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Access to CF₃-benzofulvenes via palladium-catalyzed cascade arylation/Trost-Oppolzer cyclization/double-bond isomerization

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1. Table S1 Optimization of the Reaction Conditions^{*a*}



2. 2D-NMR analysis of compound 3la





Strong cross-peaks were observed between the indene proton (H3) and the H2 proton, as well as between the alkylidine proton (H1) and the aromatic proton (H4). Further, we didn't observe any NOE impact between the alkylidine proton (H1) and the indene proton (H3), indicating that the near proximity requirement for the appearance of cross peaks and NOE was not met. These findings unambiguously demonstrate the formation of an E-conformer over a Z-isomer.



Figure S1. 1H-1H 2D-NOESY spectrum of 3la recorded in CDCl3 on 400 MHz at 25 °C

3. Fig. S2 Representative examples of bioactive benzofulvenes.



4. General information:

All the reactions were performed in an oven-dried glass apparatus, the air and moisturesensitive reactions were carried out under an inert atmosphere (nitrogen), using freshly distilled anhydrous solvents. Commercially available reagents were used as such without further purification. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography on silica plates using UV light and anisaldehyde for visualization. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (100-200 mesh) using hexanes and ethyl acetate as eluent. ¹H NMR was recorded in CDCl₃ on 500 and 400 MHz, ¹³C NMR was recorded on 125 MHz, 100 MHz and 75 MHz. ¹⁹F NMR was recorded on 377 MHz. Chemical shifts were reported in δ (ppm) relative to TMS as an internal standard and *J* values were given in Hz (hertz). Multiplicity is indicated as, s (singlet); d (doublet); t (triplet); m (multiplet); dd (doublet of doublets), etc. δ 7.26 and δ 1.56 corresponding to CDCl₃ and moisture respectively in ¹H NMR, δ 77.16 is related to CDCl₃ in ¹³C NMR. FT-IR spectra were recorded on Alpha (Bruker) Infrared Spectrophotometer. Highresolution mass spectra (HRMS) [ESI⁺, ESI⁻] were obtained by using either a TOF or a doublefocusing spectrometer, reported compounds. Raw materials required for the synthesis of compound **1a-1t** were prepared according to the literature procedure.¹



5. Experimental procedures and characterization data of Starting materials

General reaction:



General procedure A:

Under argon atmosphere, to a solution of 2-bromobenzaldehyde (3.5 g, 18.90 mmol) in THF solvent were added trimethylsilyl acetylene (2.22 g, 22.70 mmol), Et₃N (50 mL), PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (0.658 g, 0.94 mmol) and CuI (0.035 g, 1.89 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h, then filtered through a short pad of silica gel and washed with ethyl acetate. After the removal of solvent, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate = 100:1, v/v) to afford the desired product 2-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde (3.6 g, 95% yield).

To a solution of 2-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde (2.02 g, 10.0 mmol) in methanol (25 mL) were added acetophenone (1.2 g, 10 mmol) and 10% NaOH aqueous solution (3.6 mL, 11.0 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h, then the solution was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc (20 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1 to 30:1, v/v) to afford **S1a** (1.9 g, 82%).

According to the literature procedure,² α , β unsaturated ketone **S1a** (10 mmol, 1 equiv) and TMSCF₃ (1.7 mL, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were suspended in anhydrous DMF (20 mL). To this solution, dry K₂CO₃ (13.8 mg, 0.1 equiv) was added and the mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature under N₂ atmosphere. Completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC. To this reaction mixture, tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1 M, 3.2 mL, 12mmol) was added and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with the water, then

extracted with ethyl acetate ($3 \times 30 \text{ mL}$) and the combined organic layers were finally washed with brine solution, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product **S2a** was further purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 90:10).

To the stirred solution of alcohol **S2a** (10 mmol, 1 equiv) in DCM (10 mL), were added Boc-anhydride (2.75 mL, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and DMAP (12.2 mg, 0.1 equiv) at 0 °C, and the solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred until completion of the starting material monitored by TLC. Then, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the obtained residue was purified by using column chromatography on silica gel using hexane/ethyl acetate (9:1) as eluent to afford the pure CF₃-allyl carbonates (1). Most of the compounds were reported in the literature and the data of unknown were summarized below.^{1,2}

(*E*)-3-(2-Ethynylphenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (S1e)



Following general procedure **A**, 2-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde (1g, 4.95 mmol), 4methoxy acetophenone (0.742 g, 4.95 mmol), aqueous NaOH solution (10%), were taken in 10 mL of methanol to obtain the compound **S1e** as a red color oil, yield 82% (1.06 g); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.00 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.44 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.9, 163.6, 141.6, 137.3, 133.8, 131.0, 130.8, 129.7, 129.2, 126.6, 124.2, 123.2, 113.9, 83.6, 81.5, 55.6; **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 3296,1664 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₅O₂ [M+H]⁺: 263.1066, found: 263.1062.

(E)-3-(2-Ethynylphenyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (S1f)



Following general procedure **A**, 2-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde (1g, 4.95 mmol), 4fluoro acetophenone (0.683 g, 4.95 mmol), Aqueous NaOH solution (10%), were taken in 10 mL of methanol to obtain the compound **S1f** as yellow color solid, mp:113 – 115 °C yield 75% (0.928 g); ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.19 (m, 2H), 3.45 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.1, 165.7 (d, J = 254.5 Hz), 142.6, 136.8, 134.5, 133.8, 131.3 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 130.0, 129.2, 126.6, 123.8, 123.4, 115.8 (d, J = 21.8 Hz), 83.7, 81.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –105.42 (s, F); **IR (KBr)**: $v_{max} = 3301,1668$ cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₂FO [M+H]⁺: 251.0866, found: 251.0864.

(E)-3-(2-Ethynylphenyl)-1-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (S1h)



Following general procedure **A**, 2-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl) benzaldehyde (1g, 4.95 mmol), 4trifluoromethoxy acetophenone (1 g, 4.95 mmol), aqueous NaOH solution (10%), were taken in 10 mL of methanol to obtain the compound **S1h** as a redd colour oil, yield 72% (1.12 g); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (m, 2H), 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 3.45 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.1, 152.5, 143.0, 136.7, 136.4, 133.8, 130.6, 130.4, 130.1, 129.2, 126.6, 123.6, 120.5, 120.4 (q, *J* = 258.6 Hz).83.8, 81.3; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –57.60 (s, 3F); **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 3296,1668 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₂F₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 317.0783, found: 317.0779. **(***E***)-1-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-(2-ethynylphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (S1i)**



Following general procedure **A**, 2-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde (1g, 4.95 mmol), 1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)ethan-1-one (0.970 g, 4.95 mmol), aqueous NaOH solution (10%), were taken in 10 mL of methanol to obtain the compound **S1i** as a colourless oil, yield 75% (114.29 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.40 (m, 3H), 3.44 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.8, 190.0, 145.6, 142.2, 139.9, 137.0, 136.8, 133.8, 129.9, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.3, 127.3, 126.5, 124.1, 123.3, 83.7, 81.2; **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 3292,1665 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₂₃H₁₇O [M+H]⁺: 309.1273, found: 309.1270. (*E*)-3-(2-Ethynylphenyl)-1-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (S1j)



Following general procedure **A**, 2-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde (1g, 4.95 mmol), 2acetyl thiophene (0.623 g, 4.95 mmol), aqueous NaOH solution (10%), were taken in 10 mL of methanol to obtain the compound **S1j** as a light yellow colour oil, yield 70% (0.824 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.11 (m, 1H), 3.37 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.2, 145.5, 141.6, 136.8, 134.1, 133.8, 132.0, 129.9, 129.1, 128.3, 126.7, 123.9, 123.4, 83.8, 81.4; **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 3295,1672 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₁OS [M+H]⁺: 239.0525, found: 239.0522.

(E)-3-(2-Ethynyl-5-methylphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (S1k)



Following general procedure **A**, 5-methyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde (1.069 g, 4.95 mmol), acetophenone (0.594 g, 4.95 mmol), aqueous NaOH solution (10%), were taken in 10 mL of methanol to obtain the compound **S1k** as a yellow colour solid, mp: 117 – 118 °C, yield 85% (1.03 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (m, 2H), 7.63 (m, 3H), 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.8, 142.6, 139.4, 138.2, 136.8, 133.7, 132.9, 130.9, 128.7, 128.4, 127.1, 124.0, 120.5, 82.9, 81.5, 21.6; **IR (KBr)**: v_{max} = 3290,1662 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₅O [M+H]⁺: 247.1117, found: 247.1114.

(*E*)-3-(2-ethynyl-5-fluorophenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (S1m)



Following general procedure **A**, 5-fluoro-2-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde (1.089 g, 4.95 mmol), acetophenone (0.594 g, 4.95 mmol), aqueous NaOH solution (10%), were taken in 10 mL of methanol to obtain the compound **S1m** as a yellow colour solid, mp: 123 – 125 °C, yield 75% (0.928 g); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 (dd, J = 15.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (m, 2H), 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.44 (dd, J = 9.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (m, 1H), 3.41 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.3, 164.0, 161.5, 141.2, 139.4 (d, J = 8.0 Hz),

137.9, 135.6 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 133.2, 128.8 (d, J = 6.9 Hz), 125.2, 119.5 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 117.4 (d, J = 22.4 Hz), 113.1 (d, J = 22.9 Hz), 83.4, 80.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –104.52 (s, F); **IR (KBr)**: $v_{max} = 3298,1666$ cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₂FO [M+H]⁺ : 251.0866, found: 251.0864.

(E)-3-(5-Chloro-2-ethynylphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (S1n)



Following general procedure **A**, 5-chloro-2-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde (1.168 g, 4.95 mmol), acetophenone (0.594 g, 4.95 mmol), aqueous NaOH solution (10%), were taken in 10 mL of methanol to obtain the compound **S1n** as a red colour oil, yield 78% (1.02 g); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (m, 1H), 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.2, 139.9, 137.7, 136.9, 134.3, 133.9, 132.2, 128.9, 127.8, 127.7, 125.5, 124.1, 120.8, 83.5, 79.4; **IR (neat)**: $v_{max} = 3295,1663$ cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₂ClO [M+H]⁺: 267.0571, found: 267.0569.

