SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Aluminum–Catalyzed Tunable Halodefluorination of

Trifluoromethyl- and Difluoroalkyl-Substituted Olefins

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1. General Information

Unless otherwise noted, all materials were used as received from commercial sources without further purification. Dry solvents were obtained by distillation from drying reagents according to procedures described in Purification of Laboratory Chemicals (5th Edition) written by Wilfred L.F. Armarego and Christina L.L. Chai (Elsevier, 2003). Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Huanghai precoated (0.25 mm thickness) silica gel plates with F254 indicator. Visualization was accomplished with UV light (254 nm) or the potassium permanganate stain solution. Flash chromatography was carried out with silica gel (32-63 µm) supplied by Sanpont Group. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-400 (400 MHz) spectrometer and chemical shifts were reported in ppm. The peak information was described as: br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet; coupling constants in Hz. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-400 (101 MHz) spectrometer with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts of the NMR spectra were calibrated by the literature values of the solvent residual peaks. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained either on a Waters GCT Premier TOF mass spectrometer or on an Agilent 6520 Q-TOF LC/MS.

2. Preparation of the Starting Materials

Substrates $1a-1f^{[1]}$, $1g^{[2]}$, $1l-1o^{[3,4]}$, $1p-1r^{[1]}$, $1u-1v^{[2]}$, $1w-1z^{[1]}$, $5^{[5]}$ were prepared according to the previous literatures. Substrates $1a^{[1]}$, $1b^{[7]}$, $1d^{[1]}$, $1f^{[8]}$, $1g^{[2]}$, $1i^{[9]}$, $1l^{[3]}$, $1m^{[3]}$, $1n^{[4]}$, $1o^{[4]}$, $1p^{[1]}$, $1q^{[1]}$, $1r^{[10]}$, $1u^{[11]}$, $1v^{[11]}$, $1w^{[1]}$, $1y^{[1]}$ and $1z^{[1]}$ had been fully characterized in the previous literatures.

Preparation of Substrates 1h–1k, 1s and 1t:^[1,12]



General Procedure: (1) Preparation of trifluoromethylketones: To a 100 mL round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added a solution of carboxylic acid

(10.0 mmol, 1 equiv.) in THF (20 mL) under argon atmosphere. The solution was cooled to -20 °C, and then LDA (2 M in THF/Hexane, 22.0 mmol, 2.2 equiv.) was added dropwise over 10 min. The reaction mixture was allowed to slowly warm to 20 °C and stirred for 4 h. In a separate flask, a solution of ethyl trifluoroacetate (30.0 mmol, 3 equiv.) in THF (10 mL) was cooled to -65 °C under argon atmosphere. The enediolate solution was added dropwise via a syringe to the ethyl trifluoroacetate solution. The resulting mixture was stirred at -65 °C for 2 h and then was quenched with 6 N HCl (20 mL). The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL), and the separated organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography using PE/EA as the eluents to obtain the trifluoromethylketone.

(2) Preparation of trifluoromethylalkenes: To a 100 mL round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added Ph₃PMeBr (2.7 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and Et₂O (20 mL). The obtained solution was cooled to 0 °C, followed by the addition of 'BuOK (0.84 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). The mixture was then allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 24 h. Subsequently, the mixture was cooled to -78 °C. A solution of trifluoromethylketone (5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (2 mL) was added to the mixture. The resulting mixture was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature and stirred for 24 h, and then was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (5 mL). After extraction of the mixture with Et₂O (3×20 mL), the combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica flash chromatography using PE/EA as gel the eluents to obtain the trifluoromethylalkene.

9-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)phenanthrene (1c)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.68 – 8.64 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.97 (d, ³*J*_H-H = 7.9 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.85 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.8 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.70 – 7.56 (m, 5H, Ar**H**), 6.35 (s, 1H, =C**H**₂), 5.70 (s, 1H, =C**H**₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.9 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 31.2 Hz, =**C**CF₃), 131.1, 131.0, 130.7, 130.4, 129.1, 128.9, 127.6, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 126.4, 124.7 (q, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 5.1$ Hz), 123.4 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 274.72$ Hz, CF₃), 123.1, 122.8. 19 F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.92 (s, 3F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₁F₃ [M⁺] 272.0807, found 272.0799.

4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene (1e)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 – 8.09 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.81 – 7.79 (m, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 4H, Ar**H**), 6.30 (s, 1H, =C**H**₂), 6.03 (s, 1H, =C**H**₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.3, 139.4, 138.0 (q, ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$ = 31.5 Hz, =CCF₃), 136.6, 135.9, 128.8, 127.3,

126.7, 124.8, 124.8, 123.8 (q, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 5.4 \text{ Hz}$), 123.4 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 274.7 \text{ Hz}$, CF₃), 122.8, 122.2, 121.9. 19 F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.32 (s, 3F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₅H₉F₃S [M⁺] 278.0372, found 278.0364.

1-chloro-4-(3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-en-1-yl)benzene (1h)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 8.2 Hz, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.09 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 8.2 Hz, 2H, Ar**H**), 5.66 (s, 1H, =C**H**₂), 5.24 (s, 1H, =C**H**₂), 2.78 (t, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.9 Hz, 2H, C**H**₂), 2.47 (t,

 ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.9 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}, C\text{H}_{2}$). ${}^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.3, 137.6 (q, ${}^{2}J_{\text{C-F}} = 29.3 \text{ Hz}, = \text{CCF}_{3}$), 132.3, 130.1, 128.9, 124.0 (q, ${}^{1}J_{\text{C-F}} = 273.7 \text{ Hz}, \text{CF}_{3}$), 118.8 (q, ${}^{3}J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.9 \text{ Hz}$), 33.4, 31.4. ${}^{19}\text{F}$ NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -69.46 (s, 3F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C11H10ClF3 [M⁺] 234.0418, found 234.0411.

1-methyl-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)pent-4-en-1-yl)benzene (1j)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.08 (q, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 4H, Ar**H**), 5.66 (s, 1H, =C**H**₂), 5.30 (s, 1H, =C**H**₂), 2.61 (t, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.7 Hz, 2H, C**H**₂), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.23 (t, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.7 Hz, 2H, C**H**₂), 1.86

- 1.79 (m, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.8, 138.7 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 30.3 Hz, =CCF₃), 135.7, 129.3, 128.5, 124.1 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 274.7 Hz, CF₃), 117.8 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 5.8 Hz), 35.0, 29.4, 29.2, 21.2. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -68.98 (s, 3F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₃H₁₅F₃ [M⁺] 228.1120, found 228.1117.

(5-(trifluoromethyl)hex-5-en-1-yl)benzene (1k)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.16 – 7.15 (m, 3H, Ar**H**), 5.62 (s, 1H, =C**H**₂), 5.24 (s, 1H, =C**H**₂), 2.62– 2.59 (m, 2H, C**H**₂), 2.20 – 2.20 (m, 2H, C**H**₂), 1.67 –

1.63 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.55 – 1.53 (m, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.4, 138.6 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 29.29 Hz, =CCF₃), 128.6, 128.6, 126.0, 124.1 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 274.7 Hz, CF₃), 117.6 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 5.8 Hz), 35.9, 31.0, 29.4, 27.2. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -69.05 (s, 3F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₃H₁₅F₃ [M⁺] 228.1120, found 228.1115.

1-fluoro-4-(3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-en-1-yl)benzene (1s)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16 – 7.12 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.97 (t, ³*J*_{H-H} = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 5.68 (s, 1H, =CH₂), 5.26 (s, 1H, =CH₂), 2.81 (t, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.7 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.49(t, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.7 Hz, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.7 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 244.0 Hz),

137.7 (q, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 29.2$ Hz, =CCF₃), 136.4 (d, ${}^{4}J_{C-F} = 3.2$ Hz), 130.0 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 7.7$ Hz), 124.0 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 274.7$ Hz, CF₃), 119.0 (q, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 5.8$ Hz), 115.4 (q, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 21.2$ Hz), 33.2, 31.6. 19 F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -68.40 (s, 3F), -117.02 – -117.09 (m, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₁H₁₀F₄ [M⁺] 218.0713, found 218.0708.

1-methoxy-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)pent-4-en-1-yl)benzene (1t)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.13 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, Ar**H**), 6.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar**H**), 5.70 (s, 1H, =C**H**₂), 5.34 (s, 1H, =C**H**₂), 3.82 (s, 3H, C**H**₃), 2.64 (t, ³ $J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.6$ Hz, 2H, C**H**₂),

2.26 (t, ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.7$ Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.89 – 1.81 (m, 2H, CH₂). 13 C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.1, 138.6 (q, ${}^{2}J_{\text{C-F}} = 29.1$ Hz, =CCF₃), 133.9, 129.5, 124.0 (q, ${}^{1}J_{\text{C-F}} = 274.7$ Hz, CF₃), 117.8 (q, ${}^{3}J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.8$ Hz), 114.0, 55.4, 34.5, 29.5, 29.1. 19 F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -69.00 (s, 3F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C1₃H1₅F₃O [M⁺] 244.1070,

found 244.1065.

