure for synthesis of C-H alkylated products and spectral data (3aa-3ta):

To an oven-dried sealed charged tube with a stirring bar were added corresponding *N*-methoxybenzamides **1a-1t** (0.20 mmol, 100 mol %), (*E*)-4,4,4-trifluoro-1-(*p*-tolyl)but-2-en-1one **2a** (42.8 mg, 0.20 mmol, 100 mol %), [RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 2.0  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 mol %) and NaOAc (3.3 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol %) in 1,2-dichloroethane (1.0 mL, 0.2 M). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 20 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography to provide corresponding C-H alkylated products (**3aa-3ta**).

#### *N*-Methoxy-2-methyl-6-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3aa):



64 mg (84%); White solid; **mp** = 145.0–146.2 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.42; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.43 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.14 (m, 2H), 4.17–4.09 (m, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.99–3.90 (m, 1H), 3.59 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C

**NMR** (**125 MHz**, **CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.1, 167.2, 145.6, 137.4, 136.0, 133.4, 131.0, 130.6, 129.8, 129.7, 128.5, 126.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.4$  Hz), 123.8, 64.5, 41.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 27.9$  Hz), 38.3, 21.9, 19.5; <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (**470 MHz**, **CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.5; **IR** (**KBr**)  $\upsilon$  3249, 3070, 2962, 2930, 2817, 1691, 1668, 1607, 1572, 1488, 1260, 1156, 1114, 1044, 882, 770, 658, 567 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (**Q-TOF, ESI**) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 380.1468, found 380.1496.

# *N*-Methoxy-3-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide (3ba):



75 mg (85%); Light yellow solid; **mp** = 66.8–70.5 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.58; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.62 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.52–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.37 (m, 5H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.34–4.26 (m, 1H), 3.92 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H),

3.58 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 196.3, 166.6, 145.3, 141.9, 139.9, 135.3, 133.5, 132.4, 130.2, 129.9, 129.6, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 126.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 278.4 Hz),

125.7, 63.8, 41.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 27.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 38.7, 21.9; <sup>19</sup>**F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -69.0; **IR (KBr)** υ 3248, 3062, 2976, 2936, 2817, 1674, 1607, 1461, 1439, 1307, 1256, 1160, 1112, 1034, 883, 812, 763, 702, 660, 571 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 442.1625, found 442.1644.

#### 2-Fluoro-N-methoxy-6-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(p-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3ca):



51 mg (66%); Light yellow solid; **mp** = 112.1–113.7 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.48; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  10.25 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (td, *J* = 8.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.27–4.19 (m, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.91 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd, *J* =

18.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.6, 162.3, 160.2 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 249.1$  Hz), 145.7, 134.1, 133.2, 131.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.6$  Hz), 129.7, 128.5, 126.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.1$  Hz), 124.8 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 18.6$  Hz), 122.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.1$  Hz), 116.2 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 21.4$  Hz), 64.7, 41.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 27.9$  Hz), 38.4, 21.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.3, -113.4; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  3255, 2970, 2938, 2822, 1700, 1669, 1609, 1580, 1461, 1310, 1264, 1159, 1115, 883, 819, 799, 660, 567 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 384.1217, found 384.1230.

#### 2-Bromo-N-methoxy-6-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(p-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3da):



45 mg (51%); White solid; **mp** = 173.6–175.4 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.52; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.25 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17–4.09 (m, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 3.90 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 3.0

Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.5, 165.0, 145.7, 137.5, 133.8, 133.2, 131.1, 129.7, 128.5, 126.0 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.4$  Hz), 125.6, 122.4, 64.5, 42.2 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 28.2$  Hz), 38.4, 21.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.3; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  3248, 2969, 2933, 1698, 1667, 1606, 1492, 1439, 1278, 1259, 1156, 1110, 883, 812, 651, 595 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 444.0417, found 444.0433.

#### *N*-Methoxy-5-methyl-2-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3ea):



65 mg (86%); White solid; **mp** = 164.4–165.7 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.39; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.44 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.23 (m, 3H), 7.19 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.52–4.44 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.95 (dd, J = 18.5, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, J =

18.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.1, 167.1, 145.5, 138.8, 136.0, 133.4, 131.5, 130.0, 129.7, 128.5, 128.2, 126.8, 126.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 278.4 Hz), 64.6, 40.5 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 27.7 Hz), 38.3, 21.9, 21.0; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.4; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  3178, 2987, 2963, 2936, 1690, 1650, 1608, 1573, 1493, 1383, 1358, 1299, 1261, 1222, 1164, 1155, 1118, 1067, 1038, 948, 873, 731, 688, 591 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 380.1468, found 380.1484

#### *N*,5-Dimethoxy-2-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3fa):



69 mg (87%); White solid; **mp** = 153.6–154.8 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.27; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.57 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, J = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.48–4.39 (m, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.94 (dd, J = 18.5, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H),

3.59 (dd, J = 18.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.3, 166.7, 159.5, 145.6, 137.3, 133.4, 129.7, 128.5, 128.2, 126.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.2$  Hz), 122.9, 117.3, 113.9, 64.6, 55.6, 40.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 27.9$  Hz), 38.2, 21.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.7; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  3144, 2976, 2860, 2840, 1683, 1638,1606, 1541, 1466, 1413, 1334, 1303, 1260, 1246, 1166, 1116, 1102, 1062, 1036, 946, 865, 821,757, 692, 592 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 396.1417, found 396.1436.

#### 5-Chloro-*N*-methoxy-2-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3ga):



67 mg (84%); White solid; **mp** = 185.6–186.5 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.55; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.42 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* =

8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.52–4.44 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.91 (dd, J = 18.5, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, J =

18.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.8, 165.6, 145.8, 137.7, 134.9, 133.2, 130.9, 130.0, 129.7, 129.6, 128.5, 128.4, 126.2 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 280.4 Hz), 64.7, 40.6 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 28.3 Hz), 38.3, 21.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.3; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  3183, 2963, 2940, 2855, 1690, 1662, 1571, 1439, 1225, 1165, 1110, 1037, 888, 764, 685, 591 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 400.0922, found 400.0951.

#### 5-Iodo-*N*-methoxy-2-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3ha):



60 mg (61%); Light yellow solid; **mp** = 151.0-152.7 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.55; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.40 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.49–4.41 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.90 (dd, J = 18.5, 11.5 Hz, 1H),

3.62 (dd, J = 18.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.8, 165.3, 145.8, 139.7, 138.2, 138.0, 133.2, 131.1, 129.7, 128.6, 128.5, 126.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.6$  Hz), 94.4, 64.7, 40.8 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 28.1$  Hz), 38.2, 21.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.3; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  3201, 2985, 2941, 1691, 1650, 1438, 1271, 1159, 1098, 945, 894, 755, 680, 591 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>INO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 492.0278, found 492.0296.

#### *N*-Methoxy-2-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3ia):



44 mg (60%); white solid; **mp** = 136.0–137.3 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.33; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.35 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.59–4.50 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.95 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125)

**MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.9, 167.1, 145.5, 136.2, 133.4, 131.5, 130.7, 129.8, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 127.0, 126.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.2 \text{ Hz}$ ), 64.6, 40.8 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 27.9 \text{ Hz}$ ), 38.4, 21.8; <sup>19</sup>**F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.3; **IR (KBr)**  $\upsilon$  3203, 2991, 2940, 1684, 1649, 1477, 1285, 1259, 1157, 1115, 938, 885, 971, 592 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 366.1312, found 366.1330.

#### *N*-Methoxy-2,6-bis(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3ia'):



11 mg (9%); White solid; **mp** = 66.4–69.6 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.58; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (**500 MHz**, **CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.42 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.39–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 4.39 (pd, *J* = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 3.74 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 10.0 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (**125 MHz**, **CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  195.6, 165.2, 145.0, 138.1, 133.7, 133.3, 130.1, 129.6, 128.4, 127.2, 126.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 278.6 Hz) 64.4, 41.8 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 28.0 Hz), 38.8, 21.8;

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -69.0; IR (KBr) υ 3277, 2930, 2864, 1682, 1607, 1455, 1419, 1368, 1304, 1260, 1163, 1109, 1037, 986, 885, 812, 762, 675, 587 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for  $C_{30}H_{28}F_6NO_4^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 580.1917, found 580.1930.

