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Supporting Information for

# Radical 1,2-Addition of Bromoarenes to Alkynes via Dual Photoredox and Nickel Catalysis

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#### **1.** General Information.

Commercial reagents were purchased from Aldrich, TCI, Energy Chemical and J&K chemical, and were used as received. All reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware under an atmosphere of nitrogen unless otherwise noted. Chromatographic purification of products was accomplished by flash chromatography using silica gel. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Silicycle 250 mm silica gel F-254 plates.<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>19</sup>F NMR, and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 400 (400, 376, and 100 MHz) and Bruker 600 (600, 564, and 150 MHz), and are internally referenced to residual solvent signals (for CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  7.26 and 77.0 ppm). Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>19</sup>F NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$  ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad), integration, coupling constant (Hz). <sup>13</sup>C spectra were reported as chemical shifts in ppm and multiplicity where appropriate. High resolution mass spectra were obtained at Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry mass spectrometry facilities. All alkynes were used from commercial suppliers or prepared using standard literature procedures or the preparation procedures descried in this supporting information.

## 2. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions

#### Table S1. Photocatalyst effect.



| Entry | Photocatalyst   | GC yield |
|-------|---|----------|
| 1     | Ir[dF(CF <sub>3</sub> )ppy] <sub>2</sub> (bpy)PF <sub>6</sub>   | 36%      |
| 2     | Ir[dF(CF <sub>3</sub> )ppy] <sub>2</sub> (dtbpy)PF <sub>6</sub> | 96%      |
| 3     | Ir[dF(CF <sub>3</sub> )ppy] <sub>2</sub> (phen)PF <sub>6</sub>  | 46%      |
| 4     | Ir[dF(CF <sub>3</sub> )ppy] <sub>2</sub> F-piv                  | 50%      |
| 5     | Ir(ppy) <sub>3</sub>  | 0%       |
| 6     | Ir(ppy) <sub>2</sub> (dtbpy)PF <sub>6</sub>                     | 0%       |
| 7     | Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> (PF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>            | 0%       |
| 8     | $Ru(phen)_3Cl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$                                    | 0%       |
| 9     | [9-Mes-Acr][ClO <sub>4</sub> ]                                  | 0%       |

## Table S2. Nickel catalyst effect.



| Entry | Nickel catalyst           | GC yield |
|-------|---------------------------|----------|
| 1     | NiBr <sub>2</sub> •DME    | 96%      |
| 2     | NiBr2•bpy                 | 81%      |
| 3     | NiBr <sub>2</sub> •dtbbpy | 52%      |

| 4 | $NiBr_2 \cdot (PPh_3)_2$             | 93% |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 5 | NiBr <sub>2</sub>                    | 45% |
| 6 | NiCl <sub>2</sub> •DME               | 86% |
| 7 | NiCl <sub>2</sub> (PPh) <sub>3</sub> | 85% |
| 8 | NiCl <sub>2</sub> •Py <sub>4</sub>   | 87% |
| 9 | Ni(COD) <sub>2</sub>                 | 72% |

## Table S3. Ligand effect.



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#### Table S4. Solvent effect.



| Entry | Solvents      | GC yield |
|-------|---------------|----------|
| 1     | DMSO          | 0%       |
| 2     | DMA           | 37%      |
| 3     | 1,4-dioxane   | 16%      |
| 4     | toluene       | 0%       |
| 5     | acetone       | 23%      |
| 6     | DME           | 0%       |
| 7     | THF           | 56%      |
| 8     | ethyl acetate | 96%      |

#### Table S5. Base effect.



| Entry | Base                             | GC yield |
|-------|----------------------------------|----------|
| 1     | KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>  | 44%      |
| 2     | K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>   | 40%      |
| 3     | K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>  | 78%      |
| 4     | Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> | 62%      |

| 5 | Et <sub>3</sub> N | 79% |
|---|-------------------|-----|
| 6 | $DIPEA^{a}$       | 83% |
| 7 | $\mathrm{DIPA}^b$ | 96% |
| 8 | $DBU^{c}$         | 84% |
| 9 | $\mathrm{DCHA}^d$ | 86% |

<sup>*a*</sup> N-ethyl-N-isopropylpropan-2-amine; <sup>*b*</sup> diisopropylamine; <sup>*c*</sup> 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7ene; <sup>*d*</sup> dicyclohexylamine.

#### Table S6. LED light effect



| Entry | LED lights   | GC yield |
|-------|--------------|----------|
| 1     | 3W blue band | 0%       |
| 2     | 5W blue LED  | 9%       |
| 3     | 15W blue LED | 14%      |
| 4     | 40W blue LED | 63%      |
| 5     | 90W blue LED | 96%      |

## Table S7. Control experiment.



| Entry | <b>Control reaction</b> | GC yield |
|-------|-------------------------|----------|
| 1     | w/o photocatalyst       | 0%       |
| 2     | w/o nickel catalyst     | 0%       |
| 3     | w/o ligand              | 0%       |
| 4     | w/o light               | 0%       |
| 5     | w/o base                | 79%      |

# **3.** General Procedure for Photoredox/Nickel-Catalyzed 1,2-Addition of Alkynes

To a flame-dried 12 mL reaction vial was charged with  $Ir[dF(CF_3)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$ (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.6 mg, 0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.), the vial was introduced into a nitrogen-filled glove box and charged with NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.). The tube was sealed with a Teflonlined screw cap and taken out from the glovebox, ethyl acetate (8 mL), 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (36.0 µL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 4-bromo-2trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0 µL, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added by syringe. Once added, the reaction mixture was then irradiated with a 90 W blue LED lamp (at approximately 3.5 cm away from the light source) with cooling from a fan for 6 hours. After evaporation in vacuo, purification by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the product. The Z/E isomers of products **3**, **4**, and **35** were determined by NOSEY and/or X-ray, and the stereo-configuration of the other alkenes was assigned by analogy of <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shift.

#### 4. Characterizations of Products



**4-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(***tert***-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-(***trifluoromethyl***)pyridine** [**3**]: According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (31.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0 µL, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (dtbbpy ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (70.5 mg, 92%, Z/E = 49:51). (the Z and E isomers were determined by NOESY).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.79 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 0.49H), 8.64 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 0.51H), 7.64(s, 0.48H), 7.54 (s, 0.51H), 7.45 (m, 1.5H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 0.5H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 1H),7.06 (s, 0.5H), 6.91 (s, 0.47H), 1.36 (s, 4.59H), 1.32 (s, 4.41H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.91 (s, 1.43F), -67.95 (s, 1.58F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.29 (151.94), 150.30 (150.27), 149.86 (149.01), 148.77 (148.43, q, J = 34.7 Hz), 143.78 (143.50), 135.58 (133.57), 129.11 (127.05), 125.84 (125.62), 127.27 (124.71),122.81 (120.09, q, J = 274.3 Hz) 121.34 (118.54, q, J = 2.8Hz), 110.54 (107.11), 34.77 (34.69), 31.24 (31.13).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 384.0569, found: 384.0570.



(Z)-4-(2-bromo-1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (3-Z): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.79 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 1.32 (s, 9H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -67.93 (s, 3F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.29, 150.26, 149.00, 148.56 (q, J = 34.7 Hz),
143.50, 135.58, 127.26, 127.05, 125.84, 121.45 (q, J = 247.5 Hz), 121.29 (q, J = 2.7 Hz), 107.11, 34.69, 31.14.



(E)-4-(2-bromo-1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (3-E): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.64 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -67.97 (s, 3F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.94, 150.30, 148.61 (q, J = 34.3 Hz), 149.84, 143.78, 133.57, 129.11, 125.61, 124.69, 121.41 (q, J = 274.3 Hz), 118.48 (q, J = 2.7 Hz), 110.53, 34.77, 31.24.



**4-(2-Bromo-1-phenylvinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine** [4]: According to the general procedure, ethynylbenzene (20.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L,

0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.),  $Ir[dF(CF_3)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$  (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (60.8 mg, 93%, Z/E = 42:58). (the E isomer was determined by NOESY).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.79 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 0.41H), 8.64 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 0.57H), 7.64 (s, 0.41H), 7.52 (s, 0.57H), 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.14 (s, 0.57H), 6.94 (s, 0.41H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.95 (s, 1.26F), -68.01 (s, 1.74F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.35 (150.30), 149.36 (148.82), 148.55 (148.79, q, J
= 34.4 Hz), 143.90 (143.69), 136.76 (138.57), 129.39 (128.91), 128.99 (128.99),
128.80 (127.44), 124.39 (127.19), 122.79 (120.06, q, J = 274.4 Hz), 121.27 (118.32, q, J = 2.8 Hz), 111.19 (107.95).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 327.9943, found: 327.9944.



#### (E)-4-(2-bromo-1-phenylvinyl)picolinonitrile (4-E):

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.65 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.27 (s, 3H), 7.14 (s, 1H).

#### 4-(2-Bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine

According to the general procedure, 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (26.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (62.8 mg, 88%, Z/E = 40:60).

[5]:

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.78 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 0.39H), 8.64 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 0.59H), 7.63 (s, 0.39H), 7.51 (s, 0.59H), 7.45 (m, 0.38H), 7.28 (m, 0.61H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1.20H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 0.81H), 7.03 (s, 0.59H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1.20H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 0.85H), 6.83 (s, 0.37H), 3.86 (s, 1.77H), 3.81 (s, 1.17H).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.94 (s, 1.16F), -67.98 (s, 1.80F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.84 (160.17), 150.27 (150.23), 149.93 (149.11), 148.82 (148.72, q, J = 34.5 Hz), 143.49 (143.17), 130.86 (128.70), 128.82 (131.11), 124.56 (127.22), 122.75 (122.80, q, J = 274.5 Hz), 118.57 (121.30, q, J = 2.8 Hz), 114.09 (11.25), 110.31 (105.98), 55.25 (55.31).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for  $C_{15}H_{12}BrF_{3}N^{+}$  (M+H): 358.0049, found: 358.0051.



**4-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine** [6]: According to the general procedure, 1-ethynyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (34.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (69.4 mg, 88%, Z/E = 47:53).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.82 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 0.44H), 8.67 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 0.49H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (s, 0.47H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 0.50H), 7.45 (m, 0.44H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (m, 0.49H), 7.22 (s, 0.52H), 7.06 (s, 0.44H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.80 (s, 1.59F), -62.80 (s, 1.40F), -68.01 (s, 1.25F), -68.01 (s, 1.48F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.59 (150.56), 149.00 (148.91, q, J = 34.5 Hz), 148.52 (148.02), 142.78 (142.58), 141.90 (140.41), 131.02 (130.04, q, J = 33.4 Hz), 129.95 (127.77), 124.26 (127.06), 125.94 (125.90), 121.16 (121.11, q, J = 274.4 Hz), 121.57 (121.52, q, J = 273.4 Hz), 121.13 (118.14, q, J = 2.8 Hz), 112.46 (110.29). **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrF<sub>6</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 395.9817, found: 395.9821.



Methyl 4-(2-bromo-1-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-yl)vinyl)benzoate [7]: According to the general procedure, methyl 4-ethynylbenzoate (32.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a paleyellow oil (61.4 mg, 80%, Z/E = 34:66).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.81 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 0.33H), 8.66 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 0.64H), 8.15 – 8.11 (m, 1H), 8.02 – 7.98 (m, 0.64H), 7.62 (s, 0.33H), 7.49 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 0.65H), 7.44 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.2 Hz, 0.33H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 1.34H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1.32H), 7.20 (s, 0.63H), 7.07 (s, 0.31H), 3.95 (s, 1.89H), 3.92 (s, 0.93H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -68.00 (s, 0.97F), -68.06 (s, 1.96F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.35 (166.28), 150.50 (150.48), 149.02 (148.92, q, J= 34.8 Hz), 148.62 (148.17), 143.13 (142.89), 141.30 (142.61), 130.57 (130.50), 130.09 (130.15), 129.55 (127.36), 124.22 (127.10), 122.19 (122.25, q, J = 273Hz) ,118.19 (121.17, q, J = 2.7 Hz), 112.12 (110.12), 52.31.

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 385.9998, found: 385.9997.



4-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-

(trifluoromethyl)pyridine [8]: According to the general procedure, 4-Ethynylbenzeneboronic acid pinacol ester (49.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (65.2 mg, 72%, Z/E = 38:62). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.81 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 0.37H), 8.65 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 0.61H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1.27H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 0.75H), 7.65 (s, 0.38H), 7.53 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 0.61H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 0.37H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1.40H), 7.27 (m, 0.62H), 7.18 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1.35H), 7.01 (s, 0.37H), 1.39 (s, 7.37H), 1.36 (s, 4.61H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.97 (s, 1.08F), -68.02 (s, 1.85F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.35 (150.29), 149.15 (148.62), 148.64 (148.71, q, J

= 34.5 Hz), 143.89 (143.67),139.48 (141.07), 135.14 (135.26), 128.67, 126.73, 124.34 (127.21), 122.26 (122.31, q, *J* = 274.5 Hz ), 118.28 (121.28, q, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 111.33 (108.71), 84.04, 24.86 (24.81).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BBrF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 454.0795, found: 454.0777.



**4-(2-Bromo-1-(4-fluorophenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine** [**9**]: According to the general procedure, 1-ethynyl-4-fluorobenzene (24.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (66.0 mg, 96%, Z/E = 45:55).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.76 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 0.44H), 8.62 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 0.55H), 7.60 (s, 0.44H), 7.48 (s, 0.55H), 7.43 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 0.45H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 1.56H), 7.12 – 7.02 (m, 2.55H), 7.00 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.81 (s, 0.44H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.97 (s, 1.33H), -68.03 (s, 1.77H), -111.62 (m, 0.45H), -111.79 (m, 0.35H).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.24 (163.96, d, J = 250.0 Hz), 150.41 (150.37), 149.19(148.58), 148.96 (148.61, q, J = 34.9 Hz), 142.95 (142.64), 134.77 (132.63, d, J = 3.5 Hz), 131.43 (129.29, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 127.08 (124.32), 125.46 (125.41, q, J = 274.4 Hz), 122.71 (118.29, q, J = 2.7 Hz), 116.06 (116.05, d, J = 21.5 Hz ), 111.51 (107.84).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrF<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 345.9849, found: 345.9851.



