Supporting Information

Direct C–H Difluoroallylation of α,β-Unsaturated Amides and Aryl

Amides by Rhodium catalysis

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General Information

Unless otherwise specified, the chemical reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used directly without purification. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC): HSGF 254 (0.15-0.2 mm thickness). Detection was conducted under UV light at 254 nm. Preparative thin layer chromatography was HSFG 254 (0.4-0.5 mm thickness). Yields refer to isolated compounds. ¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were collected on Brucker 500 MHz and 600 MHz instrument in chloroform-*d* or DMSO-*d*₆. Chemical shifts (δ) are expressed as parts per million (ppm). Proton coupling patterns were recorded as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), and multiple (m). HRMS (high-resolution mass spectrometry) were obtained by using a quadrupole mass analyzer with electrospray ionization (ESI) source.

Preparation of Starting Materials

General procedure A for preparation of 1b-1r^[1-4]:



Step 1: Paraformaldehyde (0.90 g, 30.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), K_2CO_3 (4.15 g, 30.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), *n*-Bu₄NI (0.18 g, 0.5 mmol, 0.05 equiv.) were added to a solution of ester (10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in toluene (20.0 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was heated to 60 °C for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, H₂O (10.0 mL) was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether (20.0 mL × 3). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated in vacuo and purified by column chromatography to provide the corresponding acrylate **SI-2** as a colorless oil.

Step 2: A 50 mL round bottom flask was charged with ethyl 2-arylacrylate derivatives (1.0 equiv.), NaOH (5.0 equiv.), and H₂O/EtOH (1:1, 0.5 M). The reaction was stirred at 60 °C for overnight and then the reaction was cooled down to room temperature and acidified with 2N HCl. The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (50.0 mL x 3). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (DCM/MeOH = 20/1, v/v) to give the corresponding unsaturated acid.

Step 3: To a solution of acrylic acid **SI-3** (2.0 mmol) in DCM (20.0 mL) was added pyridine (7.0 equiv.), EDCI (2.0 equiv.) and NH₂OCH₃HCl (1.2 equiv.), and stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture was washed with 2N HCl (20.0 mL), saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (20.0 mL) and brine (20.0 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude products, which was purified by column chromatography eluting with PE/EtOAc from 5:1 to 1:1.

General procedure B for preparation of 1a, 1s, 1u^[1,4]:



To a solution of acrylic acid **SI-4** (2.0 mmol) in DCM (20.0 mL) was added pyridine (7.0 equiv.), EDCI (2.0 equiv.) and NH₂OCH₃·HCl (1.2 equiv.), and stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture was washed with 2N HCl (20.0 mL), saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (20.0 mL) and brine (20.0 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude products, which was purified by column chromatography eluting with PE/EtOAc from 5:1 to 1:1.

Preparation of 1t^[4]:



Step 1: An oven-dried 50 ml two-neck RBF was charged with methyl triphenyl phosphonium bromide (3.3 mmol) and dry THF (6.0 mL). The flask was cooled to -78 °C and LDA (3.0 mmol, 2M in THF) was dropwise added to the solution under N₂ atmosphere. After stirring 15 minutes, the mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirred for 1 h, at which point the resulted yellow solution was re-cooled to -78°C followed with the addition of crude α -ketoesters. After stirring for 1.0 h at -78 °C, the mixture was warmed up to room temperature and the progress of the reaction was monitored using TLC. Once the reaction finished, 2N HCl (6.0 mL) was added followed by extraction with ethyl acetate (2×10.0 ml), and dried over MgSO₄. The organic solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to deliver the α -substituted ethyl acrylate derivatives.

Step 2: A 50.0 mL round bottom flask was charged with ethyl 2-arylacrylate derivatives (1.0 equiv.), NaOH (5.0 equiv.), and H₂O/EtOH (1:2, 0.5 M). The reaction was stirred at 60 °C for overnight and then the reaction was cooled down to room temperature and acidified with 2N HCl. The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (50.0 mL x 3). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (DCM/MeOH = 20/1, v/v) to give the corresponding unsaturated acid.

Step 3: To a solution of acrylic acid **SI-7** (2.0 mmol) in DCM (20.0 mL) was added pyridine (7.1 equiv.), EDCI (2.0 equiv.) and NH₂OCH₃·HCl (1.2 equiv.), and stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture was washed with 2N HCl (20.0 mL), saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (20.0 mL) and brine (20.0 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude products, which was purified by column chromatography eluting with PE/EtOAc from 5:1 to 1:1.

Preparation of 1v:



Step 1: Charge a flame-dried 100 mL round-bottom flask with methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (3.0 g, 8.4 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) in dry THF (25 mL) at 0°C. Add t-BuOK (943mg, 8.4 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) to the mixture, then warm the sealed mixture to 22° C. Allow the mixture to stir at 22° C for 30 minutes. Add a solution of a-oxobenzenebutanoic acid (300 mg, 1.69 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dry THF (6 mL) to the mixture. Allow the resultant mixture to stir at 22° C for 3 hours. Acidify the mixture with aqueous HCl (2.0 M) to pH = 3-4, then remove the excess of THF under vacuum. Extract the resultant aqueous solution with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL). Wash the combined organic phases

with brine (30.0 mL). Dry the combined organic phases over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Filter the mixture and concentrate under vacuum to get **SI-9**.