#### *N*-Methoxy-4-methyl-2-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3ja):



48 mg (63%); White solid; **mp** = 117.9–119.4 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.33; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.32 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 4.58–4.51 (m, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.93 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 11.0 Hz, 1H),

3.62 (dd, J = 18.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 196.9, 167.3, 145.5, 140.9, 133.4, 133.3, 131.4, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 128.5, 127.5, 126.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.0$  Hz), 64.6, 40.8 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 27.9$  Hz), 38.4, 21.9, 21.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.2; **IR** (**KBr**)  $\upsilon$  3138, 2976, 2936, 2820, 1686, 1644, 1610, 1525, 1374, 1298, 1262, 1205, 1180, 1159, 1113, 1061, 1041, 942, 878, 821, 728, 639, 596 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (**Q-TOF, ESI**) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 380.1468, found 380.1485.

## *N*-Methoxy-3-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxamide (3ka):



45 mg (51%); White solid; **mp** = 133.9–135.9 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.33; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.41 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* 

= 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.67–4.59 (m, 1H), 4.05–3.97

(m, 4H), 3.68 (dd, J = 18.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.9, 167.0, 145.6, 143.8, 139.9, 134.9, 133.3, 132.1, 130.0, 129.7, 129.2, 128.5, 128.3, 127.6, 127.4, 126.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.4$ ), 125.8, 64.6, 40.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 27.6$  Hz), 38.5, 21.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.1; **IR** (**KBr**)  $\upsilon$  3160, 3057, 3031, 2981, 2818, 1686, 1643, 1608, 1525, 1485, 1415, 1372, 1360, 1296, 1264, 1172, 1101, 1054, 1032, 969, 884, 809, 766, 699, 650, 585 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (**Q-TOF, ESI**) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 442.1625, found 442.1640.

#### 4-Acetyl-*N*-methoxy-2-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3la):



41 mg (50%); White solid; **mp** = 97.3–100.2 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.18; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 10.50 (s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.90 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.56–4.48 (m, 1H), 4.03 (dd, J = 18.5, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.00

(s, 3H), 3.69 (dd, J = 18.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.0, 196.9, 166.1, 145.8, 140.3, 138.5, 133.1, 132.4, 130.0, 129.7, 128.8, 128.6, 126.4, 126.2 ( $J_{C-F} = 278.2 \text{ Hz}$ ) 64.7, 41.0 ( $J_{C-F} = 28.1 \text{ Hz}$ ), 38.4, 26.8, 21.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.2; **IR** (**KBr**)  $\upsilon$  3190, 2994, 2943, 1692, 1656, 1508, 1412, 1267, 1158, 1103, 936, 895, 678, 588, 524 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (**Q-TOF, ESI**) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 408.1417, found 408.1433.

#### *N*,2,3-Trimethoxy-6-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3ma):



76 mg (89%); White solid; **mp** = 151.4–152.0 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.27; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.00 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.17–4.08 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.87–3.78 (m, 4H), 3.55 (dd, J =

18.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.5, 164.5, 152.7, 147.1, 145.3, 133.5, 131.7, 129.6, 128.4, 126.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.1$  Hz), 124.1, 122.7, 113.8, 64.5, 62.3, 55.9, 40.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 28.0$  Hz), 38.5, 21.8; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.6; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  3247, 2982, 2946, 1680, 1660, 1498, 1311, 1259, 1157, 1111, 1033, 824, 744, 552, 514 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 426.1523, found 426.1533.

#### *N*-Methoxy-2,4-dimethyl-6-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3na):



68 mg (86%); White solid; **mp** = 157.5–160.0 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.45; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.38 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 4.15–4.07 (m, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.93 (dd, J = 18.5, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dd, J = 18.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42

(s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.1, 167.5, 145.5, 139.7, 137.2, 133.4, 133.3, 131.5, 130.9, 129.7, 128.5, 126.4 ( $J_{C-F} = 277.1 \text{ Hz}$ ), 124.4, 64.4, 41.5 ( $J_{C-F} = 27.6 \text{ Hz}$ ), 38.3, 21.9, 21.5, 19.4; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.4; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  3273, 2970, 2926, 1683, 1665, 1494, 1316, 1266, 1159, 1106, 1034, 864, 751, 662, 565 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 394.1625, found 394.1640.

#### *N*,4,5-Trimethoxy-2-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3oa):



77 mg (91%); White solid; **mp** = 171.5–172.3 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 40:60): 0.15; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.65 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 4.56–4.48 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.91 (dd, J = 18.0, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.60 (dd, J

= 18.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.2, 166.6, 150.7, 149.1, 145.7, 133.3, 129.7, 128.9, 128.5, 126.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 279.9 Hz), 123.6, 112.1, 109.3, 64.6, 56.2, 56.1, 40.6 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 27.7 Hz), 38.1, 21.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.4; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  3313, 2964, 2942, 1673, 1606, 1525, 1465, 1276, 1159, 1094, 938, 870, 736, 694, 568 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 426.1523, found 426.1552.

#### *N*-Methoxy-2-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)-1-naphthamide (3pa):



78 mg (94%); White solid; **mp** = 182.8–184.1 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.45; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (**500 MHz**, **CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.79 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 3H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H),

4.41–4.33 (m, 1H), 4.12 (dd, J = 18.5, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (s, 3H), 3.67 (dd, J = 18.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.2, 166.5, 145.7, 134.0, 133.3, 133.0,

131.1, 130.7, 129.7, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.2, 126.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 125.8, 122.7, 64.7, 42.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 28.3 \text{ Hz}$ ), 37.7, 21.9; <sup>19</sup>**F** NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.0; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  3247, 2965, 2936, 1693, 1668, 1488, 1260, 1164, 1106, 968, 890, 753, 699, 657, 569 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 416.1468, found 416.1484.

#### *N*-Methoxy-3-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)thiophene-2-carboxamide (3qa):



21 mg (28%); Light yellow semi-solid; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.42; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  10.89 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.79–4.71 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (125**)

**MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>**)  $\delta$  197.2, 161.2, 145.8, 136.0, 134.1, 133.2, 129.7, 129.4, 128.6, 126.8, 126.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.2 \text{ Hz}$ ), 64.8, 39.2 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 28.6 \text{ Hz}$ ), 38.6, 21.9; <sup>19</sup>**F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  - 69.4; **IR (KBr)**  $\upsilon$  3219, 2973, 2926, 2854, 1667, 1607, 1426, 1306, 1264, 1159, 1108, 984, 881, 767, 682, 579, 511 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 372.0876, found 372.0885.

# *N*-Methoxy-2-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)cyclohex-1-ene-1-carboxamide (3ra):



26 mg (35%); White solid; **mp** = 108.1–110.0 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.33; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)**  $\delta$  10.47 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.00–3.92 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.72 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.61–2.55 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.17–2.05 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.71 (m,

1H), 1.65–1.59 (m, 2H), 1.55–1.45 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.6, 168.2, 145.7, 136.2, 133.4, 129.8, 128.6, 128.5, 126.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 281.3$  Hz), 64.3, 42.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 27.4$  Hz), 34.1, 28.0, 24.3, 22.0, 21.9, 21.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -67.9; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  3211, 2940, 2865, 1693, 1665, 1639, 1489, 1258, 1155, 1114, 1020, 887, 764, 977, 580 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 370.1625, found 370.1653.

#### (Z)-N-Methoxy-2-methyl-6-oxo-6-(p-tolyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)hex-2-enamide (3sa):



23 mg (35%); White solid; **mp** = 85.1–86.0 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.33; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.92 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.22 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.86–3.78 (m, 1H), 3.43–3.35 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.98 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.7, 165.8,

145.8, 138.6, 133.3, 129.8, 128.6, 126.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 279.6 \text{ Hz}$ ), 123.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.0 \text{ Hz}$ ), 64.5, 39.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 28.1 \text{ Hz}$ ), 37.3, 21.9, 21.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -70.8; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  3172, 2951, 1693, 1669, 1644, 1357, 1262, 1150, 1115, 1035, 944, 882, 762, 639, 584, 555 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 330.1312, found 330.1324.

