Ligand Free Pd-Catalyzed Double Heck-Reaction of *N*-(o-Bromoaryl) Acrylamides with α -F/CF₃-Acrylates

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1. General Information:

Experimental: All the inert condition reactions are performed in nitrogen atmosphere using Glove box and Schlenk techniques. Catalytic reactions were performed in commercially available 7 mL screw cap vials fitted with PTFE/silicone septa purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and 1.5 mL screw cap vials (HPLC) purchased from Shimadzu.

Chromatography: Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck and GLR precoated silica gel 60 F_{254} plates, using UV light as the visualization agent. Chromatographic purification of products was accomplished by Column chromatography on Finar silica gel (100-200 mesh). The solvents were removed under reduced pressure using rotary evaporator to obtain the desired compounds.

Characterization: The compounds were characterized using ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, ¹⁹F NMR and ESI-HRMS. NMR spectra were recorded at Bruker Ascend 500 MHz for ¹H, 126 MHz for ¹³C and 471 MHz for ¹⁹F NMR and MestReNova was used for data assessment. The chemical shift (δ) for ¹H and ¹³C NMR are given in ppm relative to internal standard/residual signals of the solvents (for ¹H NMR (CHCl₃ @ 7.260 ppm) for ¹³C NMR (CHCl₃ @ 77.00 ppm) and tetramethylsilane @ 0 ppm). Coupling constants are given in Hertz. The following abbreviations are followed to indicate the multiplicity: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; dd, doublet of doublets; ddd, doublet of doublets; dddd, doublet of doublets of doublets of doublets; td, triplet of doublet; and dt, doublet of triplet; qd, quartet of doublets; bs, broad singlet; bd, broad doublet; bt, broad triplet. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained using Waters Xevo-G2XQTOF instruments with the electrospray ionization (ESI) method. The Gas Chromatography-Mass spectrometry (GC-MS) analysis was performed using Agilent 5977B GC/MSD spectrometer. Single crystal X-ray diffractions were recorded using Bruker AXS Smart Apex CCD diffractometer. HR-TEM Images were recorded on a Technai G² 20 (FEI) performing at 200 kV (accelerating voltage). X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) measurement was done using AXIS SUPRA, XPS by Kratos Analytical Ltd., equipped with aluminium monochromator with aluminium source (Al Kα radiation hv =1486.7eV). Energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX) was performed on JSM-IT300HR, JEOL instrument. Enantiomeric excesses were determined with a SHIMADZU Pseries HPLC system using chiral columns (DAICEL) by comparing the samples with the corresponding racemic samples.

Materials: Chemicals like amines, carboxylic acids, methyl 2-fluoroacrylate, methyl 2-(trifluoromethyl)acrylate and DMAP were purchased from BLD Pharma, Spectrochem, GLR, TCI, Sigma-Aldrich, SRL chemical and used without further purification. Pd-catalysts were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and Spectrochem. Oxalyl chloride was purchased from Spectrochem and distilled under N₂. Dry DMF and DMA were purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Industries and used inside glove box without further drying. DCM, hexane, and ethyl acetate were purchased from Rankem and Finar (25 litre drums) and used after distillation for column chromatography. Dioxane was purchased from SRL. DCM and dioxane were dried by stirring over CaH₂ overnight and distilling under nitrogen atmosphere.

2. Synthesis of Starting Materials:

N-(2-bromoaryl)-*N*-substituted acrylamides (**1a-1y**) were prepared according to the previous reports.^{1,2} All the characterization data of the starting materials are found consistent with the reported literature.

2.1. The synthesis of *N*-(2-bromoaryl)-*N*-substituted acrylamides (1a-1y):

General procedure-1 (GP-1):



Scheme S1. Synthesis of *N*-(2-bromoaryl)-*N*-substituted acrylamides.

<u>Step 1</u>: A two-necked round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with acrylic acid (1.2 equiv) and dry DCM (0.5 M) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. The flask was then cooled to 0 °C using an ice bath and 2-4 drops of dry DMF were added. Afterwards, freshly distilled oxalyl chloride (1.3 equiv) was added dropwise to the solution. Then, the solution was allowed to attain room temperature slowly and stirred for 5-6 h. The acyl chloride was used for the next step without further purification.

<u>Step 2</u>: In a separate two-necked round-bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar, bromoaniline (1.0 equiv), triethylamine (1.5 equiv) and dry DCM (0.5 M) were added and stirred for 1 h. Then, freshly prepared acryloyl chloride (**Step 1**) was added dropwise for 10-15 min at 0 °C. The resultant mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred overnight until the aniline was consumed completely (monitored by TLC). The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with DCM (3 times). The organic layer was washed with 1N HCl solution, 1N

NaOH solution, and brine respectively. The final organic solution was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in a rotary evaporator. The residue acrylamide was used for the next step without further purification.

Step 3: A suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 1.5 equiv) was added to the solution of acrylamide (**Step 2**) in dry THF (0.5 M) at 0 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. After being stirred at room temperature for 30 min, the reaction was cooled to 0 °C, and corresponding alkyl or aryl halide (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture was then stirred at room temperature overnight, then quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution, and extracted with DCM (3 times). The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine respectively. The final organic solution was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by silica column chromatography (100-200 mesh) using a mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate as the eluent to afford the desired acrylamides (**1a-1y**).



Figure S1. N-(2-bromoaryl)-N-substituted acrylamides.



N-(2-bromophenyl)-*N*-tosylmethacrylamide (1d)¹

Scheme S2. Synthesis of 1d.

The compound **1d** was prepared according to the literature precedent.¹ The crude mixture (**step** 2) was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Hexane:Ethyl acetate = 9.0:1.0, R_f = 0.25) to afford the desired product **1d** as a white solid (M. pt. = $92-94 \circ C$).



¹**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI**₃) δ 7.94 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2) Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, J = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (td, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (bs, 1H), 5.18 (bd, J = 1.2, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8, 145.0, 138.8, 136.4, 135.7, 133.9, 133.2, 130.8, 129.8, 129.1, 128.0, 124.9, 122.7, 21.6,

19.5; **HRMS (ESI-TOF)** *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆BrNO₃SNa: 415.9926, found 415.9932.

2.2 General Procedure for **Svnthesis** N-(2-bromophenyl)-2-(((tertof butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-N-methylacrylamide (1r) (GP-2):



Scheme S3. Synthesis of 1r.

The compound **1r** was prepared according to the literature precedent.² The final reaction mixture (step 3) was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Hexane:Ethyl acetate = 9.0:1.0, R_f = 0.25) to afford the desired product **1r** as a colorless liquid.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 4.40 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.01 (s, 6H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.7, 143.4, 143.2, 133.6, 130.3,

129.1, 128.4, 122.6, 116.5, 63.3, 36.4, 25.8, 18.2, -5.6; **HRMS (ESI-TOF)** m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₇H₂₇BrNO₂Si: 384.0989, found 384.0978.

3. General Procedure for Optimization Reactions:



Scheme S4. Optimization reactions of double Heck reaction of 1a with methyl 2-fluoroacrylate.

General procedure-3 (GP-3): In a 7.0 mL reaction vial equipped with a magnetic bead, *N*-(2-bromophenyl)-*N*-methyl acrylamide (**1a**) (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Pd-catalyst (x equiv.), additive (silver and non-silver salts) (2.0 equiv) were added, followed by addition of methyl 2-fluoroacrylate (**2a**) (2.0 equiv), solvent (0.2 M) and one 4Å molecular sieve under N₂ atmosphere. Then, the reaction was kept on stirring at desired temperature. It was observed that decreasing the vial size and concentrating the reaction mixture increased the conversion. The addition of molecular sieves diminished the side product **5** formation. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the crude reaction mixture was filtered through a celite pad, dried on sodium sulfate followed by high vacuum. Afterwards, fluorobenzene (9.4 μ L, 0.1 mmol) was added to the dried reaction mixture as internal standard and crude ¹⁹F NMR was recorded.

