
Supplementary information

The Cascade Coupling/Iodoaminocyclization Reaction of Trifluoroacetimidoyl Chlorides and Allylamines: Metal-free Access to 2-Trifluoromethyl-imidazolines

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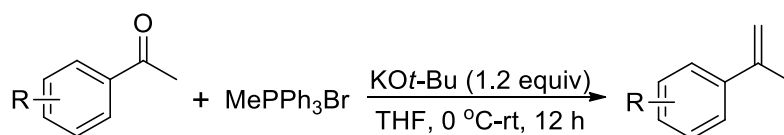
1. General Information

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out under air atmosphere. All reagents were from commercial sources and used as received without further purification. All solvents were dried by standard techniques and distilled prior to use. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 meshes) using petroleum ether (bp. 60~90 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluent. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance operating at for ¹H NMR at 400 MHz, ¹³C NMR at 100 MHz and ¹⁹F NMR at 377 MHz and spectral data were reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard and CDCl₃ (¹H NMR δ 7.26, ¹³C NMR δ 77.16) as solvent. All coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hz. The following abbreviations were used to describe peak splitting patterns when appropriate: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = double doublet, ddd = double doublet of doublets, t = triplet, dt = double triplet, q = quatrilplet, m = multiplet, br = broad. Gas chromatography (GC) analyses were performed on a Shimadzu GC-2014C chromatograph equipped with a FID detector. Mass spectra (MS) were measured on spectrometer by direct inlet at 70 eV. Mass spectroscopy data of the products were collected on an HRMS-TOF instrument or Waters TOFMS GCT Premier using EI or ESI ionization. Melting points were measured with WRR digital point apparatus and not corrected.

1.1 Preparation of Fluorinated Imidoyl Chlorides¹

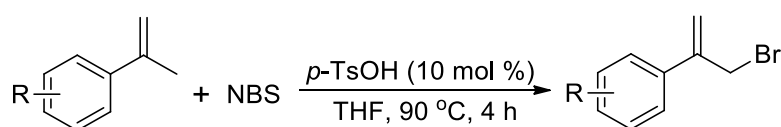
A 200 mL two-necked flask equipped with a septum cap, a condenser, and a Tefloncoated magnetic stir bar was charged with PPh₃ (34.5 g, 132 mmol), Et₃N (7.3 mL, 53 mmol), CCl₄ (21.1 mL, 220 mmol), and TFA (3.4 mL, 44 mmol). After the solution was stirred for about 10 min (ice bath), amine (53 mmol) dissolved in CCl₄ (21.1 mL, 220 mmol) was added. The mixture was then refluxed under stirring (3 h). After the reaction was completed, residual solid Ph₃PO, PPh₃ and Et₃N-HCl were washed with hexane several times. Then the hexane was filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel or neutral alumina to afford the corresponding product.

1.2 General Procedure for the Synthesis of 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-amine

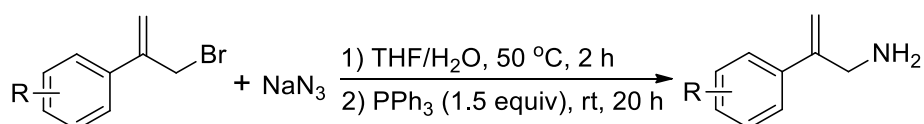


Synthesis of prop-1-en-2-ylbenzene²: Under nitrogen atmosphere, a solution of methyl

triphenylphosphonium bromide (21.4 g, 60.0 mmol) in anhydrous THF (80 mL) was cooled to 0 °C, followed by addition of KO^tBu (6.72 g, 60.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h, and then a solution of acetophenone (5.80 mL, 50.0 mmol) in anhydrous THF (20 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was warmed gradually to room temperature and kept stirring for 12 h. The resultant reaction solution was filtered over Celite®, and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to yield a residue, which was further purified over silica gel flash column chromatography (petroleum ether) to afford the product as colorless oil (5.72 g, 97%).