#### (Z)-N-Methoxy-6-oxo-2,6-di-*p*-tolyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)hex-2-enamide (3ta):



30 mg (37%); Light yellow solid; **mp** = 95.1–97.4 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.58; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.65 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.69 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.95–3.89 (m, 1H), 3.49–3.48 (m,

2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.3, 165.3, 145.7, 142.0, 139.2, 133.4, 133.1, 129.7, 129.5, 128.6, 126.6, 126.1 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 278.5 Hz), 122.6, 64.6, 40.5 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 28.1 Hz), 37.6, 21.9, 21.3; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -70.3; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  3187, 2980, 2937, 1684, 1657, 1483, 1257, 1162, 1124, 977, 943, 819, 752, 638, 588 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 406.1625, found 406.1639.

# General procedure for synthesis of C-H alkylated products with different amides and spectral data (3ua-3ya):

To an oven-dried sealed charged tube with a stirring bar were added corresponding *N*-methoxybenzamides **1u-1y** (0.20 mmol, 100 mol %), (*E*)-4,4,4-trifluoro-1-(*p*-tolyl)but-2-en-1one **2a** (42.8 mg, 0.20 mmol, 100 mol %), [RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (1.9 mg, 3.0 µmol, 1.5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (4.1 mg, 12.0 µmol, 6.0 mol %) and KOAc (3.9 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol %) in 1,2dichloroethane (1.0 mL, 0.2 M). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 20 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography to provide corresponding C-H alkylated products (**3ua-3ya**).

#### *N*-Methyl-2-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3ua):



47 mg (67%); Light orange semi-solid; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.30; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (**500 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.83 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59– 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.68–4.60 (m, 1H), 3.95 (dd, J = 18.0, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dd, J = 18.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (**125 MHz**,

**CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.7, 170.0, 145.3, 139.6, 133.5, 130.8, 130.0, 129.7, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 126.8, 126.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.1 \text{ Hz}$ ), 40.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 27.5 \text{ Hz}$ ), 38.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.1 \text{ Hz}$ ), 26.9, 21.9; <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.3; **IR** (**KBr**)  $\upsilon$  3322, 3067, 3034, 2924, 2854, 1680, 1605, 1547, 1446, 1412, 1305, 1259, 1182, 1157, 1113, 1061, 1000, 944, 894, 822, 759, 681, 666, 591 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (**Q-TOF, ESI**) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 350.1362, found 350.1385.

#### *N*-Butyl-2-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3va):



49 mg (63%); Light yellow semi-solid; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.58; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54– 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.46 (m, 1H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.0Hz, 2H), 4.74–4.66 (m, 1H), 3.94 (dd, J = 18.0, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, J = 18.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.55–3.50 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.66 (p, J

= 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (sextet, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.4, 169.2, 145.2, 139.8, 133.6, 130.8, 129.9, 129.6, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 126.8, 126.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.2$  Hz), 40.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 27.6$  Hz), 39.9, 38.3, 31.7, 21.8, 20.4, 13.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR

(**470** MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -69.3; **IR** (**KBr**) υ 3298, 2959, 2927, 2872, 1681,1659, 1605, 1537, 1469, 1305, 1261, 1182, 1158, 1114, 1059, 945, 803, 759, 665, 591 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (**Q-TOF, ESI**) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 392.1832, found 392.1795.

#### *N*-Benzyl-2-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3wa):



52 mg (61%); White solid; **mp** = 127.7–130.1 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.58; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.81–7.78 (m, 3H), 7.58–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.32 (m, 5H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.69–4.63 (m, 1H), 3.89 (dd,

J = 18.0, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd, J = 18.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.2, 169.2, 145.2, 139.3, 138.5, 133.6, 131.2, 130.1, 129.6, 128.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.5, 127.0, 126.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.2$  Hz), 44.2, 40.4, (q,  $J_{C-F} = 27.6$  Hz), 38.3, 21.8; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.3; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  3337, 3065, 3303, 2909, 1669, 1652, 1604, 1547, 1497, 1455, 1427, 1356, 1307, 1282, 1263, 1231, 1200, 1152, 1116, 1097, 984, 948, 820, 783, 747, 705, 663, 594 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 426.1675, found 426.1692.

#### 4,4,4-Trifluoro-3-(2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonyl)phenyl)-1-(*p*-tolyl)butan-1-one (3xa):



45 mg (58%); Light yellow semi-solid; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.30; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, J =8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.75–4.67 (m, 1H), 3.76–3.67 (m, 2H), 3.65–3.55 (m, 2H), 3.24–3.16 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.04–1.93 (m, 3H), 1.88–1.82 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  194.8, 168.8, 144.5, 139.2,

133.9, 132.6, 129.5, 129.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.1, 127.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.6$  Hz), 49.4, 45.9, 40.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 27.6$  Hz), 39.2, 26.2, 24.7, 21.8; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -68.5; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  3337, 2925, 2877, 1685, 1629, 1547, 1497, 1428, 1356, 1302, 1262, 1182, 1155, 1113, 1060, 946, 829, 784, 748, 683, 661, 591 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 390.1675, found 390.1696.

#### 2-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3ya):



28 mg (42%); Yellowish orange semi-solid; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.24; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.83 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (bs, 1H), 7.62–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (bs, 1H), 4.87–4.79 (m, 1H), 3.97 (dd, J = 18.5, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, J = 18.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125

**MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.6, 171.4, 145.3, 138.6, 133.5, 131.0, 130.4, 129.7, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 126.9, 126.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.2 \text{ Hz}$ ), 40.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 27.9 \text{ Hz}$ ), 38.3, 21.9; <sup>19</sup>**F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.3; **IR (KBr)**  $\upsilon$  3345, 3188, 3035, 2924, 2855, 1674, 1606, 1494, 1451, 1380, 1316, 11260, 1182, 1159, 1112, 1058, 985, 944, 897, 806, 678, 629, 591 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 336.1206, found 336.1224.

# General procedure for synthesis of 2-acyl-3-trifluoromethylindanones and spectral data (4aa-4ca, 4ea-4ka, 4ma-4pa, 4ra, 4ab-4ah):

To an oven-dried sealed tube charged with a stirring bar were added corresponding *N*-methoxybenzamides **1a-1c**, **1e-1k**, **1m-1p**, **1r** (0.20 mmol, 100 mol%), corresponding  $\beta$ -CF<sub>3</sub>-substituted enones **2a-2h** (0.20 mmol, 100 mol %), [RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (1.9 mg, 3.0 µmol, 1.5 mol %) and KOAc (29.4 mg, 0.30 mmol, 150 mol %) in 1,2-dichloroethane (0.2 mL, 1.0 M). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 120 °C for 20 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography to provide corresponding 2-benzoyl-3-trifluoromethyl indanones (**4aa-4ca**, **4ea-4ka**, **4ma-4pa**, **4ra**, **4ab-4ah**).

#### 7-Methyl-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4aa)



54 mg (81%); Off white solid; **mp** = 132.3–133.0 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.61; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.08 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.62–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (qd, J = 9.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.8, 191.0, 147.6 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.3 Hz), 145.4, 140.5, 135.2, 133.1, 133.1,

132.0, 130.6, 129.6, 126.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.2 \text{ Hz}$ ), 124.5, 57.9, 45.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.2 \text{ Hz}$ ), 21.9, 18.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -68.9; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2971, 1720, 1665, 1602, 1476, 1360, 1289, 1260, 1165, 1106, 991, 867, 784, 681, 590, 518 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 333.1097, found 333.1112.

#### 2-(4-Methylbenzoyl)-7-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4ba):



55 mg (70%) (exists as a 6.2:1 ratio of keto/enol tautomers); Off white solid; **mp** = 80.7–82.1 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.55; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.03 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.33 (m, 5H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.99–4.88 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  194.9, 191.1, 148.1 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.1 Hz), 145.4,

143.1, 137.1, 135.2, 133.1, 132.3, 131.7, 130.6, 129.6, 129.3, 128.3, 128.0, 126.3 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 276.9

Hz), 126.0, 57.8, 45.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.2$  Hz), 21.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -68.8; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2924, 1735, 1613, 1508, 1433, 1375, 1252, 1150, 1109, 902, 809, 734, 666, 577, 512 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 395.1253, found 395.1268.

