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Supporting Information

Synthesis of 2-Fluorinated Pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridines via Base-

Mediated [3+2] Cycloaddition of N-Aminopyridinium Salts with

gem-Difluorostyrenes

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1. Materials and Methods

All chemicals were purchased from Energy Chemical Reagent, Ltd, Zane Chemical Technology company, Aladdin Ltd, Crystal pure bio-tech company and so forth. Unless otherwise stated, all experiments were conducted in a seal tube under argon atmosphere. Reactions were monitored by TLC or GC-MS analysis. Flash column chromatography was performed over silica gel (200-300 mesh).

¹H-NMR, ¹³C-NMR and ¹⁹F-NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ on Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectrometer (400 MHz for ¹H or 600 MHz for ¹H, 151 MHz for ¹³C, 376 MHz for ¹⁹F) at room temperature. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm on the scale relative to CDCl₃ (δ = 7.26 for ¹H NMR, δ = 77.00 for ¹³C NMR) as an internal reference. High resolution mass spectra were recorded using ZAB-HS Bifocal high resolution mass spectrometer. Coupling constants (J) were reported in Hertz (Hz).

2. Experimental procedures and characterization data

2.1. The synthesis of compounds **1** according to the following procedure

The substrates **1** were prepared according to the procedures in the literature¹. As exemplified for **1a**:



To a solution of pyridine (0.47 g, 6.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (25 mL) was added *O*-(2,4-dinitrophenyl) hydroxylamine (1.3 g, 6.6 mmol). The reaction flask was sealed with rubber plug, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at room temperature, then upon filtering off the solvent. The orange solid was obtained, which was used in the next step without further purification.

2.2 Characterization data of some starting materials 1

All characterization data of compounds **1** are consistent with literature after contrast. As known compounds, we herein list the melting point, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR data of some compounds **1**.



1-Aminopyridin-1-ium ylide (1a)

Yellow solid; Yield =1.25 g (75%); mp 149 - 151 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃), δ : 8.85 (s, 2H), 8.74 - 8.59 (m, 3H), 8.30 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.85 - 7.83 (m, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃), δ : 170.9, 139.9, 138.6, 136.5, 128.6, 128.6, 128.0, 127.0, 125.4.



1-Amino-2-phenylpyridin-1-ium ylide (1c)

Yellow solid; Yield = 1.32 g (62%); mp 134-136 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃), δ : 9.04 (s, 1H), 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.13 - 8.03 (m, 4H), 7.86 - 7.78 (m, 3H), 7.64 (s, 3H), 6.41 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃), δ : 170.6, 150.1, 141.3, 141.2, 136.4, 131.4, 130.8, 130.4, 130.1, 129.2, 128.1, 127.4, 126.8, 125.4.



1-Amino-3-phenylpyridin-1-ium ylide (1e)

Yellow solid; Yield = 1.49 g (70%); mp 118 - 120 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃), δ : 9.18 (s, 1H), 8.81 (s, 1H), 8.76 - 8.53 (m, 4H), 8.09 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88 - 7.75 (m, 3H), 7.67 - 7.50 (m, 3H), 6.40 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃), δ : 170.9, 140.1, 137.2, 136.7, 136.4, 136.2, 133.6, 130.5, 129.9, 128.4, 128.0, 127.6, 127.0, 125.4.

1-Amino-4-phenylpyridin-1-ium ylide (1i)

Yellow solid; Yield = 1.70 g (80%); mp 164 - 166 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃), δ : 8.82 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 8.62 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (s, 2H), 8.37 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.99 - 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.84 (dd, J = 10.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 - 7.57 (m, 3H), 6.43 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃), δ : 169.7, 149.9, 139.0, 136.5, 134.2, 131.8, 130.0, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 126.4, 125.2, 125.1.



1-Amino-2,3-dimethylpyridin-1-ium ylide (1j)

Yellow solid; Yield =1.54 g (84%); mp 101 - 103 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃), δ : 8.72 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 8.61 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 8.12 - 8.10 (m, 3H), 7.80 (dd, J = 9.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃), δ : 175.4, 154.9, 145.7 (d, J = 9.4 Hz), 143.1, 142.7 (d, J = 39.4 Hz), 141.2, 132.7, 131.7, 130.1 (d, J = 30.3 Hz), 129.6, 24.2, 20.4.



