Supporting information

Photocatalytic method for the generation of the 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoroisopropyl radical

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General methods

All reactions were performed in an atmosphere of dry argon. Column chromatography was carried out employing silica gel (230–400 mesh). Precoated silica gel plates F-254 were used for thin-layer analytical chromatography visualizing with UV and/or acidic aq. KMnO₄ solution. High resolution mass-spectra (HRMS) were measured using electrospray ionization (ESI) and a time-of-flight (TOF) mass analyzer (Bruker MicrOTOF II). The measurements were done in a positive-ion mode (interface capillary voltage –4500 V) or in a negative-ion mode (3200 V); the mass ranged from m/z 50 to m/z 3000. For NMR measurements, a Bruker AM300 spectrometer was used. Infrared spectra were recorded on Brucker Alpha-T spectrometer. Photo-induced reactions were performed in Duran culture tubes (Roth cat. no K248.1, outside diameter = 12 mm). The reaction tube was placed in a glass jacket covered with aluminium foil and cooled with water (18 °C). For irradiation with 400 nm light, COB LED matrix Hontiey (29-32 V, 3000 mA, 100W; the LED matrix was operated at 80W or 60W). For irradiation with 450 nm light, a strip of light emitting diodes (SMD 2835–120 LED 1 M Blue, 12 V, 24 W/m; 50 cm strip length; operated at 10W) was used. The distance between the reaction vessel and diodes was about 1 cm.

Starting materials

DMF, DMSO, and MeCN were distilled from CaH₂ and stored over MS 4Å. Diethyl ether was distilled from lithium aluminum hydride. Following compounds were obtained according to literature procedures:



Reagent 1



In a round bottom flask in a stream of argon, sodium hydride (4.0 g, 60% in mineral oil, 100 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was washed with hexane (3×3 mL), and 50 mL of freshly distilled diethyl ether was added. The mixture was immersed into room temperature water bath. Hexafluoroisopropanol (HFIP) (16.8 g, 100 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added dropwise via a syringe, and the mixture was stirred 10 minutes. The bath was replaced by ice/water, and the mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and then pentafluoropyridine (14.1 g, 83.3 mmol, 1 eq.) was rapidly added. The mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature over 2 hours, while keeping the flask in the bath. The reaction was quenched with a solution of saturated ammonium chloride (10 mL). The organic layer was separated, the aqueous phase extracted with hexane (3×5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and carefully fractionally distilled under stream of argon at ambient pressure. The fraction boiling at 142-143 °C was collected affording 25.3 g (80%). This material contains 5% impurity of the pentafluoropyridine disubstitution product. The resulting impurity does not interfere with the subsequent fluoroalkylation reaction. Its content can be reduced to 2% after additional fractional distillation through a column packed with Raschig rings.

2,3,5,6-Tetrafluoro-4-((1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoropropan-2-yl)oxy)pyridine (1)

$$\begin{array}{l} F \\ F \\ F \\ CF_{3} \\ CF_{3} \end{array} \begin{array}{l} Yield 25.3 g (80\%), \text{ colorless liquid. Bp 142-143 °C.} \\ {}^{1}H \text{ NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) } \delta 5.24 (hept, J = 5.2 \text{ Hz, 1H}). \\ {}^{13}C \text{ NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-d) } \delta 144.53 (dtd, J = 245.2, 15.1, 2.9 \text{ Hz})., 144.4 (tt, J = 245.2, 15.1, 2.9 \text{ Hz}). \end{array}$$

10.0, 5.2 Hz), 138.0 - 133.7 (m), 120.5 (qq, J = 284.3, 2.4 Hz)), 77.0 (hept. t, J = 35.0, 3.8 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -73.75 (dt, *J* = 5.1, 2.5 Hz, 6F), -86.65 – -87.02 (m, 2F), -155.85 – -156.18 (m, 2F).

MS (EI): 317 [M], 298 [M-F], 248 [M-CF₃], 69 [CF₃].

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₈F₁₀NO, [M⁺] 316.9893; found 316.9882.

Impurity

$$F \rightarrow F = CF_3 \\ CF_3 \\$$

Selected signals:

1H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 6.12 – 6.01 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 69.56 (hept, J = 35.4 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -73.36, -73.38, -88.28 (dd, *J* = 26.7, 20.2 Hz), -154.76 (d, *J* = 26.7 Hz), -159.07 (d, *J* = 20.1 Hz).

MS (EI): 465 [M], 446 [M-F], 396 [M-CF₃], 69 [CF₃].

Synthesis of bromides 2 (General Procedure A)



A screw test tube charged with NEt₃·HBr (110 mg, 0.6 mmol 1.2 eq.), IMesCuBr (22 mg, 0.05 mmol 10 mol%), 12-phenyl-12H-benzo[b]phenothiazine (**PT**) (4 mg, 3 mol%) and a PTFE coated stirring bar was evacuated-back filled with argon three times, then dry DMF (1.0 mL) was added. Alkene (0.5 mmol, 1 eq.) and reagent 1 (238 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) were added with a syringe. The tube was sealed and irradiated using 80W 400 nm LED for 4 hours. For the work-up, the reaction was quenched with water (4 mL) and the resulting mixture was extracted with MTBE (3×3 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel.

Synthesis of chlorides 3 (General Procedure B)



A screw test tube charged with NEt₃·HCl (82 mg, 0.6 mmol 1.2 eq.), SIMesCuCl (20 mg, 0.05 mmol 10 mol%), 12-phenyl-12H-benzo[b]phenothiazine (**PT**) (4 mg, 3 mol%) and a PTFE coated stirring bar was evacuated-back filled with argon three times, then dry DMF (1.0 mL) was added. Alkene (0.5 mmol, 1 eq.) and reagent **1** (238 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) were added with a syringe. The tube was sealed and irradiated using 80W 400 nm LED for 4 hours. For the work-up, the reaction was quenched with water (4 mL) and the resulting mixture was extracted with MTBE (3×3 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel.