S. No.	Ligand	Additive	Solvent	Product 3a (%)	Z:E
1	XPhos	Ag ₂ CO ₃	1,4-dioxane	58 ^b	17:1
2	SPhos	Ag ₂ CO ₃	1,4-dioxane	13 ^{<i>b</i>}	20:1
3	Brettphos	Ag ₂ CO ₃	1,4-dioxane	56 ^b	20:1
4	PPh₃	Ag ₂ CO ₃	1,4-dioxane	39 ^b	20:1
5	-	Ag ₂ CO ₃	1,4-dioxane	41°	15:1

Table S1: Initial optimization of reaction.^a

6	-	Ag ₂ CO ₃	1,4-dioxane	64 ^{<i>c,d</i>}	15:1
7	-	Ag_2CO_3	1,4-dioxane	78 ^{c,d,e}	15:1

Conditions: ^a**1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), ligand (20 mol%), Ag₂CO₃ (2 equiv), dioxane (0.2 M), 75 °C, 30 h, under nitrogen. ^{*b*}crude ¹⁹F NMR yield using fluorobenzene (9.4 μ L, 0.1 mmol) as internal standard. ^{*c*}90 °C, 15 h, isolated yields. ^{*d*}all the starting materials were added in open air and run the reaction. ^{*e*}1.5 mL vial.







7 mL reaction vial

1.5 mL reaction vial

General TLC

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entry	additive	solvent	yield (%)
1	Ag ₂ CO ₃	1,4-dioxane	41 ^{c,d,e}
2	Ag ₂ CO ₃	1,4-dioxane	64 ^{<i>c,d</i>}
3	Ag ₂ CO ₃	1,4-dioxane	78 ^c
4	AgOAc	1,4-dioxane	87 ^c
5	Ag ₃ PO ₄	1,4-dioxane	80 ^c
6	AgOTf	1,4-dioxane	30 ^f
7	Na ₂ CO ₃	1,4-dioxane	6
8	Cs ₂ CO ₃	1,4-dioxane	<5
9	K ₃ PO ₄	1,4-dioxane	20
10	AgOAc	DMF	17
11	AgOAc	DMA	16
12	AgOAc	MeCN	<5
13	AgOAc	toluene	<5
14	AgOAc	1,4-dioxane	56 ^g
15	AgOAc	1,4-dioxane	37 ^{<i>h.f</i>}
16	-	1,4-dioxane	NR
17	AgOAc	1,4-dioxane	NR ⁱ
18	AgOAc	1,4-dioxane	50 ^{<i>j</i>,<i>c</i>}
19	AgOAc	1,4-dioxane	57 ^k , 68 [/]

^aReaction condition: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), additive (2.0 equiv), solvent (0.5 mL), 4 Å MS, 90 °C, 15 h, vial size 1.5 mL. ^bCrude ¹H NMR yield using nitromethane as internal standard. ^cIsolated yield, *Z/E* (~15/1). ^dVial size 7.0 mL. ^eUnder N₂ gas. ^fCrude ¹⁹F NMR

yield using fluorobenzene as internal standard, *Z/E* (>15/1). ^{*g*}Pd(TFA)₂ (10 mol%). ^{*h*}Pd₂(dba)₃ (5 mol%). ^{*i*}In absence of Pd(OAc)₂. ^{*j*}Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%). ^{*k*}70 °C, 24 h, *Z/E* (7/1). ^{*l*}80 °C, 24 h, *Z/E* (7/1). (7/1).

4. General Procedure for Reaction Setup:

4.1. Double Heck-type Cyclization of Methyl 2-fluoroacrylate



Scheme S5. Scope study of double-Heck cyclization reaction of 1 with methyl 2-fluoroacrylate.

<u>General procedure-4 (GP-4)</u>: In a 1.5 mL vial equipped with a magnetic bead, was added acrylamide substrate (1) (0.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgOAc (33 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4 Å molecular sieve (1 no.). Next, methyl-2-fluoroacrylate (2a) (19 μ L, 0.2 mmol) and dry dioxane (0.2 M) were added to the reaction vial in open atmosphere. Then the reaction vial was sealed and stirred in a pre-heated oil bath at 90 °C for 15 h. The crude reaction mixture was then purified by silica gel column chromatography. *E/Z* ratio was assigned based on the ¹H NMR.

4.2. Double Heck-type Cyclization of Methyl 2-(trifluoromethyl)acrylate



Scheme S6. Double-Heck cyclization reaction of 1 with Methyl 2-(trifluoromethyl)acrylate.

<u>General procedure-5 (GP-5)</u>: In a 1.5 mL reaction vial equipped with a magnetic bead, was added acrylamide substrate (1) (0.2 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol), AgOAc (67 mg, 0.4 mmol) and 4 Å molecular sieve (1 no.). Next, methyl 2-(trifluoromethyl)acrylate (2b) (51 μ L, 0.4 mmol) and dry dioxane (0.2 M) were added to the reaction vial in open atmosphere. Then the reaction vial was sealed and stirred in a pre-heated oil bath at 90 °C for 15 h. Them, the crude reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography. *E/Z* ratio was assigned based on the ¹H NMR.

5. Unsuccessful substrates^a



Figure S2. ^{*a*}**1** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), AgOAc (2.0 equiv), 1,4-dioxane (0.5 mL), 4 Å MS, 90 °C, open air, 15 h, vial size 1.5 mL. ^{*b*} obtained from reaction of **1v**.

6. Characterization of Products:



Methyl (*Z*)-4-(1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-fluorobut-2enoate (3a)

Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1a** (25 mg, 0.1 mmol) with **2a** (21 mg, 19 μL, 0.2 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3a** (24 mg, 87%, *Z:E*

= 15:1) as yellow oil; $R_f = 0.27$ (20% EtOAc in hexane). Reaction at 1.0 mmol scale in a 7 mL screw cap reaction vial afforded **3a** in 66% yield (182 mg). Reaction of **1a**' (*N*-(2-chlorophenyl)-*N*-methylmethacrylamide) (42 mg, 0.2 mmol) with **2a** (42 mg, 37 µl, 0.4 mmol) gave **3a** in 29% yield (16 mg) while **1a**" (*N*-(2-iodophenyl)-*N*-methylmethacrylamide) (30 mg, 0.1 mmol) with **2a** (21 mg, 19 µl, 0.2 mmol) gave **3a** in 68% yield (19 mg).

¹**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 7.31–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (dt, *J* = 31.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.75–2.68 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 179.4, 160.7 (d, *J* = 35.8 Hz), 149.0 (d, *J* = 259.4 Hz), 142.8, 132.8, 128.2, 122.8, 122.7, 115.0 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 108.2, 52.4, 47.3 (d, *J* = 1.7)

Hz), 32.5 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 26.2, 22.8; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -119.1 (*E*-minor), -127.2 (*Z*-major); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₅H₁₇FNO₃: 278.1187, found 278.1190.

Methyl (Z)-4-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-fluorobut-2-enoate (3b)



Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1b** (27 mg, 0.1 mmol) with **2a** (21 mg, 19 μ L, 0.2 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3b** (19 mg, 66%, *Z:E* = 17:1) as colorless oil; R_f = 0.25 (20% EtOAc in hexane).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (dt, *J* = 31.9, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.91–3.66 (m, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.79–2.64 (m, 2H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 178.9, 160.7 (d, *J* = 39.1 Hz), 148.9 (d, *J* = 259.2 Hz), 141.9, 133.0, 128.2, 122.9, 122.5, 115.0 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz), 108.3, 52.4, 47.3 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 34.6, 32.7 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 22.7, 12.6; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -119.2 (*E*-minor), -127.2 (*Z*-major); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₁₉FNO₃: 292.1343, found 292.1350.