Step 2: To a solution of crude intermediate **SI-9** in anhydrous DCM (8.0 mL) was added (COCl)₂ (3.0 equiv.) over 30.0 min at 0 °C, then 2 drops of DMF was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2.0 h. Then, the solution was concentrated to afford crude acyl chloride **SI-10** for the next step without further purification.

Step 3: The crude acyl chloride **SI-10** in EtOAc (5.0 mL) was added to a solution of methoxyamine hydrochloride (2.0 equiv.) and K_2CO_3 (2.0 equiv.) in EtOAc/H₂O =2/1 (9.0 mL) over 5.0 min at 0°C. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 12.0 h. Then the solution was extracted with EtOAc (40.0 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and evaporated to afford the residue. The residue was subject to column chromatography on silica gel (DCM/MeOH = 20/1) to afford the corresponding **1v**.

Preparation of 1w:



Step 1: To a solution of the diacid in EtOAc (0.75 M) at 0°c and subsequent addition of paraformaldehyde (1.5 equiv.). The reaction mixture was refluxed by oil bath for 2 h. After cooling to room temperature, H₂O (10.0 mL) was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether (20.0 mL \times 3). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated in vacuo and purified the resulting crude acrylic acid **SI-13** as a colorless oil.

Step 2: To a solution of crude intermediate SI-10 in anhydrous DCM (8.0 mL) was added (COCl)₂ (3.0 equiv.) over 30.0 min at 0 °C, then 2 drops of DMF was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2.0 h. Then, the solution was concentrated to afford crude acyl chloride **SI-14** for the next step without further purification.

Step 3: The crude acyl chloride SI-14 in EtOAc (5.0 mL) was added to a solution of methoxyamine hydrochloride (2.0 equiv.) and K_2CO_3 (2.0 equiv.) in EtOAc/H₂O =2/1 (9.0 mL) over 5.0 min at 0°C. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 12.0 h. Then the solution was extracted with EtOAc (40.0 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and evaporated to afford the residue. The residue was subject to column chromatography on silica gel (DCM/MeOH = 20/1) to afford the corresponding 1w.

Characterization Data of Substrate 1t, 1v, 1w



2-cyclohexyl-*N***-methoxyacrylamide (1t):** ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.29 (s, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.47 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.73 (m, 4H), 1.73 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.36 – 1.25 (m, 2H), 1.20 – 1.08 (m, 3H).



N-methoxy-2-methylene-4-phenylbutanamide (1v): ^{*I*}*H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-d)* δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.18 (m, 3H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.80 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H).



N-methoxy-2-methylenepentanamide (1w): ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 10.05 – 9.68 (m, 1H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.30 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.32 (m, J = 7.1, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 0.90 – 0.77 (m, 3H).

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 3.

Representative Procedure for the Synthesis of 3a



In a 10 mL reaction tube, to the mixture of **1a** (35.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2a** (47 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.7 mg, 3.0 mol%) and KOAc (29.4 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq) was added EtOH

(2.0 mL). Then the resulting mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 12.0 h. When the reaction was finished, the products are purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (DCM/MeOH = 20/1). The product **3a** was obtained as a yellow oil (40 mg, 79% yield). Other products **3** were prepared by a similar procedure.

Characterization Data of Products 3



(*Z*)-6,6-difluoro-*N*-methoxy-2-phenylhexa-2,5-dienamide (3a): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, yellow oil (40 mg, yield 79%); ¹*H NMR* (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.51 (s, 1H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 6.12 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (dtd, *J* = 26.4, 7.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.92 – 2.87 (m, 2H). ¹³*C NMR* (126 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 164.07, 155.43 (t, *J* = 284.3 Hz), 136.14, 136.03, 128.64, 127.93, 127.90, 125.51, 76.94 (dd, *J* = 22.6, 18.8 Hz), 63.22, 22.59 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz). ¹⁹*F NMR* (471 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -87.73 (d, *J* = 43.0 Hz), -89.73 (d, *J* = 42.4 Hz). HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₄F₂NO₂: 254.0987; Found: 254.0988.



(*Z*)-6,6-difluoro-*N*-methoxy-2-(p-tolyl)hexa-2,5-dienamide (3b): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, yellow oil (47 mg, yield 77%); ¹*H NMR* (500 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.97 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dtd, *J* = 25.0, 7.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.12 – 3.06 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³*C NMR* (126 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ 166.26, 159.07, 156.79, 154.50, 138.56, 135.31, 133.61, 132.80, 129.65, 126.68, 76.51, 76.34 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 76.17, 64.73, 23.04, 23.00, 21.26. ¹⁹*F NMR* (471 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ -87.85 (d, *J* = 44.8 Hz), -89.83 (d, *J* = 44.5 Hz). *HRMS* (*ESI-MS*) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆F₂NO₂: 268.1144; Found: 268.1138.



(Z)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxy-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)hexa-2,5-dienamide (3c): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, yellow oil (47 mg, yield 74%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.11 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dtd, J = 24.9, 7.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.14 – 3.03 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 165.23, 158.67, 156.77, 154.86, 139.64, 134.51, 130.43 (d, J = 32.7 Hz), 126.73, 125.78 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.81, 123.00, 75.84, 75.69 (d, J = 4.1 Hz), 75.55, 64.61, 23.07 (d, J = 4.8 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -62.77, -87.18 (d, J = 44.7 Hz), -89.26 (dd, J = 41.4, 24.0 Hz). HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₃F₅NO₂: 322.0861; Found: 322.0853.