**4-(2-Bromo-1-(m-tolyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine** [**10**]: According to the general procedure, 1-ethynyl-3-methylbenzene (23.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (58.0 mg, 85%, Z/E = 41:59).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.79 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 0.40H), 8.64 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 0.57H),
7.64 (s, 0.39H), 7.53 (s, 0.57H), 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 0.41H), 7.35 (m, 0.59H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 1.16H), 7.24 – 7.22 (m, 0.81H), 7.11 (s, 0.58H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 1.13H), 6.98 – 6.93 (m, 0.84H), 6.91 (s, 0.41H), 2.39 (s, 1.69H) , 2.39 (s, 1.21H).
<sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.95 (1.21F), -68.00 (1.69F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.33 (150.26), 149.47 (148.93), 148.79 (148.67, q, J = 34.5 Hz), 144.05 (143.79), 138.58 (138.70), 136.70, 129.83 (129.76), 129.63 (128.76), 128.66 (128.09), 126.45 (127.20), 124.65 (124.43), 122.30 (122.35, q, J = 274.5 Hz), 118.30 (121.27, q, J = 2.8 Hz), 110.97 (107.71), 21.41 (21.34). **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 342.0100, found: 342.0101.



**3-(2-Bromo-1-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-yl)vinyl)phenol [11]**: According to the general procedure, 3-ethynylphenol (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (49.2 mg, 72%, Z/E = 32:68).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.70 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 0.31H), 8.60 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 0.66H), 7.66 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.44 (m, 0.31H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 1.39H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.9Hz, 0.36H), 7.12 (s, 0.66H), 6.95 (s, 0.29H), 6.92 (m, 0.70H), 6.89 – 6.84 (m, 0.36H), 6.82 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 0.68H), 6.80 – 6.75 (m, 0.34H), 6.75 – 6.71 (m, 0.68H), 6.54 – 6.51 (m, 0.59H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.72 (s, 0.96F), -67.81 (s, 2.00F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 156.27 (156.53), 150.08 (149.63), 149.86 (149.42), 148.60 (148.40), 143.43 (143.16), 138.02 (139.71), 130.15(130.19), 124.58 (127.51),

121.52 (119.29), 122.64 (122.56, q, *J* = 274.5 Hz), 118.50 (121.57, q, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 116.34 (116.26), 116.10 (114.51), 111.49 (108.25).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 343.9892, found: 343.9894.



**4-(2-Bromo-1-(3-chlorophenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine [12]**: According to the general procedure, 1-chloro-3-ethynylbenzene (27.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (61.9 mg, 86%, Z/E = 44:56).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.73 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 0.42H), 8.58 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 0.54H),
7.59 - 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.39 - 7.31 (m, 1.46H), 7.31 - 7.25 (m, 0.60H), 7.24 - 7.15 (m,
1.75H), 7.12 - 7.02 (m, 1.63H), 6.96 - 6.92 (m, 0.51H), 6.90 (s, 0.43H).
<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.96 (s, 1.29F), -68.01 (s, 1.66F).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.51 (150.47), 149.06 (148.95, q, J = 34.6 Hz),

148.67 (148.12), 142.69 (142.49), 138.44 (140.22), 134.77 (134.97), 130.19 (130.14), 129.44 (127.62), 129.11 (129.08), 127.45 (127.05), 125.64 (124.27), 122.67 (122.71, q, <math>J = 274.5 Hz), 118.16 (121.14, q, <math>J = 2.8 Hz), 112.15 (109.40).

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrClF<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 361.9554, found: 361.9555.



**4-(2-Bromo-1-(4-chlorophenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine [13]**: According to the general procedure, 1-chloro-4-ethynylbenzene (27.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (64.1 mg, 89%, Z/E = 39:61).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.80 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 0.38H), 8.66 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 0.59H), 7.62 (s, 0.37H), 7.50 (s, 0.62H), 7.45 (m, 1.35H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 0.75H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1.97H), 7.14 (s, 0.58H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 0.81H), 6.94 (s, 0.37H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -67.98 (s, 1.15 F), -68.03(s, 1.79 F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.4 (150.43), 148.97 (148.35), 148.88 (148.77, q, J = 34.6 Hz), 142.86 (142.61), 135.09 (137.01), 135.00 (135.16), 129.17 (130.86), 128.68, 124.43(127.10), 121.31 (120.36, q, J = 274.5 Hz), 121.16 (118.29, q, J = 2.8

Hz), 111.73 (108.56).

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrClF<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 361.9554, found: 361.9555.



# 4-(2-Bromo-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine [14]: According to the general procedure, 1-ethynyl-2-methoxybenzene (26.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0 μL, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.),

diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.),  $Ir[dF(CF_3)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$  (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (64.3 mg, 90%, Z/E = 47:53).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.69 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 0.46H), 8.61 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 0.52H), 7.67 (s, 0.44H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 0.52H), 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.36 (m, 0.48H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.07 (m, 0.54H), 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.86 (m, 0.46H), 6.81 (s, 0.44H), 3.68 (s, 1.63H), 3.58 (s, 1.44H).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.90 (s, 1.37F), -67.98 (s, 1.53F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.46 (156.59), 150.23 (149.74), 148.84 (149.32), 148.70 (148.51, q, *J* = 34.5 Hz), 141.46 (141.19), 130.96 (130.78), 130.56 (130.62), 126.31 (128.16), 123.43 (125.59), 122.84 (122.93, q, *J* = 274.5 Hz), 120.86 (120.84), 117.43 (120.51, q, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 111.53 (112.68), 111.42 (109.43), 55.48 (55.22). **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 358.0049, found: 358.0050.



**4-(2-Bromo-1-(2-bromophenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine [15]**: According to the general procedure, 1-bromo-2-ethynylbenzene (36.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was

isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (76.3 mg, 94%, Z/E = 43:57).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.64 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 0.42H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 0.55H) 7.64-7.60 (m,0.92H), 7.50 (m, 0.44H), 7.44-7.23 (m, 2.39H), 7.25 – 7.13 (m, 2.41H), 6.71 (s, 0.42H).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.95 (s, 1.32F), -68.00 (s, 1.62F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.62 (150.06), 149.07 (148.45, q, J = 34.5 Hz), 147.09 (147.13), 143.37 (142.47), 139.94 (137.85), 133.58 (133.67), 131.14 (131.65), 130.53 (130.62), 128.03 (127.86), 126.66, 123.49 (122.94), 120.12(117.81, q, J = 274.5 Hz), 117.32 (120.70, q, J = 2.9 Hz), 114.29 (111.81).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 407.9028, found: 407.9030.



**4-(2-Bromo-1-(2-chlorophenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine** [16]: According to the general procedure, 1-chloro-2-ethynylbenzene (27.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (60.5 mg, 84%, Z/E = 45:55).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.65 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 0.42H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 0.51H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 0.5 Hz, 0.43H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 1.44H), 7.33 (m, 1.68H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1.69H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 0.69H), 7.15 (m, 0.52H), 6.73 (s, 0.43H). <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.96 (s, 1.46F), -68.02 (s, 1.55F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.57 (150.04), 149.03 (148.68, q, J = 34.5 Hz), 147.26 (147.35), 141.90 (141.16), 135.75 (137.93), 133.12 (133.09), 131.08 (131.48), 130.22 (130.47), 130.39 , 129.26 (129.17), 127.36 (127.24), , 122.73 (122.79, q, J = 274.5 Hz), 117.22 (120.50, q, J = 2.8 Hz), 114.25 (111.63).

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrClF<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 361.9554, found: 361.9526.



**4-(2-Bromo-1-(2-fluorophenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine [17]:** According to the general procedure, 1-fluoro-2-ethynylbenzene (24.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (55.7 mg, 81%, Z/E = 46:54).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.67 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 0.45 H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 0.53 H), 7.58 (s, 0.45 H), 7.45 (s, 0.51 H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 0.61H), 7.23 (s, 0.49H), 7.19 (m, 1.61 H), 7.14 – 7.05 (m, 1.49 H), 7.02 – 6.95 (m, 0.57 H), 6.88 (s, 0.49 H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.97 (s, 1.43 F), -68.05 (s, 1.50 F), -112.54 – -112.63 (m, 0.41 F), -112.64 – -112.72 (m, 0.45 F).

<sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.81 (160.58, d, J = 248.7 Hz), 150.52 (150.21), 149.03 (148.66, q, J = 35.0 Hz), 148.00 (148.27), 138.84 (138.13), 131.29 (130.70, d,

*J* = 2.9 Hz), 131.21 (130.98, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 130.70 (130.67), 126.50, 122.72 (122.79, q, *J* = 272.8 Hz), 124.56 (124.60), 117.45 (120.57, q, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 116.45 (116.52, d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 114.25 (111.46).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrF<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 345.9849, found: 345.9851.



**4-(2-Bromo-1-(thiophen-3-yl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine [18]**: According to the general procedure, 3-ethynylthiophene (21.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (63.7 mg, 96%, Z/E = 51:49).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.81 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 0.48H), 8.67 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 0.46H), 7.65 (s, 0.49H), 7.55 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 0.47H), 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.41 (m, 0.46H), 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.99 (s, 0.47H), 6.95 (s, 0.45H), 6.89 (m, 0.47H). <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.93 (s, 1.55F), -67.97 (s, 1.38F). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.38 (150.33), 149.88 (148.66), 148.86 (148.89, q, J= 34.5 Hz), 139.30 (138.93), 138.61 (136.34), 128.10 (127.05), 126.84 (126.89), 125.10 (125.91), 123.94 (124.67), 122.76 (122.72, q, J = 274.5 Hz), 118.73 (121.01, q, J = 2.8 Hz), 107.12 (110.20).

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>NS<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 333.9507, found: 333.9509.

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**4-(2-Bromo-1-(pyridin-3-yl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine [19]**: According to the general procedure, 3-ethynylpyridine (20.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (56.2 mg, 86%, Z/E = 43:57).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.84 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 0.46H), 8.73 – 8.69 (m, 1.25H), 8.64 – 8.63 (m, 0.48H), 8.59 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 0.62H), 8.53 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 0.47H), 7.67 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.53 (s, 0.63H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 1.63H), 7.31 (s, 0.51H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.06 (s, 0.46H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -68.02 (s, 1.26F), -68.06 (s,1.67F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.62 (150.59), 150.16 (148.02), 149.95 (149.99), 148.44 (147.69), 149.15 (149.04, q, J = 34.5 Hz), 140.79 (140.66), 137.05 (134.65), 132.89 (134.56), 124.21 (126.97), 123.63, 122.15 (122.20, q, J = 274.5 Hz), 118.17 (121.04, q, J = 2.8 Hz), 113.21 (109.86).

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 328.9896, found: 328.9897.



# 4-(2-Bromo-2-cyclopropyl-1-phenylvinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine[20]:According to the general procedure, (cyclopropylethynyl)benzene (33.6 mg, 0.20 mmol,

1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (24.3 mg, 32%, Z/E = 40:60).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.71 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 0.40H), 8.67 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 0.59H),
7.76 (s, 0.47H), 7.62 (s, 0.62H), 7.56 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1.0H), 7.42 – 7.28 (m, 3.0H), 7.23
– 7.16 (m, 2.0H), 1.80 -1.73 (m, 1H), 0.99 – 0.92 (m, 2H), 0.82 – 0.77 (m, 2H).
<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.98 (s, 1.78F), -68.01(s, 1.23F).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.81, 150.10, 148.42 (q, J = 34.5 Hz), 141.91, 137.77,
134.14, 129.42, 128.52, 127.94, 127.03, 121.43 (q, J = 274.3 Hz), 121.12 (q, J = 2.7)

Hz), 18.07 (17.50), 9.25 (10.01).

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 368.0256, found: 368.0285.



3-(2-Bromo-1-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-yl)vinyl)phenyl (3R,5R,7R)adamantane-1-carboxylate [21]: According to the general procedure, 3ethynylphenyl (3R, 5R, 7R)-adamantane-1-carboxylate (56.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0 µL, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a white solid (82.6 mg, 82%, Z/E = 43:57).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.79 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 0.43H), 8.64 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 0.57H), 7.65 (s, 0.47H), 7.56 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 0.56H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 0.50H), 7.25 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.6 Hz, 0.60H), 7.15 (s, 0.60H), 7.14 – 7.04 (m, 1.48H), 7.00 – 6.91 (m, 1.52H), 6.89 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 0.46H), 2.10 – 2.02 (m, 9H), 1.76 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.94 (s, 1.38F), -67.97 (s, 1.62F). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 175.85 (175.95), 151.32 (151.40), 150.48 (150.40), 148.92 (148.80, q, J = 34.5 Hz), 148.87 (148.31), 143.03 (142.80), 137.85 (139.82), 129.78, 126.52 (124.71), 124.47 (127.16), 122.70 (122.13), 120.97 (120.01, q, J =274.5 Hz), 120.62 (122.31), 118.11 (121.24, q, J = 2.8 Hz), 111.81 (109.01), 41.01, 38.66, 36.35 (36.33), 27.81 (27.79).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 506.0937, found: 506.0938.

#### (1S,2R,4S)-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl 4-(2-bromo-1-(2-

(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-yl)vinyl)benzoate [22]: According to the general procedure, (1S, 2R, 4S)-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl 4-ethynylbenzoate (56.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0 µL, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a white solid (91.5 mg, 90%, Z/E =38:62).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) $\delta$  8.81 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 0.38H), 8.66 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 0.62H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1.24H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 0.76H), 7.62 (s, 0.38H), 7.51 (s, 0.62H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1.24H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1.14H), 7.21 (s, 0.62H), 7.06 (s, 0.38H), 5.17 – 5.08 (m, 1H), 2.55 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.77 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.22 (m, 2H), 1.18 – 1.06 (m, 1H), 0.97 (s, 1.86H), 0.96 (s, 1.14H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 3.72H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 2.28H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.99 (s, 1.14F), -68.03 (s, 1.86F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.11 (166.00), 150.50 (150.46), 148.65 (148.23), 149.03 (148.69, q, J = 34.8 Hz), 143.16 (142.94), 141.13 (142.47), 131.25 (131.20), 130.03 (130.07), 129.53 (127.36), 124.25 (127.12), 121.28 (121.33, q, J = 274.7 Hz), 118.18 (121.15, q, J = 2.8 Hz), 112.12 (109.96), 80.90 (89.89), 49.08 (49.07), 47.88 (47.86), 44.92 (44.89), 36.87 (36.85), 28.05 (28.03), 27.36 (27.32), 19.68 (19.67), 18.88 (18.86), 13.61 (13.58).