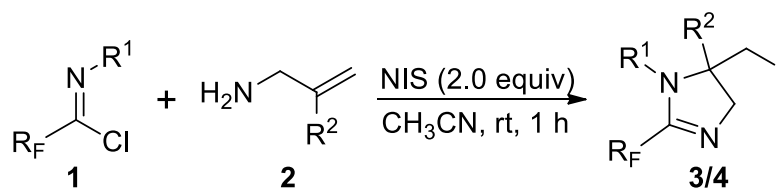
Synthesis of (3-bromoprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene³: To a solution of α -methylstyrene (13.0 mL, 100 mmol) in anhydrous THF (100 mL) was added *N*-bromosuccinimide (19.6 g, 110 mmol) and *p*-TsOH (1.72 g, 10 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated to 90 °C and kept stirring for 4 h. Then the reaction solution was cooled to room temperature, concentrated under vacuum, and purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (petroleum ether) to afford the product as pale yellow oil (17.1 g, 87%).



Synthesis of 2-phenylprop-2-en-1-amine **2c⁴:** The above obtained product (3.35 g, 17.0 mmol) was dissolved in THF (65 mL) and H₂O (15 mL), followed by addition of NaN₃ (1.17 g, 18.0 mmol). The turbid mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 2 h. The solution was cooled to ambient temperature, then PPh₃ (6.69 g, 25.5 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 20 h. Most of the THF was removed under vacuum and the residue was dissolved with aqueous HCl (60 mL, 1 M). The aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 75 mL), then was basified with solid NaOH (3.2 g, 80 mmol) and again extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The product **2c** was obtained as yellow oil (2.12 g, 16.0 mmol, 94%), which was directly used without further purification.

Note: The substrates 2-arylprop-2-en-1-amine **2c-f** is prepared using the above general procedures.

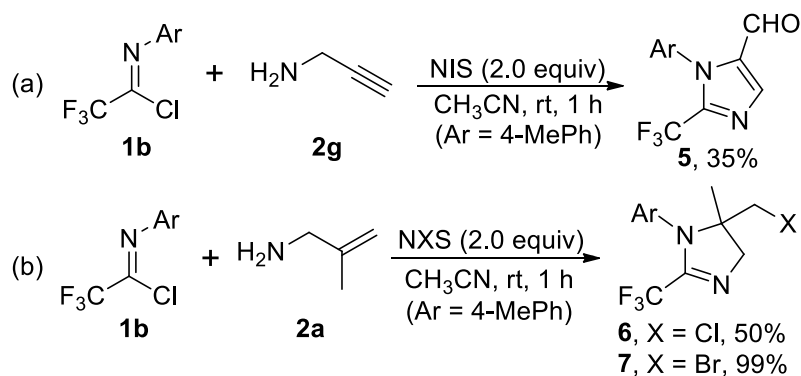
2. General Procedure for the Synthesis of 2-Trifluoromethyl-imidazolines



Under air atmosphere, NIS (0.135 g, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and 4 Å MS (60 mg) were added to a solution of trifluoroacetimidoyl chloride **1** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and allylamine **2** (0.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) in MeCN (2.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the mixture was concentrated by vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to yield the product **3** or **4**.

Scale-up Reaction: Under air atmosphere, NIS (2.25 g, 10 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and 4 Å MS (1000 mg) were added to a solution of (*E*)-2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-(*p*-tolyl)acetimidoyl chloride **1b** (1.1 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 2-methylprop-2-en-1-amine **2a** (0.889 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) in MeCN (20 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the mixture was concentrated by vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to yield the product **3b** as a yellow solid (1.725 g, 90%).