#### 7-Fluoro-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4ca):



31 mg (46%) (exists as a 5:1 ratio of keto/enol tautomers); White solid; **mp** = 102.9–104.0 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.39; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  8.06 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (td, *J* = 8.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.99–4.89 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.9 Hz), 190.2, 159.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 266.9

Hz), 148.6, 145.7, 138.0 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.4$  Hz), 132.8, 130.6, 129.6, 126.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 276.7$  Hz), 123.6 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 13.2$  Hz), 123.0 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 4.3$  Hz), 117.2 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 18.7$  Hz ), 58.1, 46.0 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.4$  Hz), 21.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -68.8, -112.5; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  3031, 2972, 2951, 1714, 1665, 1609, 1452, 361, 1269, 1170, 1111, 1061, 998, 949, 861, 815, 776, 670, 597, 541, 527 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 337.0846, found 337.0843.

#### 6-Methyl-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4ea)



52 mg (78%) (exists as a 11.1:1 ratio of keto/enol tautomers); Yellowish orange semi-solid; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.55; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (d, J= 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (qd, J = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.1, 190.9, 145.4, 144.4 (q,

 $J_{C-F} = 2.2 \text{ Hz}$ ), 140.5, 137.2, 136.0, 133.1, 130.5, 129.6, 129.4, 126.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 276.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 125.1, 58.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 1.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 45.8 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.2 \text{ Hz}$ ), 21.9, 21.3; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.1; **IR** (**KBr**)  $\upsilon$  3035, 2951, 2927, 2865, 1726, 1677, 1608, 1494, 1375, 1285, 1263, 1157, 1112, 1032, 896, 865, 812, 688, 587 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 333.1097, found 333.1114.

#### 6-Methoxy-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4fa):



48 mg (69%); White solid; mp = 98.8–100.5 °C; RF (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.42; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 8.06 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (qd, J = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.0, 190.8,

161.4, 145.4, 139.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.2$  Hz), 137.3, 133.1, 130.5, 129.6, 127.8, 126.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 27.9$  Hz), 125.0, 106.5, 58.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 1.7$  Hz), 55.9, 45.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.4$  Hz), 21.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.3; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2943, 1713, 1673, 1605, 1492, 1375, 1265, 1161, 1116, 1024, 880, 819, 759, 686, 590, 561, 516 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 349.1046, found 349.1052.

#### 6-Chloro-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one (4ga)



53 mg (75%) (exists as a 2.8:1 ratio of keto/enol tautomers); Light yellow solid; **mp** = 82.7–83.8 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.61; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.05 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.73–7.68 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (qd, *J* = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  194.7, 190.1, 145.1 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.4 Hz), 136.1, 130.6, 129.7, 129.5,

129.3, 127.1, 124.9, 126.0 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 276.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 123.9, 122.7, 58.1, 45.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 22.0; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -69.0; IR (KBr) υ 3065, 2951, 2926, 2856, 1720, 1677, 1612, 1508, 1465, 1433, 1375, 1274, 1252, 1179, 1110, 1033, 905, 841, 809, 734, 701, 667, 578 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 353.0551, found 353.0569.

#### 6-Iodo-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one (4ha)



31 mg (35%); Yellowish orange solid; **mp** = 107.6–110.4 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.52; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.10 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.05–8.02 (m, 3H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (qd, J = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  194.4, 190.1,

146.2 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.3 Hz), 145.7, 144.6, 137.6, 134.2, 132.8, 130.5, 129.7, 128.7, 125.9 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> =

278.5 Hz ), 95.8, 57.7, 45.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.7$  Hz), 22.0; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -68.9; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2926, 1721, 1679, 1605, 1457, 1377, 1297, 1266, 1232, 1168, 1109, 1030, 909, 863, 749, 622, 597, 526 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>IO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 444.9907, found 444.9906.

#### 2-(4-Methylbenzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4ia)



31 mg (49%) (exists as a 6.7:1 ratio of keto/enol tautomers); White solid; **mp** = 110.5–111.9 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.48; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  8.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.80–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.74 (td, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.99–4.91 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  196.0, 190.7, 147.0 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 2.6 Hz), 145.5, 136.0, 135.8,

133.0, 130.6, 130.1, 129.8, 126.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 276.6 \text{ Hz}$ ), 127.1, 125.2, 57.8, 46.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.5 \text{ Hz}$ ), 21.9; <sup>19</sup>**F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  -68.9; **IR (KBr)**  $\upsilon$  2926, 1715, 1661, 1604, 1462, 1372, 1263, 1162, 1116, 1010, 908, 808, 760, 690, 572, 521 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 319.0940, found 319.0949.

#### 5-Methyl-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4ja):



35 mg (53%) (exists as a 7.7:1 ratio of keto/enol tautomers); White solid; **mp** = 190.6–192.1 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:5): 0.52; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  8.06 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.36–7.33 (m, 3H), 4.92 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (qd, *J* = 9.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  195.4, 191.0, 147.7, 147.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> =

2.3 Hz), 145.4, 133.5, 133.1, 131.3, 130.5, 129.6, 127.4, 126.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 276.7$  Hz), 125.0, 58.0, 45.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.3$  Hz), 22.4, 21.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -68.8; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2925, 1712, 1665, 1606, 1456, 1410, 1371, 1263, 1161, 1115, 1016, 974, 868, 763, 665, 539, 519 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 333.1037, found 333.1051.

#### 2-(4-Methylbenzoyl)-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4ka):



31 mg (39%); White solid; **mp** = 130.6–132.2 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.48; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.09 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.70–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.04–4.95 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  195.5, 190.8, 149.3,

147.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.2$  Hz), 145.5, 139.6, 134.5, 133.1, 130.6, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 127.8, 126.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 276.7$  Hz), 125.6, 125.5, 58.1, 46.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.4$  Hz), 21.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -68.7; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2958, 1721, 1679, 1662, 1605, 1414, 1371, 1251, 1154, 1111, 1012, 863, 760, 695, 579, 528 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 395.1253, found 395.1274.

#### 6,7-Dimethoxy-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4ma):



29 mg (38%) (exists as a 7.1:1 ratio of keto/enol tautomers); Light yellow semi-solid; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.39; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (**500 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.06 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (qd, J = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H),

3.91 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.6, 190.9, 153.5, 148.1, 145.4, 139.0 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 133.0, 130.6, 129.6, 128.2, 126.3 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 278.1$  Hz), 121.8, 120.5, 62.1, 58.7, 56.9, 44.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.4$  Hz), 21.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.4; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2933, 2850, 1724, 1676, 1607, 1495, 1423, 1277, 1167, 1115, 1012, 964, 820, 690, 590, 535 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 379.1152, found 379.1166.

#### 5,7-Dimethyl-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4na):



45 mg (65%); White solid; **mp** = 103.0–104.3 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.58; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 4.90 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (qd, J = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.2, 191.3,

148.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 146.8, 145.3, 140.2, 133.2, 133.1, 130.9, 130.6, 129.5, 126.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 146.8, 145.3, 140.2, 133.2, 133.1, 130.9, 130.6, 129.5, 126.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 146.8, 145.3, 140.2, 133.2, 133.1, 130.9, 130.6, 129.5, 126.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 146.8, 145.3, 140.2, 133.2, 133.1, 130.9, 130.6, 129.5, 126.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 146.8, 145.3, 140.2, 133.2, 133.1, 130.9, 130.6, 129.5, 126.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 146.8, 145.3, 140.2, 133.2, 133.1, 130.9, 130.6, 129.5, 126.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 146.8, 145.3, 140.2, 133.2, 133.1, 130.9, 130.6, 129.5, 126.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 146.8, 145.3, 140.2, 133.2, 133.1, 130.9, 130.6, 129.5, 126.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 146.8, 145.3, 140.2, 133.2, 133.1, 130.9, 130.6, 129.5, 126.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 146.8, 145.3, 146.8, 145.3, 140.2, 133.2, 133.1, 130.9, 130.6, 129.5, 126.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 146.8, 145.3, 140.2, 133.2, 133.1, 130.9, 130.6, 129.5, 126.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 146.8, 145.3, 146.2, 145.3, 146.2, 146.2, 145.2,

278.4 Hz), 124.9, 58.1, 45.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.2$  Hz), 22.2, 21.9, 18.4; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ -68.5; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2951, 1714, 1665, 1609, 1448, 1360, 1269, 1170, 1111, 999, 861, 747, 670, 597 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 347.1253, found 347.1251.

#### 5,6-Dimethoxy-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (40a):



56 mg (74%); Off white solid; **mp** = 117.0–118.8 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.21; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 4.90 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (qd, J = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  194.5, 191.3, 156.3, 151.4, 145.3, 142.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.5$ 

Hz), 133.2, 130.5, 129.6, 128.8, 126.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.5$  Hz), 107.8, 105.2, 57.9, 56.6, 56.3, 45.8 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.4$  Hz), 21.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.0. IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2937, 2839, 1705, 1668, 1589, 1504, 1272, 1158, 1120, 1022, 589, 817, 749, 675, 589, 531 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 379.1152, found 379.1153.

# 2-(4-Methylbenzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]naphthalen-1-one (4pa):



31 mg (42%) (exists as a 11.1:1 ratio of keto/enol tautomers); Light yellow solid; **mp** = 136.3–139.2 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.52; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.02 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (ddd, J = 8.5, 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H),

3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (dd, J = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.5, 190.9, 150.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.1$  Hz), 145.5, 137.3, 133.9, 133.2, 130.6, 130.3, 129.9, 129.6, 129.4, 128.5, 127.9, 126.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.7$  Hz), 124.3, 123.3, 58.1, 46.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.3$  Hz), 21.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -68.3; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2945, 1704, 1675, 1605, 1514, 1383, 1256, 1167, 1111, 1035, 928, 827, 751, 622, 532 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 369.1097, found 369.1118.

#### 2-(4-Methylbenzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4ra):



21 mg (33%); White solid; **mp** = 110.3–112.0 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.55; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (qd, *J* = 9.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.59–2.50 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.24–2.18 (m, 1H), 2.12–2.05 (m, 1H), 1.90–1.83 (m, 1H), 1.78–1.68 (m, 2H), 1.66–1.60 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.0, 191.5, 166.2, 145.2,

140.8, 133.3, 130.4, 129.5, 126.0 (q, J = 279.5 Hz), 55.8, 49.3 (q, J = 28.9 Hz), 27.4, 22.1, 21.9, 21.1, 20.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -67.5; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2927, 1712, 1667, 1605, 1424, 1388, 1270, 1143, 1102, 1010, 946, 808, 689, 591, 525 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 323.1253, found 323.1264.

#### 2-(4-Methoxybenzoyl)-7-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4ab):



43 mg (62%); White solid; **mp** = 116.2–117.2 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.45; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.16 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.61–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.93–4.85 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.1, 189.6, 164.6, 147.7 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.3 Hz), 140.5, 135.2, 133.1, 132.9, 132.0, 128.6, 126.4 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 278.5 Hz), 124.5, 114.1,

57.7, 55.7, 45.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.2$  Hz), 18.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -68.9; IR (KBr) υ 2975, 2924, 1714, 1658, 1600, 1479, 1266, 1168, 978, 837, 688, 595, 509 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 349.1046, found 349.1051.

#### 2-(4-Fluorobenzoyl)-7-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4ac):



48 mg (71%); White solid; **mp** = 96.4–97.7 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.61; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (**500 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.24–8.20 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.21 (m, 2H), 4.92–4.86 (m, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (**125 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.5, 189.8, 166.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 257.1 Hz), 147.5 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.1 Hz), 140.6, 135.4, 133.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 9.6 Hz), 132.9, 132.1, 132.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.8 Hz), 126.3 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> =

278.5 Hz), 124.5, 116.1 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 22.1$  Hz), 58.0, 45.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.3$  Hz), 18.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -68.9, -103.2; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2960, 2917, 1725, 1673, 1599, 1365, 1262, 1164,

1109, 993, 828, 786, 683, 593 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (**Q-TOF, ESI**) calcd for  $C_{18}H_{13}F_4O_2^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 337.0846, found 337.0853.

#### 2-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)-7-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4ad):



41 mg (58%); White solid; **mp** = 98.1–100.3 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.61; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.12 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31–7.29 (m, 1H), 4.89 (qd, J = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.4, 190.3, 147.5 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 2.1 Hz),

141.0, 140.7, 135.5, 133.9, 132.9, 132.1, 131.8, 129.2, 126.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 124.5, 58.0 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 1.8 \text{ Hz}$ ), 45.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 18.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -68.9; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2965, 2936, 1723, 1676, 1591, 1477, 1262, 1109, 982, 820, 787, 971, 528cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 353.0551, found 353.0564.

#### 2-(4-Bromobenzoyl)-7-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4ae):



56 mg (70%); White solid; **mp** = 104.6–106.9 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.61; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.04 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.62–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.28 (m, 1H), 4.89 (qd, *J* = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.3, 190.5, 147.5 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.3 Hz), 140.7, 135.5, 134.3, 132.9, 132.2, 132.1, 131.9, 129.9, 126.3 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> =

278.5 Hz), 124.5, 58.0, 45.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.4$  Hz), 18.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -68.9; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2967, 1723, 1676, 1588, 1364, 1260, 1164, 1107, 980, 819, 787, 664, 565 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 397.0046, found 397.0050.

#### 2-(3-Methoxybenzoyl)-7-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4af):



37 mg (53%) (exists as a 10:1 ratio of keto/enol tautomers); Off white solid; **mp** = 76.0–76.9 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.48; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.21 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 2.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, *J* 

= 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (qd, J = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz,

**CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.6, 191.5, 160.0, 147.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.2 \text{ Hz}$ ), 140.6, 137.0, 135.3, 133.0, 132.1, 129.9, 126.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 124.4, 123.3, 120.9, 114.1, 58.1, 55.6, 45.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.3 \text{ Hz}$ ), 18.5; <sup>19</sup>**F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -68.9; **IR (KBr)**  $\upsilon$  3082, 3030, 2945, 2842, 1714, 1671, 1596, 1471, 1430, 1368, 1339, 1264, 1199, 1164, 1090, 1041, 995, 948, 917, 807, 788, 760, 734, 691, 647, 626 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 349.1046, found 349.1055.

## 2-(Benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxole-5-carbonyl)-7-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1one (4ag):



53 mg (73%); Off white solid; **mp** = 126.6–128.0 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.45; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.83 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.55 (m, 3H), 7.29–7.27 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (qd, J = 9.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.9, 189.4, 153.0, 148.5, 147.6 (q,

 $J_{C-F} = 2.0 \text{ Hz}$ ), 140.5, 135.3, 133.0, 132.0, 130.4, 127.8, 126.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.5 \text{ Hz}$ ), 124.5, 109.6, 108.2, 102.3, 57.8, 45.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.2 \text{ Hz}$ ), 18.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -68.9; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2888, 1714, 1659, 1598, 1444, 1369, 1258, 1158, 1115, 1038, 1006, 892, 793, 638, 579 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 363.0839, found 363.0847.

#### 7-Methyl-2-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4ah):



47 mg (72%); White solid; **mp** = 102.2–103 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.52; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.08 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.26 (m, 2H), 4.87 (qd, J = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.3, 183.9, 147.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.1$  Hz), 142.8, 140.6, 136.3, 136.1, 135.4, 133.0, 132.1, 128.8, 126.2 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.4$  Hz),

124.5, 59.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.0 \text{ Hz}$ ), 45.2 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 18.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  - 68.9; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2964, 2926, 1721, 1649, 1599, 1477, 1355, 1259, 1164, 1105, 991, 808, 731, 677, 573 516 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 325.0505, found 325.0504.

## General procedure for synthesis of 3-trifluoromethylindanones and spectral data (5a-5p):

**General procedure (reaction condition-A):** To an oven-dried sealed tube charged with a stirring bar were added corresponding *N*-methoxybenzamides **1a-1p** (0.20 mmol, 100 mol %), (E)-4,4,4-trifluoro-1-(*p*-tolyl)but-2-en-1-one **2a** (64.3 mg, 0.30 mmol, 150 mol %),  $[RhCp*Cl_2]_2$  (1.9 mg, 3.0 µmol, 1.5 mol %) and KOAc (29.4 mg, 0.30 mmol, 150 mol %) in 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (0.2 mL, 1.0 M). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 120 °C for 20 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography to provide corresponding 3-trifluoromethyl indanones (**5a-5p**).

General procedure (reaction condition-B): step-i): To an oven-dried sealed tube charged with a stirring bar were added corresponding *N*-methoxybenzamides **1a-1p** (0.20 mmol, 100 mol %), (*E*)-4,4,4-trifluoro-1-(*p*-tolyl)but-2-en-1-one **2a** (42.8 mg, 0.20 mmol, 100 mol %), [RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 2.0 µmol, 1.0 mol %) and NaOAc (3.3 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol %) in 1,2-dichloroethane (1.0 mL, 0.2 M). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 20 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography to provide corresponding C-H alkylated products (**3aa-3ap**).

**step-ii**): To an oven-dried sealed tube charged with a stirring bar were added corresponding C-H alkylated products **3aa-3ap** (100 mol %) and KOAc (150 mol %) in 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (1.0 M). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 120 °C for 20 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography to provide corresponding 3-trifluoromethyl indanones (**5a-5p**).

#### 7-Methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (5a):



Reaction condition-A: 30 mg (70%), reaction condition-B: 28 mg (65%); Light yellowish oil; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.55; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (pd, J = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, J = 19.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dd, J = 19.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  203.2, 147.9, (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.4$  Hz), 139.6, 134.9,

134.6, 131.7, 126.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 276.6 \text{ Hz}$ ), 124.5, 42.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.5 \text{ Hz}$ ), 37.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 18.4; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -70.3; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  3075, 2931, 2855, 1719, 1597, 1478,

1415, 1356, 1272, 1155, 1111, 1043, 944, 780, 756, 619 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (**Q-TOF, ESI**) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 215.0678, found 215.0681.

#### 7-Phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (5b):



Reaction condition-A: 67%, reaction condition-B: 34 mg (62%); White solid; **mp** = 96.5–97.4 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.48; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.39 (m, 6H), 4.10 (pd, J = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dd, J = 19.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, J = 19.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  200.8, 148.3 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 2.3 Hz), 142.2, 137.4,

134.6, 133.6, 132.0, 129.4, 128.3, 128.0, 126.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.2 \text{ Hz}$ ), 126.1, 42.0 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.5 \text{ Hz}$ ), 37.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.1 \text{ Hz}$ ); <sup>19</sup>**F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl3)**  $\delta$  -70.2; **IR (KBr)**  $\upsilon$  2933, 1709, 1589, 1572, 1456, 1357, 1265, 1194, 1163, 1105, 1037, 943, 908, 765, 659, 561 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (**Q-TOF, ESI**) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 277.0835, found 277.0843.

#### 7-Fluoro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (5c):



Reaction condition-A: 18 mg (41%), reaction condition-B: 16 mg (37%); Light yellowish oil; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.36; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 (td, J = 8.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, J = 9.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (pd, J = 8.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (dd, J = 19.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, J = 19.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.2 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 1.8$ 

Hz), 159.0 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 265.3$  Hz), 148.9 (p,  $J_{C-F} = 5.0$  Hz), 137.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.4$  Hz), 126.1 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 278.2$ ), 125.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 13.6$  Hz), 123.1 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 4.1$  Hz), 117.0 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 19.2$  Hz), 42.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.8$  Hz), 37.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.2$  Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -70.2, -113.5; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2940, 1731, 1616, 1595, 1478, 1357, 1271, 1194, 1161, 1113, 987, 945, 783, 749, 664, 573, 509 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>4</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 219.0428, found 219.0439.

#### 7-Bromo-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (5d):



Reaction condition-A: 23%, reaction condition-B: 21 mg (38%); Light yellowish oil; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.45; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (pd, J = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd, J = 19.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 19.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  199.1, 149.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.5$ 

Hz), 135.7, 135.1, 134.8, 126.3, 126.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 276.5 \text{ Hz}$ ), 120.2, 41.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 30.0 \text{ Hz}$ ), 37.8 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.2 \text{ Hz}$ ); <sup>19</sup>**F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -70.2; **IR (KBr)**  $\upsilon$  2935, 1728, 1589, 1573, 1456, 1413, 1354, 1317, 1270, 1162, 1111, 1039, 944, 903, 750, 657, 588, 565 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 278.9627, found 278.9634.

#### 6-Methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (5e):



Reaction condition-A: 61%, reaction condition-B: 28 mg (65%); Light yellowish oil; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.45; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, **CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (pd, *J* = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 19.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.80

(dd, J = 19.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  202.4, 144.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.4$  Hz), 140.2, 137.8, 136.6, 126.8, 126.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 276.5$  Hz), 124.3, 42.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.6$  Hz), 37.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 21.3; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -70.5; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2927, 2855, 1725, 1677, 1617, 1585, 1494, 1412, 1359, 1268, 1160, 1109, 944, 830, 720, 656, 555 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 215.0678, found 215.0699.

#### 6-Methoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (5f):



Reaction condition-A: 28 mg (61%), reaction condition-B: 29 mg (63%); White solid; **mp** = 63.4–64.6 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.33; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR (500 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.22 (m, 2H), 4.03 (pd, J = 8.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.95 (dd, J = 19.2, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, J = 19.2, 3.3 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR (125 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

202.2, 161.2, 139.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 139.1, 127.9, 126.48 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.1 \text{ Hz}$ ), 124.5, 105.6, 55.8, 42.06 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.9 \text{ Hz}$ ), 37.72 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.4 \text{ Hz}$ ); <sup>19</sup>**F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -70.7; **IR (KBr)**  $\upsilon$  2980, 2945, 1722, 1684, 1611, 1494, 1433, 1335, 1254, 1150, 1103, 940, 842, 663, 557, 511 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 231.0627, found 231.0633.

#### 6-Chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (5g):



Reaction condition-A: 62%, reaction condition-B: 26 mg (55%); White solid; **mp** = 101.2–102.5 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.45; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**500 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78 (s, 1H), 7.67–7.63 (m, 2H), 4.08 (pd, *J* = 8.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (dd, *J* = 19.5, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 19.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  200.7, 145.2 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.4$  Hz), 139.2, 136.7, 135.5, 128.4, 126.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 276.6$  Hz), 124.3, 42.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 30.1$  Hz), 37.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.2$  Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -70.4; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2958, 2928, 1719, 1605, 1582, 1475, 1362, 1275, 1148, 1103, 1048, 945, 896, 833, 690, 655, 522 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 235.0132, found 235.0140.

#### 6-Iodo-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (5h):



Reaction condition-A: 49%, reaction condition-B: 20 mg (31%); White solid; mp = 97.5-100.9 °C;  $R_F$  (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.55; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.16 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J =8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (pd, J = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (dd, J = 19.5, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, J = 19.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  200.4, 146.4

(q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.4$  Hz), 144.0, 139.5, 133.6, 128.9, 126.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.3$  Hz), 95.8, 42.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 30.1$  Hz), 37.0 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -70.3; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2926, 1709, 1592, 1572, 1469, 1402, 1263, 1152, 1104, 945, 884, 804, 683, 654, 598 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>3</sub>IO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 326.9488, found 326.9499.

#### 3-(Trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (5i):



Reaction condition-A: 18 mg (45%), reaction condition-B: 16 mg (40%); Light yellowish oil; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.42; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR (500 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.83 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.75–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.58–7.50 (m, 1H), 4.11 (pd, J = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (dd, J = 19.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, J = 19.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR (125 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  202.2, 147.2 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 2.4

Hz), 137.7, 135.4, 129.9, 127.2, 126.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 276.5 \text{ Hz}$ ), 124.3, 42.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.6 \text{ Hz}$ ), 37.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3 \text{ Hz}$ ); <sup>19</sup>**F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -70.3; **IR (KBr)**  $\upsilon$  2957, 2928, 2871, 1725, 1607, 1466, 1413, 1358, 1266, 1158, 1112, 1045, 939, 763, 655, 581 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 201.0522, found 201.0529.

#### 5-Methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (5j):



Reaction condition-A: 22 mg (51%), reaction condition-B: 19 mg (44%); White solid; **mp** = 85.0-86.3 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.39; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (pd, *J* = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 19.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, *J* = 19.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz,

**CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  201.8, 147.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3 \text{ Hz}$ ), 146.9, 135.4, 131.0, 127.5, 126.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 276.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 124.1, 42.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.6 \text{ Hz}$ ), 37.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3 \text{ Hz}$ ), 22.3; <sup>19</sup>**F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  - 70.2; **IR (KBr)**  $\upsilon$  2950, 2925, 2853, 1716, 1608, 1417, 1368, 1268, 1162, 1102, 1042, 944, 831, 717, 662, 557, 521 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 215.0678, found 215.0684.

#### 5-Phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (5k):



Reaction condition-**A**: 27 mg (49%), reaction condition-**B**: 20 mg (36%); White solid; **mp** = 74.0–75.5 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.42; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.43 (m, 1H), 4.16 (pd, *J* = 8.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd, *J* = 19.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, *J* =

19.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  201.7, 148.7, 147.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 139.7, 136.4, 129.2, 129.2, 128.9, 127.7, 126.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 276.6$  Hz), 125.3, 124.7, 42.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.7$  Hz), 37.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -70.1; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2943, 1713, 1606, 1578, 1509, 1455, 1414, 1364, 1269, 1168, 1105, 1055, 944, 847, 762, 691, 553 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 277.0835, found 277.0852.

#### 5-Acetyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (5l):



Reaction condition-A: 23 mg (47%), reaction condition-B: 19 mg (39%); White solid; **mp** = 64.5–67.5 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.18; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR (500 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.24 (s, 1H), 8.10 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (pd, *J* = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 19.5, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, *J* = 19.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(**125 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  201.4, 197.1, 147.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 142.5, 140.5, 129.9, 126.2 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 276.4$  Hz), 127.0, 124.6, 42.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 30.0$  Hz), 37.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 27.3; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470
**MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -70.2; **IR** (**KBr**)  $\upsilon$  2938, 1722, 1687, 1610, 1585, 1482, 1416, 1364, 1293, 1270, 1145, 1108, 1037, 948, 859, 703, 654, 584, 518 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (**Q-TOF, ESI**) calcd for  $C_{12}H_{10}F_{3}O_{2}^{+}$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 243.0627, found 243.0635.

### 6,7-Dimethoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (5m):



Reaction condition-A: 30 mg (58%), reaction condition-B: 32 mg (62%); Light yellow semi-solid; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.18; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.97 (pd, *J* = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 19.0, 8.5

Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, J = 19.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  199.7, 153.3, 147.4, 139.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 129.9, 126.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.2$  Hz), 122.0, 119.8, 62.2, 56.8, 41.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.7$  Hz), 38.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.2$  Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -70.8; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2939, 2843, 1722, 1690, 1589, 1494, 1413, 1358, 1273, 1157, 1113, 1025, 960, 826, 700, 682, 588, 535 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 261.0733, found 261.0739.

## 5,7-Dimethyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (5n):



Reaction condition-A: 72%, reaction condition-B: 31 mg (68%); White solid; **mp** = 63.7–64.8 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.55; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 **MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29 (s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 3.98 (pd, *J* = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, *J* = 19.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (dd, *J* = 19.0 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  202.6, 148.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.2

Hz), 145.9, 139.3, 132.8, 132.8, 126.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.1$  Hz), 125.0, 41.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.5$  Hz), 37.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.1$  Hz), 22.1, 18.3; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -70.3; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2928, 2853, 1708, 1613, 1594, 1412, 1357, 1245, 1178, 1162, 1107, 1054, 941, 864, 724, 657, 607, 574, 513 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 229.0835, found 229.0847.

### 5,6-Dimethoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (50):



Reaction condition-A: 32 mg (62%), reaction condition-B: 34 mg (65%); White solid; **mp** = 105.2–107.9 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.12; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.22 (s, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 4.01 (pd, *J* = 8.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 19.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H),

2.77 (dd, J = 19.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  201.0, 155.8, 151.1, 142.2 (q,

 $J_{C-F} = 2.4$  Hz), 130.9, 126.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.2$  Hz), 107.8, 104.5, 56.6, 56.3, 42.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.6$  Hz), 37.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.1$  Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -70.4; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2948, 2848, 1711, 1591, 1489, 1375, 1305, 1260, 1139, 1107, 1028, 974, 875, 698, 658, 535 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for  $C_{12}H_{12}F_3O_3^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 261.0733, found 261.0741.

## 3-(Trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]naphthalen-1-one (5p):



Reaction condition-A: 60%, reaction condition-B: 32 mg (64%); White solid; **mp** = 106.9–108.3 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.48; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 **MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>**)  $\delta$  9.18 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.64 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (pd, *J* = 8.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, *J* = 19.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dd, *J* = 19.0,

3.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  202.8, 149.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.4$  Hz), 136.6, 133.7, 132.4, 129.7, 129.2, 128.3, 127.9, 126.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.7$  Hz), 124.4, 123.4, 42.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.7$  Hz), 37.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 2.2$  Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.7; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  2973, 2933, 2854, 1711, 1572, 1512, 1351, 1266, 1160, 1106, 943, 835, 764, 685, 658, 578 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 251.0678, found 251.0689.

# *N*-Methoxy-2-methyl-*N*-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (6aa):



63 mg (83%); White solid; **mp** = 101.5–102.7 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.76; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.23–7.17 (m, 2H), 5.76 (bs, 1H), 3.92 (dd, J = 17.5, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (bs, 3H), 3.24 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.7, 172.4, 145.0, 135.9, 134.1, 133.6,

130.5, 129.8, 129.7, 128.4, 127.0, 125.3, 124.9, 63.8, 54.5, 33.2, 21.9, 19.3; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -72.8; **IR** (**KBr**)  $\upsilon$  3066, 2948, 2920, 1680, 1605, 1413, 1363, 1341, 1297, 1282, 1230, 1181, 1126, 1008, 816, 755, 645, 590 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (**Q-TOF, ESI**) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 380.1468, found 380.1479.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl-4-methylbenzoate (7a):



16 mg (37%); Light yellowish oil; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.70; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.97 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.68 (q, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.1, 144.9, 130.2, 129.5, 125.8, 123.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 275.4$  Hz), 60.8 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 36.2$  Hz), 21.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz,

**CDCl**<sub>3</sub>) δ -73.7; **IR** (**KBr**) υ 2970, 2929, 2860, 1738, 1681, 1614, 1444, 1413, 1297, 1258, 1172, 1109, 1025, 973, 839, 751, 690, 655, 569 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (**Q-TOF, ESI**) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 219.0627, found 219.0643.

## 4,4,4-Trifluoro-3-(methoxyamino)-1-(*p*-tolyl)butan-1-one (8a):



23 mg (44%); Yellowish brown oil; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.50; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.88 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 4.08–3.97 (m, 1H), 3.59 (dd, J = 18.0, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 3.13 (dd, J = 18.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.1, 145.0, 133.8, 129.6, 128.4,

125.8 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 279.6$  Hz), 62.5, 58.0 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 28.6$  Hz), 33.0, 21.8; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -73.5; IR (KBr)  $\upsilon$  3382, 3036, 2945, 2817, 1683, 1609, 1409, 1358, 1302, 1275, 1169, 1136, 1041, 986, 812, 759, 667,587 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 262.1049, found 262.1063.

### 4,4,4-Trifluoro-1-(*p*-tolyl)-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)butan-1-one (9a):



31 mg (49%); Yellow oil; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 85:15): 0.61; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.86 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.61–4.54 (m, 1H), 4.20 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd, J = 8.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd, J = 18.0, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, J

= 18.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 194.4, 145.2, 133.7, 129.7, 128.5, 124.9 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 280.5 Hz), 123.1 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 276.2 Hz), 75.3 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 31.4 Hz), 70.2 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 35.1 Hz), 38.5, 21.8; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -75.1, -77.3; IR (KBr) v 3038, 2954, 2932, 2861, 1687, 1609, 1574, 1411, 1372, 1307, 1286, 1169, 1130, 1041, 967, 893, 810, 762, 682, 589 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 315.0814, found 315.0826.



## Procedure for reaction of *o*-toluic acid (10a) with 2a:

**Procedure for reaction in DCE:** To an oven-dried sealed tube charged with a stirring bar were added *o*-toluic acid **10a** (27.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 100 mol %), (*E*)-4,4,4-trifluoro-1-(*p*-tolyl)but-2-en-1-one **2a** (42.8 mg, 0.20 mmol, 100 mol %), [RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (1.9 mg, 3.0 µmol, 1.5 mol %) and KOAc (29.4 mg, 0.30 mmol, 150 mol %) in 1,2-dichloroethane (0.2 mL, 1.0 M). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 120 °C for 20 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography to provide **4aa** (34%).

**Procedure for reaction in TFE:** To an oven-dried sealed tube charged with a stirring bar were added *o*-toluic acid **10a** (27.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 100 mol %), (*E*)-4,4,4-trifluoro-1-(*p*-tolyl)but-2-en-1-one **2a** (64.3 mg, 0.30 mmol, 150 mol %), [RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (1.9 mg, 3.0 µmol, 1.5 mol %) and KOAc (29.4 mg, 0.30 mmol, 150 mol %) in TFE (0.2 mL, 1.0 M). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 120 °C for 20 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography to provide **4aa** (12%) and **5a** (17%).

# **Procedure for scale up reactions:**

*N*-Methoxy-2-methyl-6-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide (3aa):



**Procedure:** To an oven-dried sealed tube charged with a stirring bar were added *N*-methoxy-2-methylbenzamide **1a** (495.6 mg, 3.0 mmol, 100 mol %), (*E*)-4,4,4-trifluoro-1-(*p*-tolyl)but-2-en-1-one **2a** (642.6 mg, 3.0 mmol, 100 mol %), [RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (9.3 mg, 15.0 µmol, 0.5 mol %) and NaOAc (49.2 mg, 0.6 mmol, 20 mol %) in 1,2-dichloroethane (15.0 mL, 0.2 M). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 20 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography to provide *N*-methoxy-2-methyl-6-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide **3aa** (1.00 g, 2.64 mmol, 88%).

7-Methyl-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4aa):



**Procedure:** To an oven-dried sealed tube charged with a stirring bar were added *N*-methoxy-2methylbenzamide **1a** (495.6 mg, 3.0 mmol, 100 mol %), (*E*)-4,4,4-trifluoro-1-(*p*-tolyl)but-2-en-1-one **2a** (642.6 mg, 3.0 mmol, 100 mol %), [RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (27.8 mg, 45.0 µmol, 1.5 mol %) and KOAc (441.6 mg, 4.5 mmol, 150 mol %) in 1,2-dichloroethane (3.0 mL, 1.0 M). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 120 °C for 20 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography to provide 7methyl-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one **4aa** (727.8 mg, 2.19 mmol, 73%). Synthesis and characterization of 12ia:



To an oven-dried sealed tube charged with a stirring bar were added *N*-methoxy-2-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide **3ia** (36.5 mg, 0.10 mmol, 100 mol %), 2,2-difluorovinyl tosylate **11** (35.1 mg, 0.15 mmol, 150 mol %),  $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$  (1.5 mg, 2.50 µmol, 2.5 mol %), AgBF<sub>4</sub> (1.9 mg, 10 µmol, 10 mol %), Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> (7.4 mg, 0.10 mmol, 100 mol %) and CsOPiv (23.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 100 mol %) in HFIP (0.5 mL, 0.2 M). The reaction was allowed to stir at 40 °C for 24 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography to provide (*Z*)-2-fluoro-2-(2-(methoxycarbamoyl)-3-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)phenyl)vinyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate **12ia** (30 mg, 52%).

# (Z)-2-Fluoro-2-(2-(methoxycarbamoyl)-3-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2yl)phenyl)-vinyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (12ia):



30 mg (52%); White solid; **mp** = 112.0–114.8 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.55; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.30 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.36 (m, 5H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 19.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (m, 1H), 3.92 (dd, J = 18.5, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.63 (dd, J = 18.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz,

**CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.7, 165.6, 149.1 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 254.9 \text{ Hz}$ ), 145.9, 145.8, 134.4, 133.2, 132.7, 132.2, 130.2, 129.7, 128.9 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 22.9 \text{ Hz}$ ), 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 126.0 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.6 \text{ Hz}$ ), 121.6 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 13.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 64.3, 41.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 38.4, 21.9; <sup>19</sup>**F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.2, -118.5; **IR (KBr)**  $\upsilon$  3255, 2927, 2855, 1689, 1670, 1606, 1448, 1381, 1267, 1194, 1180, 1162, 1119, 1085, 1052, 885, 837, 815, 750, 687, 661, 552 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 580.1411, found 580.1423.

# Synthesis and characterization of 14ia:



To an oven-dried sealed tube charged with a stirring bar were added *N*-methoxy-2-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide **3ia** (36.5 mg, 0.10 mmol, 100 mol %), 1,4-benzoquinone **13** (21.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 200 mol %), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (1.5 mg, 2.5 µmol, 2.5 mol %) and CsOAc (5.8 mg, 30 µmol, 30 mol %) and HOAc (3.0 mg, 50 µmol, 50 mol %) in DCE/acetone (0.5 mL/0.5 mL 0.1 M). The reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography to provide (4*aS*)-4*a*-hydroxy-5-methoxy-7-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)-1,4*a*,5,10*b*-tetrahydrophenanthridine-2,6-dione **14ia** (11 mg, 23%).

# (4*aS*)-4*a*-Hydroxy-5-methoxy-7-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)-1,4*a*,5,10*b*-tetrahydrophenanthridine-2,6-dione (14ia):



11 mg (23%); Light yellow solid; **mp** = 129.6–132.1 °C; **R**<sub>F</sub> (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.21; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.81 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.52–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (dd, J = 7.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (pd, J = 9.5, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (bs, 1H), 3.76 (dd, J = 17.5, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.71–3.62 (m, 5H), 2.73 (dd, J = 17.0, 13.0 Hz,

1H), 2.67 (ddd, J = 17.0, 5.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (**125** MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.6, 195.1, 166.0, 147.2, 144.5, 140.3, 138.8, 134.0, 133.3, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.2 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.6$  Hz), 124.5, 85.7, 63.9, 46.5, 43.5, 38.6, 37.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 26.1$  Hz), 21.8; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (**470** MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -68.4; **IR** (**KBr**)  $\upsilon$  3317, 3023, 2935, 1684, 1658, 1608, 1596, 1475, 1360, 1334, 1305, 1279, 1267, 1174, 1152, 1109, 1083, 1048, 992, 885, 821, 777, 708 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (**Q-TOF, ESI**) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 474.1523, found 474.1536.

# Synthesis and characterization of 16ia:



To an oven-dried sealed tube charged with a stirring bar were added *N*-methoxy-2-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)benzamide **3ia** (36.5 mg, 0.10 mmol, 100 mol %), ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate **15** (18.7 mg, 0.12 mmol, 120 mol %),  $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 5.0 µmol, 5.0 mol %) and AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (6.9 mg, 20 µmol, 20 mol %) in THF (1.0 mL, 0.1 M). The reaction was allowed to stir at 60 °C for 12 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography to provide ethyl-2-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-8-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate **16ia** (18 mg, 38%).

# Ethyl-2-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-8-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)butan-2-yl)-1,2dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (16ia):



18 mg (38%); Light yellow semi-solid;  $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{F}}$  (Hexane/EtOAc 60:40): 0.55; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (pd, J = 10.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 3.81 (dd, J = 17.5, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (dd, J = 17.5, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C

**NMR** (**125 MHz**, **CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  195.1, 167.3, 158.8, 144.3, 140.3, 138.2, 135.1, 134.1, 131.9, 129.5, 128.3, 127.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.6$  Hz), 126.5, 124.2, 124.1, 109.9, 63.9, 61.9, 38.9, 38.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 26.6$  Hz), 21.8, 15.1, 14.4; <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (**470 MHz**, **CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -68.9; **IR** (**KBr**)  $\upsilon$  3015, 2947, 1687, 1663, 1582, 1473, 1371, 1322, 1305, 1294, 1256, 1177, 1113, 1083, 1048, 992, 885, 821, 777, 708 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (**Q-TOF, ESI**) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 476.1679, found 476.1693.

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