3. Preparation of Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5}^[13]

In a glovebox, $B(C_6F_5)_3$ (512.0 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), toluene (1.0 mL) and hexanes (3.0 mL) were added to a 50 mL Schlenk tube and stirred for 15 minutes at room temperature. AlMe₃ (1.0 M in heptanes, 1 mL, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was then added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, and a white precipitate was formed. The precipitate was isolated by filtration and washed three times with hexanes. The obtained material was dried under vacuum to afford $Al(C_6F_5)_3(tol)_{0.5}$ as a white solid (240.0 mg , 45%). The compound was stored in the freezer of the glovebox. $Al(C_6F_5)_3(tol)_{0.5}$ is heat- and shock-sensitive, so extra caution and use of protective equipment (e.g. a blast shield) is necessary when handling this material.

Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.12 – 6.99 (m, 5H, Ar**H**), 2.09 (s, 3H, C**H**₃). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, C₆D₆) δ -123.20 (d, ³*J*_{F-F} = 18.8 Hz, 6F), -150.82 (t, ³*J*_{F-F} = 18.8 Hz, 3F), -160.68 (m, 6F).

4. Monosubstitution Reactions

General procedure: In a glovebox, substrate **1** (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), TMSBr (30.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} (10.4 mg, 0.018 mmol, 9.0 mol %) were dissolved in DCE (1.5 mL) in an 8 mL vial containing a magnetic stir bar. The vial was sealed. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C in a heating block for 48 h. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the solution was concentrated in vacuo, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether (PE) as the eluent to give the monobrominated product. The analytical data for these products are listed as follows.

4-(3-bromo-1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (2a)



2a was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent and preparative HPLC (C18 column with water/ acetonitrile as the eluent). White solid (39 mg, 64% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 – 7.60 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.52 – 7.49 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.45

(t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 1H, Ar**H**), 4.36 (t, ⁴ $J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 2.0 Hz, 2H, C**H**₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.8 (t, ¹ $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 299.0 Hz, =CF₂), 141.2, 140.5, 130.4 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.1, 128.5 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 92.1 (t, ² $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 17.0 Hz, C=CF₂), 28.0 (d, ³ $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 4.0 Hz, CH₂Br). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -82.76 (d, ² $J_{\text{F-F}}$ = 20.8 Hz, 1F), -84.10 (d, ² $J_{\text{F-F}}$ = 20.8 Hz, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₁BrF₂ [M⁺] 308.0007, found 308.0010.

2-(3-bromo-1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (2b)



Reaction conditions: **1b** (3.0 equiv.), TMSBr (1.0 equiv.), Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} (9.0 mol %), DCE, 80 °C. **2b** was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (35 mg, 58 % yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 – 7.34 (m, 9H,

Ar**H**), 3.76 (s, 2H, C**H**₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.5 (dd, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 295.9, 292.5 Hz, =**C**F₂). 141.8 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 140.7, 131.6, 130.6, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 127.7, 127.7, 92.4 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 20.0 Hz, **C**=CF₂), 28.8 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 5.6 Hz, **C**H₂Br). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -89.13 (d, ²*J*_{F-F} = 23.5 Hz, 1F), -90.39 (d, ²*J*_{F-F} = 23.5 Hz, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₁F₂⁺ [M⁺ - Br] 229.0823, found [M⁺ - Br] 229.0823.

9-(3-bromo-1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)phenanthrene (2c)



Reaction conditions: **1c** (3.0 equiv.), TMSBr (1.0 equiv.), Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} (9.0 mol %), DCE, 80 °C. **2c** was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (50 mg, 75% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 (d, ³*J*_{H-H}

= 8.2 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 8.69 (d, ${}^{3}J_{H-H}$ = 8.2 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.92 (d, ${}^{3}J_{H-H}$ = 7.8 Hz, 1H,

ArH), 7.86 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.80 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.71 – 7.67 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 2H, ArH), 4.43 (d, J = 106.5 Hz, 2H, CH₂). 13 C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.9 (dd, ${}^{1}J_{\text{C-F}} = 297.8$, 293.0 Hz, =CF₂), 131.3, 131.0, 130.7, 130.3 (dd, J = 2.5, 1.0 Hz), 129.9 (dd, J = 3.1, 1.6 Hz), 129.2, 127.7, 127.2, 127.2, 127.1, 125.2, 123.5, 122.8, 90.3 (dd, ${}^{2}J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.6$, 19.4 Hz, C=CF₂), 29.6 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.7$ Hz, CH₂Br). 19 F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -82.53 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{F-F}} = 21.1$ Hz, 1F), -84.62 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{F-F}} = 21.4$ Hz, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₁BrF₂ [M⁺] 332.0007, found 332.0012.

9-(1,1-difluoro-3-iodoprop-1-en-2-yl)phenanthrene (2c-I)



Reaction conditions: **1c** (3.0 equiv.), TMSI (1.0 equiv.), Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} (9.0 mol %), DCE, 80 °C. **2c-I** was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Red oil (39 mg, 51% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 8.69 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 8.2 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.93 (d, ³*J*_{H-H}

= 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.85 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-H}}$ = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.79 (s, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.71 – 7.67 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 4.33 (d, *J* = 132.4 Hz, 2H, C**H**₂). 13 C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.6 (dd, ${}^{1}J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 297.3, 292.8 Hz, =CF₂), 131.3, 131.1, 130.7, 130.2 (dd, *J* = 2.6, 1.1 Hz), 129.7 (dd, *J* = 3.1, 1.4 Hz), 129.2, 127.7, 127.5 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 1.7 Hz), 127.2, 127.1, 125.2, 123.5, 122.8, 91.2 (dd, ${}^{2}J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 22.7, 19.8 Hz, C=CF₂), 1.8 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 4.4 Hz, CH₂I). 19 F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.88 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{F-F}}$ = 21.4 Hz, 1F), -80.04 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{F-F}}$ = 21.5 Hz, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₁IF₂ [M⁺] 379.9868, found 379.9872.

1-(3-bromo-1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)naphthalene (2d)



Reaction conditions: **1d** (3.0 equiv.), TMSBr (1.0 equiv.), Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} (9.0 mol %), DCE, 80 °C. **2d** was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (43 mg, 78% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 – 7.88 (m, 2H,

Ar**H**), 7.81 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.7$ Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 4H, Ar**H**), 4.38 (s, 2H, C**H**₂). 13 C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.6 (dd, ${}^{1}J_{\text{C-F}} = 297.5$, 293.1 Hz, =**C**F₂), 134.0, 131.7 (dd, J = 2.5, 1.1 Hz), 129.5, 128.9, 128.7 (dd, J = 3.7, 1.8 Hz), 128.4 (dd, J = 3.3, 1.4 Hz), 126.9, 126.4, 125,5, 124.5, 90.1 (dd, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 22.6, 19.2$ Hz, C=CF₂), 29.8 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 5.9$ Hz, CH₂Br). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -82.55 (d, ${}^{2}J_{F-F} = 21.4$ Hz, 1F), -84.79 (d, ${}^{2}J_{F-F} = 21.3$ Hz, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₃H₉BrF₂ [M⁺] 281.9850, found 281.9851.

4-(3-bromo-1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene (2e)



Reaction conditions: **1e** (3.0 equiv.), TMSBr (1.0 equiv.), Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} (9.0 mol %), DCE, 80 °C. **2e** was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (43 mg, 64% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 – 8.14

(m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.86 – 7.84 (m, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 4H, Ar**H**), 4.43 (t, ${}^{4}J_{\text{H-F}} = 1.9$ Hz, 2H, C**H**₂). 13 C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.4 (dd, ${}^{1}J_{\text{C-F}} = 298.2, 295.7$ Hz, =CF₂), 140.1 (dd, J = 3.0, 1.4 Hz), 139.1, 136.4, 135.8, 128.3 (dd, J = 2.9, 1.6 Hz), 127.3, 126.2 (dd, J = 3.9, 2.3 Hz), 125.0, 124.9, 123.0, 122.2, 122.0, 91.3 (t, ${}^{2}J_{\text{C-F}} = 20.9$ Hz, C=CF₂), 27.8 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.6$ Hz, CH₂Br). 19 F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -81.67 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{F-F}} = 17.6$ Hz, 1F), -84.48 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{F-F}} = 17.5$ Hz, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₅H₉BrF₂S [M⁺] 337.9571, found 337.9575.