3. Cascade Reactions with Different Coupling Partner or Halogen Sources

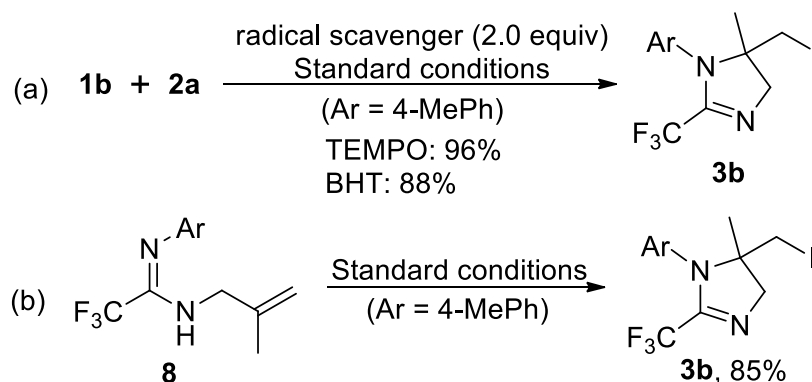


Eq a: Under air atmosphere, NIS (135 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and 4 Å MS (100 mg) were added to a solution of (*E*)-2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-(*p*-tolyl)acetimidoyl chloride **1b** (66.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and prop-2-yn-1-amine **2g** (41.3 mg, 0.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) in MeCN (2 mL). The mixture was

stirred at room temperature for 1 h. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the mixture was concentrated by vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to yield the product **5** as yellow oily liquid (26.7 mg, 35%).

Eq b: Under air atmosphere, NCS (80 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) or NBS (106.8 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and 4 Å MS (100 mg) were added to a solution of (*E*)-2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-(*p*-tolyl)acetimidoyl chloride **1b** (66.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 2-methylprop-2-en-1-amine **2a** (53.3 mg, 0.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in MeCN (2 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the mixture was concentrated by vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to yield the product **6** as yellow oily liquid (43.5 mg, 50%) or the product **7** as yellow oily liquid (100.0 mg, 99%), respectively.

4. Control Experiments



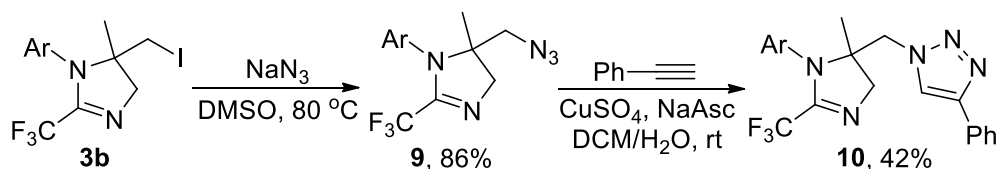
Eq a: Under air atmosphere, NIS (135 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and 4 Å MS (60 mg) were added to a solution of (*E*)-2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-(*p*-tolyl)acetimidoyl chloride **1b** (66.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 2-methylprop-2-en-1-amine **2a** (53.3 mg, 0.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and TEMPO (93.8 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) or BHT (132.2 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in MeCN (2 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the mixture was concentrated by vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to yield the product **3b** as a yellow solid (110 mg, 96% or 100.1 mg, 88%).

Preparation of the Coupling Product 8: Under air atmosphere, (*E*)-2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-(*p*-tolyl)acetimidoyl chloride **1a** (66 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 2-methylprop-2-en-1-amine **2a** (53.3 mg, 0.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) and MeCN (2.0 mL) were added to

an oven-dried 15 mL *In-Ex* tube. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the mixture was concentrated by vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to yield the coupling product **8** as a yellow oily liquid in 90% yield (69.4 mg).

Eq b: Under air atmosphere, NIS (135 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and 4 Å MS (100 mg) were added to a solution of the coupling product **8** (121.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in MeCN (2 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the mixture was concentrated by vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to yield the product **3b** as a yellow solid (97.4 mg, 85%).

5. Synthetic Transformation



Synthesis of Compound 9: To a stirred solution of NaN_3 (71.5 mg, 1.1 mmol) in DMSO (2 mL) was added compound **3b** (382 mg, 1.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80°C for overnight. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with water (5 mL). The mixture was extracted with ether (3×5 mL) and washed by brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under vacuum to give the product **9** as a white solid in 86% yield (255.3 mg).

Synthesis of Compound 10: Under air atmosphere, azide **9** (89 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), ethynylbenzene (76.8 mg, 0.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv.), CuSO_4 (5 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.1 equiv.), NaAsc (118.8 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and $\text{DCM}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1 mL/1 mL) were added to an oven-dried 15 mL *In-Ex* tube. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After the reaction was completed, the mixture was concentrated by vacuum, and then purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5:1) to yield the desired product **10** as a yellow solid in 42% yield (50.3 mg).