Synthesis of thiocyanates 4 (General Procedure C)



A screw test tube charged with CuSCN (6 mg, 0.05 mmol 10 mol%), KSCN (58 mg, 0.6 mol, 1.2 eq.), 2,6-bis(3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)pyridine (BDPPENT, L1) (15 mg, 0.05 mmol 10 mol%), 12-phenyl-12H-benzo[b]phenothiazine (PT) (4 mg, 3 mol%) and a PTFE coated stirring bar was evacuated-back filled with argon three times, then dry DMSO (1.0 mL) was added. Alkene (0.5 mmol, 1 eq.) and reagent 1 (238 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) were added with a syringe. The tube was sealed and irradiated using 60W 400 nm LED for 2 days. For the work-up, the reaction was quenched with water (4 mL) and the resulting mixture was extracted with MTBE (3×3 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel.

Synthesis of nitriles 5 (General Procedure D)



A screw test tube charged with CuCN (5 mg, 0.05 mmol 10 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (bipy) (9 mg, 0.05 mmol 10 mol%), 12-phenyl-12H-benzo[b]phenothiazine (**PT**) (4 mg, 3 mol%) and a PTFE coated stirring bar was evacuated-back filled with argon three times, then dry DMF (1.0 mL) was added. Alkene (0.5 mmol, 1 eq.), trimethylsilyl cyanide (TMSCN) (59 mg, 75 μ l, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.) and reagent **1** (238 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) were added with a syringe. The tube was sealed and irradiated using 400 nm 60W LED for 2 days. For the work-up, the reaction was quenched with water (4 mL) and the resulting mixture was extracted with MTBE (3×3 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel.

Synthesis of compounds 6 (General procedure E)



A test tube was evacuated and filled with argon. Then, DMSO (1 mL), reagent 1 (317 mg, 1 mmol, 2 eq.), alkene (0.5 mmol, 1 eq.), HCO₂Na (68 mg, 1 mmol, 2 eq.), 2-methylpropane-2-thiol (6 µl,

0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), 3DPA2FBN (1.6 mg, $2.5 \mu \text{mol}$, 0.5 mol%) were added. The tube was screw-capped and irradiated using 450 nm 10W LED strip for 16 hours. For the work-up, the reaction was quenched with water (5 mL) and extracted with hexane ($3 \times 1.5 \text{ mL}$). The combined organic phases were filtered through a short pad of Na₂SO₄ and concentrated on a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel.

Synthesis of ketones 8 (General procedure F)



A screw test tube charged with, 12-phenyl-12H-benzo[b]phenothiazine (**PT**) (4 mg, 3 mol%) and a PTFE coated stirring bar was evacuated-back filled with argon three times, then dry MeCN (1.0 mL) was added. Silyl enol ether (0.5 mmol, 1 eq.) and reagent 1 (238 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) were added with a syringe. The tube was sealed and irradiated using and 400 nm 80W LED for 4 hours. For the work-up, reaction was quenched with water (4 mL) and the resulting mixture was extracted with MTBE (3×3 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel.

Variation of the source of hydrogen



^a Determined by ¹⁹F NMR with PhCF₃ as an internal standard.

^b 1,3,5-Tri-*tert*-butyl-1,3,5-triazinane.

Characterization of compounds

(3-Bromo-6,6,6-trifluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)hexyl)benzene (2a)

Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1.

Final purification was performed by preparative HPLC (reversed-phase column C18, 21×250 mm, 5 µm), flow rate 8 mL min⁻¹; mobile phase isocratic, acetonitrile/water, 15% water; tR = 22.5 min

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.38 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 4.15 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.54 – 3.34 (m, 1H), 3.04 -2.90 (m, 1H), 2.88 - 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.36 - 2.14 (m, 4H).

 13 C NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 140.2, 128.8, 128.6, 126.6, 123.9 (qq, J = 280.6, 2.4 Hz), 123.6 (qq, J = 280.0, 3.3 Hz), 52.5 (q, J = 2.1 Hz), 47.1 (hept, J = 28.1 Hz), 41.2, 33.7, 33.6 (t, J = 1.8 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -66.51 (qd, J = 9.7, 7.7 Hz, 3F), -67.80 (qd, J = 9.8, 8.2 Hz, 3F).

Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃BrF₆ (362.01): C 43.00%, H 3.63%; found: C 43.31%, H 3.78%.

((4-Bromo-7,7,7-trifluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)heptyl)oxy)triisopropylsilane (2b)

TIPSO

TBSO.

Br CF_3 General CF_3 (81%). Colorless oil.

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 50/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 4.24 – 4.08 (m, 1H), 3.74 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.53 – 3.32 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 2.14 – 1.60 (m, 4H), 1.15 – 0.93 (m, 21H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 124.0 (qq, *J* = 280.7, 2.6 Hz), 123.7 (qq, *J* = 280.0, 3.3 Hz), 62.3, 53.3 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 47.2 (hept, J = 28.1 Hz), 36.1, 33.8, 30.7, 18.1, 12.1.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -67.29 (pent, J = 9.6 Hz, 3F), -68.59 (pent, J = 9.5 Hz, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₇H₃₁⁷⁹Br]F₆OSiNa [M+Na]: 495.1124; found 495.1117.

((2-Bromo-5,5,5-trifluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)pentyl)oxy)(tert-butyl)dimethylsilane (2c)

General Procedure A.

Yield 156 mg (73%). Orange oil.

Chromatography: pentane/DCM, 5/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.08 (ddt, J = 10.6, 7.6, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd, J = 10.7, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.52 – 3.30 (m, 2H), 2.59 (ddd, J = 15.7, 9.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (ddd, J = 15.7, 10.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.10 (s, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 124.0 (qq, *J* = 280.3, 2.3 Hz), 123.8 (qq, *J* = 279.9, 3.2 Hz), 67.5, 50.8 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 46.8 (hept, *J* = 28.1 Hz), 30.2, 25.8, 18.3, -5.3, -5.4.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.49 (pent, J = 9.5 Hz, 3F), -68.64 (pent, J = 9.5 Hz, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₂H₂₁[⁷⁹Br]F₆OSiNa [M+Na]: 425.0341; found 425.0328.

