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SUMMARY

Transition metal catalyzed [3 + 2] annulation of imines with double bonds via directed C-H activation offers a direct access to amino cyclic motifs. However, owing to weak coordination and steric hindrance, trifluoromethylated ketimines have been an unaddressed challenge for TM-catalyzed annulations. Here, a rhenium-catalyzed [3 + 2] annulation of trifluoromethylated ketimines with isocyanates via $C(sp^2)$ -H activation has been disclosed. This approach provides an efficient platform for rapid access to a privileged library of CF₃-containing iminoisoindolinones and polyamides by utilizing challenging CF₃-ketimines as the annulation component. The capability of gram scale synthesis, the post-functionalization of the cyclization adduct, the derivation of complex natural molecules and the facile synthesis of polyamides highlight a diversity of synthetic potential of the current methodology.

INTRODUCTION

Besides serving as versatile and important organic intermediates for the synthesis of molecules with amine functionality (Layer, 1963; Bloch, 1998; Kobayashi and Ishitani, 1999; Martin, 2009; Blicke, 2011), imines are also eminent for the directing role in transition metal-catalyzed C-H functionalizations (Zhang et al., 2014a, 2014b; Chen et al., 2015; Sambiagio et al., 2018; Li and Shi, 2012; Rouguet and Chatani, 2013; Jiao et al., 2016; Gensch et al., 2016; Leitch and Frost, 2017; He et al., 2017; Yang et al., 2017; Hummel et al., 2017; Park et al., 2017; Dong et al., 2017; Gandeepan, et al., 2019). In particular, the directed ortho C(sp²)-H bond transformation of imines with an unsaturated bonds (Zhang et al., 2014a, 2014b; Yang and Huang, 2015) and the following cyclization process, a formal [3 + 2] annulation, which was first reported by Kuninobu (Kuninobu et al., 2005, 2006), has become a powerful route for the construction of amino carbon (hetero) cycles (Scheme 1A) (Kuninobu et al., 2010; Tran and Cramer, 2010, 2011; Zhang et al., 2013; Liu et al., 2015; Liang et al., 2017). However, trifluoromethylated ketimines remain a major challenge and have not been engaged in such an appealing procedure, which would give rise to biologically interesting and highly valuable CF₃-containing amino carbon or hetero cyclic motifs with a quaternary carbon center (Figure 1) (Sani et al., 2007; Petrov, 2009; Satoshi et al., 2008; Hurley et al., 2009). The probable challenges could be ascribed to two aspects: (1) the weakened coordination potential of nitrogen atom by the strong electron withdrawing effect of CF_3 group; (2) the increased steric hindrance by CF_3 group compared with a common alkyl group (such as Me and Et) (Meanwell, 2018). Considering the fact that the electron-withdrawing character of CF₃ group might enhance the reactivity of ketimines (Wang et al., 2006), the nucleophilic cyclization step would be likely assisted by CF₃ group. To this end, we envisaged that, if the insertion of unsaturated bond into the C-H bond of CF₃-ketimines could be accomplished by certain transition metal catalysis, it would also allow for the subsequent nucleophilic cyclization (Scheme 1B: route a). The proposed challenging [3 + 2] strategy would be more straightforward compared with the post-functionalization of a cyclic imine precursor with CF₃-nucleophiles to deliver CF₃-containing amino cycles (Scheme 1B: route b), and the latter approach may suffer from tedious synthetic steps of cyclic imine precursor and site selectivity issue during nucleophilic trifluoromethylation if other unsaturated bond presented in the imine structure.

Since the pioneering works of several groups (Chen and Hartwig, 1999; Kuninobu et al., 2005, 2006), rhenium-catalyzed C-H functionalization has become a promising implement for the rapid construction of new C-C and C-X bonds in an atom economic and environmentally benign manner (Kuninobu et al.,

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A The [3+2] annulation of imines with double bonds (Ackermann, Kuninobu, Cramer and Wang)



Scheme 1. The Progresses of the [3 + 2] Annulation of Imines, the Strategies on the Synthesis of CF₃-Containing Cycles from Imine and Current Work

2008; Fukumoto et al., 2012; Sueki et al., 2013; Wang et al., 2013; Tang et al., 2013; Jin et al., 2013). Among these reactions, rhenium often exhibited exclusive catalytic activities over other transition metals, owing to the special properties of rhenium (Kuninobu and Takai, 2011). However, merging rhenium-catalyzed C-H activation with the synthesis of fluorinated molecules has been relatively underexploited. Herein, we describe an effective rhenium-catalyzed insertion of isocyanate into the C-H bond of CF₃-ketimine/nucle-ophilic cyclization sequence for the rapid access CF₃-substituted iminoisoindolinones (Scheme 1C). In this reaction, the imino group has been preserved in the absence of leaving group.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Reaction Optimization

We commenced our studies by using 2,2,2-trifluoro-N, 1-diphenylethan-1-imine (1a) as the mode substrate to react with p-tolyl isocyanate (2a). After systematic optimization of the various reaction parameters, the expected 3-amino-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one was obtained in 82% yield (Table 1, entry 1). In a control reaction that $Re_2(CO)_{10}$ was omitted, no desired product was detected (entry 2). Re salts other than $Re_2(CO)_{10}$ also mediated the formation of the product albeit in slightly lower yields (entries 3–4). A range of other metal carbonyls showed no catalytic activities on this annulation (entries 5–11). In addition, the use of common Pd, Cu, or Rh catalysts, which were successfully implemented in C-H functionalization of imines, resulted in no conversion of the staring material (entries 12–15). The nature of solvent also plays a key role in reaction efficiency. After the replacement of o-xylene with PhCl or toluene, the comparable results were achieved (entries 16–17). The use of polar solvents gave low conversions (entries 18–20), whereas very polar solvents such as DMSO totally impeded the formation of the desired product (entry 21). At last, no reaction occurred at lower temperature (entry 22).

Substrate Scope regarding CF₃-Ketimines

The Re-catalyzed insertion/cyclization process can be applied to a series of CF₃-ketimines with different substitution patterns on amines or ketones (Scheme 2). For the amine part, the reactions of imines with either electron-deficient or electron-rich groups on para, meta, or ortho position on anilines were conducted to furnish **3** in decent to excellent yields. In general, more electron-deficient aniline derived substrates gave slightly lower yields, and the ortho-substituted ones were converted in low to moderate yields probably owing to the steric hindrance during the cyclization step. A series of functional groups such as F, Cl, Br, methyl ethers, dioxolyl, and CF₃ on anilines were compatible under the optimal conditions. It is noticed that





2-naphthylamine and amylamine were well tolerated to give corresponding cyclization products in good yields (**3s**, **3t**). In regard of substitutions on ketone part, there was no obvious electronic effect on reaction outcomes in which substrates with either electron-deficient or electron-rich substituents on aromatic ring all afforded desired products in moderate to good yields. In addition, owing to regioselectivity, a mixture of two regioisomers was obtained from the meta-substituted ketone (**3z**, **3ac**, **3ad**). Furthermore, the reaction of 2-thienyl ketone derived CF₃-ketimine **1af** proceeded to afford the expected product **3af** in low yield, probably owing to the instability of the substrate under standard conditions. Diimine **1ag** gave the mono-annulation adduct in 72% yield, while delivering the di-annulation product in trace amount. Gratefully, vinylic CF₃-ketimine **1ah** smoothly underwent the [3 + 2] sequence to give the desired cyclization product in moderate yield (**3ah**).

Substrate Scope regarding Isocyanates

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The reaction scope was then tested on the isocyanate side (Scheme 3). Aryl isocyanates with either an electron-donating or electron-withdrawing group smoothly underwent the cyclization reaction to give the desired product in moderate to excellent yield, implying no significant electronic effect on the aromatic ring of isocyanate. Interestingly, in the case of the ortho-CH₃ substituted isocyanate, the reaction outcome was moderate (**3aq**). Functional groups such as F, Cl, Br, methyl ethers, phenyl ether, and CF₃ were amenable to the optimal reaction conditions. In addition, naphthalenyl isocyanate was transformed to corresponding product in good yield (**3ax**). Furthermore, aliphatic isocyanates with linear or cyclic chains smoothly proceeded to generate the desired products in good to high yield (**3ay-bb**). The vinylic C-H bond of ketimine **1ah** could be further functionalized with substituted isocyanate (**2d**), affording the desired annulation adduct in moderate yield. Upon the treatment of diimine **1ag** with the highly electron-deficient isocyanate **2c**, the di-annulation adduct was isolated as the main product.

With aromatic sp² and benzylic sp³ C-H bonds installed in the same molecule, the sp² C-H bond activation was preferred over sp³ C-H bond when **1ai** was subjected to standard reaction conditions, indicating the highly selective profile of the protocol (Figure 2).

Mechanistic Investigations

To gain some mechanistic information on this reaction, the deuterium-labeling experiments were conducted (Scheme 4). With the deuterium-labeled compound [D]₅-1a, D-H exchange was observed with neither the substrate nor the product (Scheme 4, top). Based on the initial rates of parallel reactions, the intermolecular kinetic isotope effect (KIE) of the rhenium-catalyzed C-H functionalization was measured to be $k_{H}/k_{D} = 0.8$, demonstrating that the C–H bond cleavage of imine 1a might not be the kinetically relevant step (Scheme 4, bottom).

Several control experiments were performed for further mechanistic studies (Scheme 5). Under O_2 , no desired annulations product was observed, suggesting low-valent Re catalyst is essential for the reaction since rhenium could be oxidized to a high oxidation state by O_2 (lvin and Mol, 1997). In the presence of radical scavenger TEMPO or under CO, the annulation was impeded, indicating CO dissociation and Re(CO)₅ radicals formation likely involved in annulations process (Reynolds et al., 2001). In the presence of catalytic amount of base, the reaction efficiency varied. It was observed that Et₃N gave slightly higher yield, whereas inorganic bases such as Na₂CO₃ and NaOAc exhibited reduced performance on reaction outcomes. Interestingly, after replacement of CF₃ with CH₃ on imine structure, the deaminative annulation product **3bf** was generated in good yield (80%) under standard reaction conditions (Hou et al., 2013), indicating the role of CF₃ group for stabilizing the resulting amino heterocycles.





N ^{,Ph} CF ₃ H 1a	+ $N_{p-tolyl}^{U}$ $Re_2(CO)_{10} (10 \text{ mol}\%)$ p-tolyl $o-xylene, 150 ^{\circ}C, 60 \text{ h}$ $3a$	
Entry	Change from the Standard Conditions	Yield (%) ^a
1	None	82
2	In the absence of $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$	-
3	$\text{ReBr}(\text{CO})_5$ instead of $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$	47
4	$ReCl(CO)_5$ instead of $Re_2(CO)_{10}$	66
5	$Ru_3(CO)_{10}$ instead of $Re_2(CO)_{10}$	-
6	$Cr(CO)_6$ instead of $Re_2(CO)_{10}$	-
7	$Fe_2(CO)_9$ instead of $Re_2(CO)_{10}$	-
8	$Co_2(CO)_8$ instead of $Re_2(CO)_{10}$	-
9	$Mn_2(CO)_{10}$ instead of $Re_2(CO)_{10}$	-
10	$W(CO)_6$ instead of $Re_2(CO)_{10}$	-
11	$Mo(CO)_6$ instead of $Re_2(CO)_{10}$	-
12	$Pd(OAc)_2$ instead of $Re_2(CO)_{10}$	-
13	$Cu(OAc)_2$ instead of $Re_2(CO)_{10}$	-
14	$[Rh(OAc)_2]_2$ instead of $Re_2(CO)_{10}$	-
15	$Rh(PPh_3)_3Cl$ instead of $Re_2(CO)_{10}$	-
16	PhCl instead of o-xylene	75
17	Toluene instead of o-xylene	78
18	THF instead of o-xylene	18
19	EtOAc instead of o-xylene	20
20	DCE instead of o-xylene	16
21	DMSO instead of o-xylene	-
22	At 130°C	-

Table 1. Influence of Reaction Parameters on [3 + 2] Annulation

Reaction conditions: Ketimine **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv.), isocyanate **2a** (0.6 mmol, 2 equiv.), catalyst (0.03 mmol, 0.1 equiv.), in solvent (3 mL) under Ar at 150 $^{\circ}$ C for 60 h.

^alsolated yield.

On the basis of these mechanistic investigations and previous reports (Chen and Hartwig, 1999; Kuninobu et al., 2005, 2006, 2008; Fukumoto et al., 2012; Sueki et al., 2013; Wang et al., 2013; Tang et al., 2013; Jin et al., 2013; Reynolds et al., 2001; Lapointe and Fagnou, 2010; Ackermann, 2011; Engle et al., 2012), we then presumed two catalytic pathways for the annulation of CF_3 -ketimines with isocyanates (Scheme 6). In pathway I, with the assistance of base, the initial C-H metalation of CF_3 -ketimine 1 formed rhenacycle A after the coordination of imine with rhenium catalyst, which was followed by the insertion of isocyanate to generate the aminated rhenium species B. The further intramolecular nucleophilic amination and proto-demetalation of the aminated rhenium species C furnished the desired cyclization product and regenerate the active rhenium catalyst. In pathway II, the homolytic Re-Re bond cleavage of $Re_2(CO)_{10}$ produced

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Scheme 2. Scope of the Ketimines

Reaction conditions: Ketimine 1 (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv.), isocyanate 2 (0.6 mmol, 2 equiv.), catalyst (0.03 mmol, 0.1 equiv.), in o-xylene (3 mL), under Ar at 150 °C for 60 h, isolated yield. ^ain PhCl for 48 h. ^bat 160 °C. ^cat 140 °C. ^dat 130 °C. ^eat 110 °C. ^fon 0.15 mmol scale, at 160 °C for 72 h. ^gon 0.2 mmol scale.

 $\text{Re}(\text{CO})_5$ radicals, which reacted with CF₃-ketimine 1 to form dinuclear Re complexes A' through CO dissociation and C-H bond cleavage. The followed insertion of isocyanate generated the aminated dinuclear rhenium species B', which further underwent intramolecular nucleophilic amination to give species C'. The reductive elimination of C' furnished the desired cyclization product and regenerated the active rhenium catalyst.

Synthetic Applications

Next, the synthetic utility of this approach was explored (Scheme 7). The annulation of **1a** and **2a** was conducted on 4.5 mmol scale with reduced catalyst loading (8 mol%) and prolonged reaction time, furnishing **3a** in 81% yield (1.39 g), which is comparable with the aforementioned result on small scale. The methylation



Scheme 3. Scope of the Isocyanates

Reaction conditions: Ketimine 1 (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv.), isocyanate 2 (0.6 mmol, 2 equiv.), catalyst (0.03 mmol, 0.1 equiv.), in o-xylene (3 mL), under Ar at 150 °C for 60 h, isolated yield. ^aIn PhCl for 48 h. ^bOn 0.2 mmol scale. ^cOn 0.15 mmol scale, at 160 °C for 72 h.



Figure 2. Intramolecular Competitive sp² and sp³ C-H Bond Activation

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of **3a** with MeI as the alkylation reagent smoothly afforded **4** in 86% yield. Surprisingly, the treatment of **3a** with PIDA as the oxidant in TFE delivered trifluoroethyl ketal moiety **5** in 59% yield, arising from the oxidation of the aniline part of **3a**. Upon the treatment of **3a** with stoichiometric amount of strong Lewis acid $BF_3 \cdot Et_2O$, the unexpected C-N bond cleavage was observed to give CF_3 -tertiary alcohol and the OH group likely came from trace water. Notably, the structures of **5** and **6** were further unambiguously confirmed by X-ray crystallography and the latter two transformations constitute novel discoveries that relevant processes have been scarcely reported in the literature.

The applicability of this Re-catalyzed annulations was further examined by selected derivation of several natural products (Scheme 8). For example, by nucleophilic trifluoromethylation of *Myrtenal or Perillalde-hyde* with TMSCF₃/TBAF system, the subsequent oxidation with DMP, and the followed condensation with aniline, the desired *Myrtenal or Perillaldehyde* derived CF₃-ketimine 9 or 13 was formed in decent yield, which was converted to the corresponding CF₃-containing amino hetero cycles in good yield under standard conditions. It was established that the strained four-member ring in 9 was intact during the annulations process and the structures of 10 and 14 were further unambiguously confirmed by X-ray crystallog-raphy. Following the similar procedure after conversion of *Tocopherol* to its aldehyde moiety through a subsequent four-step procedure, the expected CF₃-ketimine 21 was generated in decent yield, which was subjected to slightly modified annulations conditions to furnish two regioisomers 22 and 23 as the cyclization adduct.

Inspired by the success of double annulation reactions of the CF₃-diimine (1ag) and Kuninobu's leading work in the synthesis of polyimides (Sueki et al., 2013), we then attempted to explore the possibility for the synthesis of important trifluoromethylated polyamides bearing potential unique properties such as enhanced stability, solubility, and low surface energy (Wang, et al., 2004; Tsuchiya et al., 2006) through Re-catalyzed [3 + 2] annulations via C-H activation (Suraru et al., 2016; Yang et al., 2018; Blaskovits and Leclerc, 2019). Finally, trifluoromethylateddiimines with a diphenyl backbone were proved to be suitable annulation partners with phenyl diisocyanate, affording the trifluoromethylated polyamides in moderate yields with Mw/Mn from 1.6 to 1.8 and good solubility in organic solvents such as dichloromethane, chloroform, and THF (Figure 3, top). The preliminary study of optical properties of these polymers was performed. The UV spectra of **24a**–**d** display maximum absorption bands at 255–265 nm in CH₂Cl₂, which is



Scheme 4. The D-H Exchange Experiment and the Kinetic Isotope Effect Experiments







Scheme 5. Control Experiments

ascribed to the $\pi - \pi^*$ transition of arenes (see Supplementary Information). The **24a-d** solutions show strong blue emissions with the emission peaks around 438 nm (Figure 3, bottom), which make them suitable as host materials for blue organic light-emitting devices.