6. Characterization Data of the Corresponding Products

5-(iodomethyl)-5-methyl-1-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3a)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3) to give the titled product **3a** as a yellow solid (101.9 mg, 93%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 4.17 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.5 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.3 Hz), 134.8, 130.8, 129.5, 129.3, 117.8 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.7 Hz), 67.8, 67.0, 24.8, 16.4.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 65.7.

M.p. 106.4 – 107.2 °C

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₂F₃IN₂ 369.0070; Found 369.0074.

5-(iodomethyl)-5-methyl-1-(p-tolyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3b)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.4) to give the titled product **3b** as a yellow solid (113.7 mg, 99%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 (s, 4H), 4.15 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.6 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.7 Hz), 139.5, 131.0, 130.1, 129.9, 117.2 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 276.5 Hz), 67.8, 65.4, 24.6, 21.1, 15.8.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 65.8.

M.p. 112.4 - 113.5 °C

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄F₃IN₂ 383.0227; Found 383.0236.

5-(iodomethyl)-5-methyl-1-(m-tolyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3c)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R_f = 0.4) to give the titled product **3c** as a yellow solid (113.1 mg, 99%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 6.96 (m, 4H), 4.13 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.8 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.4 Hz), 139.7, 134.8, 131.4, 130.4, 129.4, 127.9, 118.0 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.9 Hz), 68.0, 67.0, 25.1, 21.8, 16.6.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 65.6.

M.p. 105.3 - 106.2 °C

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄F₃IN₂ 383.0227; Found 383.0235.

5-(iodomethyl)-5-methyl-1-(o-tolyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3d)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.4) to give the titled product **3d** as a yellow solid (42.6 mg, 37%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.4 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.3 Hz), 139.2, 133.1, 131.5, 129.3, 126.7, 117.4 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.7 Hz), 68.6, 66.3, 23.1, 18.4, 15.9.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 67.4.

M.p. 117.2 - 119.7 °C

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄F₃IN₂ 383.0227; Found 383.0238.

1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-5-(iodomethyl)-5-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3e)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.4) to give the titled product **3e** as a yellow solid (119.2 mg, 94%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (dd, J = 15.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (dd, J = 15.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (s, 4H), 1.32 (s, 9H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.6 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.2 Hz), 131.8, 130.2, 126.3, 117.8 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.7 Hz), 67.7, 66.8, 35.0, 31.5, 24.8, 16.4.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 65.8.

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₆H₂₀F₃IN₂ 425.0696; Found 425.0702.

5-(iodomethyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3f)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3) to give the titled product **3f** as a yellow solid (118.2 mg, 99%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (d, J = 24.4 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (dd, J = 15.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.93 – 3.75 (m, 4H), 3.25 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.8, 153.0, 152.6, 152.3 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.3 Hz), 131.8, 126.7, 121.6, 118.9, 116.2, 114.3, 113.4 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.7 Hz), 67.3, 66.4, 55.5, 24.5, 16.1.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 66.0.

M.p. 126.3 - 127.6 °C

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄F₃IN₂O 399.0176; Found 399.0177.

5-(iodomethyl)-5-methyl-1-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3g)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.2) to give the titled product **3g** as a yellow oily liquid (112.7 mg, 91%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, J = 15.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, J = 15.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 2H), 1.41 (s, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.2 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.3 Hz), 140.3, 118.9, 117.5 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.6 Hz), 116.1, 113.4, 67.5, 66.6, 24.6, 16.0, 15.3.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 65.8.

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₅F₃IN₂S 414.9947; Found 414.9951.

1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(iodomethyl)-5-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3h)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3) to give the titled product **3h** as a yellow oily liquid (110.2 mg, 95%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 - 7.07 (m, 4H), 4.14 (dd, J = 15.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dd, J = 15.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (q, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (s, 2H)

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.7 (C-F, d, ¹J_{C-F} = 250.1 Hz), 152.1 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.5 Hz), 152.2, 151.9, 132.4 (C-F, d, ³J_{C-F} = 8.8 Hz), 130.4, 117.4 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 286.2 Hz), 117.2, 116.2 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 22.7 Hz), 67.4, 66.7, 24.6, 15.7.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 111.3, - 65.8.

