

Supporting Information

Palladium-catalyzed site-selective C–H polyfluoroarylation of arenes via aryl thianthrenium salts

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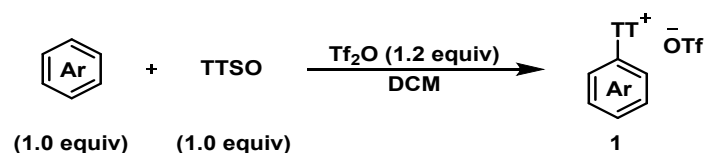
General Information:

The ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, ^{19}F NMR, ^{31}P NMR were recorded with Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer instruments in CDCl_3 . The chemical shifts (δ) of ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, ^{19}F NMR, ^{31}P NMR were measured in ppm, referenced to residual ^1H and ^{13}C signals of nondeuterated CDCl_3 ($\delta = 7.26$ and 77.00) as internal standards. All solvents were obtained from commercial sources and were purified according to standard procedures. Purification of products was accomplished by flash chromatography using silica gel (200~300 mesh). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck silica gel GF254 plates and visualized by UV-light (254 nm). Melting points were obtained on a Yanaco-241 apparatus and are uncorrected. HRMS analysis of compounds was performed with an orbitrap (Thermo fisher Q-Exactive, APCI source).

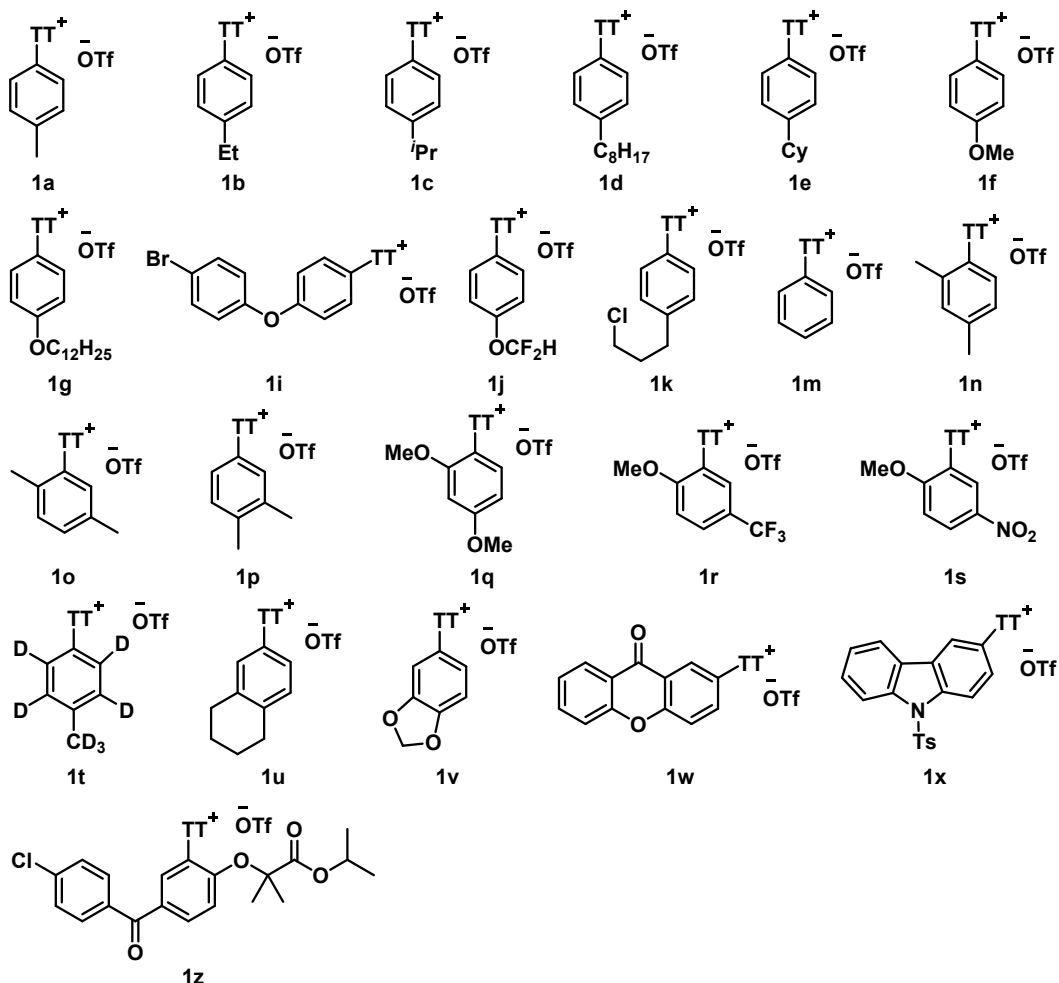
General Procedures for the Synthesis of Substrates:

1. General procedures for the synthesis of aryl thianthrenium salts 1

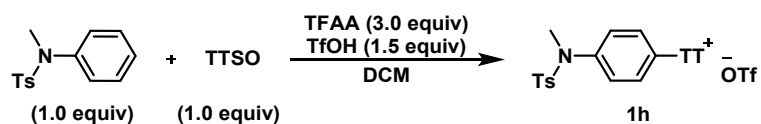
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A 50 mL two-necked flask was charged with thianthrene S-oxide (TTSO, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), DCM (10.0 mL) and arenes (5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then cooled to -40 °C and stirred at this temperature, and then TiF_4 (6.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at -40 °C for 1 h, and then allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h, neutralized by a saturated NaHCO_3 solution, and extracted with DCM. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by crystallization from DCM/MTBE system as a white solid.

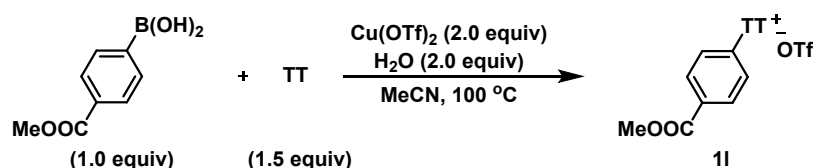


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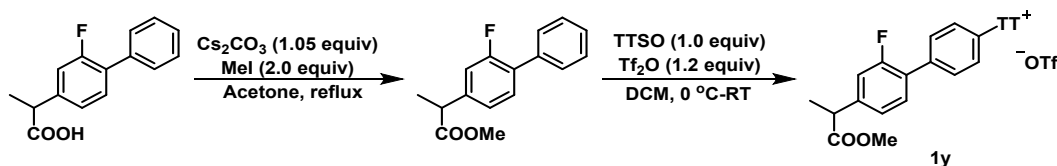
A 50 mL two-necked flask was charged with thianthrene S-oxide (TTSO, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), DCM (10.0 mL) and 4-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide (5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then cooled to $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and stirred at this temperature, trifluoroacetic anhydride (TFAA, 15.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (TfOH, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 1 h, and then allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h, neutralized by a saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 solution, and extracted with DCM. Drying of organic phase with anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. The crude product **1h** was purified by crystallization from DCM/MTBE system as a white solid.

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In a 38 mL sealed tube, the mixture of 4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenylboronic acid (3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), thianthrene (TT, 4.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (6.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), H_2O (6.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added in 3.0 mL MeCN. Then, the tube was purged with N_2 for three times and sealed with PTEF cap. The reaction mixture was stirred in a 100 °C heating mantle for 3 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was added into ammonia solution (50.0 mL, 25-28% solution in water), and the water phase was extracted with DCM (3 x 30.0 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. The crude product **1l** was purified by crystallization from DCM/ Et_2O system as a white solid.

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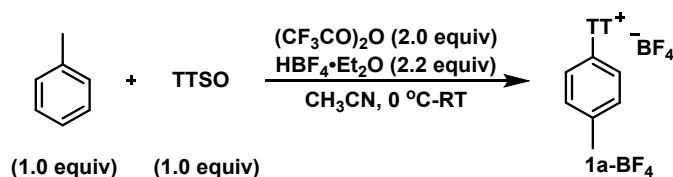


To an oven-dried 100 mL round-bottom flask was charged with flurbiprofen (10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Cs_2CO_3 (10.5 mmol, 1.05 equiv) and acetone (20.0 mL). To the flask was added iodomethane (MeI, 20.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and the heterogeneous solution was stirred at reflux for overnight. After the reaction, the crude mixture was diluted with Et_2O (20.0 mL), washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated in vacuo. The crude mixture was used without any further purification. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate to afford flurbiprofen methyl ester.

A 50 mL two-necked flask was charged with thianthrene S-oxide (TTSO, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), DCM (10.0 mL) and flurbiprofen methyl ester (5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then cooled to -40 °C and stirred at

this temperature, and then TiF_2O (6.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 h, and then allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h, neutralized by a saturated NaHCO_3 solution, and extracted with DCM. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. The crude product **1y** was purified by crystallization from DCM/MTBE system as a brown solid.

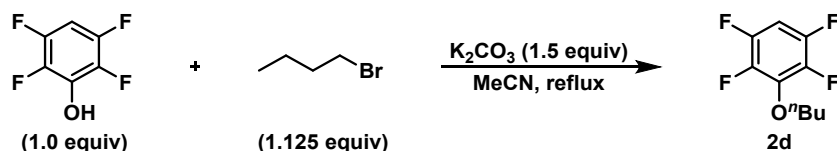
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A 50 mL two-necked flask was charged with thianthrene S-oxide (TTSO, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CH_3CN (10.0 mL) and toluene (5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then cooled to $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and stirred at this temperature. $(\text{CF}_3\text{CO})_2\text{O}$ (10.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and $\text{HBF}_4\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (11.0 mmol, 2.2 equiv) were added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 h, and then allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h, neutralized by a saturated NaHCO_3 solution, and extracted with DCM. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. The crude product **1a-BF₄** was purified by crystallization from DCM/ Et_2O system as a white solid.

2. General procedures for the synthesis of polyfluorobenzenes 2

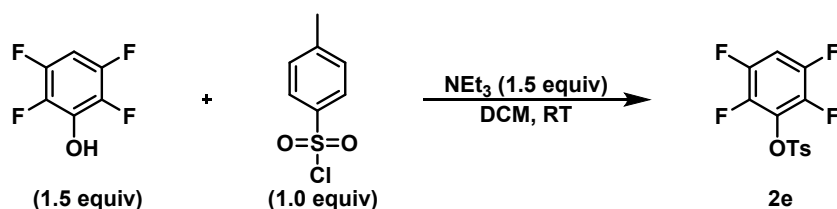
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1-bromobutane (3.4 mmol, 1.125 equiv) was added to a stirred suspension of 2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenol (3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and K_2CO_3 (4.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in MeCN (6.0 mL) under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then stirred for 7 hours under reflux conditions. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was allowed to

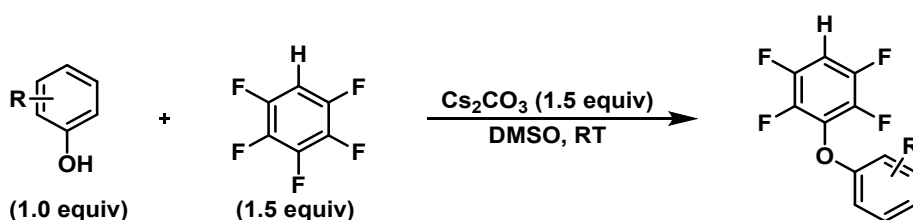
cool to ambient temperature, and H₂O (20.0 mL) and pentane (30.0 mL) were added. After phase separation, the organic layer was washed with 1 M NaOH (20.0 mL) and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated to dryness, affording a pale-yellow oil. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using EtOAc and PE as the eluent to afford the product **2d**.

(2)



To a magnetically stirred solution of 2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenol (4.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) dissolved in dichloromethane (3.0 mL) and NEt₃ (4.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (1.0 mL). A colourless precipitate immediately formed and stirring was continued for 16 h. The mixture was then treated with water (5.0 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 5.0 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with saturated sodium chloride (5.0 mL), dried (NaSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using EtOAc and PE as the eluent to afford the product **2e**.

