Supporting Information

Decarboxylative Allylation of Trifluoroethyl Sulfones and Approach to Difluoromethyl Compounds

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PhO ₂ SCF ₃ +OCO ₂ Et _				Pd - Catalyst Ligand		PhO ₂ S	
Ph (1.0 eq.)		Solvent (0.1 M) 40 °C			Ph CF ₃		
Entry	Pd-Catalyst	(mol%)	Ligand	(mol%)	Solvent	Time	Yield
						(h)	(%)
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	5	Dppe	6	THF	24	N.R.
2	$[Pd(\eta-C_3H_5)Cl]_2$	2.5	Dppe	6	THF	24	18
3	Pd(dba) ₂	5	Dppe	6	THF	1	85
4	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	2.5	Dppe	6	THF	1	92
5	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄	5	-	-	THF	2	49
6	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	2.5	Dppp	6	THF	2	68
7	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	2.5	Dppf	6	THF	2	72
8	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	2.5	PPh₃	12	THF	1	62
9	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	2.5	PCy₃	12	THF	24	N.R.
10	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	2.5	P <i>t</i> Bu₃	12	THF	24	N.R.
11	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	2.5	BIHEAP	6	THF	2	83
12	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	2.5	Dppe	6	CH_2CI_2	24	Trace
13	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	2.5	Dppe	6	Toluene	12	84
14	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	2.5	Dppe	6	Dioxane	24	41
15	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	2.5	Dppe	6	DME	24	N.R.

Table S1. Optimization of Reaction conditions

Supplemental Methods

General information:

All reactions were performed in oven-dried glassware under positive pressure of nitrogen. Solvents were transferred *via* syringe and were introduced into the reaction vessels though a rubber septum. All of the reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on 0.25 mm Merck silica gel (60-F254). The TLC plates were visualized with UV light and 7% phosphomolybdic acid or KMnO₄ or *p*-anisaldehyde in ethanol/heat. Column chromatography was carried out on columns packed with silica gel (60N spherical neutral size 63-210 μ m). The ¹H NMR (300 MHz), ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz), and ¹³C NMR (150.9 MHz, 75.5 MHz) spectra for solution in CDCl₃ were recorded on a Buruker Avance 600 and a Varian

Mercury 300; chemical shifts (δ) are expressed in ppm downfield from internal TMS or CHCl₃. Mass spectra were recorded on a SHIMADZU DCMS-QP5050A and a SHIMADZU LCMS-2010EV. Infrared spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-200 spectrometer.

Preparation of α-trifluoromethyl phenylsulfones 1.

 α -Trifluoromethyl phenylsulfones **1h** and **1m** are known compounds and they were prepared according to the reported procedure.¹ Other α -trifluoromethyl phenylsulfones **1** were prepared from corresponding α -trifluoromethyl sulfides (prepared according to the reported methods²⁻³) by *m*-CPBA oxidation.



To a solution of α -trifluoromethyl phenylsulfides in CH₂Cl₂ (0.3 M), *m*CPBA (2.25 equiv) was added slowly at 0 °C and stirred at room temperature. The reaction was monitored by TLC with UV light and KMnO₄ staining until starting material was consumed. The resulting mixture was filtered with CH₂Cl₂. The filtrate was treated with aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ three times. The extract was washed with water and then dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After evaporation of the solvent, the crude product was purified by column chromatography eluting with *n*-hexane/EtOAc to give compound 1.

General procedure I: Palladium catalyzed decarboxylative allylation



To a stirred solution of α -trifluoromethyl sulfone **1** (0.10 mmol), dppe (2.3 mg, 0.006 mmol) and Pd₂(dba)₃ (2.4 mg, 0.0025 mmol) in THF (1.0 ml) was added allyl ethyl carbonate (13.0 mg, 0.10 mmol) at room temperature. The solution was heated at 40 °C and the progress of the reaction monitored by TLC. After completion, the mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/benzene) after passing through a short column on silica gel (Et₂O) to give the compounds **3a-l**.

General procedure II: Palladium catalyzed decarboxylative allylation

PhSO₂

$$R^{1}$$
 CF_{3} + $OCO_{2}Et$ $\frac{2.5 \text{ mol}\% \text{ Pd}_{2}(\text{dba})_{3}}{6 \text{ mol}\% \text{ rac-BINAP}}$ PhSO₂
 R^{1} CF_{3} R^{1} CF_{3}
1 2c (2.0 equiv) **3**

To a stirred solution of α -trifluoromethyl sulfone (0.10 mmol), *rac*-BINAP (3.7 mg, 0.006 mmol) and Pd₂(dba)₃ (2.4 mg, 0.0025 mmol) in toluene (1.0 ml) was added ethyl 2-methyl-2-propenyl carbonate (28.8 mg, 0.20 mmol) at room temperature. The solution was heated at 110 °C and the progress of the reaction monitored by TLC. After completion, the mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 9:1) after passing through a short column on silica gel (Et₂O) to give compounds **3m-o**.

