Supporting Information

Silver-Mediated Oxidative Trifluoromethylation of Alcohols to Alkyl Trifluoromethyl Ethers

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1. General Information

All reactions were carried out under an inert argon atmosphere unless otherwise indicated. Substrates were purchased from commercial sources (Aldrich, Alfa and Chemical Reagent Companies of China) and used as received. Anhydrous ethyl acetate was purchased from J&K. Spray-dried KF was dried at 170° C for 12 h under vacuum prior to use. Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained commercially and used without further purification. ¹H NMR (TMS as the internal standard) and ¹⁹F NMR spectra (CFCl₃ as the outside standard and low field is positive) were recorded on a Bruker AM300 or Bruker AM400 spectrometer. ¹³C NMR was recorded on a Bruker AM400 spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm, and coupling constants (J) are in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad.

2. Experimental data

2.1 Preliminary Investigation of Reaction Mechanism

1) No conversion was observed when **1a** was treated with AgOTf, KF, and 2-fluoropyridine, which excluded the formation of alkoxy silver complex

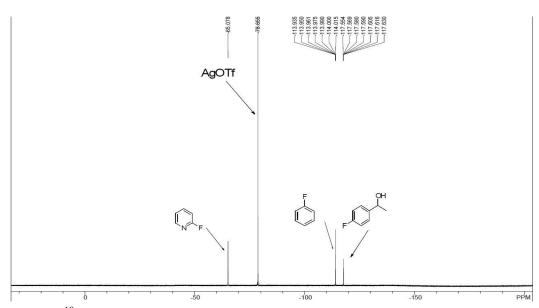


Fig. S1. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture that **1a** was treated with AgOTf, KF, and 2-fluoropyridine in EtOAc at room temperature for 12 h.

2) Preparation of $Ag^{I}CF_{3}$ (^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl $_{3})$ δ -22.6 (br, 3F)) 1,2

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{AgOTf (1.0 equiv), KF (1.3 equiv)} \\ \text{TMSCF}_3 & \frac{2\text{-fluoropyridine (1.0 equiv)}}{\text{EtOAc (0.5 ml), rt, 30 min}} & \text{Ag}^{\text{I}\text{CF}_3} & + & [\text{Ag}(\text{CF}_3)_4] \\ \hline 50\% & 6\% \\ \end{array}$$

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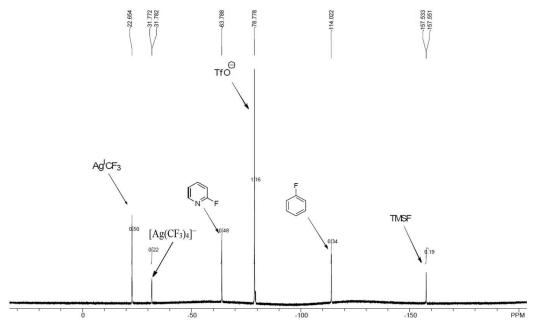


Fig. S2. 19 F NMR spectrum of the preparation of Ag^ICF_3

3) Oxidative *O*-trifluoromethylation of 1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethanol (1a) with pre-generated $Ag^{I}CF_{3}$ in the presence of selectfluor.

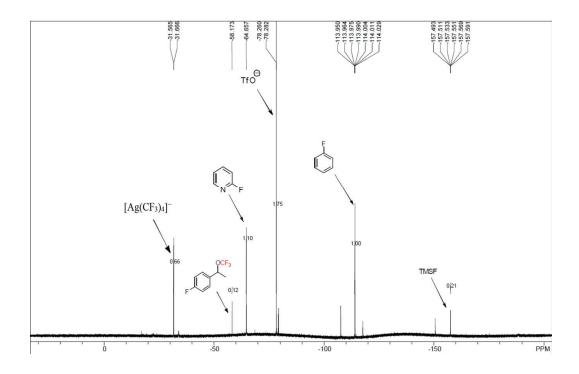


Fig. S3. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of the crude reaction mixture of Ag^ICF₃ with 1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethanol (**1a**)

4) Preparation of $[Ag(CF_3)_4]^-$ (¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -31.6 (d, J = 36.8 Hz, 3F))³

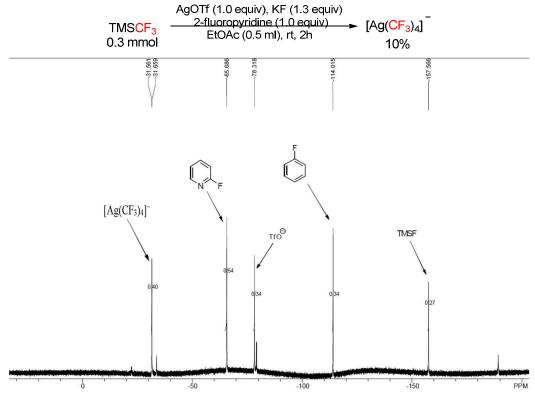


Fig. S4. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of the preparation of $[Ag(CF_3)_4]^-$ that TMSCF₃ and Ag^ICF_3 were totally converted.

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5) Oxidative trifluoromethylation of 1-(4-fluorophenyl) ethanol (1a) with [Ag(CF₃)₄]

2.2 General Procedure for Silver-mediated Trifluoromethylation of Alcohols General Procedure A

To a reaction tube that was equipped with a stirring bar, AgOTf (385.4 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), Selectfluor (265.7 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv), KF (116.2 mg, 2.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv), alcohol (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added successively in a nitrogen-filled glovebox. Then ethyl acetate (2.5 mL), 2-fluoropyridine (145.5 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and CF₃TMS (213.3 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were added successively under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of silica (eluted with ethyl acetate). The filtrate was concentrated, and the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the alkyl trifluoromethyl ether.