1-Bromo-2-((2-bromo-5,5,5-trifluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)pentyl)oxy)benzene (2d)



Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 50/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.57 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 4.54 – 4.34 (m, 2H), 4.28 – 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.66 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 2.82 (ddd, *J* = 15.8, 9.1, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.48 – 2.29 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 154.3, 133.8, 128.7, 123.9 (qq, *J* = 280.3, 2.2 Hz), 123.7 (qq, *J* = 279.9, 3.2 Hz), 123.3, 113.9, 112.6, 72.8, 46.8 (hept, *J* = 28.2 Hz), 46.5, 30.7.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.46 (q, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 3F), -68.55 (q, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for $C_{12}H_{10}[^{81}Br]_2F_6ONa$ [M+Na]: 468.8854; found 468.8857.

1-((2-Bromo-5,5,5-trifluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)pentyl)oxy)-4-methoxybenzene (2e)



F₃ General Procedure A. ^{CF₃} Yield 146 mg (74%). Pale-vellow oil.

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 35/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 6.86 (s, 4H), 4.42 – 4.25 (m, 2H), 4.12 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.57 – 3.36 (m, 1H), 2.68 (ddd, *J* = 15.9, 9.5, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (t, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 154.9, 152.1, 123.9 (qq, *J* = 280.5, 2.2 Hz), 123.6 (qq, *J* = 279.4, 2.7, 2.2 Hz), 116.2, 115.0, 72.9, 55.8, 47.4, 46.8 (hept, *J* = 28.2 Hz), 30.4.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.29 (pent, J = 9.5 Hz, 3F), -68.52 (pent, J = 9.6 Hz, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for $C_{13}H_{13}[^{79}Br]F_6O_2Na$ [M+Na]: 416.9895; found 416.9905.

MEMO

General Procedure A. F₃ Yield 132 mg (63%). Yellow oil.

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 4/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.70 (s, 2H), 4.17 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.69 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 3.62 – 3.49 (m, 4H), 3.49 – 3.34 (m, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 2.37 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.45 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 123.9 (qq, *J* = 280.6, 2.4 Hz), 123.6 (qq, *J* = 280.0, 3.2 Hz), 95.6, 71.9, 67.4, 66.9, 59.1, 53.0 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 47.1 (hept, *J* = 28.2 Hz), 39.2, 33.5, 29.0, 24.4.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.33 (pent, J = 9.6 Hz, 3F), -68.67 (pent, J = 9.4 Hz, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for $C_{13}H_{21}[^{79}Br]F_6O_3Na$ [M+Na]: 441.0470; found 441.0475.

4-((3-Bromo-6,6,6-trifluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)hexyl)oxy)benzonitrile (2g)



Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 8/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.03 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 4.48 – 4.29 (m, 1H), 4.28 – 4.11 (m, 2H), 3.56 – 3.29 (m, 1H), 2.53 – 2.14 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 161.8, 134.2, 123.9 (qq, *J* = 280.7, 2.3 Hz), 123.5 (qq, *J* = 280.3, 3.2 Hz), 119.1, 115.4, 104.6, 65.6, 49.0, 47.0 (hept, *J* = 28.2 Hz), 38.6, 33.7.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.25 (pent, J = 9.5 Hz, 3F), -68.53 (pent, J = 9.4 Hz, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for $C_{14}H_{12}[^{81}Br]F_6NONa$ [M+Na]: 427.9879; found 427.9871.

((3-Bromo-6,6,6-trifluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)hexyl)sulfonyl)benzene (2h)



General Procedure A.

³ Yield 156 mg (73%). White solid. Mp 80-84 °C.

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 5/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (tt, *J* = 10.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.54 – 3.22 (m, 3H), 2.52 – 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.34 – 2.12 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 138.8, 134.23, 129.7, 128.1, 123.7 (qq, *J* = 280.7, 2.2 Hz), 123.4 (qq, *J* = 280.2, 3.1 Hz), 54.4, 50.1 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 46.9 (hept, *J* = 28.3 Hz), 33.5, 32.3.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.26 (pent, J = 9.5 Hz, 3F), -68.58 (pent, J = 9.8 Hz, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₃H₁₃[⁷⁹Br]F₆O₂SNa [M+Na]: 448.9616; found 448.9612.

Diethyl (3-bromo-6,6,6-trifluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)hexyl)phosphonate (2i)

 $\begin{array}{c} & & \text{Br} \quad CF_3 \\ & & \text{General Procedure A.} \\ & & \text{EtO} \quad \\ & & \text{CF}_3 \\ & & \text{OEt} \end{array} \quad \text{General Procedure A.} \\ \end{array}$

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 1/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.19 – 3.95 (m, 5H), 3.49 – 3.23 (m, 1H), 2.34 – 1.74 (m, 6H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 123.8 (qq, J = 280.5, 2.4 Hz), 123.5 (qq, J = 279.6, 2.9 Hz), 62.0 (dd, J = 6.5, 4.6 Hz), 52.8 (dt, J = 17.8, 2.1 Hz), 47.00 (hept, J = 28.3 Hz), 33.4, 32.6 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 24.1 (d, J = 143.2 Hz), 16.5 (d, J = 6.0 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -66.56 (qd, *J* = 9.7, 8.0 Hz, 3F), -67.89 (qd, *J* = 9.9, 8.1 Hz, 3F).

³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl3) δ 30.67.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for $C_{11}H_{18}[^{79}Br]F_6O_3PNa$ [M+Na]: 444.9973; found 444.9978.

