Electrochemical Synthesis Strategy for C_{vinvl}-CF₃ Compounds through Decarboxylative Trifluoromethylation

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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: An efficient decarboxylative trifluoromethylation of α_{β} -unsaturated carboxylic acids using the Langlois reagent as a trifluoromethyl precursor has been achieved by an electro-oxidative strategy. Under catalyst-free and external oxidant-free electrolysis conditions, a series of C_{vinvl}-CF₃ compounds are obtained with a high regioselectivity in good yields. The successful trapping of the CF3 radical by a scavenger has confirmed that radical processes are involved in this system.

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he development of efficient and sustainable trifluoromethylation reactions to introduce a CF₃ group into various organic molecules has important research value in drug development,¹ new material synthesis, and life sciences, as a CF₃ group can dramatically change molecular characteristics, such as stability, lipophilicity, bioavailability, etc.² C_{vinvl}-CF₃ has always been considered as an important moiety (Figure 1)



Figure 1. Drugs and agents containing a Cvinyl-CF3 moiety.

in pharmaceutical reagents;³ among them, compounds containing the Cvinyl-CF3 moiety are basically non-natural and need to be constructed through a variety of organic synthesis methodologies. Some effective strategies have been reported to construct a Cvinyl-CF3 moiety by using prefunctionalized olefins, such as vinyl boronic acids,⁴ vinyl borates,⁵ vinyl halides,⁶ nitro olefins,⁷ and vinyl carboxylic acids, which allow the reaction to exhibit a good reactivity and specific regioselectivity. Among them, carboxylic acids are ubiquitous compounds that are inexpensive and commercially available in large quantities,⁸ Currently, α , β -unsaturated carboxylic acids have been used to synthesize C_{vinvl}-CF₃

compounds through transition-metal-catalyzed or photocatalytic decarboxylation trifluoromethylations. For example, the groups of Hu⁹ and Liu¹⁰ have shown the transition-metalcatalyzed decarboxylative trifluoromethylations of $\alpha_{,\beta}$ -unsaturated carboxylic acids by using Togni's reagent and the cheaper Langlois reagent, respectively (Scheme 1a). Then, the group of Zhu¹¹ achieved a visible-light-induced decarboxylative trifluoromethylation at room temperature by using Togni's reagent as

Scheme 1. Synthesis of C_{vinyl}-CF₃ Compounds via **Decarboxylative Trifluoromethylations**

a) Transition-metal-catalyzed decarboxylative trifluoromethylation



b) Photocatalytic decarboxylative trifluoromethylation



- c) Electrooxidative decarboxylative tifluoromethylation (this work)
- electricity CF₃ соон + CF₃SO₂Na r.t. undivided cell catalyst-free
 high regioselectivity oxidant-free
 generation of CF₃ free radical

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a trifluoromethyl source (Scheme 1b). In order to improve the methodology for decarboxylative trifluoromethylation, we have been seeking milder conditions without the addition of a metal catalyst to prepare C_{vinyl} -CF₃ compounds by using a cheaper trifluoromethylation reagent.

Electrochemical synthesis has emerged as an environmentally friendly synthesis tool with the prospect of avoiding the extensive use of chemical oxidants and reducing agents. Electrosynthesis provides an efficient alternative to conventional chemical methods for redox transformations, through the loss or acquisition of electrons at the electrode surface to form highly reactive organic molecule intermediates, and is applied to the reactions of radicals.¹³ As an easily available and inexpensive trifluoromethylation reagent, the Langlois reagent (CF_3SO_2Na) , which releases a CF_3 radical by a single-electron oxidation process on the anode, has been shown to be useful as a trifluoromethyl precursor for the electro-oxidation trifluoromethylation reactions.¹⁴ In order to develop convenient and efficient trifluoromethylation reactions using the Langlois reagent as a trifluoromethyl precursor and to further expand the synthetic application of electrochemical oxidation, herein, we propose an efficient electro-oxidative decarboxylative trifluoromethylation between $\alpha_{,\beta}$ -unsaturated carboxylic acids and CF₃SO₂Na for the synthesis of diverse C_{vinvl}-CF₃ compounds (Scheme 1c).