1-Amino-4-methylquinolin-1-ium ylide (10)

Yellow solid; Yield = 1.48 g (72%); mp 164 - 166 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃), δ : 9.28 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 8.64 - 8.55 (m, 2H), 8.47 - 8.31 (m, 3H), 8.27 - 8.19 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.05 - 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.77 (dd, J = 9.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃), δ : 170.8, 154.1, 143.2, 136.8, 136.4, 134.6, 130.2, 129.2, 127.9, 127.0, 126.7, 125.4, 122.7, 119.1, 19.5.



1-Aminoisoquinolin-2-ium ylide (1q)

Yellow solid; Yield =1.34 g (68%); mp 160 - 162 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃), δ : 9.76 (s, 1H), 8.88 - 8.58 (m, 4H), 8.57 - 8.48 (m, 1H), 8.47 - 8.28 (m, 2H), 8.19 - 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.83 (dd, J = 9.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃), δ : 170.7, 140.9, 136.4, 135.0, 134.3, 132.1, 131.4, 129.3, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 126.9, 126.7, 125.4.

2.3. NMR spectra for some starting materials 1

NMR copies of compound 1a:



10.4 10.2 10.0 9.8 9.6 9.4 9.2 9.0 8.8 8.6



NMR copies of compound **1c**:





150 149 148 147 146 145 144 143 142 141 140 139 138 137 136 135 134 133 132 131 130 129 128 127 126 125 124 fl (ppm)

NMR copies of compound **1e**:

9,182 8,812 8,812 8,812 8,853 8,853 8,853 8,853 8,853 8,853 8,853 8,853 8,853 8,853 8,853 8,853 8,112 8,123

Ph NO₂ $\dot{N}H_2$ NO2 1H NMR, 400 MHz, CD3SOCD3











NMR copies of compound **1i**:







139.0 138.0 137.0 136.0 135.0 134.0 133.0 132.0 131.0 130.0 129.0 128.0 127.0 126.0 125.0 fl (ppm)

NMR copies of compound 1j:





NMR copies of compound **1o**:





NMR copies of compound **1q**:

0 NH2 NO2 NO2 NO2 1H NMR 400 MHZ, CD3SOCD3









2.4. The synthesis of compounds **2** according to the following procedure **2**

$$Ar \xrightarrow{O} H \xrightarrow{CICF_2CO_2Na (1.5 equiv.)} H \xrightarrow{H} Ar \xrightarrow{F} F$$

ClCF₂CO₂Na (1.2 equiv., 12.0 mmol) in 50 mL DMF was added slowly to the mixture of corresponding aldehyde (10.0 mmol) and PPh₃ (1.5 equiv., 15.0 mmol) in DMF (40 mL) at 110 °C, the reaction was heated at 110 °C and kept at this temperature until no further evolution of CO₂ was observed. The reaction mixture was cool to room temperature then water (50 mL) was added to the reaction slowly and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3×15 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the difluoroalkenes.

2.5. Characterization data of some starting materials 2



4-(2,2-difluorovinyl)benzonitrile (2a)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/n-hexane = 1:50), white solid; Yield = 1.04 g (63%); mp 56 - 58 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.34 (dd, *J* = 25.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -77.90 (dd, *J* = 25.2, 21.4 Hz), -79.55 (d, *J* = 20.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 157.0 (dd, *J* = 299.5, 290.5 Hz), 135.3 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 6.6 Hz), 132.4, 128.0 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 3.6 Hz), 118.6, 110.5, 81.8 (dd, *J* = 30.3, 12.7 Hz). HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₉H₆F₂N ⁺ m/z 166.0463 [M+H] ⁺, found 166.0464.



4-(2,2-difluorovinyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (2f)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (n-hexane), white solid; Yield =1.64 g (76%); mp 77 - 79 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.59 - 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.48 - 7.29 (m, 5H), 5.29 (dd, J = 26.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -81.89 (dd, J = 30.8, 26.3 Hz), -83.81 (dd, J = 30.4, 3.4 Hz). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 156.4 (dd, J = 296.7, 286.9 Hz), 140.5, 139.8 (t, J = 2.1 Hz), 129.4 (t, J = 6.4 Hz), 128.8, 128.0 (dd, J = 6.3, 3.6 Hz), 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 81.9 (dd, J = 28.9, 13.3 Hz). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd for C₁₄H₁₁F₂ ⁺ m/z 217.0823 [M+H] ⁺, found 217.0827.