Scheme 6. Plausible Reaction Mechanism







Scheme 7. Synthetic Applications

Reaction conditions: (a) LiHMDS (8.0 equiv.), MeI (8.0 equiv.), in THF under Ar, refluxing for 24 h; (b) PIDA (4.0 equiv.), Cs₂CO₃ (1.5 equiv.), in TFE, at 70 °C for 6 h; (c) BF₃•Et₂O (3.0 equiv.), in CH₃CN, under Ar, at 80 °C for 24 h.

Conclusion

In conclusion, we have presented an unprecedented [3 + 2] annulation of CF₃-ketimines with isocyanates via rhenium-catalyzed C-H activation. This approach demonstrated good functional group tolerance and broad substrate scope both on ketimines and isocyanates. A series of novel CF₃-containing iminoisoindolinones were constructed in decent to excellent yield. This is the first example on functionalization of unactivated sp² C-H bonds of CF₃-ketimines, leading to the simultaneous formation of new C-C and C-N bonds by one simple operation. The imino group being intact during the annulations process in the absence of leaving group highlights the ability for trifluoromethylated amine synthesis of the catalytic protocol. The preliminary mechanistic studies indicated that Re(CO)₅ radicals and dinuclear rhenium species were likely involved in the annulation process. Furthermore, the capability for gram scale synthesis, the diverse transformations of the annulation adduct, the derivation of the natural products and the ability for the construction of polyamides show the cases for synthetic applications of current strategy. Further employment of CF₃-ketimines as the annulations partner with other unsaturated bonds and the systematic mechanistic study are ongoing in our laboratory.

Limitations of the Study

The catalyst loading was a little high compared with previously reported Re systems, and lower catalyst loading (<10 mol%) was detrimental for reaction efficiency.

Resource Availability

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Further information and requests for resources and reagents should be directed to and will be fulfilled by the Lead Contact, Guangwu Zhang (gw.zhangchem@hotmail.com).

Materials Availability

All unique/stable reagents generated in this study are available from the Lead Contact without restriction.

Data and Code Availability

Thestructureof3-((4,4-bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)cyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-ylidene)amino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one(5, CCDC, 2016466), 3-hydroxy-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one(6, CCDC, 2016473),3-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-5,5-dimethyl-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5,6,7-







Scheme 8. Derivation of Complex Molecules

Reaction conditions: (a) TMSCF₃ (2.2 equiv.), TBAF (0.5 equiv.), in THF under Ar, -40 °C to rt; (b) DMP (1.2 equiv.), in DCM, rt for 30 min; (c) 4-Br-aniline (2.0 equiv.), TsOH \cdot H₂O (0.2 equiv.), in toluene, at 140 °C for 48 h; (d) Tf₂O (1.3 equiv.), Et₃N (2.5 equiv.), in DCM, at 0 °C for 30 min; (e) B₂pin₂ (2.0 equiv.), PdCl₂(dppf) (10 mol%), Et₃N (3.0 equiv.), in dioxane, at 100 °C for 4 h; (f) CuBr₂ (3.0 equiv.), in MeOH, at 90 °C for 72 h; (g) n-BuLi (2.0 equiv.), DMF (5.0 equiv.) in THF, at -78°C.

hexahydro-1H-4,6-methanoisoindol-1-one (**10**, CCDC, 2035920), 3-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-6-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-1H-isoindol-1-one (**14**, CCDC, 2033918) in this article have been deposited in the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center. iScience Article





Figure 3. The Synthesis of CF_3 -Containing Polyamides and Optical Fluorescence Spectra of 24a-d in DCM Solution (1 mg/mL) (Insets Show the Respective Photographs under UV Illumination)

METHODS

All methods can be found in the accompanying Transparent Methods supplemental file.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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Supplementary Figures



Figure S1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1a, related to Table 1



Figure S2. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1a, related to Table 1



Figure S3. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1a, related to Table 1



Figure S4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1b, related to Scheme 2



Figure S5. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1b, related to Scheme 2



Figure S6. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1b, related to Scheme 2



Figure S7. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1c, related to Scheme 2



Figure S8. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1c, related to Scheme 2



Figure S9. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1c, related to Scheme 2



Figure S10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1d, related to Scheme 2



Figure S11. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1d, related to Scheme 2



Figure S12. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1d, related to Scheme 2



Figure S13. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1e, related to Scheme 2



Figure S14. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1e, related to Scheme 2



Figure S15. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1e, related to Scheme 2



Figure S16. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1f, related to Scheme 2



Figure S17. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1f, related to Scheme 2



Figure S18. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1f, related to Scheme 2



Figure S19. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1g, related to Scheme 2



Figure S20. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1g, related to Scheme 2



Figure S21. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1g, related to Scheme 2



Figure S22. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1h, related to Scheme 2



Figure S23. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1h, related to Scheme 2



Figure S24. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1h, related to Scheme 2



Figure S25. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1i, related to Scheme 2



Figure S26. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1i, related to Scheme 2



Figure S27. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1i, related to Scheme 2



Figure S28. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1j, related to Scheme 2



Figure S29. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1j, related to Scheme 2



Figure S30. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1j, related to Scheme 2



Figure S31. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1k, related to Scheme 2



Figure S32. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1k, related to Scheme 2



Figure S33. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1k, related to Scheme 2



Figure S34. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 11, related to Scheme 2



Figure S35. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1l, related to Scheme 2



Figure S36. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1l, related to Scheme 2







Figure S37. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1m, related to Scheme 2



Figure S38. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1m, related to Scheme 2



Figure S39. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1m, related to Scheme 2



Figure S40. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1n, related to Scheme 2


Figure S41. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1n, related to Scheme 2



Figure S42. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1n, related to Scheme 2



Figure S43. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 10, related to Scheme 2



Figure S44. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 10, related to Scheme 2



Figure S45. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 10, related to Scheme 2



Figure S46. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1p, related to Scheme 2



Figure S47. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1p, related to Scheme 2



Figure S48. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1p, related to Scheme 2



Figure S49. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1q, related to Scheme 2



Figure S50. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1q, related to Scheme 2



Figure S51. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1q, related to Scheme 2



Figure S52. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1r, related to Scheme 2



Figure S53. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1r, related to Scheme 2



Figure S54. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1r, related to Scheme 2



Figure S55. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1s, related to Scheme 2



Figure S56. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1s, related to Scheme 2



Figure S57. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1s, related to Scheme 2



Figure S58. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1t, related to Scheme 2



Figure S59. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1t, related to Scheme 2



Figure S60. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1t, related to Scheme 2



Figure S61. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1u, related to Scheme 2



Figure S62. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1u, related to Scheme 2



Figure S63. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1u, related to Scheme 2



Figure S64. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1v, related to Scheme 2



Figure S65. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1v, related to Scheme 2



Figure S66. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1v, related to Scheme 2



Figure S67. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1w, related to Scheme 2



Figure S68. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1w, related to Scheme 2



Figure S69. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1w, related to Scheme 2



Figure S70. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1x, related to Scheme 2



Figure S71. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1x, related to Scheme 2



Figure S72. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1x, related to Scheme 2



Figure S73. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1y, related to Scheme 2



Figure S74. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1y, related to Scheme 2



Figure S75. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1y, related to Scheme 2



Figure S76. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1z, related to Scheme 2



Figure S77. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1z, related to Scheme 2



Figure S78. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1z, related to Scheme 2



Figure S79. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1aa, related to Scheme 2



Figure S80. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1aa, related to Scheme 2



Figure S81. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1aa, related to Scheme 2



Figure S82. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ab, related to Scheme 2



Figure S83. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ab, related to Scheme 2



Figure S84. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ab, related to Scheme 2









Figure S85. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ac, related to Scheme 2



Figure S86. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ac, related to Scheme 2



Figure S87. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ac, related to Scheme 2



Figure S88. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ad, related to Scheme 2



Figure S89. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ad, related to Scheme 2



Figure S90. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ad, related to Scheme 2





Figure S91. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ae, related to Scheme 2



Figure S92. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ae, related to Scheme 2



Figure S93. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ae, related to Scheme 2



Figure S94. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1af, related to Scheme 2



Figure S95. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1af, related to Scheme 2



Figure S96. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1af, related to Scheme 2



Figure S97. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ag, related to Scheme 2



Figure S98. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ag, related to Scheme 2



Figure S99. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ag, related to Scheme 2



Figure S100. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ah, related to Scheme 2



Figure S101. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ah, related to Scheme 2



Figure S102. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ah, related to Scheme 2



Figure S103. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ai, related to Figure 2



Figure S104. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ai, related to Figure 2



Figure S105. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ai, related to Figure 2



Figure S106. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1aj, related to Scheme 5



Figure S107. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1aj, related to Scheme 5



Figure S108. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ak, related to Figure 3



Figure S109. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ak, related to Figure 3



Figure S110. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1ak, related to Figure 3



Figure S111. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1al, related to Figure 3



Figure S112. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1al, related to Figure 3


Figure S113. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1al, related to Figure 3



Figure S114. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1am, related to Figure 3



Figure S115. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1am, related to Figure 3



Figure S116. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1am, related to Figure 3



Figure S117. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1an, related to Figure 3



Figure S118. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1an, related to Figure 3



Figure S119. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 1an, related to Figure 3



Figure S120. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3a, related to Table 1



Figure S121. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3a, related to Table 1



Figure S122. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3a, related to Table 1



Figure S123. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3b, related to Scheme 2



Figure S124. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3b, related to Scheme 2



Figure S125. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3b, related to Scheme 2



Figure S126. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3c, related to Scheme 2



Figure S127. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3c, related to Scheme 2



Figure S128. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3c, related to Scheme 2



Figure S129. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3d, related to Scheme 2



Figure S130. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3d, related to Scheme 2



Figure S131. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3d, related to Scheme 2



Figure S132. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3e, related to Scheme 2



Figure S133. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3e, related to Scheme 2



Figure S134. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3e, related to Scheme 2



Figure S135. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3f, related to Scheme 2



Figure S136. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3f, related to Scheme 2



Figure S137. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3f, related to Scheme 2



Figure S138. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3g, related to Scheme 2



Figure S139. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3g, related to Scheme 2



Figure S140. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3g, related to Scheme 2



Figure S141. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3h, related to Scheme 2



Figure S142. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3h, related to Scheme 2



Figure S143. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3h, related to Scheme 2



Figure S144. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3i, related to Scheme 2



Figure S145. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3i, related to Scheme 2



Figure S146. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3i, related to Scheme 2



Figure S147. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3j, related to Scheme 2



Figure S148. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3j, related to Scheme 2



Figure S149. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3j, related to Scheme 2



Figure S150. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3k, related to Scheme 2



Figure S151. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3k, related to Scheme 2



Figure S152. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3k, related to Scheme 2



Figure S153. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3l, related to Scheme 2



Figure S154. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3l, related to Scheme 2



Figure S155. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3l, related to Scheme 2



Figure S156. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3m, related to Scheme 2



Figure S157. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3m, related to Scheme 2



Figure S158. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3m, related to Scheme 2



Figure S159. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3n, related to Scheme 2



Figure S160. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3n, related to Scheme 2



Figure S161. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3n, related to Scheme 2



Figure S162. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 30, related to Scheme 2



Figure S163. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 30, related to Scheme 2



Figure S164. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 30, related to Scheme 2



Figure S165. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3p, related to Scheme 2



Figure S166. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3p, related to Scheme 2



Figure S167. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3p, related to Scheme 2



Figure S168. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3q, related to Scheme 2



Figure S169. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3q, related to Scheme 2



Figure S170. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3q, related to Scheme 2



Figure S171. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3r, related to Scheme 2



Figure S172. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3r, related to Scheme 2



Figure S173. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3r, related to Scheme 2



Figure S174. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3s, related to Scheme 2



Figure S175. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3s, related to Scheme 2



Figure S176. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3s, related to Scheme 2



Figure S177. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3t, related to Scheme 2



Figure S178. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3t, related to Scheme 2



Figure S179. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3t, related to Scheme 2



Figure S180. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3u, related to Scheme 2



Figure S181. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3u, related to Scheme 2



Figure S182. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3u, related to Scheme 2



Figure S183. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3v, related to Scheme 2



Figure S184. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3v, related to Scheme 2


Figure S185. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3v, related to Scheme 2



Figure S186. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3w, related to Scheme 2



Figure S187. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3w, related to Scheme 2



Figure S188. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3w, related to Scheme 2



Figure S189. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3x, related to Scheme 2



Figure S190. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3x, related to Scheme 2



Figure S191. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3x, related to Scheme 2



Figure S192. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3y, related to Scheme 2



Figure S193. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3y, related to Scheme 2



Figure S194. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3y, related to Scheme 2



Figure S195. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3z1, related to Scheme 2



Figure S196. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3z1, related to Scheme 2



Figure S197. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3z1, related to Scheme 2



Figure S198. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3z2, related to Scheme 2



Figure S199. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3z2, related to Scheme 2



Figure S200. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3z2, related to Scheme 2



Figure S201. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3aa, related to Scheme 2



Figure S202. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3aa, related to Scheme 2



Figure S203. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3aa, related to Scheme 2



Figure S204. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ab, related to Scheme 2



Figure S205. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ab, related to Scheme 2



Figure S206. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ab, related to Scheme 2

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Figure S207. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ac, related to Scheme 2



Figure S208. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ac, related to Scheme 2



Figure S209. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ac, related to Scheme 2



Figure S210. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ad, related to Scheme 2



Figure S211. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ad, related to Scheme 2



Figure S212. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ad, related to Scheme 2



Figure S213. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ae, related to Scheme 2



Figure S214. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ae, related to Scheme 2



Figure S215. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ae, related to Scheme 2



Figure S216. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3af, related to Scheme 2



Figure S217. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3af, related to Scheme 2



Figure S218. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3af, related to Scheme 2



Figure S219. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ag, related to Scheme 2



Figure S220. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ag, related to Scheme 2



Figure S221. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ag, related to Scheme 2



Figure S222. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ah, related to Scheme 2



Figure S223. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ah, related to Scheme 2



Figure S224. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ah, related to Scheme 2



Figure S225. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ai, related to Scheme 3



Figure S226. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ai, related to Scheme 3



Figure S227. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ai, related to Scheme 3



Figure S228. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3aj, related to Scheme 3



Figure S229. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3aj, related to Scheme 3



Figure S230. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3aj, related to Scheme 3





Figure S231. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ak, related to Scheme 3



Figure S232. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ak, related to Scheme 3



Figure S233. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ak, related to Scheme 3



Figure S234. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3al, related to Scheme 3



Figure S235. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3al, related to Scheme 3



Figure S236. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3al, related to Scheme 3



Figure S237. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3am, related to Scheme 3



Figure S238. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3am, related to Scheme 3



Figure S239. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3am, related to Scheme 3



Figure S240. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3an, related to Scheme 3



Figure S241. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3an, related to Scheme 3



Figure S242. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3an, related to Scheme 3



Figure S243. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ao, related to Scheme 3



Figure S244. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ao, related to Scheme 3



Figure S245. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ao, related to Scheme 3



Figure S246. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ap, related to Scheme 3



Figure S247. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ap, related to Scheme 3



Figure S248. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ap, related to Scheme 3



Figure S249. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3aq, related to Scheme 3



Figure S250. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3aq, related to Scheme 3



Figure S251. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3aq, related to Scheme 3



Figure S252. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ar, related to Scheme 3



Figure S253. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ar, related to Scheme 3



Figure S254. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ar, related to Scheme 3



Figure S255. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3as, related to Scheme 3



Figure S256. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3as, related to Scheme 3


Figure S257. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3as, related to Scheme 3



Figure S258. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3at, related to Scheme 3



Figure S259. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3at, related to Scheme 3



Figure S260. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3at, related to Scheme 3



Figure S261. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3au, related to Scheme 3



Figure S262. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3au, related to Scheme 3



Figure S263. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3au, related to Scheme 3



Figure S264. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3av, related to Scheme 3



Figure S265. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3av, related to Scheme 3



Figure S266. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3av, related to Scheme 3



Figure S267. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3aw, related to Scheme 3



Figure S268. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3aw, related to Scheme 3



Figure S269. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3aw, related to Scheme 3



Figure S270. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ax, related to Scheme 3



Figure S271. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ax, related to Scheme 3



Figure S272. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ax, related to Scheme 3



Figure S273. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ay, related to Scheme 3



Figure S274. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ay, related to Scheme 3



Figure S275. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ay, related to Scheme 3



Figure S276. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3az, related to Scheme 3



Figure S277. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3az, related to Scheme 3



Figure S278. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3az, related to Scheme 3



Figure S279. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ba, related to Scheme 3



Figure S280. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ba, related to Scheme 3



Figure S281. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3ba, related to Scheme 3



Figure S282. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3bb, related to Scheme 3



Figure S283. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3bb, related to Scheme 3



Figure S284. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3bb, related to Scheme 3



Figure S285. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3bc, related to Scheme 3



Figure S286. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3bc, related to Scheme 3



Figure S287. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3bc, related to Scheme 3



Figure S288. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3bd, related to Scheme 3



Figure S289. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3bd, related to Scheme 3



Figure S290. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3bd, related to Scheme 3



Figure S291. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3be, related to Scheme 3



Figure S292. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3be, related to Scheme 3