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 508.1094, found: 508.1095.



3-(2-Bromo-1-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-yl)vinyl)phenyl 2-(11-oxo-6,11dihydrodibenzo[*b,e*]oxepin-2-yl)acetate [23]: According to the general procedure, 3ethynylphenyl 2-(11-oxo-6,11-dihydrodibenzo[*b,e*]oxepin-2-yl)acetate (76.8 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 5:1) as a white solid (86.6 mg, 73%, Z/E = 47:53).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.79 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 0.47H), 8.64 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 0.53H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.64 (s, 0.48H), 7.56 (m, 1.55H), 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 1.56H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.14 (s, 0.53H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.07 (s, 0.51H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.92 (m, 1.5H),5.20 (s, 0.90H), 5.19 (s, 1.08H), 3.89 (s, 1.09H), 3.87 (s, 0.91H).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.91 (s, 1.42F), -67.96 (s, 1.55F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  190.74, 169.65 (169.56), 160.54, 150.94 (150.85), 150.46 (150.42), 148.80 (148.26), 142.93 (148.82, q, *J* = 34.5 H), 142.86, 142.65, 139.86, 140.31, 136.24, 137.95, 135.45 (136.20), 127.83, 127.82, 127.14, 126.80, 126.90, 126.89, 125.22, 124.99, 122.64, 124.43, 121.98 (122.13), 122.68 (122.73, q, *J* = 274.5 Hz), 118.13 (121.22, q, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 111.92 (109.19), 73.67, 40.17 (40.12). **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 594.0522, found: 594.0524.



**3-(2-Bromo-1-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-yl)vinyl)phenyl 2-(3-cyano-4isobutoxyphenyl)-4-methylthiazole-5-carboxylate [24]:** According to the general procedure,3-ethynylphenyl 2-(3-cyano-4-isobutoxyphenyl)-4-methylthiazole-5carboxylate (33.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0 μL, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 μL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a white solid (116.6 mg, 89%, Z/E = 58:42).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.81 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 0.58H), 8.67 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 0.42H), 8.20 (m, 1H), 8.14 – 8.09 (m, 1H), 7.67 (s, 0.58H), 7.57 (s, 0.43H), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.41 (m, 0.62H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.17 (m, 0.79H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 1.61H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 1H), 2.82 (s, 1.22H), 2.80 (s, 1.67H), 2.21 (m, 1H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.94 (s, 1.74F), -67.98 (s, 1.24F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.40 (168.33), 163.46 (163.33), 162.73 (162.71), 160.15 (160.16), 150.52 (150.47), 148.84 (148.24), 148.90 (149.02, q, *J* = 34.6 Hz), 142.65 (142.84), 140.05(138.14), 132.65 (132.21), 130.04 (130.02), 127.16 (127.24), 125.68 (125.71), 125.24, 124.45, 122.45 (122.40, q, *J* = 274.5Hz), 122.79 (122.19), 121.23 (118.19, q, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 120.73 (122.30), 120.03 (120.21), 115.26, 112.68, 112.00, 109.33, 103.07, 75.73, 28.11, 19.00, 17.70.

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 642.0668, found: 642.0670.

**4-(5-Bromododec-6-en-6-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine** [25]: According to the general procedure, dodec-6-yne (33.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> (6.8 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash

chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (39.1 mg, 50%, Z/E = 29:71).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.65 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, J = 8.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.29 – 2.15 (m, 2H), 2.06 – 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.80 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.52 – 1.26 (m, 10H), 0.94 – 0.85 (m, 6H). <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.88 (s, 0.86F), -67.88 (s, 2.13F). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 153.41, 149.91, 148.07 (q, J = 34.5 Hz), 131.60 (130.65), 128.75, 125.77, 121.59 (q, J = 273.0 Hz), 119.88 (q, J = 2.6 Hz) 54.67, 32.24 (32.00), 31.45 (31.05), 30.91 (31.15), 30.47, 29.33 (29.69), 26.79 (28.01), 22.43 (22.25), 13.96 (13.99), 13.86 (13.91).

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 392.1195, found: 392.1197.

**4-(3-Bromooct-4-en-4-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine** [26]: According to the general procedure, oct-4-yne (22.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> (6.8 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg, 0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (25.5 mg, 38%, Z/E = 57:43).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.65 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.65 – 3.58 (m, 0.53H), 3.55 – 3.47 (m, 0.37H),

2.30 – 2.15 (m, 2H), 2.12 – 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.55 – 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.14 (m, 1H), 1.06 – 0.85 (m, 6H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.88 (s, 1.74F), -67.90 (s, 1.26F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.33 (153.23), 149.92, 148.25 (q, J = 34.3 Hz), 132.90 (131.62), 128.64 (128.22), 121.60 (q, J = 272.3 Hz), 119.90, 117.52, 54.34 (56.48), 34.47 (33.18), 24.71 (25.44), 21.66 (20.35), 13.79 (13.68), 12.83 (11.84). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 336.0569, found: 336.0570.



**4-(2-Bromocyclododec-2-en-1-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine [27]:** According to the general procedure, cyclododecyne (32.8 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> (6.8 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (24.9 mg, 32%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.64 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (m, 1H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 2.43 – 2.41 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.70 – 1.50 (m, 4H), 1.36 (s, 9H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.84 (s, 3.0F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 153.22, 149.80, 148.13 (q, J = 34.5 Hz), 134.62, 127.76, 125.76, 121.68 (q, J = 272.6 Hz), 119.80 (q, J = 2.5 Hz), 117.61, 52.54, 31.18, 29.19, 28.04, 26.22, 25.20, 25.16, 23.82, 23.51, 23.22.

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 390.1039, found: 390.1040.



**4-(2-Bromocyclopentadec-2-en-1-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine [28]:** According to the general procedure, cyclopentadecyne (41.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> (6.8 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (27.6mg, 32%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, ) δ 8.64 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.45-2.36 (m, 1H), 2.25 - 2.01 (m, 3H), 1.72 - 1.10 (m, 20H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.84 (s, 3.0F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 153.70, 149.86, 148.17 (q, J = 34.5 Hz), 132.97, 128.81, 125.53, 121.64 (q, J = 273.7 Hz), 119.69 (q, J = 2.6 Hz), 53.95, 31.88, 30.30, 27.15, 27.05, 26.98, 26.94, 26.85, 26.54, 26.48, 25.51.

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>30</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 432.1508, found: 432.1509.



Dimethyl -3-(bromomethylene)-4-((2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-

yl)methylene)cyclopentane-1,1-dicarboxylate [29]: According to the general procedure, diethyl 2,2-di(prop-2-yn-1-yl)malonate (47.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.),

4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg, 0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 5:1) as a pale-yellow oil (45.0 mg, 48%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.70 – 8.63 (m, 1H), 7.63 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 – 5.83 (m, 2H), 4.31 – 4.05 (m, 4H), 3.75 – 3.08 (m, 3H), 1.54 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.32 – 1.13 (m, 6H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -68.03 (s, 1.27F), -68.06 (s, 0.63F), -68.14 (s, 0.12F), -68.15 (s, 0.98F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.55 (170.43, 169.92, 169.30), 152.67, 150.50 (150.33, 150.27, 150.11), 148.95 (q, *J* = 34.5 Hz), 146.99 (145.72, 144.88, 143.94), 140.24 (143.07, 140.85), 127.23 (125.64, 125.18, 123.37), 122.80 (121.41, 120.37, 119.97, 117.47), 122.84 (q, *J* = 274.5 Hz), 117.46 (119.95, 121.39, 119.80, q, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 107.89 (103.27), 70.36 (62.16,62.12, 62.04), 61.61 (57.66, 56.31), 40.50 (43.71, 41.70, 40.20), 21.94 (21.03), 14.02 (14.07, 13.94).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 462.0522, found: 462.0523.



#### Dimethyl 3-(bromomethylene)-4-((2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-

yl)methyl)cyclopentane-1,1-dicarboxylate [30]: According to the general procedure, dimethyl 2-allyl-2-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)malonate (42.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0 μL, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.),  $Ir[dF(CF_3)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$  (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg, 0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 9:1) as a pale-yellow oil (68.3 mg, 79%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.64 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 19.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (s, 0.30H), 5.96 (s, 0.66H), 3.81 – 3.68 (m, 6H), 3.18 – 3.13 (m, 1H), 3.07 – 2.92 (m, 1H), 2.75 – 2.40 (m, 2H), 1.92 (dd, J = 13.0, 10.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.91 (m, 3.0F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.49 (171.39), 150.31, 150.21,148.60 (q, J = 34.5 Hz), 147.41, 126.71, 120.81 (q, J = 2.6 Hz), 120.29(q, J = 274.5 Hz), 100.29, 57.57, 53.11, 53.08, 43.78, 41.02, 40.18, 39.03.

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 436.0366, found: 436.0367.



Diethyl 3-(bromomethylene)-4-(2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-yl)propan-2yl)cyclopentane-1,1-dicarboxylate [31]: According to the general procedure, diethyl 2-allyl-2-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)malonate (42.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 5:1) as a pale-yellow oil (30.4 mg, 30%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.78 – 8.58 (m, 1H), 7.64 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 5.96 (s, 0.31H), 5.45 (s, 0.49H), 4.28 – 4.10 (m, 4H), 3.68 – 3.29 (m, 2H), 3.06 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.16 – 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.52 (m, 6H), 1.29 – 1.22 (m, 6H). <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.90 (m, 3.0F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.27, 151.21, 149.90, 149.60 (q, *J* = 34.5 Hz), 135.43, 126.78, 121.64 (q, *J* = 2.74.5 Hz), 120.87 (q, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 117.62, 61.17, 57.58, 45.72, 31.00, 26.00, 17.87, 16.00, 14.05.

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 492.0992, found: 492.0994.



#### diethyl 3-(bromomethyl)-4-((2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-

yl)methyl)cyclopentane-1,1-dicarboxylate [32]: According to the general procedure, diethyl 2,2-diallylmalonate (48.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 5:1) as a pale-yellow oil (81.9 mg, 88%, cis/trans = 85:15). (Cis/trans isomer determined by NOESY).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.62 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 0.85H), 7.49 (s, 0.15H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 0.85H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 0.15H), 4.24 – 4.12 (m, 4H), 3.58 –
3.31 (m, 2H), 2.89 (dd, J = 12.6, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (m, 3H), 2.48 - 2.37 (m, 1H), 2.14(m, 3H), 1.26 - 1.19 (m, 6H).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.95 (s, 2.47F), -67.97 (s, 0.52F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.40, 171.98, 151.61 (151.22), 149.97 (150.06), 148.35 (149.03, q, J = 34.5 Hz), 127.05 (126.66), 124.26(124.22, q, J = 272.5 Hz), 121.05 (120.73, q, J = 2.7 Hz), 61.85, 61.75 (61.69), 58.61 (57.98), 45.16 (46.35), 42.56 (43.71), 37.87 (39.49), 37.05 (39.31), 33.33 (38.89), 32.43 (35.56), 13.95, 13.92.

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{24}BrF_{3}NO_{4}^{+}$  (M+H): 466.0835, found: 466.0837.



4-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-fluoropyridine [33]: According to the general procedure, 1-(tert-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (36.0 µL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-fluoropyridine (54.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 μL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-tert-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (54.2 mg, 82%, Z/E =38:62).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.20 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 0.37H), 8.14 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 0.62H) 7.44 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.11 (m, 0.39H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 0.77H), 7.03 (m, 0.41H), 7.03 (s, 0.62H), 6.90 (s, 0.35H), 6.86 (s, 0.36H), 6.73 (s, 0.60H), 1.36 (s, 5.52H), 1.31 (s, 3.46H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.32 (s, 0.36F), -67.73 (s, 0.59F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.93 (164.71, d, J = 238.5 Hz), 153.48 (152.64, d, J = 8.2 Hz), 151.77 (152.13), 147.65 (147.79, d, J = 15.4 Hz), 143.83 (143.60), 133.84 (135.71), 129.08 (126.98), 125.50 (125.73), 119.74 (122.28, d, J = 4.1 Hz), 110.05 (106.60), 107.84 (110.45, d, J = 37.8 Hz), 34.75 (34.67), 31.26 (31.15). **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FN<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 334.0601, found: 334.0600.



**4-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(***tert***-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-chloropyridine [34]**: According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (36.0 µL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-chloropyridine (57.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (65.1 mg, 93%, Z/E = 51:49).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.44 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 0.49H), 8.30 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 0.47H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 0.59H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.5 Hz, 0.51H), 6.99 (s, 0.45H), 6.85 (s, 0.47H), 1.36 (s, 4.24H), 1.31 (s, 4.67H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.17 (151.97), 151.81 (151.75), 151.13 (150.29), 149.80 (149.68), 143.64 (143.40), 135.66 (133.71), 129.09 (127.01), 125.75 (125.52), 124.91 (123.29), 122.42 (120.82), 110.08 (106.76), 34.66 (34.75), 31.25 (31.14). **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrClN<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 350.0306, found: 350.0310.



**4-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(***tert***-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)picolinonitrile [35]**: According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert***-butyl)**-4-ethynylbenzene (36.0 µL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromopicolinonitrile (54.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 8:1) as a pale-yellow oil (58.3 mg, 86%, Z/E = 51:49). (the Z and E isomers were determined by NOESY, and the E isomer was also confirmed by crystallographic data).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.76 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 0.46H), 8.63 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 0.45H), 7.64 (m, 0.51H), 7.50 (m, 0.52H), 7.48 (m, 0.47H), 7.48 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 1.48H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 0.48H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 0.50H), 1.37 (s, 4.17H), 1.32 (s, 4.43H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.47 (152.12), 151.27, 149.31 (148.63), 143.06 (142.77), 135.35 (134.26), 133.20 (134.19), 129.29 (127.76), 129.03 (127.12), 126.73 (124.67), 125.90 (125.75), 117.05, 111.25 (107.52), 34.69 (34.78), 31.12 (31.22).
HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 341.0648, found: 341.0650.



#### (Z)-4-(2-bromo-1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)picolinonitrile (Z-35):

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl3) δ 8.76 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 1.32 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl3) δ 152.35, 151.19, 148.54, 142.68, 135.25, 134.08, 129.19, 127.70, 127.05, 125.83, 116.98, 107.47, 34.60, 31.04.