4-(2,2-difluorovinyl)-1,2-dimethylbenzene (2m)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (n-hexane), Colorless oil; Yield = 1.39 g (83%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.14 - 6.98 (m, 3H), 5.18 (dd, J = 26.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -83.24 (dd, J =34.2, 26.7 Hz), -83.39 (dd, J = 34.2, 3.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 156.1 (dd, J = 295.9, 285.6 Hz), 136.8, 135.5 (t, J = 1.8 Hz), 129.9, 128.8 (dd, J = 5.2, 3.6Hz), 127.8 (t, J = 6.4 Hz), 125.0 (dd, J = 5.8, 2.8 Hz), 81.9 (dd, J = 28.6, 13.8 Hz), 19.7, 19.4. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd for C₁₀H₁₁F₂ ⁺ m/z 169.0823 [M+H] ⁺, found 169.0825.



4-bromo-2-(2,2-difluorovinyl)-1-methoxybenzene (20)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (n-hexane), Colorless oil; Yield = 1.93 g (78%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (d, J = 26.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -81.28 (d, J = 27.8 Hz), -81.52 (t, J = 26.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 156.4 (dd, J = 296.5, 286.8 Hz), 155.2 (dd, J = 4.6, 1.5 Hz), 130.7 (dd, J = 2.7, 1.3 Hz), 130.7, 121.3, 112.9, 112.1, 75.6 (dd, J = 31.8, 12.1 Hz), 55.7. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₉H₈F₂OBr ⁺ m/z 248.9721 [M+H] ⁺, found 248.9721.



1-(2,2-difluorovinyl)naphthalene (2q)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (n-hexane), Colorless oil; Yield =1.25 g (66%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.08 - 6.96 (m, 7H), 5.74 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -82.78 (d, *J* = 29.3 Hz), -84.62 (t, *J* = 27.4 Hz). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 156.9 (dd, *J* = 294.6, 286.8 Hz), 133.8, 131.6 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 128.8, 128.1, 126.7, 126.6 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.6 Hz), 126.5, 126.1, 125.6, 123.8, 78.8 (dd, *J* = 28.9, 15.4 Hz). HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₂H₉F₂ ⁺ m/z 191.0667 [M+H] ⁺, found 191.0666.

2.6. NMR and HRMS spectra copies of some starting materials ${f 2}$

NMR copies of compound 2a:









-77.1 -77.3 -77.5 -77.7 -77.9 -78.1 -78.3 -78.5 -78.7 -78.9 -79.1 -79.3 -79.5 -79.7 -79.9 -80.1 -80. f1 (ppm)



136 135 134 133 132 131 130 129 128 127 126 125 124 123 122 121 120 119 118 117 116 115 114 113 112 111 110 f1 (ppm)



-154.986



159.6 159.2 158.8 158.4 158.0 157.6 157.2 156.8 156.4 156.0 155.6 155.2 154.8 154.4 154.0 f1 (ppm)

HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 2a:



NMR copies of compound **2f**:









-81.5 -81.6 -81.7 -81.8 -81.9 -82.0 -82.1 -82.2 -82.3 -82.4 -82.5 -82.6 -82.7 -82.8 -82.9 -83.0 -83.1 -83.2 -83.3 -83.4 -83.5 -83.6 -83.7 -83.8 -83.9 -84.(f1 (ppm))



L.5 140.5 139.5 138.5 137.5 136.5 135.5 134.5 133.5 132.5 131.5 130.5 129.5 128.5 127.5 126.5 fl (ppm)



129.5 129.3 129.1 128.9 128.7 128.5 128.3 128.1 127.9 127.7 127.5 127.3 127.1 126.9 126.7 fl (ppm)

HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 2f:



NMR copies of compound 2m:











137.0 136.5 136.0 135.5 135.0 134.5 134.0 133.5 133.0 132.5 132.0 131.5 131.0 130.5 130.0 129.5 129.0 128.5 128.0 127.5 127.0 126.5 126.0 125.5 125.0 124.5 124. f1 (ppm)





129.2 129.0 128.8 128.6 128.4 128.2 128.0 127.8 127.6 127.4 127.2 127.0 126.8 126.6 126.4 126.2 126.0 125.8 125.6 125.4 125.2 125.0 124.8 124. f1 (ppm)

HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 2m:



NMR copies of compound 20:






F F Br ¹⁹F NMR, 376 MHz, CDCl₃















159 158 157 156 155 154 153 152 151 150 149 148 147 146 145 144 143 142 141 140 139 138 137 136 135 134 133 132 131 130 129 128 127 126 125 124 123 122 121 fl (ppm)

HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 20:



NMR copies of compound 2q:









81.6 -81.8 -82.0 -82.2 -82.4 -82.6 -82.8 -83.0 -83.2 -83.4 -83.6 -83.8 -84.0 -84.4 -84.6 -84.8 -85.0 -85.2 -85.4 -85.6 -85.8 -86.0 -86.2 -86.4 -86. 11 (ppm)

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.61.0 160.5 160.0 159.5 159.0 158.5 158.0 157.5 157.0 156.5 156.0 155.5 155.0 154.5 154.0 153.5 f1 (ppm)

HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 2q:



3. General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 3 or 4:

A mixture of 1 (0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 2 (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and Cs_2CO_3 (0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in DMF (3 ml) were charged into a reaction tube (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at 100°. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After the complete consumption of starting materials, the reaction mixture was quenched with water and the product was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL), the combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the corresponding compounds **3** or **4**.

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5. Characterization data of compounds 3 and 4:



4-(2-fluoropyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)benzonitrile (3a)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), Yellow solid; Yield = 98 mg (83%); mp 221 - 223 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.36 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.76 - 7.71 (m, 5H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -127.89 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 163.2 (d, *J* = 249.1 Hz), 138.6, 135.2 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 132.7, 129.5, 127.4 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 126.5, 118.9, 116.5 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 112.7 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 109.5, 93.0 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd for C₁₄H₉FN₃ ⁺ m/z 238.0775 [M+H] ⁺, found 238.0776.



4-(2-fluoro-7-methylpyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)benzonitrile (3b)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 78 mg (62%); mp 204 - 206 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.73 (s, 4H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 7.2 Hz, J = 8.8 Hz,1H), 6.78 (d, J= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -128.34 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 163.0 (d, J = 248.2 Hz), 139.4, 139.0, 135.6 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 132.7, 127.4 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 126.7, 119.0, 113.9 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 112.3 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 109.3, 92.9 (d, J = 16.9 Hz), 17.7. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁FN₃ ⁺ m/z 252.0932 [M+H] ⁺, found 252.0932.



4-(2-fluoro-7-phenylpyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)benzonitrile (3c)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 113 mg (72%); mp 196 - 198 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.84 (dd, J = 2.0 Hz, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (s, 4H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.54 - 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.39 (dd, J = 7.2 Hz, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, J = 1.2 Hz, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -127.79 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 162.9 (d, J =247.8 Hz), 141.4, 139.7, 135.4 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 132.7, 132.4, 130.0, 129.2, 128.5, 127.5 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 126.9, 119.0, 115.1 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 113.6 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 109.5, 93.3 (d, J = 17.2 Hz). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd for C₂₀H₁₃FN₃ ⁺ m/z 314.1088 [M+H] ⁺, found 314.1088.



4-(2-fluoro-4-methoxypyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)benzonitrile (3d)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 71 mg (53%); mp 165 - 167 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.99 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 - 7.59 (m, 4H), 6.80 - 6.72 (m, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -130.99 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 163.3 (d, J = 247.5 Hz), 151.1 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 134.7 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 132.1, 131.4, 130.7 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 122.3, 119.2, 111.7 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 109.6, 102.3, 94.4 (d, J = 17.2 Hz), 55.6. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁FN₃O ⁺ m/z 268.0881 [M+H] ⁺, found 268.0883.



4-(2-fluoro-6-phenylpyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-3-yl)benzonitrile (3e)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 86 mg (55%); mp 135 - 137 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.53 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.69 (m, 4H), 7.63 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -126.76 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 163.3 (d, J = 249.9 Hz), 137.4, 136.2, 135.1 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 132.8, 129.3, 128.3, 127.2 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 126.9, 126.7 (d, J = 6.9 Hz), 119.0, 116.4 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 109.5, 93.1 (d, J = 16.5 Hz). HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₂₀H₁₃FN₃ ⁺ m/z 314.1088 [M+H] ⁺, found 314.10877.



4-(2-fluoro-5-methylpyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-3-yl)benzonitrile (3f)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 100 mg (80%); mp 188 - 190 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.21 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 -7.69 (m, 4H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 6.65 (dd, J = 1.6 Hz, J = 7.2Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -127.81 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 163.4 (d, J = 249.0 Hz), 138.7 (d, J = 1.0 Hz), 137.9, 135.6 (d, J =4.5 Hz), 132.7, 128.7, 127.2 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 119.0, 115.2 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 114.9 (d, J =3.3 Hz), 109.1, 92.0 (d, J = 16.8 Hz), 21.6. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁FN₃ ⁺ m/z 252.0932 [M+H] ⁺, found 252.0932.