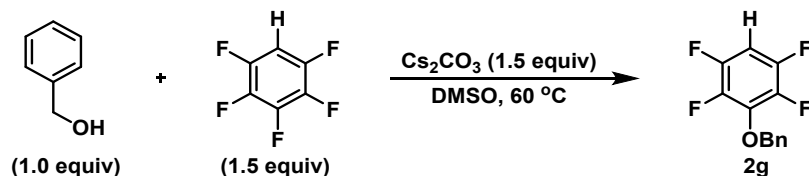
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To an oven-dried 50 mL round-bottom flask was charged with phenols (1.0 equiv), pentafluorobenzene (1.5 equiv), Cs₂CO₃ (1.5 equiv) in DMSO (5.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h, neutralized by a saturated NaCl solution, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. The crude

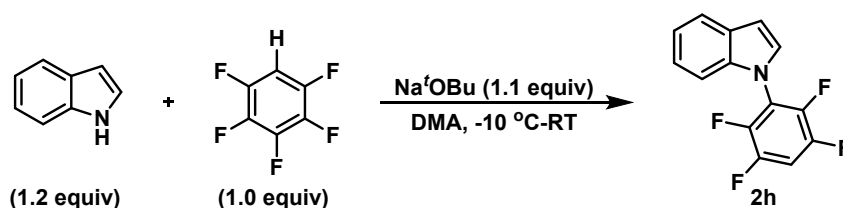
mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using EtOAc and PE as the eluent to afford the products **2f**, **2p**, **2q**.

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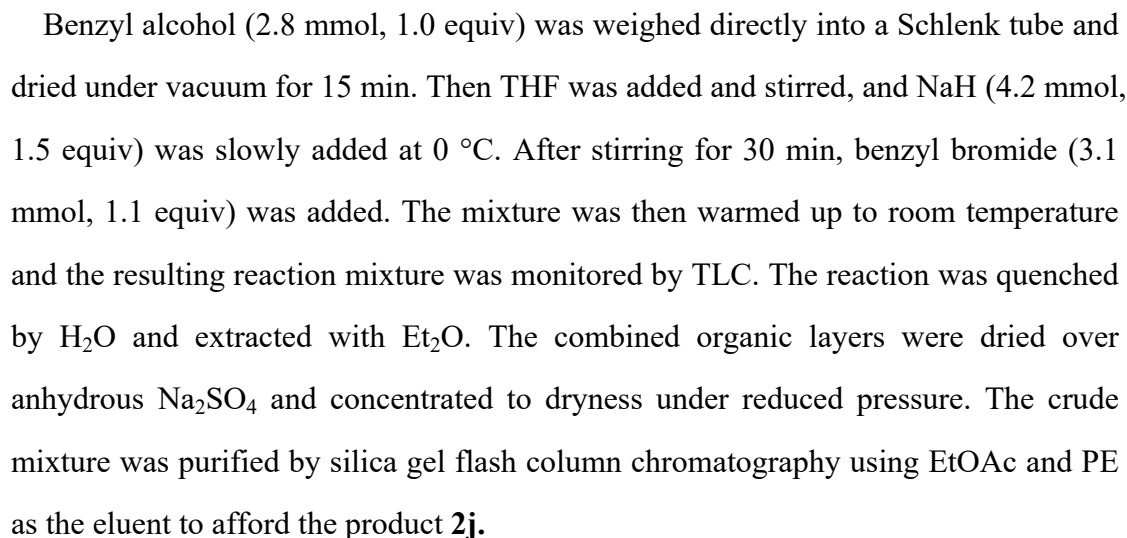
To an oven-dried 50 mL round-bottom flask was charged with phenols (3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), pentafluorobenzene (4.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), Cs_2CO_3 (4.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in DMSO (5.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at in a 60 °C heating mantle for 12 h, neutralized by a saturated NaCl solution, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using EtOAc and PE as the eluent to afford the product **2g**.

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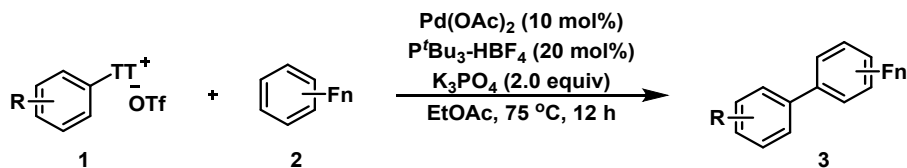
Sodium tert-butoxide (4.3 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added to a glass vial containing indole (4.7 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in DMA (10.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min, then the mixture was cooled in -10 °C and added to a cooled solution of pentafluorobenzene (3.9 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMA (10.0 mL) under stirring. After 15 min the cooling bath was removed to room temperature for 1h. The reaction was mixed with sat. NH_4Cl (aq) (5.0 mL) and water (5.0 mL) then extracted with diethyl ether (4 x 5.0 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using EtOAc and PE as the eluent to afford the product **2h**.

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$$\text{R-OH} + \text{2,3,4,5-tetrafluorobenzoic acid} \xrightarrow[\text{DCM, 0}^\circ\text{C-RT}]{\text{DMAP (10 mol\%), DCC (1.5 equiv)}} \text{2,3,4,5-tetrafluorobenzoyl ester}$$

In an oven-dried 50 mL round-bottomed flask, DCC (4.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and DMAP (10 mol%) were added sequentially to an ice-cold solution of the corresponding alcohol (3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 2,3,5,6-tetrafluorobenzoic acid (3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DCM (15.0 mL). After 30 min, the ice-water cooling bath was removed, and the resulting suspension was stirred vigorously at room temperature overnight. Then, the reaction mixture was concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using EtOAc and PE as the eluent to afford the products **2o**, **2r**, **2s**, **2t**, **2u**, **2v**, **2w**, **2x**.

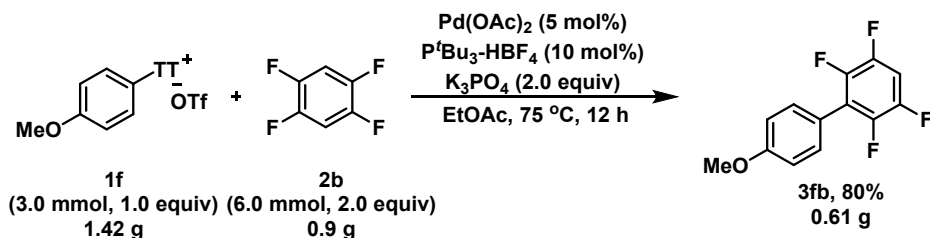
Experimental Procedures:



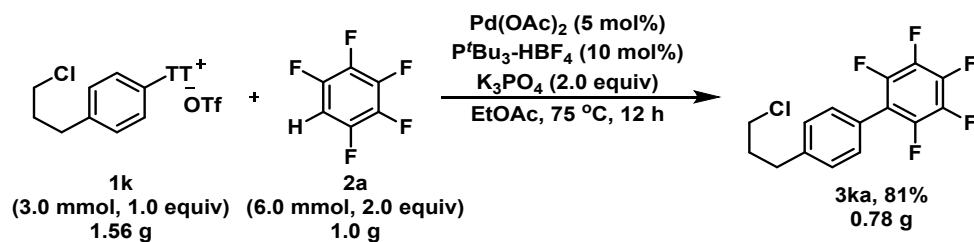
General procedure: In a 38 mL sealed tube, the mixture of **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) or **1** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), **2** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), P^tBu₃-HBF₄ (20 mol%), K₃PO₄ (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added in 2.0 mL EtOAc. Then, the tube was purged with N₂ for three times and sealed with PTEF cap. The reaction mixture was in a 75 °C heating mantle for 12 h. When the reaction was finished, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using EtOAc and PE as the eluent to afford the products **3aa-3za**, **3ab-3ax**.

Further Explorations:

Gram scale reaction:

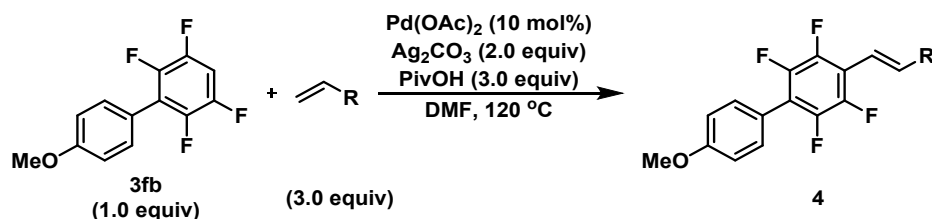


A 100 mL two-necked flask, the mixture of **1f** (3.0 mmol, 1.42 g, 1.0 equiv), **2b** (6.0 mmol, 0.9 g, 2.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), P^tBu₃-HBF₄ (10 mol%), K₃PO₄ (6.0 mmol, 1.27g, 2.0 equiv) were added in 30.0 mL EtOAc. Then, the tube was purged with N₂ for three times. The reaction mixture was in a 75 °C heating mantle for 12 h. When the reaction was finished, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using EtOAc and PE as the eluent to afford the product **3fb** (0.61 g) in 80% yield.

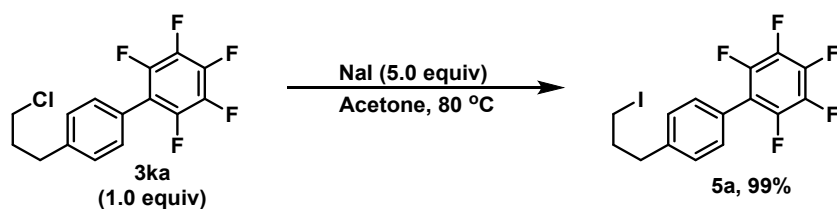


A 100 mL two-necked flask, the mixture of **1k** (3.0 mmol, 1.56 g, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (6.0 mmol, 1.0 g, 2.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)_2 (5 mol%), $\text{P'Bu}_3\text{-HBF}_4$ (10 mol%), K_3PO_4 (6.0 mmol, 1.27 g, 2.0 equiv) were added in 30.0 mL EtOAc. Then, the tube was purged with N_2 for three times. The reaction mixture was in a 75 °C heating mantle for 12 h. When the reaction was finished, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using EtOAc and PE as the eluent to afford the product **3ka** (0.78 g) in 81% yield.

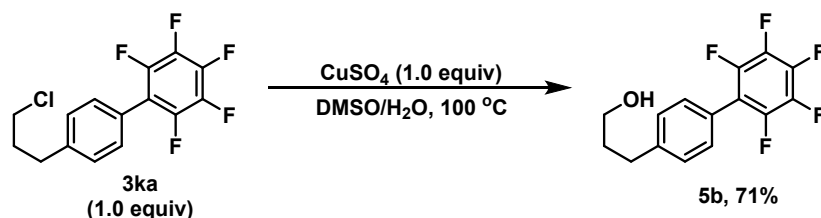
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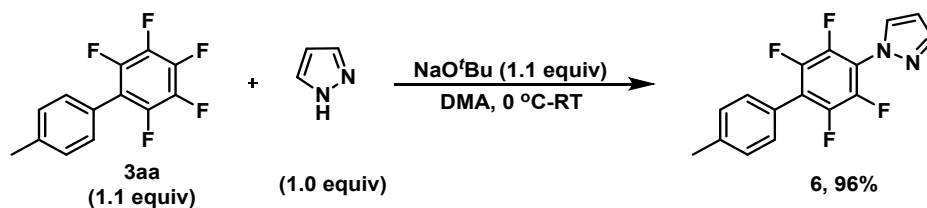
In a 38 mL sealed tube, the mixture of **3fb** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **alkene** (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)_2 (10 mol%), Ag_2CO_3 (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), PivOH (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were added in 2.0 mL DMF. Then, the tube was purged with N_2 for three times and sealed with PTEF cap. The reaction mixture was in a 120 °C heating mantle for 12 h. Then, the reaction was cooled to room temperature, and EtOAc (80.0 mL) and water (40.0 mL) were added. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (40.0 mL x 2). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using EtOAc and PE as the eluent to afford the products **4a**, **4b**, **4c**.



In a 38 mL sealed tube, the mixture of **3ka** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NaI (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) were added in acetone (2.0 mL). Then, the tube sealed with PTEF cap. The reaction mixture was in a 80 °C heating mantle for 10 h. When the reaction was finished, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using EtOAc and PE as the eluent to afford the product **5a** in 99% yield.



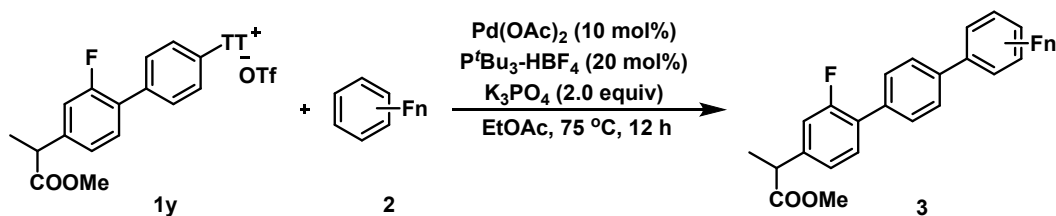
In a 38 mL sealed tube, the mixture of **3ka** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuSO₄ (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added in H₂O (0.35 mL) and DMSO (0.8 mL). Then, the tube sealed with PTEF cap. The reaction mixture was in a 100 °C heating mantle for 72 h. When the reaction was finished, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, then the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using EtOAc and PE as the eluent to afford the product **5b** in 71% yield.