(*Z*)-6,6-difluoro-*N*-methoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)hexa-2,5-dienamide (3d): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, yellow oil (35 mg, yield 61%); ¹*H* NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 2H), 6.92 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 5.92 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dtd, *J* = 25.0, 7.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.11 – 3.05 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.37, 159.92, 156.78 (t, *J* = 287.5 Hz), 134.95, 131.71, 128.91, 128.02, 114.35, 76.41 (dd, *J* = 23.0, 20.0 Hz), 64.75, 55.47, 23.01 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -87.90 (d, *J* = 43.6 Hz), -89.89 (dd, *J* = 44.1, 24.9 Hz). *HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z:* [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆F₂NO₃: 284.1093; Found: 284.1086.



(Z)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxyhexa-2,5-dienamide (3e): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20:1, yellow oil (61 mg, yield 92%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.54 (s,

1H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 6.18 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (dtd, J = 26.4, 7.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.90 – 2.84 (m, 2H). ¹³*C NMR* (151 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ 165.59, 156.84 (t, J = 287.7 Hz), 135.25, 134.62, 133.47, 132.09, 128.21, 122.75, 76.14, 75.99 (dd, J = 23.6, 20.1 Hz), 64.76, 23.13 (d, J = 4.9 Hz). ¹⁹*F NMR* (471 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ -87.33 (d, J = 42.8 Hz), - 89.37 (d, J = 43.0 Hz). *HRMS* (ESI-MS) *m/z:* [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃BrF₂NO₂: 332.0092, 334.0072; Found: 332.0088, 334.0063.



(Z)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxyhexa-2,5-dienamide (3f): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20:1, yellow oil (46 mg, yield 80%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.89 (s, 1H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 5.95 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (dtd, J = 25.0, 7.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.00 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 165.64, 156.76 (t, J = 287.8 Hz), 134.73, 134.55, 134.47, 132.87, 129.03, 127.78, 75.99 (dd, J = 23.7, 20.0 Hz), 64.56, 23.07 (d, J = 4.5 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -87.49 (d, J = 42.8 Hz), -89.56 (d, J = 44.0 Hz). HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃ClF₂NO₂: 288.0597; Found: 288.0591.



(Z)-6,6-difluoro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-*N*-methoxyhexa-2,5-dienamide (3g): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20:1, yellow solid (29 mg, yield 54%); ¹*H NMR* (500 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ 8.55 (s, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 5.93 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dtd, *J* = 25.0, 7.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.07 – 3.01 (m, 2H). ¹³*C NMR* (126 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ 165.86, 162.92 (d, *J* = 248.4 Hz), 156.83 (t, *J* = 287.8 Hz), 134.55, 133.06, 132.50 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 128.47 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 115.94 (d, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 76.14 (dd, *J* = 23.8, 20.0 Hz), 64.75, 23.07 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz). ¹⁹*F NMR* (471 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ -87.56 (d, *J* = 44.8 Hz), -89.59 (d, *J* = 44.7 Hz), -113.06. *HRMS* (*ESI-MS*) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃F₃NO₂: 272.0893; Found: 272.0887.



(Z)-2-(3-chlorophenyl)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxyhexa-2,5-dienamide (3h): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20:1, yellow oil (18 mg, yield 31%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.32 - 7.27 (m, 4H), 5.99 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dtd, J = 25.0, 7.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.09 - 3.03 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d)δ 165.43, 156.88 (t, J = 288.0 Hz), 138.13, 134.98, 134.43, 130.22, 130.09, 128.67, 126.81, 124.88, 75.98 (dd, J = 24.1, 19.7 Hz), 64.85, 23.13 (d, J = 4.8 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -87.30 (d, J = 43.5 Hz), -89.33 (d, J = 42.6 Hz). HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃ClF₂NO₂: 288.0597; Found: 288.0593.



(*Z*)-6,6-difluoro-*N*-methoxy-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)hexa-2,5-dienamide (3i): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, yellow oil (26 mg, yield 46%); ¹*H* NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 7.39 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 6.62 (m, 3H), 5.97 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dtd, *J* = 25.0, 7.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.08 – 3.02 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 165.92, 159.96, 156.79 (t, *J* = 287.6 Hz), 137.86, 135.31, 133.78, 129.98, 119.21, 114.07, 112.36, 76.22 (dd, *J* = 23.5, 19.7 Hz), 64.63, 55.40, 23.03 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroformd) δ -87.80 (d, *J* = 44.5 Hz), -89.82 (d, *J* = 44.6 Hz). HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆F₂NO₃: 284.1093; Found: 284.1086.



(Z)-6,6-difluoro-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-N-methoxyhexa-2,5-dienamide (3j): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, yellow oil (35 mg, yield 65%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.10 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.04 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dtd, J = 25.1, 7.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.23 – 3.16 (m, 2H). ¹³*C NMR* (126 *MHz*, *Chloroformd*) δ 165.52, 164.04, 162.08, 159.14, 156.85, 154.56, 138.45 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 134.63, 133.84, 130.51 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 122.31, 115.47 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 113.56 (d, J = 22.4 Hz), 76.14, 75.96 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 75.79, 64.73, 23.09 (d, J = 5.0 Hz). ¹⁹*F NMR* (471 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ -87.40 (d, J = 44.2 Hz), -89.44 (d, J = 43.7 Hz), -112.19. *HRMS* (*ESI-MS*) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃F₃NO₂: 272.0893; Found: 272.0887.



(Z)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxy-2-(m-tolyl)hexa-2,5-dienamide (3k): column solvent: DCM/MeOH
= 20/1, yellow oil (46 mg, yield 86%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.47 (s, 1H), 7.28 – 7.11 (m, 4H), 6.09 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (dtd, J = 26.4, 7.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.89 – 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.14, 156.76 (t, J = 287.6 Hz), 138.64, 136.37, 135.53, 133.05, 129.26, 128.79, 127.38, 123.77, 76.28 (dd, J = 23.5, 20.0 Hz), 64.61, 23.01 (d, J = 4.8 Hz), 21.47. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -89.02 (d, J = 45.5 Hz), -90.81 (d, J = 46.3 Hz). HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆F₂NO₂: 268.1144; Found: 286.1137.



(Z)-2-(3-bromophenyl)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxyhexa-2,5-dienamide (3l): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, yellow oil (20 mg, yield 33%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dtd, J = 25.0, 7.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.10 – 3.04 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 165.40, 156.89 (t, J = 287.9 Hz), 138.41, 134.51, 134.36, 131.60, 130.47, 129.69, 125.35, 123.10, 75.97 (d, J = 24.4, 19.9 Hz), 64.85, 23.13 (d, J = 4.9 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -87.28 (d, J = 42.6 Hz), -89.31 (d, J = 42.6 Hz). HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃BrF₂NO₂: 332.0092, 334.0072; Found: 332.0088, 334.0062.



(*Z*)-2-(2-bromophenyl)-6,6-difluoro-*N*-methoxyhexa-2,5-dienamide (3m): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20:1, yellow oil (42 mg, yield 63%); ^{*1*}*H NMR* (500 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 5.86 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dtd, *J* = 25.2, 7.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.37 – 3.31 (m, 2H). ^{*13*}*C NMR* (151 *MHz*, *Chloroformd*) δ 164.10, 156.91 (t, *J* = 289.3 Hz), 142.42, 138.60, 133.82, 133.30, 131.73, 130.26, 128.13, 123.81, 76.23 (dd, *J* = 23.6, 20.0 Hz), 64.48, 22.71 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz). ^{*19*}*F NMR* (471 *MHz*, *DMSO-d*₆) δ -92.69 (d, *J* = 42.9 Hz), -94.52 (d, *J* = 42.5 Hz). *HRMS* (*ESI-MS*) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃BrF₂NO₂: 332.0092, 334.0072; Found: 332.0088, 334.0063.



(Z)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxy-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)hexa-2,5-dienamide (3n): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20:1, white solid (16 mg, yield 28%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.21 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.91 (m, 1H), 6.91 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 5.89 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dtd, J = 25.2, 7.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.23 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.43, 158.70, 156.80, 156.70, 154.91, 138.28, 132.77, 130.85, 130.27, 127.12, 121.37, 111.08, 76.59 (dd, J = 23.1, 20.1 Hz), 64.44, 55.70, 22.78 (d, J = 5.1 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -88.24 (d, J = 43.0 Hz), -90.10 (d, J = 43.9 Hz). HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆F₂NO₃: 284.1093; Found: 284.1087.



(Z)-6,6-difluoro-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-*N*-methoxyhexa-2,5-dienamide (30): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20:1, yellow oil (20 mg, yield 37%); ¹*H NMR* (500 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.05 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dtd, *J* = 25.0, 7.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.24 – 3.20 (m, 2H). ¹³*C NMR* (151 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ 165.19, 159.89 (d, *J* = 248.4 Hz), 156.88 (t, *J* = 287.7 Hz), 139.05, 130.55, 129.78, 125.09 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz), 124.78, 116.19 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 76.15 (dd, *J* = 23.8, 20.1 Hz), 64.56, 23.08 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz). ¹⁹*F NMR* (471 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ -87.70 (d, *J* = 43.6 Hz), -89.62 (d, *J* = 44.3 Hz), -113.65. *HRMS* (*ESI-MS*) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₂F₃NO₂: 272.0893; Found: 272.0886.



(Z)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxy-2-(o-tolyl)hexa-2,5-dienamide (3p): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20:1, yellow oil (17 mg, yield 32%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 5.84 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dtd, J = 25.3, 7.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.43 – 3.37 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 165.15, 156.91 (t, J = 288.2 Hz), 141.74, 137.41, 136.87, 133.63, 130.71, 130.11, 128.88, 126.57, 76.56 (dd, J = 23.7, 20.0 Hz), 64.54, 22.62 (d, J = 5.1 Hz), 19.83. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -88.26 (d, J = 44.8 Hz), -90.09 (d, J = 44.3 Hz). HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆F₂NO₂: 268.1144; Found: 268.1139.



(Z)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxy-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)hexa-2,5-dienamide (3q): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, yellow oil (52 mg, yield 86%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.90 – 7.84 (m, 4H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (t, J = 7.4 Hz,

1H), 4.41 (dtd, J = 25.2, 7.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.52 – 3.46 (m, 2H). ¹³*C NMR* (126 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ 165.37, 156.96 (t, J = 286.5 Hz), 143.03, 135.36, 133.80, 132.74, 131.80, 129.37, 128.64, 127.83, 127.18, 126.65, 125.67, 125.13, 76.55 (dd, J = 23.7, 20.1 Hz), 64.45, 22.89 (d, J = 5.0 Hz). ¹⁹*F NMR* (471 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ -88.10 (d, J = 44.9 Hz), -89.94 (d, J = 45.1 Hz). *HRMS* (*ESI-MS*) *m/z:* [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆F₂NO₂: 304.1144; Found: 304.1138.



(*Z*)-6,6-difluoro-*N*-methoxy-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)hexa-2,5-dienamide (3r): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, yellow oil (34 mg, yield 56%); ¹*H* NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.95 – 7.70 (m, 4H), 7.62 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 6.13 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dtd, *J* = 25.0, 7.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.16 – 3.11 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.14, 156.84 (t, *J* = 288.9 Hz), 135.51, 133.61, 133.42, 133.14, 128.73, 128.34, 127.77, 126.77 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz), 126.14, 124.08, 76.25 (dd, *J* = 23.8, 20.1 Hz), 64.79, 23.18 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -87.62 (d, *J* = 43.2 Hz), -89.62 (d, *J* = 44.5 Hz). HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆F₂NO₂: 304.1144; Found: 304.1145.



(Z)-2-benzyl-6,6-difluoro-*N*-methoxyhexa-2,5-dienamide (3s): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20:1, yellow solid (38 mg, yield 71%); ¹*H NMR* (500 *MHz*, *DMSO-d*₆) δ 11.12 (s, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 5.47 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dtd, *J* = 26.7, 7.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 2.83 – 2.77 (m, 2H). ¹³*C NMR* (151 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ 166.74, 158.90, 156.62, 154.33, 137.85, 134.64, 132.09, 128.94, 127.06, 76.39 (dd, *J* = 23.7, 20.0 Hz), 64.44, 40.87, 22.76 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz).¹⁹*F NMR* (471 *MHz*, *DMSO-d*₆) δ -89.33 (d, *J* = 45.3 Hz), -91.22 (d, *J* = 48.2 Hz). *HRMS* (*ESI-MS*) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆F₂NO₂: 268.1144; Found: 268.1141.



(Z)-2-cyclohexyl-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxyhexa-2,5-dienamide (3t): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, yellow oil (16 mg, yield 31%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.19 (s, 1H), 5.38 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (dtd, J = 25.1, 7.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.79 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (t, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 1.84 – 1.62 (m, 6H), 1.31 – 1.21 (m, 2H), 1.20 – 1.08 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 167.72, 156.54 (t, J = 287.3 Hz), 141.34, 126.63, 76.63 (m), 64.74, 41.96, 31.94, 26.43, 26.05, 22.68 (d, J = 4.9 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -88.09 (d, J = 45.2 Hz), -90.03 (d, J = 45.0 Hz). HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C_{13H20}F₂NO₂: 260.1457; Found: 260.1455.



2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)-*N*-methoxycyclopent-1-ene-1-carboxamide (3u): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, yellow oil (19 mg, yield 44%); ¹*H NMR* (500 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ 8.29 (s, 1H), 4.26 (dtd, *J* = 25.1, 8.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.26 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.91 – 1.84 (m, 2H). ¹³*C NMR* (151 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ 165.27, 156.97 (t, *J* = 285.9 Hz), 129.18, 128.37, 75.74 (dd, *J* = 23.7, 20.6 Hz), 64.75, 37.22, 33.20, 22.92 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 21.81. ¹⁹*F NMR* (565 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ -88.44 (d, *J* = 46.1 Hz), -90.88 (dd, *J* = 45.2, 27.1 Hz). HRMS (ESI-MS) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₀H₁₄F₂NO₂: 230.0987; Found: 230.0988.



(Z)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxy-2-phenethylhexa-2,5-dienamide (3v): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, yellow soild (34 mg, yield 61%); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.05

(s, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (dtd, J = 25.1, 7.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.82 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.80 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.53 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 167.28, 158.47, 156.57, 154.66, 140.83, 134.61, 131.05, 128.63 (d, J = 4.9 Hz), 126.37, 76.51, 76.37 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 76.22, 64.71, 36.14, 34.68, 22.70 (d, J = 5.2 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -88.00 (d, J = 44.9 Hz), -89.84 (dd, J = 45.1, 24.9 Hz). HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈F₂NO₂: 282.1300; Found: 282.1301.



(Z)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxy-2-propylhexa-2,5-dienamide (3w): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, yellow oil (26 mg, yield 59%); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.51 (s, 1H), 5.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dtd, J = 25.2, 7.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.53 – 1.36 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 167.49, 158.46, 156.56, 154.65, 135.49, 130.03, 76.72, 76.57, 76.43, 64.64, 50.89, 36.70, 22.65 (d, J = 4.7 Hz), 21.36, 13.67. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -88.23 (d, J = 45.0 Hz), -90.16 (dd, J = 45.4, 25.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI-MS) *m/z:* [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₀H₁₆F₂NO₂: 220.1143; Found: 220.1145.



(Z)-N-methoxy-2-phenylhexa-2,5-dienamide (3x): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, yellow soild (18 mg, yield 42%); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.41 (d, J = 21.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 6.13 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.96 – 5.84 (m, 1H), 5.16 – 5.05 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.13 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.39, 136.61, 135.73, 132.96, 128.86, 128.32, 126.51, 126.14, 116.33, 64.69, 34.05. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₆NO₂: 218.1176; Found: 218.1178.

General procedure for the preparation of 4^[5-6]:



The crude **SI-15** in EtOAc (5.0 mL) was added to a solution of methoxyamine hydrochloride (2.0 equiv.) and K_2CO_3 , (2.0 equiv.) in EtOAc/H₂O = 2/1 (9.0 mL) over 5.0 min at 0°C. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 1.0 h. Then the solution was extracted with EtOAc (40.0 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and evaporated to afford the residue. The residue was subject to column chromatography on silica gel (DCM/MeOH = 20/1) to afford the corresponding **4a-4g**.

Table S1. Optimization of reaction conditions

	$ \begin{array}{c} $		[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂ Base Solvent T	$2l_2$ O H F $5a$		
Entry	Catalyst	Base	Solvent	T(°C)	Time (h)	Yield
1	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	KOAc	EtOH	40	12	44%
2	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	KOAc	DCE	40	12	53%
3	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	KOAc	Dioxane	40	12	NR
4	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	KOAc	TFE	40	12	NR
5	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	KOAc	DCE	60	12	trace
6	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	NaOAc	DCE	40	12	NR
7	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	CsOAC	DCE	40	12	57%
8	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	K ₂ CO ₃	DCE	40	12	NR

Reaction conditions: **4a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol), catalyst (3 mol%), base (0.2 mmol), under air, solvent (2.0 mL), 12 h. Isolated yields were reported. NR = no reaction.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 5:



In a 10 mL reaction tube, to the mixture of **4a** (30.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2a** (47 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.8 mg, 3.0 mol%) and CsOAc (38 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 eq) was added DCE (2.0 mL). Then the resulting mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 12.0 h. When the reaction was finished, the products are purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (DCM/MeOH = 20/1). The product **5a** was obtained as a yellow solid (26 mg, 57% yield). Other products **5** were prepared by a similar procedure.

Characterization Data of Products 5



2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)-N-methoxybenzamide (5a): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, yellow solid (26 mg, yield 57%); ¹*H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)* δ 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dtd, J = 25.0, 8.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³*C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-d)* δ 167.67, 158.56, 156.66, 154.75, 139.01, 132.27, 131.28, 130.23, 127.40, 126.73, 77.89, 77.74 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 77.60, 64.80, 26.15, 26.12. ¹⁹*F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-d)* δ -88.42 (d, J = 44.9 Hz), -90.81 (d, J = 43.4 Hz). *HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z:* [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂F₂NO₂: 228.0831; Found: 228.0833.



4-chloro-2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)-N-methoxybenzamide (5b): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, white solid (15 mg, yield 29%); ^{*I*}*H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-d)* δ 8.55 (s, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 4.2

Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dtd, *J* = 24.7, 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³*C NMR* (151 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ 166.78, 158.74, 156.84, 154.93, 141.13, 137.29, 130.61, 130.30, 128.76, 126.90, 77.08, 77.05, 64.84, 25.99 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz). ¹⁹*F NMR* (565 *MHz*, *Chloroform-d*) δ -87.46 (d, *J* = 44.8 Hz), -89.97 (dd, *J* = 42.3, 24.8 Hz). *HRMS* (*ESI-MS*) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁ClF₂NO₂: 262.0441, 264.0411; Found: 262.0444, 264.0411.



2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)-N,4-dimethoxybenzamide (5c): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, yellow solid (12 mg, yield 23%); *1H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-d)* δ 8.45 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.73 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dtd, J = 25.1, 8.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.48 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 161.77, 158.62, 156.71, 154.81, 141.57, 129.19, 124.40, 116.15, 111.43, 77.84, 77.70 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 77.55, 64.75, 55.49, 26.42 (d, J = 5.4 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -88.35 (d, J = 42.1 Hz), -90.81 (dd, J = 44.7, 24.5 Hz). *HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z:* [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₄F₂NO₃: 258.0936; Found: 258.0939.



4-cyano-2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)-*N*-methoxybenzamide (5d): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, yellow solid (14 mg, yield 28%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.86 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dtd, J = 24.6, 8.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.49 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 165.75, 159.29, 156.99, 154.69, 140.50, 136.54, 133.46, 130.45, 128.22, 117.84, 114.98, 76.68, 76.51 (d, J = 5.6 Hz), 76.33, 64.90, 25.88 (d, J = 5.5 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -86.56 (d, J = 40.7 Hz), -89.12 (dd, J = 40.6, 24.4 Hz). HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₁F₂N₂O₂: 253.0783; Found: 253.0786.



2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)-N-methoxy-6-methylbenzamide (5e): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, white solid (35 mg, yield 73%); ¹*H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-d)* δ 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (dtd, *J* = 24.8, 8.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³*C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-d)* δ 167.22, 158.46, 156.56, 154.65, 137.23 (t, J = 2.4 Hz), 135.73, 133.04, 130.14, 128.62, 126.45, 77.75, 77.60 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 77.46, 64.65, 25.92 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 19.15. ¹⁹*F NMR (565 MHz, Chloroform-d)* δ -88.19 (d, *J* = 43.6 Hz), -90.75 (dd, *J* = 43.8, 24.6 Hz). *HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z:* [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₄F₂NO₂: 242.0987; Found: 242.0988.



2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)-N-methoxy-5-methylbenzamide (5f): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, white solid (34 mg, yield 70%); ¹*H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-d)* δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 4.43 (dtd, J = 25.2, 8.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.43 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³*C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-d)* δ 167.83, 158.50, 156.60, 154.70, 136.54, 135.91, 131.93, 130.18, 127.99, 78.09, 77.95 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 77.80, 64.81, 25.74 (d, J = 4.7 Hz), 20.93. ¹⁹*F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-d)* δ -88.65 (d, J = 43.2 Hz), -91.02 (d, J = 44.8 Hz). *HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z:* [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₄F₂NO₂: 242.0987; Found: 242.0989.



4-bromo-2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)-N-methoxybenzamide (5g): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20/1, white solid (14 mg, yield 23%); ¹*H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)* δ 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dt, J = 24.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³*C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d)* δ 157.96 (d, J = 288.9 Hz), 154.53, 141.25,

133.24, 131.08, 129.90, 128.87, 125.65, 77.26, 77.07, 64.88, 25.97 (d, J = 5.1 Hz). ¹⁹*F NMR (565 MHz, Chloroform-d)* δ -86.56 (d, J = 40.7 Hz), -89.12 (dd, J = 40.6, 24.4 Hz). *HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z:* [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁BrF₂NO₂: 305.9936, 307.9915; Found: 305.9935, 307.9915.

Gram-Scale Experiments



In a 100 mL reaction tube, the mixture of **1a** (177.1 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.), **2a** (235.4 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 eq.), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (1.5 mol%) and KOAc (1.0 eq.) was added EtOH (5.0 mL). Then the resulting mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 4.0 h. When the reaction was finished, the products are separated by thin layer chromatography plates (DCM/MeOH = 20/1). The product **3a** was obtained as a yellow oil (199 mg, 79% yield).



In a 100 mL reaction tube, the mixture of **1a** (177.1 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.), **2a** (235.4 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 eq.), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (0.75 mol%) and KOAc (1.0 eq.) was added EtOH (5.0 mL). Then the resulting mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 4.0 h. When the reaction was finished, the products are separated by thin layer chromatography plates (DCM/MeOH = 20/1). The product **3a** was obtained as a yellow oil (176 mg, 70% yield).

Transformation of products



In a 10 mL reaction tube, a solution of SmI_2 (4.0 mL, 0.1 M in THF) was added dropwise to a solution of **3a** (23.5 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at 0 °C for 30 mins, then the mixture was warmed up to 50°C and stirred for 12 h. And then saturated sodium carbonate solution (5.0 mL) was dropped to quench the reaction, and extracted with EtOAc (10.0 ml x 2) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, then the combined organic layer was dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The products are separated by thin layer chromatography plates

(DCM/MeOH = 20/1), the product **6a** was obtained as a white solid (12 mg, 55% yield). The product **6a** was directly used for ¹H-NMR analysis.



To a solution of **3a** (0.2 mmol) in THF (2.0 mL) was added K₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.) and MeI(3.0 equiv.), then the mixture was warmed up to 50°C and stirred for 12 h. When the reaction was finished, THF was removed under vacuum, the residue was extracted with EtOAc (10.0 ml x 2) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, then the combined organic layer was dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The products are separated by thin layer chromatography plates (DCM/MeOH = 40/1), the product **6b** was obtained as a white solid (18 mg, 34% yield). The product **6b** was directly used for ¹H-NMR analysis.

Characterization Data of Products 6



(*Z*)-6,6-difluoro-2-phenylhexa-2,5-dienamide (6a): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 20:1, white solid (12 mg, yield 55%); ^{*I*}*H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆)* δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 5.93 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (dtd, *J* = 26.6, 7.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (tt, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 2H). ^{*I3*}*C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆)* δ 169.81, 157.28, 155.39 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 153.50, 139.63, 136.59, 128.49, 127.62, 125.73, 124.84 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 77.40, 77.26 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 77.13, 22.61 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz). ^{*I9*}*F NMR (565 MHz, DMSO-d₆)* δ -89.28 (d, *J* = 47.5 Hz), -91.07 (dd, *J* = 47.9, 26.5 Hz). *HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z:* [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₂F₂NO: 224.0881; Found: 224.0883.



(Z)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxy-N-methyl-2-phenylhexa-2,5-dienamide(6b): column solvent: DCM/MeOH = 40:1, white solid (18 mg, yield 34%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 5.93 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dtd, J = 25.1, 7.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.90 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 170.13, 158.43, 156.53, 154.62, 138.20, 136.58, 128.99, 128.65, 127.90, 127.12, 125.71, 76.40, 76.26, 76.12, 61.37, 32.14, 23.24 (d, J = 5.1 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -88.17 (d, J = 45.1 Hz), -90.25 (d, J = 43.1 Hz). HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆F₂NO₂: 268.1144; Found: 268.1145.

KIE Study

Two parallel reactions for KIE value measurement



To a mixture of **1a** (17.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 eq.), **2a** (15.7 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 eq.), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (1.9 mg, 0.003 mmol, 3 mol%) and KOAc (14.7 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 eq.), in a 10 mL reaction tube was added EtOH (2.0 mL). Then the resulting mixture was stirred at the temperature for 1.0 h. The reaction was finished to provide the product **3a** (18.0 mg, 72% yield).

To a mixture of **1a-D** (17.9 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 eq.), **2a** (15.7 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 eq.), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (1.9 mg, 0.003 mmol, 3 mol%) and KOAc (14.7 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 eq.), in a 10 mL reaction tube was added EtOH (2.0 mL). Then the resulting mixture was stirred at the temperature for 1.0 h. The reaction was finished to provide the product **3a-D**_n (12.0 mg, 48% yield). The ratio of **3a/3a-D**_n was 1.5 (18/12)

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Copies of ¹H, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra

2-cyclohexyl-N-methoxyacrylamide(1t)







f1 (ppm)

¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3a

-87.69 -87.78 -89.68 -89.77



3a, 471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆







¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3b

-87.80 -87.89 -89.78 -89.88



3b, 471 MHz, CDCl₃





(Z)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxy-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)hexa-2,5-dienamide (3c)

¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3c



f1 (ppm)



(Z)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)hexa-2,5-dienamide (3d)

¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3d







¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3e





3e, 471 MHz, CDCl₃




(Z)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxyhexa-2,5-dienamide (3f)

¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3f

-87.45 -87.54 -89.52 -89.61

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3f, 471MHz, CDCl₃







¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3g





3g, 471 MHz, **CDCl**₃



(Z)-2-(3-chlorophenyl)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxyhexa-2,5-dienamide (3h)



3h, 126 MHz, CDCl₃





¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3h

-87.25 -87.34 -89.28 -89.37







(Z)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxy-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)hexa-2,5-dienamide (3i)

¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3i

-87.75 -87.85 -89.77 -89.86







(Z)-6,6-difluoro-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-N-methoxyhexa-2,5-dienamide (3j)

¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3j



f1 (ppm)



(Z)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxy-2-(m-tolyl)hexa-2,5-dienamide (3k)

¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3k



f1 (ppm)

(Z)-2-(3-bromophenyl)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxyhexa-2,5-dienamide (31)



¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 31

-87.24 -87.33 -89.27 -89.36



3I, 471 MHz. CDCI₃



-10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 f1 (ppm)

(Z)-2-(2-bromophenyl)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxyhexa-2,5-dienamide (3m)



230 220 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 f1 (ppm)

¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3m



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3m, 471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆





(Z)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxy-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)hexa-2,5-dienamide (3n)

¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3n

-88.19 -88.28 -90.05 -90.14



3n, 471 MHz, CDCl₃





(Z)-6,6-difluoro-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-N-methoxyhexa-2,5-dienamide (30)

¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 30



30, 471 MHz, CDCl₃



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-87.65 -87.75 -89.57 -89.67





¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3p

-88.21 -88.31 -90.04 -90.14

3p, 471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆





¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3q



-40 -45 -50 -55 -60 -65 -70 -75 -80 -85 -90 -95 -100 -105 -110 -115 -120 -125 -130 -135 -14(f1 (ppm)



(Z)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxy-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)hexa-2,5-dienamide (3r)

¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3r

-87.57 -87.66 -89.58 -89.67



3r, 471 MHz. CDCl₃

60 40 20 0 -20 -40 -60 -80 -100 -120 -140 -160 -180 -200 -220 -240 f1 (ppm)

(Z)-2-benzyl-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxyhexa-2,5-dienamide (3s)



¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3s



3s, 471 MHz, DMSO- d_6





(Z)-2-cyclohexyl-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxyhexa-2,5-dienamide (3t)



O H F

3t, 500 MHz, CDCl₃



230 220 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -1(f1 (ppm)

¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3t



3t, 471 MHz, CDCl₃









¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3u



3u, 565 MHz. CDCl₃



-88.40 -90.81 -90.86 -90.89 -90.99





f1 (ppm)

¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3v



50 130 110 90 70 50 30 10 -10 -30 -50 -70 -90 -110 -130 -150 -170 -190 -210 -230 -2: f1 (ppm)



¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 3w

-88.19 -88.27 -90.09 -90.14 -90.17 -90.22

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3w, 565 MHz, CDCI₃


(Z)-N-methoxy-2-phenylhexa-2,5-dienamide (3x)



2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)-N-methoxybenzamide (5a)



¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 5a



5a , 471MHz, CDCI_3



-88.37 -88.47 -90.76 -90.86



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¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 5b





5b, 73%, 565HMz

70 50 30 10 -10 -30 -50 -70 -90 -110 -130 -150 -170 -190 -210 -230 -2 f1 (ppm)

2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)-N,4-dimethoxybenzamide (5c)



¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 5c

0 Ė 5c, 565MHz, $CDCI_3$



4-cyano-2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)-N-methoxybenzamide (5d)



200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 f1 (ppm)

¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 5d

-86.52 -86.52 -89.06 -89.13 -89.13

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5d, 565HMz, $CDCI_3$





2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)-N-methoxy-6-methylbenzamide (5e)

¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 5e



70 50 30 10 -10 -30 -50 -70 -90 -110 -130 -150 -170 -190 -210 -230 -2! f1 (ppm)

2-(3,3-difluoroallyl)-N-methoxy-5-methylbenzamide (5f)



¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 5f

-88.60
-88.69
-90.97
-91.06

H

5f, 471 MHz, CDCl₃

40 20 0 -20 -40 -60 -80 -100 -120 -140 -160 -180 -200 -220 f1 (ppm)





f1 (ppm)

¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 5g



70 50 30 10 -10 -30 -50 -70 -90 -110 -130 -150 -170 -190 -210 -230 -2 f1 (ppm)



(Z)-6,6-difluoro-2-phenylhexa-2,5-dienamide (6a)

¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 6a



6a, 565MHz, DMSO-*d*₆



-89.24 -89.32 -91.00 -91.05 -91.09 -91.13

40 20 0 -20 -40 -60 -80 -100 -120 -140 -160 -180 -200 -220 f1 (ppm)

(Z)-6,6-difluoro-N-methoxy-N-methyl-2-phenylhexa-2,5-dienamide (6b)



¹⁹F NMR spectrum for product 6b





140 120 100 80 60 40 20 0 -20 -40 -60 -80 -100 -120 -140 -160 -180 -200 -220 -24(f1 (ppm)