## **Supporting Information**

## Chromium-Catalyzed Allylic Defluorinative Ketyl Olefin Coupling

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## **General Information**

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance 400M NMR spectrometers at ambient temperature in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or CD<sub>3</sub>OD at 400 and 101 MHz. <sup>19</sup>F NMR were reported as <sup>19</sup>F exp. comp. pulse decoupling (F19CPD) unless otherwise noted. The chemical shifts are given in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane [<sup>1</sup>H:  $\delta$  (SiMe<sub>4</sub>) = 0.00 ppm] as an internal standard or relative to the resonance of the solvent [<sup>1</sup>H:  $\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) = 7.26, <sup>13</sup>C:  $\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) = 77.16 ppm]. Multiplicities were given as: s (singlet); d (doublet); t (triplet); q (quartet); dd (doublet of doublets); dt (doublet of triplets); m (multiplets), etc. Coupling constants are reported as *J* values in Hz. High resolution mass spectral analysis (HRMS) was performed on Waters XEVO G2 Q-TOF. HPLC was performed on Thermo UltiMate 3000. Flash chromatography was performed using 200-300 mesh silica gel with the indicated solvent system.

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents and starting materials were purchased from commercial vendors and used without further purification.

## **Preparation of Substrates**

## Synthesis of a-Trifluoromethyl Alkenes



The  $\alpha$ -trifuoromethyl alkenes 1a,<sup>1</sup> 1c–f,<sup>1</sup> 1i-j,<sup>1</sup> 1p,<sup>1</sup> 1r,<sup>1</sup> 1b,<sup>2</sup> 1g-h,<sup>2</sup> 1-n,<sup>2</sup> 1q,<sup>2</sup> 1t,<sup>2</sup> 1v-x,<sup>3</sup> 1o,<sup>4</sup> 1k,<sup>4</sup> 1s,<sup>4</sup> and 1u<sup>5</sup> and are known compounds in the literature.

## Synthesis of Aldehydes



The aldehydes 2o,<sup>6</sup> 2p,<sup>7</sup> 2t,<sup>8</sup> 2s,<sup>9</sup> 2v,<sup>10</sup> and  $2w^{11}$  were synthesized following the reported procedures, and the other aldehydes are commercially available.

#### Procedure for the Preparation of *cis*-5-(3-Ethyl-1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)pentanal (2u)



**Step1**: To a mixture of (*Z*)-non-6-en-1-ol (2.52 g, 30 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and anhydrous Chloramine-T (7.51 g, 33 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (150 mL) was added phenyltrimethylammonium tribromide (PTAB) (1.13 g, 3 mmol, 0.1 equiv) at 25 °C. After vigorous stirring for 12h, aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added to the reaction mixture. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:2) over silica gel, to afford *5-(3-ethyl-1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)pentanal* (**S1**) (8.16 g, 88%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (**500 MHz**, **Chloroform**-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.82 (d, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (t, *J*= 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.85-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.58-1.44 (m, 4H), 1.43-1.30 (m, 6H), 0.84 (t, *J*= 7.5 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ= 144.3, 135.3, 129.5 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 62.6, 46.8, 45.1, 32.5, 27.1, 26.5, 25.2, 21.6, 20.1, 11.6 ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{16}H_{25}NO_3SNa$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 334.1447, found: 310.1455.

**Step 2**: DMSO (3.75 mL, 52.8 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added dropwise within 5 min to a solution of oxalyl chloride (2.76 mL, 31.7 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (264 mL) at -78 °C, and the resultant solution was stirred at this temperature for 5 min. Next, a solution of 5-(3-ethyl-1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)pentan-1-ol (**S1**) (8.16 g, 26.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL) was then added slowly within 10 min, and the resultant mixture was stirred for an additional 5 min at -78 °C. Subsequently, Et<sub>3</sub>N (14.6 mL, 106 mmol, 4.0 equiv) was added slowly via syringe, and the reaction contents were allowed to warm slowly to -40 °C within 2 h. Upon completion, the reaction contents were quenched by the addition of water (200 mL) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 × 100 mL). The combined organic layers were then washed with 1 M HCl (100 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1) over silica gel, to afford 5-(*3-ethyl-1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)pentanal* (**2u**) (6.77 g, 83%)

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 9.72 (t, *J*= 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J*= 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J*= 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.80-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.75-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.36 (td, *J*= 7.2, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 1.63-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.28 (m, 2H), 0.85 (t, *J*= 7.5 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ= 202.2, 144.4, 135.3, 129.5 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 46.7, 44.8, 43.6, 26.9, 26.4, 21.64, 21.57, 20.1, 11.6 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for  $C_{16}H_{24}NO_3S$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 310.1471, found: 310.1474.

## Standard Procedure for Cr-Catalyzed Allylic Defluorinative Ketyl Olefin Coupling



CrCl<sub>3</sub> (3.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %),<sup>a</sup> the ligand 4,4'-ditertbutyl-2,2'-bipyridine (**L1**)<sup>a</sup> (6.4 mg, 0.024 mmol, 12 mol %) and Zn (39 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were placed in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Next, the Schlenk tube was evacuated and filled with nitrogen (three cycles). To these solids, DMA (1.0 mL) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring at 40 °C for 15 minutes, TMSCl (65.2 mg, 78  $\mu$  L, 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv) and the aldehydes **2** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added under a positive flow of nitrogen. The resultant mixture was stirred at 40 °C for another 5 minutes, before the  $\alpha$ -trifluoromethyl alkenes **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 40°C for 16 hours, before it was quenched by addition of 2 mL aqueous HCl (2 N). After stirring for 1 hour, the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×25 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude materials were then purified through column chromatography over silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to give the *gem*-difluoroalkenes **3** as the products.

<sup>a</sup> 7.5 mol% CrCl<sub>3</sub> and 9 mol% 3,4,7,8-Tetramethylphenanthroline (L4) were used for compound 3ax.

### Characterization Data of gem-Difluoroalkenes 3

#### 1,1-Difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)hept-1-en-4-ol (3aa)



The title compound **3aa** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (48.3 mg, 94%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = 7.33-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.65-3.49 (m, 1H), 2.50 (dd, *J*= 5.7, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 1.65-1.53 (brs, 1H),

1.50 – 1.27 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.8, 154.3 (dd, *J*= 289.7, 287.0 Hz), 129.4 (t, *J*= 3.3 Hz, 2C), 125.5 (dd, *J*= 4.2, 3.0 Hz), 114.0 (2C), 89.3 (dd, *J*= 21.4, 14.6 Hz), 69.6 (t, *J*= 2.8 Hz), 55.2, 39.1, 36.0 (d, *J*= 1.5 Hz), 18.8, 14.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -91.01 (d, *J*= 43.6 Hz, 1F), -91.40 (d, *J*= 43.6 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for  $C_{14}H_{19}F_2O_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 257.1348, found: 257.1365.

#### 1,1-Difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)oct-1-en-4-ol (3ab)



The title compound **3ab** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (50.7 mg, 94%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (**400 MHz**, **Chloroform**-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.34-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.66-3.49 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.40 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.24 (m, 6H), 0.87 (t, *J*= 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.8, 154.3 (dd, *J*= 289.8, 286.9 Hz), 129.4 (t, *J*= 3.1 Hz, 2C), 125.5 (dd, *J*= 4.2, 3.0 Hz), 114.0 (2C), 89.3 (dd, *J*= 21.3, 14.6 Hz), 69.9 (t, *J*= 2.7 Hz), 55.3, 36.6, 36.0 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 27.7, 22.7, 14.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -90.97 (d, *J*= 43.5 Hz, 1F), -91.37 (d, *J*= 43.5 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{15}H_{20}F_2O_2Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 293.1324, found: 293.1335.

#### 1,1-Difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)non-1-en-4-ol (3ac)



The title compound **3ac** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (52.8 mg, 93%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d***)**  $\delta$ = 7.31-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.65-3.48 (m, 1H), 2.54–2.44 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.25 (m, 8H), 0.87 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.8, 154.3 (dd, *J*= 289.7, 287.0 Hz), 129.4 (t, *J*= 3.1 Hz, 2C), 125.5 (dd, *J*= 4.2, 3.0 Hz), 114.0 (2C), 89.3 (dd, *J*= 21.5, 14.7 Hz), 69.9 (t, *J*= 2.7 Hz), 55.3, 36.9, 36.0 (d, *J*= 1.5 Hz), 31.8, 25.2, 22.6, 14.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -90.97 (d, *J*= 43.6 Hz, 1F), -91.36 (d, *J*= 43.3 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{16}H_{22}F_2O_2Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 307.1480, found: 307.1486.

#### 1,1-Difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methylhept-1-en-4-ol (3ad)



The title compound **3ad** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:1) as a colorless oil (48.6 mg, 90%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.28-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.72-3.58 (m, 1H), 2.49 (dt, *J*= 6.5, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 1.79-1.67 (m, 1H), 1.63-1.53 (brs, 1H), 1.45-1.34 (m, 2H), 0.88 (d, *J*= 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.82 (d, *J*= 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.8, 154.3 (dd, *J*= 289.6, 287.0 Hz), 129.4 (t, *J*= 3.1 Hz, 2C), 125.5 (dd, *J*= 4.2, 2.8 Hz), 114.0 (2C), 89.3 (dd, *J*= 21.3, 14.7 Hz), 68.0 (t, *J*= 2.8 Hz), 55.2, 46.1, 36.5 (d, *J*= 1.4 Hz), 24.6, 23.4, 22.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -91.03 (d, *J*= 43.1 Hz, 1F), -91.35 (d, *J*= 43.3 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{15}H_{20}F_2O_2Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 293.1329, found: 293.1333.

#### 1,1-Difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,6-dimethylhept-1-en-4-ol (3ae)



The title compound **3ae** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (50.5 mg, 89%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = 7.39-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.76-3.68 (m, 1H), 2.60-2.40 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.35 (m, 2H), 0.89 (s, 9H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.8, 154.4 (t, *J*= 288.5 Hz), 129.4 (d, *J*= 6.3 Hz, 2C), 125.4 (d, *J*= 1.4 Hz), 114.0 (2C), 89.4 (dd, *J*= 18.5, 17.2 Hz), 67.7 (t, *J*= 2.8 Hz), 55.2, 50.5, 37.8, 30.3, 30.1 (3C) ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -91.13 (s, 2F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{16}H_{22}F_2O_2Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 307.1480, found: 307.1490.

#### 5,5-Difluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylpent-4-en-2-ol (3af)



The title compound **3af** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (52.3 mg, 86%).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.31-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.86 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.80-3.76 (m, 1H), 2.83 (dd, *J*= 13.6, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dd, *J*= 13.6, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.62-2.53 (m, 2H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.8, 154.3 (dd, *J*= 289.8, 287.3 Hz), 138.1 (2C), 129.4 (t, *J*= 3.1 Hz, 2C), 129.3 (2C), 128.6, 126.6, 125.3 (d, *J*= 2.6 Hz), 114.0 (2C), 89.2 (dd, *J*= 21.2, 15.1 Hz), 70.7 (t, *J*= 2.8 Hz), 55.3, 43.5, 35.4 (d, *J*= 1.8 Hz) ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -90.80 (d, *J*= 43.0 Hz, 1F), -91.10 (d, *J*= 42.9 Hz, 1F) ppm.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 327.1173, found: 327.1178.