3-Bromo-6,6,6-trifluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)hexyl 4-chlorobenzoate (2j)



¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.68 – 4.43 (m, 2H), 4.27 (tt, J = 9.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.55 – 3.32 (m, 1H), 2.50 – 2.20 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.5, 139.9, 131.1, 129.0, 128.3, 123.9 (qq, *J* = 280.7, 2.4 Hz), 123.5 (qq, *J* = 280.4, 3.1 Hz), 62.6, 48.7, 47.0 (hept, *J* = 28.6 Hz), 38.3, 33.7.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.24 (pent, J = 9.6 Hz, 3F), -68.55 (pent, J = 9.8 Hz, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₄H₁₂⁷⁹Br]F₆ClO₂Na [M+Na]: 462.9506; found 462.9504.

(3-Bromo-6,6,6-trifluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)hexane-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (2k)

Ph Br
$$CF_3$$

Ph CF_3

General Procedure A.

Yield 213 mg (97%). Pale-red oil.

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 20/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.40 – 7.14 (m, 10H), 4.35 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.94 – 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.44 – 3.22 (m, 1H), 2.58 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.41 – 2.18 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 143.6, 142.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 126.8, 123.8 (qq, J = 280.5, 2.1 Hz), 123.6 (qq, J = 280.0, 3.2 Hz), 51.5, 49.1, 47.0 (hept, J = 28.1 Hz), 45.4, 33.8.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.53 (pent, J = 9.6 Hz), -68.64 (pent, J = 9.7 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₉H₁₇[⁷⁹Br]F₆Na [M+Na]: 461.0310; found 461.0322.

1-(2-Bromo-5,5,5-trifluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)pentyl)-2-methoxybenzene (21)



General Procedure A.

³ Yield 135 mg (71%). Pale-yellow oil.

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 50/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.23 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 4.44 (dtd, *J* = 10.6, 6.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.48 – 3.26 (m, 1H), 3.19 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.34 – 2.07 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.6, 131.4, 128.9, 125.7, 123.9 (qq, *J* = 280.5, 2.3 Hz), 123.7 (qq, *J* = 280.0, 3.3 Hz), 120.7, 110.6, 55.3, 51.8 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 47.2 (hept, *J* = 28.0 Hz), 41.3, 33.0.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.42 (pent, J = 9.5 Hz 3F), -68.61 (pent, J = 9.4 Hz 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₃H₁₃[⁷⁹Br]F₆ONa [M+Na]: 400.9946; found 400.9945.

Cyclohexyl 4-bromo-7,7,7-trifluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)heptanoate (2m)



General Procedure A.

Yield 153 mg (76%). Pale-red oil.

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 25/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.87 – 4.67 (m, 1H), 4.26 – 4.05 (m, 1H), 3.52 – 3.27 (m, 1H), 2.69 – 2.44 (m, 2H), 2.40 – 2.17 (m, 3H), 2.16 – 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.93 – 1.09 (m, 10H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 171.7, 123.9 (qq, *J* = 280.7, 2.2 Hz), 123.6 (qq, *J* = 280.0, 3.3 Hz), 73.3, 52.1, 47.1 (hept, *J* = 28.0 Hz), 34.5, 33.7, 32.6, 31.74, 31.72, 25.5, 23.9.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.36 (pent, J = 9.4 Hz, 3F), -68.65 (pent, J = 9.6 Hz, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₄H₁₉⁷⁹Br]F₆O₂Na [M+Na]: 435.0365; found 435.0357.

(3-Bromo-6,6,6-trifluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)hexyl)(phenyl)sulfane (2n)

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Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 50/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.49 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 4.44 – 4.25 (m, 1H), 3.54 – 3.35 (m, 1H), 3.28 (ddd, *J* = 13.2, 7.6, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dt, *J* = 13.2, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.34 – 2.03 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 135.1, 130.4, 129.3, 126.9, 123.9 (qq, *J* = 280.6, 2.2 Hz), 123.6 (qq, *J* = 280.1, 3.3 Hz), 51.4 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 47.0 (hept, *J* = 28.3 Hz), 38.6, 33.5, 31.9.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.27 (pent, J = 9.4 Hz, 3F), -68.59 (pent, J = 9.4 Hz, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for $C_{13}H_{13}[^{81}Br]F_6S[^{107}Ag]$ [M+Ag]: 502.8853; found 502.8855.

1-(2-Bromo-5,5,5-trifluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)pentyl)naphthalene (20)

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 100/1.

Final purification was performed by preparative HPLC (reversed-phase column C18, 21×250 mm, 5 µm), flow rate 6 mL·min–1 ; mobile phase: isocratic, acetonitrile/water, 10% water; tR = 20.9 min).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.99 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 4.67 – 4.41 (m, 1H), 3.78 (dd, J = 14.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, J = 14.6, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.55 – 3.33 (m, 1H), 2.52 – 2.21 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 134.2, 133.1, 131.7, 129.3, 128.5, 127.9, 126.7, 126.0, 125.5, 123.8 (qq, *J* = 280.5, 2.2 Hz), 123.6 (qq, *J* = 280.0, 3.1 Hz), 122.9, 51.9, 47.3 (hept, *J* = 28.0 Hz), 43.3, 33.3.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.31 (pent, J = 9.4 Hz, 3F), -68.59 (pent, J = 9.5 Hz, 3F).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃BrF₆: C, 48.14; H, 3.28. Found: C, 48.27, H, 3.36.

O-(4-bromo-7,7,7-trifluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)heptyl) dimethylcarbamothioate (2p)

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General Procedure A. Yield 156 mg (77%). Orange oil.

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 12/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 4.59 – 4.39 (m, 2H), 4.20 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.49 – 3.27 (m, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 2.39 – 2.13 (m, 2H), 2.12 – 1.78 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 188.2, 123.9 (qq, J = 280.6, 2.3 Hz), 123.5 (qq, J = 280.1, 3.3 Hz), 70.4, 52.6 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 47.1 (hept, J = 28.2 Hz), 42.8, 37.8, 36.1, 33.6, 27.1.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.24 (pent, J = 9.5 Hz, 3F), -68.60 (pent, J = 9.6 Hz, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for $C_{11}H_{16}[^{79}Br]F_6NOSNa [M+Na]: 425.9932;$ found 425.9922.