Initially, we chose cinnamic acid (1a) as the model substrate to react with CF_3SO_2Na 2 for the optimization of conditions for electro-oxidative decarboxylative trifluoromethylation (Table 1). After different electrolytes were screened (Table 1, entries 1–5), "Bu₄NBF₄ was found to be suitable for the reaction

Table 1. Oblimization of the Reaction Condition	Table 1. (Optimization	ı of the	Reaction	Conditions
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ſ	\sim	COOH	C SO ₂ Na —	C(+) Pt(-): I = 7 mA electrolyte, base	CF3
Į		1a	2	solvent r.t., air, 3 h undivided cell	Ja
	entry	electrolyte	base (eq	juiv) solvent	yield (%) ^b
	1	"Bu ₄ NBF ₄	none	DMSO/D	CM 51
	2	"Bu ₄ NPF ₆	none	DMSO/D	CM 59
	3	"Bu ₄ NOAc	none	DMSO/D	CM 46
	4	"Bu ₄ NHSO ₄	none	DMSO/D	CM 22
	5	Et_4NPF_6	none	DMSO/D	CM 14
	6	"Bu ₄ NPF ₆	none	MeCN/D0	CM trace
	7	"Bu ₄ NPF ₆	none	DMF/DCI	M nd
	8	"Bu ₄ NPF ₆	none	DMSO/D	CE 35
	9	"Bu ₄ NPF ₆	none	DMSO ^c	10
	10 ^d	"Bu ₄ NPF ₆	none	DMSO/D	CM 30
	11	"Bu ₄ NPF ₆	K_2CO_3 ((0.5) DMSO/D	CM 65
	12	"Bu ₄ NPF ₆	KO ^t Bu ((0.5) DMSO/D	CM 76
	13	"Bu ₄ NPF ₆	KOAc (0.5) DMSO/D	CM 70
	14	"Bu ₄ NPF ₆	KO ^t Bu ((1) DMSO/D	CM 75
	15 ^e	"Bu ₄ NPF ₆	KO ^t Bu ((0.5) DMSO/D	CM 27
	16 ^f	"Bu ₄ NPF ₆	KO ^t Bu ((0.5) DMSO/D	CM nd

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: undivided cell, graphite rod (ϕ 6 mm) anode, Pt plate (10 mm × 10 mm) cathode, constant current = 7 mA, **1a** (0.1 mmol), CF₃SO₂Na **2** (0.3 mmol), electrolyte (0.5 equiv), base, solvent (1.5:1 v/v, 2.5 mL), air, 3 h. ^{*b*}Yield determined by GC analysis with *n*-dodecane as the internal standard. ^{*c*}DMSO (2 mL). ^{*d*}CF₃SO₂Na **2** (1 equiv). ^{*c*}I = 3 mA. ^{*f*}No electricity; nd = not detected.

under a constant current electrolysis at 7 mA in a solvent mixture DMSO/DCM (1.5:1) at room temperature, and the desired product 3a was obtained in 59% yield (Table 1, entries 2). Subsequently, we explored the effect of solvent mixture types and found that other types of solvent mixtures would both lead to decreased reaction yields (Table 1, entries 6-8). Moreover, replacing the solvent mixture with a single solvent (DMSO) also hinders the progress of the reaction (Table 1, entry 9). A reduced yield was obtained when decreasing the amount of CF₃SO₂Na (Table 1, entry 10). We believed the addition of a base can further increase the reaction yield, so we investigated different types of bases, including organic bases and inorganic bases, and found that potassium salts are effective for this reaction. Then, we compared the effects of different potassium salts and found that the yield of 3a reached a maximum of 76% when using 0.5 equiv of KO^tBu (Table 1, entry 12) but did not increase with the increase of the amount of KO^tBu (Table 1, entry 14). The reaction yield decreased when decreasing the constant current (Table 1, entry 15), and further, no expected product was detected when the reaction was conducted without electricity (Table 1, entry 16).