In a 38 mL sealed tube, the mixture of **3aa** (0.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv), pyrazole (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NaO^tBu (0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv) were added in DMA (0.2 mL) in 0 °C. Then, the tube sealed with PTEF cap. The reaction mixture was heated to room temperature for 12 h. When the reaction was finished, the mixture was cooled to room

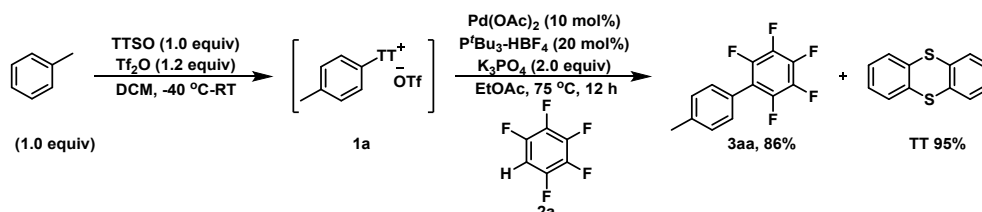
temperature and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using EtOAc and PE as the eluent to afford the product **6** in 96% yield.

Late-stage modification of drugs:



In a 38 mL sealed tube, the mixture of **1y** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), P'Bu₃-HBF₄ (20 mol%), K₃PO₄ (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added in 2.0 mL EtOAc. Then, the tube was purged with N₂ for three times and sealed with PTEF cap. The reaction mixture was in a 75 °C heating mantle for 12 h. When the reaction was finished, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using EtOAc and PE as the eluent to afford the products **3ys**, **3yr**, **3yw**.

One-pot C-H thianthrenation/sulfonylation and TT recovery:

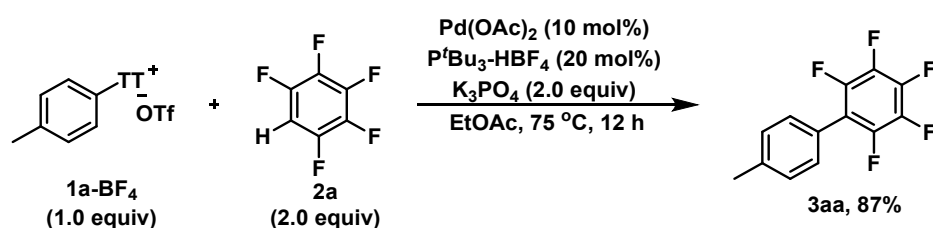


A 10 mL two-necked flask was charged with thianthrene S-oxide (TTSO, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), DCM (1.0 mL) and toluene (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then cooled to -40 °C and stirred at this temperature, Tf₂O (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at -40 °C for 0.5 h, and then allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h. The mixture was concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure to give the crude product of **1a**.

In a 38 mL sealed tube, the mixture of **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), P'Bu₃-HBF₄ (20 mol%), K₃PO₄ (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv)

were added in 2.0 mL EtOAc. Then, the tube was purged with N₂ for three times and sealed with PTEF cap. The reaction mixture was in a 75 °C heating mantle for 12 h. When the reaction was finished, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using EtOAc and PE as the eluent to afford the product **3aa** in 86% yield and TT recovery in 95% yield.

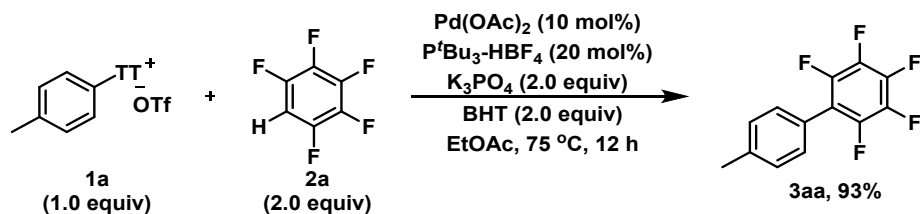
Applicability of ArTT tetrafluoroborate:



In a 38 mL sealed tube, the mixture of **1a-BF₄** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), P^tBu₃-HBF₄ (20 mol%), K₃PO₄ (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added in 2.0 mL EtOAc. Then, the tube was purged with N₂ for three times and sealed with PTEF cap. The reaction mixture was in a 75 °C heating mantle for 12 h. When the reaction was finished, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using EtOAc and PE as the eluent to afford the product **3aa** in 87% yield.

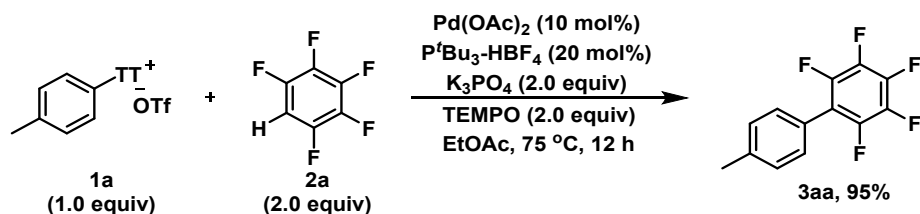
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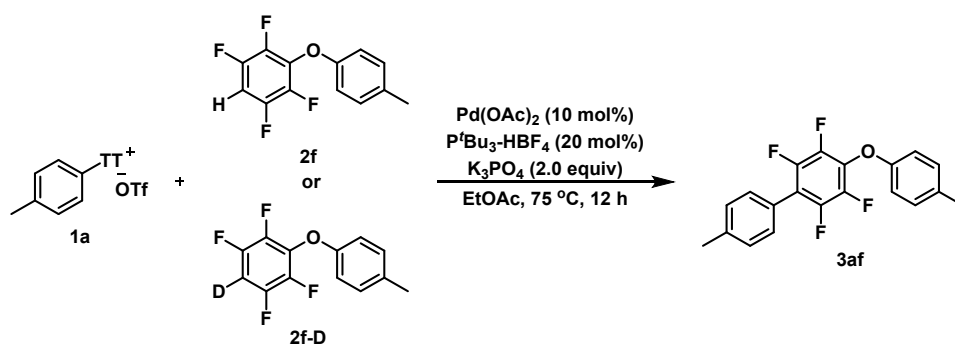
In a 38 mL sealed tube, the mixture of **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), P^tBu₃-HBF₄ (20 mol%), K₃PO₄ (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), BHT (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added in 2.0 mL EtOAc. Then, the tube was purged with N₂ for three times and sealed with PTEF cap. The reaction mixture in a 75 °C

heating mantle for 12 h. When the reaction was finished, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using EtOAc and PE as the eluent to afford the product **3aa** in 93% yield.



In a 38 mL sealed tube, the mixture of **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (10 mol%), $\text{P}^t\text{Bu}_3\text{-HBF}_4$ (20 mol%), K_3PO_4 (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), TEMPO (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added in 2.0 mL EtOAc. Then, the tube was purged with N_2 for three times and sealed with PTEF cap. The reaction mixture was in a 75 °C heating mantle for 12 h. When the reaction was finished, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using EtOAc and PE as the eluent to afford the product **3aa** in 95% yield.

Kinetic isotope effect (KIE) experiments:



The reaction of **2f** or its deuterated form **2f-D** was carried out with **1a** in two tubes for the given time under the optimized conditions, respectively. The reaction mixtures were concentrated and then examined by ^1H NMR spectroscopy using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard.

Table S1. Yield determined while varying the reaction time (with **2f**)

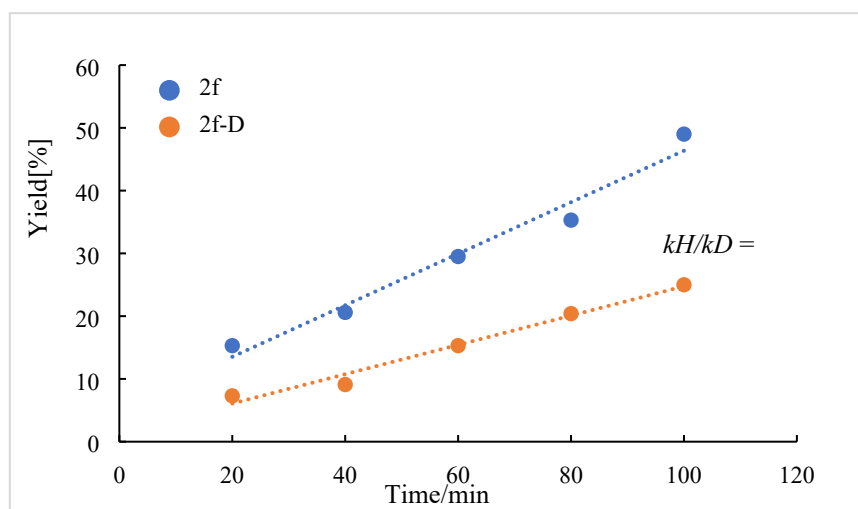
Entry	1	2	3	4	5
Reaction time (min)	20	40	60	80	100

Yield (%)	15.3	20.6	29.5	35.3	49.0
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Table S2. Yield determined while varying the reaction time (with **2f-D**)

Entry	1	2	3	4	5
Reaction time (min)	20	40	60	80	100
Yield (%)	7.3	9.1	15.3	20.4	25.0

Figure S1. KIE measured from the parallel reactions of polyfluoroarenes (**2f** and **2f-D**) with **1a**.



Kinetic data: order in catalyst:

The order in catalyst's kinetic data was determined using the generally amounts of **1a** (45.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (33.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), a stock solution was prepared of Pd(OAc)₂ (0.002 mmol to 0.015 mmol), P^tBu₃-HBF₄ (0.004 mmol to 0.0300 mmol) in EtOAc (4.0 mL). Subsequently, 1.0 mL of the solution was added to corresponding test tubes respectively. The reactions were worked up by following the general procedure and the yields were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard.

Table S3. Amounts of catalyst and results used to determine the order in catalyst

Entry	Concentration of catalyst	Reaction time (min)	Average yield (%)	3aa (mM)
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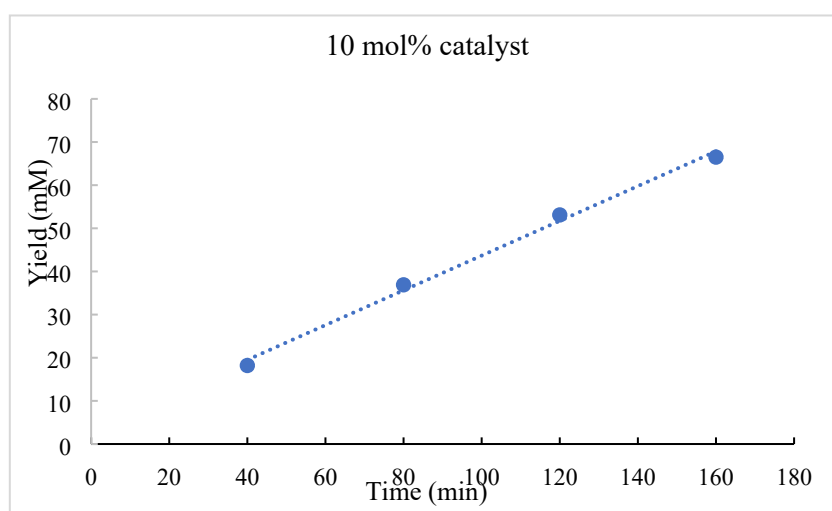
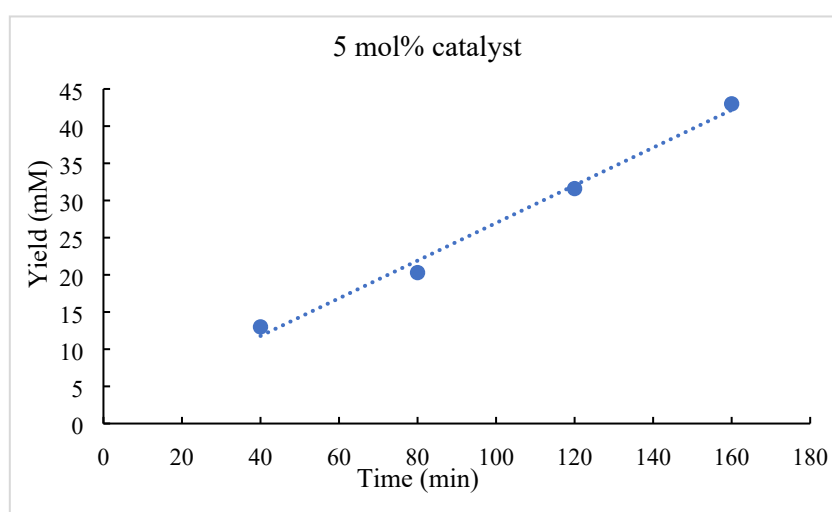
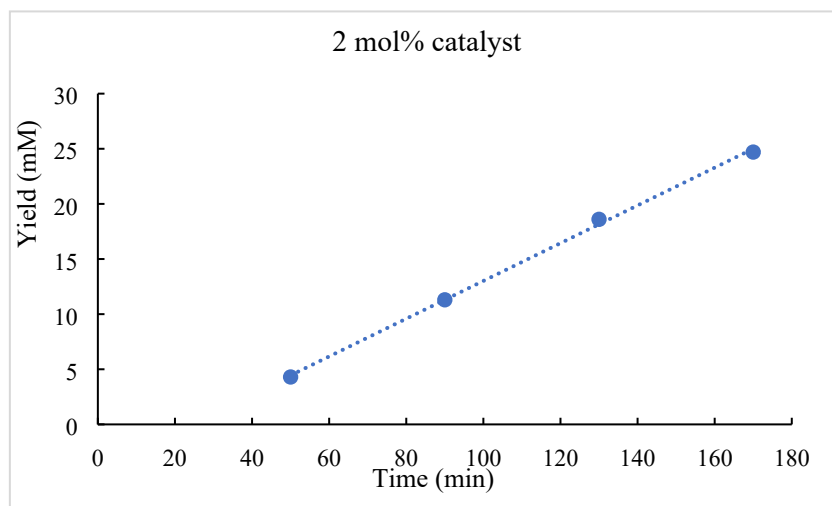
1	2.0 mol % Cat.	50	4.3	4.3
2	2.0 mol % Cat.	90	11.3	11.3
3	2.0 mol % Cat.	130	18.6	18.6
4	2.0 mol % Cat.	170	24.7	24.7

Entry	Concentration of catalyst	Reaction time (min)	Average yield (%)	3aa (mM)
1	5.0 mol % Cat.	40	13.0	13.0
2	5.0 mol % Cat.	80	20.3	20.3
3	5.0 mol % Cat.	120	31.6	31.6
4	5.0 mol % Cat.	160	43.0	43.0

Entry	Concentration of catalyst	Reaction time (min)	Average yield (%)	3aa (mM)
1	10.0 mol % Cat.	40	18.2	18.2
2	10.0 mol % Cat.	80	36.9	36.9
3	10.0 mol % Cat.	120	53.1	53.1
4	10.0 mol % Cat.	160	66.5	66.5

Entry	Concentration of catalyst	Reaction time (min)	Average yield (%)	3aa (mM)
1	15.0 mol % Cat.	40	27.3	27.3
2	15.0 mol % Cat.	80	41.6	41.6
3	15.0 mol % Cat.	120	63.9	63.9
4	15.0 mol % Cat.	160	75.0	75.0

Figure S1. Plot of **3aa** (mM) verse time (min) using different concentrations of catalyst



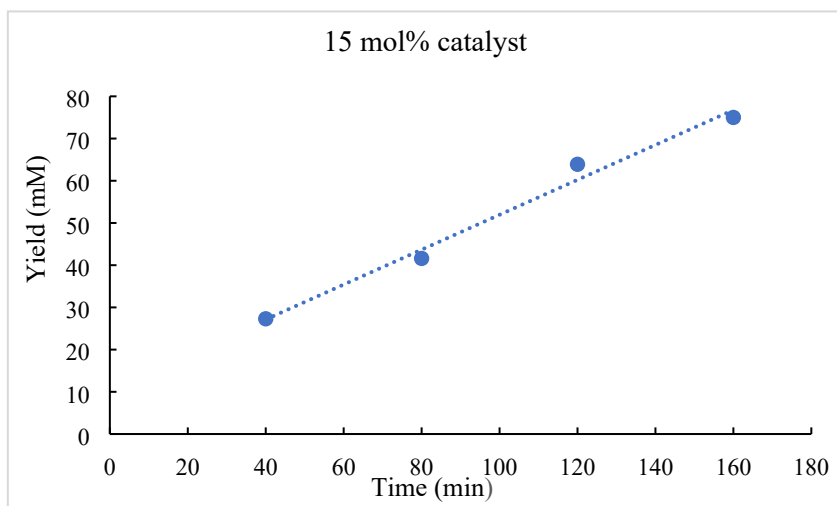
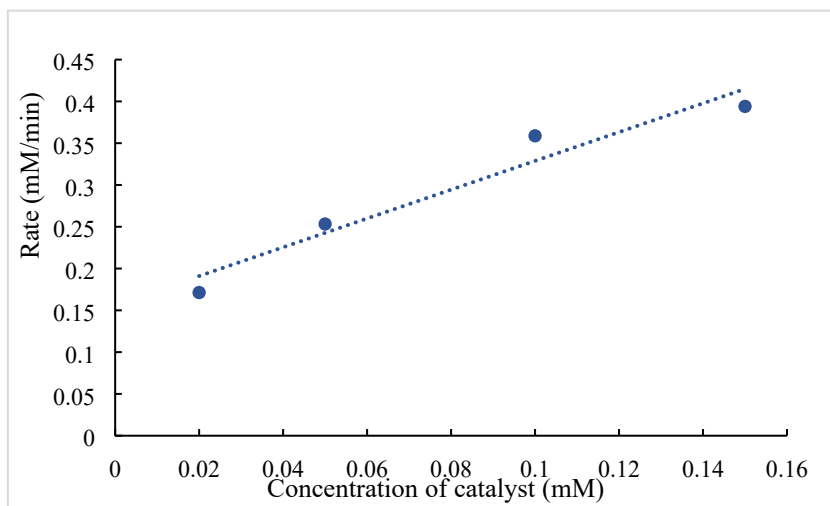


Table S4. Rates determined while varying the concentrations of catalyst

Entry	Concentration of catalyst	Rate (mM/min)
1	0.0200	0.1713
2	0.0500	0.2533
3	0.1000	0.3588
4	0.1500	0.3940

Figure S2. Rates determined while varying the concentrations of catalyst



Time-course of yield:

Seven reactions of **1a** and **2a** were carried out by following the general procedure of the coupling reaction. Each of the reactions was stopped at the times indicated in the following table. The reactions were worked up by following the general procedure

and the yields were determined by ^1H NMR spectroscopy using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard.

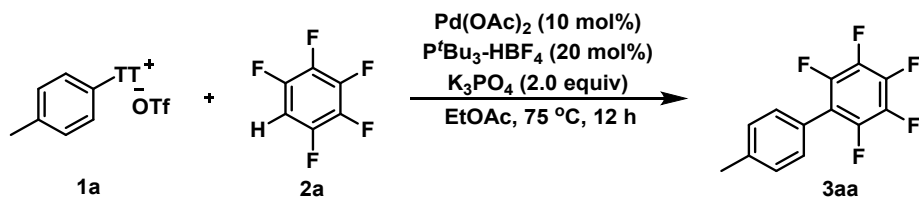
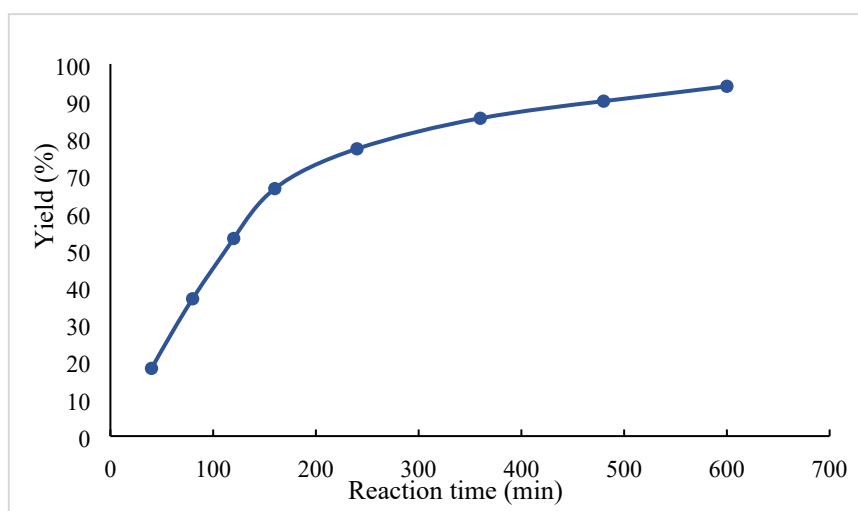


Table S5. Yield determined while varying the reaction time

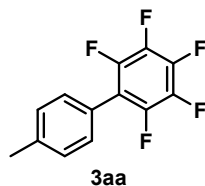
Entry	1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7
Reaction time (min)	40	80	120	160	240	360	480	600
Yield (%)	18.2	36.9	53.1	66.5	77.2	85.4	90.0	94.0

Figure S3. Yield determined while varying the reaction time



Characterization of Products:

2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-4'-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**3aa**)^[1]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3aa**.

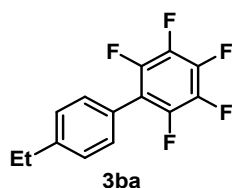
Yield: 96%, 49.6 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 102-104 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (s, 4H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.5 – 145.3 (m), 143.0 – 142.9 (m), 141.6 – 141.3 (m), 139.4, 139.1 – 138.9 (m), 136.6 – 136.4 (m), 130.0, 129.4, 123.3, 116.1 – 115.8 (m), 21.3.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.39 (dd, *J* = 22.6, 7.5 Hz, 2F), -156.17 (t, *J* = 22.6 Hz, 1F), -161.65 to -163.30 (m, 2F).

4'-ethyl-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (**3ba**)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3ba**.

Yield: 90%, 49.0 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 78-80 °C.

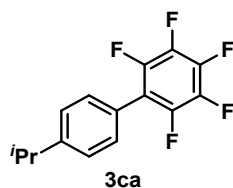
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 2.74 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.6, 145.5 – 145.1 (m), 143.1 – 142.8 (m), 141.6 – 141.1 (m), 139.3 – 138.8 (m), 136.8 – 136.3 (m), 130.0, 128.2, 123.6, 116.2 – 115.7 (m), 28.7, 15.3.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.39 (dd, *J* = 23.3, 8.6 Hz, 2F), -156.21 (t, *J* = 21.1 Hz, 1F), -162.37 to -162.65 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) *m/z*: [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₉F₅ 272.0624, found 272.0618.

2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-4'-isopropyl-1,1'-biphenyl (3ca)^[5]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3ca**.

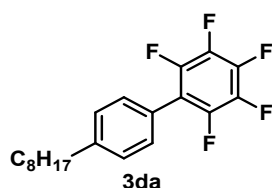
Yield: 92%, 52.7 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 67-68 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (s, 4H), 3.04 – 2.94 (m, 1H), 1.31 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.2, 145.5 – 145.2 (m), 143.1 – 142.8 (m), 141.6 – 141.3 (m), 139.2 – 138.8 (m), 136.8 – 136.4 (m), 130.1, 126.8, 123.7, 116.2 – 115.7 (m), 34.0, 23.8.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.38 (dd, J = 23.3, 8.6 Hz, 2F), -156.22 (t, J = 21.1 Hz, 1F), -162.33 to -162.63 (m, 2F).

2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-4'-octyl-1,1'-biphenyl (3da)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3da**.

Yield: 95%, 67.7 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 54-56 °C.

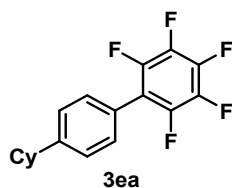
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 2.69 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.73 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 0.94 – 0.89 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.6 (m), 144.4, 143.1 – 142.8 (m), 141.6 – 141.3 (m), 139.3 – 138.7 (m), 136.8 – 136.4 (m), 130.0, 128.7, 123.5, 116.2 – 115.7 (m), 35.8, 31.9, 31.3, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 22.7, 14.1.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.38 (dd, J = 22.6, 7.5 Hz, 2F), -156.25 (t, J = 18.8 Hz, 1F), -162.40 to -162.63 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [M]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₁F₅ 356.1563, found 356.1557.

4'-cyclohexyl-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (3ea)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3ea**.

Yield: 99%, 64.6 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 93-95 °C.

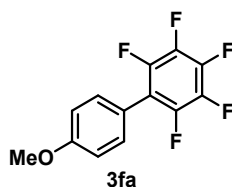
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 2.64 – 2.53 (m, 1H), 1.92 (dd, *J* = 21.2, 9.2 Hz, 4H), 1.80 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.52 – 1.38 (m, 4H), 1.35 – 1.26 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.4, 145.5 – 145.3 (m), 143.1 – 142.7 (m), 141.4 – 141.2 (m), 139.1 – 138.7 (m), 136.9 – 136.2 (m), 130.0, 127.2, 123.7, 116.0 – 115.8 (m), 44.4, 34.3, 26.8, 26.1.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.37 (dd, *J* = 22.6, 7.5 Hz, 2F), -156.23 (t, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1F), -162.40 to -162.60 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₆F₅ 327.1167, found 327.1170.

2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-4'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (3fa)^[1]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3fa**.

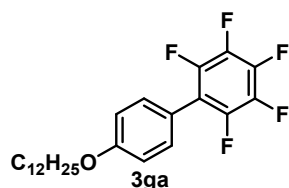
Yield: 95%, 52.1 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 114-116 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.2, 145.5 – 145.2 (m), 143.0 – 142.8 (m), 141.3 – 141.1 (m), 139.1 – 138.8 (m), 136.7 – 136.4 (m), 131.4, 118.4, 115.7 – 115.5 (m), 114.2, 55.3.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.67 (dd, *J* = 22.6, 7.5 Hz, 2F), -156.50 (t, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1F), -162.49 to -163.27 (m, 2F).

4'-(dodecyloxy)-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (3ga)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3ga**.

Yield: 87%, 74.6 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 78-79 °C.

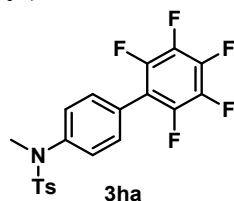
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.85 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.23 (m, 16H), 0.92 – 0.85 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.8, 131.4, 114.7, 68.1, 31.9, 29.7, 29.6, 29.4, 29.2, 26.0, 22.7, 14.1.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.64 (dd, *J* = 23.7, 8.6 Hz, 2F), -156.64 (t, *J* = 21.1 Hz, 1F), -162.49 to -162.70 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [M]⁺ Calcd for C₂₄H₂₉F₅O 428.2139, found 428.2133.

***N*,4-dimethyl-*N*-(2',3',4',5',6'-pentafluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)benzenesulfonamide (3ha)**



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) afforded **3ha**.

Yield: 81%, 69.2 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 111-113 °C.

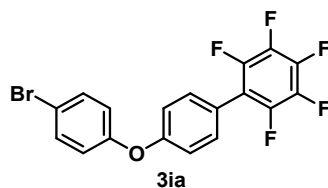
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.7 – 144.8 (m), 143.9, 143.0 – 142.6 (m), 142.5, 141.8 – 141.3 (m), 139.3 – 139.0 (m), 138.9 – 138.7 (m), 136.6 – 136.3 (m), 133.1, 130.6, 129.4, 127.7, 126.3, 124.9, 37.7, 21.4.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.10 (dd, *J* = 23.7, 9.0 Hz, 2F), -155.10 (t, *J* = 21.1 Hz, 1F), -161.90 to -162.15 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{20}H_{15}F_5NO_2S$ 428.0738, found 428.0739.

4'-(4-bromophenoxy)-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (3ia)^[8]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3ia**.

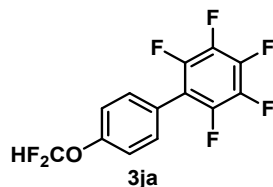
Yield: 54%, 44.8 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 113-115 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.4, 145.7 – 145.2 (m), 143.2 – 142.7 (m), 142.0 – 141.4 (m), 139.5 – 138.8 (m), 137.0 – 136.2 (m), 131.9, 121.6, 119.2, 115.5 – 115.0 (m).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.33 (dd, J = 23.7, 8.6 Hz, 2F), -155.48 (t, J = 21.1 Hz, 1F), -161.91 to -162.21 (m, 2F).

4'-(difluoromethoxy)-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (3ja)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3ja**.

Yield: 70%, 43.4 mg; appearance: colourless oil.

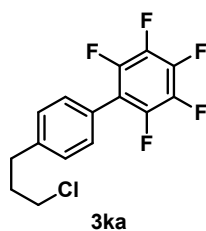
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (t, J = 73.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.8 – 151.7 (m), 145.5 – 145.2 (m), 143.1 – 142.7 (m), 141.9 – 141.7 (m), 139.4 – 139.0 (m), 131.8, 123.4, 119.7, 118.2, 115.6, 115.0 – 114.6 (m), 113.0.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -81.28 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 2F), -143.31 (dd, J = 23.3, 8.6 Hz, 2F), -155.02 (t, J = 21.1 Hz, 1F), -161.80 to -162.10 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: $[M]^+$ Calcd for $C_{13}H_5F_7O$ 310.0229, found 310.0223.

4'-(3-chloropropyl)-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (3ka)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3ka**.

Yield: 85%, 54.5 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 68-70 °C.

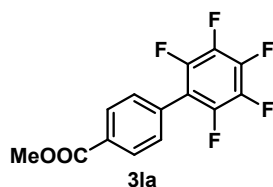
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (d, *J* = 56.4 Hz, 4H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 53.6 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (d, *J* = 54.4 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (d, *J* = 52.8 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.5 – 145.2 (m), 143.0 – 142.7 (m), 142.1, 139.3 – 138.8 (m), 136.6 – 136.3 (m), 130.2, 128.9, 124.2, 115.8 – 115.7 (m), 44.1, 33.7, 32.5.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.36 (dd, *J* = 26.3, 11.3 Hz, 2F), -155.88 (t, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1F), -162.23 to -162.47 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [M]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₀ClF₅ 320.0391, found 320.0385.

methyl 2',3',4',5',6'-pentafluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (3la)^[2]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3la**.

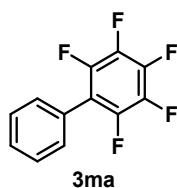
Yield: 91%, 55.0 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 107-109 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 145.5 – 145.0 (m), 143.1 – 142.4 (m), 139.6 – 138.8 (m), 130.9, 130.2, 129.8, 115.2 – 114.7 (m), 52.4.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -142.78 to -142.00 (m, 2F), -154.13 (t, *J* = 21.1 Hz, 1F), -160.58 to -162.65 (m, 2F).

2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (3ma)^[6]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3ma**.

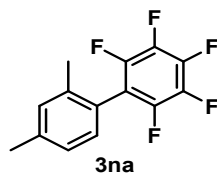
Yield: 93%, 45.4 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 96-98 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 – 7.40 (m, 5H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.5 – 145.2 (m), 143.3 – 142.7 (m), 141.8 – 141.4 (m), 139.3 – 140.0 (m), 137.0 – 136.2 (m), 130.1, 129.3, 128.7, 126.4, 116.2 – 115.1 (m).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.29 (dd, *J* = 22.6, 11.3 Hz, 2F), -155.67 (t, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1F), -162.15 to -162.40 (m, 2F).

2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-2',4'-dimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (3na)^[6]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3na**.

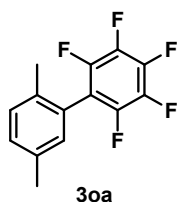
Yield: 68%, 37.0 mg; appearance: colourless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.15 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.5 – 145.1 (m), 143.0 – 142.7 (m), 141.9 – 141.5 (m), 139.6, 139.5 – 138.6 (m), 137.1, 136.7 – 136.1 (m), 131.3, 130.4, 126.8, 122.8, 115.8 – 115.2 (m), 21.2, 19.6.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -140.59 (dd, *J* = 22.6, 7.5 Hz, 2F), -155.74 (t, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1F), -162.30 to -162.50 (m, 2F).

2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-2',5'-dimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (3oa)^[4]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3oa**.

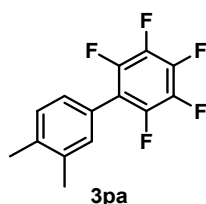
Yield: 78%, 42.5 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 58-60 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.4 – 145.1 (m), 143.0 – 142.6 (m), 142.0 – 141.5 (m), 139.3 – 138.6 (m), 136.6 – 136.1 (m), 135.6, 134.2, 131.0, 130.4, 130.4, 125.6, 115.8 – 115.4 (m), 20.8, 19.1

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -140.62 (dd, *J* = 24.1, 9.0 Hz, 2F), -155.70 (t, *J* = 21.1 Hz, 1F), -162.31 to -162.52 (m, 2F).

2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-3',4'-dimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (3pa)^[4]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3pa**.

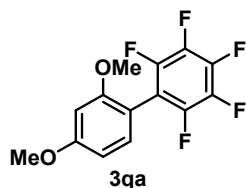
Yield: 83%, 45.2 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 60-62 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.5 – 145.1 (m), 143.2 – 142.7 (m), 139.0 – 138.9 (m), 138.1, 137.1, 131.1, 130.0, 127.5, 123.7, 19.8, 19.6.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.25 (dd, *J* = 22.6, 7.5 Hz, 2F), -156.38 (t, *J* = 22.6 Hz, 1F), -162.40 to -162.80 (m, 2F).

2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-2',4'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (3qa)^[6]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3qa**.

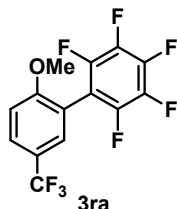
Yield: 84%, 51.1 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 84-85 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 – 6.58 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.2, 158.2, 145.9 – 145.6 (m), 143.5 – 143.1 (m), 139.1 – 138.5 (m), 136.5 – 136.0 (m), 132.2, 112.7 – 112.6 (m), 107.5, 104.8, 98.9, 55.6, 55.4.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -140.40 (dd, *J* = 24.8, 9.4 Hz, 2F), -156.69 to -156.89 (m, 1F), -162.35 to -163.65 (m, 2F).

2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-2'-methoxy-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (3ra)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3ra**.

Yield: 81%, 55.4 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 102-104 °C.

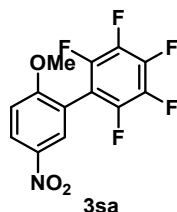
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.6, 145.8 – 145.4 (m), 143.4 – 143.0 (m), 140.0 – 139.5 (m), 139.1 – 138.7 (m), 136.6 – 136.1 (m), 129.0 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 128.6 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 124.0 (q, *J* = 270.0 Hz), 123.2, 122.9, 115.9, 111.2, 56.0.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.71 (s, 3F), -139.95 to -140.00 (m, 2F), -154.71 to -154.85 (m, 1F), -162.51 to -163.69 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: $[M]^+$ Calcd for $C_{14}H_6F_8O$ 342.0291, found 342.0285.

2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-5'-methoxy-2'-nitro-1,1'-biphenyl (3sa)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3sa**.

Yield: 65%, 41.5 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 97-99 °C.

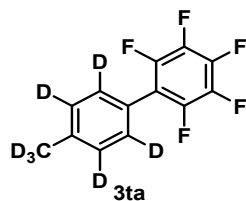
1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.38 (dd, J = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 162.0, 145.7 – 145.4 (m), 143.3 – 143.0 (m), 142.7 – 142.3 (m), 141.2, 140.2 – 139.7 (m), 139.1 – 138.7 (m), 136.6 – 136.1 (m), 127.7, 127.3, 116.1, 111.0, 56.6.

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -139.50 to -139.95 (m, 2F), -153.66 (t, J = 21.1 Hz, 1F), -161.82 to -162.18 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: $[M]^+$ Calcd for $C_{13}H_6F_5NO_3$ 319.0268, found 319.0262.

2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-4'-(methyl- d_3)-1,1'-biphenyl-2',3',5',6'- d_4 (3ta)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3ta**.

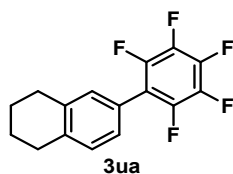
Yield: 93%, 49.3 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 110-112 °C.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 145.6 – 145.2 (m), 143.1 – 142.8 (m), 141.5 – 141.4 (m), 139.3 – 138.8 (m), 136.8 – 136.4 (m), 129.9 – 129.8 (m), 129.7 – 129.5 (m), 129.4 – 129.2 (m), 129.1 – 129.0 (m), 128.9 – 128.7 (m), 123.2 – 123.1 (m), 20.6 – 20.1 (m).

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -143.46 (dd, J = 23.3, 8.6 Hz, 2F), -156.25 (t, J = 21.1 Hz, 1F), -162.40 to -162.64 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: $[M]^+$ Calcd for $C_{13}D_7F_5$ 265.0907, found 265.0902.

6-(perfluorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (3ua)^[4]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3ua**.

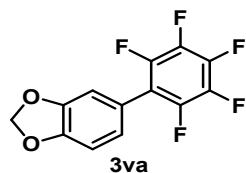
Yield: 97%, 57.9 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 84-86 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.89 – 2.81 (m, 4H), 1.89 – 1.83 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.0 – 145.2 (m), 143.2 – 142.7 (m), 141.5 – 141.1 (m), 139.4 – 138.8 (m), 138.7, 137.7, 136.8 – 136.2 (m), 130.7, 129.5, 127.0, 123.3, 116.6 – 115.8 (m), 29.34, 29.26, 23.0.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.10 to -143.40 (m, 2F), -156.39 (t, J = 21.4 Hz, 1F), -162.45 to -162.70 (m, 2F).

5-(perfluorophenyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole (3va)^[11]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3va**.

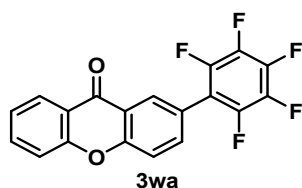
Yield: 95%, 54.8 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 81-82 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.94 – 6.87 (m, 3H), 6.04 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.4, 148.0, 145.5 – 145.4 (m), 143.1 – 142.7 (m), 141.6 – 140.6 (m), 139.2 – 138.6 (m), 136.9 – 136.3 (m), 124.2, 119.4, 115.7 – 115.5 (m), 110.3, 108.6, 101.5.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -141.25 to -144.15 (m, 2F), -155.90 to -156.20 (m, 1F), -162.20 to -162.55 (m, 2F).

2-(perfluorophenyl)-9H-xanthen-9-one (3wa)^[8]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3wa**.

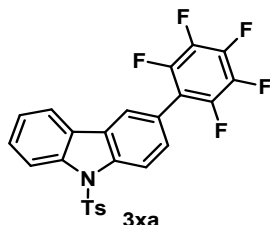
Yield: 82%, 59.4 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 204-206 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.35 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.5, 156.3, 156.1, 145.6 – 145.3 (m), 143.1 – 142.7 (m), 142.2 – 141.6 (m), 139.5 – 139.0 (m), 136.9 – 136.4 (m), 136.1, 135.2, 128.9, 126.8, 124.4, 122.2, 122.0, 121.8, 118.8, 118.1, 114.7 – 114.2 (m).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.03 (dd, *J* = 23.7, 9.0 Hz, 2F), 154.33 (t, *J* = 21.8 Hz, 1F), -161.40 to -161.76 (m, 2F).

3-(perfluorophenyl)-9-tosyl-9H-carbazole (**3xa**)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3xa**.

Yield: 72%, 70.2 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 238-240 °C.

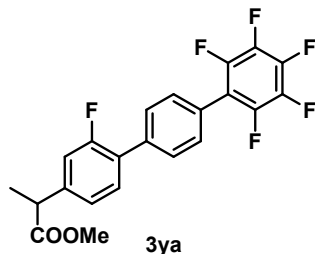
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.00 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.4 – 145.1 (m), 139.2 – 138.4 (m), 135.1 – 134.9 (m), 129.8, 129.1, 128.0, 126.6, 124.1, 121.9, 121.8, 120.2, 115.2, 115.1, 21.5.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -142.85 to -143.35 (m, 2F), -155.16 to -155.44 (m, 1F), -161.75 to -162.20 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{25}H_{15}F_5NO_2S$ 488.0738, found 488.0738.

methyl 2-(2,2'',3'',4'',5'',6''-hexafluoro-[1,1':4',1''-terphenyl]-4-yl)propanoate (3ya)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3ya**.

Yield: 89%, 75.5 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 128-129 °C.

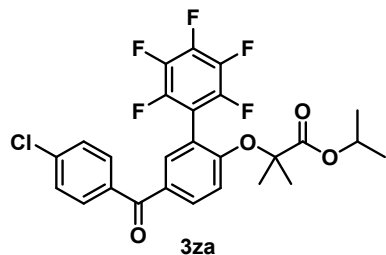
1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 1.56 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 174.3, 160.9, 158.5, 145.9 – 144.9 (m), 143.2 – 142.7 (m), 142.5 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 141.7 – 141.4 (m), 139.2 – 138.7 (m), 137.0 – 136.1 (m), 130.7 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 130.2, 129.1 (d, J = 1.0 Hz), 126.7 (d, J = 13.0 Hz), 125.6, 123.7 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 115.5, 115.2, 52.2, 44.9, 18.3.

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -117.28 (s, 1F), -143.10 (dd, J = 23.7, 9.0 Hz, 2F), -155.34 to -155.48 (m, 1F), -162.05 to -162.21 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{22}H_{15}F_6O_2$ 425.0971, found 425.0973.

isopropyl 2-((5-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-2',3',4',5',6'-pentafluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)oxy)-2-methylpropanoate (3za)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3za**.

Yield: 74%, 78.0 mg; appearance: colourless oil.

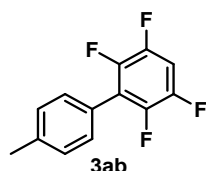
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.11 – 5.01 (m, 1H), 1.59 (s, 6H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.5, 172.6, 157.2, 138.7, 135.9, 134.6, 132.7 131.9, 131.2, 129.8, 128.7, 117.2, 114.9, 80.2, 69.6, 25.0, 21.4.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -139.42 (dd, *J* = 23.7, 8.6 Hz, 2F), -154.94 (t, *J* = 21.4 Hz, 1F), -162.56 to -162.86 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₆H₂₁ClF₅O₄ 527.1043, found 527.1043.

2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl (3ab)^[3]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3ab**.

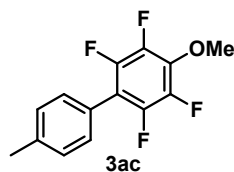
Yield: 85%, 40.8 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 81-83 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.11 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.5 – 147.3 (m), 145.1 – 144.8 (m), 142.6 – 142.4 (m), 139.3, 129.9, 129.3, 124.4, 121.7 – 121.5 (m), 104.7 – 104.3 (m), 21.3.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -139.37 (dd, *J* = 22.6, 11.3 Hz, 2F), -144.02 (dd, *J* = 22.6, 15.0 Hz, 2F).

2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-methoxy-4'-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl (3ac)^[2]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3ac**.

Yield: 90%, 48.6 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 37-39 °C.

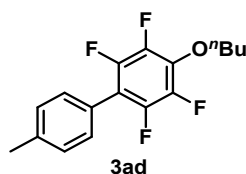
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 4.12 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.8 – 145.3 (m), 143.3 – 142.8 (m), 142.5 – 142.1

(m), 140.1 – 139.8 (m), 138.9, 137.4 – 137.0 (m), 130.0, 129.3, 124.2, 114.3 (t, $J = 17.0$ Hz), 62.2, 21.3.

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -145.28 (dd, $J = 22.2, 9.0$ Hz, 2F), -158.37 (dd, $J = 22.6, 9.4$ Hz, 2F).

4-butoxy-2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl (3ad)^[7]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3ad**.

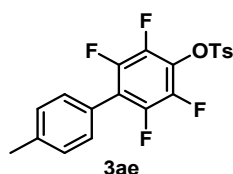
Yield: 92%, 48.6 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 44-46 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.28 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.87 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.01 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.7 – 145.2 (m), 143.2 – 142.8 (m), 140.4 – 140.2 (m), 138.8, 136.7 – 136.6 (m), 130.0, 129.3, 124.3, 114.4 – 114.2 (m), 75.1 (t, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 31.9, 21.3, 18.8, 13.7.

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -145.49 (dd, $J = 22.6, 11.3$ Hz, 2F), -157.70 (dd, $J = 22.6, 11.3$ Hz, 2F).

2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3ae)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3ae**.

Yield: 57%, 46.8 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 111-113 °C.

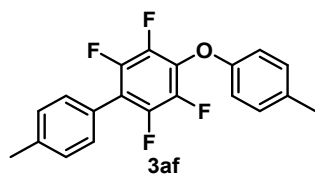
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 130.1, 129.9, 129.4, 128.6, 21.9, 21.4.

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -142.88 to -143.13 (m, 2F), -151.60 to -151.92 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: $[M-H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{20}H_{13}F_4O_3S$ 409.0527, found 409.0527.

2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-4-(p-tolyloxy)-1,1'-biphenyl (3af)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3af**.

Yield: 95%, 65.8 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 119-121 °C.

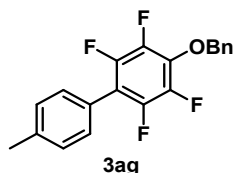
1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 155.3, 145.8 – 145.3 (m), 143.2 – 142.9 (m), 140.8 – 140.4 (m), 139.2, 133.2, 130.2, 130.0, 129.4, 124.0, 115.5, 21.3, 20.6.

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -144.10 (dd, J = 15.0, 11.3 Hz, 2F), -154.80 to -155.00 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: $[M]^+$ Calcd for $C_{20}H_{14}F_4O$ 346.0981, found 346.0975.

4-(benzyloxy)-2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl (3ag)^[7]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3ag**.

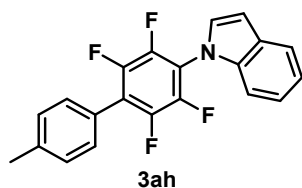
Yield: 87%, 60.3 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 116-118 °C.

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.51 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.31 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 145.6 – 145.2 (m), 143.1 – 142.6 (m), 140.5 – 140.2 (m), 138.9, 135.7, 130.0, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 124.2, 114.7 (t, J = 17.0 Hz), 76.4 (t, J = 4.0 Hz), 21.3.

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -145.08 to -145.29 (m, 2F), -156.46 to -156.76 (m, 2F).

1-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-1H-indole (3ah)^[7]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3ah**.

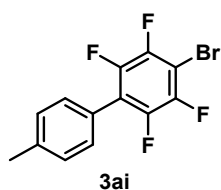
Yield: 85%, 60.3 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 131-133 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.30 (m, 6H), 6.90 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.8 – 145.4 (m), 144.4 – 144.1 (m), 143.3 – 142.9 (m), 141.9 – 141.6 (m), 139.6, 136.3, 130.0, 129.5, 128.7, 128.3, 123.8, 123.1, 121.2, 120.1 – 119.7 (m), 117.5 – 117.1 (m), 110.5, 105.5, 21.4.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -142.75 to -143.05 (m, 2F), -146.50 to -146.76 (m, 2F).

4-bromo-2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**3ai**)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3ai**.

Yield: 45%, 28.7 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 103-105 °C.

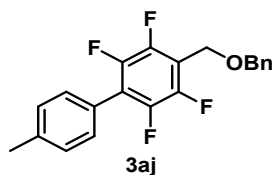
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.2 – 145.1 (m), 143.9 – 143.6 (m), 143.0 – 142.6 (m), 139.5, 129.8, 129.4, 123.9, 21.4.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -133.78 (td, *J* = 13.2, 4.9 Hz, 2F), -142.18 (td, *J* = 13.2, 4.5 Hz, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ C₁₃H₈BrF₄ 318.9740, found 318.9740.

4-((benzyloxy)methyl)-2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**3aj**)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3aj**.

Yield: 93%, 67.0 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 75-77 °C.

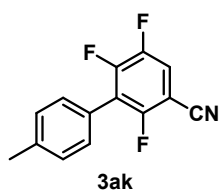
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.28 (m, 9H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.3, 137.5, 129.9, 129.3, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 124.3, 121.0, 124.4 – 124.2 (m), 120.1 – 120.9 (m), 115.0 – 114.6 (m), 72.9, 59.3, 21.4.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.89 to -144.05 (m, 2F), -144.20 to -144.37 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [M-H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₁₅F₄O 359.1064, found 359.1058.

2,5,6-trifluoro-4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (**3ak**)^[2]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3ak**.

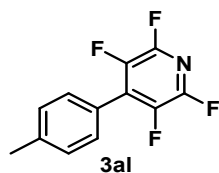
Yield: 87%, 43.0 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 80-82 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.31 – 8.24 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 139.5, 129.8, 129.4, 123.0, 121.3 – 120.7 (m), 120.2, 120.0, 112.8, 20.9.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -112.61 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 7.5 Hz, 1F), -127.18 (dd, *J* = 22.6, 7.5 Hz, 1F), -139.01 (dd, *J* = 22.6, 15.0 Hz, 1F).

2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(*p*-tolyl)pyridine (**3al**)^[1]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3al**.

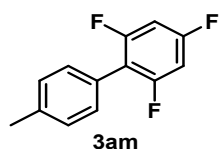
Yield: 98%, 47.3 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 98-100 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.5 – 144.9 (m), 143.0 – 142.6 (m), 141.0, 138.2 – 137.7 (m), 133.6 – 133.5 (m), 129.6, 122.9, 21.5.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -91.06 (td, *J* = 30.5, 14.7 Hz, 2F), -145.34 (td, *J* = 30.1, 14.3 Hz, 2F).

2,4,6-trifluoro-4'-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl (3am)^[3]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3am**.

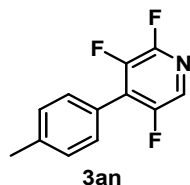
Yield: 54%, 24.0 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 70-72 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.82 – 6.73 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.0 – 162.7 (m), 161.6 – 161.4 (m), 159.2 – 158.9 (m), 138.3, 130.1, 129.1, 125.3, 115.2 – 114.9 (m), 100.8 – 100.0 (m), 21.3.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -109.56 to -109.61 (m, 1F), -111.39 to -111.43 (m, 2F).

2,3,5-trifluoro-4-(p-tolyl)pyridine (3an)^[2]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3an**.

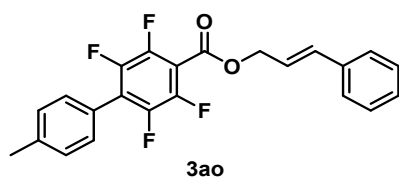
Yield: 42%, 18.7 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 55-57 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.4 – 155.2 (m), 152.8 – 152.6 (m), 150.2 – 150.0 (m), 147.9 – 147.5 (m), 140.4, 129.7, 129.5, 128.8 – 128.2 (m), 123.3 – 123.2 (m), 21.5.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -89.31 to -89.40 (m, 1F), -132.70 to -132.86 (m, 1F), -141.00 to -141.20 (m, 1F).

cinnamyl 2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (3ao)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3ao**.

Yield: 90%, 72.1 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 93-95 °C.

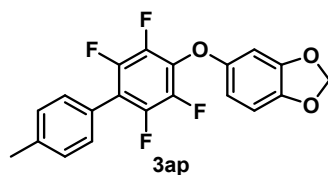
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.42 – 6.34 (m, 1H), 5.06 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.6, 146.5 – 146.1 (m), 145.3 – 144.9 (m), 143.9 – 143.6 (m), 142.8 – 142.4 (m), 139.9, 135.9, 135.2, 129.8, 129.4, 128.6, 128.3, 126.7, 124.1 – 123.7 (m), 121.8, 111.2 – 110.8 (m), 67.0, 21.4.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -139.46 to -139.74 (m, 2F), -142.48 to -142.84 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [M]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₁₆F₄O₂ 400.1086, found 400.1081.

5-((2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole (3ap)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3ap**.

Yield: 87%, 65.5 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 140-142 °C.

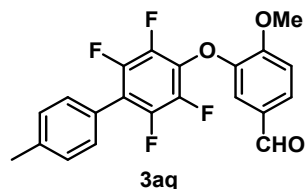
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.50 – 6.46 (m, 1H), 5.98 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.5, 148.4, 145.7 – 145.2 (m), 143.9, 143.3 – 142.8 (m), 140.8 – 140.3 (m), 139.2, 130.0, 129.4, 108.0, 107.8, 101.7, 99.1, 21.3.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.96 (dd, *J* = 22.6, 11.3 Hz, 2F), -155.11 (dd, *J* = 22.6, 11.3 Hz, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ C₂₀H₁₃F₄O₃ 377.0795, found 377.0800.

4-methoxy-3-((2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy)benzaldehyde (3aq)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) afforded **3aq**.

Yield: 93%, 72.6 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 184-186 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.83 (s, 1H), 7.67 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.2, 154.6, 146.9, 139.3, 130.0, 129.8, 129.4, 129.2, 123.7, 117.2, 114.1, 112.0, 56.4, 21.3.

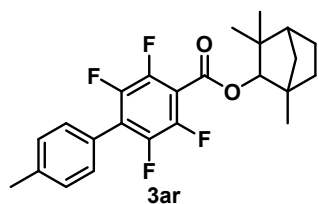
¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.46 to -143.71 (m, 2F), -155.22 to -155.40 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₁₅F₄O₃ 391.0952, found 391.0952.

1,3,3-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl

2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-[1,1'-

biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (3ar)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3ar**.

Yield: 95%, 79.9 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 79-81 °C.

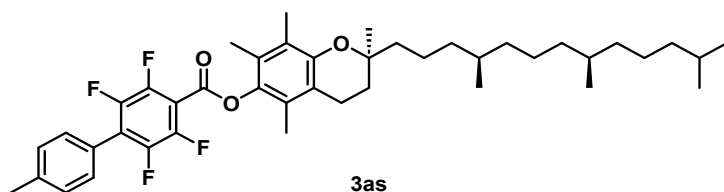
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.88 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.68 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.21 – 1.14 (m, 4H), 0.92 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.2, 146.4 – 146.0 (m), 145.3 – 145.0 (m), 143.8 – 143.5 (m), 142.8 – 142.4 (m), 139.8, 129.9, 129.4, 123.7 – 123.3 (m), 111.5, 89.4, 48.4, 48.3, 41.3, 39.6, 29.6, 26.6, 25.7, 21.4, 20.1, 19.2.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -139.63 to -139.81 (m, 2F), -142.76 to -142.97 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [M-H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₄H₂₃F₄O₂ 419.1639, found 419.1640.

(*R*)-2,5,7,8-tetramethyl-2-((4*S*,8*R*)-4,8,12-trimethyltridecyl)chroman-6-yl 2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (3as)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3as**.

Yield: 99%, 138.0 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 180-182 °C.

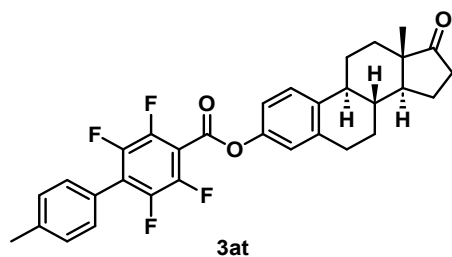
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 6H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.90 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.48 (m, 4H), 1.46 – 1.34 (m, 4H), 1.29 – 1.25 (m, 7H), 1.20 – 1.02 (m, 7H), 0.92 – 0.82 (m, 14H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.6, 150.0, 146.4 – 146.1 (m), 145.3 – 145.0 (m), 143.8 – 143.4 (m), 142.9 – 142.5 (m), 140.3, 140.0, 129.9, 129.5, 126.5, 124.8, 124.3 – 123.8 (m), 123.6, 123.4, 117.7, 111.4 – 110.9 (m), 75.2, 39.4, 37.7 – 37.2 (m), 32.8, 32.7, 31.0, 28.0, 24.8, 24.4, 22.7, 22.6, 21.4, 21.0, 20.7, 19.74, 19.68, 13.0, 12.1, 11.9.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -138.95 to 139.20 (m, 2F), -142.25 to 142.49 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [H]⁺ Calcd for C₄₃H₅₆F₄O₃ 696.4166, found 696.4160.

(8*S*,9*S*,13*S*)-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3-yl 2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (3at)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) afforded **3at**.

Yield: 82%, 88.0 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 192-194 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.07 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 2.97 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.57 – 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.37 – 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.22 – 2.04 (m, 3H), 2.01 – 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.71 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.54 – 1.42 (m, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H).

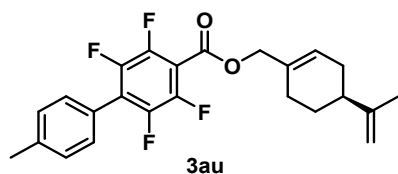
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 220.7, 148.1, 140.1, 138.4, 138.3, 129.9, 129.5, 126.6, 123.6 – 123.5 (m), 121.3, 118.5, 50.4, 47.9, 44.2, 38.0, 35.8, 31.5, 29.4, 26.3, 25.8, 21.6, 21.4, 13.8.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -138.90 to -139.15 (m, 2F), -142.25 to -142.50 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₂H₂₈F₄O₃ 536.1975, found 536.1970.

(*S*)-(4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methyl 2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-

[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (3au)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3au**.

Yield: 96%, 80.3 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 70-72 °C.

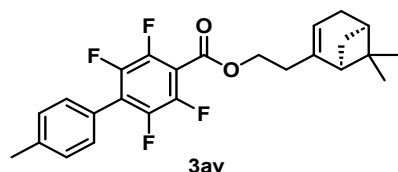
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 4.83 – 4.78 (m, 2H), 4.76 – 4.71 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.23 – 2.14 (m, 4H), 2.07 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.57 – 1.50 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.7, 149.4, 146.4 – 146.1 (m), 145.2 – 145.0 (m), 143.8 – 143.5 (m), 142.8 – 142.5 (m), 139.9, 131.7, 129.8, 129.4, 127.4, 127.3, 123.7 – 123.5 (m), 111.4 – 111.2 (m), 108.9, 70.6, 40.7, 30.5, 27.2, 26.3, 21.4, 21.3, 20.74, 20.69.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -139.62 to -139.94 (m, 2F), -142.60 to -142.95 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₄H₂₃F₄O₂ 419.1629, found 419.1629.

2-((1S,5R)-6,6-dimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]hept-2-en-2-yl)ethyl 2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (3av)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3av**.

Yield: 97%, 83.9 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 72-74 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 4.48 – 4.37 (m, 2H), 2.47 – 2.39 (m, 6H), 2.30 – 2.20 (m, 2H), 2.11 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 0.85 (s, 3H).

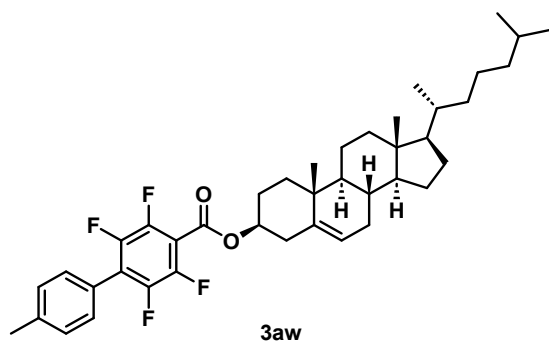
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.8, 146.3 – 146.0 (m), 145.2 – 144.9 (m), 143.7 –

143.5 (m), 143.3, 142.7 – 142.4 (m), 139.8, 129.8, 129.4, 123.6, 119.4, 111.5 – 111.2 (m), 64.8, 45.6, 40.6, 38.0, 35.7, 31.6, 31.3, 26.2, 21.4, 21.0.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -136.65 to -140.62 (m, 2F), -142.65 to -43.00 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₂₅F₄O₂ 433.1785, found 433.1785.

(3*S*,8*S*,9*S*,10*R*,13*R*,14*S*,17*R*)-10,13-dimethyl-17-((*R*)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3-yl 2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (3aw)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3aw**.

Yield: 91%, 118.8 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 199-121 °C.

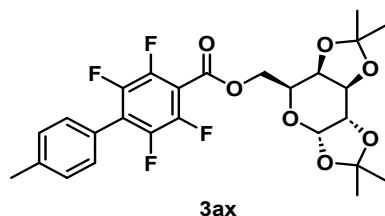
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.02 – 4.90 (m, 1H), 2.54 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.08 – 1.70 (m, 6H), 1.63 – 1.45 (m, 5H), 1.40 – 1.09 (m, 12H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.04 – 0.97 (m, 3H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6H), 0.70 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1, 146.1 – 145.9 (m), 145.1 – 144.9 (m), 143.6 – 143.4 (m), 142.7 – 142.5 (m), 139.8, 139.1, 129.9, 129.4, 123.7, 123.2, 112.0 – 111.6 (m), 56.7, 56.1, 50.0, 42.3, 39.7, 39.5, 37.9, 36.9, 36.6, 36.2, 35.8, 31.9, 31.8, 28.2, 28.0, 27.7, 24.3, 23.8, 22.8, 22.6, 21.4, 21.0, 19.3, 18.7, 11.8.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -140.18 to -140.42 (m, 2F), -142.77 to -142.98 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [M-H]⁺ Calcd for C₄₁H₅₁F₄O₂ 651.3830, found 651.3831.

((3a*R*,5*R*,5a*S*,8a*S*,8b*R*)-2,2,7,7-tetramethyltetrahydro-5*H*-bis([1,3]dioxolo)[4,5-
b:4',5'-d]pyran-5-yl)methyl 2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-
carboxylate (**3ax**)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **3ax**.

Yield: 95%, 100.0 mg; appearance: colourless oil.

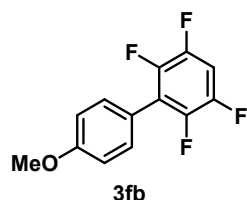
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.56 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.68 – 4.59 (m, 2H), 4.54 – 4.48 (m, 1H), 4.38 – 4.31 (m, 2H), 4.21 – 4.15 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.6, 146.5 – 145.9 (m), 145.3 – 145.0 (m), 144.0 – 143.5 (m), 142.7 – 142.4 (m), 139.9, 129.9, 129.4, 123.8 – 123.3 (m), 110.9 – 110.7 (m), 109.8, 108.9, 96.2, 70.9, 70.7, 70.4, 65.9, 65.2, 25.9, 24.9, 24.4, 21.4.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -139.35 to -139.65 (m, 2F), -142.61 to -142.86 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₆H₂₇F₄O₇ 527.1687, found 527.1687.

2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (3fb**)**^[1]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **3fb**.

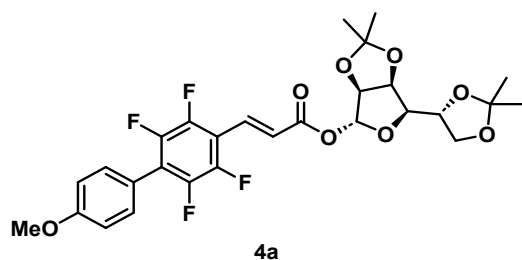
Yield: 80%, 41.0 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 104-106 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 7.00 (m, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 147.6 – 147.2 (m), 145.1 – 144.8 (m), 142.7 – 142.4 (m), 131.4, 121.2 (t, *J* = 17.0 Hz), 119.5, 114.1, 104.2 (t, *J* = 23.0 Hz), 55.3.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -139.10 to -139.70 (m, 2F), -144.05 to -144.50 (m, 2F).

(3a*S*,4*R*,6*R*,6a*S*)-6-(2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)-2,2-dimethyltetrahydrofuro[3,4-*d*][1,3]dioxol-4-yl **(*E*)-3-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acrylate (4a)**



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) afforded **4a**.

Yield: 95%, 108.0 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 155-157 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 4.95 – 4.91 (m, 1H), 4.82 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.47 – 4.40 (m, 1H), 4.15 – 4.05 (m, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 3H).

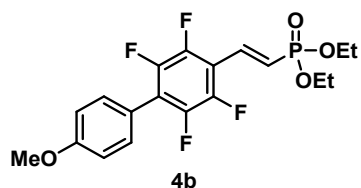
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.7, 160.5, 147.1 – 146.7 (m), 145.2 – 145.0 (m), 144.6 – 144.0 (m), 142.8 – 142.3 (m), 131.5, 130.8, 124.7 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 118.9, 114.2, 113.3, 112.2 (t, *J* = 14.0 Hz), 109.4, 101.3, 85.1, 82.4, 79.3, 72.9, 66.8, 55.3, 27.0, 25.9, 25.1, 24.6.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -140.50 (dd, *J* = 23.7, 13.9 Hz, 2F), -144.26 (dd, *J* = 23.7, 13.9 Hz, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [M]⁺ Calcd for C₂₈H₂₈F₄O₈ 568.1720, found 568.1716.

diethyl **(*E*)-(2-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-**

yl)vinyl)phosphonate (4b)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) afforded **4b**.

Yield: 88%, 73.6 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 72-74 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (dd, *J* = 24.4, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (t, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.20 – 4.10 (m, 4H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

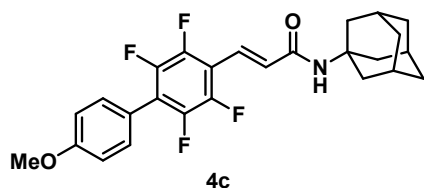
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.4, 146.7 – 146.5 (m), 145.2 – 144.8 (m), 144.4 – 143.9 (m), 142.8 – 142.4 (m), 133.0 – 132.8 (m), 131.4, 124.5 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 122.6 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 121.7 – 121.3 (m), 118.9, 114.1, 113.2 – 112.6 (m), 62.1 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 55.2, 16.3 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -142.09 to -142.20 (m, 2F), -144.49 to -144.62 (m, 2F).

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.10.

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₀F₄O₄P 419.1030, found 419.1030.

(E)-N-((3s,5s,7s)-adamantan-1-yl)-3-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acrylamide (4c)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) afforded **4c**.

Yield: 85%, 78.1 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 231-232 °C.

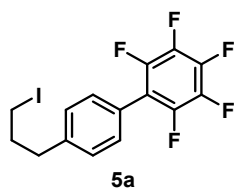
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 9H), 1.72 (s, 6H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.9, 160.3, 146.8 – 146.5 (m), 145.1 – 144.9 (m), 144.4 – 144.1 (m), 142.8 – 142.6 (m), 131.4, 129.4, 125.2, 120.8 – 120.4 (m), 119.2, 114.1, 113.2 – 112.9 (m), 55.3, 52.5, 41.5, 36.3, 29.4.

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -141.20 to -141.70 (m, 2F), -144.72 to -145.12 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_4\text{NO}_2$ 460.1894, found 460.1894.

2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-4'-(3-iodopropyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (5a)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) afforded **5a**.

Yield: 99%, 81.6 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 82-84 °C.

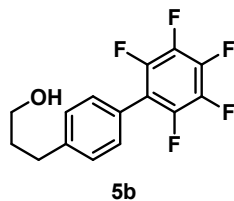
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 3.22 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.25 – 2.13 (m, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.4 – 145.1 (m), 143.0 – 142.6 (m), 141.8, 141.7 – 141.4 (m), 139.2 – 138.7 (m), 136.7 – 136.3 (m), 130.2, 128.9, 124.2, 115.8 – 115.2 (m), 36.0, 34.5, 6.1.

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -143.31 (dd, J = 23.7, 8.6 Hz, 2F), -155.81 (t, J = 21.1 Hz, 1F), -162.17 to -162.42 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: $[\text{M}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_5\text{I}$ 411.9747, found 411.9742.

3-(2',3',4',5',6'-pentafluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)propan-1-ol (5b)



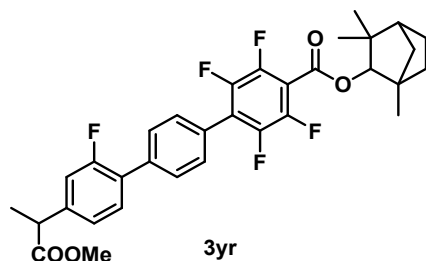
Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) afforded **5b**.

Yield: 71%, 42.9 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 90-92 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 3.72 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.00 – 1.90 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.39 (m, 1H).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: $[H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{52}H_{63}F_5O_5$ 862.4596, found 862.4590.

1,3,3-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl 2,2'',3,5,6-pentafluoro-4''-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-yl)-[1,1':4',1''-terphenyl]-4-carboxylate (3yr)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) afforded **3yr**.

Yield: 94%, 110.3 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 96-98 °C.

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 4.69 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.86 – 1.65 (m, 4H), 1.55 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.53 – 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.30 – 1.19 (m, 5H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H).

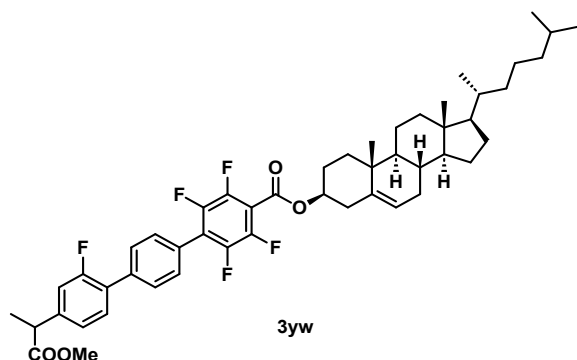
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 174.3, 160.9, 160.1, 158.4, 146.4 – 146.1 (m), 145.3 – 145.0 (m), 143.9 – 143.5 (m), 142.9 – 142.6 (m), 142.5 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 136.8, 130.6 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 130.1, 129.1 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 126.7 (d, J = 13.0 Hz), 125.9, 123.7 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 122.9 (t, J = 16.0 Hz), 115.4 (d, J = 24.0 Hz), 111.9 (t, J = 16.0 Hz), 89.5, 52.2, 48.4, 48.3, 44.9, 41.3, 39.6, 29.6, 26.6, 25.7, 20.1, 19.2, 18.3.

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -117.17 (s, 1F), -139.25 to -139.55 (m, 2F), -142.42 to -142.66 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: $[H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{33}H_{31}F_5O_4$ 586.2143, found 586.2137.

(3*S*,8*S*,9*S*,10*R*,13*R*,14*S*,17*R*)-10,13-dimethyl-17-((*R*)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3-yl 2,2'',3,5,6-pentafluoro-4''-(1-methoxy-1-

oxopropan-2-yl)-[1,1':4',1''-terphenyl]-4-carboxylate (3yw)



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) afforded **3yw**.

Yield: 65%, 106.5 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 198-200 °C.

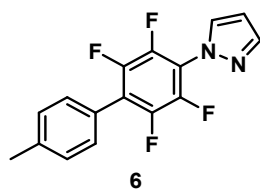
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.03 – 4.88 (m, 1H), 3.78 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.55 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 2.10 – 1.70 (m, 6H), 1.60 – 1.49 (m, 8H), 1.40 – 1.10 (m, 12H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 1.05 – 0.98 (m, 3H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H), 0.70 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.3, 160.9, 159.0, 158.5, 146.2 – 145.7 (m), 145.2 – 144.9 (m), 143.7 – 143.3 (m), 142.8 – 142.3 (m), 139.1, 136.8, 130.7 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 130.1, 129.2 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 126.7 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz), 125.9, 123.7 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 123.3, 123.0 – 122.6 (m), 115.4 (d, *J* = 23.0 Hz), 112.5 – 112.1 (m), 56.6, 56.1, 52.2, 50.0, 44.9, 42.3, 39.7, 39.5, 37.9, 36.9, 36.6, 36.2, 35.8, 31.9, 31.8, 28.2, 28.0, 27.7, 24.3, 23.8, 22.8, 22.5, 21.0, 19.3, 18.7, 18.4, 11.8.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -117.17 (s, 1F), -139.84 to -140.08 (m, 2F), -142.48 to -142.69 (m, 2F).

HRMS(APCI) m/z: [H]⁺ Calcd for C₅₀H₅₉F₅O₄ 818.4334, found 818.4328.

1-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-1*H*-pyrazole (6)^[7]



Purification via silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded **6**.

Yield: 96%, 58.8 mg; appearance: white solid; M.P.: 158-160 °C.

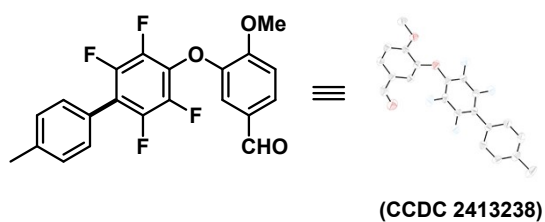
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.52 – 6.50 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.6 – 145.3 (m), 143.5 – 143.2 (m), 143.1 – 142.8 (m), 142.3, 141.0 – 140.7 (m), 139.7, 132.1, 129.9, 129.5, 123.5, 120.7 – 120.2 (m), 118.9 – 118.7 (m), 107.7, 21.4.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -142.60 to -143.20 (m, 2F), -148.75 to -149.20 (m, 2F).

X-ray Data:

Figure S4. X-ray structure and crystallographic data of **3aq**



Crystal data and structure refinement for **3aq**

CCDC number	2413238
Empirical formula	C ₂₁ H ₁₄ F ₄ O ₃
Formula weight	390.32
Temperature [K]	293(2)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group (number)	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$ (2)
<i>a</i> [Å]	7.4827(4)
<i>b</i> [Å]	8.6179(4)
<i>c</i> [Å]	14.3333(7)
α [°]	85.385(4)
β [°]	75.972(5)
γ [°]	81.865(4)
Volume [Å ³]	886.68(8)
<i>Z</i>	2
ρ_{calc} [gcm ⁻³]	1.462
μ [mm ⁻¹]	1.083
<i>F</i> (000)	400
Crystal size [mm ³]	0.13×0.14×0.15
Crystal colour	colourless
Crystal shape	block
Radiation	Cu <i>K</i> _α (λ=1.54184 Å)
2θ range [°]	6.36 to 134.15 (0.84 Å)
Index ranges	-8 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 8 -10 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 10 -17 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 17
Reflections collected	11827
Independent reflections	3155 <i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0718 <i>R</i> _{sigma} = 0.0475
Completeness to θ = 67.077°	99.8 %

Data / Restraints / Parameters	3155 / 0 / 256
Absorption correction $T_{\min}/T_{\max}$ (method)	0.0587 / 1.0000 (multi-scan)
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.048
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0568$ $wR_2 = 0.1621$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0713$ $wR_2 = 0.1827$
Largest peak/hole [$\text{e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$]	0.20/−0.22
Extinction coefficient	0.0038(11)

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