(*E*)-4-(2-bromo-1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)picolinonitrile (*E*-35):

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.61 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd, J = 5.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.99, 151.20, 149.19, 142.94, 134.13, 133.14, 128.97, 126.66, 125.66, 124.64, 117.00, 111.26, 34.69, 31.16.



**Methyl -4-(2-bromo-1-(4-(***tert***-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)picolinate [36]**: According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (36.0 µL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), methyl 4-bromopicolinate (64.8 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (64.2 mg, 86%, Z/E = 47:53).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.80 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 0.47H), 8.65 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 0.53H), 8.05 - 8.03 (m, 1H), 7.46 - 7.41 (m, 1.58H), 7.36 - 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.24 (m, 0.52H), 7.21 - 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.10 - 7.06 (m, 1H), 7.05 (s, 0.50H), 6.88 (s, 0.44H), 4.01 (s, 1.48H), 4.01 (s, 1.63H), 1.36 (s, 4.80H) , 1.31 (s, 4.35H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.60 (165.57), 152.11 (151.76), 150.07 (150.04), 149.49 (148.64), 148.24, 143.99 (143.78), 133.82 (135.78), 129.13 (127.06), 125.97 (127.78), 125.53 (125.75), 123.16 (125.30), 110.03 (106.74), 53.01 (52.99), 34.75 (34.66), 31.25 (31.15).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 374.0750, found: 374.0751.



**5-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(***tert***-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-(***trifluoromethyl***)pyridine** [37]: According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (36.0 µL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 5-bromo-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (67.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.),  $Ir[dF(CF_3)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$  (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (72.8 mg, 95%, Z/E =40:60).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.70 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 0.38H), 8.63 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 0.57H), 7.82 (m, 0.42H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 0.42H), 7.64 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.0 Hz, 0.64H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 0.65H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1.23H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 0.84H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1.26H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 0.86H), 6.92 (s, 0.38H), 6.91 (s, 0.57H), 1.36 (s, 5.34H), 1.31 (s, 3.71H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.85 (s, 1.16F), -67.86 (s, 1.85F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.83 (152.17), 148.51 (150.82), 147.36 (147.34, q, J = 34.5 Hz), 142.68 (142.46), 138.56 (139.56), 136.18 (138.10), 134.16, 129.16 (127.11), 125.52 (125.78), 120.09 (122.36, q, J = 2.8Hz), 122.36 (122.39, q, J = 274.5Hz), 108.28 (107.27), 34.74 (34.66), 31.23 (31.14).

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 384.0569, found: 384.0570.



**5-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(***tert***-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)picolinonitrile** [**38**]: According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (36.0 µL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 5-bromopicolinonitrile (54.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (56.3 mg, 83%, Z/E =60:40).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.68 (s, 0.60H), 8.62 (s, 0.40H), 7.81 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 0.80H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1.21H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 0.80H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1.20H), 6.96 (s, 0.40H), 6.92 (s, 0.60H), 1.35 (s, 3.60H), 1.31 (s, 5.40H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ, 151.96, 149.54 (152.32), 142.18 (142.46), 138.62 (139.79), 138.13 (135.54), 135.85 (133.72), 132.71 (132.57), 127.98 (128.05), 127.12 (129.09), 125.84 (125.61), 117.12, 107.67 (109.51), 34.65 (34.73), 31.10 (31.20). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 341.0648, found: 341.0650.



**5-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(***tert***-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-methoxypyridine** [**39**]: According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (36.0 µL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 5-bromo-2-methoxypyridine (56.4 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.),  $Ir[dF(CF_3)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$  (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 8:1) as a pale-yellow oil (45.7 mg, 66%, Z/E = 45:55).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 0.45H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 0.54H), 7.51 (m, 0.58H), 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 1H),7.39-7.37 (m, 0.65H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (m, 0.53H), 6.75 (s, 0.49H), 6.66 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 1.37H), 3.93 (s, 1.65H), 1.35 (s, 4.99H), 1.31 (s, 4.17H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.84 (163.57), 151.58 (151.19), 145.62 (147.97), 143.45 (143.38), 137.84 (140.02), 135.23 (137.43), 130.41 (127.99), 129.26 (127.32), 125.21 (125.51), 110.56 (110.37), 103.68 (105.15), 53.57 (55.55), 34.71 (31.64), 31.32 (31.23).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrNO<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 346.0801, found: 346.0801.

**3-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(***tert***-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-5-fluoropyridine [40]**: According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (36.0 μL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.),

3-bromo-5-fluoropyridine (52.8 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (59.6 mg, 89%, Z/E = 48:52).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.42 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (m, 0.51H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 0.56H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 0.48H), 6.86 (s, 0.52H), 1.35 (s, 4.77H), 1.35 (s, 4.36H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -126.61 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 0,48F), -126.83 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 0.52F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.15 (164.92, d, J = 239.0 Hz), 152.03 (151.68), 146.17 (146.46, d, J = 6.3Hz), 142.53 (142.24), 137.45 (137.27, d, J = 5.3 Hz), 136.35 (134.29), 129.13 (125.46), 127.10 (125.70, d, J = 27.6 Hz), 121.70 (124.02, d, J = 18.7 Hz), 107.52 (106.95), 34.73 (34.65), 31.25 (31.16).

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrFN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 334.0601, found: 334.0605.



**5-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(***tert***-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2,3-difluoropyridine [41]**: According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (36.0  $\mu$ L, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 5-bromo-2,3-difluoropyridine (58.2 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL,

0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a paleyellow oil (69.0 mg, 97%, Z/E = 42:58).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.97 (s, 0.42H), 7.91 (s, 0.58H), 7.53 (m, 0.50H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 0.66H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 0.43H), 6.81 (s, 0.59H), 1.36 (s, 5.37H) , 1.36 (s, 3.81H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -86.88 – -87.40 (m, 0.41F), -87.40 – -88.04 (m, 0.55F), -139.51 (m, 1F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.49 (150.02, dd, J = 240.5, 14.8 Hz), 151.91 (152.24), 144.99 (dd, J = 262.1, 28.7 Hz), 139.87 (142.61, dd, J = 12.9, 5.6 Hz), 141.66 (141.50), 134.16 (136.24), 129.09 (125.55), 125.80 (127.11), 128.00 (127.96, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 125.55 (125.80), 107.23 (107.71), 34.76 (34.68), 31.24 (31.16).

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrF<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 352.0507, found: 352.0506.



**3-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(***tert***-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-5-chloropicolinonitrile [42]**: According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (36.0 µL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 3-bromo-5-chloropicolinonitrile (54.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.),  $Ir[dF(CF_3)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$  (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (57.8 mg, 77%, Z/E = 37:63).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.70 – 8.59 (m, 0.37H), 8.59 – 8.48 (m, 0.63H), 7.72 (dd, J = 39.4, 2.1 Hz, 0.36H), 7.56 (dd, J = 43.0, 2.3 Hz, 0.66H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (q, J = 2.2 Hz, 0.53H), 6.99 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 – 6.80 (m, 0.37H), 1.25(s, 3.37H), 1.23(s, 5.66H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.62 (152.39), 151.51 (151.30), 149.38 (149.16), 141.18 (142.74140.64), 140.34 (139.52), 138.37 (137.99), 137.81 (137.21), 135.61 (134.23), 133.24 (131.59), 126.04 (126.54), 125.58 (129.14), 120.65 (115.29), 110.22 (111.68), 34.71 (34.79), 31.10 (31.17).

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrClN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 375.0258, found: 375.0234.



**5-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(***tert***-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-chloronicotinonitrile [43]**: According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (36.0 µL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 5-bromo-2-chloronicotinonitrile (65.1 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.),  $Ir[dF(CF_3)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$  (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (54.9 mg, 73%, Z/E = 45:55).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.66 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 0.45H), 8.58 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 0.55H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 0.46H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 0.55H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (m, 1H), 1.36 (s, 4.07H), 1.32 (s, 4.93H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 153.63 (153.95), 152.63 (152.30), 151.52 (151.29), 150.76 (151.73), 143.46 (144.32), 141.13 (140.69), 135.53 (134.26), 127.15 (129.01), 126.01 (125.82), 118.60, 114.36 (113.33), 110.53 (112.06), 108.08 (109.06), 34.71 (34.79), 31.11 (31.20).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrClN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 375.0258, found: 375.0234.



**2-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(***tert***-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-6-(***trifluoromethyl***)pyridine** [44]: According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (36.0 µL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 2-bromo-6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (67.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (74.6 mg, 97%, Z/E = 30:70).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.92 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 0.33H), 7.88 (s, 0.70H), 7.69 (dt, J = 8.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.55 (m, 0.71H), 7.55 – 7.54 (m, 0.30H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1.43H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 0.66H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1.48H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 0.66H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 0.72H), 6.93 (s, 0.30H), 1.38 (s, 6.19H), 1.30 (s, 2.96H). <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.82 (s, 0.89F), -68.10 (s, 2.11F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.04 (158.38), 151.35 (151.68), 147.78 (q, J = 34.8 Hz), 143.67 (145.53), 138.05 (137.68), 133.93 (135.61), 129.14 (126.86), 125.65 (125.58), 124.59 (127.79), 121.39 (121.35, q, J = 277.4 Hz), 118.79 (119.29, q, J = 2.6 Hz), 114.74 (107.65), 34.75 (34.64), 31.35 (31.20).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 384.0569, found: 384.0574.



**5-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(***tert***-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-methylpyrimidine** [**45**]: According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (36.0 µL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 5-bromo-2-methylpyrimidine (52.0 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.),  $Ir[dF(CF_3)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$  (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (49.0 mg, 74%, Z/E =48:52).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 0.48H), 6.79 (s, 0.52H), 2.79 (s, 1.44H), 2.71 (s, 1.58H), 1.34 (s, 4.62H), 1.34 (s, 4.40H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.44 (167.40), 155.26 (157.52), 152.13 (151.78), 140.60 (140.75), 133.87 (136.14), 131.70 (129.94), 129.10 (127.09), 125.47 (125.77), 106.63 (107.21), 34.72 (34.65), 31.22 (31.14), 25.73 (25.93).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 331.0804, found: 331.0804.



**5-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(***tert***-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-chloro-4-methylpyrimidine [46]**: According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (36.0 μL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 5-bromo-2-chloro-4-methylpyrimidine (62.1 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (63.6 mg, 87%, Z/E =59:41).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.28 (s, 0.59H), 8.22 (s, 0.41H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 0.41H), 6.44 (s, 0.58H), 2.23 (s, 1.18H), 2.08 (s, 1.83H), 1.20 (s, 5.43H), 1.18 (s, 3.63H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.20 (169.05), 159.41 (160.24), 158.18, 152.18 (152.46), 139.57 (140.18), 133.55 (134.39), 133.22 (131.10), 128.71 (126.06), 125.42 (125.99), 107.98 (108.98), 34.75 (34.69), 31.16 (31.11), 22.96 (22.22).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrClN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 365.0415, found: 365.0419.

**3-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(***tert***-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)pyridine** [**47**]: According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (36.0 µL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 3-bromopyridine (47.4 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (53.7 mg, 85%, Z/E =51:49). (<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 400 and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 600).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.67 – 8.43 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 0.48H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 0.48H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 0.48H), 6.78 (s, 0.46H) 1.35 (s, 4.39H), 1.31 (s, 4.60H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.74 (151.38), 150.57 (150.50), 148.93 (149.03),
148.41 (148.46), 143.97 (143.47), 137.18 (136.84), 135.03 (134.80), 127.13 (129.22),
125.57 (123.09),123.09, 106.18, 34.69 (34.61), 31.17 (31.26).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrN<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 316.0695, found: 315.0697.



**3-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(***tert***-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)quinoline [48]**: According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (62.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 3-bromoquinoline (62.4 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (52.7 mg, 73%, Z/E = 41:59).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.84 (s, 0.41H), 7.76 (s, 0.59H), 7.65 (s, 0.52H), 7.54 (s, 0.33H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1.65H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 1.50H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 0.60H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 0.42H), 3.88 (s, 2.19H), 3.87 (s, 1.19H), 1.36 (s, 5.45H), 1.32 (s, 3.63H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.80, 151.33 (151.37), 146.27 (147.32), 143.53, 137.19 (136.75), 136.98 (132.35), 129.85, 129.74 (129.46), 129.25, 129.06, 127.60 (127.98), 127.53, 127.27 (125.62), 126.89 (126.88), 117.09, 106.47, 34.62, 31.16.
HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 366.0852, found: 366.0852.



**4-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(***tert***-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)quinoline** [**49**]: According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (36.0 µL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromoquinoline (62.4 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg, 0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (46.7 mg, 64%, Z/E = 66:34).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.02 – 8.97 (m, 0.66H), 8.93 – 8.89 (m, 0.34H), 8.18 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.7 Hz, 0.67H), 8.12 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.5 Hz, 0.35H), 7.88 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.9 Hz, 0.34H), 7.79 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.0 Hz, 0.66H), 7.76 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.13 (m, 0.63H), 6.65 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 0.34H), 1.28 -1.31 (m, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.87 (151.61), 150.26 (150.01), 148.65 (148.70), 146.00 (147.68), 143.06 (142.44), 135.61 (134.66), 129.97 (129.82), 129.62 (129.45), 128.64, 127.03 (126.91), 126.06, 125.76, 125.22 (125.48), 121.65, 107.53 (107.30), 34.62 (34.69), 31.13 (31.18).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 366.0852, found: 366.0855.



Methyl -4-(2-bromo-1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)thiophene-2-carboxylate [50]: According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (36.0 µL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), methyl 4-bromothiophene-2-carboxylate (66.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.),  $Ir[dF(CF_3)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$  (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (84.5 mg, 94%, Z/E = 41:59).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.84 (s, 0.40H), 7.76 (s, 0.58H), 7.65 (s, 0.51H), 7.54 (s, 0.32H), 7.43 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.85 (s, 0.60H), 6.65 (s, 0.41H), 3.88 – 3.87 (m, 3H), 1.36(s, 4.91H), 1.32 (s, 4.35H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.39 (162.51), 151.23 (151.65), 142.45 (140.86), 140.72 (139.60), 135.07(137.34), 134.95 (133.80), 132.76 (132.91), 131.78 (129.52), 128.83 (127.36), 125.28 (125.49), 105.63 (105.09), 52.27 (52.22), 34.68 (34.62), 31.29 (31.21).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 379.0362, found: 379.0338.