Benzyl (2-bromo-5,5,5-trifluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)pentyl)carbamate (2q)

CbzHN

General Procedure A.

 CF_3 General 2 CF₃ Vield 188 mg (89%). Orange oil.

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 5/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.44 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 4.33 – 4.15 (m, 1H), 3.76 – 3.49 (m, 2H), 3.49 – 3.29 (m, 1H), 2.36 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 9.0, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (t, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.5, 136.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 123.7 (qq, *J* = 280.6, 2.2 Hz), 123.5 (qq, J = 280.2, 2.9 Hz), 67.5, 51.7, 47.6, 46.8 (hept, J = 28.4 Hz), 30.4.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.32 (pent, J = 9.6 Hz, 3F), -68.34 (pent, J = 9.5 Hz, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for $C_{14}H_{14}[^{79}Br]F_6NO_2Na$ [M+Na]: 444.0004; found 443.9992.

(3-Chloro-6,6,6-trifluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)hexyl)benzene (3a)

 CF_3 General Procedure B. Yield 127.2 mg (80%). Colorless liquid.

Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1.

Final purification was performed by preparative HPLC (reversed-phase column C18, 21×250 mm, 5 µm), flow rate 6 mL min-1; mobile phase isocratic, acetonitrile/water, 10% water; tR = 20.0 min.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.42 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 4.13 – 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.66 – 3.21 (m, 1H), 2.96 (dt, *J* = 14.3, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dt, *J* = 13.8, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.36 – 2.04 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 140.3, 128.8, 128.5, 126.53, 124.0 (qq, *J* = 280.4, 2.3 Hz), 123.7 (qq, *J* = 280.1, 3.5 Hz), 59.2 (q, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 45.9 (hept., *J* = 28.2 Hz), 40.6, 33.0, 32.7.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -67.40 (pent, J = 9.6 Hz, 3F), -68.65 (pent, J = 9.5 Hz, 3F).

Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃ClF₆ (318.06): C 49.00, H 4.11; found: C 48.92, H 4.31.

4-((3-Chloro-6,6,6-trifluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)hexyl)oxy)benzonitrile (3b)

NC CI CF₃ General Procedure B. O CF₃ Yield 158.0 mg (88%), colorless liquid.

Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.39 – 4.13 (m, 3H), 3.53 – 3.30 (m, 1H), 2.44 – 2.27 (m, 2H), 2.27 – 2.07 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 161.8, 134.10, 123.9 (qq, *J* = 280.4, 2.4 Hz), 123.5 (qq, *J* = 280.0, 3.2 Hz), 119.1, 115.3, 104.5, 64.6, 56.2 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 45.7 (hept., *J* = 28.3 Hz), 37.9, 33.0.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -66.54 (pent, J = 9.5 Hz, 3F), -67.80 (qd, J = 9.8, 8.0 Hz, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₄H₁₂[³⁵Cl]F₆NONa, [M+Na] 382.0404; found 382.0390

Diethyl (3-chloro-6,6,6-trifluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)hexyl)phosphonate (3c)

General Procedure B.

CF₃ Yield 141.8 mg (75%). yellowish liquid.

Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 1/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 4.19 – 4.02 (m, 5H), 3.48 – 3.26 (m, 1H), 2.34 – 1.77 (m, 6H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 123.8 (qq, J = 280.5, 2.4 Hz), 123.5 (qq, J = 279.9, 3.2 Hz), 61.9 (dd, J = 6.5, 4.0 Hz), 59.6 (dd, J = 17.4, 2.1 Hz), 45.7 (hept., J = 28.3 Hz), 32.7, 32.0 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 22.84 (d, J = 143.4 Hz), 16.4 (d, J = 5.9 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -66.56 (pent, J = 9.4 Hz, 3F), -67.87 (qd, J = 9.8, 8.1 Hz, 3F).

³¹P NMR (122 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 29.98.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₁H₁₈[³⁵Cl]F₆O₃PNa, [M+Na] 401.0478; found 401.0472.

4-(2-Chloro-5,5,5-trifluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)pentyl)-1,2-dimethoxybenzene (3d)

General Procedure B. MeO CF_3 CL Yield 147.4 mg (81%), colorless liquid. MeO

Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1.

Final purification was performed by preparative HPLC (reversed-phase column C18, 21×250 mm, 5 µm), flow rate 8 mL min-1; mobile phase isocratic, acetonitrile/water, 20% water; tR = 15.1 min.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 6.83 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.79 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 4.32 – 4.14 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 6H), 3.53 – 3.30 (m, 1H), 3.12 (dd, J = 14.3, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd, J = 14.3, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.37 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.04 (t, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 149.17, 148.43, 128.90, 123.95 (qq, J = 280.6, 2.4 Hz), 123.60 (qq, J = 279.9, 3.3 Hz), 121.48, 112.35, 111.40, 59.94 (q, J = 1.9 Hz), 56.03, 55.99, 45.88 (hept, J = 28.2 Hz), 44.86, 32.16.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -66.46 (pent, J = 9.4 Hz, 3F), -67.84 (pent, J = 9.5 Hz, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₄H₁₅[³⁵Cl]F₆O₂Na, [M+Na] 387.0557; found 387.0567.

(6,6,6-Trifluoro-3-thiocyanato-5-(trifluoromethyl)hexyl)benzene (4a)

SCN CF₃ General Procedure C. CF3

Yield 102.3 mg (60%), yellowish liquid.

Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.40 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 3.43 – 3.17 (m, 1H), 3.12 – 2.93 (m, 2H), 2.89 -2.75 (m, 1H), 2.42 - 2.14 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 139.3, 128.9, 128.4, 126.9, 123.7 (qq, *J* = 280.6, 2.4 Hz),123.3 (qq, *J* = 280.6, 3.0 Hz), 108.4, 47.3 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 46.1 (hept., J = 28.3 Hz), 37.3, 33.0, 30.3 - 29.3 (m).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -66.41 (qd, J = 9.7, 7.6 Hz, 3F), -67.56 (qd, J = 9.8, 7.9 Hz, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₄H₁₃F₆NSNa, [M+Na] 364.0565; found 364.0578.