4-(3-bromo-1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]furan (2f)



Reaction conditions: **1f** (3.0 equiv.), TMSBr (1.0 equiv.), Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} (9.0 mol %), DCE, 80 °C. **2f** was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent and preparative HPLC (C18 column with water/acetonitrile as the

eluents). Colorless oil (47 mg, 73% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, ³*J*_H-H = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.58 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 8.2 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.34-7.40 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 4.58 (t, ⁴*J*_{H-F}= 2.0 Hz, 2H, C**H**₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 154.7 (t, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 299.0 Hz, =CF₂), 153.8, 128.2 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 127.7, 125.0, 124.1, 123.3, 123.1, 121.3, 121.0, 115.8 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 112.0, 88.7 (dd, ²*J*_{C-F} = 21.6, 20.0 Hz, C=CF₂), 28.0 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 5.5$ Hz, CH₂Br). ${}^{19}F$ NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 87.14 (d, ${}^{2}J_{F-F} = 18.2$ Hz, 1F), -88.57 (d, ${}^{2}J_{F-F} = 18.2$ Hz, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₅H₉BrF₂O [M⁺] 321.9799, found 321.9801.

(3-(bromomethyl)-4,4-difluorobuta-1,3-diene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (2g)



Reaction conditions: **1g** (3.0 equiv.), TMSBr (1.0 equiv.), Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} (13.5 mol %), DCE, 60 °C. **2g** was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (37

mg, 67% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 – 7.36 (m, 3H, Ar**H**), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 7H, Ar**H**), 6.31 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H, =C**H**), 3.70 (t, ⁴*J*_{H-F} = 2.0 Hz, 2H, C**H**₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.9 (t, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 300. 0 Hz, =CF₂), 146.5 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.1 Hz), 142.4, 139.6, 129.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 128.0, 116.5 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 90.9 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 18.5 Hz, C=CF₂), 26.4 (dd, ³*J*_{C-F} = 6.2, 0.9 Hz, CH₂Br). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -80.92 (d, ²*J*_{F-F} = 11.9 Hz, 1F), -84.75 (d, ²*J*_{F-F} = 12.2 Hz, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₃F₂⁺ [M⁺ - Br] 255.0980, found [M⁺ - Br] 255.0982.

1-(3-(bromomethyl)-4,4-difluorobut-3-en-1-yl)-4-chlorobenzene (2h)



Reaction conditions: **1h** (4.0 equiv.), TMSBr (1.0 equiv.), Al(C_6F_5)₃(tol)_{0.5} (9.0 mol %), DCE, 60 °C. **2h** was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent and preparative HPLC (C18 column with water/acetonitrile as the

eluents). Colorless oil (30 mg, 51% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.13 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar**H**), 3.96 (t, ⁴*J*_{H-F} = 1.9 Hz, 2H, C**H**₂), 2.76 (t, ³*J*_{H-H} = 8.0 Hz, 2H, C**H**₂), 2.43 (ddd, *J* = 9.7, 4.3, 2.1 Hz, 2H, C**H**₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.4 (dd, ¹*J*_{CF} = 292.6, 291.1 Hz, =CF₂), 139.1, 132.3, 129.9, 128.9, 88.3 (dd, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22.0, 14.5 Hz, C=CF₂), 33.1 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 28.0 (dd, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.1, 1.5 Hz), 27.4. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -87.77 (d, ²*J*_{F-F} = 33.0 Hz, 1F), -88.78 (d, ²*J*_{F-F} = 32.9 Hz, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₁H₁₀ClF₂⁺ [M⁺ - Br] 215.0434, found [M⁺ - Br] 215.0431

(4-(bromomethyl)-5,5-difluoropent-4-en-1-yl)benzene (2i)



Reaction conditions: **1i** (4.0 equiv.), TMSBr (1.0 equiv.), $Al(C_6F_5)_3(tol)_{0.5}$ (9.0 mol %), DCE, 60 °C. **2i** was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent and

preparative HPLC (C18 column with water/acetonitrile as the eluents). Colorless oil (29 mg, 53% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 3H, Ar**H**), 4.00 (t, ³*J*_{H-F} = 1.7 Hz, 2H, C**H**₂), 2.63 (t, ³*J*_{H-H} = 8.0 Hz, 2H, C**H**₂), 2.21 – 2.16 (m, 2H, C**H**₂), 1.84 – 1.76 (m, 2H, C**H**₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.2 (t, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 291.3 Hz, =CF₂), 141.8, 128.6, 128.5, 126.2, 88.9 (dd, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22.2, 13.8 Hz, C=CF₂), 35.5, 29.0 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 28.0 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 6.1 Hz), 25.3. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -88.12 (d, ²*J*_{F-F} = 34.4 Hz, 1F), -89.36 (d, ²*J*_{F-F} = 34.5 Hz, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₂H₁₃F₂⁺ [M⁺ - Br] 195.0980, found [M⁺ - Br] 195.0980.

1-(4-(bromomethyl)-5,5-difluoropent-4-en-1-yl)-4-methylbenzene (2j)



Reaction conditions: **1j** (4.0 equiv.), TMSBr (1.0 equiv.), Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} (9.0 mol %), DCE, 60 °C. **2j** was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent and

preparative HPLC (C18 column with water/acetonitrile as the eluents). Colorless oil (28 mg, 49% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.09 (q, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 4H, Ar**H**), 4.00 (s, 2H, C**H**₂), 2.59 (t, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.8 Hz, 2H, C**H**₂), 2.32 (s, 3H, C**H**₃), 2.18 (t, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.1 Hz, 2H, C**H**₂), 1.81 – 1.74 (m, 2H, C**H**₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.2 (dd, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 292.0, 290.4 Hz, =CF₂), 138.7, 135.6, 129.3, 128.4, 88.9 (dd, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22.3, 13.8 Hz, C=CF₂), 35.0, 29.1 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 28.0 (dd, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.0, 1.9 Hz), 25.3, 21.2. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -87.04 (d, ²*J*_{F-F} = 34.5 Hz, 1F), -88.28 (d, ²*J*_{F-F} = 34.4 Hz, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₃H₁₅F₂⁺ [M⁺ - Br] 209.1136, found [M⁺ - Br] 209.1135.

(5-(bromomethyl)-6,6-difluorohex-5-en-1-yl)benzene (2k)



Reaction conditions: 1k (4.0 equiv.), TMSBr (1.0 equiv.), Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} (9.0 mol %), DCE, 60 °C. **2k** was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent and

preparative HPLC (C18 column with water/acetonitrile as the eluents). Colorless oil (28 mg, 50% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 3H, Ar**H**), 3.98 (s, 2H, C**H**₂), 2.63 (t, ${}^{3}J_{H-H} = 7.6$ Hz, 2H, C**H**₂), 2.16 (t, ${}^{3}J_{H-H}$ = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.67 - 1.60 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.50 (dt, J = 14.9, 7.6 Hz, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.2 (t, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 291.9 Hz, =CF₂), 142.4, 128.6, 128.6, 126.0, 89.0 (dd, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 22.3$, 13.7 Hz, C=CF₂), 35.7, 31.0, 28.0 (dd, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 7.2$, 1.8 Hz), 26.8 (t, J = 2.3 Hz), 25.2. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -88.20 (d, ² $J_{F-F} = 35.2$ Hz, 1F), -89.55 (d, ${}^{2}J_{F-F}$ = 34.5 Hz, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₃H₁₅BrF₂ [M⁺] 288.0320, found 288.0321.

3-(bromomethyl)-2-fluoro-1H-indene (2l)



Reaction conditions: 11 (4.0 equiv.), TMSBr (1.0 equiv.), Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} (9.0 mol %), DCE, 60 °C. 2l was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. White solid (27 mg, 59% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.40 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.25 - 7.20 (m, 1H, ArH), 4.40 (s, 2H, CH₂), 3.53 (s, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 288.7 Hz, =CF), 140.5 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz) 134.5 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 127.1, 125.2 (d, J = 4.1 Hz), 123.9, 119.6 (d, J = 6.5 Hz), 115.5 $(d, J = 9.2 \text{ Hz}), 35.2 (d, {}^{2}J_{C-F} = 19.6 \text{ Hz}, \text{CH}_{2}\text{CF}=), 19.9. {}^{19}\text{F} \text{ NMR} (376 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDC}l_{3})$ δ -119.36 (s, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₀H₈BrF [M⁺] 225.9788, found 225.9786.

4-(bromomethyl)-3-fluoro-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (2m)



Reaction conditions: **1m** (4.0 equiv.), TMSBr (1.0 equiv.), Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} (9.0 mol %), DCE, 60 °C. **2m** was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. White solid (42

mg, 88 % yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.7 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 4.44 (s, 2H, C**H**₂), 2.98 (t, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.5 Hz, 2H, C**H**₂), 2.62 – 2.57 (m, 2H, C**H**₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.7 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 276.6 Hz, =CF), 132.8, 131.8 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 127.8, 127.1, 126.9 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 123.2 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 112.3 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 11.1 Hz), 28.2 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 25.3 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 23.2 Hz, CH₂CF=), 23.0 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -101.54 (s, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₁H₁₀BrF [M⁺] 239.9944, found 239.9943

9-(bromomethyl)-8-fluoro-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulene (2n)



Reaction conditions: **1n** (4.0 equiv.), TMSBr (1.0 equiv.), Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} (9.0 mol %), DCE, 60 °C. **2n** was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. White solid (38 mg, 75% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.6

Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 4.45 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-F}} = 2.9$ Hz, 2H, C**H**₂), 2.70 (t, ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-H}} = 6.7$ Hz, 2H, C**H**₂), 2.28 – 2.22 (m, 4H, C**H**₂). 13 C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9 (d, ${}^{1}J_{\text{C-F}} = 272.2$ Hz, =CF), 141.0, 135.9 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 129.5, 127.7, 126.8, 126.7 (d, J = 4.9 Hz), 114.8 (d, J = 14.3 Hz), 32.8, 32.1, 28.2 (d, J= 9.1 Hz), 28.0 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{C-F}} = 27.3$ Hz, CH₂CF=). 19 F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -89.07 (t, ${}^{3}J_{\text{F-H}} = 18.0$ Hz, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₂H₁₂BrF [M⁺] 254.0101, found 254.0102.