With the optimal reaction conditions in hand, we subsequently examined a series of α , β -unsaturated carboxylic acids for this electro-oxidative decarboxylative trifluoromethylation (Table 2). Both electron-rich substituents (methyl-, methoxy-, and benzyloxy-) and electron-poor substituents





^{*a*}Reaction conditions: graphite rod (ϕ 6 mm) anode, Pt plate (10 mm × 10 mm) cathode, constant current = 7 mA, **1a** (0.3 mmol), CF₃SO₂Na **2** (0.9 mmol), "Bu₄NPF₆ (0.5 equiv), KO^tBu (0.5 equiv), DMSO/DCM (1.5:1 v/v, 7.5 mL). The electrolysis was conducted in an undivided cell at room temperature under air for 3 h. ^{*b*}Yields refer to the isolated yields. ^{*c*}Electrolysis for 6 h. ^{*d*}Electrolysis for 7 h.

(halogen and nitro) at the para-position of the phenyl ring were tolerated in this conversion, and the corresponding C_{vinvl} CF_3 products (3b-3d and 3f-3h) were given in good to excellent yields. When the para-substituted group was hydroxyl, the reaction gave the desired product 3e with a lower yield, 40% isolated yield. The position of the substituent on the aromatic ring had a slight effect on the reaction. Compared to the products containing a para-substituent, the isolated yields of products containing a meta- or orthosubstituent were slightly reduced (3i-3o); among them, unsaturated carboxylic acid substrates with methoxy and halogen were transformed into the corresponding products (3j-3l and 3o) smoothly in good yields. The substrates containing multiple substituents, especially multiple methoxy groups, could be well applied to the reactions, and the corresponding products (3p-3r) were delivered in moderate to excellent yields. It should be noted that heterocyclic (benzo[d][1,3]dioxole and pyridine) substrates underwent the transformations smoothly, affording the desired products 3s and 3t in 72% and 57% yields, respectively. In addition, when (E)-2-methyl-3-phenylacrylic acid was used as a reaction substrate, no desired product (3u) was detected.

The practical utility of this electrochemical synthesis strategy was demonstrated by scale-up experiments (Scheme 2). When

Scheme 2. Scale-Up Experiments



conducting the reactions at a 5 mmol scale, the desired products 3c and 3g were delivered smoothly in isolated yields of 69% and 64%, respectively. The experimental results exhibited the potential application of an electrochemical strategy in the actual synthesis.

To investigate the mechanism of the electro-oxidative decarboxylative trifluoromethylation, several control experiments were conducted (Scheme 3). By adding radical





scavengers¹⁵ to the reaction and carefully analyzing the reaction results, we found that the addition of 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine-1-oxyl (TEMPO) and butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) could both inhibit the reaction (eqs a and b). Meanwhile, the CF₃ radical formed in the reaction by BHT was trapped, a 14% yield of the trapping product 4 was detected (eq b), where trapping product 4 ($[M + H]^+$ = 289.1765) had been confirmed by HRMS. Subsequently, we also tested other olefin substrates, such as styrene, styrylboronic acid, and nitrovinylbenzene and found that they could not be applied to the reaction (eq c).

In order to analyze the reaction process in depth, we implemented cyclic voltammetry (CV) experiments and recorded cyclic voltammetry (CV) diagrams for different systems (Figure 2). With electrolyte solution as a test background, the oxidative peak of cinnamic acid (1a) was recorded at 1.01 V vs SCE in the presence of KO^tBu, and CF₃SO₂Na (2) had a close oxidative peak recorded at 0.95 V vs SCE (Figure 2a-c). As expected, the oxidative peak was recorded at 1.00 V vs SCE when KO^tBu was absent in the reaction system, while the recorded oxidative peak decreased to 0.77 vs SCE when KO^tBu was added in the reaction system, which indicated that KO^tBu played a key role in this transformation (Figure 2d,e).