4-(2-fluoro-5-methoxypyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)benzonitrile (3g)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 113 mg (85%); mp 218 - 220 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (dd, *J* = 3.0 Hz, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -127.21 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 163.8 (d, *J* = 248.8 Hz), 158.9, 139.7, 135.7 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 132.7, 130.4, 127.0 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 119.1, 109.0, 107.0 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 93.8 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 92.3 (d, *J* = 18.9 Hz), 55.8. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁FN₃O ⁺ m/z 268.0881 [M+H] ⁺, found 268.0881.



4-(2-fluoro-5-phenoxypyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)benzonitrile (3h)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 146 mg (89%); mp 142 - 144 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.25 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 2.8 Hz, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -126.39 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 163.9 (d, *J* = 249.3 Hz), 157.2, 154.6, 139.5, 135.2 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 132.7, 131.0, 130.3, 126.9, 125.4, 120.1, 118.9, 109.2, 107.0 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 100.5 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 92.8 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz). HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₂₀H₁₃FN₃O ⁺ m/z 330.1037 [M+H] ⁺, found 330.1037.



4-(2-fluoro-5-phenylpyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)benzonitrile (3i)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 122 mg (78%); mp 167 - 169 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.38 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.74 (s, 4H), 7.64 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.53 -7.44 (m, 3H), 7.14 (dd, J = 2.0 Hz, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -127.14 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 163.5 (d, J = 249.7 Hz), 139.9, 138.7, 138.1, 135.3 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 132.8, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 127.4 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 126.9, 119.0, 113.3 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 112.6 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 109.5, 93.4 (d, J = 16.8 Hz). HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₂₀H₁₃FN₃ ⁺ m/z 314.1088 [M+H] ⁺, found 314.1089.



4-(2-fluoro-6,7-dimethylpyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)benzonitrile (3j)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 99 mg (75%); mp 166 - 169 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.70 (s, 4H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -128.82 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 162.7 (d, J = 247.0 Hz), 137.6, 136.7, 135.8 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 132.6, 130.0, 127.1 (d, J= 3.0 Hz), 119.8 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 119.1, 112.9 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 108.9, 92.3 (d, J = 16.9 Hz), 17.9, 14.0. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃FN₃ ⁺ m/z 266.1088 [M+H] ⁺, found 266.1088.



4-(2-fluoropyrazolo[1,5-*a*]quinolin-3-yl)benzonitrile (3n)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 108 mg (75%); mp 199 - 201 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82 - 7.72 (m, 6H), 7.65 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 9.2Hz, 1H), 7.52 - 7.48 (m, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -128.56 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 162.6 (d, J = 249.4 Hz), 141.2, 136.3, 135.0 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 134.4, 132.7, 130.5, 128.6, 127.8 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 127.6, 125.2, 123.0, 118.9, 115.3, 114.5 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 110.0, 96.4 (d, J = 17.4 Hz). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd for C₁₈H₁₁FN₃ ⁺ m/z 288.0932 [M+H] ⁺, found 288.0930.



4-(2-fluoro-5-methylpyrazolo[1,5-*a*]quinolin-3-yl)benzonitrile (30)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 126 mg (84%); mp 202 - 204 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 - 7.71 (m, 5H), 7.54 - 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -129.01 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 162.7 (d, J = 248.7 Hz), 136.2, 135.3 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 135.3, 134.1, 132.7, 130.2, 127.7 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 125.3, 125.0, 123.5 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 119.0, 115.6, 113.8 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 109.7, 95.4 (d, J = 17.8 Hz), 19.5. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₉H₁₃FN₃ ⁺ m/z 302.1088 [M+H] ⁺, found 302.1087.



4-(7-bromo-2-fluoropyrazolo[1,5-*a*]quinolin-3-yl)benzonitrile (3p)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 131 mg (72%); mp 244 - 246 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 2.0, *J* = 8.8, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -127.99 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 162.7 (d, *J* = 249.4 Hz), 136.1, 134.6 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 133.4, 133.2, 132.8, 130.8, 127.9 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 126.4, 124.5 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 118.8, 118.5, 117.2, 115.8 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 110.3, 97.1 (d, *J* = 17.8 Hz). HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₈H₁₀BrFN₃ ⁺ m/z 366.0037 [M+H] ⁺, found 366.0034.