General Procedure B

To a reaction tube that was equipped with a stirring bar, AgOTf (256.9 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Selectfluor (265.7 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv), KF (87.1 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), alcohol (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added successively in a nitrogen-filled glovebox. Then ethyl acetate (2.5 mL), 2-fluoropyridine (97.1 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CF₃TMS (142.2 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added successively under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of silica (eluted with ethyl acetate). The filtrate was concentrated, and the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the alkyl trifluoromethyl ether.

General Procedure C

To a reaction tube that was equipped with a stirring bar, AgOTf (385.4 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), Selectfluor (177.1 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), KF (116.2 mg, 2.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv), alcohol (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added successively in a nitrogen-filled glovebox. Then ethyl acetate (2.5 mL), 2-fluoropyridine (145.5 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and CF₃TMS (213.3 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were added successively under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of silica (eluted with Ethyl acetate). The filtrate was concentrated, and the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the alkyl trifluoromethyl ether.

2.3 Characterization Date for Products

1-Fluoro-4-(1-(trifluoromethoxy)ethyl)benzene (4a).

4a was prepared according to **the general procedure A** in 62% yield as a colourless oil. (R_f = 0.75 in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.62 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 3H), 5.29 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.36 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -58.1 (s, 3F), -113.6 (m, 1F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 23.3, 76.5 (q, J = 2.4 Hz), 115.6 (d, J = 21.2 Hz), 121.6 (q, J = 253.8 Hz), 127.6 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 136.3 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 162.7 (d, J = 245.8 Hz). IR (neat) v 2954, 2924, 2853, 1457, 1285, 1242, 1163, 913, 744 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 208 (M⁺, 38.2), 193 (100). HRMS Calculated for C₉H₈OF₄ 208.0511, found [M]⁺ 208.0518.

((3-(Trifluoromethoxy)propoxy)methyl)benzene (4b).

4b was prepared according to **the general procedure B** in 70% yield as a colourless oil ($R_f = 0.4$ in hexane). 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.92-2.01 (m, 2H), 3.56 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 7.27-7.36 (m, 4H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.8 (s, 3F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 29.2, 64.5 (q, J = 3.2 Hz), 65.8, 73.2, 121.7 (q, J = 252.3 Hz), 127.6, 127.7, 128.4, 138.2. IR (neat) v 3032, 2866, 2359, 1480, 1455, 1410, 1359, 1330, 1208, 1049, 859, 737, 698, 610 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 234 (M⁺, 13.4), 91 (100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{11}H_{13}O_2F_3$ 234.0868, found [M]⁺ 234.0866.

(3-(Trifluoromethoxy)propyl)benzene (4c).

4c was prepared according to the general procedure **B** in 92% yield as a colourless oil ($R_f = 0.75$ in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.42-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.78 (m, 4H), 2.66 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.35 (m, 5H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.7 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 25.2, 28.7, 31.1, 35.9, 67.5 (q, J = 3.2 Hz), 121.9 (q, J = 251.8 Hz), 125.9, 128.48, 128.52, 142.4. IR (neat) v 3064, 3028, 2939, 2862, 1604, 1496, 1454, 1408, 1274, 1138, 1069, 1045, 839, 747, 699 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 232 (M⁺, 41.2), 91 (100). HRMS Calculated for C₁₂H₁₅OF₃ 232.1075, found [M]⁺ 232.1072.

4-(3-(Trifluoromethoxy)propyl)pyridine (4d).

4e was prepared according to **the general procedure A** in 53% yield as a yellow oil $(R_f = 0.6 \text{ in hexane/EtOAc} = 1/1)$. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.66-1.77 (m, 4H), 2.63 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (dd, J = 4.4 Hz, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 8.48 (dd, J = 4.4 Hz, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.8 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 26.2, 28.1, 34.5, 66.9 (q, J = 2.9 Hz), 121.7 (q, J = 252.6 Hz), 123.8, 149.8, 150.6. IR (neat) v 2948, 1603, 1415, 1268, 1220, 1138, 808 cm⁻¹.

MS (EI): m/z (%) 219 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{10}H_{12}NOF_3$ 219.0871, found [M]⁺ 219.0874.

(S)-tert-Butyl (3-methyl-1-(trifluoromethoxy)butan-2-yl)carbamate (4e).

4e was prepared according to **the general procedure B** in 85% yield as a white solid ($R_f = 0.8$ in hexane/EtOAc = 5/1), mp 56 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.93 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H), 1.41 (s, 9H), 1.75-1.87 (m, 1H), 3.54 (br, 1H), 3.90-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.62 (br, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.0 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 18.5, 19.3, 28.3, 28.9, 54.6, 67.3, 79.6, 121.7 (q, J = 252.3 Hz), 155.6. IR (neat) v 3303, 2974, 2933, 2881, 1681, 1535, 1469, 1391, 1368, 1248, 1217, 1175, 1136, 1051, 1031, 865 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 271 (M⁺, 0.1), 57 (100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{11}H_{20}NO_3F_3$ 271.1395, found [M]⁺ 271.1396.

(S)-tert-Butyl (1-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethoxy)propan-2-yl)carbamate (4f).

4f was prepared according to **the general procedure B** in 75% yield as a white solid ($R_f = 0.8$ in hexane/EtOAc = 5/1), mp 80 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.41 (s, 9H), 2.78-2.94 (m, 2H), 3.82-4.08 (m, 3H), 4.76 (br, 1H), 7.16-7.34 (m, 5H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.8 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 28.3, 37.1, 50.6, 67.2, 79.9, 121.7 (q, J = 253.0 Hz), 126.9, 128.7, 129.3, 136.8, 155.1. IR (neat) v 3367, 3030, 2978, 2934, 1686, 1528, 1451, 1371, 1326, 1283, 1222, 1169, 1136, 1016, 849, 741, 700, 618 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 319 (M⁺, 1.7), 57 (100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{15}H_{20}NO_3F_3$ 319.1395, found [M]⁺ 319.1401.

tert-Butyl 3-((trifluoromethoxy)methyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (4g).

4g was prepared according to **the general procedure B** in 78% yield as a colourless oil ($R_f = 0.7$ in hexane/Et₂O = 4/1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.20-1.90 (m, 14H), 2.50-3.00 (m, 2H), 3.74-4.10 (m, 4H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.1 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 23.9, 26.7, 28.3, 35.1, 44.4, 46.1, 68.9, 79.6, 121.6 (q, J = 252.3 Hz), 154.8. IR (neat) v 2977, 2935, 2862, 1697, 1475, 1422, 1367, 1270, 1149, 1041, 970, 858, 770 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 283 (M⁺, 26.5), 57 (100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{12}H_{20}NO_3F_3$ 283.1395, found [M]⁺283.1398.

(S)-tert-Butyl 2-oxo-5-((trifluoromethoxy)methyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (4h).

4h was prepared according to **the general procedure A** in 70% yield as colourless oil (R_f = 0.4 in hexane/EtOAc = 5/1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.44 (s, 9H), 2.00-2.09 (m, 1H), 2.21-2.44 (m, 2H), 2.56–2.70 (m, 1H), 4.07-4.25 (m, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -56.8 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 22.2, 27.6, 30.2, 55.5, 66.7, 83.0, 119.3 (q, J = 262.0 Hz), 153.0, 173.9. IR (neat) v 2983, 1751, 1460, 1372, 1292, 1157, 970, 858, 792, 654, 599 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 268 ([M-CH₃]⁺, 5.1), 152 (100). HRMS Calculated for C₁₀H₁₃NO₄F₃ [M-CH₃]⁺ 268.0797, found [M]⁺ 268.0800.

1-(tert-Butyl)-4-((trifluoromethoxy)methyl)benzene (4i).

4i was prepared according to **the general procedure B** in 74% yield as a colourless oil ($R_f = 0.75$ in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.34 (s, 9H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.3 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 31.3, 34.7, 69.5 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 121.7 (q, J = 253.8 Hz), 125.7, 128.1, 130.9, 152.2. IR (neat) v 2966, 2907, 2872, 1618, 1519, 1468, 1396, 1277, 1208, 1144, 1017, 850, 827, 614 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 232 (M⁺,

17.8), 217 (M^+ , 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{12}H_{15}OF_3$ 232.1075, found [M]⁺ 232.1079.

1-Methoxy-4-((trifluoromethoxy)methyl)benzene (4j).

To a reaction tube that was equipped with a stirring bar, AgOTf (256.9 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Selectfluor (265.7 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv), KF (87.1 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 2,6-di-tert-butylphenol (51.5 mg, 0.25 mmol, 0.5 equiv) were added successively in a nitrogen-filled glovebox. Then ethyl acetate (2.5 mL), alcohol 1j (69.1mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-fluoropyridine (97.1 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CF₃TMS (142.2 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added successively under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of silica (eluted with Ethyl acetate). The filtrate was concentrated, and the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the alkyl trifluoromethyl ether 4i in 82% yield as a yellow oil ($R_f =$ 0.4 in hexane). H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.91 (s, 2H), 6.91 (d, J =8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.1 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 55.3, 69.1 (q, J = 3.4 Hz), 141.1, 121.6 (q, J = 257.4Hz), 125.9, 130.1, 160.2. IR (neat) v 2963, 2910, 2840, 1615, 1518, 1466, 1395, 1250, 1176, 1140, 1035, 843, 824, 609 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 206 (M⁺, 50.2), 121 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_9H_9O_2F_3$ 206.0555, found $[M]^+$ 206.0559.

4-((Trifluoromethoxy)methyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (4k).

4k was prepared according to **the general procedure B** in 76% yield as a white solid (R_f = 0.7 in hexane), mp 64 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.05 (s, 2H), 7.36-7.53 (m, 5H), 7.59-7.68 (m, 4H). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.6 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 68.9 (q, J = 3.4 Hz), 121.8 (q, J = 253.8 Hz), 127.2, 127.5, 127.7,

128.6, 128.9, 132.8, 140.5, 142.0. IR (neat) v 3059, 3034, 2969, 2910, 1568, 1489, 1403, 1267, 1234, 1208, 1128, 1008, 909, 882, 826, 762, 734, 691, 650 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 252 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{14}H_{11}OF_3$ 252.0762, found [M]⁺ 252.0763.

Methyl 4-((trifluoromethoxy)methyl)benzoate (41).

4l was prepared according to **the general procedure C** in 68% yield as a colourless oil ($R_f = 0.75$ in hexane/EtOAc = 7/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.92 (s, 3H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.0 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 52.2, 68.2 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 121.7 (q, J = 254.5 Hz), 127.4, 130.0, 130.6, 138.7, 166.6. IR (neat) v 2957, 2907, 2847, 1725, 1618, 1514, 1438, 1392, 1278, 1204, 1146, 1110, 1020, 845, 804, 758, 707, 612 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 234 (M⁺, 32.3), 203 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{10}H_9O_3F_3$ 234.0504, found [M]⁺234.0505.

1-Nitro-4-((trifluoromethoxy)methyl)benzene (4m).

4m was prepared according to **the general procedure C** in 44% yield as a yellow oil $(R_f = 0.7 \text{ in hexane/EtOAc} = 7/1)$. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.11 (s, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.2 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 67.4 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 121.6 (q, J = 255.2 Hz), 124.0, 128.1, 140.9, 148.2. IR (neat) ν 3086, 2865, 1610, 1526, 1350, 1267, 1204, 1147, 1016, 861, 841, 739, 701 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 221 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_8H_6NO_3F_3$ 221.0300, found [M]⁺ 221.0296.

1-Bromo-4-((trifluoromethoxy)methyl)benzene (4n).

4n was prepared according to **the general procedure B** in 80% yield as a colourless oil ($R_f = 0.8$ in hexane). 1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.93 (s, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.9 (s, 3F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 68.3 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 121.7 (q, J = 253.8 Hz), 123.1, 129.6, 131.9, 132.9. IR (neat) v 2968, 2908, 1901, 1598, 1491, 1468, 1388, 1271, 1204, 1146, 1072, 1013, 830, 805, 610 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 254 (M⁺, 54.9), 175 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_8H_6OF_3Br$ 253.9554, found [M] + 253.9548.

1-Iodo-4-((trifluoromethoxy)methyl)benzene (40).

4o was prepared according to **the general procedure B** in 82% yield as a colourless oil ($R_f = 0.8$ in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.91 (s, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.5 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 68.3 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 94.7, 121.6 (q, J = 254.5 Hz), 129.7, 133.5, 137.9. IR (neat) v 2966, 2906, 1902, 1594, 1488, 1467, 1384, 1267, 1203, 1145, 1009, 827, 801, 602 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 302 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_8H_6OF_3I$ 301.9416, found [M]⁺ 301.9424.

3-((Trifluoromethoxy)methyl)benzonitrile (4p).

4p was prepared according to **the general procedure C** in 61% yield as a colourless oil ($R_f = 0.6$ in hexane/EtOAc = 7/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.01 (s, 2H), 7.50-7.68 (m, 4H). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.1 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 67.6 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 113.1, 118.2, 121.6 (q, J = 253.3 Hz), 129.7, 131.1, 131.9, 132.4, 135.5. IR (neat) v 2968, 2234, 1487, 1396, 1273, 1215, 1147, 1027, 797,

690 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 201 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for C₉H₆NOF₃ 201.0401, found [M]⁺ 201.0406.

1,3-Dichloro-5-((trifluoromethoxy)methyl)benzene (4q).

4q was prepared according to **the general procedure C** in 56% yield as a colourless oil ($R_f = 0.8$ in hexane). 1 H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.92 (s, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (s, 1H). 19 F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.2 (s, 3F). 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 67.2 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 121.6 (q, J = 255.3 Hz), 126.0, 129.0, 135.4, 137.1. IR (neat) v 3083, 2927, 2359, 1596, 1574, 1438, 1388, 1266, 1241, 1150, 1032, 850, 801, 669 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 244 (M⁺, 49.9), 209 (100). HRMS Calculated for $C_8H_5OF_3Cl_2$ 243.9670, found [M]⁺ 243.9668.

1-((Trifluoromethoxy)methyl)naphthalene (4r).

4r was prepared according to **the general procedure B** in 73% yield as a colourless oil ($R_f = 0.75$ in hexane). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.41 (s, 2H), 7.42-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.7 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 67.6 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 121.6 (q, J = 254.5 Hz), 123.2, 125.2, 126.2, 127.0, 127.7, 128.9, 129.4, 130.2, 131.4, 133.8. IR (neat) v 3053, 2971, 2934, 1514, 1407, 1264, 1214, 1141, 1008, 852, 798, 775, 584 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 226 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for C₁₂H₉OF₃ 226.0605, found [M]⁺ 226.0596.

2-((Trifluoromethoxy)methyl)naphthalene (4s).

4s was prepared according to **the general procedure B** in 80% yield as a white solid ($R_f = 0.75$ in hexane), mp 54 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.16 (s, 2H), 7.44-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.82-7.92 (m, 4H). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.6 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 69.3 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 121.8 (q, J = 253.7 Hz), 125.3, 126.6, 126.7, 127.4, 127.8, 128.1, 128.7, 131.3, 133.1, 133.4. IR (neat) v 3062, 2962, 1601, 1509, 1406, 1259, 1204, 1125, 1024, 857, 823, 756, 740, 667 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 226 (M^+ , 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{12}H_9OF_3$ 226.0605, found [M] ⁺ 226.0599.

(E)-3,7-Dimethyl-1-(trifluoromethoxy)octa-2,6-diene (4t).

4t was prepared according to the general procedure B in 75% yield as a colourless oil ($R_f = 0.8$ in hexane). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 2.02-2.15 (m, 4H), 4.49 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (br, 1H), 5.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.1 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 16.4, 17.6, 25.6, 26.1, 39.4, 64.1 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 116.8, 121.8 (q, J = 253.0 Hz), 123.5, 132.1, 144.1. IR (neat) v 2970, 2925, 2859, 1672, 1447, 1385, 1262, 1140, 1005, 882, 841 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 222 (M⁺, 6.1), 69 (100). HRMS Calculated for C₁₁H₁₇OF₃ 222.1232, found [M]⁺ 222.1237.

(E)-(3-(Trifluoromethoxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (4u).

4u was prepared according to **the general procedure B** in 50% yield as a colourless oil (R_f = 0.8 in hexane). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.62 (dd, J = 6.3 Hz, J = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 6.20-6.31 (m, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.44 (m, 5H). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.5 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 68.0 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 121.4, 121.8 (q, J = 253.8 Hz), 126.8, 128.5, 128.7, 135.2, 135.7. IR (neat) v 3030, 2960, 1497, 1464, 1398, 1265, 1216, 1142, 1014, 967, 875, 746, 692 cm⁻¹. MS (EI):

m/z (%) 202 (M⁺, 90.3), 117 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for C₁₀H₉OF₃ 202.0605, found [M]⁺ 202.0608.

4-(Trifluoromethoxy)heptane (4v).

4v was prepared according to **the general procedure A** in 51% yield as a colourless oil ($R_f = 0.8$ in hexane). 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.83-0.90 (m, 6H), 1.24-1.38 (m, 18H), 1.55-1.64 (m, 4H), 4.10-4.20 (m, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -57.4 (s, 3F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.00, 14.02, 22.55, 22.62, 24.71, 24.75, 29.10, 29.14, 29.40, 31.7,31.8, 34.2, 80.3, 121.8 (q, J = 251.6 Hz). IR (neat) v 2956, 2929, 2859, 1467, 1380, 1283, 1218, 1134, 840, 724 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 196 ([M-CF₃OH]⁺, 9.4), 69 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{14}H_{28}$ ([M-CF₃OH]⁺) 196.2191, found [M]⁺ 196.2196.

(1-(Trifluoromethoxy)pentyl)benzene (4w).

To a reaction tube that was equipped with a stirring bar, AgOTf (385.4 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), Selectfluor (265.7 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv), KF (116.2 mg, 2.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv), 2,6-di-*tert*-butylphenol (51.5mg, 0.25 mmol, 0.5equiv) were added successively in a nitrogen-filled glovebox. Then ethyl acetate (2.5 mL), alcohol **1w** (82.1 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-fluoropyridine (145.5 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and CF₃TMS (213.3 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were added successively under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 12 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of silica (eluted with Ethyl acetate). The filtrate was concentrated, and the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the alkyl trifluoromethyl ether. **4w** in 87% yield as a colourless oil (R_f

= 0.8 in hexane). 1 H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.90 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.24-1.40 (m, 4H), 1.78-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.92-2.02 (m, 1H), 5.08 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.43 (m, 5H). 19 F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -58.2 (s, 3F). 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.8, 22.3, 27.4, 37.1, 81.2, 121.8 (q, J = 253.8 Hz), 126.1, 128.3, 128.5, 139.8. IR (neat) ν 3035, 2960, 2866, 1457, 1275, 1211, 1142, 1045, 1003, 852, 760, 699 cm $^{-1}$. MS (EI): m/z (%) 232 (M $^{+}$, 16.3), 175 (M $^{+}$, 100). HRMS Calculated for C₁₂H₁₅OF₃ 232.1075, found [M] $^{+}$ 232.1068.

(R)-Ethyl 4-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethoxy)butanoate (4x).

To a reaction tube that was equipped with a stirring bar, AgOTf (385.4 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), Selectfluor (265.7 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv), KF (116.2 mg, 2.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv), 2,6-di-tert-butylphenol (51.5mg, 0.25 mmol, 0.5equiv) were added successively in a nitrogen-filled glovebox. Then ethyl acetate (2.5 mL), alcohol 1x (104.1 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-fluoropyridine (145.5 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and CF₃TMS (213.3 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were added successively under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 12 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of silica (eluted with Ethyl acetate). The filtrate was concentrated, and the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the alkyl trifluoromethyl ether. 4x in 54% yield as a yellow oil ($R_f =$ 0.65 in hexane/EtOAc = 20/1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.17 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.70-2.80 (m, 2H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.56 (t, J = 6.0)Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.32 (m, 5H). 19 F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -59.5 (s, 3F). 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.0, 30.7, 33.7, 61.8, 74.9, 121.5 (q, J = 255.0 Hz), 126.4, 128.4, 128.6, 139.8, 169.0. IR (neat) v 3030, 2984, 2940, 2871, 1763, 1743, 1604, 1498, 1456, 1370, 1281, 1225, 1150, 1088, 1030, 877, 854, 745, 700 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 276 (M⁺, 36.5), 172 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{13}H_{15}O_3F_3$ 276.0973, found [M]⁺ 276.0967.

2-Isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl 2-(trifluoromethoxy)propanoate (4y).

4y was prepared according to **the general procedure A** in 68% yield as a yellow oil $(R_f = 0.8 \text{ in hexane/EtOAc} = 20/1)$. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.74 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.84-1.07 (m, 9H), 1.37-1.54 (m, 5H), 1.60-2.00 (m, 4H), 4.63 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (td, J = 11.2 Hz, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -59.8 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 16.1, 18.1, 20.6, 21.9, 23.4, 26.3, 31.3, 34.1, 40.4, 46.9, 72.1 (q, J = 2.9 Hz), 75.9, 121.4 (q, J = 255.3 Hz), 169.0. IR (neat) v 2958, 2873, 1763, 1740, 1458, 1389, 1371, 1282, 1232, 1150, 1121, 1047, 981, 959, 916, 900, 846 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 295 ([M-H] +, 0.1), 95 (M+, 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{14}H_{22}O_3F_3$ ([M-H] +) 295.1521, found [M] + 295.1518.

1-(tert-Butyl)-4-(trifluoromethoxy)cyclohexane (4z).

4z was prepared according to **the general procedure A** in 85% yield (dr = 73 : 27) as a colourless oil ($R_f = 0.8$ in hexane). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.96-1.70 (m, 5.5H), 1.80- 2.15 (m, 3.5H), 4.00-4.14 (m, 0.75H), 4.50 (s, 0.2H). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -58.0 (s, 3F), -58.1 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.1, 21.0, 22.6, 25.4, 27.4, 27.5, 29.7, 31.4, 31.6, 32.2, 32.5, 32.9, 46.7, 47.4, 74.6 (q, J = 2.2 Hz), 78.6, 121.7 (q, J = 252.3 Hz), 121.9 (q, J = 251.6 Hz). IR (neat) v 2955, 2870, 1480, 1470, 1455, 1367, 1335, 1290, 1216, 1133, 1048, 1028, 860 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 224 (M⁺, 1.3), 57 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{11}H_{19}OF_3$ 224.1388, found [M]⁺ 224.1380.

tert-Butyl 4-(trifluoromethoxy)piperidine-1-carboxylate (4aa).

4aa was prepared according to **the general procedure A** in 60% yield as a colourless oil ($R_f = 0.7$ in hexane/ $Et_2O = 4/1$). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.70-1.95 (m, 4H), 3.22-3.33 (m, 2H), 3.64-3.75 (m, 2H), 4.36-4.46 (m, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -58.4 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 28.8, 31.8, 40.9, 74.9 (q, J = 2.9 Hz), 80.4, 122.1 (q, J = 253.0 Hz), 155.1. IR (neat) v 2975, 2872, 1698, 1479, 1423, 1367, 1285, 1241, 1218, 1171, 1135, 1032, 993, 861, 843, 770 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 269 (M⁺, 17.7), 57 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{11}H_{18}NO_3F_3$ 269.1239, found [M]⁺ 269.1243.



(Trifluoromethoxy)cyclododecane (4ab).

4ab was prepared according to **the general procedure A** in 81% yield as a colourless oil ($R_f = 0.8$ in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.30-1.50 (m, 18H), 1.52-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.83 (m, 2H), 4.30-4.38 (m, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -57.7 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.5, 23.1, 23.3, 23.8, 24.0, 29.8, 77.9, 121.8 (q, J = 251.6 Hz). IR (neat) v 2935, 2866, 1471, 1448, 1285, 1211, 1131, 1004, 834 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 252 (M⁺, 3.2), 83 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for C₁₃H₂₃OF₃ 252.1701, found [M]⁺ 252.1708.



(3s,5s,7s)-1-(Trifluoromethoxy)adamantane (4ac).

4ac was prepared according to **the general procedure A** in 41% yield as a yellow oil

 $(R_f = 0.8 \text{ in hexane}).$ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.63 (s, 6H), 2.00 (s, 6H), 2.19 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376MHz, CDCl₃) δ -49.1 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.9, 35.7, 42.3, 83.4, 121.5 (q, J = 254.5 Hz). IR (neat) v 2919, 2857, 1456, 1325, 1317, 1259, 1200, 1181, 1132, 1059, 840, 651 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 220 (M⁺, 81), 163 (100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{11}H_{15}OF_3$ 220.1075, found [M]⁺ 220.1069.

(S)-Methyl 2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(trifluoromethoxy)propanoate (4ad).

4ad was prepared according to **the general procedure A** in 56% yield as a colourless oil ($R_f = 0.6$ in hexane/EtOAc = 5/1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.44 (s, 9H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 4.20-4.37 (m, 2H), 4.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.2 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 28.2, 52.8, 52.9, 67.1, 80.6, 121.4 (q, J = 253.8 Hz), 155.1, 169.2. IR (neat) v 3375, 2981, 1754, 1719, 1507, 1440, 1369, 1254, 1220, 1163, 1062, 1036, 867 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 287 (M⁺, 0.04), 57 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{10}H_{16}NO_5F_3$ 287.0981, found [M]⁺287.0987.

(2S,3R)-Methyl 2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(trifluoromethoxy)butanoate (4ae).

4ae was prepared according to **the general procedure A** in 31% yield as a colourless oil ($R_f = 0.6$ in hexane/EtOAc = 5/1). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.39 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 4.43 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H). 19 F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -58.7 (s, 3F). 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.8, 28.2, 52.7, 57.4, 75.8, 80.5, 121.4 (q, J = 253.8 Hz), 155.9, 169.7. IR (neat) v 3376, 2982, 1758, 1720, 1508, 1439, 1369, 1284, 1225, 1165, 1063,

1000, 859 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 301 (M⁺, 0.04), 57 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{11}H_{18}NO_5F_3$ 301.1137, found $[M]^+$ 301.1135.

(2R,3R,4S,5R)-3,4,5-Tris(benzyloxy)-2-((benzyloxy)methyl)-6-(trifluoromethoxy)t etrahydro-2H-pyran (4af).

To a reaction tube that was equipped with a stirring bar, AgOTf (385.4 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), Selectfluor (265.7 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv), KF (116.2 mg, 2.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv), 2,6-di-tert-butylphenol (51.5 mg, 0.25 mmol, 0.5 equiv), were added successively in a nitrogen-filled glovebox. Then ethyl acetate (2.5 mL), alcohol 1af (270.3 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-fluoropyridine (145.5 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and CF₃TMS (213.3 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were added successively under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 12 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of silica (eluted with Ethyl acetate). The filtrate was concentrated, and the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the alkyl trifluoromethyl ether.4af in 41% yield as a colourless oil $(R_f = 0.8 \text{ in hexane/EtOAc} = 2/1, dr = 5:1).$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.50-4.00 (m, 6H), 4.58-5.56 (m, 9H), 7.15-7.37 (m, 20H). 19 F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -57.9 (s, 3F), -58.3 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 67.8, 68.1, 72.5, 73.6, 75.1, 75.4, 75.8, 75.9, 76.7, 77.0, 77.1, 77.4, 78.4, 80.8, 81.2, 84.3, 98.9, 121.4 (q, J = 257.4 Hz), 127.7, 127.8, 127.84, 127.90, 127.96, 128.05, 128.3, 128.4, 128.47, 128.51, 137.4, 137.5, 137.7, 137.9, 138.00, 138.04, 138.3, 138.5. IR (neat) v 3064, 3031, 2914, 2870, 1497, 1454, 1360, 1263, 1167, 1088, 1028, 736, 698 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) (M⁺,), (100). HRMS Calculated for CHOF, found [M]⁺.

(8R,9S,10R,13S,14S,17R)-10,13-Dimethyl-17-(trifluoromethoxy)-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,1 3,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3(2*H*)-one (4ag).

4ag was prepared according to **the general procedure A** in 54% yield as colourless oil (R_f = 0.5 in hexane/EtOAc = 5/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.85-1.20 (m, 4H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.35-2.46 (m, 15H), 4.04 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -58.5 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.4, 17.4, 20.4, 23.2, 27.8, 31.4, 32.6, 33.9, 35.4, 35.7, 36.0, 38.6, 42.4, 49.8, 53.7, 86.5, 121.8 (q, J = 251.4 Hz), 124.0, 170.6, 199.4. IR (neat) v 2944, 2855, 1676, 1616, 1450, 1285, 1229, 1203, 1133, 1068, 1019, 883, 863 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 356 (M⁺, 50.3), 314 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for C₂₀H₂₇O₂F₃ 356.1963, found [M]⁺ 356.1965.

(3S,5S,8R,9S,10S,13R,14S,17R)-10,13-Dimethyl-17-((R)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)-3-(t)rifluoromethoxy)hexadecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthrene (4ah).

4ah was prepared according to **the general procedure A** in 72% yield as a white solid ($R_f = 0.8$ in hexane), mp 92 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.64 (s, 3H), 0.80-1.97 (m, 43H), 4.06-4.16 (m, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -57.5 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.0, 12.1, 18.7, 21.2, 22.5, 22.8, 23.9, 24.2, 28.0, 28.2, 28.4, 28.6, 32.0, 34.9, 35.2, 35.4, 35.8, 36.2, 36.7, 39.5, 40.0, 42.6, 44.7, 54.2, 56.3, 56.4, 78.6, 121.7 (q, J = 252.3 Hz). IR (neat) v 2951, 2872, 1468, 1446, 1373, 1365, 1284, 1217, 1131, 1020, 908, 852, 736 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 456 ([M]⁺, 31.9), 301 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{28}H_{47}OF_3$ [M]⁺ 456.3579, found [M]⁺ 456.3583.

2,3-Dimethoxy-5-methyl-6-(10-(trifluoromethoxy)decyl)cyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-d ione (4ai).

4ai was prepared according to **the general procedure B** in 64% yield as a yellow oil ($R_f = 0.6$ in hexane/ $Et_2O = 3/1$). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.24-1.45 (m, 14H), 1.58-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 2.42 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.88-3.98 (m, 8H). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.1 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.8, 25.4, 26.3, 28.7, 29.0, 29.26, 29.31, 29.34, 29.8, 61.1, 67.5 (q, J = 2.9 Hz), 121.7 (q, J = 252.0 Hz), 138.7, 143.0, 144.3, 184.1, 184.7. IR (neat) v 3286, 2930, 2856, 1767, 1651, 1611, 1456, 1408, 1380, 1268, 1139, 1070, 1007, 948, 874, 745, 704 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 406 (M⁺, 52.7), 197 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{20}H_{29}O_5F_3$ 406.1968, found [M]⁺ 406.1967.

(3S,5S,8R,9S,10S,13S,14S)-10,13-Dimethyl-3-(trifluoromethoxy)tetradecahydro-1 H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17(2H)-one (4aj).

4aj was prepared according to **the general procedure A** in 91% yield as a white solid ($R_f = 0.6$ in hexane/EtOAc = 7/1), mp 125 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.62-0.70 (m, 1H), 0.82 (s, 3H), 0.83 (s, 3H), 0.90-1.35 (m, 8H), 1.43-2.09 (m, 12H), 2.36-2.46 (m, 1H), 4.05-4.15 (m, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -57.5 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.1, 13.8, 20.4, 21.7, 28.2, 28.3, 30.7, 31.5, 34.8, 35.0, 35.4, 35.8, 36.6, 44.6, 47.7, 51.4, 54.3, 78.3, 121.7 (q, J = 251.9 Hz), 221.0. IR (neat) v 2942, 2858, 1740, 1472, 1453, 1373, 1336, 1284, 1216, 1132, 1059, 1017,

872, 855 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 358 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{20}H_{29}O_2F_3$ 358.2120, found [M]⁺ 358.2121.

(8R,9S,13S,14S,17S)-13-Methyl-17-(trifluoromethoxy)-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl benzoate (4ak).

4ak was prepared according to **the general procedure A** in 80% yield as a white solid (R_f = 0.4 in hexane/EtOAc = 2/1), mp 185 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.85 (s, 3H), 1.20-1.52 (m, 6H), 1.72-2.36 (m, 7H), 2.86-2.92 (m, 2H), 4.12 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91-6.99 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H). ¹9F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -58.0 (s, 3F). ¹3C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.5, 23.0, 25.9, 27.0, 28.0, 29.5, 36.3, 38.2, 42.9, 44.0, 49.4, 86.7, 118.8, 121.7, 121.8 (q, J = 252.3 Hz), 126.5, 128.5, 129.8, 130.2, 133.5, 137.7, 138.2, 148.8, 165.5. IR (neat) v 2947, 2915, 2854, 1732, 1560, 1491, 1450, 1435, 1398, 1299, 1270, 1251, 1206, 1171, 1127, 1024, 895, 714 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 444 ([M]⁺, 11.5), 105 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for C₂₆H₂₇O₃F₃ [M]⁺ 444.1912, found [M]⁺ 444.1909.

(8S,9S,10R,13S,14S,17R)-17-Hydroxy-10,13-dimethyl-17-(2-(trifluoromethoxy)ac etyl)-7,8,9,10,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthrene-3,11(2 *H*,6*H*)-dione (4al).

4al was prepared according to **the general procedure A** in 65% yield as a white solid $(R_f = 0.6 \text{ in hexane/EtOAc} = 2/1)$, mp 145 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.59 (s,

3H), 1.20-1.73 (m, 7H), 1.86- 2.06 (m, 5H), 2.20-2.50 (m, 5H), 2.70-2.77 (m, 2H), 2.89 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 1H), 4.58 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), . ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.8 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 15.6, 17.1, 23.1, 32.2, 32.3, 33.6, 34.5, 35.0, 36.4, 38.3, 49.8, 50.2, 51.4, 62.4, 69.9, 88.8, 121.5 (q, J = 254.6 Hz), 124.2, 170.6, 201.1, 202.9, 209.1. IR (neat) v 3495, 3247, 2939, 2854, 1736, 1690, 1658, 1435, 1375, 1354, 1282, 1216, 1196, 1147, 1092, 1050, 912, 882, 780, 734, 604 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 428 (M⁺, 84.0), 258 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for C₂₂H₂₇O₅F₃ 428.1811, found [M]⁺ 428.1806.

N-(4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-5-((trifluoromethoxy)methyl)pyrimidin-2-yl)-N-methylmethanesulfonamide (4am).

4am was prepared according to **the general procedure A** in 76% yield as a white solid (R_f = 0.8 in hexane/EtOAc = 5/1), mp 107 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.33 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 3.30-3.38 (m, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 7.17 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.61-7.66 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.9 (s, 3F), -110.4 (s, 1F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 22.0, 31.7, 33.1, 42.4, 42.5, 62.7 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 114.6, 115.7 (d, J = 21.2 Hz), 121.2 (q, J = 255.9 Hz), 131.2 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 133.3 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 158.8, 163.9 (d, J = 248.6 Hz), 167.6, 178.6. IR (neat) v 2976, 2935, 2876, 2259, 1607, 1554, 1512, 1481, 1444, 1409, 1377, 1342, 1258, 1157, 998, 965, 894, 847, 815, 773, 734, 621, 562, 522 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 421 (M⁺, 5.0), 342 (M⁺, 100). HRMS Calculated for C₁₇H₁₉N₃O₃F₄S 421.1083, found [M]⁺ 421.1087.

Benzyl (4-((2S,3R)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-((S)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(trifluoromethoxy)propyl)-4-oxoazetidin-2-yl)phenyl) carbonate (4an).

4an was prepared according to **the general procedure A** in 52% yield as a colourless oil (R_f = 0.8 in hexane/EtOAc = 3/1). 1 H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.90-2.10 (m, 4H), 3.03 (br, 1H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 5.09 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (s, 2H), 6.93 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.43 (m, 13H). 19 F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -58.2 (s, 3F), -113.3 (m, 1F), -118.0 (m, 1F). 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 24.8, 34.8, 60.0, 60.6, 70.6, 79.9, 115.8 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 116.0 (d, J = 22.6 Hz), 118.4 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 121.6 (q, J = 254.5 Hz), 121.1, 127.0, 127.8 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 128.6, 128.8, 128.9, 133.6 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 134.6, 134.8 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 135.2, 151.3, 153.5., 159.1 (d, J = 242.1 Hz), 162.8 (d, J = 246.5 Hz), 166.5. IR (neat) v 3037, 2953, 1754, 1607, 1509, 1385, 1225, 1143, 1016, 835, 737 cm $^{-1}$. MS (EI): m/z (%) 611 (M $^+$, 0.02), 137 (100). HRMS Calculated for C₃₃H₂₆NO₅F₅ 611.1731, found [M] $^+$ 611.1724.

2.4 Preparation of substrate 1an

Benzyl (4-((2S,3R)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-((S)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxypropyl) -4-oxoazetidin-2-yl)phenyl) carbonate (1an).

CbzCl (308 mg, 1.8 mmol) was added to a mixture of SM (500 mg, 1.2 mmol) and Et₃N (666 mg, 6 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (56 mL) at 0 °C was added CbzCl (308 mg, 1.8 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and then water (3 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The reaction mixture was added EtOAc (30 mL), and the mixture was washed with water (10 mL) and brine (10 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed and the mixture was purified by Column chromatography on silica gel with eluting PE/EtOAc = 1/1 to give the 1an (580 mg, 92% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)) δ 1.70-2.60 (m, 5H), 3.00-3.15 (m, 1H), 4.60-4.75 (m, 2H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 6.85-7.05 (m, 4H), 7.08-7.45 (m, 13H). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.3 (m, 1F), -118.0 (m, 1F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 25.0, 36.6, 60.4, 60.8, 70.6, 73.1, 115.4 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 116.0 (d, J = 22.6 Hz), 118.4 (d, J = 7.3 Hz), 122.0, 127.0, 127.4 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 128.6, 128.8, 128.9, 133.7 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 134.6, 135.4, 140.1 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 151.2, 153.5, 159.1 (d, J = 242.1 Hz), 162.2 (d, J = 244.3 Hz), 167.3. IR (neat) v 3434 (br), 2934, 2251, 1751, 1604, 1509, 1385, 1221, 1156, 1016, 911, 835, 736, 698 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 543 (M⁺, 5.0), 344 (100). HRMS Calculated for $C_{32}H_{27}NO_5F_2$ 543.1857, found $[M]^+$ 543.1864.

3. NMR Spectra for New Compounds