#### 6,6-Difluoro-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylhex-5-en-3-ol (3ag)



The title compound **3ag** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (58.5 mg, 92%).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.30-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J*= 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.63 (dd, *J*= 7.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.84-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.67-2.56 (m, 1H), 2.54 (dt, *J*= 6.4, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 1.86-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.50 (brs, 1H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.9, 154.3 (dd, *J*= 289.8, 287.3 Hz), 141.8, 129.5 (t, *J*= 3.2 Hz, 2C), 128.4 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 125.9, 125.4 (dd, *J*= 4.0, 2.8 Hz), 114.1 (2C), 89.1 (dd, *J*= 21.3, 14.9 Hz), 69.4 (t, *J*= 2.7 Hz), 55.3, 38.5, 36.0 (d, *J*= 1.5 Hz), 32.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -90.73 (d, *J*= 43.1 Hz, 1F), -91.08 (d, *J*= 43.0 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{19}H_{20}F_2O_2Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 341.1324, found: 341.1322.



The title compound **3ah** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (42.5 mg, 83%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d***)**  $\delta$ = 7.38-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.48-3.22 (m, 1H), 2.64-2.35 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.57 (m, 1H), 1.51-1.45 (brs, 1H), 0.91 (d, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.8, 154.2 (dd, *J*= 289.5, 286.7 Hz), 129.5 (t, *J*= 3.2 Hz, 2C), 125.5 (dd, *J*= 4.2, 3.2 Hz), 114.0 (2C), 89.5 (dd, *J*= 21.4, 14.4 Hz), 74.2 (t, *J*= 2.5 Hz), 55.2, 33.2, 32.9 (d, *J*= 1.6 Hz), 18.8, 16.9 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -90.91 (d, *J*= 43.9 Hz, 1F), -91.70 (d, *J*= 44.2 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 257.1348, found: 257.1365.

#### 5-Ethyl-1,1-difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)hept-1-en-4-ol (3ai)



The title compound **3ai** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (49.4 mg, 87%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = 7.21-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J*= 8.83 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.52 (dt, *J*= 8.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.51-2.35 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.31 (m, 2H), 1.27-1.18 (m, 2H), 1.18-1.10 (m, 1H), 0.84-0.70 (m, 6H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.8, 154.2 (dd, *J*= 289.8, 286.7 Hz), 129.5 (t, *J*= 3.1 Hz, 2C), 125.5 (dd, *J*= 4.3, 3.1 Hz), 114.0 (2C), 89.7 (dd, *J*= 21.3, 14.3 Hz), 70.9 (t, *J*= 2.5 Hz), 55.2, 46.4, 32.7 (d, *J*= 1.6 Hz), 22.1, 21.2, 11.9, 11.7 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F** NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = -91.00 (d, *J*= 44.2 Hz, 1F), -91.79 (d, *J*= 44.2 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 285.1666, found: 285.1669.

6,6-Difluoro-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylhex-5-en-3-ol (3aj)



The title compound **3aj** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil, (54.7 mg, 86%, dr=1.1:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d*) δ(mixture of two diastereomers)= 7.32-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.83 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.67-3.58 (m, 1H), 2.82-2.72 (m, 1H), 2.61-2.33 (m, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ (mixture of two diastereomers)= 158.8, 154.1 (dd, *J* = 289.4, 287.0 Hz), 144.3, 142.8, 129.5 (t, *J*= 3.1 Hz), 129.4 (t, *J*= 3.3 Hz), 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 126.8, 126.6, 125.5 (dd, *J*= 4.2, 3.1 Hz), 125.1 (dd, *J*= 4.2, 3.1) Hz, 114.0, 89.5 (dd, *J*= 21.3, 14.7Hz), 73.9 (dt, *J*= 5.1, 2.4 Hz), 55.3, 45.8, 45.6, 33.6 (d, *J*= 1.8 Hz), 33.3 (d, *J*= 1.8 Hz), 17.6, 16.1 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d***)** δ (mixture of two diastereomers)= -90.82 (d, J = 43.77 Hz, 0.55F), -90.95 (d, J = 43.73 Hz, 0.45F), -91.41 (d, J = 11.56 Hz, 0.55F), -91.53 (d, J = 11.77 Hz, 0.45F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{19}H_{20}F_2O_2Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 341.1329, found: 341.1337.

#### 6,6-Difluoro-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,2-dimethylhex-5-en-3-ol (3ak)



The title compound **3ak** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (42.1 mg, 78%).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR(400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.34-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.19 (ddd, *J*= 10.5, 2.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.60-2.28 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.42 (brs, 1H), 0.91 (s, 9H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.8, 154.2 (dd, *J*= 289.6, 286.3 Hz), 129.5 (t, *J*= 3.2 Hz, 2C), 125.5 (dd, *J*= 4.3, 3.3 Hz), 114.0(2C), 90.0 (dd, *J*= 21.4, 14.2 Hz), 55.2, 34.8, 30.5 (d, *J*= 1.6 Hz), 25.6 (4C) ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d)**  $\delta$ = -90.84 (d, *J*= 44.7 Hz, 1F), -91.99 (d, *J*= 44.8 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{15}H_{20}F_2O_2$  Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>:293.1324, found: 293.1333.

1-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-6,6-Difluoro-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,2-dimethylhex-5 -en-3-ol (3al)



The title compound 3al was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel,

petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1) as a colorless oil (62.4 mg, 80%).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.31-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J*= 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.56-6.51 (m, 1H), 5.91 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.27 (d, *J*= 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.64-2.53 (m, 2H), 2.52-2.39 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.41 (brs, 1H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.8, 154.2 (dd, *J*= 289.8, 286.5 Hz), 147.0, 145.7, 132.2, 129.5 (t, *J*= 3.2 Hz, 2C), 125.4 (dd, *J*= 4.2, 3.2 Hz), 123.5, 114.1 (2C), 111.1, 107.6, 100.7, 89.9 (dd, *J*= 21.2, 14.3 Hz), 76.0 (t, *J*= 2.3 Hz), 55.3, 44.1, 38.6, 30.5 (d, *J*= 1.7 Hz), 23.2, 22.1 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -90.43 (d, *J*= 44.3 Hz, 1F), -91.70 (d, *J*= 44.3 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{22}H_{24}F_2O_4Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 413.1540, found: 413.1526.

#### 1-Cyclopentyl-4,4-difluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-1-ol (3am)



The title compound **3am** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (52.5 mg, 93%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (**400 MHz**, **Chloroform**-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.41-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.46-3.26 (m, 1H), 2.66-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.51-2.43 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.84 (m, 1H), 1.79-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.50 (m, 4H), 1.39-1.29 (m, 1H), 1.22-1.12 (m, 1H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.8, 154.2 (dd, *J*= 289.7, 286.8 Hz), 129.5 (t, *J*= 3.1 Hz, 2C), 125.5 (dd, *J*= 4.2, 3.2 Hz), 114.0 (2C), 89.4 (dd, *J*= 21.4, 14.4 Hz), 73.6 (t, *J*= 2.5 Hz), 55.3, 45.9, 34.9 (d, *J*= 1.5 Hz), 29.2, 28.3, 25.8, 25.6 ppm .

<sup>19</sup>**F** NMR (**376** MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = -90.99 (d, *J* = 44.0 Hz, 1F), -91.59 (d, *J* = 44.1 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{16}H_{20}F_2O_2$  Na[M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 305.1329, found: 305.1316.

#### 1-Cyclohexyl-4,4-difluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-1-ol (3an)



The title compound **3an** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (49.1 mg, 83%).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.29-7.22 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.33 (dt, *J*= 9.1, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.59-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.50-2.41 (m, 1H), 1.83-1.71 (m, 3H), 1.69-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.42 (brs, 1H), 1.37-1.30 (m, 1H), 1.27-0.95 (m, 5H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.8, 154.2 (dd, *J*= 289.6, 286.7 Hz), 129.5 (t, *J*= 3.1 Hz, 2C), 125.5 (dd, *J*= 4.3, 3.1 Hz), 114.0 (2C), 89.6 (dd, *J* = 21.4, 14.3 Hz), 73.7 (t, *J*= 2.5 Hz), 55.2, 43.3, 32.9 (d, *J*= 1.6 Hz), 29.2, 27.6, 26.5, 26.3, 26.1 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -90.82 (d, *J*= 44.3 Hz, 1F), -91.70 (d, *J*= 44.2 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{17}H_{22}F_2O_2Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 319.1480, found: 319.1505.

7,7-Difluoro-4-hydroxy-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)hept-6-en-1-yl benzoate (3ao)



The title compound **3ao** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1) as a colorless oil (54.9 mg, 73%).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta = 8.04-7.97$  (m, 2H), 7.59-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.67 (dt, J = 7.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.62-2.46 (m, 2H), 1.93 (ddd, J = 15.7, 7.4, 3.99 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (ddd, J = 13.7, 10.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.71-1.52 (m, 2H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 166.6, 158.9, 154.3 (dd, *J* = 290.9, 287.9 Hz), 132.9, 130.3, 129.5 (2C), 129.4 (t, *J*= 3.3 Hz, 2C), 128.4 (2C), 125.2 (dd, *J*= 4.0, 3.1 Hz), 114.1 (2C), 89.1 (dd, *J*= 21.4, 14.9 Hz), 69.4 (t, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 64.8, 55.3, 36.2 (d, *J*= 1.3 Hz), 33.3, 25.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -90.67 (d, *J*= 43.2 Hz, 1F), -91.04 (d, *J*= 43.2 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{21}H_{22}F_2O_4$  Na[M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 399.1378, found: 399.1377.

*N*-(6,6-Difluoro-3-hydroxy-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)hex-5-en-1-yl)benzamide (3ap)



The title compound **3ap** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1) as a colorless oil (50.6 mg, 70%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$ = 7.70-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.41 (m, 1H),

7.39-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J*= 8.38 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J*= 8.85 Hz, 2H), 3.82-3.75 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.72-3.64 (m, 1H), 3.36-3.22 (m, 1H), 2.66-2.57 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.43 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.69 (m, 1H), 1.65-1.49 (m, 1H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 168.3, 158.8, 154.3 (dd, *J* = 290.9, 288.9 Hz), 134.2, 131.5, 129.4 (t, *J*= 3.1 Hz, 2C), 128.5 (2C), 126.9 (2C), 125.3 (d, *J*= 3.5 Hz), 114.0 (2C), 89.0 (dd, *J*= 21.1, 15.2 Hz), 68.0 (t, *J*= 2.7 Hz), 55.2, 37.3, 36.1, 35.8 (d, *J*= 1.3 Hz) ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -90.73 (d, *J*= 41.6 Hz, 1F), -90.90 (d, *J*= 41.6 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for  $C_{20}H_{21}F_2NO_3Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 384.1382, found: 384.1378.