(2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-phenylethylsulfonyl)benzene (1a)



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 4.75 (q, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.48 (m, 7H), 7.61-7.68 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 72.2 (q, J = 28.8 Hz), 122.5 (q, J = 282.1 Hz), 125.8, 128.8, 128.9, 129.4, 130.2, 130.6, 134.5, 137.0; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ –61.6 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 3F); IR (KBr): 2954, 1447, 1332, 1257, 1150, 1114, 724, 594 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 323 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₄H₁₁F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 323.0330 found for 323.0336; white solid; Mp : 133-134 °C (*n*-hexane/acetone).

[2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(4-methylphenyl)ethylsulfonyl]benzene (1b)



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 2.36 (s, 3H), 4.72 (q, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.70 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 21.2, 72.5 (q, J = 28.8 Hz), 122.53 (q, J = 281.8 Hz), 125.56, 128.9, 129.4, 129.5, 130.5, 134.4, 137.2, 140.4; ¹⁹F NMR

(CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ –61.8 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 3F); IR (KBr): 3071, 2957, 1611, 1512, 1448, 1153, 860, 726, 603 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 337 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 337.0486 found for 337.0493; white solid; Mp: 171–172 °C (*n*-hexane/acetone).

[2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(4-methoxylphenyl)ethylsulfonyl]benzene (1c)



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.71 (q, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.21-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.70 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 55.3, 72.1 (q, J = 28.8 Hz), 114.2, 117.4, 122.5 (q, J = 281.8 Hz), 128.9, 129.4, 131.9, 134.4, 137.2, 160.9; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ -61.9 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 3F); IR (KBr): 3433, 3029, 2957, 1611, 1515, 1155, 1021, 891, 605 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 353 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₃NaO₃S (M+Na⁺) 353.0435 found for 353.0443; white solid; Mp: 132–133 °C (*n*-hexane/acetone)

[2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)ethylsulfonyl]benzene (1d)



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 4.68 (q, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.01-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.73 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 19.6, 19.7, 72.7 (q, J = 27.9 Hz), 120.7, 122.6 (q, J = 281.8 Hz), 122.8, 128.0, 128.8, 129.5, 130.0, 131.7, 134.4, 137.3, 139.1; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ –61.8 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 3F); IR (KBr): 3432, 3073, 2954, 1905, 1448, 1235, 1154, 946 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 351 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₆H₁₅F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 351.0643 found for 351.0640; white solid; Mp: 128–129 °C (*n*-hexane/acetone).

[2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonyl]benzene (1e)



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 4.70 (q, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.78-6.85 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.70 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 55.8, 72.7 (q, J = 28.8 Hz), 110.9, 112.8, 117.7, 122.6 (q, J = 281.8 Hz), 124.1, 128.9, 129.5, 134.4, 137.2, 149.0, 150.6 (one carbon atom resonance was not detected); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ –61.8 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 3F); IR (KBr): 3072, 2963, 1603, 1520, 1154, 1019, 956 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 383 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₆H₁₅F₃NaO₄S (M+Na⁺) 383.0541 found for 382.0541; white solid; Mp: 91–92 °C (*n*-hexane/acetone).

{2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-[4-(1-methylethyl)phenyl]ethylsulfonyl}benzene (1f)



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 2.86-2.95 (m, 1H), 4.73 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.42-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.68 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150.9 MHz): δ 23.65, 23.70, 33.8, 72.9 (d, J = 30.2 Hz), 122.6 (q, J = 286.0 Hz), 122.9, 126.9, 128.8, 129.4, 130.6, 134.4, 137.3, 151.3; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ –61.8 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 3F); IR (KBr): 3047, 2956, 1448, 1334, 1257, 1154, 1055, 896, 585 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 365 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₇H₁₇F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 365.0799 found for 365.0798; yellow solid; Mp: 134–135 °C (*n*-hexane/EtOAc).

{2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-[4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)phenyl]ethylsulfonyl}benzene (1g)



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 1.31 (s, 9H), 4.74 (q, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.60-7.68 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150.9 MHz): 31.1, 34.7, 72.9 (q, J = 28.2 Hz), 122.56, 122.59 (q, J = 282.1 Hz), 125.8, 128.8, 129.4, 130.3, 134.4, 137.3, 153.5; ¹⁹F

NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ –61.8 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 3F); IR (KBr): 3047, 2956, 1448, 1334, 1257, 1154, 1055, 896, 585 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 379 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₈H₁₉F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 379.0956 found for 379.0954; yellow solid; Mp: 106-107 °C (*n*-hexane/EtOAc).