On the basis of the above experimental results, a tentative mechanism for this electro-oxidative decarboxylative trifluoromethylation was proposed in Scheme 4. Initially, CF₃SO₂Na produced a CF₃ radical on the anode via the single-electron transfer (SET) oxidation process, while releasing SO₂.¹⁴ Subsequently, the attack of the CF₃ radical onto α,β unsaturated carboxylic acid 1 generated radical intermediate **B**, which would be further oxidized to release CO₂ and converted to the desired product 3.

In summary, we have discovered an efficient electro-oxidative strategy using α_{β} -unsaturated carboxylic acids and CF₃SO₂Na for an operationally simple decarboxylative trifluoromethylation. The reaction is conducted under catalyst-free and external oxidant-free electrolysis conditions to deliver a series of C_{vinvl}-CF₃ compounds in good yields. Mechanistic studies have confirmed the formation of the CF₃ radical, which is provided by CF₃SO₂Na on the anode via the single-electron transfer (SET) oxidation process. Furthermore, simple and mild electrolysis conditions, inexpensive and readily available substrates, and a high regioselectivity provide a great advantage for the transformation. We anticipate that the protocol will not only enrich the content of the trifluoromethylations but also promote the innovation and development in sustainable chemistry. Further synthetic applications of this novel protocol are ongoing in our laboratory.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Information. Unless otherwise noted, all of the chemicals were purchased commercially and used without further purification. Technical grade petroleum ether (40–60 °C bp) and ethyl acetate were used for column chromatography. ¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance III 500 spectrometer using CDCl₃ as the solvent with TMS as the internal standard. The chemical shifts are referenced to signals at 7.26 and 77.0 ppm, respectively. Chemical shifts (δ) and coupling constants (J) are given in ppm and in hertz, respectively. The peak patterns are indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet. Electrolysis reactions were conducted using a Model MCH-K-300D (36 V) power supply purchased from Meichuang Instruments (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) analysis was



Figure 2. Cyclic voltammograms of 0.02 M $^{n}Bu_{4}NPF_{6}$ solution in DMSO/DCM (1.5:1) at room temperature: (a) none; (b) after the addition of cinnamic acid 1a (0.04 M) and KO'Bu(0.02 M); (c) after the addition of CF₃SO₂Na 2 (0.12 M); (d) after the addition of cinnamic acid 1a (0.04 M) and CF₃SO₂Na 2 (0.12 M); (e) after the addition of cinnamic acid 1a (0.04 M), CF₃SO₂Na 2 (0.12 M), and KO'Bu(0.02 M). The voltammogram was obtained at a scan rate of 0.8 V/s with Pt electrode as an auxiliary electrode and a saturate calomel electrode (SCE) as a reference electrode.