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₁F₄IN₂ 386.9976; Found 386.9984.

1-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(iodomethyl)-5-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3i)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.4) to give the titled product **3i** as a yellow oily liquid (98.5 mg, 82%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, J = 16.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dd, J = 16.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (q, J = 10.7 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (s, 5H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.2 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.4 Hz), 135.2, 133.2, 131.8, 129.6, 117.4 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.7 Hz), 67.6, 66.8, 24.6, 15.7.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 65.6.

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₁ClF₃IN₂ 402.9680; Found 402.9684.

1-(4-bromophenyl)-5-(iodomethyl)-5-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3j)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3) to give the titled product **3j** as a yellow solid (132.5 mg, 99%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (q, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (s, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.1 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.5 Hz), 133.9, 132.8, 132.3, 123.5, 117.7 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.7 Hz), 67.8, 67.0, 24.8, 16.0.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 65.6.

M.p. 119.3 - 121.6 °C

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₁BrF₃IN₂ 446.9175; Found 446.9180.

5-(iodomethyl)-5-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3k)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3) to give the titled product **3k** as a yellow solid (109.6 mg, 84%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, J = 16.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dd, J = 16.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (q, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.7 Hz), 138.2, 131.1 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 33.0 Hz), 130.7, 126.4, 123.6 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 272.3 Hz), 117.4 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.7 Hz), 67.8, 66.9, 24.6, 15.5.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 62.7, - 65.5.

M.p. 102.4 – 104.3 °C

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₁F₆IN₂ 436.9944; Found 436.9950.

1-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-(iodomethyl)-5-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3l)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.4) to give the titled product **3l** as a yellow solid (120.4 mg, 99%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 4.17 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.1 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 36.0 Hz), 136.2, 133.0, 132.8, 132.5, 130.8, 130.5, 127.8, 127.4, 117.3 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.9 Hz), 68.7, 66.6, 22.6, 16.2.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 67.5.

M.p. 104.8 - 105.3 °C

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₁ClF₃IN₂ 402.9680; Found 402.9683.

1-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-5-(iodomethyl)-5-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3m)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.4) to give the titled product **3m** as a yellow oily liquid (118.3 mg, 99%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.15 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (s, 2H), 4.13 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 6H), 1.41 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.6 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.3 Hz), 138.0, 137.8, 132.2, 131.5, 130.4, 128.0, 117.8 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.8 Hz), 67.6, 66.8, 24.8, 20.1, 19.7, 16.5

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 65.7.

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₆F₃IN₂ 397.0383; Found 397.0391.

5-(iodomethyl)-5-methyl-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3n)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.2) to give the titled product **3n** as a yellow solid (56.4 mg, 45%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.4 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.2 Hz), 134.5, 133.3, 131.4, 129.9, 129.3, 128.5, 127.2, 126.6, 125.0, 123.4, 117.6 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 276.1 Hz), 69.3, 67.6, 25.0, 15.0.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 66.3.

M.p. 96.3 – 97.8 °C

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄F₃IN₂ 419.0227; Found 419.0211.

5-(iodomethyl)-5-methyl-1-(1-phenylethyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3o)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3) to give the titled product **3o** as a yellow solid (69.7 mg, 59%). dr = 1.3: 1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 5.06 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.98 – 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.62 – 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.44 – 3.27 (m, 1H), 2.64 (s, 1H), 1.83 – 1.74 (m, 3H), 1.58 (s, 1.84H), 1.06 (s, 1.39H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.0 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 34.9 Hz), 140.8, 139.2, 128.5, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 126.8, 118.1 (C-F, t, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.6 Hz), 67.7, 67.4, 52.8, 52.2, 29.6, 25.5, 24.6, 20.2, 19.7, 17.2, 16.7.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 65.3, – 65.5.

M.p. 121.2 - 123.1 °C

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₆F₃IN₂ 397.0383; Found 397.0384.

2-(difluoromethyl)-5-(iodomethyl)-5-methyl-1-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3p)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.2) to give the titled product **3p** as a yellow solid (103.9 mg, 99%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 6.05 (t, J = 52.9 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.1 (C-F, t, ²J_{C-F} = 25.1 Hz), 135.0, 130.3, 129.3, 128.8, 109.0 (C-F, t, ¹J_{C-F} = 242.3 Hz), 67.0, 24.5, 16.5.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -120.6 (qd, J = 338.1 Hz, 52.8 Hz, 2F).

M.p. 105.8 - 106.3 °C

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₃F₂IN₂ 351.0164; Found 351.0170.

2-(chlorodifluoromethyl)-5-(iodomethyl)-5-methyl-1-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3q)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R_f = 0.3) to give the titled product **3q** as a yellow solid (108.3 mg, 94%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (m, 5H), 4.14 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.4 (C-F, t, ²J_{C-F} = 28.7 Hz), 135.0, 131.4, 129.3, 122.0 (C-F, t, ¹J_{C-F} = 291.7 Hz), 68.0, 66.6, 24.9, 16.5.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -53.4 (q, J = 115.1 Hz, 2F).

M.p. 123.6 – 124.2 °C

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₂ClF₂IN₂ 384.9775; Found 384.9780.

5-(iodomethyl)-5-methyl-2-(perfluoroethyl)-1-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3r)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3) to give the titled product **3r** as a yellow solid (124.1 mg, 99%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 4.17 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.5 (C-F, t, ²J_{C-F} = 26.0 Hz), 130.4, 129.1, 128.9, 118.0 (C-F, qt, J_{C-F} = 286.4 Hz, 34.5 Hz), 109.7 (C-F, tq, ¹J_{C-F} = 256.9 Hz, 38.0 Hz), 67.3, 66.8, 24.5, 16.2.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -82.0, -113.5 (q, J = 301.6 Hz, 2F).

M.p. 106.4 – 107.2 °C

HRMS (ESI): $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd. for $C_{13}H_{12}F_5IN_2$ 440.9858; Found 440.9841.

5-(iodomethyl)-5-methyl-2-(perfluoropropyl)-1-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (3s)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.2) to give the titled product **3s** as a yellow solid (133.4 mg, 95%).

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.62 – 7.04 (m, 5H), 4.18 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 3H).

$^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 151.5 (C-F, t, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 26.0 Hz), 135.3, 130.3, 129.0, 128.9, 117.6 (C-F, qt, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 288.9 Hz, 34.0 Hz), 110.4, 106.6 (C-F, tt, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 259.3 Hz, 37.8Hz), 67.2, 67.1, 24.5, 16.1.

^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -79.9, -109.8 – -111.9 (m, 2F), -124.9.

M.p. 127.5 – 128.7 °C

HRMS (ESI): $[M+ Na]^+$ Calcd. for $C_{14}H_{12}F_7IN_2$ 490.9826; Found 490.9832.

5-(iodomethyl)-1-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (4a)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3) to give the titled product **4a** as a yellow oily liquid (50.1 mg, 45%).

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.24 (d, J = 24.9 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (dd, J = 15.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.94 - 3.76 (m, 2H), 3.25 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (s, 3H).

$^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 157.8 (C-F, q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 37.3 Hz), 130.2, 130.1, 129.1, 115.7 (C-F, q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 287.7 Hz), 114.9, 113.4, 53.1, 44.2, 20.5, 9.7.

^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -75.6.

HRMS (ESI): $[M+H]^+$ Calcd. for $C_{11}H_{10}F_3IN_2$ 369.0070; Found 369.0068.

5-(iodomethyl)-5-phenyl-1-(p-tolyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (4b)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3) to give the titled product **4b** as a yellow solid (115.2 mg, 86%).

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.44 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.62 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, J = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (q, J = 10.6 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.4 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.3 Hz), 140.4, 138.8, 131.6, 129.8, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 127.0, 117.6 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.7 Hz), 71.9, 69.6, 21.1, 13.3.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 65.5.

M.p. 118.3 – 119.2 °C.

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆F₃IN₂ 445.0383; Found 445.0390.

5-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-(iodomethyl)-1-(p-tolyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (4c)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3) to give the titled product **4c** as a yellow oily liquid (128.2 mg, 90%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 - 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.4 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.7 Hz), 142.4, 139.1, 134.7, 131.4, 129.9, 129.8, 129.5, 128.7, 127.2, 125.3, 117.5 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.9 Hz), 71.6, 69.5, 21.1, 12.5.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -65.5.

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅ClF₃IN₂ 478.9993; Found 479.0000.

5-(iodomethyl)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1-(p-tolyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (4d)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.2) to give the titled product **4d** as a yellow solid (37.1 mg, 25%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 18.2 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (dd, *J* = 43.1, 10.5 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.4 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.5 Hz), 139.1, 134.8, 131.4, 131.1, 130.6, 130.2, 129.9, 129.4, 129.3, 128.5, 127.4, 125.9, 123.9, 123.5, 120.5, 117.6 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.9 Hz), 76.1, 66.7, 26.7, 21.1, 21.0.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -65.8.

M.p. 135.6 – 137.2 °C

HRMS (ESI): [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₂H₁₈F₃IN₂ 517.0359; Found 517.0362.

1-(p-tolyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-imidazole-5-carbaldehyde (5)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, Rf = 0.4) to give the titled product **5** as a yellow oily liquid (26.7 mg, 35%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.62 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.9, 153.2 (C-F, q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 36.2 Hz), 140.9, 137.5, 134.7, 130.8, 130.1, 126.8, 118.1 (C-F, q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 271.7 Hz), 29.7, 21.3.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.4.

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₂H₉F₃N₂O 255.0740; Found 255.0746.

5-(chloromethyl)-5-methyl-1-(p-tolyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (6)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, Rf = 0.3) to give the titled product **6** as a yellow oily liquid (43.5 mg, 50%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 2H), 1.29 (s, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.6 (C-F, q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 35.3 Hz), 139.2, 131.6, 130.4, 129.8, 117.5 (C-F, q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 275.6 Hz), 68.4, 63.6, 49.7, 23.9, 21.2.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.0.

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₃H₁₄ClF₃N₂ 291.0870; Found 291.0883.

5-(bromomethyl)-5-methyl-1-(p-tolyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (7)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, Rf = 0.3) to give the titled product **7** as a yellow oily liquid (100.0 mg, 99%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.25 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 1H), 1.35 (s, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.5 (C-F, q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 35.3 Hz), 139.2, 131.6, 130.4, 129.8, 117.5 (C-F, q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 275.7 Hz), 67.8, 64.7, 39.6, 24.3, 21.2.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -65.9.

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄BrF₃N₂ 335.0365; Found 335.0384.

2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-methylallyl)-N'-(p-tolyl)acetimidamide (8)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 – 6.57 (m, 4H), 4.96 – 4.71 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 1H), 3.55 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.87 – 1.51 (m, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.0 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 43.1 Hz), 141.4, 133.1, 131.9, 129.9, 129.0, 120.4, 118.6 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 299.9 Hz), 111.3, 48.7, 46.5, 20.8.

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₆F₃N₂ 257.1260; Found 257.1265.

5-(azidomethyl)-5-methyl-1-(p-tolyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole (9)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.4) to give the titled product **9** as a white solid (255.3 mg, 86%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.7 (C-F, q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.4 Hz), 139.0, 132.0, 130.2, 129.8, 127.6, 117.5 (C-F, q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.6 Hz), 67.7, 63.6, 57.2, 23.5, 21.2, 21.1.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -65.9.

M.p. 148.4 - 149.5 °C.

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄F₃N₅ 298.1274; Found 298.1284.

1-((5-methyl-1-(p-tolyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methyl)-4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole (10)

Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.2) to give the titled product **10** as a yellow solid (50.3 mg, 42%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.8 (C-F, q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.3$ Hz), 147.9, 139.4, 132.1, 130.2, 117.4 (C-F, q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 275.8$ Hz), 118.8, 116.0, 113.3, 67.8, 64.7, 56.4, 29.7, 23.4, 21.2, 21.1.

^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -65.8.

M.p. 145.3 - 146.7 °C

HRMS (ESI): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{N}_5$ 422.1563; Found 422.1567.

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