4-(2-fluoropyrazolo[5,1-*a*]isoquinolin-1-yl)benzonitrile (3q)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 92 mg (64%); mp 148 - 150 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -131.81 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 162.5 (d, *J* = 247.0 Hz), 135.4 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 135.3, 132.6, 131.0, 129.7, 128.9, 127.9, 127.6, 126.2, 123.9 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 123.1, 118.7, 112.6 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 111.5, 97.5 (d, *J* = 20.1 Hz). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd for C₁₈H₁₀BrFN₃ + m/z 288.0932 [M+H] +, found 288.0935.



2-fluoro-3-phenylpyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (4a)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), Orange oil; Yield = 61 mg (58%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.30 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -130.22 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 163.0 (d, *J* = 247.6 Hz), 138.5 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 130.1 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 129.0, 128.9, 127.5 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 126.5, 125.17, 116.8 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 111.9 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 94.5 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz). HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₃H₁₀FN₂ ⁺ m/z 213.0823 [M+H] ⁺, found 213.0822.



2-fluoro-3-(o-tolyl)pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (4b)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), Orange oil; Yield = 34 mg (30%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.32 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 - 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.18 - 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.80 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -127.51 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 162.8 (d, *J* = 247.0 Hz), 139.4 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 137.7, 130.8, 130.6, 128.7, 128.5 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 127.8, 125.8, 124.6, 116.8 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 111.7 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 94.1 (d, *J* = 21.0 Hz), 20.0. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂FN₂ ⁺ m/z 227.0979 [M+H] ⁺, found 227.0978.



2-fluoro-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (4c)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), Orange oil; Yield = 43 mg (36%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.27 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 - 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -128.31 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 163.2 (d, J = 247.6 Hz), 156.8, 139.3 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 131.1 (d, J = 1.0 Hz), 128.7, 128.6, 124.2, 120.8, 118.5 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 118.0 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 111.5 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 111.3, 91.1 (d, J = 19.2 Hz), 55.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂FN₂O ⁺ m/z 243.0928 [M+H] ⁺, found 243.0929.



2-fluoro-3-(m-tolyl)pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (4d)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), Orange oil; Yield = 72 mg (64%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.30 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42- 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.24 -7.20 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -130.17 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 163.0 (d, J = 247.8 Hz), 138.6, 138.5 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 130.0 (d, J = 4.2 Hz), 129.0, 128.9, 128.3 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 127.3, 125.0, 124.6 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 116.9 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 111.8 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 94.6 (d, J = 17.4 Hz), 21.5. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂FN₂ ⁺ m/z 227.0979 [M+H] ⁺, found 227.0979.



2-fluoro-3-(p-tolyl)pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine (4e)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), Orange oil; Yield = 96 mg (85%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.29 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -130.47 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 162.9 (d, *J* = 247.6 Hz), 138.4 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 136.3, 129.6, 128.9, 127.5 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 127.1 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 124.9, 116.8 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 111.8 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 94.5 (d, *J* = 17.7 Hz), 21.2. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂FN₂ ⁺ m/z 227.0979 [M+H] ⁺, found 227.0979.



3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoropyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (4f)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 127 mg (88%); mp 114 - 116 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.30 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 -7.63 (m, 7H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -129.74 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 162.9 (d, J = 247.8 Hz), 141.4, 139.7, 135.4 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 132.7, 132.4, 130.0, 129.2, 128.5, 127.5 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 126.9, 119.0, 115.1 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 113.6 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 109.5, 93.3 (d, J = 17.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₉H₁₄FN₂ ⁺ m/z 289.1136 [M+H] ⁺, found 289.1136.



3-(3-bromophenyl)-2-fluoropyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (4h)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), Orange oil; Yield = 75 mg (52%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.31 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 - 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.84 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -129.38 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 162.9 (d, J= 248.4 Hz), 138.5 (d, J = 1.2 Hz), 132.2 (d, J = 4.2 Hz), 130.4, 130.1 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 129.4, 129.1, 126.0 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 125.7, 123.0, 116.5 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 112.2 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 93.2 (d, J = 17.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₃H₉BrFN₂ ⁺ m/z 290.9928 [M+H] ⁺, found 290.9918.



3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-fluoropyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine (4i)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 99 mg (68%); mp 129 - 131 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.31 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -129.75 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 162.9 (d, *J* = 247.9 Hz), 138.4 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 132.1, 129.1 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 129.1, 128.9 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 125.6, 120.2, 116.5 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 112.1 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 93.5 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz). HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₃H₉BrFN₂ ⁺ m/z 290.9928 [M+H] +, found 290.9928.