Methyl (Z)-4-(1-benzyl-3-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-fluorobut-2-enoate (3c)



Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1c** (33 mg, 0.1 mmol) with **2a** (21 mg, 19 μ L, 0.2 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3c** (20 mg, 56%, *Z:E* = 13:1) as yellow oil; R_f = 0.35 (20% EtOAc in hexane).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34–7.19 (m, 6H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (dt, *J* = 31.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.80 (ddd, *J* = 38.2, 14.5, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.4, 160.7 (d, *J* = 36.0 Hz), 149.0 (d, *J* = 259.3 Hz), 142.0, 135.8, 132.6, 128.8, 128.2, 127.6, 127.1, 122.8, 122.7, 114.9 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz), 109.3, 52.4, 47.5 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 43.5, 32.6 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 23.3; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -118.8 (*E*-minor), -126.8 (*Z*-major); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₁H₂₁FNO₃: 354.1500, found 354.1501.

Methyl (Z)-2-fluoro-4-(3-methyl-2-oxo-1-tosylindolin-3-yl)but-2-enoate (3d)



Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1d** (79 mg, 0.2 mmol) with **2a** (42 mg, 37 μ L, 0.4 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3d** (35 mg, 42%, *Z:E* = 94:1) as yellow oil; R_f = 0.19 (15% EtOAc in hexane).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97–7.90 (m, 3H), 7.38–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23–7.14 (m, 2H), 5.63 (dt, J = 31.3, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.62 (dddd, J = 16.3, 14.6, 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.7, 160.3 (d, J = 35.9Hz), 149.2 (d, J = 260.6 Hz), 145.7, 138.2, 135.1, 131.5, 129.7, 129.0, 127.8, 125.2, 123.0, 113.9, 113.4 (d, J = 10.7 Hz), 52.4, 47.9 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 33.0 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 23.5, 21.7; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -117.4 (*E*-minor), -125.9 (*Z*-major); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₁H₂₀FNO₅SNa: 440.0938, found 440.0943.

Methyl (Z)-2-fluoro-4-(5-methoxy-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)but-2-enoate (3e)



Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1e** (28 mg, 0.2 mmol) with **2a** (42 mg, 37 μ L, 0.4 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3e** (41 mg, 66%, *Z:E* = 11:1) as a yellow solid; melting point 63–65 °C; R_f = 0.20 (20% EtOAc in hexane).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.82–6.77 (m, 2H), 6.76–6.72 (m,

1H), 5.90 (dt, J = 31.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.77–2.63 (m, 2H), 1.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 179.0, 160.8 (d, J = 35.7 Hz), 156.2, 149.0 (d, J = 259.0 Hz), 136.4, 134.2, 115.0 (d, J = 10.8 Hz), 112.4, 110.3, 108.5, 55.8, 52.4, 47.8 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 32.5 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 26.3, 23.0; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -119.1 (*E*-minor), -127.1 (*Z*-major); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₁₉FNO₄: 308.1293, found 308.1296.

Methyl (Z)-2-fluoro-4-(1,3,5-trimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)but-2-enoate (3f)

Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1f** (27 mg, 0.2 mmol) with **2a** (42 mg, 37 μ L, 0.4 mmol) in 1,4dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3f** (35 mg, 60%, *Z*:*E* = 17:1) as yellow oil; R_f = 0.30 (20% EtOAc in hexane).



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.07 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (dt, J = 32.0, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.70 (dddd, J = 34.5, 14.8, 7.9, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 179.3, 160.8 (d, J = 35.8 Hz), 149.0 (d, J = 259.0 Hz), 140.5, 132.9, 132.3, 128.5, 123.5,

115.2 (d, J = 10.7 Hz), 107.9, 52.4, 47.4 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 32.6 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 26.3, 23.0, 21.1; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCI3) δ -119.3 (*E*-minor), -127.3 (*Z*-major); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₁₉FNO₃: 292.1343, found 292.1346.

Methyl (Z)-4-(1,3-dimethyl-2-oxo-5-(trifluoromethyl)indolin-3-yl)-2-fluorobut-2-enoate (3g)



Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1g** (32 mg, 0.2 mmol) with **2a** (42 mg, 37 μ L, 0.4 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3g** (52 mg, 76%, *Z:E* = >20:1) as yellow oil; R_f = 0.13 (20% EtOAc in hexane).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (dt, *J* = 31.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H),

3.24 (s, 3H), 2.72 (dddd, J = 41.6, 14.7, 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 179.2, 160.6 (d, J = 35.5 Hz), 149.3 (d, J = 260.9 Hz), 145.9, 133.4, 126.2 (q, J = 3.9 Hz), 125.0 (q, J = 32.6 Hz), 124.3 (q, J = 271.7 Hz), 119.7 (q, J = 3.4 Hz), 114.0 (d, J = 10.8 Hz), 108.0, 52.4, 47.3 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 32.4 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 26.4, 22.7; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -61.5, -118.1 (*E*-minor), -126.4 (*Z*-major). HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆F₄NO₃: 346.1061, found 346.1074.

Methyl-(*Z*)-4-(1,3-dimethyl-2-oxo-5-(trifluoromethoxy)indolin-3-yl)-2-fluorobut-2-enoate (3h)



Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1h** (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) with **2a** (21 mg, 19 μ L, 0.2 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3h** (27 mg, 74%, *Z*:*E* = 17:1) as yellow oil; R_f = 0.16 (20% EtOAc in hexane).

 $\underbrace{Me' \quad O \quad 3h} \quad ^{1}H \text{ NMR (500 MHz, CDCI_3)} \delta 7.16 (d, J = 8.3 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.08 (s, 1\text{H}), 6.83 (d, J = 8.4 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.91 (dt, J = 31.4, 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.76 (s, 3\text{H}), 3.22 (s, 3\text{H}), 2.78-2.64 (m, 2\text{H}), 1.42 (s, 3\text{H}); ^{13}C{^1H} \text{ NMR (126 MHz, CDCI_3)} \delta 179.0, 160.6 (d, J = 35.5 \text{ Hz}), 149.3 (d, J = 260.8 \text{ Hz}), 144.8, 141.5, 134.3, 121.4, 120.5 (q, J = 256.6 \text{ Hz}), 116.8, 114.1 (d, J = 10.8 \text{ Hz}), 108.6, 52.4, 47.7 (d, J = 1.8 \text{ Hz}), 32.4 (d, J = 2.1 \text{ Hz}), 26.4, 22.7; ^{19}F{^1H} \text{ NMR (471 MHz, CDCI_3)} \delta -58.4, -118.3 (E-minor), -126.6 (Z-major); HRMS (ESI-TOF) <math>m/z$: [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅F₄NNaO₄: 384.0829, found 384.0829.

Methyl (R,Z)-4-(5-cyano-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-fluorobut-2-enoate (3i)



Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1i** (28 mg, 0.1 mmol) with **2a** (21 mg, 19 μ L, 0.2 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3i** (22 mg, 74%, *Z:E* = 19:1) as a yellow solid; melting point 90–92 °C; R_f = 0.36 (25% EtOAc in hexane).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.62 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (dt, J = 31.3, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.78–2.66 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 178.9, 160.5 (d, J = 35.3 Hz), 149.5 (d, J = 259.3 Hz), 146.8, 133.8, 133.7, 126.1, 119.0, 113.5 (d, J = 10.7 Hz), 108.7, 106.0, 52.5, 47.2 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 32.2 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 26.5, 22.7; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -117.7 (*E*-minor), -125.8 (*Z*-major); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆FN₂O₃: 303.1139, found 303.1145.