(E)-3-(2-Ethynyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (S1o)



Following general procedure **A**, 5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde (1.336 g, 4.95 mmol), acetophenone (0.594 g, 4.95 mmol), Aqueous NaOH solution (10%), were taken in 10 mL of methanol to obtain the compound **S1o** as a yellow colour solid, mp: 116 – 117 °C, yield 70% (1.03 g); ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (q, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (m, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 3.57 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.1, 140.6, 137.8, 134.3, 133.3, 133.2, 131.2 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 128.4, 125.5, 123.3, 123.2, 86.1, 80.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –58.65 (s, 3F); **IR (KBr)**: v_{max} = 3300,1670 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₂F₃O [M+H]⁺: 301.0834, found: 301.0831. (*E*)-4-(2-Ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylbut-3-en-2-ol (S2a)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-3-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one **S1a** (69 mg, 0.30 mmol), TMSCF₃ (0.05 mL, 0.36 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (4.14 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3mL of DMF. After that TBAF (1 M, 0.09 mL) was added to obtain the compound **S2a** as a colourless oil, yield 82% (74.29 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.29 (m, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (s, 1H), 3.02 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.7, 137.4, 133.4, 131.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 126.9, 125.6, 122.3 (q, *J* = 286.1 Hz), 121.5, 82.6, 81.7, 77.5 (q, *J* = 28.9 Hz); ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.32 (s, 3F); **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 3290 2920, 1450, cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₄F₃O [M+H]⁺: 303.0952, found: 303.1486. (*E*)-4-(2-Ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(*p*-tolyl)but-3-en-2-ol (S2b)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-3-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1-(*p*-tolyl)prop-2-en-1-one **S1b** (73 mg, 0.30 mmol), TMSCF₃ (0.05 mL, 0.36 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (4.1 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DMF. After that TBAF (1 M, 0.09 mL) was added to obtain the compound **S2b** as a reddish colour oil, yield 85%, (80.60 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.23 (m, 3H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 1H), 2.98 (s, 1H), 2.36 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.8, 137.8, 134.5, 133.4, 131.0, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.2, 126.8, 125.6, 121.5, 125.1 (q, *J* = 275.3 Hz), 82.6, 81.7, 77.4 (q, *J* = 28.9 Hz), 21.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.39 (s, 3F); **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 3299, 2924, 1491 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₆F₃O [M+H]⁺: 317.1182, found: 317.1185.

(E)-4-(2-Ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(o-tolyl)but-3-en-2-ol (S2c)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-3-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1-(*o*-tolyl)prop-2-en-1-one **S1c** (73 mg, 0.30 mmol), TMSCF₃ (0.05 mL, 0.36 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (41 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DMF. After that TBAF (1 M, 0.09 mL) was added to obtain the compound **S2c** as

a reddish colour oil, yield 84% (79.65 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.66 (m, 1H), 3.15 (s, 1H), 2.79 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.2, 137.8, 137.3, 133.5, 131.1, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 127.5, 125.6, 125.1 (q, J = 286.0 Hz), 124.0, 121.6, 82.6, 81.7, 77.5 (q, J = 29.0 Hz), 21.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –76.32 (s, 3F); **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 3295, 2920, 1495 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₅F₃O [M+H]⁺: 317.1142, found: 317.1144.

(E)-4-(2-Ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(m-tolyl)but-3-en-2-ol (S2d)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-3-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1-(*m*-tolyl)prop-2-en-1-one **S1d** (73 mg, 0.30 mmol), TMSCF₃ (0.05 mL, 0.36 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (4.1 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DMF. After that TBAF (1 M, 0.09 mL) was added to obtain the compound **S2d** as a reddish colour oil, yield 86% (81.55 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.42(m, 4H), 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (s, 1H), 2.9 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.8, 138.3, 138.0, 135.4, 133.3, 133.1, 129.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.1, 127.9, 125.6 (q, *J* = 286.9 Hz), 125.5, 121.5, 121.3, 82.5, 81.5, 79.1 (q, *J* = 28.5 Hz), 22.7; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.28 (s, 3F); **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 3289, 2924, 1490 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₆F₃O [M+H]⁺: 317.1150, found: 317.1152. (*E*)-4-(2-Ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-2-ol (S2e)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-3-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1one **S1e** (78 mg, 0.30 mmol), TMSCF₃ (0.05 mL, 0.36 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (4.1 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DMF. After that TBAF (1 M, 0.09 mL) was added to obtain the compound **S2e** as a reddish colour oil, yield 86% (85.68 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41(m, 2H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.30 (s, 1H), 2.95 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.9, 137.8, 133.4, 131.1, 129.5, 129.2, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 125.6, 125.2 (q, *J* = 286.0 Hz), 121.5, 113.8, 82.6, 81.7, 77.5 (q, *J* = 36.4 Hz), 55.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.64 (s, 3F); **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 3285, 2925, 1485 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₄F₃O₂ [M-H]⁻: 331.1296, found: 331.1299.

(E)-4-(2-Ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)but-3-en-2-ol (S2f)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-3-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one **S1f** (75 mg, 0.30 mmol), TMSCF₃ (0.05 mL, 0.36 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (4.1 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3mL of DMF. After that TBAF (1 M, 0.09 mL) was added to obtain the compound **S2f** as a yellow oil, yield 78% (74.89 mg); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 19.1, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.65 (m, 1H), 3.19 (s, 1H), 3.01 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.7 (d, *J* = 29.0 Hz),137.7, 135.1 (d, *J* = 115.2 Hz), 133.4, 130.9, 129.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.1, 126.8, 125.8 (q, *J* = 285.3 Hz), 82.5, 81.6, 77.4 (q, *J* = 29.0 Hz); ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.41(s, 3F), -80.96 (s, 1F); **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 3299, 2924, 1491 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₃F₄O [M+H]⁺: 321.1484, found: 321.1486.

(E)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4-(2-ethynyl phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro but-3-en-2-ol (S2g)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-3-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one **S1g** (79 mg, 0.30 mmol), TMSCF₃ (0.05 mL, 0.36 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (4.1 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3mL of DMF. After that TBAF (1 M, 0.09 mL) was added to obtain the compound **S2g** as a reddish colour oil, yield 80% (80.65 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 3.29 (s, 1H), 2.95 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.4, 135.8, 135.1, 133.5, 131.9, 129.2, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 125.6, 124.9 (q, *J* = 286.1 Hz), 121.6, 82.7, 81.6, 77.6 (q, *J* = 28.9 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.63 (s, 3F); **IR** (neat): v_{max} = 3285, 2910, 1480 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₃ClF₃O [M+H]⁺: 337.1482, found: 337.1485.

(*E*)-4-(2-Ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)but-3-en-2-ol (S2h)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-3-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1-(4(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one **S1h** (94 mg, 0.30 mmol), TMSCF₃ (0.05 mL, 0.36 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (4.1 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DMF. After that TBAF (1 M, 0.09 mL) was added to obtain the compound **S2h** as a reddish colour oil, yield 78% (90.34 mg); ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (s, 1H), 2.96 (s, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.2, 137.3, 133.6, 132.3, 131.1 (q, *J* = 32.6 Hz), 129.3, 128.6, 128.1, 127.6, 125.6, 125.4, 125.4, 122.0 (q, *J* = 286.1 Hz), 121.7, 82.7, 81.6, 77.4 (q, *J* = 28.9 Hz); ¹⁹**F** NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.25 (s, 3F), -76.35 (s, 3F); **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 3275, 2890, 1475 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₃F₆O₂ [M+H]⁺: 387.1275, found: 387.1277.

(*E*)-2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-4-(2-ethynyl phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro but-3-en-2-ol (S2i)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-(2-ethynylphenyl)prop-2-en-1one **S1i** (92 mg, 0.30 mmol), TMSCF₃ (0.05 mL, 0.36 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (4.1 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DMF. After that TBAF (1 M, 0.09 mL) was added obtain compound **S2i** as a brown colour oil, yield 76% (86.18 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (m, 5H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (s, 1H), 2.90 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.8, 140.5, 137.7, 136.3, 133.5, 131.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 127.8, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 125.6, 125.1 (q, *J* = 286.1 Hz), 121.6, 82.6, 81.7, 77.5 (q, *J* = 29.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.36 (s, 3F); **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 3296, 2890, 1475 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₂₄H₁₈F₃O [M+H]⁺: 379.1242, found: 379.1245.

(E)-4-(2-Ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(thiophen-2-yl)but-3-en-2-ol (S2j)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-3-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one **S1j** (71 mg, 0.30 mmol), TMSCF₃ (0.05 mL, 0.36 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (4.1 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DMF. After that TBAF (1 M, 0.09 mL) was added to obtain the compound **S2j** as a brown colour oil, yield 76% (70.45 mg); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 16.5, 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 5.1,

3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 1H), 3.02 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.8, 137.4, 133.4, 131.7, 129.1, 128.3, 127.4, 127.2, 126.9, 126.8, 125.7, 124.5 (q, J = 286.1 Hz), 121.6, 82.6, 81.6, 76.5 (q, J = 30.6 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –79.24 (s, 3F); **IR (neat)**: $v_{max} = 3296$, 2890, 1475 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₂F₃OS [M+H]⁺: 309.0891, found: 309.0895.

(E)-4-(2-Ethynyl-5-methylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylbut-3-en-2-ol (S2k)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-3-(2-ethynyl-5-methylphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one **S1k** (73 mg, 0.30 mmol), TMSCF₃ (0.05 mL, 0.36 mmol), and K ₂CO₃ (4.1 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DMF. After that TBAF (1 M, 0.09 mL) was added to obtain the compound **S2k** as a yellow colour oil, yield 85% (80.58 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.45 (m, 6H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 1H), 2.87 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.1, 139.3, 138.2, 137.5, 137.4, 133.4, 131.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.5, 126.9, 126.2, 125.1 (q, *J* = 286.1 Hz), 118.7, 81.9, 77.8 (q, *J* = 29.1 Hz), 21.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.4 (s, 3F); **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 3290, 2885, 1470 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₆F₃O [M+H]⁺: 317.1144, found: 317.1146.