(E)-4-(3-bromo-1-fluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (20)



Reaction conditions: **10** (4.0 equiv.), TMSBr (1.0 equiv.), Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} (9.0 mol %), DCE, 60 °C. **20** was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (27 mg, 50% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 6H,

Ar**H**), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.36 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.04 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{H-F}} = 80.8$ Hz, 1H, =C**H**), 4.28 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{H-F}} = 4.0$ Hz, 2H, C**H**₂). 13 C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.2 (d, ${}^{1}J_{\text{C-F}} = 274.5$ Hz, =**C**F), 141.3, 140.7, 131.2 (d, J = 1.6 Hz), 129.0, 128.7 (d, J = 5.2 Hz), 127.8, 127.4, 127.3, 120.5 (d, J = 4.9 Hz), 31.1 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{C-F}} = 11.6$ Hz, CH₂Br). 19 F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -130.23 (dt, J = 80.8, 3.8 Hz, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₂BrF [M⁺] 290.0101, found 290.0105.

5. Disubstitution Reactions

General procedure: In a glovebox, substrate **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), TMSBr (122.4 mg, 0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) and $Al(C_6F_5)_3(tol)_{0.5}$ (5.2 mg, 0.009 mmol, 4.5 mol %) were dissolved in DCE (1.5 mL) in an 8 mL vial containing a magnetic stir bar. The vial was sealed. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in a heating block for 24 h. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the solution was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent to give the desired product. The analytical data for these products are listed as follows.

(*Z*/*E*)-4-(1,3-dibromo-1-fluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (3a, *Z*/*E* = 55:45)



3a was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. White foam (62 mg, 84% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.51 – 7.41

(m, 4H, Ar**H**), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 1H, Ar**H**), 4.35 – 4.33 (m, 2H, C**H**₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 141.6, 141.6, 140.5, 140.5, 137.2 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 326.2 Hz, C₃), 136.6 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 327.2 Hz, C₃), 134.4 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 132.3 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 129.5 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 129.1, 129.0, 128.7 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 127.8, 127.5, 127.5, 127.3, 127.3, 121.1 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 13.1 Hz, C₂), 120.1 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 12.8 Hz, C₂), 34.1 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 4.0 Hz, *Z*, C₁), 28.7

(d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 5.8 \text{ Hz}, E, C_{1}$). ${}^{19}\text{F}$ NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.73 (s, Z, 1F), -67.13 (t, ${}^{4}J_{F-H} = 3.2 \text{ Hz}, E, 1F$). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₁Br₂F [M⁺] 367.9206, found 367.9208.

(Z/E)-1-(1,3-dibromo-1-fluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-4-methoxybenzene (3p, Z/E = 57:43)



3p was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE/EA (20:1) as the eluents. Colorless oil (46 mg, 71% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 7.35 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} =

8.5 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.27 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.6$ Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 6.98 – 6.91 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 4.30 – 4.28 (m, 2H, C**H**₂), 3.85 – 3.82 (m, 3H, OC**H**₃). 13 C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 160.0, 159.8, 136.4 (d, ${}^{1}J_{\text{C-F}} = 325.8$ Hz, C₃), 130.3, 130.3, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4 (d, ${}^{1}J_{\text{C-F}} = 331.28$ Hz, C₃), 125.6, 121.0 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{C-F}} = 12.7$ Hz, C₂), 120.0 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{C-F}} = 13.0$ Hz, C₂), 114.3, 114.2, 55.5, 34.4 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.9$ Hz, *Z*, C₁), 29.0 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.6$ Hz, *E*, C₁). 19 F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -67.79 (t, ${}^{4}J_{\text{F-H}} = 3.2$ Hz, *E*, 1F), -68.16 (s, *Z*, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₀H₉Br₂FO [M⁺] 321.8999, found 321.9001.

(Z/E)-methyl 4-(1,3-dibromo-1-fluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzoate (3q, Z/E = 50:50)



Reaction conditions: **1q** (1.0 equiv.), TMSBr (5.0 equiv.), Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} (4.5 mol %), DCE, 120 °C. **3q** was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE/EA

(10:1) as the eluents. Colorless oil (48 mg, 69% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 8.09 – 8.06 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.51 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 8.2 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.44 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 8.1 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 4.32 – 4.31 (m, 2H, C**H**₂), 3.93 (s, 3H, C**H**₃). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)(*E*+*Z*) δ 166.5, 166.5, 140.0, 138.3, 137.8 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 327.7 Hz, C₃), 136.7 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 327.9 Hz, C₃), 130.4, 130.1, 129.9, 129.1, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 120.6 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 13.7 Hz, C₂), 119.7 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 12.8 Hz, C₂), 52.3, 33.2 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.5 Hz, *Z*, C₁), 27.8 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 5.6 Hz, *E*, C₁). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -65.22 (s, *Z*, 1F), -66.37 (t, ⁴*J*_F-

 $_{\rm H}$ = 3.1 Hz, *E*, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₁H₉Br₂FO₂ [M⁺] 349.8948, found 349.8947.

(Z/E)-1-(1,3-dibromo-1-fluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-4-(methylsulfonyl)benzene (3r, Z/E = 47:53)



Reaction conditions: 1r (1.0 equiv.), TMSBr (5.0 eq.), Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} (4.5 mol %), DCE, 120 °C. **3r** was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using

PE/EA (4:1) as the eluents. White foam (63 mg, 85% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)(*E*+*Z*) δ 8.00 – 7.97 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 4.32 – 4.31 (m, 2H, C**H**₂), 3.10 – 3.09 (m, 3H, C**H**₃). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)(*E*+*Z*) δ 141.2, 141.2, 140.9, 140.6, 139.1, 138.6 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 328.3 Hz, C₃), 137.3 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 329.9 Hz, C₃), 130.3, 130.3, 129.3, 129.3, 128.0, 128.0, 120.2 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 14.5 Hz, C₂), 119.2 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 12.8 Hz, C₂), 44.6, 44.6, 33.0 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.5 Hz, *Z*, C₁), 27.6 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 5.7 Hz, *E*, C₁). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.51 (s, *Z*, 1F), -65.38 (t, ⁴*J*_{F-H} = 3.0 Hz, *E*, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₀H₉Br₂FO₂S [M⁺] 369.8669, found 369.8669.

(Z/E)-1-(1,3-dibromo-1-fluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)naphthalene (3d, Z/E = 40:60)



Reaction conditions: **1d** (1.0 equiv.), TMSBr (5.0 equiv.), $Al(C_6F_5)_3(tol)_{0.5}$ (4.5 mol %), DCE, 120 °C. **3d** was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (55 mg, 80%)

yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 7.90 – 7.87 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.80 – 7.75 (m, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 4H, Ar**H**), 4.62 – 4.18 (m, 2H, C**H**₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 138.0 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 329.3 Hz, C₃), 136.5 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 323.2 Hz, C₃), 134.0 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 132.8 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 131.0 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 130.9 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 129.5, 128.9, 128.9, 128.2, 128.2, 127.3, 127.3, 127.0, 126.9, 126.4, 125.6, 125.5, 124.7,

124.6, 119.5 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 12.7$ Hz, C₂), 119.2 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 16.8$ Hz, C₂), 34.8 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 3.8$ Hz, Z, C₁), 28.9 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 4.7$ Hz, E, C₁). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.43 (s, Z, 1F), -67.12 (t, ${}^{4}J_{F-H} = 2.9$ Hz, E, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₃H₉Br₂F [M⁺] 341.9050, found 341.9050.

(Z/E)-4-(1,3-dibromo-1-fluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene (3e, Z/E = 36/64)



3e was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (64 mg, 80% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (E+Z) δ 8.19 – 8.14 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.87 – 7.82 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.54 – 7.43 (m, 4H, ArH), 4.43

(m, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 139.5 (d, *J* = 10.10 Hz), 139.4 (d, *J* = 13.13 Hz), 139.1, 137.8 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 277.75 Hz, C₃), 137.7 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 284.82 Hz, C₃), 135.8, 135.8, 130.2, 130.1, 128.4, 128.2, 128.2, 127.4, 127.4, 127.4, 125.0 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz), 124.9, 123.0 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 122.1, 122.0, 120.1 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 14.3 Hz, C₂), 119.7 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 15.7 Hz, C₂), 33.0 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.7 Hz, *Z*, C₁), 27.3 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 4.6 Hz, *E*, C₁). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.46 (s, *Z*, 1F), -65.99 (t, ⁴*J*_{F-H} = 2.9 Hz, *E*, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₅H₉Br₂FS [M⁺] 397.8770, found 397.8779.