Methyl (Z)-4-(5-chloro-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-fluorobut-2-enoate (3j)



Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1j** (29 mg, 0.2 mmol) with **2a** (42 mg, 37 μ L, 0.4 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3j** (44 mg, 70%, *Z:E* = 13:1) as a white solid; melting point 66–68 °C; R_f = 0.19 (15% EtOAc in hexane).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (dt, J = 31.6, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.72 (dddd, J = 40.0, 14.7, 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.8, 160.7 (d, J = 35.4 Hz), 149.2 (d, J = 260.4 Hz), 141.5, 134.5, 128.3, 128.2, 123.3, 114.3 (d, J = 10.8 Hz), 109.2, 52.4, 47.6 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 32.4 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 26.4, 22.9; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -118.4 (*E*-minor), -126.5 (*Z*-major); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₅H₁₆CIFNO₃: 312.0797, found 312.0808.

Methyl (Z)-2-fluoro-4-(5-fluoro-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)but-2-enoate (3k)



Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1k** (27 mg, 0.1 mmol) with **2a** (21 mg, 19 μ L, 0.2 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3k** (21 mg, 71%, *Z*:*E* = 14:1) as yellow oil; R_f = 0.13 (20% EtOAc in hexane).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.07–6.91 (m, 2H), 6.84–6.72 (m, 1H), 5.89 (dt, *J* = 31.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.76–2.64

(m, 2H), 1.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 179.0, 160.7 (d, J = 35.7 Hz), 159.4 (d, J = 241.2 Hz), 149.2 (d, J = 260.0 Hz), 138.8, 134.4 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 114.5 (d, J = 23.5 Hz), 114.406 (d, J = 10.7 Hz), 111.0 (d, J = 24.8 Hz), 108.7 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 52.4, 47.8 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 32.4 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 26.4, 22.9; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -118.6 (*E*-minor), -120.1, -126.7 (*Z*-major); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₅H₁₆F₂NO₃: 296.1093, found 296.1101.

Methyl-(*Z*)-3-(3-fluoro-4-methoxy-4-oxobut-2-en-1-yl)-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindoline-5carboxylate (3l)



Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1I** (31 mg, 0.2 mmol) with **2a** (42 mg, 37 μ L, 0.4 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3I** (41 mg, 61%, *Z:E* = 17:1) as a white solid; melting point 99–101 °C; R_f = 0.32 (25% EtOAc in hexane).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃ δ 8.03 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (dt, J = 31.6, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.73 (ddd, J = 21.1, 13.9, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.6, 166.7, 160.6 (d, J = 35.6 Hz), 149.1 (d, J = 260.2 Hz), 147.0, 132.7, 131.0, 124.7, 123.9, 114.2 (d, J = 10.8 Hz), 107.8, 52.4, 52.0, 47.2 (d, J = 1.6 Hz), 32.4 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 26.4, 22.8; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -118.3 (*E*-minor), -126.4 (*Z*-major); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈FNO₅Na: 358.1061, found 358.1058.

Methyl (Z)-2-fluoro-4-(6-methoxy-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)but-2-enoate (3m)



Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1m** (28 mg, 0.2 mmol) with **2a** (42 mg, 37 μ L, 0.4 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3m** (48 mg, 77%, *Z:E* = 21:1) as a yellow solid; melting point 63–65 °C; R_f = 0.32 (25% EtOAc in hexane).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.82–6.77 (m, 2H), 6.76–672 (m, 1H), 5.90 (dt, *J* = 31.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.69 (qdd, *J* = 14.7, 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.9, 160.7 (d, *J* = 35.8 Hz), 156.1, 148.9 (d, *J* = 259.1 Hz), 136.3, 134.1, 114.9 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz), 112.3, 110.2, 108.5, 55.7, 52.3, 47.7 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 32.5 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 26.3, 22.9; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -119.1 (*E*-minor), -127.1 (*Z*-major); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₁₈FNO₄Na: 330.1112, found 330.1115.

Methyl (Z)-2-fluoro-4-(1,3,6-trimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)but-2-enoate (3n)



Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1n** (27 mg, 0.1 mmol) with **2a** (21 mg, 19 μ L, 0.2 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3n** (22 mg, 75%, *Z*:*E* = 12:1) as yellow oil; R_f = 0.21 (20% EtOAc in hexane).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.07 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J

= 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 5.92 (dt, J = 32.0, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.74–2.64 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.7, 160.8 (d, J = 35.7 Hz), 149.0 (d, J = 259.2 Hz), 142.9, 138.4, 129.8, 123.2, 122.4, 115.2 (d, J = 10.9 Hz), 109.2, 52.4, 47.1 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 32.6 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 26.2, 23.0, 21.7; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ -119.3 (*E*-minor), -127.3 (*Z*-major); **HRMS (ESI-TOF)** *m*/*z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₁₉FNO₃: 292.1343, found 292.1347.

Methyl (Z)-4-(6-chloro-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-fluorobut-2-enoate (30)



Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1o** (29 mg, 0.2 mmol) with **2a** (42 mg, 37 μ L, 0.4 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3o** (35 mg, 55%, *Z:E* = 15:1) as a yellow-white solid; melting point 66–68 °C; R_f = 0.24 (20% EtOAc in hexane).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃ δ 7.10 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 5.86 (dt, J = 31.7, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.68 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.2, 160.6 (d, J = 35.8 Hz), 149.1 (d, J = 260.0 Hz), 144.1, 134.0, 131.0, 123.6, 122.5, 114.4 (d, J = 10.9 Hz), 109.0, 52.4, 47.1 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 32.3 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 26.3, 22.9; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -118.5 (*E*-minor), -126.7 (*Z*-major); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₅H₁₆CIFNO₃: 312.0797, found 312.0806.

Methyl (Z)-2-fluoro-4-(1,3,7-trimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)but-2-enoate (3p)



Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1p** (27 mg, 0.1 mmol) with **2a** (21 mg, 19 μ L, 0.2 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3p** (20 mg, 69%, *Z:E* = 22:1) as a yellow oil; R_f = 0.33 (20% EtOAc in hexane).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃ δ 7.07–6.95 (m, 2H), 6.95–6.91 (m, 1H), 5.92 (dt, *J* = 31.9, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.68 (ddd, *J* = 34.2, 14.8, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 180.1, 160.8 (d, *J* = 35.6 Hz), 148.9 (d, *J* = 258.9 Hz), 140.6, 133.5, 131.9, 122.6, 120.6, 119.8, 115.2 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 52.4, 46.6 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 32.7 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 29.6, 23.3, 19.0; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -119.3 (*E*minor), -127.3 (*Z*-major); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₁₉FNO₃: 292.1343, found 292.1346.

Methyl (Z)-2-fluoro-4-(7-fluoro-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)but-2-enoate (3q)



Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1q** (54 mg, 0.2 mmol) with **2a** (42 mg, 37 μ L, 0.4 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3q** (27 mg, 46%, *Z:E* = 16:1) as yellow oil; R_f = 0.22 (20% EtOAc in hexane).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃ δ 7.03–6.94 (m, 3H), 5.90 (dt, J = 31.7, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.43 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 3H), 2.77–2.65 (m, 2H), 1.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126)



MHz, CDCI₃) δ 178.9, 160.7 (d, J = 35.8 Hz), 149.1 (d, J = 259.8 Hz), 147.7 (d, J = 243.9 Hz), 135.7 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 129.5 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 123.4 (d, J = 6.4 Hz), 118.5 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 116.2 (d, J = 19.2 Hz), 114.5 (d, J = 10.8 Hz), 52.4, 47.7 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 32.6 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 28.7 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 23.1; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -118.7 (*E*-

minor), -126.8 (*Z*-major), -136.3 (major), -136.4 (minor); **HRMS (ESI-TOF)** *m*/*z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₅H₁₅F₂NO₃Na: 318.0912, found 318.0912.