7,7,7-Trifluoro-4-thiocyanato-6-(trifluoromethyl)heptyl benzoate (4b)

General Procedure C.

Yield 85.8 mg (43%), yellowish liquid.

Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 4.49 – 4.28 (m, 2H), 4.05 – 3.88 (m, 1H), 3.27 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 2.14 – 1.79 (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.62, 135.60, 133.30, 130.05, 129.72, 128.59, 123.75 (qq, *J* = 280.7, 2.3 Hz), 123.44 (qq, *J* = 280.2, 3.4 Hz), 63.84, 56.19 – 56.01 (m), 45.59 (hept, *J* = 28.5 Hz), 33.72, 30.40, 25.55.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -67.15 – -67.41 (m, 3F), -68.39 – -68.65 (m, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₆H₁₅F₆NO₂SNa, [M+Na] 422.0620; found 422.0606.

5,5,5-Trifluoro-2-phenethyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)pentanenitrile (5a)



General Procedure D.

^{CF3} Yield 109.7 mg (71%), colorless liquid.

Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 15/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.43 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 3.34 – 3.11 (m, 1H), 3.03 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.88 – 2.73 (m, 3H), 2.22 – 1.88 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 139.3, 128.9, 128.4, 126.9, 123.6 (qq, J = 280.6, 2.5 Hz), 123.3 (qq, J = 280.4, 3.2 Hz), 119.8, 46.5 (hept, J = 28.5 Hz), 34.3, 33.1, 29.4, 26.9 – 26.6 (m).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -66.5 (qd, *J* = 9.8, 7.4 Hz, 3F), -67.8 (qd, *J* = 9.9, 7.7 Hz, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₄H₁₃F₆NNa, [M+Na] 332.0844; found 332.0846.

2-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl)-5,5,5-trifluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)pentanenitrile (5b)

MeO CN CF₃ MeO C

General Procedure D. General Procedure D. CF₂ Yield 113.6 mg (64%), yellowish liquid.

Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 3/1.

Final purification was performed by preparative HPLC (reversed-phase column C18, 21×250 mm, 5 µm), flow rate 8 mL min⁻¹; mobile phase isocratic, acetonitrile/water, 20% water; tR = 10.0 min.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 6.85 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.81 – 6.73 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 6H), 3.31 – 3.12 (m['], 1H), 3.11 – 2.97 (m, 1H) 2.92 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.15 – 2.02 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 149.41, 148.81, 127.73, δ 123.61 (qq, *J* = 280.8, 2.4 Hz), 123.25 (qq, J = 280.6 Hz, 2.4Hz), 121.34, 119.81, 112.01, 111.64, 56.09, 56.05, 46.55 (hept, J = 28.4 Hz), 38.28, 32.13, 26.41.

19F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -66.3 (qd, J = 9.8, 7.4 Hz, 3F), -67.7 (qd, J = 9.9, 7.8 Hz, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₅H₁₅F₆NO₂Na, [M+Na] 378.0899; found 378.0901.

4-((3-Cyano-6,6,6-trifluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)hexyl)oxy)benzonitrile (5c)

General Procedure D. NC Yield 106.8 mg (71%), colorless liquid.

Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 3/1.

Final purification was performed by preparative HPLC (reversed-phase column C18, 21×250 mm, 5 µm), flow rate 6 mL min⁻¹; mobile phase isocratic, acetonitrile/water, 15% water; tR = 12.0 min.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.60 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.34 – 3.10 (m, 2H), 2.24 – 2.11 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 161.3, 134.3, 123.6 (qq, J = 280.8, 2.3 Hz). 123.2 (qq, J = 280.4, 3.2 Hz), 119.2, 119.0, 115.3, 105.1, 64.7, 46.5 (hept., J = 28.6 Hz), 32.0, 27.2 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 26.8.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -66.4 (qd, J = 9.9, 7.5 Hz, 3F), -67.7 (qd, J = 9.9, 7.7 Hz, 3F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₅H₁₂F₆N₂ONa, [M+Na] 373.0746; found 373.0748.

Diethyl (3-cyano-6,6,6-trifluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)hexyl)phosphonate (5d)

CN CF₃ EtC OFt

General Procedure D.

Yield 147.6 mg (80%), colorless liquid.

Chromatography: EtOAc.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 4.21 – 4.01 (m, 4H), 3.31 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 3.08 – 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.14 -1.81 (m, 6H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 123.5 (qq, J = 280.6, 2.5 Hz), 123.1 (qq, J = 280.3, 3.3 Hz). 119.2, 62.1 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 46.4 (hept,, J = 28.5 Hz), 30.4 (d, J = 15.4 Hz), 26.6, 26.1 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 23.24 (d, J = 143.8 Hz), 16.3 (d, J = 6.0 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -66.5 (pent, J = 9.6 Hz, 3F), -67.8 (pent, J = 9.7 Hz, 3F).

 31 P NMR (122 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 28.37.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₂H₁₉F₆NO₃P, [M+H] 370.1001; found 370.1002.

(6,6,6-Trifluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)hexane-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (6a)

Ph H CF₃ General procedure E. Ph CF₃ Yield 159 mg (88%). Colorless oil.

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 30/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.48 – 7.21 (m, 10H), 4.01 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 – 2.73 (m, 1H), 2.19 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.95 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.77 – 1.49 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 144.6, 128.7, 127.9, 126.5, 124.1 (qq, *J* = 281.0, 3.6 Hz), 51.1, 48.1 (hept, *J* = 28.2, 27.7 Hz), 35.4, 25.9, 23.9 – 23.6 (m).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.94 (d, J = 8.3 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for $C_{19}H_{19}F_6$ [M+H]: 361.1385; found 361.1381.