*tert*-Butyl4-(4,4-Difluoro-1-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-1-yl)piperidine -1-carboxylate (3aq)



The title compound **3aq** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1) as a colorless oil (68.3 mg, 86%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (**400 MHz**, **Chloroform**-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.32-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J*= 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.46-3.29 (m, 1H), 2.75-2.60 (m, 2H), 2.58-2.43 (m, 2H), 1.80-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.30-1.15 (m, 4H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 203.0, 158.9, 154.8, 154.2 (dd, *J*= 290.1, 286.8 Hz), 129.4 (t, *J*= 3.1 Hz, 2C), 125.2 (dd, *J*= 4.0, 3.0 Hz)), 114.1 (2C), 89.2 (dd, *J*= 21.3, 14.7 Hz), 79.3, 72.8 (t, *J*= 2.6 Hz), 55.2, 48.0, 41.7, 33.0, 28.4 (3C), 28.3, 26.9 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -90.33 (d, *J*= 43.3 Hz, 1F), -91.28 (d, *J*= 43.2 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{21}H_{29}F_2NO_4Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 420.1957, found: 420.1968.

1-(Cyclohex-3-en-1-yl)-4,4-difluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-1-ol (3ar)



The title compound **3ar** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (44.1 mg, 75%, dr=1:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d*) δ (mixture of two diastereomers)= 7.29-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J*= 8.77 Hz, 2H), 5.71-5.60 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.51-3.45 (m, 0.5H),

3.43-3.36 (m, 0.5 H), 2.64-2.40 (m, 2H), 2.10 (s, 1H), 2.08-1.77 (m, 4H), 1.69-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.53 (s, 1H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (mixture of two diastereomers)= 158.8, 157.5-147.9 (m), 129.5 (t, *J*= 3.7 Hz), 127.3, 126.8, 126.2, 126.0, 125.6-125.2 (m), 114.0 (2C), 89.4 (dd, *J*= 21.6, 14.7), 73.2 (q, *J*= 2.6 Hz), 55.3, 39.4, 39.1, 33.3-32.9 (m), 28.1, 26.0, 25.5, 25.3, 23.7 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ (mixture of two diastereomers)= -90.66 (d, *J* = 41.4 Hz, 0.5F), -90.69 (d, *J* = 41.4 Hz, 0.5F), -91.45 (d, *J* = 41.4 Hz, 0.5F), -91.53 (d, *J* = 45.1 Hz, 0.5F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 295.1504, found: 295.1498.

#### (Z)-1,1-Difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)dodeca-1,9-dien-4-ol (3as)



The title compound **3as** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil, (58.3 mg, 90%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = 7.52-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J*= 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.57-5.06 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.65-3.46 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.42 (m, 2H), 2.08-1.88 (m, 4H), 1.61-1.52 (brs, 1H), 1.51-1.36 (m, 3H), 1.37-1.19 (m, 3H), 0.94 (t, *J*= 7.5 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.8, 154.2 (dd, *J*= 291.1, 288.5 Hz), 131.8, 129.4 (t, *J*= 3.2 Hz, 2C), 129.3-128.2 (m), 125.5 (d, *J*= 7.1 Hz), 114.0 (2C), 89.3 (dd, *J*= 21.1, 14.7 Hz), 69.8 (t, *J*= 2.6 Hz), 55.2, 36.8, 36.0, 29.7, 27.0, 25.2, 20.5, 14.4 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta = -90.96$  (d, *J*= 43.4 Hz, 1F), -91.32 (d, *J*= 42.9 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{19}H_{26}F_2O_2Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 347.1793, found: 347.1790.

#### 1,1-Difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-8-phenyloct-1-en-7-yn-4-ol (3at)



The title compound **3at** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (61.5 mg, 90%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.35-7.12 (m, 7H), 6.98-6.78 (m, 2H), 3.87-3.78 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.65-2.54 (m, 2H), 2.54-2.45 (m, 2H), 1.82-1.74 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.67 (m, 1H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.9, 154.3 (dd, *J*= 290.0, 287.3 Hz), 131.6 (2C), 129.5 (t, *J*= 3.1 Hz, 2C), 128.2 (2C), 127.7, 125.3 (dd, *J*= 3.8, 2.5 Hz), 123.6, 114.1 (2C), 89.3, 89.1 (dd, *J*= 21.2, 14.8 Hz), 81.4, 68.9 (t, *J*= 2.8 Hz), 55.2, 35.9, 35.4, 16.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F** NMR (**376** MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = -90.67 (d, *J* = 43.4 Hz, 1F), -91.10 (d, *J* = 43.4 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{21}H_{20}F_2O_2Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 365.1324, found: 365.1324.

*cis*-8-(3-Ethyl-1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)-1,1-difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)oct-1-en-4-ol (3au)



The title compound **3au** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1) as a colorless oil (58.2 mg, 59%, dr=1:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d*) δ (mixture of two diastereomers)= 7.91-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J*= 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.87 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.59-3.43 (m, 1H), 2.82-2.74 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.52-2.46 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.55-1.27 (m, 10H), 0.88-0.76 (m, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-***d***)**  $\delta$  (mixture of two diastereomers)= 158.8, 154.3 (dd, *J*= 289.8, 287.1 Hz), 144.3, 135.3 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 129.5, 129.4 (t, *J*= 2.6 Hz), 128.1, 114.0, 89.2 (dd, *J* = 21.3, 14.6 Hz), 69.6 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 69.5 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 55.3, 46.9, 46.7, 45.1, 45.0, 36.6, 36.0, 27.3, 27.2, 26.5, 26.4, 25.0, 24.9, 21.6, 20.1, 11.6 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ (mixture of two diastereomers)= -90.87 (d, J = 42.2 Hz, 1F), -91.3 (d, J = 42.9 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for  $C_{26}H_{33}F_2NO_4SNa$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 516.1991, found: 516.1996.

#### 11-Bromo-1,1-difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)undec-1-en-4-ol (3av)



The title compound **3av** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (50.7 mg, 65%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (**400 MHz**, **Chloroform**-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.32-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J*= 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.63-3.51 (m, 1H), 3.39 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.56-2.44 (m, 2H), 2.01-1.71 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.29 (m, 10H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.8, 154.3 (dd, *J*= 291.0, 288.5 Hz), 129.4 (t, *J*= 2.9 Hz, 2C), 125.5 (dd, *J*= 3.8, 2.5 Hz), 114.1 (2C), 89.3 (dd, *J*= 21.1, 14.7 Hz), 69.8 (t, *J*= 2.8 Hz), 55.3, 36.8, 36.0, 34.0, 32.8, 29.3, 28.7, 28.1, 25.4 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$ = -90.91 (d, *J*= 43.4 Hz, 1F), -91.30 (d, *J*= 43.4 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{18}H_{25}F_2O_2BrH$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 391.1079, found: 391.1090.

(8R,9S,10S,13R,14S,17R)-17-((2R)-8,8-Difluoro-5-hydroxy-7-(4-methoxyphenyl)o ct-7-en-2-yl)-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-one (3aw)



The title compound **3aw** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1) as a white solid (81.3 mg, 75%, dr=1:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d***)** δ (mixture of two diastereomers)= 7.25 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.98-6.82 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.60-3.48 (m, 1H), 2.79-2.62 (m, 1H), 2.57-2.42 (m, 2H) 2.39-2.26 (m, 1H), 2.21-2.11 (m, 1H), 2.08-1.97 (m, 3H), 1.91-1.76 (m, 3H), 1.54 (s, 1H), 1.54-1.32 (m, 11H), 1.29-1.16 (m, 4H), 1.14-1.03 (m, 4H), 1.02-1.00 (m, 3H), 0.93-0.85 (m, 3H), 0.72-0.63 (m, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ (mixture of two diastereomers)= 213.6, 158.8, 154.2 (dd, *J*= 289.5, 287.1 Hz), 129.5 (t, *J*= 3.0 Hz), 125.5, 114.0, 89.3 (dd, *J*= 20.3, 16.0 Hz), 70.3 (d, *J*= 22.0 Hz), 56.4, 56.1, 55.3, 44.3, 42.7, 42.4, 40.7, 40.0, 37.2, 37.0, 36.1, 35.9, 35.7, 35.6, 35.5, 34.9, 33.4, 31.6, 28.3, 28.2, 26.6, 25.8, 24.2, 22.7, 21.2, 18.7, 18.6, 12.1 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (mixture of two diastereomers)= -90.93 (d, J= 37.6 Hz, 0.5F), -90.95 (d, J= 37.6 Hz, 0.5F), -91.26 (d, J= 37.6 Hz, 0.5F), -91.36 (t, J= 37.6 Hz, 0.5F) ppm.

**HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z calculated for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>49</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 543.3644, found: 543.3652.

#### 4,4-Difluoro-1,3-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-1-ol (3ax)



The title compound **3ax** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1) as a colorless oil (30.7 mg, 48%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (**400 MHz**, **Chloroform**-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.34-7.10 (m, 4H), 6.94-6.77 (m, 4H), 4.57 (dd, *J*= 8.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.85 (ddt, *J*= 14.5, 8.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (ddt, *J*= 14.42, 5.44, 2.51 Hz, 1H), 1.91-1.86 (brs, 1H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 159.3, 158.8, 154.4 (dd, *J*= 288.5, 286.7 Hz), 135.7, 129.5 (t, *J*= 2.9 Hz, 2C), 127.2 (2C), 125.4, 114.0 (2C), 113.8 (2C), 89.1 (dd, *J*= 17.6, 16.4 Hz), 71.9 (t, *J*= 2.7 Hz), 55.3 (2C), 37.6 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$  = -91.09 (s, 2F) ppm.

**HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 343.1116, found: 343.1103.

#### 2-(4-(Benzyloxy)phenyl)-1,1-difluorohept-1-en-4-ol (3ba)



The title compound **3ba** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (61.1 mg, 92%).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ =7.46-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.94 (m, 1H), 6.93 (dd, *J*= 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, *J*= 8.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 3.61-3.49 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.45 (m, 2H), 1.45 -1.26 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ =158.8, 154.4 (dd, *J*= 291.3, 287.7 Hz), 136.8, 134.9 (t, *J*= 4.0 Hz), 129.6, 128.6 (2C), 128.1, 127.6 (2C), 121.0, 115.3-115.1 (m), 113.8, 89.8 (dd, *J*= 21.6, 14.3 Hz), 70.1, 69.6 (d, *J*= 2.9 Hz), 39.1, 36.0, 18.8, 14.1 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = -89.31 (d, *J*= 39.7 Hz, 1F), -90.09 (d, *J*= 40.1 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{20}H_{22}F_2O_2Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 355.1480, found: 355.1501.

#### 1,1-Difluoro-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)hept-1-en-4-ol (3ca)



The title compound **3ca** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (42.5 mg, 83%).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.34-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 2H) 7.00-6.90 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.49-3.35 (m, 1H), 2.56-2.28 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.26 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ= 156.9, 153.9 (dd, J= 288.6, 286.7 Hz),

130.8 (dd, J= 3.1, 1.6 Hz), 129.4, 122.4 (dd, J= 4.8, 1.6 Hz), 121.1, 111.0, 85.5 (dd, J= 23.1, 18.3 Hz), 68.8 (t, J= 2.6 Hz), 55.7, 38.7, 37.1, 18.9, 14.1 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = -87.38 (d, J= 40.2 Hz, 1F), -92.53 (d, J= 40.1 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{14}H_{19}F_2O_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 257.1348, found: 257.1365.

#### 2-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-1,1-difluorohept-1-en-4-ol (3da)



The title compound **3da** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1) as a colorless oil (48.6 mg, 85%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)**  $\delta$ = 6.50-6.46 (m, 2H), 6.40 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.67-3.54 (m, 1H), 2.55-2.46 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.54 (brs, 1H), 1.50-1.25 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ =160.8 (2C), 154.4 (dd, *J*= 291.1, 287.4 Hz), 135.4 (dd, *J*= 4.7, 3.0 Hz), 106.7 (t, *J*= 3.2 Hz, 2C), 99.3, 90.0 (dd, *J*= 21.8, 14.1 Hz), 69.6 (t, *J*= 2.6 Hz), 55.3 (2C), 39.1, 36.0 (d, *J*= 1.5 Hz), 18.8, 14.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d)**  $\delta$ = -88.88 (d, *J*= 40.4 Hz, 1F), -90.17 (d, *J*= 40.4 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 309.1273, found: 309.1268.

#### 2-(4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)-1,1-difluorohept-1-en-4-ol (3ea)



The title compound **3ea** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (49.6 mg, 88%).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.38 (d, *J*= 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (dd, *J*= 8.5, 1.35 Hz, 2H), 3.67-3.56 (m, 1H), 2.58-2.49 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.39 (m, 4H), 1.32 (s, 9H), 0.89 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 154.4 (dd, *J*= 290.9, 287.2 Hz), 150.4, 130.3 (dd, *J*= 4.0, 2.0 Hz), 127.9 (t, *J*= 3.3 Hz, 2C), 125.5 (2C), 89.5 (dd, *J* = 21.0, 14.2 Hz), 69.7 (t, *J*= 2.6 Hz), 39.1, 35.8 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 34.5, 31.3 (3C), 18.8, 14.1 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -90.14 (d, *J*= 41.8 Hz, 1F), -90.48 (d, *J*= 41.5 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for  $C_{17}H_{24}F_2ONa [M+Na]^+$ : 305.1687, found: 305.1687.

2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-2-yl)-1,1-difluorohept-1-en-4-ol (3fa)



The title compound **3fa** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1) as a white solid (56.2 mg, 93%).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.57-7.26 (m, 9H), 3.44-3.16 (m, 1H), 2.04-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.11 (m, 4H), 0.79 (t, *J*= 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ= 154.4 (dd, *J*= 288.3, 286.2 Hz), 141.6 (d, *J*= 3.7 Hz), 141.1, 131.8 (d, *J*= 4.8 Hz), 131.0, 130.5, 128.7 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 128.3, 127.5, 127.4, 90.1 (dd, *J*= 21.6, 17.0 Hz), 69.1, 39.1, 36.3, 18.7, 14.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta = -88.3$  (s, 1F), -92.73 (d, *J*= 42.7 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>2</sub>OH [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 303.1555, found: 303.1575.

#### 1,1-Difluoro-2-(2-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)hept-1-en-4-ol (3ga)



The title compound **3ga** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1) as a colorless oil (49.9 mg, 91%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = 7.16 (t, *J*= 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dd, *J*= 11.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.52 (td, *J*= 6.1, 5.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.50-2.40 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.53 (brs, 1H), 1.47-1.27 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 160.7 (d, *J*= 245.8 Hz), 160.7 (d, *J*= 11.0 Hz), 154.2 (t, *J*= 288.7 Hz), 131.3 (dt, *J*= 5.1, 2.6 Hz), 113.0 (ddd, *J*= 15.8, 5.0, 1.8 Hz), 110.3 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 101.8 (d, *J*= 26.0 Hz), 84.1 (dd, *J*= 24.6, 17.2 Hz), 69.4 (t, *J*= 2.8 Hz), 55.6, 39.0, 36.2, 18.8, 14.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -87.49 (dd, *J*= 38.1, 10.3 Hz, 1F), -91.18 (dd, *J*= 38.1, 2.1 Hz, 1F), -112.03 (dd, *J*= 10.1, 1.9 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{14}H_{17}F_3O_2Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 297.1073, found: 297.1052.

#### 2-(3-Bromo-4-methoxyphenyl)-1,1-difluorohept-1-en-4-ol (3ha)



The title compound **3ha** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1) as a colorless oil (60.1 mg, 90%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$ = 7.34 (d, *J*= 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.89-6.84 (m, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.64-3.52 (m, 1H), 2.55-2.46 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.51 (brs, 1H), 1.47-1.29 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$ = 154.9, 154.4 (dd, *J*= 291.3, 288.2 Hz), 133.4 (dd, *J*= 4.7, 3.1 Hz), 130.1, 121.7, 121.2 (t, *J*= 3.2 Hz), 112.3 (t, *J*= 3.4 Hz), 89.6 (dd, *J*= 22.2, 14.0 Hz), 69.6 (t, *J*= 2.6 Hz), 56.1, 39.3, 35.9 (d, *J*= 1.4 Hz), 18.8, 14.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d)**  $\delta$ = -88.90 (d, *J*= 39.5 Hz, 1F), -89.61 (d, *J*= 39.5 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for  $C_{14}H_{17}F_2O_2BrNa$  [M+Na]+: 357.0272, found: 357.0297.

#### 2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,1-difluorohept-1-en-4-ol (3ia)



The title compound **3ia** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (38.0 mg, 73%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d*) δ= 7.33 (d, *J*= 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J*= 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.62-3.52 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.48 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.27 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 154.4 (dd, *J*= 291.2, 288.3 Hz), 133.3, 132.0 (dd, *J* = 4.1, 2.8 Hz), 129.6 (t, *J*= 3.1 Hz, 2C), 128.8 (2C), 89.2 (dd, *J*= 21.8, 14.5 Hz), 69.6 (t, *J*= 2.8 Hz), 39.2, 35.8 (d, *J*= 1.5 Hz), 18.8, 14.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -89.34 (d, *J*= 39.6 Hz, 1F), -89.56 (d, *J*= 39.5 Hz, 1F) ppm.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>2</sub>OCl [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 261.0852, found: 261.0848.

#### 2-(4-Bromophenyl)-1,1-difluorohept-1-en-4-ol (3ja)



The title compound **3ja** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1) as a colorless oil (34.1 mg, 56%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d*) δ= 7.41 (d, *J*= 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J*= 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.56-3.39 (m, 1H), 2.50-2.35 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.18 (m, 4H), 0.82 (t, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 153.3 (dd, *J*= 291.2, 288.5 Hz), 131.43 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 2.6 Hz), 130.7 (2C), 128.9 (t, *J*= 3.2 Hz, 2C), 120.4, 88.2 (dd, *J*= 21.6, 14.6 Hz), 68.5 (t, *J*= 2.6 Hz), 38.2, 34.7, 17.7, 13.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -89.21 (d, *J*= 39.4 Hz, 1F), -89.39 (d, *J*= 39.4 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrF<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 305.0347, found: 305.0345.

#### 3-(1,1-Difluoro-4-hydroxyhept-1-en-2-yl)phenol (3ka)



The title compound **3ka** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1) as a colorless oil (29 mg, 60%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.25-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.92-6.83 (m, 1H), 6.84-6.80 (m, 1H), 6.75 (dd, *J*= 8.1, 2.40 Hz, 1H), 6.20-5.91 (brs, 1H), 3.73-3.47 (m, 1H), 2.61-2.45 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.61 (brs, 1H), 1.48-1.24 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, *J*= 6.90 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 155.9, 154.4 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 134.9 (dd, *J*= 4.3, 3.1 Hz), 129.8, 120.5 (t, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 115.4 (t, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 114.6, 89.6 (dd, *J* = 21.8, 14.1 Hz), 69.9 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 39.1, 35.8 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 18.8, 14.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F** NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = -89.21 (d, *J*= 40.3 Hz, 1F), -89.98 (d, *J*= 40.2 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>H [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 243.1191, found: 243.1194.

#### 1,1-Difluoro-2-(3-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl)hept-1-en-4-ol (3la)



The title compound **3la** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1) as a colorless oil (29.7 mg, 58%).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.41-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 4.70 (s, 2H), 3.70-3.47 (m, 1H), 2.59-2.42 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.62 (brs, 2H), 1.48-1.21 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 154.4 (dd, *J*= 291.9, 288.9 Hz), 141.3, 133.8 (dd, *J*= 4.4, 3.0 Hz), 128.8, 127.6 (t, *J*= 3.1 Hz), 126.9 (t, *J*= 3.1 Hz), 126.1, 89.8 (dd, *J*= 21.5, 14.5 Hz), 69.7 (t, *J*= 2.8 Hz), 65.0, 39.1, 35.9 (d, *J*= 1.5 Hz), 18.8, 14.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -89.83 (d, *J*= 40.2 Hz, 1F), -90.24 (d, *J*= 40.2 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 279.1167, found: 279.1183.

#### 1,1-Difluoro-2-(2-(methylthio)phenyl)hept-1-en-4-ol (3ma)



The title compound **3ma** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (47.3 mg, 87%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d***)**  $\delta$ = 7.35-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J*= 7.96 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 2H), 3.56-3.38 (m, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.44-2.23 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.29 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 153.8 (dd, *J*= 290.5, 287.9 Hz), 138.1 (t, *J*= 2.2 Hz), 132.0 (d, *J*= 4.8 Hz), 129.9, 128.8, 125.3, 125.2, 87.9 (d, *J*= 5.4 Hz), 68.8 (t, *J*= 2.8 Hz), 38.9, 37.6, 19.0, 15.7, 14.1 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (**376** MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = -85.55 (s, 1F), -91.15(s, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{14}H_{18}F_2OSNa$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 295.0939, found: 295.0950.

#### 2-(4-(Diphenylamino)phenyl)-1,1-difluorohept-1-en-4-ol (3na)



The title compound **3na** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:2) as a colorless oil (73.9 mg, 94%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d***)**  $\delta$ = 7.28-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.19 (dd, *J*= 8.7, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 4H), 7.05-7.00 (m, 4H), 3.73-3.54 (m, 1H), 2.56-2.45 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.29 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 154.4 (dd, *J*= 290.9, 287.2 Hz), 147.5 (2C), 147.0, 129.3 (4C), 128.9 (t, *J*= 3.5 Hz, 2C), 126.80 (t, *J* = 3.7 Hz)), 124.6 (4C), 123.2 (2C), 123.1 (2C), 89.4 (dd, *J*= 21.3, 13.9 Hz), 69.8 (t, *J*= 2.8 Hz), 39.1, 35.8 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 18.8, 14.1 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta = -90.04$  (d, J = 42.2 Hz, 1F), -90.44 (d, J =

41.9 Hz, 1F) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{25}H_{25}F_2NONa$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 416.1796, found: 416.1795.

#### *N*-(3-(1,1-Difluoro-4-hydroxyhept-1-en-2-yl)phenyl)acetamide (30a)



The title compound **3oa** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:2) as a colorless oil (47.5 mg, 84%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (**400 MHz**, **Chloroform-d**)  $\delta$ = 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.45 (dt, *J*= 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J*= 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.67-3.51 (m, 1H), 2.59-2.45 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.52-1.20 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C** NMR 13C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$ = 168.4, 154.4 (dd, *J*= 292.9, 288.9 Hz), 138.1, 134.4 (d, *J*= 3.0 Hz), 129.2, 124.2, 119.7 (t, *J*= 3.2 Hz), 118.9, 89.7 (dd, *J*= 21.5, 13.8 Hz), 69.6 (t, *J*= 2.5 Hz), 39.2, 35.9, 24.6, 18.8, 14.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$ = -89.40 (d, *J*= 40.1 Hz, 1F), -89.93 (d, *J*= 40.1 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for  $C_{15}H_{19}F_2NO_2Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 306.1276, found: 306.1273.

# tert-Butyl 3-(1,1-Difluoro-3-hydroxyhex-1-en-2-yl)-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate (3pa)



The title compound **3pa** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1) as a colorless oil (52.7mg, 75%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta = 8.21-8.07$  (m, 1H), 7.61-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 1H), 3.75-3.45 (m, 1H), 2.67-2.45 (m, 2H), 1.68 (s, 9H), 1.45-1.27 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 154.6 (dd, *J*= 290.9 Hz, *J*= 289.8 Hz), 149.5, 135.3, 129.1, 124.7 (2C), 122.9, 119.9 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 115.4, 113.5 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 2.0 Hz), 84.1, 82.3 (dd, *J* = 25.1, 16.7 Hz), 69.7 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 39.2, 36.4, 28.2 (3C), 18.8, 14.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d***)**  $\delta$ = -85.80 (d, *J* = 38.8 Hz), -90.22 (d, *J* = 38.1 Hz) ppm.

.**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for  $C_{20}H_{25}F_2NO_3Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 388.1695, found: 388.1700.

#### Methyl 4-(1,1-difluoro-4-hydroxyhept-1-en-2-yl)benzoate (3qa)



The title compound **3qa** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (39.7 mg, 70%).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 8.02 (d, *J*= 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J*= 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.66-3.43 (m, 1H), 2.62-2.52 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.25 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ= 166.7, 154.6 (dd, *J*= 292.9 Hz, *J*= 290.9 Hz), 138.5, 129.8 (2C), 129.0 (d, J= 5.5 Hz), 128.2 (t, J= 3.3 Hz, 2C), 89.7 (dd, J = 18.7, 17.2 Hz), 69.6 (t, J= 2.5 Hz), 52.2, 39.2, 35.6, 18.7, 14.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d**)  $\delta$ = -88.08 (s, 2F) ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for  $C_{15}H_{18}F_2O_3Na [M+Na]^+$ : 307.1116, found: 307.1118.

#### 1,1-Difluoro-2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)hept-1-en-4-ol (3ra)



The title compound **3ra** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (41.9 mg, 69%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.92 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.69-3.49 (m, 1H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 2.70-2.50 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.53 (brs, 1H), 1.48-1.30 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ= 154.8 (dd, *J*= 293.4, 289.8 Hz), 139.8 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 3.6 Hz), 139.2, 129.3 (t, *J*= 3.5 Hz, 2C), 127.6 (2C), 89.5 (dd, *J*= 22.7, 13.2 Hz), 69.6 (t, *J*= 2.6 Hz), 44.5, 39.4, 35.6, 18.7, 14.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d)**  $\delta$ =-86.95 (d, *J* = 34.1 Hz, 1F), -87.49 (d, *J* = 34.1 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for  $C_{14}H_{18}F_2O_3SNa$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 327.0837, found: 327.0838.

#### 4-(1,1-Difluoro-4-hydroxyhept-1-en-2-yl)benzonitrile (3sa)



The title compound **3sa** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (25.6mg, 51%).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.65-3.51 (m, 1H), 2.59-2.52 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.62 (brs, 1H), 1.49-1.27 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -86.76 (d, *J* = 34.1 Hz, 1F), -87.20 (d, *J* = 34.1 Hz, 1F) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 154.7 (dd, *J*= 293.9, 290.4 Hz), 138.9 (dd, *J*= 4.0, 3.6 Hz), 132.3 (2C), 129.0 (t, *J*= 3.5 Hz, 2C), 118.6, 111.0, 89.6 (dd, *J*= 23.1, 13.2 Hz), 69.6 (t, *J*= 2.6 Hz), 39.4, 35.4, 18.7, 14.0 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for  $C_{14}H_{15}F_2NOH [M+H]^+$ : 252.1194, found: 252.1204.

6-(Difluoromethylene)-8-phenyloctan-4-ol (3ta)



The title compound **3 ta** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a colorless oil (41.7 mg, 82%).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.32-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.14 (m, 3H), 3.74-3.62 (m, 1H), 2.72 (t, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.42-2.24 (m, 2H), 2.19-1.98 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.29 (m, 4H), 0.93 (t, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 154.5 (dd, *J*= 286.0, 283.5 Hz), 141.1, 128.5 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 126.2, 86.1 (d, *J*= 34.2 Hz), 69.6 (t, *J*= 2.8 Hz), 39.3, 34.5 (d, *J*= 3.7 Hz), 34.0 (t, *J*= 2.5 Hz), 28.6 (d, *J*= 2.8 Hz), 18.9, 14.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -93.00 (d, *J*= 52.5 Hz, 1F), -93.98 (d, *J*= 52.5 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for  $C_{15}H_{20}F_2OH [M+H]^+:255.1555$ , found: 255.1553.

Methyl(2S)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(difluoromethylene)-6-hydroxynon anoate (3ua)



The title compound **3ua** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1) as a colorless oil (28.1 mg, 40%, dr=1:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (mixture of two diastereomers)= 5.31-5.16 (m, 1H), 4.53-4.39 (m, 1H), 3.77-3.70 (m, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.49-2.37 (m, 2H), 2.27-2.13 (m, 1H), 2.11-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.46-1.35 (m, 4H), 0.92 (t, *J*= 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ(mixture of two diastereomers)= 172.4, 172.3, 156.4 (dd, *J*= 286.8, 260.6 Hz), 83.1 (d, *J*= 36.4 Hz), 80.4, 80.2, 69.6, 69.2, 52.52, 52.48, 52.3, 51.9, 39.5, 35.7, 35.1, 31.8, 31.3, 28.20, 28.19, 18.93, 18.86, 14.02, 14.00 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  (mixture of two diastereomers)= -90.85 - -91.85 (m, 2F) ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for  $C_{15}H_{20}F_2OH [M+H]^+:255.1555$ , found: 255.1553.

(2*S*)-*N*-(4-(1,1-Difluoro-4-hydroxyhept-1-en-2-yl)phenyl)-2-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)propanamide (3va)



The title compound **3va** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a white solid (81.6mg, 90%, dr=1:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (mixture of two diastereomers) = 7.79-7.67 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J*= 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.01 (d, *J*= 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.88-3.77 (m, 1H), 3.61-3.43 (m, 1H), 2.53 -2.40 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.74 (brs, 1H), 1.64 (d, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.44-1.25 (m, 4H), 0.85 (t, *J*= 6.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ(mixture of two diastereomers)= 172.6, 157.9, 154.3 (dd, J= 290.8, 287.6 Hz), 138.1, 135.8, 134.3 (dd, J= 4.4, 3.0 Hz), 133.9, 129.3, 129.0 (d, J= 5.9 Hz), 127.9, 126.4, 126.1, 124.2, 119.6 (t, J= 2.9 Hz), 119.4, 118.8, 105.7, 89.7 (dd, J= 21.8, 14.1 Hz), 69.5, 55.4, 48.1, 39.1, 35.9, 18.7, 18.6, 14.0 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ (mixture of two diastereomers)= -89.50 (d, J= 41.4 Hz, 0.5F), -89.52 (d, J= 41.4 Hz, 0.5F), -90.19 (d, J = 41.4 Hz, 0.5F), -90.20 (d, J = 41.4 Hz, 0.5F) ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for  $C_{27}H_{29}F_2NO_3Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 476.2008, found: 476.2022.

*N*-(3-(1,1-Difluoro-4-hydroxyhept-1-en-2-yl)phenyl)-5-(2,5-dimethylphenoxy)-2,2 -dimethylpentanamide (3wa)



The title compound **3wa** was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a white solid (68.2 mg, 72%).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.56-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 1H),

7.31-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.05 (dd, *J*= 7.85, 1.42 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J*= 7.44 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dd, *J*= 7.44, 1.50 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J*= 1.60 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (t, *J*= 4.6 Hz, 2H), 3.63-3.48 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.45 (m, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.14-2.08 (brs, 1H), 1.85-1.78 (m, 4H), 1.45-1.37 (m, 3H), 1.32 (s, 6H), 1.29-1.24 (m, 1H), 0.86 (t, *J*= 6.94 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ= 176.0, 156.9, 154.4 (dd, *J*= 290.5, 287.6 Hz), 138.2, 136.6, 134.4 (dd, *J*= 4.3, 3.1 Hz), 130.4, 129.1, 124.4 (t, *J*= 2.9 Hz), 123.5, 120.9, 120.3 (t, *J*= 3.3 Hz), 119.4, 112.2, 89.9 (dd, *J*= 22.0, 13.9 Hz), 69.5 (t, *J*= 2.9 Hz), 67.9, 42.9, 39.1, 37.7, 36.0, 25.6 (2C), 25.2, 21.4, 18.8, 15.8, 14.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta = -89.64$  (d, J = 40.5 Hz, 1F), -90.26 (d, J = 40.4 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{28}H_{37}F_2NO_3Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 496.2634, found: 496.2644.

(8R,9S,13S,14S)-3-(1,1-Difluoro-4-hydroxyhept-1-en-2-yl)-13-methyl-6,7,8,9,11,1 2,13,14,15,16-decahydro-17H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-one (3xa)



The title compound 3xa was isolated through column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) as a white solid (46.7 mg, 58%, dr=1:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$  (mixture of two diastereomers)= 7.32-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.02 (m, 2H), 3.70-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.00-2.85 (m, 2H), 2.56-2.47 (m, 3H), 2.45-2.38 (m, 1H), 2.34-2.24 (m, 1H), 2.21-2.11 (m, 1H), 2.09-2.00 (m, 2H), 2.00-1.91 (m, 1H), 1.70-1.57 (m, 3H), 1.57-1.39 (m, 6H), 1.36-1.28 (m, 1H), 0.97-0.84 (m, 6H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ (mixture of two diastereomers)= 221.1, 154.4 (dd, *J*= 290.5, 287.1 Hz), 139.1, 136.7, 130.8 (dd, *J*= 4.0, 3.0 Hz), 128.8 (dd, *J*= 6.5, 3.1 Hz), 125.6, 89.6 (dd, *J* = 20.9, 14.1 Hz), 69.6, 50.5, 48.0, 44.3, 39.1, 38.0, 35.90, 35.87, 31.6, 29.4, 26.5, 25.6, 21.6, 18.8, 14.1, 13.9 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (mixture of two diastereomers)= -90.10 (d, J = 41.4 Hz, 0.5F), -90.12 (d, J = 41.4 Hz, 0.5F), -90.55 (d, J = 41.4 Hz, 0.5F), -90.58 (d, J = 41.4 Hz, 0.5F) ppm.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>33</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>H [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 403.2443, found: 403.2441.

#### **Procedure for 5-mmol-Scale Reaction**

 $CrCl_3$  (80 mg, 0.5 mmol, 10 mol %), the ligand 4,4'-ditertbutyl-2,2'-bipyridine (L1) (160 mg, 0.6 mmol, 12 mol %) and Zn (975 mg, 15 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were placed in a

Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Next, the Schlenk tube was evacuated and filled with nitrogen (three cycles). To these solids, DMA (25.0 mL) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring at 40 °C for 15 minutes, TMSCl (1630 mg, 2 mL, 15 mmol, 3 equiv) and butanal (2a) or 8-bromooctanal (2v) (10 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added under a positive flow of nitrogen. The resultant mixture was stirred at 40 °C for another 5 minutes, before 1-methoxy-4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2yl)benzene 1a (1.01 g, 5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 40°C for 16 hours and subsequently filtered through Celite, before it was quenched by addition of 25 mL aqueous HCl (2 N). After stirring for 1 hour, the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified through column chromatography afford (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) over silica gel, to 89%) 1,1-difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)hept-1-en-4-ol (3aa)(1.14)g, or 11-bromo-1,1-difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)undec-1-en-4-ol (3av) (1.31 g, 67%).

## **Procedures for Derivatizations**



A flask is charged with the *gem*-difluoroalkene **3aa** (102.4 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and Pd/C (4.3 mg, 10mol%) in ethyl acetate (4.0 mL) with a H<sub>2</sub> ballon. The reaction mixture was stirred for 6 h at room temperature. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, filtered, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) over silica gel, to afford *1,1-difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)heptan-4-ol* (**5**) (100.1 mg, 97%, dr= 1.4:1) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (mixture of two diastereomers)= 7.19 (dd, *J*= 8.6, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (dd, *J*= 8.7, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.02-5.66 (m, 1H), 3.81-3.78 (m, 3H), 3.72-3.64 (m, 0.4H), 3.39-3.26 (m, 1H), 3.25- 3.07 (m, 0.6H), 2.14-1.99 (m, 0.4H), 1.94 -1.81 (m, 1.6H), 1.50-1.26 (m, 4H), 0.95-0.78 (m, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ (mixture of two diastereomers)= 159.04, 159.02, 130.1, 129.8, 129.2 (dd, *J*= 6.4, 4.9 Hz), 128.4 (dd, *J*= 5.2, 2.9 Hz), 118.1 (t, *J*= 244.3Hz), 118.0 (t, *J*= 244.3Hz), 114.2, 114.1, 69.7, 68.3, 55.3, 55.2, 45.9 (t, *J*= 19.8 Hz), 45.6 (t, *J*= 19.8 Hz), 40.6, 39.5, 36.7 (dd, *J*= 4.4, 2.9 Hz), 35.5 (dd, *J*= 4.4, 2.9 Hz), 18.8, 18.6, 14.0 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*) δ (mixture of two diastereomers)= -118.64 (d, *J*= 275 Hz, 0.4F), -119.45 (d, *J*= 275 Hz, 0.6F), -122.22 (d, *J*= 275 Hz, 0.6F), -122.88 (d, *J*= 275 Hz, 0.4F) ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for  $C_{14}H_{21}F_2O_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 259.1504, found: 259.1517.



To a stirred solution of the alcohol **3aa** (51.2 mg, 0.2mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) at room temperature was added Dess-Martin periodinane (DMP) (170 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and the mixture was stirred for an additional 1 hour. The mixture was quenched by sat. aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> successively, and diluted by CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic phase was collected, and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1) over silica gel, to afford *1,1-difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)hept-1-en-4-one* (**6**) (41.7 mg, 82%) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d*) δ= 7.22 (dd, *J*= 8.9, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (dd, 2H),

3.79 (s, 3H), 3.42 (d, *J*= 2.3 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (t, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.63-1.48 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, *J*= 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ= 206.9, 158.8, 154.6(dd, *J*=292.3, 288.5 Hz), 129.0 (t, *J*= 3.7 Hz, 2C), 125.3 (t, *J*= 4.0 Hz), 114.0 (2C), 86.8 (dd, *J*= 22.1, 16.5 Hz), 55.3, 43.9, 42.3, 17.1, 13.6 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -89.35 (d, *J*= 39.4 Hz, 1F), -90.38 (d, *J*= 39.5 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 255.1191, found: 255.1198.



To a stirred solution of the ketone **6** (50.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) in dry THF (1 mL) was added vinyl magnesium bromide (1.0 M in THF, 0.4 mL, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv) dropwise at 0 °C. After stirring for 20 min, the reaction mixture was heated to 40 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred for 4 hours and then quenched by saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (5 mL). The organic phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 mL x 3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum to afford the crude product, which was further purified through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) over silica gel, to afford 1, 1-difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-vinylhept-1-en-4-ol (7) (45.1mg, 80%) as a colorless oil.

**H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = 7.22 (d, *J*= 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J*= 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.76-5.67 (m, 1H), 5.19-4.96 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.62 (t, *J*= 2.3 Hz, 2H), 1.54-1.47 (m, 1H), 1.46-1.38 (m, 1H), 1.31-1.27 (m, 1H), 1.25-1.19 (m, 1H), 0.83 (t, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.8, 154.5 (dd, *J*= 290.0, 288.5 Hz), 143.0, 129.8 (t, *J*= 3.1 Hz, 2C), 126.4 (dd, *J*= 3.8, 2.5 Hz), 114.0 (2C), 112.7, 88.6 (dd, *J*= 21.1, 14.7 Hz), 76.6 (t, *J*= 2.7 Hz), 55.2, 43.1, 39.5, 16.6, 14.4 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-d)**  $\delta$ = -89.88 (d, *J*= 41.5 Hz, 1F), -91.69 (d, *J*= 40.7 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{16}H_{20}F_2O_2Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 305.1324, found: 305.1314.



To a stirred solution of the ketone **6** (50.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) in dry THF (1 mL) was added ethynyl magnesium bromide (1.0 M in THF, 0.4 mL, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv)

dropwise at 0 °C. After stirring for 20 min, the reaction mixture was heated to 40 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred for 4 hours and then quenched by saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (5 mL). The organic phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 mL x 3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum to afford the crude product, which was further purified through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) over silica gel, to afford *4-ethynyl-1,1-difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)hept-1-en-4-ol* (**8**) (31.4mg, 56%) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-***d*) δ= 7.28 (d, *J*= 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.86-2.78 (m, 1H), 2.76-2.66 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 1H), 1.79 (s, 1H), 1.62-1.47 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.9, 154.9 (dd, *J*= 291.0, 289.5 Hz), 129.9 (t, *J*= 2.7 Hz, 2C), 126.1 (dd, *J* = 4.1, 2.8 Hz), 114.0 (2C), 88.4 (dd, *J*= 21.1, 16.5 Hz), 85.6, 73.2, 71.5 (dd, *J*= 3.8, 2.5 Hz), 55.3, 43.9, 40.4, 17.5, 14.1 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -89.12 (d, *J*= 38.2 Hz, 1F), -90.69 (d, *J*= 38.3 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 303.1167, found: 303.1173.



A solution of the alcohol **3aa** (51.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DCM (1 mL) was cooled in an ice water bath and treated with Et<sub>3</sub>N (40.4 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv, 56  $\mu$  L) and mesyl chloride (34.4 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv, 23  $\mu$  L). After the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours, the reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The residue was purified through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) over silica gel, to afford *1,1-difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)hept-1-en-4-yl methanesulfonate* (**9**) (63mg, 95%) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.39-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J*= 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.73 – 4.56 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.90-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 2.76-2.67 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.31 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 159.0, 154.4 (dd, *J*= 291.9, 288.9 Hz), 129.4 (t, *J*= 3.3 Hz, 2C), 124.5 (t, *J*= 3.7 Hz), 114.1 (2C), 88.1 (dd, *J*= 21.1, 16.0 Hz), 80.9 (dd, *J*= 4.0, 3.0 Hz), 55.3, 38.3, 36.3, 33.2 (d, *J*= 1.8 Hz), 18.2, 13.7 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -89.69 (d, *J*= 39.6 Hz, 1F), -90.06 (d, *J*= 39.8 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{15}H_{20}F_2O_4Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 357.0943, found: 357.0935.



A mixture of the mesylate **9** (66.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and NaN<sub>3</sub> (26 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv) in DMF (1 mL) was stirred at 60  $^{\circ}$ C for 12h. Next, the mixure was diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1) over silica gel, to afford *1-(4-azido-1,1-difluorohept-1-en-2-yl)-4-methoxybenzene* (**10**) (55 mg, 98%) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = 7.34-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J*= 8.47 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.22-3.01 (m, 1H), 2.58-2.36 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.18 (m, 4H), 0.81 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.9, 154.2 (dd, *J* = 290.0, 287.7 Hz), 129.4 (t, *J*= 3.1 Hz, 2C), 124.8-124.7 (m), 114.1 (2C), 89.1 (dd, *J*= 21.3, 15.8 Hz), 60.6 (t, *J*= 2.9 Hz), 55.3, 36.3, 33.5 (d, *J*= 2.2 Hz), 19.3, 13.8 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = -90.54 (d, *J*= 41.9 Hz, 1F), -90.94 (d, *J*= 41.7 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 282.1412, found: 282.1414.



A mixture of the azide **10** (56.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (104.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in THF (1 mL) was stirred at 60 °C for 15h. Next, the mixture was diluted with EA, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified through column chromatography (ethyl acetate) over silica gel, to afford *1,1-difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)hept-1-en-4-amine* (**11**) (45.9 mg, 90%) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d***)**  $\delta$ = 7.27-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J*= 8.82 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.78-2.57 (m, 1H), 2.50-2.41 (m, 1H), 2.38-2.25 (m, 1H), 1.42-1.25 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, *J*= 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 158.8, 154.3 (dd, *J*= 291.0, 287.3 Hz), 129.4 (t, *J*= 3.2 Hz, 2C), 125.5 (dd, *J*= 5.1, 2.5 Hz), 114.0 (2C), 89.9 (dd, *J*= 21.4, 13.9 Hz), 55.3, 49.1, 39.7, 36.6, 19.3, 14.1 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -91.35 (d, *J*= 44.3 Hz, 1F), -91.66 (d, *J*= 44.2 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{14}H_{19}F_2NONa$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 278.1327, found: 278.1330.



A mixture of CuSO<sub>4</sub>•5H<sub>2</sub>O (3.8 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.05 equiv), sodium ascorbate (9.0 mg, 0.045 mmol, 0.15 equiv) and DABCO (3.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.1 equiv) in water (1 mL) was stirred vigorously at room temperature for 5 min. Acetic acid (1.8 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.1 equiv, 1.8  $\mu$  L), phenyl acetylene (51 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.6equiv, 55  $\mu$  L) and the azide **10** (84.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added sequentially. After the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, the reaction mixture was diluted by adding EtOAc (5 mL) and aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (3 mL). The mixture was stirred for an additional 30 minutes and two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2x5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. The residue was purified through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1) over silica gel, to afford *1-(1,1-difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)hept-1-en-4-yl)-4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole* (12) (68.9 mg, 92%) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.73-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J*= 7.58 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, *J*= 7.41 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J*= 8.38 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J*= 8.72 Hz, 2H), 4.46-4.31 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.97-2.82 (m, 2H), 1.94-1.84 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.14-1.01 (m, 2H), 0.76 (t, *J*= 7.37 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 159.1, 154.2 (dd, *J*= 290.4, 288.7 Hz), 147.4, 130.7, 129.4 (t, *J*= 2.7 Hz, 2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.1, 125.7 (2C), 124.1 (d, *J*= 6.9 Hz), 118.2, 114.2 (2C), 88.6 (dd, *J*= 20.2, 16.5 Hz), 59.9 (t, *J*= 2.8 Hz), 55.2, 37.0, 34.5, 19.1, 13.5 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-***d*)  $\delta$ = -90.23 (d, *J*= 41.02 Hz, 1F), -90.68 (d, *J*= 39.92 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{22}H_{23}F_2N_3ONa$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 406.1701, found: 406.1700.



To a stirred solution of the alcohol **3av** (1.31 g, 3.35 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35 mL) at room temperature was added Dess-Martin periodinane (DMP) (2.84 g, 6.7 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and the mixture was stirred for 1 hour. The mixture was quenched by sat. aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> successively, and diluted by CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic phase was collected, and the aqueous phase was extracted with

CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:1) over silica gel, to afford *11-bromo-1,1-difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)undec-1-en-4-one* (**13**) (1092 mg, 84%) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.21 (d, *J*= 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J*= 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.40 (t, *J*= 2.3 Hz, 2H), 3.37 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (t, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.84-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.19 (m, 4H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 206.9 (t, *J*= 3.2 Hz), 158.9, 154.5 (dd, *J*= 292.3, 287.7 Hz), 129.0 (t, *J*= 3.7 Hz, 2C), 125.3 (t, *J*= 3.7 Hz), 114.0 (2C), 86.8 (dd, *J*= 22.1, 16.5 Hz), 55.3, 42.3, 41.8, 34.0, 32.7, 28.8, 28.5, 27.9, 23.4 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = -89.27 (d, *J*= 38.1 Hz, 1F), -90.28 (d, *J*= 38.1 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{18}H_{23}F_2O_2BrH$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 389.0922, found: 389.0923.



A sealed test tube charged with NiBr<sub>2</sub>(dme) (9.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15mol%), BiOX ligand (9.6 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%), Zn-powder (52 mg, 0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv) and a stir bar was evacuated and filled with nitrogen (three cycles) before adding DMA (0.5 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 15 minutes. Next, *1-bromo-2-(3-methylbut-3-en-1-yl)benzene* (**14**) (44.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and the alkyl bromide **13** (116.4 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 10 hours. The mixture was then filtered through a pad of Celite and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 30:1) over silica gel, to afford (*S*)-1,1-difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-12-(1-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)dodec-1-en-4-one (**15**) (27.1 mg, 30%, 90% ee) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (**500 MHz**, **Chloroform**-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.25-7.07 (m, 6H), 6.88 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.41 (t, *J*= 2.3 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (t, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (t, *J*= 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.08-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.76 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.45 (m, 4H), 1.31-1.11 (m, 10H), 1.23 (s, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$ = 207.1 (t, J= 2.8 Hz), 158.8, 154.5 (dd, J=

292.0, 287.2 Hz), 151.8, 143.2, 129.0 (t, *J*= 3.7 Hz, 2C), 126.13, 126.08, 125.3 (t, *J*= 3.8 Hz), 124.5, 122.6, 114.0 (2C), 86.8 (dd, *J*= 21.8, 16.7 Hz), 55.3, 47.3, 42.3 (d, *J*= 2.2 Hz), 42.0, 41.4, 38.6, 30.34, 30.29, 29.41, 29.37, 29.1, 26.8, 24.9, 23.6 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-***d*) δ= -89.2 (d, *J*= 38.8 Hz, 1F), -90.2 (d, *J*= 38.8 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{29}H_{36}F_2O_2Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 477.2576, found: 477.2588.

**HPLC-Data**: (Chiralpak AD-H column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, hexane/isopropanol = 98/2, flow rate = 0.4 mL/min): t<sub>R</sub>= 16.7 (minor), 17.8 (major).

The absolute configuration of compound 15 was assigned assuming a common reaction pathway as reported in the literature.<sup>12</sup>

### **Control Experiments**



CrCl<sub>3</sub> (32 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), 4,4'-ditertbutyl-2,2'-bipyridine (**L1**) (64 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and Zn (39 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were placed in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Next, the Schlenk tube was evacuated and filled with nitrogen (three cycles). To these solids, DMA (1.0 mL) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring at 40 °C for 15 minutes, TMSCl (65.2 mg, 78  $\mu$  L, 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv) was added under a positive flow of nitrogen. The resultant mixture was stirred at 40 °C for another 5 minutes, before the  $\alpha$ -trifluoromethyl alkenes **1a** (40.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 16 hours, before it was quenched by addition of 2 mL aqueous HCl (2 N). After stirring for 1 hour, the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×25 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. According to the analyses based on TCL and <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectroscopy, no conversion of **1a** was observed.



CrCl<sub>2</sub> (49.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv) and 4,4'-ditertbutyl-2,2'-bipyridine (**L1**) (130 mg, 0.48 mmol, 2.4 equiv) were placed in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Next, the Schlenk tube was evacuated and filled with nitrogen (three cycles). To these solids, DMA (1.0 mL) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring at 40 °C for 15 minutes, TMSCl (65.2 mg, 78  $\mu$  L, 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv) and the 3-phenylpropanal (**2g**) (53.6 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv) were added under a positive flow of nitrogen. The resultant mixture was stirred at 40 °C for another 5 minutes, before the  $\alpha$ -trifluoromethyl alkene **1a** (40.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 40°C for 16 hours, before it was quenched by addition of 2 mL aqueous HCl (2 N). After stirring for 1 hour, the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×25 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. According to the analyses based on TCL and <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectroscopy, compound **3ag** was not formed.


CrCl<sub>3</sub> (32 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and 4,4'-ditertbutyl-2,2'-bipyridine (**L1**) (64 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were placed in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Next, the Schlenk tube was evacuated and filled with nitrogen (three cycles). To these solids, DMA (1.0 mL) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. The resultant mixture was stirred at 40 °C for another 5 minutes, before the  $\alpha$ -trifluoromethyl alkene **1a** (40.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 3-phenyl-1-(trimethylsilyl)propan-1-ol **16**<sup>13</sup> (83.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 40°C for 16 hours, before it was quenched by addition of 2 mL aqueous HCl (2 N). After stirring for 1 hour, the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×25 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. According to the analyses based on TCL and <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectroscopy, conversion of either **1a** or **13** was not observed.



CrCl<sub>3</sub> (3.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %), 4,4'-ditertbutyl-2,2'-bipyridine (L1) (6.4 mg, 0.024 mmol, 12 mol %) and Zn (39 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were placed in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Next, the Schlenk tube was evacuated and filled with nitrogen (three cycles). To these solids, DMA (1.0 mL) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring at 40 °C for 15 minutes, R<sub>3</sub>SiCl (0.6 mmol, 3 equiv) and 2-phenylpropanal 2i (53.6 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added under a positive flow of nitrogen. The resultant mixture was stirred at 40  $\,^{\circ}$ C for another 5 minutes, before the  $\alpha$ -trifluoromethyl alkenes **1a** (40.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 40°C for 16 hours, before it was quenched by addition of 2 mL aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. After stirring for 1 hour, the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 25$  mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 50:1) over silica gel, to afford ((6,6-difluoro-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylhex-5-en-3-yl)oxy)trimethylsilane (17a) (R= Me, 69.4 mg, 89%, dr=1:1.1) or ((6,6-difluoro-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylhex-5-en-3-yl)oxy)triethylsilane (17b)(R= Et, 35.5 mg, 59%, dr=1:1.3).

#### Compound 17a

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-***d***)**  $\delta$  (mixture of two diastereomers)= 7.40-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J*= 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (m, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.88-3.76 (m, 1H), 2.96-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.68-2.47 (m, 2H), 1.38 (m, 3H), 0.02 (s, 9H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ (mixture of two diastereomers)= 158.7, 158.6, 154.2 (dd, *J*= 291.0, 287.3 Hz), 145.1, 143.7, 129.4 (t, *J*= 3.2 Hz, 2C), 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 128.1, 126.40, 126.39, 125.8 (t, *J*= 3.8 Hz), 125.5 (t, *J*= 3.8 Hz), 114.0, 113.9, 89.5 (dd, *J*= 21.3, 13.1 Hz), 75.6 (t, *J*= 2.5 Hz), 75.4 (t, *J*= 2.4 Hz), 55.4, 45.6, 45.1, 34.1, 32.5, 16.6, 15.6, 0.3 (3C) ppm.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ (mixture of two diastereomers)= -90.06 (d, J=42.2 Hz, 0.48 F), -90.34 (d, J=42.9 Hz, 0.52 F), -90.78 (d, J=37.5 Hz, 0.52 F), -90.90 (d, J=37.5 Hz, 0.48 F) ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{22}H_{28}F_2O_2SiNa$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 413.1719, found: 413.1714.

### Compound 17b

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d*) δ (mixture of two diastereomers)= 7.23-7.06 (m, 5H), 7.01-6.94 (m, 1H), 6.91- 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.83-6.77 (m, 1H), 6.72-6.66 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.68-3.57 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.64 (m, 1H), 2.57-2.14 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.11 (m, 3H), 0.91-0.64 (m, 9H), 0.50-0.16 (m, 6H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ (mixture of two diastereomers)= 158.8, 158.6, 154.5 (dd, *J*= 296.1, 291.0 Hz), 145.3, 143.2, 129.6 (t, *J*= 3.7 Hz), 129.4 (t, *J*= 3.7 Hz), 128.68, 128.69, 128.3, 128.20, 128.15, 126.4, 126.3, 125.6 (d, *J*= 3.8 Hz), 125.5 (d, *J*= 7.3 Hz), 114.0, 113.8, 89.5 (dd, *J*= 22.7, 10.1 Hz), 75.0 (t, *J*= 2.5Hz), 74.8 (t, *J*= 2.4Hz), 55.39, 55.35, 44.9, 43.8, 34.0, 31.1, 14.7, 13.9, 7.04, 6.99, 5.2, 5.1 ppm.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (mixture of two diastereomers)= -90.23 (d, J= 42.9 Hz, 0.43 F), -90.60 (d, J= 42.9 Hz, 0.57 F), -91.04 (d, J= 42.9 Hz, 0.43 F), -91.43 (d, J= 43.6 Hz, 0.57 F) ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for  $C_{12}H_{16}F_2O_3H [M+H]^+$ : 209.1172, found: 209.1170.





17b



CrCl<sub>3</sub> (3.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %), 4.4'-ditertbutyl-2.2'-bipyridine (L1) (6.4 mg, 0.024 mmol, 12 mol %) and Zn (39 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were placed in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Next, the Schlenk tube was evacuated and filled with nitrogen (three cycles). To these solids, DMA (1.0 mL) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring at 40 °C for 15 minutes, TMSCl (65.2 mg, 76 µ L, 0.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and the aldehydes 21 (82.4 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added under a positive flow of nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at  $40^{\circ}$ C for 16 hours, before it was quenched by addition of 2 mL aqueous HCl (2 N). After stirring for 1 hour, the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate  $(3 \times 25 \text{ mL})$ . The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified through column chromatography 30:1) (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate over silica gel. afford to 3-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-vl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-ol (18) (26.6 mg, 32%), and 4,5-Bis(1-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-methylpropan-2-yl)-2,2,7,7-tetramethyl-3,6-di oxa-2,7-disilaoctane (19) (40.2 mg, 36%).

## Compound 18

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 6.73 (d, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J*= 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.63-6.58 (m, 1H), 5.92 (s, 2H), 3.30 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 2H), 0.87 (s, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 147.1, 145.8, 132.5, 123.3, 110.9, 107.7, 100.7, 71.0, 44.3, 36.4, 24.0 (2C) ppm.

**HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>H [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 209.1172, found: 209.1170.

### Compound 19

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-***d***)**  $\delta$  (mixture of two diastereomers)= 6.74 (dd, *J*= 7.9, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (dd, *J*= 5.4, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (ddd, *J*= 7.9, 4.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 5.95-5.92 (m, 4H), 3.78 (s, 1.1H), 3.64 (s, 0.9H), 2.64 (s, 2.2H), 2.53 (s, 1.8H), 0.92 (s, 3.1H), 0.85 (s, 3.1H), 0.78 (s, 5.8H), 0.22 (s, 9.9H), 0.20 (s, 8.1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ (mixture of two diastereomers)= 147.1, 147.0, 145.8, 145.7, 133.2, 133.0, 124.0, 123.8, 111.6, 111.4, 107.7, 107.6, 100.85, 100.82, 85.9, 77.5, 44.4, 43.7, 40.5, 40.2, 25.2, 24.5, 24.2, 22.7, 1.8, 1.4 ppm.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>H [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 559.2906, found: 559.2900.



CrCl<sub>3</sub> (3.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %), 4.4'-ditertbutyl-2.2'-bipyridine (L1) (6.4 mg, 0.024 mmol, 12 mol %) and Zn (39 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were placed in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Next, the Schlenk tube was evacuated and filled with nitrogen (three cycles). To these solids, DMA (1.0 mL) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring at 40 °C for 15 minutes, TMSCl (64.8 mg, 76 µ L, 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv) and the aldehyde 21 (82.4 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added under a positive flow of nitrogen. The resultant mixture was stirred at 40  $\,^{\circ}$ C for another 5 minutes, before 1-(1-cyclopropylvinyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (20) (42.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 40°C for 16 hours, before it was quenched by addition of 2 mL aqueous HCl. After stirring for 1 hour, the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×25 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1) over silica gel, to afford ((1-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-5-(4- (trifluoromethyl)phenyl)oct-5-en-3*yl*)*oxy*)*trimethylsilane* (**21**) (55.1 mg, 56%).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.64 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J*= 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 5.98 -5.96 (m, 1H), 3.51-3.43 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.76 (m, 2H), 2.64-2.52 (m, 2H), 2.46-2.25 (m, 2H), 1.16 (t, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.00 (s, 9H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 147.1, 146.4, 145.8, 136.1, 135.6 (2C), 132.9 (2C), 126.7 (2C), 125.3 (q, *J*= 3.7 Hz), 123.8 (2C), 111.4, 107.7, 100.9, 80.1, 43.4, 40.0, 31.9, 23.9, 23.0, 22.5, 14.2, 1.1 (3C) ppm.

<sup>19</sup>**F** NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = – 62.29 (s, 3F) ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for  $C_{27}H_{35}F_3O_3SiNa$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 515.2200, found: 515.2230.

# **Kinetic Studies**



A Schlenk tube was charged with the indicated concentration of butyraldehyde (2a), the trifluoromethyl alkene 1a, CrCl<sub>3</sub>, the ligand 4,4'-ditertbutyl-2,2'-bipyridine (L1),

TMSCl and Zn in DMA. After stirring for 25 min at 40  $^{\circ}$ C, the reaction was quenched by addition of aqueous HCl (2 N). The reaction mixture was analyzed by <sup>19</sup>F NMR, and the molar concentration of **3aa** was determined by the integration of the characteristic peak against the internal standard (4-fluoroanisole). The initial rates were calculated and plotted against the reactant or catalyst concentration to determine the reaction orders.

## Determination of the Reaction Order in Butyraldehyde (2a)

The reaction was performed with the trifluoromethyl alkene **1a** (40.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 0.2 M, 1 equiv), CrCl<sub>3</sub> (3.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %), the ligand 4,4'-ditertbutyl-2,2'-bipyridine (**L1**) (6.4 mg, 0.024 mmol, 12 mol %), TMSCl (65.2 mg, 78  $\mu$  L, 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv) and Zn (39 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in DMA (1.0 mL) in the presence of 0.4 M, 0.5 M, 0.6 M and 0.8 M butyraldehyde (**2a**). The initial rates at various [**2a**] were similar, showing the reaction exhibits zero-order rate dependence on the concentration of **2a**.

[ <b>2a</b> ] (M)	Conversion of <b>1a</b> (%)	[ <b>3aa</b> ] (10 <sup>-2</sup> M)	Initial Rate (10 <sup>-4</sup> M/min)
0.4	7.8	1.56	6.24
0.5	7.6	1.52	6.08
0.6	7.7	1.54	6.16
0.8	7.8	1.56	6.24



### **Determination of the Reaction Order in TMSCl**

The reaction was performed with the trifluoromethyl alkene **1a** (40.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 0.2 M, 1 equiv), butyraldehyde (**2a**) (28.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv),  $CrCl_3$  (3.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %), the ligand 4,4'-ditertbutyl-2,2'-bipyridine (**L1**) (6.4 mg, 0.024 mmol, 12 mol %) and Zn (39 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in DMA (1.0 mL) in the presence of 0.2 M, 0.3 M, 0.4 M and 0.5 M TMSCl. The initial rates at various [TMSCl] were similar, showing the reaction exhibits a first-order rate dependence on the concentration of **2a**.

[TMSCl] (M)	Conversion of <b>1a</b> (%)	$[3aa](10^{-2}M)$	Initial Rate (10 <sup>-4</sup> M/min)
0.2	7.4	1.48	5.92
0.3	7.5	1.50	6.00
0.4	7.4	1.48	5.92
0.5	7.6	1.52	6.08



### Determination of the Reaction Order in the Trifluoromethyl Alkene 1a

The reaction was performed with butyraldehyde (**2a**) (28.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 0.4 M, 1 equiv),  $CrCl_3$  (3.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 5 mol %), the ligand 4,4'-ditertbutyl-2,2'-bipyridine (**L1**) (6.4 mg, 0.024 mmol, 6 mol %), TMSCl (65.2 mg, 78  $\mu$  L, 0.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and Zn (39 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in DMA (1.0 mL) in the presence of 0.2 M, 0.3 M, and 0.4 M the trifluoromethyl alkene **1a**. The relationship between the initial rates and [**1a**] was linear, showing the reaction exhibits a first-order rate dependence on the concentration of **1a**.

[ <b>1a</b> ] (M)	Conversion of <b>1a</b> (%)	[ <b>3aa</b> ] (10 <sup>-2</sup> M)	Initial Rate (10 <sup>-4</sup> M/min)
0.2	7.8	1.56	6.24
0.3	8.3	2.50	10.0
0.4	9.0	3.60	14.4
0.2 <sup>a</sup>	7.7	1.54	6.16



<sup>a</sup> Reaction was performed with 1.0 equiv of ZnCl<sub>2</sub>.

### **Determination of the Reaction Order in CrCl3**

The reaction was performed with the trifluoromethyl alkene **1a** (40.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 0.2 M, 1 equiv), butyraldehyde (**2a**) (28.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv), TMSCl (65.2 mg, 78  $\mu$  L, 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv) and Zn (39 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in DMA (1.0 mL) in the presence of 0.01 M, 0.02 M, 0.03 M and 0.04 M CrCl<sub>3</sub> with 0.012 M, 0.024 M, 0.036 M and 0.048 M 4,4'-ditertbutyl-2,2'-bipyridine (**L1**), respectively. The relationship between the initial rates and [CrCl<sub>3</sub>] was linear, showing the reaction exhibits a first-order rate dependence on the concentration of CrCl<sub>3</sub>.

$[CrCl_3](M)$	Conversion of <b>1a</b> (%)	$[3aa](10^{-2}M)$	Initial Rate (10 <sup>-4</sup> M/min)
0.01	4.2	0.84	3.36
0.02	7.8	1.56	6.24
0.03	13	2.60	10.4
0.04	18	3.60	14.4



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