2-fluoro-3-(4-fluorophenyl)pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (4j)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 83 mg (72%); mp 87 - 89 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.31 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -115.35 (m), -130.72 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 162.8 (d, *J* = 247.3 Hz), 161.5 (d, *J* = 245.0 Hz), 138.4 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 129.2 (dd, *J* = 1.9 Hz, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 129.0, 126.1 (t, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 125.3, 116.5 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 115.9 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 112.0 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 93.6 (d, *J* = 17.7 Hz). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd for C₁₃H₉F₂N₂ ⁺ m/z 231.0728 [M+H] ⁺, found 231.0729.



3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-fluoropyrazolo[1,**5-a**]pyridine (4k)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 86 mg (70%); mp 133 - 135 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.30 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26 - 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.82 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -129.88 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 162.9 (d, *J* = 247.9 Hz), 138.4 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz), 132.2, 129.1, 129.1, 128.6, 128.6, 125.5, 116.5 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 112.1 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 93.4 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz). HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₃H₉ClFN₂ ⁺ m/z 247.0433 [M+H] ⁺, found 247.0436.



2-fluoro-3-(4-iodophenyl)pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine (4l)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 84 mg (50%); mp 90 - 92 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.30 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -129.54 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 162.9 (d, *J* = 248.1 Hz), 138.3 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz), 138.0, 129.7 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 129.1 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 125.6, 116.5 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 112.2 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 93.5 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz), 91.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₃H₉FIN₂ ⁺ m/z 338.9789 [M+H] ⁺, found 338.9789.



3-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-2-fluoropyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (4m)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 96 mg (80%); mp 61 - 62 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.28 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 - 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.78 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -130.45 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 162.9 (d, J= 247.5 Hz), 138.5 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 137.2, 135.0, 130.2, 128.9, 128.8 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 127.5 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 125.0 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 124.8, 116.9 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 111.7 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 94.5 (d, J = 17.7 Hz), 19.9, 19.5. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd for C₁₅H₁₄FN₂ ⁺ m/z 241.1136 [M+H] ⁺, found 241.1136.



3-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-2-fluoropyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (4n)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 68 mg (55%); mp 87 - 89 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.32 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 - 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.34 - 7.20 (m, 3H), 6.85 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -127.99 (s), -137.08 (m), -140.19 (m). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 162.8 (d, *J* = 247.6 Hz), 151.4 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz), 149.7 (dd, *J* = 2.5 Hz, *J* = 12.6 Hz), 148.2 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz), 138.4, 129.2, 127.1 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 125.8, 123.5 - 123.4 (m), 117.8 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz), 116.3 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 112.2 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 92.7 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd for C₁₃H₈F₃N₂ ⁺ m/z 249.0634 [M+H] ⁺, found 249.0625.



3-(5-bromo-2-methoxyphenyl)-2-fluoropyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine (40)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 120 mg (75%); mp 81 - 83 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.28 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, J = 2.4, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, J =7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -127.55 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 163.0 (d, J = 248.1 Hz), 156.0, 139.3 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 133.4 (d, J = 1.0 Hz), 131.2, 128.7, 124.7, 120.7 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 117.7 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 112.9, 112.8, 111.8 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 89.9 (d, J = 19.2 Hz), 55.7. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₄H₁₀BrFN₂ONa ⁺ m/z 344.9832 [M+Na] ⁺, found 344.9830.



2-fluoro-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (4p)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), Yellow oil; Yield = 94 mg (72%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.35 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 - 7.80 (m, 3H), 7.61 - 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -128.55 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 163.3 (d, *J* = 247.5 Hz), 140.0 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 134.0, 132.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 126.3, 126.0, 125.7 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 125.5, 124.9, 122.4, 117.1 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 111.9 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 92.9 (d, *J* = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₇H₁₂FN₂ ⁺ m/z 263.0979 [M+H] ⁺, found 263.0980.



2-fluoro-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (4q)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), White solid; Yield = 84 mg (64%); mp 98 - 100 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.32 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 - 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.26 -7.22 (m, 1H), 6.81 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -129.76 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 163.2 (d, *J* = 247.9 Hz), 138.7 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 133.7, 132.0, 129.1, 128.6, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 126.4, 125.9 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 125.8 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 125.8, 125.3, 116.8 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 112.0 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 94.6 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz). HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₇H₁₂FN₂ ⁺ m/z 263.0979 [M+H] ⁺, found 263.0980.



2-fluoro-3-(thiophen-2-yl)pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (4r)

Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA/petroleum ether = 1:4), Yellow oil; Yield = 57 mg (52%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.27 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 -7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : -127.40 (s). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 162.5 (d, *J* = 248.5 Hz), 137.9 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz), 131.1 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 128.9, 127.5, 125.4, 123.9 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 123.1 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 117.1 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 112.1 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 89.6 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz). HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₁H₈FN₂S ⁺ m/z 219.0387 [M+H] ⁺, found 219.0390.