Diethyl 2-(5,5,5-trifluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)pentyl)malonate (6b)



General procedure E.

³ Yield 164 mg (93%). Pale-yellow oil.

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 10/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 3.32 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.97 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.73 (m, 4H), 1.68 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 7H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 169.2, 124.0 (qq, *J* = 281.1, 3.9 Hz), 61.6, 51.6, 47.9 (hept, *J* = 28.1 Hz), 28.4, 25.0, 23.6 – 23.4 (m), 14.1.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.96 (d, J = 8.3 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₃H₁₈F₆O₄Na [M+Na]: 375.1001; found 375.0997.

2-(6,6,6-Trifluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)hexyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (6c)



General procedure E. Yield 79 mg (45%). White solid (mp 63-66°C). Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 6/1.

Final purification was performed by preparative HPLC (reversed-phase column C18, 21×250 mm, 5 µm), flow rate 6 mL·min⁻¹; mobile phase: isocratic, acetonitrile/water, 20% water; tR = 15.7 min).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.84 (t, *J* = 5.4, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.97 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 1.86 (dt, *J* = 7.3, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (pent, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.65 – 1.49 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.5, 134.1, 132.2, 124.0 (qq, *J* = 281.2, 3.9 Hz), 123.4, 48.1 (hept, *J* = 27.9 Hz), 37.4, 28.4, 24.6, 23.4 (pent, *J* = 1.9 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.90 (d, J = 8.3 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₆NO₂Na [M+Na]: 376.0743; found 376.0744.

Benzyl (5,5,5-trifluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)pentyl)carbamate (6d)

 $\begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{H} & \mathsf{CF}_3 & \text{General procedure E.} \\ \\ \mathsf{CbzHN} & & \\ & \mathsf{CF}_3 & \text{Yield 144 mg (84\%). Colorless oil.} \end{array}$

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 5/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.44 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 3.23 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.04 – 2.74 (m, 1H), 1.97 – 1.54 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.6, 136.6, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 124.0 (qq, *J* = 281.1, 3.5 Hz), 66.9, 47.8 (hept, *J* = 27.7, 27.2 Hz), 40.4, 27.7, 21.2 – 20.7 (m).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.75 (d, J = 8.1 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₄H₁₅F₆NO₂Na [M+Na]: 366.0899; found 366.0898.

1-(2-((5,5,5-Trifluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)pentyl)oxy)phenyl)ethanone (6e)



General procedure E.

Yield 102 mg (62%). White solid (mp 56-58°C).

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 8/1.

Final purification was performed by preparative HPLC (reversed-phase column C18, 21×250 mm, 5 µm), flow rate 6 mL·min–1 ; mobile phase: isocratic, acetonitrile/water, 20% water; tR = 18.3 min)

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.73 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, J = 8.4, 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.24 – 4.01 (m, 2H), 3.13 – 2.87 (m, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.21 – 2.01 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 199.6, 157.9, 133.7, 130.7, 128.7, 124.0 (qq, J = 281.1, 3.6 Hz), 121.1, 112.3, 67.6, 47.9 (hept, J = 27.7 Hz), 31.8, 27.1, 21.1 (pent, J = 2.0 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₄H₁₅F₆O₂ [M+H]: 329.0971; found 329.0981.

4-((6,6,6-Trifluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)hexyl)oxy)benzonitrile (6f)



Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, gradient elution from 8/1 to 6/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.05 – 2.74 (m, 1H), 2.05 – 1.79 (m, 4H), 1.78 – 1.54 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.2, 134.1, 124.0 (qq, *J* = 281.5, 4.0 Hz), 119.3, 115.3, 104.1, 67.7, 48.1 (hept, *J* = 27.9 Hz), 28.8, 24.0, 23.7 – 23.4 (m).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.86 (d, J = 8.1 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₄H₁₃F₆NONa [M+Na]: 348.0794; found 348.0788.

1-Bromo-2-((5,5,5-trifluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)pentyl)oxy)benzene (6g)

General procedure E. Br Yield 84 mg (46%). Colorless oil.

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 50/1.

Final purification was performed by preparative HPLC (reversed-phase column C18, 21×250 mm, 5 µm), flow rate 6 mL·min–1 ; mobile phase: isocratic, acetonitrile/water, 15% water; tR = 22.9 min).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.55 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.30 – 3.07 (m, 1H), 2.19 – 1.99 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 155.1, 133.6, 128.6, 124.2 (qq, *J* = 281.5, 3.5 Hz), 122.4, 113.3, 112.4, 68.4, 47.8 (hept, *J* = 27.9 Hz), 26.7, 21.2 – 21.0 (m).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.79 (d, J = 8.3 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₂H₁₁[⁷⁹Br]F₆ONa [M+Na]: 386.9790; found 386.9785.

(((7,7,7-Trifluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)heptyl)oxy)methyl)benzene (6h)

General procedure E. F₃ Yield 95 mg (58%). Colorless oil.

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 30/1.

Final purification was performed by preparative HPLC (reversed-phase column C18, 21×250 mm, 5 µm), flow rate 6 mL·min–1 ; mobile phase: isocratic, acetonitrile/water, 15% water; tR = 27.1 min)

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.40 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 3.48 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.93 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 1.93 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.35 (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 138.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.7, 124.2 (qq, *J* = 281.0, 3.7 Hz), 73.1, 70.1, 48.1 (hept, *J* = 27.6 Hz), 29.4, 27.2, 26.2, 23.8 (pent, *J* = 1.9 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.89 (d, J = 8.3 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₅H₁₈F₆ONa [M+Na]: 351.1154; found 351.1167.

5,5,5-Trifluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)pentyl benzoate (6i)

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General procedure E. Yield 104 mg (66%). Colorless oil.