Figure S293. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3be, related to Scheme 3

90 80 f1 (ppm) 140 130



Figure S294. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3bf, related to Scheme 5



Figure S295. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 3bf, related to Scheme 5



Figure S296. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 4, related to Scheme 7



Figure S297. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 4, related to Scheme 7



Figure S298. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 4, related to Scheme 7



Figure S299. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 5, related to Scheme 7



Figure S300. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 5, related to Scheme 7



Figure S301. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 5, related to Scheme 7



Figure S302. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 6, related to Scheme 7



Figure S303. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 6, related to Scheme 7



Figure S304. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 6, related to Scheme 7



Figure S305. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 9, related to Scheme 8



Figure S306. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 9, related to Scheme 8



Figure S307. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 9, related to Scheme 8



Figure S308. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 10 related to Scheme 8



Figure S309. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 10, related to Scheme 8



Figure S310. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 10 (major), related to Scheme 8



Figure S311. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 10 (minor), related to Scheme 8



Figure S312. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 13, related to Scheme 8



Figure S313. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 13, related to Scheme 8



Figure S314. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 13 (major), related to Scheme 8



Figure S315. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 13 (minor), related to Scheme 8



Figure S316. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 14, related to Scheme 8



-80 -90 f1 (ppm)

Figure S317. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 14, related to Scheme 8



Figure S318. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 14, related to Scheme 8



Figure S319. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 20, related to Scheme 8



Figure S320. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 20, related to Scheme 8



Figure S321. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 20, related to Scheme 8



Figure S322. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 21, related to Scheme 8



-80 -90 f1 (ppm)

Figure S323. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 21, related to Scheme 8



Figure S324. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 21, related to Scheme 8



Figure S325. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 22, related to Scheme 8



Figure S326. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 22, related to Scheme 8



Figure S327. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 22, related to Scheme 8



Figure S328. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 23, related to Scheme 8


-80 -90 f1 (ppm)

Figure S329. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 23, related to Scheme 8



Figure S330. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 23, related to Scheme 8



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Figure S331. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 24a, related to Figure 3



Figure S332. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 24a, related to Figure 3



Figure S333. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 24b, related to Figure 3



Figure S334. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 24b, related to Figure 3



Figure S335. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 24c, related to Figure 3



Figure S336. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 24c, related to Figure 3



Figure S337. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 24d, related to Figure 3



Figure S338. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 24d, related to Figure 3



Figure S339. H¹ NMR spectra copy of [D]₅-1a, related to Scheme 4



Figure S340. List of the derivatives 1, related to Table 1 and Scheme 2



Figure S341. Parallel reactions Kinetic Isotope Effect (KIE) measurements, related to Scheme 4



Figure S342. Molecular weight (Mn) and molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) values of 24a, related to Figure 3



Figure S343. Molecular weight (Mn) and molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) values of 24b, related to Figure 3



Figure S344. Molecular weight (Mn) and molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) values of 24c, related to Figure 3



Figure S345. Molecular weight (Mn) and molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) values of 24d, related to Figure 3



Figure S346. Absorption spectra (UV) of 24a-d ([C] = 1×10⁻⁵ M, related to Figure 3

Supplementary Schemes



Scheme S1. General procedure for the synthesis of 1a-1u, 1w-1y, 1af, 1ai and 1aj, related to Table 1 and Scheme 2







Scheme S3. General procedure for the synthesis of 1v, 1z, 1ab-1ad, related to Scheme 2



Scheme S4. Procedure for the synthesis of 1ah, related to Scheme 2



Scheme S5. Procedure for the synthesis of 1ag, related to Scheme 2



Scheme S6. General procedure for the synthesis of 1ak-1an, related to Scheme 2



Scheme S7. General procedure for the synthesis of 3a-3be, related to Scheme 2, Scheme 3 and Figure 2



Scheme S8. Procedure for the synthesis of [D]₅-1a, related to Scheme 4



Scheme S9. Procedure for the synthesis of [D]₅-1a, related to Scheme 4



Scheme S10. Control experiments under different additives, related to Scheme 5



Scheme S11. Control experiments use 1aj instead of 1a, related to Scheme 5



Scheme S12. Procedure for the gram synthesis of 3a, related to Scheme 7



Scheme S13. Procedure for the synthesis of 4, related to Scheme 7



Scheme S14. Procedure for the synthesis of 5, related to Scheme 7



Scheme S15. Procedure for the synthesis of 6, related to Scheme 7



Scheme S16. Procedure for the synthesis of 10, related to Scheme 8



Scheme S17. Procedure for the synthesis of 14, related to Scheme 8



Scheme S18. Procedure for the synthesis of 22 and 23, related to Scheme 8



Scheme S19. Procedure for the synthesis of 24a-d, related to Figure 3

Supplementary Table

Time (h)	1	2	3	4	5
3 a	0	2.2	5.5	9.5	13.5
[D]5-3a	0	3.5	6.9	11.4	16.5

Table S1. ¹⁹F NMR yield in different time, related to Scheme 4

Transparent Methods

General Methods for Experiments

Anhydrous o-xylene was purchased from Innochem Ltd (Extra Dry, with molecular sieves, Water \leq 50 ppm, in resealable bottle), anhydrous PhCl was purchased from Energy Chemical Ltd (Extra Dry, with molecular sieves, Water \leq 50 ppm, Energyseal), and these were degassed before using. Anhydrous THF was purchased from J&K Scientific Ltd (Super Dry, with molecular sieves, Water \leq 50 ppm, J&K seal). Diethyl ether was distilled over sodium prior to use. Re₂(CO)₁₀ was purchased from Strem chemicals, Inc. All the isocyanates were commercially available and were used as received unless otherwise stated

All reactions were carried out using oven-dried glassware and magnetic stirring under argon gas unless otherwise stated. Reaction temperatures are reported as the temperature of the bath surrounding the vessel. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on silica gel aluminum plates with F-254 indicator and visualized by UV light (254 nm). Column chromatography was performed using 200-300 mesh silica gel. NMR spectra were recorded on AVANCE III HD 400 MHz. Chemical shifts (δ) are quoted in ppm relative to TMS (1 H) and CFCl₃ (19 F). Coupling constants (J) are quoted in Hz. The following abbreviations were used to show the multiplicities: s: singlet, d: doublet, t: triplet, q: quadruplet, dd: doublet of doublet, m: multiplet. The residual solvent signals were used as references (CDCl₃: $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.26$ ppm, $\delta_{\rm C} = 77.00$ ppm or relative to external CFCl₃, $\delta_{\rm F} = 0$ ppm). High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was carried out on a Waters Xevo G2-XS QTof. IR spectra were recorded on a VERTEX 70, the wave numbers of recorded IR-signals are quoted in cm⁻¹. Ultravioletvisible-near infrared spectrophotometer (UV-vis) were recorded on a UH4150. Molecular weight (Mn) and molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) values were determined by Advanced Polymer Chromatographyy (ACQUITY APC). The APC system used THF as the eluent at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min at 40 °C using linear PMMA standards.

General procedure for the synthesis of derivatives

General procedure A (1a-1u, 1w-1y, 1af, 1ai, 1aj) (Scheme S1) (Elliott et al., 2019; Dai and Cahard, 2014)

To a solution of 2,2,2-trifluoroacetephenone (10 mmol, 1 equiv) in toluene (90 mL) was added aniline (13.9 mmol, 1.39 equiv) followed by *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate

(95.1 mg, 0.5 mmol, 5 mol%). The resulting reaction mixture was heated at 140 °C for 24 h with removal of water *via* Dean-Stark trap. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give the corresponding ketimine **1a-1u**, **1w-1y**, **1af**, **1ai** and **1aj**.

General procedure B (1aa, 1ae) (Scheme S2) (Strømgaard et al., 2002)

To a solution of bromobenzene (10 mmol, 1 equiv) in dry Et₂O (30 mL) at -78 °C was slowly added *n*-BuLi (2.5 M in hexane, 1.1 equiv). After that, the reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C and stirred at that temperature for 2 h. Then the reaction mixture was cooled down to -60 °C and a solution of *N*-trifluoroacetylpiperidine (2.2 mL, 15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in dry Et₂O (10 mL) was added in portions. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at -60 °C for 3 h and then warmed to room temperature. The reaction mixture was then quenched by the addition of the saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (50 mL) and the organic phase was subsequently washed with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (5 × 50 mL) and H₂O (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the volatiles were removed under vacuum. The crude was used directly for the synthesis of **1aa** or **1ae** without further purification according to procedure A (2 equiv of aniline and 10 mol% of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate were used).

General procedure C (1v, 1z, 1ab-1ad) (Scheme S3) (Fujita et al., 2017)

To a solution of ethyl trifluoroacetate (1.2 equiv) in dry Et₂O (1.2 M) at -78 °C was slowly added Grignard reagent (1 equiv), and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at that temperature for 1.5 h. Then, the reaction mixture was warmed to -50 °C and stirred for another 2 h. The reaction mixture was then quenched by the addition of the saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (40 mL). The organic layer were washed with brine (3×20 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The volatiles were removed under vacuum, and the crude was used directly for the synthesis of **1v**, **1z**, **1ab-1ad** without further purification according to procedure A.

Procedure D (1ah) (Scheme S4) (Trost and Debien, 2015)

To a solution of cyclohex-1-ene-1-carbaldehyde (1.54 g, 14 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (42 mL) was slowly added TBAF (1 M in THF, 9.8 mL, 0.7 equiv) and TMSCF₃ (4.6 mL, 30.8 mmol, 2.2 equiv) at -40 °C under Ar. After addition completed, the reaction mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred at that temperature for 20 h. The yellow reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of HCl (2 M, 7 mL) and then separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 40 mL) and the combined organic layers was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under

vacuum. The crude was used directly for the next step without further purification.

To a solution of DMP (15.6 g, 36.7 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in DCM (20 mL) was added the solution of 1-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-2,2,2-trifluoroethan-1-ol in DCM (20 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Then aqueous NaOH (0.5 M, 10 mL) was added to quench the reaction and the mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3×40 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum to give the crude 1-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-2,2,2-trifluoroethan-1-one which was used directly for the synthesis of **1ah** without further purification according to procedure A.

Procedure E (1ag) (Scheme S5) (Chen et al., 1983)

To a solution of 1,4-dibromobenzene (17 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF and Et₂O (76 mL, 1:1) was slowly added n-BuLi (2.5 M in hexane, 1 equiv) at -78 °C. Then the reaction mixture was warmed to -75 °C and stirred at that temperature for 10 min. After that, the reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C, and ethyl trifluoroacetate (2.02 mL, 17 mmol, 1 equiv) was slowly added. Then the reaction mixture was warmed to -70 °C and stirred at that temperature for 30 min. After that the reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C again, and n-BuLi (2.5 M in hexane, 1 equiv) was added. The obtained reaction mixture was allowed to warm to -73 °C and stirred at that temperature for 10 min. Then the mixture was cooled to -78 °C again, and ethyl trifluoroacetate (2.02 mL, 17 mmol, 1 equiv) was slowly added. After that, the obtained solution was warmed to -66 °C and stirred at that temperature for 10 min. Precooled mixture of HCl (2 M, 10 mL) and EtOH (5 mL) was added to the reaction mixture to quench the reaction. The obtained organic layer was washed with aqueous HCl (2 M, 3×50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered. After concentrated under vacuum, the crude was used directly for the next step without further purification according to procedure A (2 mmol of 1,1'-(1,4phenylene)bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethan-1-one), 4 equiv of aniline and 20 mol% of ptoluenesulfonic acid monohydrate were used).

General procedure F (1ak-1an) (Scheme S6) (Chen et al., 1983)

The 1,1'-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diyl)bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethan-1-one) was synthesized according to procedure E on a 20 mmol scale. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give the corresponding product, yield = 69% (4.8 g).

To a solution of 1,1'-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diyl)bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethan-1-one) (1.04 g, 3 mmol, 1 equiv) in toluene (90 mL) was added aniline (12 mmol, 4 equiv) followed by *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (114.1 mg, 0.6 mmol, 0.2 equiv). The reaction mixture was heated at 140 °C for 48 h with removal of water *via* Dean-Stark trap. After

cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give **1ak-1an**.

Purification and characterization of derivatives 1



2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*,1-diphenylethan-1-imine 1a. (Elliott et al., 2019; Abid et al., 2007). Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 4.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, yield = 74% (1.85 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 – 7.09 (m, 7H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.0 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 147.1, 130.1, 130.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 125.3, 120.5, 119.9 (q, *J* = 279.8 Hz). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3404, 3069, 2928, 1664, 1591, 1487, 1330, 1194, 1135, 971, 773, 697. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₁F₃N⁺ *m/z* 250.0838 [M+H]⁺, Found 250.0842.



2,2,2-trifluoro-1-phenyl-*N***-(p-tolyl)ethan-1-imine 1b.** Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, yield = 77% (2.03 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.4 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 144.4, 135.3, 130.4, 130.1, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 120.9, 120.0 (q, *J* = 279.8 Hz), 20.8. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3452, 3034, 2926, 1659, 1502, 1449, 1331, 1234, 1194, 1133, 972, 826, 697. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₃N⁺ *m/z* 264.0995 [M+H]⁺, Found 264.0998.



N-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-phenylethan-1-imine 1c. Following general procedure A , on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as an orange solid, yield = 62% (1.89 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (s, 9H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.1 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 148.7, 144.2, 130.4, 130.1, 128.6, 128.5, 125.6, 120.8, 120.0 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 34.4, 31.2. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3432, 3070, 2961, 1665, 1501, 1325, 1197, 1128, 970, 836, 702. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₉F₃N⁺ *m/z* 306.1464 [M+H]⁺, Found 306.1467.



2,2,2-trifluoro-1-phenyl-*N***-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethan-1-imine 1d.** Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow solid, yield = 46% (1.46 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.6. ¹H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F **NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.8 (s), -70.6 (s). ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.5 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 150.3, 130.7, 129.3, 128.7, 128.5, 127.2 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 126.1 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 124.0 (q, *J* = 272.7 Hz), 120.3, 119.6 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3395, 3069, 1669, 1612, 1326, 1196, 1133, 971, 846, 699. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₀F₆N⁺ *m/z* 318.0712 [M+H]⁺, Found 318.0721.



2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-(**4-methoxyphenyl**)-**1-phenylethan-1-imine 1e.** (Henseler et al., 2011). Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, yield = 85% (2.36 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.79 – 6.63 (m, 4H), 3.71 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 155.4 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 139.7, 130.7, 130.1, 128.7, 128.6, 123.3, 120.0 (q, *J* = 279.8 Hz), 114.0, 55.2. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3457, 3063, 2954, 1653, 1600, 1502, 1294, 1193, 1034, 971, 838, 774, 697. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₃NO⁺ *m/z* 280.0944 [M+H]⁺, Found 280.0945.



2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-(**4-fluorophenyl**)-**1-phenylethan-1-imine 1f.** Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 14 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow solid, yield = 85% (2.28 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.94 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.8 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.6 (s), -117.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.5 (d, *J* = 246.4 Hz), 157.4 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 143.0, 130.4, 130.0, 128.7, 128.5, 122.6 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 119.7 (q, *J* = 279.8 Hz), 115.7 (d, *J* = 23.2 Hz). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3452, 3066, 2926, 1661, 1500, 1330, 1206, 1137, 972, 843, 782, 699. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀F₄N⁺ *m/z* 268.0744 [M+H]⁺, Found 268.0749.



N-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-phenylethan-1-imine 1g. (Li et al., 2010). Following general procedure A, on a 14.5 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 14 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a pale yellow solid, yield = 23% (0.94 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.8. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.6 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 157.7 (q, J = 34.3 Hz), 145.5, 131.0, 130.5, 129.7, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 122.1, 119.7 (q, J = 280.8 Hz). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3432, 3070, 1663, 1485, 1330, 1195, 1135, 971, 834, 704. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀ClF₃N⁺ m/z 284.0448 [M+H]⁺, Found 284.0459.



N-(4-bromophenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-phenylethan-1-imine 1h. Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 14 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a pale yellow solid, yield = 59% (1.92 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.6 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.7 (q, J = 34.3 Hz), 146.0, 131.9, 130.5, 129.6, 128.7, 128.5, 122.3, 119.7 (q, J = 279.8 Hz), 118.8. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3441, 3077, 1661, 1480, 1332, 1199, 1132, 969, 823, 707. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀BrF₃N⁺ *m/z* 327.9943 [M+H]⁺, Found 327.9953.



2,2,2-trifluoro-1-phenyl-*N***-(m-tolyl)ethan-1-imine 1i.** Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, yield = 45% (1.19 g). R_{*f*} (petroleum ether): 0.9. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.7 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 147.1, 138.7, 130.1, 128.6, 128.55, 128.54, 128.4, 126.1, 121.4, 119.9 (q, *J* = 279.8 Hz), 117.4, 21.2. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3446, 3060, 2925, 1663, 1595, 1485, 1328, 1199, 1134, 972, 873, 782. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₃N⁺ *m/z* 264.0995 [M+H]⁺, Found 264.1001.



2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-(**3-methoxyphenyl**)-**1-phenylethan-1-imine 1j.** Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, yield = 38% (1.07 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 157.1 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 148.4, 130.2, 130.1, 129.6, 128.5, 128.5, 112.7, 119.9 (q, *J* = 279.8 Hz), 111.2, 106.2, 54.8. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3416, 3069, 2953, 1594, 1481, 1327, 1200, 1136, 1043, 973, 777, 698. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₃NO⁺ *m/z* 280.0944 [M+H]⁺, Found 280.0945.