performed on a Princeton PARSTAT4000 electrochemical workstation, using a platinum electrode as a working electrode, a graphite rod as a counter electrode, and a saturated calomel electrode (SCE) as a reference electrode. Cyclic voltammograms were recorded at a scan rate of 0.8 V/s. IR spectra were obtained either as potassium bromide pellets or as liquid films between two potassium bromide pellets with a Bruker VERTEX 70 spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu GCMS-QP2020 gas chromatograph-mass spectrometer. The high-resolution mass spectra were recorded by a Thermo Scientific Q Exactive hybrid quadrupole-Orbitrap mass spectrometer (ESI-FTMS). TLC was performed by using commercially prepared 100-400 mesh silica gel plates, and visualization was affected at 254 nm.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of C_{vinyl} -CF₃ Compounds **3**. A mixture of **1a** (0.3 mmol), CF₃SO₂Na **2** (0.9 mmol), "Bu₄NPF₆ (0.5 equiv), and KO'Bu (0.5 equiv) in 7.5 mL of the solvent (DMSO/DCM = 1.5:1) was added to a round-bottomed flask (10 mL). The reaction flask was equipped with a graphite rod (ϕ 6 mm) as an anode and a Pt plate (10 mm × 10 mm) as a cathode. The solution was electrolyzed in an undivided cell at an ambient temperature under a constant current (7 mA) for 3–7 h. After electrolysis, the mixture was poured into water and extracted with ethyl acetate twice. The combined organic layer was washed with brine (10 mL) and dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The resulting mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford **3**. (E)-(3,3,3-Trifluoroprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**3a**):^{3b} 33 mg (65% yield), colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dq, *J* = 16.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 137.7 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 133.4, 130.0, 129.0, 127.6, 123.6 (q, *J* = 269.6 Hz), 115.8 (q, *J* = 33.7 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -63.32; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 2928, 2861, 1731, 1459; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₇F₃ [M + H]⁺ 173.0573, found 173.0568.

(*E*)-1-*Methyl*-4-(3,3,3-*trifluoroprop*-1-*en*-1-*yl*)*benzene* (**3b**):^{3b} 39 mg (70% yield), colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.17–7.12 (m, 1H), 6.18 (dq, *J* = 16.1, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 140.3, 137.5 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 130.6, 129.6, 127.5, 123.8 (q, *J* = 269.6 Hz), 114.7 (q, *J* = 33.7 Hz), 29.7, 21.4; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ –63.09; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 2921, 2854, 1728, 1460; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₀H₁₀F₃ [M + H]⁺ 187.0729, found 187.0724.

(*E*)-1-*Methoxy*-4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**3c**):^{3b} 51 mg (84% yield), purple oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.09 (dq, *J* = 16.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 161.0, 137.1 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 129.1, 126.05, 124.0 (q, *J* = 268.4 Hz), 114.3, 113.4 (q, *J* = 33.6 Hz), 55.4; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -62.83; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 2924, 2850, 1663, 1514, 1259, 1119; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₀H₁₀F₃O [M + H]⁺ 203.0678, found 203.0673.

(E)-1-(Benzyloxy)-4-(3, 3, 3-trifluoroprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**3d**):¹⁶ 67 mg (80% yield), colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.45 (m, 6H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 16.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.10 (dq, J = 16.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 160.2, 137.1 (q, J = 6.8 Hz), 136.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.2, 127.5, 126.3, 123.9 (q, J = 268.6 Hz), 115.2, 113.6 (q, J = 33.6 Hz), 70.1; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -62.82; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 2922, 2856, 1662, 1275, 1105; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₃F₃O [M + H]⁺ 279.0991, found 279.0988.

(*E*)-4-(3,3,3-Trifluoroprop-1-en-1-yl)phenol (**3e**):^{3b} 22 mg (40% yield), yellow oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.08 (dq, *J* = 16.1, 6.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 157.6, 137.1 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 129.3, 125.9, 124.0 (q, *J* = 268.6 Hz), 115.9, 113.2 (q, *J* = 33.5 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -62.85; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 3370, 2930, 2860, 1604, 1265, 1117; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₇F₃O [M + H]⁺ 189.0522, found 189.0521.

(E)-1-Chloro-4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**3f**):^{3b} 45 mg (73% yield), yellow oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.30 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dq, *J* = 16.1,

6.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 136.4 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 136.0, 131.9, 129.2, 128.8, 123.4 (q, *J* = 269.0 Hz), 116.4 (q, *J* = 34.0 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ –63.43; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 2922, 2854, 2354, 1726, 1266, 1030; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₇ClF₃ [M + H]⁺ 207.0182, found 207.0179.