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 20/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (tt, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.46 - 4.26 (m, 2H), 3.10 - 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.12 - 1.95 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.5, 133.2, 130.0, 129.6, 128.5, 124.0 (qq, *J* = 281.1, 3.7 Hz), 63.7,
47.8 (hept, *J* = 27.8 Hz), 26.3, 21.1 – 20.1 (m).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -67.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for $C_{13}H_{12}F_6O_2Na$ [M+Na]: 337.0634; found 337.0636.

6,6,6-Trifluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)hexyl 4-chlorobenzoate (6j)

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 15/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.95 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.00 – 2.74 (m, 1H), 1.99 – 1.75 (m, 4H), 1.74 – 1.57 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.8, 139.6, 131.0, 128.9, 124.1 (qq, *J* = 281.2, 3.9 Hz), 64.5, 48.1 (hept, J = 27.9 Hz), 28.6, 24.0, 23.7 – 23.4 (m).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for $C_{14}H_{13}[{}^{35}C1]F_6O_2Na$ [M+Na]: 385.0400; found 385.0409.

6,6,6-Trifluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)hexyl 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (6k)



Yield 149 mg (75%). Colorless oil.

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, gradient elution from 25/1 to 15/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.14 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (2H), 3.00 – 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.03 – 1.78 (m, 4H), 1.77 – 1.56 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 165.5, 134.7 (q, J = 32.7 Hz), 133.6, 130.1, 125.6 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.1 (qq, J = 281.0, 3.6 Hz), 123.81 (q, J = 272.7 Hz), 122.0, 64.8, 48.2 (hept, J = 27.8 Hz), 28.6, 24.0, 23.8 - 23.4 (m).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -64.06 (s, 3F), -67.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 6F).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₉O₂Na [M+Na]: 419.0664; found 419.0664.

O-(7,7,7-Trifluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)heptyl) dimethylcarbamothioate (6l)



Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 12/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 4.41 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 2.93 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 1.93 – 1.63 (m, 4H), 1.62 – 1.32 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 188.3, 124.0 (qq, J = 281.1, 3.9 Hz), 71.2, 48.0 (hept, J = 27.8 Hz), 42.6, 37.6, 28.4, 26.9, 25.8, 23.78 – 23.45 (m).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₁H₁₈F₆NOS [M+H]: 326.1008; found 326.1006.

(1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexafluoropropan-2-yl)cyclooctane (6m)

General Procedure E.

CF₃ Yield 104 mg (79%). Colorless liquid.

Chromatography: pentane.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 2.86 (heptd, *J* = 9.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (t, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (m, 14H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 124.4 (qq, *J* = 282.6, 4.0 Hz), 54.8 (hept, *J* = 25.9 Hz), 34.9, 31.2, 26.7, 26.2, 26.0.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -63.69 (d, J = 9.3 Hz).

MS (EI): 262 $[M^+]$, 233, 111, 84, 69 $[CF_3]$.

4,4,4-Trifluoro-1-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)butan-1-one (8a)

Ph CF_3 CF_3

CF₃

General procedure F.

Yield 80 mg (59%). Colorless oil.

Chromatography: pentane/DCM, 5/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.33 – 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.42 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.83, 135.51, 134.32, 129.11, 128.38, 123.89 (qq, *J* = 280.4, 3.7 Hz), 43.09 (hept, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 32.54 (pent, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 29.86.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -68.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for $C_{11}H_8F_6ONa$ [M+Na]: 293.0372; found 293.0363.

1-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-4,4,4-trifluoro-3-(trifluoromethyl)butan-1-one (8b)



General procedure F.

Yield 142 mg (86%). Yellow oil.

Chromatography: Hexane/EtOAc, 5/1.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.60 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.27 – 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.38 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 191.3, 154.4, 149.5, 128.7, 123.9 (qq, *J* = 280.5, 3.7 Hz), 123.1, 110.5, 110.3, 56.3, 56.2, 43.2 (hept, *J* = 29.1 Hz), 32.0 (s).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -68.51 (d, J = 8.5 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₁₃H₁₂F₆O₃Na [M+Na]: 353.0583; found 353.0579.

EPR study

A screw test tube was evacuated, refilled with argon, and charged with reagent 1 (32 mg, 0.1 mmol), *N-tert*-butyl-1-phenylmethanimine oxide (18 mg, 0.1 mmol) and 12-phenyl-12H-benzo[b]phenothiazine (**PT**) (1 mg, 0.01 mmol), followed by addition of MeCN (0.5 mL). Form the resulting solution, an aliquot (ca. 10 μ l) was taken and placed into an EPR tube, which was then irradiated with 400 nm LED matrix (80W) for 180 seconds. The EPR spectrum was immediately recorded at 298 K on EPR spectrometer SPINSCAN X (ADANI).



The X-band EPR spectrum of the nitroxyl radical (orange line). Simulated EPR spectrum (blue line) based on hyperfine coupling constants of a_N = 14.28 G (g-factor = 2.0056).

Experiment parameters:

Center-Field: 336.0 mT

Width: 15 G

Points: 6000

Modulation Amplitude: 100 µT

Modulation Frequency: 9.432985 GHz

Microwave Power: 31.6 mW

Time constant: 0.015 s

Cyclic Voltammetry

Voltammetric studies were carried out using potentiostat P30JM with a scan rates of 0.1 V·s⁻¹ in a temperature-controlled (25 °C) glass cell (V = 10 mL) under an argon atmosphere. Software *iR* compensation using ferrocene (R = 1362 Ω) was used. A glassy carbon disk (*d* = 2.9 mm) was used as the working electrode (carefully polished before each measurement). A saturated calomel electrode (SCE) separated from the solution being studied by a salt bridge filled with the supporting electrolyte (0.1M Et₄NClO₄ in DMSO) was used as the reference electrode. A platinum wire (*S* = 3 cm²) was used as the counter electrode. Experiment was performed with the concentration of compound **1** of 1 mM.



Figure S1. Compound 1 (initial cathodic scan).

Figure S2. Ferrocene (initial anodic scan).

Compound 1 showed irreversible cathodic peak at -1.65 V (vs. SCE).

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