N-(3-chlorophenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-phenylethan-1-imine 1k. Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, yield = 61% (1.74 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.6 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.1 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 148.3, 134.5, 130.6, 129.9, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 125.3, 120.6, 119.7 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 118.4. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3403, 3069, 1666, 1583, 1464, 1330, 1195, 1137, 971, 877, 783, 701. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀ClF₃N⁺ *m/z* 284.0448 [M+H]⁺, Found 284.0456.



2,2,2-trifluoro-1-phenyl-*N***-(o-tolyl)ethan-1-imine 11.** (Kiselyov, 1999). Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3%

Et₃N) as a yellow oil, yield = 63% (1.65 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.9. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.37 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.0 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.5 (q, J = 33.3 Hz), 146.1, 130.4, 130.3, 130.1, 128.4, 128.4, 128.2, 126.1, 125.1, 119.8 (q, J = 280.8 Hz), 118.5, 17.7. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3401, 3067, 2925, 1664, 1486, 1330, 1195, 1136, 970, 771, 697. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₃N⁺ m/z 264.0995 [M+H]⁺, Found 264.0999.

2,2,2-trifluoro-1-phenyl-*N***-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethan-1-imine 1m.** (Patterson et al., 1992). Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, yield = 36% (1.15 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.06 (m, 7H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.6 (s), -61.7 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.4 (q, *J* = 35.4 Hz), 145.4, 132.4, 130.7, 129.4, 128.6, 128.4, 126.4 (q, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 124.9, 123.8 (q, *J* = 274.7 Hz), 121.4 (q, *J* = 30.3 Hz), 119.6, 119.6 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3323, 3073, 1673, 1594, 1451, 1324, 1198, 1125, 1046, 968, 768, 699. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₀F₆N⁺ *m/z* 318.0712 [M+H]⁺, Found 318.0714.



2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-(**2-methoxyphenyl**)-**1-phenylethan-1-imine 1n.** Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow solid, yield = 65% (1.81 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.79 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.1 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.4 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 148.6, 136.8, 130.8, 130.1, 128.2, 127.8, 126.1, 120.6, 120.5, 117.1 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 111.4, 55.2. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3306, 3067,

2952, 1666, 1590, 1491, 1453, 1332, 1191, 1131, 1033, 971, 750, 698. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₃NO⁺ *m/z* 280.0944 [M+H]⁺, Found 280.0945.



N-(2-bromophenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-phenylethan-1-imine 10. (Wang et al., 2013). Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, yield = 44% (1.46 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.2 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.7 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 146.3, 132.6, 130.5, 129.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 125.9, 119.7, 119.6 (q, *J* = 279.8 Hz), 114.0. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3392, 3066, 1672, 1464, 1332, 1193, 1140, 1035, 970, 703. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀BrF₃N⁺ *m/z* 327.9943 [M+H]⁺, Found 327.9946.



N-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-phenylethan-1-imine 1p. Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 15 cm, width 8 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, yield = 32% (0.89 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.9. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 6.42 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.0 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 144.6, 137.8, 137.0, 133.9, 130.5, 130.0, 129.8, 129.0, 128.55, 128.45, 128.2, 125.2, 122.6, 120.0 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 118.1, 21.3, 19.5, 19.1. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3460, 3027, 2932, 1660, 1495, 1328, 1198, 1133, 973, 820, 697. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₅F₃N⁺ *m/z* 278.1151 [M+H]⁺, Found 278.1159.



N-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-phenylethan-1-imine 1q. Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, yield = 29% (0.90 g). R_{*f*} (petroleum ether): 0.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 6.15 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (s, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.9, 157.0 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 148.8, 130.1, 129.9, 128.3, 128.2, 119.8 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 98.6, 97.4, 54.8. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3463, 3007, 2953, 2843, 1666, 1597, 1462, 1329, 1204, 1134, 1062, 984, 836, 705, 645. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₅F₃NO₂⁺ *m/z* 310.1049 [M+H]⁺, Found 310.1055.



N-(**benzo**[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-phenylethan-1-imine 1r. Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as an pale yellow solid, yield = 38% (1.11 g). R_{*f*} (petroleum ether): 0.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.35 – 6.21 (m, 2H), 5.86 (s, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.0 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 147.8, 145.7, 141.1, 130.4, 130.2, 128.7, 128.5, 119.9 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 115.3, 108.1, 103.0, 101.3. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3435, 3071, 2905, 1652, 1479, 1320, 1203, 1130, 1033, 972, 925, 850, 812, 702, 625. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₁F₃NO₂⁺ *m*/*z* 294.0736 [M+H]⁺, Found 294.0741.



2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-imine 1s. (Dai and Cahard,

2014). Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 4.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, yield = 43% (1.30 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.42 – 7.08 (m, 8H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.3 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.1 (q, J = 34.3 Hz), 144.6, 133.5, 131.2, 130.3, 130.0, 128.67, 128.65, 128.57, 127.8, 127.7, 126.5, 125.6, 120.4, 119.9 (q, J = 280.8 Hz), 118.2. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3402, 3061, 1664, 1328, 1195, 1135, 972, 755, 700. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₃F₃N⁺ m/z 300.0995 [M+H]⁺, Found 300.1002.



2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-**pentyl-1-phenylethan-1-imine 1t.** Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a colorless oil, yield = 59% (1.44 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 3.46 – 3.31 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.18 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -71.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.9 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 130.5, 129.8, 128.6, 127.5, 119.7 (q, *J* = 279.8 Hz), 53.2, 29.8, 29.3, 22.2, 13.7. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3449, 3066, 2936, 2866, 1668, 1457, 1334, 1197, 1133, 1008, 956, 704. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₇F₃N⁺ *m/z* 244.1308 [M+H]⁺, Found 244.1317.



2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-**phenyl-1-(p-tolyl)ethan-1-imine 1u.** Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as an orange oil, yield = 43% (1.14 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.7. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15 – 7.01 (m, 5H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.0 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 147.3, 140.6, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 126.9, 125.1, 120.4, 119.9 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 21.3. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3402, 3035, 2928, 1662, 1601, 1329, 1234, 1192, 1133, 971, 819, 766, 695. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₃N⁺ *m/z* 264.0995 [M+H]⁺, Found 264.1002.



1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-*N***-phenylethan-1-imine 1v.** Following general procedure C, on a 15 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, overall yield = 17% (0.76 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 4H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (s, 9H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.2 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.8 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 153.7, 147.4, 128.8, 128.6, 126.8, 125.4, 125.1, 120.5, 120.0 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 34.8, 31.0. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3432, 2966, 1716, 1605, 1194, 1139, 972, 838, 702. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₉F₃N⁺ *m/z* 306.1464 [M+H]⁺, Found 306.1471.



2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-*N***-phenylethan-1-imine 1w.** Following general procedure A, on a 3 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, yield = 44% (0.37 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.81 – 6.68 (m, 4H), 3.73 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 70.0 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.9, 156.3 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 147.5, 130.6, 128.9, 125.0, 121.7, 120.3, 120.0 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 113.9, 55.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3397, 3017, 2941, 1707, 1602, 1514, 1460, 1325, 1269, 1167, 1027, 941, 843, 768. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₃NO⁺ *m/z* 280.0944 [M+H]⁺, Found 280.0951.



2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-*N***-phenylethan-1-imine 1x.** Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3%

Et₃N) as a yellow oil, yield = 32% (0.85 g). R_{*f*} (petroleum ether): 0.7. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 70.4 (s), - 108.9 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.4 (d, *J* = 253.5 Hz), 155.9 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 147.0, 131.0 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 128.9, 126.0, 125.4, 120.3, 119.8 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 115.8 (d, *J* = 22.2 Hz). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3452, 3072, 1664, 1600, 1504, 1330, 1236, 1195, 1135, 972, 838, 769, 696. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀F₄N⁺ *m*/*z* 268.0744 [M+H]⁺, Found 268.0746.



1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-**phenylethan-1-imine 1y.** Following general procedure A, on a 3 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, yield = 31% (0.26 g). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.9. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 – 7.10 (m, 6H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 70.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.8 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 146.8, 136.6, 130.1, 128.95, 128.92, 128.2, 125.6, 120.3, 119.7 (q, *J* = 279.8 Hz). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3410, 3073, 1662, 1592, 1488, 1329, 1232, 1195, 1136, 971, 832, 745, 693. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀ClF₃N⁺ *m/z* 284.0448 [M+H]⁺, Found 284.0453.



2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-**phenyl-1-(m-tolyl)ethan-1-imine 1z.** Following general procedure C, on a 15 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as an orange oil, overall yield = 8% (0.33 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.7. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.11 – 6.98 (m, 4H), 6.97 – 6.82 (m, 3H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 70.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.2 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 147.2, 138.3, 131.0, 129.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 125.8, 125.2, 120.5, 119.9 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 21.2. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3449, 3065, 2926, 1664, 1593, 1485, 1329, 1185, 1138, 1015, 984, 769, 696. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₃N⁺ *m/z* 264.0995 [M+H]⁺, Found 264.0998.



2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(3-isopropylphenyl)-*N*-phenylethan-1-imine **1aa.** Following general procedure B, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as an orange oil, overall yield = 69% (2.01 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 – 7.08 (m, 5H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.80 – 2.68 (m, 1H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 70.2 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.4 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 149.1, 147.4, 129.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.2, 125.9, 125.1, 120.4, 119.9 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 33.8, 23.5. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3409, 3069, 2964, 1660, 1593, 1479, 1328, 1231, 1185, 1135, 996, 899, 805, 696. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₇F₃N⁺ *m/z* 292.1308 [M+H]⁺, Found 292.1317.



2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-*N*-**phenylethan-1-imine 1ab.** Following general procedure C, on a 15 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, overall yield = 16% (0.69 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.70 (m, 5H), 3.64 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 70.3 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.3, 156.5 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 147.1, 131.0, 129.6, 128.8, 125.3, 120.8, 120.3, 119.8 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 116.1, 114.1, 55.0. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3474, 3071, 2954, 2841, 1666, 1592, 1483, 1330, 1256, 1136, 1044, 992, 842, 776, 696. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₃NO⁺ *m/z* 280.0944 [M+H]⁺, Found 280.0950.



2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-*N***-phenylethan-1-imine 1ac.** Following general procedure C, on a 15 mmol scale, 2 equiv of aniline and 10 mol% of *p*-toluenesulfonic

acid monohydrate were used. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as an orange oil, overall yield = 41% (1.64 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.09 – 6.91 (m, 4H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 70.6, - 111.5 (s) (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.3 (d, *J* = 249.5 Hz), 155.5 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 146.7, 131.8 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 130.4 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 128.9, 125.7, 124.6 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 120.4, 119.6 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 117.5 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 115.9 (d, *J* = 23.2 Hz). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3441, 3074, 2926, 1668, 1588, 1487, 1440, 1332, 1251, 1138, 1000, 870, 778, 696. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀F₄N⁺ *m/z* 268.0744 [M+H]⁺, Found 268.0754.



1ad

1-(3-chlorophenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-*N***-phenylethan-1-imine 1ad.** Following general procedure C, on a 10 mmol scale, 2 equiv of aniline and 5 mol% of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate were used. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, overall yield = 7% (0.21 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.22 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 70.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.3 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 146.6, 134.7, 131.6, 130.4, 129.8, 128.9, 128.5, 126.9, 125.7, 120.4, 119.6 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3396, 3071, 2927, 1666, 1578, 1481, 1329, 1196, 1137, 988, 796, 692. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀ClF₃N⁺ *m/z* 284.0448 [M+H]⁺, Found 284.0456.





2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-*N***-phenylethan-1-imine 1ae.** Following general procedure B, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, overall yield = 34% (1.01 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 70.1 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

156.8 (q, J = 33.3 Hz), 147.1, 133.5, 132.5, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 127.8, 127.7, 127.4, 126.8, 125.4, 125.1, 120.7, 120.0 (q, J = 279.8 Hz). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3292, 3064, 2928, 2859, 1948, 1659, 1588, 1491, 1320, 1128, 992, 819, 759. **HRMS** (MALDI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₃F₃N⁺ m/z 300.0995 [M+H]⁺, Found 300.0999.



1af

2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-**phenyl-1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethan-1-imine 1af.** Following general procedure A, on a 6 mmol scale, 3 equiv of aniline and 10 mol% of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate were used. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, yield = 16% (0.25 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 68.6 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.8 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 148.2, 133.6 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 132.6, 129.7, 129.2, 126.6, 125.2, 119.8 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 118.3. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3395, 3091, 1640, 1594, 1420, 1324, 1201, 1141, 1073, 919, 720. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₉F₃NS⁺ *m/z* 256.0402 [M+H]⁺, Found 256.0414.



2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-**phenyl-1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethan-1-imine 1ag.** Following procedure E, on a 2 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow solid, yield = 34% (0.29 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 – 7.11 (m, 8H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 70.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.8 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 146.5, 131.8, 128.9, 128.8, 125.7, 120.5, 119.6 (q, *J* = 279.8 Hz). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3419, 3072, 2924, 1664, 1486, 1328, 1195, 1121, 967, 774, 703. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₅F₆N₂⁺ *m/z* 421.1134 [M+H]⁺, Found 421.1139.



N-(4-bromophenyl)-1-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-2,2,2-trifluoroethan-1-imine 1ah. Following general procedure D, on a 14 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 5% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, overall yield = 16% (0.74 g). R_{*f*} (petroleum ether): 0.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 2.05 (s, 2H), 1.82 (s, 2H), 1.49 (s, 4H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 71.3 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.8 (q, J = 33.3 Hz), 146.7, 135.0, 131.8, 129.3, 121.5, 119.7 (q, J = 280.8 Hz), 118.5, 26.3, 25.0, 21.7, 21.0. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3437, 2936, 2865, 1657, 1408, 1319, 1228, 1185, 1137, 1071, 982, 922, 832, 720. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₄BrF₃N⁺ m/z 332.0256 [M+H]⁺, Found 332.0261.



N-(2-benzylphenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-phenylethan-1-imine 1ai. Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 4.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, yield = 94% (3.18 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 – 7.18 (m, 6H), 7.17 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 70.3 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.3 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 145.6, 140.1, 133.5, 130.1, 130.0, 129.8, 129.3, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 126.6, 126.1, 125.7, 119.9 (q, *J* = 279.8 Hz), 119.1, 38.5. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3442, 3032, 2922, 1907, 1660, 1592, 1486, 1442, 1327, 1193, 1139, 964, 737, 695, 612. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₇F₃N⁺ *m/z* 340.1308 [M+H]⁺, Found 340.1310.



N,1-diphenylethan-1-imine 1aj. Following general procedure A, on a 10 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as a yellow solid, yield = 50% (0.98 g). R_{*f*} (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 98:2): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.4, 151.7, 139.5, 130.4, 128.9, 128.3, 127.1, 123.2, 119.3, 17.3. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3458, 3370, 3036, 2925, 1682, 1610, 1496, 1444, 1362, 1269, 1175, 1077, 1026, 959, 757, 691. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₄N⁺ *m/z* 196.1121 [M+H]⁺, Found 196.1127.



1,1'-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diyl)bis(2,2,2-trifluoro-*N***-hexylethan-1-imine) 1ak.** Following general procedure F, on a 3 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 100:0 to 98:2 + 3% Et₃N) as a colorless oil, yield = 61% (0.94 g). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 98:2): 0.2. ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 3.44 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 4H), 1.73 – 1.63 (m, 4H), 1.34 – 1.19 (m, 12H), 0.86 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H). ¹⁹**F** NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 71.4 (s). ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.5 (q, J = 34.3 Hz), 141.6, 130.0, 128.4, 127.5, 119.7 (q, J = 279.8 Hz), 53.5, 31.4, 30.2, 26.9, 22.5, 14.0. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3314, 3040, 2931, 2862, 1919, 1666, 1609, 1460, 1335, 1198, 1124, 1005, 956, 825, 736, 684. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₈H₃₅F₆N₂⁺ m/z 513.2699 [M+H]⁺, Found 513.2703.



1,1'-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diyl)bis(*N***-dodecyl-2,2,2-trifluoroethan-1-imine) 1al.** Following general procedure F, on a 3 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 100:0 to 99:1 + 3% Et₃N) as a white solid, yield = 83% (1.69 g). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 98:2): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 3.49 – 3.39 (m, 4H), 1.73 – 1.63 (m, 4H), 1.30 - 1.19 (m, 36H), 0.87 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 71.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.5 (q, J = 34.3 Hz), 141.6, 130.0, 128.4, 127.5, 119.7 (q, J = 279.8 Hz), 53.5, 31.9, 30.2, 29.62, 29.61, 29.57, 29.5, 29.32, 29.27, 27.3, 22.7, 14.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3434, 2923, 2853, 1669, 1467, 1330, 1195, 1123, 1041, 995, 819, 732, 679. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₄₀H₅₉F₆N₂⁺ *m/z* 681.4577 [M+H]⁺, Found 681.4581.



1,1'-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diyl)bis(2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-(**4-hexylphenyl)ethan-1-imine) 1am.** Following general procedure F, on a 3 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as an orange solid, yield = 92% (1.83 g). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 98:2): 0.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.61 – 1.48 (m, 4H), 1.32 – 1.21 (m, 12H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 70.2 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.7 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 144.5, 141.2, 140.5, 129.8, 129.4, 128.8, 127.1, 120.8, 119.9 (q, *J* = 279.8 Hz), 35.3, 31.6, 31.1, 28.8, 22.6, 14.0. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3431, 3038, 2928, 2860, 1670, 1502, 1331, 1237, 1196, 1136, 1022, 969, 831, 736. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₀H₄₃F₆N₂⁺ *m/z* 665.3325 [M+H]⁺, Found 665.3331.



1,1'-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diyl)bis((4-dodecylphenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroethan-1-imine) 1an. Following general procedure F, on a 3 mmol scale. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 3% Et₃N) as an orange oil, yield = 95% (2.37 g). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 98:2): 0.5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 2.52
(t, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 1.61 – 1.50 (m, 4H), 1.31 – 1.21 (m, 36H), 0.89 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 70.2 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6 (q, J = 34.3 Hz), 144.5, 141.2, 140.5, 129.8, 129.4, 128.8, 127.1, 120.9, 119.9 (q, J = 279.8 Hz), 35.3, 31.9, 31.2, 29.7, 29.63, 29.59, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 22.7, 14.1. one carbon was overlapped. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3289, 3034, 2927, 1906, 1790, 1658, 1607, 1501, 1456, 1328, 1192, 1022, 967, 909, 830, 734, 620. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₅₂H₆₇F₆N₂⁺ m/z 833.5203 [M+H]⁺, Found 833.5207.

General procedure G: synthesis of derivatives 3a-3be (Scheme S7)

An oven-dried 25 mL schlenk tube equipped with a stirring bar was transferred into a glovebox (through standard glovebox operation), where $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$ (19.6 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.1 equiv) was added. The tube was then removed from the glovebox and placed under Ar. Then the ketimine **1** (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv), isocyanate **2** (0.6 mmol, 2 equiv), and o-xylene (or PhCl) (3 mL) were added subsequently to the test tube under Ar. The resulting reaction mixture was then stirred at 150 °C (or indicated temperature) for 60 h (or indicated time). After reaction completed (by TLC monitoring), the mixture was then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give the desired product **3a-3be**. Note that, in the case of solid α -CF₃ ketimine, these were added in the tube before the solvent.

Purification and characterization of derivatives 3a-3be



3-(phenylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3a. Starting from **1a** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 82% (93.6 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 141.7, 138.5, 138.3, 132.9, 132.8, 131.3, 131.1, 129.9, 129.3, 128.8, 124.7, 124.6, 123.3

(q, J = 288.9 Hz), 120.7, 116.4, 80.7 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 21.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3356, 3058, 2924, 1919, 1705, 1606, 1507, 1361, 1257, 1180, 1065, 975, 812, 720. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₈F₃N₂O⁺ m/z 383.1366 [M+H]⁺, Found 383.1373.



2-(p-tolyl)-3-(p-tolylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3b. Starting from **1b** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) as a white solid, yield = 81% (95.8 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 139.1, 138.5, 138.4, 132.9, 132.8, 131.4, 131.1, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 128.8, 124.7, 124.6, 123.4 (q, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 116.6, 80.9 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 21.1, 20.3. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3322, 3070, 2923, 1700, 1614, 1517, 1465, 1370, 1261, 1180, 1053, 903, 813, 724. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀F₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 397.1522 [M+H]⁺, Found 397.1526.



3-((4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)amino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3c. Starting from **1c** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) as a white solid, yield = 70% (92.7 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 – 6.97 (m, 4H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 9H). ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.5 (s). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5, 143.5, 139.0, 138.5, 138.4, 132.8, 132.8, 131.4, 131.1, 129.9, 128.8, 126.1, 124.8, 124.6, 123.4 (q, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 116.1, 80.8 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 33.9, 31.3, 21.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3338, 3044, 2961, 1712, 1614, 1522, 1468, 1365, 1263, 1185, 1053, 973, 820, 727. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₂₆F₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 439.1992 [M+H]⁺, Found 439.1997.



2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-3-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)amino)isoindolin-1one 3d. Starting from 1d and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 160 °C, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 65% (87.6 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.3 (s), -77.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 144.7, 138.9, 137.7, 133.2, 132.7, 131.5, 131.1, 130.1, 128.8, 126.6 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 124.9, 124.6, 124.2 (q, *J* = 272.7 Hz), 123.2 (q, *J* = 289.9 Hz), 122.6 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 115.7, 80.3 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 21.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3327, 3069, 2928, 1702, 1619, 1518, 1369, 1326, 1267, 1181, 1127, 1064, 843, 724. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₁₇F₆N₂O⁺ *m/z* 451.1240 [M+H]⁺, Found 451.1240.



3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3e. Starting from **1e** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 75% (92.2 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 154.2, 138.6, 138.3, 135.0, 133.0, 132.8, 131.4, 131.1, 130.0, 128.8, 124.8, 124.6, 123.4 (q, J = 289.9 Hz), 118.4, 114.6, 80.8 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 55.4, 21.2. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3357, 3069, 2947, 1707, 1513, 1466, 1369, 1254, 1180, 1045, 825, 721. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀F₃N₂O₂⁺ *m/z* 413.1471 [M+H]⁺, Found 413.1478.



3-((4-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3f. Starting from **1f** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 96:4) as a white solid, yield = 81% (97.7 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 6.39 – 6.17 (m, 2H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.5 (s), -123.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 157.4 (d, *J* = 241.4 Hz), 156.2, 138.7 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 138.0, 137.7, 132.9, 132.9, 131.3, 131.2, 130.0, 128.7, 124.7, 123.3 (q, *J* = 289.9 Hz), 117.9 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 115.4 (d, *J* = 22.2 Hz), 80.8 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 21.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3358, 3061, 2929, 1705, 1613, 1513, 1362, 1259, 1224, 1179, 1055, 977, 824, 773, 723. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₇F₄N₂O⁺ *m/z* 401.1272 [M+H]⁺, Found 401.1275.



3-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3g. Starting from **1g** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 82% (102.9 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (dd, J = 12.0, 8.4 Hz, 4H), 6.26 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 140.3, 138.7, 137.9, 133.0, 132.7, 131.3, 131.2, 130.0, 129.2, 128.7, 125.7, 124.7, 124.6, 123.1 (q, J = 289.9 Hz), 117.6, 80.6 (q, J = 30.3 Hz), 21.1. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3353, 3043, 2925, 1706, 1606, 1503, 1361, 1259, 1182, 1058, 976, 815, 725. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₇ClF₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 417.0976 [M+H]⁺, Found 417.0980.



3-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3h. Starting from **1h** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 66% (90.8 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 20.4, 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.21 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.9 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 140.8, 138.7, 137.8, 133.0, 132.7, 132.2, 131.3, 131.2, 130.0, 128.8, 124.8, 124.6, 123.2 (q, *J* = 289.9 Hz), 118.0, 113.1, 80.5 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 21.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3330, 3046, 2926, 1702, 1599, 1501, 1366, 1261, 1180, 1065, 971, 817, 723. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₇BrF₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 463.0450 [M+H]⁺, Found 463.0457.



2-(p-tolyl)-3-(m-tolylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3i. Starting from **1i** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield =

94% (111.3 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 6.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.6 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 141.6, 139.1, 138.5, 138.4, 138.3, 132.8, 131.4, 131.0, 129.9, 129.1, 128.8, 124.7, 124.5, 123.3 (q, J = 289.9 Hz), 121.6, 117.4, 113.2, 80.7 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 21.4, 21.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3375, 2975, 2889, 1706, 1373, 1267, 1186, 1050, 881, 720. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀F₃N₂O⁺ m/z 397.1522 [M+H]⁺, Found 397.1527.



3-((3-methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3j. Starting from **1j** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) as a white solid, yield = 73% (90.5 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 160.4, 142.9, 138.6, 138.4, 133.0, 132.7, 131.3, 131.2, 130.1, 130.0, 128.8, 124.7, 124.6, 123.3 (q, *J* = 289.9 Hz), 108.9, 106.5, 102.1, 80.6 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 54.8, 21.1. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3347, 3047, 2946, 1707, 1609, 1507, 1357, 1268, 1175, 1052, 722. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀F₃N₂O₂⁺ *m/z* 413.1471 [M+H]⁺, Found 413.1474.



3-((3-chlorophenyl)amino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3k. Starting from **1k** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The

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product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) as a white solid, yield = 73% (91.8 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 6.10 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 142.9, 138.8, 137.8, 135.0, 133.0, 132.7, 131.4, 131.2, 130.3, 130.0, 128.8, 124.8, 124.6, 123.2 (q, J = 288.9 Hz), 120.9, 116.7, 114.1, 80.4 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 21.2. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3314, 3068, 1702, 1598, 1475, 1373, 1261, 1184, 1058, 729. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₇ClF₃N₂O⁺ m/z 417.0976 [M+H]⁺, Found 417.0981.



2-(p-tolyl)-3-(o-tolylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3l. Starting from **1l** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 98:2) as a white solid, yield = 54% (64.5 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 7.04 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.84 – 6.70 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.99 – 5.85 (m, 1H), 4.52 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.7 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 139.8, 138.5, 138.3, 132.87, 132.85, 131.3, 131.1, 130.6, 130.0, 128.6, 127.0, 125.1, 124.7, 124.6, 123.5 (q, J = 289.9 Hz), 120.8, 115.0, 80.8 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 21.2, 17.5. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3343, 3029, 2925, 1706, 1606, 1520, 1469, 1360, 1260, 1183, 1052, 975, 808, 718. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀F₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 397.1522 [M+H]⁺, Found 397.1526.



2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-3-((2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)amino)isoindolin-1-one 3m. Starting from **1m** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), PhCl as solvent, 48

h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) as a white solid, yield = 22% (29.9 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 6.91 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.4 (s), -78.0 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 139.8, 138.8, 137.4, 133.1, 133.0, 132.9, 131.4, 131.2, 130.1, 128.4, 126.9 (q, J = 5.1 Hz), 124.8, 124.7, 124.4 (q, J = 273.7 Hz), 123.2 (q, J = 288.9 Hz), 120.6, 118.2 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 117.3, 80.5 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 21.2. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3468, 3046, 2921, 1729, 1605, 1517, 1475, 1363, 1312, 1267, 1173, 1133, 1106, 1032, 974, 764, 722, 517. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₁₇F₆N₂O⁺ *m/z* 451.1240 [M+H]⁺, Found 451.1242.



3-((2-methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3n. Starting from **1n** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 96:4) as a white solid, yield = 74% (91.0 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 6.92 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5, 147.6, 138.8, 138.3, 132.9, 132.7, 131.5, 131.4, 131.1, 129.8, 128.7, 124.6, 123.4 (q, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 121.0, 120.11, 120.08, 113.9, 110.1, 80.7 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 55.7, 21.1. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3375, 3036, 2931, 1710, 1603, 1522, 1362, 1179, 1025, 975, 735. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀F₃N₂O₂⁺ *m/z* 413.1471 [M+H]⁺, Found 413.1476.



3-((2-bromophenyl)amino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 30.

Starting from **10** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) as a white solid, yield = 57% (78.3 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.55 (m, 4H), 6.06 – 5.83 (m, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 139.2, 138.6, 137.9, 133.1, 132.9, 132.7, 131.3, 131.1, 130.0, 128.4, 124.7, 124.5, 123.2 (q, J = 289.9 Hz), 121.6, 115.4, 112.4, 80.7 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 21.2, one carbon is overlapped. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3391, 3063, 1720, 1599, 1519, 1466, 1362, 1261, 1184, 1020, 734. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₇BrF₃N₂O⁺ m/z 461.0471 [M+H]⁺, Found 461.0480.



3-((3,4-dimethylphenyl)amino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3p. Starting from **1p** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 98:2) as a white solid, yield = 77% (95.0 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 6.93 (m, 4H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.6 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 139.4, 138.4, 137.5, 132.9, 132.8, 131.5, 131.4, 131.0, 130.2, 129.9, 128.9, 128.8, 124.8, 124.5, 123.4 (q, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 118.4, 113.7, 80.8 (q, *J* = 28.3 Hz), 21.1, 19.8, 18.6. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3348, 3052, 2965, 1696, 1618, 1516, 1366, 1265, 1179, 1052, 804, 718. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₂F₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 411.1679 [M+H]⁺, Found 411.1681.



3-((3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)amino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one

3q. Starting from **1q** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 68% (90.6 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 – 8.01 (m, 1H), 7.73 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.95 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 3.52 (s, 6H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 161.4, 143.5, 138.6, 138.5, 133.0, 132.7, 131.3, 131.2, 130.0, 128.8, 124.8, 124.5, 123.3 (q, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 94.9, 93.3, 80.6 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 54.9, 21.1. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3322, 3105, 2946, 1706, 1612, 1459, 1368, 1210, 1150, 1062, 815, 731. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₂F₃N₂O₃⁺ *m/z* 443.1577 [M+H]⁺, Found 443.1585.



3-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-ylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3r. Starting from **1r** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 73% (93.3 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 5.86 – 5.74 (m, 3H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.9 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 148.3, 142.1, 138.6, 138.2, 136.4, 132.9, 131.4, 131.2, 130.0, 128.8, 124.8, 124.7, 123.3 (q, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 109.4, 108.4, 101.0, 99.7, 81.0 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 21.2, one C is overlapped. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3323, 3093, 2891, 1699, 1620, 1502, 1370, 1189, 1041, 916, 813, 724. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₁₈F₃N₂O₃⁺ *m/z* 427.1264 [M+H]⁺, Found 427.1271.



3-(naphthalen-2-ylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3s. Starting from **1s** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 98:2) as a white solid, yield = 71% (92.5 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.58 (m, 5H), 7.39 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 139.1, 138.6, 138.1, 134.0, 133.0, 132.9, 131.3, 131.2, 130.0, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 127.4, 126.7, 126.5, 124.7, 124.7, 123.8, 123.3 (q, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 118.8, 110.7, 80.7 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 21.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3334, 3055, 2925, 1709, 1633, 1517, 1364, 1266, 1184, 1055, 826, 720. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₂₀F₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 433.1522 [M+H]⁺, Found 433.1532.



3-(pentylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3t. Starting from **1t** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 74% (83.1 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.60 – 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.25 – 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.18 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.7 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.0, 138.7, 138.3, 132.8, 132.5, 131.5, 130.8, 130.3, 128.7, 124.7, 124.3, 123.5 (q, *J* = 287.9 Hz), 83.6 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 41.6, 29.5, 29.2, 22.4, 21.2, 13.9. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3341, 2930, 2864, 1703, 1512, 1466,

1361, 1282, 1176, 1034, 726. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for $C_{21}H_{24}F_3N_2O^+$ *m/z* 377.1835 [M+H]⁺, Found 377.1842.



6-methyl-3-(phenylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3u. Starting from **1u** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) as a white solid, yield = 89% (105.8 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 6.97 (m, 4H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.7 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.6, 141.8, 141.7, 138.5, 135.4, 133.8, 132.9, 131.4, 129.9, 129.3, 128.8, 125.0, 124.4, 123.4 (q, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 120.7, 116.4, 80.5 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 21.5, 21.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3337, 3055, 2924, 1703, 1609, 1507, 1364, 1265, 1186, 1061, 742. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀F₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 397.1522 [M+H]⁺, Found 397.1530. Contaminated with trace inseparable impurity.



6-(tert-butyl)-3-(phenylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3v. Starting from **1v** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 140 °C, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 98:2) as a white solid, yield = 71% (93.7 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.5. ¹H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.10 – 6.98 (m, 4H), 6.82 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H). ¹⁹F **NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.6 (s). ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 155.1, 141.8, 138.5, 135.4, 132.6, 131.5, 130.3, 129.9, 129.3, 128.9, 124.3, 123.4 (q, J = 288.9 Hz), 121.6, 120.7, 116.4, 80.5 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 35.3, 31.3, 21.2. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3309, 3035, 2963, 1698, 1604, 1508, 1359, 1262, 1176, 1038, 977, 819, 744. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₂₆F₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 439.1992 [M+H]⁺, Found 439.1989.



6-methoxy-3-(phenylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3w. Starting from **1w** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 130 °C, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 84% (103.8 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 6.97 (m, 7H), 6.83 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F **NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.7 (s). ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 162.2, 141.8, 138.6, 134.4, 131.4, 130.0, 129.9, 129.3, 128.8, 125.7, 123.3 (q, J = 288.9 Hz), 120.7, 120.6, 116.5, 107.9, 80.4 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 55.8, 21.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3346, 3048, 2926, 1711, 1609, 1503, 1364, 1261, 1178, 1132, 1082, 972, 827, 740. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀F₃N₂O₂⁺ *m/z* 413.1471 [M+H]⁺, Found 413.1476.



6-fluoro-3-(phenylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3x. Starting from 1x and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 96:4) as a white solid, yield = 75% (90.4 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 6.98 (m, 4H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.5 (s), -108.3 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 164.5 (d, *J* = 253.5 Hz), 141.5, 138.7, 135.2 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 133.7, 131.1, 130.0, 129.4, 128.6, 126.6 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 123.2 (q, *J* = 289.9 Hz), 121.0, 120.3 (d, *J* = 23.2 Hz), 116.5, 111.7 (d, *J* = 24.2 Hz), 80.5 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 21.07. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3440, 3349, 3066, 1713, 1609, 1502, 1363, 1261, 1177, 1117, 728. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₇F₄N₂O⁺ *m/z* 401.1272 [M+H]⁺, Found 401.1274.



6-chloro-3-(phenylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3y. Starting from **1y** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 74% (92.5 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 – 6.97 (m, 4H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 141.4, 138.8, 137.7, 136.5, 134.6, 133.1, 131.0, 130.0, 129.4, 128.7, 126.0, 124.9, 123.1 (q, *J* = 289.9 Hz), 121.1, 116.5, 80.6 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 21.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3320, 3072, 2925, 1706, 1606, 1508, 1429, 1360, 1268, 1186, 1062, 972, 744. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₇ClF₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 417.0976 [M+H]⁺, Found 417.0988.



5-methyl-3-(phenylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3z1. Starting from **1z** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 61% (73.1 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.12 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.6 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.6, 143.9, 141.8, 138.7, 138.4, 132.1, 131.5, 130.2, 129.9, 129.3, 128.9, 125.0, 124.5, 123.4 (q, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 120.6, 116.3, 80.5 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 21.9, 21.1. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3443, 3312, 3077, 2924, 1703, 1611, 1505, 1367, 1265, 1178, 1066, 905, 745. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀F₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 397.1522 [M+H]⁺, Found 397.1531.



7-methyl-3-(phenylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3z2. Starting from **1z** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h . The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 98:2) as a white solid, yield = 17% (19.8 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.5. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 77.51 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.11 – 6.94 (m, 4H), 6.82 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 2.82 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.2 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.3, 141.8, 139.0, 138.7, 138.4, 133.4, 132.3, 131.5, 129.9, 129.7, 129.3, 129.0, 125.4, 123.4 (q, *J* = 289.9 Hz), 120.7, 116.4, 79.9 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 21.2, 17.5. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3347, 3053, 2923, 1697, 1604, 1508, 1358, 1262, 1170, 1024, 735, 688. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C_{23H20}F₃N₂O⁺ *m*/z 397.1522 [M+H]⁺, Found 397.1533.



5-isopropyl-3-(phenylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3aa. Starting from **1aa** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h . The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 98:2) as a white solid, yield = 58% (49.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.5. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09 – 6.99 (m, 4H), 6.82 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 3.07 – 2.92 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.26 – 1.16 (m, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.6 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.6, 154.8, 141.8, 138.6, 138.4, 131.5, 130.5, 129.9, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 124.6, 123.4 (q, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 122.8, 120.7, 116.5, 80.6 (q, *J* = 30.3 Hz), 34.5, 29.6, 23.7, 21.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3368, 2967, 2924, 1703, 1610, 1508, 1360, 1261, 1176, 1139, 1051, 749. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for $C_{25}H_{24}F_3N_2O^+ m/z$ 425.1835 [M+H]⁺, Found 425.1844.



5-methoxy-3-(phenylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3ab. Starting from **1ab** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 91:9) as a white solid, yield = 85% (105.5 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.7 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 163.6, 141.7, 140.7, 138.3, 131.5, 129.8, 129.3, 128.9, 126.0, 125.0, 123.3 (q, J = 288.9 Hz), 120.7, 117.3, 116.3, 109.7, 80.2 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 55.7, 21.1. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3348, 3060, 2933, 1702, 1607, 1504, 1362, 1262, 1180, 1070, 724. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀F₃N₂O₂⁺ m/z 413.1471 [M+H]⁺, Found 413.1474.



5-fluoro-3-(phenylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3ac. Starting from **1ac** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 85% (102.0 mg, **mixture of isomer, ratio = 1:0.20**). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (dd, J = 8.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.55 (m, 0.22H), 7.43 – 7.28 (m, 2.45H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2.41H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 2.45H), 7.03 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 2.37H), 6.86 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.20H), 6.42 – 6.31 (m, 2.38H), 4.83 (s, 1.19H), 2.36 (s, 3.60H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.5 (s, major), -77.6 (s, minor), -104.5 (s, major), -115.2 (s, minor). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, major) δ 166.3, 165.6 (d, J = 255.5 Hz), 141.4, 141.0 (d, J = 10.1 Hz), 138.7, 131.1, 130.0, 129.4, 128.7, 126.8 (d, J= 24.2 Hz), 123.1 (q, J= 288.9 Hz), 121.1, 118.9 (d, J = 255.5 Hz), 116.4, 112.6, 112.3, 80.2 (q, J = 30.3 Hz), 21.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3350, 3069, 2925, 1720, 1609, 1492, 1360, 1261, 1175, 1071, 987, 794, 743. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₇F₄N₂O⁺ m/z 401.1272 [M+H]⁺, Found 401.1276.



5-chloro-3-(phenylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3ad. Starting from 1ad and p-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) as a white solid, yield = 57% (71.0 mg, mixture of isomer, ratio = 1:0.24). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 - 7.55 (m, 2.20H), 7.52 - 7.47 (m, 0.42H), 7.20 - 6.96 (m, 7.74H), 6.85 (t, J = 7.2Hz, 1.24H), 6.33 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2.46H), 4.91 – 4.72 (m, 1.24H), 2.34 (s, 3.70H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.47 (s, major), -77.54 (s, minor). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, major) & 166.4, 141.4, 140.1, 139.5, 138.8, 131.8, 131.3, 131.0, 130.0, 129.5, 128.7, 125.8, 125.0, 123.1 (q, J = 288.9 Hz), 121.1, 116.3, 80.3 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 21.1. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, minor) δ 164.9, 141.4, 140.7, 140.1, 138.6, 133.5, 133.0, 132.6, 129.9, 129.4, 128.8, 125.2, 123.2, 121.0, 116.4, 29.6, two carbon were overlapped. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3338, 3068, 2923, 1705, 1607, 1507, 1366, 1260, 1174, 1061, 745. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for $C_{22}H_{17}ClF_3N_2O^+ m/z$ 417.0976 [M+H]⁺, Found 417.0986.



3-(phenylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-1-one 3ae. Starting from **1ae** and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) as a white solid, yield = 80% (103.8 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.62 (s, 1H), 8.11 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.95 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.12 – 6.98 (m, 4H), 6.80 (t, *J*) = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.8 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5, 141.6, 138.6, 135.3, 134.2, 132.8, 131.5, 129.9, 129.7, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 127.8, 125.6, 124.8, 123.5 (q, J = 289.9 Hz), 120.6, 116.3, 80.7 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 21.1. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3337, 3054, 2924, 1710, 1604, 1508, 1363, 1263, 1174, 1061, 961, 903, 743. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₂₀F₃N₂O⁺ m/z 433.1522 [M+H]⁺, Found 433.1527.



6-(phenylamino)-5-(p-tolyl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-thieno[2,3-

c]pyrrol-4-one 3af. Starting from 1af and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), o-xylene as solvent, 110 °C, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) as a pale solid, yield = 24% (28.3 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.1 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 147.1, 142.7, 141.5, 138.8, 133.9, 131.4, 130.0, 129.5, 129.2, 122.7 (q, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 121.4, 121.1, 116.6, 79.8 (q, *J* = 30.3 Hz), 21.2. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3419, 3086, 2925, 1705, 1609, 1507, 1397, 1337, 1256, 1187, 1060, 961, 723. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₆F₃N₂OS⁺ *m*/z 389.0930 [M+H]⁺, Found 389.0929.



3-(phenylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-6-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(phenylimino)ethyl)-3-

(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3ag. Starting from 1ag and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), on a 0.15 mmol scale, o-xylene as solvent, 160 °C, 72 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) as a white solid, yield = 72% (59.9 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.11 – 6.94 (m, 5H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (t,

J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.8 (s), -77.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 155.8 (q, J = 35.4 Hz), 146.3, 141.2, 139.9, 139.0, 133.53, 133.48, 133.1, 130.8, 130.1, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 126.0, 125.2, 124.9, 123.0 (q, J = 289.9 Hz), 121.2, 120.5, 119.5 (q, J = 279.8 Hz), 116.4, 80.6 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 21.2. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3345, 3068, 1707, 1606, 1505, 1436, 1367, 1326, 1269, 1187, 1143, 1051, 985, 737, 686. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₂₂F₆N₃O⁺ m/z554.1662 [M+H]⁺, Found 554.1671.



3-((**4**-bromophenyl)amino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-**1H**-isoindol-1-one 3ah. Starting from 1ah and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), on a 0.2 mmol scale, o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 55% (50.9 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 2.55 – 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.26 – 2.19 (s, 1H), 2.12 – 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.91 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.52 – 1.40 (m, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.8 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5, 148.6, 141.5, 139.3, 138.2, 132.4, 131.5, 129.9, 128.6, 123.0 (q, *J* = 290.9 Hz), 117.6, 113.2, 81.7 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 22.6, 22.0, 21.4, 21.1, 20.8. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3451, 2929, 1698, 1602, 1501, 1399, 1353, 1259, 1167, 1068, 961, 815, 731. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₁BrF₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 465.0784 [M+H]⁺, Found 465.0788.



2-(4-isopropylphenyl)-3-(phenylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3ai. Starting from **1a** and 4-isopropylphenyl isocyanate (Cas: 31027-31-3), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 98:2) as a pale yellow solid, yield = 75% (92.6 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.01 (m, 4H), 6.83 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 2.98 – 2.86 (m, 1H), 1.26 (d, J = 67.2 Hz, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.6 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 149.2, 141.7, 138.3, 132.9, 131.5, 131.1, 129.3, 128.7, 127.3, 124.70, 124.68, 124.66, 123.3 (q, J = 289.9 Hz), 120.8, 116.4, 80.7 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 33.8, 23.79, 23.77. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3312, 3048, 2960, 2877, 1699, 1604, 1509, 1367, 1318, 1260, 1140, 1048, 827, 756. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₂F₃N₂O⁺ m/z 411.1679 [M+H]⁺, Found 411.1687.



3-(phenylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)isoindolin-1one 3aj. Starting from **1a** and 4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl isocyanate (Cas: 1548-13-6), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) as a white solid, yield = 91% (119.2 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.4. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.53 (m, 5H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.94 (s, 1H). ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.2 (s), -77.6 (s). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 141.3, 138.2, 137.7, 133.4, 132.2, 131.4, 130.4 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 129.5, 129.2, 126.4 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 124.8, 124.7, 123.8 (q, *J* = 273.7 Hz), 123.2 (q, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 121.2, 116.3, 81.1 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3320, 3067, 1710, 1608, 1507, 1362, 1324, 1265, 1172, 1127, 1074, 837, 724. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₅F₆N₂O⁺ *m/z* 437.1083 [M+H]⁺, Found 437.1090.



2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-3-(phenylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3ak.
Starting from 1a and 4-phenoxyphenyl isocyanate (Cas: 59377-19-4), PhCl as solvent,
48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height
16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a

white solid, yield = 74% (102.3 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.35 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 6.88 (m, 9H), 6.82 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.01 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.6 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 157.6, 156.2, 141.6, 138.2, 133.0, 132.6, 131.1, 130.4, 129.8, 129.3, 128.5, 124.64, 124.60, 123.8, 123.3 (q, J = 288.9 Hz), 120.7, 119.6, 118.6, 116.2, 80.7 (q, J = 29.3 Hz). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3327, 3068, 1711, 1600, 1499, 1367, 1256, 1181, 1061, 834, 757. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₇H₂₀F₃N₂O₂⁺ m/z 461.1471 [M+H]⁺, Found 461.1480.



2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(phenylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3al. Starting from **1a** and 4-chlorophenyl isocyanate (Cas: 104-12-1), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 2.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 92% (111.0 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.00 (m, 4H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.7 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 141.4, 138.2, 134.5, 133.2, 132.7, 132.4, 131.3, 130.3, 129.54, 129.46, 124.8, 124.7, 123.2 (q, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 121.0, 116.3, 80.8 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3354, 3063, 2924, 1707, 1606, 1497, 1360, 1259, 1183, 1090, 975, 822, 720. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₅ClF₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 403.0820 [M+H]⁺, Found 403.0825.



3-(phenylamino)-2-(m-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3am. Starting from **1a** and *m*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 621-29-4), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid,, yield = 68% (78.5 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.9 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 141.7, 139.1, 138.3, 134.0, 132.9, 132.8, 131.2, 129.7, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 125.9, 124.71, 124.67, 123.3 (q, J = 289.9 Hz), 120.8, 116.4, 80.8 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 21.2. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3329, 3143, 1703, 1603, 1496, 1369, 1322, 1261, 1186, 1062, 720. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₈F₃N₂O⁺ m/z 383.1366 [M+H]⁺, Found 383.1378.



2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-(phenylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3an. Starting from **1a** and 3-methoxyphenyl isocyanate (Cas: 18908-07-1), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 61% (73.4 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.1 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 160.1, 141.7, 138.3, 135.1, 133.0, 132.7, 131.3, 129.9, 129.4, 124.79, 124.76, 123.3 (q, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 121.3, 120.9, 116.3, 115.1, 114.1, 80.8 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 55.0. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3439, 3328, 3087, 1702, 1604, 1498, 1370, 1261, 1180, 1044, 722. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₈F₃N₂O₂⁺ *m/z* 399.1315 [M+H]⁺, Found 399.1316.



2-(3-fluorophenyl)-3-(phenylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3ao. Starting from **1a** and 3-fluorophenyl isocyanate (Cas: 404-71-7), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) as a white solid, yield = 90% (104.5 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 7.00 – 6.78 (m, 3H), 6.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (s, 1H). ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.6 (s), -111.7 (s). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 162.8 (d, J = 248.5 Hz), 141.3, 138.2, 135.7 (d, J = 10.1 Hz), 133.2, 132.4, 131.3, 130.3 (d, J = 9.1 Hz), 129.5, 124.8, 124.7, 124.6 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 123.2 (q, J = 289.9 Hz), 121.1, 116.4, 116.3 (d, J = 23.2 Hz), 115.6 (d, J = 21.2 Hz), 81.0 (q, J = 29.3 Hz). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3435, 3336, 1707, 1606, 1495, 1363, 1263, 1183, 1049, 756, 720. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₅F₄N₂O⁺ m/z 387.1115 [M+H]⁺, Found 387.1123.



2-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-(phenylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3ap. Starting from **1a** and 3-chlorophenyl isocyanate (Cas: 2909-38-8), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 2.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 91% (109.5 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.88 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F **NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.6 (s). ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 141.3, 138.2, 135.4, 134.7, 133.3, 132.3, 131.3, 130.2, 129.5, 129.2, 128.8, 127.5, 127.2, 124.8, 124.74, 124.73, 123.2 (q, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 121.1, 116.4, 81.0 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3331, 3144, 3093, 1703, 1603, 1486, 1366, 1323, 1260, 1186, 1048, 969, 899, 723. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₅ClF₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 403.0820 [M+H]⁺, Found 403.0821.



3-(phenylamino)-2-(o-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3aq. Starting from **1a** and *o*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 614-68-6), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) as a white solid, yield = 36% (40.9 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 6.92 – 6.76 (m, 2H), 6.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.2 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 141.7, 138.4, 138.3, 133.0, 132.9, 132.6, 131.6, 131.2, 129.4, 128.6, 126.4, 124.8, 124.4, 123.6 (q, J = 288.9 Hz), 120.8, 116.6, 80.5 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 18.1, one carbon is overlapped. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3440, 3334, 3089, 2929, 1702, 1608, 1497, 1362, 1265, 1182, 1045, 974, 758, 722. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₈F₃N₂O⁺ m/z 383.1366 [M+H]⁺, Found 383.1368.



2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-(phenylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3ar. Starting from **1a** and 2-methoxyphenyl isocyanate (Cas: 700-87-8), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 81% (96.4 mg, **mixture of isomer, ratio = 1:0.30**). R_{*f*} (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1.30H), 7.74 – 7.51 (m, 3.90H), 7.45 – 7.30 (m, 1.60H), 7.13 – 6.64 (m, 7.50H), 6.41 – 6.08 (m, 2.60H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 4.60 (s, 0.30H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.02 (s, 0.90H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.1 (s, minor), -78.3 (s, major). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, major) δ 166.6, 157.1, 141.9, 138.8, 132.8, 132.7, 131.0, 130.2, 130.1, 129.4, 124.7, 124.3, 123.4 (q, *J* = 289.9 Hz), 122.8, 120.6, 120.4, 116.2, 112.3, 80.3 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 55.8. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3309, 3072, 1706, 1604, 1501, 1370, 1266, 1177, 1042, 880, 755. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₈F₃N₂O₂⁺ *m*/z 399.1315 [M+H]⁺, Found 399.1318.



2-(2-fluorophenyl)-3-(phenylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one
3as.
Starting from 1a and 2-fluorophenyl isocyanate (Cas: 16744-98-2), o-xylene as solvent,
60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height
16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 98:2) as a

white solid, yield = 99% (115.0 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.23 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 6.90 (m, 4H), 6.83 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F **NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.6 (s), -117.4 (s). ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 159.5 (d, J = 254.5 Hz), 141.5, 138.5, 133.1, 132.2, 131.2, 130.6, 130.5, 129.3, 124.8, 124.5, 124.4 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 123.2 (q, J = 289.9 Hz), 121.8 (d, J = 13.1 Hz), 120.8, 116.7 (d, J = 20.2 Hz), 116.3, 80.5 (q, J = 29.3 Hz). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3336, 3085, 1712, 1606, 1502, 1367, 1264, 1182, 1048, 879, 758. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₅F₄N₂O⁺ m/z 387.1115 [M+H]⁺, Found 387.1122.



2-(2-bromophenyl)-3-(phenylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3at. Starting from **1a** and 2-bromophenyl isocyanate (Cas: 1592-00-3), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 76% (101.6 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.2. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 6.90 (m, 3H), 6.82 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.88 (s, 1H). ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.7 (s). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 141.5, 138.3, 134.3, 133.7, 133.2, 132.2, 131.2, 130.6, 129.8, 129.5, 127.9, 124.9, 124.8, 124.2, 123.3 (q, J = 288.9 Hz), 120.8, 116.3, 80.6 (q, J = 30.3 Hz). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3306, 3071, 1709, 1605, 1477, 1364, 1267, 1180, 1067, 882, 758, 721. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₅BrF₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 447.0314 [M+H]⁺, Found 447.0320.



2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-3-(phenylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3au. Starting from **1a** and 3,4-dichlorophenyl isocyanate (Cas: 102-36-3), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) as a white solid, yield = 91% (119.7 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.17 – 6.96 (m, 3H), 6.85 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.94 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 141.2, 138.2, 133.7, 133.4, 133.1, 132.9, 132.1, 131.4, 130.9, 130.9, 129.5, 128.3, 124.8, 124.7, 123.2 (q, J = 288.9 Hz), 121.2, 116.3, 80.98 (q, J = 29.3 Hz). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3340, 3061, 1713, 1603, 1472, 1359, 1260, 1186, 1049, 970, 893, 756, 716. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₄Cl₂F₃N₂O⁺ m/z 437.0430 [M+H]⁺, Found 437.0437.



2-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-3-(phenylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3av. Starting from **1a** and 3,5-dimethylphenyl isocyanate (Cas: 54132-75-1), PhCl as solvent, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) as a white solid, yield = 83% (98.5 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.4. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.06 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.83 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 2H), 6.28 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 2.23 (s, 6H). ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.5 (s). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5, 141.8, 138.8, 138.5, 133.8, 132.9, 132.8, 131.2, 130.4, 129.3, 126.8, 124.8, 124.7, 123.4 (q, J = 288.9 Hz), 120.9, 116.5, 80.8 (q, J = 30.3 Hz), 21.2. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3329, 3084, 2919, 1700, 1604, 1471, 1369, 1264, 1185, 1074, 836, 754, 722, 685. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀F₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 397.1522 [M+H]⁺, Found 397.1527.



2-(4-chloro-2-methylphenyl)-3-(phenylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-

one 3aw. Starting from **1a** and 4-chloro-1-isocyanato-2-methylbenzene (Cas: 37408-18-7), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl

acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) as a white solid, yield = 74% (93.1 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.35 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 –6.95 (m, 3H), 6.87 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 6.29 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.73 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 77.7 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.3, 141.5, 140.4, 138.2, 134.2, 133.1, 132.3, 131.6, 131.4, 131.3, 129.9, 129.5, 126.5, 124.7, 124.4, 123.5 (q, J = 288.9 Hz), 120.9, 116.4, 80.5 (q, J = 30.3 Hz), 18.0. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3326, 3060, 2973, 1706, 1605, 1490, 1361, 1266, 1176, 1089, 1041, 878, 723. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₇ClF₃N₂O⁺ m/z 417.0976 [M+H]⁺, Found 417.0982.



2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-3-(phenylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3ax. Starting from **1a** and 1-naphthyl isocyanate (Cas: 86-84-0), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 68% (85.4 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.05 – 7.80 (m, 3H), 7.75 – 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.33 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, J = 14.4, 8.0 Hz, 3H), 6.87 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.7. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 180.9, 167.2, 141.7, 138.4, 134.6, 133.1, 132.5, 131.3, 131.1, 130.9, 129.5, 128.4, 126.7, 126.6, 126.2, 125.1, 124.9, 124.6, 123.8, 123.5 (q, J = 288.9 Hz), 120.9, 116.6, 80.9 (q, J = 29.3 Hz). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3328, 3056, 2926, 1697, 1606, 1501, 1359, 1265, 1180, 1087, 872, 764. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₁₈F₃N₂O⁺ m/z419.1366 [M+H]⁺, Found 419.1367.



2-benzyl-3-(phenylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3ay. Starting from **1a** and benzyl isocyanate (Cas: 3173-56-6), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was

purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 89% (102.3 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.09 (m, 5H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.78 (s, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.6. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.6, 141.4, 139.1, 136.4, 132.7, 132.6, 131.0, 128.9, 128.0, 127.8, 127.0, 124.3, 124.1, 123.5 (q, *J* = 289.9 Hz), 120.6, 116.2, 79.6 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 43.4. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3325, 3062, 2931, 1697, 1605, 1500, 1389, 1265, 1182, 1085, 976, 735, 695. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₈F₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 383.1366 [M+H]⁺, Found 383.1378.



2-octyl-3-(phenylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3az. Starting from **1a** and 1-octyl isocyanate (Cas: 3158-26-7), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 86% (104.6 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 3.47 – 3.31 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.13 (m, 10H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.3. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.2, 141.5, 139.1, 133.2, 132.4, 130.9, 129.2, 124.2, 123.9, 123.8 (q, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 120.9, 116.4, 79.4 (q, *J* = 30.3 Hz), 40.3, 31.8, 29.11, 29.10, 27.7, 27.3, 22.6, 14.1. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3322, 3074, 2929, 1695, 1605, 1499, 1379, 1321, 1259, 1165, 1079, 736. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₈F₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 405.2148 [M+H]⁺, Found 405.2152.



2-cyclopentyl-3-(phenylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3ba. Starting from **1a** and cyclopentyl isocyanate (Cas: 4747-71-1), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm,

width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 98:2) as a white solid, yield = 61% (66.4 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.03 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 4.93 – 4.71 (m, 1H), 3.97 – 3.79 (m, 1H), 2.40 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.16 – 1.76 (m, 4H), 1.64 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.30 – 1.17 (m, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.8 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 141.6, 139.0, 133.8, 132.2, 130.9, 129.1, 124.1, 123.8 (q, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 123.6, 120.8, 116.2, 79.6 (q, *J* = 30.3 Hz), 53.4, 29.1, 28.5, 25.2, 25.1. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3319, 3062, 2955, 1687, 1608, 1502, 1357, 1258, 1166, 1078, 721. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₀F₃N₂O⁺ *m*/*z* 361.1522 [M+H]⁺, Found 361.1529



2-cyclohexyl-3-(phenylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3bb. Starting from **1a** and cyclohexyl isocyanate (Cas: 3173-53-3), o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 98:2) as a white solid, yield = 69% (77.1 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 6.98 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 3.43 – 3.24 (m, 1H), 2.53 – 2.19 (m, 2H), 1.93 – 1.52 (m, 4H), 1.33 – 0.99 (m, 4H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5, 141.8, 138.6, 133.9, 132.2, 130.9, 129.0, 124.2, 123.8 (q, J = 288.9 Hz), 123.7, 120.7, 116.2, 79.4 (q, J = 30.3 Hz), 53.6, 29.0, 28.8, 26.4, 26.4, 25.2. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3316, 3080, 2860, 1687, 1607, 1501, 1413, 1358, 1322, 1260, 1185, 1072, 980, 896, 721. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₂F₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 375.1679 [M+H]⁺, Found 375.1684.



3-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5,6,7hexahydro-1H-isoindol-1-one 3bc. Starting from **1ah** and 4-phenoxyphenyl isocyanate (Cas: 59377-19-4), on a 0.2 mmol scale, o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 49% (53.5 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 2.55 – 2.20 (m, 3H), 2.14 – 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.93 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.54 – 1.40 (m, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.8 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5, 157.4, 156.3, 148.8, 141.4, 139.2, 132.5, 130.2, 129.8, 128.8, 123.9, 122.9 (q, *J* = 290.9 Hz), 119.6, 118.7, 117.5, 113.3, 81.7 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 22.6, 22.0, 21.4, 20.8. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3444, 3313, 2934, 1696, 1595, 1497, 1398, 1254, 1234, 1165, 1120, 1064, 872, 822, 736, 698. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₇H₂₃BrF₃N₂O₂⁺ *m*/*z* 543.0890 [M+H]⁺, Found 543.0897.



3,7-bis(phenylamino)-3,7-bis(trifluoromethyl)-2,6-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2,3,6,7-tetrahydropyrrolo[3,4-f]isoindole-1,5-dione 3bd. Starting from 1ag and 4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl isocyanate (Cas: 1548-13-6), on a 0.15 mmol scale, o-xylene as solvent, 160 °C, 72 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 34% (40.1 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.2. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.38 - 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.19 - 7.03 (m, 4H), 6.99 - 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.35 (dd, J =22.4, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 4.86 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.3 (s), -63.4 (s), -77.0 (s), -77.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.08, 165.06, 141.84, 141.79, 140.6, 140.5, 137.2, 137.1, 136.93, 136.92, 131.0 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 131.0 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 129.82, 129.79, 129.02, 129.00, 126.7 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 123.6 (q, J = 273.7 Hz), 122.8 (q, J = 288.9 Hz), 122.0, 121.9, 121.7, 121.6, 116.4, 81.2 (q, J = 30.3 Hz), 81.1 (q, J = 29.3 Hz). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3370, 3064, 2927, 1720, 1612, 1509, 1328, 1260, 1175, 1064, 985, 825, 742. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₈H₂₃F₁₂N₄O₂⁺ *m/z* 795.1624 [M+H]⁺, Found 795.1627.



3-((2-benzylphenyl)amino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 3be. Starting from 1ai and *p*-tolyl isocyanate (Cas: 622-58-2), on a 0.2 mmol scale, o-xylene as solvent, 150 °C, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 98:2 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 45% (42.7 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.10 (m, 6H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.91 – 6.73 (m, 4H), 5.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.8 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 139.9, 138.3, 137.99, 137.95, 133.0, 132.8, 131.2, 131.1, 131.0, 129.8, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.7, 126.6, 124.6, 124.5, 123.2 (q, *J* = 289.9 Hz), 120.8, 116.0, 80.6 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 39.0, 21.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3455, 3361, 2922, 1701, 1600, 1520, 1457, 1364, 1260, 1176, 1134, 1045, 811, 710. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₉H₂₄F₃N₂O⁺ *m*/z 473.1835 [M+H]⁺, Found 473.1843.

Mechanistic studies

Procedure for the synthesis of the deuterated ketimine [D]5-1a (Scheme S8)

To a solution of 1-bromobenzene-2,3,4,5,6-d₅ (2.63 mL, 25 mmol, 1 equiv) in dry Et₂O (70 mL) at -78 °C was slowly added *n*-BuLi (2.5 M in hexane, 1.1 equiv), and then reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C and stirred at that temperature for 3 h. After that, the reaction mixture was cooled down to -60 °C and a solution of *N*-trifluoroacetylpiperidine (4.4 mL, 30 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in dry Et₂O (10 mL) was added in portions. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at -60 °C for 3 h and then warmed to room temperature. The reaction mixture was then quenched by the addition of the saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (50 mL) and the organic layer was subsequently washed with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (5 × 30 mL) and H₂O (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in DCM and quickly passed through a short silica gel column to give the crude 2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(phenyl-d₅)ethan-1-one as a colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether).

To a solution of the obtained 2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(phenyl-d₅)ethan-1-one (4.48 g, 25 mmol, 1 equiv) in toluene (90 mL) was added aniline (4.6 mL, 50 mmol, 2 equiv) followed by

p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (0.95 g, 5 mmol, 20 mol%). The reaction mixture was heated at 140 °C for 48 h with removal of water *via* Dean-Stark trap. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether + 5% Et₃N) afforded **[D]5-1a** (overall yield 20 %, 1.29 g) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.5 (s). HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₆D₅F₃N⁺ *m/z* 255.1152 [M+H]⁺, Found 255.1163.

Kinetic Isotope Effect (KIE) measurements (Scheme S9)

Five reactions were performed for different reaction time (1 h, 2 h, 3 h, 4 h, 5 h). An oven-dried 25 mL schlenk tube equipped with a stirring bar was transferred into a glovebox (through standard glovebox operation), where $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$ (0.03 mmol, 19.6 mg, 0.1 equiv) was added. The tube was then removed from the glovebox and placed under Ar. Then the degassed o-xylene (3 mL), 2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*,1-diphenylethan-1-imine **1a** (74.8 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) or 1-(cyclohexa-1,5-dien-1-yl-2,3,4,5,6-d₅)-2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-phenylethan-1-imine **[D]5-1a**, 1-isocyanato-4-methylbenzene **2a** (79.9 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) were added under Ar. The resulting reaction mixture was then stirred at 150 °C for different reaction time. The yield of each reaction was determined by ¹⁹F NMR analysis of the reaction mixture (Table S1). The parallel reactions provided a KIE value: $k_H/k_D = 0.8$

Control experiments

The reaction were carried out under different additives following general procedure (Scheme S10):

Reaction condition 1: **1a** (0.3 mmol), **2a** (0.6 mmol), $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$ (0.03 mmol), in oxylene, 150 °C, 60 h, under O₂ (1 atm). **3a** was not obtained.

Reaction condition 2: **1a** (0.3 mmol), **2a** (0.6 mmol), $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$ (0.03 mmol), TEMPO (0.3 mmol), in o-xylene, 150 °C, 60 h, under Ar. **3a** was not obtained.

Reaction condition 3: **1a** (0.3 mmol), **2a** (0.6 mmol), $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$ (0.03 mmol), in oxylene, 150 °C, 60 h, under CO (1 atm). **3a** was not obtained.

Reaction condition 4: **1a** (0.3 mmol), **2a** (0.6 mmol), Re₂(CO)₁₀ (0.03 mmol), Et₃N (0.06 mmol), in o-xylene, 150 °C, 60 h, under Ar. **3a** was obtained in 85% yield.

Reaction condition 5: **1a** (0.3 mmol), **2a** (0.6 mmol), Re₂(CO)₁₀ (0.03 mmol), Na₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol), in o-xylene, 150 °C, 60 h, under Ar. **3a** was obtained in 68% yield.

Reaction condition 6: **1a** (0.3 mmol), **2a** (0.6 mmol), Re₂(CO)₁₀ (0.03 mmol), NaOAc (0.06 mmol), in o-xylene, 150 °C, 60 h, under Ar. **3a** was obtained in 67% yield.

The reaction was carried out use 1aj instead of 1a following general procedure G, 3bf was obtained (Scheme S11):

3-methylene-2-(p-tolyl)isoindolin-1-one 3bf. starting from **1aj** and **2a**, on a 0.2 mmol scale, o-xylene as solvent, 150 °C, 48 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 98:2 to 97:3) as a white solid, yield = 80% (37.8 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 143.2, 137.9, 136.2, 132.1, 131.8, 129.9, 129.6, 128.9, 127.8, 123.4, 119.9, 90.2, 21.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3415, 3035, 2916, 1713, 1639, 1509, 1463, 1380, 1295, 1193, 1127, 1018, 821, 768, 695. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₄NO⁺ *m*/*z* 236.1070 [M+H]⁺, Found 236.1076.

Procedure for the gram synthesis of 3a (Scheme S12)

In a glove-box, an oven-dried 120 mL sealed tube equipped with a stirring bar was charged with $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$ (234.9 mg, 0.036 mmol, 0.08 equiv), the tube was removed from the glove-box and degassed o-xylene (45 mL), 2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*,1-diphenylethan-1-imine **1a** (1.122 g, 4.5 mmol, 1 equiv), 1-isocyanato-4-methylbenzene **2a** (1.198 g, 9.0 mmol, 2 equiv) were added under Ar. The resulting reaction mixture was then stirred at 150 °C for 80 h. After reaction completed, the mixture was transferred into to a round-bottom flask with CH₂Cl₂ and concentrated under reduced vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) to afford the desired product **3a** (1.39 g, 81%) as a white solid.

Procedure for the synthesis of derivatives 4 (Scheme S13) (Comins

and Hiebel, 2005)

To a solution of **3a** (76.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous THF (5 mL) at 0 °C was slowly added the LiHMDS (1 M in THF, 1.6 mL, 8 equiv,). After stirred at 0 °C for 10 min, methane iodide (99.6 μ L, 1.6 mmol, 8 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 24 h. After cooling to room temperature, water (20 mL) was added to

the mixture which was further extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) to afford the product **4** as a white solid, yield = 86% (67.8 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.2.

3-(methyl(phenyl)amino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 4. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.30 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.11 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -69.1 (s). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.7, 148.6, 140.4, 138.4, 133.2, 132.5, 132.3, 130.2, 129.8, 129.1, 128.5, 124.51, 124.48, 124.0, 123.7, 123.5 (q, J = 289.9 Hz), 85.3 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 39.4 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 21.2. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3412, 3056, 2924, 2856, 1711, 1602, 1506, 1360, 1245, 1178, 1120, 1035, 952, 765, 712. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀F₃N₂O⁺ m/z 397.1522 [M+H]⁺, Found 397.1526.

Procedure for the synthesis of derivatives 5 (Scheme S14)

In a glove-box, an oven-dried 25 mL sealed tube equipped with a stirring bar was charged with Cs_2CO_3 (97.7 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and the tube was removed from the glove-box. Then, the PIDA (128.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv), 3-imino-1-isoindolinones (76.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and TFE (3 mL) were added under Ar. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 2 h. Then, PIDA (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) was added and the mixture was stirred at 70 °C for another 2 h. After that, an additional PIDA (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) was added (the starting material was completely consumed monitored by TLC after 2 h). The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL) and washed with brine (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 93:7) afford the product **5** as a white solid, yield = 59% (68.3 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.2.

3-((4,4-bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)cyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-ylidene)amino)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 5. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 – 7.95 (m, 1H), 7.72 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.02 – 3.80 (m, 4H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -74.6 (s), -77.5 (s). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.0, 160.8, 142.1, 138.5, 136.5, 134.2, 133.8, 132.6, 131.1, 130.9, 129.9, 127.6, 124.8, 124.3, 123.8 (q, J = 287.9 Hz), 123.20 (q, J = 278.8 Hz), 123.18 (q, J = 278.8 Hz), 121.9, 93.4, 82.7 (q, J = 30.3 Hz), 60.7 (q, J = 36.4 Hz), 60.4 (q, J = 36.4 Hz), 21.1, one carbon was overlapped. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3417, 2926, 1733, 1599, 1517, 1468, 1350, 1285, 1171, 1006, 970, 820, 722. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₂₀F₉N₂O₃⁺ *m/z* 579.1325 [M+H]⁺, Found 579.1318.

Procedure for the synthesis of derivative 6 (Scheme S15)

An oven-dried 25 mL sealed tube equipped with a stirring bar was charged with **3a** (38.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 equiv), CH₃CN (2 mL) and BF₃·Et₂O (42.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 3 equiv) under Ar. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h. After cooling down to room temperature, the volatiles were removed under vacuum. The residue was directly purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 95:5 to 83:17) to afford the product **6** as a white solid, yield = 81% (24.8 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 75:25): 0.2.

3-hydroxy-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one 6. ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.11 (m, 4H), 4.44 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹⁹**F** NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.4 (s). ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5, 139.9, 138.6, 133.1, 131.4, 131.3, 131.1, 129.9, 128.6, 124.1, 123.9, 122.7 (q, J = 288.9 Hz), 88.9 (q, J = 33.3 Hz), 21.2. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3261, 3055, 2927, 1695, 1614, 1516, 1469, 1375, 1259, 1183, 1078, 946, 883, 813, 700. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₃F₃NO₂⁺ m/z 308.0893 [M+H]⁺, Found 308.0896.

Procedure for the synthesis of derivative 10 (Scheme S16) (Trost and

Debien, 2015)

To a solution of *Myrtenal* (3.8 mL, 25 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (30 mL) was slowly added TBAF (1 M in THF, 12.5 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and TMSCF₃ (8.1 mL, 55 mmol, 2.2 equiv) at -40 °C under Ar. After addition completed, the reaction mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred at that temperature for 20 h. The pale yellow reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of HCl (2 M, 7 mL) and then separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 40 mL) and the combined organic layers was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue

was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 4.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) afford the product 7 as a yellow oil, yield = 51% (2.80 g). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.5.

To a solution of DMP (1.02 g, 2.4 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in DCM (3 mL) was added the solution of alcohol 7 (440.0 mg, 2 mmol, 1 equiv) in DCM (3 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Then aqueous NaOH (0.5 M, 5 mL) was added to quench the reaction and the mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 40 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether) afford the product **8** as a pale yellow oil, yield = 73% (0.32 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.8.

The compound **9** was synthesized according to procedure A (on a 2 mmol scale, 2 equiv of 4-bromoaniline and 20 mol% of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate were used). Compound **10** was synthesized according procedure G (on a 0.3 mmol scale, o-xylene, 60 h).



N-(4-bromophenyl)-1-((1R,5S)-6,6-dimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]hept-2-en-2-yl)-2,2,2trifluoroethan-1-imine 9. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 2.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether) as a yellow oil, yield = 50% (0.37 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 2.31 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 2.24 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.03 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.94 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 0.77 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 69.8 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.1 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 147.2, 138.6, 133.3, 131.8, 121.5, 119.7 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 118.2, 44.3, 39.5, 37.8, 32.2, 31.2, 25.9, 20.7. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 2930, 1887, 1644, 1476, 1305, 1134, 1007, 943, 887, 827, 731, 521. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₈B_rF₃N⁺ *m/z* 372.0569 [M+H]⁺, Found 372.0580.


2-(4-bromophenyl)-5,5-dimethyl-3-(p-tolylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-1H-4,6-methanoisoindol-1-one 10. o-xylene as solvent, 60 h. (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 97:3) as a white solid, yield = 55% (83.4 mg, **mixture of isomer, ratio = 1:0.4**). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 2.80H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2.80H), 7.10 – 7.01 (m, 2.80H), 6.80 – 6.65 (m, 2.82H), 4.49 (s, 1H), 4.45 (s, 0.40H), 2.73 – 2.39 (m, 5.81H), 2.34 (s, 4.22H), 2.32 – 2.24 (m, 1.34H), 1.40 – 1.14 (m, 5.63H), 0.92 – 0.81 (m, 4.29H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 76.7, (s, major), – 76.9 (s, minor). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, major) δ 169.2, 160.5, 141.6, 138.1, 135.2, 132.2, 131.8, 129.9, 128.4, 122.8 (q, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 118.9, 113.8, 81.6 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 41.1, 40.5, 40.4, 32.1, 26.1, 21.1, 20.7. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, minor) δ 169.2, 160.6, 141.2, 137.8, 135.3, 132.1, 132.0, 129.9, 128.0, 119.7, 114.1, 41.1, 40.2, 39.6, 32.1, 26.1, 21.4, 21.1, <u>C</u>F₃ and <u>C</u>CF₃ did not observed. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3331, 2927, 1702, 1596, 1502, 1387, 1344, 1258, 1164, 1063, 907, 815, 731. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₅BrF₃N₂O⁺ *m*/z 505.1097 [M+H]⁺, Found 505.1101.

Procedure for the synthesis of derivative 14 (Scheme S17) (Trost and

Debien, 2015)

To a solution of *Perillaldehyde* (4.7 mL, 30 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (60 mL) was slowly added TBAF (1 M in THF, 15 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and TMSCF₃ (9.8 mL, 66 mmol, 2.2 equiv) at -40 °C under Ar. After addition completed, the reaction mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred at that temperature for 20 h. The pale yellow reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous HCl (1 M, 30 mL) and then separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 40 mL) and the combined organic layers was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) afford the product **11** as a yellow oil, yield = 68% (4.50 g). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3.

To a solution of DMP (5.1 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in DCM (25 mL) was added the

solution of alcohol **11** (2.2 g, 10 mmol, 1 equiv) in DCM (25 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Then aqueous NaOH (0.5 M, 5 mL) was added to quench the reaction and the mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 40 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether) afford the product **12** as a colorless oil, yield = 81% (1.76 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.9.

The compound **13** was synthesized according to procedure A (on a 5 mmol scale, 2 equiv of 4-bromoaniline and 20% mmol of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate were used). Compound **14** was synthesized according procedure G (on a 0.3 mmol scale, o-xylene, 60 h).



N-(4-bromophenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)ethan-1-imine 13. O-xylene as solvent, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 3.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether) as an orange oil, yield = 60% (1.11 g, **mixture of isomer, ratio** = 1:0.15). R_{*f*} (petroleum ether): 0.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, major), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 0.30H, minor), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, major), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 0.30H, minor), 6.00 (s, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1.15H), 4.63 (s, 1H), 2.30 – 2.16 (m, 1.16H), 2.12 – 1.82 (m, 4.30H), 1.69 (s, 3.35H), 1.38 – 1.19 (m, 2.56H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 70.3 (s, minor), – 71.2 (s, major). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, major) δ 159.5 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 148.2, 146.7, 134.5, 131.9, 129.0, 121.4, 119.6 (q, *J* = 280.9 Hz), 118.5, 109.4, 39.4, 30.4, 26.6, 26.5, 20.6. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, minor) δ 151.7, 146.3, 131.9, 128.7, 126.8, 122.3, 33.9, 29.7, 23.5, six carbon did not observed. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3080, 2930, 1700, 1646, 1478, 1443, 1323, 1191, 1140, 1067, 1009, 896, 829, 716. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₈BrF₃N⁺ *m*/*z* 372.0569 [M+H]⁺, Found 372.0570.



2-(4-bromophenyl)-6-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-3-(p-tolylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-

2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-1H-isoindol-1-one 14. O-xylene as solvent, 60 h. (height 20 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a white solid, yield = 56% (85.0 mg, **mixture of isomer, ratio = 1:0.18**). R_{*f*} (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 0.37H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.07 (m, 2.73H), 7.04 – 6.88 (m, 2.34H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.90 – 4.67 (m, 2.19H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.12 – 3.02 (m, 0.18H), 2.73 – 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.23 (m, 6.12H), 2.07 – 1.92 (m, 1.24H), 1.82 – 1.74 (m, 3.33H), 1.39 – 1.28 (m, 2.48H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 76.7 (s, major), – 76.8 (s, major), – 77.6 (s, minor). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3, 169.2, 148.4, 147.9, 147.7, 146.8, 141.5, 141.4, 139.4, 138.8, 138.3, 138.3, 132.5, 129.9, 129.9, 128.6, 128.5, 123.0 (q, *J* = 289.9 Hz), 117.6, 117.5, 110.2, 110.0, 81.6 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 81.5 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 40.7, 39.2, 27.3, 26.4, 26.3, 25.5, 21.1, 20.8. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3343, 3048, 2926, 1697, 1598, 1499, 1397, 1358, 1263, 1162, 1077, 889, 816, 733. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₅BrF₃N₂O⁺ *m/z* 505.1097 [M+H]⁺, Found 505.1100.

Procedure for the synthesis of derivatives 22 and 23 (Scheme S18)

(Furuya et al., 2009; Thompson et al., 2005; Hu et al., 2016)

To a solution of *Tocopherol* (4.5 g, 11.2 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (58 mL) at 0 °C was added triethylamine (3.9 mL, 28 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (2.5 mL, 14.6 mmol, 1.3 equiv). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min before the addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (50 mL). Then reaction mixture was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (80 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the product **15**, yield = 85% (5.1 g). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.5.

The aryl triflate **15** (0.64 g, 1.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and PdCl₂(dppf) (88.0 mg, 0.12 mmol, 10 mol%) were dissolved in anhydrous dioxane (6 mL), followed by the addition of

Et₃N (0.5 mL, 3.6 mmol, 3 equiv) and pinacolborane (0.4 mL, 2.4 mmol, 2 equiv). The resulting reaction was heated at 100 °C for 4 h until the disappearance of the starting material. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with water (30 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×20 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 2.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether) to afford the product **16** as a pale yellow oil, yield = 84% (514.0 mg). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.4.

An oven-dried 25 mL sealed tube equipped with a stirring bar was charged with CuBr₂ (134.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv), **16** (102.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and dry methanol (6 mL) under Ar. The resulting reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C under Ar for 72 h. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by a short column chromatography (100 % hexanes) to afford the desired product **17** as a colorless oil, yield = 72% (67.3 mg). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.9.

To a solution of compound **17** (931.0 mg, 2 mmol, 1 equiv) in dry THF (30 mL) was slowly added *n*-BuLi (2.5 M in hexane, 1.6 mL, 2 equiv) at -78 °C. The mixture was then stirred for 1 hour at that temperature. After that, dry dimethylformamide (0.77 mL, 10 mmol, 5 equiv) was added into the reaction mixture at -78 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for further 12 h, which was quenched by the addition of water (40 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with DCM (3×40 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated to give the crude product **18** which was used directly for the synthesis of **19** according to procedure D, overall yield = 56% (541.2 mg).

The compound **20** and **21** was synthesized according procedure D. **22** and **23** was synthesized according procedure G.



1-((R)-2,8-dimethyl-2-((4R,8R)-4,8,12-trimethyltridecyl)chroman-6-yl)-2,2,2-

trifluoroethan-1-one 20. Starting from **19**, on a 0.91 mmol scale, The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 2.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether) as a pale yellow oil, yield = 53% (230.8 mg). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.89 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.93 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.21 (m, 16H), 1.17 – 1.02 (m, 6H), 0.92 – 0.78 (m, 12H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 71.0 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.1 (q, J = 33.3 Hz), 159.2, 130.6, 127.3, 121.0, 120.9,

117.1 (q, J = 291.9 Hz), 78.4, 40.3, 39.4, 37.4, 37.4, 37.3, 37.3, 32.8, 32.6, 30.7, 28.0, 24.8, 24.4, 24.3, 22.7, 22.6, 22.1, 20.9, 19.7, 19.6, 16.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3450, 2931, 2857, 1703, 1598, 1473, 1352, 1280, 1196, 1142, 1015, 961, 852, 769, 712. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₉H₄₆BrF₃O₂⁺ m/z 483.3444 [M+H]⁺, Found 483.3458.



N-(4-bromophenyl)-1-(2,8-dimethyl-2-(4,8,12-trimethyltridecyl)chroman-6-yl)-2,2,2-trifluoroethan-1-imine 21. On a 1.7 mmol scale, 2 equiv of 4-bromoaniline and 20 mol% of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate were used. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 25 cm, width 2.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether + 5% Et₃N) as a yellow oil, yield = 29% (316.0 mg). R_{*f*} (petroleum ether): 0.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.69 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.82 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.33 (m, 4H), 1.31 – 1.21 (m, 12H), 1.51 – 1.05 (m, 6H), 0.88 – 0.83 (m, 12H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 69.7 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.4 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 154.3, 146.9, 131.9, 128.9, 128.1, 126.7, 122.3, 120.6, 120.0 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 119.4, 118.1, 40.3, 39.4, 37.4, 37.4, 37.4, 37.3, 32.8, 32.7, 30.7, 28.0, 24.8, 24.4, 24.2, 22.7, 22.6, 22.1, 20.9, 19.7, 19.6, 16.0. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3435, 2931, 1703, 1600, 1475, 1350, 1278, 1190, 1141, 1018, 962, 830. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₅H₅₀BrF₃NO⁺ *m*/z 636.3022 [M+H]⁺, Found 636.3029. Contaminated with trace inseparable impurity.



6-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-7-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2,9-dimethyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-2-(4,8,12-trimethyltridecyl)-3,4,6,7-tetrahydropyrano[2,3f]isoindol-8(2H)-one 22. On a 0.1 mmol scale, o-xylene, 140 °C, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a colorless oil, yield = 15% (12.0 mg, **mixture of isomer, ratio** = 1:1). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 6.90 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.48 – 3.16 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.96 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.59 (t, J = 14.7 Hz, 2H), 1.38 – 1.01 (m, 22H), 0.92 – 0.84 (m, 12H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 77.87 (s), – 77.88 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.4, 160.1, 154.7, 141.2, 135.4, 132.41, 132.37, 132.2, 129.8, 128.3, 127.4, 123.8, 123.4 (q, J = 288.9 Hz), 121.4, 120.81, 120.76, 118.0, 114.8, 114.4, 112.8, 79.6 (q, J = 29.3 Hz), 55.1, 40.5, 39.8, 39.4, 37.51, 37.46, 37.45, 37.40, 37.39, 37.30, 37.28, 32.8, 32.7, 30.1, 30.0, 29.7, 28.0, 24.8, 24.5, 24.4, 23.8, 22.7, 22.6, 21.0, 20.9, 19.74, 19.67, 18.6, 18.5, 17.22, 17.21. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3450, 2930, 1634, 1488, 1462, 1367, 1258, 1171, 1074, 812, 734. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₃H₅₇BrF₃N₂O₃⁺ *m/z* 785.3499 [M+H]⁺, Found 785.3495.



3-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5,7-dimethyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-7-(4,8,12-trimethyltridecyl)-2,3,8,9-tetrahydropyrano[3,2-

e]isoindol-1(7H)-one 23. On a 0.1 mmol scale, o-xylene, 140 °C, 60 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 16 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, gradient: 99:1 to 95:5) as a colorless oil, yield = 42% (33.0 mg, mixture of isomer, ratio = 1:1). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 91:9): 0.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.90 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.88 – 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 1.88 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.49 (m, 7H), 1.40 – 1.04 (m, 27H), 0.88 – 0.84 (m, 12H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 77.96 (s), – 77.98 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.4, 160.1, 154.78, 154.76, 141.2, 135.4, 132.2, 129.8, 127.92, 127.86, 127.8, 127.6, 125.7, 125.6, 123.4 (q, *J* = 289.9 Hz), 122.6, 121.5, 117.9, 114.8, 114.4, 112.7, 79.2 (q, *J* = 30.3 Hz), 55.1, 40.7, 40.0, 39.4, 37.50, 37.48, 37.43, 37.41, 37.28, 37.27, 32.8, 32.7, 29.7, 28.0, 24.8, 24.45, 24.43, 23.9, 23.1, 22.7, 22.6, 21.04, 20.97, 19.7, 19.6. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3448, 2927, 1704, 1636, 1494, 1457, 1357, 1258, 1169, 1085, 733. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₃H₅₇BrF₃N₂O₃⁺ *m*/z 785.3499 [M+H]⁺, Found 785.3508.

General procedure for the synthesis of polymers 24a-d (Scheme S19)

(Sueki et al., 2013)

An oven-dried 25 mL schlenk tube equipped with a stirring bar was transferred into a glovebox (through standard glovebox operation), where $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$ (26.1 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.1 equiv) was added. The tube was then removed from the glovebox and placed under Ar. Then the ketimine **1ai-1al** (0.4 mmol, 1 equiv), isocyanate **2v** (64.1 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv), and o-xylene (2 mL) were added subsequently to the test tube under Ar. The resulting reaction mixture was then stirred at 150 °C for 72 h. After reaction completed, the mixture was cooled down to room temperature and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was washed with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50:1, 100 mL), filtered and dried under vacuum to give the crude polyamides as black solid. Next, 100 mg of each crude polyamide was further purified by dialysis against CH₂Cl₂ using a benzoylated cellulose membrane (MWCO 500 g/mol) for 2 days. Finally, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the obtained product was dried in vacuum for 24 h.

24a, black solid, yield = 45% (64.0 mg). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3452, 2930, 1911, 1638, 1513, 1349, 1179, 645.

24b, black solid, yield = 34% (57.0 mg). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3425, 2926, 2856, 2015, 1902, 1719, 1512, 1467, 1349, 1291, 1181, 1050, 829, 730.

24c, black solid, yield = 49% (66.0 mg). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3428, 2926, 2858, 2024, 1907, 1720, 1619, 1513, 1344, 1260, 1179, 970, 826, 732.

24d, black solid, yield = 32% (55.0 mg). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 3427, 2925, 2854, 2026, 1909, 1723, 1621, 1515, 1345, 1260, 1177, 970, 825, 728.

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