4-(2-Bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)benzonitrile [51]: According to the general procedure, 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (26.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-

bromobenzonitrile (108.5 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (62.4 mg, 96%, Z/E = 45:55).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.82 (s, 0.41H), 6.75 (s, 0.51H), 3.85 (s, 1.30H), 3.85 (s, 1.68H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.90 (159.56), 145.37 (145.03), 144.84 (144.08),
132.06 (132.18), 132.08 (129.95), 130.50 (130.93), 128.71 (128.24), 118.64 (118.58),
114.02 (113.82), 111.68 (111.57), 104.80 (107.71), 55.29 (55.22).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrNO<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 314.0175, found: 314.0183.



1-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)vinyl)-4-methoxybenzene[52]:According to the general procedure, 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (26.2 mg, 0.20 mmol,1.0 equiv.), 1-bromo-4-(methylsulfonyl)benzene (146.4 mg, 0.6mmol, 3.0 equiv.),diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg,0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL,0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and

the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a paleyellow oil (58.7 mg, 80%, Z/E = 45:55).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 1.33H), 3.85 (s, 1.66H), 3.12 (s, 1.67H), 3.05 (s, 1.31H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.98 (159.65), 146.51 (145.13), 148.86 (145.01),
139.84 (139.80), 132.23 (130.13), 130.80 (131.02), 128.80 (128.59), 127.42 (127.57),
114.10 (113.89), 104.93 (107.81), 55.37 (55.31), 44.49.

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrO<sub>3</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 366.9998, found: 366.9998.



**Methyl -4-(2-bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)benzoate [53]**: According to the general procedure, 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (26.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), methyl 4-bromobenzoate (134.4 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (46.9 mg, 68%, Z/E =52:48).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1.02H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 0.87H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1.01H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 0.90H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 0.86H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1.03H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 0.85H), 6.83 (s, 0.54H), 6.81 (s, 0.89H), 6.73 (s, 0.49H), 3.94 (s, 1.53H), 3.91 (s, 1.29H), 3.85 (s, 1.27H), 3.80 (s, 1.54H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.83 (166.73), 159.81 (159.46), 145.6 (145.68),
144.11 (145.48), 132.67 (130.62), 129.81 (131.05), 129.59 (129.71), 128.78 (127.72),
113.96 (113.73), 106.61 (104.22), 55.34 (55.27), 52.19.

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 347.0277, found: 347.0279.



(4-(2-Bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone [54]: According to the general procedure, 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (26.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), (4-bromophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (156.6 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (56.1 mg, 72%, Z/E = 43:57).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.86 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2.17H), 7.82 – 7.77 (m, 0.86H), 7.76 – 7.72 (m, 0.82H), 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 1.09H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 0.84H), 7.28 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 0.97H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1.10H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 0.83H), 6.85 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 0.97H), 6.79 (d, J = 32.6 Hz, 1.08H), 3.85 (s, 1.20H), 3.81 (s, 1.58H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 196.30 (196.10), 159.83 (159.49), 145.59 (145.71), 143.65 (145.00), 137.54 (134.50), 136.90 (134.96), 132.74 (130.62), 132.50 (132.51), 130.27 (131.07), 130.07 (130.10), 129.74 (130.00), 128.35 (128.86), 127.62, 113.99 (113.77), 104.30 (106.69), 55.36 (55.29).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 393.0485, found: 393.0487.



## 1-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)vinyl)-4-methoxybenzene[55]:

According to the general procedure, 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (26.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 1-bromo-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (135.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (pure PE) as a pale-yellow oil (57.8 mg, 81%, Z/E = 55:45).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 0.51H), 6.75 (s, 0.42H), 3.86 (s, 1.65H), 3.81 (s, 1.35H).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.56 (s, 1.35F), -62.60(s, 1.65F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 159.50 (159.83), 145.32 (145.21), 144.60 (143.01), 130.46 (132.54), 130.01(129.98, q, *J* = 34.6 Hz ), 128.75 (129.78), 128.04 (128.75), 125.37 (125.26, q, *J* = 3.7 Hz ),124.20 (124.75, q, *J* = 271.8 Hz ), 113.74 (113.97), 106.50 (104.38), 55.23 (55.30).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 357.0096, found: 357.0096.

**3-(2-Bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)benzonitrile [56]**: According to the general procedure, 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (26.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 3-bromobenzonitrile (108.5 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (50.5 mg, 80%, Z/E = 55:45).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 (m, 0.42H), 7.62 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 0.57H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 0.51H), 6.75 (s, 0.41H), 3.85 (s, 1.65H), 3.81 (d, J = 1.29H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.91 (159.58), 144.50 (144.33), 142.28 (140.54), 134.18 (133.27), 131.80 (131.46), 131.22 (131.37), 130.91 (128.71), 129.24(129.12), 129.92 (132.11), 118.38 (118.48), 113.86 (114.05), 112.67 (112.53), 106.76 (104.82), 55.23 (55.29).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrNO<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 314.0175, found: 314.0183.

**1-(2-Bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)-2-fluorobenzene** [57]: According to the general procedure, 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (26.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 1-bromo-2-fluorobenzene (104.4 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4

mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (pure PE) as a pale-yellow oil (62.2 mg, 99%, Z/E = 48:52).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 0.54H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1.13H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 0.69H), 7.13 – 7.10 (m, 0.67H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 6.91 (m, 1.08H), 6.85 – 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.74 – 6.69 (m, 1H), 6.62 (s, 0.44H), 3.73 (s, 1.41H), 3.73 (s, 1.56H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -113.45 (m, 0.51F), -113.78 (m, 0.48F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.63 (161.04, d, J = 248.9 Hz), 159.65 (159.19), 141.02 (140.33), 131.87 (130.92), 131.41 (131.14, d, J = 3.5 Hz), 129.96 (129.66, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 128.86 (126.99, d, J = 13.2 Hz), 127.87 (130.45), 124.07 (124.02, d, J = 3.6 Hz), 116.14 (116.04, d, J = 20.9 Hz), 113.93 (113.46), 107.47 (106.08), 55.15 (55.25). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrFO<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 307.0128, found: 307.0130.

**2-(2-Bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)benzonitrile [58]**: According to the general procedure, 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (26.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 2-bromobenzonitrile (108.5 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (54.4 mg, 87%, Z/E =49:51).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.75 (dd, J = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 0.50H), 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 1.54H), 7.18 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.91 (m, 1.54H), 6.87 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 6.71 (s, 0.48H), 3.82 (s, 1.47H) , 3.79 (s, 1.52H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.57 (159.87), 145.09 (142.87), 143.41, 133.15 (133.58), 132.76 (132.55), 131.03 (128.12), 131.00 (129.81), 130.39 (130.27), 128.31, 117.55 (117.31), 113.54 (114.09), 111.95 (112.87), 108.13 (106.77), 55.25 (55.17). **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrNO<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 314.0175, found: 314.0183.



**1-(2-Bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene** [59]: According to the general procedure, 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (26.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 1-bromo-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene (175.8 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 50:1) as a pale-yellow oil (70.0 mg, 83%, Z/E = 40:60).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.89 (s, 0.36H), 7.82 (s, 0.56H), 7.66 (s, 0.74H), 7.66 (s, 1.13H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 1.27H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.87 (s, 0.35H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.81 (s, 0.36H), 3.86 (s, 1.72H), 3.82 (s, 1.16H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.84 (s, 2.32F), -62.89 (s, 3.54F).

<sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.15 (159.82), 143.31 (144.17), 141.36 (143.93), 131.76 (131.495, q, J = 33.4 Hz), 130.99 (128.78), 130.05 (127.69), 129.50, 127.69

(130.08), 123.11 (123.23, q, *J* = 271.1 Hz), 121.87, 114.04 (114.26), 107.95 (105.63), 55.33 (55.26).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrF<sub>6</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 424.9970, found: 424.9969.



**4-(2-Bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)-2,6-difluorobenzonitrile [60]**: According to the general procedure, 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (26.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2,6-difluorobenzonitrile (129.8 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (66.5 mg, 96%, Z/E = 45:55).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.19 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 0.44H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.78 (s, 0.54H), 3.86 (s, 1.34H), 3.82 (s, 1.65H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -103.44 (s, 0.38F), -103.46 (s, 0.50F), -103.54 (s, 0.49), -103.56 (s, 0.60F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.96 (162.47, dd, *J* = 262.3, 4.8 Hz), 160.23 (159.90), 147.65 (148.74, t, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 143.30 (143.64, t, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 128.73 (130.94), 128.69 (130.82), 114.26 (114.13), 113.66 (111.08, dd, *J* = 20.2, 3.6 Hz), 109.06 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 106.06 (110.50), 91.67 (91.34, t, *J* = 19.3 Hz), 55.33 (55.26).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrF<sub>2</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 349.9987, found: 350.0307.



# **1-(2-Bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorobenzene** [61]: According to the general procedure, 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (26.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 1-bromo-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorobenzene (148.2 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6 µL, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), $Ir[dF(CF_3)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$ (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (71.3 mg, 94%, Z/E = 36:64).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 0.74H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1.24H), 7.02 (s, 0.59H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 0.77H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1.28H), 6.66 (s, 0.35H), 3.83 (s, 1.11H), 3.83 (s, 1.82H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -139.41 (m, 1.00F), -140.64 (m, 0.60F), -153.65 (s, 0.51F), -153.94 (s, 0.32F), -161.47 (m, 1.56F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.25 (159.75), 143.76 (144.27, d, J = 247.6 Hz), 139.54 (139.35, d, J = 254.4 Hz), 136.71 (136.42, dt, J = 27.0, 12.9 Hz), 133.29 (130.97), 129.67 (128.87), 127.46 (129.97), 115.80 (115.84, t, J = 17.2 Hz), 114.35 (113.79), 110.21 (111.10), 55.34 (55.26).

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrF<sub>5</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 378.9751, found: 378.9751.

**2-(2-Bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)-6-fluorobenzaldehyde [62]**: According to the general procedure, 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (26.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 2-bromo-6-fluorobenzaldehyde (121.8 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (65.4 mg, 98%, Z/E =46:54).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.38 (s, 0.43H), 10.32 (s, 0.50H), 7.93 (m, 0.44H),
7.83 (m, 0.52H), 7.52 (m, 0.46H), 7.46 (m, 0.54H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 0.38H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1.16H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 0.55H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 0.44H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 0.50H), 3.83 (s, 1.59H),
3.80 (s, 1.37H).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -123.04 (m, 0.46F), -123.75 (m, 0.54F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  187.13 (187.06), 161.86 (161.54, d, J = 250.0 Hz), 159.51 (159.96), 139.28 (139.92), 137.87 (137.12, d, J = 4.7 Hz), 130.29 (131.29), 130.25 (128.35, d, J = 12.0 Hz), 113.72 (114.18), 108.53 (108.49), 107.02, 55.35 (55.27).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrFO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 335.0077, found: 335.0077.



#### 4-(1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine [63]:

According to a literature procedure<sup>[1]</sup>. A mixture of 4-(2-bromo-1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)-phenyl)-vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-pyridine (77.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) in anhydrous THF (6

mL) was degassed by bubbling argon for few minutes. Then,  $PdCl_2(PPh_3)_2$  (7.1 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol%), TMEDA (108 mg, 0.72 mmol, 3.64 equiv.) and finally NaBH<sub>4</sub> (21.2 mg, 0.56 mmol, 2.8 equiv.) were introduced in sequence. The mixture was stirred at room temperature or heated at 65 °C under argon for 20 hours. The residue was taken up in brine and extracted with ethyl acetate. The extract was washed with water, brine and then dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of the solvent left the crude product which was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) to provide 4-(1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine as a pale yellow oil (54.8 mg, 90%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.69 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.90 (s, 3F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.80, 150.96, 150.06, 148.44 (d, J = 34.3 Hz), 146.83, 135.95, 127.66, 125.57, 121.59 (q, J = 274.3 Hz), 119.49 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 118.86, 117.68, 34.64, 31.24.

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 306.1464, found: 306.1465.

### 3-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-3-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-yl)acrylonitrile [64]:

According to a literature procedure<sup>[2]</sup>. Mixture of 4-(2-bromo-1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (77.6 mg, 0.2 mmol),  $K_4Fe(CN)_6\cdot 3H_2O$  (84.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), anhydrous KF (13.9 mg, 0.24 mmol) and CuI (1.9 mg, 0.01 mol) in DMF (1 mL)was heated with stirring at 120 °C under argon for 15 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered to separate the solid catalyst. The filtrate

was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The extract was washed with water, brine and then dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of the solvent left the crude product which was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) to provide 3-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-3-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-yl)acrylonitrile as a pale yellow oil (73.0 mg, 90%, Z/E = 47:53).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.79 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 0.47H), 8.64 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 0.53H), 7.65 (s, 0.47H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 0.53H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 1.52H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.27 (m, 0.47H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (s, 0.53H), 6.91 (s, 0.47H), 1.37 (s, 4.76H), 1.32 (s, 4.24H).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.90 (s, 1.41F), -67.94 (s, 1.59F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.93 (152.29), 150.29 (150.25), 149.83 (149.00), 148.61 (148.54, q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 143.78 (143.50), 135.58 (133.57), 129.11 (127.04), 125.60 (125.83), 124.68 (127.25), 121.47 (121.51, q, *J* = 274.3 Hz), 118.53 (121.34, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 110.59 , 107.15, 34.75 (34.66), 31.22 (31.12).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{18}F_3N_2^+$  (M+H): 331.1417, found: 331.1418.



## 4-(1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-2-(3,5-dimethoxyphenoxy)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine [65]:

According to a literature procedure<sup>[3]</sup>. In a 10 mL round bottom flask a mixture of 4-(2bromo-1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (77.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 3,5-dimethoxyphenol (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol),  $Cs_2CO_3$  (130.4 mg, 2 mmol), Ni(acac)<sub>2</sub> (2.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), CuI (1.9 mg, 0.01 mmol) and NMP (0.6 mL) was heated at 100 °C under argon for 8 hours. The reaction mixture was then allowed to cool and was extracted with ethyl acetate. The extract was washed with water and brine. Then the organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to leave the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) to provide the pure 4-(1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-(3,5-dimethoxyphenoxy)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine as a pale yellow oil (66.3 mg, 73%, Z/E = 43:57).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.70 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 0.43H), 8.65 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 0.57H), 7.81 (s, 0.44H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 0.56H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.2 Hz, 0.44H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.4 Hz, 0.58H), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.12 (s, 0.57H), 7.06 (s, 0.43H), 6.32 – 6.28 (m, 3H), 3.79 (s, 2.59H), 3.79 (s, 3.41H), 1.38 (s, 9H).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.90 (s, 1.30F), -67.91 (s, 1.70F).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.70 (161.75), 158.78 (158.53), 151.07 (151.21), 150.06 (149.92), 149.72 (146.76), 148.22 (148.67, q, *J* = 34.2 Hz), 142.82 (142.89), 131.44 (134.16), 129.44 (128.33), 125.53 (125.83), 125.03 (126.89), 122.75 (121.85), 121.47 (121.51, q, *J* = 274.3 Hz), 118.88 (121.01, q, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 96.09 (96.12), 95.87 (95.51), 55.54, 34.70 (34.65), 31.30 (31.31).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>27</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 458.1938, found: 458.1940.



# N-(2-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-yl)vinyl)-N-phenylaniline [66]:

According to a literature procedure<sup>[4]</sup>. CuI (1.9 mg, 0.01 mmol), diphenylamine (18.6 mg, 0.11 mmol) and 'BuONa (19.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) were added to pre-dried a screw capped test tube with a Teflon-lined septum. The tube was then evacuated and backfilled with N<sub>2</sub> and this procedure was repeated three times. Toluene (1 mL) was added by syringe at room temperature, stirred for 30 seconds, then 4-(2-bromo-1-(4- (*tert*-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (38.3 mg, 0.1 mmol) was added.

The tube was then sealed with a Teflon valve and the reaction mixture was stirred at 140 °C for 18 hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature. Water (5 mL) and ethyl acetate (5 mL) were added and stirred for 30 min. The aqueous layer was washed with ethyl acetate for three times. The organic phase was combined. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) to provide the pure N-(2-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl))-2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-yl)vinyl)-N-phenylaniline as a pale yellow oil (36.0 mg, 76%, Z/E = 27:73).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.80 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 0.27H), 8.71 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 0.73H), 7.77 (s, 0.72H), 7.65 (s, 0.27H), 7.56 – 7.54 (m, 0.73H), 7.53 – 7.50 (m, 1.47H), 7.47 – 7.44 (m, 0.27H), 7.44 – 7.42 (m, 1.52H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.11 – 7.06 (m, 6H), 6.95 – 6.91 (m, 3H), 1.35 (s, 6.65H), 1.33 (s, 2.35H).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.93 (s, 0.67F), -67.97 (s, 2.33F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl3) δ 153.26 (152.30), 149.96 (150.26), 149.89 (148.20, q, *J* = 34.2 Hz), 143.09 (143.51), 133.55, 131.79, 129.31, 127.94, 127.26, 127.05, 125.84, 125.63, 122.84 (q, *J* = 274.5 Hz), 122.35 (q, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 120.96, 118.38, 117.77, 107.11, 97.76, 96.39, 85.12, 34.96 (34.69), 31.09 (31.14).

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 473.2199, found: 473.2199.

# 4-(1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-2-((4-methoxybenzyl)thio)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine [67]:

According to a literature procedure<sup>[5]</sup>. An argon flushed schlenk was charged with KOH (0.3 mmol) and Cu<sub>2</sub>O (0.0075 mmol). Then distilled dioxane (1.0 mL) was added, followed by -(2-bromo-1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (68.9 mg, 0.18 mmol) and then (4-methoxyphenyl)methanethiol (23.1mg, 0.15 mmol).

The schlenk was sealed and heated at 110 °C in a sand bath. After stirring at this temperature for 24 hours, the heterogeneous mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate. The resulting solution was filtered through a pad of celite then washed with ethyl acetate and concentrated in vacuo to give the crude material which was then purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product.4-(1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-2-((4-methoxybenzyl)thio)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (64.5 mg, 71%, Z/E = 55:45) as a pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.70 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 0.55H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 0.45H), 7.59 (s, 0.55H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 0.94H), 7.26-7.25 (m, 0.87H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 1.43H), 7.03 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.94 (s, 0.45H), 6.92 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.73 (s, 0.55H), 4.00 (s, 0.90H), 3.96 (s, 1.10H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 4.07H), 1.32 (s, 4.94H).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.90 (s, 1.35F), -67.91 (s, 1.65F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.02 (159.09), 150.87 (151.29), 150.09 (149.97), 149.30 (150.34), 148.35 (148.23, q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 137.12 (134.34), 135.40 (133.98), 131.58 (128.97), 129.99 (130.12), 128.12(128.73), (), 126.72 (129.03), 125.56 (125.67), 127.17 (123.62), 121.57(121.64, q, *J*=274.4Hz), 121.23 (117.52, q, *J*=2.8 Hz), 114.19 (114.20), 55.27 (55.26), 38.42 (38.26), 34.54 (34.68), 31.20 (31.25).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>27</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NOS<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 458.1760, found: 458.1762.



4-(1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine [68]:

According to a literature procedure<sup>[6]</sup>. To an oven-dried flask was added 4-(2-bromo-1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (57.5 mg, 0.15 mmol),, bis(pinacolato)diboron (41.9mg, 0.165 mmol), and AcOK (44.1 mg, 0.45 mmol.). The flask was sealed, 1,4-dioxane (1 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was degassed with argon for 15 min. To the reaction mixture was added Pd(dppf)Cl<sub>2</sub>•DCM (5.5 mg, 0.0075 mmol.) and the flask was resealed and purged with argon. The reaction mixture was stirred at 90°C for 16 hours. After the reaction was complete (observed by TLC), the reaction was cooled to rt and the solvent was removed in vacuo. Et<sub>2</sub>O was added and the crude residue was filtered through a layer of Celite eluting the product with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The filtrate was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO2, specified combination of solvents) (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) to provide 4-(1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl)-2-

(trifluoromethyl)pyridine as a pale yellow oil (49.7 mg, 77%, Z/E = 48:52).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.68 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 0.48H), 8.63 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 0.52H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 1.31 (s, 5.19H), 1.26 (s, 4.29H), 1.15 (s, 6.12H), 1.13 (s, 5.70H).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.82 (s, 1.44F), -67.92 (s, 1.56F)..

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.13, 151.95 (151.85), 151.69, 150.06 (150.11), 148.37 (q, J = 34.1 Hz), 136.46, 127.71, 125.62 (124.96), 125.03 (129.24), 122.71 (122.78, q, J = 274.3Hz), 118.85 (119.56, q, J = 2.7 Hz), 117.76, 83.73, 34.68, 31.33 (31.29), 24.63.

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>30</sub>BF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H): 432.2316, found: 432.2318.

4-(1,2-bis(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine [69]:

According to a literature procedure<sup>[11]</sup>. General procedure for the Suzuki-Miyaura crosscouplings of 4-(2-bromo-1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (77.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), (4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)boronic acid (46.3 mg, 0.26 mmol), cesium carbonate (195.6 mg, 0.6 mmol), 1,4-dioxane (1.5 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) was degassed by bubbling argon for few minutes and then Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>(4.6 mg, 0.026 mmol), tri(2furyl)phosphine (TFP) (6.9 mg, 0.15 mmol) were added. The mixture was heated at 65 °C for the proper time under argon. After cooling, the mixture was taken up in ethyl acetate and washed two times with brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Evaporation of the solvent left the crude product which was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) to provide 4-(1,2-bis(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine as a white solid (80.7 mg, 92%, Z/E = 49:51).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.68 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 0.49H), 8.61 (d, J = 5.1 Hz,

0.51H), 7.66 (s, 0.50H), 7.55 (s, 0.50H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m,

1.54H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.5 Hz, 0.51H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz,

1H), 7.12 (s, 0.49H), 7.10 (s, 0.50H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz,

1H), 1.40 (s, 4.46H), 1.35 (s, 4.66H), 1.28 (s, 4.48H) , 1.28 (s, 4.51H).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.87(s, 1.53F), -67.98 (s, 1.47F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.73 (151.36), 151.41 (151.39), 151.01 (151.00), 149.95 (150.30), 148.60 (148.26, q, *J* =34.4Hz), 138.37 (135.09), 137.80 (137.88), 133.03 (132.17), 130.43 (128.33), 129.73 (129.55), 129.13 (127.12), 125.55 (126.15), 125.14 (125.31), 124.35, 121.71 (121.51, q, *J* =274.6 Hz), 118.04 (122.43, q, *J* =2.8 Hz), 34.71 (34.62), 34.61 (34.58), 31.35 (31.24), 31.13.

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>31</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 438.2403, found: 438.2405.



## 4-(1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-4-phenylbut-1-en-3-yn-1-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin [70]:

According to a literature procedure<sup>[7]</sup>. To a solution of 4-(2-bromo-1-(4-(*tert*butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2 (trifluoromethyl)pyridine (77.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (6.9 mg, 0.006 mmol, 3 mol%), and copper(I) iodide (0.8 mg, 0.004 mmol, 2 mol%) in of Et<sub>2</sub>NH (0.5 mL), cooled in an ice-bath, was added (20.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). Then the temperature was raised to room temperature and solid Et<sub>2</sub>NH·HCl formed gradually. After stirring for 12 hours, the reaction mixture was diluted with hexane and filtered through celite, and the filter cake was washed with hexane. 2 M hydrochloric acid was added to the resulting hexane solution in an ice-bath to remove diethylamine from the organic layer. The organic layer was washed with aqueous ammonium chloride and water. Evaporation of the solvent left the crude product which was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) to provide 4-(1-(4-(*tert*butyl)phenyl)-4-phenylbut-1-en-3-yn-1-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine as a white solid (89.0 mg, 85%, Z/E = 47:53).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.79 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 0.47H), 8.68 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 0.53H), 8.00 (s, 0.47H), 7.67 (s, 0.53H), 7.61 – 7.58 (m, 0.53H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 1.65H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (s, 0.47H), 6.39 (s, 0.53H), 1.40 (s, 4.77H), 1.36 (s, 4.24H).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.73(s, 1.41F), -67.88(s, 1.59F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.17 (152.48), 150.65 (148.98), 150.15 (149.88),148.51(148.20, q, *J*=34.5Hz), 148.40 (148.11), 136.06 (133.92), 131.56 (131.41), 129.55 (128.39), 128.69 (128.66), 128.32 (127.38), 127.36 (124.95), 125.19 (125.74), 122.94 (122.61), 121.65 (121.52, q, *J*=274.4Hz), 118.83(121.53, q, *J*=2.8Hz), 111.23 (109.76), 96.98 (96.10), 88.20 (87.46), 34.78 (34.70), 31.25 (31.17).

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for  $C_{26}H_{23}F_3N^+$  (M+H): 406.1777, found: 406.1778.

## 5. General Procedures for the Synthesis of Alkynes

Alkynes was prepared according to a literature procedure.<sup>[8]</sup>



#### 3-Ethynylphenyl 2-(11-oxo-6,11-dihydrodibenzo[b,e]oxepin-2-yl)acetate [S1]:

To a solution of 2-(11-oxo-6,11-dihydrodibenzo[*b,e*]oxepin-2-yl)acetic acid (294.8 mg, 1.1 mmol) and 3-ethynylphenol (118 mg, 1.0 mmol), N,N'-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (223 mg, 1.1 mmol) ,4-dimethylaminopyridine (12.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) in DCM (4.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 hours. The reaction was filter by diatomite then filtrate diluted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography to afford the product (292.6 mg, 76%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.22 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (td, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dt, J = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.11 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 3.08 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 190.79, 169.56, 160.65, 150.33, 140.37, 136.21, 135.47, 132.82, 132.59, 129.69, 129.48, 129.30 (d, J = 6.7 Hz), 127.82, 126.95, 125.23, 125.07, 123.41, 122.25, 121.29, 82.47, 78.08, 73.62, 40.20.


**3-Ethynylphenyl 2-(3-cyano-4-isobutoxyphenyl)-4-methylthiazole-5-carboxylate [S2]:** To a solution of 2-(3-cyano-4-isobutoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-2H-1 $\lambda^3$ -thiazole-5-carboxylic acid (347.6 mg, 1.1 mmol) and 3-ethynylphenol (118 mg, 1.0 mmol), N,N'-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (223 mg, 1.1 mmol) ,4-dimethylaminopyridine (12.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) in DCM (4.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 hours. The reaction was filter by diatomite then filtrate diluted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography to afford the product (329.7 mg, 76%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dt, *J* = 15.6, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (s, 1H), 2.82 (s, 3H), 2.21 (m, 1H), 1.10 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.30, 163.28, 162.68, 160.07, 149.91, 132.66, 132.21, 129.96, 129.45, 125.74, 125.23, 123.61, 122.36, 120.23, 115.28, 112.66, 103.07, 82.39, 78.27, 75.72, 28.13, 19.02, 17.70.



**3-Ethynylphenyl** (3R,5R,7R)-adamantane-1-carboxylate [S3]: To a solution of (3R,5R,7R)-adamantane-1-carboxylic acid (198.0 mg, 1.1 mmol) and 3-ethynylphenol (118 mg, 1.0 mmol), N,N'-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (223 mg, 1.1 mmol) ,4-dimethylaminopyridine (12.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) in DCM (4.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 hours. The reaction was filter by diatomite then filtrate diluted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with

water and brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography to afford the product (238.4 mg, 80%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dt, *J* = 7.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (s, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.04 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 6H), 1.77 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 175.90, 150.87, 129.34, 129.26, 125.30, 123.35, 122.47, 82.68, 77.88, 41.06, 38.74, 36.44, 27.90.



(1S, 2S, 4S)-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl 4-ethynylbenzoate [S4]:

To a solution of 4-ethynylbenzoic acid (169.7 mg, 1.1 mmol) and (1*S*, 2*S*, 4*S*)-1,7,7trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-ol (118 mg, 1.0 mmol), N,N'dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (223 mg, 1.1 mmol),4-dimethylaminopyridine (12.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) in DCM (4.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 hours. The reaction was filter by diatomite then filtrate diluted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography to afford the product (165.8 mg, 58%).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H),

5.13 - 2.41 (m, 1H), 3.23 (s, 1H), 2.54 - 2.41 (m, 1H), 2.17 - 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.87 -

1.77 (m, 1H), 1.74 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.44 – 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.28 (m, 1H), 1.11

(dd, *J* = 13.8, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.14, 132.05, 130.89, 129.37, 126.55, 82.88, 80.87, 79.89, 49.11, 47.90, 44.97, 36.88, 28.07, 27.39, 19.71, 18.90, 13.61.

## 6. Crystallographic Data for Compound 35



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### Table S8 Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 28

| Identification code | mo_532_0ma             |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Empirical formulla  | $C_{18}H_{17}BrN_2 \\$ |
| Formula weight      | 341.24                 |
| Temperature/K       | 150.2                  |
| Crystal system      | Triclinic              |
| Space group         | P1                     |

|  | 12.3914(12),             |  |
|--|--------------------------|--|
| a/Å, b/Å, c/Å                                      | 11.5252(9),              |  |
|  | 22.193(2)                |  |
| $\alpha'^{\circ}, \beta'^{\circ}, \gamma'^{\circ}$ | 90, 90, 90               |  |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                              | 3169.4(5)                |  |
| Ζ  | 8                        |  |
| $\rho_{calc}mg/mm^3$                               | 1.430                    |  |
| m/mm <sup>-1</sup>                                 | 2.589                    |  |
| F(000)   | 1392                     |  |
| Crustal size/mm <sup>3</sup>                       | $0.2 \times 0.15 \times$ |  |
|  | 0.1                      |  |
| Thata range for data collection                    | 2.464 to                 |  |
| Theta range for data conection                     | 26.395°                  |  |
|  | $-15 \le h \le 15$ ,     |  |
| Index ranges                                       | $-14 \le k \le 13$ ,     |  |
|  | $-27 \le l \le 27$       |  |
| Reflections collected                              | 37056                    |  |
| Independent reflections                            | 3224[R(int) =            |  |
| independent reflections                            | 0.0945]                  |  |
| Data/restraints/parameters                         | 3224/0/193               |  |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>                  | 1.032                    |  |
| Final P indexes [1>25 (1)]                         | $R_1 = 0.0434,$          |  |
| That K indexes [1-20 (1)]                          | $wR_2 = 0.0988$          |  |
| Final R indexes [all data]                         | $R_1 = 0.0759,$          |  |
| rinar K indexes [an data]                          | $wR_2 = 0.1135$          |  |
|  |                          |  |

Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å<sup>-3</sup> 0.721/-0.300

| Table S9 Atomic Coordinates (Å×10 <sup>4</sup> ) and Equivalent Isotropic                                    |
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| Displacement Parameters (Å <sup>2</sup> ×10 <sup>3</sup> ) for mo_532_0ma. U <sub>eq</sub> is defined as 1/3 |
| of the trace of the orthogonalised $U_{IJ}$ tensor.  |

| Atom | x         | У         | Z          | U(equiv.) |
|------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Br01 | 4062.6(3) | 2033.9(3) | 5774.1(2)  | 43.05(15) |
| N002 | 4775(3)   | 7066(3)   | 7447.7(14) | 39.4(7)   |
| N003 | 2851(3)   | 9061(3)   | 7138.3(17) | 57.2(10)  |
| C004 | 2325(3)   | 5561(3)   | 4533.3(17) | 34.9(9)   |
| C005 | 3826(3)   | 5705(3)   | 5224.5(17) | 34.6(9)   |
| C006 | 2482(3)   | 4263(3)   | 5392.1(17) | 35.6(9)   |
| C007 | 3444(3)   | 4787(3)   | 5573.9(17) | 34.2(8)   |
| C008 | 4030(3)   | 4425(3)   | 6130.7(17) | 33.7(8)   |
| C009 | 1940(3)   | 4641(3)   | 4880.2(18) | 38(9)     |
| C00A | 3662(3)   | 6328(3)   | 6635.7(17) | 35.9(8)   |
| C00B | 4301(3)   | 5337(3)   | 6576(17)   | 34.7(9)   |
| C00C | 3280(3)   | 6082(3)   | 4716.7(17) | 36.5(9)   |
| C00D | 3938(3)   | 7146(3)   | 7064.6(17) | 36.6(8)   |
| C00E | 4291(3)   | 3337(3)   | 6274.6(18) | 37.3(9)   |
| C00F | 3313(4)   | 8200(4)   | 7113(19)   | 44(10)    |
| C00G | 5180(3)   | 5252(3)   | 6965.4(18) | 39.9(9)   |
| С00Н | 1674(4)   | 4974(4)   | 3502.6(18) | 44.3(10)  |
| C00I | 1691(3)   | 5956(3)   | 3971.1(18) | 41(9)     |
| C00J | 5375(3)   | 6118(3)   | 7382.6(19) | 43.6(10)  |
| C00K | 2197(4)   | 7035(4)   | 3681(2)    | 52.5(11)  |
| C00L | 518(4)    | 6233(4)   | 4142(2)    | 55.3(12)  |

Table S10 Anisotropic Displacement Parameters (Å2×103) for mo\_532\_0ma. The Anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: -2π2[h2a\*2U11+...+2hka×b×U12]

| Atom | U11      | U22      | U33      | U23       | U13       | U12      |
|------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Br01 | 43(2)    | 36.5(2)  | 49.6(2)  | -5.75(19) | -3.9(2)   | 2.39(18) |
| N002 | 42(18)   | 42(17)   | 34.2(17) | -0.4(15)  | -6.4(14)  | -5.7(16) |
| N003 | 58(2)    | 58(2)    | 55(2)    | -16(2)    | -18(2)    | 9(2)     |
| C004 | 38(2)    | 32.8(19) | 34(2)    | -3(16)    | 0.3(17)   | 4.8(17)  |
| C005 | 33(2)    | 35.3(19) | 36(2)    | -2.7(16)  | -1.8(16)  | -2.2(15) |
| C006 | 38(2)    | 35(2)    | 35(2)    | 1.3(16)   | -0.6(18)  | -1(17)   |
| C007 | 32(2)    | 34.1(19) | 37(2)    | -4(16)    | 0.1(16)   | 1.9(16)  |
| C008 | 29.4(18) | 36.1(19) | 36(2)    | 1.7(16)   | 4.2(17)   | 1.7(16)  |
| C009 | 33(2)    | 40(2)    | 41(2)    | -3.5(18)  | -3.8(18)  | -3.3(16) |
| C00A | 36(2)    | 38(2)    | 34(2)    | 3.3(17)   | -2.9(17)  | 0(16)    |
| C00B | 36(2)    | 35.4(19) | 33(2)    | 2.2(16)   | 2.6(16)   | -2.7(16) |
| C00C | 42(2)    | 32.3(19) | 36(2)    | 3.7(17)   | 2.8(17)   | -1.7(17) |
| C00D | 39(2)    | 39(2)    | 32(19)   | 1.7(16)   | 2.6(17)   | -4.3(17) |
| C00E | 38(2)    | 40(2)    | 33(2)    | -2.9(16)  | -3.3(17)  | -1.8(16) |
| C00F | 47(2)    | 49(3)    | 37(2)    | -5.1(19)  | -7.6(19)  | -3(2)    |
| C00G | 34(2)    | 39(2)    | 47(2)    | 3.6(18)   | -0.3(18)  | 3.1(17)  |
| С00Н | 54(3)    | 46(2)    | 33(2)    | -2(18)    | -5.7(19)  | -7(2)    |
| C00I | 44(2)    | 41(2)    | 38(2)    | -0.1(18)  | -4.5(19)  | 1.7(18)  |
| C00J | 43(2)    | 47(2)    | 41(2)    | 4.3(19)   | -13.1(19) | -1(2)    |
| C00K | 72(3)    | 38(2)    | 47(2)    | 8(2)      | -15(2)    | -4(2)    |
| C00L | 49(3)    | 62(3)    | 55(3)    | 6(2)      | -5(2)     | 17(2)    |

| Atom | Atom | Length/Å | Atom | Atom | Length/Å |
|------|------|----------|------|------|----------|
| Br01 | C00E | 1.889(4) | C007 | C008 | 1.493(5) |
| N002 | C00D | 1.344(5) | C008 | C00B | 1.481(5) |
| N002 | C00J | 1.330(5) | C008 | C00E | 1.334(5) |
| N003 | C00F | 1.147(5) | C00A | C00B | 1.396(5) |
| C004 | C009 | 1.395(5) | C00A | C00D | 1.382(5) |
| C004 | COOC | 1.388(5) | C00B | C00G | 1.393(5) |
| C004 | C00I | 1.542(5) | C00D | C00F | 1.445(6) |
| C005 | C007 | 1.395(5) | C00G | C00J | 1.382(6) |
| C005 | COOC | 1.385(5) | С00Н | C00I | 1.537(6) |
| C006 | C007 | 1.396(5) | C00I | C00K | 1.535(6) |
| C006 | C009 | 1.390(5) | C00I | C00L | 1.536(6) |

## Table S12 Bond Angles for mo\_532\_0ma.

| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/° | Atom     | Atom | Atom | An | gle/°    |
|------|------|------|---------|----------|------|------|----|----------|
| N002 | C00D | C00A | 125.    | 5(4)C00C | C004 | C00I |    | 122.9(3) |
| N002 | C00D | C00F | 115.    | 1(3)C00C | C005 | C007 |    | 121.6(4) |
| N002 | C00J | C00G | 124.    | 6(4)C00D | C00A | C00B |    | 118.9(4) |
| N003 | C00F | C00D | 177.    | 0(5)C00E | C008 | C007 |    | 125.4(3) |
| C005 | C007 | C006 | 117.    | 2(3)C00E | C008 | C00B |    | 116.9(3) |
| C005 | C007 | C008 | 120.    | 4(3)C00G | C00B | C008 |    | 122.8(3) |
| C005 | C00C | C004 | 121.    | 3(4)C00G | C00B | C00A |    | 116.2(4) |
| C006 | C007 | C008 | 122.3   | 3(3)C00H | C00I | C004 |    | 109.7(3) |

| C006 | C009 | C004 | 121.7(4)C00J | N002 | C00D | 114.7(3) |
|------|------|------|--------------|------|------|----------|
| C008 | C00E | Br01 | 124.8(3)C00J | C00G | C00B | 120.1(4) |
| C009 | C004 | C00I | 119.8(3)C00K | C00I | C004 | 111.8(3) |
| C009 | C006 | C007 | 120.9(4)C00K | C00I | СООН | 108.5(3) |
| C00A | C00B | C008 | 121.0(3)C00K | C00I | C00L | 108.8(4) |
| C00A | C00D | C00F | 119.5(4)C00L | COOI | C004 | 110.1(3) |
| C00B | C008 | C007 | 117.7(3)C00L | C00I | СООН | 107.9(4) |
| C00C | C004 | C009 | 117.3(4)     |      |      |          |

## Table S13 Hydrogen Atom Coordinates (Å×104) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters (Å2×103) for mo\_532\_0ma.

| Atom | x       | У       | Z       | U(equiv.) |
|------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| H005 | 4478.01 | 6080.73 | 5337.62 | 41        |
| H006 | 2193.6  | 3639.35 | 5621.35 | 43        |
| H009 | 1291.77 | 4262.85 | 4763.56 | 46        |
| H00A | 3048.01 | 6438.01 | 6385.99 | 43        |
| H00C | 3564.11 | 6710.19 | 4489.38 | 44        |
| H00E | 4614.76 | 3207.5  | 6656.78 | 45        |
| H00G | 5645.63 | 4598.87 | 6944.16 | 48        |
| H00B | 2416.25 | 4766.57 | 3394.05 | 67        |
| H00D | 1287.24 | 5234.86 | 3142.13 | 67        |
| H00F | 1308.86 | 4295.16 | 3672.89 | 67        |
| H00J | 5979.73 | 6028.38 | 7641.32 | 52        |
| H00H | 2208.78 | 7671.3  | 3973.63 | 79        |
| H00I | 1769.23 | 7266.07 | 3329.05 | 79        |
| H00K | 2936.36 | 6857.86 | 3553.5  | 79        |

| H00L | 193.35 | 5557.58 | 4339.53 | 83 |
|------|--------|---------|---------|----|
| H00M | 107.63 | 6421.16 | 3776.88 | 83 |
| H00N | 503.29 | 6897.22 | 4417.25 | 83 |

#### 7. Mechanistic Studies

#### 7.1 Radical inhibition experiment



According to the general procedure, 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (18.0  $\mu$ L, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (20.0 uL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (2.8  $\mu$ L, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (1.1 mg, 0.001 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (3.1 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.), 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (dtbbpy ,0.012 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) and TEMPO (15.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in ethyl acetate(4 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was analysis by GCMS. The TEMPO completely shut down the reaction.

#### 7.2 Observation of HAT byproduct



According to the general procedure, prop-1-yn-1-ylbenzene (22.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (67.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours, the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product 4-(2-Bromo-1-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (10.3

mg, 15%, Z/E = 45:55). And the byproduct 4-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (5.2 mg, 10%).



**4-(2-Bromo-1-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine [72]:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.68 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (s, 0.50H), 7.50 (s, 0.47H), 7.43 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 2.47 (s, 1.46H), 2.46 (s, 1.53H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.96 (s, 1.54F), -67.97 (s, 1.46F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.28, 150.00 (150.19), 148.53 (148.19, q, J = 33.5Hz), 138.55 (141.17), 138.43 (138.49), 129.09 (128.52), 128.81 (129.15), 128.19 (128.08), 126.85 (126.57), 124.07 (124.81), 121.47 (121.34, q, J = 274.3 Hz), 120.61(121.01, q, J = 2.7 Hz), 120.59, 27.33 (27.45). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 342.0100, found: 342.0101.



**4-(3-Phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine** [73]: According to the general procedure, prop-1-yn-1-ylbenzene (22.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromo-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (67.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diisopropylamine (5.6  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (6.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (6.4 mg ,0.024 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (8 mL, 0.025M) were used. After 6 hours,

the result mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by flash chromatography (PE: ethyl acetate= 20:1) as a pale-yellow oil (5.2 mg, 10%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.70 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 4.9

Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 3.93 (s, 2H).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.97(s, 3F).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.13, 148.51 (q, J = 34.5 Hz), 148.03, 131.67,

128.44, 128.39, 125.86, 124.05 (q, *J* = 243.3 Hz), 122.69, 120.07 (q, *J* = 2.8 Hz),

84.50, 83.88, 25.46.

**HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> (M+H): 262.0838, found: 262.0839.

#### 7.3 Stern-Volmer Fluorescent quenching experiments

Stern-Volmer quenching experiments were carried by Edinburgh Fluorescence Spectrometer FS5. 0.01 using mM solution of photocatalyst а Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> and variable concentrations (0.05, 0.10, 0.15, 0.20, 0.25 mM) of, 1-(tert-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene, diisopropylamine and Ni(II) complex 74 in solvent ethyl acetate. The samples were prepared in 4 mL quartz cuvettes, equipped with PTFE stoppers, and sealed with parafilm inside nitrogen filled glove-box. The intensity of the emission peak at 496 nm ( $\lambda_{ex} = 378$ nm) expressed as the ratio I<sub>0</sub>/I, where I<sub>0</sub> is the emission intensity of photocatalyst at 496 nm in the absence of a quencher and I is the observed intensity, as a function of the quencher concentration was measured. Stern-Volmer plots for each component are given in the Supplementary Figures below.



Figure S1 Stern-Volmer Fluorescent quenching studies.

#### 7.4 Stoichiometric experiments with Ni(II) complex

#### (a) Preparation of Ni(II) complex 74



According to a literature procedure<sup>[9]</sup>. In a nitrogen filled glove box, a 50 mL round bottom flask containing a stirring bar was charged with Ni(COD)<sub>2</sub> (138 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (134 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and dry THF (5 mL) giving a dark purple mixture which was stirred for 12 hours at 25 °C. 1bromo-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (0.7 mL, 2.5 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) was added and stirred for additional 4 hours. Dry pentane (30 mL) was added to the deep red colored mixture and filtered. The resulting precipitate was washed with pentane and dried to afford Ni(II) complex 74 as a brown solid (365 mg, 66% yield). The product was used without further purification. The complex was stored in a nitrogen filled glove box at -35 °C.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 9.14 (s, 1H), 7.76-7.68 (m, 4H), 7.42 (br, 1H), 7.09 (br, 4H), 1.34 (s, 18H).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ-61.91.

#### (b) Ni(II) complex 74 as the nickel catalyst



According to the general procedure. To a flame-dried 8 mL reaction vial was charged with Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (1.1 mg, 0.001 mmol, 1.0 mol%) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (3.3 mg, 0.12 mmol, 12 mol%), the vial was introduced into a nitrogen-filled glove box and charged with Ni(II) complex **74** (0.6 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%). The tube was sealed with a Teflon-lined screw cap and taken out from the glovebox, ethyl acetate (4 mL), diisopropylamine (2.8  $\mu$ L, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), 1- (*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (18.0  $\mu$ L, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (20.0  $\mu$ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added by syringe. Once added, the reaction mixture was then irradiated with a 90 W blue LED lamp (at approximately 3.5 cm away from the light source) with cooling from a fan for 6 hours. The reaction mixtures were analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR with an internal standard and GC-MS.

#### 7.5 Light ON/OFF experiments over time



According to the general procedure. To a flame-dried 8 mL reaction vial was charged with Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (1.1 mg, 0.001 mmol, 1.0 mol%), 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (3.3 mg , 0.012 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) and , the vial was introduced into a nitrogen-filled glove box and charged with NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (3.1mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.1 equiv.). The tube was sealed with a Teflon-lined screw cap and taken out from the glovebox, ethyl acetate (4 mL), diisopropylamine (2.8  $\mu$ L, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (18.0  $\mu$ L, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (20.0  $\mu$ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added by syringe. Once added, the reaction mixture was then irradiated with a 90 W blue LED lamp (at approximately 3.5 cm away from the light source) with cooling from a fan. The reaction mixtures were analyzed by GC with an internal standard. (Note: From the same reaction vial take 10  $\mu$ L reaction mixture for analysis in every response time).



Figure S2 Light/dark experiments

#### 7.6 Determination of quantum yield

We utilized protocol reported by Shunsuke and co-workers to determine the photon flux of blue LED<sup>[10]</sup>. All solutions were stored in the black vial and stored in the dark when not in use. Measurements were performed with the lights off to protect the samples from ambient light as much as possible.

#### a) Preparation of stock solutions

A 0.15 M solution of ferrioxalate was obtained by dissolving potassium ferrioxalate trihydrate( $[K_3Fe^{III}(C_2O_4)_3]$ •3H<sub>2</sub>O; 1.11 g, 2.26 mmol) in 0.05 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (prepared by fresh deionized water) (15 mL total volume).

A buffered phenanthroline solution was obtained by dissolving 1,10-phenanthroline (10.0mg) and sodium acetate (2.25g) in 0.5M  $H_2SO_4$  (prepared by fresh deionized water) (10 mL total volume)<sup>[10]</sup>.

#### b) Determination of background Fe<sup>2+</sup> concentration

2 mL of the ferrioxalate solution was added to a 8 mL vial. Next, 0.35 mL of the phenanthroline solution was added and the mixture was stored in the dark for 1 hour. Then the solution was transferred to a cuvette and a UV–vis spectrum was measured using UV–vis absorption spectrometer (lambda 950). The absorbance value at 510 nm was recorded. This process was repeated twice. Average value: 0.551565.

#### c) Determination of photon flux

2 mL of the ferrioxalate solution was added to a 8 mL vial. The vial was immediately irradiated with blue LED ( $\lambda_{max}$ = 469 nm) for 10 seconds and removed from the blue LED. Then, 0.35 mL of the phenanthroline solution was added to the ferrioxalate solution, and the resulting mixture was stored in the dark for 1 hour. Then the solution was transferred to a cuvette and the UV–vis spectrum was measured. The absorbance value at 510 nm was recorded. This process was repeated twice. Average value: 1.744978.

#### d) Calculations

The amount of Fe<sup>2+</sup>formed was calculated according to the following equation:

mol Fe<sup>2+</sup> = 
$$\frac{\mathbf{V} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{A}}{l \cdot \varepsilon}$$

where V is the volume of the sample analyzed (3.5 mL),  $\Delta A$  is the difference in average absorbances (between irradiated and unirradiated ferrioxalate solutions) at 510 nm, *l* is the path length, and  $\varepsilon$  is the molar absorptivity at 510 nm<sup>[11]</sup>.

mol Fe<sup>2+</sup> = 
$$\frac{V \cdot \Delta A}{l \cdot \varepsilon} = \frac{(0.00235 L)(1.193413)}{(3 cm)(11100 L/mol \cdot cm)} = 8.42198 \cdot 10^{-8} mol$$

The fraction of light absorbed by the ferrioxalate actinometer was calculated by the following equation:

$$f = 1 - 10^{-A}$$

where A is the absorbance at 468 nm of the ferrioxalate actinometer solution prior to irradiation and addition of phenanthroline (**Figure S3**).

$$f = 1 - 10^{-A} = 1 - 10^{-0.494388} = 0.67966$$

The photon flux was calculated using the following equation:

$$photon flux = \frac{mol Fe^{2+}}{\Phi \cdot t \cdot f}$$

Where  $\Phi$  is the quantum yield for the ferrioxalate actinometer at 468 nm<sup>[11]</sup>, t is the time and f is the fraction of light absorbed by the ferrioxalate actinometer solution.

$$photon flux = \frac{mol Fe^{2+}}{\Phi \cdot t \cdot f} = \frac{8.42198 \cdot 10^{-8} mol}{(0.92) \cdot (10s) \cdot (0.67966)}$$
$$= 1.3469 \cdot 10^{-8} \frac{einsterin}{s}$$

# e) Determination of fraction of light absorbed at 468 nm for the ferrioxalate solution

The absorbance at 468 nm of the ferrioxalate actinometer solution prior to irradiation and addition of phenanthroline was measured to be 0.494388.



Figure S3 UV-vis absorbance spectra of ferrioxalate solution

#### f) Absorbance of photocatalyst Ir[df(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub>

The absorbance of  $Ir[df(CF_3)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$  in ethyl acetate was measured at the reaction concentration of 300  $\mu$ M or a dilute concentration of 25  $\mu$ M (Figure xx). The absorbance at 468 nm for a 300  $\mu$ M is 0.735811.



Figure S4 UV-vis absorbance spectra of  $Ir[df(CF_3)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$  black line: 25  $\mu$ M in ethyl acetate, red line: 300  $\mu$ M in ethyl acetate.

#### g) Determination of quantum yield



According to the general procedure. To a flame-dried 8 mL reaction vial was charged with Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (1.1 mg, 0.001 mmol, 1.0 mol%), 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (3.3 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.12 equiv.), and the vial was introduced into a nitrogen-filled glove box and charged with NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (3.1mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.1 equiv.). The tube was sealed with a Teflon-lined screw cap and taken out from the glovebox, ethyl acetate (4 mL), diisopropylamine (2.8  $\mu$ L, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (18.0  $\mu$ L, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (20.0  $\mu$ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added by syringe. Once added, the reaction mixture was then irradiated with one 90 W blue LED lamp ( $\lambda_{max}$ = 469 nm) for 600 seconds. After irradiation, the reaction mixtures were analyzed by GC with an internal standard. Provide the desired product (4.7 % GC yield).

The quantum yield  $(\Phi)$  was calculated using the following equation:

$$\Phi = \frac{mol \text{ product}}{\text{photon flux} \cdot \mathbf{t} \cdot f}$$

Where t is the reaction time and f is the fraction of light absorbed by photocatalyst that was calculated using the following equation:

$$f = 1 - 10^{-A} = 1 - 10^{-0.73581} = 0.816$$

Where A is the absorbance at 468nm of the photocatalyst solution (300  $\mu$ M in ethyl acetate) (Figure S4).

$$\Phi = \frac{mol \text{ product}}{\text{photon flux} \cdot \text{t} \cdot f} = \frac{0.0000047 \text{ mol}}{(1.3469 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ einsterin}/_{\text{s}}) \cdot (600s) \cdot (0.816)} = 0.68$$

#### 7.7 Time-course studies



According to the general procedure. To a flame-dried 8 mL reaction vial was charged with Ir[dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy]<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)PF<sub>6</sub> (1.1 mg, 0.001 mmol, 1.0 mol%), 4,4'-di-tert-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (3.3 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.12 equiv.) and the vial was introduced into a nitrogen-filled glove box and charged with NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (3.1mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.1 equiv.). The tube was sealed with a Teflon-lined screw cap and taken out from the glovebox, ethyl acetate (4 mL), diisopropylamine (2.8 µL, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), 1-(tert-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (18.0)μL, 0.10 mmol. 1.0 equiv.) and 4-bromo-2trifluoromethylpyridine (20.0 µL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added by syringe. Once added, the reaction mixture was then irradiated with a 90 W blue LED lamp (at approximately 3.5 cm away from the light source) with cooling from a fan. The reaction mixtures were analyzed by GC with an internal standard.



Figure S5 Time course studies

#### 7.8 Isomerization of product



To a flame-dried 8 mL reaction vial was charged with 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'bipyridine (3.3 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.12 equiv.),  $Ir[dF(CF_3)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$  (1.1 mg, 0.001 mmol, 1.0 mol%) and 4-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (pure Z or pure E 38.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), the vial was introduced into a nitrogen-filled glove box and charged with NiBr<sub>2</sub>•DME (3.1mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.). The tube was sealed with a Teflon-lined screw cap and taken out from the glovebox, ethyl acetate (4 mL), diisopropylamine (2.8 µL, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) was added by syringe. Once added, the reaction mixture was then irradiated with a 90 W blue LED lamp (at approximately 3.5 cm away from the light source) with cooling from a fan. The reaction mixtures were analyzed by GC with an internal standard.



Figure S6 Isomerization of product

#### 7.9. Isomerization studies of products with different photocatalysts

To a flame-dried 8 mL reaction vial was charged with 4-(2-Bromo-1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (19.4 mg , 0.05 mmol) and photocatalysts (1 mol%), the vial was introduced into a nitrogen-filled glove box and charged with  $N_2$ . The tube was sealed with a Teflon-lined screw cap and taken out from the glovebox, Acetonitrile (2 mL) was added by syringe. Once added, the reaction mixture was then irradiated with a 90 W blue LED lamp (at approximately 3.5 cm away from the light source) with cooling from a fan. The reaction mixtures were analyzed by GC with an internal standard.





| Entry | Photocatalyst            | Z/E   |
|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1     | Benzophenone             | 48:52 |
| 2     | 4,4'-Dibromobenzophenone | 50:50 |
| 3     | Thioxanthen-9-one        | 54:46 |
| 4     | Xanthone                 | 49:51 |
| 5     | 9-Fluorenone             | 46:54 |
| 6     | Naphthalene              | 48:52 |
| 7     | Anthracene               | 51:49 |
| 8     | Pyrene                   | 53:47 |
| 9     | Riboflavin               | 42:58 |
| 10    | Fluorescein              | 47:53 |

| 11 | Methylene Blue trihydrate | 46:54 |
|----|---------------------------|-------|
| 12 | Acid Red 94               | 41:59 |
| 13 | Rhodamine 6G              | 41:59 |
| 14 | 4CzIPn                    | 49:51 |
| 15 | Eosin Y                   | 49:51 |
| 16 | Ponceau 3R                | 47:53 |
| 17 | Ir(ppy) <sub>3</sub>      | 60:40 |
| 18 | No photocatalyst          | 46:54 |

Table S15. Photoisomerization studies of compound 59.



| Entry | Photocatalyst | Z/E   |
|-------|---------------|-------|
| 1     | Benzophenone  | 83:17 |
| 2     | Naphthalene   | 80:20 |
| 3     | Anthracene    | 57:43 |
| 4     | Pyrene        | 50:50 |
| 5     | Riboflavin    | 58:42 |
| 6     | Acid Red 94   | 36:64 |
| 7     | Rhodamine 6G  | 40:60 |
| 8     | 4CzIPn        | 18:82 |
| 9     | Eosin Y       | 86:14 |
| 10    | Ponceau 3R    | 39:61 |

| 11 | Ir(ppy) <sub>3</sub> | 13:87 |
|----|----------------------|-------|
| 12 | No photocatalyst     | 84:16 |

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## 9. NMR Spectra



#### 3; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)







**Z-3;** <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)







Z-3; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



## Z-3; NOESY







E-3; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



















## E-4; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)













5; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



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10; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)







11; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



















13; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)











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20; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

































































29; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)








30; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)













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32; NOESY





**33;** <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

























Z-35; NOESY































38; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)















































44; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)































































55; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)






56; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



## 56; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



# 57; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





57; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)













# **59;** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



**60;** <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



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61; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)







































66; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)













# 67; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



## 67; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



















## 69; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



## 70; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)













# S1; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

















## S4; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



























74; 19F NMR (376 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)







# 76; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