(Z/E)-4-(1,3-dibromo-1-fluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]furan (3f, Z/E = 44/56)



3f was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (47 mg, 62% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 8.03 – 7.96 (m, 2H, Ar**H**),

7.60 – 7.57 (m, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 4.58 – 4.55 (m, 2H, C**H**₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 156.2, 156.2, 153.4 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 153.0 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz), 137.7 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 328.3 Hz, C₃), 137.5 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 326.2 Hz, C₃), 129.0 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 128.1 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 127.8, 127.8, 125.1 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz),

124.1 (d, J = 5.6 Hz), 123.3 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 123.1 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 121.6, 121.5, 121.1, 121.0, 119.5, 119.4, 117.5 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 16.2$ Hz, E, C₂), 117.5, 116.7 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 15.1$ Hz, Z, C₂), 112.0, 112.0, 33.3 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 3.6$ Hz, Z, C₁), 27.8 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 5.3$ Hz, E, C₁). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.05 (s, Z, 1F), -66.51 (t, ${}^{4}J_{F-H} = 3.1$ Hz, E, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₅H₉Br₂FO [M⁺] 381.8999, found 381.9003.

(Z/E)-1-(4-bromo-3-(bromomethyl)-4-fluorobut-3-en-1-yl)-4-chlorobenzene (3h, Z/E = 50:50)



3h was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (50 mg, 71% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

(E+Z) δ 7.28 – 7.26 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.15 – 7.11 (m, 2H, ArH), 4.01 – 3.95 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.80 – 2.76 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.61 – 2.57 (m, 1H, CH₂), 2.50 – 2.45 (m, 1H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 139.1, 139.0, 135.8 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 323.2 Hz, C₃), 135.0 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 320.2 Hz, C₃), 132.4, 132.3, 130.0, 129.9, 128.9, 128.9, 118.7 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 16.1 Hz, C₂), 117.8 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 8.1 Hz, C₂), 33.4 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz,), 33.1 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.2 Hz, *Z*, C₁), 33.1 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz,), 32.8 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.6 Hz, *Z*, C₄), 30.1 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 2.9 Hz, *E*, C₄), 27.0 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.8 Hz, *E*, C₁). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -74.31(s, 1F), -74.42 (s, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₁H₁₀BrF₂⁺ [M⁺ - Br] 274.9633, found [M⁺ - Br] 274.9635.

(Z/E)-1-(4-bromo-3-(bromomethyl)-4-fluorobut-3-en-1-yl)-4-fluorobenzene (3s, Z/E = 50:50)



3s was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (35 mg, 50% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

(*E*+*Z*) δ 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.01 – 6.97 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 4.01 – 3.95 (m, 2H, C**H**₂),

2.80 – 2.76 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.61 – 2.57 (m, 1H, CH₂), 2.49 – 2.45 (m, 1H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 163.0 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 160.6 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 136.3 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 136.2 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 135.8 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 322.2 Hz, C₃), 134.9 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 321.18 Hz, C₃), 130.0 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 118.8 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 16.1 Hz, C₂), 117.9 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 7.8 Hz, C₂), 115.7 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 115.5 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz). 33.3, 33.2 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 2.0 Hz,), 33.1 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 5.5 Hz, *Z*, C₄), 32.7 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.5 Hz, *Z*, C₁), 30.3 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 2.5 Hz, *E*, C₄), 27.0 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.9 Hz, *E*, C₁). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.46 (s, 1F), -66.59 (s, 1F), -113.42 – 113.54 (m). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₁H₁₀BrF₂⁺ [M⁺ - Br] 258.9928, found [M⁺ - Br] 258.9931.

(Z/E)-(5-bromo-4-(bromomethyl)-5-fluoropent-4-en-1-yl)benzene (3i, Z/E = 50:50)



3i was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (56 mg, 79% yield).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 7.30 – 7.25 (m,

2H, ArH), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 3H, ArH), 4.06 – 4.00 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.67 – 2.62 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.39 – 2.35 (m, 1H, CH₂), 2.26 – 2.23 (m, 1H, CH₂), 1.87 – 1.79 (m, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 141.7, 135.2 (d, ¹*J*C-F = 322.2 Hz, C₃), 134.6 (d, ¹*J*C-F = 320.2 Hz, C₃), 128.6, 128.6, 126.2, 119.4 (d, ²*J*C-F = 16.1 Hz, C₂), 118.6 (d, ²*J*C-F = 7.3 Hz, C₂), 35.6 (d, ³*J*C-F = 3.9 Hz, *Z*, C₁), 33.0 (d, ³*J*C-F = 5.5 Hz, *Z*, C4), 31.1, 29.3 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 28.9 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 28.0 (d, ³*J*C-F = 3.0 Hz, *E*, C4), 26.8 (d, ³*J*C-F = 7.8 Hz, *E*, C1). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.43 (s, 1F), -70.66 (s, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₂H₁₃BrF⁺ [M⁺ - Br] 255.0179, found [M⁺ - Br] 255.0180.

(Z/E)-1-(5-bromo-4-(bromomethyl)-5-fluoropent-4-en-1-yl)-4-methylbenzene (3j, Z/E = 53:47)



3j was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (50 mg, 72% yield). ¹H NMR

(400 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 7.11 – 7.06 (m, 4H, ArH), 4.07 – 4.00 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.63 – 2.57 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.38 – 2.34 (m, 1H, CH₂), 2.32 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.26 – 2.22 (m, 1H, CH₂), 1.84 – 1.76 (m, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 138.6, 135.2 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 321.2 Hz, C₃), 135.7, 135.6, 134.5 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 320.2 Hz, C₃), 129.3, 128.4, 119.4 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 16.0 Hz, C₂), 118.6 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 7.5 Hz, C₂), 35.2 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 5.2 Hz, *Z*, C₁), 33.0 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 5.6 Hz, *Z*, C₄), 31.0, 29.4 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 29.0 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 28.0 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.2 Hz, *E*, C₄), 26.8 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.9 Hz, *E*, C₁), 21.2. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.28 (s, 1F), -70.50 (s, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C_{13H15}BrF⁺ [M⁺ - Br] 269.0336, found [M⁺ - Br] 269.0338.

(Z/E)-1-(5-bromo-4-(bromomethyl)-5-fluoropent-4-en-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzene (3t, Z/E = 42:58)



3t was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE/EA (20:1) as the eluents. Colorless oil (32 mg, 44%

yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.84 – 6.82 (m, 2H, ArH), 4.06 – 3.99 (m, 2H, CH₂), 3.79 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.58 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.9 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.37 – 2.32 (m, 1H, CH₂), 2.25 – 2.20 (m, 1H, CH₂), 1.78 (dq, *J* = 15.5, 7.8 Hz, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 158.0, 135.1 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 321.2 Hz, C₃), 134.5 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 326.2 Hz, C₃), 133.7, 129.4, 119.4 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 15.9 Hz, C₂), 118.6 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 7.5 Hz, C₂), 114.0, 55.4, 34.7 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 4.5 Hz, *Z*, C₁), 33.0 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 5.6 Hz, *Z*, C₄), 30.9, 29.5 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 29.1 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 27.9 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.3 Hz, *E*,

C₄), 26.8 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$, *E*, C₁). ${}^{19}\text{F}$ NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -69.73 (s, 1F), -69.95 (s, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₃H₁₅BrFO⁺ [M⁺ - Br] 285.0285, found [M⁺ - Br] 285.0286.

(Z/E)-1-bromo-2-(bromomethyl)-1-fluorodec-1-en-3-yne (3u, Z/E = 30:70)



3u was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (58 mg, 89% yield). ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 4.04 – 4.00 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.37 (td, *J* = 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.61 – 1.53 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.48 – 1.40 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.35 – 1.26 (m, 4H, CH₂), 0.90 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 142.6 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 329.3 Hz, *Z*, C₃), 141.3 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 330.3 Hz, *E*, C₃), 108.3 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 25.3 Hz, *E*, C₂), 106.1 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 16.2 Hz, *Z*, C₂), 99.7 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.1 Hz, *Z*, C₄), 98.4 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8.1 Hz, *E*, C₄), 74.8 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 71.9, 31.9 (*Z*, C₁), 31.5, 28.6, 28.4, 26.6 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 2.0 Hz, *E*, C₁), 22.8, 22.7, 19.8, 14.3, 14.2. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.11 (s, *Z*, 1F), -67.19 (s, *E*, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₁H₁₅Br₂F [M⁺] 323.9519, found 323.9513.

(Z/E)-(4-bromo-3-(bromomethyl)-4-fluorobut-3-en-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (3v, Z/E = 35 :65)



3v was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (48 mg, 78 % yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (E+Z) δ 7.52 – 7.48 (m,

2H, ArH), 7.36 – 7.33 (m, 3H, ArH), 4.14 – 4.11 (m, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*+*Z*) δ 143.2 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 331.3 Hz, *Z*, C₃), 142.2 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 333.3 Hz, *E*, C₃), 131.9 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 129.3, 128.6, 122.4 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz). 108.4 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 25.6 Hz, *E*, C₂), 106.0 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 15.2 Hz, *Z*, C₂), 97.6 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.7 Hz, *E*, C₄), 96.3 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.9 Hz, *Z*, C₄), 83.4 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, *Z*), 80.4, 31.3 (*Z*, C₁), 26.0 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 2.8 Hz, *E*, C₁). ¹⁹F

NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -56.42 (s, Z, 1F), -63.51 (s, E, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₁H₇Br₂F [M⁺] 315.8893, found 315.8890.

8-bromo-9-(bromomethyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulene (3n)



3n was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (36 mg, 46% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.39 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.34 – 7.23 (m, 3H, ArH), 4.52 (s, 2H, CH₂), 2.68 (t, ${}^{3}J_{H-H} = 7.1$ Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.49 (t, ${}^{3}J_{H-H} = 7.0$

Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.32 – 2.25 (m, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.8, 138.3, 135.4, 129.4, 128.8, 128.4, 126.8, 126.2, 37.6, 35.7, 34.1, 31.3. HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₂H₁₂Br₂ [M⁺] 313.9300, found 313.9302.

(*Z*)-4-(1,3-dibromoprop-1-en-2-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (30-*Z*)



30 was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. White solid (24 mg, 34% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 – 7.59 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.73 (s, 1H, =CH), 4.52 (s, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.7, 141.6, 140.4, 136.7, 129.1, 127.9, 127.7, 127.2, 126.9, 110.7, 30.7. HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₂Br₂ [M⁺] 349.9300, found 349.9303.

(*E*)-4-(1,3-dibromoprop-1-en-2-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (30-*E*)



30 was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. White solid (18 mg, 26% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 – 7.62 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.79 (s, 1H, =CH), 4.31 (s, 2H,

CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.1, 141.5, 140.7, 135.7, 129.0, 128.9, 127.8, 127.3, 127.3, 109.7, 35.9. HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₂Br₂ [M⁺] 349.9300, found 349.9303.

6. E and Z Isomerization of the Dibrominated Products



We monitored the dibromination reaction of **1a** with ¹H NMR to see whether the *Z/E* ratio of the product (**3a**) changed over time. The ratio remained approximately 1:1 over 6 h. In addition, purification of **3a** (*Z/E* = 55:45) with preparative HPLC (C18 column with water/acetonitrile as the eluents) was able to provide a product mixture with *Z/E* = 10:90 and another product mixture with *Z/E* = 93:7. When these two mixtures were subjected to the reaction conditions in the absence of TMSBr (See the equations above), isomerization occurred; the mixture starting with *Z/E* = 10:90 isomerized to *Z/E* = 37:63 (90% recovery) after 12 h, and the mixture starting with *Z/E* = 93:7 isomerized to *Z/E* = 78:22 (87% recovery) after 12 h. Therefore, the *E* and *Z* isomers are interconvertible, and the *Z/E* ratios of the products from the dibromination reactions might be the result of the thermodynamic equilibrium.

7. Decomposition of Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} in DCE

Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} was known to undergo decompositions in chlorinated alkanes. Chen^[14] reported that the addition of 0.34 equiv. of DCM to Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} at -30 °C produced (C₆F₅)₂AlCl in 65% yield, while the addition of excess amounts of DCM generated a mixture of unidentified aluminum species. Since DCE is also a chlorinated alkane and is the optimal reaction solvent for our study, we investigated the decompositions of Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} in DCE. When Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} (5 mg) was added to DCE (1.5 mL) at room temperature, the solution turned from colorless to light yellowish immediately. NMR analyses indicated the formation of a mixture of unidentified aluminum species. Use of the resulting mixture for the dibromination reaction of **1d** gave a similar yield (90%) and Z/E ratio (40:60) as that of the standard reaction conditions. Therefore, we conclude Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} is probably a precatalyst, and the mixture of unidentified aluminum species resulting from the decomposition of Al(C₆F₅)₃(tol)_{0.5} in DCE is the real catalyst. However, use of ¹H NMR, ¹⁹F NMR and ²⁷Al NMR failed to fully characterize the mixture.

8. Trisubstitution Reactions

8.1 Optimization of Reaction Conditions

Ph .	CF ₃ + TMSBr –	Al(C ₆ F ₅) ₃ (tol) _{0.5} DCE, 120 °C	Show Barrier B	Br Br Ph	Br Br Br Br Br Br
entry	Al(C ₆ F ₅) ₃ (tol) _{0.5}	TMSBr	time (h)	3a (%)	8a-Br (%)
1	4.5 mol %	10.0 equiv.	24	44	40
2	4.5 mol %	10.0 equiv.	48	0	trace
3	9 mol %	10.0 equiv.	24	0	trace

 Table S1 Optimization of the tribromination reaction^[a]

[a] All reactions were performed with 0.1 mmol of **1a**, 1.0 mmol of TMSBr in 1 mL of DCE at 120 °C; Yields were determined by NMR spectroscopy with CH₂Br₂ as the internal standard; The ratios of **3a** to **8a-Br** were determined by ¹⁹F NMR and ¹H NMR spectroscopy.

4-(1,1,3-tribromoprop-1-en-2-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (8a-Br)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 – 7.61 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 3H, ArH), 4.39 (s, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.7, 141.6, 140.5, 137.9, 129.1, 128.8, 127.9, 127.5, 127.3, 96.3, 35.6. HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₁Br₃ [M⁺]

427.8405, found 427.8400.

Ph Ta	+ TMSCI $\frac{AI(C_6F_5)}{DCE, 12}$	3(tol) _{0.5} 20 °C ►	F Cl J 3a-Cl	CI CI + Ph	CI CI Ba
entry	Al(C6F5)3(tol)0.5	TMSCl	time (h)	3a-Cl (%)	8a (%)
1	9 mol %	5.0 equiv.	24	9	25
2	9 mol %	7.0 equiv.	24	0	46 ^[b]
3	7.3 mol %	7.0 equiv.	24	11	45
4	4.5 mol %	7.0 equiv.	24	10	30

Table S2 Optimization of trichlorination reaction^[a]

[a] All reactions were performed with 0.1 mmol of **1a**, 0.5–0.7 mmol of TMSCl in 1 mL of DCE at 120 °C. Yields determined by NMR spectroscopy with CH₂Br₂ as the internal standard. The ratios of **3a-Cl** to **8a** were determined by ¹⁹F NMR and ¹H NMR spectroscopy. [b] Isolated yield.

8.2 Scope of the Trichlorination Reaction

General procedure: In a glove box, substrate **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), TMSCl (153.0 mg, 1.4 mmol, 7.0 equiv.), $Al(C_6F_5)_3(tol)_{0.5}$ (10.4 mg, 9.0 mol %) were dissolved in DCE (1.5 mL) in an 8 mL vial containing a magnetic stir bar. The vial was sealed. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in a heating block for 24 h. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the solution was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. The analytical data for these products are listed as follows.

4-(1,1,3-trichloroprop-1-en-2-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (8a)



8a was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. White solid (27 mg, 46% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H, Ar**H**), 7.46 – 7.34 (m, 5H, Ar**H**), 4.50 (s, 2H, C**H**₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.7, 140.5, 135.7, 129.1, 129.0,

127.9, 127.5, 127.3, 124.8, 45.9. HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₁Cl₃ [M⁺] 295.9921, found 295.9920.

1-(tert-butyl)-4-(1,1,3-trichloroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (8w)



8 was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (38 mg, 69% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.27 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar**H**), 4.47 (s, 2H, C**H**₂), 1.33 (s, 9H, C**H**₃). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

151.8, 136.0, 133.9, 128.1, 125.7, 124.5, 46.1, 34.9, 31.5. HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₃H₁₅Cl₃ [M⁺] 276.0234, found 276.0232.

1-isopropyl-4-(1,1,3-trichloroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (8x)



8x was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (37 mg, 70% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (s, 4H, ArH), 4.48 (s, 2H, CH₂), 2.99 – 2.89 (m, 1H, CH), 1.28 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 6.9 Hz, 6H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.5,

136.0, 134.2, 128.4, 126.8, 124.4, 46.1, 34.1, 24.0. HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for $C_{12}H_{13}Cl_3$ [M⁺] 262.0077, found 262.0073.

2,4-dimethyl-1-(1,1,3-trichloroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (8y)



8y was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (33 mg, 67% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 3H, ArH), 4.43 (dd, *J* = 53.3, 11.1 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.33 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.25 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.8,

136.0, 135.5, 133.4, 131.4, 128.5, 127.0, 124.5, 46.0, 21.4, 19.4. HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₁H₁₁Cl₃ [M⁺] 247.9921, found 247.9918.