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-3-(6-ethynylbenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1-phenylprop-2en-1-one **S11** (82 mg, 0.30 mmol), TMSCF₃ (0.05 mL, 0.36 mmol), and K ₂CO₃ (4.1 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DMF. After that TBAF (1 M, 0.09 mL) was added to obtain the compound **S21** as a reddish colour oil, yield 82% (85.11 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (m, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (s, 1H), 2.76 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.0, 147.7, 137.4, 133.2, 131.1, 128.9, 128.5, 126.9, 125.1 (q, *J* = 286.1 Hz), 115.5, 112.3, 105.0, 101.9, 81.5, 81.5, 77.5 (q, *J* = 29.1 Hz), 29.8; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.41 (s, 3F); **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 3465, 3280, 1645 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₄F₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 347.0886, found: 347.0889.

(E)-4-(2-Ethynyl-5-fluorophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenyl but-3-en-2-ol (S2m)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-3-(2-ethynyl-5-fluorophenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one **S1m** (75 mg, 0.30 mmol), TMSCF₃ (0.05 mL, 0.36 mmol), and K ₂CO₃ (4.1 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DMF. After that TBAF (1 M, 0.09 mL) was added to obtain the compound **S2m** as a reddish colour oil, yield 78% (74.88 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.48 (m, *J* = 7.3, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (s, 1H), 2.82 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9 (d, *J* = 250.2 Hz), 140.1 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 137.1, 135.3 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 130.4, 129.9, 129.1, 128.6, 126.8, 125.0 (q, *J* = 286.1 Hz), 117.7, 115.8 (d, *J* = 22.4 Hz), 112.4 (d, *J* = 23.0 Hz), 82.3, 80.7, 77.5 (q, *J* = 28.8 Hz); ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.41(s, 3F), -80.96 (s, 1F); **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 3480, 3290, 1600 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₃F₄O [M+H]⁺: 321.0714, found: 321.0716. (*E*)-4-(5-Chloro-2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylbut-3-en-2-ol (**S2n**)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-3-(2-ethynyl-5-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one **S1n** (79 mg, 0.30 mmol), TMSCF₃ (0.05 mL, 0.36 mmol), and K ₂CO₃ (4.1 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DMF. After that TBAF (1 M, 0.09 mL) was added to obtain the compound **S2n** as a reddish colour oil, yield 78% (78.62 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.81 (m, 1H), 3.31 (s, 1H), 3.14 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.4, 137.1, 135.3, 134.6, 130.2, 130.0, 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 126.8, 124.9 (q, *J* = 256.2 Hz), 125.7, 120.0, 83.5, 80.7, 77.5 (q, *J* = 29.0 Hz); ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.63 (s, 3F); **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 3475, 3290, 1601 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₃ClF₃O [M+H]⁺: 337.1054, found: 337.1055.

(E)-4-(2-Ethynyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylbut-3-en-2-ol (S2o)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-3-(2-ethynyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1-phenylprop-2en-1-one **S1o** (90 mg, 0.30 mmol), TMSCF₃ (0.05 mL, 0.36 mmol), and K $_2$ CO₃ (4.1 mg,0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DMF. Then TBAF (1 M, 0.09 mL) was added to obtain the compound **S2o** as a reddish colour oil, yield 72% (79.70 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (m, 4H), 6.91 (m, 1H), 3.43 (s, 1H), 2.93 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.18, 137.31, 133.56, 132.28, 131.13 (q, J = 32.7 Hz), 129.27, 128.61, 128.10, 127.58, 125.61, 125.44, 125.41, 124.89 (q, J = 286.1 Hz), 121.66, 82.74, 81.58, 77.39 (q, J = 28.9 Hz); ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –62.99 (s, 3F), –76.39 (s, 3F); **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 2965, 1660, 1130 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (**ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₃F₆O [M+H]⁺: 371.1463, found: 371.1465.

(E)-Tert-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate (1a)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylbut-3-en-2ol **S2a** (120.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (3.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3mL of DCM to obtain the compound **1a** as a white solid, yield 85% (102.51 mg), mp: 57 – 58 °C; ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (m, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (s, 1H), 1.47 (s, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.3, 149.9, 138.1, 134.8, 134.2, 133.4, 129.2, 129.2, 128.4, 127.1, 125.5, 124.1, 123.5 (q, *J* = 284.9 Hz), 121.8, 83.7, 83.3 (q, *J* = 29.1 Hz), 82.6, 81.5, 27.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –83.87 (s, 3F); **IR (KBr)**: v_{max} = 2921, 2853, 1762 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₂F₃ [M– OBoc]⁻: 285.0885, found: 285.0886.

(*E*)-*Tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(*p*-tolyl)but-3-en-2-yl) carbonate (1b)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(*p*-tolyl)but-3-en-2ol **S2b** (124.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (3.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3mL of DCM to obtain the compound **1b** as a white solid, yield 82% (102.23 mg), mp: 58 – 60 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.10 (m, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 139.2, 138.2, 134.1, 133.4, 131.7, 129.2, 129.2, 128.4, 127.0, 125.6, 124.3, 123.5 (q, J = 284.8 Hz), 121.8, 83.6, 83.3 (q, J = 29.2 Hz), 82.6, 81.6, 27.8, 21.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –76.67 (s, 3F); **IR (KBr)**: $v_{max} = 2921$, 2853, 1762 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₄F₃ [M–OBoc]⁻: 299.1042, found: 299.1043.

(E)-Tert-butyl(4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(o-tolyl)but-3-en-2-yl)carbonate (1c)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(*o*-tolyl)but-3-en-2ol **S2c** (124.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (36.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DCM to obtain the compound **1c** as a white solid, yield 86% (107.32 mg), mp: 58 – 60 °C; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.24 (m, 5H), 6.90 (m, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 9H); ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.1, 138.3, 137.2, 133.3, 133.1, 132.9, 132.0, 129.2, 129.05, 128.5, 128.4, 126.6, 125.8, 125.3, 124.2 (q, *J* = 286.2 Hz),121.8, 85.1 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 83.6, 82.6, 81.4, 27.7, 21.8; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.67 (s, 3F); **IR (KBr):** v_{max} = 2920, 2852, 1760 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₄F₃ [M–OBoc]⁻: 299.10421, found: 299.10422.

(*E*)-*Tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(*m*-tolyl)but-3-en-2-yl) carbonate (1d)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(*m*-tolyl)but-3-en-2-ol **S2d** (124.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (3.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DCM to obtain the compound **1d** as a white solid, yield 84% (104.83 mg), mp: 60 – 62 °C; ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 9H); ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 138.2, 138.1, 134.7, 134.1, 133.4, 130.0, 129.2, 128.4, 128.4, 127.8, 125.6, 124.3, 124.3, 123.5 (q, *J* = 284.9 Hz),121.8, 83.7, 83.4 (q, *J* = 29.2 Hz), 82.6, 81.6, 27.8, 21.7; ¹⁹**F** NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.67 (s, 3F); **IR** (**KBr**): v_{max} = 2919, 2845, 1755 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₄F₃ [M–OBoc]⁻: 299.10421, found: 299.10427.

(*E*)-*Tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-2-yl) carbonate (1e)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-mthoxyphenyl) but-3-en-2-ol **S2e** (129.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (3.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DCM to obtain the compound **1e** as a white solid, yield 80% (103.68 mg), mp: 67 – 69 °C; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.57 (m, 1H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.87 (s, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.2, 149.9, 138.2, 134.1, 133.4, 131.1, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 126.6, 125.6, 124.2, 123.5 (q, *J* = 284.7 Hz), 113.9, 83.6, 83.3 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 82.6, 81.6, 55.4, 27.8; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.67 (s, 3F); **IR (KBr)**: v_{max} = 2925, 2855, 1758 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₄F₃ [M–OBoc]⁻: 315.0991, found: 315.0992.

(*E*)-*Tert*-butyl(4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)but-3-en-2-yl) carbonate (1f)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)but-3-en-2-ol **S2f** (126.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (3.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DCM to obtain the compound **1f** as a white solid, yield 78% (98.28 mg), mp: 55 – 57 °C; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.37 (m, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, 1H), 3.33 (s, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.2 (d, *J* = 249.0 Hz), δ 149.9, 137.9, 134.6, 133.4, 130.6 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 125.6, 123.7, 123.4 (q *J* = 285.1 Hz), 121.8, 115.6 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 83.9, 82.6, 81.5, 77.4, 27.8; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.56 (s, 3F), -112.56 (s, 1F); **IR (KBr)**: v_{max} = 2920, 2850, 1750 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₁F₄O[M–Boc]⁻: 319.0493, found: 319.0494.

(*E*)-*Tert*-butyl(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluorobut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate (1g)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-chlorophenyl)but-3-en-2-ol **S2g** (130.80 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (3.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DCM to obtain the compound **1g** as a white solid, yield 82% (107.25 mg), mp: 62 – 64 °C; ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 137.9, 135.5, 134.7, 133.4, 133.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 127.1, 126.1 (q, *J* = 284.8 Hz), 125.1, 123.5, 121.9, 84.1, 83.1 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 82.7, 81.5, 27.8; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.67 (s, 3F); **IR (KBr):** v_{max} = 2910, 2845, 1750 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₁F₃Cl [M–OBoc]⁻: 319.0580, found: 319.0578 (*E*)-*Tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)but-3en-2-yl) carbonate (1h)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)but-3-en-2-ol **S2h** (145.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (3.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DCM to obtain the compound **1h** as a white solid, yield 76%, (110.80 mg), mp: 74 – 76 °C; ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (s, 1H), 1.47 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 138.8, 137.8, 135.1, 133.5, 131.5 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz),129.3, 128.7, 127.8, 125.6, 125.5, 125.5, 123.9 (q, *J* = 272.3 Hz), 123.4, 121.91, 84.29, 83.0 (q, *J* = 29.6 Hz), 82.7, 81.5, 27.8; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.59 (s, 3F), -76.24 (s, 3F); **IR (KBr):** v_{max} = 2905, 2840, 1740 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₁OF₆ [M–OBoc]⁻: 369.07086, found: 369.07197.

(*E*)-*Tert*-butyl(4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(thiophen-2-yl)but-3-en-2-yl) carbonate (1j)



Following general procedure **A**, (E)-4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(thiophen-2-yl)but-3-en-2-ol **S2j** (122.4 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (3.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DCM to obtain the compound **1j** as a yellow colour oil, yield 68%, (83.23 mg), mp: 64 – 65 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.72 (m, 2H), 3.02 (s, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.0, 140.5, 134.1, 134.0, 133.5, 130.4, 129.5, 128.7, 128.3, 127.3, 126.8, 125.4 (q, J = 274.4 Hz), 121.4, 83.1, 82.7, 80.3, 77.6 (q, J = 44.6 Hz), 72.9, 27.9; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –79.24 (s, 3F); IR (KBr): v_{max} = 3296, 2890, 1475 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₀F₃S [M–OBoc]⁻: 291.0450, found: 291.0449.

(*E*)-2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluorobut-3-en-2-yl tert-butyl carbonate (1i)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1trifluorobut-3-en-2-ol **S2i** (143.4 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (3.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DCM to obtain the compound **1i** as a white solid, yield 76%, (108.98 mg), mp: 65 – 67 °C; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (m, 5H), 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 1H), 1.53 (s, 9H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 142.1, 140.3, 138.2, 134.3, 133.7, 133.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 125.6, 124.1, 123.5 (q, *J* = 284.8 Hz), 121.8, 83.8, 83.6 (q, *J* = 29.2 Hz), 82.6, 81.6, 27.8; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.67 (s, 3F); **IR (KBr)**: v_{max} = 2965, 1660, 1130 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₂₄H₁₆F₃ [M– OBoc]⁻: 361.1745, found: 361.1740.

(*E*)-*Tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynyl-5-methylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate (1k)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-4-(2-ethynyl-5-methylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylbu -t-3-en-2-ol **S2k** (124.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (3.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DCM to obtain the compound **1k** as a white solid, yield 85% (106.08 mg), mp: 55 – 57 °C; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.45 (m, 5H), 7.09 (m,1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 9H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 139.4, 137.9, 134.9, 134.3, 133.3, 129.4, 129.2, 128.5, 127.7, 127.2, 126.2, 123.8, 123.5 (q, *J* = 284.9 Hz), 119.0, 83.7, 81.9, 83.4 (q, *J* = 29.2 Hz), 27.8, 21.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –76.40 (s, 3F); IR (KBr): v_{max} = 3297, 1757, 1484 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₄F₃ [M–OBoc]⁻: 299.10422, found: 299.10425.

(*E*)-*Tert*-butyl (4-(6-ethynylbenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate (1l)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-4-(6-ethynylbenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylbut-3-en-2-ol **S2l** (133.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (3.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DCM to obtain the compound **11** as a white solid, yield 78% (104.36 mg); mp: 72 – 74 °C; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 31.2 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (s, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 149.3, 147.9, 134.8, 133.9, 133.5, 129.9, 129.2, 128.4, 127.1, 126.3 (q, *J* = 285.1 Hz), 122.4, 115.8, 112.3, 105.0, 101.9, 83.7, 83.1 (q, *J* = 31.1 Hz), 81.5, 27.8; ¹⁹**F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –66.52 (s, 3F); **IR (KBr)**: v_{max} = 3285, 1746, 1475 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₂F₃O₂ [M–OBoc]⁻: 329.0786, found: 329.0783.

(*E*)-*Tert*-butyl(4-(2-ethynyl-5-fluorophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate (1m)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-4-(2-Ethynyl-5-fluorophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylb ut-3-en-2-ol **S2m** (126.0 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (3.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DCM to obtain the compound **1m** as a white solid, yield 78% (98.28 mg), mp: 55 – 57 °C; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.42 (m, 5H), 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (s, 1H), 1.35 (s, 9H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9 (d, *J* = 250.2 Hz), 149.89, 140.50 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 135.27 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 134.55, 133.31, 129.4, 128.5, 127.1, 125.5, 123.4 (q, *J* = 284.9 Hz), 117.9 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 115.9 (d, *J* = 22.4 Hz), 112.4 (d, *J* = 23.0 Hz), 83.9, 83.2 (q, *J* = 29.4 Hz), 82.3, 80.6, 27.8; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –68.54 (s, 3F), –116.49 (s, 1F); **IR (KBr)**: v_{max} = 3285, 1745, 1476 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₁F40[M–Boc]⁻: 319.0494, found: 319.0495.

(*E*)-*Tert*-butyl (4-(5-chloro-2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate (1n)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-4-(2-Ethynyl-5-chlorophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylbut-3-en-2-ol **S2n** (130.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O 0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (3.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL DCM to obtain the compound **1n** as a white solid, yield 82% (107.25 mg); mp: 65 – 66 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 146.9, 139.7, 135.3, 134.5, 133.1, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 127.1, 125.7, 125.6, 123.4 (q, *J* = 284.9 Hz), 120.3, 85.3, 83.9, 83.5, 83.1 (q, *J* = 29.4 Hz), 27.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.40 (s, 3F); IR (KBr): v_{max} = 3285, 1746, 1475 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₁ClF₃ [M–OBoc]⁻: 319.0580, found: 319.0494. (*E*)-*Tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylbut-3-

en-2-yl) carbonate (10)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-4-(2-ethynyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2phenylbut-3-en-2-ol **S2o** (141.0 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (3.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DCM to obtain the compound **1o** as a white solid, yield 75% (105.75 mg), mp: 68 – 70 °C; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.02 (m, 1H), 3.46 (s, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 138.8, 134.4, 133.9, 133.1, 131.2 (q, J = 32.9 Hz), 129.4, 128.6, 127.1, 126.2, 124.9, 124.9, 123.8 (q, J = 281.7 Hz), 122.5, 122.5, 84.9, 84.0, 83.1 (q, J = 29.3Hz), 80.4, 27.8; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –62.99 (s, 3F), –76.39 (s, 3F); **IR (KBr)**: v_{max} = 3285, 1746, 1475 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₁F₆ [M–OBoc]⁻: 353.0758, found: 353.0759.

5.1 General procedure for the synthesis of (*E*)-tert-butyl (4-(2-ethynyl phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluorobut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate (General procedure B)



According to the literature procedure,² α , β unsaturated aldehyde (10 mmol, 1 equiv) and TMSCF₃ (1.7 mL, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were suspended in anhydrous DMF (20 mL). To this solution, dry K₂CO₃ (13.8 mg, 0.1 equiv) was added and the mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature under N₂ atmosphere. Completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC. To this reaction mixture tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1 M, 3.2 mL, 12mmol) was added and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with the water, then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were finally washed with brine solution, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was further purified by column chromatography to get the compound **S2p** in 76% yield as a red colour oil.

To the stirred solution of alcohol S2p (10 mmol, 1 equiv) in DCM (10 mL), was added Bocanhydride (2.75 mL, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and DMAP (12.2 mg, 0.1 equiv) at 0 °C, and the solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred until completion of the starting material monitored by TLC. Then, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the obtained residue was purified using column chromatography on silica gel using hexane/ethyl acetate (9:1) as eluent to afford the pure CF₃-allyl carbonate **1p** in 74% yield.

(E)-4-(2-Ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluorobut-3-en-2-ol (S2p)



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.29 (dd, J = 16.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (m, 1H), 3.35 (s, 1H), 2.66 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.5, 134.2, 133.5, 129.2, 128.5, 127.2 (q, J = 281.4 Hz), 125.5, 122.9, 121.5, 82.6, 81.6, 71.8 (q, J = 32.3 Hz); ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.93 (s, 3F); **IR (neat)**: $v_{max} = 2805$, 1400, 1045 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₀F₃O [M+H]^{+:} 227.0639, found: 227.0319.



¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (m, 2H) 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.16 (dd, J = 16.0, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (m, 1H), 3.28 (s, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7, 137.0, 136.3, 133.3, 129.1, 128.6, 125.8 (q, J = 281.4 Hz), 125.5, 121.7, 119.3, 84.1, 82.6, 81.3, 73.8 (q, J = 33.5 Hz), 27.7; ¹⁹**F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.38 (s, 3F); **IR (KBr)**: $v_{max} =$ 3125, 1556, 1226 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₆F₃O₃ [M–H]⁻: 325.1052, found: 325.1845.

5.2 General procedure for the synthesis of alkyl substituted 2-alkynyl CF₃allyl carbonates (1q and 1r) General procedure C:



According to the literature procedure, α , β unsaturated aldehydes (10 mmol, 1 equiv) and TMSCF₃ (1.7 mL, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were suspended in anhydrous DMF (20 mL). To this solution, dry K₂CO₃ (13.8 mg, 0.1 equiv) was added and the mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature under N₂ atmosphere. Completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC. To this reaction mixture tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1 M, 3.2 mL, 12mmol) was added and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with the water, then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were finally washed with brine solution, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product **S2q** was further purified by column chromatography.

To the stirred solution of alcohol S2q (10 mmol, 1 equiv) in DCM (10 mL), was added Bocanhydride (2.75 mL, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and DMAP (12.2 mg, 0.1 equiv) at 0 °C, and the solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred until completion of the starting material monitored by TLC. Then, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the obtained residue was purified using column chromatography on silica gel using hexane/ethyl acetate (9:1) as eluent to afford the pure CF₃-allyl carbonates (**1q** and **1r**). (*E*)-4-(2-Ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-methylbut-3-en-2-ol (82q)



Following general procedure **C**, (*E*)-4-(2-ethynylphenyl)but-3-en-2-one **S1q** (51 mg, 0.30 mmol), TMSCF₃ (0.05 mL, 0.36 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (4.1 mg,0.03 mmol), were taken in 3 mL of DMF. Then TBAF (1 M, 0.09 mL) was added to obtain the compound **S2q as** a reddish colour oil, yield 78% (56.16 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 1H), 1.59 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.6, 132.9, 130.8, 128.9, 128.4, 128.1, 125.7 (q, *J* = 285.1 Hz), 125.5, 122.4, 103.2, 100.2, 74.3 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 22.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.48(s, 3F); **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 2850, 1435, 1125 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₁F₃O [M+H]⁺: 241.0840, found: 241.1414.

(E)-1-(2-ethynylphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-1-en-3-ol (S2r)



Following general procedure **C**, (*E*)-1-(2-ethynylphenyl)pent-1-en-3-one **S1r** (55 mg, 0.30 mmol), TMSCF₃ (0.05 mL, 0.36 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (4.1 mg,0.03 mmol), were taken in 3 mL of DMF. Then TBAF (1 M, 0.09 mL) was added to obtain the compound **S2r** as a reddish colour oil, yield 76% (57.91 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.26 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 1H), 2.22 (s, 1H), 1.91 (m, 2H), 0.99 (m, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.0, 133.4, 131.0, 129.2, 128.1, 127.2, 125.7 (q, *J* = 274.7 Hz), 125.5, 121.4, 82.4, 81.8, 32.3, 27.2, 6.8; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.55(s, 3F); **IR** (**neat**): $v_{max} = 2865$, 1445, 1120 cm⁻¹;; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₃F₃ONa [M+Na]⁺: 277.0816, found: 277.0860.

(*E*)-*Tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-methylbut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate (1q)



Following general procedure, **C**, (*E*)-4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-methylbut-3-en-2ol **S2q** (72 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (3.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DCM to obtain the compound **1q** as a white colour oil, yield 78% (79.56 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (s, 1H), 1.92 (m, 3H), 1.48 (s, 9H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.4, 138.5, 133.4, 132.6, 129.1, 128.4, 125.6, 125.5, 123.9 (q, *J* = 261.2 Hz), 121.7, 83.4, 82.4, 81.4, 29.8, 27.9, 17.7; ¹⁹**F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -81.05(s, 3F); **IR (KBr)**: v_{max} = 3135, 1625, 1235 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₀F₃ [M–OBoc]⁻: 223.0735, found: 223.0732.

(E)-Tert-butyl (1-(2-ethynylphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-1-en-3-yl) carbonate (1r)



Following general procedure, **C**, (*E*)-1-(2-ethynylphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl) pent-1-en-3-ol **S2r** (76 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (3.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DCM to obtain the compound **1r** as a white colour oil, yield 76% (80.71 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (s, 1H), 2.57 (m, 2H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.4, 137.9, 133.4, 131.8, 129.1, 128.2, 126.1, 125.4, 124.4 (q, *J* = 285.4 Hz), 122.9, 121.6, 83.7, 82.4, 81.7, 27.9, 25.3, 7.7; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.39; **IR (KBr)**: v_{max} = 3156, 1625, 1246 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₂F₃ [M–OBoc]⁻: 237.0891, found: 237.0887.

4.3 General procedure for the synthesis of (*E*)-tert-butyl (3-(2-ethynyl phenyl)-1-phenylallyl) carbonate (1s and 1t) (General procedure D)



According to the literature procedure,² α , β unsaturated ketone **S1a** (10 mmol, 1 equiv) and sodium borohydride (1.7 mL, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were suspended in methanol (20 mL). The

reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature under N_2 atmosphere. Completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was diluted with the water, then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were finally washed with brine solution, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was further purified by column chromatography on silica gel to get the **S2s**.

To the stirred solution of alcohol **S2s** (10 mmol, 1 equiv) in DCM (10 mL), was added Bocanhydride (2.75 mL, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and DMAP (12.2 mg, 0.1 equiv) at 0 °C, and the solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred until completion of the starting material monitored by TLC. Then, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the obtained residue was purified using column chromatography on silica gel using hexane/ethyl acetate (9:1) as eluent to afford the pure allyl carbonate (**1s**).

(E)-3-(2-Ethynylphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (S2s)



Following general procedure **D**, (*E*)-3-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one **S1s** (116 mg, 0.50 mmol), sodium borohydride (22 mg, 0.6 mmol), were taken in 10 mL of methanol to obtain the compound **S2s** as a red colour oil, yield 78% (91.26 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.46 (m, 1H), 5.39 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.6, 138.7, 133.8, 133.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.5, 126.5, 125.2, 121.1, 82.18, 82.1, 75.2; **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 2945, 1465 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₃ [M–OH]⁻: 217.1017, found: 217.1015

(E)-Tert-butyl (3-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1-phenylallyl) carbonate (1s)



Following general procedure, **C**, (*E*)-3-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol **S2s** (69.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (3.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DCM to obtain the compound **1s** as a white colour oil, yield 76% (76.15 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.26 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (s, 1H), 1.30 (s, 9H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 152.8, 139.1, 138.4, 133.3, 130.4, 129.5, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 127.7, 127.1, 125.2, 121.3, 82.6, 82.3, 81.8, 79.3, 27.9; **IR (KBr)**: $v_{max} = 3275$, 1425 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₃ [M–OBoc]⁻: 217.1017, found: 217.1016

(E)-4-(2-Ethynylphenyl)but-3-en-2-ol (S2t)



Following general procedure **E**, (*E*)-4-(2-ethynylphenyl)but-3-en-2-one **S1q** (51mg, 0,30 mmol), sodium borohydride (13 mg , 0.05 mmol), were taken in 10 mL of methanol to obtain the compound **S2t** as a red colour oil, yield 82% (42.31 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (m, 1H), 3.33 (s, 1H), 1.66 (s, 1H), 1.41 (m, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.6, 135.5, 132.9, 128.8, 127.6, 127.3, 125.1, 121.9, 103.5, 99.5, 69.2, 23.3; **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 3165, 1645, 1465 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₁ [M–OH]⁻: 155.0867, found: 155.0853.

(E)-Tert-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)but-3-en-2-yl) carbonate (1t)



Following general procedure, **E**, (*E*)-3-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol **S2t** (51.60 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (3.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DCM to obtain the compound **1t** as a white colour oil, yield 80% (65.28 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.15 (m, 1H), 6.33 (m, 1H), 5.36 (m, 1H), 3.32 (s, 1H), 1.50 (s, 9H), 1.47 (m, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.9, 138.5, 133.3, 130.8, 129.4, 128.9, 127.6, 125.1, 121.2, 82.2, 82.1, 81.8, 74.1, 27.9, 20.6; **IR (KBr)**: v_{max} = 3275, 1645, 1425 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (**ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₁ [M–OBoc]⁻: 155.0861, found: 155.0856

6. Experimental procedure and characterization data of products (3aa-3oa)

General reaction:



General procedure E:

To a stirred solution of (*E*)-*tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynyl aryl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-aryl but-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1a** (0.30 mmol) in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane was added phenylboronic acid **2a** (0.36 mmol) at room temperature. Then Pd(PPh₃)₄ (5 mol%) and 20 mol% acetic acid were added to the reaction mixture and stirring continued at 90 °C (oil bath temperature) for 10 -12 h. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 X 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulphate and concentrated on rotary evaporation. The obtained crude product was purified using flash column chromatography (using 9.5:0.5 hexane/ethyl acetate as eluent) to get the pure product **3aa-3oa**. The characterization data of **3aa-3oa** were summarized below.

(E)-3-Phenyl-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-1H-indene (3aa)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylb -ut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1a** (120.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (43.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 µL, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3aa** as a yellow colour oil, yield 80% (86.88 mg); ¹H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.30 (m, 2H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 4.81 (m, 1H); ¹³C **NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.2, 143.5, 141.7, 137.5, 135.3, 134.9, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 126.1, 126.0 (q, *J* = 277.8 Hz). 121.2, 121.1, 120.7, 119.9, 50.7 (q, J = 28.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –68.31 (s, 3F); IR (neat): $v_{max} = 2924$, 1645 cm⁻¹ HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₄H₁₈F₃[M+H]⁺: 363.1506, found: 363.1502. (*E*)-3-(*p*-Tolyl)-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-1*H*-indene (3ab)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl(4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1a** (120.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), 4-methyl phenylboronic acid **2b** (48.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 µL, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3ab** as a yellow colour oil, yield 85% (95.91 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 4.71 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.1, 143.5, 141.8, 138.6, 137.6, 135.0, 132.3, 129.5, 129.1, 129.00, 128.5, 128.1, 127.6, 126.1 (q, *J* = 280.6 Hz), 126.0, 120.7, 120.7, 119.9, 77.4, 50.68 (q, *J* = 28.5 Hz), 21.5; ¹⁹**F NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –68.58 (s, 3F); **IR (neat):** v_{max} = 2920, 1640 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₀F₃[M+H]⁺: 377.1485, found: 377.1486. **(E)-3-(4-Ethylphenyl)-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-1***H***-indene (3ac)**



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylb ut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1a** (120.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), 4-ethyl phenylboronic acid **2c** (54.0 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3ac** as a yellow colour oil, yield 82% (95.97 mg); ¹H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.22 (m, 4H), 6.68 (m, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 4.63 (p, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (m, 2H), 1.19 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 5.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.1, 145.0, 143.5, 141.8, 137.6, 135.0, 132.6, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 126.1 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 126.0, 120.8, 119.9, 50.7 (q, *J* = 28.3 Hz), 28.9, 15.7; ¹⁹F **NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -68.56 (s, 3F); **IR (neat)**:

 $v_{max} = 2920, 1640 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for $C_{26}H_{22}F_3[M+H]^+$: 391.1652, found: 391.1655.

(E)-3-(4-(Tert-butyl)phenyl)-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-1H-indene (3ad)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylb -ut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1a** (120.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), 4-*tert*-butyl phenylboronic acid **2d** (64.0 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3ad** as a yellow colour oil, yield 78% (97.85 mg); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.25 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 4.71 (p, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.1, 145.0, 143.5, 141.8, 137.6, 135.0, 132.6, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7,126.1 (q, *J* = 280.8 Hz), 126.0, 120.8, 119.9, 50.7 (q, *J* = 28.3 Hz), 28.9, 15.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –68.98 (s, 3F); **IR (neat):** v_{max} = 2925, 1646 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₂₈H₂₆F₃[M+H]⁺: 419.1980, found: 419.1982. (*E*)-3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-1*H*-indene (3ae)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylb ut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1a** (120.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), 4-methoxy phenylboronic acid **2e** (54.7 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3ae** as a yellow colour oil, yield 80% (94.11 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 4.71 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.7, 148.0, 143.2, 141.7, 137.6, 135.3, 130.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.8, 127.0, 126.1 (q, *J* = 280.4 Hz), 126.1, 121.4, 121.3, 120.7, 119.9, 114.6, 55.4, 49.9 (q, *J* = 28.5 Hz); ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -68.98 (s, 3F); **IR**

(neat): $v_{max} = 2950$, 1600 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₀F₃O [M+H]⁺: 393.1440, found: 393.1442.

(E)-3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-1H-indene (3af)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylb -ut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1a** (120.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), 4-fluoro phenylboronic acid **2f** (50.4 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3af** as a yellow colour oil, yield 75% (85.52 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 4.82 (p, 1H); ¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 162.9 (d, *J* = 248.1 Hz), 147.1, 143.4, 141.5, 137.5, 134.9, 131.3 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 126.2, 126.0 (q, *J* = 280.6 Hz), 121.3, 121.1, 120.3 (d, *J* = 50.0 Hz), 115.8 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 50.7 (q, *J* = 28.3 Hz); ¹⁹**F NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -68.53 (s, 3F), -112.73 (s, 1F); **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 2925, 1650 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₂₅H₁₇F4 [M+H]⁺: 381.1249, found: 381.1250.



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylb -ut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1a** (120.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), 4-chloro phenylboronic acid **2g** (56.1 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3ag** as a yellow colour oil, yield 78% (92.68 mg); ¹H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.75 (m, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 4.64 (p, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C **NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 146.9, 143.2, 141.2, 137.3, 134.7, 134.4, 133.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.9, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 126.2, 125.9 (q, *J* = 279.9 Hz), 121.5, 121.4, 120.4, 119.9, 50.62 (q, *J* = 28.3 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –68.57 (s, 3F); IR (neat): ν_{max} = 2930, 1635 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₄H₁₇ClF₃ [M+H]⁺: 397.0942, found: 397.0944. (*E*)-1-(3,3,3-Trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-*1H*-indene

(3ah)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylb -ut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1a** (120.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), 4-trifluoromethyl phenylboronic acid **2h** (68.4 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3ah** as a yellow colour oil, yield 65% (83.87 mg); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (m, 5H), 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.32 (m, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 4.77 (m, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.8, 143.2, 141.1, 138.8, 137.3, 134.8, 129.2, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 128.0, 126.5, 125.8, 126.0 (q, *J* = 280.5 Hz), 125.8, 122.9 (q, *J* = 264.9 Hz), 122.5, 120.5, 120.2, 50.8 (q, *J* = 28.4 Hz); ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –62.54 (s, 3F), –68.52 (s, 3F); **IR** (**neat**): v_{max} = 2920, 1645 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₂₅H₁₇F₆[M+H]⁺: 431.1210, found: 431.1212.

(*E*)-1-(3,3,3-Trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-3-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)-*1H*-indene (3ai)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylb -ut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1a** (120.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), 4-trifluoromethoxy phenylboronic acid **2i** (74.1 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3ai** as a yellow colour oil, yield 68% (91.00 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.33 (m, 4H), 6.85 (d, J = 9.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 4.73 (p, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.3, 144.8, 141.29, 139.3, 135.4, 132.8, 131.9, 129.2 (q, J = 66.5 Hz), 127.2, 127.2, 127.0, 126.6, 126.3, 124.3, 124.0 (q, J = 280.5 Hz), 119.8, 119.7, 119.3, 118.5, 118.1, 48.7 (q, J = 28.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –57.72 (s, 3F), –68.55 (s, 3F); IR (neat): $v_{max} = 2910$, 1650 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₅H₁₇F₆O[M+H]⁺: 447.1149, found: 447.1150.

(E)-1-(1-(3,3,3-Trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-1H-inden-3-yl)naphthalene (3aj)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylb -ut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1a** (120.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), 1-napthyl phenylboronic acid **2j** (61.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 µL, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3aj** as a yellow colour oil, yield 70% (86.9 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 4.63 (p, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.4, 143.8, 143.4, 136.7, 135.0, 133.9, 133.2, 131.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.5, 126.4, 126.3, 126.2, 126.1, 125.5, 123.8, 123.3 (q, *J* = 280.6 Hz), 121.5, 121.2, 119.8, 50.8 (q, *J* = 28.4 Hz); ¹⁹**F NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -68.56 (s, 3F); **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 2920, 1650 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₂₈H₂₀F₃ [M+H]⁺: 413.1494, found: 413.1496.

(E)-2-(1-(3,3,3-Trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-1H-inden-3-yl)thiophene (3ak)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2phenylbut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1a** (120.60 mg, 0.30 mmol), 2-thiophene boronic acid **2k** (46.0 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3ak** as a yellow colour oil, yield 68% (75.08 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.73 (dd, J = 9.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 4.63 (p, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.4, 142.3, 141.5, 137.5, 136.1, 134.9, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 127.4, 126.2, 126.1, 126.0 (q, J = 280.5 Hz), 123.1, 120.9, 120.6, 120.4, 119.9, 50.7 (q, J = 28.3 Hz); ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -69.57 (s, 3F); **IR (neat)**: $v_{max} = 2930$, 1600 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₆F₃S [M+H]⁺: 369.0934, found: 369.0936. **(***E***)-3-Phenyl-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-(***p***-tolyl)propylidene)-***1H***-indene (3ba)**



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl(4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(*p*-tolyl)but-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1b** (124.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (43.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 µL, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3ba** as a yellow colour oil, yield 85% (95.88 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 4.67 (p, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.0, 143.3, 141.7, 138.4, 137.6, 135.3, 131.9, 130.3, 129.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.8, 126.1 (q, *J* = 280.5 Hz), 126.0, 121.4, 121.3, 120.7, 119.9, 50.3 (q, *J* = 28.3 Hz), 21.2; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -68.67 (s, 3F); **IR** (**neat**): v_{max} = 2950, 1600 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (**ESI**): m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₀F₃ [M+H]⁺: 377.1495, found: 377.1497.

(E)-3-Phenyl-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-(o-tolyl)propylidene)-1H-indene (3ca)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl(4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(*o*-tolyl)but-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1c** (124.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (43.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3ca** as a yellow colour oil, yield 82% (92.49 mg); ¹**H** **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.55 (m, 5H), 7.29 (m, 5H), 6.81 (m, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 5.02 (p, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.2, 143.3, 141.7, 137.6, 136.5, 135.3, 133.6, 131.2, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 126.9, 126.4 (q, J = 280.7 Hz), 126.1, 121.7, 121.2, 120.7, 119.9, 45.9 (q, J = 28.3 Hz), 29.8; ¹⁹F **NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –68.11 (s, 3F); **IR (neat):** $v_{max} = 2900$, 1650 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₀F₃ [M+H]⁺: 377.1484, found: 377.1486.

(E)-3-Phenyl-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-(m-tolyl)propylidene)-1H-indene (3da)



Following general procedure **E**, ((*E*)-*tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(*m*-tolyl)but-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1d** (124.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (48.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3da** as a yellow colour oil, yield 75% (84.60 mg); ¹H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (m, 3H), 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (m, 2H), 4.68 (p, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.1, 143.3, 141.7, 138.9, 137.6, 135.3, 134.8, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 126.1 (q, *J* = 280.5 Hz), 126.1, 126.0, 121.3, 120.7, 119.9, 50.7 (q, *J* = 28.3 Hz), 21.60; ¹⁹F **NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -68.42 (s, 3F); **IR (neat):** v_{max} = 2850, 1600 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₀F₃ [M+H]⁺: 377.1482, found: 377.1483.

(Z)-3-Phenyl-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)propylidene)-1H-indene (3ea)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl(4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-2-yl)carbonate **1e** (129.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (43.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol% acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3ea** as a yellow colour oil, yield 78% (91.72 mg); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.32 (m, 2H), 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.78 (m, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 4.67 (p, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.78
(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.7, 148.0, 143.2, 141.7, 137.6, 135.3, 130.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.8, 127.0, 126.1 (q, *J* = 280.4 Hz), 126.1, 121.4, 121.3, 120.7, 119.9, 114.6, 55.4, 49.9 (q, *J* = 28.5 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –68.98 (s, 3F); **IR (neat):** *v*_{max} = 2950, 1600 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₀F₃O [M+H]⁺: 393.1440, found: 393.1442. **(***E***)-3-Phenyl-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)propylidene)-1H-indene (3fa)**



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl(4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-fluoro phenyl)but-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1f** (126.0 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (43.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3fa** as a yellow colour oil, yield 76% (86.64 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 4.71 (p, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 161.8, 148.5, 143.7, 141.7, 137.4, 135.2, 130.7 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 127.7, 126.2, 125.9 (q, *J* = 280.5 Hz), 121.0, 120.8, 120.6, 119.9, 116.2 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 49.9 (q, *J* = 28.6 Hz); ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -68.95 (s, 3F), – 113.32 (s, 1F); **IR (neat):** v_{max} = 2950, 1650 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₂₄H₁₇F4 [M+H]⁺: 381.1450, found: 381.1452.

(E)-1-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,3,3-trifluoropropylidene)-3-phenyl-1H-indene (3ga)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl (2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1 -trifluorobut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1g** (130.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (43.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3mL of 1,4dioxane was taken to furnish compound **3ga** as a yellow colour oil, yield 65% (77.22 mg); ¹H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.42 (m, 5H), 7.31 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 4.70 (p, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.6, 143.8, 141.7, 137.4, 135.1, 134.6, 133.5, 130.3, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 127.7, 126.2, 125.8 (q, J = 280.5 Hz), 121.0, 120.8, 120.2, 120.0, 50.0 (q, J = 28.6 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –68.72 (s, 3F); IR (neat): $v_{max} = 2980$, 1640 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₄H₁₇ClF₃ [M+H]⁺: 397.0955, found: 397.0957.

(*E*)-3-Phenyl-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)propylidene)-1*H*-indene (3ha)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl(4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-(triflu -oromethoxy)phenyl)but-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1h** (145.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (43.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3ha** as a yellow colour oil, yield 70% (93.66 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.63 (m, 4H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.32 (m, 2H), 6.75 (m, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 4.79 (p, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.9, 144.2, 141.7, 138.9, 137.3, 135.0, 129.5, 128.9 (q, *J* = 361.0 Hz), 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 127.7, 126.3, 126.2, 126.1, 123.9 (q, *J* = 272.2 Hz), 120.8, 120.8, 120.0, 119.6, 50.5 (q, *J* = 28.6 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 62.78 (s, 3F), -68.46 (s, 3F); **IR (neat):** v_{max} = 2990, 1650 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₂₅H₁₇F₆O [M+H]⁺: 447.1152, found: 447.1154.

(E)-1-(2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-3,3,3-trifluoropropylidene)-3-phenyl-1H-indene (3ia)



Following general procedure **E**, (*E*)-2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluo -robut-3-en-2-yl tertbutyl carbonate **1i** (143.4 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (43.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3ia** as a yellow colour oil, yield 68% (89.35 mg); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 4.77 (p, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.30, 143.5, 141.7, 141.5, 140.5, 137.5, 135.3, 133.9, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 126.1 (q, *J* = 280.4 Hz), 126.0, 121.2, 121.0, 120.8, 120.0, 50.4 (q, J = 28.5 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –69.50 (s, 3F); **IR (neat):** $v_{max} = 2995$, 1660, cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₃₀H₂₂F₃ [M+H]⁺: 439.1592, found: 439.1596.

(E)-2-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-3-(3-phenyl-1H-inden-1-ylidene)propan-2-yl)thiophene (3ja)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl(4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(thiophe -n-2-yl)but-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1j** (122.4 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (43.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3ja** as a yellow colour oil, yield 60% (66.24 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.69 (m, 1H), 5.09 (m, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.5, 143.8, 141.8, 137.4, 136.1, 135.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.8, 127.3, 126.2, 126.2, 125.3 (q, *J* = 280.4 Hz), 121.0, 120.8, 120.1, 120.0, 46.0 (q, *J* = 30.1 Hz); ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -69.57 (s, 3F); **IR (neat):** $v_{max} = 2980$, 1640 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₆F₃S [M+H]⁺: 369.0900, found: 369.0901. (*E*)-6-methyl-3-phenyl-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-*1H*-indene (3ka)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynyl-5-methylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1k** (124.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (43.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3ka** as a yellow colour oil, yield 85% (95.88 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.41 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 4.79 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.2, 143.6, 139.2, 137.9, 136.0, 135.4, 135.1, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 126.1 (q, J = 280.5 Hz), 120.9, 120.6, 120.5, 120.5, 50.7 (q, J =28.2 Hz), 21.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -68.59 (s, 3F); **IR (neat):** v_{max} = 2990, 1660, cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₀F₃ [M+H]⁺: 377.1492, found: 377.1494.

(E)-7-Phenyl-5-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-5H-indeno[5,6-d][1,3]dioxole (3la)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl(4-(6-ethynylbenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1,1,1trifluoro-2-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl)carbonate **11** (133.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (43.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 µL, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3la** as a yellow colour oil, yield 80% (97.44 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.48 (m, 8H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.65 (m, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.02 (m, 2H), 4.79 (m, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.0, 147.8, 146.7, 143.2, 136.5, 135.3, 134.9, 131.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 127.6, 126.0 (q, *J* = 281.1 Hz), 120.7, 119.8, 102.2, 101.8, 101.5, 50.7 (q, *J* = 28.4 Hz); ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.41(s, 3F); **IR (neat):** $v_{max} = 2995$, 1670, cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₂₅H₁₈F₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 407.1182, found: 407.1185.

(E)-6-Fluoro-3-phenyl-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-1H-indene (3ma)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynyl-5-fluorophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1m** (126.0 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (43.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3ma** as a yellow colour oil, yield 75% (85.50 mg); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, 1H), 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.29 (m, 2H), 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 4.70 (p, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.3 (d, *J* = 244.4 Hz), 147.6, 142.6, 137.5, 137.5, 134.9, 134.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.5, 125.8 (q, *J* = 280.5 Hz), 121.9, 121.4 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 120.9 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 114.5 (d, *J* = 22.8 Hz), 107.8 (d, *J* = 24.2 Hz), 50.6 (q, *J* = 28.7 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -68.54 (s, 3F), -116.49 (s, F); **IR (neat):** v_{max} = 2955, 1680, cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₂₄H₁₇F₄ [M+H]⁺: 381.1244, found: 381.1246.

(E)-6-Chloro-3-phenyl-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-1H-indene (3na)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl (4-(5-chloro-2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2phenylbut-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1n** (130.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (43.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4dioxane were taken to furnish compound **3na** as a yellow colour oil, yield 78% (92.66 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.49 (m, 10H), 6.98 (m, *J* = 9.1, 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 4.70 (p, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.7, 142.6, 140.3, 139.2, 134.8, 134.6, 132.3, 129.3, 128.9, 128.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 122.4, 121.6, 121.4, 120.5, 50.7 (q, *J* = 28.3 Hz); ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -71.99 (s, 3F); **IR (neat)**: v_{max} = 2950, 1660, cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₂₄H₁₇ClF₃ [M+H]⁺: 397.0945, found: 397.0947.

(*E*)-3-Phenyl-1-(3,3,3-Trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-6-(trifluoromethyl)-*1H*-indene (30a)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,1,1 -trifluoro-2-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl)carbonate **10** (141.0 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (43.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 µL, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane were taken to furnish compound **30a** as a yellow colour oil, yield 65% (83.85 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.63 (m, 3H), 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.36 (m, 5H), 6.90 (m, 2H), 4.82 (m, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.5, 144.7, 142.4, 137.8, 134.5, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 127.7, 126.7 (q, *J* = 277.8 Hz), 126.1, 125.9 (q, *J* = 280.0 Hz), 125.3, 123.5, 123.3, 120.7, 116.9, 116.8, 50.8 (q, *J* = 28.5 Hz); ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.00 (s, 3F), –78.19 (s, 3F); **IR (neat):** v_{max} = 2905, 1670, cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₂₅H₁₇F₆ [M+H]⁺: 431.1213, found: 431.1215.

(E)-Tert-butyl (1,1,1-trifluoro-4-(2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)but-3-en-2-yl) carbonate (4a)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-t*ert-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluorobut-3-en-2yl) carbonate **1p** (97.80 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (43.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane were taken to furnish compound **4a** as a white colour oil, yield 82% (99.38 mg); ¹**H** NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29 (m, 6H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (m, 1H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7, 147.8, 141.6, 140.7, 137.8, 134.0, 130.6, 128.8, 128.5, 127.9, 126.9, 126.2, 125.9 (q, *J* = 280.4 Hz), 118.1, 116.9, 83.9, 74.7, 29.8, 27.7; ¹⁹**F** NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.93; **IR (KBr):** ν_{max} = 1745, 1642, 1446 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₄F₃ [M–OBoc]⁻: 287.1048, found: 287.1038.

(*E*)-*Tert*-butyl (1,1,1-trifluoro-2-methyl-4-(2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)but-3-en-2-yl) carbonate (4b)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-t*ert-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluorobut-3-en-2yl) carbonate **1q** (72 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (43.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane were taken to furnish compound **4b** as a white colour oil, yield 79% (99.06 mg); ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28 (m, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 4H), 6.77 (m, 1H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H); ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.2, 147.9, 141.2, 140.9, 134.6, 132.9, 130.4, 129.1, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 126.9, 125.9, 124.5, 124.2 (q, *J* = 281.7 Hz), 116.8, 83.7, 27.7, 24.8; ¹⁹**F** NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.30; **IR (KBr):** $\nu_{max} = 1766$, 1645, 1455 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₆F₃ [M–OBoc]⁻ : 301.1204, found: 301.1259.

(*E*)-*Tert*-butyl (1-(2-(1-phenylvinyl) phenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl) pent-1-en-3-yl) carbonate (4c)



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-t*ert-butyl (4-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluorobut-3-en-2yl) carbonate **1r** (76 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (43.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 μ L, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane were taken to furnish compound **4c** as a white colour oil, yield 78% (101.08 mg); ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (m, 8H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dd, *J* = 21.7, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 0.88 (m, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.3, 148.0, 141.3, 141.0, 134.8, 133.1, 130.5, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.9, 127.0, 126.1, 124.6, 124.3 (q, *J* = 285.5 Hz), 116.9, 83.6, 77.4, 27.8, 24.9, 7.5; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.53; **IR (KBr):** v_{max} = 1756, 1665, 1485 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₂₀H₁₈F₃ [M-OBoc]⁻: 315.1361, found: 315.1359. **(E)-3-Phenyl-1-styryl-1H-indene (5)**



Following general procedure **E**, *(E)-t*ert-butyl (3-(2-ethynylphenyl)-1-phenylallyl) carbonate **1s** (100.2 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (43.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 5 mol%) and (0.34 µL, 20 mol%) acetic acid in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane were taken to furnish compound **5** as a white colour oil, yield 73% (64.38 mg); ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20 (m, 4H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.6, 144.6, 140.4, 137.4, 135.7, 133.3, 129.6, 129.5, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.6, 127.4, 126.9, 126.4, 125.7, 124.4, 120.6, 55.9; **IR (KBr):** v_{max} = 1766, 1645, 1455 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₂₃H₁₇ [M–H]⁻: 293.1330, found: 293.1753.

7. Gram scale reaction

(E)-3-phenyl-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-1H-indene (3aa)



To a stirred solution of (*E*)-*tert*-butyl (4-(2-ethynyl phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenyl but-3-en-2-yl) carbonate **1a** (1g, 2.48 mmol) in 10 mL of 1,4-dioxane was added phenylboronic acid **2a** (364 mg, 2.98 mmol) at room temperature. Then Pd(PPh₃)₄ (143 mg, 0.124 mmol, 5 mol%) and 20 mol% acetic acid were added to the reaction mixture, and stirring continued at 90 °C (oil bath temperature) for 10 –12 h. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 X 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated on rotary evaporation. The obtained crude product was purified using flash column chromatography (using 9.5:0.5 hexane/ethyl acetate as eluent) to obtain the pure product (*E*)-3-phenyl-1-(3,3,3trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-1*H*-indene **3aa**, in 78% yield (700.25 mg) as a yellow oil.

8. Synthetic utility of CF₃-benzofulvene (3aa)

8.1 General procedure for the synthesis of 1-phenyl-3-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-phenylpropyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene (8)



To a the stirred solution of (*E*)-3-phenyl-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-1*H*-indene **3aa** (108.6, 0.30 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 5 mL of methanol, was suspended palladium carbon (catalytic amount) and hydrogen gas was connected through a balloon. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature for 1h under N₂ atmosphere, completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was diluted with the water, then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were finally washed with brine solution, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product **8** was further purified by column chromatography, pure compound **8** was obtained as a white colour oil; yield 70% (76.86 mg); ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (m, *J* = 3.1, 2.6 Hz, 5H), 7.27 (m, 10H), 7.18 (m, 7H), 7.09 (m, 4H), 6.79 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (m, 1.9H, major + minor,), 3.53 (m, 1H, major), 3.35 (m, 0.93H, minor), 2.76 (m, 2H, major), 2.62 (m, 0.96H, minor), 2.40 (m, 1H, major), 2.04 (m, 1H, minor), 1.61 (m, 1.96H, minor), 1.50 (m, 2H, major); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.8, 146.7, 146.7, 146.4, 144.6, 144.5, 135.7, 134.1, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 127.1, 126.8, 126.7, 126.6, 126.2 (q, *J* = 282.3 Hz), 125.1, (q, *J* = 275.4 Hz).124.9, 123.1,

122.7, 50.5, 50.5, 49.4 (q, J = 26.3 Hz), 48.4 (q, J = 26.7 Hz), 44.95, 43.8, 42.1, 40.1, 35.1, 33.4, 29.8, 22.8, 14.3; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –69.05 (s, 3F), –70.06 (s, 3F); IR (neat): $v_{max} = 2974$, 2926, 1760, 1489 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₄H₂₀F₃ [M-H]: 366.1572, found: 366.1575.

8.2 General procedure for the synthesis of 2-bromo-3-phenyl-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-indene (9)



To a stirred solution of (E) -3-phenyl-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-1H-indene 3aa (108 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous carbon tetrachloride (5 mL) was added Nbromosuccinimide (53 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1 equiv) portion wise, the reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature for 1h under N₂ atmosphere. completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was diluted with the water, then extracted with ethyl acetate (3×30 mL). The combined organic layers were finally washed with brine solution, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude was further purified by column chromatography to obtain the brominated product 9 as yellow colour oil; yield 72% (95.04 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (m, J = 5.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (m, 9H), 7.45 (m, 6H), 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.01 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H, major), 6.94 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 0.48H, minor), 6.12 (m, J = 17.8, 8.9 Hz, 1H, major), 5.13 (p, J = 8.7 Hz, 0.48H, minor); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.1 (major), 143.5 (minor), 143.3 (major), 141.3 (minor), 140.7 (major), 138.8 (minor), 136.8 (major), 134.8 (minor), 134.1 (major), 133.3 (minor), 133.1 (major), 133.0 (minor), 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 128.1, 126.2, 126.1, 126.1 (d, J = 280.7 Hz, major), 125.9 (d, J = 280.5 Hz, minor), 124.3, 124.3, 123.3, 120.5, 120.1, 119.8, 118.9, 112.5, 49.4 (q, J = 28.1 Hz, minor), 46.2 (q, J = 28.2 Hz, major); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -68.76 (s, 3F), -69.56 (s, 3F); IR (neat): $v_{max} = 2974$, 2926, 1760, 1489 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₄H₁₅BrF₃ [M–H]⁻ : 439.0315, found: 439.0317.

8.3 General procedure for the synthesis of 2,3-diphenyl-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-indene (10)



To a stirred solution of 2-bromo-3-phenyl-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-phenylpropylidene)-1H-indene 9 (103.2 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1 equiv) in 3 mL of toluene was added phenylboronic acid (35 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1.2 equiv) at room temperature. Then, Pd(PPh₃)₄(13 mg, 0.01 mol, 0.05 equiv) and sodium carbonate (50 mg, 0.48 mmol, 2 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture and stirred at 100 °C (oil bath temperature) for 10 –12 h. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 X 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulphate and concentrated on rotary evaporation. The obtained crude product was purified using flash column chromatography (using 9.5:0.5 hexane/ethyl acetate as a elunet) to get the pure product **10** as a yellow colour oil; yield 75% (98.55 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.22 (m, 4H), 6.96 (m, 3H), 4.33 (m, 1H); ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.7, 142.9, 141.8, 137.4, 136.7, 135.9, 134.6, 134.0, 130.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 126.1, 125.8 (g, J = 280.7 Hz), 122.9, 122.9, 120.5, 119.2, 47.2 (q, J = 28.0 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –68.89 (s, 3F); IR (neat): $v_{max} = 2974$, 2926, 1760, cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₃₀H₂₀F₃ [M–H]⁻: 437.1520, found: 437.1521.

9) General procedure for the synthesis of (*E*)-*tert*-butyl (1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenyl-4-(2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)but-3-en-2-yl) carbonate (7) (General procedure F)



To a solution of (2-formylphenyl) boronic acid (1.5 g, 10 mmol) and α -bromo styrene (2.1 g, 12 mmol) in Et₃N (50 mL) at room temperature were added Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.577 g, 0.5 mmol) and CuI (0.035 g, 1.89 mmol) under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature

for 12 h, then filtered through a short pad of silica gel and washed with ethyl acetate. After the removal of solvent, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate = 100:1, v/v) to afford the desired product 2-(1-phenylvinyl)benzaldehyde (1.9 g, 95% yield).

To a solution of 2-(1-phenylvinyl)benzaldehyde (1.04 g, 5 mmol) and acetophenone (0.60 g, 5 mmol) in MeOH (25 mL) at room temperature was added 10% NaOH aqueous solution (1.5 mL, 11.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h, then the solution was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc (20 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3x 10 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1 to 30:1, v/v) to afford **S3** (1.3 g, 85%).

(E)-1-Phenyl-3-(2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (S3)



Following general procedure **F**, 2-(1-phenylvinyl)benzaldehyde (104 mg, 0.50 mmol), acetophenone (60 mg, 0.50 mmol), aqueous NaOH solution (10%), were taken in 10 mL of methanol to obtain the compound **S3** as a red colour oil, yield 72% (102 mg); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (m, 4H), 7.44 (m, 5H), 7.30 (m, 7H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.5, 147.6, 143.9, 143.4, 140.6, 138.2, 133.8, 132.5, 130.9, 130.2, 129.1, 128.6, 128.6, 128.1, 126.9, 126.8, 126.2, 123.9, 117.2; **HRMS** (**ESI**): m/z calcd for C₂₃H₁₉O [M+H]⁺: 311.1430, found: 311.1426.

(E)-1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-phenyl-4-(2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)but-3-en-2-ol (6)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-1-Phenyl-3-(2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (**S3**) (93 mg, 0.30 mmol), TMSCF₃ (0.5 mL, 0.36 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (41 mg, 0.30 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DMF. After that TBAF was added to obtain the compound **6** as a reddish colour oil, yield 69% (78.66 mg); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.68 (m, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz,

1H), 5.67 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.6, 141.3, 141.2, 137.3, 134.6, 133.2, 130.7, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 127.2, 126.9, 126.3, 125.0 (q, J = 286.1 Hz), 116.6, 77.2 (q, J = 29.0 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –76.39 (s, 3F); IR (neat): $v_{max} = 3285$, 2925, 1492 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₄H₁₈F₃O [M–H]⁻: 379.1374, found: 379.1375.

(*E*)-*Tert*-butyl(1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenyl-4-(2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)but-3-en-2-yl) carbonate (7)



Following general procedure **A**, (*E*)-4-(2-ethynyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2phenylbut-3-en-2-ol **6** (114 mg, 0.30 mmol), (Boc)₂O (0.08 mL, 0.36 mmol), and DMAP (36.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) were taken in 3 mL of DCM to obtain the compound **7** as a white solid, yield 78% (112.32 mg), mp: 65 – 66 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.28 (m, 7H), 7.16 (m, *J* = 6.9, 3.3 Hz, 6H), 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 147.9, 141.6, 140.8, 135.3, 134.9, 134.7, 130.6, 129.0, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.1, 127.0, 126.1, 123.4 (d, *J* = 285.0 Hz), 122.8, 116.8, 83.5 (d, *J* = 29.2 Hz), 83.4, 27.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -83.87 (s, 3F); **IR (KBr):** $\nu_{max} = 2974$, 2926, 1760, 1489 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₂₄H₁₈F₃ [M–OBoc]⁻: 363.1355, found: 363.1354.

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