(1,1,1-Trifluoropent-4-en-2-ylsulfonyl)benzene (1j)



To a stirred solution of 1m (22.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), dppf (3.3 mg, 0.006 mmol) and Pd₂(dba)₃ (2.4 mg, 0.0025 mmol) in THF (1.0 ml) was added allyl ethyl carbonate (13.0 mg 0.1 mmol) at room temperature. The solution was heated at 40 °C and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The, the mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/benzene 1:1) after passing through a short column on silica gel (Et₂O). **1j** Was obtained as yellow oil (15.4 mg, 58%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 2.66-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.95-3.04 (m, 1H), 3.67-3.78 (m, 1H), 5.16 (dd, J = 10.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.79-5.93 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.75 (m, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 7.8, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150.9 MHz): δ 28.6 (q, J = 1.5 Hz), 67.2 (q, J = 27.2 Hz), 119.2, 122.3 (q, J = 282.2 Hz), 129.1, 129.3, 132.0, 134.6, 137.9; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ -64.2 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 3F); IR (NaCl): 3072, 2948, 1585, 1449, 1335, 1123, 927, 756 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 287 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₁H₁₁F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 287.0330 found for 287.0327.

Lit^[1a]; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 2.62-3.10 (m, 2H), 3.63-3.81 (m, 1H), 5.13-5.26 (m, 2H), 5.75-6.00 (m, 1H), 7.56-8.00 (m, 5H).

(1,1,1-Trifluoro-5-phenyl-pent-4-en-2-ylsulfonyl)benzene (1k)



To a stirred solution of **1m** (22.4 g, 0.1 mmol), dppf (3.3 mg, 0.006 mmol) and $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.3 mg, 0.0025 mmol) in THF (1.0 ml) was added cinnamyl ethyl carbonate (20.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) at room temperature. The solution was heated at 60 °C and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Then, the mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by

flash column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/Et₂O 95:5) after passing through a short column on silica gel (Et₂O). **1k** was obtained as yellow oil (17.7 mg, 52%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 2.83-2.93 (m, 1H), 3.11-3.21 (m, 1H), 3.76-3.83 (m, 1H), 6.14-6.24 (m, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.57-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 28.0 (d, J = 1.1 Hz), 67.4 (q, J = 26.5 Hz), 123.0 (q, J = 281.8 Hz), 123.1, 126.3, 127.8, 128.5, 129.1, 129.3, 134.2, 134.6, 136.3, 137.9; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ -64.1 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 3F); IR (NaCl): 3062, 2944, 2321, 1968, 1736, 1448, 1150, 967 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 363 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₇H₁₅F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 363.0643 found for 363.0644.

(2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-chloroethylsulfonyl)benzene (11)



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 5.04-5.10 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.77-7.82 (m, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 70.0 (q, J = 33.7 Hz), 120.6 (q, J = 282.1 Hz), 129.3, 130.3, 134.5, 135.6; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ –67.5 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 3F); IR (NaCl): 2966, 1350, 1306, 1252, 684, 591 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 281 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₈H₆ClF₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 280.9627 found for 280.9635; yellow oil.

(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-phenylpent-4-en-2-ylsulfonyl)benzene (3a)



The general procedure **I** was applied, using **1a** (30.0 mg, 0.1 mmol), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.3 mg, 0.0025 mmol), dppe (2.4 mg, 0.006 mmol), allyl ethyl carbonate (13.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) in THF (1.0 ml) at 40 °C for 1 h. The obtained crude product was purified by chromatography (*n*-hexane/benzene 3:7) to afford pure **3a** as a white solid (31.3 mg, 92%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 3.34 (dd, J = 15.3, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.68-3.75 (m, 1H), 5.13 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dd, J = 16.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.51-5.62 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.58 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 32.7 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 77.7 (q, J = 23.8 Hz), 120.4, 124.5 (q, J = 287.1 Hz), 128.0, 128.2, 128.4, 129.6, 129.95, 129,98 130.6, 134.1, 135.7; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ

-59.0 (s, 3F); IR (KBr): 3071, 1642, 1327, 1150, 694, 596 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 363 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES⁺): calcd for C₁₇H₁₅F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 363.0643 found for 363.0638; white solid; Mp: 94-95 °C (*n*-hexane/acetone).

[1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(4-methylphenyl)pent-4-ene-2-ylsulfonyl]benzene (3b)



The general procedure **I** was applied, using **1b** (32.0 mg, 0.1 mmol), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.3 mg, 0.0025 mmol), dppe (2.4 mg, 0.006 mmol), allyl ethyl carbonate (13.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) in THF (1.0 ml) at 40 °C for 1 h. The crude product was purified by chromatography (*n*-hexane/benzene 3:7) to afford pure **3b** as a white solid (32.2 mg, 91%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 2.37 (s, 3H), 3.29 (dd, J = 15.3 Hz, 8.1 Hz 2H), 3.67 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.51-5.62 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.79 (m, 6H), 7.54-7.58 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 21.1, 32.8 (d, J = 1.2 Hz), 77.6 (q, J = 24.6 Hz), 120.3, 124.5 (q, J = 286.9 Hz), 124.7, 128.2, 129.1, 129.8, 129.9, 130.7, 134.1, 135.8, 139.8; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ -59.1 (s, 3F); IR (KBr): 3072, 2979, 2351, 1641, 1447, 1307, 1153, 931 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 377 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₈H₁₇F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 377.0799 found for 377.0797; white solid; Mp: 80-81 °C (*n*-hexane/acetone).

[1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(4-methoxylphenyl)pent-4-ene-2-ylsulfonyl]benzene (3c)



The general procedure **I** was applied, using **1c** (33.0 mg, 0.1 mmol), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.3 mg, 0.0025 mmol), dppe (2.4 mg, 0.006 mmol), allyl ethyl carbonate (13.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) in THF (1.0 ml) at 40 °C for 1 h. The crude product was purified by chromatography (*n*-hexane/benzene 3:7) to afford pure **3c** as colorless oil (36.5 mg, 98%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 3.30 (dd, J = 15.3, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (ddd, J = 15.3, 3.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 5.13 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (dd, J = 16.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.81-6.87 (m, 2H),

7.30-7.40 (m, 6H), 7.54-7.59 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 32.9, 55.3, 113.7, 119.5, 120.2, 124.5 (q, J = 286.5 Hz), 128.2, 128.9, 129.8, 130.6, 131.40, 131.43, 134.04, 135.9, 160.4 (one carbon atom resonance was not detected); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ –59.2 (s, 3F); IR (NaCl): 3436, 3073, 2937, 1611, 1517, 1159, 979, 869 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 393 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₈H₁₇F₃NaO₃S (M+Na⁺) 393.0748 found for 393.0743.

[1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)pent-4-ene-2-ylsulfonyl]benzene (3d)



The general procedure **I** was applied, using **1d** (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.3 mg, 0.0025 mmol), dppe (2.4 mg, 0.006 mmol), allyl ethyl carbonate (13.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) in THF (1.0 ml) at 40 °C for 1 h. The obtained crude product was purified by chromatography (*n*-hexane/benzene 3:7) affording pure **3d** was obtained as colorless oil (35.8 mg, 97%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 3.28 (dd, J = 15.3, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (dd, J = 15.0, 3.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.53-5.66 (m, 1H), 7.06-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.59 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 19.4, 19.9, 32.7, 77.4 (q, J = 23.6 Hz), 120.1, 124.5 (q, J = 282.9 Hz), 124.9, 127.5, 128.1, 129.6, 129.9, 130.8, 131.1, 134.0, 135.9, 136.7, 138.5; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ –58.9 (s, 3F); IR (NaCl): 3073, 2979, 2923, 1148, 1165, 1081, 980, 756 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 391 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₉H₁₉F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 391.0956 found for 391.0959.

[1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)pent-4-ene-2-ylsulfonyl]benzene (3e)



The general procedure I was applied, using 1e (36.0 mg, 0.1 mmol), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.3 mg, 0.0025 mmol), dppe (2.4 mg, 0.006 mmol), allyl ethyl carbonate (13.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) at 40 °C for 2 h. The crude product was purified by chromatography (benzene) to afford pure 3e

as a white solid (37.4 mg, 93%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 3.32 (dd, J = 15.3, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.62-3.68 (m, 4H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 5.15 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.58-5.63 (m, 1H), 6.79-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.54-7.58 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 32.8 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 55.8, 55.9, 110.5, 113.1, 119.8, 120.3, 123.2, 124.5 (q, J = 279.5 Hz), 128.2, 129.8, 130.7, 134.0, 135.9, 148.4, 150.0 (one carbon atom resonance was not detected); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ –59.0 (s, 3F); IR (KBr): 3089, 2938, 1604, 1247, 1152, 985 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 423 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₉H₁₉F₃NaO₄S (M+Na⁺) 423.0854 found for 423.0851; white solid; Mp: 90-91 °C (*n*-hexane/acetone).

{1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-[4-(1-methylethyl)phenyl]pent-4-ene-2-ylsulfonyl}benzene (3f)



The general procedure **I** was applied, using **1f** (34.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.3 mg, 0.0025 mmol), dppe (2.4 mg, 0.006 mmol), allyl ethyl carbonate (13.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) in THF (1.0 ml) at 40 °C for 1 h. The crude product was purified by chromatography (*n*-hexane/benzene 3:7) to afford pure **3f** as colorless oil (34.5 mg, 90%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 2.86-2.93 (m, 1H), 3.31 (dd, J = 15.3, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (ddd, J = 15.0, 3.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.59-5.62 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.50-7.55 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150.9 MHz): δ 23.8, 23.9, 32.7 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 33.7, 120.2, 124.6 (q, J = 286.7 Hz), 125.1, 126.5, 128.2, 129.85, 129.90, 130.6, 134.0, 135.9, 150.8 (one carbon atom resonance was not detected); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ -59.1 (s, 3F); IR (NaCl): 3072, 2962, 1641, 1448, 1081, 925, 599 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 405 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₂₀H₂₁F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 405.1112 found for 405.1121.

{1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-[4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)phenyl]pent-4-ene-2-ylsulfonyl}benzene (3g)



The general procedure **I** was applied, using **1g** (35.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.3 mg, 0.0025 mmol), dppe (2.4 mg, 0.006 mmol), allyl ethyl carbonate (13.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) in THF (1.0 ml) at 40 °C for 1 h. The crude product was purified by chromatography (*n*-hexane/benzene 3:7) to afford pure **3g** as colorless oil (39.4 mg, 99%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 1.32 (s, 9H), 3.31 (dd, J = 15.3, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.69-3.75 (m, 1H), 5.12 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, J = 16.8, 1H), 5.42-5.65 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.55 (m, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 31.1, 32.7 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 34.6, 77.8 (q, J = 23.8 Hz), 120.2, 124.5 (q, J = 286.5 Hz), 124.8, 128.0, 129.65, 129.68, 130.6, 133.9, 133.9, 136.0, 153.1; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ –59.1 (s, 3F); IR (NaCl): 3069, 2964, 2870, 1449, 1329, 1167, 924, 687 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 419 (M+Na⁺): HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₂₁H₂₃F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 419.1269 found for 419.1270.

(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-methylpent-4-en-2-ylsulfonyl)benzene (3h)



The general procedure **I** was applied, using **1h** (47.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (4.6 mg, 0.005 mmol), dppe (4.8 mg, 0.012 mmol), allyl ethyl carbonate (26.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) in THF (2.0 ml) at 40 °C for 1 h. The crude product was purified by chromatography (*n*-hexane/benzene 2:8) to afford pure **3h** as yellow oil (50.5 mg, 91%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 1.55 (s, 3H), 2.73-2.88 (m, 2H), 5.19-5.24 (m, 2H), 5.79-5.91 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 14.7 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 34.9 (d, J = 1.1 Hz), 69.6 (q, J = 24.8 Hz), 120.9, 124.7 (q, J = 284.6 Hz), 128.9, 130.1, 130.6, 134.5, 136.2; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ -68.2 (s,3F); IR (NaCl): 3073, 2929, 1642, 1329, 1150, 928, 731 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 301 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₂H₁₃F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 301.0486 found for 301.0487.

(4-Trifluoromethyl-1-phenyl hept-6-ene-4-ylsulfonyl)benzene (3i)



The general procedure **I** was applied, using **1i** (34.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.3 mg, 0.0025 mmol), dppe (2.4 mg, 0.006 mmol), allyl ethyl carbonate (13.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) in THF (1.0 ml) at 40 °C for 1 h. The crude product was purified by chromatography (*n*-hexane/benzene 3:7) to afford pure **3i** as yellow oil (35.4 mg, 93%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 1.88-2.17 (m, 4H), 2.60-3.03 (m, 4H), 5.15-5.20 (m, 2H), 5.88-5.92 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.51-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 25.0, 28.2, 33.2, 36.1, 72.9 (q, *J* = 23.7 Hz), 120.5, 122.3, 124.7 (q, *J* = 285.8 Hz), 126.1, 126.5, 127.8, 128.4, 128.5, 128.9, 130.0, 130.4, 134.4, 135.2, 136.8, 140.0; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ –64.8 (s, 3F); IR (NaCl): 3084, 2927, 1742, 1148, 927, 594 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 405 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₂₀H₂₁F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 405.1112 found for 405.1104.

(4-Trifluoromethylhepta-1,6-diene-4-ylsulfonyl)benzene (3j)



The general procedure **I** was applied, using **1j** (26.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.3 mg, 0.0025 mmol), dppe (2.4 mg, 0.006 mmol), allyl ethyl carbonate (13.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) in THF (1.0 ml) at 40 °C for 1 h. The crude product was purified by chromatography (*n*-hexane/benzene 3:7) to afford pure **3j** as yellow oil (27.4 mg, 90%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 2.77 (dd, J = 15.3, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (dd, J = 15.3, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.19-5.25 (m, 4H), 5.88-6.01 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.93 (m, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 33.3 (q, J = 1.1 Hz), 72.8 (q, J = 23.2 Hz), 120.7, 124.4 (q, J = 286.0 Hz), 128.9, 130.0, 130.6, 134.5, 136.7; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ -64.7 (s, 3F); IR (NaCl): 3083, 2985, 1641, 1330, 1167, 733, 689 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 327 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₄H₁₅F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 327.0643 found for 327.0639.

(4-Trifluoromethyl-1-phenylhept-1,6-diene-4-ylsulfonyl)benzene (3k)



The general procedure **I** was applied, using **1k** (34.0 mg, 0.1 mmol), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.3 mg, 0.0025 mmol), dppe (2.4 mg, 0.006 mmol), allyl ethyl carbonate (13.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) in THF (1.0 ml) at 40 °C for 1 h. The crude product was purified by chromatography (*n*-hexane/benzene 3:7) to afford pure **3k** as yellow oil (36.7 mg, 97%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 2.78-3.10 (m, 4H), 5.20-5.30 (m, 2H), 5.96-6.02 (m, 1H), 6.21-6.31 (m, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.55-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 32.7, 33.6, 72.9 (q, J = 23.1 Hz), 120.8, 121.3, 124.5 (q, J = 286.4 Hz), 126.3, 127.7, 128.6, 128.9, 130.0, 130.7, 134.5, 135.4, 136.6, 136.7; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ -64.6 (s, 3F); IR (NaCl): 3081, 2959, 1725, 1329, 1149, 927, 598 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 403 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₂₀H₁₉F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 403.0956 found for 403.0954.

(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-chloropent-4-en-2-ylsulfonyl)benzene (3l)



The general procedure **I** was applied, using **11** (25.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.3 mg, 0.0025 mmol), dppe (2.4 mg, 0.006 mmol), allyl ethyl carbonate (13.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) in THF (1.0 ml) at 40 °C for 1 h. The crude product was purified by chromatography (*n*-hexane/benzene 2:8) to afford pure **31** as yellow oil (28.5 mg, 95%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 3.20 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.29-5.34 (m, 2H), 5.85-5.97 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.73-7.78 (m, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 36.7, 83.8 (q, J = 28.8 Hz), 121.7, 122.1 (q, J = 285.5 Hz), 128.3, 128.9, 131.5, 134.5, 135.3; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ –67.8 (s, 3F); IR (NaCl): 3085, 2927, 1643, 1583, 1156, 931, 593 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 321 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₁H₁₀ClF₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺); MS (ES+): calcd for [M+Na] 320.9940 found for 320.9938.

(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2,4-dimethylpent-4-en-2-ylsulfonyl)benzene (3m)



The general procedure **II** was applied, using **1h** (23.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (2.3 mg, 0.0025 mmol), *rac*-BINAP (3.7 mg, 0.006 mmol), ethyl 2-methyl-2-propenyl carbonate (28.8 mg, 0.20 mmol) in toluene (1.0 ml) at 110 °C for 8 h. **3m** Was obtained as yellow oil (27.7 mg, 95%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.83 (s, 3H), 2.75 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 49.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 14.9 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 24.2 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 37.0, 70.9 (q, *J* = 24.9 Hz), 118.9, 124.8 (q, *J* = 284.9 Hz), 128.9, 130.7, 134.4, 136.3, 137.9; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ -67.5 (s, 3F); IR (NaCl): 3069, 2923, 1690, 1585, 1448, 1325, 1149, 906, 722, 689 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 315 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₃H₁₅F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 315.0643 found for 315.0638.

4-(Trifluoromethyl)-2-methylhepta-1,6-dien-4-ylsulfonylbenzene (3n)



The general procedure **II** was applied, using **1j** (26.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (2.3 mg, 0.0025 mmol), *rac*-BINAP (3.7 mg, 0.006 mmol), ethyl 2-methyl-2-propenyl carbonate (28.8 mg, 0.20 mmol) in toluene (1.0 ml) at 110 °C for 8 h. **3n** Was obtained as yellow oil (24.6 mg, 77%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 1.84 (s, 3H), 2.72-3.00 (m, 4H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 30.6 Hz, 2H), 5.19-5.26 (m, 2H), 6.02-6.16 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.93 (m, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 24.2 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 33.1 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 36.2, 73.9 (q, *J* = 23.3 Hz), 119.2, 120.2, 124.4 (q, *J* = 285.5 Hz), 128.9, 130.6, 130.7, 134.5, 137.0, 137.9; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ -64.0 (s, 3F); IR (NaCl): 3082, 2961, 1643, 1448, 1329, 1150, 909, 722, 689 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 341 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₅H₁₇F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 341.0799 found for 341.0795.

(4-Trifluoromethyl-6-methyl-1-phenylhept-1,6-diene-4-ylsulfonyl)benzene (30)



The general procedure **II** was applied, using **1k** (34.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (2.3 mg, 0.0025 mmol), *rac*-BINAP (3.7 mg, 0.006 mmol), ethyl 2-methyl-2-propenyl carbonate (28.8 mg, 0.20 mmol) in toluene (1.0 ml) at 110 °C for 8 h. **30** Was obtained as yellow oil (38.7 mg, 98%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 1.87 (s, 3H), 2.76-3.15 (m, 4H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 29.4 Hz, 2H), 6.34-6.54 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.53-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 24.6 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 33.0, 36.4, 74.1 (q, *J* = 23.2 Hz), 119.4, 122.0, 124.7 (q, *J* = 285.8 Hz), 126.4, 127.7, 128.6, 128.9, 130.8, 134.4, 135.0, 136.8, 137.1, 138.0; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ -63.8 (s, 3F); IR (NaCl): 3062, 2925, 1644, 1328, 1047, 909, 734 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 417 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₂₁H₂₁F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 417.1112 found for 417.1112.

(4-Trifluoromethyl-1,7-diphenylhept-1,6-diene-4-ylsulfonyl)benzene (3p)

1149, 1079, 968, 728, 689 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 479 (M+Na⁺).



To a stirred solution of **1k** (34.0 mg, 0.1 mmol), dppf (3.3 mg, 0.006 mmol) and Pd₂(dba)₃ (2.3 mg, 0.0025 mmol) in THF (1.0 ml) was added cinnamyl ethyl carbonate (41.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) at room temperature. The solution was heated at 60 °C and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Then, the mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/Et₂O 95:5) after passing through a short column on silica gel (Et₂O). **3p** was obtained as colorless oil (43.7 mg, 96%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 2.98 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (dt, *J* = 15.0, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.36 (m, 10H), 7.55-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 33.1, 73.4 (q, *J* = 23.2 Hz), 121.4, 124.6 (q, *J* = 286.5 Hz), 126.4, 127.8, 128.6, 129.0, 130.7, 134.6, 135.6, 136.6, 136.9; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ -64.5 (s, 3F); IR (NaCl): 3084, 2924, 1599, 1328, 1313,

Reduction of olefin



To a solution of 1k or 3k in MeOH (0.1 M), 10% Pd/C (10 wt%) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight under H₂ atomosphere. The resulting mixture was filtered on celite with elution by MeOH. After evaporation of the solvent, the crude product was purified by column chromatography eluting with *n*-hexane/EtOAc to give the compounds 1i or 5.

(1,1,1-Trifluoro-5-phenyl-2-pentylsulfonyl)benzene (1i)



The reduction was performed, using 10% Pd/C (13.6 mg), **1e** (136.1 mg, 0.4 mmol) in MeOH (3.0 ml) at room temperature for 6 h. **1i** was obtained as yellow oil (139.0 mg, quant.).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 1.88-2.03 (m, 3H), 2.16-2.29 (m, 1H), 2.64-2.69 (m, 2H), 3.57-3.66 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.54-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.72 (m, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 23.9, 29.0, 35.3, 67.2 (q, *J* = 27.1 Hz), 123.2 (q, *J* = 281.2 Hz), 126.1, 128.3, 128.4, 129.0, 129.2, 134.5, 137.8, 140.7; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ -64.6 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 3F); IR (NaCl): 3063, 2938, 1744, 1449, 1153, 912, 752 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 365 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₇H₁₇F₃O₂NaS (M+Na⁺) 365.0799 found for 365.0798.

Synthesis of Difluoromethyl Compound



(4-trifluoromethyl-1-phenyl-4-heptylsulfonyl)benzene (5a)



The reduction was performed; using 10% Pd/C (26.0 mg), **3k** (225.8 mg, 0.34 mmol) in MeOH (6.0 ml) at room temperature for 33 h. **5a** was obtained as yellow oil (198.9 mg, 88%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.38-1.60 (m, 2H), 1,78-2.27 (m, 6H), 2.65 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.17-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.50-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150.9 MHz): δ 14.6, 16.9, 25.2, 27.9, 30.4, 36.1, 73.6 (q, *J* = 24.1 Hz), 124.9 (q, *J* = 285.2 Hz), 126.1, 128.42, 128.44, 128.8, 130.3, 134.2, 137.1, 141.0; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ -65.0 (s, 3F); IR (NaCl): 3064, 2972, 2252, 1603, 1449, 1326, 1147, 911, 724 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 407 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₂₀H₂₃F₃O₂NaS (M+Na⁺) 407.1269 found for 407.1265.

(4-Trifluoromethyl-1,7-diphenyl-4-heptylsulfonyl)benzene (5b)



The reduction was performed; using 10% Pd/C (30.2 mg), **3p** (301.9 mg, 0.66 mmol) in MeOH (7.0 ml) at room temperature for 12 h. **5b** was obtained as a white solid (256.5 mg, 84%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 1.70-2.15 (m, 8H), 2.61 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.13-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150.9 MHz): δ 25.0, 27.8, 36.1, 73.5 (q, J = 23.8 Hz), 124.8 (q, J = 286.0 Hz), 126.1, 128.43, 128.45, 130.3, 134.2, 137.0, 137.0 141.9; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ -64.9 (s, 3F); IR

(KBr): 3028, 2946, 1964, 1602, 1496, 1447, 1328, 1053, 952, 722 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 483 (M+Na⁺); white solid; Mp: 75-76 °C (*n*-hexane/acetone).

1-{4-(Difluoromethylene)heptyl}benzene (S1a)



A test tube containing Mg (126.4 mg, 5.2 mmol, 10 eq.) was heated for drying under N₂ atmosphere. The test tube was cooled at 0 °C, and then MeOH (5.2 mL) and a solution of **5a** (198.9 mg, 0.52 mmol) in THF (1.6 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 5 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 9:1) to give the desired difluoromethylene compound **S1a** as yellow oil (93.0 mg, 83%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 0.89 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.33-1.46 (m, 2H), 1,66-1.76 (m, 2H), 1.91-2.04 (m, 4H), 2.59 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13-7.31 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 13.5, 20.6 (t, J = 2.3 Hz), 25.7, 27.9, 29.3 (t, J = 2.3 Hz), 35.5, 88.4 (t, J = 16.8 Hz), 125.8, 128.3, 142.1, 153.5 (t, J = 283.5 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ –96.5 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 2F); IR (NaCl): 3030, 2960, 2864, 2320, 1747, 1494, 747 cm⁻¹; MS (EI): m/z 224 (M⁺); HRMS (EI): calcd for C₁₄H₁₈F₂ (M⁺) 224.1377 found for 224.1398.

1-{4-(Difluoromethylene)-7-phenylheptyl}benzene (S1b)



A test tube containing Mg (39.3 mg, 1.6 mmol, 10 eq.) was heated for drying under N₂ atmosphere. The test tube was cooled at 0 °C, and then MeOH (2.0 ml) and a solution of **5b** (74.6 mg, 0.16 mmol) in THF (0.6 ml) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 4 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane) to give the desired difluoromethylene compound **S1b** as colorless oil (40.8 mg, 84%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 1.64-1.75 (m, 4H), 1.99-2.03 (m, 2H), 2.59 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.31 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 25.6, 29.1 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 35.4, 88.3 (t, *J* =

16.6 Hz), 125.8, 128.3, 142.0, 153.4 (t, J = 283.8 Hz) (one carbon atom resonance was not detected); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ –95.9 (s, 2F); IR (NaCl): 3026, 2982, 2857, 1741, 1640, 1495, 928, 731 cm⁻¹; MS (EI): m/z 300 (M⁺); HRMS (EI): calcd for C₂₀H₂₂F₂ (M⁺) 300.1690 found for 300.1688.

1-(4-(difluoromethyl)heptyl)benzene (6a)



10% Pd/C (2.3 mg) was added to a solution of the difluoromethylene compound S1a (22.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) in MeOH (1.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight under H₂ atmosphere. After celite filtration, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane) to give **6a** as yellow oil (21.7 mg, 96%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 0.90 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.23-1.85 (m, 9H), 2.61 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.69 (td, J = 57.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.31 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 14.3, 20.0, 27.4 (t, J = 17.4 Hz), 28.8, 30.0 (t, J = 17.4 Hz), 36.1, 41.8 (t, J = 74.7 Hz), 119.0 (t, J = 242.4 Hz), 125.1, 128.3, 142.1 (one carbon atom resonance was not detected); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ -122.5 (ddd, J = 270.2, 56.4 15.8 Hz, 1F), -123.6 (ddd, J = 270.2, 56.4 15.8 Hz, 1F); IR (NaCl): 3027, 2936, 2871, 1496, 1455, 1089, 747 cm⁻¹; MS (EI): m/z 226 (M⁺); HRMS (EI): calcd for C₁₄H₂₀F₂ (M⁺) 226.1533 found for 226.1562.

1-{4-(difluoromethyl)-1-phenylheptyl}benzene (6b)



10% Pd/C (4.5 mg) was added to a solution of the difluoromethylene compound **S1b** (44.6 mg, 0.15 mmol) in MeOH (2.0 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight under H₂ atmosphere. After celite filtration, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane) to give **6b** as colorless oil (38.0 mg, 85%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 1.32-1.85 (m, 9H), 2.60 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 5.69 (td, J = 57.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.31 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 27.4 (t, J = 4.5 Hz), 28.6, 36.1, 41.9 (t, J = 18.3 Hz), 118.9 (t, J = 242.3 Hz), 125.8, 128.3, 142.0 (one carbon atom resonance was not detected); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ –123.0 (dd, J = 57.3 15.8 Hz, 2F); IR (NaCl):

3026, 2938, 2862, 1495, 1454, 1392, 1127, 1081, 748, 699 cm⁻¹; MS (EI): m/z 300 (M⁺); HRMS (EI): calcd for $C_{20}H_{24}F_2$ (M⁺) 302.1846 found for 302.1848.

(4-Trifluoromethyl-cyclopent-1-ene-4-ylsulfonyl)benzene (4)



A solution of **3j** (30.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and Grubbs' I catalyst (0.4 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol%) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 8:2) to give the **6** as a black solid (26.3 mg, 95 %).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 2.87 (dd, J = 15.9, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 2H), 5.67 (s, 2H), 7.56-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ 37.5 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 74.2 (q, J = 26.0 Hz), 123.4 (q, J = 282.2 Hz), 127.4, 129.0, 130.3, 134.5, 136.4; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282 MHz): δ -70.3 (s, 3F); IR (KBr): 3073, 2938, 2867, 1584, 1313, 1159, 757, 594 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 299 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ES+): calcd for C₁₂H₁₁F₃NaO₂S (M+Na⁺) 299.0330 found for 299.0336; black solid; Mp: 87-88 °C (*n*-hexane/acetone).

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