Methyl (*Z*)-4-(3-(((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2fluorobut-2-enoate (3r)



Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1r** (54 mg, 0.2 mmol) with **2a** (42 mg, 37 μ L, 0.4 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3r** (40 mg, 49%, *Z:E* = >20:1) as green oil; R_f = 0.30 (15% EtOAc in hexane).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.28 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (dt, J = 31.9, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78–3.70 (m, 4H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.87–2.74 (m, 2H), 0.75 (s, 9H), -0.07 (s, 3H), -0.11 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 177.1, 160.8 (d, J = 35.7 Hz), 148.9 (d, J = 258.8 Hz). 143.9, 130.2, 128.3, 123.9, 122.5, 115.0 (d, J = 10.8 Hz), 107.9, 67.3, 53.8 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 52.3, 27.5 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 26.2, 25.5, 18.0, -5.6, -5.8; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -127.2 (Z); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₁H₃₀FNO₄SiNa: 430.1820, found 430.1835.

Methyl (Z)-4-(1,3-dimethylindolin-3-yl)-2-fluorobut-2-enoate (3s)

Following **GP-4**, the reaction of **1s** (76 mg, 0.2 mmol) with **2a** (42 mg, 37 μ L, 0.4 mmol) in 1,4dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **3s** (12 mg, 15%, *Z:E* = >20:1) as yellow oil; R_f = 0.20 (15% EtOAc in hexane). We couldn't get pure compound (**3s**) after several attempts.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.20 (m, 3H), 7.04–6.99 (m, 2H), 5.91 (dt, *J* = 32.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.75 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.45–2.27 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H); ¹³C{1H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7 (d, *J* = 35.9 Hz), 149.3 (d, *J* = 258.9 Hz), 144.2, 141.0, 137.6, 133.8, 129.7, 128.5, 127.2, 123.8, 122.8, 115.5 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz), 114.5, 61.2, 52.5, 43.4 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 35.0, 25.8, 21.5; ¹⁹F{1H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -127.4 (*Z*); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₁H₂₂FNO₄SNa: 426.1146, found 426.1154.

Methyl (*E*)-2-fluoro-4-(5-methoxy-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)but-2-enoate (*E*-4a) and methyl (*Z*)-2-fluoro-4-(5-methoxy-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)but-2-enoate (*Z*-4a):



Following **GP-5**, the reaction of **1a** (51 mg, 0.2 mmol) with **2b** (56 mg, 38 μ L, 0.3 mmol) in 1,4dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **4a** (38 mg, 58%, *E:Z* = 2.6:1) as yellow oil; R_f = 0.56 (20% EtOAc in hexane).

Pure E-(4a); 13 mg (20%); ¹**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 7.30 (td, J = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (td, J = 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 3.20–3.06 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃) (*E*-4a) δ 179.2, 162.4, 145.0 (q, J = 5.7 Hz), 142.9, 132.4, 128.5, 125.5 (q, J = 30.8 Hz), 122.8, 121.7 (q, J = 272.9 Hz), 108.3, 52.2, 47.4, 36.8, 26.2, 22.8 (one C peak merged with other peaks); ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCI₃) (*E*-4a) δ -64.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₁₇F₃NO₃: 328.1155, found 328.1166.

Mixture of *E*+*Z*-(4a, 1.4:1 by ¹H NMR); 25.1 mg (38%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35–7.27 (m, 1.8H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1.7H), 7.08 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1.7H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 0.7H, *Z*), 6.87 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1.7H), 6.57 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H, *E*), 3.79 (s, 3H, *E*), 3.75 (s, 2.3H, *Z*), 3.24 (s, 2.2H, *Z*), 3.22 (s, 3H, *E*), 3.20–3.07 (m, 2H, *E*), 3.02–2.90 (m, 1.5H, *Z*), 1.44 (s, 5.1H); ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -58.5 (*Z*), -64.3 (*E*).

Methyl (*E*)-4-(5-methoxy-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-2-enoate (*E*-4b) and methyl (*Z*)-4-(5-methoxy-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-2-enoate (*Z*-4b):



Following **GP-5**, the reaction of **1e** (57 mg, 0.2 mmol) with **2b** (62 mg, 51 μ L, 0.4 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **4b** (33 mg, 46%, *E:Z* = 3:1) as yellow oil; R_f = 0.47 (20% EtOAc in hexane).

Pure E-(4b); 15 mg (21%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*-4b) δ 6.85–6.72 (m, 3H), 6.55 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 3.16–3.06 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*-4b) δ 178.8, 162.4, 156.2, 145.0 (q, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 136.4, 133.7, 125.5 (q, *J* = 30.4 Hz), 121.6 (q, *J* = 272.9 Hz), 112.6, 110.5, 108.6, 55.8, 52.2, 47.9, 36.8, 26.3, 22.8; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471

MHz, CDCI₃) (*E***-4b)** *δ*-64.2 (*E*); **HRMS (ESI-TOF)** *m*/*z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₇H₁₉F₃NO₄: 358.1261, found 358.1265.

Mixture of *E*+*Z*-(4b, 1.3:1 by ¹H NMR); 18 mg (25%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 0.72H, *Z*), 6.85–6.73 (m, 5.3H), 6.55 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H, *E*), 3.79 (s, 8.2H), 3.74 (s, 2.2H), 3.22 (s, 2.1H, *Z*), 3.19 (s, 3H, *E*), 3.16–3.06 (m, 2H, *E*), 3.03–2.89 (m, 1.5H, *Z*), 1.42 (s, 5.2H); ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*-4b+*Z*-4b) δ -58.5 (*Z*), -64.2 (*E*).

Methyl (*E*)-4-(5-cyano-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-2-enoate (*E*-4c) and methyl (*Z*)-4-(5-cyano-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-2-enoate (*Z*-4c):



Following **GP-5**, the reaction of **1i** (56 mg, 0.2 mmol) with **2b** (46 mg, 38 μ L, 0.40 mmol) in 1,4dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **4c** (33 mg, 47%, *E:Z* = 2:1) as yellow oil; R_f = 0.34 (20% EtOAc in hexane).

E-(4c)–¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 3.22–3.10 (m, 2H), 1.46 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.8, 162.2, 146.7, 143.6 (q, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 133.8, 133.5, 126.33, 126.27 (q, *J* = 31.3 Hz), 121.4 (q, *J* = 273.1 Hz), 118.9, 108.7, 106.0, 52.4, 47.4, 36.3, 26.5, 22.6; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.3 (*E*); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₇H₁₉F₃NO₄: 353.1108, found 353.1118.

Methyl (*E*)-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxo-3-(4,4,4-trifluoro-3-(methoxycarbonyl)but-2-en-1-yl)indoline-5-carboxylate (*E*-4d) and methyl (*Z*)-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxo-3-(4,4,4-trifluoro-3-(methoxycarbonyl)but-2-en-1-yl)indoline-5-carboxylate (*Z*-4d):



Following **GP-5**, the reaction of **1I** (62 mg, 0.2 mmol) with **2b** (62 mg, 51 μ L, 0.4 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **4d** (40 mg, 52%, *E:Z* = 3.7:1) as a white solid; melting point 90–92 °C; R_f = 0.52 (20% EtOAc in hexane).

Pure E-(4d); 23 mg (30%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 3.15 (ddd, J = 21.7, 14.8, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.4, 166.6, 162.2,

147.0, 144.0 (q, J = 5.7 Hz), 132.4, 131.2, 126.0 (q, J = 30.7 Hz), 124.9, 124.1, 121.5 (q, J = 273.1 Hz), 107.8, 52.1, 52.0, 47.4, 36.6, 26.4, 22.7; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -64.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈F₃NO₅Na: 408.1029, found 408.1038.

Mixture of *E*+*Z*-(4d, 1:1 by ¹H NMR); 17 mg (22%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18–8.03 (m, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1.9H), 6.97–6.87 (m, 3H), 6.54 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, *E*), 3.91 (s, 6H), 3.79 (s, 3H, *E*), 3.75 (s, 3H, *Z*), 3.27 (s, 3H, *Z*), 3.25 (s, 3H, *E*), 3.23–3.09 (m, 2H, *E*), 3.00 (dddd, *J* = 54.6, 16.6, 7.5, 2.1 Hz, 2H, *Z*), 1.46 (s, 6H); ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*-4d+*Z*-4d) δ -58.6 (*Z*), -64.3 (*E*).

Methyl (*E*)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4-(1,3,6-trimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)but-2-enoate (*E*-4e) and methyl (*Z*)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4-(1,3,6-trimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)but-2-enoate (*Z*-4e):



Following **GP-5**, the reaction of **1m** (54 mg, 0.2 mmol) with **2b** (62 mg, 51 μ L, 0.4 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.2 M) afforded **4e** (37 mg, 55%, *E:Z* = 5:1) as yellow oil; R_f = 0.65 (20% EtOAc in hexane).

Pure E-(4e); 19 mg (36%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.04 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.56 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 3.11 (ddd, J = 33.9, 15.9, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 179.5, 162.4, 145.2 (q, J = 5.3 Hz), 143.0, 138.7, 129.5, 125.4 (q, J = 31.1 Hz), 123.3, 122.6, 121.7 (q, J = 273.0 Hz), 109.2, 52.1, 47.2, 36.9, 26.2, 22.9, 21.8; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -64.2 (*E*); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₇H₁₉F₃NO₃: 342.1304, found 342.1308.

Mixture of *E*+*Z*-(4e, 2:1 by ¹H NMR); 18 mg (26%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.08–7.02 (m, 1.5H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 0.5H, *Z*), 6.92–6.86 (m, 1.5H), 6.72–6. 76 (m, 1.5H), 6.56 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H, *E*), 3.80 (s, 3H, *E*), 3.75 (s, 1.5H, *Z*), 3.22 (s, 1.4H, *Z*), 3.20 (s, 3H, *E*), 3.19–3.04 (m, 2H, *E*), 3.01–2.88 (m, 1.1H, *Z*), 2.39 (s, 4.6H), 1.41 (s, 4.2H); ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) (*E*-4e+*Z*-4e) δ -58.6 (*Z*), -64.2 (*E*).

Dimethyl (2Z,4Z)-2,5-difluorohexa-2,4-dienedioate (6): ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃) δ7.02–6.94



(m, 1H), 6.94–6.87 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 6H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 160.4 (d, J = 4.2 Hz), 160.1 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 150.6 (d, J = 6.8 Hz), 148.4 (d, J = 6.8 Hz), 108.5 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 108.4 (d, J = 3.6

Hz), 52.9; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -118.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M-F]⁺ calcd. for C₈H₈FO₄: 187.0401, found 187.0407; GCMS-EI (*m/z*, relative intensity): 206.1 (M⁺, 30), 175.1 (15), 147.1 (100), 132.0 (7), 119.0 (9), 104.0 (9).



Figure S3 GC-MS spectra of compound 6.

7. Optimization of chiral ligands for enantioselective reaction^a

In a 1.5 mL reaction vial equipped with a magnetic bead, *N*-(2-halophenyl)-*N*-methyl acrylamide (**1a**) (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (10 mol%), ligand (20 mol%), additive (0.2 mmol) were added, followed by addition of methyl 2-fluoroacrylate (**2a**) (2.0 equiv), solvent (0.2 M) and one 4Å molecular sieve under N₂ atmosphere. Then, the reaction was kept on stirring at 90 °C temperature. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the crude reaction mixture was filtered through a celite pad using DCM, and then dried on sodium sulfate followed by high vacuum. Crude ¹H NMR yields were reported against nitromethane as internal standard.



Scheme S7: Enantioselective double Heck cyclization of 1a with 2a.

S. No.	1a (X)	Ligand	Additive	Yield (%)	ee (%)
1	Br	<i>R</i> -BINAP (L1)	AgOAc	~15	6
2	I	<i>R</i> -BINAP (L1)	AgOAc	~19	-
3	I	<i>R</i> -BINAP (L1)	Ag ₃ PO ₄	11	-
4 ^b		<i>R</i> -BINAP (L1)	Ag ₂ CO ₃	36	11
5	I	^t Bu-PhosFerrox (L2)	Ag ₂ CO ₃	36	19
6 ^c		^t Bu-PhosFerrox (L2)	Ag ₂ CO ₃	<5	10
7 ^d		^t Bu-PhosFerrox (L2)	Ag ₂ CO ₃	35	15
8		L3	Ag ₂ CO ₃	<5	20
9	I	L4	Ag ₂ CO ₃	<5	50
10		L5	Ag ₂ CO ₃	48	14
11	I	L6	Ag ₂ CO ₃	38	7
12		L7	Ag ₂ CO ₃	-	-

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^a**1a** (0.025 mmol), **2a** (0.05 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), L (20 mol%), additive (2.0 equiv), solvent (0.5 mL) under nitrogen, 90 °C, 24 h, vial size 1.5 mL, crude ¹H-NMR yield against nitromethane. ^b**1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), L (20 mol%), additive (2.0 equiv), solvent (0.5 mL) under nitrogen, 90 °C, 24 h, vial size 1.5 mL, isolated yield. ^c**1a** (0.05 mmol), 70 °C, 24 h.

Enantiomeric excess analysis by HPLC:

The enantiomeric purity was established by HPLC analysis using a Chiralcel[®] OD-H column (4.6 mml.D. X 250 mmL), particle size 5 μ m, 15 °C, *n*-Hexane/*i*-Propanol = 95/5 as eluent, 254 nm, 1 mL/min. For racemic product **3a**, the mixture of *E-Z* product (column purified) was kept for analysis, which gave *E*-isomer at tR = 10.165, 11.360 and *Z*-isomer at tR = 14.347, 15.1232.



8. Applications:

8.1 Thiation reaction using Lawesson's reagent:³



Scheme S8: Thiation of 3a using Lawesson's reagent.

Compound **3a** (28 mg, 0.1 mmol) and Lawesson's reagent (202 mg, 0.5 mmol) were taken in a 7 ml reaction vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar. Then, dry THF (1.5 mL) was added, vial was sealed and kept for stirring at 66 °C for 12 h. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane:EtOH = 9.0:1.0, R_f = 0.30) to afford **7** (28 mg, 94%) as green oil.

Methyl (Z)-4-(1,3-dimethyl-2-thioxoindolin-3-yl)-2-fluorobut-2-enoate (7):



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (dt, *J* = 32.0 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (ddd, *J* = 14.4, 7.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

208.9, 160.7 (d, J = 35.8 Hz), 148.8 (d, J = 259.6 Hz), 144.3, 137.1, 128.4, 124.4, 123.1, 115.1 (d, J = 10.8 Hz), 109.6, 58.0 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 52.3, 35.7 (d, J = 1.4 Hz), 31.5, 27.2; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ-119.3 (*E*), -126.7 (*Z*); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₅H₁₇FNO₂S: 294.0959, found 294.0970.

6.2 Bromination using NBS:³



Scheme S9: Bromination of 3a using NBS

Compound **3a** (28 mg, 0.1 mmol) and *N*-Bromosuccinimide (21 mg, 0.12 mmol) were taken in a 7 ml reaction vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar. Then, dry THF (1.5 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, vial was sealed and kept for stirring at 66 °C for 12 h. The TLC showed the spot on similar R_f as compound **3a**. Then, the solvent was dried and recorded crude ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR, which indicated the product formation. After that, the reaction mixture was purified on silica gel column chromatography (Hexane:Ethyl acetate = 8.5:1.5, R_f = 0.25) to afford the desired brominated product **8** (27 mg, 77%,) as yellow solid; melting point 71–73 °C.

Methyl (Z)-4-(5-bromo-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-fluorobut-2-enoate (8):



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (dt, J = 31.6, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.70 (dddd, J = 46.2, 14.8, 7.9, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.7, 160.7 (d, J = 35.6 Hz), 149.2 (d, J = 260.4 Hz), 142.0, 134.9, 131.2, 126.0,

115.5, 114.3 (d, J = 10.7 Hz), 109.7, 52.5, 47.6, 32.4 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 26.4, 22.9; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -126.5 (Z); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₅H₁₆FNO₃Br: 356.0292, found 356.0293.

8.3 Hydrolysis of Ester:⁴



Scheme S10: Hydrolysis of 3a in alkaline medium.

Compound **3a** (28 mg, 0.1 mmol) and KOH (~9 mg, 0.15 mmol) were taken in a 7 mL reaction vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar. Then, MeOH (1 mL) and H₂O (0.2 mL) were added sequentially, the vial was sealed and kept for stirring at 70 °C for 18 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was acidified with 1 mL of 3N HCl and concentrated, followed by water addition and extraction with EtOAc. The final organic solution was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in a rotary evaporator to afford the desired acid **9** (25 mg, 97%, E/Z = 1/11 by ¹H NMR) as grey sticky compound.

4-(1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-fluorobut-2-enoic acid (9):



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (bs, 1H, CO₂H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (dt, *J* = 31.4, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.79–2.66 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.8, 163.6 (d, *J*

= 36.5 Hz), 148.7 (d, J = 258.6 Hz), 142.6, 132.8, 128.4, 123.1, 122.7, 116.5 (d, J = 10.5 Hz), 108.4, 47.6 (d, J = 1.4 Hz), 32.6, 26.4, 22.6; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -117.7 (*E*), -127.3 (*Z*); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₄H₁₅FNO₃: 264.1030, found 264.1029.

8.4 Reduction of Alkene:



Scheme S11: Reduction of 3b and 4b using activated palladium on charcoal.

The substituted oxindole (**3b**, **4b**) (0.1 mmol) was taken in a Schlenk flask, equipped with magnetic stir bar. Then, palladium on activated charcoal (0.05 mmol) was introduced in the flask, followed by addition of 3 mL dry THF. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature (33 °C) under H₂ gas pressure using a rubber balloon. Then, the crude reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with DCM, followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography. The diastereomeric ratio (dr) was analyzed by ¹⁹F NMR.

Methyl 4-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-fluorobutanoate (10): The product **10** was obtained in 15 h with 86% yield (25 mg) as colorless liquid (Hexane:Ethyl acetate = 85:15, $R_f = 0.18$), dr = 1.0:1.0.



¹**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 7.30–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (ddd, *J* = 49.0, 8.6, 3.7 Hz, 0.5H), 4.72 (ddd, *J* = 48.7, 6.8, 4.7 Hz, 0.5H), 3.85–368 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 1.5H), 3.71 (s, 1.5H), 2.12–1.98 (m, 1H), 1.98–1.85 (m, 1H), 1.70–1.44 (m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 1.5H), 1.36

(s, 1.5H), 1.25 (td, J = 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 179.5, 179.4, 169.9 (d,

J = 3.1 Hz), 169.8 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 142.22, 142.21, 133.34,133.28, 127.981, 127.977, 122.71, 122.69, 122.54, 122.50, 108.255, 108.246, 89.6 (d, J = 184.9 Hz), 88.3 (d, J = 185.0 Hz), 52.3, 52.2, 47.6, 47.4, 34.6 (2C), 33.1 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 32.4 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 27.6 (d, J = 10.9 Hz), 27.4 (d, J = 10.9 Hz), 23.9, 23.7, 12.7 (2C); ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -192.2, -192.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₂₀FNO₃Na: 316.1319, found 316.1328.

Methyl 4-(5-methoxy-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)butanoate (11): Following the above procedure, 4b (26 mg, 0.073 mmol) with Pd/C (6 mg, 0.056 mmol) in THF (3. mL) at 33 °C for 48 h afforded 11 (20 mg, 76%) as colorless liquid, (Hexane:Ethyl acetate = 85:15, $R_f = 0.28$), dr = 1.5:1.0.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 6.85–6.72 (m, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 1.5H), 3.74 (s, 1.5H), 3.196 (s, 1.5H), 3.192 (s, 1.5H), 3.07–2.88 (m, 1H), 1.98–1.88 (m, 1H), 1.82–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.63–1.54 (m, 1H), 1.50–1.41 (m, 1H), 1.343 (s, 1.5H), 1.338 (s, 1.5H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 179.4, 179.3, 167.51, 167.48, 156.29,

156.26, 136.73, 136.71, 134.4, 134.2, 124.4 (q, J = 280.3 Hz), 124.3 (q, J = 280.3 Hz), 112.1, 112.0, 110.31, 110.28, 108.5 (2C), 55.8 (2C), 52.69, 52.66, 50.1 (q, J = 27.7 Hz), 50.0 (q, J = 27.8 Hz), 48.3, 48.2, 35.0, 34.9, 26.3 (2C), 24.0, 23.8, 21.4 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 21.2 (d, J = 1.9 Hz); ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -67.8, -68.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₇H₂₀F₃NO₄Na: 382.1237, found 382.1242.

9. Mechanistic Investigation:

To gain insight into the mechanism, a few control experiments were performed (Scheme 12). In a 1.5 mL vial equipped with a magnetic bead, was added acrylamide substrate (**1a**) (0.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.01 mmol), AgOAc (0.2 mmol) and 4 Å molecular sieve (1 no.). Next, fluoroacrylate (**2a**) (0.2 mmol) and dry dioxane (0.2 M) were added to the reaction vial in the open atmosphere. Then the reaction vial was sealed and stirred in a pre-heated oil bath at 90 °C for 15 h. After that, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and dried on high vacuum. Then, in the dried reaction mixture, nitromethane (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard was added accordingly, followed by addition of CDCl₃ solvent. The mixture was analyzed by crude ¹H NMR in which the NMR yield was calculated by integrating the peak of product against the peak at 4.33 ppm corresponding to 3 protons of nitromethane.

9.1. Control Experiments:



Scheme S12: Control experiments.

S. No.	Variation from standard conditions	1a (%)	3a (%)	5a (%)	6 (%)
1 ^{<i>b</i>}	-	-	87	8	10
2	No AgOAc	>95	-	-	-
3	No Pd(OAc) ₂ , No AgOAc	>95	-	-	-
4	No 2a	20	-	40	-
5	No 2a , No AgOAc	80	-	<5	-
6 ^{<i>b,c</i>}	100 mol% Pd(OAc) ₂ , No AgOAc	40	19	<5	<5
7 ^{b,d}	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄ instead of Pd(OAc) ₂ , No AgOAc	49	14	10	<5
8 ^{b,d}	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄ instead of Pd(OAc) ₂ with AgOAc	-	37	13	11
10 ^{<i>b</i>,<i>e</i>,<i>f</i>}	NaOAc instead of AgOAc	-	48	35	-
11 ^g	NaOAc instead of AgOAc	-	12	60	-

Table S4: List of control experiments.^a

^a**1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), additive (2.0 equiv), solvent (0.5 mL) open air, 90 °C, 15 h, vial size 1.5 mL, 4 Å MS, Crude ¹H-NMR yield against nitromethane. ^{*b*}Isolated yield. ^c**1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.4 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (1.0 equiv), solvent (1.0 mL), 90 °C, 15 h, open air. ^{*d*}**1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (10 mol%), additive (2.0 equiv), solvent (0.5 mL), 90 °C, 36 h, open air. ^{*e*}under nitrogen. ^{*f*}**1a** (0.10 mmol), **2a** (0.20 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), NaOAc (2.0 equiv), NMP solvent (0.5 mL), 100 °C, 15 h. ^{*g*}**1a** (0.05 mmol), **2a** (0.10 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), NaOAc (2.0 equiv), NMP solvent (0.5 mL), 100 °C, 15 h, open air, crude ¹H-NMR yield against nitromethane.

9.2. Quantification of elements: In a 1.5 mL reaction vial equipped with a magnetic bead, was added acrylamide substrate (**1a**) (0.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.01 mmol), AgOAc (0.2 mmol) and 4 Å molecular sieve (1 no.). Then, fluoroacrylate (**2a**) (0.2 mmol) and dry dioxane (0.2 M) were added

to the reaction vial. The vial was sealed with screw cap and stirred at 90 °C in an oil bath for 15 hours. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), crude reaction mixture was filtered, and the solid components were washed with DCM and dried under vacuum.

9.2.1. Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy (EDS) Elemental Mapping:

The quantification of elements in the reaction mixture was determined by EDAX APEX. The atomic and mass concentrations of each element in the reaction mixture are shown in Figure S4.



Figure S4 a) Sum Spectra; b) eZAF Quant Result - Analysis Uncertainity: 9.34%.

Results of mapping studies portray the coexistence of Ag, Br, Pd, C, and O elements. The distribution of all the elements is homogeneous; however, the mapping distribution of shell elements, Ag and Br, displays a larger region compared to the core elements, Pd and O.

9.2.2. Electronic States and Chemical Composition Confirmation:

The surface electronic states and chemical compositions were obtained from XPS analysis, shown in Figure S5, where the presence of Pd(0) and Pd(II) is confirmed. The high-resolution XPS spectra shows the Pd 3d core level spectrum with two spin–orbit doublet peaks (J= 3/2 and 5/2) at 335.1 (Pd 3d_{5/2}), 336.2 eV(Pd 3d_{5/2}) and at 340.1 eV (Pd 3d_{3/2}), 341.7 eV (Pd 3d_{3/2}) with a peak separation of around 5.3 eV, which is in accordance with the literature, clarifying the existence of Pd in the 0 and +2 oxidation state as Pd metal and PdO_x.⁵



Figure S5. Deconvoluted data.

9.2.3. High-Resolution TEM (HRTEM):⁶

To achieve a detailed understanding of the morphology and confirm the existence of Pd nanoparticles, HRTEM studies were performed. Samples were prepared by ultrasonicating the resultant samples in ethanol and subsequently casting a drop of the sample onto an entirely carbon-coated 400-mesh copper grid. Images were recorded on a Technai G² 20 (FEI) performing at 200 kV (accelerating voltage). As shown in Figure S6, palladium nanoparticles with average size of about 7.6 nm were observed.



Figure S6 Characterization of Pd nanoparticles. a) HRTEM micrograph of Pd-nanoparticles; b) size distribution.

10. X-ray structural analysis:

To obtain crystals, a saturated solution of the compounds in ethyl acetate were kept at room temperature. Colorless crystals were observed after 3-4 days. A suitable crystal was selected and visualised on a Bruker APEX-II CCD diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 301.00 K during data collection. Using Olex2, the structure was solved with the olex2.solve structure solution program using Charge Flipping and refined with the olex2.refine refinement package using Gauss-Newton minimisation. The crystal structure was drawn on diamond-3 software.

Crystal Structure of compound 6:



Figure S7: Crystal Structure of compound 6.

Table S5: Crystal data and structure refinement for 6:

Empirical formula	C ₈ H ₈ F ₂ O ₄
CCDC	2233366
Formula weight	206.14
Temperature/K	301.00
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	5.6570(4)
b/Å	6.5148(4)
c/Å	6.5836(5)
α/°	102.961(2)
β/°	109.449(2)
γ/°	96.622(2)
Volume/Å ³	218.14(3)
Z	1
ρ _{calc} (g/cm³)	1.569
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.151
F(000)	106.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.22 × 0.15 × 0.08
Radiation	Μο Κα (λ = 0.71073)
2O range for data collection/°	6.56 to 52.88

Index ranges	-7 ≤ h ≤ 7, -8 ≤ k ≤ 8, -8 ≤ l ≤ 8
Reflections collected	5448
Independent reflections	898 [R_{int} = 0.0383, R_{sigma} = 0.0243]
Data/restraints/parameters	898/0/65
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.125
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0324$, $wR_2 = 0.0868$
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0349, wR ₂ = 0.0897
Largest diff. peak/hole/ e Å ⁻³	0.18/-0.14

Crystal Structure of compound 3k:



Figure S8: Crystal Structure of compound 3k.

Table S6: Crystal data and structure refinement for 3k:

Empirical formula	C ₁₅ H ₁₅ F ₂ NO ₃
CCDC	2226735
Formula weight	295.288
Temperature/K	301.00
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	8.5433(8)
b/Å	9.0498(8)
c/Å	10.3568(10)
α/°	69.658(3)
β/°	71.553(3)
γ/°	84.163(3)
Volume/Å ³	712.19(12)
Z	2
$ ho_{calc}(g/cm^3)$	1.377
µ/mm ⁻¹	0.113
F(000)	308.3
Crystal size/mm ³	0.42 × 0.23 × 0.17
Radiation	Μο Κα (λ = 0.71073)

2O range for data collection/°	4.4 to 50.96
Index ranges	-10 ≤ h ≤ 10, -10 ≤ k ≤ 10, -12 ≤ l ≤ 12
Reflections collected	20812
Independent reflections	2631 [R _{int} = 0.0482, R _{sigma} = 0.0264]
Data/restraints/parameters	2631/0/193
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.046
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0798, wR ₂ = 0.2622
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0888, wR ₂ = 0.2684
Largest diff. peak/hole/ e Å ⁻³	0.38/-0.33

Crystal Structure of compound 4d:



Figure S9: Crystal Structure of compound 4d.

Table S7: Crystal data and structure refinement for 4d:

Empirical formula	C ₁₈ H ₁₈ F ₃ NO₅
CCDC	2243622
Formula weight	385.342
Temperature/K	299.00
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	8.6797(10)
b/Å	9.5445(13)
c/Å	12.4267(16)
α/°	72.122(4)
β/°	89.575(4)
γ/°	84.163(3)
Volume/Å ³	926.8(2)
Z	2
$ ho_{calc}(g/cm^3)$	1.381
µ/mm ⁻¹	0.120
F(000)	400.4
Crystal size/mm ³	0.41 × 0.23 × 0.12
Radiation	Μο Κα (λ = 0.71073)

2O range for data collection/°	4.5 to 51.38
Index ranges	-10 ≤ h ≤ 10, -10 ≤ k ≤ 11, 0 ≤ l ≤ 15
Reflections collected	3501
Independent reflections	3497 [R _{int} = 0.0000, R _{sigma} = 0.0356]
Data/restraints/parameters	3497/0/248
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.045
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.1037, wR ₂ = 0.2923
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.1212, wR ₂ = 0.3057
Largest diff. peak/hole/ e Å ⁻³	0.52/-0.35

Crystal Structure of compound 8:



Figure S10: Crystal Structure of compound 8.

Table S8: Crystal data and structure refinement for 8:

Empirical formula	C ₁₅ H ₁₅ BrFNO ₃
CCDC	2249830
Formula weight	356.18
Temperature/K	298.00
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P21/c
a/Å	16.012(5)
b/Å	11.607(4)
c/Å	8.318(2)
α/°	90
β/°	93.053(10)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	1543.7(8)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} (g/cm³)	1.533
μ/mm ⁻¹	2.682
F(000)	720.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.54 × 0.36 × 0.22
Radiation	Μο Κα (λ = 0.71073)

2O range for data collection/°	4.34 to 50.86
Index ranges	-19 ≤ h ≤ 19, -13 ≤ k ≤ 13, -10 ≤ l ≤ 19
Reflections collected	43441
Independent reflections	2848 [R _{int} = 0.0693, R _{sigma} = 0.0315]
Data/restraints/parameters	2848/0/193
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.066
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0369, wR ₂ = 0.0953
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0489, wR ₂ = 0.1056
Largest diff. peak/hole/ e Å ⁻³	0.74/-0.85

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