1-chloro-4-(1,1,3-trichloroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (8z)



8z was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent and preparative HPLC (C18 column with water/acetonitrile as the eluents). Colorless oil (35 mg, 69% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 2H, ArH), 4.45 (s, 2H, CH₂).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.2, 135.0, 134.9, 130.0, 129.1, 125.3, 45.7. HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₉H₆Cl₄ [M⁺] 253.9218, found 253.9218.

4-(1,1,3-trichloroprop-1-en-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene (8e)



8e was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (26 mg, 40% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 – 8.14 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.87 – 7.82 (m, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 3H, Ar**H**), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 4.60 (s,

2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.2, 138.7, 136.4, 135.8, 134.7, 131.5, 127.4, 127.3, 126.8, 125.0, 124.9, 123.0, 122.0, 44.6. HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₅H₉Cl₃S [M⁺] 325.9485, found 325.9484.

4-(1,1,3-trichloroprop-1-en-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene (8f)



8f was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent. Colorless oil (23 mg, 43% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 – 7.95 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.60 – 7.58 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.2$ Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 4.72

(s, 2H, C**H**₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.3, 152.9, 131.8, 128.3, 127.8, 126.2, 125.1, 124.1, 123.3, 123.0, 121.6, 121.0, 120.6, 112.1, 44.9. HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₅H₉Cl₃O [M+] 309.9713, found 309.9713.

9. Transformations of Product 2d and 3a



To an 8 mL vial containing a magnetic stir were added estrone (54 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), K₂CO₃ (20.7 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and DMF (1 mL). A solution of **2d**

(28 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in DMF (1.0 mL) was then added via a syringe at room temperature. The vial was sealed. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 12 h. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using PE/EA (10:1) as the eluents to afford **9** as a white solid (30 mg, 65% yield).

(8*R*,9*S*,13*S*,14*S*)-3-((1,1-difluoro-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)allyl)oxy)-13-methyl-7,8,9,11,12,13,15,16-octahydro-6H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17(14H)-one (9)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 – 8.05 (m, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.89 – 7.85 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 4H, Ar**H**), 7.20 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 8.6 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 6.92 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 8.6 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**),

6.84 (s, 1H, Ar**H**), 6.38 (s, 1H, =C**H**₂), 5.61 (s, 1H, =C**H**₂), 2.85 – 2.82 (m, 2H, C**H**₂), 2.54 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.40 – 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.26 – 2.21 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 2.07 – 1.94 (m, 3H), 1.66 – 1.51 (m, 4H, C**H**₂), 1.49 – 1.35 (m, 2H, C**H**₂), 0.90 (s, 3H, C**H**₃). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 221.1, 148.3, 140.3 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 31.1 Hz), 138.0, 137.2, 133.8, 133.6, 132.6, 128.8, 128.3, 127.5, 126.3, 126.1, 126.0, 125.1, 123.0 (t, ³*J*_{C-F} = 5.0 Hz), 122.2, 121.4 (t, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 264.6 Hz, CF₂), 119.3, 50.6, 48.1, 44.2, 38.2, 36.0, 31.7, 29.5, 26.5, 25.9, 21.8, 14.0. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -68.86 (s, 2F). HRMS calculated for C₃₁H₃₀F₂NaO₂⁺ [M+Na]⁺,495.2106; found, 495.2083.



To a Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added 2d (79 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and THF-H₂O (4:1) (1.3 mL), then NaN₃ (23 mg, 0.36 mmol, 1.3 eq.) was added at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight under the flow of nitrogen. Then, the mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (40 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent to afford **10** as a colorless liquid (34 mg, 50% yield).

1-(3-azido-3,3-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)naphthalene (10)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 – 7.92 (m, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.89 – 7.86 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.53 – 7.41 (m, 4H, Ar**H**), 6.27 (s, 1H, =C**H**₂), 5.58 (s, 1H, =C**H**₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 139.3 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 27.9 Hz), 133.8, 132.5, 132.4, 129.3, 128.5, 127.6, 126.6, 126.2, 125.8,

125.1, 123.6 (t, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 5.7 \text{ Hz}$), 120.7 (t, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 264.6 \text{ Hz}$, CF₂). ${}^{19}\text{F}$ NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.62 (s, 2F). HRMS-CI: m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₄F₂N⁺ [M⁺-N₂+C₂H₅] 246.1089, found 246.1088.



To a Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added 5-methoxyindole (32 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), Cs_2CO_3 (78 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and DMF (1.0 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h. A solution of **2d** (56.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in DMF (1.0 mL) was added dropwise via a syringe. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight under the flow of nitrogen. Then, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on basic silica gel (washed by Et₃N) using PE/EA (10:1) as the eluents to afford **11** as a white solid (55 mg, 79% yield).

1-(1,1-difluoro-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)allyl)-5-methoxy-1H-indole (11)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.8 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.84 – 7.79 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.52 – 7.42 (m, 3H, Ar**H**), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.9 Hz, 2H, Ar**H**), 6.98 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.1 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 6.40 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 3.4 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**),

6.03 (s, 1H, =CH₂), 5.60 (s, 1H, =CH₂), 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH₃). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.3, 140.4 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 32.9 Hz), 133.8, 132.5 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz) 130.8, 129.9, 129.1, 128.4, 127.0, 126.5, 126.1, 125.6, 125.6, 125.5, 125.0, 123.8 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz),

118.9 (t, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 254.5 \text{ Hz}$, CF₂), 113.6 (t, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 13.1 \text{ Hz}$), 113.2, 104.6, 103.2, 55.9. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -71.29 (s, 2F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₂₂H₁₇F₂NO [M⁺] 349.1273, found 349.1270.



To an 8 mL vial containing a magnetic stir bar were added 4-*tert*-butylphenylboronic acid (71.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (9.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), K_2CO_3 (82.8 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv.), **2d** (56.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv.) and dry dioxane (1.5 mL). The vial was sealed. The mixture was heated at 100 °C in heating block for 24 h. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent to afford **12** as a colorless liquid (41 mg, 61% yield).



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 – 7.79 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.45 – 7.35 (m, 7H, ArH), 7.17 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.96 (d, = 0.8 Hz, 1H, =CH₂), 5.44 (d, *J* = 0.5 Hz, 1H, =CH₂), 1.30 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.1 (t, *J* =

1.5 Hz), 144.5 (t, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 28.6$ Hz), 134.3, 133.7, 133.3 (t, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 28.0$ Hz), 132.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.6, 126.1, 126.1, 125.9, 125.8, 125.8, 125.7, 125.3, 124.9, 121.8 (t, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 7.3$ Hz), 120.8 (t, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 244.4$ Hz, CF₂), 34.9, 31.4. ${}^{19}F$ NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 94.36(br 2F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₂₃H₂₂F₂ [M⁺] 336.1684, found 336.1688.



To a Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added a solution of **2d** (56.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in DMF (1.0 mL) and indium powder (35 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5

equiv.). The mixture was stirred for 10 min, followed by the addition of hexanal (44 mg, 0.44 mmol, 2.2 equiv.). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 14 h under the flow of nitrogen, and then the reaction was quenched with aqueous HCl (10%, 10 mL). The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3×10 mL), and the organic extracts were washed with brine (40 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using PE/EA (10:1) as the eluents to afford **13** as a colorless liquid (38 mg, 63% yield).

3,3-difluoro-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)non-1-en-4-ol (13)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 – 8.06 (m, 1H, Ar**H**), 7.86 – 7.83 (m, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 4H, Ar**H**), 6.16 (s, 1H, C=C**H**₂), 5.56 (s, C=C**H**₂), 3.74 – 3.64 (m, 1H, C**H**), 1.77 – 1.68 (m, 2H, C**H**₂), 1.58 – 1.48 (m, 2H, C**H**₂), 1.23

(br, 4H, CH₂), 0.84 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.3 (t, ² $J_{C-F} = 24.0$ Hz, =CCF₂), 134.5, 133.9, 132.5, 128.9, 128.5, 127.2, 126.5, 126.1, 125.1, 123.1 (t, ³ $J_{C-F} = 8.2$ Hz), 121.1 (t, ¹ $J_{C-F} = 246.0$ Hz, CF₂), 72.4 (t, ² $J_{C-F} = 28.4$ Hz, COH), 31.8, 29.9, 25.4, 22.6, 14.2. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO) δ -106.48 (d, ² $J_{F-F} = 235.7$ Hz, 1F), -112.43 (d, ² $J_{F-F} = 250.7$ Hz, 1F). HRMS calculated for C₁₉H₂₂F₂NaO₂⁺ [M+Na]⁺, 327.1531; found, 327.1513.



To a Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added a solution of **4b** (478 mg, 1.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (5.0 mL), followed by dropwise addition of allylmagnesium bromide (1M in THF, 1.95 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to slowly warm to room temperature and stirred overnight under the flow of nitrogen. The mixture was then diluted with cold aqueous saturated NH₄Cl(3 mL), and extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluents to afford **14** (210 mg, 64% yield)

as a white foam.

(Z/E)-4-(1-bromo-1-fluorohexa-1,5-dien-2-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (14, Z/E = 43:57)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 4H, Ar**H**), 7.44 (t, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 3H, Ar**H**), 5.85 – 5.72 (m, 1H, =C**H**), 5.03 – 4.98 (m, 2H, =C**H**₂),

2.65 – 2.56 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.17 – 2.08 (m, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.7 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 140.7, 137.3 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 136.6 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 134.3, 132.8 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 319.2 Hz, *Z*, C₃), 131.8 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 318.2 Hz, *E*, C₃), 129.5 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 129.0, 128.9 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz). 127.7, 127.3, 127.3, 127.3, 127.2, 123.3 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 15.2 Hz, *Z*, C₂), 121.7 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 7.7 Hz, *E*, C₂), 115.8, 115.8, 33.8 (s, *E*), 31.8 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 31.7 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.6 Hz, *Z*, C₁), 31.2 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.2 Hz, *E*, C₁). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.18 (*E*, 1F), -79.02 (*Z*, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₈H₁₆BrF [M⁺] 330.0414, found 330.0406.



In a glove box, Selectfluor (85 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), **14** (53 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and CH₃CN (1.5 mL) were added to an 8 mL vial equipped with a magnetic stir . MeOH (51 mg, 1.6 mmol, 10 equiv.) was subsequently added. The vial was sealed. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h, and then was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL). The mixture was then washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using PE/EA (20:1) to afford product **15** (25 mg, 41% yield) as a colorless liquid.

4-(1-bromo-1,1-difluoro-2-methoxyhex-5-en-2-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (15)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 6H, Ar**H**), 7.44 (t, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.4 Hz, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.35 (t, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ar**H**), 5.80 (dq, *J* = 11.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H, =C**H**), 5.00 (dd, *J* = 20.6, 13.7 Hz, 2H, =C**H**₂), 3.54 (s, 3H, OC**H**₃), 2.51 – 2.43 (m, 1H, C**H**₂), 2.28 – 2.20

(m, 1H, CH₂), 2.10 – 2.01 (m, 1H, CH₂), 1.92 – 1.83 (m, 1H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.2, 140.6, 137.6, 136.3, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3 (t, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 320.2 Hz, CF₂), 127.7, 127.3, 126.8, 115.3, 85.2 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 20.2 Hz), 52.5, 29.2, 27.6. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -50.91 (d, ²*J*_{F-F} = 14.0 Hz, 2F). HRMS calculated for C₁₉H₁₉BrF₂NaO⁺ [M+Na]⁺,403.0480; found,403.0462.



In a glove box, Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol %), dppf (13.5 mg, 0.025 mmol, 25 mol %), NaOAc (27.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2 equiv.), **14** (33.0 mg 0.1 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and DMF (2mL) were added to an 8 mL vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar. The vial was sealed. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in heating block for 12 h. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent to afford **16** as a white solid (14.0 mg, 54% yield).

4-(2-fluoro-3-methylenecyclopent-1-en-1-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (16)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 – 7.61 (m, 6H, Ar**H**), 7.43 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, Ar**H**), 7.37 – 7.33(m, 1H, Ar**H**), 5.13 (s, 1H, =C**H**₂), 4.89 (s, 1H, =C**H**₂), 2.81 – 2.80 (m, 2H, C**H**₂), 2.79 – 2.68 (m, 2H, C**H**₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.8 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 277.1 Hz, =**C**F), 144.9 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 20.2 Hz), 140.8, 140.4 (d, *J* =

2.0 Hz), 132.7 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 5.4$ Hz), 129.0, 127.6, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 121.9 (d, J = 4.4 Hz), 101.8 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 26.9 (d, J = 7.1 Hz), 25.1 (d, J = 6.3 Hz). ${}^{19}F$ NMR (376

MHz, CDCl₃) δ -131.90(s, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₈H₁₅F [M⁺] 250.1152, found 250.1152.

10. Mechanistic Studies.



In a glovebox, **1a** (12.4 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), mesitylene (12.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), $Al(C_6F_5)_3(tol)_{0.5}$ (26.4 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and DCE (1.5 mL) were added to an 8 mL vial containing a magnetic stir bar. The vial was sealed. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in a heating block for 24 h. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent to afford pure **4** as a white solid (17 mg, 96% yield).

4-(1,1-difluoro-3-mesitylprop-1-en-2-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (4)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.34 – 7.30(m, 1H, ArH), 7.02 (d, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.77 (s, 2H, ArH), 3.66 (s, 2H, CH₂), 2.23 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.13 (s, 6H, CH₃). ¹³C

NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.3 (dd, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 288.9, 286.9 Hz, =CF₂), 140.8, 140.4, 137.3, 136.1, 132.9, 132.9, 129.7, 129.2, 129.0, 127.6, 127.2, 126.9, 91.2 (dd, ²*J*_{C-F} = 19.2, 15.7 Hz, C=CF₂), 28.7, 21.0, 20.3.¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -71.15 (d, ²*J*_{F-F} = 45.1 Hz, 1F), -72.99 (d, ²*J*_{F-F} = 46.8 Hz, 1F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₂₄H₂₂F₂ [M⁺] 348.1684, found 348.1685.



In a glovebox, **2a** (31 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), TMSBr (31 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), $Al(C_6F_5)_3(tol)_{0.5}$ (2.6 mg, 4.5 mol %) and DCE (1.5 mL) were added to an 8 mL vial containing a magnetic stir bar. The vial was sealed. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in a heating block for 24 h. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent to afford **3a** as a white foam (24 mg, 65% yield).



In a glovebox, **5** (46 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), TMSBr (61 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), $Al(C_6F_5)_3(tol)_{0.5}$ (5.2 mg, 4.5 mol %) and DCE (1.5 mL) were added to an 8 mL vial containing a magnetic stir bar. The vial was sealed. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in a heating block for 24 h. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. Analysis of the mixture by NMR spectroscopy indicated that no reaction occurred.



In a glovebox, **2a** (31 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), toluene (1.5 mL) were added to an 8 mL vial containing a magnetic stir bar. The vial was sealed. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in a heating block for 12 h. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. ¹H NMR and ¹⁹F NMR analyses of the residue suggested that **7** was produced in 83% NMR yield. Because the residue also contained unreacted **2a**, which is inseparable from **7**, we were unable to obtain pure **7** via this method. Instead, pure **7** was prepared with a reported procedure.^[6]

4-(3-bromo-3,3-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (7)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 – 7.58(m, 6H, ArH), 7.48 – 7.36 (t, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.1 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.38(t, ³*J*_{H-H} = 7.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.91 (s, 1H, =CH₂), 5.59 (s, 1H, =CH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 145.4 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 20.8 Hz), 142.0, 140.4, 133.6, 129.1, 128.9, 127.9, 127.3, 118.4 (t, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.1 Hz), 118.3 (t, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 308.1 Hz, CF₂). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -46.43(s, 2F). HRMS-EI: m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₁BrF₂ [M⁺] 308.0007, found 308.0009.



In a glove box, 7 (62 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), TMSBr (62 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), $Al(C_6F_5)_3(tol)_{0.5}$ (5.2 mg, 4.5 mol %) and DCE (2.0 mL) were added to an 8 mL vial containing a magnetic stir bar. The vial was sealed. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in a heating block for 12 h. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using PE as the eluent to afford **3a** as a white foam (57 mg, 77% yield).



In a glovebox, **1a** (50 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), TMSBr (122.4 mg, 0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv.), $Et_3Si[B(C_6F_5)_4]^{[15]}(7.9 mg, 5.0 mol \%)$ and DCE (1.5 mL) were added to an 8 mL vial containing a magnetic stir bar. The vial was sealed. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in a heating block for 24 h. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. Analysis of the mixture by NMR spectroscopy indicated that no reaction occurred.
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12. NMR Spectra









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¹⁹F NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 376 MHz)



¹H NMR Spectrum (in C₆D₆, 400 MHz)











S50











¹⁹F NMR Spectrum (in CDCl_{3,} 376 MHz)







¹⁹F NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 376 MHz)





¹H NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 400 MHz)









¹⁹F NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 376 MHz)









¹³C NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 101 MHz)





S66













¹³C NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 101 MHz)


¹⁹F NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 376 MHz)







^{34.1} 34.1 28.7 28.6





¹H NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 400 MHz)







S76



¹H NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 400 MHz)















S82







¹³C NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 101 MHz)



















¹H NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 400 MHz)





¹⁹F NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 376 MHz)

















¹H NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 400 MHz)







¹³C NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 101 MHz)







¹H NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 400 MHz)
























¹³C NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 101 MHz)

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S109

¹⁹F NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 376 MHz)









¹⁹F NMR Spectrum (in DMSO, 376 MHz)





¹³C NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 101 MHz)



¹H NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 400 MHz)



¹⁹F NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 376 MHz)

















¹⁹F NMR Spectrum (in CDCl₃, 376 MHz)