(*E*)-1-Bromo-4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**3g**):^{3b} 65 mg (80% yield), yellow oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.58–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (dq, *J* = 16.1, 6.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 136.5 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 132.3, 132.2, 129.0, 124.3, 123.4 (q, *J* = 269.6 Hz), 116.5 (q, *J* = 34.0 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -63.46; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 2921, 2854, 2356, 1657, 1275, 1126; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₆BrF₃Na [M + Na]⁺ 272.9497, found 272.9500.

(*E*)-1-*Nitro*-4-(3,3,3-*trifluoroprop*-1-*en*-1-*yl*)*benzene* (**3***h*):^{3b} 44 mg (68% yield), yellow oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (dq, *J* = 16.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 148.5, 139.5, 135.4 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 128.4, 124.3, 122.9 (q, *J* = 269.7 Hz), 120.0 (q, *J* = 34.5 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -63.95; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 2924, 2357, 1521, 1344, 1121; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₇F₃NO₂ [M + H]⁺ 218.0423, found 218.0420.

(*E*)-1-*Methyl*-3-(3,3,3-*trifluoroprop*-1-*e*n-1-*yl*)*benzene* (3*i*):^{3b} 34 mg (62% yield), yellow oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.22 (dq, *J* = 16.1, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 138.6, 137.8 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 133.3, 130.8, 128.8, 128.2, 124.7, 121.6 (q, *J* = 269.6 Hz), 115.6 (q, *J* = 33.8 Hz), 21.3; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -63.26; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 2925, 2359, 1737, 1520, 1263; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₀H₉F₃ [M + H]⁺ 187.0729, found 187.0724.

(E)-1-Methoxy-3-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**3**)):^{3b} 46 mg (76% yield), purple oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00–6.99 (m, 1H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dq, *J* = 16.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 159.9, 137.6 (q, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 134.8, 130.0, 123.6 (q, *J* = 269.0 Hz), 120.1, 116.1 (q, *J* = 34.02 Hz), 115.7, 112.7, 55.3; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ –63.32; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 2952, 2855, 2356, 1594, 1267, 1120; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₀H₁₀F₃O [M + H]⁺ 203.0678, found 203.0674.

(*E*)-1-Chloro-3-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**3k**):^{3b} 43 mg (69% yield), colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (dq, *J* = 16.1, 6.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 136.3 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 135.2, 135.0, 130.2, 130.0, 127.4, 125.8, 123.3 (q, *J* = 269.6 Hz), 117.3 (q, *J* = 34.0 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ –63.58; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 2921, 2854, 2360, 1726, 1530, 1269, 1126; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₇ClF₃ [M + H]⁺ 207.0182, found 207.0181.

(*E*)-1-Bromo-3-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**3***J*). 58 mg (71% yield), purple oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm)) δ 7.63 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.14–7.08 (m, 1H), 6.27–6.20 (m, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 136.2 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 135.4, 132.9, 130.5, 130.3, 126.2, 123.3 (q, *J* = 269.2 Hz), 123.1, 117.3 (q, *J* = 34.1 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ –63.60; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 2926, 2854, 2361, 1734, 1524; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₆BrF₃Na [M + Na]⁺ 272.9497, found 272.9498.

(*E*)-1-*Nitro*-3-(*3*, 3, 3-*trifluoroprop*-1-*en*-1-*yl*)*benzene* (**3***m*): 44 mg (67% yield), yellow oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 8.36 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (ddd, *J* = 16.1, 4.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (dq, *J* = 16.1, 6.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 148.7, 135.1, 135.4 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 133.2, 130.1, 124.5, 123.0 (q, *J* = 269.2 Hz), 122.2, 119.1 (q, *J* = 34.6 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -63.86; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 3088, 2926, 2858, 1671, 1538, 1127; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₆F₃NO₂ [M + H]⁺ 218.0423, found 218.0418.

(E)-1-Methyl-2-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**3n**): 37 mg (66% yield), colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.49 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, J = 16.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, J = 11.3, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.14 (dq, J = 15.9, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 137.0, 135.5 (q, J = 6.9 Hz), 132.6, 130.8, 129.8, 126.4, 126.2, 123.6 (q, J = 269.1 Hz), 117.0 (q, J = 33.6 Hz), 19.7; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ –63.30; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 2923, 2857, 2356, 1732, 1263, 1094; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₀H₁₀F₃ [M + H]⁺ 187.0729, found 187.0725.

(*E*)-1-Chloro-2-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**30**): 44 mg (72% yield), yellow oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (tt, *J* = 6.9, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 6.24 (dq, *J* = 16.1, 6.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 134.4, 134.0 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 131.8, 131.0, 130.2, 127.4, 127.2, 123.2 (q, *J* = 269.6 Hz), 118.4 (q, *J* = 34.1 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -63.61; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 2924, 2855, 1662, 1319, 1130; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₆ClF₃ [M + H]⁺ 207.0183, found 207.0185.

(E)-1,2-Dimethoxy-4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**3p**):¹¹ 57 mg (82% yield), yellow oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.09 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dq, *J* = 16.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 150.7, 149.2, 137.4 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 126.3, 123.9 (q, *J* = 268.6 Hz), 121.7, 113.6 (q, *J* = 33.6 Hz), 111.0, 109.2, 55.9, 55.9; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -62.80; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 2944, 2846, 1662, 1517, 1263, 1121; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₁F₃O₂ [M + H]⁺ 233.0784, found 233.0778.

(E)-1,3-Dichloro-2-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**3q**):¹¹ 52 mg (73% yield), colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.24 (m, 1H), 6.42 (dq, *J* = 16.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 134.7, 131.5 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 130.9, 130.0, 128.8, 124.5 (q, *J* = 33.9 Hz), 122.8 (q, *J* = 270.9 Hz,); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ –64.71, -64.72; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 2926, 2856, 1673, 1434, 1310, 1131; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₅Cl₂F₃ [M + H]⁺ 240.9793, found 240.9796.

(*E*)-1,2,3-Trimethoxy-5-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**3***r*): 69 mg (88% yield), yellow oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.1 (m, 1H), 6.7 (s, 2H), 6.1 (dq, *J* = 16.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.9 (s, 6H), 3.9 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 153.5, 139.7, 137.6 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 129.0, 123.6 (q, *J* = 269.6 Hz), 115.2 (q, *J* = 33.7 Hz), 104.6, 61.0, 56.2; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -63.07; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 2937, 2846, 1586, 1284, 1123; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₃F₃O₃ [M + H]⁺ 263.0889, found 263.0885.

(*E*)-5-(3,3,3-*Trifluoroprop-1-en-1-yl)benzo[d]*[1,3]dioxole (**3s**): 47 mg (72% yield), colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95–6.93 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (s, 2H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 149.3, 148.4, 137.2 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 127.7, 123.8 (q, *J* = 268.7 Hz), 123.5, 113.8 (q, *J* = 33.7 Hz), 108.5, 106.2, 101.6; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ –62.88; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 3830, 2922, 2356, 1501, 1258, 1114; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₀H₈F₃O₂ [M + H]⁺ 217.0470, found 217.0465.

(*E*)-3-(3,3,3-*Trifluoroprop-1-en-1-yl)pyridine* (3*t*):^{5b} 29 mg (57% yield), yellow oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 8.72 (s, 1H), 8.65 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (dq, *J* = 16.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 150.8, 149.1, 134.3 (q, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 134.0, 129.3, 123.9, 123.1 (q, *J* = 269.3 Hz), 118.2 (q, *J* = 34.1 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ -63.82; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν 2925, 2858, 1732, 1424, 1126; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₈H₄F₃N [M + H]⁺ 174.0525, found 174.0524.

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