6. NMR and HRMS spectra copies of compounds 3 and 4







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139 138 137 136 135 134 133 132 131 130 129 128 127 126 125 124 123 122 121 120 119 118 117 116 115 114 113 112 111 110 109 f1 (ppm)





NMR copies of compound **3b**:









HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 3b:



NMR copies of compound 3c:





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¹⁹F NMR 376MHz, CDCI₃

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NMR copies of compound 3d:






HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 3d:



NMR copies of compound 3e:



8.75 8.70 8.65 8.60 8.55 8.50 8.45 8.40 8.35 8.30 8.25 8.20 8.15 8.10 8.05 8.00 7.95 7.90 7.85 7.80 7.75 7.70 7.65 7.60 7.55 7.50 7.45 7.40 7.35 7.30 7.25 fl (pom)

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HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 3e:



NMR copies of compound 3f:







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NMR copies of compound **3g**:





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NMR copies of compound 3h:







HRMS (ESI) copy of compound **3h**:



NMR copies of compound 3i:



7.4 7.3 7.2 7.1 7.0 6.9 6.8 6.7 6.6 6.5 6.4 6.3 6.2 6.1







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NMR copies of compound **3j**:







HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 3j:



NMR copies of compound **3n**:

8.460 8.439 8.439 7.780 7.780 7.780 7.780 7.769 7.763 7.763 7.619 7.596 7.556 7.556 7.556 7.556 7.556 7.556 7.553 7.556









HRMS (ESI) copy of compound **3n**:



NMR copies of compound **3o**:











NMR copies of compound **3p**:













NMR copies of compound **3q**:





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HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 3q:



NMR copies of compound 4a:





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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)



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HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 4a:



NMR copies of compound 4b:





¹H NMR 400MHz, CDCl₃





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HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 4b:



NMR copies of compound 4c:









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HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 4c:



NMR copies of compound 4d:





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HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 4d:



NMR copies of compound 4e:

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HRMS (ESI) copy of compound **4e**:

NMR copies of compound 4f:









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HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 4f:



HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 4g:



NMR copies of compound 4h:















HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 4h:



NMR copies of compound 4i:

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HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 4i:



NMR copies of compound 4j:















HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 4j:



NMR copies of compound 4k:







HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 4k:



NMR copies of compound **41**:











HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 4l:



NMR copies of compound 4m:



5.5 5.4 5.3 5.2 5.1 5. 5.6 6.0




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HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 4m:



NMR copies of compound 4n:

28.328 28.311 7.662 7.662 7.7640 7.7440 7.377 7.375 7.377 7.273 7.273 7.273 7.273 7.275 7.273 7.275













12 151 150 149 148 147 146 145 144 143 142 141 140 139 138 137 136 135 134 133 132 131 130 129 128 127 126 125 124 123 122 121 120 119 118 117 116 115 114 113 112 f1 (ppm)





NMR copies of compound 40:











HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 4o:



NMR copies of compound **4p**:







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)



HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 4p:



NMR copies of compound **4q**:















HRMS (ESI) copy of compound 4q:



92.991 92.856

NMR copies of compound 4r:













7. Crystallography data of compound 3c

Crystallographic data for compound **3c** (CCDC-2300843) has been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, Copies of the data can be obtained, free of charge, by application to CCDC (Email:deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

Datablock: 1

Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0022 A	Wavelength=0.71073	
Cell:	a=27.7164(13) alpha=90	b=7.2580(3) beta=118.023(1)	c=17.6388(7) gamma=90
Temperature:	298 K		-
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Hall group	-C 2yc	-C 2yc	
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Sum formula	C20 H12 F N3	C20 H12 F	N3
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Z	8	8	
Mu (mm-1)	0.089	0.089	
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F000'	1296.54		
h,k,lmax	36,9,23	36,9,23	
Nref	3906	3890	
Tmin,Tmax	0.990,0.994	0.711,0.74	6
Tmin'	0.986		
Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.711 Tmax=0.746 AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN			
Data completeness= 0.996 Theta(max)= 28.291			
R(reflections)=	0.0459(2411)		wR2(reflections) = 0.1171(3890)
S = 1.027	Npar= 21	17	



8. The electron cloud density of two unsaturated carbons of

(2,2-difluorovinyl)benzene:

