# Copper-Catalyzed Decarboxylative Difluoroalkylation and Perfluoroalkylation of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -Unsaturated Carboxylic Acids

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ABSTRACT: Copper-catalyzed decarboxylative difluoroalkylation and perfluoroalkylation of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acids is described. Promoted by dialkyl phosphite, this novel reaction affords fluoroalkylated motifs with excellent stereoselectivity and broad substrate scope under mild reaction conditions from readily available fluoroalkyl iodides and bromides. Preliminary mechanism study suggests that radical pathway was involved in the catalytic cycle and dialkyl phosphite had played an indispensable role in this reaction.

# **ENTRODUCTION**

The incorporation of fluorine into organic molecules has long been an important strategy in medicinal chemistry.<sup>1</sup> Along with the intensive studies and advances reported on the fluoroalkylation of aromatic compounds, $2$  the co[ns](#page-7-0)truction of  $C_{\text{vinv}}$ – $C_{\text{RF}}$  bonds has also been achieved in recent decades.<sup>3</sup> Decarboxylative coupling reactions ca[ta](#page-7-0)lyzed by transition metals have attracted significant attention in synthetic organi[c](#page-7-0) chemistry and have emerged as valuable tools for the construction of carbon−carbon bonds.<sup>4</sup> It is envisioned that decarboxylative coupling reactions of vinyl carboxylic acids may ensure high efficient and stereoselecti[ve](#page-8-0) synthesis of alkenes bearing fluoroalkylated groups, and methods for decarboxylative fluoroalkylation of vinyl carboxylic acids have gained considerable attention recently.<sup>5−8</sup> By using Togni-type electrophilic fluoroalkylating agent<sup>5a,e</sup> or Langlois reagent,<sup>5</sup> approaches to the synthesis of  $C_{\text{vinyl}}-C_{\text{RF}}$  bonds through decarboxylative cross-coupling rea[ctio](#page-8-0)ns have been devel[oped](#page-8-0) by several groups (Scheme 1a). Recently, Wang's group developed an elegant nickel-catalyzed decarboxylative difluoromethylation of vinyl [carboxylic](#page-1-0) acids using ethyl iododifluoroacetate in the presence of a base (Scheme  $1b$ ).<sup>6</sup> More recently, Wang and co-workers reported a method for decarboxylative difluoroacetamidation of vinyl ca[rboxylic ac](#page-1-0)i[ds](#page-8-0) with stoichiometric amounts of  $CuSO<sub>4</sub>$  as metal mediator at the high temperatures (Scheme 1c).<sup>7</sup> During the preparation of this article, a photocatalyzed decarboxylative difluoroalkylation of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturate[d carboxylic](#page-1-0) [ac](#page-8-0)ids was reported by Liu's group (Scheme 1d).<sup>8</sup> Although these works represent very promising advances, general method with full scope for the difluorinated and perfluor[oa](#page-8-0)lkylated alkenes through decarboxylative cross [coupling](#page-1-0) [u](#page-1-0)sing relatively low-cost and commonly available fluoroalkylating reagents, in particular fluoroalkyl bromides, are still highly desired. As one part of our continuous efforts to develop copper catalyzed fluoroalkylations, $9$  we report here copper−catalyzed decarboxylative difluoroalkylation and perfluoroalkylation of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated carb[ox](#page-8-0)ylic acids with fluoroalkyl iodides and bromides in good to excellent yields with a wide substrate scope, excellent functional-group tolerance and excellent E selectivity under mild reaction condition (Scheme 1e).

# ■ RESU[LTS AND](#page-1-0) DISCUSSION

To start the investigation, we chose  $(E)$ -cinnamic acid 1a  $(0.4)$ mmol) as the substrate and ethyl iododifluoroacetate 2a (0.2) mmol) as the fluoroalkyl coupling partner. By using  $Cu<sub>2</sub>O$  (5) mol%) as a catalyst and 2,2′- bipyridine (20 mol%) as the ligand the desired difluoromethylated product 3a was obtained in a yield of 83% in the presence of  $HPO(OME)_2$  (0.4 mmol) in DMF for 48 h (Table 1, entry 1). Surprisingly, no  $(E)$ dimethyl styrylphosphonate was detected. Encouraged by this result, a number of [other co](#page-1-0)pper catalysts were investigated (Table 1, entries 2−6). The results demonstrated that  $copper(I)$  was more efficient than  $copper(II)$  as a catalyst ([Table 1,](#page-1-0) entry 4 vs 6), and  $(CuOTf)<sub>2</sub>$ -toluene gave the best yield and excellent E selectivity  $(E/Z > 99:1)$  for this reaction [\(Table 1,](#page-1-0) entry 4). Next, a series of other reductive additives,  $10$ namely  $\text{HPO}(\text{OEt})_2$ ,  $\text{HPO}(\text{O}^t\text{Bu})_2$ , Et<sub>3</sub>SiH, B<sub>2</sub>pin<sub>2</sub>, and  $Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>$  were screened (Table 1, entries 7–11). HPO(OMe)<sub>2</sub> was found to be the most efficient additive in this system. Meanwhile, ligands were [screene](#page-1-0)d and it was found that 2,2′ bipyridine was the optimal choice (Table 1, entries 4, 12−14). Solvents were also investigated, and DMF was found to be the

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Table 1. Optimization of Reaction Conditions<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.4 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), Cu catalyst (5 mol%), ligand (20 mol%), additive (0.4 mmol), solvent (0.6 mL), 60 °C, 48 h,<br>under N<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>The yield of the product was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spec CuI (10 mol%). <sup>d</sup>CuSCN (10 mol%). <sup>e</sup>[Cu(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (10 mol%). <sup>f</sup>Under air. bipy = 2,2'-bipyridyl; mebipy = 4,4'-dimethyl-2,2'-dipyridyl; dtbbipy = 4,4′-ditert-butyl-2,2′-dipyridyl; 1,10-phen = 1,10-phenanthroline.

most suitable solvent for this reaction (Table 1, entries 4, 15− 17). For the results of changing the substrates ratio, see SI Table S3. The reaction also proceeded under air to afford the product in a 61% yield (Table 1, entry 18).

With the optimized reaction conditions in hand (Table [1,](http://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acs.joc.6b02613/suppl_file/jo6b02613_si_001.pdf) entry 4), a series of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acids were further evaluated. As presented in Table 2, the reaction proceeded smoothly with various cinnamic acids to afford good to excellent yields of the correspo[nding di](#page-2-0)fluoroalkylated products (3a−u). Noteworthily, para-, meta-, or orthosubstituted cinnamic acids, bearing either an electron-donating group (Me and OMe, 3b−c, 3k−l, and 3o−p) or an electronwithdrawing (Cl and Br, 3d−e) group on the aryl ring, gave high yields of the desired products. For the strong electronwithdrawing groups ( $NO<sub>2</sub>$ , CF<sub>3</sub>, COOH, CHO, and OAc, 3f–j, 3m−n, and 3q), good yields were also obtained in the presence of  $CF<sub>3</sub>COOH<sup>17</sup>$  Moreover, cinnamic acid with a naphthyl group  $(3r)$  also participated in this reaction with high reactivity

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<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: 1 (0.4 mmol), 2 (0.2 mmol),  $(CuOTf)_2$  toluene (5 mol%), bipy (20 mol%), HPO(OMe)<sub>2</sub> (0.4 mmol), DMF (0.6 mL), 60 <sup>2</sup>C, 48 h, under N<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Yield; the  $E/Z$  ratios were determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectroscopy of the crude product mixture. "Mebipy was used as ligand,  $CF<sub>3</sub>COOH$  (0.1 mmol) was added. dtbbipy = 4,4'-dimethyl-2,2'-dipyridyl.

to afford the desired product in 82% of yield. Heteroarenebased acrylic acids were also good substrates for this process and afforded the desired products in moderate to good yields (3s–u). Intriguingly, excellent *E* selectivity ( $E/Z > 99:1$ ) were observed in all cases. When bromodifluoroacetate  $(BrCF<sub>2</sub>COOEt)$ , a much cheaper fluoroalkyl coupling partner, was employed, the reactions could also proceed smoothly to afford the corresponding fluoroalkylated products in moderate to good yields (3a−f and 3s−u).

To further examine the scope of this reaction, perfluoroalkyl halides were also used to react with various cinnamic acids. Gratefully, the reaction proceeded smoothly with high yield by changing the substrates ratio, solvent, and the phosphite loading (see Supporting Information Table S4). As shown in Table 3, a series of electron-rich and electron-deficient cinnamic aci[ds were good reaction pa](http://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acs.joc.6b02613/suppl_file/jo6b02613_si_001.pdf)rtners with perfluoroalkyl [iodide, an](#page-3-0)d the corresponding products (5a−n) were obtained in moderate to good yields. Similarly, perfluoroalkyl bromides also underwent this transformation to produce good yields (5a−f, i, and l−n). Moreover, excellent E selectivity ( $E/Z >$ 99:1) was observed in all cases.

In addition, a satisfactory result (76% yield) was obtained when the reaction was performed on a gram-scale. Intriguingly, when bromodifluoroacetate was employed, the reaction also

proceeded smoothly to afford the corresponding fluoroalkylated product in a 70% yield (Scheme 2).

In order to gain some insights into the reaction mechanism, a series of control experiments [were exa](#page-3-0)mined. When radical scavenger TEMPO (3.0 equiv) was added under the standard conditions, the reaction was completely quenched and TEMPO−CF<sub>2</sub>COOEt 7 was obtained in 76% of yield (Scheme 3, eq 1). It implied that this reaction might have proceeded through a radical pathway which involved  $\cdot$ CF<sub>2</sub>C[OEt. To](#page-4-0) [fu](#page-4-0)rther verify this transformation, a radical clock, ethene-1,1 diyldibenzene, was used to trap the difluoromethyl radical. As we expected,  $\cdot$ CF<sub>2</sub>COEt was successfully captured and the desired product 10 was obtained in 81% (Scheme 3, eq 3).

To determine the key intermediates of the reaction, the standard reaction in the absence of iododifl[uoroaceta](#page-4-0)te 2a was carried out and most of the 1a was recovered with trace of  $(E)$ methyl cinnamic acetate 13 detected (Scheme 4, eq 4). No trace of (E)-dimethyl styrylphosphonate 11 was observed. Then compound 11 was prepared acc[ording to t](#page-4-0)he literature and was subjected to the standard reaction, no desired product 3a was obtained (Scheme 4, eq 5). These results suggested that (E)-dimethyl styrylphosphonate 11 was not the intermediate although it has [been repo](#page-4-0)rted that it was accessible in the presence of Cu catalyst and  $HPO(OMe)<sub>2</sub>$ .<sup>11</sup> Next, styrene 12

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# <span id="page-3-0"></span>Table 3. Copper-Catalyzed Decarboxylative Perfluoroalkylation of  $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated Carboxylic Acids<sup>a,b</sup>



<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: 1 (0.2 mmol), 4 (0.45 mmol),  $(CuOTf)_2$ . toluene (10 mol%), bipy (20 mol%),  $HPO(OME)_{2}$  (0.6 mmol), CH<sub>3</sub>CN (0.6 mL), 80 °C, 72 h, under N<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Yield; the E/Z ratios were determined by 19F NMR spectroscopy of the crude product mixture.

and (E)-methyl cinnamic acetate 13 were also examined (Scheme 4, eq 6 and 7) and it was demonstrated that styrene or (E)-methyl cinnamic acetate 13 could not be an intermediate f[or this rea](#page-4-0)ction, either.

Next, the effect of copper and dialkyl phosphite was studied. Under the standard conditions, only 26% of product 3a was obtained in the absence of HPO(OMe)<sub>2</sub> (Table 4, entry 1). And when the above reaction was repeated in the presence of TEMPO, compound 7 was generated in [14% of](#page-4-0) yield only (Scheme 3, eq 2).The results of eq 1 and eq 2 showed that  $HPO(OMe)<sub>2</sub>$  had promoted the process of the production of the  $\cdot$ CF<sub>2</sub>COEt. However, when the amount of  $(CuOTf)_{2}$ . t[oluene](#page-4-0) [inc](#page-4-0)reased to 0.5 equiv, 72% of product was collected (Table 4, entry 2). When the above reaction was repeated with  $Cu(OTf)_{2}$  (1.0 equiv) or Cu powder (1.0 equiv) instead of  $(CuOTf)<sub>2</sub>$  $(CuOTf)<sub>2</sub>$ ·toluene (0.5 equiv), only trace or 10% of 3a was afforded (Table 4, entries 3−4). But when 2.0 equiv of  $HPO(OMe)$ <sub>2</sub> was added into the reaction with  $Cu(OTf)$ <sub>2</sub> (1.0) equiv), 74% of 3a was obtained (Table 4, entry 5). No product was obser[ved](#page-4-0) [in](#page-4-0) [th](#page-4-0)e absence of copper even if 2.0 equiv of

 $HPO(OMe)$ , was added (Table 4, entry 6). Hence, our results showed that in our reaction system, partial of  $Cu(II)$  had been reduced to Cu(I) which [had ens](#page-4-0)ured the completion of the catalytic cycle.<sup>12,13</sup> It is noteworthy that other reductive reagents did not work as well as  $HPO(OME)$ <sub>2</sub> on this catalytic cycle (Table 1, [entr](#page-8-0)ies 9−11 and ref 10).

On the basis of the above results and salient literature.<sup>4,5b,c,e,7,8,12-14</sup> a possible reaction p[ath](#page-8-0)way was proposed as presen[ted](#page-1-0) [in](#page-1-0) Scheme 5. Copper $(I)$  species was oxidized by fl[uoroalkylated](#page-8-0) reagent 2 through a single-electron transfer to afford the fl[uoroalkyl r](#page-4-0)adical  $2'$  and copper(II) species.<sup>15</sup> Subsequently, complex I reacted with the fluoroalkyl radical  $2'$ to furnish the radical species II. Finally, the radical species [II](#page-8-0) underwent a decarboxylation to provide the desired fluoroalkyl product 3. Here we proposed that partial of the  $Cu(II)$  in the reaction system might have been reduced constantly by  $HPO(OMe)<sub>2</sub>$  to Cu(I), which is very important for the generation of fluoroalkyl radical.

## ■ **CONCLUSIONS**

In conclusion, copper-catalyzed decarboxylative difluoroalkylation and perfluoroalkylation of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acids has been developed. The method offers a reliable tool to produce fluoroalkylated motifs in good to excellent yields from commonly available fluoroalkyl iodides and bromides. With a wide substrate scope and excellent functional-group tolerance, the reaction proceeds in excellent E selectivity under mild reaction conditions. Preliminary mechanism study suggests that radical pathway was involved in the catalytic cycle and dialkyl phosphite had played an indispensable role in this reaction. Further studies to uncover the reaction mechanism and possible synthetic applications are underway in our laboratory.

# **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

General Information. Solvents and reagents were commercially available and used as received without further treatment. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC).  $\rm ^1H$  NMR,  $\rm ^{13}C$ NMR, and 19F NMR spectra were recorded at 400, 100, and 375 MHz, respectively. Chemical shifts of <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were reported as in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ( $\delta$  0.0 ppm) and relative to the signal of chloroform- $d$  ( $\delta$  7.26 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and  $\delta$  77.0 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C NMR).<sup>19</sup>F NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to CFCl<sub>3</sub> at  $\delta$  0.0. Multiplicities were given as s (singlet); br s (broad singlet); d (doublet); t (triplet); q (quartet); m (multiplets), etc. The number of protons  $(n)$  for a given resonance was indicated by nH. (E)-Dimethyl styrylphosphonate was prepared according to the previously reported procedures.<sup>16</sup> Cinnamic acids and other reagents were commercially available.

General Procedure for Copper-Catalyzed [D](#page-8-0)ecarboxylative Difluoromethylation of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -Unsaturated Carboxylic Acids with Ethyl Iododifluoroacetate or Ethyl Bromodifluoroacetate. To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube were added  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acids 1 (2.0) equiv, 0.4 mmol),  $(CuOTf)$ <sub>2</sub>·toluene (5 mol%, 0.01 mmol), and bipy (20 mol%, 0.04 mmol) under air. The mixture was evacuated and backfilled with  $N_2$  (3 times). DMF (0.6 mL), ethyl iododifluoroacetate or ethyl bromodifluoroacetate 2 (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol), and  $HPO(OMe)$ <sub>2</sub> (2.0 equiv, 0.4 mmol) were added subsequently. The

#### Scheme 2. Gram-Scale Experi[ment](#page-4-0)



#### <span id="page-4-0"></span>Scheme 3. Studies on a Radical Pathway



Scheme 4. Studies on Proposed Intermediates



Table 4. Studies on the Effect of Copper and Dialkyl Phosphite<sup>a</sup>



 $a^a$ Reaction conditions: 1a (0.4 mmol), 2 (0.2 mmol), Cu (X equiv), bipy (20 mol%), HPO(OMe)<sub>2</sub> (2.0 equiv), DMF (0.6 mL), 60 °C, 48  $h_1$ , where  $N_2$ .  $b$  The yield of the product was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.

#### Scheme 5. Possible Mechanism



Schlenk tube was then sealed with a Teflon lined cap and put into a preheated oil bath (60 $^{\circ}$ C). After stirring for 48 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give product 3.

General Procedure for Copper-Catalyzed Decarboxylative Perfluoroalkylation of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -Unsaturated Carboxylic Acids with Perfluoroalkyl lodides or Perfluoroalkyl Bromides. To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube were added  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acids 1 (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol),  $(CuOTf)$ <sub>2</sub>·toluene (10 mol %, 0.02 mmol), and bipy (20 mol%, 0.04 mmol) under air. The mixture was evacuated and backfilled with  $N_2$  (3 times). CH<sub>3</sub>CN (0.6 mL), perfluoroalkyl iodides or perfluoroalkyl bromides 4 (2.25 equiv, 0.45 mmol), and  $HPO(OMe)$ <sub>2</sub> (3.0 equiv, 0.6 mmol) were added subsequently. The Schlenk tube was then sealed with a Teflon lined cap and put into a preheated oil bath (80 $^{\circ}$ C). After stirring for 72 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc or diethyl ether and filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give product 5.

 $(E)$ -Ethyl-2,2-difluoro-4-phenyl-3-butenoate 3a. The product 3a was purified with silica gel chromatography ( $PE/EA = 30:1$ ) as a colorless oil (38.9 mg, 86% yield, E/Z > 99:1). Analytical data for 3a<br>was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.45 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 4.0 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.11−7.35 (m, 1H), 6.36−6.26 (m, 1H), 4.36 [\(q](#page-8-0), J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.37  $(t, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}).$ <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.9 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub>  $= 30.0$  Hz), 136.9 (t,  $J_{C-F} = 10.0$  Hz), 134.1, 129.6, 128.9, 127.5, 118.9 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 30.0 Hz), 112.7 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 250.0 Hz), 63.1, 14.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)-isomer:  $\delta$  -103.22 (s, 2F). (Z)-isomer:  $\delta$ −93.98 (s, 2F).

(E)-Ethyl-2,2-difluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-butenoate 3b. The product 3b was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 30:1) as a colorless oil (46.7 mg, 91% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 3b was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04–6.99 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = [8.0](#page-8-0) Hz, 2H), 6.21–6.12 (m, 1H), 4.35 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 164.1 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 30.0 Hz), 160.8, 136.3 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 128.9, 126.8, 116.4 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 20.0 Hz), 114.3, 113.0 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 250.0 Hz), 63.1, 55.3, 13.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)-isomer:  $\delta$  $-102.57$  (s, 2F). (Z)-isomer:  $\delta$  -94.11 (s, 2F).

 $(E)$ -Ethyl-2,2-difluoro-4-(p-tolyl)-3-butenoate 3c. The product 3c was purified with silica gel chromatography ( $PE/EA = 30:1$ ) as a colorless oil (43.0 mg, 89% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 3c was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ .7.35 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08– 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.30−6.21 (m, 1H), 4.35 (q, J [=](#page-8-0) 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 164.0 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 40.0 Hz), 139.9, 136.8 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 131.4, 129.6, 127.4, 117.8 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 20.0 Hz), 112.9 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 250.0 Hz), 63.1, 21.3, 14.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)-isomer:  $\delta$  –102.95 (s, 2F). (Z)-isomer:  $\delta$  –94.04 (s, 2F).

(E)-Ethyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-3-butenoate 3d. The product 3d was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 30:1) as a colorless oil (43.2 mg, 83% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical

data for 3d was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.39–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.06–7.00 (m, 1H), 6.33–6.23 (m, 1H), 4.35 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H). 6.23 (m, 1H), 4.35 (q, J = 8.[0](#page-8-0) Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H).<br><sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.72 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 35.0 Hz), 135.52 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 135.48, 132.58, 129.04, 128.62, 119.45 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 25.0 Hz), 112.50 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 248.0 Hz), 63.15, 13.89. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)-isomer:  $\delta$  -103.27 (s, 2F). (Z)-isomer:  $\delta$ −95.06 (s, 2F).

(E)-Ethyl-4-(4-bromophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-3-butenoate 3e. The product 3e was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 30:1) as a colorless oil (53.6 mg, 88% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 3e was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6 1</sup>H NMR  $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ :  $\delta$  7.50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04−7.00 (m, 1H), 6.34−6.25 (m, 1H), 4.35 (q, [J](#page-8-0) = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 163.7 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 30.0 Hz), 135.6 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 133.0, 132.0, 128.9, 123.8, 119.6 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 20.0 Hz), 112.5 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 250.0 Hz), 63.2, 13.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)-isomer:  $\delta$  -103.37 (s, 2F). (Z)-isomer: δ −95.10 (s, 2F).

(E)-Ethyl-2,2-difluoro-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-butenoate 3f. The product 3f was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/ EA = 30:1) as a colorless oil (45.9 mg, 78% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for  $3f$  was consistent with that previously reported.  $\mathrm{^{6}}$   $\mathrm{^{1}H}$ NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14−7.10 (m, 1H), 6.44−6.35 (m, 1H), 4.36 (q, J = 8.[0 H](#page-8-0)z, 2H), 1.36 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 163.6 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 40.0 Hz), 137.5, 135.4 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 131.2 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 30.0 Hz), 127.7, 125.8 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 125.2 (m), 121.5 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 30.0 Hz), 112.3 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 250.0 Hz), 63.3, 13.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)-isomer: −62.85 (s, 3F), −103.70 (s, 2F). (Z)isomer:  $\delta$  –62.85 (s, 3F), –95.56 (s, 2F)

 $(E)$ -Ethyl-2,2-difluoro-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-butenoate 3q. The product 3g was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 10:1) a yellow solid (38.5 mg, 71% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for  $3g$  was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3): δ 8.26−8.22 (m, 2H), 7.62−7.59 (m, 2H), 7.18−7.12  $(m, 1H)$  $(m, 1H)$ , 6.51–6.42  $(m, 1H)$ , 4.37  $(q, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 2H)$ , 1.38  $(t, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz})$ Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.37 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 30.0 Hz), 148.26, 140.23, 134.54 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 128.19, 124.14, 123.28 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 86.0 Hz), 112.08 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 248.0 Hz), 63.44, 13.93. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)-isomer:  $\delta$  –103.90 (s, 2F). (Z)-isomer:  $\delta$  –96.61 (s, 2F).

(E)-4-(4-Ethoxy-3,3-difluoro-4-oxo-1-buten-1-yl)benzoic Acid 3h. The product 3h was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 10:1) as a colorless oil (36.7 mg, 68% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 3h was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3): \delta 8.11 \text{ (d, } J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 2H), 7.55 \text{ (d, } J = 8.0 \text{ Hz},$ 2H), 7.16−7.12 (m, 1H), 6.48−6.38 (m, 1H), 4.37 (q, [J](#page-8-0) = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 171.0, 163.6 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 40.0 Hz), 139.2, 135.7 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 130.7, 130.1, 127.5, 121.8 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 20.0 Hz), 112.3 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 250.0 Hz), 63.3, 14.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)-isomer:  $\delta$  –103.63 (s, 2F). (Z)-isomer:  $\delta$  –95.42 (s, 2F).

(E)-Ethyl-4-(4-acetoxyphenyl)-2,2-difluoro-3-butenoate 3i. The product 3i was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 10:1) as a yellow oil (45.5 mg, 80% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for  $3i$  was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.46 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08−7.04 (m, 1H), 6.30−6.21 (m, 1H), 4.35 (q, [J](#page-8-0) = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.30(s, 3H), 1.36 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}C(^{1}H)NMR$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.2, 163.8 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 40.0 Hz), 151.6, 135.8 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 131.9, 128.5, 122.1, 119.1 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 20.0 Hz), 112.6 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 250.0 Hz), 63.1, 21.1, 13.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)-isomer:  $\delta$  –103.28(s, 2F). (Z)-isomer:  $\delta$  –94.42 (s, 2F).

(E)-Ethyl-2,2-difluoro-4-(4-formylphenyl)-3-butenoate 3j. The product 3j was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 30:1) as a colorless oil (31.0 mg, 61% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 3j was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3): \delta 10.00 \text{ (s, 1H)}, 7.88 \text{ (d, } J = 8.0 \text{ Hz, } 2\text{H}), 7.59 \text{ (d, }$ J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14−7.09 (m, 1H), 6.48−6.39 (m, 1H), [4](#page-8-0).35 (q, J =

8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  191.4, 163.5 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 30.0 Hz), 139.8, 136.9, 135.5 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 130.2, 128.0, 122.1 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 30.0 Hz), 112.3 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 250.0 Hz), 63.3, 13.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)-isomer:  $\delta$  $-103.66$  (s, 2F). (Z)-isomer:  $\delta$  -95.64 (s, 2F).

(E)-Ethyl-2,2-difluoro-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-butenoate 3k. The product 3k was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 30:1) as a colorless oil (43.5 mg, 85% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 3k was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ :  $\delta$ 7.44–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.39–7.30 (m, 2H), 6.95 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.92–6.90 (m, 1H), 6.45–6.36 (m, 1H), [4](#page-8-0).35 (q,  $J =$ 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.87(s, 3H), 1.36 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  164.2 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 30.0 Hz), 157.8, 132.3 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 130.8, 128.4, 123.1, 120.7, 119.4 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 20.0 Hz), 113.1 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 240.0 Hz), 111.1, 63.0, 55.5, 14.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)-isomer:  $\delta$  –102.82 (s, 2F). (Z)-isomer:  $\delta$  –94.33 (s, 2F).

(E)-Ethyl-2,2-difluoro-4-(o-tolyl)-3-butenoate 3l. The product 3l was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 30:1) as a colorless oil (39.9 mg, 83% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 3l was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24− 7.17 (m, 3H), 6.24−6.15 (m, 1H), 4.35 (q, J [=](#page-8-0) 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 164.0 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 30.0 Hz), 136.8, 134.7 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 133.3, 130.7, 129.4, 126.3, 126.1, 120.1 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 30.0 Hz), 112.8 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 250.0 Hz), 63.1, 19.6, 14.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)-isomer:  $\delta$  -103.02 (s, 2F). (Z)-isomer:  $\delta$  -93.84 (s, 2F).

(E)-Ethyl-2,2-difluoro-4-(2-nitrophenyl)-3-butenoate 3m. The product 3m was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 30:1) as a light yellow solid (34.7 mg, 64% yield, E/Z > 99:1). Analytical data for 3m was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68–7.52  $(m, 4H)$ , 6.31–6.22  $(m, 1H)$ , 4.38  $(q, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 2H)$  $(q, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 2H)$  $(q, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 2H)$ , 1.39  $(t, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz})$ Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  133.6, 133.3 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 130.4, 130.0, 129.2, 124.9, 124.0 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 20.0 Hz), 112.1 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 240.0 Hz), 63.4, 13.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)isomer:  $\delta$  −103.27 (s, 2F). (Z)-isomer:  $\delta$  −96.83 (s, 2F).

(E)-Ethyl-4-(2-acetoxyphenyl)-2,2-difluoro-3-butenoate 3n. The product 3n was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 20:1) as a colorless oil (39.8 mg, 70% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 3n was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6 1</sup>H NMR  $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ :  $\delta$  7.59–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.42–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.30– 7.28 (m, 1H),7.18−7.13 (m, 2H), 6.40−6.30 (m, 1H), 4.3[7](#page-8-0) (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.37(s, 3H), 1.39 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.0, 163.7 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 40.0 Hz), 148.8, 130.7, 130.5  $(t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz)$ , 127.5, 126.9, 126.3, 123.1, 121.3  $(t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 20.0$ Hz), 112.4, 63.2, 20.9, 13.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)isomer: δ −103.67 (s, 2F). (Z)-isomer: δ −95.50 (s, 2F).

(E)-Ethyl-2,2-difluoro-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-butenoate 3o. The product 3o was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 30:1) as a colorless oil (42.5 mg, 83% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 30 was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.20 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.83−6.81 (m, 1H), 6.26−6.16 (m, 1H[\),](#page-8-0) 4.37 (q, J  $= 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.9 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 40.0 Hz), 159.9, 136.8 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 135.5, 129.9, 120.1, 119.2 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 20.0 Hz), 115.3, 112.7 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 250.0 Hz), 112.6, 63.1, 55.3, 13.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)-isomer:  $\delta$  –103.20 (s, 2F). (Z)-isomer:  $\delta$  –93.75 (s, 2F).

 $(E)$ -Ethyl-2,2-difluoro-4-(m-tolyl)-3-butenoate **3p**. The product 3p was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 30:1) as a colorless oil (40.9 mg, 85% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 3p was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3): δ 7.20−7.17 (m, 3H), 7.09−7.07 (m, 1H), 6.99−6.95 (m, 1H), 6.25−6.16 (m, 1H), 4.27 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, [2](#page-8-0)H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.28  $(t, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}).$ <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  164.0 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub>  $= 30.0$  Hz), 138.5, 137.0 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 134.1, 130.4, 128.7, 128.1, 124.6, 118.6 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 30.0 Hz), 112.8 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 250.0 Hz), 63.1, 21.3, 14.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)-isomer:  $\delta$  -103.12 (s, 2F). (Z)-isomer:  $\delta$  –93.65 (s, 2F).

(E)-Ethyl-2,2-difluoro-4-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-butenoate 3q. The product 3q was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/ EA = 30:1) as a colorless oil (44.7 mg, 76% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 3q was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.67 (s, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14−7.09 (m, 1H), 6.43−6.34 (m, 1H), 4.3[7](#page-8-0)  $(q, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H})$ , 1.38  $(t, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H})$ . <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.6 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 40.0 Hz), 135.4 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 134.9, 131.3 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 30.0 Hz), 130.6, 129.4, 126.1 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 125.2 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 250.0 Hz), 124.1 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 120.9 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 30.0 Hz), 112.3 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 250.0 Hz), 63.3, 13.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)-isomer:  $\delta$  –62.93 (s, 3F), –103.59 (s, 2F). (Z)-isomer:  $\delta$ −62.93 (s, 3F), −95.72 (s, 2F).

(E)-Ethyl-2,2-difluoro-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-butenoate 3r. The product 3r was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 30:1) as a white solid (45.3 mg, 82% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 3r was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3): δ 7.74−7.72 (m, 4H), 7.52−7.49 (m, 1H),7.43− 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.1[8](#page-8-0)–7.13 (m, 1H), 6.38–6.28 (m, 1H), 4.28 (q,  $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  164.0 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 30.0 Hz), 136.9 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 133.9, 133.3, 131.6, 128.8. 128.7, 128.4, 127.8, 127.0, 126.7, 123.3, 119.1 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 30.0 Hz), 112.9 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 250.0 Hz), 63.2, 14.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)-isomer:  $\delta$  –102.93 (s, 2F). (Z)-isomer:  $\delta$  –93.60 (s, 2F).

(E)-Ethyl-2,2-difluoro-4-(pyridin-2-yl)-3-butenoate 3s. The product 3s was purified with silica gel chromatography ( $PE/EA = 30:1$ ) as a colorless oil (27.8 mg, 61% yield, E/Z > 99:1). Analytical data for 3s<br>was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>3a 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.54 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.34(d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70−7.60(m, 1H), 7.08−7.02 [\(m](#page-7-0), 1H), 6.86−6.77 (m, 1H), 4.27 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.7 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 30.0 Hz), 152.5, 150.0, 136.8, 136.0 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 123.9, 123.7, 123.2(t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 20.0 Hz), 112.7  $(t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 240.0 Hz)$ , 63.2, 13.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)isomer: δ −103.87(s, 2F). (Z)-isomer: δ −94.36 (s, 2F).

(E)-Ethyl-2,2-difluoro-4-(furan-2-yl)-3-butenoate 3t. The product 3t was purified with silica gel chromatography ( $PE/EA = 30:1$ ) as a colorless oil (31.2 mg, 72% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 3t was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.43 (s, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.27–6.17 (m, 1H), 4.34 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, [2](#page-8-0)H), 1.36 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.8 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 40.0 Hz), 150.2, 143.9, 124.2 (t,  $J_{C-F} = 10.0$  Hz), 116.7 (t,  $J_{C-F} = 30.0$  Hz), 112.8, 112.6 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 250.0 Hz), 111.9, 63.1, 13.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)-isomer:  $\delta$  -103.38 (s, 2F). (Z)-isomer:  $\delta$ −95.92(s, 2F).

(E)-Ethyl-2,2-difluoro-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-3-butenoate 3u. The product 3u was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 30:1) as a colorless oil (36.2 mg, 78% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 3u was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ :  $\delta$  7.31 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.03−7.02(m, 1H), 6.16−6.06 (m, 1H), 4.35(q, J = 8.0 H[z,](#page-8-0) 2H), 1.36  $(t, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}).$ <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  162.8 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub>  $= 40.0$  Hz), 137.9, 128.8 (t,  $J_{C-F} = 10.0$  Hz), 128.4, 126.8, 126.2, 116.6 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 20.0 Hz), 111.4 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 250.0 Hz), 62.1, 12.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (E)-isomer:  $\delta$  -102.92 (s, 2F). (Z)-isomer:  $\delta$ −96.35 (s, 2F).

(E)-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-Tridecafluoro-1-octen-1-yl)benzene 5a. The product 5a was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether) as a colorless oil (65.0 mg, 77% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 5a was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>3j</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.51–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.22–7.18 (m, 1H), 6.28–6.18 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (1[00](#page-7-0) MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  139.7 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 133.6, 130.2, 128.9, 127.6, 114.4 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 20.0 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  –80.81 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 3F), −111.07 (m, 2F), −121.56 (m, 2F), −122.84 (m, 2F), −123.20 (m, 2F), −126.12 (m, 2F).

(E)-1-Methoxy-4-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluoro-1-octen-1 yl)benzene 5b. The product 5b was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether) as a colorless oil (76.0 mg, 84%

yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 5b was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>3j 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.10– 6.00 (m, 1H), 3.8[4](#page-7-0) (s, 3H).  ${}^{13}C(^{1}H)NMR$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 161.2, 139.2 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 129.2, 126.3, 114.4, 111.8 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 20.0 Hz), 55.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  –80.81 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 3F), −110.54 (m, 2F),-121.58 (m, 2F), −122.85 (m, 2F), −123.19  $(m, 2F)$ , 126.14  $(m, 2F)$ .

(E)-1-Methyl-4-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluoro-1-octen-1 yl)benzene 5c. The product 5c was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether) as a colorless oil (70.7 mg, 81% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 5c was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>3j 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25−7.11 (m, 3H), 6.19−6.09 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H).<br><sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 [M](#page-7-0)Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* 140.5, 139.6 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 130.8, 129.6, 127.6, 113.2 (t,  $J_{C-F} = 20.0 \text{ Hz}$ ), 21.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -80.83 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 3F), -110.83 (m, 2F), −121.57 (m, 2F), −122.84 (m, 2F), −123.21 (m, 2F), −126.12 (m, 2F).

(E)-1-Methyl-2-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluoro-1-octen-1 yl)benzene 5d. The product 5d was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether) as a colorless oil (66.3 mg, 76% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 5d was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>3j 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.50–7.45 (m,  $2H$ ), 7.34–7.23 (m, 3H), 6.18–6.08 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (100 MHz, [CD](#page-7-0)Cl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  137.8 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 137.0, 132.8, 130.7, 129.9, 126.5, 126.3, 115.7 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 20.0 Hz), 19.5. <sup>19</sup>F NMR  $(376 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3): \delta - 80.83 \text{ (t, } J = 11.3 \text{ Hz}, 3F), -110.99 \text{ (m, } 2F),$ −121.51 (m, 2F), −122.85 (m, 2F), −123.26 (m, 2F), −126.13 (m, 2F).

(E)-1-Chloro-4-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluoro-1-octen-1 yl)benzene 5e. The product 5e was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether) as a colorless oil (66.6 mg, 73% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 5e was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>3j 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.43–7.37(m, 4H), 7.16–7.11 (m, 1H), 6.23–6.13 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1[38.](#page-7-0)5 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 136.2, 132.0, 129.3, 128.8, 115.0 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 20.0 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  –80.84 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 3F), −111.16 (m, 2F), −121.59 (m, 2F), −122.82 (m, 2F), −123.16 (m, 2F), −126.14 (m, 2F).

(E)-1-Bromo-4-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluoro-1-octen-1 yl)benzene 5f. The product 5f was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether) as a White solid (75.0 mg, 75% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 5f was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>3j 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.56–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.10 (m, 1H), 6.25–6.15 (m, 1H).<br><sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 [M](#page-7-0)Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* 138.6 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 132.4, 132.2, 129.1, 124.5, 115.0 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 20.0 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -81.16 (m, 3F), -111.54 (m, 2F), -121.90 (m, 2F), −123.14 (m, 2F), −123.48 (m, 2F), −126.45 (m, 2F).

(E)-1-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-Tridecafluoro-1-octen-1-yl)-4- (trifluoromethyl)benzene 5g. The product 5g was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether) as a colorless oil (61.8 mg, 63% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 5g was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>3j 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26−7.20 (m, 1H), 6.35−6.25 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR [\(](#page-7-0)100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  138.3 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 136.8, 127.9, 125.9 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 125.1 (m), 118.6, 117.0 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 30.0 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  –62.96 (t, 3F), −80.78 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 3F), −111.54 (m, 2F), −121.54 (m, 2F), −122.80 (m, 2F), −123.13 (m, 2F), −126.09 (m, 2F).

(E)-2-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-Tridecafluoro-1-octen-1-yl) naphthalene **5h**. The product **5h** was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether) as a white solid (78.0 mg, 80% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 5h was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>3j 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.88–78.5 (m, 4H), 7.63–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.36–7.32 (m, 1H), 6.37–6.27 (m, 1H).<br><sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 [M](#page-7-0)Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 139.8 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 134.1, 133.3, 131.0, 129.3, 128.8, 128.5, 127.8, 127.3, 126.8, 123.1, 114.4 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 30.0 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  –80.83 (t, J = 11.3

<span id="page-7-0"></span>Hz, 3F), −110.89 (m, 2F), −121.53 (m, 2F), −122.82 (m, 2F), −123.05 (m, 2F), −126.13 (m, 2F).

 $(E)$ -(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-Nonafluoro-1-hexen-1-yl)benzene 5i. The product 5i was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether) as a colorless oil (45.8 mg, 71% yield, E/Z > 99:1). Analytical data for 5i was consistent with that previously reported.  ${}^{3k}$  <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  750–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.27– 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.27–6.11 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  139.8 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 133.6, 130.2, 129.0, 127.6, 114.3 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 20.0 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  –81.14 (m, 3F), –111.35 (m, 2F), −124.14 (m, 2F), −125.74 (m, 2F).

(E)-1-Methoxy-4-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-nonafluoro-1-hexen-1-yl) benzene 5*j*. The product 5*j* was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether) as a colorless oil (56.3 mg, 80% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 5j was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>3k 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12−7.08 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.09−5.99 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  161.3, 139.2 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 129.3, 126.3, 114.4, 111.8(t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 20.0 Hz). 55.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ −81.04 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 3F), −110.76 (m, 2F), −124.08 (m, 2F), −125.68 (m, 2F).

(E)-1-Bromo-4-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-nonafluoro-1-hexen-1-yl) benzene 5k. The product 5k was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether) as a colorless oil (57.6 mg, 72% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 5k was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>3k 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14−7.10 (m, 1H), 6.24−6.149 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  138.6 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 132.4, 132.2, 129.1, 124.5, 115.0 (t,  $J_{C-F} = 20.0$  Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl3): δ −80.03 (m, 3F), −111.44 (m, 2F), −124.05 (m, 2F), −125.66 (m, 2F).

(E)-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heptadecafluoro-1-decen-1-yl)benzene **5l**. The product **5l** was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether) as a colorless oil (84.6 mg, 81% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 5l was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>31</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.50–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.20–7.16 (m, 1H), 6.26–6.16 (m, 1H). 2H), 7.42–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.20–7.16 (m, 1H), 6.26–6.16 (m, 1H).<br><sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* 139.8 (t, *J*<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 133.6, 130.2, 129.0, 127.6, 114.4 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 20.0 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -80.83 (m, 3F), -111.10 (m, 2F), -121.38 (m, 2F), −121.92(m, 4F), −122.73 (m, 2F), −123.21 (m, 2F), −126.15(m, 2F).

(E)-1-Chloro-4-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-nonafluoro-1-hexen-1-yl) benzene 5m. The product 5m was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether) as a colorless oil (50.6 mg, 71% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 5m was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>3j 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.43–7.37(m, 4H), 7.16−7.12 (m, 1H), 6.24−6.14 (m, 1H). 13C{1 H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  138.5 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 136.2, 132.0, 129.3, 128.9, 115.0 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 20.0 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  –81.01 (m, 3F), −111.29 (m, 2F), −124.03 (m, 2F), −125.66 (m, 2F).

(E)-1-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heptadecafluoro-1 decen-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzene 5n. The product 5n was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether) as a colorless oil (91.7 mg, 83% yield,  $E/Z > 99:1$ ). Analytical data for 5n was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>3j 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.113−7.09 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.10−6.00 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  161.2, 139.1 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 129.2, 126.3, 114.4, 111.8 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 20.0 Hz), 55.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  –80.85 (m, 3F), –110.56 (m, 2F), −121.38 (m, 2F), −121.91 (m, 4F), −122.73 (m, 2F), −123.18 (m, 2F), −126.13 (m, 2F).

Ethyl-2,2-difluoro-2-((2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyl)oxy) acetate 7. The product 7 was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether) as a colorless oil (42.5 mg, 76% yield). Analytical data for 7 was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>3g 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.28 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.52–1.46 (m, 6H), 1.30 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 3H), 1.12–1.10 (m, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  160.7 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 60.0 Hz), 115.5 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 270.0 Hz), 63.0, 61.4, 40.1, 33.4 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 20.7, 16.9, 13.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR  $(376 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3): \delta -73.45.$ 

Ethyl-2,2-difluoro-4,4-diphenyl-3-butenoate 11. The product 11 was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether) as a colorless oil (49.2 mg, 81% yield). Analytical data for 11 was consistent with that previously reported.<sup>3g' 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3): δ 7.29−7.21 (m, 6H), 7.18−7.11 (m, 2H), 7.13−7.12 (m, 2H), 6.19 (t, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.09 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.5 (t, J<sub>C−F</sub> = 30.0 Hz), 151.0 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 140.5, 137.1, 129.9 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 119.5 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 30.0 Hz), 112.6 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 250.0 Hz), 62.8, 13.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  –91.00.

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